

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING WEDNESDAY 08 JANUARY 2025 MEETING
NEWCASTLE

RACE 1: WEEKLY FREE BETS WITH BETMGM EXTRA HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (3YO ONLY)

DANDY MAGIC - OAKLEY BOY - STAR CHORUS

Race Preview: Having shown very little on her debut for Jim Goldie, DANDY MAGIC was a surprise winner of a handicap over 6f here in November. However, the way she travelled through that race was very encouraging and she may have plenty more to offer in this sphere. A 7lb higher mark obviously makes this tougher and opens the door for the likes of Oakley Boy and Star Chorus to pounce if she shows any weakness.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	IORELLA PRINCESS	A winner at 6f on polytrack. Finished 4 1/2l behind Solvency when fifth of 12 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Southwell over 5f in December last year.
2	DANDY MAGIC	A winner at 18-1 here over 6f on her latest outing in November last year, beating Blue Lakota by 3/4l.
3	BLINKY	A winner at 5f. Third of 10 behind Captain Kinsella beaten 1 1/4l at 7-2 on his latest outing at Southwell over 5f in December last year.
4	STAR CHORUS	Placed twice in four starts. Finished 5l behind Miss Funky Monk when fourth of 7 at 7-4 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 5f earlier this month.
5	OAKLEY BOY	Successful at 5f and 6f on polytrack. Beaten 3/4l by Carbine Harvester when second of 12 at 7-2jt-fav on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 6f in December last year.
6	FALLEN SOLDIER	Placed twice in nine starts. Finished 2l behind Andalseeyagraham when fourth of 10 at 22-1 on his latest outing here over 6f in December last year.
7	STARTLING	She has won three times at 5f on the all-weather (1 PO). Beaten 4 1/2l behind Andalseeyagraham at 12-1 when 9th of 10 on her latest outing here over 6f in December last year.
8	ATHERSTONE BEAU	Placed twice in four starts. Finished 8l behind Sabrimento when last of 5 at 9-2 on her latest outing at Bath over 5f (soft) in October last year.

RACE 2: GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETUK HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (4YO PLUS)

HUMBLE SPARK - ILLUCIDATE - PERCY WILLIS

Race Preview: Neither HUMBLE SPARK (winner) nor Percy Willis (fifth) got a clear run when they encountered each other in a similar event over 1m2f here just after Christmas. That said, the former ran on strongly when the gaps appeared and appeals bidding to back up that hard-fought success off just 2lb higher. The class-dropping Illucidate still has low milage and, having show some improvement back on the Flat at Kempton last month, can give the selection the most to think about this time.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ILLUCIDATE	A winner at 1m 4f. Finished 6l behind The Glen Rovers when fourth of 11 at 80-1 on her latest outing at Kempton over 1m 4f in December last year.

2	PERCY WILLIS	Winner of six races at 1m 4f on the all-weather. Beaten 1 1/2l by Midnight Lion when second of 11 at 10-1 on his latest outing here over 1m 2f earlier this month.
3	HUMBLE SPARK	He has won four times from 1m 2f to 1m 3f including 3 wins on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 9-4fav here over 1m 2f in December last year, beating Phone Tag by 1/2l.
4	SHOW NO FEAR	Successful at 1m 7f and 2m including a win on the all-weather. Beaten 20l behind Judgementofsolomon at 20-1 when eighth of 11 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 2m 1f (good to firm) in September last year.

RACE 3: EXTRA WINNINGS WITH BETUK ACCA CLUB NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 5) (4YO PLUS)

FIREBLADE - NORTHERN RULER - ROYAL APPROVAL

Race Preview: FIREBLADE was a well-backed favourite when he made his Tapeta debut over C&D last month. Although the son of Frankel came up short when third that day, it was still an encouraging enough display to suggest he could be hard to beat. Currently rated 88, Northern Ruler sets a fair standard and is an obvious threat on these terms, despite stepping up in trip. Similar comments apply to the penalised Royal Approval, who was a game winner over 1m2f here last month.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ROYAL APPROVAL	A winner at 5-2 here over 1m 2f on his latest outing in December last year, beating Stifling by 1l.
2	ANOTHER LIFETIME	Unplaced in both starts. Third of 7 behind King Chaos beaten 6l at 12-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 1m 3f in December last year.
3	FIREBLADE	Placed in three of four starts. Third of 12 behind Steel Tiger beaten 1 3/4l at 11-10fav on his latest outing over this course and distance in December last year.
4	NORTHERN RULER	Placed twice in three starts. Third of 6 behind Winston's Tipple beaten 1 1/4l at 3-10fav on his latest outing at Lingfield over 1m 2f in September last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with W J Haggas.
5	SCOTLAND THE BRAVE	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 11l behind Steel Tiger when sixth of 12 at 66-1 on his latest flat outing over this course and distance in December last year.
6	SAXON STAR	Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 12l behind Steel Tiger at 150-1 when eighth of 12 on her latest outing over this course and distance in December last year.
7	SIMPLY RED	Unplaced in both starts. Well beaten at 150-1 behind High Order when fourth of 6 on her latest flat outing at Southwell over 1m 4f in April last year.
8	WINDING ROAD	Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 6l behind Always Waving at 40-1 when seventh of 8 on her latest outing at Southwell over 1m 3f in December last year.

RACE 4: 30 IN FREE BETS WITH BETUK HANDICAP (CLASS 4) (4YO PLUS)

PARISIAC - MONDAMMEJ - DARK KESTREL

Race Preview: PARISIAC bounced back to form when second over C&D 11 days ago and the six-year-old merits plenty of respect off just a 1lb higher mark here. That said, the veteran Mondammej is an obvious threat to the selection given his form in recent months, while Dark Kestrel edges out Our Absent Friends and Strong Johnson to be best of the rest.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	RHYTHM N HOOVES	He has won four times from 5f to 6f including 2 wins on the all-weather (1 PO). Finished 8l behind Cajetan when fourth of 8 at 18-1 on his latest outing here over 6f in December last year.
2	AL FARABI	A winner at 7f on polytrack. Finished 1 3/4l behind Brooklyn Nine Nine when fourth of 8 at 28-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 5f in December last year.
3	MONDAMMEJ	Has won eight races from 5f to 6f including 5 wins on the all-weather. Beaten 5l by Cajetan when second of 8 at 9-4fav on his latest outing here over 6f in December last year.
4	SUGAR HILL BABE	Winner of five races at 5f including 3 wins on the all-weather. Finished 3 1/2l behind Brooklyn Nine Nine when sixth of 8 at 10-3co-fav on her latest outing at Southwell over 5f in December last year.
5	DARK KESTREL	He has won three times from 5f to 6f including 2 wins on the all-weather. Finished 2l behind The Ridler when fourth of 9 at 7-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance in December last year.
6	OUR ABSENT FRIENDS	Winner of five races from 5f to 6f including 2 wins on the all-weather. Third of 9 behind The Ridler beaten 1l at 16-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance in December last year.
7	STRONG JOHNSON	Has won nine races from 5f to 6f including 2 wins on the all-weather. Finished 1 1/2l behind Brian The Snail when fourth of 9 at 7-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance in December last year.
8	PARISIAC	Winner of six races from 5f to 6f. Beaten 1l by Brian The Snail when second of 9 at 25-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance in December last year.