

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING FRIDAY 04 JULY 2025 MEETING
SANDOWN / HAYDOCK

RACE 1: DEBENHAMS AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (CLASS 4) (4YO PLUS) (FROM SANDOWN RACE 1)

A MAJOR PAYNE - WARNING SIGN - RISING FORCE

Race Preview: A MAJOR PAYNE has held his form well and appeals strongly after second-placed finishes at Kempton and Nottingham on his last two starts. Nudged up just 1lb for the latest of those efforts, the son of Harry Angel has a very feasible chance on these terms. Similar comments apply to Warning Sign, who has filled the runner-up berth on no less than seven previous occasions. He again has each-way prospects with first-time blinkers added. Rising Force and Atlantis Blue complete the shortlist.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	GUNFIGHTER	Successful at 6f and 7f on the all-weather. Finished 11l behind Durham Castle when last of 6 at 40-1 on his latest outing at Windsor over 6f (good to firm) last month.
2	A MAJOR PAYNE	Placed in five of nine starts. Beaten a neck by Mysteryofthesands when second of 8 at 3-1 on his latest outing at Nottingham over 1m (good) last month.
3	ATLANTIS BLUE	Successful twice at 1m on firm and good to firm ground. Finished 4l behind Walson's Law when fourth of 7 at 4-1 on her latest outing at Windsor over 1m (good to firm) last month.
4	WARNING SIGN	A winner at 1m 2f, but that win was over three years ago. Beaten 1 1/4l by Alazwar when second of 11 at 18-5 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
5	DARVEL	Winner of six races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 8l behind Marsh Benham at 11-1 when 9th of 13 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m (good) in May.
6	RISING FORCE	He has won three times from 7f to 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Crowd Quake when fourth of 10 at 28-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m (good to firm) last month.
7	FASTER BEE	Placed twice in 18 starts. Beaten 10l behind Alazwar at 18-1 when seventh of 11 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.

RACE 2: TATTERSALLS 40,000 EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 2) (2YO ONLY) (FROM SANDOWN RACE 2)

KEY OF MAGIC - PACIFICA PIER - PUBLISH

Race Preview: The Charlie Appleby-trained pair KEY OF MAGIC and Pacifica Pier could be the ones to focus on in this intriguing contest. The former, who cost \$950,000 as a yearling, is related to several high-class performers in the USA and as the choice of William Buick, shades preference over his equally well-bred stable companion. Publish could be the Gosden's flag bearer, while Richard Hannon's Magician of Riga is probably one just for the notebook on his debut.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	CORINTH	Foaled 24 Jan. Dam won twice at 7f and 1m.
2	KEY OF MAGIC	Foaled 14 Feb. Half-brother to Tahini, won twice at 5f and 1m.

3	MAGICIAN OF RIGA	Foaled 15 Feb. Half-brother to Ferrous, won five times at 5f and 6f.
4	PACIFICA PIER	Foaled 24 Apr. Half-brother to Ideal Beauty, won twice at 5f and 7f including a Group 3 race.
5	PUBLISH	Foaled 24 Jan. Dam won five times at 1m and 1m 1f including a Group 3 race.

RACE 3: 50 YEARS TOGETHER CORAL DRAGON STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS 1) (2YO ONLY) (FROM SANDOWN RACE 3)

MILITARY CODE - STAYA - LEBRON POWER

Race Preview: MILITARY CODE is bred to get further but his run in the Coventry at Royal Ascot didn't suggest that would be ideal. However, he showed up well for a long way and that run is worth forgiving. Back over the minimum distance, a return to form could be imminent for this dual 5f winner. Staya's fifth in the Queen Mary is a solid indicator for a race of this nature, while Windsor-scorer Lebron Power and Rogue Supremacy can also be competitive.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	BLUE ORBIT	Foaled 7 Feb. Dam unraced. Won on his latest outing when 2-5fav at Goodwood over 5f (good to firm) last month, beating Proof by 3l.
2	MILITARY CODE	Foaled 19 Mar. Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 11l behind Gstaad at 7-1 when 17th of 20 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Coventry Stakes at Ascot over 6f (good to firm) last month. Has won at Ascot and Newmarket this season.
3	ROGUE SUPREMACY	Foaled 29 Apr. Dam won at 5f. A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 8l behind Havana Hurricane at 11-1 when 16th of 23 on his latest outing at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.
4	KILLAVIA	Foaled 29 Jan. Half-sister to Cold Case, won four times at 6f including a Group 3 race. Placed once in two starts. Beaten 3/4l by Rising Power when second of 5 at 2-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month.
5	LEBRON POWER	Foaled 16 Feb. Dam a lightly raced maiden. A winner at 13-2 at Windsor over 6f (good to firm) on her latest outing last month, beating Hayynah by 1l.
6	LOVE OLIVIA	Foaled 23 Apr. A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Beaten 10l behind True Love at 25-1 when 13th of 23 on her latest outing in the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.
7	SOLANA ROSE	Foaled 12 Feb. A winner at 6f on good ground. Beaten 14l behind True Love at 40-1 when 17th of 23 on her latest outing in the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.
8	STAYA	Foaled 13 Apr. Half-sister to Miss Show Off, won twice at 5f and 6f. A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Finished 2l behind True Love when fifth of 23 at 16-1 on her latest outing in the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.

RACE 4: BATTAASH HANDICAP (CLASS 2) (3YO ONLY) (FROM SANDOWN RACE 4)

GETREADYTORUMBLE - KASSAYA - NAD ALSHIBA GREEN

Race Preview: Having continued his upward trajectory when completing a double on his handicap bow at Goodwood a fortnight ago, GETREADYTORUMBLE looks destined for greater things. Although an 8lb hike from the assessor will make life more difficult for Jack Channon's gelding, he looks ready for this step up in class. Kassaya endured a troubled passage in last season's Queen Mary and she warrants respect on her return to action. Nad Alshiba Green is the pick of the remainder.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	JUNGLE DRUMS	He has won three times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 9l behind Symbol Of Honour when sixth of 8 on his latest outing at Meydan over 6f (good) in February.
2	GETREADYTORUMBLE	Successful twice at 5f on good to firm ground. Won on his latest outing when 15-8fav at Goodwood over 5f (good to firm) last month, beating Kinetic Force by 2 1/4l. Has also won at Brighton this season.
3	KASSAYA	A winner at 5f on good ground. Beaten 7l behind Leovanni at 7-2fav when 12th of 24 on her latest outing in the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) in June last year.
4	LEXINGTON BLITZ	Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 6l behind Adrestia at 28-1 when 12th of 24 on his latest outing at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.
5	NAD ALSHIBA GREEN	She has won three times at 5f on good ground. Won on her latest outing when 10-3fav at Nottingham over 5f (good) last month, beating Elegant Erin by 1 1/2l.
6	GOLD STAR HERO	A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Finished 1 3/4l behind Stormy Impact when fifth of 16 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Epsom over 5f (good) last month.
7	PEARL OF WINDSOR	Successful twice at 5f on good ground. Finished 1 3/4l behind Town And Country when fourth of 7 at 33-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) last month.
8	XANTHE	A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 9l behind Leadenhall Street when sixth of 10 at 20-1 on her latest outing at Kempton over 6f last month.

RACE 5: DAVIES INSURANCE SOLUTIONS GALA STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS 1) (3YO PLUS) (FROM SANDOWN RACE 5)

CASH - CHECKANDCHALLENGE - CAVIAR HEIGHTS

Race Preview: Having found himself with too much to do when ninth in the Wolferton at Royal Ascot last month, Checkandchallenge should find this smaller-field affair much more to his liking. William Knight's inmate cannot be dismissed at this level, but CASH may prove king. The six-year-old arrives on the back of a respectable fourth at Goodwood and a reproduction of that effort may be sufficient. Stable-debutant Caviar Heights is a feasible alternative and the market may prove informative.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	CASH	A winner at 1m on good ground, but that win was over three years ago. Finished 3 1/2l behind Liberty Lane when fourth of 9 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) in May.
2	CAVIAR HEIGHTS	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good ground. Finished 9l behind Persica when sixth of 9 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Ayr over 1m 2f (good to firm) in September last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with K R Burke.
3	CHECKANDCHALLENGE	He has won four times from 7f to 1m 2f on good to soft and heavy ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Haatem at 33-1 when 9th of 16 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.

4	JEFF KOONS	He has won three times from 1m to 1m 3f on good ground. Beaten 4 1/2l behind My Cloud at 100-1 when eighth of 30 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good to firm) last month.
5	SAVVY VICTORY	He has won four times at 1m 2f on ground varying from good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 18l behind Liberty Lane at 28-1 when last of 9 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) in May.
6	WINDLORD	A winner at 1m on good to soft ground. Finished 11l behind Field Of Gold when sixth of 7 at 80-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 St James's Palace Stakes at Ascot over 1m (good to firm) last month.

RACE 6: CORAL MARATHON (LISTED) (REGISTERED AS THE ESHER STAKES) (CLASS 1) (4YO PLUS) (FROM SANDOWN RACE 6)

TRUESHAN - COLTRANE - TERM OF ENDEARMENT

Race Preview: Coltrane took the 2022 renewal of this event and he will appreciate this easier assignment and ought to go close. However, TRUESHAN was a two-length victor last year and is bidding to retain his crown. The nine-year-old has run respectively at the top level in four of his five starts since and he looks the one to beat. Term Of Endearment completes the shortlist.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ABINGWORTH	Finished 9l behind Way Of Stars when fourth of 7 at 33-1 on his flat debut at Goodwood over 1m 6f (good to firm) last month.
2	AL NAYYIR	Winner of five races from 1m 2f to 1m 7f on good and soft ground and on the all-weather. Third of 4 behind Trawlerman beaten 10l at 11-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) in May.
3	COLTRANE	Has won nine races from 1m 4f to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Well beaten at 33-1 behind Trawlerman when fifth of 8 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Gold Cup at Ascot over 2m 4f (good to firm) last month.
4	KYLE OF LOCHALSH	He has won four times from 1m 5f to 1m 6f on good and soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Caballo De Mar when sixth of 10 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 2m in April.
5	REAL DREAM	He has won three times from 1m 4f to 1m 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 5l behind French Master at 50-1 when eighth of 16 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m 6f (good to firm) last month.
6	TRUESHAN	Has won 16 races from 1m 4f to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. Finished 7l behind Candelari when fourth of 9 at 10-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Prix Vicomtesse Vigier at ParisLongchamp over 1m 7f (soft) in May.
7	TERM OF ENDEARMENT	She has won four times from 1m 1f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft - heavy. Beaten a head by Scenic when second of 7 at 6-5fav on her latest outing in the Group 3 Bronte Cup Fillies' Stakes at York over 1m 6f (good) in May.

RACE 7: CLEAN EVENT NURSERY (CLASS 4) (2YO ONLY) (FROM HAYDOCK RACE 1)

COTAI BELLE - PROOF - U TURN

Race Preview: COTAI BELLE continued her progression when opening her account in a maiden at Wetherby last month. An opening mark of 77 could prove lenient for Richard Fahey's filly and she's taken to follow up. Proof bounced back to form with a respectable second at Goodwood a fortnight ago and may serve most resistance to the selection, ahead of fellow handicap debutant U Turn.

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1	GUERNSEY LADY	Foaled 17 Mar. A winner at 5f on good ground. Beaten 15l behind True Love at 200-1 when 18th of 23 on her latest outing in the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.
2	COTAI BELLE	Foaled 25 Mar. A winner at 13-8 at Wetherby over 5f (good to firm) on her latest outing last month, beating Lara Antipova by 1/2l.
3	KESTA	Foaled 8 Mar. A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 6l behind Factual at 7-1 when 10th of 12 on his latest outing at Salisbury over 6f (good to firm) last month.
4	PROOF	Foaled 3 Apr. Placed twice in three starts. Beaten 3l by Blue Orbit when second of 4 at 7-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 5f (good to firm) last month.
5	U TURN	Foaled 2 Apr. Placed in three of five starts. Beaten a head by Carnation Queen when second of 15 at 11-4 on his latest outing at York over 6f (good to firm) last month.

RACE 8: MERCURE DUNKENHALGH HOTEL & SPA BLACKBURN HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (3YO ONLY) (FROM HAYDOCK RACE 2)

KINGMAKER - MDAWI - KENTUCKY RIVER

Race Preview: Having made all to gain a breakthrough victory at Southwell in January, Mdawi must enter the reckoning on his handicap bow. The Wootton Bassett colt should prove as effective debuting on turf, but KINGMAKER rates the most solid proposition. Andrew Balding's inmate has filled the runner-up spot on his last two outings in handicap company and compensation could be on the cards. Kentucky River is also worth a second look in first-time cheekpieces.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	MDAWI	A winner at 11-10 at Southwell over 1m 3f on his latest outing in January, beating Nobleman by 1 1/4l.
2	KUREDU KING	Yet to place in five starts. Beaten 12l behind Kurakka at 33-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) in May.
3	KENTUCKY RIVER	Unplaced in all five starts. Finished 3 1/2l behind Synergism when sixth of 10 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Sandown over 1m 6f (good) last month.
4	IS I RIGHT	A winner at 1m 4f on good to firm ground. Finished 4 1/2l behind Atlantic Sunset when last of 6 at 11-4 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 4f (good to firm) last month.
5	WEST TYRONE	A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Beaten 2 1/2l behind Hallelujah U at 11-1 when last of 7 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 1m 4f (good to firm) in May.
6	KINGMAKER	Placed twice in six starts. Beaten 1 1/2l by Circus Of Rome when second of 12 at 7-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 4f (good) last month.
7	PERCY'S DAYDREAM	A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Third of 6 behind Pendragon beaten 9l at 6-1 on her latest outing at Ripon over 1m 4f (good) last month.

RACE 9: PULLMAN & NOVOTEL PADDINGTON LIVERPOOL HOTELS HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (3YO ONLY) (FROM HAYDOCK RACE 3)

DREAM ANGEL - ROMANTIC SPIRIT - BROADSTONE

Race Preview: A switch to handicap company proved just the trick for DREAM ANGEL when bagging a first career victory at Wetherby 15 days ago. Richard Fahey's filly is effectively 1lb lower in the ratings if taking Warren Fentiman's 5lb claim into account and a brace may beckon. Having scored in three of her last four outings, Romantic Spirit warrants respect reverting to turf. Broadstone and Joyful Sound could also make their presence felt.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	EVERYONEKNOWSADAVE	Successful at 7f and 1m on the all-weather. Beaten 9l behind Last Shamardal at 33-1 when 9th of 11 on his latest outing at Sandown over 7f (good) last month.
2	JR CLIMBS	A winner at 6f on good ground. Finished 4l behind It'sneverjustone when fourth of 12 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Ffos Las over 7f (soft) last month.
3	JOYFUL SOUND	Yet to place in four starts. Finished 6l behind Hi Ya Mal when fourth of 6 at 10-3 on her latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 4f (good) in May.
4	BROADSTONE	Placed once in five starts. Third of 6 behind Pomme Pomme beaten 3 1/2l at 12-1 on his latest outing here over 1m 2f (good) last month.
5	ROMANTIC SPIRIT	She has won three times at 1m 1f on the all-weather. Won on her latest outing when 16-5fav at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f last month, beating Luisa by 1/2l.
6	ARIZONA ROCK	Yet to place in five starts. Well beaten at 50-1 behind dead-heaters Raedwald and Night Step when last of 8 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 1m 2f last month.
7	CANAVAN	Unplaced in all five starts. Finished 9l behind Valiancy when fourth of 7 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 3f (good) last month.
8	DREAM ANGEL	A winner at 17-2 at Wetherby over 1m (good to firm) on her latest outing last month, beating Testimonial by 3/4l.
9	BETTY BASSETT	A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Finished 4l behind Pomme Pomme when fourth of 6 at 7-1 on her latest outing here over 1m 2f (good) last month.
10	LIVE EACH DAY	A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Finished 9l behind Optimatum when sixth of 11 at 11-4fav on her latest outing at Leicester over 1m (good to firm) last month.
11	HOMELAND	Placed twice in six starts. Third of 10 behind Betty Bassett beaten 1/2l at 7-1 on his latest outing at Wetherby over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.

RACE 10: CJM MAINTENANCE EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 3) (2YO ONLY) (FROM HAYDOCK RACE 4)

ARTANIS - CELESTRA - EVOLUTIONIST

Race Preview: ARTANIS failed to justify favouritism when second on her racecourse bow at Doncaster last month, but that was still a promising effort. George Boughey's youngster is likely to have learnt a great deal from that experience and can take a step forward to strike. Celestra is a half-sister to Remaat, who was a winner as a juvenile, so she is one to watch in the betting market for the Gosden team. Any market confidence behind Evolutionist would also be interesting.

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1	ARTANIS	Foaled 2 Mar. Half-sister to Celeborn, won twice at 7f and 1m. Beaten 4l by Amora Queen when second of 5 at 4-6fav on her racecourse debut at Doncaster over 7f (good to firm) last month.
2	CELESTRA	Foaled 10 Mar. Half-sister to D Flawless, won at 1m.
3	EVOLUTIONIST	Foaled 2 Mar. Dam won at 7f.
4	ISLE OF FERNANDEZ	Foaled 9 Feb. Half-sister to Gypsy Major, won three times at 6f and 7f.
5	LAND OF LIBERTY	Foaled 2 Feb. Dam unraced. Finished 8l behind Miss Honey when fifth of 6 at 14-1 on her racecourse debut at Kempton over 7f last month.
6	TAVANA	Foaled 1 Apr. Full sister to Cuban Girl, won at 1m.