GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Thursday 20th August

NEWCASTLE

6.19	**HARRY POTTER DRONEART SHOW HANDICAP (6) 1½m98y (2500 Metres)**
RACE 1	**(13) NIFFLER | (3) FLEUR DE MER | (7) FOREVER PERFECT**
6.54	**TRUSTED BETTING SITE REVIEWS gambling.com FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (4) 7f14y (1420 Metres)**
RACE 2	**(1) QUEEN'S HAME | (3) STAR OF COMMALA | (8) ROCCAPINA**
7.24	**COMPARE BETTING SITES AT gambling.com FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (3) 7f14y (1420 Metres)**
RACE 3	**(1) SPIRITED GESTURE | (2) ANGEL IN MY HEART | (7) RUBYROO**
7.54	**HARRY POTTER DRONEART SHOW NURSERY HANDICAP (4) 5f (1010 Metres)**
RACE 4	**(1) INFLUENCER MAN | (6) STAR PEOPLE | (4) MAY BEE IN PROFIT**
8.24	**KNOX HYDRATE HANDICAP (4) 5f (1010 Metres)**
RACE 5	**(7) COPPER KNIGHT | (8) AZUINTHEJUNGLE | (9) LITTLE MI MI**
8.54	**MINI GOLF AT HIGH GOSFORTH PARK HANDICAP (6) 6f (1210 Metres)**
RACE 6	**(4) GEMINI STAR | (2) OPERATION GIMCRACK | (7) MOUNT RUAPEHU**

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.

6.19 RACE 1

HARRY POTTER DRONEART SHOW HANDICAP (6) 3yo+ (Rated 0-60) £6,200 1½m98y (2500 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Standard**

Left-handed, oval. Newcastle switched from turf to all-weather during the winter of 2015/16, and like Wolverhampton, the surface it uses is tapeta. It differs from the majority of the all-weather tracks in that as well as a traditional oval, it has a floodlit straight mile course, which is uphill for the final four furlongs, meaning an ability to see out the trip is essential and those who press on too early can prove vulnerable in the later stages.

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

1 11 **HICKTON (IRE)** (90) (D) **95**
131-77196 **4** 10-0 | 63.5kg
Declan Carroll — ***Zak Wheatley***
Resumed winning ways at Southwell (1¾m) in April. Below form both starts the following month, for all he wasn't ideally placed at Pontefract last time. Probably has a bit to find, even if back on song following 13 weeks off.

2 8 **BILLY BATHGATE** (12) (C) **95**
43434615 **10** 10-0 | 63.5kg
Ewan Whillans — ***Jason Hart***
Course winner gained a deserved first win of 2026 in 4-runner Redcar handicap (2m) last month. Never landed a blow there (1¾m) subsequently, and he may just find this shorter trip on the sharp side.

3 12 **FLEUR DE MER (IRE)** (16) (C) v **95**
93-323643 **6** 10-0 | 63.5kg
Martin Todhunter — ***Paul Mulrennan***
Latest success came at this course in September 2023 for previous yard but did go close in a better C&D event last autumn. Made solid start to this year and hasn't enjoyed the run of the race more recently, including in first-time visor at Catterick (2m) last time. One for the shortlist.

4 5 **BRUNELLO BREEZE** (16) (CD) b **89**
3660-7578 **7** 9-12 | 62.6kg
Liam Bailey — ***Jack Garritty***
C&D winner was typically very slowly away on return at Catterick last time. Leap of faith is required, even with more severe headgear refitted.

5 13 **JEDHI KNIGHT** (20) b **98**
31423-523 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg
Paul Midgley — ***David Nolan***
Ffos Las winner (2m) last summer for Jedd O'Keeffe. Placed 2 of 3 starts on Flat for current yard, not in same form as time before when 7½ lengths third at Musselburgh latest. Still considered off 2 lb below his winning mark.

6 9 **CARWYN (IRE)** (24) s **88**
3969-8990 **3** 9-9 | 61.2kg
Patrick Morris — ***Dylan Hogan***
Showed ability in maidens in Ireland last year but hasn't fired in 4 starts for current yard this season.

7 1 **FOREVER PERFECT** (21) (D) ★ **100**
6-6312230 **3** 9-8 | 60.8kg
Rebecca Menzies — ***Cieren Fallon***
Opened her account in a 3-y-o handicap at Wolverhampton (1½m) in April. Runner-up twice since (solid form latter of those starts) before a lesser effort following 8 weeks off there last time. She may just be sharper for that and previous form makes her of interest on first start in open company.

8 4 **WAVE POWER (IRE)** (24) s **92**
943-658 **3** 9-5 | 59.4kg
Liam Bailey — ***Billy Garritty***
Lightly-raced 3-y-o has finished well beaten in 3 handicap starts. Hopes pinned on the addition of first-time cheekpieces.

9 2 **MUHIB** (16) **95**
33443323 **5** 9-4 | 59.0kg
Olly Williams — ***Warren Fentiman*** (3lb/1kg)
Long-standing maiden arrives in form, backing up his previous effort when 6¼ lengths third at Catterick last time. Place claims with good-value apprentice retained.

10 6 **GALAHAD THREEPWOOD** (20) (D) s **95**
99435/778 **9** 9-4 | 59.0kg
Ewan Whillans — ***Greg Fairley***
On a long losing run and has looked out of sorts since returning from an absence. Cheekpieces go on first time in this sphere.

11 3 **STAR OF MARKINCH (IRE)** (20) **89**
457-04445 **10** 9-3 | 58.5kg
Gary Rutherford — ***Rhys Elliott*** (5lb/2kg)
Remains a maiden after 34 Flat runs. Back on her proper mark when again making little impact at Musselburgh last time.

12 7 **GEMICAL (IRE)** (70) v **97**
905-5437 **3** 9-1 | 57.6kg
Rebecca Menzies — ***Amie Waugh*** (3lb/1kg)
Hit the frame in a couple of 3-y-o handicaps at Thirsk/Catterick in May. Visor on second time when running her worse race to date at Nottingham (1¾m, soft) the following month. Dropped 3 lb for that, though, and has been freshened up ahead of her return to the all-weather.

13 10 **NIFFLER (GER)** (115) **61**
890 **3** 8-10 | 55.3kg
Sir Mark Prescott Bt — ***Luke Morris***
By German Derby winner Isfahan and half-brother to a useful one. Sent off at long odds and unsurprisingly achieved little in 3 starts over shorter trips to date. Yard excels with this type, and he's expected to make much more impact over a markedly longer distance on handicap bow.

14 14 **ROMEO'S GUARDIAN** (46) b **66**
9790 **3** 8-8 | 54.4kg
Hugo Palmer — ***Andrew Elliott***
€48,000 son of Sergei Prokofiev. Offered little in trio of 6f starts in the spring. Wore first-time cheekpieces following a gelding operation but fared no better on handicap debut over markedly longer trip at Ayr (1¼m) latest. Now tried over even further in more severe headgear.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Niffler, **11-2** Jedhi Knight, **15-2** Forever Perfect, **8-1** Fleur De Mer, **9-1** Muhib, **12-1** Gemical, **12-1** Billy Bathgate, **14-1** Hickton, **28-1** Romeo's Guardian, **28-1** Star of Markinch, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NIFFLER fits the bill of a typical Sir Mark Prescott improver, and he appeals most in an ordinary low-grade handicap. Fleur De Mer is feared most off her slipping mark, with Forever Perfect and Jedhi Knight also worth considering.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NIFFLER 2. FLEUR DE MER 3. FOREVER PERFECT

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.54 RACE 2

TRUSTED BETTING SITE REVIEWS gambling.com FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (4) 3, 4 and 5yo fillies and mares £10,000 7f14y (1420 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Standard**

Left-handed, oval. Newcastle switched from turf to all-weather during the winter of 2015/16, and like Wolverhampton, the surface it uses is tapeta. It differs from the majority of the all-weather tracks in that as well as a traditional oval, it has a floodlit straight mile course, which is uphill for the final four furlongs, meaning an ability to see out the trip is essential and those who press on too early can prove vulnerable in the later stages.

Draw: **Favours Mid** Pace Information: **Weak**

1 2 **QUEEN'S HAME (21)** ★ **100**
21 **3** 9-6 | 59.9kg
William Haggas *Cieren Fallon*
Gleneagles filly who was beaten favourite on her Ripon debut but made no mistake at Nottingham (8.3f, good) 21 days ago. Should have more to offer for top yard and the one to beat.

2 3 **MISS VERONIKA** **77**
4 9-2 | 58.1kg
Brian Ellison *Ben Robinson*
Modest form at best in 2 bumpers last autumn ahead of this switch to the Flat. Best watched.

3 8 **STAR OF COMMALA (IRE) (20)** (D) **90**
7-1 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg
Jane Chapple-Hyam *Molly Keegan-Price* (7lb/3kg)
Starman filly who left last year's 6f Wolverhampton debut well behind when springing a 125/1 surprise over 7f at the same venue under Molly Keegan-Price 3 weeks ago, just clinging on after getting first run on her rivals.

4 9 **MYSTIC WAVE (22)** **65**
7 **4** 9-0 | 57.2kg
David Thompson *Dylan Hogan*
250/1, last of 7 in maiden at Redcar (7f, good) on debut 22 days ago.

5 4 **NAVERTITY (IRE) (79)** **80**
4 **3** 8-13 | 56.7kg
Stephen Hanlon *Jason Hart*
Lope De Vega filly who showed some promise when fourth of 10 on 6f Wolverhampton debut 79 days ago. Subsequently sold out of Harry Charlton's stable for 5,500 gns. Entitled to improve.

6 7 **BOWIE LASS (IRE) (12)** **75**
68 **3** 8-11 | 55.8kg
Nigel Tinkler *Faye McManoman*
Well held in 2 Redcar outings in recent weeks.

7 6 **JANORA (IRE)** **77**
3 8-11 | 55.8kg
Seb Spencer *Dale Swift*
Cotai Glory half-sister to 6f-1m winner Archduke Ferdinand and 6f winner Lorna B. Best watched on debut unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.

8 1 **ROCCAPINA (24)** **81**
64 **3** 8-9 | 54.9kg
Grant Tuer *James Sullivan*
Advertise filly with a rather mixed pedigree. Well held on Windsor debut for Martyn Meade but offered more for new yard when fourth of 5 over 1m at Ripon (good to firm) 24 days ago.

9 5 **SUNTINO LADY (12)** **79**
4 **3** 8-9 | 54.9kg
David & Nicola Barron *William Pyle*
50/1, fourth of 8 in maiden at Redcar (7f, good to firm) on debut 12 days ago. Open to progress.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-10 Queen's Hame, **11-4** Star of Commala, **10-1** Roccapina, **12-1** Navertity, **16-1** Suntino Lady, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

QUEEN'S HAME should have more to offer on the back of her Nottingham success and is preferred to fellow recent winner Star of Commala.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. QUEEN'S HAME 2. STAR OF COMMALA 3. ROCCAPINA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.24 RACE 3 — COMPARE BETTING SITES AT gambling.com FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (3) 2yo fillies £13,000 7f14y (1420 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Standard**

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

1 4 **SPIRITED GESTURE (19)** (D) ★ **100**
1 **2** 9-9 | 61.2kg
John & Thady Gosden — ***Robert Havlin***
Bred to be smart and looked just that when making an impressive winning start to her career at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) 19 days ago. This Group-entered filly is open to considerable improvement and can't be opposed.

2 1 **ANGEL IN MY HEART (IRE) (34)** **69**
41 **2** 9-6 | 59.9kg
Adrian Keatley — ***Oisin McSweeney***
Confirmed debut promise when getting up towards the finish in 6f Pontefract novice 34 days ago. 7f is likely to suit but she bumps into a good prospect in Spirited Gesture.

3 6 **ALL I KNOW** **65**
2 9-2 | 58.1kg
Phillip Makin — ***Paul Mulrennan***
Foaled March 15. 40,000 gns Pinatubo filly. Half-sister to several winners, including winner up to 1m Bullingdon and 1m winner Garrick, both useful. Bred to have a future but she'll need to be good to lower the colours of Spirited Gesture.

4 8 **NOCCALULA FALLS (IRE) (23)** **64**
69 **2** 9-2 | 58.1kg
Paul Midgley — ***Billy Garritty***
Well held both starts. Outsider again.

5 2 **ONE SHOT KODI (IRE) (26)** **64**
87 **2** 9-2 | 58.1kg
Kevin Ryan — ***Tom Eaves***
Has hinted at ability without doing anywhere near enough to think she'll be up to the task here.

6 5 **ORTANIQUE** **65**
2 9-2 | 58.1kg
Sir Mark Prescott Bt — ***Luke Morris***
Foaled May 7. Oasis Dream filly. Half-sister to useful 9.4f winner Royal Favour and 1½m winner Nochebuena. The betting should help guide to expectations with this one.

7 7 **RUBYROO (IRE)** **67**
2 9-2 | 58.1kg
Hugo Palmer — ***Jason Hart***
Foaled March 24. 140,000 gns Supremacy filly. Sister to 2-y-o 5f winner Supreme Diamond and half-sister to smart 6f winner Sayidah Dariyan. Makes paper appeal.

8 3 **TEXTING (45)** **64**
6 **2** 9-2 | 58.1kg
Ivan Furtado — ***Alex Jary*** (3lb/1kg)
66/1 and no short-term promise when sixth of 11 in novice at Ripon (6f, good) on debut 45 days ago.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-11 Spirited Gesture, **15-2** Angel In My Heart, **12-1** Rubyroo, **25-1** Ortanique, **28-1** All I Know, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SPIRITED GESTURE looked good on her Newmarket debut and should make it 2-2, likely at the expense of Pontefract scorer Angel In My Heart unless the betting speaks in the favour of well-bred Hugo Palmer newcomer Rubyroo.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SPIRITED GESTURE 2. ANGEL IN MY HEART 3. RUBYROO

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.54 RACE 4

HARRY POTTER DRONEART SHOW NURSERY HANDICAP (4)
2yo (Rated 0-85) £10,000 5f (1010 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Standard**

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

1 5 **INFLUENCER MAN (IRE)** (6lb/3kg ex) **(9)** (D) s **100**
421 **2** 9-11 | 62.1kg
Adrian Keatley — ***Oisin McSweeney***
Improving Starman gelding who dug deep when bagging 7-runner nursery at Carlisle (5f, good to firm) 9 days ago. Cheekpieces go on for first time. Runner-up has gone in since so big shout under a 6 lb penalty.

2 2 **THIS MOMENT (IRE)** (10) **93**
2424 **2** 9-9 | 61.2kg
George Boughey — ***Grace McEntee***
Fair form when in the frame on all 4 starts, gelded before fourth of 5 on nursery debut at Windsor (6f, good to firm) 10 days ago. Much respected on tapeta debut.

3 4 **CASINO STAR (IRE)** (13) (BF) s **93**
2623 **2** 9-6 | 59.9kg
K. R. Burke — ***Jack Nicholls*** (3lb/1kg)
Lightly-raced maiden. 2/1, solid third of 5 in nursery at Haydock (5f, good to firm) 13 days ago. Makes tapeta debut with cheekpieces fitted for the first time. Not out of things.

4 6 **MAY BEE IN PROFIT** (20) (D) **92**
92310 **2** 9-3 | 58.5kg
Tim Easterby — ***Jake Dickson*** (5lb/2kg)
Stylish winner of Carlisle novice (5f) in May but seventeenth of 18 in nursery at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) 20 days ago. Makes tapeta debut. Worth another chance.

5 1 **SOCIAL SPIRIT** (20) **93**
35680 **2** 9-1 | 57.6kg
Michael & David Easterby — ***Billy Garritty***
Fair maiden but has failed to kick on sent handicapping, thirteenth of 18 at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) 20 days ago. Makes tapeta debut.

6 3 **STAR PEOPLE (FR)** (17) b **98**
0523 **2** 9-1 | 57.6kg
John & Sean Quinn — ***Jason Hart***
Progressive sort who posted a very good third of 7 on her nursery bow at Nottingham (6f, firm) 17 days ago. Makes tapeta debut with blinkers on for the first time. Enters calculations.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Influencer Man, **3-1** Casino Star, **4-1** Star People, **7-1** This Moment, **18-1** May Bee In Profit, **20-1** Social Spirit

TIMEFORM VIEW:

INFLUENCER MAN took another step forward when gaining a first success at Carlisle last week and with that form working out well he can defy a 6 lb penalty here. The progressive Star People appeals as the one to chase him home ahead of May Bee In Profit and This Moment.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. INFLUENCER MAN 2. STAR PEOPLE 3. MAY BEE IN PROFIT

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

8.24 RACE 5

KNOX HYDRATE HANDICAP (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-80)
£10,000 5f (1010 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Standard**

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

1 4 **TRUE PROMISE (19)** (CD) **96**
55220159 **5** 10-1 | 64.0kg
Fionn McSharry *Harry Russell*
Scored at Wolverhampton (5f) in May but only ninth of 12 in handicap at Thirsk (5f, good) 19 days ago. C&D winner who needs to bounce back.

2 8 **STAR MATERIAL (IRE) (22)** (D) **90**
1020-983R **3** 10-0 | 63.5kg
Adrian Keatley *Oisin McSweeney*
Unreliable type. Blinkered for first time when refusing to race in handicap at Redcar (6f, good) 22 days ago. Makes tapeta debut.

3 5 **CHANGEOFMIND (IRE) (41)** (D) **99**
395-01876 **6** 9-13 | 63.0kg
Declan Carroll *Zak Wheatley*
Back to winning ways at Pontefract (5f) in May but below par since, last of 6 in handicap at Chester last month. More is required on tapeta debut.

4 11 **LETHAL NYMPH (26)** (CD, BF) **98**
26048528 **7** 9-13 | 63.0kg
Paul Midgley *David Nolan*
C&D winner who wasn't disgraced with eighth of 17 in handicap at York (5f, good to firm) 26 days ago when not ideally placed. Not out of things.

5 12 **DURAN (IRE) (68)** (D) **95**
23420-500 **5** 9-12 | 62.6kg
Nigel Tinkler *Faye McManoman*
Thirteen runs since his last win in 2025 and he came in only sixteenth of 21 in handicap at York (6f) in June. Needs to bounce back on tapeta bow after a break.

6 7 **SMART VISION (28)** (C, D) s **95**
18-098994 **5** 9-11 | 62.1kg
Jessica Macey *Lewis Edmunds*
Won 3 times over 5f last year. Below par this season but better signs with fourth of 7 in handicap at Sandown (5f, good) 28 days ago. No forlorn hope off a falling mark.

7 2 **COPPER KNIGHT (IRE) (26)** (CD) t ★ **100**
10-210690 **12** 9-11 | 62.1kg
Tim Easterby *James Sullivan*
Admirable veteran who showed an excellent attitude when adding to his tally at Beverley in May. Suffered a poor run when tenth at Chester (5f, good to firm) last time. This C&D scorer is a player off a lenient-looking mark.

8 9 **AZUINTHEJUNGLE (13)** (D) **96**
04732111 **4** 9-10 | 61.7kg
Nigel Tinkler *Alex Jary* (3lb/1kg)
Enthusiastic sort who completed a hat-trick last summer and repeated the feat with success in 6-runner handicap at Thirsk (5f, good) 13 days ago. Up 4 lb but showed a good attitude there and another bold showing is on the cards.

9 3 **LITTLE MI MI (IRE) (19)** (CD) **98**
61210411 **5** 9-10 | 61.7kg
Iain Jardine *Jack Nicholls* (3lb/1kg)
Much improved performer this year, recording her fifth success in 11-runner handicap at Hamilton (5f, good to firm) 19 days ago. This 3-time C&D winner merits serious consideration despite 6 lb weights rise.

10 6 **BUZZ BOX (21)** (CD) **98**
325/11-497 **5** 9-9 | 61.2kg
Michael Herrington *Jason Hart*
Won a pair of C&D handicaps for Bryan Smart early in 2025. Lightly raced for current yard and only seventh of 11 dropped into a claimer at Wolverhampton (6f) three weeks ago. Others are preferred.

11 10 **CASTAN (7)** (CD) s **96**
28140963 **6** 9-8 | 60.8kg
Bryan Smart *Paul Mulrennan*
Scored at Southwell (5f) in April. Hinted at a revival with a strong-travelling third of 10 in handicap at Beverley (5f, good) 7 days ago. This 4-time C&D winner is one to consider.

12 13 **ICE COLD ALEX (79)** (D, BF) **95**
55244-646 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg
Ollie Pears *Luke Morris*
Winless since his debut at Pontefract (5f) last spring but things didn't pan out ideally on his latest start there (5f) in June when well backed. Worth a market check after a break.

13 1 **TOO MUCH (26)** (CD) h **97**
0933-0671 **6** 8-10 | 55.3kg
David Thompson *Dylan Hogan*
A 3-time course winner who capitalised on a much-reduced mark to land 10-runner handicap over C&D 26 days ago. Back up 7 lb but well on top at the finish there so not taken lightly.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Little Mi Mi, **11-2** Azuinthejungle, **7-1** Lethal Nymph, **9-1** Castan, **10-1** Too Much, **11-1** Copper Knight, **14-1** Smart Vision, **16-1** Star Material, **22-1** Ice Cold Alex, **25-1** Buzz Box, **28-1** Changeofmind, **28-1** Duran, **33-1** True Promise

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A case can be made for a few of these but veteran COPPER KNIGHT has slipped back down to 2 lb below his last winning mark so is fancied to bag another C&D success. Azuinthejungle is feared most in his bid for a four-timer, although Little Mi Mi, Castan and Too Much can all play a prominent role in this competitive sprint too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COPPER KNIGHT 2. AZUINTHEJUNGLE 3. LITTLE MI MI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Northern Spirit** 5-9-11	13-2	Brian Ellison	Ben Robinson 14
2024	**Bright** 4-9-7	12-1	Mark Loughnane	Finley Marsh 14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

8.54 RACE 6

MINI GOLF AT HIGH GOSFORTH PARK HANDICAP (6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-60) £6,200 6f (1210 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **Favours High** Pace Information: **Even**

1 2 **OTTAWA (14)** (D) **89**
3761-8650 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg
Liam Bailey — ***Jack Garritty***
Won at Southwell wearing cheekpieces and tongue strap in December for Joseph Parr. Hasn't fired since, off 6 months before last of 10 for new yard there (6f) two weeks ago.

2 3 **OPERATION GIMCRACK (IRE) (19)** (C) **96**
0-1615062 **6** 9-8 | 60.8kg
Bryan Smart — ***Paul Mulrennan***
Course winner in February and back to his best with neck second of 11 in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm) 19 days ago. Not taken lightly despite 2 lb weights rise.

3 10 **SECRET ROAD (IRE) (77)** (CD) **94**
34614009 **8** 9-8 | 60.8kg
Samantha & Jacqueline Coward — ***Rhys Elliott*** (5lb/2kg)
Made a winning debut for Laura Mongan on all-weather at Lingfield (1m) in March but ended time with yard well below par. This C&D scorer needs this yard switch to spark a resurgence.

4 14 **GEMINI STAR (IRE) (96)** (BF) **100**
3/387597-2 **6** 9-8 | 60.8kg
Julia & Shelley Birkett — ***Dylan Hogan***
On a long losing run for Alice Haynes but she shaped well after 7 months for new yard when second of 17 in handicap at Thirsk (6f, good to soft) in May. Weighted to go very well nudged up 2 lb after another break.

5 4 **DONALD (19)** **99**
442-45494 **4** 9-7 | 60.3kg
David & Nicola Barron — ***William Pyle***
Remains winless but he got back on track with fourth of 10 in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm) 19 days ago. Not out of things on his tapeta debut.

6 6 **GET UP EVERYBODY (IRE) (19)** (BF) **95**
83-347533 **4** 9-6 | 59.9kg
Paul Midgley — ***David Nolan***
Yet to get his head in front but he comes here in good nick, third of 11 in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm) 19 days ago. No forlorn hope eased 1 lb.

7 7 **MOUNT RUAPEHU (IRE) (19)** (CD) **94**
28866648 **6** 9-6 | 59.9kg
Iain Jardine — ***Jack Nicholls*** (3lb/1kg)
Won 3 times on all-weather early in 2026. Not so good back on turf since, only eighth of 11 in handicap at Hamilton (5f, good to firm) 19 days ago. This C&D scorer can't be totally dismissed back on an artificial surface here though.

8 1 **WHITE UMBRELLA** (4lb/2kg ex) **(10)** (D) b **95**
36508481 **7** 9-5 | 59.4kg
Christopher Kellett — ***Jason Hart***
Bounced back to form in refitted blinkers with success in 13-runner handicap at Ayr (6f, good) 10 days ago. Needs to back it up now under a 4 lb penalty.

9 9 **MULTANEIGHTTOTHREE (IRE) (177)** **94**
359 **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg
Grant Tuer — ***Lewis Edmunds***
Lightly-raced Starspangledbanner gelding failed to build on earlier promise with a free-going ninth of 10 in 1m novice here in February. May still do better after a layoff on his handicap debut over this much shorter trip.

10 5 **MART (13)** (C, D, BF) t **95**
75436436 **5** 9-2 | 58.1kg
Des Donovan — ***Luke Morris***
Course scorer and largely in good nick without winning for Dylan Cunha this season. Failed to build on Yarmouth third for new stable when just sixth of 7 in handicap at Brighton (6f, good) 13 days ago. Bounce back required.

11 11 **ASADJUMEIRAH (20)** (CD) s+t **92**
65438691 **8** 9-1 | 57.6kg
Antony Brittain — ***Jake Dickson*** (5lb/2kg)
A 6-time C&D winner who ended a losing sequence in 13-runner classified event over C&D 20 days ago, suited by way race developed. Needs to back it up reverted to handicap company.

12 13 **WAIT FOR IT (IRE) (16)** **91**
486-03234 **4** 8-13 | 56.7kg
Liam Bailey — ***Billy Garritty***
Yet to win from 15 starts but she comes here in decent form, a fading fourth of 7 in classified event at Catterick (7f, firm) 16 days ago. Needs considering dropping back in trip.

13 12 **DESERT MASTER (20)** (C) v **92**
82624743 **5** 8-9(8-8) | 54.9kg (54.4kg)
Antony Brittain — ***Alex Jary*** (3lb/1kg)
It's now twenty nine runs since his last victory in 2025 but he posted a solid third of 13 to Asadjumeirah in classified event over C&D 20 days ago. This course winner is not out of things.

14 8 **NEWYORKSTATEOFMIND (13)** (C, D) b **72**
0-0268486 **9** 8-9(8-8) | 54.9kg (54.4kg)
Ruth Carr — ***James Sullivan***
Veteran who went close in 5f Catterick handicap in May. Not in same form since, extending a long losing run when sixth of 9 in classified event at Thirsk (6f, good) last time.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-2 Gemini Star, **13-2** Get Up Everybody, **15-2** Operation Gimcrack, **8-1** Asadjumeirah, **9-1** White Umbrella, **10-1** Wait For It, **12-1** Desert Master, **14-1** Donald, **14-1** Mart, **22-1** Mount Ruapehu, **22-1** Multaneighttothree, **33-1** Newyorkstateofmind, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GEMINI STAR made a promising start for Julia and Shelley Birkett when runner-up in a big-field Thirsk handicap on her return in May and is weighted to go one better here. Operation Gimcrack is feared most on the back of a narrow reverse at Doncaster, although Mount Ruapehu, Desert Master and Wait For It also need factoring into this very open sprint.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GEMINI STAR 2. OPERATION GIMCRACK 3. MOUNT RUAPEHU

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race