

5.00	RACE AND REST - WOLVERHAMPTON HOLIDAY INN NOVICE STAKES (4) 5f21y (1030 Metres)
RACE 1	(1) FINAL APPEAL (2) NOBLE RAIDER (3) BLACKBERRY BOLD
5.30	FREE DIGITAL RACECARD AT raceday-ready.com HANDICAP (6) 1½m51y (2460 Metres)
RACE 2	(6) FOREVER PERFECT (5) CROWN INN TO WIN (1) ITSONLYROCKANDROLL
6.00	GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (5) 5f21y (1030 Metres)
RACE 3	(2) BINADHAM (5) SHALAA ASKER (1) EM FOUR
6.30	ADVANCE PRICE MIDWEEK RACING FOR £10 HANDICAP (6) 1½m51y (2460 Metres)
RACE 4	(4) RUBELLITE (5) BEAUNE (1) THE BAY WARRIOR
7.00	GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH raceday-ready.com FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) 6f20y (1230 Metres)
RACE 5	(6) STAR MARIAN (5) FILLY FODEN (3) DAYTONA LADY
7.30	DOWNLOAD THE RACECOURSE APP RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (6) (D.I) 7f36y (1440 Metres)
RACE 6	(3) THOMAS EQUINAS (4) FASTER BEE (7) STAR OF ATLANTIS
8.00	DOWNLOAD THE RACECOURSE APP RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (6) (D.II) 7f36y (1440 Metres)
RACE 7	(9) STREET DANCER (4) SO CHIC (2) BAD HABITS
8.30	WOLVERHAMPTON HOLIDAY INN HANDICAP (6) 1m1f104y (1910 Metres)
RACE 8	(1) DISTINCTION (4) KAARANAH (5) EAGLES WHISTLE

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

5.00**RACE AND REST - WOLVERHAMPTON HOLIDAY INN NOVICE STAKES (4) 2yo £10,000 5f21y (1030 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 4 FINAL APPEAL (IRE) (13) (BF) **100**
2 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

K. R. Burke *Pierre-Louis Jamin*
€37,000 Inns of Court colt who showed plenty of ability when going down only narrowly in 5-runner novice on debut at Nottingham (5f) 2 weeks ago. Looks sure to improve.

2 3 NOBLE RAIDER (IRE) **91**
2 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

Kevin Philippart de Foy *David Egan*
Foaled April 8. £42,000 yearling, Persian Force colt. Half-brother to Italian 2-y-o 1m winner King of Fire. Dam, of little account, out of Italian Group 3 winner over 7f Gothic Dance. Noteworthy newcomer.

3 5 BLACKBERRY BOLD (13) **98**
3 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole *Jack Doughty*
Havana Grey filly who is bred to be speedy and showed plenty of that attribute when third on debut in Nottingham novice 2 weeks ago (Final Appeal placed second). Entitled to build on that.

4 2 MAGICAL LIFE (11) **60**
05 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

J. S. Moore *Kieran O'Neill*
Bred for longer trips but did at least show a bit more than on debut when fifth in a C&D maiden 11 days ago. Cheekpieces now reached for.

5 1 MARRALYN (IRE) **86**
2 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

Ollie Sangster *Sean Dylan Bowen*
Foaled February 13. £30,000 yearling, Minzaal filly. Dam 1¼m winner who stayed 1½m out of maiden sister to high-class Hong Kong performer up to 1¼m Dan Excel. Market can prove a useful guide.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**13-8** Final Appeal, **2-1** Blackberry Bold, **4-1** Noble Raider, **17-2** Marralyn, **300-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FINAL APPEAL showed plenty to work on when going down only narrowly at Nottingham 2 weeks ago and, very much the type to improve for that initial experience, he's fancied to make a bold bid second time up. Noble Raider is an interesting newcomer however, and confidence behind him in the betting would need to be viewed positively. Blackberry Bold finished just behind the selection at Nottingham and is also considered.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. FINAL APPEAL 2. NOBLE RAIDER 3. BLACKBERRY BOLD****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.30**FREE DIGITAL RACECARD AT raceday-ready.com HANDICAP (6) 3yo (Rated 0-60) £6,200 1½m51y (2460 Metres)****RACE 2****GBI RACING**Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 4 ITSONLYROCKANDROLL (24) 82
755 3 9-9 | 61.2kg



John & Thady Gosden

Tyler Heard

Pinatubo filly who has displayed only modest form in a trio of all-weather novice events at up to 1½m in recent months. However, bred to be much better than an opening mark of 59 and in top hands, so certainly not discounted now switched to a handicap.

2 1 MOON IS UP (IRE) (22) 94
8850-9 3 9-9 | 61.2kg



Charlie Johnston

Jack Callan (3lb/1kg)

No significant impact in 4 outings around 1m as a 2-y-o and, after 4 months off seemed to lack a change of pace when ninth in handicap over this trip at Kempton 3 weeks ago. Possible she'll sharpen up for that run.

3 2 CORDUROY (43) t 96
0599-43 3 9-9 | 61.2kg



Steph Hollinshead

David Probert

Maiden who showed benefit of his reappearance run and made much more of an impact in refitted tongue strap when third in a C&D handicap 6 weeks ago. Switched yards since and a repeat gives him claims.

4 5 STEEL FIXER (23) 75
096-7 3 9-5 | 59.4kg



Brian Ellison

Ben Robinson

Too Darn Hot gelding who didn't show much in 4 starts as a 2-y-o and no upturn switched to a handicap/after 6 months off at Doncaster (1¼m) 23 days ago.

5 6 CROWN INN TO WIN (IRE) (43) (BF) h 94
897-822 3 9-3 | 58.5kg



Ivan Furtado

Kieran O'Neill

Improved plenty for the step up to middle distances, runner up at Southwell in February prior to filling same spot in a C&D handicap 6 weeks ago (Corduroy third). Not seen to best effect then and he's one to consider with a hood now reached for.

6 3 FOREVER PERFECT (15) ★ 100
786-63 3 9-3 | 58.5kg



Rebecca Menzies

Kaiya Fraser

Lightly-raced maiden who was friendless in the betting but ran her best race yet upped markedly in trip when third over C&D 2 weeks ago. Can build on that and considered.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Crown Inn To Win, **7-2** Corduroy, **9-2** Forever Perfect, **5-1** Itsonlyrockandroll, **10-1** Moon Is Up, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FOREVER PERFECT ran her best race yet when third in a C&D handicap 2 weeks ago and with that appealing as form to be positive about at this level, she could be the answer with further progress not ruled out. Crown Inn To Win is a big danger following a pair of runner-up efforts. Itsonlyrockandroll hasn't looked like living up to her pedigree by any means but gets her first crack at handicaps.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FOREVER PERFECT 2. CROWN INN TO WIN 3. ITSONLYROCKANDROLL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Advertorial 3-8-12	14-1	Ed Dunlop	Robert Havlin	7
2024	Arch Legend 3-9-12	evsf	Charlie Johnston	Franny Norton	5
2023	Philos 3-9-2	7-4f	Ed Dunlop	William Buick	8
2022	Captain Kane 3-9-7	15-8f	George Scott	Ben Curtis	11
2021	The Tide Turns 3-9-7	evsf	Sir Mark Prescott Bt	Luke Morris	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.00**GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-75)
£7,600 5f21y (1030 Metres)****RACE 3****GBI RACING**Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Weak**

1 2 EM FOUR (8) (BF) **97**
52735143 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Jamie Osborne

Saffie Osborne

Resumed winning ways at Kempton in March and quickly dispelled a slightly lesser effort when length third of 9 in handicap at Leicester (6f) 8 days ago. Fully expected to give another good account on a rare go at the minimum trip.

2 6 BINADHAM (IRE) (32) (D) **100**
866342-63 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Kevin Philippart de Foy

David Egan

Yet to add to his debut success as a juvenile but stepped up on recent run when posting a creditable third in a C&D handicap 32 days ago, no extra only late on. Cheekpieces now reached for and he's clearly up to landing a race of this nature from this sort of mark.

3 3 DIOMED SPIRIT (12) (CD) **98**
0515-3556 **6** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Stuart Williams

Olivia Haines (7lb/3kg)

Ended a losing run at Lingfield (5f) in November but form has been distinctly mixed since, failing to beat a rival on his last 2 starts. Cheekpieces now reached for and others preferred.

4 1 SMOOTH SILESIE (IRE) (14) (D) **98**
144371-68 **5** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Lisa Williamson

Pat Cosgrave

Four 5f wins in a productive 2025 but she failed to come on for her C&D reappearance in refitted blinkers at Southwell (5f) 2 weeks ago. Remains 4 lb above last successful mark.

5 4 SHALAA ASKER (17) (CD) **99**
61-311522 **8** 9-3 | 58.5kg



Charlie Wallis

Rob Hornby

Has an excellent record under Rob Hornby and comes here in good heart, unlucky not to add to his tally having had to briefly wait to get in the clear over C&D 17 days ago. Expected to be firmly in the mix again.

6 5 MIDNIGHT CALL (IRE) (12) (CD) **92**
1-1311551 **5** 8-12 | 56.2kg



Tony Carroll

Joanna Mason

Free-going sort who has had a good time of things on all-weather, ridden with a little more restraint when registering a third C&D success 12 days ago, well on top finish. 9 lb rise demands more up in class, however.

7 7 PHOENIX BEACH (IRE) (17) (CD) **94**
747-93935 **7** 8-6 | 53.5kg



Scott Dixon

Kieran O'Neill

Four-time C&D winner has dropped to a handy mark and posted a good third here on penultimate start, despite meeting with trouble in running. However, took strong hold and failed to build on that back here 17 days ago.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Shalaa Asker, **7-2** Binadham, **4-1** Em Four, **5-1** Midnight Call, **14-1** Phoenix Beach, **28-1** Diomed Spirit, **33-1** Smooth Silesie

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BINADHAM's losing run tempers enthusiasm to a degree but he arrives having posted a solid third over C&D 32 days ago and it's surely only a matter of time before he capitalises on his much-reduced mark. Shalaa Asker looked an unlucky loser here latest and commands consideration. Em Four completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BINADHAM 2. SHALAA ASKER 3. EM FOUR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Rosenpur** 5-9-6 7-1 Jennie Candlish George Wood 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.30**ADVANCE PRICE MIDWEEK RACING FOR £10 HANDICAP (6)
4yo+ (Rated 0-60) £6,200 1½m51y (2460 Metres)****RACE 4****GBI RACING**Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 3 THE BAY WARRIOR (IRE) (18) (D) 99
16359-960 8 9-9 | 61.2kg



Mark Usher

Rose Dawes (51b/2kg)

Winner at Southwell and Lingfield in 2025. Down the field in 3 starts this year, though shaped better than distance beaten suggests when tenth of 15 in a class 4 at Lingfield 18 days ago. One to note back down appreciably in grade.

2 6 WAVE ROCK (IRE) (41) (C) 96
8764-18 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



John Butler

Donagh Murphy (71b/3kg)

Made second handicap start a winning one at this course (9.5f) in February. Had the benefit of a good position that day, though, and wasn't in the same form when eighth of 9 at Newcastle 6 weeks ago.

3 8 THREE YORKSHIREMEN (IRE) (21) (CD) 97
05167-899 6 9-9 | 61.2kg



Barry Brennan

Sean Dylan Bowen

Justified support with wide-margin victory over C&D in November. However, he was hit with a 10 lb rise in the weights for that success and has struggled for form since.

4 1 RUBELLITE (IRE) (42) (CD) 100
133783-52 6 9-8 | 60.8kg



Stephen Hanlon

Conor Whiteley (71b/3kg)

5-time winner in 2025, including twice here with latest success over C&D in September. After only one outing for Fionn McSharry on first start this year, ran well on stable debut when second of 6 at Southwell (1¼m) 6 weeks ago. Major player back down in grade.

5 4 BEAUNE (IRE) (11) (CD) 99
2236-1221 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Bernard Llewellyn

David Probert

Better than ever this year, finally opening account at Lingfield in February and quickening well when also scoring over this C&D 11 days ago. Not taken lightly in his current form.

6 5 PHYLLIS BURTON (21) 92
455-87 4 9-3 | 58.5kg



James Tate

P. J. McDonald

Made the frame in a 1m Lingfield maiden on debut last spring but hasn't gone on from that effort, albeit not ideally placed (in first-time hood) when seventh of 10 in selling handicap at this course (9.5f) 3 weeks ago.

7 7 KNIGHT OF MAGIC (IRE) (21) (CD) 96
61515458 7 9-2 | 58.1kg



James Owen

William Carson

Free-going type who has won 3 times this year, including over C&D in February. However, below form last 3 starts on the Flat and remote second over hurdles on latest outing 2 weeks ago.

8 2 LATE CLAIM (FR) (11) 97
12-722608 5 8-12 | 56.2kg



John Mackie

Finlay Bassett (71b/3kg)

Runner-up over C&D twice this year. Lesser efforts last 3 starts, though raced wide (in first-time cheekpieces) when eighth of 11 back here 11 days ago.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Beaune, **5-2** Rubellite, **11-1** The Bay Warrior, **11-1** Wave Rock, **12-1** Knight of Magic, **16-1** Three Yorkshiremen, **25-1** Phyllis Burton, **28-1** Late Claim

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RUBELLITE made an encouraging start for this yard when runner-up at Southwell last time, the winner also scoring on his next 2 outings, and she can build on that effort to go one better. Beaune has shown improved form this year and is respected, while The Bay Warrior could fare better back down in grade.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RUBELLITE 2. BEAUNE 3. THE BAY WARRIOR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Pysanka 6-9-7	12-1	Mark Loughnane	Edward Greatrex	12
2024	Muhalhel 6-8-13	8-1	Anthony McCann	Tommie Jakes (5)	9
2023	Alkhattaaf 5-9-5	3-1	Chris Down	Georgia Dobie (3)	10
2022	Marie Paradis 4-9-8	7-1	Amy Murphy	Silvestre De Sousa	9
2021	Genuine Approval 8-9-2	10-1	John Butler	Kieran Shoemark	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.00

RACE 5

GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH raceday-ready.com FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-70) £7,600 6f20y (1230 Metres)

Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Weak**

1 4 TABBY (478) 81
05237/ 4 10-2 | 64.4kg



James Tate

P. J. McDonald

Showed fair form when placed twice as a 2-y-o, including in a C&D novice. Missed last year so has a lengthy absence to overcome, but the market could be informative as she goes handicapping on first start since leaving Denis Quinn.

2 5 HAVANA JOY (82) 90
322339-6 4 9-11 | 62.1kg



Charles Hills

Saffie Osborne

Made the top 3 on her first 5 starts last year but has finished well held in handicaps the last twice, returning from a further 10 weeks off (had a breathing operation) when last of 6 at Lingfield in January. Absent again since.

3 2 DAYTONA LADY (IRE) (16) (CD) 95
3280376-3 6 9-8 | 60.8kg



Ruth Carr

Joanna Mason

Without a win last year but wasn't disgraced after 5 months off when third of 9 in handicap at Southwell 16 days ago. Has a tendency to start slowly, though she's on a handy mark if able to build on her recent effort.

4 1 CRYSTAL DAGGER (35) 86
06202-568 4 9-8 | 60.8kg



Joey Ramsden

Finley Marsh

Went very close to breaking her duck in 7f handicap at Lingfield on New Year's Eve. However, has gone backwards from that effort in 3 starts this year, leaving Ed Walker after the first outing.

5 6 FILLY FODEN (IRE) (12) 99
2-2311755 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Rod Millman

Jack Gilligan

Off the mark in a Southwell novice in January on only third start for current yard and followed up in handicap at Lingfield. Below form last 3 outings but she's eased back down in the weights as a result, so she could fare better.

6 3 STAR MARIAN (21) (C) 100
65355-1 3 9-0 | 57.2kg



David Loughnane

David Egan

After 8 months off, showed much improved form when making all in 5-runner maiden at this course (5f) 3 weeks ago. Has a useful and speedy pedigree so could still have more to offer now that she's up and running.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Star Marian, **11-4** Daytona Lady, **9-2** Filly Foden, **6-1** Tabby, **16-1** Crystal Dagger, **22-1** Havana Joy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

STAR MARIAN left her previous form behind when making a winning return here last month and she is taken to follow up as she makes only her second handicap start. The main danger could be Filly Foden, who is getting back down to a more workable mark following her wide-margin success at Lingfield in February.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. STAR MARIAN 2. FILLY FODEN 3. DAYTONA LADY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Rogue Dancer** 3-9-6 3-1 Jack Jones Luke Morris 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.30 **DOWNLOAD THE RACECOURSE APP RACEDAY READY**
HANDICAP (6) (D.I) 4yo+ (Rated 0-55) £6,200 7f36y
(1440 Metres)



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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Strong**

1 8 SANDITON (IRE) (26) (D) s **100**
 28319669 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg
 Charlie Johnston **Jack Callan** (31b/1kg)
 Belatedly off the mark at Chelmsford (7f) in February but hasn't built on that since and his overall profile is hardly compelling. First go in a 0-55 now.

2 2 TOMARLO (32) t **94**
 43246-770 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Barry Brennan **Sean Dylan Bowen**
 Sole success from 21 career starts was gained back in November 2024 and it's probably best to look elsewhere.

3 1 THOMAS EQUINAS (10) (D) b **99**
 723-68894 **7** 9-6 | 59.9kg
 Dean Ivory **David Egan**
 On a long losing run but has edged down the weights and finished a close fourth in an 11-runner Southwell handicap (7f) 10 days ago. Solid claims off the same mark.

4 5 FASTER BEE (29) (CD) s+t **97**
 80-551204 **5** 9-6 | 59.9kg
 Fergal O'Brien **Gina Mangan**
 Finally opened his account over C&D in February and has made the frame on 2 of his 3 subsequent starts, including when fourth of 9 back here last month. One to consider.

5 9 BUNGLE BAY (IRE) (16) (CD) **90**
 6717-8058 **7** 9-4 | 59.0kg
 James Evans **Joe Leavy**
 Won 3 times here last year but below par in recent months and he's essentially opposable.

6 6 DILIGENT HENRY (74) (CD) s **96**
 41360-400 **5** 9-4 | 59.0kg
 Jessica Macey **Jack Doughty**
 Both wins gained over C&D, the latest off this mark in October. Needs to bounce back following a couple of low-key efforts but will have a chance if able to do so.

7 4 STAR OF ATLANTIS (IRE) (22) (C, D) s **94**
 25737-985 **5** 9-2 | 58.1kg
 Adrian Wintle **Finley Marsh**
 Successful here last spring and, though below par first 2 starts this year, she took a step back in the right direction when fifth in a classified event here at the end of last month. Place possibilities.

8 7 PORT HEDLAND (10) h **97**
 788-73475 **5** 9-0 | 57.2kg
 Tony Carroll **William Carson**
 Bagged a Brighton handicap off 6 lb higher last spring but rather hit-and-miss since and his record on the all-weather stands at 0-13.

9 3 ALYARA (15) s **94**
 54854754 **8** 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)
 Joe Ponting **Kieran O'Neill**
 Has posted some respectable efforts in recent months but losing run continues to mount and she's probably worth taking on.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
11-4 Faster Bee, **10-3** Thomas Equinas, **7-1** Port Hedland, **8-1** Star of Atlantis, **17-2** Diligent Henry, **10-1** Sanditon, **20-1** Alyara, **25-1** Bungle Bay, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
 There was sufficient promise in THOMAS EQUINAS's recent Southwell effort to suggest that he could be ready to cash in on his reduced mark. Faster Bee looks sure to play a leading role, while Star of Atlantis is another with claims.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THOMAS EQUINAS 2. FASTER BEE 3. STAR OF ATLANTIS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 ^I Fistral Beach 4-9-7	10-3	John Mackie	Clifford Lee	11
2025 ^{II} Galel 4-9-9	7-4f	John Butler	Lewis Edmunds	12
2024 ^I Port Noir 7-8-12	9-1	Robert Stephens	David Probert	8
2024 ^{II} Powdering 4-9-4	15-2	Michael Herrington	David Probert	9
2023 Lincoln Gamble 6-9-4	15-2	Ivan Furtado	Marco Ghiani	6
2022 Blue Flame 5-9-7	3-1f	Ed Dunlop	Daniel Muscutt	8
2021 One Step Beyond 4-9-7	16-5	Richard Spencer	Angus Villiers (5)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

8.00

RACE 7

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HANDICAP (6) (D.II) 4yo+ (Rated 0-55) £6,200 7f36y
(1440 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 5 RAVENGLASS (IRE) (176) (CD) s **96**
01293764- 7 9-9 | 61.2kg



Adrian Wintle

Joe Leavy

Twice a winner here in the past, most recently landing a C&D classified event last spring. Added to his tally in a Chepstow handicap during that period and each-way chance if ready to roll. Cheekpieces back on.

2 3 BAD HABITS (IRE) (11) (CD) b **97**
32447229 4 9-7 | 60.3kg



Ruth Carr

Joanna Mason

Sole win from 27 runs came over this C&D in December. Largely creditable efforts in defeat since and it's not hard to envisage this 4-y-o making his presence felt once more.

3 9 GUNDOGAN (10) **99**
4-5242455 5 9-6 | 59.9kg



Tony Carroll

Kieren Fox

Has proven expensive to follow of late, though it's best to look beyond his recent effort at Southwell (partnered by a 7-lb claimer and saddle slipped) and couldn't rule out.

4 2 SO CHIC (IRE) (27) (CD) ★ **100**
4018-7546 6 9-5 | 59.4kg



Stephanie Cassidy

Jack Doughty

C&D winner last spring and also hit the target at Lingfield in August. Rather hit-and-miss in recent months but she will be a danger to all if she puts her best foot forward.

5 7 TOP STAR (IRE) (28) h **96**
8564/5282 4 9-4 | 59.0kg



Dean Ivory

David Egan

Stepped up on his return when second of 6 in handicap at Southwell (5f) in February. Misfired without headgear next time but hood refitted when second in a classified race here last time.

6 1 BIG GYPSY KING (40) (D) b **96**
0/3170-989 4 9-3 | 58.5kg



James Moffatt

Kieran O'Neill

Barely beaten a rival home in 3 runs since the turn of the year and it's easy enough to look elsewhere. Sports first-time blinkers.

7 6 ASHFORD HILL (48) (D) **96**
45507-148 5 9-2 | 58.1kg



Dominic Ffrench Davis

David Probert

Successful on return at Lingfield in January but has failed to reproduce that form in 2 subsequent starts. Vulnerable from a win point of view.

8 8 THE CUTEST (IRE) (15) h **91**
078-86856 5 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)



Derek Shaw

Faye McManoman

Poor maiden who makes little appeal.

9 4 STREET DANCER (IRE) (24) h **39**
755 4 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)



Ollie Sangster

Sean Dylan Bowen

It's been a struggle in her 3 qualifying runs but she now makes her handicap debut in a very open-looking race and she's one to keep a close eye on in the betting.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Top Star, **9-2** Street Dancer, **11-2** Bad Habits, **6-1** Ravenglass, **13-2** So Chic, **7-1** Gundogan, **12-1** Ashford Hill, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The most interesting of these is STREET DANCER, who makes her handicap debut off a lowly mark and it will look significant if she's strong in betting. So Chic will be a threat if on a going day, while Bad Habits and Top Star should both give good accounts.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. STREET DANCER 2. SO CHIC 3. BAD HABITS****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

8.30**WOLVERHAMPTON HOLIDAY INN HANDICAP (6) 4yo+
(Rated 0-65) £6,200 1m1f104y (1910 Metres)**

RACE 8

Going: **Standard**

The all-weather course at Wolverhampton forms a flat, left-handed oval circuit of just under a mile in length. It was relaid in summer 2014 and the surface was changed to tapeta. The bends are fairly sharp and with a straight of under two furlongs in length it favours horses with the ability to hold a good position as opposed to those who need time to find full stride.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 1 DISTINCTION (IRE) (14) (CD) v **100**
114870-05 8 9-9 | 61.2kg



John Mackie

P. J. McDonald

Won 3 times last year and stepped up on reappearance run whilst shaping as if still working his way back to full fitness when fifth of 9 at Pontefract (1m, soft) a fortnight ago. Solid claims down in class.

2 6 KARAKULA (167) (CD) **95**
9002154- 4 9-8 | 60.8kg



James Ferguson

Jonny Peate

Lightly-raced filly who opened her account after 11 weeks off here in September. Seemed stretched by the longer trip at Kempton (11f) when last seen in November and, though this will be a more suitable test, she looks vulnerable.

3 5 NUPTOWN GIRL (24) **95**
655-26253 4 9-8 | 60.8kg



Ian Williams

David Probert

Fair filly who has been placed on 3 of her half-a-dozen appearances since joining present yard but record now stands at 0-12.

4 4 KAARANAH (IRE) (15) (CD) s **97**
34908-061 8 9-7 | 60.3kg



John Butler

David Egan

Gambled on in first-time cheekpieces and snapped losing run when keeping on well to bag a C&D handicap 15 days ago. 4 lb rise fair enough and he has to enter calculations.

5 3 EAGLES WHISTLE (IRE) (13) (CD, BF) s **96**
66-111624 6 9-7 | 60.3kg



Joey Ramsden

Finley Marsh

Rattled off a hat-trick in classified company for Daragh Bourke in January (final win over C&D). Hasn't done a great deal wrong in 3 starts for new yard and she should be on the premises with headgear back on.

6 2 MOONLIT CLOUD (180) s **95**
92503687- 8 9-2 | 58.1kg



Dean Ivory

Kieran O'Neill

Would be a serious contender off this mark if anywhere near her best but she ended 2025 on a bit of a downer.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Kaaranah, **11-4** Eagles Whistle, **9-2** Distinction, **7-1** Nuptown Girl, **14-1** Moonlit Cloud, **20-1** Karakula

TIMEFORM VIEW:

If DISTINCTION is able to build on his latest effort at Pontefract he could be the answer. The 8-y-o is now 4 lb lower in the weights compared to when scoring at Kempton last summer. Kaaranah could be the main danger, ahead of Eagles Whistle.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DISTINCTION 2. KAARANAH 3. EAGLES WHISTLE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race