

Tuesday 7th July


LEICESTER




4.40	GRAHAMS PLUMBERS MERCHANTS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (5) 6f (1210 Metres)
RACE 1	(3) BENIN (7) SADIQAA (IRE) (6) ROYDMOOR
5.10	BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP (4) 6f (1210 Metres)
RACE 2	(3) MOUNTAIN BRAVE (8) CLEVER CANDY (4) FOX HILL
5.40	BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (5) 7f (1410 Metres)
RACE 3	(4) RAAJIN (6) WILD HERO (IRE) (5) REBEL SOLDIER BOY
6.15	BODIE HODGES FOUNDATION HANDICAP (6) 1m53y (1660 Metres)
RACE 4	(7) COMPASS POINT (8) DEFTERA LAD (IRE) (5) JAZZ HANDS (IRE)
6.45	RAINBOWS HOSPICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HANDICAP (3) 1¼m (2010 Metres)
RACE 5	(8) MR COCO BEAN (USA) (3) KING'S SLIPPER (4) RED OCTOBER (IRE)
7.15	EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACINGTV HANDICAP (4) 1¼m (2010 Metres)
RACE 6	(5) DREAM WITH ME (IRE) (1) WIN O'CLOCK (2) BRONZE RIVER
7.45	LEICESTER RACECOURSE SUPPORTING FRONTLINE WORKERS HANDICAP (5) 1m3f179y (2380 Metres)
RACE 7	(2) A STAR ABOVE (1) AU CLAIR DE LUNE (IRE) (4) EN FAMILLE
8.15	WELCOMM COMMUNICATIONS HANDICAP (6) 5f (1010 Metres)
RACE 8	(2) MYKINDOFSUNSHINE (IRE) (4) ALBA DEL SOLE (IRE) (5) COOL STRUTTER (IRE)

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.

4.40**GRAHAMS PLUMBERS MERCHANTS MEDIAN AUCTION
MAIDEN STAKES (5) 2yo £5,400 6f (1210 Metres)****RACE 1****Racing TV**Going: **Good to Firm**

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Draw: **Against Mid** Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

1 4 ACCRINGTON STANLEY (33) **86**
8 2 9-5 | 59.4kg



George Scott

Callum Shepherd

100/1, very green when down the field in 6f Newmarket maiden on debut early last month. Cheekpieces go on. Probably one for the longer term.

2 1 ASTAPOR (7) **87**
7 2 9-5 | 59.4kg



Mick Channon

Tom Marquand

Brother to 2-y-o 6f winner Azor Ahai. Supported but was too green to make an impact in 7f Chepstow maiden last week. Quick turnaround.

3 10 BENIN (19) (BF) **100**
72 2 9-5 | 59.4kg



Sir Mark Prescott Bt

**Ryan Tate**

Stepped up on debut form when second of 11 in maiden at Redcar (6f, good to soft, 11/4) 19 days ago and should progress further. Leading claims.

4 3 CHARM MERCHANT (21) **75**
9 2 9-5 | 59.4kg



Rod Millman

Charlie Bennett

150/1, green and left behind in 6f Windsor novice on debut last month.

5 8 JADWAL **92**
2 9-5 | 59.4kg



Charles Hills

**Jim Crowley**

Foaled April 1. Mustajeeb colt. Dam, 2-y-o 8.3f winner, half-sister to smart winner up to 7f Ibn Malik. Yard's newcomers have looked better for the run in recent weeks.

6 5 ROYDMOOR **91**
2 9-5 | 59.4kg



Richard Fahey

Barry McHugh

Garswood colt. Closely related to fair 5f winner Dutch Archer and half-brother to 2 other winners. Juveniles from leading yard always to be respected so well worth a market check.

7 2 SADIQAA (IRE) **94**
2 9-5 | 59.4kg



Clive Cox

Adam Kirby

Foaled March 14. €28,000 yearling, Estidhkaar colt. Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful 2-y-o 6f winner Roossey and 5f winner Rosa Klebb. Likely type on paper.

8 7 SMOKEY MALONE (16) **70**
8 2 9-5 | 59.4kg



Julia Feilden

Dylan Hogan (3lb/1kg)

40/1, green and well beaten in 6f Kempton maiden on debut a fortnight ago.

9 9 SOLDIER LIONS (IRE) **86**
2 9-5 | 59.4kg



Eve Johnson Houghton

**Charles Bishop**

Foaled February 6. £30,000 yearling, Equiano colt. Dam unraced half-sister to smart 1¼m-1½m winner (stayed 1¾m) Connecticut.

10 6 APACHE MIST **86**
2 9-0 | 57.2kg



Robyn Brisland

William Carson

Foaled February 15. £3,500 yearling, Adaya filly. Half-sister to several winners, including 2-y-o 7f winner Alabama Whitman and winner up to 7f Rattling Jewel. Dam maiden (stayed 1¼m).

11 11 BEVERAGE (IRE) (11) **89**

62 2 9-0 | 57.2kg



Mark Johnston

Franny Norton

Improved though ran to just a modest level when runner-up in 6f Lingfield novice second time up. More needed.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Benin, 9-2 Sadiqaa, 11-2 Jadwal, 13-2 Roydmoor, 10-1 Beverage, 20-1 Astapor, 33-1 Soldier Lions, 33-1 Apache Mist, 33-1 Accrington Stanley, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BENIN took a big leap forward when second at Redcar and there is more to come from him. He can open his account for a yard going great guns. Newcomers Sadiqaa and Roydmoor make a fair bit of appeal and could be set for good runs.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BENIN 2. SADIQAA (IRE) 3. ROYDMOOR

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.10

RACE 2

**BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP (4)
3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-80) £10,250 6f (1210
Metres)****Racing TV**Going: **Good to Firm**


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


1 8 PORTUGUESEPRINCESS (IRE) (11) (D) 93
3-133 **3** 9-9 | 61.2kg

 Archie Watson *Hollie Doyle*
Lightly-raced winner. Won at Lingfield in January. 11/1, good third of 10 in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good) 11 days ago. Improvement required off this mark.


2 1 SWEET PURSUIT (256) (D) 97
9/6361320- **6** 9-9 | 61.2kg

 Rod Millman *Finley Marsh (3lb/1kg)*
Latest win at Bath in August. Good second of 9 in handicap at Goodwood next time but always behind at Newbury final start. Off 8 months.

3 2 MOUNTAIN BRAVE (28) (D) 100
2-43112 **3** 9-8 | 60.8kg

 Mark Johnston *Franny Norton*
2 wins from 5 runs this year. Latest win at Newcastle in February. 8/1, good second of 12 in handicap at Haydock (7f, good) 28 days ago. Has to be taken seriously.


4 6 FOX HILL (12) (D, BF) 99
21513-912 **4** 9-7 | 60.3kg

 Eric Alston *Danny Redmond (5lb/2kg)*
1 win from 3 runs this year. Latest win at Thirsk in June. Creditable second of 9 in handicap at this C&D (good to firm, 7/4) 12 days ago. Merits consideration.


5 5 LUA DE MEL (IRE) (116) (D) 96
1122 **3** 9-6 | 59.9kg

 George Boughey *Kieran Shoemark*
Lightly-raced winner. 2 wins from 4 runs this year. Latest win at Newcastle in February. 4/1, good second of 7 in handicap at Lingfield (6f, AW). Off 116 days. Makes turf debut.


6 4 LETHAL ANGEL (11) (D) 97
4315451-0 **5** 9-5 | 59.4kg

 Stuart Williams *Jim Crowley*
Successful twice last autumn. 33/1, last of 10 in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good) 11 days ago. Others more persuasive.

7 7 COLOURING (210) (D) 92
02221- **3** 9-5 | 59.4kg

 Ed Walker *Tom Marquand*
Lightly-raced winner. 5/1, career best when winning 10-runner nursery at Wolverhampton (6.1f). Off 7 months. Has work to do.

8 3 CLEVER CANDY (18) (CD) 98
0751-25 **3** 8-9 | 54.9kg

 Michael Bell *Cieren Fallon (3lb/1kg)*
C&D winner. 8/1, good fifth of 14 in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good) 18 days ago, unlucky not to finish closer having met plenty of traffic. Respected.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Mountain Brave, **7-2** Fox Hill, **13-2** Portugueseprincess, **8-1** Clever Candy, **8-1** Lua De Mel, **10-1** Colouring, **16-1** Lethal Angel, **16-1** Sweet Pursuit

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MOUNTAIN BRAVE was unable to complete the hat-trick at Haydock 4 weeks ago, but it was still another step forward and she remains one to be interested in. Clever Candy caught the eye at Newmarket last time and may emerge as the biggest threat ahead of the thriving Fox Hill.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOUNTAIN BRAVE 2. CLEVER CANDY 3. FOX HILL

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.40**BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-75) £6,400 7f (1410 Metres)****RACE 3****Racing TV**Going: **Good to Firm**

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

1 6 MILLICENT (18) 91
44 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg



James Tate **P. J. McDonald**
Twice-raced filly. Fourth of 13 in minor event at Lingfield (7f, AW, 9/1) 18 days ago.
Others have achieved more.

2 5 MY FRIEND STAN (IRE) (11) 98
2327-04 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg



Mark Johnston **Franny Norton**
Fairly useful colt. Bit below form fourth of 8 in handicap at Lingfield (7f, firm, 22/1) 11 days ago, doing too much too soon but failing to see race out with any conviction.

3 1 NORTHERN HOPE (22) 92
2528-4 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg



David O'Meara **Tom Marquand**
Runner-up twice last year but was a bit below form when fourth of 11 in maiden at Pontefract (8f, good, 9/2) on reappearance 22 days ago. Engaged 2.45 Ayr Monday.

4 4 RAAJIN (26) 99
4-2 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg



Charles Hills **Jim Crowley**
Promising individual. Second of 8 in maiden (6/4) at Lingfield (8f, AW) 26 days ago. Likely to improve again so has to be taken very seriously.

5 2 REBEL SOLDIER BOY (8) (BF) 97
224-3 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg



David O'Meara **Harry Bentley**
Lightly-raced gelding. 4/1, good third of 11 in handicap at Thirsk (6f, good to soft) on reappearance 8 days ago. May well do better up in trip.

6 3 WILD HERO (IRE) (17) 100
0544-3 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg



Andrew Balding **William Carver (5lb/2kg)**
Gelded ahead of reappearance and best effort yet when third of 10 in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good) 17 days ago. Shortlist material.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Raajin, **7-2** Rebel Soldier Boy, **4-1** Wild Hero, **5-1** My Friend Stan, **14-1** Northern Hope, **16-1** Millicent

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RAAJIN stepped up on his debut run when runner-up on the AW a month ago, and with the return to 7f probably a wise move at this stage of his career, he looks the one to be with. Wild Hero and Rebel Soldier Boy bring solid-looking handicap form to the table and are the obvious threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RAAJIN 2. WILD HERO (IRE) 3. REBEL SOLDIER BOY

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.15**BODIE HODGES FOUNDATION HANDICAP (6) 4yo+
(Rated 0-60) £4,300 1m53y (1660 Metres)**

RACE 4

Racing TViGoing: **Good to Firm**

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

1 7 CONFRIERIE (IRE) (26) (D) 89
237702-81 5 9-8 | 60.8kg



George Baker *Pat Cosgrave*
1 win from 2 runs this year. 16/1, capitalised on falling mark when winning 9-runner handicap at Lingfield (1m, AW) 26 days ago. Not dismissed in another ordinary affair.

2 8 REVOLUTIONARY MAN (IRE) (29) b+t 91
27/560-848 5 9-7 | 60.3kg



Mark Loughnane *Tom Marquand*
4/1, eighth of 11 in handicap at Lingfield (10f, AW) 29 days ago. Mark continues to fall and blinkers now the headgear of choice.

3 2 IFTON (264) 96
03732469- 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Ruth Carr *Hollie Doyle*
Ninth of 12 in handicap at Chelmsford City (1m) in October, admittedly not seen to very best effect. Suspicion he is on a fair mark on balance of last year's form but he does need things to drop right

4 4 PILOT WINGS (IRE) (5) 90
580-15338 5 9-6 | 59.9kg



Tony Carroll *Brett Doyle*
Winner at Wolverhampton in January. Eighth of 11 in handicap at Bath (10.2f, good, 14/1) 5 days ago, carrying head high and fading.

5 9 JAZZ HANDS (IRE) (159) (D) s 95
55171-133 4 9-5 | 59.4kg



Richard Fahey *Barry McHugh*
1 win from 3 runs this year. Latest win at Southwell in January. Bit below form third of 9 in handicap (11/4) at Southwell (8.1f), nearest finish. Not discounted back on turf.

6 5 LIAM'S LASS (IRE) (20) 91
4/431743-5 4 9-4 | 59.0kg



Pam Sly *April Pearson (7lb/3kg)*
Respectable fifth of 10 in handicap (14/1) at Chelmsford City (7f) 20 days ago, running on late. Entitled to be sharper with that under his belt and the return to 1m will hold no fears.

7 6 COMPASS POINT (21) (D, BF) s 91
8660-7542 5 9-3 | 58.5kg



Robyn Brisland *William Carson*
3/1, very good second of 12 in handicap at Chelmsford City (8f) 21 days ago, suited by emphasis on stamina. Possibilities back on turf.

8 3 DEFTERA LAD (IRE) (4lb/2kg ex) (5) (D) ★ 100
7/891 8 8-10 | 55.3kg



Sylvester Kirk *Cieren Fallon (3lb/1kg)*
1 win from 3 runs this year. Improved on recent efforts to win 8-runner minor event at Wolverhampton (7f) 5 days ago, keeping on well. Has struggled to stand his racing but he's a player with a repeat

9 1 BOB'S GIRL (12) b 80
0710000-5 5 8-7(8-6) | 54.0kg (53.5kg)



Michael Mullineaux *Jimmy Quinn*
One win from 24 Flat runs. 13/2, fifth of 7 in handicap at this C&D (good to firm) 12 days ago. Hard to make a solid case for.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Confrerie, **4-1** Deftera Lad, **5-1** Compass Point, **7-1** Jazz Hands, **9-1** Ifton, **12-1** Liam's Lass, **14-1** Revolutionary Man, **14-1** Pilot Wings, **33-1** Bob's Girl

TIMEFORM VIEW:

COMPASS POINT arrives having run right up to his best when runner-up at Chelmsford 3 weeks ago and, with a repeat, he looks sure to be in the mix again. Deftera Lad ran his best race for his present stable when scoring on all-weather recently and is feared, along with Jazz Hands.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COMPASS POINT 2. DEFTERA LAD (IRE) 3. JAZZ HANDS (IRE)

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.45**RAINBOWS HOSPICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
HANDICAP (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-88) £10,400 1¼m
(2010 Metres)**

RACE 5

Racing TViGoing: **Good to Firm**

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

1 5 BIG COUNTRY (IRE) (11) (D) s **88**
435-66607 7 9-9 | 61.2kg



Jamie Osborne *Saffie Osborne (7lb/3kg)*
Showed smart form when second in a listed event at Lingfield early in 2019, but has been below that level since. Well held both starts last month and plenty to prove at present.

2 2 GEETANJALI (IRE) (19) (CD) v **94**
311203-26 5 9-7 | 60.3kg



Michael Bell *Joe Bradnam (7lb/3kg)*
Three wins last year included one over C&D. Creditable second on Chelmsford return a month ago but disappointing at Redcar since.

3 7 KING'S SLIPPER (139) (BF) **97**
105057-22 5 9-7 | 60.3kg



Clive Cox *Adam Kirby*
Pair of good runner-up efforts on polytrack at Kempton at the beginning of the year and claims if in similar form back on turf.

4 3 RED OCTOBER (IRE) (456) (BF) s **97**
221/3- 4 9-2 | 58.1kg



Hugo Palmer *Tom Marquand*
1m Chelmsford novice winner in autumn 2018. Creditable third in Redcar handicap over this trip on 2019 reappearance. Not seen since but returns as an unexposed sort. Cheekpieces added

5 6 GLOBAL ART (31) s **96**
438925-38 5 8-13 | 56.7kg



Ed Dunlop *Callum Shepherd*
Eleven runs since last win in 2019. 6/1, eighth of 10 in handicap at Newcastle (10f) 31 days ago. Cheekpieces back on.

6 4 WIND IN MY SAILS (21) (C) **96**
457105-60 8 8-12 | 56.2kg



Ed de Giles *Pat Cosgrave*
Course winner but below form in a couple of comeback runs last month. Back on a workable mark but need to see more.

7 1 SNOW OCEAN (IRE) (17) **96**
27114-566 4 8-11 | 55.8kg



David Evans *Kieran Shoemark*
Caught too far back when sixth at Kempton (1m) last time so perhaps in slightly better form than that result might suggest.

8 8 MR COCO BEAN (USA) (27) (D) ★ **100**
2119104-9 6 8-10 | 55.3kg



David Barron *Hollie Doyle*
Multiple winner last summer. Likely needed the run on Pontefract reappearance and can step up on that form now. Capable off this sort of mark.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 King's Slipper, **4-1** Red October, **6-1** Global Art, **13-2** Mr Coco Bean, **7-1** Wind In My Sails, **9-1** Snow Ocean, **14-1** Geetanjali, **16-1** Big Country

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The handicapper has taken a bit of a chance dropping MR COCO BEAN 3 lb for his reappearance and he's taken to bounce back to form and take advantage. King's Slipper did well on AW when last seen at the start of the year and will be a threat if returning in similar form. It'll also be interesting to see how the unexposed Red October goes in the market on his return from an absence.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MR COCO BEAN (USA) 2. KING'S SLIPPER 3. RED OCTOBER (IRE)

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.15**EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACINGTV HANDICAP (4) 3yo (Rated 0-85) £7,250 1¼m (2010 Metres)****RACE 6****Racing TVi**Going: **Good to Firm**

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

1 2 WIN O'CLOCK (20) (D)  **100**
4-4317 **3** 9-7 | 60.3kg



Roger Charlton

Thomas Greatrex (3lb/1kg)

Made a successful start in handicaps switched to turf at Haydock over this trip last month before a big effort in the King George V at Royal Ascot, unlucky and not beaten far. More to come.

2 5 BRONZE RIVER (19) **99**
121-38 **3** 9-5 | 59.4kg



Andrew Balding

William Carver (5lb/2kg)

Won 2 of his 3 starts at 2 yrs and has shaped well in a couple of handicaps over this trip this season, not seen to best effect at Royal Ascot. Big run could be on the cards.

3 3 JUNKANOO (23) **95**
942-4 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg



Gary Moore

Liam Keniry

Showed a bit more of what he's about in 10f Goodwood handicap on return, going well from the front with no extra late on. Cheekpieces reached for now.

4 4 ROCKET ROD (IRE) (21) (BF) **95**
32 **3** 8-13 | 56.7kg

Hugo Palmer **Jim Crowley**

Closely matched with Dream With Me on debut run at Newcastle and again shaped encouragingly when second in Windsor maiden that could be good form. More to come again now handicapping.

5 1 DREAM WITH ME (IRE) (23) **98**
42 **3** 8-12 | 56.2kg



Mark Johnston

Franny Norton

Superb pedigree and has made a bright start, chasing home Frankly Darling on debut at Newcastle before a fine second at Doncaster (12f). Will kick on again now handicapping.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Win O'clock, 5-2 Dream With Me, 9-2 Rocket Rod, 5-1 Bronze River, 12-1 Junkanoo

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A tricky one with most of these having more to offer and DREAM WITH ME could be the way to go. He made a bright start in a couple of good-quality 3-y-o events last month and almost certainly has more to give now handicapping. Win O'Clock got no luck at Royal Ascot and there is more to come from him. Bronze River is another who went into the notebooks at that meeting and also needs keeping onside.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. DREAM WITH ME (IRE) 2. WIN O'CLOCK 3. BRONZE RIVER****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.45

RACE 7

LEICESTER RACECOURSE SUPPORTING FRONTLINE WORKERS HANDICAP (5) 3yo (Rated 0-75) £5,400 1m3f179y (2380 Metres)**Racing TV**Going: **Good to Firm**

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

1 1 AU CLAIR DE LUNE (IRE) (23) (D) 99
51 **3** 9-7 | 60.3kg



George Scott

Harry Bentley

Confirmed debut promise when winning 9-runner minor event at Doncaster (11.9f, good, 5/1) 23 days ago, keeping on well. Big player with more to come on handicap debut.

2 3 A STAR ABOVE (15) (D) 97
83-1 **3** 9-6 | 59.9kg



William Haggas

Tom Marquand

Upped his game to land a 10-runner maiden at Thirsk (12f, good, 5/6) 15 days ago, keeping on well. Well-bred sort who should go on improving, so one to note switched to handicaps.

3 4 EXPENSIVE DIRHAM (257) 91
7332249- **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg



Mark Johnston

Franny Norton

Last of 9 in nursery at Wolverhampton (8.6f, 13/2). Off 8 months. Significantly up in trip. Returns with something to prove

4 6 EN FAMILLE (29) s ★ 100
254 **3** 9-4 | 59.0kg



Amy Murphy

Callum Shepherd

Thrice-raced maiden. Fourth of 10 in handicap (33/1) at Haydock (10.2f, good) 29 days ago, carrying head awkwardly. Cheekpieces likely to help, so may do better still.

5 2 BEALACH (IRE) (22) 99
459-6 **3** 9-3 | 58.5kg



Eve Johnson Houghton

Charles Bishop

Lightly-raced maiden. 14/1, sixth of 9 in handicap at Goodwood (9.9f, good to firm) 22 days ago. Others make more appeal.

6 5 ATLANTIC CROSSING (IRE) (11) b 97
5-834 **3** 9-2 | 58.1kg



Paul & Oliver Cole

P. J. McDonald

Lightly-raced maiden. Last of 4 in handicap at Newmarket (12f, good, 12/1) 11 days ago. Blinkers on 1st time. Hard to make a case for.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 A Star Above, **9-4** Au Clair De Lune, **8-1** En Famille, **9-1** Expensive Dirham, **12-1** Atlantic Crossing, **14-1** Bealach

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A STAR ABOVE and Au Clair de Lune arrive on the back of impressive novice wins and should go on improving for a while, so they could scrap this out, with the first-named taken to marginally prevail. En Famille made a respectable start to handicaps at Haydock last month and should benefit from the fitting of cheekpieces, so he also warrants consideration.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. A STAR ABOVE 2. AU CLAIR DE LUNE (IRE) 3. EN FAMILLE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

8.15**WELCOMM COMMUNICATIONS HANDICAP (6) 4yo+
(Rated 0-60) £4,300 5f (1010 Metres)****RACE 8****Racing TVi**Going: **Good to Firm**

The Leicester round course is a right-handed, oval track, about a mile and three quarters in extent, with a run-in of four and a half furlongs. The straight course, on which all races of up to seven furlongs are run, is mainly downhill to halfway, then rises gradually for over two furlongs, finishing on the level. Although the track is galloping and poses a test of stamina, prominent racers out-perform those that race further back at races up to a mile.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Strong****1 8 SWISSAL (IRE) (14) 95**

74-312488 5 9-8 | 60.8kg



John O'Shea

Ciaran McKee

First run since leaving David Dennis when below form eighth of 14 in handicap (66/1) at Chepstow (6.1f, good) 14 days ago, nearest finish. Looks vulnerable from a win point of view.

2 2 MYKINDOFSUNSHINE (IRE) (13) 100

5447-5962 4 9-7 | 60.3kg



Mark Pattinson

Hector Crouch

11/1, second of 9 in handicap at Windsor (5.1f, good) 13 days ago. Very much one to consider off the same mark.

3 7 FIERY BREATH (15) (D, BF) h 96

314316-55 5 9-2 | 58.1kg



Robert Eddery

Darragh Keenan (3lb/1kg)

7/2, bit below form fifth of 10 in handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm) 15 days ago. 2 lb lower now and he has to enter calculations.

4 4 ALBA DEL SOLE (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (4) (CD) s 99

676-45813 5 8-11 | 55.8kg



Robyn Brisland

William Carson

C&D in June. Respectable third of 9 in handicap at Wolverhampton (6.1f, 5/1) 4 days ago. Merits respect back at this trip under a penalty.

5 1 COOL STRUTTER (IRE) (4lb/2kg ex) (7) (D) s 97

6369-7531 8 8-10 | 55.3kg



John Spearing

Ryan Tate

Improved on recent efforts to win 5-runner handicap (9/2) at Chepstow (5.1f, good) 7 days ago, holding on gamely. Shade more needed under a penalty but he's one to consider all the same.

6 5 TEEPEE TIME (7) (CD, BF) b 95

2276-3872 7 8-9 | 54.9kg



Michael Mullineaux

Jimmy Quinn

C&D winner. Twenty six runs since last win in 2018. 5/2, good 2 lengths second of 9 to Alba Del Sole in handicap at this C&D (firm) 7 days ago, well positioned. Good claims on these revised terms.

7 6 ZEEBAD (IRE) (7) b 87

80873/60-5 4 8-7(8-6) | 54.0kg (53.5kg)



Paul D'Arcy

John Egan

Below form 7¼ lengths fifth of 9 to Alba Del Sole in handicap at this C&D (firm, 16/1) 7 days ago. Clearly has work to do.

8 3 CELERITY (IRE) (4) s 86

0070-8066 6 8-7(8-6) | 54.0kg (53.5kg)



Lisa Williamson

Noel Garbutt (3lb/1kg)

Remains a maiden after 87 Flat runs. Last of 6 in handicap (150/1) at Haydock (5f, good to soft) 4 days ago. Cheekpieces back on. Readily passed over.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Teepee Time, **10-3** Alba Del Sole, **4-1** Cool Strutter, **11-2** Mykindofsunshine, **6-1** Fiery Breath, **28-1** Swissal, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Marginal preference is for MYKINDOFSUNSHINE, who returned to form when hitting the crossbar at Windsor 13 days ago, leaving the impression that he is ready to cash-in on this reduced mark. Alba del Sole is taken to confirm C&D superiority over Teepee Time, despite the latter enjoying a pull at the weights, and she is feared most. Cool Strutter scored at Chepstow last week and also has claims.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MYKINDOFSUNSHINE (IRE) 2. ALBA DEL SOLE (IRE) 3. COOL STRUTTER (IRE)

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