

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING FRIDAY 18 JULY 2025 MEETING
NEWBURY / HAYDOCK / NEWMARKET / HAMILTON

RACE 1: IRE-INCENTIVE - IT PAYS TO BUY IRISH ROSE BOWL STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS 1) (2YO ONLY) (FROM NEWBURY RACE 4)

WISE APPROACH - AMORIM - FIRST LEGION

Race Preview: WISE APPROACH was no match for Charles Darwin but was still a good second in the Norfolk at Royal Ascot. Charlie Appleby's colt should be difficult to beat if reproducing that level of performance, although Amorim could hardly have been more impressive when on target at Windsor and can throw down a stern challenge. First Legion disappointed in the Norfolk himself but he overturned the selection on debut and should not be overlooked.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	AMORIM	Foaled 27 Apr. Full brother to Rumstar, won six times at 5f and 6f including three Group 3 races. Won on his latest outing when 4-9fav at Windsor over 6f (good to firm) last month, beating Starlight Sami by 6l.
2	DO BRONXS	Foaled 7 Feb. Dam won four times at 7f and 1m including a Group 3 race. A winner at 10-1 at Ayr over 6f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Mind Over Matter by 1 1/4l.
3	FIRST LEGION	Foaled 30 Apr. A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Beaten 6l behind Charles Darwin at 11-1 when 10th of 15 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.
4	KOLKATA KNIGHT	Foaled 16 Feb. Dam unraced. A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Beaten 10l behind Gstaad at 50-1 when 15th of 20 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Coventry Stakes at Ascot over 6f (good to firm) last month.
5	NUEVO SLOVO	Foaled 23 Apr. A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 2 1/2l behind Havana Hurricane when sixth of 23 at 125-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.
6	ROCK ON THUNDER	Foaled 17 Apr. Half-brother to San Donato, won four times at 6f and 1m including a Group 2 race. A winner at 6f on good ground. Beaten 7l behind Gstaad at 14-1 when 9th of 20 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Coventry Stakes at Ascot over 6f (good to firm) last month.
7	WISE APPROACH	Foaled 19 Feb. A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 2 1/4l by Charles Darwin when second of 15 at 10-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at Ascot over 5f (good to firm) last month.

RACE 2: TRULY INDEPENDENT 15TH YEAR GALLOP HANDICAP (GBBPLUS RACE) (CLASS 4) (4YO PLUS) (FROM HAYDOCK RACE 5)

PIQUE' - RUSSIAN CRESCENDO - CURRAN

Race Preview: Progressive last term, Russian Crescendo has been rested since disappointing at Southwell on her reappearance. It would be no surprise to witness a much better effort from the Haggas filly, but PIQUE' could also bounce back. The daughter of Nathaniel has been competing in higher grade contests over 1m4f so far this season, but she returned the impressive winner over today's distance at Nottingham last season, and gets another chance back at this level. Curran is preferred to Beauld As Brass of the remainder.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	RUSSIAN CRESCENDO	Successful twice at 1m 4f on soft ground and on the all-weather. Well beaten at 3-1fav behind Crystal Flyer when seventh of 8 on her latest outing at Southwell over 1m 4f in April.
2	BEAULD AS BRASS	Winner of six races from 5f to 1m 4f on firm and good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Well beaten at 50-1 behind Small Fry when 12th of 14 on his latest outing at Epsom over 1m 4f (good) last month. Has won 3 times this season.

3	PIQUE'	Successful at 1m 4f and 1m 6f on good to soft and heavy ground. Beaten 7l behind Santorini Star at 20-1 when last of 10 on her latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 4f (good) in May.
4	IN THE BREEZE	He has won four times from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to heavy. Beaten 13l behind Glen Buck at 66-1 when last of 9 on his latest outing at Southwell over 1m 3f in January.
5	MELAKAZ	Winner of five races from 1m 2f to 2m on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Finished 8l behind Artisan Dancer when fourth of 5 at 10-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 6f in February last year.
6	KNIGHTS AFFAIR	Successful at 1m 6f and 2m on good to firm and good ground; has also won a hurdle in May. Finished 5l behind Wahraan when fifth of 9 at 10-1 on his latest flat outing at Southwell over 1m 6f in October last year.
7	PAGGANE	A winner at 1m 5f on good to soft ground, but that win was over three years ago; has also won two hurdles (latest NH win was in February). Third of 9 behind Simply Ruby beaten 6l at 14-1 on her latest outing at Ffos Las over 1m 4f (soft) last month.
8	CURRAN	He has won four times from 1m 2f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 14l behind Terrorise when sixth of 10 at 11-2 on his latest outing at York over 2m (good to firm) earlier this month. Has won at Newmarket and Doncaster this season.
RACE 3:	UHY ROSS BROOKE FILLIES' HANDICAP (GBBPLUS RACE) (CLASS 3) (3YO PLUS) (FROM NEWBURY RACE 5)	
	DANCINGWITHMYSELF - ORCHARD KEEPER - STAR OF LIGHT	

Race Preview: A few with chances but perhaps none more so than DANCINGWITHMYSELF, who defeated a subsequent winner at Chelmsford last time out. Michael Bell's filly is only 3lb higher and with a return to turf being no problem for her, she can follow up. Stepping up in trip worked the oracle for Goodwood-scorer Orchard Keeper. The daughter of Churchill remains open to improvement and is preferred to John and Thady Gosden's Star Of Light for the silver medal.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	INCENSED	She has won three times from 1m 3f to 1m 4f on good ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 10-1 at Kempton over 1m 4f on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Kind Of Kiss by 3/4l.
2	DANCINGWITHMYSELF	She has won four times from 1m to 1m 5f on good and soft ground and on the all-weather. Won on her latest outing when 9-4fav at Chelmsford City over 1m 5f last month, beating Kingdom Of Stars by a nose.
3	ORCHARD KEEPER	Successful at 1m 2f and 1m 6f on good to firm and good ground. Won on her latest outing when 4-1jt-fav at Goodwood over 1m 6f (good) last month, beating Al Khawaneej River by 3/4l.
4	UMBRIA	Successful at 1m 1f and 1m 3f on the all-weather. Finished 3l behind Federated when fifth of 14 at 13-8fav on her latest outing at Kempton over 1m 3f last month.
5	TYPICAL WOMAN	She has won four times from 1m to 1m 4f on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 3l behind War Supremo when fourth of 10 at 10-1 on her latest outing at Doncaster over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.
6	STAR OF LIGHT	A winner at 1m 1f on the all-weather. Finished 2 3/4l behind Victoria Harbour when fifth of 9 at 20-1 on her latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) in May.

RACE 4: EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) (3YO PLUS) (FROM HAYDOCK RACE 6)

HEADMASTER - GREY JAGUAR - PALIO DI SIENA

Race Preview: Although denied on both outings to date, this could prove a suitable opportunity for HEADMASTER to get his head in front. A repeat of his latest runner-up effort in a class 2 maiden at Windsor could prove good enough and William Haggas' gelding should take all the beating. The biggest threat may emerge from Grey Jaguar, who offered plenty of encouragement on his opening second over C&D earlier this month. Palio Di Siena, Tokyo Joe and newcomer Ertijaaj add further spice to the mix.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	GOLDEN REDEMPTION	Placed twice in six starts. Third of 12 behind Walson's Law beaten 1 3/4l at 18-1 on his latest outing at Newbury over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.
2	GREY JAGUAR	Half-brother to Mother Earth, won four times at 6f and 1m including two Group 1 races. Beaten 4 1/2l by Indian Springs when second of 5 at 13-2 on his racecourse debut over this course and distance (good) earlier this month.
3	HEADMASTER	Placed in both starts. Beaten a neck by Antipodes when second of 11 at 5-4jt-fav on his latest outing at Windsor over 1m (good to firm) last month.
4	PALIO DI SIENA	Placed in both starts. Beaten 2 1/2l by Aspull when second of 8 at 7-4fav on his latest outing at Salisbury over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month.
5	TOKYO JOE	Placed once in three starts. Beaten 2 3/4l by Time Allowed when second of 10 at 3-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 1m last month.
6	TWILIGHT ICE	Dam won twice at 7f. Beaten 10l behind Fast Track Harry at 13-2 when eighth of 10 on his racecourse debut at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) in May.
7	ZIGGY'S ANGEL	Half-brother to Bonita Queen, won at 5f.
8	ERTIJAAJ	Half-sister to Ejaabiyah, won at 1m and 1m 2f.
9	KINGSCLERE	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 8l behind City Of Poets when sixth of 12 at 28-1 on her latest outing at Wetherby over 7f (good to firm) last month.
10	MAGIC MUSIC	Full sister to Al Simmo, won seven times at 6f.

RACE 5: ASTON MARTIN FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) (2YO ONLY) (FROM NEWMARKET RACE 1)

QUADRILLION - TRUE TEST - CELESTRA

Race Preview: True Test sets a reasonable standard after her cosy debut success at Lingfield, although Celestra posted a promising second when introduced in what was a potentially deeper race at Haydock. However, QUADRILLION is a particularly appealing newcomer and could be worth chancing. The daughter of Kingman, whose dam won the Fillies' Mile for the same illustrious connections, has a striking pedigree and this Juddmonte homebred could be ideally placed to get off the mark at the first time of asking.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	TRUE TEST	Foaled 10 Feb. Dam won five times at 7f and 1m. A winner at 14-1 at Lingfield over 7f (good to firm) on her latest outing last month, beating Aeih by 1 1/2l.
2	BELLA SPIAGGIA	Foaled 21 Mar. Half-sister to Bird Of Play, won at 7f. Beaten 5l behind Khuskhas at 33-1 when eighth of 12 on her racecourse debut at Yarmouth over 6f (good) last month.
3	CELESTRA	Foaled 10 Mar. Half-sister to D Flawless, won at 1m. Beaten 1 1/2l by Tavana when second of 6 at 9-2 on her racecourse debut at Haydock over 7f (good) earlier this month.
4	QUADRILLION	Foaled 5 Feb. Dam won three times at 7f and 1m including a Group 1 race.
5	SPORTY SOCKS	Foaled 21 Mar. Dam won at 1m 2f. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 17l behind Radiance at 150-1 when last of 7 on her latest outing at Yarmouth over 7f (good) earlier this month.
6	STAY SHARP	Foaled 27 Mar. Half-sister to Nearooz, won twice between 7f and 1m 2f.
RACE 6:	G4 CLAIMS LTD EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) (2YO ONLY) (FROM HAMILTON RACE 1)	
	ASCENDING STAR - LUCKY HERO - SUNNY SMILE	

Race Preview: The form of ASCENDING STAR's Chester debut has worked out well and he could step forward. The Starman colt did well to finish third from off the pace that day, finishing two places ahead of the reopposing Lucky Hero, and he is expected to confirm that superiority. Sunny Smile has produced a similar level of form across his two racecourse appearances and he's expected to be on the premises too.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	SUNNY SMILE	Foaled 28 Mar. Half-brother to Chardy Party, won twice at 5f and 7f including a Group 3 race. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 4 1/2l behind Do Bronxs when fifth of 7 at 11-4 on his latest outing at Ayr over 6f (good) last month.
2	ASCENDING STAR	Foaled 2 Apr. Dam won at 6f. Third of 10 behind Calico Blue beaten 1 1/2l at 9-2 on his racecourse debut at Chester over 6f (good to soft) last month.
3	LUCKY HERO	Foaled 20 Feb. Half-brother to Mezon, won at 5f. Placed once in two starts. Beaten 4l by Front Line Fury when second of 6 at 6-4jt-fav on his latest outing at Ripon over 6f (good) last month.
4	MAYNORA	Foaled 21 Mar. Unplaced in all three starts. Finished 5l behind Lil Brother when fifth of 8 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Nottingham over 5f (good) last month.
5	BLACK ROCK BEAUTY	Foaled 15 Apr. Half-brother to Seven Ravens, won at 7f.
6	SAND LILY	Foaled 30 Mar. Dam won at 6f. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 12l behind Revival Power at 10-1 when seventh of 8 on her latest outing at Thirsk over 5f (good to firm) in May.

RACE 7: AIR CHARTER SERVICE NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) (3YO PLUS) (FROM NEWMARKET RACE 2)

SCOVILLE - SECRET FORCE - SAXON LOVER

Race Preview: SCOVILLE readily brushed aside an 85-rated opponent off level weights in a novice stakes on his debut at Windsor in May. A 7lb penalty for those exploits should be well within his range at this stage and back-to-back wins is highly feasible. Secret Force, who joined Kevin Philippart De Foy after swapping hands for 40,000gns, looks the chief danger based on his notable breeding and hints of ability in two previous starts for Godolphin. Saxon Lover and the four-year-old Asian Journey are the pick of the rest.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ASIAN JOURNEY	Half-brother to Up And Under, won at 1m 1f. Third of 13 behind High Degree beaten 9l at 33-1 on his racecourse debut at Ffos Las over 1m (good) earlier this month.
2	SCOVILLE	Half-brother to Soulcombe, won three times at 1m 4f and 1m 6f. A winner at 5-4 at Windsor over 1m (good to firm) on his latest outing in May, beating Vecu by 2 1/2l.
3	BLEA TARN	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 17l behind Fantasy World when sixth of 8 at 20-1 on his latest outing at Ffos Las over 1m 2f (good to soft) last month.
4	MIO AMICO	Dam won at 1m 2f and 1m 3f. Finished 14l behind Elarak when fourth of 5 at 125-1 on his racecourse debut over this course and distance (good to firm) last month.
5	SAXON LOVER	Half-brother to Peace In Motion, won four times at 7f and 1m including a Group 3 race. Finished 11l behind Wolfpack when fifth of 8 at 13-2 on his racecourse debut at Thirsk over 1m (good) earlier this month.
6	SECRET FORCE	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 7l behind Boatswain when fourth of 10 at 11-4 on his latest outing at Lingfield over 1m 2f in January. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Charlie Appleby.
7	STONEYWELL	Dam won three times between 6f and 1m 2f. Finished 12l behind Call Me Betty when sixth of 8 at 100-1 on his racecourse debut at Wolverhampton over 7f last month.
8	VERSAILLES PRINCE	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 9l behind Antipodes when sixth of 11 at 66-1 on his latest outing at Windsor over 1m (good to firm) last month.
9	ZOLDER	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 15l behind Fantasy World when fourth of 8 at 33-1 on his latest outing at Ffos Las over 1m 2f (good to soft) last month.

RACE 8: G4 CLAIMS NOT AT FAULT CLAIMS MADE EASY SCOTTISH STEWARDS' CUP HANDICAP (CLASS 2) (3YO PLUS) (FROM HAMILTON RACE 3)

BERGERAC - DOUBLE RUSH - VANTHEMAN

Race Preview: An open contest in which only a tentative vote can go to BERGERAC. On target over 5f here before running well from 4lb higher at Newcastle, the seven-year-old will appreciate a return to turf and remains handicapped to go well. Unexposed three-year-old Double Rush hit the frame at York when attempting to complete his hat-trick and remains of significant interest, while others to note include Vantheman, Jonny Concrete and evergreen 2021 winner Commanche Falls.

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1	CROWN BOARD	A winner at 1m 1f on the all-weather. Beaten 12l behind My Cloud at 12-1 when last of 11 on his latest outing at Newbury over 1m (good to firm) in May.
2	COMMANCHE FALLS	Has won 12 races at 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Finished 5l behind Trefor when sixth of 9 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Ripon over 6f (good) last month.
3	SOPHIA'S STARLIGHT	Winner of seven races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 19l behind Prince Of Pillo at 28-1 when last of 13 on her latest outing at Southwell over 6f in April.
4	STRIKE RED	Has won eight races at 6f on ground varying from good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Fivethousandtoone at 12-1 when eighth of 13 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 6f last month.
5	NORTHERN TICKER	Successful twice at 6f on soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 11l behind Hucklesbrook at 22-1 when 15th of 18 on his latest outing at York over 6f (good to firm) last month.
6	VENTURE CAPITAL	Winner of five races from 5f to 7f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 13l behind Squealer at 7-1 when last of 7 on his latest outing at York over 5f (good) last month.
7	BERGERAC	Has won eight races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 1 3/4l behind Paddy's Day when fourth of 14 at 4-1fav on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f last month.
8	VANTHEMAN	He has won three times from 5f to 6f on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1/2l by Brooklyn Nine Nine when second of 8 at 5-2fav on his latest outing here over 5f (good) last month.
9	EYE OF DUBAI	He has won three times from 6f to 7f on soft and heavy ground. Beaten 12l behind Solar Aclaim at 11-1 when 11th of 13 on his latest outing at Chester over 6f (soft) last month.
10	NARIKO	She has won four times from 6f to 7f on soft and heavy ground and on the all-weather. Won on her latest outing when 13-8fav at Goodwood over 7f (soft) last month, beating Racingbreaks Ryder by a short head.
11	MOONSTONE BOY	He has won four times at 5f on ground varying from good to soft to heavy and on the all-weather. Beaten 5l behind Paddy's Day at 16-1 when 11th of 14 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 5f last month.
12	DOUBLE RUSH	Successful twice at 6f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Third of 18 behind Hucklesbrook beaten 2 3/4l at 4-1jt-fav on his latest outing at York over 6f (good to firm) last month. Has won at Newmarket and Wolverhampton this season.
13	KATS BOB	Has won 12 races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 4l behind Manila Scouse at 15-2 when eighth of 13 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good) earlier this month. Has won 3 times this season.
14	JONNY CONCRETE	He has won three times from 6f to 7f on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 1/2l by Kats Bob when second of 19 at 16-5fav on his latest outing at York over 6f (good to firm) last month.
15	TRILBY	Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to heavy. Finished 2 1/4l behind Bergerac when fourth of 12 at 6-1 on his latest outing here over 5f (good to soft) last month.

RACE 9:

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF GLASGOW STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS 1) (3YO ONLY) (FROM HAMILTON RACE 4)

NAHRAAN - SQUARE D'ALBONI - ROGUE MILLIONS

Race Preview: Square D'alboni signed off his 2024 campaign with a Listed triumph at Chantilly. He was well beaten in a hot Chester Vase on his return and might be worth another chance, but NAHRAAN still looks the way to go. The Gosdens' colt struck with the minimum of fuss under a penalty at Windsor and is likely to have plenty more to offer on just his third start, with this extra furlong further aiding his cause. Rogue Millions is another to keep an eye on.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ARABIAN FORCE	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good to firm ground. Beaten 7l behind Trinity College at 16-1 when seventh of 12 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Hampton Court Stakes at Ascot over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month. Has won at Salisbury and Wetherby this season.
2	GREAT DAVID	Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good and soft ground. Finished 5l behind Trinity College when fifth of 12 at 40-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Hampton Court Stakes at Ascot over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.
3	NAHRAAN	Successful at 1m 1f and 1m 2f on good ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 2-15fav at Windsor over 1m 2f (good) last month, beating Jupiter Ammon by 4l. Has also won at Wolverhampton this season.
4	ROGUE MILLIONS	Successful at 1m 2f and 1m 3f on good and soft ground. Won on his latest outing when 11-8fav at Carlisle over 1m 3f (soft) last month, beating Fast Fred by 4l. Has also won at Chepstow this season.
5	SQUARE D'ALBONI	He has won three times from 7f to 1m 1f on ground varying from good to heavy. Beaten 17l behind Lambourn at 15-2 when last of 8 on his latest outing in the Group 3 Boodles Chester Vase Stakes at Chester over 1m 4f (good) in May.
6	TIERNAN	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 4l behind Danger Bay when fourth of 11 at 10-1 on his latest outing here over 1m 1f (good) last month.
7	SECRET OF LOVE	A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Finished 6l behind Sunly when sixth of 8 at 5-1 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Prix de Royaumont at Chantilly over 1m 4f (good to soft) last month.