

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025 MEETING
YORK / HAMILTON

RACE 1: IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING HANDICAP (CLASS 3) (3YO ONLY) (FROM YORK RACE 5)

AGAINST THE WIND - MEARALL - THE QUIET GENT

Race Preview: This is fiercely competitive and only a tentative vote can go to AGAINST THE WIND. Fifth in a valuable sales race here as a juvenile, it didn't work out in the Harry Rosebery at Ayr next time, but he returned with a convincing handicap triumph at Thirsk last month. Now 6lb higher but well drawn, there is plenty in his favour and he can go close. Mearall appears to be on a competitive mark so must be of interest along with The Quiet Gent, who might appreciate dropping to the minimum trip. Loom is also noted.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	KING OF BEARS	A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Well beaten at 28-1 behind Double Rush when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (good to soft) last month.
2	AGAINST THE WIND	Successful twice at 5f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 3-1fav at Thirsk over 5f (good to firm) last month, beating Nad Alshiba Green by 1 3/4l.
3	KING OF LIGHT	Successful twice at 5f on good and soft ground. Beaten 8l behind Arizona Blaze at 22-1 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Prix Sigy at Chantilly over 5f (good) last month.
4	LOOM	A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 7l behind Double Rush when fifth of 10 at 33-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 6f (good to soft) last month.
5	SUDDEN FLIGHT	A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Beaten 1/2l by Carrados when second of 6 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 5f last month.
6	LEXINGTON BLITZ	Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Star Of Mehmas at 22-1 when 12th of 14 on his latest outing at Ayr over 5f (good) in September last year.
7	MEARALL	A winner at 6f on good ground. Beaten 7l behind Huscal at 15-8fav when seventh of 17 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good to firm) in September last year.
8	ELOUISE'S PRINCE	Successful twice at 5f on the all-weather. A winner at 9-4 at Wolverhampton over 5f on his latest outing in November last year, beating Solvency by 4l.
9	STORM CALL	A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 4l behind Englemere at 28-1 when 9th of 13 on her latest outing at Newbury over 5f (good) in August last year. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with K R Burke.
10	AMESTRIS	A winner at 5f on good ground. Last of 3 behind Stormy Impact beaten 11l at 5-2 on her latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good) in October last year.
11	AL HUSSAR	He has won three times at 5f on good to firm and soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 13l behind Redorange at 16-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Chester over 5f (good) earlier this month.
12	THE QUIET GENT	A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Beaten a head by Angelic Bugler when second of 10 at 4-9fav on his latest outing at Ripon over 6f (good) last month.

13	THE MAN	A winner at 5f on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Tropical Storm at 33-1 when eighth of 16 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) in August last year.
14	JUST KING HIGH	Won on his latest outing when 2-1jt-fav at Southwell over 5f in November last year, beating Dothan by 1 3/4l.
15	DO IT NOW	A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 3 1/2l behind Against The Wind when fourth of 10 at 14-1 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 5f (good to firm) last month.
16	JM JHINGREE	A winner at 5f on soft ground. Finished 5l behind Military Girl when fifth of 8 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Catterick over 5f (good to firm) last month.
17	ACRISIUS	A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten a short head by Dothan when second of 8 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 5f (good to firm) last month.
18	TWO SHOES	A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Finished 3l behind Nad Alshiba Green when fourth of 6 at 6-1 on her latest outing at Sandown over 5f (good) in August last year.
19	CAPE SOVEREIGN	Placed in four of six starts. Beaten 3/4l by Hundred Caps when second of 11 at 5-2 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.
20	I'M NEXT	A winner at 5f on heavy ground. Third of 8 behind Military Girl beaten 2l at 17-2 on his latest outing at Catterick over 5f (good to firm) last month.
21	TUSCAN POINT	Placed once in six starts. Beaten 13l behind Angel Hunter at 16-1 when 11th of 17 on his latest outing here over 7f (good to firm) in August last year.
22	BOYNE LADY	Placed twice in five starts. Beaten a neck by Maelstrom when second of 12 at 18-1 on her latest outing at Haydock over 6f (good) last month.

RACE 2: DARLEY EBF 'CONFINED' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 2) (3YO PLUS) (FROM YORK RACE 6)

BOWMARK - POINT OF CONTACT - SEA THE WONDER

Race Preview: John and Thady Gosden can complete a hat-trick of wins in this race with BOWMARK. Impressive at Kempton on debut, the son of Kingman sets a good standard after a neck defeat to a progressive rival in a Listed race at Newcastle. He should be very hard to beat back in novice company. Point Of Contact, who had a luckless Crown Of Oaks back in third at Newbury, is feared most, although nicely-bred filly Sea The Wonder, is a must for a betting check.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	BOWMARK	A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Glittering Legend when second of 6 at 6-4fav on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m last month.
2	POINT OF CONTACT	A winner at 7-2 at Newbury over 1m (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Beagle Bay by a head.
3	COULSEA	Dam won at 7f. Beaten 6l behind Rosemary May at 28-1 when seventh of 14 on his racecourse debut at Ayr over 1m (good) last month.

4	CROWN OF OAKS	Placed in both starts. Third of 12 behind Point Of Contact beaten 1 1/4l at 8-11fav on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m (good) last month.
5	REAL TROUPER	Dam won at 1m 1f.
6	MARSH MEADOW	Half-sister to Conversant, won six times at 5f and 6f. Third of 4 behind Troia beaten 4l at 14-1 on her racecourse debut at Catterick over 7f (good to firm) last month.
7	SEA THE WONDER	Half-sister to Love Me Do, won twice at 1m 6f.

RACE 3: YORKSHIRE EQUINE PRACTICE HANDICAP (CLASS 4) (4YO PLUS) (FROM YORK RACE 7)

AL MUQDAD - FEEL THE NEED - ELDRICKJONES

Race Preview: Only one of the last 10 favourite has emerged successful in this race and, with a maximum field of 22 competing, this year's edition is naturally competitive. Feel The Need won this off 4lb lower in 2024 and is respected with his repeat bid, while cases can obviously be made for penalised runners Eldrickjones and Delicacy based on recent form. However, it could be worth taking a chance on AL MUQDAD, who is a specialist over this trip and has proven to be effective from his current mark. From opposite sides of the draw, Yaaser and Sword are just two others with solid credentials.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ELDRICKJONES	Winner of five races from 6f to 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 10-1 at Newcastle over 7f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Zip by 1 1/4l. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success.
2	ALTMORE	Successful twice at 6f on good and soft ground. Beaten 4l behind Apiarist at 13-2 when seventh of 16 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 1m in January.
3	THE TURPINATOR	Winner of seven races from 6f to 1m on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Third of 13 behind Probe beaten 2l at 33-1 on his latest outing at Chester over 7f (good) earlier this month.
4	SWORD	A winner at 15-8 at Newcastle over 1m 2f on his latest outing in October last year, beating Cadarn by a short head. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with John & Thady Gosden.
5	DOLCE COURAGE	Successful at 7f and 1m on the all-weather. Well beaten at 14-1 behind Great Chieftain when last of 14 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m (good) earlier this month.
6	MERESIDE DIVA	Winner of five races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 1 3/4l behind Profit Refused when fourth of 11 at 6-1 on her latest outing at Wetherby over 7f (good to firm) last month.
7	INTERVENTION	Has won 12 races from 6f to 7f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Well beaten at 9-1 behind Probe when last of 13 on his latest outing at Chester over 7f (good) earlier this month.
8	MUSICAL TOUCH	Successful twice at 6f on good ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 11-4fav at Thirsk over 6f (good) last month, beating Ingleby Archie by 1 3/4l.
9	FLYING FLETCHER	Successful twice at 6f on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Dorney Lake when fifth of 11 at 28-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) last month.

10	AL MUQDAD	He has won four times at 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Cruyff Turn when sixth of 9 at 10-3 on his latest outing at Redcar over 7f (good to firm) last month.
11	MASTER RICHARD	He has won four times from 7f to 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Finished 6l behind Cruyff Turn when fourth of 9 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Redcar over 7f (good to firm) last month.
12	ONE NIGHT THUNDER	A winner at 7f on the all-weather, but that win was over two years ago. Beaten 7l behind Benacre at 15-2 when last of 8 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 7f earlier this month.
13	FEEL THE NEED	He has won three times from 7f to 1m on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 8l behind Callianassa at 16-1 when seventh of 14 on his latest outing at Southwell over 7f last month.
14	MUMS TIPPLE	Winner of six races from 6f to 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 15l behind Westmorian at 10-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 6f last month.
15	RIOT	Winner of seven races at 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind He's A Gentleman at 14-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 7f in January.
16	QUEST FOR FUN	He has won four times from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to heavy. Beaten 6l behind Alzahir at 11-2 when 9th of 13 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 7f (good) last month.
17	YAASER	Has won eight races from 7f to 1m on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 9-2 at Ayr over 7f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Starliner by 1 3/4l.
18	ELIGIBLE	Has won nine races from 7f to 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Finished 7l behind Our Havana when fourth of 8 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 7f in March.
19	DELICACY	Successful at 7f and 1m on good to firm and good ground. A winner at 18-5 at Leicester over 7f (good to firm) on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Leap Day by 1l. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success.
20	MINNESOTA LAD	Successful at 5f and 6f on good to firm ground. Finished 4 1/2l behind Brummell when fifth of 13 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good) last month.
21	STOCKPYLE	He has won four times from 7f to 1m on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 1 1/2l behind dead-heaters Good Morning Alex and Garden Oasis when fifth of 11 at 7-2 on his latest outing at Ripon over 1m (good) last month.
22	GOLDEN PHARAOH	Successful at 5f and 7f on heavy ground and on the all-weather. Finished 3l behind Mumayaz when fourth of 8 at 9-4fav on his latest outing at Brighton over 7f (good to firm) last month.

RACE 4: BRITISH EBF SUPPORTING RACING WELFARE MENTALHEALTHAWARENESSWEEK RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) (2YO ONLY) (FROM HAMILTON RACE 2)

HARLEQUIN BAY - DACRES CROSS - BLUE MANTLE

Race Preview: Dacres Cross has shown some promise in his two previous starts and sets the current standard. However, the bar isn't too high and he could be worth taking on with one of the newcomers. HARLEQUIN BAY, who is a half-brother to a 5f winner, fits the bill on paper and is suggested as the first one to consider. Market support for Blue Mantle and Kolkata Knight would also be highly noteworthy.

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1	BELIEVEINTHISONE	Foaled 3 May. Half-brother to Little Edi, won at 7f. Beaten 8l behind Awraad at 25-1 when seventh of 9 on his racecourse debut at Pontefract over 5f (good) last month.
2	BLUE MANTLE	Foaled 20 Mar. Half-brother to Monty, won ten times between 1m 1f and 1m 4f including two Group 3 races.
3	DACRES CROSS	Foaled 16 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 2 3/4l behind Under The Radar when fourth of 8 at 2-1fav on his latest outing at Thirsk over 5f (good) earlier this month.
4	MISTER MOET	Foaled 14 Mar. Half-brother to Navajo Star, won six times between 1m 5f and 2m. Beaten 7l behind Tropical Dreamer at 125-1 when 9th of 12 on his racecourse debut at Beverley over 5f (good) last month.
5	OUR BOY HARRY	Foaled 14 Apr. Half-brother to Zabiari, won three times at 6f and 1m including a Group 3 race.
6	RATHMULLAN	Foaled 5 Mar. Half-brother to Fulfilled, won three times between 1m and 1m 4f.
7	HARLEQUIN BAY	Foaled 15 Apr. Half-brother to Lucky Charm, won at 5f.
8	KOLKATA KNIGHT	Foaled 16 Feb. Dam unraced.

RACE 5: PRIME SECURE WILLIAM WALLACE RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) (3YO TO 5YO) (FROM HAMILTON RACE 3)

MAFTING - ME AND BOBBY MCGEE - TALISMANS TIME

Race Preview: MAFTING was heavily backed for his debut and although he found one too good in that novice event at Beverley, he showed enough promise to suggest he could be hard to beat in this smaller field now he has some experience. Me And Bobby Mcgee is a half-brother to plenty of winners and won't need to be anything special to have an impact on his introduction. Talismans Time, who has been gelded since last seen, is preferred for third, despite Kabuki's jumps form suggesting he could have a say.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	KABUKI	Beaten 9l by Double Digits when second of 5 at 6-1 on his latest outing in a maiden hurdle race at Carlisle over 2m 1f (good) last month.
2	MAFTING	Half-brother to Secret Advisor, won four times at 1m and 1m 6f including a Group 3 race. Beaten 3/4l by Spinning Wheel when second of 10 at 6-5fav on his racecourse debut at Beverley over 1m 2f (good) last month.
3	ME AND BOBBY MCGEE	Half-brother to Cool Party, won five times between 1m and 2m.
4	TALISMANS TIME	Placed once in two starts. Finished 10l behind Convergent when fourth of 15 at 9-4fav on his latest outing at Redcar over 1m (soft) in October last year.

RACE 6: PRECON BRAVEHEART HANDICAP (GBBPLUS RACE) (CLASS 3) (4YO PLUS) (FROM HAMILTON RACE 4)

FAYLAQ - CREATIF - PER CONTRA

Race Preview: FAYLAQ showed the benefit of his reappearance at Musselburgh when making all over 1m5f here 12 days ago. A 4lb penalty and slight drop in trip are unlikely to hamper the veteran's follow-up bid and a seventh career victory may beckon. The progressive Creatif makes plenty of appeal reverting to 1m4f and he should give the selection plenty to think about. Per Contra is the pick of the remainder.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	FAYLAQ	Winner of six races from 1m 2f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. A winner at 11-4 here over 1m 5f (good to firm) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Kitteridge by 3/4l. Carries a 4lb penalty today for that success.
2	CREATIF	Successful at 1m 2f and 1m 4f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1l by See That Storm when second of 7 at 5-2 on his latest outing at Redcar over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month.
3	PER CONTRA	He has won three times from 7f to 1m 4f on good to soft and soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 10l behind See That Storm when sixth of 7 at 17-2 on his latest outing at Redcar over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month.
4	INDIVIDUALISM	A winner at 1m 3f on good ground. Beaten 7l behind Salamanca City at 5-1 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m 2f (good) last month.
5	TAFSIR	Has won eight races from 1m 4f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Beaten 9l behind Faylaq at 18-1 when seventh of 8 on her latest outing here over 1m 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.
6	LETSBEFRANK	He has won three times from 1m 3f to 2m 1f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Beaten 7l behind Perfectly Timed at 12-1 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 1m 4f (good to firm) last month.
7	WHATHAPPENSINVEGAS	Successful at 1m 2f and 1m 3f on good ground. Third of 9 behind Salamanca City beaten 3/4l at 13-2 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m 2f (good) last month.