

**RACE COMMENT & SELECTION**  
**UNITED KINGDOM RACING WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING**  
**SOUTHWELL**

**RACE 1: CREATE YOUR BET BUILDERS AT MIDNITE HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)**

**SHALAA ASKER - HOWZAK - PAPA DON'T PREACH**

Race Preview: Howzak won at Newcastle last week but only narrowly and it was a bit of a surprise at 28/1. He might be worth taking on under a penalty and preference is for the proven course form that SHALAA ASKER brings to the table, and he's won two of his last three starts. Papa Don't Preach is the pick of the rest.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	HOWZAK	Has won eight races from 5f to 6f including 7 wins on the all-weather (5 PO). A winner at 28-1 at Newcastle over 6f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Asadjumeirah by a short head. Carries a 4lb penalty today for that success.
2	PAPA DON'T PREACH	He has won four times at 5f on the all-weather (1 PO). Finished 4l behind Sam's Hope when fifth of 8 at 14-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance last month.
3	SHALAA ASKER	Has won nine races from 5f to 7f including 8 wins on the all-weather (4 PO). A winner at 4-1 at Wolverhampton over 5f on his latest outing last month, beating Street Life by 3/4l.
4	WEDGEWOOD	Winner of six races at 5f including 5 wins on the all-weather (1 PO). Finished 2 1/4l behind Manhattan Chute when sixth of 8 at 8-1 on her latest outing at Lingfield over 5f last month.
5	STASH THE CASH	He has won three times at 5f. Finished 5l behind Street Life when sixth of 9 at 5-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance last month.
6	FORTUNATE STAR	Winner of five races at 5f including 2 wins on the all-weather. Finished 3l behind Street Life when fourth of 9 at 12-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance last month.
7	TOP STAR	Yet to place in seven starts. Finished 4l behind Master Dandy when fifth of 8 at 33-1 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 5f last month.

**RACE 2: JOIN THE MIDNITE MOVEMENT HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)**

**HIMSELF - MOAB - SKYCUTTER**

Race Preview: HIMSELF completed the three-timer in good style here on Saturday and is very difficult to oppose given his clear liking for this circuit. Providing he copes with the quick turnaround, the four-year-old could have a lot more to offer and is taken to kick on. Moab is another C&D winner to consider and Wolverhampton third Skycutter can be competitive as well.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	MOAB	A winner at 1m 6f on the all-weather. Finished 12l behind Savvy Stellar when last of 6 at 7-4fav on his latest flat outing here over 2m in October last year.
2	SKYCUTTER	Successful twice at 1m 2f, but last win was over three years ago. Third of 9 behind Word Of Mouth beaten 1 1/4l at 5-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 6f earlier this month.

3	FLEUR DE MER	Successful at 1m 1f and 1m 2f on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Third of 9 behind Prince Quattro beaten 1 1/2l at 14-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance last month.
4	BILLY BATHGATE	Winner of five races from 1m 5f to 2m including 3 wins on the all-weather. Finished 1 3/4l behind Word Of Mouth when fourth of 9 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 6f earlier this month.
5	SOVEREIGN APPLAUSE	Yet to place in six starts. Beaten 1 1/2l behind Nunc Est Bibendum at 33-1 when seventh of 10 on her latest flat outing here over 2m last month.
6	HIMSELF	He has won four times from 1m 4f to 1m 6f on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 5-4fav over this course and distance earlier this month, beating Blue Siam by 1/2l. Has won 3 times this season.
7	ALEX THE GREAT	He has won three times from 1m 6f to 2m on the all-weather (1 PO). Beaten 20l behind Himself at 20-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.

**RACE 3: ALWAYS GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)**

**DREAM ILLUSION - MERCURIUS POWER - IMOLA**

Race Preview: Mercurius Power is well capable at this level and is a must for the shortlist, as is the consistent Imola, who brings winning C&D form to the table. However, preference is for DREAM ILLUSION, who would have won by even further if getting a clear run at Newcastle 11 days ago and she's performed well at this track before too.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	MERCURIUS POWER	Winner of six races from 7f to 1m including 3 wins on the all-weather. Third of 12 behind Dream Illusion beaten 3/4l at 10-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m last month.
2	LIBERTY BIRD	Successful twice at 7f including a win on the all-weather. Beaten 7l behind Giorgio M at 66-1 when 10th of 12 on her latest outing at Lingfield over 7f in December last year.
3	DREAM ILLUSION	Successful at 7f and 1m on the all-weather. A winner at 25-1 at Newcastle over 1m on her latest outing last month, beating Pallas Lord by a neck.
4	IMOLA	A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Finished 3 1/2l behind Marry The Night when fourth of 11 at 5-4fav on her latest outing over this course and distance last month.
5	SHERLOCK	Placed in six of 18 starts. Finished 6l behind Sea Legend when fifth of 8 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m earlier this month.
6	AMELIA'S JOY	Placed twice in seven starts. Beaten 7l behind Lord Capulet at 33-1 when seventh of 9 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 7f last month.
7	CALAXY	A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Liv My Life when sixth of 8 at 15-2 on her latest outing at Kempton over 1m last month.

8	SPRINGBOK	Placed twice in 14 starts. Finished 4l behind Dream Illusion when fifth of 12 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m last month.
9	HERETIC	He has won three times at 1m on the all-weather. Third of 11 behind Marry The Night beaten 1l at 20-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance last month.
10	ARTHUR ROSE	Successful twice at 1m on polytrack. Beaten 1 3/4l by Nebula Stars when second of 9 at 15-2 on her latest outing at Chelmsford City over 1m last month.
11	BALQAA	She has won four times from 1m to 1m 2f on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Relevant Range when fifth of 10 at 7-2 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 1m last month.

**RACE 4: BET 10 GET 40 WITH BETMGM FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 5) (3YO TO 5YO)**

**SI GRASS - NAANA'S CRYSTAL - SILKY LASS**

Race Preview: It's hard to get away from SI GRASS, who comfortably justified favouritism over track and trip last month and, considering the manner of that success, she can defy her penalty. Naana's Crystal took a step forward when taking the silver medal home at Kempton last week and is likely to be on the premises. Of the remainder, the experienced Silky Lass makes the most appeal.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	SI GRASS	Won on her latest outing when 11-10fav over this course and distance last month, beating Poor Relation by 1 1/4l.
2	FOREVER TWENTY	Dam won at 1m.
3	NAANA'S CRYSTAL	Placed once in two starts. Beaten 1 1/2l by Glistening when second of 12 at 7-4jt-fav on her latest outing at Kempton over 1m earlier this month.
4	WHISKY DREAMS	Well beaten at 66-1 behind Tropical Dreamer when last of 12 on her racecourse debut at Beverley over 5f (good) in April last year.
5	SILKY LASS	Placed twice in four starts. Third of 8 behind Lady Dora Mae beaten 1 1/4l at 7-2 on her latest outing over this course and distance last month.
6	SMART RECRUIT	Half-sister to Love Is The Law, won three times at 7f and 1m. Finished 10l behind Secret Of Life when last of 6 at 66-1 on her racecourse debut at Wolverhampton over 7f in August last year.
7	COUL BRITANNIA	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 2 1/2l behind Seeing Stars when fifth of 13 at 22-1 on her latest outing at Kempton over 7f last month.
8	FILLY EILISH	Full sister to Spanish Blaze, won four times at 6f and 7f.