

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION  
UNITED KINGDOM RACING MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2024 MEETING  
RIPON

RACE 1:        BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) (2YO ONLY)

HUSCAL - CAPE SOVEREIGN - CALIBOS

Race Preview: HUSCAL performed with plenty of credit when finishing sixth in a warm Goodwood maiden last month and, with the promise of improvement to come, he gets the vote to land the spoils at the second time of asking. Cape Sovereign chased homed two potentially useful types when third over 6f at Redcar last month and he can give the selection most to think about. Calibos appears to be the pick of the Richard Fahey-trained duo and he is respected most out of the remainder on his debut.

| NO. | HORSE NAME         | RACE COMMENT  |
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| 1   | CALIBOS            | Foaled 13 Apr. Half-brother to Angel Down, won three times between 6f and 1m.   |
| 2   | GALWAY SANDS       | Foaled 25 Mar. Half-brother to Fitheach, won three times at 7f.   |
| 3   | HUSCAL             | Foaled 26 Feb. Dam unraced. Finished 4l behind Jouncy when sixth of 14 at 18-1 on his racecourse debut at Goodwood over 6f (good to firm) last month.   |
| 4   | INVINCIBLE LOVE    | Foaled 19 Feb. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Beaten 15l behind Scatter Penny at 14-1 when eighth of 10 on his racecourse debut at Pontefract over 6f (good) last month.   |
| 5   | KEATS HOUSE        | Foaled 23 Apr. Dam won at 1m 4f. Beaten 13l behind Elsie's Ruan at 11-1 when 9th of 18 on his racecourse debut at York over 7f (good to firm) last month.   |
| 6   | ORLANDO MAGIC      | Foaled 21 Mar. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 10l behind Hallasan at 66-1 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing at Nottingham over 6f (good to soft) last month.                                       |
| 7   | WATCHMAKER         | Foaled 4 Apr. Half-brother to Placated, won twice between 1m 3f and 1m 6f. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 20l behind Glitterati at 22-1 when 12th of 13 on his latest outing at Windsor over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month. |
| 8   | CAPE SOVEREIGN     | Foaled 7 Feb. Half-brother to Funkadelic, won at 5f. Placed once in two starts. Third of 13 behind Diablo Rojo beaten 6l at 13-2 on his latest outing at Redcar over 6f (good to firm) last month.                                  |
| 9   | BRAVE BYREFLECTION | Foaled 21 Jan. Dam won twice at 1m.   |
| 10  | DUBAI MAGIC        | Foaled 3 Feb. Dam a lightly raced maiden. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 8l behind Preanka when sixth of 13 at 22-1 on her latest outing at Windsor over 6f (good to firm) last month.   |
| 11  | LUNAR FORCE        | Foaled 11 Mar. Placed twice in five starts. Finished 3l behind Bob Mali when fourth of 7 at 9-2 on her latest outing at Ayr over 6f (good to soft) earlier this month.  |

RACE 2:        HARROGATE THEATRE PANTO TICKETS NOW ON-SALE RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)  
(CLASS 5) (3YO TO 5YO)

SLANEY SWAGGER - NORTH SUMMIT - SIR EDWARD LEAR

Race Preview: This looks a good opportunity for SLANEY SWAGGER to put his experience to good use and gain a breakthrough victory. The son of Profitable made a pleasing start to life with Alice Haynes when finishing third over 1m1f at Hamilton earlier this month and, with the likelihood of more to come in first-time cheekpieces, he looks the one to side with. North Summit didn't cut much ice when finishing down the field over a mile at Chelmsford on his debut recently, but he merits a second look with improvement expected now stepped up in trip. Sir Edward Lear looks the pick of the newcomers and he completes the shortlist.

| NO. | HORSE NAME        | RACE COMMENT  |
|-----|-------------------|---|
| 1   | NORTH SUMMIT      | Dam a lightly raced maiden. Beaten 9l behind Urban Lion at 20-1 when seventh of 9 on his racecourse debut at Chelmsford City over 1m earlier this month.  |
| 2   | THATS MY BOY LUKE | Unplaced in both starts. Finished 8l behind Historic City when fourth of 7 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 1f (soft) earlier this month. |
| 3   | SIR EDWARD LEAR   | Half-brother to Percy Shelley, won three times between 1m 1f and 1m 3f.   |
| 4   | SLANEY SWAGGER    | Placed in three of nine starts. Third of 7 behind Historic City beaten 6l at 9-4 on his latest outing at Hamilton over 1m 1f (soft) earlier this month.   |
| 5   | ELVINGTON         | Dam a lightly raced maiden.   |

**RACE 3: BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF RIPON CHAMPION TWO YRS OLD TROPHY STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS 1) (2YO ONLY)**

**SOLDIER'S HEART - SHADOW ARMY - BENEVENTO**

Race Preview: Shadow Army was last seen finishing down the field in the Group 1 Phoenix Stakes at the Curragh earlier this month, and he must be of interest with his sights lowered here. That said, preference is for the progressive SOLDIER'S HEART. The son of Havana Grey posted a low-key effort in the Group 3 Molecomb Stakes over 5f at Goodwood on his penultimate start, but he bounced back when scoring comfortably over C&D recently and he gets the vote to land the spoils in what should be an informative affair. Benevento and Preanka both impressed when winning on debut and are also noteworthy.

| NO. | HORSE NAME      | RACE COMMENT   |
|-----|-----------------|--|
| 1   | BENEVENTO       | Foaled 25 Feb. Half-brother to Polling Day, won twice at 1m 2f and 1m 4f. A winner at 4-1 at Yarmouth over 5f (good) on his latest outing in May, beating Bolo Neighs by 1 1/4l. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with D J S Ffrench Davis. |
| 2   | LINE OF FORCE   | Foaled 1 Feb. Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Beaten 4l by Soldier's Heart when second of 6 at 5-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) earlier this month. Has won at Carlisle and Ripon this season.        |
| 3   | MEARALL         | Foaled 28 Apr. Half-brother to Love Lies, won at 6f. Won on his latest outing when 11-8fav over this course and distance (good) earlier this month, beating We Dare To Dream by 2 1/4l.  |
| 4   | SHADOW ARMY     | Foaled 22 Mar. A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 5l behind Babouche when fourth of 5 at 14-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Keeneland Phoenix Stakes at Curragh over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month.  |
| 5   | SOLDIER'S HEART | Foaled 12 Feb. Successful at 5f and 6f on good ground. Won on his latest outing when evens fav over this course and distance (good) earlier this month, beating Line Of Force by 4l. Has also won at Goodwood this season.   |
| 6   | SPIRIT OF LEROS | Foaled 21 Jan. Successful twice at 6f on good ground. A winner at 12-1 at Newbury over 6f (good) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Candy by 1l. Has also won at Lingfield this season.  |

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| 7 | PREANKA | Foaled 8 Feb. Dam unraced. A winner at 22-1 at Windsor over 6f (good to firm) on her latest outing last month, beating Queue Dos by 4 1/2l. |
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**RACE 4:        RIPON ROWELS HANDICAP (CLASS 2) (3YO PLUS)**

**MAJOR PARTNERSHIP - DEBORA'S DREAM - LOVE DE VEGA**

Race Preview: The progressive Debora's Dream made most of the running to land a double last month, but may he well be taken on for the lead by Windsor runner-up Love De Vega today, and that could set the race up nicely for MAJOR PARTNERSHIP. Saeed bin Suroor's veteran is having his first start of the year, though has gone well fresh on more than on occasion in the past, and is only 3lb higher than when successful in this grade at Nottingham last summer.

| NO. | HORSE NAME        | RACE COMMENT  |
|-----|-------------------|---|
| 1   | MAJOR PARTNERSHIP | Winner of six races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 3/4l behind Vafortino when fourth of 15 on his latest outing at Meydan over 7f (good) in December last year.                             |
| 2   | PADISHAKH         | Successful at 1m and 1m 1f on good to soft ground. Beaten 4l behind La Trinidad at 33-1 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 1m (good) earlier this month.  |
| 3   | LOVE DE VEGA      | Winner of seven races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 1l by Bennetot when second of 13 at 33-1 on his latest outing at Windsor over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month. Has won 3 times this season. |
| 4   | SPIRIT CATCHER    | He has won three times from 7f to 1m on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 3 1/2l behind New Image at 28-1 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month.  |
| 5   | PISANELLO         | Winner of six races from 1m to 1m 1f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 9l behind Paradias at 22-1 when 10th of 11 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 1f (good to firm) earlier this month.  |
| 6   | WATCHA MATEY      | He has won three times from 7f to 1m 1f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 9l behind Approval at 7-1 when eighth of 10 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month. Has won at Musselburgh and Newmarket this season.    |
| 7   | ON THE RIVER      | Has won eight races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to heavy. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Signcastle City at 7-2 when last of 8 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) earlier this month. Has won at Ripon and Pontefract this season.   |
| 8   | DEBORA'S DREAM    | He has won three times from 7f to 1m on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 10-11fav at Sandown over 1m (good to firm) last month, beating Crystal Casque by 3/4l. Has also won at Nottingham this season.       |
| 9   | BARLEY            | He has won three times at 1m on good to firm and good to soft ground. Beaten 4l behind Bennetot at 25-1 when seventh of 13 on his latest outing at Windsor over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month.   |
| 10  | GARDEN OASIS      | Has won 11 races from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten a head by Signcastle City when second of 8 at 13-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) earlier this month. Has won twice at Ripon this season.                  |

**RACE 5:        THEAKSTON'S BEER FESTIVAL SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (3YO PLUS)**

**STRONG JOHNSON - OUR ABSENT FRIENDS - INGLEBY ARCHIE**

Race Preview: STRONG JOHNSON won twice at this time last year, including a victory over this course a distance. Paul Midgley's sprinter races off a 7lb lower mark today and recent placed efforts suggest a return to winning ways is imminent. He looks to have most to fear from recent Musselburgh runner-up Our Absent Friends, given both Ingleby Archie and High Opinion have looked in the grip of the handicapper since landing doubles during the summer.

| NO. | HORSE NAME         | RACE COMMENT   |
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| 1   | STRONG JOHNSON     | Has won eight races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to yielding and on the all-weather. Beaten 2 1/2l by Moonstone Boy when second of 5 at 6-4fav on his latest outing at Hamilton over 5f (soft) earlier this month.                              |
| 2   | OUR ABSENT FRIENDS | He has won three times from 5f to 6f on soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Protest Rally when second of 6 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 5f (good) earlier this month.   |
| 3   | INGLEBY ARCHIE     | Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good to soft ground. Finished 2 1/2l behind Boadicia when fifth of 9 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month. Has won at Thirsk and Redcar this season.                        |
| 4   | SCOOPS AHOY        | He has won three times at 5f on good to firm and soft ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 1/2l by Willolarupi when second of 9 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.  |
| 5   | HIGH OPINION       | He has won four times at 5f on ground varying from good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 2 3/4l behind Dandy Dinmont when fourth of 12 at 15-2 on his latest outing at Doncaster over 5f (good) last month. Has won at Catterick and Nottingham this season. |
| 6   | KELDEO             | Successful twice at 5f on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 2 1/2l by Etoile d'Alexandre when second of 7 at 4-1co-fav on her latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good to firm) last month.  |
| 7   | WOOBAY             | Successful twice at 5f on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 7l behind Je Ne Sais Quoi at 5-4fav when seventh of 8 on her latest outing over this course and distance (good) earlier this month.   |
| 8   | RESTLESS PRINCE    | A winner at 5f on soft ground. Beaten 7l behind Willolarupi at 28-1 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.   |
| 9   | LEODIS DREAM       | Has won nine races at 5f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 3 1/2l behind Glendown when sixth of 10 at 11-1 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month.                          |
| 10  | BRIAN THE SNAIL    | Has won 12 races from 5f to 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Treacherous when fifth of 9 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Bath over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month.                                    |
| 11  | HOOF IT HOOF IT    | Successful twice at 6f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 7l behind One Of Our Own at 22-1 when 9th of 12 on her latest outing at Catterick over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month.  |

RACE 6: GBR 'IN THE Paddock' OWNERSHIP DAY CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6) (3YO PLUS)

KEEN INTEREST - LAUDABLE - PERIPETEIA

Race Preview: Stepping back up in trip looks like a good move for KEEN INTEREST, having been outpaced late on when not beaten far over 1m at Yarmouth last week following a 1m3f success at Yarmouth. Alice Haynes' charge seems well treated by the conditions of this contest, and it may be that Laudable gives him the most to think about following a taking success at Ayr when having his first go at this distance. Peripeteia and Tiberio Force are likely to be thereabouts as well.

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| 1  | GOING UNDERGROUND | Successful at 7f and 1m on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 12l behind Bowood at 22-1 when 10th of 12 on his latest outing here over 1m (good) earlier this month.   |
| 2  | LAUDABLE          | Won on his latest outing when 7-2fav at Ayr over 1m 2f (good to soft) earlier this month, beating Visitant by 1l.  |
| 3  | ODD VENTURE       | Successful at 1m 2f and 1m 4f on good and yielding - soft ground. Beaten 15l behind dead-heaters National Question and Peripeteia at 7-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Musselburgh over 1m 4f (good) last month. |
| 4  | PERIPETEIA        | Winner of six races from 1m 2f to 1m 6f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Third of 7 behind Jamih beaten 1 1/4l at 4-1 on her latest outing at Catterick over 1m 4f (good to firm) earlier this month. |
| 5  | RECORWOMAN        | Successful at 7f and 1m 2f on soft and heavy ground. Beaten 8l behind Glasses Up at 50-1 when 11th of 12 on her latest outing at Ayr over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.   |
| 6  | RIBKANA           | Placed in five of 22 starts. Beaten 9l behind Rebecca's Girl at 14-1 when last of 9 on her latest outing at Carlisle over 7f (good) earlier this month.  |
| 7  | RUBELLITE         | A winner at 1m 1f on the all-weather. Beaten 15l behind Clever Currency at 33-1 when last of 10 on her latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 4f earlier this month.   |
| 8  | TIBERIO FORCE     | A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground, but that win was over two years ago. Third of 10 behind Stand Free beaten 1 1/4l at 7-2 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m 2f earlier this month.                           |
| 9  | KEEN INTEREST     | A winner at 1m 3f on good to firm ground. Beaten 1/2l by Quickfire when second of 13 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Yarmouth over 1m (good to firm) earlier this month.  |
| 10 | SASSY GLORY       | Yet to place in five starts. Beaten 11l behind Bay Dream Believer at 66-1 when eighth of 9 on her latest outing over this course and distance (good) earlier this month.   |

**RACE 7: AJA AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)**

**SHIELD OF HONOUR - MASQUE OF ANARCHY - CHICAGO GAL**

Race Preview: A determined winner over further at Yarmouth last month in a classified stakes contest that has worked out well since, SHIELD OF HONOUR looks more than capable of following up in this amateur jockeys' contest from a plum inside draw. Masque Of Anarchy almost ended a long losing streak when narrowly denied at Beverley last time out and he is entitled to be thereabouts again. Others to note include Chicago al, Edwina Sheeran and Irv.

| NO. | HORSE NAME     | RACE COMMENT   |
|-----|----------------|--|
| 1   | SAMEEM         | Winner of seven races from 7f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to soft. Well beaten at 6-1 behind Graze On Phoenix when last of 8 on his latest outing at Carlisle over 1m 3f (good) earlier this month. |
| 2   | EDWINA SHEERAN | She has won four times at 1m 4f on good and good to soft ground. Well beaten at 18-1 behind Jamih when last of 7 on her latest outing at Thirsk over 1m 4f (good) earlier this month.                                |
| 3   | CHICAGO GAL    | A winner at 1m 2f on good to firm ground; has also won a hurdle in May. Finished 2 1/2l behind Bay Dream Believer when fifth of 9 at 2-1fav on her latest outing here over 1m 2f (good) earlier this month.          |

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| 4  | DOGGED            | Winner of five races from 1m to 1m 3f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 16l behind Bruno's Gold at 9-1 when 10th of 11 on his latest outing at Pontefract over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month.   |
| 5  | MASQUE OF ANARCHY | Winner of seven races from 1m 2f to 1m 3f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten a head by Love Yours when second of 13 at 12-1 on his latest outing at Beverley over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month.  |
| 6  | STAR START        | He has won three times from 1m 1f to 1m 2f on good and soft ground. Finished 7l behind She's A Novelty when sixth of 11 at 40-1 on his latest outing at Catterick over 1m 4f (good to firm) earlier this month.   |
| 7  | IRV               | Winner of five races from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 5l behind Love Yours at 5-1 when seventh of 13 on his latest outing at Beverley over 1m 2f (good to firm) last month. Has won at Pontefract and Wolverhampton this season. |
| 8  | SHIELD OF HONOUR  | A winner at 10-3 at Yarmouth over 1m 3f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Clever Currency by a neck.  |
| 9  | DAFFIN            | Placed once in nine starts. Beaten 17l behind Star Of St James at 66-1 when seventh of 14 on her latest outing at Nottingham over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month.  |
| 10 | RAYENA            | Placed in three of 14 starts. Beaten 15l behind Bruno's Gold at 22-1 when 9th of 11 on her latest outing at Pontefract over 1m 2f (good to firm) earlier this month.  |
| 11 | CARACRISTI        | She has won three times from 1m to 1m 1f on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 14l behind Clever Currency at 100-1 when 9th of 10 on her latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 4f earlier this month.  |