

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING
LINGFIELD

RACE 1: CREATE YOUR BET BUILDERS AT MIDNITE HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (4YO PLUS)

DAMASCUS STEEL - WONDER - CHARLIE'S CHOICE

Race Preview: Having justified favouritism at Southwell recently, Wonder merits respect in his follow-up bid. However, a 4lb higher mark does demand more of the five-year-old and his previous conqueror DAMASCUS STEEL may prove too tough. Denis Quinn's charge was far from disgraced when foiled in his hat-trick bid at Wolverhampton last time out and a 1lb nudge up in the ratings looks workable. Charlie's Choice also arrives in here in good heart and is a feasible alternative.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	WONDER	He has won three times from 1m 1f to 2m on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when evens fav at Southwell over 1m 4f earlier this month, beating Knight Templar by 1 3/4l.
2	CHARLIE'S CHOICE	Winner of seven races from 1m 1f to 1m 5f on the all-weather (3 PO). A winner at 7-2 here over 1m 5f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Hebridean Nomad by a head. Has won twice at Lingfield this season.
3	DAMASCUS STEEL	Winner of seven races from 1m 2f to 1m 4f including 5 wins on the all-weather (3 PO). Beaten 1 1/2l by Melek Alreeh when second of 10 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 4f last month.
4	KINGKEER	A winner at 1m 3f. Beaten 7l behind Elouise's Prince at 11-1 when last of 7 on his latest outing here over 1m earlier this month.
5	ONE COOL DREAMER	Successful twice at 1m 2f. Beaten a neck by Word Of Mouth when second of 9 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 6f earlier this month.
6	PLEASANT MAN	He has won four times from 1m to 1m 6f including a win on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Wonder when sixth of 11 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 1m 4f earlier this month.
7	PARTY ISLAND	Has won nine races from 7f to 1m 4f including 7 wins on polytrack. Finished 2 1/4l behind Dust Cover when fourth of 13 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m 3f earlier this month.
8	TATMEEN	A winner at 1m 4f on polytrack. Finished 3l behind Joseph when sixth of 7 at 8-1 on his latest outing here over 1m 2f earlier this month.

RACE 2: ALWAYS GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (3YO ONLY)

ESCAPE PLAN - ARISHKA'S DREAM - MISTER MOET

Race Preview: Having opened his account at the fifth time of asking, Wolverhampton winner Arishka's Dream is still open to improvement. The son of Dream Ahead may not enjoy such an easy time out in front, though, with preference for fellow handicap debutant ESCAPE PLAN. Tom Ward's inmate found only a horse now rated 97 too good at Dunstall Park when last seen in September and an official rating of 69 could prove lenient. Mister Moet is the pick of the remainder.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ARISHKA'S DREAM	A winner at 4-1 at Wolverhampton over 6f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Perola by 2 1/4l.

2	ESCAPE PLAN	Placed once in three starts. Beaten 3 1/2l by Ten Carat Harry when second of 8 at 5-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 6f in September last year.
3	YES WALIIM	Placed once in three starts. Finished 6l behind Side Deal when fifth of 8 at 11-5 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 6f in December last year.
4	HENRIETTE RONNER	A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind Grey Horizon when fourth of 5 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Southwell over 6f earlier this month.
5	COOL MOLLY	A winner at 5f on polytrack. Finished 6l behind Henrythenate when fifth of 6 at 7-4fav on her latest outing here over 5f last month.
6	FAR TOO FIZZY	Successful twice at 6f on polytrack. Beaten 12l behind Henrythenate at 11-2 when last of 7 on his latest outing here over 5f earlier this month.
7	CORNICHE GIRL	A winner at 6f on polytrack. Third of 7 behind Ebn Sabt beaten 3/4l at 20-1 on her latest outing here over 1m earlier this month.
8	DENBY'S DREAM	Placed once in five starts. Finished 1 1/2l behind Mister Moet when fourth of 7 at 50-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.
9	LUNA BEAUX	A winner at 6f on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Lion of Mali when sixth of 11 at 9-2 on her latest outing at Wolverhampton over 7f earlier this month.
10	MISTER MOET	Successful twice at 6f including a win on polytrack. A winner at 4-1 over this course and distance on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Madman by a head.

RACE 3: BET 10 GET 40 WITH BETMGM NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) (3YO ONLY)

CAPTAIN FOX - SOVEREIGN BAY - KOKUSHOKU

Race Preview: CAPTAIN FOX finished a respectable third on his final outing as a juvenile at Newmarket and an official rating of 81 suggests that he could be tough to beat in novice company. Although his wellbeing has to be taken on trust, Richard Hughes' inmate edges the vote over a race-fit Sovereign Bay. The New Bay gelding offered plenty to work with on his debut second at Newcastle and he's likely to be involved once more, along with Kokushoku.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	CAPTAIN FOX	Placed twice in three starts. Third of 8 behind Enoch beaten 1 3/4l at 7-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 7f (good to firm) in September last year.
2	KOKUSHOKU	Dam a lightly raced maiden. Beaten 5l by Horwich when second of 4 at 8-15fav on his racecourse debut at Wolverhampton over 7f last month.
3	SOVEREIGN BAY	Half-brother to Serengeti, won at 7f. Beaten 3/4l by Outback Heat when second of 10 at 7-2 on his racecourse debut at Newcastle over 1m earlier this month.

4	LADY VANGUARD	Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 16l behind Legacy Link at 25-1 when eighth of 10 on her latest outing at Haydock over 1m (good) in September last year.
5	THE BUREAU CLUB	Half-sister to Bak's Wood, won at 1m.

RACE 4: BETMGM SPRING CUP STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS 1) (3YO ONLY)

RICHIE'S ROCKET - SIR ALBERT - BELLA LYRA

Race Preview: RICHIE'S ROCKET shaped with plenty of promise first time out in what looks a hot Newmarket maiden (three in behind have won since) and took a forward step when winning by nine lengths over C&D in November. Still keen and showing signs of greenness that day, he is likely to have improved further during his time away from the track and a bold is anticipated on his reappearance. Sir Albert was only beaten half a length at this level on his penultimate outing and should go close if able to reproduce that level of performance, while Bella Lyra also holds solid claims in a competitive event.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	HILITANY	Successful twice at 6f. Beaten 6l behind Northern Champion when 9th of 13 on his latest outing at Meydan over 6f earlier this month.
2	RICHIE'S ROCKET	Won on his latest outing when 3-10fav over this course and distance in November last year, beating One Of The Boys by 9l.
3	SHAHIK	A winner at 5-4 at Newcastle over 6f on his latest outing in October last year, beating Zoiros by 1 1/4l. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with George Boughey.
4	SIR ALBERT	He has won three times from 6f to 7f including a win on the all-weather. Beaten 9l behind Mission Central at 12-1 when 9th of 11 on his latest outing at Ascot over 6f (good) in October last year.
5	TEN CARAT HARRY	Winner of six races at 6f on the all-weather (1 PO). A winner at 4-1 at Newcastle over 6f on his latest outing last month, beating Lord Harcourt by 1 1/4l.
6	BELLA LYRA	A winner at 6f. Beaten 1 1/4l by Loucas when second of 13 at 9-4fav on her latest outing at Baden-Baden over 7f (soft) in October last year.
7	STARFINCH	A winner at 9-1 at Southwell over 6f on her latest outing last month, beating Autumn Affair by 1 1/2l.
8	STAR STREWN	Won on her latest outing when 15-8jt-fav at Dundalk over 7f earlier this month, beating Glitter And Glory by 2 1/2l.

RACE 5: READ MEG NICHOLLS' BLOG AT BETMGM.CO.UK HANDICAP (DIV 1) (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)

HOW'S THE GUVNOR - PROFIT STREET - POKE THE BEAR

Race Preview: HOW'S THE GUVNOR could give weight and a beating to these rivals. Jennie Candlish's charge has been running consistently well for a number of months and the form of his recent close-up fourth at Wolverhampton looks rock solid, especially with both the second and third winning since. He steps down in class and makes slightly more appeal than Profit Street, who backed up his C&D success with a narrow defeat over 6f here on Wednesday. Poke The Bear and King David both have each-way claims.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	HOW'S THE GUVNOR	He has won three times from 6f to 1m including 2 wins on the all-weather. Finished 3/4l behind American State when fourth of 10 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month. Has won at Wolverhampton and Southwell this season.
2	KING DAVID	A winner at 7f on polytrack. Finished 2 1/4l behind Pinjarra when fourth of 9 at 10-3 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 6f earlier this month.
3	POKE THE BEAR	He has won three times from 7f to 1m on polytrack. Beaten 1l by Antiquity when second of 9 at 5-1 on his latest outing here over 1m earlier this month. Has won twice at Lingfield this season.
4	MERAPI	Placed once in nine starts. Beaten 13l behind Second Fiddle at 16-1 when 11th of 12 on her latest outing at Newcastle over 1m in December last year. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with Ed Walker.
5	PITNEY	Successful at 7f and 1m including a win on the all-weather. Finished 1 3/4l behind Union Island when fifth of 8 at 5-1 on his latest outing here over 1m earlier this month.
6	OBERON HILL	Placed once in four starts. Finished 6l behind Candonomore when sixth of 10 at 33-1 on his latest outing at Wetherby over 1m (good to firm) in April last year. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Jedd O'Keeffe.
7	PROFIT STREET	He has won four times from 5f to 7f on the all-weather (1 PO). Beaten 1/2l by Watermelon Sugar when second of 7 at 9-4 on his latest outing here over 6f earlier this month.
8	EDERGOLE'S GIFT	She has won three times from 6f to 7f including 2 wins on polytrack. Finished 3 1/2l behind Hint Of The Jungle when sixth of 9 at 33-1 on her latest outing at Chelmsford City over 7f earlier this month.

RACE 6: READ MEG NICHOLLS' BLOG AT BETMGM.CO.UK HANDICAP (DIV 2) (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)

U S S CONSTITUTION - ROYAL JET - MY BOY HARRY

Race Preview: Royal Jet has won four of his last five appearances and must enter calculations, but narrow preference is for U S S CONSTITUTION. Back with Ed Walker following a two-year stint in Hong Kong, the six-year-old returned with an impressive victory over this trip at Kempton earlier in the month and he looks more than capable of defying a 7lb rise. My Boy Harry hasn't done too much wrong since the blinkers were fitted and he could make the frame once more.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	RORY'S ROYALE	Unplaced in all five starts. Finished 5l behind Billy Mill when fourth of 8 at 22-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f last month.
2	MY BOY HARRY	He has won four times from 7f to 1m including 3 wins on polytrack. Third of 9 behind Twirler beaten 1 3/4l at 7-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f earlier this month. Has won twice at Chelmsford City this season.
3	U S S CONSTITUTION	Successful twice at 7f including a win on polytrack. A winner at 5-2 at Kempton over 7f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Bullington Bry by 1 1/4l.
4	ROYAL JET	Winner of five races from 7f to 1m including 4 wins on the all-weather (2 PO). Won on his latest outing when 3-1fav at Wolverhampton over 7f earlier this month, beating Bad Habits by 1l. Has won 3 times this season.

5	DANDY KHAN	She has won four times from 7f to 1m on polytrack. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Samra Star at 15-2 when last of 7 on her latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month.
6	NORTHERN ATTITUDE	Placed in four of 13 starts. Finished 2 1/4l behind King Of York when sixth of 12 at 9-1 on her latest outing at Southwell over 7f earlier this month.
7	MIGHTY RULER	A winner at 7f on polytrack. Beaten 3 1/2l behind Bomb Squad at 14-1 when seventh of 11 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 7f earlier this month.
8	ROMAN EMPEROR	Successful twice at 6f including a win on the all-weather. Finished 3 1/2l behind dead-heaters Kondratiev Wave and Miss Moonshine when fifth of 7 at 15-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.

RACE 7: DAILY PROFIT BOOSTS AT BETMGM.CO.UK CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)

JAKE LOVES LAURA - LEGENDSOFTHELAND - TILSWORTH MAX

Race Preview: Despite being sent off at 50/1, JAKE LOVES LAURA finished a creditable third off a mark of 50 at Chelmsford earlier in the month and will appreciate this drop in class. The step back up in trip shouldn't pose her too many problems and she could be the one to beat. Legendsoftheland made the frame in this class at Wolverhampton and is likely to be thereabouts again, while C&D winner Tilsworth Max is another to note.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	SEDGEMOOR	Successful at 6f and 7f including a win on the all-weather. A winner at 10-3 at Newcastle over 6f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Nazca by 1 3/4l.
2	CUBAN FIESTA	A winner at 1m on the all-weather. Beaten 8l behind Initial Blue at 12-1 when seventh of 9 on his latest outing at Kempton over 6f earlier this month.
3	JAKE LOVES LAURA	Placed twice in 14 starts. Third of 7 behind Forever Noah beaten 2l at 50-1 on her latest outing at Chelmsford City over 6f earlier this month.
4	LEGENDSOFTHELAND	Placed once in 13 starts. Third of 9 behind Oldbury Lad beaten 3 1/2l at 12-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 7f earlier this month, his only placing from 13 starts.
5	TILSWORTH MAX	A winner at 7f on polytrack. Finished 3l behind Angelica K when fifth of 8 at 7-2 on his latest outing here over 1m earlier this month.
6	WORLD OF DARCY	Winner of five races from 5f to 6f. Beaten 12l behind Profit Street at 25-1 when last of 8 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.

RACE 8: MIDNITE, BUILDING THE FUTURE OF BETTING HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (4YO PLUS)

OMAN - KING'S HAND - MISS HERSCHEL

Race Preview: King's Hand beat Tommy's Promise by just over a length over track and trip last month and has since switched to the Joseph Parr stable, so he is one to keep an eye on. Miss Herschel is worth a second look on just her second outing in handicap company, but OMAN gets the nod. The eight-year-old has occupied the runner-up berth the last twice, most recently at Wolverhampton, and can continue his good form.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ROBBO	Successful at 7f and 1m including a win on polytrack. Beaten 12l behind I'm Workin On It at 25-1 when last of 10 on his latest outing at Kempton over 7f earlier this month.
2	OMAN	Winner of five races from 1m 1f to 1m 6f including a win on the all-weather. Beaten 4l by Eupator when second of 10 at 8-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f last month.
3	SEA FOUNDER	A winner at 1m. Beaten 6l behind Melek Alreeh at 18-1 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 4f last month.
4	MISS HERSCHEL	Placed twice in five starts. Well beaten at 14-1 behind Caramay when 9th of 10 on her latest outing at Kempton over 1m 3f earlier this month.
5	KING'S HAND	Won on his latest outing when 9-4jt-fav over this course and distance last month, beating Tommy's Promise by 1 1/4l. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with Sir Mark Prescott.
6	LATIN	Winner of five races from 1m to 1m 1f including 4 wins on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind Elouise's Prince when sixth of 7 at 3-1jt-fav on his latest outing here over 1m earlier this month. Has won 3 times at Wolverhampton this season.
7	TOMMY'S PROMISE	He has won four times at 1m 2f on polytrack. Beaten 1 1/4l by King's Hand when second of 9 at 9-4jt-fav on his latest outing over this course and distance last month.
8	THE SWEET ESCAPE	Placed once in 11 starts. Beaten 17l behind Hebridean Nomad at 11-1 when eighth of 12 on his latest outing here over 1m 4f last month.