

Friday 27th December

WOLVERHAMPTON

4.00 EXTRA WINNINGS WITH BETUK ACCA CLUB HANDICAP (6) 6f20y (1230 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) HAVANA SKY | (7) SOUTHBANK | (12) OUTER EDGE**

4.30 GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY WITH BETMGM EBF "CONFINED" NOVICE STAKES (5) (D.I) 7f36y (1440 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) ENACTING | (11) PURPLE RAINBOW | (3) CLUSTER ONE**

5.00 GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY WITH BETMGM EBF "CONFINED" NOVICE STAKES (5) (D.II) 7f36y (1440 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) BEST RATE | (8) STAGE WINNER | (12) ROGUE DYNASTY**

5.30 WEEKLY FREE BETS WITH BETMGM EXTRA NOVICE STAKES (4) 1m142y (1740 Metres)

RACE 4 **(7) MERCHANT | (6) MALLORCA | (8) PEBBLE ISLAND**

6.00 WEEKLY £5 FREE BET WITH BETUK HANDICAP (5) 1m5f219y (2820 Metres)

RACE 5 **(10) CURRUMBIN | (4) DESTINADO | (2) TWO AULD PALS**

6.30 BETUK. IT'S WHERE THE UK BETS HANDICAP (4) 5f21y (1030 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) MICHAELA'S BOY | (3) KING OF STARS | (6) BANG ON THE BELL**

7.00 FREE BETS WITH BETUK BET CLUB HANDICAP (6) 1½m51y (2460 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) COME ON JOHN | (7) LETMESEETHECOLTS | (5) MOON OVER THE SEA**

7.30 GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETUK HANDICAP (5) 1m1f104y (1910 Metres)

RACE 8 **(11) ENGLISH SPIRIT | (9) PALAZZO PERSICO | (2) MASTER OF COMBAT**

8.00 BOOST YOUR ACCA AT BETMGM HANDICAP (6) 1m142y (1740 Metres)

RACE 9 **(10) RISING FORCE | (5) PLUMETTE | (9) FOREVER PROUD**

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.

4.00

**EXTRA WINNINGS WITH BETUK ACCA CLUB HANDICAP (6)
3yo+ (Rated 0-60) £9,000 6f20y (1230 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Standard**

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

1 12 HAVANA SKY (6lb/3kg ex) (6) (CD) **100**
14301111 **3** 9-13 | 63.0kg **Hector Crouch**
 Ed Dunlop
Five wins from 11 runs this year, completing 4-timer when landing 7-runner handicap at this C&D (13/2) 6 days ago. Carries penalty but can make a bold bid to extend his winning sequence.

2 3 IT'S SHOWTIME (IRE) (56) **92**
32266358 **3** 9-7 | 60.3kg **Connor Planas (3lb/1kg)**
 Conrad Allen
Sole success at Lingfield in May. After just 6 days off, below form when eighth of 11 in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to soft, 25/1) 56 days ago. Needs to get back on track returned to this longer distance.

3 2 EL HIBRI (IRE) (17) (D) **96**
31960048 **5** 9-7 | 60.3kg **Charles Bishop**
 Ian Williams
Three wins from 15 runs this year, with latest success at Chelmsford City in May. However, form has gone the wrong way since, eighth of 12 in handicap at Southwell (6.1f, 14/1) 17 days ago.

4 8 COLLUSION (IRE) (58) **97**
8-4726 **3** 9-6 | 59.9kg **Morgan Cole (5lb/2kg)**
 Dylan Cunha
Improved when second at Yarmouth (6f) on handicap debut, but not in same form when sixth of 9 at Nottingham (5f, soft, 7/2) 58 days ago (gelded since). Back up in trip on first run for yard after leaving James Tate.

5 7 SAVANNAH SMILES (IRE) (39) (CD) **92**
27213567 **4** 9-6 | 59.9kg **Callum Hutchinson**
 Grace Harris
C&D winner. Four wins from 21 runs this year. Latest win at Chepstow in September but below form since, seventh of 11 in handicap at this C&D (33/1) 39 days ago. Others preferred.

6 6 SHAMARDIA (37) (CD) **96**
65121076 **3** 9-6 | 59.9kg **Raul Da Silva**
 Ismail Mohammed
Successful at Lingfield and over C&D in September. Raced freely back up in trip when sixth of 14 in handicap at Kempton (7f, 22/1) 37 days ago, so she could fare better returned to this shorter distance.

7 9 SOUTHBANK (IRE) (6lb/3kg ex) (8) (CD) **99**
70782071 **3** 9-6 | 59.9kg **Jack Doughty (3lb/1kg)**
 Stuart Williams
Four wins from 16 runs this year, including at this C&D. Bounced back to best when winning 13-runner handicap at Chelmsford City (6f, 7/2) 8 days ago, scoring with a good deal in hand. Respected under a penalty.

8 5 LION RING (IRE) (13) (D) **97**
11910554 **6** 9-4 | 59.0kg **Ryan Kavanagh (7lb/3kg)**
 Andrew Martin
Made it 4 wins from 5 starts when scoring at Chelmsford City in October. Shaped as if back in form when fourth of 10 in handicap at this course (5.1f, 11/1) 13 days ago, facing competition for the lead. Not ruled out.

9 11 STATE OF MADNESS (18) **96**
67504863 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg **Joanna Mason**
 Derek Shaw
Remains a maiden but ran well when third of 9 in handicap at this course (5.1f, 11/4) 18 days ago, slowly away and bumped start. On a workable mark if building on latest performance back up in trip.

10 1 HIMAWARI (123) **86**
92-447408 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg **Kieran O'Neill**
 Grace Harris
Has finished well held both starts since leaving Marco Botti, in first-time cheekpieces when last of 8 in handicap at Chepstow (6.1f, good, 40/1) in August. Has enough to prove to prove after 4 months off.

11 4 APACHE STAR (IRE) (57) (CD) **96**
78654652 **5** 9-4 | 59.0kg **Sean Dylan Bowen (3lb/1kg)**
 Mark Loughnane
C&D winner. Thirteen runs since last win in 2023, but returned to form when second of 9 in handicap at Bath (5f, soft, 5/1) 57 days ago. Task is now to build on that effort back up in trip.

12 10 OUTER EDGE (46) (D) **96**
72482162 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg **Gina Mangan**
 Christopher Mason
Winner at Chepstow in August and, after 11 weeks off, left behind a lesser effort when second of 9 in handicap at this C&D (11/2) 46 days ago, faring best of those ridden prominently. Can make his presence felt.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Havana Sky, **9-2** Southbank, **7-1** Outer Edge, **9-1** State of Madness, **9-1** Apache Star, **10-1** Collusion, **16-1** Lion Ring, **18-1** Shamardia, **18-1** It's Showtime, **22-1** El Hibri, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HAVANA SKY has thrived since the headgear has been removed, making it 4 wins in a row when scoring over C&D last week, and he is taken to add to his tally in his current form. Southbank also carries a penalty and isn't taken lightly after his easy success at Chelmsford 8 days ago, with Outer Edge completing the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAVANA SKY 2. SOUTHBANK 3. OUTER EDGE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 ^I	Dandys Derriere 5-9-11	13-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Harry Russell	11
2023 ^{II}	One Last Hug 8-9-0	16-1	Jim Goldie	Mark Winn (3)	10
2022 ^I	Coolagh Magic 6-9-11	3-1	Robyn Brisland	David Probert	10
2022 ^{II}	Bomb Squad 4-8-12	10-3	John Mackie	Franny Norton	10
2021	Sir Hector 6-9-3	25-1	Charlie Wallis	Marco Ghiani	11
2020	Requinto Dawn 5-9-7	18-1	Richard Fahey	Billy Garritty (5)	12
2019	Rock Boy Grey 4-9-4	3-1f	Mark Loughnane	Luke Morris	10

SMART STATS:

£25.00 Grace Harris's profit to a £1 level stake with horses running after a break (saddles: **HIMAWARI**)

4.30

GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY WITH BETMGM EBF "CONFINED" NOVICE STAKES (5) (D.I) 2yo £6,300 7f36y (1440 Metres)

RACE 2




Going: **Standard**


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Draw: **Favours Low** Pace Information: **Weakly Contested**


1 8 ANCIENT STATE (IRE) 89
 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Martin Dunne** *Darragh Keenan*
 Foaled March 19. Dandy Man colt. Half-brother to winner abroad Briery Boy. Dam 7f winner.


2 4 ARCTIC MISSION (IRE) (11) 79
 0 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Mark Loughnane** *Mason Paetel (71lb/3kg)*
 10,000 gns 2-y-o, El Kabeir gelding. 66/1, went with little promise when tenth of 12 in maiden at this C&D on debut 11 days ago.


3 12 CLUSTER ONE (IRE) t 98
 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **K. R. Burke** *Clifford Lee*
 Foaled February 14. €80,000 yearling, Sioux Nation colt. Half-brother to several winners, including winner up to 8.3f Almarin and winner up to 1m Scatterling. Noteworthy newcomer from leading yard for all his draw could have been kinder. Wears tongue strap.


4 5 ENACTING (IRE) (44) 97
 54 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **James Fanshawe** *Daniel Muscutt*
 Sioux Nation colt who proved much sharper second time up when fourth of 10 in novice (8/1) at Lingfield (8f, AW) 44 days ago, running on. In good hands and feasible to think he can do better again. Shortlisted.

5 9 MCKENNA (IRE) (16) 91
 45 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **George Boughey** *George Buckell (31lb/1kg)*
 Kodi Bear gelding. Half-brother to 12.4f winner Yakhbar. Definite promise when fifth on debut in a Lingfield maiden (1m) at the start of the month and whilst he failed to build on that at Kempton 16 days ago, he appeals as the type to make his mark when handicapping.


6 7 TA CRAIC ANN (IRE) (24) 88
 86 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **J. S. Moore** *Sean Levey*
 Twice-raced maiden. 250/1, showed more than first time up when sixth of 11 in maiden at Lingfield (1m, AW) 24 days ago. Another who will be better suited to handicaps in due course.

7 10 TRIPLE DOUBLE A (IRE) (24) t 89
 90 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Hugo Palmer** *Jason Hart*
 Mohaather colt who failed to improve from debut when last of 10 in novice at Newcastle (8f) 24 days ago. Tongue strap on 1st time.

8 1 VENTURA DREAM (IRE) (17) 89
 56 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Archie Watson** *Luke Morris*
 Twice-raced maiden. Went backwards from debut when sixth of 8 in novice at Southwell (7.1f, 18/1) 17 days ago, hampered 4f out and never a threat. Low-grade handicaps will be more his thing.


9 6 YELLOW CARD (13) 79
 06 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Ollie Sangster** *Trevor Whelan*
 Twice-raced maiden. 200/1, sixth of 8 in novice at Southwell (8.1f) 13 days ago, pulling hard and never on terms.


10 2 LOVE YOU MORE 90
 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Joseph Parr** *Benoit de la Sayette*
 Foaled May 4. Bated Breath filly. Dam, maiden (stayed 1¼m), half-sister to Ascot Gold Cup/Prix Royal-Oak winner Subjectivist.

11 3 PURPLE RAINBOW 100
 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **William Haggas** *Cieren Fallon*
 Foaled February 14. Night of Thunder filly. Half-sister to smart 1½m-13.3f winner Perfect Alibi. Dam, 1½m-1¼m winner, half-sister to smart 1¼m-1½m winner Bold Sniper. Noteworthy newcomer.

12 11 SANDINYOURSHOES (IRE) 88
 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Stella Barclay** *Zak Wheatley (31lb/1kg)*
 Foaled February 20. 38,000 gns yearling, Footstepsinthesand filly. Half-sister to several winners, including useful winner up to 1¼m Real Gain and useful winner up to 7.5f Real Force. Dam unraced.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Purple Rainbow, **10-3** Cluster One, **4-1** Enacting, **11-1** Mckenna, **14-1** Love You More, **18-1** Ventura Dream, **22-1** Ancient State, **25-1** Triple Double A, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ENACTING proved much sharper with his debut effort under his belt when fourth in a Lingfield novice (1m) 44 days ago and with further progress possible, he gets the nod to come out on top. Purple Rainbow and Cluster One are a couple of appealing newcomers from leading yards and may emerge as the chief threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ENACTING 2. PURPLE RAINBOW 3. CLUSTER ONE

SMART STATS:

- 21%** William Haggas's strike rate at WOLVERHAMPTON since the start of the 2020 season (saddles: **PURPLE RAINBOW**)
- 56** The number of NIGHT OF THUNDER (IRE)'s progeny that have won on flat debut (Sires: **PURPLE RAINBOW**)
- 52** The number of DANDY MAN (IRE)'s progeny that have won on flat debut (Sires: **ANCIENT STATE**)

5.00

RACE 3

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Draw: **Favours Low** Pace Information: **Weakly Contested**


1 12 BEST RATE (44) **100**
35 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Richard Hannon** **Sean Levey**
Promising type. 16/1, shaped well again when fifth of 12 in novice at Lingfield 44 days ago, never nearer. That had the look of a decent event and he's open to further progress. Leading claims despite widest draw.


2 4 CITY OF GOD (IRE) **90**
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **K. R. Burke** **Sam James**
Foaled February 12. 135,000 gns yearling, Kodiak colt. Half-brother to 2-y-o 7f winner in Qatar Moyet. Dam, maiden (stayed 1¼m), half-sister to 1000 Guineas/Irish Oaks winner Blue Bunting. Looks the pick of the newcomers on paper.


3 8 JAZZIT **87**
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Harry Eustace** **Pierre-Louis Jamin**
Foaled April 23. Harry Angel gelding. Brother to winner up to 8.6f Jazzy Angel. Dam French 9.5f winner.


4 9 LEADENHALL STREET (140) **79**
0 2 9-7 | 60.3kg h

 **James Fanshawe** **Daniel Muscutt**
Once-raced maiden. 28/1, last of 12 in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good) on debut. Off 140 days/gelded. Hooded for 1st time.


5 10 MARCH TO THE BAND (16) **85**
94 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Archie Watson** **Luke Morris**
Twice-raced maiden. 17/2, fourth of 7 in maiden at Dundalk (7f) 16 days ago. First run for yard after leaving John S. O'Donoghue.


6 2 MY FRIEND CHARLES (IRE) **85**
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Joseph Parr** **Benoit de la Sayette**
Foaled March 16. 20,000 gns yearling, Dark Angel gelding. Dam, 7f winner, half-sister to smart 1m winner Glaswegian out of useful 6f winner (stayed 1m) Starfan.


7 5 PRODIGAL SON **85**
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Heather Main** **Trevor Whelan**
Foaled May 15. Saxon Warrior gelding. Half-brother to several winners, including 2m winner Cloud Thunder and 6f-7f winner Island Cloud. Dam winner up to 1m (2-y-o 7f winner).


8 3 STAGE WINNER (39) **92**
6 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **George Boughey** **Hector Crouch**
Promising individual. 6/1, sixth of 10 in novice at this course (6.1f) on debut 39 days ago, slowly away. Should have more to offer.


9 7 TAWASOL (125) **87**
0 2 9-7 | 60.3kg t

 **Simon & Ed Crisford** **Jack Mitchell**
Sales price shot up to 240,000 gns as a yearling, Havana Grey colt. Dam, 6f winner, half-sister to smart 6f winner Tabdeed from family of Derby runner-up Walk In The Park. Well backed but very green when eleventh of 13 in novice at Windsor (6f, soft, 9/2, tongue tied) on debut 125 days ago.


10 11 THURSO (17) **85**
77 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Richard Hughes** **Finley Marsh**
Twice-raced maiden. Seventh of 9 in novice (16/1) at Southwell (7.1f) 17 days ago, not ideally placed.

11 1 LITTLE BITTERN (IRE) (11) **75**
66 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **Eve Johnson Houghton** **Charles Bishop**
Twice-raced maiden. 125/1, sixth of 11 in maiden at this C&D 11 days ago.

12 6 ROGUE DYNASTY (17) **87**
743 2 9-2 | 58.1kg

 **David Loughnane** **Sean Dylan Bowen (31b/1kg)**
Thrice-raced maiden. Third of 8 in novice at Southwell (7.1f, 8/1) 17 days ago. Probably has races in her.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Best Rate, **9-2** Stage Winner, **6-1** City of God, **12-1** Tawasol, **12-1** Jazzit, **14-1** Rogue Dynasty, **25-1** Prodigal Son, **25-1** March To The Band, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BEST RATE has been shaping up nicely and can open his account if not stymied by a wide draw. Stage Winner should have more to offer, while Rogue Dynasty can probably find a race.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BEST RATE 2. STAGE WINNER 3. ROGUE DYNASTY

SMART STATS:

- 21%** Simon & Ed Crisford's strike rate at WOLVERHAMPTON since the start of the 2020 season (saddles: **TAWASOL**)
- 174** The number of KODIAC's progeny that have won on flat debut (Sires: **CITY OF GOD**)
- 89** The number of DARK ANGEL (IRE)'s progeny that have won on flat debut (Sires: **MY FRIEND CHARLES**)

5.30

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Draw: **Against High** Pace Information: **Weakly Contested**


1 10 HACHIMAN 87
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Simon & Ed Crisford *Sean Dylan Bowen (31b/1kg)*
Foaled January 25. 100,000 gns yearling, Frankel gelding. Dam, 5f winner, closely related to useful 2-y-o 7f winner Chessman. Yard also saddles another newcomer in Pebble Island.


2 2 ISLAND HERO (IRE) 85
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Heather Main *Trevor Whelan*
Foaled March 25. €25,000 foal, Sottsass colt. Half-brother to several winners, including useful 8.3f winner Clemmie C and 1½m winner Kesia. Dam, useful French 1m-9.5f winner, closely related to 13f-15f winner Destruct.



3 7 JOSEPH (17) 89
24 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 John Butler *Sean Levey*
3/1, couldn't quite match his debut effort when fourth of 9 in novice at Southwell (7.1f) 17 days ago. Up in trip.


4 6 KOKANEE (IRE) (13) 85
65 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Ed Dunlop *Hector Crouch*
Ran to a similar level as on debut when fifth of 8 in novice (50/1) at Southwell (8.1f) 13 days ago, having hopeless task from position. Looks one for low-grade handicaps after this.


5 1 KOMODO ISLAND (23) 85
8 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Ed Walker  *George Downing*
22/1, held back by inexperience when eighth of 13 in novice at Kempton (8f) on debut 23 days ago. Has a couple of Group 1 winners in recent family tree and should leave that form behind in due course.


6 5 MALLORCA 96
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 John & Thady Gosden *Kieran Shoemark*
Foaled April 26. Lope De Vega colt. Half-brother to several winners, including high-class 7f/1m winner Too Darn Hot, 1¼m-1½m winner Lah Ti Dar and winner up to 10.4f So Mi Dar. Dam 1¼m-12.5f winner. Stacks to like.

7 4 MERCHANT (IRE) (24) 100
72 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 William Haggas *Cieren Fallon*
3/1, much improved from debut when second of 10 in novice at Newcastle (8f) 24 days ago, suited by increase in trip. Well bred and will go on improving. Leading claims with experience on his side.



8 8 PEBBLE ISLAND 89
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Simon & Ed Crisford *Jack Mitchell*
Foaled April 20. 200,000 gns yearling, Cracksman colt. Half-brother to 3 winners, including smart winner up to 1½m Bold Act and 2-y-o 7f winner Wakening. Dam 1m winner. Yard also saddles another newcomer in Hachiman.

9 3 SPUDDLING (41) 70
P57 2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Bill Turner *Brandon Wilkie (31b/1kg)*
Little show in minor event/maidens. Best watched.

10 9 WANDERLUST (ITY) 86
2 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Marco Botti  *Marco Ghiani*
Foaled April 17. Soldier Hollow gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to winner up to 11f Cima Fire and 1m/9f winner Dame de Coeur (both useful). Respected on debut (hooded).

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MERCHANT left his debut form well behind when finishing runner-up at Newcastle earlier this month and, with further improvement in the pipeline, William Haggas' colt gets the nod to make it third time lucky. There are a few well-bred newcomers in opposition however, with Mallorca, Pebble Island and Hachiman looking the pick of those before the benefit of market clues.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MERCHANT 2. MALLORCA 3. PEBBLE ISLAND

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Lady of Spain 2-9-2	9-1	Roger Varian	Raul Da Silva	9
2022	Anisette 2-9-0	13-8	Kevin Philippart de Foy	Daniel Muscutt	13

SMART STATS:

- 21%** Simon & Ed Crisford's strike rate at WOLVERHAMPTON since the start of the 2020 season (saddles: **PEBBLE ISLAND** and **HACHIMAN**)
- 27%** John & Thady Gosden's strike rate at WOLVERHAMPTON since the start of the 2020 season (saddles: **MALLORCA**)
- 21%** William Haggas's strike rate at WOLVERHAMPTON since the start of the 2020 season (saddles: **MERCHANT**)

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Merchant, **3-1** Mallorca, **15-2** Pebble Island, **15-2** Joseph, **14-1** Hachiman, **16-1** Wanderlust, **28-1** Komodo Island, **33-1** Island Hero, **40-1** bar

6.00

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RACE 5



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Draw: **Against High** Pace Information: **Contested**

1 8 HAALAND (IRE) (343) 99

3563165-7 **4** 10-0 | 63.5kg
Jim & Suzi Best *Cieren Fallon*
 Three wins from 9 runs last year. Latest win at Newcastle in October. 16/1, creditable fifth of 11 in handicap at Southwell (16.5f) before rare below-par effort on final start for Gay Kellaway. First run for new yard on comeback today.

2 10 TWO AULD PALS (IRE) (46) 98

8-1565362 **6** 9-11 | 62.1kg
Lucinda Russell *Sam James*
 Latest win at Hamilton (13f) in May and posted easily his best effort since when second of 9 in handicap (9/2) at this course (16.6f) in November collared final 50 yds. Not disgraced over hurdle two weeks ago and one to be interested in again on the back of that.

3 7 PERCY JONES (34) (CD, BF) 98

53402017 **5** 9-11 | 62.1kg
Mark Loughnane *Luke Morris*
 C&D winner who opened his account for the year in 7-runner handicap at this course (16.6f) but wasn't on a going day (jockey said horse never travelling) last month when seventh of 10 over this C&D. Was strong in the betting that day, so clearly better was expected and could bounce back.

4 1 DESTINADO (7) (C) b 96

60016143 **6** 9-10 | 61.7kg
James Owen *Hector Crouch*
 Often slowly away. Improved on recent efforts to win handicap at Lingfield in November. Held his form when back up in trip (fourth of 11 in handicap at Lingfield (15.8f) and again when finishing well from off the pace having dwelt at start at Southwell (12.1f) last week. Course winner can go well.

5 4 MOUNT OLYMPUS (282) (D) 94

49/14113-8 **6** 9-10 | 61.7kg
Alan King *Clifford Lee*
 Temperamental for Eve Johnson Houghton but thrived for a yard switch last term, winning 3 of his 5 starts on the Flat. Minor promise in couple of hurdle outings in the autumn but disappointing on two most recent flat outings following wind surgery.

6 5 LE ROUGE CHINOIS (DEN) (14) (D) s 98

45283255 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg
Michael Appleby *Alistair Rawlinson*
 Confirmed return to form when fifth of 11 in handicap at Lingfield (15.8f, AW) but appeared to have very little in hand from this mark when last of 5 in handicap at Southwell (16.5f) 14 days ago.

7 3 BANDERAS (IRE) (18) 97

30350406 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg
Sam England *Cam Hardie*
 First run since leaving Michael Bell when last of 10 in handicap at Wolverhampton (14f slowly away) and below-par again when 66/1, sixth of 8 in handicap at Newcastle (12.4f) 18 days ago.

8 6 BULLDOG SPIRIT (IRE) (17) (D) 93

56218254 **4** 9-7 | 60.3kg
Rebecca Menzies *Jack Mitchell*
 Latest win at Haydock (14f) in August. Creditable fourth of 10 in handicap at Southwell (14.1f, 9/1) 17 days ago. Each-way possibilities.

9 9 GREEN TEAM (FR) (42) s 98

36333262 **5** 9-4 | 59.0kg
Ian Williams *Charles Bishop*
 Below par over longer trip here in October but had made the frame in five of six most recent starts, latest when second of 5 in handicap at this C&D 42 days ago. Cheekpieces back on and warrants respect.

10 2 CURRUMBIN (IRE) (6lb/3kg ex) (8) (D) h ★ 100

85696321 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg
Michael Keady *Kieran Shoemark*
 Good second of 11 (1½m) at beginning of month and successful on first run after leaving Hilal Kobeissi 8 days ago (Southwell 14.1f) slowly away, travelled smoothly and won easily. That was his trainer's first winner as sole licensee, and this could be win number two. Big player.

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Currumbin, **11-2** Two Auld Pals, **11-2** Destinado, **7-1** Green Team, **9-1** Percy Jones, **12-1** Bulldog Spirit, **14-1** Le Rouge Chinois, **18-1** Mount Olympus, **22-1** Haaland, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CURRUMBIN won with authority on stable debut eight days ago and he can follow up under a penalty. Consistent-performer Destinado should be thereabouts along with Two Auld Pals who ran well here on his last Flat outing.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CURRUMBIN 2. DESTINADO 3. TWO AULD PALS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Palace Boy 6-9-11	9-2	Ralph Smith	George Rooke	12
2022	Victory March 5-9-10	5-4f	Seb Spencer	Dale Swift	8
2021	Winklevi 6-10-0	10-3	David Evans	Cam Hardie	10
2020	Lleyton 8-9-11	9-2	Micky Hammond	Oliver Stammers (5)	13
2019	Power Home 5-9-9	16-1	Denis Coakley	Charles Bishop	13

SMART STATS:

35% Kieran Shoemark's strike rate on favourites (rides: **CURRUMBIN**)
27% James Owen's strike rate in winter (saddles: **DESTINADO**)

6.30**BETUK. IT'S WHERE THE UK BETS HANDICAP (4) 3yo+
(Rated 0-85) £9,500 5f21y (1030 Metres)**

RACE 6

GBI RACINGGoing: **Standard**

The all-weather course at Wolverhampton forms a flat, left-handed oval circuit of just under a mile in length. It was relaid in summer 2014 and the surface was changed to tapeta. The bends are fairly sharp and with a straight of under two furlongs in length it favours horses with the ability to hold a good position as opposed to those who need time to find full stride.

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

1 7 ONE NIGHT STAND (18) (CD, BF) **99**
98067158 7 9-9 | 61.2kg



Scott Dixon

Kieran O'Neill

C&D winner, latest win here in November. Eighth of 9 in handicap at this C&D 18 days ago so needs to bounce back.

2 4 MICHAELA'S BOY (IRE) (48) (D) **100**
00-003482 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



Robert Cowell

Luke Morris

Fourteen runs since last win in 2022 but he shaped well for his current yard when second of 10 in handicap (14/1) at Chelmsford City (5f) 48 days ago. Weighted to go close.

3 6 KING OF STARS (IRE) (18) (D) **96**
34597/375 7 9-8 | 60.8kg



Michael Appleby

Alistair Rawlinson

Nineteen runs since last win in 2021 but hinted at a revival when fifth of 9 in handicap at this C&D 18 days ago. Needs considering.

4 3 EXISTENT (22) (CD, BF) **98**
04444593 6 9-5 | 59.4kg



Stuart Williams

Sean Levey

C&D winner. Thirty runs since last win in 2022. 5/4, creditable third of 8 in handicap at Chelmsford City (5f) 22 days ago. Can give a good account.

5 1 PURE ANGEL (48) (CD) **95**
5221/274-8 4 9-4 | 59.0kg



James Horton

Adam Farragher

C&D winner in 2022 but lightly raced since and only eighth of 10 on the back of a wind up in handicap at Chelmsford City (5f) 48 days ago. Needs to take a big step forward.

6 2 BANG ON THE BELL (22) (CD) **97**
82442935 5 9-4 | 59.0kg



J. R. Jenkins

Clifford Lee

4-time C&D winner who wasn't disgraced when fifth of 8 in handicap at Chelmsford City (5f, 12/1) 22 days ago. Back to a potentially lenient mark.

7 5 STRONG POWER (IRE) (18) (C, D) **96**
8-9680290 7 8-13 | 56.7kg



Brian Ellison

Ben Robinson

Course winner. 100/1, last of 13 in handicap at Newcastle (6f) 18 days ago. Twenty three runs since his last win in 2022.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Existent, **3-1** Michaela's Boy, **11-2** One Night Stand, **8-1** King of Stars, **12-1** Pure Angel, **14-1** Bang On The Bell, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MICHAELA'S BOY is fancied to build on a promising Chelmsford City second for his current yard and end a losing sequence off a handy-looking mark. King of Stars could emerge as the main danger if, as expected, taking a step forward from his recent C&D fifth. C&D scorers Bang On The Bell and Existent can also have a say in a competitive sprint.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MICHAELA'S BOY 2. KING OF STARS 3. BANG ON THE BELL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Petit Calvados** 5-9-1 18-5f E. J. O'Neill Rossa Ryan 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.00 **FREE BETS WITH BETUK BET CLUB HANDICAP (6) 3yo+**
(Rated 0-55) £5,700 1½m51y (2460 Metres)

RACE 7



Going: **Standard**

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Draw: **Against High** Pace Information: **Weakly Contested**

1 1 ROSE LIGHT (18) 94
 65724287 5 9-9 | 61.2kg
 Tony Forbes **Joe Leavy (31b/1kg)**
 One win from 25 starts. 16/1, seventh of 10 over C&D 18 days ago, not ideally placed. Others more persuasive.



2 2 STARFIGHTER (11) (CD) 96
 55370063 8 9-9 | 61.2kg
 Mark Loughnane **Mason Paetel (71b/3kg)**
 C&D winner. Twelve runs since last win in 2023. Good third of 10 over C&D 11 days ago. Can give a good account.



3 3 COME ON JOHN (IRE) (7) (C, BF) 100
 87441322 5 9-7 | 60.3kg
 James Owen **Hector Crouch**
 Course winner. Latest win at Southwell (11f) in October. Placed all 3 outings since and should go well again for the excellent James Owen stable.



4 10 DESEJADA (63) 84
 83-008 4 9-7 | 60.3kg
 John Butler **George Buckell (31b/1kg)**
 Lightly-raced maiden. Eighth of 10 over C&D (25/1) 63 days ago. Improvement needed and could only consider if backed.



5 9 MOON OVER THE SEA (18) (CD) 99
 33275355 5 9-6 | 59.9kg
 Tony Carroll **Jack Doughty (31b/1kg)**
 C&D winner. Respectable fifth of 12 at this course (9.5f) 18 days ago, left poorly placed. Back up in trip. Enters calculations.



6 11 SNEAKY BLINDER (FR) (36) 93
 31524705 3 9-2 | 58.1kg
 Robert Stephens **Luke Morris**
 13/2, fifth of 11 in handicap at this course (9.5f) 36 days ago. Back up in trip. Cheekpieces back on. Has work to do.



7 5 LETMESEETHECOLTS (15) 93
 77-47642 3 9-2 | 58.1kg
 Brian Ellison **Ben Robinson**
 14/1, good second of 9 in handicap at Newcastle (12.5f) 15 days ago. That was her first outing in 6 months so she may come on for it.



8 8 PITTSBURG (IRE) (63) 94
 41450505 8 9-2 | 58.1kg
 Ryan Potter **Darragh Keenan**
 14/1, below form fifth of 9 in handicap chase at Catterick (2m, good) 10 days ago. Modest on the Flat, respectable fifth over C&D on last Flat outing in October.



9 6 WHERE IS THE LOVE (55) 97
 060-62540 3 9-2 | 58.1kg
 Joseph Parr **Daniel Muscutt**
 Eleventh of 12 in handicap at Southwell 55 days ago. First-time visor replaces cheekpieces.



10 4 SASSY GLORY (IRE) (6) 94
 54239243 3 9-1 | 57.6kg
 Mark Walford **Sam James**
 Creditable third of 11 in handicap (12/1) at this course (9.5f) 6 days ago. Back up in trip.



11 7 RUBELLITE (IRE) (60) (C) 99
 83008234 4 9-1 | 57.6kg
 Stella Barclay **Jason Hart**
 Course winner. Bit below form fourth of 11 in handicap (7/2) at Newcastle (1m) 60 days ago. Significantly back up in trip. Looks competitive on form.



12 12 DUCHESS (FR) (53) 94
 15536549 5 9-1 | 57.6kg
 John Berry **Adam Farragher**
 20/1, ninth of 12 in handicap at Kempton 53 days ago. Others arrive with more pressing claims.



12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

85-40 Come On John, **7-1** Letmeseethecolts, **9-1** Moon Over The Sea, **9-1** Starfighter, **11-1** Rubellite, **12-1** Sassy Glory, **12-1** Sneaky Blinder, **18-1** Where Is The Love, **25-1** Pittsburg, **25-1** Rose Light, **33-1** Desejada, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

COME ON JOHN has held his form really well of late and can provide James Owen with yet another winner. Low-mileage 3-y-o Letmeseethecolts might step forward on her recent comeback run and is second choice ahead of Moon Over The Sea and Starfighter.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COME ON JOHN 2. LETMESEETHECOLTS 3. MOON OVER THE SEA

SMART STATS:

36% Hector Crouch's strike rate on favourites (rides: **COME ON JOHN**)

7.30

GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETUK HANDICAP (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-75) £7,100 1m1f104y (1910 Metres)

RACE 8




Going: **Standard**



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


1 12 YOUARENOTFORGIVEN (16) **95**
 83166445 **6** 9-12 | 62.6kg


 **Tony Carroll** **Jack Doughty (31b/1kg)**
 25/1, bit below form fifth of 12 in handicap at Kempton (7f) 16 days ago, left poorly placed. Significantly up in trip. Cheekpieces on 1st time. Not discounted.


2 8 MASTER OF COMBAT (IRE) (13) (CD, BF) **97**
 30888184 **6** 9-12 | 62.6kg

 **Kevin Frost**  **Joanna Mason**
 4-time course winner. Latest win here in September. Respectable fourth of 10 in handicap at Southwell (8.1f, 11/4) 13 days ago. Merits consideration.

3 7 BIZARRE LAW (18) **88**
 64280908 **5** 9-9 | 61.2kg

 **Michael Herrington** **Connor Planas (31b/1kg)**
 Sixteen runs since last win in 2022. 33/1, first run since leaving Andrew Balding when eighth of 12 in handicap at this C&D 18 days ago. Uphill task.

4 10 TIMETOBENICE (24)  **100**
 712-43940 **3** 9-8 | 60.8kg

 **Marco Botti**  **Kieran Shoemark**
 6/1, last of 11 in handicap at Lingfield (10f, AW) 24 days ago. Shaped well on penultimate outing and isn't one to be writing off.

5 2 JACQUES CARTIER (22) **89**
 3-459 **3** 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Robert Eddery** **Sean Dylan Bowen (31b/1kg)**
 Lightly-raced maiden. 28/1 and hooded for 1st time, first run since leaving Simon & Ed Crisford when last of 9 in handicap at Chelmsford City (14f) 22 days ago. Hard to fancy.


6 9 YOUNG FIRE (FR) (18) (C) **95**
 42179776 **9** 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **David O'Meara** **Jason Hart**
 Course winner. Latest win at York in September. 22/1, respectable sixth of 12 in handicap at this C&D 18 days ago, nearest finish. Needs things to drop right.


7 11 SENSE OF WORTH (IRE) (8) **90**
 32227608 **8** 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **Seb Spencer** **Dale Swift**
 10/1, eighth of 11 in handicap at Southwell (11.1f) 8 days ago. Not easy to make a case for.


8 4 VISIBILITY (IRE) (7) (CD) **95**
 33148477 **7** 9-5 | 59.4kg

 **Scott Dixon** **Kieran O'Neill**
 Tricky customer. 6-time course winner. Seventh of 11 in handicap at this course (8.6f, 22/1) 7 days ago. Can't be completely ruled out.


9 1 PALAZZO PERSICO (IRE) (22) **95**
 22409481 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Ed Dunlop** **Hector Crouch**
 Visored for 1st time, career best when winning 12-runner handicap (9/1) at Chelmsford City (10f) 22 days ago, keeping on well. Big player if the headgear continues to have a positive effect.

10 3 FINN RUSSELL (IRE) (44) (C, D) **94**
 83091230 **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Ian Williams** **Charles Bishop**
 Unreliable type. Course winner. Latest win at Carlisle in August. Tenth of 11 in handicap at Lingfield (10f, AW, 11/2) 44 days ago. Capable off this mark on his fay but can be a hard ride.

11 5 ENGLISH SPIRIT (53) (CD, BF) **99**
 83536616 **6** 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Heather Main** **Jack Mitchell**
 5-time course winner. Latest win here in October. Shaped as if still in form when sixth of 10 in handicap at this course (8.6f, 11/4) 53 days ago. Very much remains of interest.

12 6 L'ENNEMI (FR) (57) **93**
 623-7578 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Julie Camacho** **Sean Levey**
 Last of 8 in handicap at Chelmsford City (10f, 25/1) 57 days ago. Makes tapeta debut. Others make more appeal.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Palazzo Persico, **9-2** Master of Combat, **11-2** English Spirit, **9-1** Finn Russell, **10-1** Youarenotforgiven, **12-1** Timetobenice, **16-1** Visibility, **18-1** Young Fire, **25-1** Sense of Worth, **28-1** L'ennemi, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ENGLISH SPIRIT scored in good style here in October and was undone by a wide trip last time so, following a short break, he's fancied to resume winning ways at the possible expense of Palazzo Persico, who clicked in a first-time visor recently. Master of Combat is also respected.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ENGLISH SPIRIT 2. PALAZZO PERSICO 3. MASTER OF COMBAT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Goldsmith 4-9-11	3-1	Alice Haynes	Kieran O'Neill	11
2022	Capital Theory 3-9-11	15-8f	Charlie & Mark Johnston	Franny Norton	10
2021	Hathlool 3-8-11	9-4f	Michael Appleby	Jason Watson	7

SMART STATS:

£51.95 Julie Camacho's profit to a £1 level stake when having one runner at a flat meeting (saddles: **L'ENNEMI**)

36% Hector Crouch's strike rate on favourites (rides: **PALAZZO PERSICO**)

8.00

BOOST YOUR ACCA AT BETMGM HANDICAP (6) 3yo+ (Rated 0-55) £9,000 1m142y (1740 Metres)



RACE 9





Going: **Standard**


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Draw: **Against High** Pace Information: **Weakly Contested**


1 8 AL BAAHY (18) **93**
 48647824 **5** 9-9 | 61.2kg
 **Kevin Frost**  **Jack Mitchell**
 One win from 33 Flat runs. 9/2, creditable fourth of 12 in handicap at this course (7.2f) 18 days ago. Back up in trip and he's not without an each-way chance.


2 1 PORT NOIR (6) (CD) **99**
 41123432 **7** 9-8 | 60.8kg
 **Robert Stephens** **Luke Morris**
 Six-time course winner. 3 wins from 28 runs this year, the latest here in October. Good second of 11 in handicap back here (9.5f, 4/1) 6 days ago, pulling clear of the rest. Solid claims.


3 9 CARD SHARK (IRE) (224) **90**
 79U0 **3** 9-7 | 60.3kg
 **Jim Boyle** **Paddy Bradley**
 Lightly-raced maiden. Last of 11 in maiden at Newbury (10f, good, 150/1) when last seen 7 months ago. Makes tapeta debut and while it's possible that he'll be seen in a better light now handicapping, it's still easy enough to look elsewhere.


4 12 JAAMIR (8) **93**
 0844 **3** 9-7 | 60.3kg
 **James Owen** **Adam Farragher**
 Lightly-raced maiden. 6/1, very good fourth of 12 in handicap at Chelmsford City (8f) 8 days ago, nearest finish. That was just his fourth appearance (and first in a handicap) so there could be better to come. Yard also saddles Forever Proud.


5 2 PLUMETTE (11) (CD, BF) **99**
 03042320 **8** 9-7 | 60.3kg
 **David Loughnane** **Connor Planas (3lb/1kg)**
 Five-time course winner. Twenty-four runs since last win in 2023. 13/8, tenth of 11 in handicap at this course (7.2f) 11 days ago, not clear run. Remains one to be interested in and this step back up in trip will be no bad thing.


6 4 PESSOA (42) (CD) **88**
 53907075 **5** 9-6 | 59.9kg
 **Adrian Wintle** **Finley Marsh**
 Four-time course winner. 15/2, good fifth of 11 in handicap at this course (9.5f) 42 days ago, making effort earlier than ideal. Others make more appeal. Engaged 5.05 here Thursday.


7 5 ASHFORD HILL (24) **93**
 0-80814 **3** 9-5 | 59.4kg
 **Dominic Ffrench Davis** **Isobelle Chalmers (7lb/3kg)**
 Winner at Lingfield in November. 11/4, below form fourth of 11 in handicap at Lingfield (7f, AW) 24 days ago. Back up in trip and she's likely to again find a few too good.

8 7 TWISTALINE (14) (CD) **93**
 15975603 **5** 9-4 | 59.0kg
 **Michael Appleby** **Alistair Rawlinson**
 C&D winner. Good third of 11 in handicap at Southwell (8.1f, 14/1) 14 days ago, having run of race. That represented a step back in the right direction but it remains to be seen if she'll be able to build on that.

9 6 FOREVER PROUD (5lb/2kg ex) (6) (BF) **97**
 43763612 **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg
 **James Owen** **Hector Crouch**
 Three wins from 17 runs this year, the latest at Chelmsford in December. Good second of 11 in handicap at this C&D (4/1) 6 days ago and she's likely to be on the premises once again under her penalty.

10 10 RISING FORCE (IRE) (8) **100**
 39608312 **3** 9-3 | 58.5kg
 **Robert Eddery** **Fred Daly (7lb/3kg)**
 Latest win at Chelmsford in December. 7/1, good neck second of 12 to Forever Proud in handicap over a mile at the same course 8 days ago. Encountered traffic problems at a crucial stage on that occasion and he has a good chance of reversing the placing with Forever Proud on these terms.

11 3 MR SLICKER (FR) (7) (D) **90**
 00908034 **10** 9-1 | 57.6kg
 **Sarah Hollinshead** **Joe Leavy (3lb/1kg)**
 Twelve runs since last win in 2023. 22/1, creditable fourth of 12 in handicap at Southwell (8.1f) 7 days ago. This veteran will need to find improvement from somewhere if he's to emerge on top. Engaged 5.40 here Thursday.

12 11 STORM ASSET (6) (C) **92**
 47273380 **5** 9-1 | 57.6kg
 **Derek Shaw** **Joanna Mason**
 Course winner. Twenty-one runs since last win in 2023. 14/1, last of 11 in handicap at this C&D 6 days ago. Probably best to look elsewhere.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Forever Proud, **5-1** Rising Force, **11-2** Port Noir, **7-1** Plumette, **8-1** Jaamir, **10-1** Al Baahy, **14-1** Ashford Hill, **16-1** Twistaline, **28-1** Mr Slicker, **33-1** Pessoa, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RISING FORCE looked unlucky when narrowly failing to get to grips with Forever Proud at Chelmsford City recently and, granted better luck-in-running this time, Robert Eddery's charge can resume winning ways. Forever Proud lost little caste in defeat when runner-up at the same course since and should give another good account, while his lightly-raced stablemate Jaamir and Port Noir also merit respect. However, Plumette, who also encountered traffic problems on her latest start, is feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RISING FORCE 2. PLUMETTE 3. FOREVER PROUD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Panama City** 4-9-10 10-3 Ian McInnes Billy Garrity 11

SMART STATS:

27% James Owen's strike rate in winter (saddles: **FOREVER PROUD and JAAMIR**)