



Friday 29th August THIRSK

2.05	AJA NOVICE FLAT AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (6) 7f218y (1610 Metres)
RACE 1	(2) SANDRET (1) COCONUT BAY (9) WOODRAFFF
2.35	BRITISH EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4) 7f218y (1610 Metres)
RACE 2	(5) NADA TWO (2) CONJECTURE (4) MAYFAIR MARKET
3.05	BRITISH EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (Qualifier) (5) 7f218y (1610 Metres)
RACE 3	(1) BIG SONG (2) BE THE STANDARD (4) MAGICAL MERLOT
3.38	RUBY LODGE CARE HOME IN THIRSK HANDICAP (3) 6f (1210 Metres)
RACE 4	(6) ROUSING ENCORE (11) IT JUST TAKES TIME (1) SECRET GUEST
4.08	CONSTANT SECURITY SERVICES HANDICAP (2) 7f (1410 Metres)
RACE 5	(8) FINE INTERVIEW (7) STRONG WARRIOR (4) BOBBY BENNU
4.38	HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVE BRAMLEY HANDICAP (4) 13/4m (2820 Metres)
RACE 6	(4) TAFSIR (2) ANCIENT MYTH (3) SCARLET MOON
5.08	LADIES' DAY SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER BOOK NOW CLASSIFIED STAKES (6) 6f (1210 Metres)
RACE 7	(3) CROCUS TIME (1) SANBONA (7) SUPERIOR COUNCIL

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.

AJA NOVICE FLAT AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (6) 3yo+ (Rated 0-65) £6,000 7f218y (1610 Metres)



RACE 1

Going: Good (Good to Firm in places)

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Draw: N/A Pace Information: Weak

COCONUT BAY (11)

6 11-2 70.8kg 71311862

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Miss Amy Milburn (3lb/1kg)

Tristan Davidson

Four-time winner this year, with latest success at Catterick (7f) in July. Having had excuses next 2 starts, back to best when second of 10 in handicap at the same C&D (good to firm, 8/1) 11 days ago. Can remain competitive.

SANDRET (IRE) (21) (D)

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Sam England Miss Rebecca Hitchen Successful on second start for current yard at Redcar in July and ran well under

a penalty when second of 7 in handicap at Musselburgh (7.1f, good to firm, 11/2) 3 weeks ago. Likely contender in his current form.

JEWEL MAKER (IRE) (6) (D) **10** 10-13 69.4kg 88453533

Tim Easterby Miss Rebecca Burley (3lb/1kg)

Without a win so far this year but arrives in decent heart, third of 6 in handicap at Redcar (10f, good, 5/1) 6 days ago. Into the veteran stage but can give his running

once more back down in trip. 96

WHO WANTS ME (IRE) (37) 35-002760 3 10-12 68.9kg

> lain Jardine Mr Lucas Murphy (3lb/1kg)



Went close when runner-up at Carlisle in June but has found things tougher

since, eleventh of 12 in handicap at Doncaster (6f, good, 40/1) 37 days ago. Tongue strap applied as she drops back down in grade (has had wind op).

WARRNAMBOOL (GER) (23) 99

09-459585 **3** 10-9 67.6kg

Nick Littmoden Miss Grace Littmoden (3lb/1kg) Form has been up and down for current yard this season, in first-time

cheekpieces/tongue strap (now discarded) when only fifth of 8 in handicap at Kempton (7f, 5/2) 23 days ago. Capable of getting involved if on a going day.

SIRIUS WHITE (IRE) (30) (D) 96 0312-1803 6 10-9 67.6kg

Winner at Newcastle in January, his third success with this rider on board. Bounced back from a couple of lesser efforts when 51/4 lengths third of 9 to Sandret in handicap at Redcar (8f, good to firm, 20/1) a month ago. Not ruled out.

SUZETTE (50) 89

199-60586 **3** 10-7 66.7kg Ollie Pears

Mr Henry Callan Winner at Carlisle on nursery debut but hasn't been able to match that level since, making first start since breathing operation when sixth of 12 in handicap

at Carlisle (6.9f, good, 22/1) 50 days ago. Others more persuasive.

EPICURIAN LAD (27) 96

46536320 **3** 10-5 65.8kg **Richard Fahey**

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Placed both starts in July and run best excused when tenth of 11 in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm, 16/1) 27 days ago, awkward leaving the stalls. More

needed, though, if he's to gain a breakthrough success.

WOODRAFFF (18) (BF) 98 **4** 10-3 64.9kg

Off the mark in handicap at Beverley in July, before not ideally placed when

fourth of 7 in minor event at Ayr (8f, good, 15/8) 18 days ago. Not long with current yard and he could be thereabouts.

WILLIAM MARSHAL (86) 30 **3** 10-2 64.4ka

Sara Ender Miss Stephanie Dorey

Has offered little in 4 starts so far, faring no better sent handicapping when last of 9 at Ripon (8f, good to firm, 80/1) in June. First run for yard after leaving Kevin Frost

PARAGON (IRE) (59)

3 10-2 64.4kg 09-333243

Pam Slv Mr Harry Hoyles (3lb/1kg) Remains a maiden and has shown an awkward side under pressure, failing to

improve in first-time blinkers (now discarded) when third of 6 in handicap at Brighton (8f, good to firm, 10/3) 59 days ago. First run since leaving Andrew

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Sandret, 5-1 Coconut Bay, 13-2 Jewel Maker, 7-1 Woodrafff, 7-1 Paragon, 8-1 Warrnambool, 11-1 Sirius White, 18-1 Epicurian Lad, 22-1 Who Wants Me, 22-1 Suzette,

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SANDRET has made a positive start for current yard, returning to winning ways at Redcar in July before a never-nearer second at Musselburgh last time, so he is taken to score again as he moves back up to 1m. He can see off the challenge of Coconut Bay, who bounced back to her best at Catterick on her latest outing, with Woodrafff also in

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SANDRET 2. COCONUT BAY 3. WOODRAFFF

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Captain Corelli 7-11-0 11-2 Julie Camacho Mr Lewis Kent

SMART STATS:

2.35

BRITISH EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4) 2yo fillies £9,000 7f218y (1610 Metres)

RACE 2



Going: Good (Good to Firm in places)

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Draw: N/A Pace Information: Very Weak

1 4 BRIGID'S WELL (IRE) (29)

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9 **2** 9-2 58.1kg



Hugo Palmer

Jason Hart

Ulysses filly who is related to several winners but she showed only greenness when ninth of 13 in maiden (33/1) at Goodwood (7f, good to soft) on debut 29 days ago, unable to sustain effort. Probably one for later on.

2 5 **CONJECTURE (16)** (BF)

Sir Mark Prescott Bt

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22222 **2** 9-2 58.1kg

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Consistent rather than progressive, runner-up all 5 starts, most recently in 8-runner maiden at Beverley (7.4f) 16 days ago. Cheekpieces go on for the 1st time and she's expected to be firmly in the mix again.

3 2 MARIOTTO (15)

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2 9-2 58.1kg



Charlie Johnston

Connor Beasley

Nathaniel filly who is bred for longer trips and probably one for further down the line judged on her fifth of 6 in novice at Salisbury (1m, good, 22/1) on debut 15 days ago, making her effort 2f out before fading.

4 3 MAYFAIR MARKET (16)

92

3 **2** 9-2 58.1kg



S. P. C. Woods

Daniel Tudhope

Shaped as if in need of the experience when fifth of 7 in novice at Ascot (6f, good) on debut in July and she looked suited by the longer trip when third of 9 in novice at Kempton (7f) 16 days ago. Further increase in trip could unlock further progress.

5 1 NADATWO

2 9-2 58.1kg



K. R. Burke

lifford Lea

Foaled March 3. 775,000 gns yearling, Night of Thunder filly. Dam 11.6f-1¾m winner, including French Group 3 event out of winning close relative of high-class 1¼m-15.5f winner Ask. Ticks plenty of boxes on paper for yard boasting a tremendous record with their juveniles and she's shortlisted.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Nada Two, 2-1 Conjecture, 11-2 Mayfair Market, 12-1 Mariotto, 33-1 Brigid's Well

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Well-bred newcomer NADA TWO holds some fancy entries in the coming months to suggest she's clearly held in some regard by the Karl Burke yard, so she could be the way to go in a race not containing a great deal of depth. Conjecture sets the standard (fair form) having filled the runner up spot on all 5 starts to date and she can provide chief resistance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NADA TWO 2. CONJECTURE 3. MAYFAIR MARKET

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	4 Consent 2-9-2 10-		f Sir Mark Prescott Bt	Callum Rodriguez	4
2023	Cinderella's Dream 2-9-8	15-8	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	7
2022	Rose of Ithaca 2-9-2	7-2	Sir Mark Prescott Bt	Luke Morris	12
2021	Grey Belle 2-9-0	12-1	Ivan Furtado	David Nolan	10

SMART STATS:

BRITISH EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (Qualifier) (5) 2yo £7,000 7f218y (1610 Metres)



RACE 3

Going: Good (Good to Firm in places)

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Draw: N/A Pace Information: Even

BIG SONG (IRE) (43)

2 9-11 62.1kg



Harry Charlton

Callum Rodriguez

Showed ability when fourth in a Salisbury novice (6f) on debut and proved much sharper second time up when landing 5-runner maiden at Epsom (7f, good to firm) 43 days ago. In good hands and he appeals as the type to go on improving.

BE THE STANDARD (FR) (14)

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Hugo Palmer Galiway colt who showed benefit of his initial experience when third at Haydock

Jason Hart

when second of 7 in maiden at Newbury (8f, good to firm, 6/1) 14 days ago, having run of race. Player again on that form.

JAMBEAREE (IRE) (34)

46

2 9-4 | 59.0kg

Dale Swift



Brian Ellison Twice-raced maiden. Last of 10 in maiden at Newcastle (7.1f, 100/1) 34 days ago, pushed along over 3f out and soon beaten. Can only be watched.

MAGICAL MERLOT (13)

94



2 9-4 | 59.0kg



Foaled May 11. 40,000 gns Make Believe colt. Had undergone wind surgery ahead of debut but showed ability amid obvious inexperience when sixth of 10 in novice at Newbury (7f, good to firm, 40/1) on debut 13 days ago. Very much the type to progress from that.

REGAL KNIGHT

2 9-4 | 59.0kg



Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood

Tom Eaves

Foaled March 19. 60,000 gns yearling, Zoustar gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including winner up to 1¼m Israaj and 2-y-o 6f winner Saariselka.

SAXOPHONIST (IRE) (34)

90

2 9-4 59.0kg



David O'Meara

Saxon Warrior colt. Half-brother to several winners, including very smart 7f/1m winner Al Wukair and useful winner up to 7f Dream Today. Produced a promising first effort when third of 10 in maiden (11/1) at Newcastlé (7.1f) on debut 34 days ago. Step up 1m will suit and should progress.

STONEACRE DONNY (16)

81

2 9-4 59.0kg Tim Easterby

David Allan



Japan colt. Half-brother to useful 11/4m winner Penzance. Bred to need time and distance and shaped in kind when fourth of 8 in maiden at Beverley (7.4f, good to firm) on debut 16 days ago. Should have more to offer as stamina is drawn out.

CASHBOX (IRE) (22) (BF)

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Charles Hills

Billy Loughnane



Fair form both starts to date, finishing closer than he had on debut that despite again racing freely when second of 5 in maiden at Brighton (7f, good, 11/8) 22 days ago. Can progress provided he settles better.

ACCIDENTAL BID 10

2 9-0 57.2kg

Adrian Nicholls

Harrison Shaw

Harry Russell

Foaled April 5. 12,000 gns yearling, Phoenix of Spain colt. Half-brother to several winners, including useful German 11f-19f winner Carpathian and 11f winner Yellow Tiger.

NORCROSS BROW

2 9-0 57.2kg

Ollie Pears

Foaled April 29. Expert Eye gelding. Dam unraced. Likely outsider on racecourse

OUR RANDOLPH (35)

Michael Dods

Churchill gelding who was a cheap purchase given his pedigree and encouragement to glean from his eighth of 16 in novice at York (7f) on debut 5 weeks ago, making steady headway from the rear under hands and heels ride. Looks sure to improve on that bare form.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Be The Standard, 4-1 Big Song, 11-2 Cashbox, 6-1 Magical Merlot, 13-2 Saxophonist, 22-1 Our Randolph, 22-1 Stoneacre Donny, 25-1 Regal Knight, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A few with chances in this novice with penalised runner BIG SONG fancied to come out on top. He proved much sharper with his debut run behind him when prevailing in a tight finish at Epsom (7f) 6 weeks ago and, remaining the type to do better now his stamina is tested further, he could well be up to the task. Be The Standard bumped into a highly promising newcomer at Newbury 2 weeks ago and he's a lead threat. Magical Merlot, Saxophonist and Cashbox all enter the reckoning, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BIG SONG 2. BE THE STANDARD 3. MAGICAL MERLOT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Tuscan Hills 2-9-7	7-1	Raphael Freire	Oisin James Orr	8
2023	Thyer 2-9-7	1-5f	Andrew Balding	William Buick	7
2022	Pol Roger 2-9-11	5-2	Michael Dods	Connor Beasley	8
2021	Taj Alola 2-9-9	6-4f	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	13

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RUBY LODGE CARE HOME IN THIRSK HANDICAP (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-95) £18,000 6f (1210 Metres)



RACE 4

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Draw: Strongly Favours High Pace Information: Strong

SECRET GUEST (13) (CD)

5 9-10 | 61.7kg 2-6810720

Bryan Smart



Successful here in May and posted his best effort since when runner-up back over this C&D last month. Excuses on account of where he raced when last of 17 in Great St Wilfrid at Ripon (6f) 13 days ago and he's every inch the type to bounce back returned to this venue.

SPANGLED MAC (IRE) (36) (D)

6 9-10 61.7kg

George Boughey **Billy Louahnane**

Not at best since returning from Bahrain earlier this year, albeit his track position offering some mitigation when ninth of 12 in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good to soft) 36 days ago. Refitting of cheekpieces may help and mark is easing but needs to show more before becoming of interest.

COLUMNIST (27) (D)

3 9-9 61.2kg Jack Garritty

Very useful at 2 yrs, the highlight of which was his close third in the Coventry at Royal Ascot. Has so far failed to scale those heights this season though, promising more than he delivered when ninth of 16 in handicap at Goodwood (7f) 27 days ago. Eases in class now.

DARK CLOUD RISING (19) (CD)

3 9-8 60.8kg Daniel Tudhope David O'Meara

C&D winner. 2 wins from 6 runs this year. 9/2, career best when winning 9-runner handicap at Leicester (6f, firm) 19 days ago, leading final 1f and keeping on.

Expected to go well again from 3 lb higher mark.

TINTO (27) (CD)

9 9-7 60.3kg

37-143091



3-time C&D winner who bagged this race from 2 lb higher mark 12 months ago. Confirmed he retains plenty of zest when runner-up over an inadequate 5f here in the spring and he's had excuses on 2 of his 3 starts since (lost action latest). Revival not ruled out in refitted cheekpieces.

ROUSING ENCORE (IRE) (13) (D, BF)

5-5614440 5 9-7 60.3kg



Successful at York's Dante meeting in May and best effort since when good fourth in Sky Bet Dash back on the Knavesmire in July. Ridden closer to the pace when midfield in Great St Wilfrid at Ripon 13 days ago and better showing anticipated here from what could prove a good draw.

DAKOTA GOLD (58) (C, D) 79502-100

11 9-6 59.9kg Michael Dods



Capitalised on the drop in grade when making a winning return from 6 months off at Ripon in April. However, ran poorly both subsequent starts, last of 13 in handicap at this C&D (good) 58 days ago.

ARTAGNAN (IRE) (350) (D, BF) 205122-

3 9-5 59.4kg Hamad Al Jehani Callum Rodriquez



Developed into a useful juvenile for Karl Burke last year, winning big-field Glorious Goodwood nursery (6f) and runner-up next 2 starts from higher marks. Changed yards and gelded ahead of return and not out of the question there could be more to come on the back of just 6 career starts.

DURAN (IRE) (19) (D) 8-2210044

4 9-4 59.0kg Nigel Tinkler

Alex Jary (5lb/2kg) Latest win at Haydock in May. Mixed bag has followed but highlighted he's ready

to strike again when fourth of 13 in handicap at Haydock (5f, good to firm) 19 days ago, doing best of those racing on unfavoured part of course. Respected back at 6f

KING'S CALL (IRE) (13) (D)

6-4700800

Seb Spencer

Winless since his debut when trained by Kevin Ryan and more miss than hit in handful of starts for present stable, going with little fluency when tenth of 11 in handicap (18/1) at Newbury (5.2f, good to firm) 13 days ago. Steps back up

in trip now.

IT JUST TAKES TIME (IRE) (13) (CD) **11** 7

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Mark Walford



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C&D winner who scored 3 times during second half of last season. Largely consistent in defeat this time around, again performing creditably when second of 15 in handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm) 13 days ago, first home in group. Worth considering.

SIR GARFIELD (IRE) (17) (D) **12** 3 99 4 8-11 55.8ka

John & Sean Ouinn

Jason Hart 3 wins from 12 runs this year, confirming himself as good as ever when taking



10-runner handicap at Hamilton (6f, good to firm, 5/2) 17 days ago, by short head from Eternal Sunshine. Can make presence felt again.

98 **13** 2 TIRIAC (37) (D)

5 8-10 | 55.3kg 5655-0586

Paul Midgley



Back-to-back winner of 6f handicaps last spring who caught the eye when midfield in handicaps at Beverley/Haydock earlier this term. Came in a respectable seventh of 12 in handicap at Doncaster 37 days ago and he's not one to write off for stable who are a dab hand with such types.

ETERNAL SUNSHINE (8) (CD)

33429220 5 8-9 54.9kg

Jim Goldie

Lauren Youna (7lb/3kg) Remains winless in 2025 but she ran another fine race when runner-up in 5f



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fillies' handicap at York (5f) last week. Step up to 7f may not have been ideal turned out back there the following day and better showing can be expected returned to sprinting.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-2 Dark Cloud Rising, 7-1 Sir Garfield, 8-1 It Just Takes Time, 9-1 Rousing Encore, 9-1 Artagnan, 11-1 Duran, 12-1 Tiriac, 14-1 Eternal Sunshine, 14-1 Secret Guest, 18-1 Spangled Mac, 18-1 Tinto, 22-1 Columnist, 28-1 Dakota Gold, 28-1 King's Call

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having ran particularly well when fourth in a strong affair at York on his penultimate start, ROUSING ENCORE is probably best not judged too harshly on his subsequent run when midfield in the Great St Wilfrid at Ripon. He's clearly still on an exploitable mark and could bounce straight back. It Just Takes Time, Secret Guest and Sir Garfield are a trio of others to consider, whilst last year's winner Tinto shouldn't be underestimated either

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROUSING ENCORE 2. IT JUST TAKES TIME 3. SECRET GUEST

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Tinto 8-9-11	15-2	Michael Dods	Paul Mulrennan	9
2023	Pendleton 7-9-5	11-1	Julie Camacho	Ben Curtis	12
2022	Runninwild 4-8-8	15-2	Ann Duffield	Paul Hanagan	11
2021	Just Frank 3-9-9	5-1	Les Eyre	Paul Mulrennan	13
2020	Another Batt 5-9-12	22-1	David Barron	R. P. Downey	10

SMART STATS:

CONSTANT SECURITY SERVICES HANDICAP (2) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £30,000 7f (1410 Metres)



RACE 5

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Draw: Against Low Pace Information: Strong

NOSTRUM (13) (D) **5** 10-0 63.5kg 6/628-8680

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David O'Meara

Daniel Tudhope

Smart performer at best for Sir Michael Stoute but has struggled for form this season, sixteenth of 17 in Great St Wilfrid Handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm, 18/1) 13 days ago. Tongue strap now added.

NORTHERN EXPRESS (IRE) (8) (C, D)

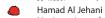
98 Michael Dods



Course winner who turned in best effort of the season when fifth of 17 in handicap at York (7.9f, good to firm, 18/1) 8 days ago. Cheekpieces reapplied and he's on a workable mark if building on latest effort.

JAYYASH (FR) (57) (D) 11

38-193307 4 9-11 62.1kg



Saleh Faraj Al-Otaibi (5lb/2kg)



BOBBY BENNU (IRE) (26) (CD, BF) 99





Jack Mitchell Successful 3 times last year, including at this C&D. Good second at Haydock in

July, before doing too much too soon when fifth of 7 in handicap at Chester (7f, firm, 2/1) 26 days ago. No surprise to see him bounce back here.

TELEMARK (IRE) (62) (CD) **4** 9-9 61.2kg



Alistair Rawlinson C&D winner last year and, with reappearance behind him, ran well when fourth of 13 at Chester in May. Hasn't built on that in 2 subsequent outings, though, fifth

of 13 in handicap at Newcastle (7.1f, 16/1) 62 days ago.

STERLING KNIGHT (14) (D)

23441624 **6** 9-5 59.4kg



Gained reward for consistency this year when winning at Doncaster in July and has continued in good heart since, fourth of 8 in handicap at Newmarket (8f,

good, 5/1) 2 weeks ago. Could be in the mix once more.

STRONG WARRIOR (70)



Jack Garritty Winner of first 2 starts before a good second at Windsor on handicap debut in June. Stiff task when eleventh of 21 in Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot (6f, firm, 80/1) next time and he remains with potential back in calmer waters



FINE INTERVIEW (FR) (30) 100



Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg) Three-time winner last season and, after a couple of below-par efforts, shaped well when fifth of 20 in handicap at Goodwood (7f, good, 20/1) 30 days ago. Has to be taken seriously in first-time cheekpieces.

RHYTHM MASTER (IRE) (14) (CD)

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7 9-3 58.5kg

Consistent type who ended long losing run at this C&D at beginning of the



2 weeks ago and he can give another good account. DESERT FALCON (IRE) (27) (CD, BF)

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94611-213 **5** 9-2 58.1kg

Ryan Sexton



Julie Camacho C&D winner whose latest success came when making all at Haydock in July. Ran at least as well when 2 lengths third of 13 to Rhythm Master in handicap at this C&D (good, 5/2) 27 days ago and he can make another bold bid.

PERSUASION (IRE) (26) (CD)

00-718740 8 9-2 58.1kg

David & Nicola Barron

Winner of this race in 2023 and got his head back in front at Musselburgh in April. However, ran one of this season's lesser races when eleventh of 15 in handicap at Galway (7f, soft, 40/1) 26 days ago.

12 14 FLAMING RIB (IRE) (26) (C) 008786-44

6 9-0 57.2kg Hugo Palmer



Thirteen runs since last win in 2023 but showed more than on reappearance when fourth of 7 in handicap at Chester (7f, firm, 5/1) 26 days ago, doing a bit too much in front. Still needs to fully prove himself at this trip.

CRUYFF TURN (27) (CD) **13** 7 5-4140020

8 8-13 56.7kg

David Allan

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C&D winner last year and also scored at Redcar in April. Good second back at Redcar in June, but not in the same form when 1134 lengths eleventh of 13 to Rhythm Master in handicap at this C&D (good, 8/1) 27 days ago. May just be vulnerable.

SIXTYGEESBABY (IRE) (63) (BF) **14** 1

41-143 **3** 8-9 54.9kg Tom Clover Luke Morris



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Made a winning return in novice at Doncaster in April and gave a better account than on handicap debut when third of 7 at Newmarket (7f, good to firm, 2/1) 63 days ago, suited by step up in trip. Could still have more to offer.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Strong Warrior, 7-1 Bobby Bennu, 9-1 Rhythm Master, 10-1 Northern Express,

10-1 Desert Falcon, 10-1 Sixtygeesbaby, 11-1 Fine Interview, 11-1 Sterling Knight,

16-1 Telemark, 18-1 Cruyff Turn, 18-1 Flaming Rib, 28-1 Persuasion, 28-1 Jayyash,

28-1 Nostrum

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This could go the way of FINE INTERVIEW, who shaped well when fifth in a big-field handicap at Goodwood last month having been forced to switch around 2f out. He can build on that effort with more still to offer at 7f, so he gets the vote ahead of Strong Warrior who drops in grade after finishing mid-field at Royal Ascot last time. Bobby Bennu and Sixtygeesbaby complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FINE INTERVIEW 2. STRONG WARRIOR 3. BOBBY BENNU

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

Cerulean Bay 3-9-9 David O'Meara Daniel Tudhope Persuasion 6-8-12 David & Nicola Barron Ben Curtis Carnival Zain 5-9-5 15-2 Micky Hammond Aiden Brookes (5)

SMART STATS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVE BRAMLEY HANDICAP (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-80) £10,000 13/4m (2820 Metres)



RACE 6

Going: Good (Good to Firm in places)

The Thirsk round course is a left-handed, oval track, just over a mile and a quarter in extent, with a run-in of half a mile. There is a straight six-furlong course, which is slightly undulating throughout. The round course itself is almost perfectly flat, but though the turns are relatively easy and the ground well levelled all round, the track is on the sharp side and by no means ideal for a horse that requires time to settle down, and time and space to get down to work in the straight. A high draw over seven furlongs and a mile has been an advantage in recent times.

Draw: N/A Pace Information: Very Weak

IN THE BREEZE (IRE) (42) 7 10-2 64.4kg 91

Michael Appleby

Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg)

in 2023 before missing all of last year. Hasn't made much Three-time winner impact in his 2 starts this year, off a further 6 months ahead of finishing fifth of 8 in handicap at Haydock (14f, good, 20/1) 6 weeks ago.

ANCIENT MYTH (IRE) (27) (C)

99

David O'Meara



In first-time cheekpieces, took a step forward when getting off the mark in 7-runner handicap at this course (12f, good, 15/2) 27 days ago, overcoming positional bias. Respected now that he's up and running.

SCARLET MOON (30) (D)

95

79-111971 **3** 9-9 61.2kg



Archie Watson Successful on all-weather first 3 starts this year and got back on track when

making most in 6-runner handicap at Sandown (14f, good, 18/1) a month ago. From a good staying family so there could be better still to come.

TAFSIR (USA) (7) (D)

100



67063535 **6** 9-5 59.4kg Jim Goldie

Paul Mulrennan



Without a win so far this season but better signs of late, nearest at the finish when 21/4 lengths fifth of 8 in handicap at Hamilton (12.1f, good to firm, 80/1) last week. Major player back up in trip returned to this lower grade.

COEDANA (IRE) (73)



3 9-1 57.6kg

Callum Rodriquez



Encouraging second at Wolverhampton on debut but hasn't progressed in 2 starts since, third of 6 in maiden at this course (12f, good to firm, 9/4) 73 days ago. Remains with potential as she goes up in trip for handicap debut.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Ancient Myth, 3-1 Scarlet Moon, 10-3 Coedana, 4-1 Tafsir, 12-1 In The Breeze

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for TAFSIR, who ran well from out of the weights in the Lanark Silver Bell a week ago and could be ready to strike back down at this level. Ancient Myth benefited from the application of cheekpieces when scoring with a bit in hand at this course last time and is feared most, ahead of Scarlet Moon.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TAFSIR 2. ANCIENT MYTH 3. SCARLET MOON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	The Crafty Mole 3-8-13	9-4jf	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	7
2023	Muzaffar 4-10-4	15-8	Richard Fahey	Ryan Sexton (3)	6
2022	Joie de Vivre 7-9-12	7-1	Martin Todhunter	David Nolan	6

SMART STATS:



LADIES' DAY SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER BOOK NOW CLASSIFIED STAKES (6) 3yo+ (Rated 0-50) £6,000 6f (1210 Metres)



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Draw: Strongly Favours High Pace Information: Strong

SANBONA (IRE) (10)

3 9-12 62.6kg 36353921

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Michael Dods Has bounced back to form last 2 starts, having just his second run on all-weather when opening account in 10-runner minor event (13/2) at Wolverhampton (5.1f) 10 days ago. Scored decisively last time and he's not taken lightly.

BAZBALL (IRE) (33)

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Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Tom Eaves

Seventeen runs since last win in 2023. Hasn't gone on from her stable debut in January, ninth of 10 in handicap at Pontefract (8f, good, 50/1) 33 days ago. Back down in trip with tongue strap applied in this lower grade.

CROCUS TIME (IRE) (21)

690-45353 4 9-9 61.2kg



Ron Barr

Billy Loughnane Close third in C&D handicap on stable debut in July, form proving strong for the level. Filled the same position in 10-runner minor event back here (good to firm, 11/2) 3 weeks ago and could be ready to open her account.

DUNNINGTON LAD (IRE) (87)

87

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5 9-9 61.2kg 60-776077 Peter Winks



Took a step back in the right direction when 2 lengths seventh of 11 in minor

event at Leicester (5f, good to firm, 14/1) 87 days ago. Task is now to build on that effort back up in trip (has had a wind op).

GLENDOWN (IRE) (12) (D, BF) 09034990 **5** 9-9 61.2kg

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Tim Easterby

Eleven runs since last win in 2024 but has made the frame 3 times in handicaps this season. Run best excused when last of 12 at Southwell (6.1f, 7/2) 12 days ago, very slowly away, so he's not dismissed making first start at this level.

SALLY ANNE'S DREAM (12)

0/009077-0 4 9-9 61.2kg



After 11 months off ahead of first run since leaving Simon Whitaker, fared no better than previously when eleventh of 12 in handicap at Southwell (6.1f, 40/1)

12 days ago. Looks to be up against it. SUPERIOR COUNCIL (IRE) (21) (D)

6 9-9 61.2kg

Grea Fairley



Winner of handicap at Hamilton on second start for current yard in June. Followed good run with a below-par one when fifth of 7 in handicap at Musselburgh (7.1f, good to firm, 8/1) 3 weeks ago, but he enters calculations back down in grade

HURRICANE BEA (34) 21

3 9-6 59.9kg 9-70094



Tracy Waggott With blinkers applied, finished closer than previously when fourth of 9 in minor

event at Newcastle (7.1f, 9/2) 34 days ago, despite racing closer to pace than ideal. Still has something to find if he's to gain a first success

LITTLE BECK ANNIE (16) 92

3 9-6 | 59.9kg Peter Niven

Paul Mulrennan 🚬



Lightly-raced maiden. Has matched previous form sent handicapping last 2 starts, sixth of 10 at Beverley (7.4f, good to firm, 50/1) 16 days ago. Drops in grade

QUEEN'S PALACE (55) 87

3 9-6 | 59.9kg

Fourth at Ripon (6f) on handicap debut in May but has failed to build on that effort in 2 starts since, last of 8 in handicap at Nottingham (10.2f, good, 12/1) 55 days ago. Significantly back down in trip.

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CROCUS TIME quickly got back on track when finishing third in a similar event over C&D on her latest outing, placing for the third time in as many visits to this track, and she can get off the mark as she makes only her fourth start for current yard. Last-time-out winner Sanbona could be the main danger, with Superior Council also considered.

7-2 Sanbona, 4-1 Crocus Time, 11-2 Glendown, 7-1 Superior Council, 9-1 Hurricane

Bea, 14-1 Little Beck Annie, 14-1 Dunnington Lad, 14-1 Bazball, 22-1 Queen's Palace,

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

BETTING FORECAST:

66-1 bar

1. CROCUS TIME 2. SANBONA 3. SUPERIOR COUNCIL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 She'sashambles 3-9-6 Phillip Makin Rowan Scott 2024 Havana Sky 3-9-6 12-1 Ed Dunlop P. J. McDonald

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS