

1.30	BETFRED TATTENHAM CORNER STAKES (Group 3) (1) 7f3y (1410 Metres)
RACE 1	(5) NEVER SO BRAVE (1) ALCANTOR (7) TEN BOB TONY
2.05	PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES (Group 3) (1) 1m113y (1710 Metres)
RACE 2	(8) SHES PERFECT (1) SPARKS FLY (6) PINA SONATA
2.40	COOLMORE CORONATION CUP (Group 1) (1) 1½m6y (2420 Metres)
RACE 3	(2) CALANDAGAN (5) JAN BRUEGHEL (3) CONVERGENT
3.15	BETFRED "DASH" HANDICAP (Heritage Handicap) (2) 5f (1010 Metres)
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RACE 5	(7) BENVENUTO CELLINI (9) ITEM (11) MALTESE CROSS
4.40	CHERRYFIELD LESTER PIGGOTT HANDICAP (2) 1¼m17y (2030 Metres)
RACE 6	(9) FOLK PAGEANT (7) HELL YEAH HE DID (4) STARLIGHT TIME
5.20	HKJC WORLD POOL NORTHERN DANCER HANDICAP (2) 1½m6y (2420 Metres)
RACE 7	(13) TOO SOON (14) GORDON GREY (2) SPINNING WHEEL
5.55	JRA TOKYO TROPHY HANDICAP (2) 6f3y (1210 Metres)
RACE 8	(5) APOLLO ONE (3) FINE INTERVIEW (14) SOLAR ACLAIM

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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**BETFRED TATTENHAM CORNER STAKES (Group 3) (1) 4yo+
£125,000 7f3y (1410 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places); 5f: Good**

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

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

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NEVER SO BRAVE 2. ALCANTOR 3. TEN BOB TONY


WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Ten Bob Tony 4-9-2	5-1	Ed Walker	William Buick	12
2024	Tiber Flow 5-9-2	6-1	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	11
2023	Jumby 5-9-2	9-4f	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	6
2022	Pogo 6-9-2	17-2	Charles Hills	Kieran Shoemark	8
2021	Kinross 4-9-0	5-1cf	Ralph Beckett	Frankie Dettori	9


SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


1 7 ALCANTOR (FR) (27) (D) 98
31/14446-4 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland** *D. B. McMonagle*
A 5-time winner for Andre Fabre in France and showed promise returning from 7 months off when fourth of 8 at Leopardstown 27 days ago, the forcing tactics rather overdone and lack of a run telling late on. Drops back to 7f here and can be in the mix.


2 4 BALMACARA (28) (D) 89
0/030200-3 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Eve Johnson Houghton** *Charles Bishop*
Creditable third of 11 in a listed race at Haydock 28 days ago on his return from 7 months off. Any cut in the ground will suit him here but now steps up to Group 3 level with plenty to find.


3 5 CHICAGO CRITIC (14) 93
374-62648 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **John Patrick Murtagh, Ireland** *Ben Martin Coen*
Short-head second in Group 2 at Meydan over 7f in January in first-time cheekpieces, but only eighth of 10 at Curragh in the same grade over 6f when tried in blinkers 14 days ago. Reverts to cheekpieces and back up to 7f and is capable of troubling the places if on top form.


4 2 GOLDEN MIND (IRE) (28) (D) 91
10001-724 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Richard & Peter Fahey** *Billy Garritty*
Form is a bit up and down but he's a smart handicapper on his day, including 3 wins last year while he also ran well when fourth of 28 in the Victoria Cup at Ascot 28 days ago. This step up to Group 3 level is likely to see him found wanting, though.


5 8 NEVER SO BRAVE (IRE) (43) (D) 100
20/21117-5 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Andrew Balding** *Oisin Murphy*
Made up into a very smart performer last year, peaking when winning the Group 1 City of York over this trip in August. Too fresh to last out upped to 1m when fifth of 6 at Sandown in a Group 2 on recent return from 6 months off and will be sharper for that outing so holds leading claims back at 7f.


6 6 POET MASTER (IRE) (28) (D) 93
155/922-25 6 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **K. R. Burke** *Sam James*
Winless since 2024 but still showed smart form when runner-up twice last year. Hasn't returned at the top of his game this season, though, finishing only fifth of 11 in listed company at Haydock 28 days ago, so he's got something to prove back up in grade.

7 3 TEN BOB TONY (IRE) (28) (D) 95
45/1830-48 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Ed Walker** *Kieran Shoemark*
Won this Group 3 at Haydock on reappearance last year but hit or miss since and ran poorly at same track in a listed race 28 days ago. Capable of bouncing back for in-form yard.

8 1 WITNESS STAND (92) (D) 93
621200-08 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole** *Billy Loughnane*
Smart sort at best who won the Lennox Stakes last summer but struggled subsequently and only eighth of 13 in a Group 3 at Meydan when last seen in March. First run after breathing operation and also has a first-time tongue strap.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Never So Brave, **4-1** Alcantor, **13-2** Ten Bob Tony, **10-1** Chicago Critic, **10-1** Witness Stand, **12-1** Golden Mind, **14-1** Poet Master, **33-1** Balmacara

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NEVER SO BRAVE won at Group 1 level last year and can prove too strong with his reappearance under his belt. Alcantor showed promise when fourth at Leopardstown on his return and could be the biggest danger, while Ten Bob Tony, who won this race at Haydock last season could bounce back with a big run.

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PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES (Group 3) (1) 3yo+ fillies and mares £125,000 1m113y (1710 Metres)

RACE 2



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places); 5f: Good**

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

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

1 2 SPARKS FLY (29) (D) 97

11/8381-04 **6** 9-11 | 62.1kg
 David Loughnane **Laura Pearson**
 Recorded a hat-trick of listed victories in late 2024. Produced best effort of 2025 campaign (shaped well when third in this) when winning Group 3 at Saint-Cloud and close to best when fourth in Huxley at Chester 4 weeks ago. Respected despite a penalty and further rain would boost her chance.

2 6 ARISAIG (35) 99

025330-24 **5** 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Charlie Johnston **Jamie Spencer**
 Several fine efforts in defeat last season and has continued the good work this time around, second under top weight in Newmarket handicap on return and not beaten far (just behind She's Perfect) in listed race at Goodwood 5 weeks ago having been poorly placed. Rain would be a concern, though.

3 4 BETTY CLOVER (35) 88

23P700-55 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Eve Johnson Houghton **Charles Bishop**
 Highly tried since winning a listed race at York as a 2-y-o and evidence suggests she's likely to find a few too strong again.

4 5 BRECKENBROUGH (23) 92

235211-34 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg
 M. Baratti, France **Oisin Murphy**
 Ex Andrew Balding filly who has developed into a useful sort for this yard, winning a listed event at Saint-Cloud in October before returning with 2 good placed efforts in similar company at Longchamp. Bit more required at this level, however.

5 7 LOVE DYNASTY (FR) (41) (D) 91

1/43-4 **5** 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Kevin Ryan **Billy Loughnane**
 Dubawi filly who hasn't seen the track too often but is talented, winning both starts for William Haggas a year apart before reaching the frame in listed races for this yard. More needed at this level, though.

6 1 PINA SONATA (70) (D) 95

4/1106-1 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg
 James Fanshawe **Daniel Muscutt**
 Lightly-raced 4-y-o who resumed with a career-best win in listed event at Kempton in March. Had a bit in hand that day so looks ready for this next step up.

7 3 PRINCESS CHILD (FR) (13) t 96

2114-7250 **5** 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland **D. B. McMonagle**
 Back-to-back winner last summer, including a Tipperary Group 3. All the better for return when runner-up in Group 3 at the Curragh but failed to match that form next 2 starts.

8 8 SHES PERFECT (IRE) (35) t 100

13/21d9-3 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg
 Charlie Fellowes **Kieran Shoemark**
 First past post in the French 1000 Guineas last season but was subsequently disqualified for interference. Missed second half of last year with an injury but shaped as if retaining plenty of ability after 11 months off when third in Goodwood listed race 5 weeks ago. Better expected now.

9 9 PACIFIC MISSION (22) (BF) t 96

6122-5 **3** 8-10 | 55.3kg
 Andrew Balding **C. T. Keane**
 Followed win in 7f novice at Kempton last summer with excellent second in Group 2 May Hill at Doncaster and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf at Del Mar. However, disappointed in listed race at York on return and bounce back required taking on her elders for the first time.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Shes Perfect, **5-1** Sparks Fly, **5-1** Pacific Mission, **7-1** Arisaig, **15-2** Pina Sonata, **14-1** Breckenbrough, **18-1** Princess Child, **22-1** Love Dynasty, **33-1** Betty Clover

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SHES PERFECT shaped as if retaining plenty of ability back from an injury when third in a very strong listed event at Goodwood 5 weeks ago and is the one to beat on her 3-y-o form. Sparks Fly shaped well in this last year and can handle easier underfoot conditions so is second choice despite carrying a 3 lb penalty, while Pina Sonata returned with a stylish win in a listed race at Kempton and remains unexposed.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHES PERFECT 2. SPARKS FLY 3. PINA SONATA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Spiritual 4-9-8	9-1	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	11
2024	Breege 4-9-8	5-1	John & Sean Quinn	Jason Hart	8
2023	Prosperous Voyage 4-9-8	6-4f	Ralph Beckett	Frankie Dettori	6
2022	Bashkirova 4-9-8	2-1f	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	10
2021	Parent's Prayer 4-9-6	4-1	Archie Watson	Oisin Murphy	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**COOLMORE CORONATION CUP (Group 1) (1) 4yo+
£1,000,000 1½m6y (2420 Metres)**

RACE 3



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places); 5f: Good**

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

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

1 4 BAY CITY ROLLER (IRE) (13) (D) 92

262241-22 4 9-2 | 58.1kg



George Scott

Oisin Murphy

Very smart winner of the Grosser Preis von Bayern over 1½m last November and has backed it up with 2 fine performances this season, travelling best but unable to get by the game Almaqam in the Tattersalls Gold Cup. This is a stronger race, though, and he's probably booked for minor honours.

2 2 CALANDAGAN (IRE) (70) (D) ★ 100

2/221111-1 5 9-2 | 58.1kg



Francis-Henri Graffard, France

Mickael Barzalona

Only beaten by a very willing Jan Brueghel here 12 months ago, though has underlined he's a top-class performer with 5 consecutive Group 1 victories since, taking the Sheema Classic comfortably last time. His stamina could get tested to the full again in this race but he's clearly the best of these.

3 3 CONVERGENT (IRE) (49) (D) 93

1/132117-1 4 9-2 | 58.1kg



K. R. Burke

Clifford Lee

Progressive sort has earned another crack at the highest level, having conceded weight to some smart rivals when successful in the Group 3 John Porter on return, despite meeting plenty of trouble. However, he needs more to beat last year's 1-2, on ground perhaps softer than ideal.

4 5 ILLINOIS (IRE) (30) 92

221/1227-3 5 9-2 | 58.1kg



Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

R. P. Whelan

Finished runner-up in the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot and Goodwood Cup last season and shaped as if better for the run when third in the Ormonde at Chester on reappearance. However, he's unlikely to be good enough to win a top-end Group 1 over 1½m and surely has other targets down the line, regardless.

5 1 JAN BRUEGHEL (IRE) (30) (CD) 97

1111/214-1 5 9-2 | 58.1kg



Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Ryan Moore

High-class horse who produced a career best when outstaying Calandagan in this race last year. Looked as good as ever when successful in the Ormonde on return, and with 2 very-smart stablemates to help make this a thorough test, he again bids to capitalise on any chinks in Calandagan's stamina.

6 6 LAMBOURN (IRE) (29) (CD) s 92

5/211154-1 4 9-2 | 58.1kg



Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

W. M. Lordan

Handled this track well when making all in the 2025 Derby before doubling up in the Irish Derby. Subsequently beaten in the Great Voltigeur/St Leger, and though the return to 1½m will suit following his success in the Huxley Stakes on return, he's likely to set this up for last year's principals.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Calandagan, **9-4** Jan Brueghel, **7-1** Lambourn, **9-1** Convergent, **33-1** Bay City Roller, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A fascinating renewal that will likely prove another thorough test of stamina for CALANDAGAN, but he's a better horse this time around and can reverse the placings with last year's winner Jan Brueghel, extending his remarkable sequence of Group 1 victories in the process.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CALANDAGAN 2. JAN BRUEGHEL 3. CONVERGENT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Jan Brueghel 4-9-2	10-3	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	7
2024	Luxembourg 5-9-2	9-4	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	5
2023	Emily Upjohn 4-8-13	11-4	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	5
2022	Hukum 5-9-2	11-4	Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	6
2021	Pyledriver 4-9-0	8-1	William Muir & Chris Grassick	Martin Dwyer	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15

**BETFRED "DASH" HANDICAP (Heritage Handicap) (2) 4yo+
£120,000 5f (1010 Metres)**

RACE 4



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places); 5f: Good**

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

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

1 3 DEMOCRACY DILEMMA (IRE) (19) (D) v **98**
7613-3096 6 9-12 | 62.6kg

 **Robert Cowell** *Jack Mitchell*
Enthusiastic front-runner who proved better than ever when easy winner of 5f handicap at Haydock (good to firm) last autumn. Good third in 5f Lingfield listed event (all-weather) on reappearance and stepped back in right direction after a couple of lesser efforts at Windsor last time. Visor back on.


2 4 ANOTHER BAAR (107) (D) **96**
1958-0100 6 9-11 | 62.1kg

 **Adrian Keatley** *M. P. Sheehy*
On the up after being fitted with blinkers last season, completing a four-timer at Goodwood in September. Won a local Group 1 in Bahrain in January but below form in handicaps there both starts since and others make greater appeal on his return from 107 days off.


3 10 LEXINGTON BLITZ (IRE) (36) (D) s **96**
022219-31 4 9-10 | 61.7kg

 **Robert Cowell** *Edward Greatrex*
Deservedly resumed winning ways at Catterick (5f, good to soft) last autumn and built on an encouraging return with a career-best victory in an 11-runner handicap at Goodwood (5f, good) 36 days ago by 2¼ lengths from King of Light. Strong-travelling style should lend itself well to this scenario.

4 12 CINDY LOU WHO (50) (D) **95**
313113-29 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Tony Carroll** *William Carson*
Thrived for current yard last season, notching her fourth success at Bath in September. Ran a cracker on her return when short-head second of 14 in 5f listed event there but couldn't confirm that progress when mid-field back in handicap company at Newbury last time.


5 14 ECLAIRAGE (IRE) (21) (D) t **99**
7312554-2 4 9-6 | 59.9kg

 **Daniel James Murphy, Ireland** *Billy Loughnane*
Speedy filly signed off 2025 with a good fourth of 14 in Group 3 at Dundalk when last seen in October. Collared only late after showing blistering early pace in a 10-runner Navan handicap on return 3 weeks ago and this test of raw pace should prove right up her street.


6 16 STORMY IMPACT (23) (CD) **98**
0915826-0 4 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **Richard & Peter Fahey** *Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)*
Won the 3-y-o "Dash" at this meeting last season before also scoring at Wolverhampton later in the summer. Looked and shaped as if she'd come on for the run when sixteenth of 21 in handicap at York (5f, good) 23 days ago and she's now below her last winning mark.


7 17 KINSWOMAN (24) (D, BF) ★ **100**
3221121-2 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **William Haggas** *Tom Marquand*
Thrived last autumn, progressing rapidly and winning 3 of last 4 starts, latterly making all in a handicap at Haydock. Only narrowly failed to land the odds in a 7-runner handicap at Yarmouth (good to soft) on her return 24 days ago and there are clearly good pots to be won with her this season.


8 11 KING OF LIGHT (36) (D) **99**
0279014-2 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Stuart Williams** *Marco Ghiani*
Really found form in a cheekpieces and tongue tie combination for Stuart Williams last autumn, winning 5f Haydock handicap before creditable fourth of 11 at Ascot (5f, soft). Returned with a good second in a 11-runner race at Goodwood (5f) 36 days ago and he's likely to give another solid account.


9 9 ROGUE ENFORCER (19) (D) b **95**
181921-08 5 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Archie Watson** *Kieran Shoemark*
Three wins in Europe last year, including a Milan listed race, but has looked as if working his way back to full fitness when down the field in 2 outings for his current yard.


10 2 ZIGGY'S TRITON (IRE) (14) (D) s **97**
25395107 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **David O'Meara** *Jason Hart*
Won 4 times in 2025 and resumed his progress with victory in 12-runner 0-85 handicap at Musselburgh (5f) in April. Unable to land a blow from higher marks both starts since, though, and it's possible he'll find others better treated again despite being eased 2 lb.


11 1 STAR CHORUS (IRE) (15) (D) **96**
35-313418 4 9-0 | 57.2kg

 **Mike Murphy** *Rob Hornby*
Won twice at Southwell early this year (over 6f on latter start) and was never on terms after his blindfold was removed late returning from a 4-month break at Goodwood 2 weeks ago. Nevertheless, slow starts are a regular issue for him, so he's probably opposable in such a test of speed.

12 19 BRAZEN BOLT (23) (C, D) **96**
211006-27 9 8-13 | 56.7kg

 **Ruth Carr** *Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg)*
Won big-field 5f handicaps at York and Goodwood last July and looked rejuvenated on the back of a breathing operation when a close second at Thirsk on return. Far from disgraced having tried to keep tabs on the impressive Jakajaro at York last time and he holds sound frame claims.


13 5 BETSEN (16) (D) b **96**
44347091 5 8-13 | 56.7kg

 **Tony Carroll** *Clifford Lee*
Had been primarily campaigned at 6f by this yard but returned to form dropped back to 5f to win a 6-runner handicap (3/1) at Chepstow (5f, good) 16 days ago, travelling smoothly and always holding the runner-up once ahead. Blinkers go back on and is now 4 lb higher in a deeper race.


14 20 ARKLOW LAD (IRE) (23) (D) s+t **96**
2126-1315 4 8-13 | 56.7kg

 **Michael Appleby** *Harry Davies*
Made it 2 wins from 3 starts for current yard in 5f handicap at Pontefract at the start of April and held his own when fifth in a much stronger race at York 23 days ago (a couple of rivals here further down the field). Sound place claims again.


15 15 DYONISOS (FR) (15) (D) **97**
006-83272 4 8-12 | 56.2kg

 **Ian Williams** *David Egan*
Very much bumped into one when second to Jakajaro at Newmarket in April and put a lesser effort aside when going close in a 10-runner handicap at Goodwood (5f, good) 15 days ago, despite again racing freely. Should remain competitive from this kind of mark.


16 7 EMPEROR SPIRIT (IRE) (36) (D) s+t **96**
4003830-2 8 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Michael Keady** *Ray Dawson*
Not the most consistent but he added to his good record fresh when second of 17 in handicap at Ascot (5f, good to firm) 36 days ago. Remains feasibly treated if able to back that up.


17 6 DREAM COMPOSER (FR) (15) (CD) s **97**
670789-14 8 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Tony Carroll** *Dougie Costello*
Won this in 2024 from Democracy Dilemma when trained by James Evans and enhanced a good record when making a successful return/yard debut at Ripon (5f) in April. Nearest finish after a rather troubled passage when fourth of 10 at Goodwood 15 days ago and he's shortlisted with cheekpieces reapplied.


18 8 RHYTHM N HOOVES (19) (D) s **98**
235-44543 6 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Robert Cowell** *Silvestre De Sousa*
Proving relatively consistent without winning at present, making the frame for the fourth time this season when third of 9 in handicap at Windsor (5f, good to firm) 19 days ago. Will need a bit more to make a greater impact in this deeper race, though.

19 18 VINTAGE CLARETS (14) (D) **96**
5508-0070 7 8-10 | 55.3kg

 **Richard & Peter Fahey** *Ethan Tindall (5lb/2kg)*
Won at Ascot last summer but yet to really fire in 4 starts this season and others make more appeal despite him having slipped to handy mark.

20 13 ALMATY STAR (IRE) (56) (D) v **95**
8234-2421 6 8-10 | 55.3kg

 **Robert Cowell** *Charles Bishop*
Had a consistent winter on the all-weather and got his head back in front when making all in 6-runner race at Yarmouth in April. Up 8 lb for that success and will likely find plenty more competition for the lead upped in grade, though speed-favouring track will suit.

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**BETFRED "DASH" HANDICAP (Heritage Handicap) (2) 4yo+
£120,000 5f (1010 Metres)**

RACE 4



BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Kinswoman, **9-1** Lexington Blitz, **11-1** Democracy Dilemma, **11-1** Dyonisos, **14-1** Arklow Lad, **16-1** King of Light, **16-1** Eclairage, **16-1** Dream Composer, **20-1** Stormy Impact, **20-1** Emperor Spirit, **20-1** Almaty Star, **22-1** Rhythm N Hooves, **22-1** Vintage Clarets, **22-1** Betsen, **28-1** Brazen Bolt, **33-1** Cindy Lou Who, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Irish raider ECLAIRAGE is all about speed and she can build on the promise of her close comeback second at Navan to land this good prize. Recent Goodwood scorer Lexington Blitz, the 2024 winner of this race Dream Composer and unexposed Kinswoman also make appeal in a typically competitive renewal.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ECLAIRAGE 2. LEXINGTON BLITZ 3. DREAM COMPOSER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Jm Jungle 5-9-0	7-1	John & Sean Quinn	Jason Hart	19
2024	Dream Composer 6-8-5	6-1	James Evans	Joe Leavy (5)	14
2023	Navello 4-8-7	25-1	George Boughey	Andrea Atzeni	20
2022	Tees Spirit 4-8-7	10-1	Adrian Nicholls	Barry McHugh	20
2021	Mokaatil 6-8-4	25-1	Ian Williams	David Egan	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.00

BETFRED DERBY (Group 1) (1) 3yo colts and fillies
£2,000,000 1½m6y (2420 Metres)

RACE 5



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places); 5f: Good**

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

1 11 ACTION (IRE) (23) s **96**
3132-42 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **W. M. Lordan**
Second (Benvenuto Cellini third) in the Futurity at Doncaster (1m, heavy) on final 2-y-o start. Bounced back from an underwhelming reappearance when 2¾ lengths second of 8 to Item in Dante at York (10.3f, good) 23 days ago. Likely to stay 1½m. Wears first-time cheekpieces.

2 6 ALDERMAN (49) **75**
73-2 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Richard Hannon **Pat Dobbs**
Progressive form but no match for the highly promising Water To Wine in 11f Newbury maiden on reappearance. Likely capable of even better but he'll need to find a huge chunk of improvement to get competitive here.

3 10 ANCIENT EGYPT (IRE) (36) **95**
117-1 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Charlie Johnston **David Egan**
Bombed out behind Bow Echo in Royal Lodge at Newmarket on final 2-y-o start but resumed his progression with a smart, strong-galloping effort to win 1¼m listed race back at Newmarket on reappearance. Raced only on good/good to firm. Capable of better again with the step up to 1½m likely to suit.

4 7 A TASTE OF GLORY (GER) (28) **81**
4410-16 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Andrew Balding **Jamie Spencer**
Well beaten behind Pierre Bonnard in French Group 1 on final 2-y-o start. Returned to win handicap at Lingfield (1¼m, all-weather) in March but failed to cope with a step back up in class when remote last of 6 to Maltese Cross in the Derby Trial on turf there (11.6f, good) 4 weeks ago.

5 2 BALZAC (GER) (28) **86**
3-133 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Jane Chapple-Hyam **Silvestre De Sousa**
Useful but limitations seemingly exposed when third in Blue Riband here and Derby Trial at Lingfield (beaten 6¾ lengths by Maltese Cross) in recent months.

6 9 BAY OF BRILLIANCE (28) **98**
511-2 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Ralph Beckett **Hector Crouch**
Looked a smart stayer in the making when easily defying a penalty in 9f Redcar novice (good to soft) last autumn and confirmed those impressions when going down by only a neck to Maltese Cross in Derby Trial at Lingfield (11.6f, good to firm) on reappearance. Likely to progress again.

7 12 BENVENUTO CELLINI (IRE) (31) (D) **100**
2113-1 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **Ryan Moore**
Impressive 5-length winner of Group 2 at Leopardstown last September. Had stablemate Action ahead of him when third in Futurity on heavy ground at Doncaster on final 2-y-o start but back to looking a top prospect when easily winning Chester Vase (12.3f, good to firm) on reappearance. Leading claims.

8 5 CHRISTMAS DAY (IRE) (23) (BF) **96**
3511-13 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **R. P. Whelan**
Took his form to another level when landing the Ballysax at Leopardstown (1¼m, soft) on reappearance. No more than a respectable 4½ lengths third of 8 to Item in Dante at York (10.3f, good) since but remains open to further progress with 1½m in mind.

9 3 ITEM (23) **99**
11-1 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Andrew Balding **C. T. Keane**
Frankel colt who maintained his unbeaten record with a defeat of Action and Christmas Day in Dante at York (10.3f, good) on reappearance, seeing out the longer trip well and leaving the impression 1½m will be within range. Likely to have a big say.

10 13 JAMES J BRADDOCK (27) **95**
21-51 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland **D. B. Monagle**
Big-field Curragh maiden winner last autumn. Only fifth to Christmas Day in the Ballysax at Leopardstown on reappearance but left that behind to edge out Pierre Bonnard and win the Derby Trial there (1¼m, good) 27 days ago. Will relish 1½m.

11 1 MALTESE CROSS (FR) (28) (D) **98**
21-11 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

William Haggas **Tom Marquand**
Son of Sea The Stars who has won all 3 starts since his debut, progressing again to see off Bay of Brilliance by a neck in the Derby Trial at Lingfield (11.6f, good to firm) 28 days ago. Will go on improving and can make his presence felt.

12 8 PIERRE BONNARD (IRE) (27) (BF) **95**
4111-72 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **Christophe Soumillon**
Group 1 winner on soft as a 2-y-o. Disappointed in the Ballysax on return but got his career back on track when narrowly denied by James J Braddock in Derby Trial at Leopardstown (1¼m, good) 27 days ago. Should stay 1½m and remains open to improvement.

13 4 POKER (IRE) (42) s **75**
62-2 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

K. R. Burke **Rowan Scott**
4,300,000 gns Wootton Bassett colt was beaten 8½ lengths into second by Bay of Brilliance in 9f Redcar novice last autumn. Advanced his form with cheekpieces added (retained) when second in another novice at Haydock (1½m, good to firm) on return 42 days ago but this is a huge jump in class.

14 14 REBEL ROCKER (39) **88**
1-2 **3 9-2** | 58.1kg

Faye Bramley **Rob Hornby**
Made a winning start in 1m Kempton maiden last November. Left that bare form behind when 2½ lengths second of 6 to Saxon Street in listed race at this course (1¼m, good) on return in April but another jolt of improvement will be needed to get competitive here.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Benvenuto Cellini, **4-1** Item, **15-2** Pierre Bonnard, **10-1** Maltese Cross, **11-1** Bay of Brilliance, **11-1** James J Braddock, **16-1** Ancient Egypt, **25-1** Action, **28-1** Christmas Day, **200-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Easy Chester Vase winner BENVENUTO CELLINI can provide Aidan O'Brien with a fourth successive Derby and record-extending twelfth overall. Dante winner Item is one of the least inexperienced in the line-up having had only 3 runs but that makes his York performance all the more impressive and he can progress again and provide the chief threat ahead of Lingfield Derby Trial 1-2 Maltese Cross and Bay of Brilliance. The selection's stablemate Pierre Bonnard completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BENVENUTO CELLINI 2. ITEM 3. MALTESE CROSS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Lambourn 3-9-2	13-2	Aidan O'Brien	W. M. Lordan	18
2024	City of Troy 3-9-2	3-1f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	16
2023	Auguste Rodin 3-9-2	9-2	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	14
2022	Desert Crown 3-9-2	5-2f	Sir Michael Stoute	Richard Kingscote	17
2021	Adayar 3-9-0	16-1	Charlie Appleby	Adam Kirby	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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CHERRYFIELD LESTER PIGGOTT HANDICAP (2) 3yo (Rated 0-100) £75,000 1¼m17y (2030 Metres)

RACE 6



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places); 5f: Good**

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

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

1 5 ALLEGRESSE (36) 97
2117-4 **3** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Andrew Balding **Oisin Murphy**

Won back-to-back 1m novices at Kempton in August and September (posted a useful timefigure under aggressive tactics), before coming unstuck in the 1¼m Zetland Stakes at Newmarket on his final start last year. Brushed aside from tough terms on Goodwood reappearance (1m) and now back up in trip.

2 11 LAKE COMO (IRE) (21) 99
88211-347 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg



George Boughey **Billy Loughnane**

Won novice/handicap on all-weather in December. Sound efforts in defeat on first 2 outings this year but latest seventh of 10 in 1m Newbury handicap was a shade disappointing. Does look worth a go at this trip, at least.

3 6 TAILGUNNER JOE (USA) (52) 94
7-0561666 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg



Dylan Cunha **David Egan**

Kept busy in Meydan since the turn of the year, landing a big field 1m handicap in February. Subsequent sixth over 9f there a month later was another sound effort but beaten by more than stamina for 1¼m when sixth of 8 in handicap at Newmarket in April. Given a short break.

4 10 STARLIGHT TIME (212) (C) 92
181- **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg



Roger Varian **Ray Dawson**

Overcame inexperience to land 5-runner 7f maiden on his debut here in July, well on top at the finish. Eighth of 26 in valuable sales race at Newmarket 3 months later before making the most of a good opportunity at Chelmsford upped to 1m. More to come as a 3-y-o for leading stable.

5 2 SILVER STATE (IRE) (28) 98
81133115 **3** 9-1 | 57.6kg



Jack Channon **Rose Dawes (5lb/2kg)**

Much improved since sent handicapping/fitted with a visor, registering comfortable victories at Wolverhampton and Newcastle during the winter before adding further 2 to his tally on turf in April (all around 1m). Sound fifth from revised mark at Haydock and now goes up in distance.

6 7 SAVVY DISKO (IRE) (25) 93
34-1 **3** 9-1 | 57.6kg



S. P. C. Woods **Robert Havlin**

Displayed ability in a pair of 7f contests in October and much improved when making a successful reappearance at Lingfield 3 weeks ago (1m). Opening mark calls for more trying 1¼m for the first time now handicapping.

7 1 HELL YEAH HE DID (FR) (220) 95
6231- **3** 9-1 | 57.6kg



Ralph Beckett **Hector Crouch**

Put experience to good use when landing 9-runner maiden at Nottingham (8.5f) in October. Off since but step back up in trip will suit on reappearance/handicap debut and given the stable he represents, there may well be more to come.

8 3 BE THE STANDARD (FR) (30) 91
3214-5 **3** 8-11 | 55.8kg



Hugo Palmer **Jamie Spencer**

Placed on first 2 starts prior to opening his account in 11-runner Thirsk novice (1m) in August. Well below that level when fourth on nursery debut at Newcastle (1m) in October and having been gelded ahead of reappearance, he seemed stretched by 12.5f at Chester a month ago. More needed.

9 4 FOLK PAGEANT (7) (D) 100
2-1911 **3** 8-10 | 55.3kg



Charlie Johnston **Rowan Scott**

Landed 1m Lingfield maiden in March and bounced back quickly from a disappointing handicap debut at Southwell with 2 further wins over this sort of trip on turf, staying on well at Chester. 6 lb rise could be lenient with prospect of more to come.

10 9 PENDELLA (IRE) (14) 98
2-41352 **3** 8-9 | 54.9kg



K. R. Burke **Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg)**

Made all in 9-runner maiden at Wolverhampton in February and improved form on third handicap start when second at York (1¼m) 2 weeks ago. Nudged up 2 lb but she can remain competitive.

11 8 YORK TOWER (25) 94
22-3 **3** 8-8 | 54.4kg



William Haggas **Harry Davies**

Shaped well when runner-up in 7f novices at Yarmouth and Chelmsford last year. Merely matched that level behind Savvy Disko at Lingfield 3 weeks ago but he's certainly in the right hands and on pedigree and run style, 1¼m will suit now handicapping.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Folk Pageant, **11-2** Hell Yeah He Did, **6-1** Starlight Time, **8-1** Allegresse, **9-1** Pendella, **9-1** York Tower, **14-1** Savvy Disko, **16-1** Lake Como, **16-1** Silver State, **18-1** Be The Standard, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Plenty to consider here but FOLK PAGEANT is very much going the right way in handicaps over this trip and a 6 lb rise for her latest win may well be within her compass. Hell Yeah He Did is one of the unknown quantities to some extent but along with Starlight Time, is expected to make up into a better 3-y-o.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FOLK PAGEANT 2. HELL YEAH HE DID 3. STARLIGHT TIME

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	War Hawk 3-9-4	9-2	Simon & Ed Crisford	Jack Mitchell	9
2024	Persica 3-9-9	9-2	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	12
2023	Torito 3-9-7	4-1	John & Thady Gosden	Benoit de la Sayette	13
2022	Swilcan Bridge 3-7-12	7-1	Andrew Balding	Hayley Turner	13
2021	Solent Gateway 3-8-5	28-1	Tom Dascombe	Hayley Turner	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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HKJC WORLD POOL NORTHERN DANCER HANDICAP (2)
4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £75,000 1½m6y (2420 Metres)

RACE 7




Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places); 5f: Good**


Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

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


1 3 PRYDWEN (IRE) (27) (D) 96
 289-68215 **8** 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **George Scott** **Tom Marquand**
 Did well to notch an eleventh career win over a shorter-than-ideal trip at Ripon (1½m) in April. Not disgraced in a German Group 2 at Hoppegarten (2m) since but faces no easy task from top weight back down in distance in a competitive handicap.


2 1 SPINNING WHEEL (14) (D) 97
 11021-2 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Simon & Ed Crisford** **James Doyle**
 Ended 2025 firmly on the up with a gutsy success in 9-runner handicap at Leicester (1½m) in October and ran a race full of promise when second of 7 at Goodwood (1¾m) 7 months on. Still unexposed after just 6 career starts and has to be on the shortlist.

3 11 MILITARY ACADEMY (35) (D) 96
 65-723055 **5** 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Jane Chapple-Hyam** **Paddy Bradley**
 Showed signs of temperament towards the end of a winless 4-y-o season for the Gosden stable but made a positive start for current connections when a close third in the Winter Derby at Lingfield. Run best excused at Newmarket latest, though he makes only limited appeal from a 3-figure handicap mark.


4 14 REGAL ULIXES (22) 97
 1/17-61647 **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Andrew Balding** **Oisin Murphy**
 Has seemed more tractable since the hood has gone on, winning at Lingfield in February. Respectable efforts in defeat subsequently, including back on turf at York latest, and this step back up in trip is worth exploring.


5 17 LORD MELBOURNE (IRE) (35) (CD) 98
 131/16-509 **6** 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Ralph Beckett** **Jack Dace (51b/2kg)**
 November Handicap winner at Doncaster on final start in 2024 and followed up almost 11 months later here (second course success). Has yet to find his form this year, though.


6 4 DANCING IN PARIS (FR) (273) (D) 97
 3/4328240- **6** 8-13 | 56.7kg

 **Ian Williams** **Dougie Costello**
 Acquitted himself well without winning in staying handicaps last year, and while it's easy to forgive his end-of-season effort at Haydock in September, he's probably better over further nowadays.


7 12 ASGARD'S CAPTAIN (IRE) (22) (CD) 97
 5132-5341 **6** 8-12 | 56.2kg

 **Dylan Cunha** **David Egan**
 A dual 1½m scorer in 2025 (first over C&D). In good form at Meydan in the winter and quickly put a slightly disappointing effort behind him when resuming winning ways at Newmarket 22 days ago, despite going in snatches. Nudged up 3 lb.


8 6 ANTRIM (22) 98
 11-414983 **4** 8-12 | 56.2kg

 **K. R. Burke** **Sam James**
 Useful 3-time winner on artificial surfaces, including in Dubai earlier this year. Ran up to his best on first turf start for current yard when 5¾ lengths third of 7 to Elsass in handicap at Hamilton (11f, good to firm) 22 days ago, though did have the run of things.


9 8 NIGHT BREEZE (IRE) (39) (CD) 97
 09540341 **6** 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Ian Williams** **Billy Loughnane**
 Showed improved form in 2025, winning twice at Ascot. Looked better than ever when off the mark for the season in 5-runner handicap over C&D in April and that form is working out better than expected.


10 10 GIVE IT TO ME OJ (15) (CD) 97
 44327/11-3 **5** 8-9 | 54.9kg

 **Gary & Josh Moore** **Toby Moore (71b/3kg)**
 In top form for most of 2025, completing a cross-code 5-timer, including a brace of C&D handicaps. Shaped well in a Cheltenham Festival handicap hurdle in March and his stamina perhaps gave way on his first try at 2m on the level at Goodwood latest. 7 lb claimer takes over and remains of interest.


11 2 MAX MAYHEM (10) (D) 97
 80969-007 **8** 8-9 | 54.9kg

 **George Baker** **Marco Ghiani**
 Struggled in Bahrain at the start of the year following a stable switch but made it clear he's not one to write off when producing a more encouraging effort back at 1½m at Kempton 10 days ago.


12 9 ELSASS (IRE) (22) 99
 269120-11 **4** 8-8 | 54.4kg

 **Charlie Johnston** **Connor Beasley**
 Has returned from a 6-month break (gelded) an improved model, following up from Southwell with plenty to spare back on turf at Hamilton (11f) 22 days ago. Tackles stronger company for his hat-trick bid but isn't one to take lightly by any means.

13 13 TOO SOON (14) (C) 100
 55338-045 **4** 8-8 | 54.4kg

 **Gary & Josh Moore** **Warren Fentiman (31b/1kg)**
 Course winner at 2 yrs and although he hasn't added to his tally in the meantime, he ran well when fourth of 14 in a strong 1½m handicap at Ascot in May. Failed to see out the longer trip at Goodwood since but interesting now back down in distance with yard starting to turn a corner.


14 16 GORDON GREY (IRE) (28) (CD) 99
 07111-939 **6** 8-7 | 54.0kg

 **George Baker** **Silvestre De Sousa**
 Completed 4-timer (first success over hurdles) with 5-length victory over C&D in August on final start for B. F. Brookhouse. Had a couple of spins in Bahrain prior to finishing down the field at Ascot latest and has probably been trained with this in mind (3-4 here). Tongue tie refitted.


15 15 BULLETIN (IRE) (10) 98
 23143-324 **4** 8-7 | 54.0kg

 **Jonathan Portman** **Harry Davies**
 Improved for going up in trip last season, doubling his tally in 11f handicap at Kempton in August. Has held form well since, posting another solid effort when fourth of 13 in 1½m handicap back at aforementioned track latest. Should continue to run well for all that soft ground would be an unknown.

16 7 HENGEST (9) (D) 93
 7-64111 **4** 8-4(8-2) | 52.6kg (51.7kg)

 **Dylan Cunha** **Ray Dawson**
 Improving Night of Thunder 4-y-o who completed a hat-trick in 4-runner handicap at Yarmouth (1¼m, good to firm) 9 days ago, driven out when closed down only late in the day. This is obviously tougher but there's surely more to come from him now that his stamina is drawn out further.

17 5 NORTHWEST PASSAGE (17) 93
 246412-05 **4** 8-4(7-13) | 52.6kg (50.3kg)

 **Ivan Furtado** **Laura Pearson**
 Relished testing conditions when off the mark at Salisbury (1¼m) in September prior to finding only one too good from a 9 lb higher mark at Newbury. Not seen to best effect under speed-favouring conditions at Ayr latest but unproven over this far and faces a stiff task from 5 lb out of the weights.

17 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

17-2 Elsass, **9-1** Regal Ulixes, **9-1** Night Breeze, **9-1** Hengest, **10-1** Asgard's Captain, **12-1** Spinning Wheel, **14-1** Too Soon, **16-1** Bulletin, **16-1** Give It To Me Oj, **20-1** Gordon Grey, **22-1** Prydwen, **25-1** Antrim, **25-1** Max Mayhem, **28-1** Dancing In Paris, **33-1** Lord Melbourne, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A deep-looking renewal of this handicap with TOO SOON receiving the tentative vote. He hasn't added to his tally since winning a good race at this venue as a juvenile, but his fourth at Ascot 2 starts ago is among the best recent form on offer and he looks primed for a big run back over a more suitable trip with his yard beginning to turn a corner. Gordon Grey is also of interest given his excellent course record, while Spinning Wheel and Hengest are two unexposed 4-y-os to note.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TOO SOON 2. GORDON GREY 3. SPINNING WHEEL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Small Fry 4-8-6	9-4f	Gary & Josh Moore	Ashley Lewis (7)	14
2024	Relentless Voyager 4-9-8	7-1	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	14
2023	Sheer Rocks 4-8-9	11-2	Eve Johnson Houghton	Harry Davies (3)	8
2022	Midnights Legacy 5-9-1	3-1f	Alan King	William Buick	11
2021	Midnights Legacy 4-9-3	12-1	Alan King	William Buick	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**JRA TOKYO TROPHY HANDICAP (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105)
£75,000 6f3y (1210 Metres)**

RACE 8





Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places); 5f: Good**


Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

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


1 6 ROMAN DRAGON (7) (D) s **92**
2-0587018 **7** 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Hugo Palmer**  **Oisin Murphy**
Chester specialist who recorded his eighth course success when landing a 10-runner handicap there in May, beating Dubai Bling by a head. Not seen to best effect when eighth over 7f at the same venue last time and yard remains in top form, but he is 0-6 off marks of 100 or higher.

2 15 INVICTUS GOLD (IRE) (35) (D) s **97**
5/31055-39 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Tom Clover** **David Egan**
Useful sprinter who boasts a solid record at Newmarket and ran well when 5¼ lengths third of 13 to Double Rush there in April. Best not judged too harshly on his effort last time, losing place when short of room early. Yard among the winners and cheekpieces back on.


3 8 FINE INTERVIEW (FR) (69) (D) s **97**
8353119-1 **5** 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Hamad Al Jehani** **James Doyle**
Proved better than ever when winning a 19-runner handicap at Doncaster in March, beating Akkadian Thunder by a length. Has a good record fresh, so the absence since is not a concern, and a 5 lb rise does not look excessive. A bold bid looks assured, especially if any rain arrives.


4 2 KYLIAN (IRE) (12) (D) s **95**
644-55307 **5** 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Robert Cowell** **Jack Mitchell**
A dual listed winner for Archie Watson, has yet to score for his current yard but has shaped as if as good as ever in defeat. Excuses on last 2 starts and no surprise were he to return to from what looks an attractive mark.



5 13 APOLLO ONE (35) (D) **98**
62-408293 **8** 9-6 | 59.9kg

 **P. Charalambous & J. Clutterbuck** **Marco Ghiani**
Runner-up in the Portland at Doncaster and in a Group 3 at Ascot last season. Largely struggled in the Middle East early in 2026 but returned to form when 3¾ lengths third of 9 to Double Rush at Newmarket last month. Twice placed in this race in the past and looks likely to feature again.


6 14 PARTISAN HERO (IRE) (14) (C) s **93**
61-838271 **6** 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **David Loughnane** **Robert Havlin**
Reliable performer won 4 times at 7f/1m last season, including twice at this course. Largely campaigned as a sprinter this year and showed plenty of speed when winning 16-runner 5f event at York a fortnight ago, beating Stratusnine by a head. May have more to offer.


7 3 GOLD STAR HERO (IRE) (50) (D) s  **97**
51527-111 **4** 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **Michael Bell**  **Tom Marquand**
Has improved this year, winning at Chelmsford and Wolverhampton before completing hat-trick at latter course last time, beating Havana Blast by 2¼ lengths. Needs to transfer that improvement back to turf but has run well at this course in the past.


8 5 SONDAD (24) (CD) v **96**
2112723-0 **5** 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Michael & David Easterby** **Joanna Mason**
Useful sort that won this race off a 7 lb lower mark last year and largely held form from higher marks afterwards. Had no chance racing on the stand side at York on return from 7-month absence last time. Needs to step up.


9 11 TOPWARRIOR (225) (D) t **99**
1220P201- **4** 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Ralph Beckett** **Hector Crouch**
Developed into a useful sprinter in 2025, winning twice and showing marked improvement for the addition of blinkers when landing an 18-runner handicap at Newbury by 2 lengths from Charlie Manson in October. That success came on heavy ground, however, and the blinkers are now removed.


10 12 EYE OF DUBAI (52) (D) **96**

 **John & Sean Quinn** **Jason Hart**
0531527-0 **5** 8-13 | 56.7kg
Regained the winning thread at Ripon in 2025 and followed up with a couple of fine efforts in defeat, notably going close in a big-field Doncaster handicap towards the end of the year. Shaped as if in need of the run on his return and went off favourite for this race last year from the same mark.


11 10 BADRI (12) (CD) **96**
54-274061 **9** 8-13 | 56.7kg

 **Michael Herrington** **Dylan Hogan**
Won this race in 2023 and proved a good deal of his ability remains when winning 11-runner 0-85 handicap at Redcar 12 days ago by ½-length from Bravo Zulu. Remains well treated on old form despite 3 lb rise but this is a tougher assignment and others appeal more for win purposes.


12 9 TWILIGHT JET (IRE) (7) (D)  **93**
35-585811 **7** 8-12 | 56.2kg

 **Jim & Suzi Best** **Ashley Lewis (51b/2kg)**
Classy sprinter in his younger days who capitalised on a much-reduced mark and justified strong support when twice scoring at Lingfield last month, beating Invincible Speed by 4 lengths in a 5-runner event on the latter occasion. Runner-up in this race last year from a mark 4 lb higher.


13 4 STRIKE RED (IRE) (6) (D) **95**
0800-3107 **8** 8-11 | 55.8kg

 **Richard & Peter Fahey** **Billy Garrity**
Runner-up in Stewards' Cup at Goodwood last year and built on promising reappearance effort when returning to winning ways at Leicester (6f, good to firm) in April. Below that form last 2 starts, however.


14 7 SOLAR ACLAIM (IRE) (15) (D)  **100**
110930-00 **5** 8-9 | 54.9kg

 **Julie Camacho** **Rowan Scott**
Useful sort who shaped better than the bare result in this race last year off 2 lb lower mark before landing pair of sprint handicaps last summer. Has proven much too headstrong tackling 7f on his last 2 starts and will be well suited by this return to sprinting.

15 16 PUREST TIME (26) (D) **94**
0230-5071 **6** 8-9 | 54.9kg

 **Ian Williams** **Edward Greatrex**
Capitalised on career-low mark and ended a lengthy losing run when winning 9-runner handicap at Windsor last month by 1¼ lengths from An Outlaw's Grace. Raised 4 lb for that success and faces a much stiffer task in this company.

16 1 SAINT LAWRENCE (IRE) (29) (D) **94**
7000709-2 **8** 8-9 | 54.9kg

 **Kevin Ryan** **Sam James**
Formerly smart sprinter who tumbled down the weights in 2025 and showed more encouragement after a breathing operation and stable switch when second to Bolo Neighs in a 10-runner Ascot event on his return. This demands another significant forward step, though.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Fine Interview, **9-1** Gold Star Hero, **10-1** Topwarrior, **10-1** Twilight Jet, **12-1** Solar Aclaim, **12-1** Apollo One, **12-1** Partisan Hero, **14-1** Badri, **20-1** Eye of Dubai, **20-1** Saint Lawrence, **20-1** Roman Dragon, **25-1** Sondad, **25-1** Kylian, **33-1** Invictus Gold, **33-1** Purest Time, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

APOLLO ONE is perhaps better known for his valiant efforts in defeat than his wins, but he remains a classy operator and, racing from his lowest mark in 3 years, is taken to better his 2 previous placings in this race and gain a deserved success. Fine Interview arrives on the back of an improved win and is sure to run well, while Solar Aclaim and Twilight Jet are also respected in a highly competitive sprint.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. APOLLO ONE 2. FINE INTERVIEW 3. SOLAR ACLAIM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Sondad 4-8-8	12-1	Michael & David Easterby	Joanna Mason	11
2024	Misty Grey 7-9-9	7-1	David O'Meara	Rossa Ryan	13
2023	Badri 6-9-8	10-1	Ruth Carr	Hollie Doyle	14
2022	Mr Wagyu 7-9-0	12-1	John Quinn	Jason Hart	14
2021	Ejtlaab 5-8-8	3-1f	Ian Williams	David Egan	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race