

**1.50** HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WORLD POOL HANDICAP (Heritage Handicap) (2) 5f89y (1090 Metres)

RACE 1 **(5) COROLLA POINT | (9) TOCA MADERA | (6) LEXINGTON BLITZ**

**2.25** TATTERSALLS ACOMB STAKES (Group 3) (1) 7f (1410 Metres)

RACE 2 **(7) HAFFNER | (10) TREAN | (4) CONFUCIUS**

**3.00** SKY BET GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (Group 2) (1) 1m3f188y (2380 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) PIERRE BONNARD | (1) CHRISTMAS DAY | (2) MALTESE CROSS**

**3.35** JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES (Group 1) (1) 1¼m56y (2060 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) OMBUDSMAN | (7) CONSTITUTION RIVER | (9) ITEM**

**4.10** SKY BET STAYERS HANDICAP (Heritage Handicap) (2) 2m56y (3270 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) KIRCHNER | (4) SMALL FRY | (10) BOATSWAIN**

**4.45** IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING HANDICAP (Heritage Handicap) (2) 5f (1010 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) SCHRODINGER'S CAT | (1) NAANA'S SHADOW | (10) ZAIN PRIMUS**

**5.20** SKY BET NURSERY HANDICAP (2) 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 7 **(16) HENLEY ON THAMES | (5) DUBAI CHAMPION | (14) THE DANCING PIRATE**

#### 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

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WORLD POOL HANDICAP  
(Heritage Handicap) (2) 4yo+ £135,000 5f89y (1090 Metres)



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| Going: <b>Good</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Left handed, flat. In essence, York is a very fair track, ideal for the long-striding galloper. In recent seasons, the field tends to come more down the centre of the track than has historically been the case, particularly if conditions are testing. The track was made into a circuit in 2005 and offers a straight five furlong/six furlong track, on which a high draw has been a distinct disadvantage in recent years, while seven furlong races start on a chute. |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Draw: <b>Strongly Favours Low</b> Pace Information: <b>Very Strong</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 17        | <b>DUBAI BLING (IRE) (18)</b> (D) <span>s</span> <b>97</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 30712010  | 4 9-12   62.6kg<br>Hugo Palmer <i>Oisin Murphy</i><br>Has taken his form up a notch this year, winning in Bahrain in April and quickly getting back on track after the Wokingham when scoring at Ascot last month. However, he can let himself down at the start, including when tenth in the Stewards Cup at Goodwood last time.                          |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 16        | <b>STRATUSNINE (IRE) (18)</b> (C) <b>97</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 52P28312  | 4 9-12   62.6kg<br>Hugo Palmer <i>James Doyle</i><br>Shaped well on several occasions this year (narrowly denied over 5f here in May) prior to landing 21-runner contest at this course (6f) last month. Ran a cracker when second in the Stewards Cup at Goodwood and he's not dismissed lightly, though his draw might not be ideal.                     |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 19        | <b>WEST ACRE (IRE) (18)</b> (D) <b>91</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 80824-530 | 4 9-10   61.7kg<br>George Scott <i>Darragh Keenan</i><br>Dual Group winner at Meydan early in 2025 and went close in a Group 3 at Dundalk in October. Has blown the start in 2 of his 3 outings this year, though, tried in blinkers after 6 months off when down the field in the Stewards Cup 18 days ago.                                               |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 13        | <b>DARK THIRTY (IRE) (18)</b> (C) <b>97</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 07102120  | 6 9-8   60.8kg<br>John & Sean Quinn <i>Jason Hart</i><br>Took a big-field 6f handicap here in May and also made all at Chester the following month. Better than ever when runner-up in the Scurry Handicap at the Curragh, but wasn't able to repeat that effort in the Stewards Cup. First try at short of 6f.                                            |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 9         | <b>COROLLA POINT (IRE) (18)</b> (D) <b>100</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 4811-3321 | 4 9-8   60.8kg<br>Edward Bethell <i>Callum Rodriguez</i><br>Made a fine start for current stable (formerly with Charlie Appleby) last September when bagging handicaps at Haydock and Hamilton. Had been shaping up well this season, third here in May, before resuming winning ways at Hamilton 18 days ago. Major player for in-form yard.              |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1         | <b>LEXINGTON BLITZ (IRE) (22)</b> (D) <span>s</span> <b>97</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2219-3136 | 4 9-6   59.9kg<br>Robert Cowell <i>Edward Greatrex</i><br>Produced a career best with a smooth-travelling success at Goodwood in May. Backed that up when third in the Dash at Epsom, despite having not been ideally placed, and had little go right after a rare slow start when sixth in big-field contest at Goodwood 22 days ago. Respected.          |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2         | <b>CANDY (22)</b> <b>87</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 700416-00 | 4 9-5   59.4kg<br>Richard Spencer <i>George Wood</i><br>Went with plenty of enthusiasm when an impressive winner of the Ayr Silver Cup last year. However, he reportedly bled when tailed off at Royal Ascot on his return, before suffering a tack issue at Goodwood 22 days ago. Has something to prove at present.                                      |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 18        | <b>AGAINST THE WIND (97)</b> (D) <b>97</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 01630-300 | 4 9-5   59.4kg<br>Kevin Ryan <i>Kevin Stott</i><br>Useful form in handicaps last season (stiff task in a French Group 1 on final outing), winning twice and also third here last May. Returned with a good third at Southwell in March, but on the back of a breathing operation he shaped as if amiss at this course in May. Off 3 months since.          |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 4         | <b>TOCA MADERA (IRE) (18)</b> (D) <b>99</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 70316045  | 5 9-4   59.0kg<br>David O'Meara <i>Daniel Tudhope</i><br>Capitalised on a reduced mark when scoring easily at Doncaster in July. Not quite in the same form the next twice but ran well in 2 races at Glorious Goodwood, finishing strongly for fifth in the Stewards Cup after meeting trouble. Can make his presence felt.                               |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 20        | <b>TREFOR (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (9)</b> (CD) <b>96</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 210-04001 | 5 9-4   59.0kg<br>Charles Hills <i>Kieran Shoemark</i><br>3-time winner in 2025, including this same race, and after a couple of lesser efforts at Ascot this season he bounced back to winning ways in sprint series final at Windsor (6f) 9 days ago. Has wide draw to overcome this time around, though.                                                |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8         | <b>EROSANDPSYCHE (IRE) (10)</b> (D) <span>v+t</span> <b>97</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 90033825  | 8 9-3   58.5kg<br>Daniel James Murphy, Ireland <i>Oisin James Orr</i><br>Placed 3 times this summer, returning to form fitted with tongue strap when going close at Cork last month. Not discredited when fifth of 12 at the Curragh 10 days ago, though it's now over 4 years since his last victory.                                                     |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 12        | <b>NAANA'S SPARKLE (22)</b> (D) <span>t</span> <b>97</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2136-1412 | 4 9-3   58.5kg<br>Lemos De Souza <i>Kieran O'Neill</i><br>Has shown improved form for current yard this year, making it 2 wins from first 3 starts of the campaign when scoring at Southwell in July. Ran at least as well when collared close home in 23-runner contest at Goodwood last time and he could be in the mix once more.                       |
| 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7         | <b>SPARTAN ARROW (IRE) (11)</b> (D) <span>b</span> <b>92</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 61-788077 | 6 9-2   58.1kg<br>Archie Watson <i>Luke Morris</i><br>4-time winner in 2025, signing off with a Group 3 success at Dundalk in October. Has yet to fire this year, though shaped as if better for the run after 3 months off when down the field at Ascot 11 days ago. Others still more persuasive.                                                        |
| 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10        | <b>GOLD STAR HERO (IRE) (11)</b> (D) <span>s</span> <b>96</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 27-111502 | 4 9-2   58.1kg<br>Michael Bell <i>Hector Crouch</i><br>Completed an all-weather hat-trick at Wolverhampton in April. Not in the same form back on turf next 2 starts, but produced his best effort on this surface when runner-up at Ascot 11 days ago. Task is now to build on latest run.                                                                |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 21        | <b>TOYOTOMI (FR) (60)</b> (D) <b>97</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 705-56310 | 5 9-2   58.1kg<br>David O'Meara <i>Rossa Ryan</i><br>Listed winner when trained in France and worked his way back to form this year for present yard, capitalising on a drop in grade when successful at Goodwood (6f) in June. However, he found things tougher when never involved in the Wokingham at Royal Ascot last time.                            |
| 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 6         | <b>APOLLO ONE (25)</b> <b>98</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 08293900  | 8 8-13   56.7kg<br>P. Charalambous & J. Clutterbuck <i>C. T. Keane</i><br>Not the easiest to win with, but after a spell in Dubai he ran well back in Britain when third in a Newmarket handicap (6f) in May. Hasn't kicked on in 3 subsequent outings, mid-field here 25 days ago, but he's down to a career-low mark as a result.                        |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 15        | <b>DAPPER VALLEY (IRE) (108)</b> (D) <b>96</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 18-870311 | 5 8-13   56.7kg<br>Michael Keady <i>Tom Marquand</i><br>Free-going type who, after a spell in the UAE, rejoined James Owen and exploited a reduced mark with a pair of quick-fire victories at Leicester and Salisbury in April/May. Off 3 months ahead of stable debut and faces a much more difficult task in his hat-trick bid.                         |
| 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5         | <b>AIR FORCE ONE (IRE) (25)</b> (CD) <span>v</span> <b>98</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 06-510533 | 5 8-13   56.7kg<br>Geoff Oldroyd <i>P. J. McDonald</i><br>Successful at Beverley (5f) in April and, having had excuses at the Dante meeting, was a never-nearer fifth of 16 here later in May. Has continued in good heart the last twice, ¾-length third of 21 to Stratusnine at this course 25 days ago. Third in this race last year (now 7 lb higher). |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 11        | <b>STORMY IMPACT (22)</b> (D) <b>95</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5826-0450 | 4 8-11   55.8kg<br>Richard & Peter Fahey <i>Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)</i><br>Winner of the 3YO Dash at Epsom in 2025 and was a keeping-on fourth in the Dash itself this year. However, was below form at Goodwood (6f) 22 days ago, so he needs to get back on the up even from her easing mark.                                                          |
| 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3         | <b>THE MAN (IRE) (22)</b> (CD) <span>s+t</span> <b>97</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 128-66600 | 4 8-11   55.8kg<br>Richard Spencer <i>David Egan</i><br>Winner here (5f) on handicap debut last spring before a close second in this race. No better than mid-field in trio of starts in Meydan early this year, but switched to cheekpieces he wasn't ideally placed at Goodwood 22 days ago. One to note back at this venue.                             |

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RACE 1

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**ZIGGY'S TRITON (IRE) (4)** (CD)  
10707100 4 8-10 | 55.3kg

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David O'Meara

Silvestre De Sousa

Successful twice this year, taking advantage of a drop in grade when scoring over 5f here in July. However, produced a below-par effort at Newbury only 4 days ago and this is a more competitive race in which to bounce back in.

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**ANOTHER BAAR (18)** (D)  
01000607 6 8-10 | 55.3kg

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Adrian Keatley

M. P. Sheehy

Returned to his best back at 5f when winning a local Group 1 in Bahrain in January. Hasn't built on that effort since, though, 3 lengths seventh of 11 to Corolla Point in handicap at Hamilton 18 days ago.

22 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-1 Corolla Point, 10-1 Toca Madera, 10-1 Air Force One, 11-1 Stratusnine, 11-1 The Man, 11-1 Lexington Blitz, 14-1 Naana's Sparkle, 14-1 Trefor, 22-1 Apollo One, 22-1 Dubai Bling, 22-1 Dark Thirty, 28-1 Against The Wind, 28-1 Gold Star Hero, 28-1 Dapper Valley, 33-1 Erosandpsyche, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A typically-competitive opener to the week, with preference for COROLLA POINT who confirmed his previous promise this season with a determined success at Hamilton last time, form boosted by the third winning since. The main danger could be Toca Madera after his unlucky fifth in the Stewards Cup, with Lexington Blitz and Naana's Sparkle completing the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COROLLA POINT 2. TOCA MADERA 3. LEXINGTON BLITZ

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |               |        |      |                   |                 |    |
|------|---------------|--------|------|-------------------|-----------------|----|
| 2025 | Trefor        | 4-9-5  | 7-1  | Charles Hills     | Kieran Shoemark | 20 |
| 2024 | Jm Jungle     | 4-8-10 | 10-1 | John & Sean Quinn | Jason Hart      | 22 |
| 2023 | Equilateral   | 8-9-12 | 12-1 | Charles Hills     | Jamie Spencer   | 20 |
| 2022 | Bergerac      | 4-8-12 | 22-1 | Kevin Ryan        | Tom Eaves       | 22 |
| 2021 | Copper Knight | 7-8-12 | 18-1 | Tim Easterby      | David Allan     | 22 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

TATTERSALLS ACOMB STAKES (Group 3) (1) 2yo £175,000  
7f (1410 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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

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**ALFRED WALLACE (26)** (D)

51051

2

9-3

58.5kg

96



**Ed Walker**

**Kieran Shoemark**

Very well-related colt who landed a Thirsk novice (7f) in May. Well held in Windsor Castle at Royal Ascot next time but right back on track more recently, proving better than ever under a cool ride when resuming winning ways in Ascot listed race (7f) 4 weeks ago. Can go well again back up in class.

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**BIG CIGAR (IRE)** (20) (C)

1517

2

9-3

58.5kg

90



**Richard & Peter Fahey**

**Oisin James Orr**

Newcastle novice scorer who benefited no end from the swift return to 6f when making a winning nursery debut here in July. Seemed to find the step up to Group 2 company too much when seventh in the Richmond at Glorious Goodwood since, though, and more needed on first crack at 7f.

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**CLASH OF HEARTS (IRE)** (19)

2318

2

9-3

58.5kg

83



**Adrian Keatley**

**M. P. Sheehy**

Powerfully-built son of Mehmas who made most of good opportunity when off the mark at third attempt in a Pontefract novice (6f) in June. However, unable to continue his steady progress when eighth in a big-field Goodwood nursery 3 weeks ago and he has plenty to find up markedly in grade.

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**CONFUCIUS (IRE)** (32) (BF)

21633

2

9-3

58.5kg

98



**Aidan O'Brien, Ireland**

**W. M. Lordan**

Decisive winner of a Naas maiden (6f) on second start in May and he progressed further when a good sixth in the Coventry at Royal Ascot. Hasn't scaled same heights in finishing third in pair of Curragh Group contests subsequently but return to forecast easier ground may help here.

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**FUEL THE JET (IRE)** (33) (D)

51

2

9-3

58.5kg

82



**Tom Clover**

**Neil Callan**

Space Blues colt who showed definite promise when fifth behind Alfred Wallace on debut at Thirsk (7f) in May and overcame early exuberance when making it second time lucky in a Newbury novice (7f, firm) 33 days ago. Type to progress further but this demands another sizeable step forward.

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**GENTLE HURRICANE (IRE)** (29)

1

2

9-3

58.5kg

82



**Andrew Balding**

**Oisin Murphy**

€105,000 purchase who looked every inch a useful colt in the making when scoring on debut in a 5-runner Salisbury novice (6f) 4 weeks ago, well on top finish. Quickly asked a much sterner question but he looks sure to progress with this longer trip promising to suit.

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**HAFFNER (USA)** (22) (D)

212

2

9-3

58.5kg

100



**Aidan O'Brien, Ireland**

**Ryan Moore**

Justify colt who confirmed debut promise when off the mark in a Newmarket maiden (7f) in July and he took another sizeable step forward when second in Group 2 Vintage stakes at Goodwood (7f) 3 weeks ago. Appeals as the type to improve further and he's a very big player at this level.

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**SILOUXPERB** (19)

102

2

9-3

58.5kg

83



**Archie Watson**

**Hector Crouch**

Sioux Nation colt who made a winning start in a Yarmouth (6f) in April. Not ideally placed when down the field in the Coventry at Royal Ascot but quickly back on track when going down fighting in a Newcastle novice (6f) 3 weeks ago. However, expected to come up short back up in class.

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**STARDOM GLORY (IRE)** (53)

221

2

9-3

58.5kg

85



**Hugo Palmer**

**James Doyle**

Promising Starspangledbanner colt who finished an excellent second behind a subsequent Group 2 scorer here on second start and he built on that when off the mark in a Chester maiden later in June. Expected to improve further but he'll need to pitched into a Group 3.

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**TREAN (IRE)** (23) (D)

301

2

9-3

58.5kg

93



**P. Twomey, Ireland**

**William James Lee**

Bayside Boy colt who confirmed debut promise at the second attempt when running out a dominant winner of a Galway maiden (7f) 23 days ago, drawing clear entering straight. Interesting his very shrewd Irish yard pitches him into this company now and there's even better to come.

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**VEGA KING (IRE)** (22) (D)

41

2

9-3

58.5kg

86



**K. R. Burke**

**Clifford Lee**

Lucky Vega colt who proved much sharper with his Ayr debut under his belt when making all in 4-runner Beverley novice (7.3f) 3 weeks ago. Good chance that experience will bring him on further and whilst this is understandably more demanding, excellent stable's runners always command respect.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Haffner, 9-2 Trean, 7-1 Alfred Wallace, 10-1 Confucius, 10-1 Gentle Hurricane, 14-1 Vega King, 18-1 Stardom Glory, 18-1 Fuel The Jet, 33-1 Big Cigar, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HAFFNER continued his theme of race-by-race progress when finishing a very good second in Group 2 company at Glorious Goodwood 3 weeks ago and appealing as the type to progress further, Aidan O'Brien's colt makes plenty of appeal. Impressive Galway scorer Trean is another intriguing contender for the Paddy Twomey yard and shouldn't be underestimated, with Confucius and Gentle Hurricane completing the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAFFNER 2. TREAN 3. CONFUCIUS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                          |      |                      |                |    |
|------|--------------------------|------|----------------------|----------------|----|
| 2025 | Gewan 2-9-3              | 11-2 | Andrew Balding       | P. J. McDonald | 7  |
| 2024 | The Lion In Winter 2-9-3 | 2-1  | Aidan O'Brien        | Ryan Moore     | 11 |
| 2023 | Indian Run 2-9-3         | 17-2 | Eve Johnson Houghton | Daniel Tudhope | 6  |
| 2022 | Chaldean 2-9-3           | 7-2  | Andrew Balding       | Ryan Moore     | 9  |
| 2021 | Royal Patronage 2-9-1    | 25-1 | Mark Johnston        | Jason Hart     | 5  |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

SKY BET GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (Group 2) (1) 3yo colts and geldings £250,000 1m3f188y (2380 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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

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| 1 | 4 | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY (IRE) (52)</b> (D)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>98</b>  |
|   |   | 3511-1312 3 9-7   60.3kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |
|   |   | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland <b>Ryan Moore</b><br>Only third in the Dante but relished the step up to 1½m and a return to soft ground when a convincing 2¾-length winner of the Derby at Epsom. Showed no ill effects from a hard race there when second of 8 to Benvenuto Cellini in Irish Derby at the Curragh (1½m) and much respected under a penalty. |            |
| 2 | 6 | <b>MALTESE CROSS (FR) (36)</b> (D)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>95</b>  |
|   |   | 21-1121 3 9-7   60.3kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |            |
|   |   | William Haggas <b>Tom Marquand</b><br>Progressive son of Sea The Stars who battled hard to edge out a plucky rival in Lingfield Derby Trial (11.6f) before an excellent second to Christmas Day in the Derby itself at Epsom. Fine attitude again in evidence when successful in Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp and remains open to progress.      |            |
| 3 | 3 | <b>ANTIGUA (IRE) (52)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>78</b>  |
|   |   | 80-4410 3 9-2   58.1kg b+t                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |            |
|   |   | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland <b>R. P. Whelan</b><br>Showed further improvement fitted with blinkers/tongue strap when winning 1¼m maiden at Fairyhouse in June under an attacking ride. Failed badly to meet expectations on handicap debut at the Curragh since and probably in this field as a pacemaker.                                                |            |
| 4 | 1 | <b>GALIYAN (41)</b> (D)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>92</b>  |
|   |   | 4162 3 9-2   58.1kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |            |
|   |   | Andrew Balding <b>Oisin Murphy</b><br>Built on his debut promise when staying on well to land a well-run 1½m maiden at Chester in May. Below market expectations in the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot but back on the up when second of 5 to Point of Law in Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket (13f) latest, conceding first run. More required.             |            |
| 5 | 2 | <b>PIERRE BONNARD (IRE) (52)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>100</b> |
|   |   | 4111-7273 3 9-2   58.1kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |
|   |   | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland <b>W. M. Lordan</b><br>Highly promising Group 1 winner at 2 yrs. Disappointing when seventh of 13 to Christmas Day in the Derby at Epsom but turned in easily his best effort of the season when 2 lengths third of 8 to Benvenuto Cellini in Irish Derby at the Curragh latest. Obvious contender on these terms.            |            |
| 6 | 5 | <b>SUPERIOR CHOICE (33)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>95</b>  |
|   |   | 4-111 3 9-2   58.1kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |
|   |   | John & Thady Gosden <b>Shane Foley</b><br>1,100,000 gns Dubawi colt of a Group 1 winning dam and has quickly proved himself a smart prospect, showing a fine turn of foot when completing the hat-trick in 6-runner listed event at Hamilton (11f) 33 days ago. Open to further progress and is an intriguing runner up further in grade.            |            |

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Maltese Cross, 11-4 Pierre Bonnard, 10-3 Christmas Day, 5-1 Superior Choice, 12-1 Galian, 200-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A cracking renewal of the Great Voltigeur Stakes. PIERRE BONNARD made an underwhelming start to his 3-y-o campaign but turned in easily his best effort when 2 lengths third of 8 in the Irish Derby at the Curragh on his latest outing and is weighted to reverse the form with Derby-winning stablemate Christmas Day. Maltese Cross, a progressive and most likeable son of Sea The Stars, did well to get himself out of a tight spot to land the Grand Prix de Paris and is an obvious player, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PIERRE BONNARD 2. CHRISTMAS DAY 3. MALTESE CROSS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                               |      |                 |                |   |
|------|-------------------------------|------|-----------------|----------------|---|
| 2025 | <b>Pride of Arras</b> 3-9-5   | 12-1 | Ralph Beckett   | Rossa Ryan     | 7 |
| 2024 | <b>Los Angeles</b> 3-9-7      | 5-4f | Aidan O'Brien   | Ryan Moore     | 5 |
| 2023 | <b>Continuuous</b> 3-9-2      | 4-1  | Aidan O'Brien   | Ryan Moore     | 5 |
| 2022 | <b>Deauville Legend</b> 3-9-2 | 5-2f | James Ferguson  | Daniel Muscutt | 6 |
| 2021 | <b>Yibir</b> 3-9-0            | 6-1  | Charlie Appleby | James Doyle    | 8 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.35

RACE 4

**JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES (Group 1) (1) 3yo+**  
**£1,500,000 1¼m56y (2060 Metres)**



Going: **Good**

Left handed, flat. In essence, York is a very fair track, ideal for the long-striding galloper. In recent seasons, the field tends to come more down the centre of the track than has historically been the case, particularly if conditions are testing. The track was made into a circuit in 2005 and offers a straight five furlong/six furlong track, on which a high draw has been a distinct disadvantage in recent years, while seven furlong races start on a chute.

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

|   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |            |
|---|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 4 | <b>ALMAQAM (63)</b> (D)<br>2/31233-14 5 9-8   60.8kg<br> <b>Ed Walker</b><br>Excellent third to Calandagan and Ombudsman in Champion Stakes at Ascot last autumn and grabbed a Group 1 success of his own in the Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh (10.5f, good) on reappearance. Couldn't live with Ombudsman in the Prince of Wales's at Royal Ascot since, though.                          | <b>Kieran Shoemark</b>   | <b>94</b>  |
| 2 | 6 | <b>DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (63)</b> (D)<br>40417-247 4 9-8   60.8kg<br> <b>John &amp; Thady Gosden</b><br>Smart performer but in here as a pacemaker for Ombudsman.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Robert Havlin</b>     | <b>85</b>  |
| 3 | 1 | <b>OMBUDSMAN (IRE) (63)</b> (CD)<br>21212-111 5 9-8   60.8kg<br> <b>John &amp; Thady Gosden</b><br>Top-class performer who won this race last year and is 3-3 in 2026, notably a most impressive 4-length winner of Prince of Wales's at Royal Ascot (1¼m, good to firm) in June. If he shows up here in similar form he'll be very hard to beat again.                                          | <b>William Buick</b>     | <b>100</b> |
| 4 | 5 | <b>PRIDE OF ARRAS (IRE) (25)</b> (CD)<br>1/10014-82 4 9-8   60.8kg<br> <b>Ralph Beckett</b><br>Smart winner of the Dante and Great Voltigeur here last season and added to his strong York record when chasing home Item in the Sky Bet Stakes last month. Nothing in his record to suggest he'll be up to the required standard here, though.                                                 | <b>Rossa Ryan</b>        | <b>88</b>  |
| 5 | 9 | <b>ZAYDANN (28)</b> (D)<br>32111-11 4 9-8   60.8kg<br> <b>Francis-Henri Graffard, France</b><br>This French-trained colt has rapidly developed into a smart performer, winning his last 5 races, including 2 listed contests and a Group 3 around 1¼m. Will need to raise his game to trouble some of these top-class opponents but anything his yard sends over is afforded respect.          | <b>Mickael Barzalona</b> | <b>86</b>  |
| 6 | 8 | <b>ACTION (IRE) (25)</b><br>132-42076 3 9-1   57.6kg<br> <b>Aidan O'Brien, Ireland</b><br>Smart effort when second to Item in the Dante over C&D in May but has been used as a pacemaker more recently and that looks set to be his role here, too.                                                                                                                                            | <b>R. P. Whelan</b>      | <b>85</b>  |
| 7 | 7 | <b>CONSTITUTION RIVER (FR) (46)</b> (D)<br>211-111 3 9-1   57.6kg<br> <b>Aidan O'Brien, Ireland</b><br>Overcame a poor draw in the Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly before stretching his winning run to 5 when comfortably accounting for 6 rivals in the Eclipse at Sandown (1¼m, good to firm) last month. There is likely even more to come from this good-looking son of Wootton Bassett. | <b>Ryan Moore</b>        | <b>96</b>  |
| 8 | 3 | <b>HAWK MOUNTAIN (IRE) (46)</b><br>5111-123 3 9-1   57.6kg<br> <b>Aidan O'Brien, Ireland</b><br>Group 1 winner as a juvenile. Returned to win 9f Chantilly Group 3 with cheekpieces added in May and even better when placed behind Constitution River in Prix du Jockey Club back at Chantilly and Eclipse at Sandown since. More a place than win contender again, though.                   | <b>W. M. Lordan</b>      | <b>91</b>  |
| 9 | 2 | <b>ITEM (25)</b> (CD)<br>11-191 3 9-1   57.6kg<br> <b>Andrew Balding</b><br>Good winner of the Dante on reappearance. Perhaps caught out by soft conditions when only ninth in Derby at Epsom and wasted no time resuming his progression when proving 2¾ lengths too strong for Pride of Arras in Sky Bet York Stakes over C&D (good to firm) 25 days ago. Likely more to come.               | <b>C. T. Keane</b>       | <b>93</b>  |

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

11-8 Ombudsman, 15-8 Constitution River, 7-1 Item, 20-1 Almaqam, 25-1 Hawk Mountain, 33-1 Zaydann, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A much-anticipated clash between OMBUDSMAN, Timeform's highest-rated horse in Europe, and Constitution River, who established himself as the best middle-distance 3-y-o around with his smooth win in the Eclipse. The latter looks capable of even bigger performances but Godolphin's superstar is still taken to become the first back-to-back winner of this since Halling 30 years ago. Item has landed a pair of Group 2 wins over C&D this year and may prove best of the remainder.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OMBUDSMAN 2. CONSTITUTION RIVER 3. ITEM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                           |      |                     |                 |    |
|------|---------------------------|------|---------------------|-----------------|----|
| 2025 | <b>Ombudsman</b> 4-9-8    | 7-4f | John & Thady Gosden | William Buick   | 6  |
| 2024 | <b>City of Troy</b> 3-9-1 | 5-4f | Aidan O'Brien       | Ryan Moore      | 13 |
| 2023 | <b>Mostahdaf</b> 5-9-8    | 3-1  | John & Thady Gosden | Frankie Dettori | 4  |
| 2022 | <b>Baaeed</b> 4-9-8       | 2-5f | William Haggas      | Jim Crowley     | 6  |
| 2021 | <b>Mishriff</b> 4-9-6     | 9-4f | John & Thady Gosden | David Egan      | 7  |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

SKY BET STAYERS HANDICAP (Heritage Handicap) (2) 3yo+  
£100,000 2m56y (3270 Metres)



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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Going: <b>Good</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| Left handed, flat. In essence, York is a very fair track, ideal for the long-striding galloper. In recent seasons, the field tends to come more down the centre of the track than has historically been the case, particularly if conditions are testing. The track was made into a circuit in 2005 and offers a straight five furlong/six furlong track, on which a high draw has been a distinct disadvantage in recent years, while seven furlong races start on a chute. |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| Draw: <b>N/A</b> Pace Information: <b>Even</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 16                         | <b>DUKE OF OXFORD (19)</b> (D) <span>t</span> <b>88</b>                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 051-15760 6 9-12   62.6kg  | <b>Hector Crouch</b>                                                                                                                       |
| Proved better than ever when winning 2m handicaps at Kempton and Newcastle at the turn of the year. Still to confirm himself anywhere near as effective on turf, failing to beat a rival for the third start in a row at Goodwood (20.5f) last month, though was found to have finished lame.                                                                                                                                                                                |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 9                          | <b>PRYDWEN (IRE) (53)</b> (D) <span></span> <b>97</b>                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 89-682157 8 9-12   60.3kg  | <b>Daniel Tudhope</b>                                                                                                                      |
| Notched an eleventh career win over a shorter-than-ideal trip at Ripon (1½m) in April. Not disgraced in a German Group 2 next time and performed creditably under top weight when seventh of 20 in Northumberland Plate when last seen in June. Probably needs respite from the handicapper.                                                                                                                                                                                 |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5                          | <b>KIRCHNER (IRE) (26)</b> (D) <span>s</span>  <b>100</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3/434-7521 4 9-7   60.3kg  | <b>Ryan Moore</b>                                                                                                                          |
| Not long with the excellent James Owen yard and improving by the run, opening his account for the season in 4-runner handicap at Ascot (2m) last month, the way in which he asserted at the end of a steadily-run race impressive. 6 lb rise far from insurmountable so big shout under Ryan Moore.                                                                                                                                                                          |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10                         | <b>SMALL FRY (IRE) (18)</b> <span></span> <b>97</b>                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2/31199-62 5 9-6   59.9kg  | <b>D. B. McMonagle</b>                                                                                                                     |
| Successful at Chester and Epsom last season for Gary & Josh Moore and, after performing with credit in a couple of maiden hurdles/Royal Ascot handicap, ran as well as he has despite conceding first run when second of 13 at Goodwood (1¾m) earlier in the month. Up 4 lb for that but one to consider.                                                                                                                                                                    |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 4                          | <b>VALEDICTORY (18)</b> (BF) <span>b</span> <b>97</b>                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3/41-26115 4 9-5   59.4kg  | <b>William Buick</b>                                                                                                                       |
| Fitted with cheekpieces, gained a first handicap success at Goodwood in May and overcame a steady pace to follow up at Newmarket's July Festival. Went with little fluency in his hat-trick bid at former course earlier in the month and more severe headgear is reached for (first-time blinkers).                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 15                         | <b>MORDOR (FR) (64)</b> <span></span> <b>93</b>                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1/31020-10 6 9-4   59.0kg  | <b>Jamie Spencer</b>                                                                                                                       |
| Made a winning reappearance at Navan (1¾m) in March and backed that up with an encouraging third in a Kilbeggan handicap hurdle. From a career-high mark, wasn't discredited on the balance of his form when fifteenth of 20 in a Royal Ascot handicap (2½m) last time but others preferred.                                                                                                                                                                                 |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 14                         | <b>TEAM PLAYER (32)</b> (D) <span>s+t</span> <b>98</b>                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 313-11592 4 9-4   59.0kg   | <b>Greg Fairley</b>                                                                                                                        |
| Started out for Ewan Whillans with 2m Newcastle win and followed up over 1¾m at Musselburgh over Easter. Back on the up having not been seen to best effect on his previous 2 starts when nose second of 7 to Shrimp Shady at Newbury (16.5f) last month so not without each-way hope.                                                                                                                                                                                       |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 12                         | <b>MANXMAN (IRE) (351)</b> (D) <span>v</span> <b>98</b>                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 312/21003- 6 9-3   58.5kg  | <b>James Doyle</b>                                                                                                                         |
| Resumed winning ways over 2m at Goodwood in May 2025 and got back on track when third of 6 in similar company there when last seen 11 months ago. Clearly had his fair share of issues to have been off for so long so a watching brief is advised for all form of the yard is a positive.                                                                                                                                                                                   |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7                          | <b>IN THE BREEZE (IRE) (73)</b> (D) <span></span> <b>98</b>                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 01447-101 8 9-3   58.5kg   | <b>C. T. Keane</b>                                                                                                                         |
| Hadn't excelled in half a dozen previous ventures beyond 1½m but clearly relished the test of stamina when winning 6-runner event at Goodwood (2m, soft) just over 10 weeks ago, reeling in a proven performer in the mud with plenty to spare. Freshened up since and any rain would be in his favour.                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 11                         | <b>BOATSWAIN (45)</b> (D) <span>s</span> <b>97</b>                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7488-0371 4 9-2   58.1kg   | <b>Callum Rodriguez</b>                                                                                                                    |
| Belatedly doubled his tally when bolting up in 5-runner event at Southwell (16.5f) early last month, having what proved a very weak race for the grade wrapped up a long way out. Handicapper has reacted with a 6 lb rise and unexposed over staying trips, he could have more to offer.                                                                                                                                                                                    |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1                          | <b>WESTMINSTER MOON (IRE) (23)</b> <span>t</span> <b>97</b>                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 000-07100 6 9-1   57.6kg   | <b>R. C. Colgan</b>                                                                                                                        |
| Had some smart form in Germany prior to joining shrewd connections and landed a gamble at the Curragh (1¾m) in late-May. Has struggled the last twice over longer trips, most recently at Galway (17f) last month, though market support could well prove significant.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3                          | <b>SHRIMP SHADY (11)</b> (D, BF) <span></span> <b>98</b>                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 44121612 4 9-1   57.6kg    | <b>Rob Hornby</b>                                                                                                                          |
| Low-mileage 4-y-o who returned to turf to land the Chester Plate in May and found a bit more improvement when edging out Team Player at Newbury (16.5f) last month. Very well backed under Ryan Moore and ran well from 3 lb higher when second of 10 at Ascot (2m) 11 days ago. Needs to pull out more.                                                                                                                                                                     |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 6                          | <b>KILMEADEN (IRE) (11)</b> (D) <span>v</span> <b>98</b>                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 4102-7359 4 9-0   57.2kg   | <b>Clifford Lee</b>                                                                                                                        |
| Flat/hurdle winner for Donnacha O'Brien who matched previous form for his new yard when ninth of 10 at Ascot (2m, good to firm) 11 days ago, found wanting for a change of speed in the straight. First-time visor is applied and any rain would enhance his chance.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 13                         | <b>GHAIYYA (26)</b> <span></span> <b>98</b>                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 57-124862 4 9-0   57.2kg   | <b>Rossa Ryan</b>                                                                                                                          |
| Made a winning return at Doncaster in April and ran up to her best having a first crack at 2m when 4 lengths second of 4 to Kirchner at Ascot (2m, good to firm) last month. 6 lb better off with that rival here but very hard to see her reversing the form.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2                          | <b>FIREBLADE (26)</b> (D, BF)  <b>99</b>              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1930-4423 5 8-13   56.7kg  | <b>Kieran Shoemark</b>                                                                                                                     |
| Developed into a useful stayer last year. Best effort this season when second of 6 over 1¾m at Ascot (good to firm) last month, going down only to an improving 3-y-o. Sent off favourite but only 7¾ lengths third of 4 to Kirchner back there since so needs to bounce back.                                                                                                                                                                                               |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 17                         | <b>RIDE THE THUNDER (IRE) (32)</b> (BF) <span></span> <b>98</b>                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2/1442-363 4 8-13   56.7kg | <b>Ray Dawson</b>                                                                                                                          |
| Reliable type who again ran his race when 1¼ lengths third of 7 to Shrimp Shady at Newbury (16.5f, firm) last month. That gave further weight to the theory that he's about where he should be in the handicap so others more appealing for win purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8                          | <b>MOUNTAIN ROAD (FR) (11)</b> (D) <span></span> <b>99</b>                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 118/43513 7 8-12   56.2kg  | <b>Lauren Young (5lb/2kg)</b>                                                                                                              |
| Back to winning ways in 13-runner event at Thirsk (good) in May, proving well suited by the return to 2m. Shaped encouragingly from a less-than-ideal position after 9 weeks off when third of 10 at Ascot 11 days ago and one to consider having firmly found his feet for Jim Goldie.                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 17 DECLARED RUNNERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>BETTING FORECAST:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 7-2 Small Fry, 13-2 Kirchner, 15-2 Valedictory, 9-1 Ride The Thunder, 14-1 Shrimp Shady, 16-1 Team Player, 20-1 Mountain Road, 20-1 Boatswain, 25-1 Fireblade, 25-1 Westminster Moon, 33-1 Kilmeaden, 33-1 Manxman, 33-1 In The Breeze, 40-1 bar                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>TIMEFORM VIEW:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| A competitive valuable staying handicap. Preference is for KIRCHNER, who took another step forward for his new yard when bolting up at Ascot last month and James Owen's 4-y-o is fancied to make light of a 6 lb rise with the booking of Ryan Moore only enhancing his claims further. Small Fry heads up the dangers having run as well as he ever has at Goodwood recently, with Boatswain and Valedictory another couple worth considering, too.                        |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>TIMEFORM 1-2-3:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| 1. KIRCHNER 2. SMALL FRY 3. BOATSWAIN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |                                                                                                                                            |

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RACE 5

SKY BET STAYERS HANDICAP (Heritage Handicap) (2) 3yo+  
£100,000   2m56y (3270 Metres)



WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                         |        |       |                 |                |    |
|------|-------------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|----------------|----|
| 2025 | <b>Santorini Star</b>   | 4-9-6  | 10-3f | William Haggas  | Tom Marquand   | 13 |
| 2024 | <b>Extensio</b>         | 7-8-9  | 14-1  | P. F. O'Donnell | J. M. Sheridan | 16 |
| 2023 | <b>Forza Orta</b>       | 5-9-3  | 8-1   | Kevin Ryan      | Rowan Scott    | 14 |
| 2022 | <b>Alfred Boucher</b>   | 6-8-13 | 5-1   | Ian Williams    | William Buick  | 12 |
| 2021 | <b>Arcadian Sunrise</b> | 7-8-13 | 11-4f | John Queally    | Jamie Spencer  | 14 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.45**

RACE 6

**IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING HANDICAP (Heritage Handicap) (2) 3yo (Rated 0-105) £100,000 5f (1010 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good**

Left handed, flat. In essence, York is a very fair track, ideal for the long-striding galloper. In recent seasons, the field tends to come more down the centre of the track than has historically been the case, particularly if conditions are testing. The track was made into a circuit in 2005 and offers a straight five furlong/six furlong track, on which a high draw has been a distinct disadvantage in recent years, while seven furlong races start on a chute.

Draw: **Against High** Pace Information: **Extreme**

**1 15 NAANA'S SHADOW (IRE) (20) (CD)**  **99**  
1-6131191 **3** 9-9 | 61.2kg



Katie Scott

Oisin Murphy

Much improved sent handicapping this season, scoring over C&D in June and recording her fourth success of the campaign in 18-runner event at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) 20 days ago. Up another 8 lb but well on top at the finish there so got to be high on the shortlist.

**2 14 POATAN (IRE) (67)** **94**  
3513-3 **3** 9-6 | 59.9kg



George Scott

David Egan

Landed 6f Windsor novice last summer. Only seen twice since and resumed from 9 months off (gelded) with excellent third in listed race at Sandown (5f, good) in June. May do better still on his handicap debut.

**3 18 REVIVAL POWER (IRE) (39) (CD)** **89**  
02115-700 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg



Tim Easterby

C. T. Keane

A three-time 5f winner at 2 yrs, making all in C&D listed race and Flying Childers at Doncaster for last 2 successes. Yet to fire in 3 runs this season though, well held in listed race over C&D (good to firm) 39 days ago. Needs to prove she's trained on.

**4 11 BAKER BLUE (3) (D)** **99**  
24100263 **3** 9-1 | 57.6kg



Dylan Cunha

Callum Rodriguez

Doubled his tally on all-weather at Wolverhampton (5f) in February. Useful efforts when placed in a pair of 5f handicaps at Pontefract this summer, third of 8 on Sunday. Merits consideration.

**5 9 SCHRODINGER'S CAT (20) (D)**   **100**  
22831265 **3** 9-1 | 57.6kg



Grant Tuer

Oliver Stammers

Doubled his tally at Redcar (5f) in June and took another step forward when edged out by Naana's Shadow over C&D later in June. Not seen to best effect with fifth of 18 to same rival at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) 20 days ago. Meets that rival on 9 lb better terms here. Big shout.

**6 13 MANATEE MEHMAS (IRE) (20) (D)** **97**  
14834 **3** 8-13 | 56.7kg



David O'Meara

Daniel Tudhope

Impressive winner on debut at Doncaster prior to acquitting himself well when fourth in listed event over C&D in May. Posted very good efforts to make the frame behind Naana's Shadow back over C&D and at Goodwood since. In the mix with few miles on the clock and a tongue tie now fitted.

**7 1 BLACK STAR BOY (IRE) (61) (D)** **97**  
618-160 **3** 8-13 | 56.7kg



Ed Walker

Kieran Shoemark

Made a successful return at Newbury (5f) in April. Not seen to best effect when sixth in listed race over C&D after but a below-par fifteenth of 27 in Palace of Holyroodhouse at Royal Ascot (5f, good to firm) last time. Tongue tied for first time after a break.

**8 7 MISS YECHANCE (IRE) (20) (D)** **97**  
42-154273 **3** 8-11 | 55.8kg



K. R. Burke

Jack Nicholls (3lb/1kg)

Won twice for Jack Morland in Britain at 2 yrs, before bagging a Meydan handicap in January for A Cintra & Julio Olascoaga. Right back to her best for new yard with third of 18 to Naana's Shadow in handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) 20 days ago. Ought to be thereabouts.

**9 19 TRICKY TEL (25) (D)** **97**  
574-31102 **3** 8-10 | 55.3kg



Hugo Palmer

Jason Hart

Bagged handicaps at Hamilton (6f) and Chester (5f) in early summer. Posted a very good second of 7 in handicap back at Chester (6f, good to firm) 25 days ago so not out of things off an unchanged mark.

**10 2 ZAIN PRIMUS (92) (D)** **96**  
311 **3** 8-9 | 54.9kg



John Butler

Ray Dawson

Improving Pinatubo colt who followed 6f novice win at Kempton in April with ready success in 6-runner novice at Newcastle (5f) in May. No reason why he shouldn't prove as effective on turf and he could figure on handicap debut.

**11 10 STARGAZED (25) (D)** **98**  
6415-2087 **3** 8-7 | 54.0kg



K. R. Burke

Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)

Fair 5f winner at 2 yrs who resumed with a very good second in front of a number of these over C&D in May. Below that form since though, slowly away and coming in last of 7 in handicap at Chester (6f, good to firm) 25 days ago. Visor goes on for the first time.

**12 4 ONE AND GONE (IRE) (3) (D)** **97**  
33401107 **3** 8-6 | 53.5kg



Ian Williams

Kieran O'Neill

Successful in 5f handicaps at Goodwood and Sandown this summer but not at his best last 2 starts, beating just one at Pontefract (5f, good to firm) 3 days ago.

**13 12 OLD IS GOLD (IRE) (20) (D, BF)** **96**  
31830-60 **3** 8-5 | 53.1kg



Andrew Balding

Saffie Osborne

A fair 5f winner at 2 yrs. Not discredited when sixth in 5f Sandown handicap on his return in April. Sent off 5/1 but only tenth of 18 to Naana's Shadow at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) 20 days ago. Visor goes on for the first time here and could still do better.

**14 5 SHES GOT A BROTHER (20) (D)**  **98**  
114350 **3** 8-5 | 53.1kg



Michael &amp; David Easterby

Joanna Mason

Successful over 5f at Southwell first 2 starts in April. Good efforts on turf next 3 outings, including a fourth over C&D, but ran her first poor race behind Naana's Shadow in handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) 20 days ago. No surprise to see her bounce back.

**15 3 UNDERWRITER (FR) (25)** **98**  
0189-8004 **3** 8-5 | 53.1kg



Michael Keady

Luke Morris

Won maiden/novice events over 6f at Ayr for Archie Watson last summer. Bounced back to form on second run for new yard with fourth of 13 in handicap at Ascot (5f, good to firm) 25 days ago, finishing well having been denied a clear run 1f out. Needs considering.

**16 8 MIGHTY MAGNUS (IRE) (19) (D)** **98**  
8-2031535 **3** 8-4 | 52.6kg



Michael Dods

Cam Hardie

Doubled his tally at Musselburgh (5f) in June and in good heart until coming in last of 5 in handicap at Musselburgh (5f, good to firm) 19 days ago. Needs to get back on track.

**17 16 DOLOS DREAM (26) (D, BF)** **98**  
213-152 **3** 8-2 | 51.7kg



Ivan Furtado

Silvestre De Sousa

Overcame a wide draw to make a winning handicap debut at Pontefract (5f) in June and advanced her form when second of 12 in handicap here last month. Still not fully exposed and this speedy type could have more to offer.

**18 17 BOSTON DAN (IRE) (16) (D)** **92**  
27-90047 **3** 8-2(8-1) | 51.7kg (51.3kg)



Tim Easterby

Duran Fentiman

Useful 5f winner at 2 yrs for Richard Fahey. Yet to match that form this season, failing to beat a rival on second run for new yard in handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm) 16 days ago. Needs to take a big step forward.

**19 6 CALL MARGOT (IRE) (20) (D)** **98**  
7-5217260 **3** 8-2(8-0) | 51.7kg (50.8kg)



Gemma Tutty

Connor Planas

Quirky sort who scored at Southwell (5f) in April and was an unlucky second in 3-y-o Dash at Epsom. Tailed off behind Naana's Shadow in handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) 20 days ago however, so has a bit to prove.

**19 DECLARED RUNNERS****BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Zain Primus, **11-2** Naana's Shadow, **12-1** Miss Yechance, **14-1** Schrodinger's Cat, **14-1** Dolos Dream, **16-1** Baker Blue, **16-1** Manatee Mehmas, **18-1** Old Is Gold, **20-1** Tricky Tel, **22-1** Underwriter, **22-1** Poatan, **25-1** Mighty Magnus, **28-1** Shes Got A Brother, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This is wide open. SCHRODINGER'S CAT just missed out to Naana's Shadow over C&D in June and didn't enjoy the rub of the green behind that rival at Goodwood so looks the way to go on these much more advantageous terms. Katie Scott's improving filly still rates a big threat despite an 8 lb hike in the weights, while handicap debutant Zain Primus, Manatee Mehmas and Underwriter also need factoring into this very open sprint.

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RACE 6

**IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING HANDICAP (Heritage Handicap) (2) 3yo (Rated 0-105) £100,000 5f (1010 Metres)**



**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. SCHRODINGER'S CAT 2. NAANA'S SHADOW 3. ZAIN PRIMUS

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

**SKY BET NURSERY HANDICAP (2) 2yo £100,000 6f (1210 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good**

Left handed, flat. In essence, York is a very fair track, ideal for the long-striding galloper. In recent seasons, the field tends to come more down the centre of the track than has historically been the case, particularly if conditions are testing. The track was made into a circuit in 2005 and offers a straight five furlong/six furlong track, on which a high draw has been a distinct disadvantage in recent years, while seven furlong races start on a chute.

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

**1 8 RULER'S PRIDE (IRE) (21)** **91**  
107 2 9-9 | 61.2kg



**K. R. Burke** **James Doyle**  
Won on 5f Apr debut in May. Met trouble when pitched into the Group 2 Coventry at Royal Ascot next time and a sharp 5f looked against him in the Molecomb at Goodwood since, doing his best work late. Retains potential now moving into a nursery.

**2 5 HAVANA SPRITE (18) (D)** **93**  
42111 2 9-8 | 60.8kg



**James Tate** **Hector Crouch**  
Completed a hat-trick (second leg a listed race) when seeing off 8 rivals in 6f Newmarket nursery (good to firm) 18 days ago, once again finding a good turn of foot. A very useful effort will be needed to keep the winning run going, though.

**3 22 CRYSTAL QUEEN (IRE) (63)** **92**  
210 2 9-5 | 59.4kg



**Richard & Peter Fahey** **Warren Fentiman (3lb/1kg)**  
Confirmed her debut promise when winning the 8-runner Hilary Needler at Beverley (5f, good to firm) in May. No impact in the Queen Mary at Royal Ascot since but more of chance at this level for a stable no stranger to nursery success at this meeting.

**4 11 GOD GIVEN TALENT (IRE) (33) (D)** **93**  
106 2 9-5 | 59.4kg



**William Haggas** **Tom Marquand**  
No Nay Never colt who overcame inexperience to make a winning start to his career at Newbury (6f, good). Has come up short in Royal Ascot Group 2 and a listed race back at Newbury (both 6f) for James Ferguson since but could easily resume his progression for top new stable. Tongue tied first time.

**5 20 DUBAI CHAMPION (IRE) (19)** **99**  
4312 2 9-3 | 58.5kg



**Ben Haslam** **Ryan Moore**  
Improving son of Persian Force who shaped well tackling 6f for the first time when narrowly denied in Glorious Goodwood nursery under Ryan Moore 19 days ago, caught late having hung right. A 4 lb rise shouldn't prevent another bold bid, particularly if keeping straighter under pressure this time.

**6 14 SAVAGE MARINER (IRE) (22)** **95**  
200 2 9-3 | 58.5kg



**Hugo Palmer** **C. T. Keane**  
Showed fairly useful form when second on 6f Leicester debut (firm) in May. Well beaten in Norfolk at Royal Ascot and Glorious Goodwood maiden since. Has been gelded ahead of this nursery debut. Also wears first-time blinkers for last year's winning stable.

**7 4 PERSIAN SPRING (IRE) (19) (CD)** **90**  
5100 2 9-2 | 58.1kg



**Richard Hannon** **Pat Dobbs**  
Smooth-travelling winner of C&D novice at the Dante meeting. Hasn't built on that in 2 outings since, although he looked unsuited by the track when mid-field in a Glorious Goodwood nursery latest. His stable has recent winning form in this race.

**8 16 SOVEREIGN GLORY (19)** **97**  
3104 2 9-2 | 58.1kg



**Charles Hills** **Kieran Shoemark**  
Went from last to first to land a strongly-run Bath novice (5f) in May. No impact in the Norfolk at Royal Ascot but made a good start to his nursery career when length fourth (Dubai Champion second) of 18 at Glorious Goodwood last month, looking suited by the step up to 6f.

**9 17 UNDERDOG (33)** **91**  
1050 2 9-1 | 57.6kg



**Richard Spencer** **Saffie Osborne**  
This Perfect Power colt made a winning debut at Sandown (5f, good to soft) in June but has seemingly had his limitations exposed in a Group 2 and Listed races since. Nursery debut.

**10 9 JUMEIRAH STORM (IRE) (27) (D)** **94**  
412 2 9-0 | 57.2kg



**William Knight** **Neil Callan**  
Split a pair of next-time-out winners when promising fourth at Salisbury before digging deep to land 6f Doncaster novice (good to firm) last month. Progressed again when 1/2-length second of 5 to Shadow King in nursery back there (6.5f, good to firm) 27 days ago. Cheekpieces go on. Capable of better.

**11 12 PEACEFUL WARRIOR (IRE) (40) (D)** **90**  
14 2 9-0 | 57.2kg



**Kevin Ryan** **Jamie Spencer**  
Knew his job and made a successful debut in 8-runner novice at Yarmouth (6f, good) in May. Ran a little below that form when fourth of 7 in 6f Ascot conditions race since but he's unexposed moving into his first nursery having been gelded.

**12 18 ELEVATING (5)** **95**  
2915 2 9-0 | 57.2kg



**Richard Hannon** **Joe Leavy**  
Closely related to a smart 5f performer. Confirmed she's most definitely a sprinter when making it third time lucky at Sandown (5f) this month and creditable fourth in a Newbury listed race since. Nursery debut.

**13 13 TOWELONTHE TERRACE (IRE) (23) (D)** **94**  
314 2 8-13 | 56.7kg



**Jennie Candlish** **Jason Hart**  
Showed much improved form when making all in good fashion at Chester (6f, good to firm) second time up. Respectable fourth under a penalty at Ripon since. Nursery debut.

**14 2 THE DANCING PIRATE (19) (BF)** **95**  
4427 2 8-13 | 56.7kg



**Andrew Balding** **Oisín Murphy**  
Blackbeard colt from a family connections have had plenty of success with. Improved with each of his 4 runs, shaping encouragingly when 2 1/2 lengths seventh of 18 to Revels in Glorious Goodwood nursery (6f, good to firm) 19 days ago, making effort earlier than ideal. Cheekpieces go on. Considered.

**15 15 RLASTHOPE (27) (D)** **91**  
52331 2 8-10 | 55.3kg



**Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood** **Ray Dawson**  
Consistent since finishing fifth in Brocklesby on debut, deservedly getting off the mark in 12-runner maiden at Southwell (6f, good) 27 days ago. Improvement will be needed from this opening mark, though.

**16 6 HENLEY ON THAMES (IRE) (18) (D)** **100**  
6221 2 8-9 | 54.9kg



**Kevin Philippart de Foy** **David Egan**  
Persian Force colt who was runner-up twice in 5f maidens before making it fourth time lucky over 6f at Hamilton 18 days ago, looking suited by the step up in trip. His opening mark could underestimate him.

**17 7 SUPER TUSCAN (IRE) (19) (D)** **97**  
54156 2 8-9 | 54.9kg



**Eve Johnson Houghton** **Oliver Carmichael (7lb/3kg)**  
Transformed by gelding operation when impressively winning novice at Chepstow (6f) in June. 28/1, creditable 2 1/4 lengths sixth of 18 to Revels in nursery at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) 19 days ago. In-form stable won this in 2022.

**18 19 NOTE TO SELF (22)** **94**  
5723 2 8-9 | 54.9kg



**John & Thady Gosden** **Shane Foley**  
Too Darn Hot colt who placed in novices at Windsor (6f, good to firm) and Yarmouth (7f, good) last month. Drops back in trip for nursery debut. From a leading yard so improvement wouldn't be a surprise.

**19 3 FANTASY FORCE (IRE) (25)** **95**  
350 2 8-7 | 54.0kg



**Adrian Keatley** **Silvestre De Sousa**  
Persian Force colt who hasn't built on his opening 5f course third in 2 subsequent outings. First-time cheekpieces need to have a positive effect on nursery debut.

**20 10 BEAR LEE (IRE) (25)** **94**  
414 2 8-6 | 53.5kg



**Michael & David Easterby** **Joanna Mason**  
Looked to be getting the hang of things on debut at Redcar and, turned out again quickly, she won going away at Musselburgh (5f) in June. Creditable fourth of 6 in C&D novice since. Quite a keen-goer so the likely truer pace she'll face in this big-field scenario could play to her strengths.

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RACE 7

SKY BET NURSERY HANDICAP (2) 2yo £100,000 6f (1210 Metres)



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**SUE'S LAST CHANCE (IRE) (53)**  
658 2 8-5 | 53.1kg  
Richard & Peter Fahey  
Showed fair form at best in maiden/novice races over C&D in the first half of the summer. Given a short break (gelded) ahead of this switch to a nursery. Worth a second look in the betting from a mark which looks workable based on his second start.

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Cam Hardie

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**BRANDENBURG (33) (D)**  
0121 2 8-5 | 53.1kg  
Ann Duffield  
Winner of 5f Beverley maiden in May (for Stephen Hanlon) and 6f Hamilton novice in July (for Noel Wilson). Also second in a C&D nursery on penultimate start but this is a lot tougher. Now trained by Ann Duffield.

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Luke Morris

22 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-1 Dubai Champion, 9-1 The Dancing Pirate, 12-1 God Given Talent, 12-1 Havana Sprite, 14-1 Henley On Thames, 14-1 Sovereign Glory, 14-1 Ruler's Pride, 16-1 Note To Self, 22-1 Jumeirah Storm, 22-1 Crystal Queen, 28-1 Bear Lee, 28-1 Persian Spring, 33-1 Super Tuscan, 33-1 Brandenburg, 33-1 Savage Mariner, 33-1 Towelonthe terrace, 33-1 Rlsthope, 33-1 Peaceful Warrior, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HENLEY ON THAMES looked suited by the step up to 6f when making all in maiden company at Hamilton at the beginning of the month and looks on a favourable mark for his nursery debut. Dubai Champion went very close in a similarly competitive nursery at Glorious Goodwood and rates an obvious threat. The Dancing Pirate and Sovereign Glory are others who shaped well in that same Goodwood contest and are also shortlisted along with God Given Talent, an interesting recruit for William Haggas.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HENLEY ON THAMES 2. DUBAI CHAMPION 3. THE DANCING PIRATE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                       |      |                      |                        |    |
|------|-----------------------|------|----------------------|------------------------|----|
| 2025 | Ruby's Angel 2-8-5    | 33-1 | Hugo Palmer          | Saffie Osborne         | 19 |
| 2024 | Yes I'm Mali 2-8-7    | 12-1 | Richard Fahey        | Joe Fanning            | 17 |
| 2023 | Zoulu Chief 2-8-8     | 15-2 | Heather Main         | Gina Mangan (3)        | 16 |
| 2022 | Streets of Gold 2-9-6 | 7-2f | Eve Johnson Houghton | Charles Bishop         | 18 |
| 2021 | Flaming Rib 2-9-4     | 16-1 | Tom Dascombe         | Pierre-Louis Jamin (5) | 20 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race