

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING TUESDAY 01 JULY 2025 MEETING
MUSSELBURGH

RACE 1: ALAN STEEL FOR TAX PLANNING EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 5) (2YO ONLY)

BIG FUN - VICTAZ - VEILED TRUTH

Race Preview: BIG FUN didn't do much wrong when finishing second in each of his two previous starts and can make it third-time lucky, with the drop down to the minimum distance well worth exploring. Victaz fluffed the start on his debut at Hamilton last week, but will be wiser and should figure prominently with a step forward. Veiled Truth wasn't beaten far at Newcastle on Saturday and can also go well if reverting to turf and the quick turnaround don't cause issues.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	BIG FUN	Foaled 10 Feb. Dam won at 1m. Placed in both starts. Beaten 1/2l by Gesayed when second of 5 at 4-7fav on his latest outing at Hamilton over 6f (good to soft) last month.
2	VEILED TRUTH	Foaled 30 Mar. Half-brother to Available Angel, won twice at 1m. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 1 1/2l behind Sands Of Spain when fourth of 8 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f last month.
3	HAVIN A FLYER	Foaled 23 Feb. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Finished 9l behind Awaafi when sixth of 7 at 14-1 on her racecourse debut at Hamilton over 5f (good) last month.
4	MOSSVALE DIVA	Foaled 24 Mar. Dam unraced.
5	VICTAZ	Foaled 26 Feb. Dam won twice at 5f and 6f. Finished 7l behind Wor Faayth when fourth of 8 at 11-1 on her racecourse debut at Hamilton over 5f (good) last month.

RACE 2: ALAN STEEL FOR INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVICE HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)

CRYSTAL GUARD - YAKHABAR - MADE ALL

Race Preview: Yakhabar ended a drought at Ripon and has a feasible chance off just 2lb higher. Nevertheless, this is more demanding and solid cases can be laid out for several others. The well-handicapped CRYSTAL GUARD competes off his last winning mark and shades the vote with plenty of room to move from fully 24lb lower than his peak career rating. Made All, Falcon Nine and National Question are others with claims in a wide-open event.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	DWINDLING FUNDS	Yet to place in six starts. Beaten 17l behind Woohoo at 40-1 when last of 8 on his latest outing at Ayr over 6f (good) last month.
2	MADE ALL	A winner at 1m 4f on good to firm ground. Beaten a nose by Wyld Bill when second of 12 at 2-1fav on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m 2f last month.
3	FALCON NINE	Placed twice in 23 starts. Finished 3l behind Triple Force when fourth of 10 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Beverley over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
4	PARISH RECORD	Unplaced in all eight starts. Beaten 8l behind Arctic Fox at 28-1 when 9th of 11 on her latest outing at Carlisle over 1m 6f (soft) last month.

5	KRISSY	Unplaced in all five starts. Finished 7l behind V Twelve when fifth of 7 at 9-2 on her latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 5f (good) last month.
6	NATIONAL QUESTION	A winner at 1m 4f on good ground; has also won a hurdle in November last year. Finished 5l behind Dubai Venture when fourth of 8 at 22-1 on his latest flat outing at Pontefract over 1m 4f (good to firm) in May.
7	YAKHABAR	He has won three times at 1m 4f on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 14-1 at Ripon over 1m 4f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Fiftyshadesaresdev by a neck.
8	CRYSTAL GUARD	He has won three times from 1m 4f to 1m 5f on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind V Twelve when fourth of 7 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 5f (good) last month.
9	PACO'S PRIDE	Placed in six of 25 starts. Finished 9l behind Billy Bathgate when fifth of 9 at 20-1 on her latest outing at Redcar over 1m 6f (good to firm) last month.
10	STAR OF MARKINCH	Placed in three of 21 starts. Finished 6l behind Zephlyn when fourth of 8 at 20-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 2m in March.
11	PROPAGATION	Placed in nine of 28 starts. Finished 5l behind Catton Lady when fourth of 9 at 40-1 on his latest outing at Carlisle over 1m (soft) last month.

RACE 3: ALAN STEEL ASSET MANAGEMENT 50TH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP (CLASS 2) (3YO PLUS)

THE TRICKSTER - INDIVIDUALISM - RHYTHM MASTER

Race Preview: Individualism commands respect after hinting at a revival with a close second at Beverley last week, while Rhythm Master surely has another race within him and must be taken seriously from a highly competitive mark. However, THE TRICKSTER is far less exposed and with his weight-for-age allowance significantly bolstering his chance, a first handicap success could be within reach for John and Sean Quinn's progressive three-year-old. Castle Stuart also warrants close inspection.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	SILENT AGE	He has won three times from 1m to 1m 2f on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 9-1 at Sandown over 1m 2f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Andaleep by 1 3/4l.
2	RHYTHM MASTER	Successful at 6f and 7f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over three years ago. Third of 6 behind Marhaba Ghaiyyath beaten 1 1/2l at 8-1 on his latest outing at Redcar over 1m (good to firm) last month.
3	BUBBLES WONKY	Successful at 7f and 1m 1f on good and heavy ground. Finished 7l behind Castle Cove when fifth of 12 at 7-1 on his latest outing at Chester over 1m 2f (soft) last month.
4	INDIVIDUALISM	A winner at 1m 3f on good ground. Beaten a head by Gincident when second of 8 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Beverley over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
5	THE TRICKSTER	Successful at 1m and 1m 1f on good and soft ground. Third of 9 behind War Hawk beaten 2 3/4l at 9-2 on his latest outing at Epsom over 1m 2f (good to soft) last month.
6	CASTLE STUART	A winner at 1m on soft ground. Third of 8 behind Thunder Wonder beaten 8l at 9-1 on his latest outing here over 1m (good to soft) in April.

7	I AM ME	A winner at 1m 1f on good ground. Finished 2 1/2l behind Thunder Wonder when fourth of 8 at 7-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.
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RACE 4: ALAN STEEL FOR INVESTMENTS HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)

KEEP ME STABLE - PURPLE MARTINI - THE GAY BLADE

Race Preview: KEEP ME STABLE gained a fifth career success here on her latest start, having knocked on the door in recent months, and Linda Perratt's mare has every chance of following up on her return to 7f. Purple Martini got the better of the selection over C&D in May and wasn't at all disgraced at Carlisle when third last time. She enters the reckoning along with The Gay Blade.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	CLASINA	Placed in three of 14 starts. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Crown's Lady at 4-1 when eighth of 14 on her latest outing at Catterick over 7f (good) last month.
2	NORTHFIELD LAKE	Placed in three of nine starts. Beaten 9l behind Catton Lady at 28-1 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing at Carlisle over 1m (soft) last month.
3	KEEP ME STABLE	Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 9-1 here over 1m (good) on her latest outing last month, beating Coramento by a head.
4	THE GAY BLADE	Winner of six races from 6f to 7f on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind City Captain when fifth of 9 at 11-4jt-fav on his latest outing at Carlisle over 6f (soft) last month.
5	PURPLE MARTINI	She has won three times from 6f to 7f on good and soft ground. Third of 8 behind Rwenearlytheredad beaten 1 1/2l at 7-2 on her latest outing at Carlisle over 7f (good to soft) in May.
6	WITHOUT DELAY	She has won four times from 7f to 1m on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 5l behind Crown's Lady at 14-1 when 9th of 14 on her latest outing at Catterick over 7f (good) last month.
7	RORY	Winner of seven races from 5f to 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 9l behind Little Empire at 33-1 when 11th of 13 on his latest outing at Ayr over 7f (good to firm) in May.
8	CONCERT BOY	He has won three times from 7f to 1m on the all-weather. Beaten 14l behind Keep Me Stable at 25-1 when 9th of 12 on his latest outing here over 1m (good) last month.
9	DOOMSDAY	He has won three times at 7f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 9l behind Giselles Izzy when fifth of 9 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Ayr over 7f (good) last month.
10	BIRD OF PLAY	A winner at 7f on good to firm ground, but that win was over two years ago. Well beaten at 15-2 behind Miss Rainbow when last of 10 on his latest outing at Catterick over 7f (good) last month.