

**RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2024 MEETING
RIPON**

RACE 1: DINE&STAY AT THE OLD DEANERY RIPON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)

MAKALU - BOWOOD - PINBALL WIZARD

Race Preview: A winner and a head second over C&D already this season, MAKALU should appreciate a return to the Yorkshire track and a mark of 62 still looks manageable for Ruth Carr's charge. Bowood could have plenty more improvement forthcoming after getting off the mark in determined fashion at Doncaster for new connections, while Little Ted and Pinball Wizard are capable of being in the shake-up as well.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	BOWOOD	A winner at 16-1 at Doncaster over 1m (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Adelabella by a short head.
2	PINBALL WIZARD	He has won four times from 6f to 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Fillyfudge when fourth of 6 at 10-3 on his latest outing at Yarmouth over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
3	MOUNT KING	Successful twice at 1m on good and good to soft ground. Third of 9 behind Princess Niyla beaten 3 1/2l at 8-1 on his latest outing at Beverley over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
4	STYLE OF LIFE	Successful at 1m and 1m 1f on the all-weather. Beaten 12l behind Love De Vega at 7-2 when last of 7 on her latest outing at Pontefract over 1m (good) last month.
5	MAKALU	Winner of seven races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Third of 9 behind Jewel Maker beaten 4l at 7-1 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 1m (good) last month. Has won 3 times this season.
6	JUMEIRA VISION	He has won four times from 1m to 1m 1f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Roaring Ralph when fourth of 9 at 9-2jt-fav on his latest outing at Ayr over 1m (good) last month. Has won 3 times this season.
7	ISLAND OF SKYE	He has won three times at 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 3 1/2l behind My Harrison George at 10-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Ayr over 1m (good) last month.
8	RIEVAULX RAVER	Successful twice at 1m on good to firm ground. Beaten 12l behind Coolree at 50-1 when 14th of 15 on his latest outing at Beverley over 1m (good to firm) in May.
9	LITTLE TED	Winner of seven races from 1m to 1m 2f on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 2 1/4l behind Amazing Winnie when fourth of 9 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Carlisle over 1m (good) earlier this month.
10	GOING UNDERGROUND	Successful at 7f and 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Finished 3l behind My Harrison George when sixth of 9 at 17-2 on his latest outing at Ayr over 1m (good) last month.
11	WITCHFORD	Yet to place in five starts. Well beaten at 33-1 behind Rory The Cat when last of 10 on her latest outing at Beverley over 1m 2f (good to firm) in June last year. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with Micky Hammond.
12	VOLENTI	A winner at 7f on good to firm ground, but that win was over two years ago. Beaten 7l behind Oh So Audacious at 25-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Brighton over 1m (good) in September last year. Having his first run for a new stable today.

RACE 2: KARL BUDGE 60TH BIRTHDAY EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 5) (2YO ONLY)**WE DARE TO DREAM - ANN TERRY - MEARALL**

Race Preview: WE DARE TO DREAM didn't do himself any favours when slowly away on debut at Ayr last month, but the way he finished his race to grab second was highly encouraging and, with improvement expected, he can go one better now. Ann Terry may have disappointed when well fancied on her most recent outing at Thirsk, but she is better judged on her debut third at Ayr, while Mearall looks to be the pick of the newcomers for a stable that knows how to ready one first time out.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	CALLOUT	Foaled 16 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 7l behind Diablo Rojo when fifth of 13 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Redcar over 6f (good to firm) last month.
2	CAPRICORN KING	Foaled 23 Feb. Dam won three times between 1m 4f and 1m 7f including a Group 2 race. Beaten 8l behind Lovat Scout at 33-1 when seventh of 11 on his racecourse debut at Thirsk over 6f (good to firm) last month.
3	FOCUS ON ZAAM	Foaled 25 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 9l behind Forager at 125-1 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) last month.
4	GALTEE	Foaled 2 Mar. Half-brother to Badosa, won twice at 6f.
5	MEARALL	Foaled 28 Apr. Half-brother to Love Lies, won at 6f.
6	WE DARE TO DREAM	Foaled 24 Feb. Half-brother to Texas Rock, won seven times between 6f and 1m. Beaten 1l by King's Call when second of 9 at 10-1 on his racecourse debut at Ayr over 6f (good) last month.
7	ANN TERRY	Foaled 25 Feb. Half-sister to Expert Agent, won three times at 6f. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 8l behind Li Ban when fifth of 9 at 9-4jt-fav on her latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good to soft) last month.

RACE 3: PAULA BUDGE SURPRISE BIRTHDAY NURSERY (CLASS 5) (2YO ONLY)**LESLEY'S BOY - EASY PEELER - ART DESIGN**

Race Preview: This can go the way of LESLEY'S BOY, who has had a small break since scoring comfortably over shorter at Wetherby in June and a mark of 77 could prove lenient on his handicap debut. The son of Kodi Bear gets the vote ahead of Catterick maiden scorer Easy Peeler and Art Design, who ran well despite being carried left early on at Newmarket on her handicap bow. Sonic Blue has yet to rediscover the form of his debut success at Doncaster but cannot be ruled out either.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	LESLEY'S BOY	Foaled 2 Feb. Half-brother to Moulin Booj, won twice at 5f. Won on his latest outing when 5-4fav at Wetherby over 5f (good) in June, beating Bella Love by 1l.
2	SONIC BLUE	Foaled 6 Feb. A winner at 5f on good to soft ground. Third of 9 behind Eighteen Fourteen beaten 1 1/4l at 9-2 on his latest outing at Redcar over 6f (good to firm) in June.
3	EASY PEELER	Foaled 19 Feb. Full sister to Good Vibes, won three times at 5f including a Group 3 race. Won on her latest outing when 5-6fav at Catterick over 6f (good to firm) last month, beating Cugini by 1l.

4	ART DESIGN	Foaled 10 Mar. Placed in three of four starts. Third of 10 behind Magic Mild beaten 2 1/4l at 11-1 on her latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month.
5	STIRRUP CUP	Foaled 3 Mar. Placed once in four starts. Finished 5l behind Sensorium when fourth of 12 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) last month.
6	DARK THUNDERSTORM	Foaled 28 Apr. Placed twice in four starts. Beaten 1 1/4l by Educating Rita when second of 7 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 6f (good) last month.
7	MARRY THE NIGHT	Foaled 23 Mar. Yet to place in three starts. Finished 12l behind Dolce Vitta when sixth of 10 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Redcar over 6f (good to firm) in May.

RACE 4: RIPON-RACES.CO.UK BOOK NOW FOR SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST HANDICAP (CLASS 4) (3YO ONLY)

COOL LEGEND - ST PANCRAS - MONSIEUR MELEE

Race Preview: COOL LEGEND got no luck in running at Newbury most recently and his fourth-placed finish doesn't do him justice given the way he ran on near the finish. Left unchanged in the handicap and with cheekpieces added, the William Haggas-trained gelding has a solid chance of making amends for his supporters. St Pancras is feared most off just 4lb higher than for his Pontefract success last month, although Monsieur Melee also warrants consideration, especially if there is any easing in the ground.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	HUXLEY	Placed twice in six starts. Finished 5l behind Ortelius when fifth of 8 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m 4f (good) in May. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Donnacha Aidan O'Brien in Ireland.
2	COOL LEGEND	A winner at 1m 3f on the all-weather. Finished 1 1/2l behind Great Bedwyn when fourth of 7 at 15-8fav on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 4f (good) last month.
3	ST PANCRAS	A winner at 10-3 at Pontefract over 1m 4f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Flickering Halo by 1 3/4l.
4	MONSIEUR MELEE	A winner at 1m 4f on good to soft ground. Third of 8 behind Night Breeze beaten 2l at 5-2fav on his latest outing at Thirsk over 1m 4f (good) earlier this month.
5	OOSTERPARK	Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 14l behind Ombudsman at 50-1 when 9th of 13 on his latest outing at Leicester over 1m 2f (good to soft) last month.
6	WINTER LIFE	Placed once in six starts. Finished 8l behind Laura Bay when sixth of 7 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Sandown over 1m 2f (good) last month.