

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING THURSDAY 31 JULY 2025 MEETING
GOODWOOD

RACE 1: CORAL KINCSEM HANDICAP (CLASS 2) (3YO ONLY)

BEST ADVENTURE - BEST SECRET - HIGH DEGREE

Race Preview: Best Secret made the frame in the Golden Gates at Royal Ascot last month and he is likely to be on the premises, despite being 5lb higher. High Degree makes his first appearance in a handicap off an appealing rating of 93 and has to be considered, but BEST ADVENTURE gets the vote. Andrew Balding's three-year-old lost two places near the finish when fourth at Sandown earlier in the month and the assessor may have been kind to drop him 1lb. Provided Shane Foley can navigate his draw from stall 16, he may bounce back on this occasion.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	BEST SECRET	A winner at 1m 2f on good to soft ground. Third of 15 behind Quai De Bethune beaten 1 1/4l at 4-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
2	NEBRAS	A winner at 1m on good to soft ground. Finished 12l behind Opera Ballo when sixth of 7 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m (good) in May.
3	CALLA LAGOON	A winner at 7f on soft ground. Finished 6l behind Mount Kilimanjaro when fourth of 7 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Chester over 1m 2f (good) in May.
4	MARHABA GHAIYYATH	He has won three times from 1m to 1m 1f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 3/4l by King's Charter when second of 8 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month. Has won at Redcar and Wolverhampton this season.
5	DANTE'S LAD	He has won three times from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 6-5fav at Windsor over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month, beating Brise Noir by 1/2l. Has also won at York this season.
6	SEAGOLAZO	A winner at 7f on good ground. Third of 11 behind Dutch Decoy beaten 1l at 10-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month.
7	PAROLE D'ORO	A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Beaten a short head by Dutch Decoy when second of 11 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month.
8	THUNDER WONDER	He has won three times from 7f to 1m 1f on good and good to soft ground. Finished 7l behind Fifth Column when fifth of 7 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month. Has won twice at Musselburgh this season.
9	HIGH DEGREE	Won on his latest outing when 1-2fav at Ffos Las over 1m (good) earlier this month, beating Charming Princess by a head.
10	DAIQUIRI BAY	A winner at 1m 2f on good ground. Beaten 7l behind Merchant at 20-1 when eighth of 19 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to firm) last month.
11	ERNST BLOFELD	A winner at 1m 2f on the all-weather. Well beaten at 10-1 behind Quai De Bethune when last of 15 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
12	BRISE NOIR	A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Beaten 1/2l by Dante's Lad when second of 7 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Windsor over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.

13	HYMNBOOK	A winner at 1m on good to firm ground. Beaten a nose by Knights Gold when second of 6 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month.
14	FORT GEORGE	A winner at 1m on good ground. Beaten a neck by Arctic Grey when second of 8 at 11-8fav on his latest outing here over 1m (good) in May.
15	SERENITY BLUE	Successful twice at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Won on his latest outing when 11-8jt-fav at Redcar over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month, beating Stay In The Game by 3/4l. Has also won at Nottingham this season.
16	JANEY MACKERS	A winner at 1m on soft ground. Finished 4l behind Waardah when sixth of 10 at 9-2 on her latest outing over this course and distance (soft) last month.
17	BEST ADVENTURE	Successful twice at 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 1l behind Flying Frontier when fourth of 8 at 9-4jt-fav on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month. Has won at Sandown and Newmarket this season.
18	MAGELLAN CLOUD	A winner at 7f on soft ground. Beaten 1 3/4l by Capla Lazarus when second of 10 at 6-4fav on his latest outing at Ayr over 1m 2f (good to soft) earlier this month.

RACE 2: MARKEL RICHMOND STAKES (GROUP 2) (CLASS 1) (2YO ONLY)

COPPULL - MAXIMIZED - PUERTO RICO

Race Preview: COPPULL took a step forward from his debut victory to finish third behind Gstaad in the Coventry at Royal Ascot last time and sets a fair standard with an official rating of 104. Clive Cox's colt may only need to reproduce that level of form in order to make it two wins out of three starts. Maximized beat Havana Hurricane by over a length in the Woodcote at Epsom last month and can confirm that form to go close in first-time cheekpieces. Puerto Rico is the pick of the remainder.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	AZIZAM	Foaled 13 Feb. Half-brother to Sweet Sonata, won twice at 6f. A winner at 5f on good ground. Third of 23 behind Havana Hurricane beaten 2l at 7-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.
2	CHICAGO CALL	Foaled 6 Feb. Dam a lightly raced maiden. A winner at 18-1 at Fairyhouse over 6f (good) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Charles Fort by 2 1/2l.
3	COPPULL	Foaled 30 Mar. Half-brother to Worthington Lake, won at 7f. A winner at 5f on good ground. Third of 20 behind Gstaad beaten 3 1/2l at 66-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Coventry Stakes at Ascot over 6f (good to firm) last month.
4	EGOLI	Foaled 2 Apr. Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good ground. Won on his latest outing when 6-4fav at Newbury over 6f (good) earlier this month, beating Song of The Clyde by 2l. Has also won at York this season.
5	HAVANA HURRICANE	Foaled 23 Mar. Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten a short head by Anthelia when second of 19 at 6-4fav on his latest outing at Newbury over 5f (good) earlier this month. Has won at Ascot and Goodwood this season.
6	MAXIMIZED	Foaled 12 Apr. Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Finished 4l behind Zavateri when fifth of 6 at 6-4fav on his latest outing in the Group 2 Kingdom Of Bahrain July Stakes at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month. Has won at Epsom and Haydock this season.

7	PUERTO RICO	Foaled 12 Feb. Placed twice in three starts. Beaten 5l by True Love when second of 4 at 13-2 on his latest outing in the Group 2 GAIN Railway Stakes at Curragh over 6f (good) earlier this month.
8	SUPER SOLDIER	Foaled 2 Apr. A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten a neck by Green Sense when second of 5 at 10-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 GOFFS Prix Robert Papin at Chantilly over 6f (soft) earlier this month.
9	UNDERWRITER	Foaled 5 Apr. Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good ground. Won on his latest outing when 7-4fav at Ayr over 6f (good) earlier this month, beating Cosmic Clarets by 3l. Has won twice at Ayr this season.

RACE 3: HKJC WORLD POOL GORDON STAKES (GROUP 3) (CLASS 1) (3YO ONLY)

MERCHANT - GALVESTON - SIR DINADAN

Race Preview: Plenty of use was made out of Galveston when finishing third in the King Edward VII at Royal Ascot last time and this looks an easier assignment, so he is of interest. However, MERCHANT accounted for Rahiebb by over two lengths at York prior to his victory in the King George V at Royal Ascot. William Haggas' colt is improving at a rapid rate of knots and can take this step up in his stride. Sir Dinadan was far from disgraced in fifth in the Irish Derby last time and is another to keep an eye on.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	GALVESTON	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good and good - yielding ground. Third of 9 behind Amiloc beaten 3l at 20-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 King Edward VII Stakes at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to firm) last month.
2	MERCHANT	He has won three times from 1m 1f to 1m 4f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 3-1fav at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to firm) last month, beating Serious Contender by 1l. Has also won at York this season.
3	RAHIEBB	A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Third of 13 behind Carmers beaten 1l at 9-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Queen's Vase at Ascot over 1m 6f (good to firm) last month.
4	SIR DINADAN	A winner at 1m 2f on soft ground. Finished 3 1/2l behind Lambourn when fifth of 10 at 40-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby at Curragh over 1m 4f (good) last month.
5	TOO SOON	A winner at 1m on heavy ground. Finished 8l behind Tarriance when fifth of 6 at 10-1 on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m 6f (good) earlier this month.
6	WIMBLEDON HAWKEYE	Successful at 7f and 1m on soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 2l by El Cordobes when second of 4 at 5-2 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Princess Of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket over 1m 4f (good to firm) earlier this month.
7	WINDLORD	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 6-4fav at Sandown over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month, beating Caviar Heights by a nose.

RACE 4: QATAR NASSAU STAKES (FILLIES' AND MARES' GROUP 1) (CLASS 1) (3YO PLUS)

WHIRL - SEE THE FIRE - BEDTIME STORY

Race Preview: A fascinating clash between generations with Oaks runner-up WHIRL and last year's second here See The Fire both holding excellent credentials. The latter was a wildly impressive winner of the Middleton at York in May before producing a fine effort when third to Ombudsman in the Prince Of Wales's at Royal Ascot. That said, she comes up against an extremely tough rival, whose form in winning the Pretty Polly at the Curragh was franked by Kalpana's strong display in the King George on Saturday. Prix de Diane runner-up Bedtime Story heads the remainder.

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1	RUNNING LION	Winner of five races from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm and soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 14l behind Cinderella's Dream at 18-1 when last of 8 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Tattersalls Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month.
2	SEE THE FIRE	She has won three times from 7f to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Third of 8 behind Ombudsman beaten 4 1/2l at 7-2 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Ascot over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
3	BEDTIME STORY	She has won four times at 7f on ground varying from good to firm to good - yielding. Beaten 1l by Gezora when second of 12 at 11-4fav on her latest outing at Chantilly over 1m 2f (soft) last month.
4	CERCENE	Successful at 7f and 1m on good to firm and good ground. A winner at 33-1 in the Group 1 Coronation Stakes at Ascot over 1m (good to firm) on her latest outing last month, beating Zarigana by 1/2l.
5	WHIRL	She has won four times from 7f to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. A winner at 13-8 in the Group 1 Paddy Power Pretty Polly Stakes at Curragh over 1m 2f (good) on her latest outing last month, beating Kalpana by 1 1/4l. Has also won at York this season.

RACE 5: BUCCELLATI HANDICAP (CLASS 3) (3YO ONLY)

MARTY HOPKIRK - NAD ALSHIBA GREEN - GETREADYTORUMBLE

Race Preview: MARTY HOPKIRK went close to making a successful transition into handicap company when beaten a neck into second at Doncaster at the start of the month. The son of Kodi Bear showed plenty of early speed on that occasion which will be suited to the demands of this track. Nad Alshiba Green (second) and Getreadytorumble (third) both performed with credit at Sandown last time and are expected to be in the mix, while the return to a sharper 5f might help Ruby's Profit.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	DYONISOS	He has won three times from 5f to 6f on soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 2-1fav at Dieppe over 5f (soft) last month, beating Hey Vince by 1 1/4l. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with A Botti in Italy.
2	THE MAN	Successful twice at 5f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 14-1 at York over 5f (good to firm) on his latest outing in May, beating Loom by 2 1/4l.
3	RUBY'S PROFIT	She has won three times at 5f on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 4l behind Adrestia at 18-1 when seventh of 24 on her latest outing at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month. Has won at Goodwood and Wolverhampton this season.
4	GETREADYTORUMBLE	Successful twice at 5f on good to firm ground. Third of 7 behind Kassaya beaten 2l at 10-3 on his latest outing at Sandown over 5f (good) earlier this month. Has won at Goodwood and Brighton this season.
5	NAD ALSHIBA GREEN	She has won three times at 5f on good ground. Beaten 3/4l by Kassaya when second of 7 at 7-2 on her latest outing at Sandown over 5f (good) earlier this month.
6	MARTY HOPKIRK	A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Muker when second of 6 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.
7	DAN TUCKER	Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm and good ground. A winner at 11-4 at Pontefract over 5f (good) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Dream Composer by 3/4l. Has also won at Ayr this season.

8	BROSAY	Successful twice at 5f on heavy ground and on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Against The Wind when sixth of 11 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 5f earlier this month.
9	KINETIC FORCE	Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 2 1/4l by Getreadytorumble when second of 5 at 5-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) last month.
10	FLUORESCENCE	Successful twice at 6f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Third of 11 behind Against The Wind beaten 3l at 13-2 on her latest outing at Southwell over 5f earlier this month.
11	NAANA'S SPARKLE	Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1 3/4l by Luna A Inbhir Nis when second of 8 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Haydock over 5f (good) earlier this month.
12	HI LORD	A winner at 5f on soft ground. Finished 4 1/2l behind Pianoforte when fourth of 7 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Bath over 5f (good to firm) last month.
13	WINCHURCH	He has won three times at 5f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 11l behind Forager at 18-1 when 13th of 15 on his latest outing at York over 5f (good to firm) last month.
14	WHEELS OF FIRE	A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Third of 6 behind Chuti Manika beaten 1 1/2l at 9-4 on his latest outing at Catterick over 6f (good to soft) earlier this month.
15	STAR CHORUS	Successful twice at 5f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 11-2 at Chepstow over 5f (good to firm) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Michaela's Boy by a neck. Has also won at Southwell this season.
16	SPEED OF MAAJID	A winner at 5f on good ground. Third of 6 behind Abate beaten 7l at 5-4fav on his latest outing at Lingfield over 5f (good to soft) earlier this month.