



Tuesday 28th July

BEVERLEY
1.35 LADY JANE BETHELL MEMORIAL AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (6) 1m1f207y (2000 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(6) STAR START | (4) SUNNY ORANGE | (2) PERFIDIA**
2.10 THANK YOU KATHY BURNE SELLING HANDICAP (6) 1½m23y (2440 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(7) HEAD GIRL | (3) LA TRINITE | (6) TALKING IN KODE**
2.45 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (Qualifier) (5) 5f (1010 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(11) ELEVEN EIGHTY TWO | (1) BLACK VELVET BOY | (5) LEXINGTON BOOM**
3.20 30 YEARS OF THE HURN RACING CLUB EBF NOVICE STAKES (3) 7f96y (1500 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(3) ROMANZA | (1) APULIA BAY | (4) VEGA KING**
3.55 HOOF HUSTLE HANDICAP (5) 7f96y (1500 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(4) NORCROSS BROW | (1) CAROLUS MAGNUS | (3) MASABAN**
4.30 IT'S LADIES DAY NEXT ON 12 AUGUST HANDICAP (5) 5f (1010 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(4) SPEEDING BULLET | (1) AZUIN THE JUNGLE | (8) CRAFTY SPIRIT**
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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RACE 1

LADY JANE BETHELL MEMORIAL AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-65) £7,650 1m1f207y (2000 Metres)



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

Right handed. The round course, just over eleven furlongs in extent, isn't particularly stiff despite the uphill finish, this modified by the downhill turn into the straight and the relatively short run in of just two and a half furlongs, favouring those ridden closer to the pace. The five-furlong track has a dog-leg to the right and is on the rise throughout, so is on the testing side even in normal conditions, whilst in soft it takes some getting, particularly for two-year-olds early in the season.

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

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1	8	SANDRET (IRE) (29) (D)		95
	753121-68	10 11-2 70.8kg		
Sam England		Miss Rebecca Hitchen (5lb/2kg)		
Revived for this yard last season, winning at Redcar and Thirsk in late summer. Went backwards from reappearance when last of 8 in handicap at Pontefract (1¼m, good to firm, 12/1) 29 days ago. Has a bit to prove all of a sudden.				
2	4	PERFIDIA (IRE) (10) (BF)	s	99
	21359122	4 11-1 70.3kg		
Tim Easterby		Mr Thomas Easterby (3lb/1kg)		
Generally reliable performer who landed a second win of the season when making all at Nottingham last month. Has gone close when second both starts since and should be on the premises again after a further 3 lb rise in the weights.				
3	3	STIPULATION (IRE) (24) (D)	s	98
	353-33867	5 11-0 69.9kg		
Mark Loughnane		Mr Jack Loughnane (7lb/3kg)		
Consistent performer on the all-weather during the winter. Has failed to make an impact last 3 starts but gets further help from the handicapper.				
4	5	SUNNY ORANGE (IRE) (14) (C)	s	98
	13074442	6 10-12 68.9kg		
Tim Easterby		Miss Amy Collier		
Four-time course winner albeit over shorter trips. Creditable second of 9 in handicap (11/1) over C&D (good to firm) 2 weeks ago. Should go well again.				
5	7	ALAZWAR (IRE) (43) (D)		98
	37029002	8 10-10 68.0kg		
Archie Watson		Miss Brodie Hampson		
Produced one of this season's better efforts when second of 9 in handicap at Chepstow (1¼m, good, 14/1) in June. Has dropped to a handy mark but isn't guaranteed to be in the same form.				
6	1	STAR START (IRE) (14) (CD)		98
	26-953853	6 10-8 67.1kg		
Ruth Carr		Miss Charli Parker (5lb/2kg)		
Dead heated in this last year. Back on track when third of 9 in handicap over C&D (good to firm, 17/2) 14 days ago, very much having run of race. Finished one place behind Sunny Orange then, but has to be taken seriously from this mark.				
7	6	LITTLE SHE (FR) (28)	t	100
	732-65325	4 10-2 64.4kg		
Marcus Tregoning		Miss Alice Tregoning (5lb/2kg)		
Remains a maiden after 18 runs. Placed at Leicester and Chepstow before finding her run of form coming to an end at Brighton last time. Can bounce back.				
8	2	THE PUG (IRE) (7) (D)	s	98
	474903U6	6 9-13 63.0kg		
Olly Murphy		Mr Josh Myers (7lb/3kg)		
Hasn't been the easiest to catch right but he produced best performance of the year on debut for this yard (formerly with Micky Hammond) when third at Chepstow last month. Unseated rider next time before finishing well held at Wolverhampton last week. Has the cheekpieces back on.				

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Perfidia, 9-2 Sunny Orange, 5-1 Little She, 6-1 Star Start, 6-1 Alazwar, 16-1 The Pug, 18-1 Stipulation, 18-1 Sandret

TIMEFORM VIEW:

STAR START landed a share of the spoils in this last year with the same rider in the saddle and can open his account for the year from a reduced mark. The Tim Easterby trained pair, Sunny Orange and Perfidia, make most appeal of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. STAR START 2. SUNNY ORANGE 3. PERFIDIA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Poet's Dawn	10-11-2	10-3f	Tim Easterby	Mrs Emily Roberts	14
	Star Start	5-10-7	7-1	Ruth Carr	Miss Charli Parker (5)	14

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RACE 2

THANK YOU KATHY BURNE SELLING HANDICAP (6) 3yo+
(Rated 0-55) £7,650 1½m23y (2440 Metres)



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

1	4	PORTER'S SONG (50)		96
		5-5659	4 9-12 62.6kg	
		Liam Bailey	Jack Garritty	
Once-raced in France, before taking a step forward sent handicapping on third start for Edward Bethell when fifth at Leicester in April. Finished well held on stable debut at Pontefract in June.				
2	3	CHARACTER TESTING (31)	v+t	85
		1948/789	5 9-12 62.6kg	
		Mark Walford	Kyle McHugh (7lb/3kg)	
Opened his account on the Flat in 1m Southwell maiden in 2024. Has made limited impact since in handicaps on the level. Not disgraced when fourth in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good) 13 days ago. Fitted with a first-time visor here.				
3	1	LA TRINITE (22)		93
		536669-23	4 9-6 59.9kg	
		Neil King	Dougie Costello	
Ended time with Mike Murphy under a cloud but has been placed on both starts for this yard, latest when third on the polytrack at Lingfield (2m) just over 3 weeks ago. Steps back down markedly in trip but can go well again.				
4	6	BLACKWATER LILLY (94)	s	94
		6540-9760	6 9-5 59.4kg	
		Neil King	Paul Mulrennan	
Ran better than for a while when sixth of 15 in a better race at Doncaster in March. Well held on latest Flat outing at Leicester the following month. Left Brian Ellison and ran to just a modest level over hurdles since. Has the cheekpieces refitted.				
5	2	RULER OF THE RIVER (IRE) (13)	s+t	80
		046/00-6	6 9-3(9-2) 58.5kg (58.1kg)	
		Philip Kirby	Barry McHugh	
Winning hurdler but seems to have lost her way, again showing little on the Flat on yard debut recently. Easy to pass over.				
6	5	TALKING IN KODE (9)	v	94
		7026565	3 9-1 57.6kg	
		Edward Bethell 	C. Horgan (5lb/2kg)	
Lightly-raced filly who is proving consistent rather than progressive. Fifth of 8 in handicap (7/2) at Redcar (1¼m, good to firm) 9 days ago. Steps up in trip with first-time visor fitted.				
7	7	HEAD GIRL (27)	s	 100
		067-939	3 8-12 56.2kg	
		Jonathan Portman	Jason Hart	
Ran well at Lingfield on penultimate start in a race which has produced 5 next-time-out winners. Well beaten at Epsom last time but is an unexposed filly who could bounce back.				

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Talking In Kode, 3-1 La Trinite, 4-1 Head Girl, 17-2 Blackwater Lilly, 9-1 Porter's Song, 11-1 Character Testing, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A repeat of her Lingfield effort can see HEAD GIRL finally open her account in a weak race. La Trinite can maintain her string of placed efforts, with Talking In Kode also in the mix for minor money.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HEAD GIRL 2. LA TRINITE 3. TALKING IN KODE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2025	Queen Roslyn 4-9-10	6-1	Brian Ellison	Ben Robinson 9
2024	Dr Rio 8-9-9	4-1	Declan Carroll	Zak Wheatley (3) 11
2023	Lechro 4-9-13	6-1	Jennie Candlish	Connor Beasley 10
2022	Charlie's Yard 4-10-2	7-4f	David Evans	Ben Curtis 9
2021	Major Snugfit 5-10-7	7-2	Rebecca Menzies	Paul Mulrennan 9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (Qualifier) (5) 2yo
£9,000 5f (1010 Metres)



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

1	13	BLACK VELVET BOY (IRE) (8)	95
	73	2 9-7 60.3kg	Jason Hart
John & Sean Quinn €3,000 foal (private sale), €12,500 yearling, Soldier's Call half-brother to useful 5f winner Master of My Fate. Left debut behind 3 months on when third in C&D maiden last week. Still showed signs of greenness so may do better again.			
2	11	CLASSY JAGUAR	89
		2 9-7 60.3kg	Dougie Costello
Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood Foaled April 24. Pearl Secret gelding. Half-brother to several winners, including 7f-1¼m winner Ey Up Its The Boss and 5f winner Ey Up It's Maggie. Dam unraced. Yard 0-9 with 2-y-o newcomers last 12 months.			
3	14	DAVE'S MATEY (IRE) (9)	70
	000	2 9-7 60.3kg	Duran Fentiman
Tim Easterby Offered little in 3 outings.			
4	1	DESERT OUTLAW (IRE) (27)	79
	9	2 9-7 60.3kg	David Nolan
Paul Midgley €4,000 yearling, resold €5,000 yearling, Arizona gelding. Brother to winner up to 1m Glyndwr and half-brother to 2-y-o 5f winner Mymovies and 10.4f winner Golden Money. Only hinted at ability in Thirsk novice.			
5	3	LEXINGTON BOOM (28)	96
	2	2 9-7 60.3kg	Oliver Stammers
Grant Tuer €23,000 Ardad colt. Dam maiden half-sister to useful 5f/6f winner Clearpoint (by Ardad). Runner-up in Musselburgh maiden on debut 4 weeks ago and likely to improve having led for most of the way.			
6	7	MAXIMUS MERIDIUS (IRE) (11)	97
	23	2 9-7 60.3kg	Rowan Scott
David Loughnane Made an encouraging start to his career when second in maiden at Ayr and similar form when third at Pontefract 11 days ago. Should be in the mix again.			
7	5	MR DE MAGGS (13)	60
	00	2 9-7 60.3kg	Alex Jary (3lb/1kg)
Tony Culhane & Stella Barclay Tailed off both starts.			
8	12	ANGEL STEPS (IRE) (36)	79
	87	2 9-2 58.1kg	Barry McHugh
Paul Midgley Well held both starts.			
9	9	AVA LOUISE (36)	89
	5	2 9-2 58.1kg	Ethan Tindall (5lb/2kg)
Philip McBride 1,000 gns foal, €4,000 yearling, Territories filly. Half-sister to several winners, including useful 2-y-o 6f winner Spiritual Lady and 1¼m winner Durand. Dam unraced. Soon detached in Brighton maiden though made some late headway.			
10	4	DOROTHEA HOPE (IRE) (8)	93
	4	2 9-2 58.1kg	David Allan
Tim Easterby Invincible Army filly. Dam unraced half-sister to smart 5f winner Bilhayl out of useful 2-y-o 6f winner Soraaya. Showed ability in doing best of the newcomers when fourth (¾ length behind Black Velvet Boy) over C&D last week and she's entitled to come on for that.			

11	8	ELEVEN EIGHTY TWO (IRE) (22)	(BF) 100
	422	2 9-2 58.1kg	Paul Mulrennan
Ben Haslam All the wiser with her debut behind her when second (split a pair of subsequent winners) in maiden at Carlisle and similar form when filling same spot at Ripon 3 weeks ago. Sets a clear standard. Engaged 19.40 Ripon Monday.			
12	2	MALULEE	90
		2 9-2 58.1kg	S. B. Kirrane
Michael Dods Foaled February 15. Lope Y Fernandez filly. Dam lightly raced. Stable get the occasional winning newcomer (market often a good guide).			
13	10	NOCCALULA FALLS (IRE) (27)	79
	6	2 9-2 58.1kg	Cam Hardie
Paul Midgley €5,000 yearling, Soldier's Call filly. Sister to 1m winner Alabama Calling and half-sister to 3 winners, including winner up to 7f Duesenberg and 9.5f winner Macho Guest. Achieved very little in Thirsk novice.			
14	6	PURRISTA	90
		2 9-2 58.1kg	Joanna Mason
Gemma Tutty Foaled March 24. 18,000 gns foal, 12,000 gns yearling, Caturra filly. Dam, maiden (stayed 1½m), half-sister to useful 2-y-o 5.5f-7f winner See The Rose. Yard 0-7 with 2-y-o newcomers last 12 months.			

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
3-1 Eleven Eighty Two, 9-2 Maximus Meridius, 5-1 Lexington Boom, 6-1 Black Velvet Boy, 8-1 Dorothea Hope, 20-1 Malulee, 22-1 Purrista, 33-1 Ava Louise, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
ELEVEN EIGHTY TWO sets a clear standard if taking up this engagement (also declared at Ripon on Monday). Black Velvet Boy and Lexington Boom are the alternatives.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. ELEVEN EIGHTY TWO 2. BLACK VELVET BOY 3. LEXINGTON BOOM

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

30 YEARS OF THE HURN RACING CLUB EBF NOVICE STAKES
(3) 2yo £12,000 7f96y (1500 Metres)



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

1	3	APULIA BAY (IRE) (22)	95
	3	2 9-7 60.3kg	
		Simon & Ed Crisford <i>Oisín James Orr</i> 600,000 gns Too Darn Hot colt. Didn't go unbacked when promising third (1¼ lengths behind Romanza) at Lingfield. Wasn't given a hard time on that occasion and likely to finish closer on turf debut.	
2	1	GIANT DAN BURN (GER)	
	2	9-7 60.3kg	
		Charlie Johnston <i>Rowan Scott</i> Foaled March 5. €140,000 yearling, Stradivarius colt. Half-brother to several winners, including useful German winner up to 1m Ghorgan and 9f/1¼m winner Gaheris. Dam, useful German winner up to 7f. Makes appeal on pedigree but we may see the best of him over further.	
3	4	ROMANZA (22)	100
	472	2 9-7 60.3kg	
		Charlie Fellowes <i>Paddy Bradley</i> 160,000 gns Frankel colt. Built on debut promise with 4¼ lengths seventh of 14 in Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot (7f). Easy to back/ran to a similar level when ¾-length second at Lingfield latest. Sets the standard, though old rival Apulia Bay likely to do better this time.	
4	2	VEGA KING (IRE) (15)	82
	4	2 9-7 60.3kg	
		K. R. Burke <i>Sam James</i> €68,000 Lucky Vega colt. Moved well for a long way before finishing 1½ lengths fourth of 5 in a muddling race on debut at Ayr. Has something to find with the form principals, though is a likely improver for excellent connections.	

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Romanza, 2-1 Apulia Bay, 7-2 Vega King, 15-2 Giant Dan Burn

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ROMANZA is the one to beat on his seventh in the Chesham at Royal Ascot. He finished ahead of Apulia Bay on the all-weather subsequently and may just be able to confirm that form on return to turf.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROMANZA 2. APULIA BAY 3. VEGA KING

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

HOOF HUSTLE HANDICAP (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-70) £8,650
7f96y (1500 Metres)



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

1	3	CAROLUS MAGNUS (IRE) (36) (D)	99
	02520-261	8 9-12 62.6kg	
	Michael & David Easterby	Joanna Mason	
	Has built a fine record at Musselburgh and showed his best form in over 2 years when he won there 36 days ago. Needs to prove as effective away from that track but a 2 lb rise still leaves him very competitive.		
2	4	NAPOLIAN (IRE) (18)	92
	2334-810	3 9-9 61.2kg	
	David O'Meara	David Nolan	
	€190,000 son of Kodiak who showed promise away from testing conditions as a juvenile. Possessed sharper turn of foot than short-price favourite when winning a match at Leicester (1m) last month but didn't look an easy ride at York 18 days ago. Back in distance,		
3	6	MASABAN (IRE) (20) (BF)	96
	58-61352	3 9-8 60.8kg	
	Edward Bethell	Oisin James Orr	
	Ex-Irish gelding who was much improved when landing big gamble on handicap debut at Ripon (1m) in May. Ran to a similar level when third of 14 at Doncaster soon after and quickly cast aside Pontefract run when second at Catterick returned to 7f 3 weeks ago. Can remain competitive.		
4	7	NORCROSS BROW (19) (D, BF)	100
	8-2468312	3 9-6 59.9kg	
	Charlie Clover	Jason Hart	
	Free-going type who showed fair form for Ollie Pears and wasted little time making an impact for current connections when winning 7f handicap at Brighton in June, showing improved form in the process. Matched that form when second at Doncaster and looks one to beat from the same mark.		
5	5	LADY HORNBLOWER (67) (CD)	90
	2120-698	3 9-4 59.0kg	
	Jedd O'Keeffe	Jack Garritty	
	Built on debut promise when landing a 7.5f maiden here in August 2025 but she hardly set the world alight in a trio of handicap starts at up to 1¼m during the spring. Drops back in distance on return from a break post breathing operation.		
6	2	DUMFRIES (14) (CD)	95
	34d14456-5	6 9-3 58.5kg	
	Ruth Carr	James Sullivan	
	Dual course winner last season who was given a considerate ride on belated reappearance here 2 weeks ago, This will reveal more.		
7	8	WILLOWINGHURN (28) (D)	95
	189-78505	3 8-10 55.3kg	
	David O'Meara	Rowan Scott	
	Musselburgh winner on soft in October but has done nothing of note since.		
8	1	WALK ON WALK ON (IRE) (24)	97
	49-064052	3 8-5 53.1kg	
	Noel Wilson	Ethan Tindall (5lb/2kg)	
	Yet to win but he was eased in grade and posted a very good second of 6 here 24 days ago, albeit no match for the winner. Back up in grade but a repeat of that will see him competitive again.		

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Norcross Brow, 10-3 Carolus Magnus, 5-1 Masaban, 7-1 Walk On Walk On, 12-1 Dumfries, 12-1 Willowinghurn, 16-1 Napolian, 22-1 Lady Hornblower

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NORCROSS BROW cemented an excellent start for Charlie Clover when second at Doncaster 3 weeks ago and from the same mark, he can quickly regain the winning thread, Carolus Magnus and Masaban head the opposition.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NORCROSS BROW 2. CAROLUS MAGNUS 3. MASABAN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	King Sharja	5-9-2	10-1	Ruth Carr	Joanna Mason	10
2024	Bell Shot	5-9-12	11-4	Michael Appleby	Tyler Heard (3)	8
2023	First Greyed	5-9-10	4-1	Michael Dods	Connor Beasley	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

IT'S LADIES DAY NEXT ON 12 AUGUST HANDICAP (5) 3yo+
(Rated 0-70) £8,650 5f (1010 Metres)



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

1	6	AZUINTHEJUNGLE (15) (CD) 0-7047321 4 9-13 63.0kg	98
		Nigel Tinkler C&D scorer last summer who has seemingly been working his way back and got off the mark for the season a bit more decisively than the winning margin indicates in 8-runner event at Ayr (6f, firm) just over a fortnight ago. Remains of interest from 3 lb higher.	Alex Jary (3lb/1kg)
2	3	LE BEAU GARCON (42) (CD) 16020-450 7 9-13 63.0kg	93
		Michael & David Easterby C&D winner 5 years ago who proved rather in and out during a light 2025 campaign. Seemingly going the wrong way this season but the handicapper has dropped him a chunk as a result.	Joanna Mason
3	4	JOJO RABBIT (42) (CD) 81672286 8 9-11 62.1kg	93
		Ruth Carr Won this race last year and opened his account for the season at Pontefract (5f, soft) in April. Runner-up twice since, but last couple of efforts have been disappointing, most recently over C&D (good to firm) 6 weeks ago. Bounce back needed.	James Sullivan
4	7	SPEEDING BULLET (IRE) (55) 01422-077 5 9-10 61.7kg	100
		Paul Midgley Won at Pontefract (6f, good) last summer and ended 2025 with good runner-up efforts at Southwell and Haydock. Has seemingly been working his way back this year, always trailing from a ponderous start at Ripon (5f) most recently 8 weeks ago. Worth a look now 3 lb below his last winning mark.	David Nolan
5	9	EMPRESS OLIVIA (12) 46-210406 3 9-9 61.2kg	95
		Mark Walford Confirmed reappearance promise when landing 13-runner event at Ripon (6f) in April. Has struggled since, running better without staging a return to form when sixth of 9 at Thirsk (5f, good to firm) 12 days ago. Others more appealing.	Jack Garritty
6	5	GOLDEN HAVANA (IRE) (8) (D) 51-743322 3 9-6 59.9kg	v 96
		Michael Dods In first-time blinkers when winning at Newcastle in December and has continued in good heart this year (in visor last 4 outings), second of 6 at Ayr (5f, firm) 8 days ago. Can be thereabouts once more.	S. B. Kirrane
7	2	OPAL STORM (5lb/2kg ex) (8) (CD) 07-915081 6 9-4 59.0kg	s+t 93
		Brian Rothwell Proved as good as ever to notch a second win of the season in 10-runner event over C&D (good to firm) 8 days ago, finishing to good effect to run down the pacesetters and score a shade cosily. 5 lb penalty to shoulder but effectively 2 lb well-in.	Faye McManoman
8	1	CRAFTY SPIRIT (IRE) (14) (CD) 59867-211 5 9-0 57.2kg	b 93
		John Wainwright Seems to have found a new lease of life in blinkers this season, supplementing his Wetherby success last month with victory in 10-runner event over C&D a fortnight ago, admittedly aided by the run of the race. 6 lb rise makes things tougher but respected in his current mood.	Barry McHugh
9	8	WITHOUT FLAW (IRE) (14) (CD, BF) 256-37477 5 8-13 56.7kg	96
		Tina Jackson Dual C&D scorer last summer. Returned with an encouraging third at Wetherby but hasn't backed it up in 4 subsequent starts, racing too close to the strong pace when 4¼ lengths seventh of 10 to Crafty Spirit over C&D on latest. Assessor continues to relent.	Cam Hardie

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SPEEDING BULLET's form figures this season don't exactly inspire but Paul Midgley's 5-y-o wasn't given a hard time at Ripon 8 weeks ago and now returning 3 lb below his last winning mark, he could well be worth taking a chance on. Heading up the threats is Azuinthejungle, who got off the mark for the year a bit more decisively than the winning margin indicated last time, with another last-time-out winner Crafty Spirit rounding off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SPEEDING BULLET 2. AZUINTHEJUNGLE 3. CRAFTY SPIRIT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Jojo Rabbit 7-9-6	12-1	Ruth Carr	Joanna Mason	8
2024	Glory Hyde 3-9-6	10-1	Roger Fell & Sean Murray	Callum Rodriguez	7
2023	Show Me Show Me 6-9-11	13-2	Richard Fahey	Oisin James Orr	9
2022	Latin Five 5-9-7	28-1	Paul Midgley	Graham Lee	12
2021	Show Yourself 3-9-4	2-1jf	James Tate	Stefano Cherchi (5)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Crafty Spirit, 4-1 Azuinthejungle, 11-2 Opal Storm, 13-2 Golden Havana, 12-1 Without Flaw, 14-1 Jojo Rabbit, 16-1 Empress Olivia, 16-1 Le Beau Garcon, 33-1 Speeding Bullet