

**RACE COMMENT & SELECTION  
UNITED KINGDOM RACING SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026 MEETING  
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**RACE 1: ARIZONA BLAZE STANDING AT THE IRISH NATIONAL STUD IRISH EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND RACE  
(2YO ONLY)**

**BLIXEN FORCE - CARRY THE FLAG - BELLE ISLAND**

Race Preview: BLIXEN FORCE has the benefit of a run, which could prove crucial. The Persian Force colt was sent off favourite for the Brocklesby at Doncaster just over three weeks ago and showed some greenness when asked for his effort over a furlong from home. It was a promising run to finish third to A Bear Affair and he can build on it. Stablemate Belle Island has performed well on the all-weather and the soft ground presents a different challenge. Ballydoyle newcomer Carry The Flag also has to be on the shortlist. The No Nay Never colt was a 250,000-euro yearling and is a half-brother to a Listed winner.

<b>NO.</b>	<b>HORSE NAME</b>	<b>RACE COMMENT</b>
1	ARIZONA RAIDER	Half-brother to Lady Chartwell, won at 1m 2f.
2	BLIXEN FORCE	Dam a lightly raced maiden. Third of 15 behind A Bear Affair beaten 3 1/2l at 7-2fav on his racecourse debut at Doncaster over 5f (good to soft) last month.
3	CARRY THE FLAG	Half-brother to Elsals, won twice at 7f.
4	STAR PROSPECT	Half-brother to Wrought Iron, won twice at 6f.
5	BELLE ISLAND	Half-sister to Emilia James, won at 5f. Placed once in two starts. Third of 6 behind New Yorker beaten 1 3/4l at 11-2 on her latest outing at Dundalk over 5f earlier this month.
6	WHAT A GIRL WANTS	Half-sister to Evening Saigon, won twice at 5f and 6f.

**RACE 2: SIS SUPPORTING IRISH RACING HANDICAP (4YO PLUS)**

**NOBLE NATION - STAG NIGHT - SHADOW OF THE MOON**

Race Preview: NOBLE NATION may be able to bag a follow-up win here. He travelled strongly when scoring at Naas four weeks ago and was perhaps value for a bit more than his winning margin suggests. The form has been boosted recently with the runner-up Exceeding scoring at Leopardstown on Wednesday. Stag Night has run well here on two outings this season and is only 1lb higher than when chasing home Bodhi Bear latest. He looks like a potential danger, likewise Shadow Of The Moon, who was an easy maiden winner when last seen.

<b>NO.</b>	<b>HORSE NAME</b>	<b>RACE COMMENT</b>
1	GAZELLE D'OR	Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to yielding - soft. Well beaten at 9-1 behind Carla Ridge when 12th of 18 on her latest outing here over 6f (soft - heavy) in October last year.
2	STAG NIGHT	Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to soft - heavy. Beaten 1 1/2l by Bodhi Bear when second of 14 at 9-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft - heavy) last month.
3	SOMMELIER	Successful twice at 6f on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 12l behind Bodhi Bear at 50-1 when 11th of 14 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft - heavy) last month.

4	SARAHMAE	She has won three times at 5f on ground varying from good to yielding - soft. Beaten 16l behind Staysound Susie at 33-1 when 14th of 16 on her latest outing here over 6f (soft - heavy) earlier this month.
5	BUDDY BATT	He has won four times at 5f on good - yielding ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 6-4fav at Dundalk over 5f last month, beating Lethimfly by 3/4l.
6	SHADOW OF THE MOON	Won on her latest outing when 8-11fav at Down Royal over 5f (good) in September last year, beating Arklow Lad by 3 1/2l.
7	LIKEDBYMIKE	A winner at 5f on good - yielding ground. Finished 2 3/4l behind Staysound Susie when sixth of 16 at 7-1 on her latest outing here over 6f (soft - heavy) earlier this month.
8	CUBAN GREY	Winner of six races at 5f on ground varying from good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 1 1/4l by Bay Of Supremacy when second of 10 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Bellewstown over 5f (soft) earlier this month.
9	RIBBLE EMPEROR	Placed in four of six starts. Beaten 3/4l by Little Empire when second of 11 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Dundalk over 7f in November last year.
10	NOBLE NATION	He has won three times at 6f on ground varying from soft to soft - heavy. Won on his latest outing when 4-1fav at Naas over 6f (soft) last month, beating Exceeding by 1/2l.

**RACE 3: VISIT THE IRISH NATIONAL STUD AND GARDENS IRISH EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN (2YO ONLY)**

**GREAT BARRIER REEF - BULL SHARK - SANTERNO**

Race Preview: GREAT BARRIER REEF was one of the two-year-olds Aidan O'Brien flagged up at his media morning a few weeks back and the No Nay Never colt may be able to make a winning debut here. He is a full-brother to Superlative Stakes winner Mystery Power and could be Royal Ascot material. Bull Shark has a run under his belt and is a big player. He didn't trouble the front two on his debut here last month but it was a promising effort and the fourth horse has won since. Joseph O'Brien's newcomer Santerno also makes some appeal.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	BULL SHARK	Full brother to Shelton, won at 7f. Third of 7 behind Ruler's Control beaten 3 1/2l at 6-1 on his racecourse debut here over 5f (heavy) last month.
2	DUKE OF ARRAKIS	Half-brother to Hardstyle, won three times between 7f and 1m 1f.
3	FROGS HOLLOW CREEK	Half-brother to Candella, won at 1m 2f.
4	GREAT BARRIER REEF	Full brother to Mystery Power, won four times between 6f and 1m 1f including a Group 2 race.
5	ISCHGL	Dam won at 7f.
6	NEW MEXICO	Dam won twice at 6f. Finished 17l behind Lars Soldier when fifth of 8 at 20-1 on his racecourse debut here over 5f (soft - heavy) earlier this month.



13	WILLIAM F BROWNE	Successful at 7f and 1m on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 9l behind Daler at 11-1 when seventh of 14 on his latest outing at Dundalk over 1m in October last year.
14	ALNOFOOR	Successful at 5f and 6f on soft and heavy ground. A winner at 11-2 at Bellewstown over 5f (soft) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Jordan Breeze by 1l.
15	ABOVEHERONLYSKY	Placed once in three starts. Beaten 8l behind Opalite at 50-1 when 9th of 12 on her latest outing over this course and distance (soft - heavy) last month.
16	THE LOVE MACHINE	A winner at 6f on yielding ground. Well beaten at 40-1 behind Dream Legend when 12th of 13 on his latest outing at Bellewstown over 1m (soft) earlier this month.
17	OPPENHEIMER	Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 9l behind Roaring Fire at 25-1 when seventh of 12 on his latest outing at Naas over 6f (yielding - soft) in September last year.
18	APOTHIC RED	Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 13l behind Breaking Dawn at 125-1 when eighth of 16 on his latest outing over this course and distance (heavy) last month.
19	ANDOSKY	Placed once in six starts. Finished 9l behind Survivor's Code when fifth of 10 at 9-1 on her latest outing at Gowran Park over 7f (soft) earlier this month.
20	FONTAINE KHALED	Yet to place in four starts. Beaten 9l behind Noble Nation at 8-1 when 11th of 15 on her latest outing at Naas over 6f (soft) last month.
21	ART OF UNITY	Has won eight races at 5f on ground varying from good to yielding - soft and on the all-weather. Third of 15 behind Alnofoor beaten 1 1/4l at 16-1 on his latest outing at Bellewstown over 5f (soft) earlier this month.

**RACE 5: TOTE GUARANTEE, NEVER BEATEN BY SP ALLEGED STAKES (GROUP 3) (CLASS 1) (4YO PLUS)**

**ROYAL RHYME - GREEN IMPACT - TWAIN**

Race Preview: ROYAL RHYME has some very strong Group 1 form in the book. He only made the track twice last season and was a commendable fifth to Los Angeles in the Tattersalls Gold Cup here last May. The pick of his form is a third-placed effort in the Champion Stakes at Ascot in October 2024. He has an absence to overcome, but should appreciate this ground. Green Impact is another interesting one on his return. He picked up an injury after finishing fourth in the York Stakes last July, but is a talented sort and could play a big role. Group 1-winning two-year-old Twain is a fascinating runner, but may be best watched after a long absence.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	TRUSTYOURINSTINCT	Winner of six races from 1m 1f to 1m 4f on good and yielding ground. Finished 12l behind Shaool when sixth of 10 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m 2f (heavy) in October last year.
2	EASTWATCH	Successful at 1m 1f and 1m 2f on soft and yielding ground. Beaten 17l behind Fiver Friday at 3-1fav when seventh of 18 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft - heavy) earlier this month.
3	EDWARD HAMILTON	A winner at 1m 3f on the all-weather. Well beaten at 16-1 behind Shaool when last of 10 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m 2f (heavy) in October last year.
4	GREEN IMPACT	He has won three times from 1m to 1m 1f on good and good - yielding ground. Finished 5l behind Royal Champion when fourth of 7 at 9-2 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Sky Bet York Stakes at York over 1m 2f (good) in July last year.

5	OMNI MAN	Successful at 1m 2f and 1m 4f on good ground. Third of 13 behind Phantom Flight beaten 2 3/4l at 9-2 on his latest outing at Dundalk over 1m 3f in September last year.
6	RED LETTER	She has won three times from 7f to 1m 1f on ground varying from good to soft. Third of 11 behind Barnavara beaten 6l at 11-8fav on her latest outing over this course and distance (good - yielding) in September last year.
7	ROYAL RHYME	Winner of five races from 7f to 1m 2f on good to soft and soft ground. Finished 4 1/2l behind Los Angeles when fifth of 9 at 20-1 on his latest outing here over 1m 2f (good) in May last year.
8	STARFORD	He has won three times from 1m 1f to 1m 3f on ground varying from soft to heavy. Finished 8l behind Fiver Friday when fifth of 18 at 11-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft - heavy) earlier this month.
9	TWAIN	Successful at 7f and 1m on soft and heavy ground. A winner at 7-1 in the Group 1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud over 1m (heavy) on his latest outing in October '24, beating Mount Kilimanjaro by 1 1/4l.
10	BESET	She has won four times from 1m 2f to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to heavy and on the all-weather. A winner at 11-4 at Naas over 1m 3f (soft) on her latest outing last month, beating Lemsairbat by 3l.
11	BUBBLE GUM	She has won three times from 1m to 1m 4f on good and heavy ground. Beaten 13l behind Celestial Orbit at 40-1 when seventh of 10 on her latest outing here over 1m (soft - heavy) earlier this month.
12	CAROLINA JETSTREAM	She has won four times from 7f to 1m 3f on the all-weather. Finished 3 1/2l behind Stateira when fourth of 11 at 5-1 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 7f earlier this month.

**RACE 6: BIRMINGHAM CAMERAS IRISH EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN (3YO PLUS)**

**STARMAN TOM - THENANDNOW - CACTUS**

Race Preview: STARMAN TOM shaped with plenty of promise on his debut at Cork and can step forward. The Starman gelding overcame a tardy start to chase home cosy winner Cardiff By The Sea and that form looks strong as the winner was fourth in the Queen Mary last season. The highest rated of those with official marks is the Jessica Harrington-trained Thenandnow. Her best run came on her debut over 7f at Leopardstown, but she had some decent efforts subsequently and is entitled to play a big role in this company. Cactus would be one of the lesser lights in Ballydoyle, but she has some decent placed form and could get involved.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	BARTOLITO	Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 15l behind Gaiety Girl at 8-1 when eighth of 12 on his latest outing at Dundalk over 1m last month.
2	CLASSICAL SYMPHONY	Unplaced in both starts. Well beaten at 150-1 behind Cardiff By The Sea when last of 11 on his latest outing at Cork over 5f (soft) earlier this month.
3	DREAMINTHEJUNGLE	Beaten 8l behind Charasson at 50-1 when seventh of 17 on his racecourse debut over this course and distance (good) in June last year.
4	A GOOD YARN	Dam won twice over hurdles at 2m 4f, twice in chases at 2m 6f and 3m and in NH flat race at 2m including a Group 1 race.
5	CANTILEVER	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 8l behind Breaking Dawn when fifth of 16 at 10-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (heavy) last month.

6	CHANGING DIRECTION	Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 20l behind Amiata at 250-1 when 11th of 12 on his latest outing at Navan over 5f (yielding) in August last year.
7	CONCAIRE	Dam unraced. Beaten 10l behind Golddream at 80-1 when seventh of 10 on his racecourse debut at Dundalk over 1m earlier this month.
8	COOL AZUL	Half-brother to Game Breaker, won three times at 6f.
9	NEW DIVIDE	Unplaced in both starts. Well beaten at 200-1 behind Accredited when sixth of 7 on his latest outing at Naas over 7f (soft) last month.
10	RAGAIRE	Full brother to Brigid's Cloak, won at 6f.
11	STARMAN TOM	Half-brother to Kessaar Power, won three times at 6f and 1m. Beaten 1l by Cardiff By The Sea when second of 11 at 7-1 on his racecourse debut at Cork over 5f (soft) earlier this month.
12	THREEBIGGULPS	Dam a lightly raced maiden. Beaten 20l behind Golddream at 150-1 when last of 10 on his racecourse debut at Dundalk over 1m earlier this month.
13	TIDE OF FORTUNE	Half-brother to Path Of Silver, won four times at 7f and 1m.
14	CACTUS	Placed in three of eight starts. Beaten 11l behind Rosie Frith at 8-1 when 12th of 13 on her latest outing at Dundalk over 5f in October last year.
15	GILTS	Dam a lightly raced maiden.
16	GLEN AND TONIC	Placed twice in six starts. Finished 4 1/2l behind Innumerable when fifth of 13 at 15-8fav on her latest outing at Dundalk over 6f in November last year.
17	GRANDE CUVEE	Full sister to Bubbles On Ice, won twice at 1m.
18	LAR NA COILLE	Unplaced in both starts. Finished 7l behind Michael's Well when sixth of 14 at 28-1 on her latest outing at Navan over 6f (soft) in October last year.
19	MAGNA KOTCHA	Unplaced in both starts. Well beaten at 40-1 behind Wild Bessie when 10th of 11 on her latest outing at Cork over 7f (soft) earlier this month.
20	MISS MOORE CEN	Full sister to Melesina, won three times at 7f and 1m including a Group 3 race.

21	OCHTAR AGAINN	Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 9l behind Opalite at 40-1 when 10th of 12 on her latest outing over this course and distance (soft - heavy) last month.
22	SPIRITOFTHEDAWN	Dam unraced. Well beaten at 10-1 behind Brownstown when 11th of 17 on her racecourse debut at Leopardstown over 7f (soft) in June last year.
23	SWEET BABY ZOU	Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 18l behind Bobby Mcgee at 25-1 when 10th of 13 on her latest outing at Gowran Park over 7f (soft) earlier this month.
24	THENANDNOW	Placed once in four starts. Beaten 6l behind Mumhan at 9-2 when seventh of 16 on her latest outing over this course and distance (yielding - soft) in September last year.

**RACE 7: 1XBET.IE SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP (3YO PLUS)**

**RED CHARLIE - MICKEY THE STEEL - MERISI DIAMOND**

Race Preview: RED CHARLIE got a fair hike for his easy win here just over three weeks ago, but may be able to follow up. The US-bred gelding, who was a four-and-three-quarter-length victor over C&D in testing conditions, remains very unexposed and may be able to defy the 15lb rise. Mickey The Steel, who chased him home, is now a stone better off so is entitled to give him a bit more to think about. Merisi Diamond was third in that race so has to come into calculations, especially in first-time cheekpieces. Recent Bellewstown winner Lahore Da King also has to be on the shortlist.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	REAL FORCE	Winner of five races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good to soft to soft - heavy, but last win was over two years ago. Finished 5l behind Dmaniac when fourth of 9 at 16-1 on his latest outing here over 6f (heavy) last month.
2	EARLS	Has won 11 races from 5f to 1m on ground varying from good to soft - heavy. Beaten 20l behind Perry Mason at 33-1 when 10th of 14 on his latest outing here over 1m (soft - heavy) last month.
3	BLUES EMPEROR	Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on good and soft ground and on the all-weather. Well beaten at 66-1 behind Key Witness when 16th of 21 on his latest outing here over 1m (soft - heavy) earlier this month.
4	SAN AER	He has won four times from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to heavy, but last win was over two years ago. Beaten 10l behind Independent Expert at 8-1 when 9th of 12 on his latest outing at Naas over 7f (soft) last month.
5	SMOKE THEM OUT	He has won three times at 6f on ground varying from good - yielding to soft - heavy. Finished 8l behind Bodhi Bear when sixth of 14 at 13-2 on his latest outing here over 5f (soft - heavy) last month.
6	SUN SOLDIER	A winner at 1m on good - yielding ground. Third of 14 behind Falls Of Acharn beaten 2l at 6-1 on his latest outing at Cork over 1m (yielding) in September last year.
7	JON RIGGENS	He has won four times from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to yielding. Well beaten at 12-1 behind Smoke Them Out when 10th of 12 on his latest outing here over 6f (heavy) last month.
8	LOCAL LAD	Placed in four of eight starts. Third of 9 behind Beautiful Affair beaten 2 1/4l at 13-8fav on his latest outing at Dundalk over 7f in November last year.
9	LAHORE DA KING	He has won three times from 7f to 1m on soft ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 14-1 at Bellewstown over 1m (soft) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Mehman by 1 1/4l.

10	LOINGSEOIR	Winner of seven races from 7f to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to soft - heavy. Beaten 11l behind Key Witness at 25-1 when 14th of 20 on his latest outing over this course and distance (heavy) in November last year.
11	RED CHARLIE	A winner at 11-1 over this course and distance (soft - heavy) on his latest outing last month, beating Mickey The Steel by 5l.
12	MERISI DIAMOND	He has won four times from 6f to 7f on soft and heavy ground. Third of 23 behind Red Charlie beaten 7l at 9-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft - heavy) last month.
13	HEXAGONAL	Unplaced in all six starts. Beaten 13l behind Matt Connor at 25-1 when seventh of 13 on his latest outing at Gowran Park over 1m 1f (soft) earlier this month.
14	GOAL EXCEEDED	Successful at 6f and 7f on good and soft ground. Beaten 1/2l by Glory To Be when second of 16 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 7f (yielding - soft) earlier this month.
15	L L KOULSTY	A winner at 6f on yielding - soft ground. Third of 9 behind Silky Lass beaten 5l at 11-8fav on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m in February.
16	MICKEY THE STEEL	Winner of five races from 5f to 6f on yielding and heavy ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 5l by Red Charlie when second of 23 at 15-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance (soft - heavy) last month.
17	LADY MARY HEATH	Placed once in six starts. Beaten 12l behind Satono Chevalier at 15-2 when seventh of 13 on her latest outing at Navan over 1m 2f (heavy) last month.

**RACE 8: YOUR GAME, YOUR ODDS, YOUR 1XBET.IE HANDICAP (3YO ONLY)**

**HAMIYAN - BOSTON BENJAMIN - CLOSELY**

Race Preview: HAMIYAN had some nice runs in maidens last term and doesn't look harshly treated off a mark of 79 on his second handicap start. The Wootton Bassett gelding was placed twice from four runs, including when third to recent Ballysax winner Christmas Day at Gowran Park. Boston Benjamin brings winning form into the race, having scored at Dundalk back in February. He remains unexposed and Colin Keane is an eye-catching booking. Closely weakened on her comeback run in a maiden here last month, but it would be no surprise if she stepped forward with that outing under her belt.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	HAMIYAN	Placed twice in four starts. Finished 6l behind River Ara when fourth of 12 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Leopardstown over 1m (yielding - soft) in October last year.
2	BOSTON BENJAMIN	A winner at 10-1 at Dundalk over 7f on his latest outing in February, beating Salacious by a nose.
3	GONNA BE GOLDEN	A winner at 9-2 at Dundalk over 7f on her latest outing in December last year, beating Great Plains Lady by a head.
4	VANTAGE CODE	Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 9l behind Proposition at 66-1 when seventh of 12 on his latest outing at Galway over 7f (soft - heavy) in October last year.
5	VENETIAN STAR	Placed once in five starts. Beaten 5l behind Invincible Will at 5-1 when seventh of 11 on his latest outing here over 7f (yielding - soft) in September last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with John Patrick Murtagh in Ireland.

6	JOHNNY SODA	Placed once in four starts. Beaten 14l behind Causeway at 12-1 when 12th of 13 on his latest outing at Naas over 7f (soft) last month.
7	CLOSELY	Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 6l behind Opalite at 16-5 when seventh of 12 on her latest outing here over 6f (soft - heavy) last month.
8	DOWN THE GLEN	A winner at 17-2 at Galway over 7f (heavy) on his latest outing in October last year, beating Aquilla Star by 3l.
9	MO ANAM CHARA	Placed once in four starts. Beaten 1 1/4l by John La Bear when second of 11 at 11-4jt-fav on her latest outing at Dundalk over 1m in December last year.
10	DIVINE BELIEVER	Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 9l behind Drop Dead Gorgeous at 200-1 when seventh of 10 on her latest outing at Naas over 1m (soft) last month.
11	ARCTIC ASSASSIN	Yet to place in three starts. Beaten 9l behind Back To Me at 40-1 when 9th of 11 on his latest outing at Dundalk over 6f in November last year.
12	PASS THE BUCK	Unplaced in all three starts. Beaten 7l behind Back To Me at 200-1 when seventh of 11 on his latest outing at Dundalk over 6f in November last year.
13	HAMBELTON	Yet to place in four starts. Finished 8l behind Empty Wallet when fourth of 9 at 11-2 on his latest outing at Cork over 1m (soft - heavy) earlier this month.
14	DREOILIN	Placed once in four starts. Beaten 7l by Servare when second of 13 at 5-1 on her latest outing at Navan over 1m 2f (heavy) last month.