

Thursday 25th September

PONTEFRACT



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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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEITH CHESTERS APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-60) £6,500 5f3y (1010 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Soft**


SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


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

1 2 PAPA DON'T PREACH (IRE) (105) (D, BF) 96
32232242 6 9-9 | 61.2kg

 Kevin Frost **William Pyle**
Fifteen runs since last win in 2024 but it was hard to knock his consistency in the first half of this year, finishing runner-up 5 times between March and June. Been off for 105 days and could go well on return.


2 4 FORTUNATE STAR (IRE) (16) (D) t ★ 100
48120487 5 9-6 | 59.9kg

 Declan Carroll **Harry Smith (7lb/3kg)**
Latest win at Haydock in July. Recent efforts not so good but has returned to that winning mark.

3 1 CANARIA QUEEN (4) (D) s 99
40113712 5 9-5 | 59.4kg

 Tim Easterby **Jake Dickson (7lb/3kg)**
Three wins from 12 runs this year, the latest at Carlisle (5f, soft) earlier this month. Another good effort when second of 12 at Hamilton (5f, good to soft) 4 days ago. Enters calculations.


4 6 KYBER CRYSTAL (IRE) (4) (D) s+t 96
15325830 6 9-4 | 59.0kg

 Rebecca Menzies **Kaiya Fraser**
Winning reappearance at Musselburgh in April but mixed form since. Ran well when third to Canaria Queen at Carlisle earlier this month but well behind her at Hamilton on Sunday.

5 3 MASTERCLASS (17) (D) b 97
14657263 6 9-3 | 58.5kg

 Paul Midgley **Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)**
Turf win at Nottingham (5f, good) in June. Creditable third of 11 in handicap at Newcastle (5f, 15/2) 17 days ago.


6 5 GLENDOWN (IRE) (27) (CD) s+t 93
90349906 5 8-13 | 56.7kg

 Tim Easterby **Oisin McSweeney**
C&D winner. Twelve runs since last win in 2024. Reached the frame twice in June but has been out of sorts since.

7 7 NINETY NINE (IRE) (27) (D) s 93
138-93468 4 8-10 | 55.3kg

 John Wainwright **T. Kiely-Marshall (3lb/1kg)**
Eighth of 9 in classified event at Newcastle (5f) 27 days ago. Others are more persuasive.

8 8 BRAZEN RASCAL (29) (BF) s 93
08-995546 5 8-9(8-8) | 54.9kg (54.4kg)

 Simon Whitaker **Zak Wheatley**
Bit below form when sixth of 14 in classified event at Catterick (7f, good to firm, 7/2) 29 days ago. Down in trip. Cheekpieces on first time.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Canaria Queen, **7-2** Papa Don't Preach, **7-1** Masterclass, **8-1** Fortunate Star, **10-1** Brazen Rascal, **14-1** Kyber Crystal, **14-1** Glendown, **16-1** Ninety Nine

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CANARIA QUEEN has had a good spell since the middle of the summer and is the most solid option in a race where most have something to prove. In Papa Don't Preach's case that's peak fitness after a break as he was very much in form when last seen in June. Fortunate Star is also dangerous to dismiss having dipped to the mark he defied at Haydock in July.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CANARIA QUEEN 2. PAPA DON'T PREACH 3. FORTUNATE STAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **Holbache** 6-9-7 11-4f Julie Camacho T. Kiely-Marshall (5) 10

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SAM GREEN 30 YEARS AT WTJ ANNIVERSARY EBF MAIDEN STAKES (5) 2yo £8,000 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 2




Going: **Soft**


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


1 4 DONTWASTE A MOMENT (31) 76
 7 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Ivan Furtado **Tom Eaves**
 11/1, seventh of 9 in maiden at Ripon (6f, good to firm) on debut 31 days ago, unable to sustain effort.

2 2 MICK THE VEST 77
 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Bryan Smart **Harrison Shaw**
 Foaled April 3. Dream Ahead gelding. Dam 2-y-o 5f winner. The betting should help guide to expectations.



3 5 NAPOLIAN (IRE) (21) 90
 233 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 David O'Meara **Daniel Tudhope**
 Promising type who has been placed on all 3 outings. Likely capable of better still.


4 6 RYEFIELD (105) 74
 08 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Lawrence Mullaney **S. B. Kirrane**
 Failed to beat a rival in 2 outings for David Loughnane at the start of the summer. Can only watch on return for new yard.

5 3 SPANISH WALTZ (16) 100
 2 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Ralph Beckett  **Hector Crouch**
 Promising individual. Second of 8 in maiden (11/4) at Ffos Las (7.5f, heavy) on debut 16 days ago. Down in trip. Leading claims with improvement likely.

6 1 TINY RIOT (IRE) 77
 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Dan Skelton **David Nolan**
 Foaled April 3. 40,000 gns 2-y-o Sottsass gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to useful winner up to 7f Chandlery. Leading jumps stable's first ever 2-y-o runner finished seventh of 10 at Leicester on Monday. Best watched unless the betting speaks for him.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-11 Spanish Waltz, **2-1** Napolian, **16-1** Mick The Vest, **16-1** Tiny Riot, **22-1** Dontwaste A Moment, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SPANISH WALTZ travelled well enough when second on his 7.5f Ffos Las debut to suggest he can cope with this shorter trip. Napolian appears the obvious danger.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SPANISH WALTZ 2. NAPOLIAN 3. MICK THE VEST

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Dark Rosa 2-9-2	2-1f	George Boughey	Pat Cosgrave	11
2023	Sala da Ballo 2-9-7	6-1	George Boughey	Rossa Ryan	13
2022	Kitai 2-9-2	2-9f	Charlie & Mark Johnston	Richard Kingscote	8
2021	Eldrickjones 2-9-5	2-13f	Roger Fell	Mark Crehan (3)	4
2020 ^I	Ballyconneely Bay 2-9-5	10-11f	John Quinn	Jason Hart	8
2020 ^{II}	Strike Red 2-9-5	7-4f	Richard Fahey	Paul Hanagan	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.18

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF NURSERY HANDICAP (4) 2yo
(Rated 0-80) £10,000 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 3



Going: **Soft**


SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


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

1 1 TRICKY TEL (14) (D) 94
 1157 2 9-10 | 61.7kg

 **Hugo Palmer** *Jason Hart*
 Landed short odds over 5.5f and 6f on first 2 starts. Hasn't built on that in a pair of 7f outings since but the return to 6f may help.


2 2 TROPICAL DREAMER (IRE) (52) 94
 1430 2 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Kevin Ryan** *Tom Eaves*
 Winner on debut at Beverley in April. Better form when third over 5f/6f on next 2 outings and might be worth forgiving him a lesser run in a sales race in Ireland since. Off for 7 weeks ahead of nursery debut.

3 6 LUCKY HERO (IRE) (26) (BF) 98
 52232 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **David O'Meara** *Daniel Tudhope*
 Fairly useful maiden. Good second of 5 in nursery at Sandown (7f, soft, evens) 26 days ago. Visor on first time now dropping back in trip.

4 8 YORKSHIRE PUDS (IRE) (34) 83
 308 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Michael Appleby** *Warren Fentiman (5lb/2kg)*
 Thrice-raced maiden. 80/1, 11 lengths last of 8 to Lifeplan in Group 2 Gimcrack at York (6f, good to firm) 34 days ago. More realistic chance now switching to a handicap with a first-time tongue tie added.


5 4 DEMETRIUS (21) (D) 100
 8392113 2 9-6 | 59.9kg

 **Sir Mark Prescott Bt** *Luke Morris*
 Won 6f nurseries at Catterick and Chelmsford last month. Creditable third of 8 in nursery at Haydock (7f, good) 21 days ago. Visor back on now returning to 6f. Likely to go well.


6 5 ALASKAN LIGHT (IRE) (110) 89
 281 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **K. R. Burke** *Sam James*
 Thrice-raced winner. 8/13, won 7-runner seller at Musselburgh (5f, good to firm) in June. Off 110 days ahead of nursery debut for last year's winning yard.

7 3 RUNAMARA (IRE) (22) (D) 99
 081 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Kevin Philippart de Foy** *David Egan*
 Thrice-raced winner. 33/1, left first 2 efforts well behind when winning 11-runner maiden at Bath (5.7f, soft) 22 days ago, pushed out. Makes handicap debut. Enters calculations.

8 7 LILY PEARL (36) 90
 434 2 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Richard Fahey** *Shane Gray*
 Thrice-raced maiden. Fourth of 7 in novice (10/3) at Carlisle (6f, good to firm) 36 days ago. Makes handicap debut.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Lucky Hero, **9-2** Demetrius, **5-1** Runamara, **11-2** Alaskan Light, **9-1** Lily Pearl, **12-1** Tropical Dreamer, **12-1** Yorkshire Puds, **14-1** Tricky Tel

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DEMETRIUS has been doing well in similar races and might be able to notch another win. There could be more to come from Bath maiden winner Runamara who is second choice ahead of Lucky Hero, who won't need to pull out much more for a visor.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DEMETRIUS 2. RUNAMARA 3. LUCKY HERO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Beyond Borders** 2-9-9 2-1f K. R. Burke Shane Gray 8

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WATCH RACING TV LIVE ON CHANNEL 424 RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (4) 2yo £9,000 1m6y (1610 Metres)

RACE 4



Going: **Soft**

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Draw: **Favours Low** Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 2 AFRICAN GIB 89



2 9-7 | 60.3kg
David Menuisier *David Egan*
 Foaled March 31. Territories gelding. Dam, maiden (stayed 1½m), half-sister to very smart winner up to 1m Jimmy Two Times. Represents a stable who are 6-37 with their juvenile runners on turf this season and he's fancied before betting clues.

2 5 JUST A GAMBLER (IRE) (20) 84



2 9-5 | 59.4kg
Charlie Johnston *Jason Hart*
 St Mark's Basilica colt who makes plenty of appeal on paper (well-grown sort too) but he looked badly in need of the experience and never got competitive when last of 13 in novice at Kempton (1m) on debut 20 days ago. This promises to reveal more.

3 6 GRINDLETON (20) 87



2 9-3 | 58.5kg
Daniel & Claire Kubler *Callum Rodriguez*
 Ribchester gelding. Dam, 9.5f winner. 14/1, hinted at ability when sixth of 13 in novice at Kempton (8f) on debut 20 days ago, plugging on without threatening. Likely he can improve on that and could hit the frame.

4 3 HOWSHAM (31) 82



2 9-3 | 58.5kg
Michael & David Easterby *Joanna Mason*
 Twice-raced gelding. Last of 9 in maiden at Ripon (6f, good to firm, 40/1) 31 days ago, beaten 2f out. Significantly up in trip now but he looks one for the longer term.

5 7 KARIOS (20) 85



2 9-3 | 58.5kg
James Ferguson *Daniel Muscutt*
 Masar colt. Dam 1¼m-1½m winner. 16/1, looked very much in need of the experience when twelfth of 13 in novice at Kempton (1m) on debut 20 days ago. Another who is likely to flourish at a later stage.

6 1 NORCROSS BROW (27) 70



2 9-3 | 58.5kg
Ollie Pears *Harry Russell*
 Once-raced maiden. 200/1, tenth of 11 in novice at Thirsk (8f, good) on debut 27 days ago, slowly away and never involved. Passed over.

7 4 CHARLOTTE CORDAY (IRE) 88



2 9-2 | 58.1kg
Ed Walker *George Downing*
 Foaled February 23. 20,000 gns foal, Cracksman filly. Dam, maiden (stayed 8.5f), half-sister to useful 2-y-o 1m winner Euphoric out of useful 1¼m/10.3f winner Blue Waltz. Newcomer to note.

8 9 GASPACHO (21) (BF) 100



2 9-2 | 58.1kg
William Haggas *Daniel Tudhope*
 Ghaiyyath filly who makes plenty of appeal on paper and showed ability under considerate handling when fifth of 10 in maiden at Haydock (7f, good) on debut 21 days ago, keeping on final 1f. Rates the type to make considerable progress with that under her belt and high on the shortlist here.

9 8 FOREVER PERFECT (20) 84



2 9-0 | 57.2kg
Rebecca Menzies *Kaiya Fraser*
 €38,000 2-y-o by Mohaather. 40/1, looked one for later on when seventh of 10 in novice at Haydock (8f, good to firm) on debut 20 days ago.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Gaspacho, **11-2** African Gib, **13-2** Charlotte Corday, **7-1** Grindleton, **12-1** Karios, **14-1** Just A Gambler, **14-1** Forever Perfect, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Not a strong novice by any means with GASPACHO firmly expected to take a sizeable step forward from her Haydock debut fifth 21 days ago and come out on top. Newcomers African Gib and Charlotte Corday could well emerge as the chief threats, with Grindleton best of the remainder with previous experience.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GASPACHO 2. AFRICAN GIB 3. CHARLOTTE CORDAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Magico 2-9-4	2-1	Marco Botti	Rossa Ryan	7
2022	Dora Milaje 2-8-11	7-1	David O'Meara	Jason Hart	9
2021	Approachability 2-9-5	10-1	Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.28

SIMON SCOPE DALBY SCREW-DRIVER HANDICAP (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-95) £17,000 1¼m5y (2020 Metres)

RACE 5



Going: **Soft**

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Draw: **Strongly Against High** Pace Information: **Even**

1 3 MR ALAN (48) (D) s 97
50-337204 6 10-0 | 63.5kg

Kevin Philippart de Foy **David Egan**
Sixteen runs since last win in 2023. 18/1, first run since leaving George Boughey when respectable fourth of 6 in handicap at Thirsk (12f, good to firm) 48 days ago. May sharpen up for that given it was his first run for 5 months and not ruled out from 2 lb lower. Cheekpieces go back on.

2 8 CHILLINGHAM (IRE) (34) (CD) v ★ 100
020-01676 6 9-12 | 62.6kg

Edward Bethell **Archie Young (5lb/2kg)**
C&D winner who was rightly awarded Queen Mother's Cup at York (11.8f) in June and performed well on 2 of his 3 starts in stronger company, sixth of 10 in handicap back at York (11.8f, good to firm) 34 days ago. One to consider operating just 1 lb above last winning mark.

3 6 CALLA LAGOON (56) 94
512-47 3 9-8 | 60.8kg

Ralph Beckett **Hector Crouch**
Listed runner up at 2 who has been seen only twice this year, his mark looking the stumbling block after 12 weeks off when seventh of 18 in handicap at Goodwood (9.9f, good, 18/1) 56 days ago. Ease in class now taking on his elders for the first time can see him in a better light, however.

4 9 TWIRLING (IRE) (19) t 94
3103366-5 5 9-8 | 60.8kg

Nicky Henderson **Luke Morris**
Useful handicapper last season for Simon & Ed Crisford. Well held on yard/novice hurdle debut after 7 months at Uttoxeter in July and strictly below best following wind surgery when fifth of 8 in handicap at Ascot (1m, good) 19 days ago. Steps back up in trip now.

5 2 CONTACT (IRE) (18) (C, D) 99
4/0 7 9-6 | 59.9kg

David & Nicola Barron **William Pyle (3lb/1kg)**
5-time winner during his career at up to 12f but he's clearly not been the easiest to train, on the sidelines for 2½ years prior to showing nothing when last of 12 in handicap at York (10.2f, good to firm) 18 days ago. Will need to leave that well behind if he's to play a part here.

6 5 RAULIN (IRE) (39) (CD) 94
3-5134411 3 9-3 | 58.5kg

David O'Meara **Daniel Tudhope**
Mehmas gelding who has proved steadily progressive this year, bagging back-to-back C&D handicaps in recent months. However, latest small-field victory probably best not taken at face value and completing the hat-trick will be much tougher from an 8 lb higher mark.

7 1 WAVE RIDER (19) (D) 97
43-261323 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

Harry Charlton **Callum Rodriguez**
Scored at Sandown (10f) in June and has continued in form, creditable third of 6 in handicap at Ascot (10f, good to soft) 19 days ago. No reason why he won't give another good account.

8 4 GUNSHIP (IRE) (18) (D) b+t 98
1-23100 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

James Ferguson **Daniel Muscutt**
Very progressive at up to 1¼m in the spring before patently failing to stay 1½m in King George handicap at Royal Ascot. Off 12 weeks/gelded prior to finishing an underwhelming tenth of 12 in handicap at York (10.2f) 18 days ago and bit to prove all of a sudden. Blinkers on 1st time.

9 7 FOX JOURNEY (14) (D) 97
7663-0630 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

Kevin Ryan **Kevin Stott**
Useful winner at up to 12f for Sir Michael Stoute but yet to truly find his feet for new yard, performing disappointingly when last of 14 in handicap (28/1) at Doncaster (11.9f, good) 14 days ago. Eased a further 3 lb ahead of this but others make much more appeal.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Raulin, 9-2 Wave Rider, 11-2 Calla Lagoon, 6-1 Chillingham, 6-1 Twirling, 10-1 Mr Alan, 14-1 Gunship, 22-1 Fox Journey, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This could well fall to one of the 3-y-os with WAVE RIDER, who has proved consistent in handicaps on the back of his breakthrough maiden success fancied to make a bold bid from what looks a handy mark. Calla Lagoon and Chillingham are others to consider, ahead of hat-trick seeking Raulin.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WAVE RIDER 2. CALLA LAGOON 3. CHILLINGHAM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Loyal Touch 4-9-4	9-1	Charlie Johnston	Archie Young (5)	9
2023	Chriszoff 3-9-7	5-1	Archie Watson	Rossa Ryan	7
2022	Eagle's Way 3-9-7	7-4f	Sir Mark Prescott Bt	Luke Morris	7
2021	Living Legend 5-9-12	7-2	Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	4
2020	Victory Chime 5-9-10	2-1f	Ralph Beckett	Rob Hornby	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.05

RACING TV HANDICAP (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-70) £8,000
1½m5y (2420 Metres)

RACE 6



Going: **Soft**

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

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. VULCAN WAY 2. KITSUNE POWER 3. SONIC PIONEER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Baltic** 3-8-13 5-1 Harry & Roger Charlton Callum Rodriguez 10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 6 KITSUNE POWER (IRE) (28) s **99**

20824376 6 10-1 | 64.0kg
 Tim Easterby *David Allan*
 Fifteen runs since last win in 2024. Fading sixth of 9 in handicap at Southwell (16.5f, 28/1) 28 days ago. Back down in trip and not taken lightly dropping markedly in class.

2 2 SONIC PIONEER (6lb/3kg ex) (8) **97**

29220221 3 10-1 | 64.0kg
 Jack Morland *Callum Rodriguez*
 5/1, career best when winning 11-runner handicap at Beverley (9.9f, soft) 8 days ago, kept up to work. Carries 6 lb penalty but very much one to consider stepping up in trip.

3 9 GREEK GIANT (IRE) (14) (D) s **99**

328/1253-6 5 9-13 | 63.0kg
 Ed Dunlop *Hector Crouch*
 Last of 6 in handicap (18/1) at Chelmsford City (14f) 14 days ago. Needs to bounce back.

4 5 TEQUILA (FR) (23) (BF) **94**

844-5359 3 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Kevin Philippart de Foy *David Egan*
 5/1, ninth of 10 in handicap at Wolverhampton (9.5f) 23 days ago. Up in trip. Something to find on form.

5 4 VULCAN WAY (17) ★ **100**

6-35843 3 9-7 | 60.3kg
 Harry Eustace *Kaiya Fraser*
 Resumed from 9 weeks off with a good third of 13 in handicap at Windsor (11.4f, good) 17 days ago. Another bold showing is on the cards in his bid for a maiden success.

6 1 HALIPHON (46) (D) s **97**

75230053 8 9-7 | 60.3kg
 Ian Williams *Ryan Kavanagh (5lb/2kg)*
 Thirteen runs since last win in 2024. 7/2, creditable third of 6 in handicap at Leicester (11.8f, firm) 46 days ago. Needs considering.

7 8 SOLAR SAVING (IRE) (17) **85**

39/0-940 4 9-6 | 59.9kg
 John Berry *Taryn Langley (5lb/2kg)*
 33/1, eleventh of 13 in handicap at Windsor (11.4f, good) 17 days ago. Difficult ask.

8 3 VERY MUDDY WATERS (24) b **95**

2-6793 3 9-6 | 59.9kg
 Declan Carroll *Zak Wheatley (3lb/1kg)*
 Lightly-raced maiden. Blinkered for 1st time, good third of 8 in handicap at Carlisle (9f, good, 28/1) 24 days ago. Significantly up in trip and in the mix.

9 7 SOLAR BENTLEY (IRE) (11) **97**

1345-6400 4 9-4 | 59.0kg
 Brian Ellison *Ben Robinson*
 Tenth of 11 in handicap (25/1) at Doncaster (10.2f, good) 11 days ago. Others more persuasive.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Sonic Pioneer, **9-2** Vulcan Way, **5-1** Very Muddy Waters, **11-2** Haliphon, **8-1** Kitsune Power, **14-1** Tequila, **22-1** Greek Giant, **25-1** Solar Bentley, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A few with chances but VULCAN WAY rates just the pick of the weights on the back of a good Windsor third so edges the vote from Kitsune Power, who should find this drop back in trip to his benefit. Recent Beverley scorer Sonic Pioneer can also have a big say under a 6 lb penalty.

5.38

RACE 7

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HANDICAP (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-80) £10,000 6f (1210 Metres)



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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**

1 5 LOVING APPRENTICE (9) (CD) 97
 21-603182 **3** 9-12 | 62.6kg

Ed Dunlop **Hector Crouch**
 C&D winner. Latest win at Lingfield in July. 4/1, creditable second of 7 in handicap at Yarmouth (5.2f, good) 9 days ago. Ought to be thereabouts.

2 13 HAVANA RUM (IRE) (28) (CD) s 96
 43222412 **5** 9-11 | 62.1kg

Richard Fahey **Conor Orr (31b/1kg)**
 C&D winner. Latest win at Ripon in August. 11/1, good second of 14 in handicap at Southwell (6.1f) 28 days ago, running on. Can go well again.

3 9 SCARBOROUGHWARNING (22) (D, BF) s 97
 2-3435294 **4** 9-11 | 62.1kg

Sir Mark Prescott Bt **Luke Morris**
 9/4 and cheekpieces on for 1st time, respectable fourth of 9 in handicap at Kempton (6f) 22 days ago. Not dismissed.

4 1 FIERCE (IRE) (28) (CD) 96
 7-2441810 **5** 9-11 | 62.1kg

Paul Midgley **Tom Eaves**
 C&D winner. Latest win at Wolverhampton in August. Eleventh of 14 in handicap (10/1) at Southwell (6.1f) 28 days ago, slowly away. Can give a good account if shrugging off latest effort.

5 6 YES I'M MALI (19) (D) v 92
 32-249650 **3** 9-8 | 60.8kg

Richard Fahey **Joe Fanning**
 Thirteenth of 16 in handicap at Thirk (6f, good to soft, 33/1) 19 days ago, slowly away. Visor on 1st time. Has work to do.

6 10 MISS HATHAWAY (14) (CD) 95
 03701237 **3** 9-8 | 60.8kg

Tim Easterby **David Allan**
 C&D winner. Latest win at Nottingham in July. Only seventh of 11 in handicap (15/2) at Newcastle (6f) 14 days ago but she's the sort to bounce back.

7 11 OCEAN TREATY (13) 91
 80030706 **3** 9-8 | 60.8kg

James Owen **Sam James**
 Fair ex-French 7f winner. Below-par sixth of 10 on his yard debut in handicap at Sandown (7f, heavy, 33/1) 13 days ago but can take a step forward now.

8 8 VALENTINE CATCHER (13) (D) s 91
 42/15-0000 **4** 9-6 | 59.9kg

Tim Easterby **S. B. Kirrane**
 40/1, fourteenth of 15 in handicap at Doncaster (6f, good) 13 days ago. Cheekpieces on for 1st time.

9 14 THE GOOD BISCUIT (19) (CD) 100
 76761454 **4** 9-5 | 59.4kg

Ruth Carr **Warren Fentiman (51b/2kg)**
 C&D winner. Latest win here in July. Not seen to best effect when fourth of 15 in handicap at Thirk (7f, good to soft) 19 days ago. Weighted to go close eased 1 lb.

10 12 BEALE STREET (24) (D) 95
 5-3130339 **4** 9-5 | 59.4kg

Bryan Smart **Harrison Shaw**
 Ninth of 11 in handicap (9/2) at Carlisle (6.9f, good) 24 days ago. Can give a good account if back on his A-game.

11 4 CAIRDEAS (30) 98
 6-3404804 **3** 9-5 | 59.4kg

Paul Midgley **David Nolan**
 Got back on track when fourth of 12 in handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm, 18/1) 30 days ago. Not taken lightly off a 1 lb lower mark.

12 3 WRECK IT RYLEY (IRE) (14) (D) s 98
 60625007 **5** 9-4 | 59.0kg

Alan Brown **Kaiya Fraser**
 16/1, seventh of 10 in handicap at Chelmsford City (7f) 14 days ago. Cheekpieces back on with more needed.

13 7 KEEP WARM (5) (CD) v 97
 73-844359 **4** 9-2 | 58.1kg

Michael & David Easterby **Joanna Mason**
 C&D winner. Fifteen runs since last win in 2023. 18/1, last of 9 in handicap at Chester (5.5f, heavy) 5 days ago. Needs a couple of these to falter.

14 2 CITY CAPTAIN (13) (CD) 95
 94-121149 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg

Harriet Bethell **Daniel Tudhope**
 C&D winner. 3 wins from 6 runs this year. Latest win at Hamilton in June. 7/2, respectable ninth of 15 in handicap at Doncaster (6f, good) 13 days ago. In the picture.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Havana Rum, **7-1** Scarboroughwarning, **7-1** Loving Apprentice, **9-1** City Captain, **10-1** Cairdeas, **11-1** The Good Biscuit, **11-1** Beale Street, **16-1** Fierce, **18-1** Miss Hathaway, **20-1** Wreck It Ryley, **22-1** Keep Warm, **22-1** Yes I'm Mali, **28-1** Ocean Treaty, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THE GOOD BISCUIT didn't enjoy the rub of the green when fourth at Thirk last time and can capitalise on a 1 lb lower mark to bag a second C&D success. Cairdeas could emerge as the main danger after his resurgent Ripon fourth, although Havana Rum, Scarboroughwarning and Ocean Treaty all need factoring in too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THE GOOD BISCUIT 2. CAIRDEAS 3. HAVANA RUM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Milbanke 4-9-4	5-2f	Julie Camacho	Ryan Sexton (3)	8
2022	Golden Apollo 8-8-11	18-1	Tim Easterby	James Sullivan	11
2021	Oso Rapido 4-9-5	3-1	Roger Fell	Jason Hart	8
2020	Alminoor 3-9-4	8-1	Ivan Furtado	Jason Hart	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race