

Tuesday 24th February

SOUTHWELL



3.55 BET £10 GET £40 WITH BETMGM HANDICAP (5) 1m13y (1620 Metres)

RACE 1 **(11) MR NUGGET | (7) GRABAJABBA | (1) PANAMA BLACK**

4.25 READ MEG NICHOLLS' BLOG AT betmgm.co.uk CLASSIFIED STAKES (6) (D.I) 7f14y (1420 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) AMERICAN ROSE | (2) AUTUMN ANGEL | (7) STACEY RACEY**

5.00 READ MEG NICHOLLS' BLOG AT betmgm.co.uk CLASSIFIED STAKES (6) (D.II) 7f14y (1420 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) HOMER STOKES | (8) WOODRAFF | (7) SPIRIT OF BOWLAND**

5.30 MIDNITE ARE UPPING THE BETTING GAME HANDICAP (6) (D.I) 6f16y (1220 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) FOREVER NOAH | (4) ASADJUMEIRAH | (5) RAMON DI LORIA**

6.00 MIDNITE ARE UPPING THE BETTING GAME HANDICAP (6) (D.II) 6f16y (1220 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) GUNDOGAN | (4) PIPERSTOWN | (8) GLENDOWN**

6.30 BETMGM SUPPORTS SAFER GAMBLING HANDICAP (6) 1½m14y (2430 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) WICKSEY | (2) CORDUROY | (3) VERY DEMURE**

7.00 CREATE YOUR BET BUILDERS AT MIDNITE NOVICE STAKES (4) 4f214y (1000 Metres)

RACE 7 **(8) MEHMAS ENGINE | (7) HAYYNAH | (4) AUTUMN AFFAIR**

7.30 MIDNITE AINT YOUR GRANDADS BOOKIE CLASSIFIED STAKES (6) 4f214y (1000 Metres)

RACE 8 **(7) SIR BENEDICT | (2) FORTUNATE STAR | (4) LION RING**

8.00 MIDNITE: BUILT FOR 2026 NOT 2006 HANDICAP (5) 2m102y (3310 Metres)

RACE 9 **(9) CAPTAIN ROBERT | (5) FURTHER MEASURE | (4) TROJAN SOLDIER**

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.

3.55**BET £10 GET £40 WITH BETMGM HANDICAP (5) 4yo+
(Rated 0-75) £7,100 1m13y (1620 Metres)**

RACE 1

GBI RACINGGoing: **Standard**

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

1 1 PANAMA BLACK (IRE) (25) (CD) 98
1685668-4 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Brian Meehan *Joe Leavy*
C&D winner. Off 6 months but posted a very good fourth of 9 in handicap (22/1) at Wolverhampton (8.6f) 25 days ago. Merits serious consideration eased 1 lb.

2 12 STUDIOUS (IRE) (19) (D) 96
093714-32 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Mark Loughnane *Jack Mitchell*
Latest win at Newcastle in November. 9/2, creditable second of 11 in handicap at this C&D 19 days ago, better placed than most. Ought to be in the shake-up again.

3 6 RAJAPOUR (IRE) (10) (D) 97
58916-955 **6** 9-9 | 61.2kg



David O'Meara *Mark Winn*
Winner at Wolverhampton in December. Below-par fifth of 8 in handicap at Newcastle (8f) 10 days ago, slowly away. Needs to bounce back.

4 10 CEPHALUS (39) (CD) 95
6390610-6 **7** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Chelsea Banham *Joey Haynes*
A 3-time C&D winner, including in this 12 months ago. Fair sixth of 9 in handicap at Wolverhampton (8.6f) 39 days ago and can't be dismissed from an easing mark.

5 5 HALE END (IRE) (25) (CD) 96
7523531-4 **6** 9-8 | 60.8kg



Michael Dods *Daniel Muscutt*
C&D winner in December and backed it up with a good fourth of 11 in handicap at this C&D (5/1) 25 days ago. Well in the mix.

6 11 SELECTION (IRE) (25) (D) 97
21/01534-5 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg



Ivan Furtado *Hollie Doyle*
Latest win at Newcastle in October. Creditable fifth of 11 in handicap (16/1) at this C&D 25 days ago. Needs considering off a 1 lb lower mark.

7 4 GRABAJABBA (25) (C) 99
83463-574 **5** 9-7 | 60.3kg



Michael Appleby *Harry Davies*
Course winner. Cheekpieces on for 1st time when a solid fourth of 12 in handicap at this course (7.1f, 8/1) 25 days ago given he was forced wide. Not taken lightly off a slipping mark.

8 3 MCKENNA (IRE) (34) 85
5/813109-0 **4** 9-6 | 59.9kg



Des Donovan *Rob Hornby*
Two wins from 6 runs last year. 80/1, last of 11 in handicap at Kempton (6f) 34 days ago. Significantly back up in trip with work to do.

9 9 FAR AND ABOVE (IRE) (88) 89
735- **4** 9-5 | 59.4kg



Roger Teal *Lewis Edmunds*
Fair form first two starts but a below-par fifth of 8 in novice at this C&D (16/1) 88 days ago. Makes handicap debut with more needed.

10 2 FOREST CAPER (10) (BF) 97
2305-3442 **5** 9-4 | 59.0kg



David O'Meara *Jason Watson*
Remains a maiden after 18 runs but he recorded a creditable second of 9 in handicap at Newcastle (10.2f) 10 days ago. Back down in trip but not ruled out.

11 7 MR NUGGET (7) (C) 100
521-35112 **5** 9-4 | 59.0kg



David Simcock *Sean Levey*
Bagged back-to-back handicaps at Wolverhampton in 2026 and just failed in his hat-trick bid when second of 10 in another 8.5f handicap there 7 days ago. This course winner rates a big player.

12 8 UP THE JAZZ (IRE) (10) 97
7275068-8 **5** 9-0 | 57.2kg



Richard Fahey *Ethan Tindall (5lb/2kg)*
Eleven runs since last win in 2024 and too keen after 4 months off when eighth of 9 in handicap at Newcastle (10.2f) 10 days ago. Needs to take a step forward.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Mr Nugget, **9-2** Studious, **7-1** Hale End, **8-1** Forest Caper, **9-1** Grabajabba, **10-1** Panama Black, **14-1** Selection, **18-1** Rajapour, **18-1** Up The Jazz, **22-1** Far And Above, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A case can be made for lots of these but MR NUGGET rates just the pick of the weights on the back of a very good recent Wolverhampton second so edges the vote from fellow course scorer Grabajabba who didn't enjoy the rub of the green when fourth here last time out. C&D winners Panama Black and Hale End, along with last year's victor Cephalus can also have a say.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MR NUGGET 2. GRABAJABBA 3. PANAMA BLACK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 ^I	Mr Baloo 4-9-9	13-2	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	12
2025 ^{II}	Cephalus 6-9-9	85-40f	Gary & Josh Moore	Tom Queally	11
2024	Benavente 6-9-7	9-2	Kevin Thomas Coleman	Shane Gray	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.25

RACE 2

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

1 7 AMERICAN ROSE (12) (D) 97
05467-223 **6** 9-9 | 61.2kg



James Evans

William Cox

Thirteen runs since last win in 2024 but she recorded a solid third of 11 in classified event at Lingfield (7f, AW) 12 days ago, left poorly placed. This reliable mare is a likely player once more.

2 6 AUTUMN ANGEL (IRE) (19) (CD, BF) s 95
5099-2437 **7** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Tony Carroll

George Wood

C&D winner. Visored for 1st time when a creditable seventh of 12 in classified event at this course (6.1f) 19 days ago given he was slowly away and then trapped wide. Well in the mix with cheekpieces tried now.

3 4 MARCELLO SI (5) (D) b 83
55350-874 **8** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Michael Dods

Mark Winn

On a losing sequence but he posted a respectable fourth of 8 in classified event at Newcastle (6f, 15/2) 5 days ago. More is needed on these terms though.

4 2 MICKEY MONGOOSE (38) (C) b 87
376508-85 **6** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Olly Williams

Duran Fentiman

Course winner who wasn't disgraced given he went freely in first-time blinkers when fifth of 9 in classified event here (8.1f, 11/1) 38 days ago. Not dismissed with headgear retained.

5 3 MR SLICKER (FR) (25) (D) s 77
863369-88 **12** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Sarah Hollinshead

Joe Leavy

Remains a maiden after 22 runs and only eighth of 10 in minor event at Wolverhampton (8.6f, 50/1) 25 days ago. Others are preferred.

6 8 RING OF GOLD (35) (D) v 100
611446-92 **9** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Michael & David Easterby

Joanna Mason

A dual 7f scorer at Newcastle in September and he got back on track when second of 10 in classified event at Newcastle (7.1f) 35 days ago. Weighted to go well again.

7 1 STACEY RACEY (26) (C, D) 97
804535-72 **5** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Keiran Burke

Sean Levey

Course winner who comes here on the back of a good second of 9 in classified event at Lingfield (7f, AW) 26 days ago. Can go well again.

8 5 TWILIGHT POPPY (18) s 79
9/85989-66 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Kevin Frost

Oliver Stammers

Is 0-13 but not discredited in first-time cheekpieces when sixth of 10 in classified event at Wolverhampton (7.2f, 28/1) 18 days ago, hampered last 1f. Others are better treated at these weights however.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 American Rose, **4-1** Ring of Gold, **4-1** Stacey Racey, **9-2** Autumn Angel, **12-1** Marcello Si, **16-1** Mickey Mongoose, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A tight-knit classified event in which marginal preference is for AMERICAN ROSE who is a consistent sort for this grade and wasn't seen to ideal effect when third at Lingfield last time. C&D scorer Autumn Angel also didn't enjoy the rub of the green when seventh here recently and is next on the list, although in-form duo Stacey Racey and Ring Of Gold seem to sure to be on the premises too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AMERICAN ROSE 2. AUTUMN ANGEL 3. STACEY RACEY

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.00

RACE 3

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

1 3 AIM FOR THE BULL (IRE) (12) s **94**
227042-57 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



Mike Murphy

Rob Hornby

Modest gelding. Remains a maiden after 19 Flat runs. Seventh of 8 in handicap (11/2) at Chelmsford City (8f) 12 days ago. Now 0-19 and likely to come up short once again.

2 1 DARLA'S SECRET (IRE) (13) **92**
666966-53 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



Seb Spencer

Dale Swift

Modest gelding. 22/1, creditable third of 9 in handicap at this C&D 13 days ago. Solid each-way chance.

3 2 HOMER STOKES (18) (CD) **98**
48776-982 8 9-9 | 61.2kg



David & Nicola Barron

Lewis Edmunds

Modest gelding. 3-time C&D winner. Fifteen runs since last win in 2024. Second of 10 in minor event at Wolverhampton (7.2f, 7/2) 18 days ago, finishing well. One of the more likely winners on these terms.

4 7 IFLOOKSCOULD KILL (344) **40**
007- 5 9-9 | 61.2kg



Tony Carroll

William Carson

Thrice-raced maiden. Last of 7 in novice at Wolverhampton (7.2f, 250/1), slowly away. Off 11 months and it's not hard to look elsewhere.

5 6 LAURA'S BREEZE (IRE) (5) (CD) **97**
652209-42 6 9-9 | 61.2kg



Liam Bailey

Jack Garritty

Modest mare. C&D winner. Twenty runs since last win in 2024. Good second of 8 in minor event (13/2) at Newcastle (6f) 5 days ago, slowly away. Should make her presence felt.

6 5 MISHY'S STAR (18) s **81**
9/60058-75 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



Keiran Burke

Hollie Doyle 

Poor filly. 40/1, creditable fifth of 10 in minor event at Wolverhampton (7.2f) 18 days ago. Stiff task at the weights.

7 4 SPIRIT OF BOWLAND (31) (C, D) **97**
798474-33 7 9-9 | 61.2kg



Tony Culhane & Stella Barclay

Jamie Spencer

Modest gelding. Course winner. 4/1, respectable third of 10 in minor event at Newcastle (8f) 31 days ago. One to consider.

8 8 WOODRAFF (12) (D, BF) b  **100**
4156-3622 5 9-9 | 61.2kg



Ruth Carr

William Pyle (3lb/1kg)

Modest gelding. 10/11 and blinkered for 1st time, creditable second of 11 in minor event at Lingfield (7f, AW) 12 days ago, running on. Another bold show anticipated.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Woodraff, **3-1** Homer Stokes, **6-1** Spirit of Bowland, **7-1** Laura's Breeze, **11-1** Darla's Secret, **14-1** Aim For The Bull, **33-1** Mishy's Star, **200-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HOMER STOKES shades preference ahead of Woodraff, with Spirit of Bowland third on the list and Laura's Breeze best of the rest. Woodraff thoroughly deserves to get his head back in front but he's been turned over at short odds the last twice and is not always the quickest off the blocks. Homer Stokes returned to form when failing by a whisker at Wolverhampton recently and a reproduction of that will probably suffice.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HOMER STOKES 2. WOODRAFF 3. SPIRIT OF BOWLAND

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.30**MIDNITE ARE UPPING THE BETTING GAME HANDICAP (6)
(D.I) 4yo+ (Rated 0-55) £6,000 6f16y (1220 Metres)**

RACE 4

GBI RACINGGoing: **Standard**

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Draw: **Against Low** Pace Information: **Even**

1 5 YORKSHIRE GLORY (IRE) (10) (D) 94
2113-4131 5 9-9 | 61.2kg



Ben Haslam

Andrew Mullen

Career best when winning 10-runner handicap at Newcastle (6f, 5/1) 10 days ago. 2 lb nudge unlikely to be a major stumbling block but this does have the look of a more competitive race.

2 6 FOREVER NOAH (7) (D, BF) 100
8837-3212 5 9-9 | 61.2kg



Joey Ramsden

Sean Levey

Winner at Chelmsford City in February. Creditable second of 9 in handicap (9/4) at Wolverhampton (5.1f) 7 days ago. Has to be taken seriously once again.

3 1 WALKING ON CLOUDS (IRE) (13) (CD) 96
915/980-77 7 9-8 | 60.8kg



Chelsea Banham

Joey Haynes

Three-time C&D winner but has struggled since gaining latest success back in December 2024, coming home a well-held seventh of 9 in handicap (100/1) at Kempton (7f) 13 days ago.

4 7 ASADJUMEIRAH (20) (D) 96
52348-432 8 9-8 | 60.8kg



Antony Brittain

Alex Jary (3lb/1kg)

Three wins from 27 runs last year. Twelve runs since last win in 2025. Creditable second of 8 in handicap at Newcastle (6f, 8/1) 20 days ago, faring best of those held up. Should be in the mix.

5 9 RAMON DI LORIA (IRE) (15) (D) 97
0345-3351 8 9-7 | 60.3kg



Ewan Whillans

Greg Fairley

Three wins from 22 runs last year. Won 8-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (6.1f, 7/2) 15 days ago, suited by way race developed. Can make presence felt if taking his chance. Engaged 6.00 Wolverhampton Monday.

6 2 DUBAI MAGIC (IRE) (19) (CD) 93
5568-2161 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Matt Crawley

Luke Morris

Won 12-runner minor event (7/1) at this C&D 19 days ago but yet to strike in handicap company and, chances are, she'll find one or two too good.

7 4 KIPP KELLY (11) 90
4522-5731 5 9-5 | 59.4kg



Derek Shaw

Joanna Mason

One win from 24 Flat runs, finally opening her account in a 7-runner minor event at Wolverhampton (5.1f, 3/1) 11 days ago. This is more demanding.

8 3 DR ALI (IRE) (36) (D) 93
660287-41 4 9-3 | 58.5kg



J. R. Jenkins

Jonny Peate

Won 8-runner handicap at Kempton (6f, 14/1) 36 days ago, rallying. Gone up just 1 lb but he's just 1-18 overall and may prove vulnerable this time.

9 10 ALYARA (14) (C) 92
0580-5548 8 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)



Joe Ponting

Jack Mitchell

Course winner. Three wins from 61 Flat runs. Twenty runs since last win in 2024, most recently training in last of 8 in minor event at Lingfield (8f, AW, 18/1) 14 days ago. Down in trip.

10 8 MY BOY JACK (18) (D) 90
7585-7745 7 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)



Kevin Frost

Ryan Kavanagh (5lb/2kg)

Three wins from 83 Flat runs. Thirty-eight runs since last win in 2024. Below form fifth of 9 in minor event at Wolverhampton (7.2f, 12/1) 18 days ago and blinkers now refitted. Has work to do.

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Forever Noah, **9-2** Ramon Di Loria, **9-2** Yorkshire Glory, **11-2** Dubai Magic, **6-1** Asadjumeirah, **11-1** Dr Ali, **14-1** Kipp Kelly, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Several of these arrive in good heart, not least FOREVER NOAH, who is effectively 2 lb lower than when finishing second under a penalty over 5f at Wolverhampton last week and the return to this trip will be in his favour. Asadjumeirah has been knocking on the door of late and rates the main danger, though Ramon di Loria will also be a threat if he goes to post (due to run at Wolverhampton on Monday). This looks tougher than the Newcastle handicap recently won by Yorkshire Glory.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FOREVER NOAH 2. ASADJUMEIRAH 3. RAMON DI LORIA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

GBI RACINGGoing: **Standard**

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Draw: **Against Low** Pace Information: **Even**

1 9 KAMEKIST (74) (D) 95
38698000- 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



Ivan Furtado *Kieran O'Neill*
100/1, last of 13 in handicap at this course (5f) 74 days ago. Back up in trip and it's easy enough to look elsewhere.

2 8 GUNDOGAN (16) (D, BF) 100
47454-524 5 9-8 | 60.8kg



Tony Carroll *William Carson*
One win from 26 Flat runs. Eighteen runs since last win in 2024. 2/1, fourth of 7 in handicap at Chelmsford City (6f) 16 days ago, slowly away. Expected to be bang there.

3 7 SPIRITED DANCER (20) (D) 96
850/508-77 4 9-8 | 60.8kg



Daniel & Claire Kubler *Jason Watson*
Seventh of 8 in handicap at Newcastle (6f, 22/1) 20 days ago. Cheekpieces back on and he needs to bounce back in a major way.

4 6 PIPERSTOWN (IRE) (15) (CD) 99
58784-132 5 9-7 | 60.3kg



Kevin Frost *Oliver Stammers*
C&D winner. Three wins from 11 runs last year. Latest win at Wolverhampton in January. 10/3, respectable second of 8 in handicap at Wolverhampton (6.1f) 15 days ago. Not taken lightly.

5 4 TOP BILLER (123) (D, BF) 94
17242659- 4 9-7 | 60.3kg



Julia & Shelley Birkett *Dylan Hogan*
4/1, ninth of 14 in handicap at this C&D. Off 123 days and it's likely that this 4-y-o will find one or two too good on this occasion.

6 3 UP THE MONK (19) (CD) 92
667-53916 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Michael Appleby *Harry Davies*
C&D winner. Latest win at Chelmsford City in January. Below form sixth of 12 in minor event (9/2) at this C&D 19 days ago. Looks vulnerable for win purposes.

7 5 WHAT WHAT WHAT (22) 94
0044-4439 4 9-5 | 59.4kg



Michael & David Easterby *Joanna Mason*
10/1, last of 9 in handicap at Wolverhampton (5.1f) 22 days ago but posted a string on decent efforts in defeat prior to that and he's not without each-way hope.

8 10 GLENDOWN (IRE) (19) (CD) 97
6349250-3 6 9-1 | 57.6kg



Tim Easterby *Duran Fentiman*
C&D winner. Nineteen runs since last win in 2024. Respectable third of 12 in minor event at this C&D (10/1) 19 days ago. Place possibilities.

9 1 ELDEYAAR (IRE) (15) (D) 96
2367-4574 7 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)



Antony Brittain *Alex Jary (3lb/1kg)*
11/1, good fourth of 8 in handicap at Wolverhampton (6.1f) 15 days ago, doing too much too soon. It'd be no surprise to see this 7-y-o involved in the finish.

10 2 BARNEY'S BAY (5) (CD) 85
440-97705 8 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)



Derek Shaw *Faye McManoman*
C&D winner. Twenty-five runs since last win in 2023. 18/1, fifth of 8 in minor event at Newcastle (6f) 5 days ago and some of the others are more appealing.

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Gundogan, **7-2** Piperstown, **11-2** Up The Monk, **17-2** Glendown, **10-1** Eldeyaar, **12-1** Top Biller, **14-1** What What What, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Things didn't go GUNDOGAN's way at Chelmsford recently and, in the hope that things pan out more favourably this time, he could be the answer. Piperstown has been in good form of late and looks sure to be on the premises once more, while each-way cases can be made for the likes of Glendown, Eldeyaar and What What What.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GUNDOGAN 2. PIPERSTOWN 3. GLENDOWN

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.30**BETMGM SUPPORTS SAFER GAMBLING HANDICAP (6) 3yo
(Rated 0-65) £6,000 1½m14y (2430 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Standard**

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

1 1 WICKSEY (14) (D)  **100**
008-11 **3** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Ben Haslam

Andrew Mullen

Comes here very much on the up and bidding for a hat-trick after a pair of handicap wins at Newcastle this month, latest in 1m4f event 14 days ago when scoring cosily. Up another 5 lb but the one to beat.

2 2 CORDUROY (117) **86**
0599- **3** 9-9 | 61.2kg



James Fanshawe

Daniel Muscutt

Hinted at promise before (tongue tied) coming in last of 9 on his nursery debut at Bath (8f, soft) in October. Significantly up in trip for his first go on tapeta now and could still have more to offer for good yard.

3 4 VERY DEMURE (20) **96**
65-65 **3** 8-13 | 56.7kg



Archie Watson

Hollie Doyle

Lightly-raced maiden. 14/1, respectable 7¼ lengths fifth of 9 to Wicksey in handicap at Newcastle (10.2f) 20 days ago, racing closer to pace than ideal. May still do better on just her second handicap start.

4 5 CROWN INN TO WIN (IRE) (10) **59**
897-8 **3** 8-10 | 55.3kg



Ivan Furtado

Kieran O'Neill

Poor maiden who came in last of 8 in handicap at Newcastle (8f, 14/1) 10 days ago. Significantly up in trip with plenty more required.

5 3 JERSEYGEORDIE (49) **69**
90-7 **3** 8-6 | 53.5kg



Jamie Osborne

Jack Dace (5lb/2kg)

Has offered little on all his three runs, last of 7 in novice at Wolverhampton (8.6f, 150/1) 49 days ago, slowly away. Needs this marked step up in trip to spark major improvement now going handicapping.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-9 Wicksey, 8-1 Very Demure, 9-1 Corduroy, 16-1 Crown Inn To Win, 16-1 Jerseygeordie

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Ben Haslam's upwardly-mobile WICKSEY has a career-high mark to overcome but is hard to oppose in his hat-trick attempt. Corduroy fluffed his lines on his handicap bow at Bath in the autumn but is in good hands and could emerge as the main danger after a break, while Very Demure remains with few miles on the clock and appeals as the pick of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WICKSEY 2. CORDUROY 3. VERY DEMURE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.00**CREATE YOUR BET BUILDERS AT MIDNITE NOVICE STAKES (4)**
3yo+ £10,000 4f214y (1000 Metres)

RACE 7

GBI RACINGGoing: **Standard**

The all-weather track at Southwell goes left-handed in a flat mile-and-a-quarter oval which has a run from the home turn of three furlongs and a spur to provide a straight five furlongs, those drawn low have often been seen to good effect on the sprint track. The fibresand surface used until August 2021, which produced a lot more kickback than the ones used at the other all-weather courses and lent itself far more to the course specialist, has now been replaced with tapeta.

Draw: **Against Mid** Pace Information: **Even**

1 3 TAINTED LOVE (12) 81
7 4 10-2 | 64.4kg



Richard Spencer *Callum Hutchinson*
Once-raced maiden. Last of 7 in maiden at Chelmsford City (6f, 16/1) on debut 12 days ago. Others preferred.

2 4 KEEP AN EYE ON IT (112) 84
44- 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood *Dougie Costello*
Twice-raced maiden. Fourth of 15 in novice at Redcar (6f, good, 33/1) when last seen in November. Each-way chance if able to build on that here.

3 9 SADDLE UP (IRE) (12) 79
6 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Richard Spencer *George Wood*
Once-raced maiden. 18/1, sixth of 7 in maiden at Chelmsford City (6f) on debut 12 days ago, slowly away. As in the case of stablemate Tainted Love, he's probably worth taking on.

4 2 AUTUMN AFFAIR (IRE) (42) (BF) 90
2-2 3 8-11 | 55.8kg



Harry Eustace *Charles Bishop*
Twice-raced maiden. Second of 12 in novice (11/8) at this course (6.1f) 42 days ago. Strong each-way chance.

5 1 BELLING THE CAT (259) 75
66- 3 8-11 | 55.8kg



Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood *Andrew Mullen*
Twice-raced maiden. 66/1, sixth of 8 in maiden at Catterick (5f, good to firm), slowly away. Off 8 months and she's probably more one for handicaps in due course.

6 7 FENAY BRIDGE (IRE) 82
3 8-11 | 55.8kg



Ivan Furtado *Kieran O'Neill*
50,000 gns yearling, Twilight Son filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including smart winner up to 6f Significantly and useful winner up to 6f Salvuccio. Dam 2-y-o 5f/6f winner. Yard's newcomers typically come on for a run.

7 6 HAYYNAH (20) (BF) 100
2262-2 3 8-11 | 55.8kg



Ollie Sangster *Jamie Spencer*
Lightly-raced maiden. Cheekpieces on for 1st time, bit below form second of 10 in maiden (10/11) at Newcastle (6f) 20 days ago, well positioned. Leading claims.

8 5 MEHMAS ENGINE (IRE) 89
3 8-11 | 55.8kg



James Tate *Hector Crouch*
€120,000 2-y-o, Mehmas filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including useful winner up to 7f Raaeb and 1m winner Ramadhaan. Dam, 1½m winner, half-sister to smart 7f/1m winner Ghaamer. Likely type on paper and interesting to see how she shapes up in the betting.

9 8 SKIP TO VICTORY (25) 85
5 3 8-11 | 55.8kg



Dylan Cunha *Luke Morris*
Once-raced maiden. Fifth of 6 in novice at this C&D (11/4) on debut 25 days ago. Likely to improve with that run under her belt and it will look significant if the market again speaks in her favour.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

TIMEFORM VIEW:

With plenty of the right boxes ticked on paper, newcomer MEHMAS ENGINE is an intriguing candidate and the hint should be taken if there's confidence behind her in the betting. There's no doubt that Hayynah has the ability to win a race or two but she's proving costly to follow having been turned over for the third time at odds on back from a break in a 6f Newcastle maiden. Autumn Affair shouldn't be far away and Skip To Victory can be expected to leave her debut form well behind.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MEHMAS ENGINE 2. HAYYNAH 3. AUTUMN AFFAIR

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Hayynah, **4-1** Autumn Affair, **9-2** Mehmas Engine, **10-1** Skip To Victory, **12-1** Keep An Eye On It, **25-1** Fenay Bridge, **40-1** bar

7.30

RACE 8

MIDNITE AINT YOUR GRANDADS BOOKIE CLASSIFIED STAKES (6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-50) £6,000 4f214y (1000 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Standard**

The all-weather track at Southwell goes left-handed in a flat mile-and-a-quarter oval which has a run from the home turn of three furlongs and a spur to provide a straight five furlongs, those drawn low have often been seen to good effect on the sprint track. The fibresand surface used until August 2021, which produced a lot more kickback than the ones used at the other all-weather courses and lent itself far more to the course specialist, has now been replaced with tapeta.

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

1 1 DESERT MASTER (15) (CD) v **90**
56092-585 5 9-9 | 61.2kg



Antony Brittain **Alex Jary (31b/1kg)**
Modest gelding. C&D winner. Nineteen runs since last win in 2025. 10/1, fifth of 8 in handicap at Wolverhampton (6.1f) 15 days ago. Chance on old form but some of the others make more appeal on these terms.

2 3 FORTUNATE STAR (IRE) (13) (CD) v **98**
048760-45 6 9-9 | 61.2kg



Stephen Hanlon **Conor Whiteley (71b/3kg)**
Modest gelding. C&D winner. 11/2, fifth of 6 in handicap at this C&D 13 days ago. Visor on 1st time and solid chance at the weights.

3 2 ISLA BELLA (11) **90**
9/003-5543 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



Joey Ramsden **Lewis Edmunds**
Modest filly. Eleven runs since last win in 2024. Respectable third of 7 in minor event at Wolverhampton (5.1f, 13/2) 11 days ago. Should be in the thick of things.

4 6 LION RING (IRE) (15) (D) **94**
02554-371 8 9-9 | 61.2kg



Andrew Martin **Ryan Kavanagh (51b/2kg)**
Modest gelding. 12/1, didn't need to improve to win 9-runner minor event at Wolverhampton (5.1f) 15 days ago by neck from My Turn Now. Couldn't rule out.

5 4 MY TURN NOW (IRE) (15) (D) v **89**
160845-62 6 9-9 | 61.2kg



Michael Attwater **William Carson**
Modest mare. Good neck second of 9 to Lion Ring in minor event (50/1) at Wolverhampton (5.1f) 15 days ago. Now 5 lb better off with that rival but looks vulnerable all the same.

6 8 OPTIMISTIC (73) v **58**
945- 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



Derek Shaw **Faye McManoman**
Thrice-raced maiden. Last of 5 in maiden at Wolverhampton (7.2f, 200/1) 73 days ago. Significantly down in trip and now tried in a visor.

7 5 SIR BENEDICT (IRE) (15) (CD) s **100**
62526-648 8 9-9 | 61.2kg



Tony Culhane & Stella Barclay **Jamie Spencer**
Modest gelding. C&D winner. 2¼ lengths eighth of 9 to Lion Ring in minor event (4/1) at Wolverhampton (5.1f) 15 days ago. Has good chance on pick of form.

8 7 SYMBOL OF HOPE (7) (D) s **94**
590-65484 8 9-9 | 61.2kg



Adrian Wintle **Gina Mangan**
Modest gelding. Twenty-one runs since last win in 2024. Good fourth of 9 in handicap at Wolverhampton (5.1f, 25/1) 7 days ago. Others preferred.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Fortunate Star, **7-2** Lion Ring, **9-2** Sir Benedict, **11-2** Isla Bella, **15-2** My Turn Now, **22-1** Symbol of Hope, **25-1** Desert Master, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Though SIR BENEDICT was below par in the Wolverhampton classified event won by the re-opposing Lion Ring 15 days ago, he enjoys a 5 lb pull with that rival here and will have a serious chance with Jamie Spencer aboard if he puts his best foot forward. Fortunate Star should be competitive and is next on the list ahead of the aforementioned Lion Ring.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SIR BENEDICT 2. FORTUNATE STAR 3. LION RING

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

8.00**MIDNITE: BUILT FOR 2026 NOT 2006 HANDICAP (5) 4yo+
(Rated 0-70) £7,100 2m102y (3310 Metres)**

RACE 9

GBI RACINGGoing: **Standard**

The all-weather track at Southwell goes left-handed in a flat mile-and-a-quarter oval which has a run from the home turn of three furlongs and a spur to provide a straight five furlongs, those drawn low have often been seen to good effect on the sprint track. The fibresand surface used until August 2021, which produced a lot more kickback than the ones used at the other all-weather courses and lent itself far more to the course specialist, has now been replaced with tapeta.

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

1 9 PRINCE QUATTRO (IRE) (3) (C, D) 90
228-31377 7 9-12 | 62.6kg



James Owen

Mason Paetel (5lb/2kg)

Course winner. Winner here in January. Creditable seventh of 12 in handicap at Lingfield (13f, AW, 22/1) 3 days ago. Back up in trip and looks vulnerable from a win perspective.

2 7 SKYCUTTER (FR) (13) (C, D) 89
97769-331 8 9-11 | 62.1kg



Tony Culhane & Stella Barclay

Stevie Donohoe

Didn't need to improve to win 5-runner handicap (4/1) at this course (14.1f) 13 days ago, having run of race. More on his plate up 3 lb in this stronger race.

3 3 FINAL ENTRY (IRE) (544) (D) 84
835/ 5 9-11 | 62.1kg



David Pipe

Jack Dace (5lb/2kg)

Thrice-raced maiden on Flat. Modest winner at 17f over hurdles. 9/2, seventh of 10 in handicap hurdle at Exeter (16.7f, good) on latest start 15 months ago. Still, it'll be interesting to see how he shapes up in the betting on his handicap debut in this sphere.

4 1 TROJAN SOLDIER (25) 94
670/6220-2 4 9-10 | 61.7kg



Jedd O'Keeffe

Jack Garritty

6/1, creditable second of 7 in handicap at this course (14.1f) 25 days ago, not ideally placed. Can make presence felt.

5 5 FURTHER MEASURE (USA) (13) (CD) 94
000644-41 9 9-8 | 60.8kg



Mike Murphy

Callum Shepherd

C&D winner. Five wins from 13 runs last year. Didn't need to improve to win 7-runner handicap (11/4) at Kempton (16f) 13 days ago. One to consider up 2 lb.

6 6 CAPONE (GER) (123) 90
2P636569- 11 9-6 | 59.9kg



Dominic Ffrench Davis

Rob Hornby

Fourteen runs since last win in 2023. Ninth of 11 in handicap at Newbury (16f, heavy, 20/1). Off 123 days and others look stronger.

7 4 GRAND DUCHESS OLGA (32) (D) 93
123926-26 6 9-5 | 59.4kg



Julia & Shelley Birkett

Dylan Hogan

11/1, sixth of 9 in handicap at this C&D 32 days ago. Wouldn't be without an each-way chance if on-song but one or two of the others are nevertheless preferred.

8 2 KING'S CRUISER (22) 92
75-94 4 9-1 | 57.6kg



Marco Botti

Luke Morris

Lightly-raced maiden. Very good fourth of 9 in handicap (10/1) at Wolverhampton (16.6f) 22 days ago. Can give a good account without posing serious threat to principals.

9 8 CAPTAIN ROBERT (21) (BF) 100
6370221-6 4 9-1 | 57.6kg



James Fanshawe

Daniel Muscutt

Winner at Chelmsford City in December. Sixth of 9 in handicap (9/4) at Wolverhampton (14f) 21 days ago, unable to sustain effort. Now tried in blinkers and he's a must for the shortlist.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Captain Robert, **4-1** Trojan Soldier, **5-1** Further Measure, **6-1** Skycutter, **17-2** King's Cruiser, **16-1** Prince Quattro, **18-1** Grand Duchess Olga, **20-1** Final Entry, **28-1** Capone

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CAPTAIN ROBERT appeared somewhat short of full match-fitness back from an eight-week break at Wolverhampton earlier this month and this 4-y-o, who is in good hands and probably remains on a good mark, is taken to get back on track with blinkers enlisted here. Recent Kempton winner Further Measure is highly likely to be involved in the finish, along with Trojan Soldier, who went down narrowly when returning from a break here 25 days ago.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. CAPTAIN ROBERT 2. FURTHER MEASURE 3. TROJAN SOLDIER****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race