

Saturday 5th September

THIRSK

1.35 PERSONAL TOUCHES DAY OF ELEGANCE NURSERY HANDICAP (5) 7f218y (1610 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(1) EMPIRE RISING | (2) LOVE TANYA | (3) THE MONKEY KING**
2.05 JW4X4 NORTHALLERTON NURSERY HANDICAP (4) 5f (1010 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(3) ANCHIANO | (2) SAVAGE MARINER | (9) CONCERT PITCH**
2.40 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (Qualifier) (2) 6f (1210 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(9) MA BLUSHIN ROSIE | (1) DONTLOOKANYFURTHER | (2) PIPPY BOY**
3.15 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP (3) 7f (1410 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(1) OOLONG POOBONG | (5) COTAI BELLE | (3) PERFECT PART**
3.50 RUDDING PARK HARROGATE HANDICAP (3) 6f (1210 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(5) COMMANCHE FALLS | (9) THE GOOD BISCUIT | (10) FIVETHOUSANDTOONE**
4.25 CALVERTS CARPETS HAMBLETON CUP HANDICAP (4) 1½m8y (2420 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(6) WARDLAW | (4) WHAT'S THE PLAN | (2) HIGH STORM**
5.00 THIRSK RACECOURSE IDEAL CONFERENCE & EVENTS VENUE HANDICAP (4) (D.I) 7f (1410 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(5) FRANKIES DREAM | (2) MISUNDERSTOOD | (6) NATIVE INSTINCT**
5.35 THIRSK RACECOURSE IDEAL CONFERENCE & EVENTS VENUE HANDICAP (4) (D.II) 7f (1410 Metres)

 RACE 8 **(9) NYMAN | (2) OBELIX | (5) MR KING**
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

PERSONAL TOUCHES DAY OF ELEGANCE NURSERY HANDICAP
(5) 2yo (Rated 0-75) £8,000 7f218y (1610 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

1	4	EMPIRE RISING (IRE) (24)	04441	2	9-9	61.2kg		100
		Charlie Clover					Darragh Keenan	
		Showed improved form to get off the mark under a positive ride in an ordinary Beverley maiden (7.5f) last time, capitalising on the run of the race to score by 2¾ lengths. A 5-lb rise doesn't look insurmountable on return to a nursery, especially as he's still unexposed over this sort of trip.						
2	1	LOVE TANYA (IRE) (29)	322	2	9-8	60.8kg		99
		Edward Bethell					Connor Beasley	
		€110,000 Blue Point filly. Continued the theme of race-by-race improvement when narrow second on nursery bow (third career start) at Thirsk (7f) last month, pulling clear with a last-time-out winner. Up 4 lb in a better race, but she should go close again given her current trajectory.						
3	7	THE MONKEY KING (30)	631	2	9-7	60.3kg		94
		Ralph Beckett					Rhys Clutterbuck	
		Bred to be useful and went the right way in novices, looking better the further he went when off the mark on qualifying run at Brighton (7f) last time. Step up in trip will likely unlock further improvement, which should put him firmly in the mix here.						
4	6	COCO NOVA (IRE) (24) (BF)	43	2	9-5	59.4kg		99
		Hugo Palmer					Harry Davies	
		Promising fourth behind a couple of subsequent winners (including The Monkey King) on debut at Doncaster. Didn't progress as expected when 4 lengths third to Empire Rising at Beverley subsequently, however, he may do better off a potentially lenient opening mark.						
5	3	AKARAKA (40)	787	2	9-5	59.4kg		88
		Michael Bell					Pierre-Louis Jamin	
		Brought along steadily over inadequate trips in maiden/novices. Could well improve now switched to a nursery/longer trip on the back of a gelding operation, for all he's bred to stay even further than this.						
6	2	OR ANOTHER (IRE) (9)	34734	2	9-4	59.0kg	t	98
		Katie Scott					Jason Hart	
		Sold for only 6,000 gns having regressed for the Karl Burke yard (looked a hard ride at times). Back on track in Carlisle novice (6f) on stable debut last time, beaten 2¼ lengths in first-time tongue strap. Extra furlong could eke out a bit of improvement on return to nursery company.						
7	9	PRINCE KAMEO (9) (D)	48051	2	9-4	59.0kg		98
		Sir Mark Prescott Bt					Kevin Stott	
		Belatedly built on initial promise to open his account at the second attempt in nurseries, coming from further back than ideal to score by ¾-length at Lingfield (1m, all-weather). Yet to prove as effective on turf, however, there's hope of more to come given his pedigree/connections.						
8	5	SOU'WESTER (86)	555	2	9-0	57.2kg		95
		Tim Easterby					David Allan	
		Showed ability in a couple of starts prior to struggling on soft ground at Catterick in early-June. Since gelded and could improve now switched to a nursery by in-form yard who had winning nursery debutant earlier this week.						
9	8	NORTHERN VIOLA (64)	557	2	8-4	52.6kg		93
		John & Sean Quinn					James Sullivan	
		Looked ready for further in a couple of 7f events prior to finishing well beaten over an inadequate trip on qualifying run at Beverley (5f) 9 weeks ago. Now tackles 1m for first time on nursery bow and no surprise if she makes more impact.						

TIMEFORM VIEW:

EMPIRE RISING won readily at Beverley and may well follow up on return to a nursery. Improving Love Tanya is feared, along with The Monkey King, who should relish this step up in trip. Coco Nova completes the shortlist in a competitive-looking opener.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EMPIRE RISING 2. LOVE TANYA 3. THE MONKEY KING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Dunkeld Dreamer 2-8-13	9-1	K. R. Burke	Shane Gray	5
2024	Cymbidium 2-9-7	10-3jf	David O'Meara	Jason Watson	12
2023	Making Dreams 2-9-11	8-1	K. R. Burke	Brandon Wilkie (7)	11
2022	Masterpainter 2-9-4	9-1	Michael Dods	Connor Beasley	11
2021	Galileo Glass 2-9-4	11-2	Darryll Holland	Jason Watson	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 The Monkey King, 5-1 Empire Rising, 5-1 Love Tanya, 13-2 Coco Nova, 8-1 Prince Kameo, 12-1 Or Another, 14-1 Akaraka, 16-1 Sou'wester, 20-1 Northern Viola

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RACE 2

JW4X4 NORTHALLERTON NURSERY HANDICAP (4) 2yo
(Rated 0-85) £9,000 5f (1010 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

1	4	PRINCESSE D'ORANGE (38) (D)	15309	2	9-9	61.2kg		Kevin Stott	93
Easily made all in novice at Beverley (5f) on debut in April. Close third in National Stakes at Sandown the following month but found life too competitive in Queen Mary/valuable conditions race at Glorious Goodwood since. No easy task at the weights on nursery bow, either.									
2	1	SAVAGE MARINER (IRE) (17)	2000	2	9-9	61.2kg		Harry Davies	97
Travelled well when no match for subsequent Albany/Lowther winner on debut at Leicester (6f). Highly tried at Ascot/Goodwood prior to finishing down the field in first-time blinkers on nursery bow at York (6f). Could be worth another chance dropped in trip/class, though.									
3	6	ANCHIANO (IRE) (44) (D)	513	2	9-9	61.2kg		Darragh Keenan	100
Son of Acclamation who cost 110,000 gns. Travelled well when scoring second time up at Yarmouth and form of his subsequent 3½-length third over the same C&D is working out very well. Leading claims on nursery bow.									
4	3	THIS MOMENT (IRE) (16) (D)	24241	2	9-9	61.2kg		Grace McEntee	97
Improving Showcasing gelding who finished a close fourth of 5 in a solid race on nursery bow at Windsor. Duly built on that promise when narrow all-the-way winner on first start over 5f at Newcastle latest. In good hands and his pedigree suggests there's probably more to come.									
5	8	BLACK VELVET BOY (IRE) (19) (D)	7311	2	9-6	59.9kg		Jason Hart	94
Progressive sort who got off the mark in dominant fashion at Beverley on qualifying run (second won since). Belied his weakness in the market/went with his usual enthusiasm when following up on nursery bow at Windsor. Needs more again to defy a 3-lb rise in a stronger race, though.									
6	2	FURTURRA (9) (D)	31212405	2	9-3	58.5kg		David Allan	97
Already had plenty of racing when doubling his tally in a Redcar novice (6f) in June. Similar form in defeat when tackling stronger company at York subsequently. Didn't immediately bounce back to form on all-weather bow latest, however, he's been given a chance by the handicapper on return to turf.									
7	7	ROOTS IN TOUCHE (IRE) (14) (D)	2418	2	9-3	58.5kg		M. P. Sheehy	95
£165,000 breeze-up buy who opened her account at the third time of asking when proving too sharp for a green rival in a match at Nottingham (5f). Flying too high in listed company at York since and should be more competitive in first-time hood on nursery debut.									
8	5	CASINO STAR (IRE) (16)	26235	2	9-0	57.2kg		Pierre-Louis Jamin	97
Solid placed efforts behind a couple of useful sorts at Hamilton/Haydock earlier this summer. Didn't look altogether enthusiastic when asked for maximum effort in first-time cheekpieces at Newcastle latest, finishing 3¾ lengths behind This Moment. He is weighted to close that gap here, though.									
9	9	CONCERT PITCH (IRE) (23) (D)	32662221	2	8-12	56.2kg		Connor Beasley	99
Runner-up 4 times prior to justifying heavy support in emphatic style in a Class 6 nursery at Beverley (5f) last month. Up in grade here, but he's going the right way now and could go well again off 7 lb higher.									

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Anchiano, 6-1 Concert Pitch, 13-2 This Moment, 13-2 Black Velvet Boy, 8-1 Savage Mariner, 9-1 Casino Star, 12-1 Roots In Touche, 14-1 Furturra, 14-1 Princesse D'orange

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ANCHIANO's Yarmouth form has been well advertised, and he's taken to resume winning ways on nursery debut. Savage Mariner is on a handy mark if he can recapture his debut form with sights lowered, while Concert Pitch has to be respected now up and running.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ANCHIANO 2. SAVAGE MARINER 3. CONCERT PITCH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Dazzling Haze	2-9-9	9-2	Simon & Ed Crisford	Jack Callan (5)	11
2024	Managing Director	2-9-6	5-2f	Bryan Smart	David Nolan	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.40

RACE 3

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES
(Qualifier) (2) 2yo £30,000 6f (1210 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

1	9	DONTLOOKANYFURTHER (IRE) (14) (D)	92
	61	2 9-8 60.8kg	Jason Hart
Space Traveller colt who showed improved form to open his account at the second time of asking in 12-runner novice at Redcar (6f, good) 2 weeks ago. Penalty to shoulder but likely to progress further.			
2	7	PIPPY BOY (IRE)	
		2 9-4 59.0kg	Darragh Keenan
Foaled March 22. 58,000 gns yearling. Ghaiyyath gelding. Half-brother to several winners, including 5f winner General Assembly and winner up to 6f Louis Treize. Dam 2-y-o 5.7f winner. Makes some appeal on paper.			
3	2	RUM POINT (IRE)	
		2 9-4 59.0kg	Zak Wheatley
Foaled March 21. €40,000 yearling, resold €35,000 yearling (private sale), Lucky Vega gelding. Half-brother to several winners, including useful 6f winner America Queen and winner up to 12.5f That's Crazy. Dam 2-y-o 5f winner. Warrants a market check.			
4	13	REDDY (10)	87
	3	2 9-1 57.6kg	Rhys Clutterbuck
Earthlight gelding who is bred to be useful and offered something to work on under an educational ride when third in 11-runner novice at Wolverhampton (6f) on recent debut.			
5	8	UNCLE ZELLO (10)	82
	03	2 9-1 57.6kg	Harry Davies
Left debut form behind when 8¼ lengths third of 8 in maiden at Newbury (6.5f, firm) 10 days ago. Could make even more impact now that he heads north.			
6	6	LORD BISHOP	
		2 8-12 56.2kg	Billy Garritty
Foaled January 20. Lope Y Fernandez gelding. Dam unraced. Yard 0-13 with 2-y-o debutants at the time of writing.			
7	3	CALLISTERRA (IRE) (14)	91
	523	2 8-10 55.3kg	Connor Beasley
Kodi Bear filly who improved second time up when runner-up in 6f novice at Redcar (good) in June. Similar form when 2¾ lengths third of 12 to Dontlookanyfurther in back there last time.			
8	1	HAIR RAISING (24)	79
	36	2 8-10 55.3kg	James Sullivan
Showed more than first time up when sixth of 12 in maiden at Beverley (7.3f, good) 24 days ago but nurseries more likely to be her bag in due course.			
9	4	MA BLUSHIN ROSIE (IRE) (17)	100
	3	2 8-10 55.3kg	M. P. Sheehy
Ardad filly who was well backed and showed ability amidst signs of inexperience when third in 7-runner novice at Carlisle (6f) on debut 17 days ago. Likely to improve.			
10	5	SCOTTYS ROCKET (IRE) (10)	85
	93	2 8-10 55.3kg	Joanna Mason
€37,000 Ten Sovereigns filly who showed the benefit of her initial outing when third in 8-runner maiden at Catterick (5f) 10 days ago. That form is no better than modest, though.			

11	10	TEXTING (16)	95
	66	2 8-10 55.3kg	Grace McEntee
Showed more than first time up when sixth of 8 in novice at Newcastle (7f, 80/1) 16 days ago, unable to sustain effort. Possibly more one for low-grade nurseries after this run, though.			
12	12	VOYAGER ONE (IRE) (16)	75
	5	2 8-10 55.3kg	Pierre-Louis Jamin
Is bred more for speed than stamina and seemed to find the test too much when fifth of 6 in 1m novice at Newmarket (good) on debut 16 days ago. Drop in trip looks a positive move but still needs a big step forward.			
13	11	MALULEE (39)	20
	0	2 8-7 54.0kg	Ethan Tindall
Lope Y Fernandez filly who was too green to achieve anything on her Beverley debut in July.			

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Ma Blushin Rosie, 9-2 Dontlookanyfurther, 17-2 Callisterra, 10-1 Reddy, 12-1 Uncle Zello, 14-1 Pippy Boy, 16-1 Scottys Rocket, 16-1 Rum Point, 22-1 Texting, 25-1 Voyager One, 33-1 Lord Bishop, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MA BLUSHIN ROSIE showed plenty amidst inexperience when third at Carlisle on her recent debut and, with improvement on the cards, is taken to strike at the second time of asking. Dontlookanyfurther shoulders a penalty for his Redcar success but is likely to progress further, while newcomer Pippy Boy makes some appeal on paper and warrants a market check.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MA BLUSHIN ROSIE 2. DONTLOOKANYFURTHER 3. PIPPY BOY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Simplify 2-8-11 9-4 Andrew Balding Hollie Doyle 16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15

RACE 4

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP (3) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-90) £20,000 7f (1410 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

1	5	OOLONG POOBONG (IRE) (16) (D)	t	★	100
		92/214-503	4	10-0	63.5kg
		Edward Bethell		Connor Beasley	
		Bagged 7f handicap at Haydock before an excellent fourth in the Sandringham last summer. Lightly raced since but right back on song with third of 19 in handicap at York (7f, soft) 16 days ago, especially as she was set a lot to do. Big shout nudged up 2 lb.			
2	4	FIGJAM (IRE) (16)			96
		2-7464670	3	9-9	61.2kg
		Katie Scott		Jason Hart	
		Winless this season but she posted a good sixth in Group 3 Summer Stakes at York (6f) in July. Below par back in handicap company at Ascot and York since though so bounce back is required.			
3	3	PERFECT PART (IRE) (16)			99
		0-4642075	4	9-7	60.3kg
		Brian Ellison		Joanna Mason	
		Without a victory since her debut in 2024 but she was a good second over 1m here in May. Shaped as if back in form when fifth of 19 at York (7f, soft) 16 days ago so merits consideration.			
4	1	PASSING THOUGHT (29) (D)			95
		7217-109	3	9-5	59.4kg
		Ed Walker		Ashley Lewis (3lb/1kg)	
		Took a big step forward when winning on reappearance at Wetherby (7f) on handicap debut in April. Found it tougher at Royal Ascot next time and fared no better eased in grade at Musselburgh last time. Others more persuasive.			
5	2	COTAI BELLE (IRE) (16)			97
		09-822224	3	9-0	57.2kg
		Richard & Peter Fahey		Ethan Tindall (5lb/2kg)	
		A dual 5f scorer in 2025 and proving very consistent this season, runner-up 4 times before a good fourth of 19 in handicap at York (7f, soft) 16 days ago. A likely player off a 2 lb lower mark.			
6	6	PROPOSAL (39) (D)			96
		542-145	3	8-12	56.2kg
		William Haggas		Harry Davies	
		Returned from 7 months off with breakthrough victory in 7f Doncaster maiden in April. Only twice raced since and posted a good fifth of 14 in handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to firm) in July. Not out of things after just 6 runs.			

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Oolong Poobong, 11-4 Proposal, 9-2 Cotai Belle, 13-2 Perfect Part, 9-1 Passing Thought, 12-1 Figjam

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A competitive fillies' handicap but OOLONG POOBONG signalled she is ready to strike again when an excellent third in a big-field York handicap at the Ebor meeting and looks the way to go. Cotai Belle seems sure to go well but could once more have to settle for runner-up spot, while Perfect Part and Proposal can also have a say.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OOLONG POOBONG 2. COTAI BELLE 3. PERFECT PART

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2025	Dash of Azure	3-9-6	15-8f Ralph Beckett	Edward Greatrex 11
2024	Rajindri	4-9-10	5-2f Tom Clover	Jason Watson 7
2023	No Nay Nicki	4-9-2	11-4 Richard Fahey	Billy Garritty 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

RUDDING PARK HARROGATE HANDICAP (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-95) £18,000 6f (1210 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

1	1	MOSTAR DREAMS (IRE) (28) (D)		90
		03-192439 5 10-2 64.4kg		
		 Adrian Keatley <i>M. P. Sheehy</i>		
		Opened her account for present yard at Newcastle in January. Ran a cracker upped markedly in grade when fourth in listed race at Pontefract (1m) in July. Beat only one home though in 1m Haydock listed event last time. Others look better treated at these weights.		
2	10	DARK CLOUD RISING (21) (CD)	v	96
		090U1326 4 9-13 63.0kg		
		 David O'Meara <i>Billy Garritty</i>		
		Resumed winning ways at Ripon (6f) in June. Found less than looked likely when runner-up there before suffering a poor run with sixth of 14 in Great St Wilfrid. Can't be dismissed.		
3	5	RAY MON DOUGH (19) (D, BF)		98
		1-62618 3 9-11 62.1kg		
		 Oliver Cole <i>Kevin Stott</i>		
		Doubled his tally at Leicester (6f) in August but proved much too keen when last of 8 under a penalty in handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm) 19 days ago. Needs to become more tractable.		
4	4	MIDNIGHT THUNDER (20) (D)	t	93
		2119/40-5 4 9-11 62.1kg		
		 Saeed bin Suroor <i>Pierre-Louis Jamin</i>		
		A dual 6f scorer in 2024. Off 18 months/tongue tied when an encouraging fifth of 13 in handicap at Southwell (7f) 20 days ago. Needs to build on that now.		
5	2	COMMANCHE FALLS (33) (CD)	s	 100
		09-220703 9 9-10 61.7kg		
		 Michael Dods <i>Connor Beasley</i>		
		One-time smart veteran. Hasn't scored since 2023 but was runner-up in 2 handicaps in Bahrain over the winter. Best effort since returning to Britain when third of 7 at Ripon (6f, good to firm) last month. This C&D scorer is weighted to go close off an unchanged mark.		
6	7	DAPPER VALLEY (IRE) (17) (D)	s	96
		8-8703110 5 9-8 60.8kg		
		 Michael Keady <i>Darragh Keenan</i>		
		Free-going type who rejoined James Owen after a spell in the UAE and exploited a reduced mark with a pair of quick-fire victories at Leicester and Salisbury in April/May. Ran poorly after 4 months off for his new yard in handicap at York (5.5f, good) 17 days ago. Cheekpieces are retired now.		
7	8	MUSICAL TOUCH (IRE) (42) (CD)		97
		4600-1710 5 9-7 60.3kg		
		 Richard & Peter Fahey <i>Ethan Tindall (5lb/2kg)</i>		
		Scored at Southwell in April and capitalised on a good track position to bag 21-runner handicap at York in June. Not drawn as well when twelfth there last time and this C&D winner likely needs a personal best remaining on a career-high mark.		
8	9	GRASMERE BOY (28) (D)		93
		221155 3 9-6 59.9kg		
		 Julie Camacho <i>Jason Hart</i>		
		Off the mark in 6f Ripon maiden in June and progressed significantly to make a successful handicap debut at Chester the following month. Not at his best when fifth of 9 in handicap at Ascot (6f, good to firm) 4 weeks ago but remains quite lightly raced.		
9	6	THE GOOD BISCUIT (20) (D)		94
		28441161 5 9-5 59.4kg		
		 Ruth Carr <i>Joanna Mason</i>		
		Back in fine form this summer and gained a third win in 9-runner handicap at Pontefract (6f, good) 20 days ago. Up 5 lb but not taken lightly in his current mood.		
10	3	FIVETHOUSANDTOONE (IRE) (35) (D)	s	96
		93220686 8 8-12 56.2kg		
		 Tim Easterby <i>David Allan</i>		
		On a losing run but in much better form than his recent form figures suggest, not enjoying a smooth passage when sixth of 11 at Hamilton (5f, good to firm) last month. Can hinder his chance at the start but needs considering.		

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Dark Cloud Rising, 5-1 The Good Biscuit, 15-2 Commanche Falls, 9-1 Ray Mon Dough, 9-1 Midnight Thunder, 12-1 Musical Touch, 14-1 Fivethousandtoone, 14-1 Dapper Valley, 14-1 Grasmere Boy, 18-1 Mostar Dreams

TIMEFORM VIEW:

COMMANCHE FALLS is a long time without a victory but has slipped to an attractive mark and could prove the way to go on the back of his good recent Ripon third. The Good Biscuit is feared most as he bids for a fourth success in his last five outings, while Fivethousandtoone and Dark Cloud Rising can both have a say too if things drop right for them.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COMMANCHE FALLS 2. THE GOOD BISCUIT 3. FIVETHOUSANDTOONE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Eternal Sunshine	5-9-4	7-2	Jim Goldie	Lauren Young (7)	16
2024	Kings Merchant	3-9-2	4-1	Edward Bethell	Callum Rodriguez	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.25

RACE 6

CALVERTS CARPETS HAMBLETON CUP HANDICAP (4) 3yo+
(Rated 0-85) £10,000 1½m8y (2420 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

1	6	SPIRIT OF ACKLAM (26)	3/010-5714	5	10-1	64.0kg	98
		Michael & David Easterby				<i>Joanna Mason</i>	
		Shaded a close finish in a falsely-run handicap at Hamilton (13f) in July. This likely to be a greater test of his stamina, but he's clearly in good form, travelling smoothly when 3½ lengths fourth in first-time cheekpieces at Ayr (1¼m) last time.					
2	8	HIGH STORM (99)	34-2154	3	9-9	61.2kg	99
		K. R. Burke				<i>Pierre-Louis Jamin</i>	
		Improved steadily in novice/maiden company, opening his account at fourth attempt at Doncaster (1¼m) in March (looks fairly treated on that form). No immediate impact in couple of 3-y-o handicaps, however, he's in good hands and could be worth another chance following a 3-month break.					
3	5	BAY OF MYTHS (IRE) (138)	13	3	9-6	59.9kg	94
		Dr Richard Newland				<i>Ashley Lewis (31b/1kg)</i>	
		Half-brother to couple of smart middle-distance winners. Justified heavy support starting out at Chelmsford in March. Never seemed happy at Redcar the following month (since gelded) but remains with plenty of potential now handicapping following 4 months off.					
4	4	WHAT'S THE PLAN (30) (BF)	104-43422	3	9-5	59.4kg	98
		James Fanshawe				<i>Harry Davies</i>	
		Returned an improved model this season and looked unlucky not to double his career tally when ½-length second (fourth won since) at Sandown (1¼m) last time. High on the shortlist with the possibility of more to come over this longer trip (bred to suit on dam's side).					
5	1	KISIYRA (IRE) (93)	4055/4-7	5	9-5	59.4kg	88
		David Thompson				<i>Ethan Tindall (51b/2kg)</i>	
		Maiden who lost her way for Johnny Murtagh in 2024. Seen only twice for present yard, latest when soundly beaten on return from 12 months off at Hamilton in early-June.					
6	7	WARDLAW (USA) (23) (D)	054-52231	3	9-3	58.5kg	100
		Sir Mark Prescott Bt				<i>Kevin Stott</i>	
		Quirky, good-looking sort. Still raw/uncoordinated when forging clear for an improved 4¾-length success at Beverley (1½m) latest, justifying support in a change of headgear. Little doubt that he has the ability to progress/follow up, but whether he has the inclination remains to be seen.					
7	2	KNIGHTSAIL (IRE) (43)	73-74	3	9-2	58.1kg	97
		David Menuisier				<i>Jason Hart</i>	
		125,000 gns son of Camelot. Best effort when staying-on third in 9f novice at Goodwood last season. Hasn't looked resolute in a couple of starts this year, failing to improve for the switch to a handicap (following a gelding operation) at Sandown (1¼m) latest. At least worth a go over further here.					
8	3	MR BOLLINGER (USA) (34)	648412	3	8-8	54.4kg	95
		Michael Bell				<i>James Sullivan</i>	
		Much improved when making all under Billy Loughnane on second handicap start at Yarmouth. Couldn't repeat the feat against better opposition when 7 lengths second of 3 there subsequently, and this doesn't look any easier.					

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Wardlaw, 4-1 What's The Plan, 9-2 High Storm, 11-2 Bay of Myths, 7-1 Spirit of Acklam, 10-1 Mr Bollinger, 16-1 Knightsail, 125-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WARDLAW comes with a health warning, but he's talented and may well follow up his breakthrough victory at Beverley. What's The Plan is feared most tackling 1½m for the first time. High Storm and Bay of Myths are others to consider in a competitive handicap for the grade.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WARDLAW 2. WHAT'S THE PLAN 3. HIGH STORM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Bosphorus Rose 3-9-9	11-10f Sir Mark Prescott Bt	Dylan Hogan	7
2024	La Pulga 5-10-2	13-8f Charlie Johnston	Jason Hart	5
2023	Vaynor 4-9-13	9-1 Charles Hills	Graham Lee	8
2022	Chillingham 3-9-7	9-2 Edward Bethell	P. J. McDonald	9
2021	Southern Voyage 3-9-4	3-1 Archie Watson	Kieran Shoemark	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.00

RACE 7

THIRSK RACECOURSE IDEAL CONFERENCE & EVENTS VENUE
HANDICAP (4) (D.I) 4yo+ (Rated 0-80) £10,000 7f (1410 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Draw: **Against Low** Pace Information: **Weak**

1	2	KOSOMETSUKE (81) (CD)		94
	2614-1584	4	9-11 62.1kg	
	Michael Dods		Connor Beasley	
	Looked as good as ever returning for new yard when narrow winner over C&D in April and got back on track when fourth in a similar event over C&D in June. Possibilities back from a break.			
2	6	MISUNDERSTOOD (FR) (7) (D)	h	98
	57677452	4	9-9 61.2kg	
	David O'Meara		Jason Hart	
	Smart form at best in France. Lost his way last year but went as close as he ever has to breaking his duck for current yard when just failing in an 8-runner handicap at Beverley (7.3f, heavy) last week. Obvious chance from a 2 lb higher mark.			
3	5	ANDESITE (21)	t	96
	05322057	4	9-9 61.2kg	
	Roger Fell		Kevin Stott	
	Has yet to add to debut success (for Karl Burke) but finished runner-up in a pair of competitive York handicaps in June. Quickly bounced back from a lesser effort when fifth over C&D at the beginning of August but ran poorly at Ripon last time.			
4	8	MYTHICAL PHOENIX (IRE) (38)	h	87
	4/40888-06	6	9-6 59.9kg	
	Julie Camacho		David Allan	
	Sixteen runs since last win in 2023 and expensive to follow for current yard. Failed to reveal whether a breathing operation had done him any good at Redcar latest, losing all chance at the start.			
5	3	FRANKIES DREAM (IRE) (28) (D)	h	100
	03323788	4	9-6 59.9kg	
	Jennie Candlish		Darragh Keenan	
	Free-going type who won 6 times in the first half of last year and returned in good nick with 4 placed efforts in May/June. Not seen to best effect next 2 outings and is probably worth forgiving a lesser effort at Redcar latest.			
6	4	NATIVE INSTINCT (17) (D, BF)		97
	6056-2614	4	9-5 59.4kg	
	Edward Bethell		Harry Davies	
	Finally off the mark in handicaps when making all at Musselburgh (7f, good to firm) in June. Did well to throw down any sort of challenge after losing many lengths at the start at Carlisle subsequently and evidently still on a workable mark.			
7	9	WRECK IT RILEY (IRE) (15) (C, D)	b	97
	48389637	6	9-5 59.4kg	
	Alan Brown		Non Runner	
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8	7	INTRUSIVELY (35)	t	97
	4-0944479	4	9-1 57.6kg	
	Michael Appleby		Joanna Mason	
	2-y-o maiden winner for Ed Bethell but has yet to add to his tally and ran no sort of race at Hamilton last month. Tongue strap on for 1st time.			
9	10	NATIVE HONEY (IRE) (29) (D)		96
	07100155	4	9-0 57.2kg	
	Jim Goldie		Lauren Young (5lb/2kg)	
	All 3 career victories have come over 7f at Ayr, taking advantage of the drop in grade there in July. Not so good there next time but looked back in form at Musselburgh latest, finishing with running left.			
10	1	GOOD KARMA (19) (CD)	s	95
	32741234	6	8-4 52.6kg	
	John David Riches		Ethan Tindall (5lb/2kg)	
	Back in cheekpieces and off the mark for the season at Wolverhampton (7f) in June. Solid efforts in defeat next 2 outings and easy to excuse latest effort at Catterick given he seemed unsuited by the drop back in trip.			

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Misunderstood, 9-2 Native Instinct, 7-1 Native Honey, 15-2 Kosometsuke, 8-1 Frankies Dream, 9-1 Good Karma, 10-1 Andesite, 16-1 Intrusively, 22-1 Mythical Phoenix

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FRANKIES DREAM let himself down at the start at Redcar last time but he's very hard to ignore having been given a real chance by the assessor, so is worth chancing to belatedly get off the mark for the season. Misunderstood went close to landing a first success for current yard at Beverley last week and is an obvious player from a 2 lb higher mark, while Native Instinct completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FRANKIES DREAM 2. MISUNDERSTOOD 3. NATIVE INSTINCT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Master Richard	6-9-8	7-1	Ann Duffield	David Egan	15
2024	Cruyff Turn	7-9-10	8-1	Tim Easterby	Duran Fentiman	12
2024	Desert Falcon	4-9-4	15-2	Julie Camacho	Ryan Sexton	11
2023	The Turpinator	6-9-8	9-2	Grant Tuer	S. B. Kirrane	12
2022	Reputation	9-9-4	11-2	Ruth Carr	James Sullivan	7
2021	Mossbawn	4-9-6	9-4f	David Barron	Connor Beasley	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 8

THIRSK RACECOURSE IDEAL CONFERENCE & EVENTS VENUE
HANDICAP (4) (D.II) 4yo+ (Rated 0-80) £10,000 7f
(1410 Metres)



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

1	6	STANLEY SPENCER (IRE) (14)	s	94
		Fionn McSharry Multiple all-weather winner who got back on track when finding only one too good in 10-runner handicap at Southwell (6f) in April. Changed hands for 13,000 gns the following month and probably needed the run back on turf at Chester a fortnight ago. Cheekpieces refitted and this will reveal more.		
		2-7863920 5 9-10 61.7kg		M. P. Sheehy
2	2	OBELIX (24) (D)		96
		Julie Camacho Back to winning ways at Wetherby in June and left behind a couple of lesser efforts when fourth of 10 at Beverley (7.3f) 24 days ago, despite suffering significant interference. Strong contender from what remains a workable mark.		
		89-015504 6 9-10 61.7kg		Jason Hart
3	8	CAPITAL GUARANTEE (IRE) (21) (CD)		93
		David O'Meara Returned to winning ways down in grade over C&D in July. Below form from a 4 lb higher mark at Redcar next time and ran even worse at Ripon 3 weeks ago.		
		20906166 6 9-7 60.3kg		Billy Garritty
4	7	MIDNIGHT STRIKE (IRE) (34)	s+t	92
		Jennie Candlish Useful at his peak in Ireland and made the most of a marked drop in grade fitted with headgear when landing 3-runner seller at Beverley in July. Did a bit too much in front on return to handicap company at Ripon prior to a respectable third back in plating company at Chester (7.6f).		
		0-0008153 4 9-6 59.9kg		Darragh Keenan
5	1	MR KING (IRE) (14) (CD)	h	95
		Geoffrey Harker Back to form out of the blue to take advantage of a reduced mark on third start for current yard over C&D (good) in June, suited by sound gallop. Has run creditably in defeat on both outings since and should remain competitive if continuing in a similar vein.		
		8R0-67185 6 9-6 59.9kg		David Allan
6	5	IMPERIAL GUARD (IRE) (21) (D)		95
		Michael Dods Down in the weights and completed a quick-fire Ayr hat-trick (7.2f) in July. Found life tougher in a deeper race at Doncaster latest, however.		
		6-8851110 5 9-4 59.0kg		Connor Beasley
7	4	PACKETOFBISCUITS (18) (D)	b	94
		John Mackie Return to 7f worked the oracle when winning a pair of Southwell handicaps in February. However, went off the boil in the spring and again finished well held returning from a 4-month break at Wolverhampton on most recent outing.		
		31125078 4 9-1 57.6kg		Finlay Bassett (7lb/3kg)
8	9	FISCAL POLICY (IRE) (20)		98
		Ruth Carr Suited by sound pace when ending a long losing run at Pontefract (6f) in June. Rather mixed bag since but shaped as if back in form when third at aforementioned track on latest start and should be at least as effective back at 7f.		
		51320063 7 9-0 57.2kg		James Sullivan
9	3	NYMAN (IRE) (21) (D)		100
		Roger Fell Yet to score this term but is working his way back to form from an easing mark, doing best of those held up at Redcar (1m) on penultimate outing. Looked unlucky not to finish closer at Doncaster since and remains one to bear in mind.		
		64406439 4 8-13 56.7kg		Joanna Mason

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The suggestion is NYMAN, whose last 2 runs have strongly suggested he's coming to the boil. Obelix was unlucky not to have gone close at Beverley last month having suffered significant interference and must enter calculations, along with Mr King, who's holding his form well at present.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NYMAN 2. OBELIX 3. MR KING

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Obelix, 5-1 Mr King, 6-1 Nyman, 7-1 Midnight Strike, 8-1 Fiscal Policy, 17-2 Imperial Guard, 12-1 Capital Guarantee, 20-1 Stanley Spencer, 22-1 Packetofbiscuits