



Friday 11th September

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2.01 SPORTING TIMES EBF NOVICE STAKES (4) 5f10y (1010 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(1) IVORY MOON | (4) RAPID DEPLOYMENT | (3) PERFECT STRIKE**
2.36 VISIT SRI LANKA HANDICAP (5) 5f10y (1010 Metres)

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3.10 SPORTING TIMES/SRI LANKA AWAITS YOU EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (3) 1m (1610 Metres)

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 RACE 4 **(4) NORHAM | (6) TIORA TIME | (3) CLIVE THE WRITER**
4.22 SRI LANKA PARADISE ISLAND HANDICAP (3) 7f (1410 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(2) CHRISTIAN DAVID | (4) PHILANTHROPIST | (5) ZABEEL ALKABEIR**
4.57 SRI LANKA WONDER OF ASIA FILLIES' HANDICAP (4) 7f (1410 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(4) DREAM VEGA | (6) VANILLA SKIES | (3) LYRA LEA**
5.32 SPORTING TIMES APPRENTICE HANDICAP (4) 1m1f209y (2000 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(5) MOLO DEL PALAZZO | (7) DEL CORSO | (6) MR SEAGULL**

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

SPORTING TIMES EBF NOVICE STAKES (4) 2yo £11,000 5f10y (1010 Metres)



Going: **Round: Good to Soft; sprint: Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Right handed, oval-shaped course thirteen furlongs in length with a straight of half a mile. Although a galloping course with a gradual climb from the home turn, jockeys often save something for the finish and it's a course where it pays to be not too far back on the turn for home. On soft ground the jockeys often tack across to the stand side in the straight. The five-furlong track runs across the main circuit and rises steadily throughout.

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

1	1	IVORY MOON (IRE) (20) (D)		100
	1	2 9-7 60.3kg		
		George Boughey	Billy Loughnane	
700,000 Night Of Thunder filly who landed the odds with something to spare on racecourse bow at Chester (5f). Should be up to defying a penalty in a better race here and is still entered in the Group 1 Cheveley Park Stakes later this month.				
2	6	IGROK (74)		63
	70	2 9-5 59.4kg		
		Stuart Williams	Marco Ghiani	
Bred to be speedy. Clearly still learning when well held at Windsor (6f, 40/1) on second career start. Returns from 10-week break here.				
3	4	PERFECT STRIKE (FR) (16) (BF)		82
	75	2 9-5 59.4kg		
		William Haggas	Cieren Fallon	
Expensive breeze-up purchase (good-looking type). Still a work in progress when beaten 6½ lengths under a considerate ride at Newbury (6.5f) second time up. Now drops to the minimum trip and likely to do better at some stage for excellent yard.				
4	2	RAPID DEPLOYMENT (FR) (55)		92
	75	2 9-5 59.4kg		
		Ralph Beckett	Rhys Clutterbuck	
Athletic sort. Gelded following his debut and duly showed much more when 4 lengths fifth of 10 at Newbury 8 weeks ago (form has worked out well). Likely to progress again for top yard and looks the main danger to Ivory Moon.				
5	3	VALDORO (IRE) (13)		88
	63	2 9-5 59.4kg		
		Dylan Cunha	Silvestre De Sousa	
€130,000 son of No Nay Never. All the better for his debut when 2½ lengths third of 9 at Windsor (6f, good to soft) on return last month. Shaped as though speedy enough for 5f and won't be inconvenienced by the ground, either. Place claims.				
6	5	WARRIORS CHANT (IRE)		
		2 9-5 59.4kg		
		Gary & Josh Moore	Jason Watson	
Foaled March 22. Saxon Warrior colt. Half-brother to useful 5f winner Schrodinger's Cat and 1¼m winner Lunar Bird. Dam 1m-1¼m winner. Stable tend to bring their juveniles along steadily.				
7	7	SINOVA (AUS)		
		2 9-0 57.2kg		
		Richard Hannon	Joe Leavy	
Foaled January 27. Written Tycoon filly. Half-sister to 2 winners in Australia, including 1m winner Island Boy. Dam Australian 6.5f winner. In very capable hands but has some better-bred rivals to contend with on racecourse bow.				

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Ivory Moon, 3-1 Rapid Deployment, 11-2 Perfect Strike, 8-1 Valdoro, 14-1 Sinova, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This looks a good opportunity for Group 1-entered IVORY MOON to make it 2-2. Rapid Deployment and Perfect Strike remain open to improvement, the former preferred as the main danger with his latest fifth having worked out well.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IVORY MOON 2. RAPID DEPLOYMENT 3. PERFECT STRIKE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

VISIT SRI LANKA HANDICAP (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-75)
£8,500 5f10y (1010 Metres)



Going: **Round: Good to Soft; sprint: Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Right handed, oval-shaped course thirteen furlongs in length with a straight of half a mile. Although a galloping course with a gradual climb from the home turn, jockeys often save something for the finish and it's a course where it pays to be not too far back on the turn for home. On soft ground the jockeys often tack across to the stand side in the straight. The five-furlong track runs across the main circuit and rises steadily throughout.

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

1	8	MERRIMACK (18) (D)	v+t	94
	23823144	5 9-12 62.6kg	Chloe Lyons (7lb/3kg)	
Stuart Williams Gained reward for his consistency when making all at Newmarket under this 7-lb claimer last month. Still in good heart when 1 length fourth of 6 under a much more patient ride than normal at Brighton latest. Probably vulnerable for win purposes, though.				
2	5	MOE'S LEGACY (7) (D)	v	99
	37425274	5 9-12 62.6kg	Jason Watson	
Ronald Harris Made a winning return in this grade under Jason Watson in March. Has gone close a couple of times since but too free over 6f at Kempton last week. Return to 5f should suit and she's weighted to go well.				
3	9	ON EDGE (28) (D)	v	95
	22218-137	8 9-11 62.1kg	Ashley Lewis (3lb/1kg)	
Christopher Mason Made a winning return over 5f at Chepstow in May. Typically gave his running when 1¼ lengths third at Ffos Las (6f) the following month. Didn't seem to handle Epsom on return from 7 weeks off latest. Quickly back on his latest winning mark and has good-value claimer taking over.				
4	10	HAVANA SMILE (13) (CD)	s	93
	274-71653	3 9-11 62.1kg	Toby Moore (7lb/3kg)	
Gary & Josh Moore Lightly-raced sprinter who got off the mark in a 3-y-o C&D handicap in May. Took a step back in the right direction following a pair of lesser efforts when 1¾ lengths third of 8 over C&D last time. Will need to build on that with first-time cheekpieces added.				
5	4	ADALIDA (21) (D)		91
	47102125	3 9-10 61.7kg	Marco Ghiani	
Stuart Williams Doubled her tally at Yarmouth (firm) in July. Shaped as if still in form but unable to land a blow when fifth in a fillies handicap at Newmarket latest (6f), beaten 2¾ lengths. Recent record over the minimum trip is solid, however, she does have more on at the weights back against the boys.				
6	1	ISLE OF LISMORE (IRE) (15) (D)	v	97
	4883-5413	8 9-8 60.8kg	Billy Loughnane	
Robert Cowell Capitalised on a falling mark in 5-runner handicap at Ffos Las (5f) in late-June. Uneasy in the betting when 2¼ length third of 6 on return from 9 weeks off/rare all-weather start at Lingfield last time. Could do better with Billy Loughnane (1-1) returning, with stall 1 a useful draw for his style.				
7	7	CAYMAN TAI (IRE) (11) (D)		95
	12935784	4 9-8 60.8kg	Seamus Cronin (5lb/2kg)	
Richard Hannon Free-going sort who doubled his tally at Southwell in May. Went off too hard when beaten 2¼ lengths at Epsom last time. Eases in grade again and is fairly treated if putting it all together.				
8	2	ALWAYS PERFECT (IRE) (28) (D)	t	94
	4533141	3 9-6 59.9kg	Paddy Bradley	
Charlie Fellowes Low-mileage 3-y-o filly who narrowly made it 2-2 in Yarmouth handicaps last time, without necessarily being suited by the drop to 5f. Only 2 lb higher for that success, though, and cannot be ruled out if she gets a good pace to aim at from an inside draw.				
9	3	HINT OF HUMOUR (14) (D)		98
	3-2722533	4 9-5 59.4kg	Silvestre De Sousa	
Tony Carroll Three-time winner on all-weather during 2025. Encouraging that she's posted creditable back-to-back runs on turf, latterly finishing 2¼ lengths third over C&D following 9-week break. Likely to be sharper for that run and makes appeal off her latest winning mark.				

10 6 **LAZZAR (IRE) (15)**
06942464 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

Charlie Wallis
Won 4 times on the all-weather for Richard Hughes last season. Had been shaping as though ready to break his turf duck prior to a couple of lesser runs for current connections. Could be worth another chance off a slipping mark, though.

★ 100
Joe Leavy

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Hint of Humour, 11-2 Isle of Lismore, 11-2 Always Perfect, 9-1 On Edge, 10-1 Moe's Legacy, 11-1 Lazzar, 12-1 Cayman Tai, 12-1 Merrimack, 12-1 Havana Smile, 16-1 Adalida

TIMEFORM VIEW:

An open-looking sprint. HINT OF HUMOUR may be poised to land a first turf success following a creditable C&D third 2 weeks ago. Isle Of Lismore ought to go well from stall 1 under the returning Billy Loughnane (1-1), with 3-y-o filly Always Perfect not discounted in a field of largely exposed sprinters.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HINT OF HUMOUR 2. ISLE OF LISMORE 3. ALWAYS PERFECT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2025	Lequinto 8-9-6	6-1	Tony Carroll	Matthew Lloyd Slater (7) 9
2024	Four Adaay 6-9-2	10-3	Rod Millman	Neil Callan 7
2023	Dolly Gray 4-9-9	6-1	David Loughnane	Stefano Cherchi 11
2021	Seneca Chief 7-9-8	10-3	Daniel & Claire Kubler	Tom Marquand 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

SPORTING TIMES/SRI LANKA AWAITS YOU EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (3) 2yo fillies £13,000 1m (1610 Metres)



Going: **Round: Good to Soft; sprint: Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Right handed, oval-shaped course thirteen furlongs in length with a straight of half a mile. Although a galloping course with a gradual climb from the home turn, jockeys often save something for the finish and it's a course where it pays to be not too far back on the turn for home. On soft ground the jockeys often tack across to the stand side in the straight. The five-furlong track runs across the main circuit and rises steadily throughout.

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

1	4	CLOUD CHORUS (IRE) (13)	79
	07	2 9-2 58.1kg	
		Gary & Josh Moore	<i>Cieren Fallon</i>
Price went the right way in the sales ring, but she's shaped like a longer-term project in a couple of starts at Goodwood to date.			
2	2	EMPRESS JINGU (13)	96
	5	2 9-2 58.1kg	
		Andrew Balding	<i>Callum Hutchinson</i>
80,000 gns Kameko filly. Showed clear ability when 3¼ lengths fifth of 8 on debut here (7f, soft), not at all knocked about after meeting some trouble. Excellent yard has had a trio of second-time-out winners already this month, and no surprise if she becomes another.			
3	3	GHAIIYATH DREAM (IRE)	88
		2 9-2 58.1kg	
		Richard Hughes	<i>Jason Watson</i>
95,000 gns foal, 75,000 yearling. Ghaiyyath filly. Half-sister to several winners, including smart winner up to 1m Indie Angel and 12.4f winner Combs. Dam winner up to 1¼m (2-y-o 7f winner). Has some quality in her pedigree and market usually guides when stable fancy one first time up.			
4	6	HALDON PIER	96
		2 9-2 58.1kg	
		Ralph Beckett	<i>Rhys Clutterbuck</i>
Foaled April 9. Palace Pier filly. Half-sister to useful winner (including on debut) up to 1m Secret of Life and 1m winner Colourful Dream. Dam 1m-1¼m winner, won Prix de Psyche. From excellent family that connections know well. Yard struck with a couple of newcomers last week. Very interesting.			
5	1	MUST BE LOVE	100
		2 9-2 58.1kg	
		John & Thady Gosden	<i>Billy Loughnane</i>
Foaled February 24. Wootton Bassett filly. Half-sister to smart 1¼m-11f winner Superior Choice. Dam winner up to 1¾m (2-y-o 8.6f winner), won Ribblesdale Stakes and Prix de Royallieu. Interesting newcomer for excellent yard, who've enjoyed plenty of success with this family.			
6	5	WOOLLAHRA (IRE) (21)	87
	4	2 9-2 58.1kg	
		Jack Morland	<i>Silvestre De Sousa</i>
110,000 gns Sea The Stars filly. Shaped as if needing the run when 6½ lengths fourth of 7 on debut at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). That's a fair way off what Empress Jingu achieved, however, she's likely to improve/stay this longer trip.			

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Must Be Love, **3-1** Empress Jingu, **3-1** Haldon Pier, **10-1** Ghaiyyath Dream, **12-1** Woollahra, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HALDON PIER ticks plenty of boxes on paper (half-sister won on debut for this yard last year) and may be able to make a winning start. She's narrowly preferred to standard-setter Empress Jingu, while Must Be Love is another newcomer to be taken seriously, especially if supported.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HALDON PIER 2. EMPRESS JINGU 3. MUST BE LOVE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Sea The Storm 2-9-2	14-1	David Menuisier	Silvestre De Sousa	7
2024	Wardah 2-9-2	9-2	Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	4
2023	Extraordinaire 2-9-2	11-1	Brian Meehan	Billy Loughnane	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

SPORTING TIMES/SRI LANKA NURSERY HANDICAP (4) 2yo
(Rated 0-85) £11,500 1m (1610 Metres)



Going: Round: Good to Soft; sprint: Soft (Good to Soft in places)

Right handed, oval-shaped course thirteen furlongs in length with a straight of half a mile. Although a galloping course with a gradual climb from the home turn, jockeys often save something for the finish and it's a course where it pays to be not too far back on the turn for home. On soft ground the jockeys often tack across to the stand side in the straight. The five-furlong track runs across the main circuit and rises steadily throughout.

Draw: N/A Pace Information: Strong

1	1	CILICIAN (IRE) (14)	93
	202284	2 9-9 61.2kg	
Brian Meehan 		Billy Loughnane	
Best run when midfield in the Coventry at Royal Ascot in June. Twice runner-up in 7f novices since and not disgraced with fourth of 10 in maiden here (7f, good to soft) 2 weeks ago. Needs considering stepped up to 1m.			
2	6	WHISKEY BENT (FR) (21)	90
	731	2 9-7 60.3kg	h+t
Dylan Cunha		Jason Watson	
Much improved in a first-time hood/tongue tie when getting off the mark at the third attempt in 11-runner maiden at Clairefontaine (7f, soft) 3 weeks ago. Can't be ruled out now going handicapping.			
3	7	CLIVE THE WRITER (IRE) (37)	95
	71	2 9-4 59.0kg	
William Muir & Chris Grassick		Silvestre De Sousa	
Calyx gelding who built on a promising debut seventh in a strong Newbury novice when seeing off 7 rivals in a 7f Kempton novice last month. Should be more to come now handicapping.			
4	3	NORHAM (IRE) (20)	 100
	41	2 9-4 59.0kg	
Adam Kirby		Cieren Fallon	
Ten Sovereigns gelding who built on a promising debut fourth with an emphatic success in 12-runner maiden at Lingfield (7f, all-weather) 20 days ago. Looks to have got in lightly for his nursery bow so big shout with this step up to 1m also a likely plus.			
5	4	DRUM BAY (30)	91
	23	2 9-4 59.0kg	
Ralph Beckett 		Rhys Clutterbuck	
New Bay colt and a half-brother to the stable's very smart winner Amiloc. Shaped well when a debut second in Lingfield novice (7f, all-weather) but failed to go on as expected when third of 6 in maiden at Ffos Las (7.4f, good to firm) 30 days ago. Remains with potential on his handicap debut.			
6	2	TIORA TIME (29)	96
	312	2 9-2 58.1kg	
Tom Clover		Neil Callan	
Progressive daughter of Time Test who bagged 6.5f maiden at Doncaster in August before coming in a clear second of 5 in novice at Salisbury (7f, good) 29 days ago. Capable of better still now going into nurseries. Likely player.			
7	8	CROWN RANGER (IRE) (36)	90
	653	2 9-1 57.6kg	
Marco Botti 		Marco Ghiani	
Camelot colt has improved with each of his three runs and came in third of 4 in maiden over C&D (good) last month. Likely more to offer now venturing into handicaps though his opening mark demands improvement.			
8	5	DUKE OF BURGUNDY (50)	99
	314	2 9-0 57.2kg	
Richard Hannon		Joe Leavy	
Son of Belardo who impressed when landing 7f novice at Kempton in June. Failed to go on as expected when last of 4 in nursery at Newbury (7f, good to firm) following month but remains with potential after a break.			

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Tiora Time, 5-1 Clive The Writer, 6-1 Norham, 6-1 Drum Bay, 6-1 Whiskey Bent, 15-2 Cilician, 14-1 Duke of Burgundy, 20-1 Crown Ranger

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NORHAM created a good impression when going in at Lingfield on just his second run and is fancied to follow up off an attractive mark now quickly stepping into nursery company. Tiora Time also looks to have better days ahead of her and is feared most on her handicap bow, although both Clive The Writer and Duke Of Burgundy can play a prominent role too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NORHAM 2. TIORA TIME 3. CLIVE THE WRITER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Suspended Sentence	2-9-9	4-5f	Michael Bell	Cieren Fallon	4
2024	Corriamo	2-9-1	13-8f	Marcus Tregoning	Kieran Shoemark	6
2023	I'm Puzzled	2-8-7	13-8	Harry & Roger Charlton	Billy Loughnane	3

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

SRI LANKA PARADISE ISLAND HANDICAP (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £15,000 7f (1410 Metres)



Going: **Round: Good to Soft; sprint: Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Right handed, oval-shaped course thirteen furlongs in length with a straight of half a mile. Although a galloping course with a gradual climb from the home turn, jockeys often save something for the finish and it's a course where it pays to be not too far back on the turn for home. On soft ground the jockeys often tack across to the stand side in the straight. The five-furlong track runs across the main circuit and rises steadily throughout.

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

1	6	THE ANGEL KING (22) (D)	t	95
		01-706020 4 9-9 61.2kg Ian Williams <i>Billy Loughnane</i> Dual 7f winner in France for Francis-Henri Graffard. Best effort for current yard when runner-up in 7f Chester handicap in August but refitted with a tongue strap when only eleventh of 14 in handicap at York (1m, soft) 22 days ago. Bounce back needed.		
2	3	CHRISTIAN DAVID (IRE) (27) (D)	b	 100
		93454534 5 9-5 59.4kg Richard Hannon <i>Joe Leavy</i> A dual 7f scorer in 2025. Yet to add to that this season but comes here in very good form, fourth of 8 in handicap at Newbury (7f, good to firm) 27 days ago. A winner on soft ground, and a bold showing is on the cards off an easing mark.		
3	1	HUSCAL (IRE) (34) (D)	t	93
		52-084321 4 9-5 59.4kg Charles Hills <i>Marco Ghiani</i> Ended a long losing run when making all in 7f all-weather handicap at Lingfield last month. Up 4 lb so more is required if he's to follow up back on turf.		
4	4	PHILANTHROPIST (30) (D, BF)	s	98
		46-713402 4 9-4 59.0kg James Fanshawe  <i>Cieren Fallon</i> Resumed winning ways at Yarmouth (7f) in April and got back on track with second of 11 in 7f handicap at Kempton 30 days ago. Should remain competitive off the same mark.		
5	5	ZABEEL ALKABEIR (IRE) (71) (D)		93
		101-5 4 9-3 58.5kg Gary & Josh Moore <i>Paddy Bradley</i> Wootton Bassett colt who doubled his tally with emphatic win in 7f novice at Southwell last October. Resumed from 9 months off with encouraging fifth of 7 in handicap at Kempton (1m) in July on final run for James Tate. Back from another layoff (gelded) and not out of things for another good yard.		
6	2	SEA FOUNDER (30) (BF)		92
		71441962 4 8-13 56.7kg Richard Hughes <i>Jason Watson</i> A two-time all-weather winner early in 2026. Twice below form on turf since but back to form with second of 11 in 7f handicap at Kempton 30 days ago. Needs to reproduce it here.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Huscal, 10-3 Philanthropist, 4-1 Sea Founder, 5-1 Christian David, 7-1 Zabeel Alkabeir, 18-1 The Angel King

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Richard Hannon's entire CHRISTIAN DAVID has slipped to an attractive mark and is fancied to gain a deserved first win of 2026 after a run of good efforts. Philanthropist is feared most on the back of a resurgent Kempton second with Gary and Josh Moore's new recruit Zabeel Alkabeir also in the mix.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CHRISTIAN DAVID 2. PHILANTHROPIST 3. ZABEEL ALKABEIR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2025	Crown Board 5-9-9	6-1	Jane Chapple-Hyam	George Wood 9
2024	Darkness 6-9-3	7-1	David O'Meara	Kieran Shoemark 9
2023	Azano 7-9-4	5-1	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope 7
2021	Marshal Dan 6-8-6	6-1	Heather Main	Ray Dawson 9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

SRI LANKA WONDER OF ASIA FILLIES' HANDICAP (4) 3yo fillies (Rated 0-80) £11,500 7f (1410 Metres)



Going: Round: Good to Soft; sprint: Soft (Good to Soft in places)

Right handed, oval-shaped course thirteen furlongs in length with a straight of half a mile. Although a galloping course with a gradual climb from the home turn, jockeys often save something for the finish and it's a course where it pays to be not too far back on the turn for home. On soft ground the jockeys often tack across to the stand side in the straight. The five-furlong track runs across the main circuit and rises steadily throughout.

Draw: N/A Pace Information: Even

1	3	DISTANT SHORE (31) (BF)	h	97
	1-35226	3 9-10 61.7kg		
	Roger Varian		Jack Mitchell	
Won at Salisbury on sole start at 2 yrs. Improved when runner-up over 1m here (good) and Nottingham (good to firm) since handicapping, shaping well from further back than ideal at the latter. Failed to improve for step up to 1¼m at Lingfield last month and now drops back markedly in distance.				
2	2	SOUFFLER (31) (D)		98
	761-6	3 9-7 60.3kg		
	Kevin Philippart de Foy		Benoit de la Sayette	
Little impact first 2 runs but much improved to land 11-runner novice at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) in October, knuckling down well. Looked rusty making her return/handicap debut when sixth of 7 in handicap (11/1) at Lingfield (7f, all-weather) 31 days ago. Will need to come on from that.				
3	6	LYRA LEA (8) (CD)		98
	73-422163	3 9-6 59.9kg		
	Rod Millman		Darragh Keenan	
Steadily progressive filly who relished the drop back to 7f when doubling her tally in a 3-y-o C&D handicap in July. Looked hard ride at Newbury next time but coped well enough with the drop to 6f despite again looking a shade quirky when third of 9 at Salisbury (good to soft) last week.				
4	4	DREAM VEGA (IRE) (62) (D)	★	100
	421	3 9-6 59.9kg		
	Ed Walker		Ashley Lewis (31b/1kg)	
Lope De Vega filly from a smart family. Ran a potentially useful rival close at Doncaster second time up and only needed to match that form to win a 7-runner maiden at Chester (7f, good to firm) 62 days ago, forging clear after leading 1f out. Opening mark is fair and she can improve in handicaps.				
5	5	BRISK SYMPHONY (IRE) (16)		99
	48-227646	3 9-5 59.4kg		
	Jonathan Portman		Jason Watson	
Dual 6f scorer last season. Returned with good runner-up efforts at Yarmouth and Lingfield and returned to form after a brace of lesser efforts on turf when fourth of 7 at Lingfield (7f) last month. Failed to back that up when last of 6 at Newbury last time, though.				
6	7	VANILLA SKIES (44) (D)	t	93
	122	3 9-5 59.4kg		
	William Haggas		Cieren Fallon	
Pinatubo filly made a winning start in 7f Newmarket novice. Has backed that up with a pair of solid second-placed finishes in novice events under a penalty, latterly at Redcar (7f, good) 44 days ago. Respected making handicap debut in a first-time tongue strap.				
7	8	ALLEGRIANO (IRE) (21) (D)		92
	2-3123121	3 9-4 59.0kg		
	Andrew Balding		Callum Hutchinson	
Doubled her tally at Yarmouth (7f) in July and proved better than ever when readily scoring for the third time this season in a 7-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm, 2/1) 21 days ago. 6 lb rise makes life tougher here.				
8	1	GESAYED (83)		97
	1-357	3 9-4 59.0kg		
	K. R. Burke		Billy Loughnane	
Overcame inexperience to make a successful debut at Hamilton (6f) last June. Didn't race again at 2 yrs but ran to a similar level in novice events under a penalty this season, though was underwhelming when only seventh of 13 on handicap debut at Doncaster (7f, good to firm, 12/1) 83 days ago.				

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Dream Vega, 7-2 Vanilla Skies, 7-2 Allegrino, 11-2 Lyra Lea, 7-1 Distant Shore, 22-1 Souffler, 22-1 Gesayed, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DREAM VEGA got off the mark in impressive fashion at Chester last time and can follow up now switched to handicaps. Fellow handicap debutante Vanilla Skies is most feared, with Lyra Lea completing the 1-2-3.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DREAM VEGA 2. VANILLA SKIES 3. LYRA LEA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Sunlit Uplands 3-9-8 11-4 Rae Guest George Wood 10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

SPORTING TIMES APPRENTICE HANDICAP (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-80) £11,500 1m1f209y (2000 Metres)



Going: **Round: Good to Soft; sprint: Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Right handed, oval-shaped course thirteen furlongs in length with a straight of half a mile. Although a galloping course with a gradual climb from the home turn, jockeys often save something for the finish and it's a course where it pays to be not too far back on the turn for home. On soft ground the jockeys often tack across to the stand side in the straight. The five-furlong track runs across the main circuit and rises steadily throughout.

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

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1	3	TIPSY TIGER (74) (CD)	s		98
	4/077234-6	5	9-12	62.6kg	
	William Stone				Laura Coughlan
	Placed twice last autumn and shaped as if retaining ability returning over a trip which has tended to stretch him when sixth of 12 in handicap (40/1) at Kempton (11f) 74 days ago. Feasibly treated if able to build on that.				
2	2	DANCING TIGER (IRE) (11) (D)	b		94
	34-162240	4	9-11	62.1kg	
	Roger Teal				Owen Lewis (5lb/2kg)
	Made a winning return at Doncaster in March and has taken his form up a level since without looking one for maximum faith, taking time to knuckle down when a nose second of 9 at Goodwood (1½m, good to soft) in June. Attitude has let him down on his last 2 outings and more severe headgear now added.				
3	1	ROYAL POETRY (IRE) (34)			96
	41272120	3	9-10	61.7kg	
	Richard Hannon				Seamus Cronin
	Looked suited by patient tactics when ready winner of a 5-runner 1½m Doncaster handicap in July and backed that up when length second in similar event at Salisbury 7 days later. Went off at long odds and was never involved upped in grade at Ascot last month.				
4	6	PLAN C (IRE) (91)			96
	732-50	3	9-6	59.9kg	
	Alan King				Luke Cotton
	Steadily progressive across 3 runs at 2 yrs but has only matched that form in 2 handicaps earlier this year. Has been gelded during his 91-day absence.				
5	7	MOLO DEL PALAZZO (USA) (14)	b		100
	5-63264	3	9-5	59.4kg	
	Ralph Beckett				Jack Dace
	Improved again upped in trip/blinkered for handicap debut when runner-up on the turf at Lingfield (1¼m) in June and back on track when fourth of 12 in handicap at Goodwood (1¼m, good) 14 days ago. despite having to be ridden patiently from a wide draw and meeting trouble in the straight. Player.				
6	5	MR SEAGULL (IRE) (26)	v		97
	00-446504	3	9-3	58.5kg	
	Hugo Palmer				Toby Moore (5lb/2kg)
	6f Pontefract winner on debut 12 months ago. Has been consistent without really threatening to score in handicaps this season, plugging on into fourth in an 8-runner handicap at that same track (1¼m, good, 11/2) 26 days ago, Mark has eased another 1 lb.				
7	4	DEL CORSO (27) (D, BF)			94
	6-3342113	3	9-2	58.1kg	
	Ed Walker				Ashley Lewis
	Back-to-back winner of small-field events at Nottingham (1¼m) in July/August. Ran to a similar level from a 5 lb higher mark despite failing to justify odds of 1/3 when bidding for the hat-trick at Newmarket 4 weeks ago. Respected.				
8	8	LETMEBETHEBOSS (IRE) (16)			92
	1425104-7	5	9-1	57.6kg	
	Tony Carroll				Matthew Lloyd Slater (5lb/2kg)
	A 3-time winner (at up to 2m) in 2025 for William Muir & Chris Grassick. Made a positive start for new yard with fourth of 11 in handicap at Kempton (1½m) in December but showed nothing after an 8-month break at Wolverhampton 16 days ago.				

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

85-40 Del Corso, 9-2 Molo Del Palazzo, 9-2 Mr Seagull, 9-1 Plan C, 11-1 Royal Poetry, 14-1 Dancing Tiger, 16-1 Tipsy Tiger, 28-1 Letmebetheboss

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MOLO DEL PALAZZO caught the eye despite finding plenty of things go against her at Goodwood last time and she can get off the mark. Del Corso found his run of progression coming to a halt last time but remains with solid place claims, along with Mr Seagull, whose mark continues to ease.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOLO DEL PALAZZO 2. DEL CORSO 3. MR SEAGULL