

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING
LINGFIELD

RACE 1: MIDNITE HEVER SPRINT STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS 1) (4YO PLUS)

DILIGENT HARRY - VALIANT FORCE - LEOVANNI

Race Preview: DILIGENT HARRY dead-heated for top honours in the Kachy Stakes on his reappearance here three weeks ago and should a return to the minimum trip pose no issue, he looks primed to go in again. Valiant Force is all about speed and is sure to launch a strong challenge, while it will be interesting to see how both Leovanni and Democracy Dilemma fare in the betting following their absences.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	DILIGENT HARRY	Has won nine races from 5f to 6f on the all-weather (4 PO). A winner at 7-1 here over 6f on his latest outing last month, dead-heating with Completely Random.
2	CLEARPOINT	Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f including 6 wins on the all-weather (3 PO). Beaten 1/2l by Baldomero when second of 5 at 85-40fav on his latest outing over this course and distance in December last year.
3	DEMOCRACY DILEMMA	Has won eight races at 5f including 2 wins on the all-weather (1 PO). Third of 5 behind Elegant Erin beaten 1/2l at 5-2 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (soft) in September last year.
4	VALIANT FORCE	Winner of six races from 5f to 1m including 5 wins on polytrack. Won on his latest outing when 10-11fav at Dundalk over 5f earlier this month, beating Kerdos by 4 1/2l.
5	GOLDEN SICKLE	Winner of seven races at 5f. Beaten 20l behind dead-heaters Completely Random and Diligent Harry at 66-1 when seventh of 8 on her latest outing here over 6f last month.
6	LEOVANNI	Successful twice at 5f. Finished 1 1/2l behind Balmoral Lady when fourth of 8 at 4-1 on her latest outing at Haydock over 5f (good) in May last year.

RACE 2: MIDNITE WINTER DERBY STAKES (GROUP 3) (CLASS 1) (4YO PLUS)

BOILING POINT - CHANCELLOR - NEBRAS

Race Preview: Chancellor was comfortably on top in the Tandridge Stakes a fortnight ago but he did hang markedly left in the last couple of furlongs, which he won't want to do on this tight track. With that in mind, preference is for the returning BOILING POINT, who defied top weight in the Cambridgeshire when last seen in September. Karl Burke's charge has stamina to prove, but a narrow defeat in the Strensall last summer would suggest he can improve for the extra distance. Nebras heads the remainder.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	BOILING POINT	He has won three times from 7f to 1m 1f. A winner at 14-1 at Newmarket over 1m 1f (good to firm) on his latest outing in September last year, beating Indalo by a nose.
2	CHANCELLOR	He has won four times from 6f to 1m including 2 wins on the all-weather (1 PO). Won on his latest outing when 4-9fav at Southwell over 1m earlier this month, beating Tyrrhenian Sea by 1l.
3	MILITARY ACADEMY	He has won three times from 1m 2f to 1m 4f including a win on polytrack. Beaten 2 3/4l by Survie when second of 3 at 10-3 on his latest outing over this course and distance last month.

4	NEBRAS	He has won three times from 1m to 1m 2f including 2 wins on the all-weather (1 PO). A winner at 7-2 over this course and distance on his latest outing in December last year, beating Tyrrhenian Sea by a short head.
5	SKY SAFARI	Winner of six races from 7f to 1m including 5 wins on the all-weather (4 PO). Beaten a head by Morrophore when second of 10 at 11-2 on her latest outing over this course and distance last month.

RACE 3: MAKE THE MOVE TO MIDNITE HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (4YO PLUS)

HEBRIDEAN NOMAD - RELOCAL - LUSAKA

Race Preview: HEBRIDEAN NOMAD cruised into contention before meeting trouble here last time, so it was to his credit that he was still able to get up. A 4lb rise should be no barrier to further success and he's preferred to Relocal, who looked all about stamina when winning at Chelmsford last month. Lusaka didn't run too badly over 2m at Kempton and might do better now dropped in trip.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	CHARLIE'S CHOICE	Winner of six races from 1m 1f to 1m 4f on the all-weather (2 PO). Finished 5l behind Towerlands when fifth of 6 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month.
2	RELOCAL	A winner at 4-1 at Chelmsford City over 1m 5f on his latest outing last month, beating Carlton by a short head.
3	TORTURED SOUL	Has won ten races from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on the all-weather (5 PO). Beaten 8l behind Eupator at 9-1 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f last month.
4	MARKET HOUSE	He has won three times at 1m 4f including 2 wins on the all-weather. Finished 2 1/4l behind Francesco Baracca when fifth of 9 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 2m earlier this month.
5	SWORD OF WESSEX	Placed in three of nine starts. Finished 7l behind Selenic when sixth of 11 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m 2f last month.
6	LUSAKA	Winner of six races from 1m 4f to 1m 6f. Finished 5l behind Knight Templar when fifth of 8 at 28-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 2m last month.
7	RISEN AGAIN	A winner at 1m 2f. Finished 5l behind Flaine when sixth of 9 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f in October last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Alice Haynes.
8	GREEN SKY	A winner at 1m 2f, but that win was over two years ago. Beaten 6l behind Chazzesmee at 40-1 when eighth of 19 on her latest flat outing at Curragh over 1m (heavy) in March '24.
9	PRINCE QUATTRO	A winner at 1m 6f on the all-weather. Beaten 5l behind Word Of Mouth at 7-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 6f earlier this month.
10	HEBRIDEAN NOMAD	Successful at 1m and 1m 4f on polytrack. A winner at 11-4 here over 1m 4f on his latest outing last month, beating Little Miss India by 1/2l.

11	GREEN TEAM	He has won four times from 7f to 1m 6f including 2 wins on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Francesco Baracca when sixth of 9 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 2m earlier this month.
12	HAALAND	He has won three times from 1m 2f to 2m on the all-weather (1 PO), but last win was over two years ago. Finished 14l behind Carlton when sixth of 7 at 40-1 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 1m 6f earlier this month.

RACE 4: MIDNITE A NEXT GENERATION BETTING APP HANDICAP (GBBPLUS RACE) (CLASS 2) (4YO PLUS)

TOWERLANDS - NOLTON CROSS - PARADIAS

Race Preview: Nolton Cross won on his first start for almost two years at Wolverhampton earlier in the month and if he improves for the race, he is a force to reckon with. Paradias has been unlucky recently, beaten a neck when second at Wolverhampton and the same distance into third at Kempton, but an added 1lb may mean another place and a chance is taken on TOWERLANDS. Upped in trip after running on well to score at Wolverhampton, he sits on bottom weight and could surprise.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	PARADIAS	Winner of five races from 1m 1f to 1m 4f including 2 wins on the all-weather (1 PO). Third of 10 behind Whitcombe Rockstar beaten a head at 5-2 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m 3f last month.
2	SHADOW DANCE	Successful twice at 1m 4f. Finished 6l behind Whitcombe Rockstar when sixth of 10 at 28-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m 3f last month.
3	NOLTON CROSS	Winner of six races from 1m 1f to 1m 4f on the all-weather. A winner at 12-1 at Wolverhampton over 1m 4f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Rastnet by a neck.
4	AMMES	A winner at 1m 4f. Third of 9 behind Siempre Arturo beaten 3 1/2l at 6-4fav on his latest flat outing at Windsor over 1m 3f (good to firm) in August last year.
5	NIGHT BREEZE	Winner of five races from 1m 3f to 1m 4f. Beaten 18l behind Whitcombe Rockstar at 14-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m 3f last month.
6	RESPOND	A winner at 1m 2f. Finished 1 3/4l behind Yabher when fifth of 12 at 5-2fav on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 4f (good) in October last year.
7	TOWERLANDS	He has won four times from 1m to 1m 1f on the all-weather (1 PO). A winner at 5-1 at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Commander Of Life by 1 3/4l.

RACE 5: BETMGM SUPPORTS SAFER GAMBLING MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) (3YO PLUS)

EL NAY - BELLINI SPIRIT - TURRET

Race Preview: The market may prove the best guide with so little form to work with and if EL NAY is supported, it might be worth taking the hint. A gelded son of Palace Pier out of a Frankel mare, if he lives up to his genes, he has every chance. Bellini Spirit arguably has the best form after finishing second at Chelmsford in October, with the third winning since, while Turret is another newcomer to watch as a 580,000-euro son of Kingman.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	NAVAL TRIBUTE	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 14l behind Mohaaraj when fifth of 8 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m earlier this month.

2	AL MASLOOL	Half-brother to Oversubscribed, won three times at 1m.
3	BENNYWORTH	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 5l behind Champonie when sixth of 10 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f earlier this month. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with James Owen.
4	DAKOTA BREEZE	Placed once in two starts. Finished 11l behind Tiger Power when sixth of 12 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 1m earlier this month.
5	EL NAY	Dam won three times at 1m.
6	GHAIIYATH DEER	Dam unraced. Finished 6l behind Porter when sixth of 14 at 4-1 on his racecourse debut at Dundalk over 1m 3f last month. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with D K Weld in Ireland.
7	SIN CITY	Half-brother to Excel Power, won seven times between 6f and 1m 2f.
8	TURRET	Dam unraced.
9	BELLINI SPIRIT	Placed once in two starts. Beaten 2 3/4l by River Spey when second of 7 at 40-1 on her latest outing at Chelmsford City over 6f in October last year. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with Anthony Carson.
10	PANGBOURNE	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 6l behind Terranoble when fifth of 7 at 80-1 on her latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f last month.

RACE 6: READ MEG NICHOLLS' BLOG AT BETMGM.CO.UK HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)

ANTIQUITY - ARDADDY - SOLD OUT

Race Preview: ANTIQUITY was only beaten a neck into second over an extended mile at Wolverhampton, which followed another runner-up effort over C&D. The four-year-old is clearly well enough handicapped to win a race of this nature and he edges out Ardaddy to be the pick. The latter has also been running well in defeat of late, while recent classified stakes winner Sold Out completes the shortlist.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	MY BOY HARRY	He has won four times from 7f to 1m including 3 wins on polytrack. Third of 9 behind Twirler beaten 1 3/4l at 7-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f earlier this month. Has won twice at Chelmsford City this season.
2	ANTIQUITY	He has won three times at 1m including 2 wins on the all-weather (1 PO). Beaten a neck by Poetic Force when second of 8 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month.
3	KEV	Placed once in five starts. Beaten 14l behind I'm Workin On It at 50-1 when 10th of 11 on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f last month.

4	POKE THE BEAR	He has won three times from 7f to 1m on polytrack. Beaten 7l behind Royal Jet at 11-2 when seventh of 11 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 7f earlier this month. Has won twice at Lingfield this season.
5	DODGING THE BULLET	Yet to place in five starts. Beaten 5l behind Way To Dubai at 12-1 when seventh of 12 on his latest outing over this course and distance last month.
6	PHYLLIS BURTON	Unplaced in all three starts. Well beaten at 33-1 behind Empress Of All when last of 5 on her latest outing at Chelmsford City over 1m 2f in June last year.
7	ARDADDY	A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Third of 8 behind Beauzon beaten 1 1/4l at 3-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 6f earlier this month.
8	DANEHILL STAR	Winner of five races from 1m to 1m 2f on the all-weather (2 PO). A winner at 11-4 here over 1m 2f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Al Shabab by 1l.
9	HOPJES	Yet to place in five starts. Finished 4 1/2l behind Token Gesture when sixth of 8 at 33-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m last month.
10	SOLD OUT	A winner at 11-1 at Newcastle over 1m on his latest outing earlier this month, beating I Can Boogy by 2 1/4l. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success.