

Friday 22nd May

PONTEFRACT



6.20 BOOK FOR FATHERS DAY SUNDAY 21st JUNE MAIDEN STAKES (4) 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) NAVAL LIGHT | (4) STONEACRE JOE | (1) KING'S ROAD DANDY**

6.52 JUDDMONTE EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (Qualifier) (2) 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 2 **(7) TOO MANY SPIRITS | (10) RICKY PUNTING | (3) LE GRAND ETOILE**

7.22 FBS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS HANDICAP (5) 5f3y (1010 Metres)

RACE 3 **(2) VENTURA EXPRESS | (7) JOJO RABBIT | (8) KNICKS**

7.52 THANK YOU ALEXIA AND GOOD LUCK HANDICAP (4) 2m1f27y (3440 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) SEA OF KINGS | (4) TROJAN SOLDIER | (6) ACTION PACT**

8.22 WTJ INSURANCE BROKERS 40th ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP (6) 1½m5y (2420 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) HAVACHOC | (5) LILLISTAR | (7) MUHIB**

8.52 SUMMER SUTTON 18th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HANDICAP (5) 1m6y (1610 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) CALLISTO DREAM | (3) MOONJID | (8) MOUNT KING**

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.

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BOOK FOR FATHERS DAY SUNDAY 21st JUNE MAIDEN STAKES (4) 3yo+ £10,000 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 1



Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

Draw: **Against High** Pace Information: **Strong**

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NAVAL LIGHT 2. STONEACRE JOE 3. KING'S ROAD DANDY

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


1 7 KING'S ROAD DANDY (IRE) (28) 83
3-5 3 9-7 | 60.3kg

 David & Nicola Barron **Oisin James Orr**
Off 8 months and gelded, shaped as if needing run when fifth of 14 in novice at Doncaster (6f, good to firm, 11/2) 28 days ago. Should have more to offer.


2 1 NAVAL LIGHT (20) 100
2823-38 3 9-7 | 60.3kg

 K. R. Burke **Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg)**
Fairly useful gelding. 6/1 and in first-time cheekpieces, failed to improve when eighth of 11 on handicap debut at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) 20 days ago. Has the headgear discarded and sets the standard on form.


3 4 STAR WITH PURPOSE (11) 79
47 3 9-7 | 60.3kg

 John & Sean Quinn **Jason Hart**
Twice-raced gelding who's run to a modest level in 2 novices. Is fitted with first-time blinkers and needs another run for a mark.

4 9 STONEACRE JOE (17) 88
9-22 3 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Tim Easterby **S. B. Kirrane**
Proved his reappearance effort (second at Doncaster at 100/1) no fluke when again finding one too strong in 7-runner maiden at Ayr (6f, good to firm) 17 days ago, giving the odds-on favourite something of a race. Should go well once more. Engaged 4.38 Haydock Thursday.


5 3 VIPER (21) 84
73 3 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Brian Ellison **P. J. McDonald**
17/2, stepped up on debut effort when third of 10 in novice at Newcastle (7f) 21 days ago, making running. Showed early speed last time and can give another good account.


6 8 LADY VEGA (IRE) 80
3 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Gemma Tutty **Connor Beasley**
€80,000 yearling, Lucky Vega filly. Half-sister to smart winner up to 1m Flashcard and winner up to 1m Look Back Smiling. Dam unraced.

7 2 LEELAWADEE (39) 78
7 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Michael Dods **Mark Winn**
Lope Y Fernandez filly. 33/1, seventh of 10 in novice at Newcastle (7f) on debut in April. She's probably one for later on.

8 5 LINEOFSUCCESSION 78
3 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Ivan Furtado **Jonny Peate**
Territories filly. Dam lightly-raced half-sister to smart 9f-11½m winner Naval College out of useful 1¼m-1½m winner Sequence. Bred more for stamina and best watched on debut.

9 6 TOMMIE'S ANGEL (IRE) (15) 78
4 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

 Rebecca Menzies **Kaiya Fraser**
€7,000 foal, 70,000 gns yearling, Dark Angel filly. 33/1, hinted at ability when fourth of 6 in maiden at Southwell (6f) on debut 15 days ago.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Naval Light, **7-2** Stoneacre Joe, **7-1** Viper, **8-1** King's Road Dandy, **20-1** Lady Vega, **33-1** Star With Purpose, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Standard-setter NAVAL LIGHT is given another chance to open his account with a 5-lb claimer in the saddle. Stoneacre Joe and King's Road Dandy look the best of the rest in that order, with Viper also in the hunt for minor honours.

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JUDDMONTE EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (Qualifier)
(2) 2yo £30,000 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 2




Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

Draw: **Against High** Pace Information: **Weak**

1 6 ADORAMUS (FR) (22) 85
3 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Jack Morland *Jonny Peate*
Zoustar colt who showed promise when third of 7 in novice at Lingfield (6f) just over 3 weeks ago, learning on the job and doing his best work late. Open to improvement switched to turf.


2 1 GREEN SOVEREIGN (18) 86
5 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Harry Eustace *Kaiya Fraser*
Lope Y Fernandez colt who offered something to work on amid greenness when fifth of 9 in novice (12/1) at Kempton (6f) on debut 18 days ago. Entitled to do better.


3 4 LE GRAND ETOILE (IRE) 89
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Charlie Johnston *Jason Hart*
Foaled March 5. €17,000 foal, 52,000 gns yearling, Shaman colt. Half-brother to several winners, including 1¼m-1½m winner Zannnda and winner up to 10.4f Zannadabad, both useful. Dam 1½m winner. Betting check advised.


4 2 MR MINZ (IRE) 84
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Iain Jardine *Greg Fairley*
Foaled February 2. €70,000 yearling, Minzaal colt. Closely related to 2-y-o 6f winner French Affair. Dam, third at 8.5f, half-sister to smart winner up to 1m Space Traveller.

5 9 ARRBOb (IRE) (29) 87
94 2 9-4 | 59.0kg

 Richard & Peter Fahey *Harry Russell*
Took a step forward from the Brocklesby when fourth of 9 in novice at Beverley (5f, good to firm) last month. Still not yet the finished article and this step up to 6f should suit.

6 8 REAL EDITION (IRE) 84
2 9-4 | 59.0kg

 Craig Lidster *P. J. McDonald*
Foaled April 4. 20,000 gns yearling, Calyx colt. Half-brother to several winners, including winner up to 1¼m Real Gain and winner up to 7.5f Real Force, both useful. Dam unraced.


7 5 TOO MANY SPIRITS (31) 100
52 2 9-4 | 59.0kg

 Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood *Paul Mulrennan*
Rajasinghe gelding who improved on debut form when second of 8 in novice at this course (5f, good) last month, rallying late having been outpaced over 1f out. Step up to 6f rates a plus and fancied to be on the premises.

8 7 COLLEGE BOY 85
2 9-1 | 57.6kg

 Tim Easterby *S. B. Kirrane*
Foaled February 22. Oasis Dream gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to useful 1m/9f winner Maximova out of useful 1½m/13f winner Honoria.

9 10 FASTHOPE (IRE) 85
2 9-1 | 57.6kg

 Brian Ellison *Cam Hardie*
Foaled March 5. €5,000 foal, €6,000 yearling, Inns of Court gelding. Half-brother to several winners, including 7f winner Tamador and winner up to 1m Nuevo Estrella, both useful. Dam 8.5f winner.

10 3 RICKY PUNTING (IRE) (7) 92
42 2 9-1 | 57.6kg

 Tom Dascombe *Pierre-Louis Jamin*
Nando Parrado gelding who improved a little rather than a lot from his debut when second of 6 in maiden at Hamilton (6f, good to firm) last week.

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Too Many Spirits, **9-2** Ricky Punting, **7-1** Le Grand Etoile, **10-1** Arrbob, **12-1** Green Sovereign, **20-1** Fasthope, **20-1** Adoramus, **20-1** College Boy, **33-1** Mr Minz, **33-1** Real Edition

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TOO MANY SPIRITS left his debut effort behind when finding one too strong here last month and with the way he saw his race out that day, this step up to 6f should be right up his street. He gets the nod over Ricky Punting, who still showed some inexperience at Hamilton last week but is progressing gradually. Of the newcomers, Le Grand Etoile looks the pick before the benefit of market clues.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TOO MANY SPIRITS 2. RICKY PUNTING 3. LE GRAND ETOILE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Farough 2-9-7	11-10f Roger Varian	Ray Dawson	10
2024 Regal Gem 2-9-7	11-2 Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood	David Nolan	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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FBS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS HANDICAP (5) 4yo+
(Rated 0-75) £8,000 5f3y (1010 Metres)

RACE 3



Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

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

1 7 CHANGEOFMIND (IRE) (6) (D) 98
8679395-0 **6** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Declan Carroll **Zak Wheatley (31lb/1kg)**
More miss than hit last season and while he's entitled to be more competitive dropped in class on the back of his return at Thirsk, it's hard to be confident his long losing run will end here.

2 10 VENTURA EXPRESS (18) (CD) 100
2350-6354 **9** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Paul Midgley **Paul Mulrennan**
Winner of this race in 2023 and 2024 and while his losing run is a long one, he was unlucky not to finish closer when fourth at Beverley last time and makes appeal dropped in grade.

3 6 KING'S CROWN (IRE) (26) (D) 97
12-155665 **6** 9-7 | 60.3kg



Michael Dods **S. B. Kirrane**
Has a creditable record here but having started this year with a victory at Newcastle, he's been below form since, failing to land a blow in a similar event at Wetherby on his latest start.

4 9 BETWEENHSTICKS (14) (CD, BF) 96
22937-112 **6** 9-5 | 59.4kg



Ruth Carr **James Sullivan**
Followed up his reappearance win at Wolverhampton with a narrow C&D success last month (from Fuji Mountain) and only found one too good in his hat-trick bid at Ripon last time. That form has taken a few knocks but he's clearly at the top of his game right now.

5 5 AY GEE ELL (IRE) (34) (D) 91
614-33304 **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg



Richard & Peter Fahey **Oisin James Orr**
Ran out of steam when fourth of 18 in a competitive handicap at Thirsk (6f) last time, and while the drop back in trip should suit, he faces no easy task at the weights.

6 4 FUJI MOUNTAIN (IRE) (10) (D) 96
0835-0248 **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg



Declan Carroll **Harry Smith (71b/3kg)**
Went close to breaking a long losing run over C&D (edged out by Betweenhsticks) last month but hasn't backed that up, for all he probably did too much too soon at Beverley last time.

7 1 JOJO RABBIT (10) (CD) 99
077-81672 **8** 9-0 | 57.2kg



Ruth Carr **Joanna Mason**
Scored in gusty fashion from the front over C&D last month and having been unlucky not to double his tally for the year when back to form at Beverley last time, he can make a bold bid from a handy draw.

8 2 KNICKS (IRE) (23) (D) 98
943039-67 **5** 8-12 | 56.2kg



Michael & David Easterby **Lewis Chalkley (71b/3kg)**
Attracted support but extended a losing run stretching back to 2024 when down the field at Musselburgh last time. Remains on a handy mark having caught the eye at Thirsk on his return.

9 8 LUCIUS AURELIUS (30) (D) 97
3056-5901 **4** 8-10 | 55.3kg



Kevin Ryan **Jack Nicholls (51b/2kg)**
Returned to his best when belatedly off the mark under this apprentice at Catterick last time but is probably worth opposing off 5 lb higher in a better race.

10 3 MRS TRUMP (IRE) (13) (D) 98
1174548-7 **6** 8-4 | 52.6kg



Paul Midgley **Cam Hardie**
Dual 6f winner in lower grades last summer and while entitled to come on for her reappearance at Nottingham, this is a stronger race than she need contest.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Jojo Rabbit, **11-2** Betweenhsticks, **13-2** Lucius Aurelius, **15-2** Ventura Express, **9-1** Knicks, **10-1** Ay Gee Ell, **12-1** King's Crown, **14-1** Changeofmind, **16-1** Mrs Trump, **20-1** Fuji Mountain

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The likely strong pace should suit VENTURA EXPRESS who may land this race for the third time. Jojo Rabbit is capable of going close from an inside draw, though, while Knicks could feature prominently if on a going day.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. VENTURA EXPRESS 2. JOJO RABBIT 3. KNICKS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Protest Rally 5-9-4	4-1	Liam Bailey	C. Horgan (5)	7
2024	Ventura Express 7-9-8	5-2f	Paul Midgley	David Nolan	6
2023	Ventura Express 6-9-9	7-2	Paul Midgley	David Nolan	6
2022	Dream Composer 4-9-9	7-2	James Evans	Dougie Costello	8
2021	Bossipop 8-9-9	7-2	Tim Easterby	Cam Hardie	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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THANK YOU ALEXIA AND GOOD LUCK HANDICAP (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-85) £10,000 2m1f27y (3440 Metres)

RACE 4



Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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

1 7 SEA OF KINGS (IRE) (27) (BF) s+t **100**
23254-2 4 9-9 | 61.2kg

Harry Eustace *Kaiya Fraser*
Ran well 8 months on from making the frame in the Melrose when second of 6 at Doncaster (1½m, good to firm) last month, the shorter trip not looking quite as suitable for him. Upped markedly in distance and could prove a tough nut to crack in first-time cheekpieces if coping with the softer ground.

2 3 MAGHLAAK (27) **90**
4285769-6 7 9-8 | 60.8kg

Mark Walford *Kyle McHugh (71b/3kg)*
Chase winner for new yard at Southwell in November but was always behind making his first Flat start for connections after 4 months off at Doncaster recently. Significantly back up in trip but tough to enthuse over.

3 1 WAHRAAN (FR) (14) (C) h+t **94**
88572-640 8 9-3 | 58.5kg

Jessica Bedi *Shay Farmer (71b/3kg)*
On a going day when fifth in competitive handicap at Galway Festival on stable debut last summer but hit-and miss under both codes since, merely passing beaten rivals when tenth of 18 in Chester Plate earlier in the month. Probably best left alone for now (has a suspect attitude).

4 2 TROJAN SOLDIER (5) s **98**
6220-2211 4 8-13 | 56.7kg

Jedd O'Keeffe *Jack Nicholls (51b/2kg)*
Has raised his game since cheekpieces went on, finally opening his account after several near misses at Southwell (1¾m) in April. Doubled his tally when edging another tight finish in 6-runner event at Ripon (2m, good to firm) 5 days ago and escapes a penalty here.

5 4 VAGUELY ROYAL (IRE) (5) s **97**
00-766933 6 8-10 | 55.3kg

Ian Williams *Cam Hardie*
Useful at his best but hasn't scored in this sphere since December 2023. Didn't really impress with the way he went through the race but at least stuck at it when third of 6 to Trojan Soldier at Ripon (2m, good to firm) 5 days ago. Will probably find a couple too good.

6 5 ACTION PACT (211) (C, BF) **97**
27872316- 5 8-9 | 54.9kg

Michael & David Easterby *Joanna Mason*
Confirmed himself a thorough stayer when winning 5-runner handicap at this track (2¼m, soft) back in October, lacking a change of gear having looked likely to win even more convincingly. Tailed off in the mud at Nottingham later that month and off since. Each-way claims.

7 6 DIAMAND DE VINDECY (FR) (27) (C) s **96**
1362855-5 7 8-7(8-6) | 54.0kg (53.5kg)

Robert Bevis *Ethan Tindall (51b/2kg)*
Course winner last spring but has seemingly had his enthusiasm dented by a spell chasing, fifth of 7 at Ripon (2m, good) just under 4 weeks ago. Very much a stayer these days but others look stronger from marginally out of the weights. Cheekpieces reapplied.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Sea of Kings, **5-2** Trojan Soldier, **7-1** Vaguely Royal, **8-1** Action Pact, **12-1** Diamand De Vindecy, **16-1** Maghlaak, **33-1** Wahraan

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SEA OF KINGS ran well despite failing to justify odds-on favouritism on return at Doncaster last month and with this markedly longer trip in his favour, Harry Eustace's 4-y-o should prove tough to beat in first-time cheekpieces provided he copes with softer conditions. Trojan Soldier got the better of a tight finish for the second outing in succession at Ripon on Sunday and escaping a penalty, he looks the biggest danger.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SEA OF KINGS 2. TROJAN SOLDIER 3. ACTION PACT

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**WTJ INSURANCE BROKERS 40th ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP
(6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-60) £6,500 1½m5y (2420 Metres)**

RACE 5




Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**


Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

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


1 2 HAVACHOC (14) (D, BF) **100**
11144332 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Patrick Morris** **P. J. McDonald**
Enjoyed a productive winter on all-weather, completing a hat-trick in February. Has continued in good form on turf and posted a good second of 7 at Wolverhampton (1¾m) 14 days ago. Player off the same mark with cheekpieces added.


2 7 HICKTON (IRE) (15) (D) **95**
3131-7719 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Declan Carroll** **Zak Wheatley (31b/1kg)**
Resumed winning ways at Southwell in April but he came in last of 9 in handicap at Southwell (2m) 15 days ago. Needs to get back on track.


3 1 BLONDINA (IRE) (23) **93**
065/908-3 **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Adam Nicol** **Cam Hardie**
Ex-Irish maiden who got back on track for current yard returned to the Flat when third of 9 in handicap at Musselburgh 23 days ago, seeing this trip out well. Possibilities.


4 4 DUBAI VENTURE (IRE) (309) (CD, BF) **99**
00/82112- **5** 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Tina Jackson** **Joanna Mason**
Took this 12 months ago but not seen out after a solid second at Hamilton (13f) 10 months ago. Needs to hit the ground running on his comeback.


5 5 LILLISTAR (31) **96**
0/65231-26 **6** 8-13 | 56.7kg

 **Micky Hammond** **Aiden Brookes**
Wolverhampton winner in October who posted a good second at Newcastle (2m) last month. Failed to stay over 2m5f here last month so not out of things back in trip.


6 8 APACHE EAGLE (14) **95**
72763273 **5** 8-10 | 55.3kg

 **Jessica Bedi** **T. Kiely-Marshall (51b/2kg)**
Remains winless but he got back on track when third of 7 in handicap at Wolverhampton (1¾m) 14 days ago, left poorly placed. No forlorn hope.

7 6 MUHIB (11) **96**
09435533 **5** 8-10 | 55.3kg

 **Olly Williams** **C. Horgan (51b/2kg)**
Remains a maiden after 22 runs but he arrives in good nick, third of 14 in handicap at Catterick (1½m) 11 days ago. In the mix again.

8 3 ANIFICAS BEAUTY (IRE) (22) (C) **85**
4088-8685 **7** 8-10 | 55.3kg

 **Peter Winks** **Faye McManoman**
A two-time winner (including here) last summer but she's yet to fire in 4 runs this season. Others appeal more.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Havachoc, **5-1** Dubai Venture, **6-1** Muhib, **9-1** Blondina, **12-1** Lillistar, **16-1** Apache Eagle, **20-1** Hickton, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HAVACHOC rates just the pick of the weights so is taken to gain a fourth victory of 2026 at the chief expense of Lillistar, who should benefit from dropping in trip having failed to last home over a marathon trip here last time out.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAVACHOC 2. LILLISTAR 3. MUHIB

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Dubai Venture 4-8-12	16-1	Tina Jackson	Sam James	8
2024	Gordon Grey 4-9-4	9-4f	B. F. Brookhouse	Jack Gilligan	9
2023	Carrigillihy 5-9-3	3-1jf	Tim Easterby	David Allan	8
2022	Sociologist 7-8-11	11-2	Scott Dixon	Jack Duern (3)	4
2021	Cormier 5-9-1	4-7f	Brian Ellison	Ben Robinson	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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SUMMER SUTTON 18th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HANDICAP
(5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-75) £8,000 1m6y (1610 Metres)

RACE 6



Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Left handed, in excess of two miles long, with considerable gradients and a stiff uphill finish. Despite the gradients, the run-in is only two furlongs long, and prominent racers can prove difficult to peg back, certainly in races up to a mile and a quarter. On very testing going, the jockeys occasionally race wide in search of better ground, swinging across to the stand side in the straight.

Draw: **Favours Low** Pace Information: **Even**

1 5 CALLISTO DREAM (IRE) (222) (D) **100**
 1/613397- 4 9-9 | 61.2kg

Edward Bethell **Callum Rodriguez**
 Looked promising when winning 2 of first 3 starts but didn't kick on as expected in handicaps during second half of 2025. In very capable hands and this represents a pretty big drop in class on reappearance with return to 1m also in her favour.

2 1 SELECTION (IRE) (6) (C, D) s **98**
 34-522675 4 9-9 | 61.2kg

Ivan Furtado **Jason Hart**
 Runner-up twice on the all-weather in February/March and cast aside a couple of good defeats returned to turf when fifth of 12 at Thirk on Saturday. Needs a good test at 1m but has the inside stall to work with.

3 6 MOONJID (34) (D) s **98**
 72531-584 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

Michael Appleby **Oisín James Orr**
 Signed off 2025 in the perfect style when justifying heavy support at Nottingham (8.5f) in October. Gradually working his way back to form this spring, fitted with cheekpieces for the first time when fourth back at that venue a month ago.

4 3 ARKENSTAAR (19) (CD) s **97**
 7812114-3 6 9-6 | 59.9kg

Michael Dods **Connor Beasley**
 Thrived during the autumn, winning 3 times in all, including over C&D. Excellent return to action when third at Hamilton 3 weeks ago, despite being slowly away, and he can remain competitive.

5 8 NO KNEE NEVER (IRE) (14) (D) s+t **96**
 75331614 5 9-6 | 59.9kg

James Owen **Pierre-Louis Jamin**
 Is being kept very busy this year, already winning 3 times, running up to best when taking 11-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (8.5f) last month. Sound fourth of 12 in handicap at Ripon (1¼m) under a penalty 14 days ago.

6 4 HOPEFUL JOY (10) **89**
 423-7 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

Mark Walford **Paul Mulrennan**
 Similar form in a trio of qualifying runs in July. Allotted a stiff mark on the back of those efforts and she could manage only seventh of 13 on reappearance 10 days ago, merely passing beaten rivals.

7 10 KEATS HOUSE (IRE) (27) (D) **97**
 1234142-7 4 9-1 | 57.6kg

Michael & David Easterby **Joanna Mason**
 Won at Beverley and Musselburgh in 2025 before finishing second at Nottingham on final start that year. Looked rusty on return to action 4 weeks ago and expected to run closer to form this time.

8 7 MOUNT KING (IRE) (26) (CD) s+t **99**
 846673-78 6 9-0 | 57.2kg

Tim Easterby **S. B. Kirrane**
 Won this race last season and recorded another C&D success the following month. Working his way to peak fitness this year and he should be spot on now which makes him dangerous as he's now below his last winning mark.

9 2 POWERFUL RESPONSE (IRE) (23) (CD) v **97**
 224-45431 6 8-11 | 55.8kg

Geoffrey Harker **P. J. McDonald**
 Visored for the first time when snapping an enormous losing sequence over C&D 3 weeks ago, always holding on. That race hasn't worked out but he's only 2 lb higher so a danger if the headgear works again.

10 9 DISTINCTION (IRE) (5) (CD) v **93**
 4870-0568 8 8-9 | 54.9kg

John Mackie **Finlay Bassett (71b/3kg)**
 Won 3 times last year but hasn't found his best form in 4 outings this spring.

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Powerful Response, **6-1** Moonjid, **13-2** Arkenstaar, **7-1** Callisto Dream, **8-1** Selection, **17-2** No Knee Never, **9-1** Mount King, **14-1** Keats House, **25-1** Distinction, **25-1** Hopeful Joy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It didn't really click in handicaps last year for CALLISTO DREAM but this represents a far easier assignment and given the yard she represents, she's sure to be well prepared for this reappearance. The return to 1m will also suit so she has plenty in her favour. Moonjid and Mount King should be at peak fitness now and they head the list of dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CALLISTO DREAM 2. MOONJID 3. MOUNT KING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Mount King 5-9-2	5-2	Tim Easterby	David Allan	7
2024	Million Thanks 5-9-5	13-2	Rebecca Menzies	Oisín James Orr	11
2023	Westernesse 4-9-10	5-1	David O'Meara	Jason Watson	11
2022	Eligible 6-8-13	14-1	Michael & David Easterby	Joanna Mason	8
2021	Bucephalus 4-9-7	3-1cf	Chris Wall	Sebastian Woods (5)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race