

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2025 MEETING
NEWMARKET

RACE 1: ALEX SCOTT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4) (3YO ONLY) (FROM NEWMARKET RACE 2)

TIME ALLOWED - RAAFEDD - NAKEEB

Race Preview: Raafedd did plenty wrong but caught the eye when staying on into sixth on his racecourse bow at Chelmsford in November and the son of Teofilo, picked up for 370,000gns as a yearling, should improve for that initial experience. Similar comments apply to Nakeeb, who has previous track craft on his side, while Kaleido, Indian Springs and Competizione are a few others to consider. However, Andrew Balding has enjoyed a fine start to the new turf season and it might be worth taking a chance on his debutant TIME ALLOWED, whose half-brother Topanga didn't waste much time opening his account.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	COMPETIZIONE	Half-brother to Walk In Marrakesh, won three times at 7f.
2	DRAGONFLAME	Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 16l behind Secret Theory at 11-2 when eighth of 12 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to soft) in October last year.
3	GREAT	Half-brother to Magnificent, won three times at 1m. Beaten 1/2l by Qetaifan when second of 7 at 10-3 on his racecourse debut at Goodwood over 6f (heavy) in October last year.
4	HOCKNEY	Dam won at 6f.
5	INDIAN SPRINGS	Third of 12 behind The Quiet Gent beaten 1 1/4l at 8-1 on his racecourse debut at Kempton over 6f in December last year.
6	KALEIDO	Beaten 1 1/4l by Music Of Time when second of 16 at 5-2 on his racecourse debut at Doncaster over 7f (soft) in October last year.
7	LICENCE TO CONQUER	Half-brother to Ejtilaab, won three times at 6f and 7f.
8	NAKEEB	Third of 7 behind Nebras beaten 3 1/2l at 11-1 on his racecourse debut here over 1m (good to soft) in October last year.
9	RAAFEDD	Half-brother to Elsals, won twice at 7f. Finished 2 1/2l behind Elements Of Fire when sixth of 12 at 12-1 on his racecourse debut at Chelmsford City over 7f in November last year.
10	REGAL GUEST	Placed once in two starts. Third of 11 behind White Crown Star beaten 4 1/2l at 33-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f last month.
11	SHEIKH RAJ	Placed once in two starts. Finished 7l behind The Fingal Raven when sixth of 13 at 6-4fav on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f in September last year.

12	SILENT STORM	Full brother to Happy Power, won eight times between 6f and 1m including a Group 2 race.
13	TIME ALLOWED	Half-brother to Topanga, won twice at 7f.

RACE 2: NEVER ORDINARY AT BET365 HANDICAP (CLASS 4) (3YO ONLY) (FROM NEWMARKET RACE 3)

BYBLOS - YABHER - KING CASPER

Race Preview: BYBLOS went close on a couple of occasions last season, most recently when filling the runner-up spot over C&D in October. The Frankel colt, a half-brother to the classy Siskin who was arguably a better three-year-old than he was a juvenile, might not be of a similar echelon, but an opening mark of 84 looks workable and he could step forward now. Yabher was unsuited by testing conditions at Haydock when last seen but he ought to fare better on better ground, while Hugo Palmer, who sprung a surprise to win this 12 months ago with a 33/1 shot , looks to have a solid chance with King Casper.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	FEARNOT	A winner at 7f on the all-weather. Beaten a short head by White Crown Star when second of 11 at 6-4 on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f last month.
2	TRANSPARENT	Successful at 7f and 1m on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 4-11fav at Southwell over 1m in February, beating Quickly by 3/4l.
3	BYBLOS	Placed twice in three starts. Beaten 4 1/2l by I Am I Said when second of 9 at 7-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft) in October last year.
4	PRESENT TIMES	Won on his latest outing when 5-6fav at Lingfield over 1m in November last year, beating Venezuelan by 1 3/4l.
5	WATCHING STARS	A winner at 7f on good to soft ground. Third of 6 behind Many Men beaten 11l at 7-4 on his latest outing here over 1m 2f (soft) in October last year.
6	YABHER	A winner at 1m on good ground. Finished 4l behind King Al when fifth of 6 at 4-9fav on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m (heavy) in October last year.
7	KING CASPER	A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Finished 10l behind Silver Peak when fourth of 5 at 9-4 on his latest outing at Haydock over 1m (good to soft) in September last year.
8	HAPPY BANNER	A winner at 15-8 at Kempton over 7f on his latest outing in December last year, beating Jarham by 1 1/2l.
9	PAPPA LOUIS	A winner at 7f on good to firm ground. Beaten 8l behind Charity Together at 16-1 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing at Sandown over 7f (good) in August last year.
10	CANVAS	Unplaced in all five starts. Beaten 9l behind Bulletin at 66-1 when 10th of 13 on his latest outing at Southwell over 1m earlier this month.

RACE 3: JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION HANDICAP (CLASS 2) (4YO PLUS) (FROM NEWMARKET RACE 4)

SKUKUZA - TRIBAL CHIEF - BULLET POINT

Race Preview: Bullet Point held off the late challenge of Tribal Chief when successful on the soft going here in November. The latter reopposes on slightly better terms with Ryan Moore taking over the reins and may well turn the tables. Harper's Ferry could have a say in proceedings representing last year's winning trainer, but a chance is taken on SKUKUZA. The latter has been off the track since finishing a fine second in the Britannia at Royal Ascot last summer and the son of Blue Point has the potential to rate even higher this season.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	HARPER'S FERRY	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good and soft ground. A winner at 4-1 at Doncaster over 1m (soft) on his latest outing in October last year, beating Midnight Gun by 1l.
2	BOPEDRO	Has won eight races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Beaten 14l behind Carrytheone at 17-2 when 12th of 20 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m (soft) in October last year.
3	SKUKUZA	A winner at 1m on good ground. Beaten 3/4l by Mickley when second of 29 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good to firm) in June last year.
4	BRIONI	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on soft ground and on the all-weather. Well beaten at 5-1 behind Sun God when 10th of 15 on his latest outing here over 1m 4f (good to soft) in October last year.
5	TRIBAL CHIEF	He has won four times at 1m on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. Beaten 1/2l by Bullet Point when second of 9 at 15-8fav on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft) in November last year.
6	BULLET POINT	Successful twice at 1m on soft ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 12-1 over this course and distance (soft) on his latest outing in November last year, beating Tribal Chief by 1/2l.
7	ZAIN BLUE	Successful twice at 1m on good to soft ground. A winner at 4-1 at York over 1m (good to soft) on his latest outing in September last year, beating Amsterdam by a neck.
8	NOISY JAZZ	A winner at 1m on good ground. Finished 3l behind Ashariba when fifth of 11 at 15-2 on her latest outing here over 1m 2f (good to soft) in October last year.
9	HIROMICHI	Has won eight races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 18l behind Aragon Castle at 12-1 when last of 9 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 1m (good) in July last year.
10	MYTHICAL GUEST	Successful twice at 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Beaten 10l behind Liberty Lane at 50-1 when 16th of 31 on his latest outing here over 1m 1f (soft) in September last year.
11	DESPERATE DAN	A winner at 1m on heavy ground. Finished 10l behind Nap Hand when sixth of 11 at 3-1fav on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m 2f (heavy) in October last year.
12	URBAN SPRAWL	Winner of six races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 2-1fav at Lingfield over 1m earlier this month, beating Port Road by 3/4l.

13	WAITING ALL NIGHT	He has won three times from 5f to 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Barnaby when fifth of 10 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 7f in February.
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RACE 4: BET365 EBF CONDITIONS STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 2) (3YO ONLY) (FROM NEWMARKET RACE 5)

ANNO DOMINI - TIGER MASK - TREBLE TEE

Race Preview: ANNO DOMINI lost his unbeaten record upped in class for the Group 1 Futurity at Doncaster. The son of New Bay still finished a respectable fifth on that occasion and the Irish 2000 Guineas entry can resume winning ways here en route to better things. Tiger Mask is more exposed, though sets a decent standard having finished fourth in the Group 2 Vintage Stakes at Goodwood last summer, while the course and distance winner Treble Tee is entered in next month's 2000 Guineas and is also worthy of respect.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ANNO DOMINI	Successful at 6f and 7f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 7l behind Hotazhell when fifth of 8 at 8-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 William Hill Futurity Trophy Stakes at Doncaster over 1m (soft) in October last year.
2	PELLITORY	Successful twice at 7f on good to soft and soft ground. A winner at 7-2 at Doncaster over 7f (soft) on his latest outing in October last year, beating We Dare To Dream by 1 3/4l.
3	AL ARBEED	Half-brother to Royal Musketeer, won three times at 6f and 7f. Won on his latest outing when 6-5fav at Southwell over 7f last month, beating Rescue Mission by a neck.
4	RIGHTHERE RIGHTNOW	A winner at 7f on good ground. Finished 19l behind Bay City Roller when last of 5 at 6-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Betfred Champagne Stakes at Doncaster over 7f (good) in September last year.
5	SEA BAAEED	A winner at 12-1 at Wolverhampton over 7f on his latest outing in October last year, beating Sky Advocate by a neck.
6	TIGER MASK	A winner at 7f on good ground. Finished 5l behind Electrolyte when sixth of 10 at 11-2 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Eclipse Stakes - Group 3 at Chantilly over 6f (good to soft) in September last year.
7	TREBLE TEE	A winner at 10-3 over this course and distance (soft) on his latest outing in October last year, beating Mudbir by 2 1/4l.