

RACE COMMENT & SELECTION
UNITED KINGDOM RACING THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2026 MEETING
LINGFIELD

RACE 1: MIDNITE ARE UPPING THE BETTING GAME HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)

THECOFFEEPODDOTCO - GUSTAV GRAVES - LEVEL UP

Race Preview: THECOFFEEPODDOTCO has improved since returning from a break with a string of consistent efforts and this may be the day that Richard Hannon's filly gets her head in front for the first time. Gustav Graves didn't get the rub of the green when fourth at Wolverhampton last week and is respected along with Level Up, who finished third over C&D on his penultimate start.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	THECOFFEEPODDOTCO	Placed in five of 13 starts. Third of 8 behind Sam's Hope beaten 3 1/2l at 5-1 on her latest outing at Southwell over 5f earlier this month.
2	BANG ON THE BELL	Has won ten races from 5f to 6f including 7 wins on the all-weather (3 PO). Beaten 9l behind Emperor's Son at 6-1 when last of 8 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 5f earlier this month.
3	HONOUR YOUR DREAMS	Winner of six races from 5f to 6f. Finished 7l behind Sam's Hope when sixth of 8 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 5f earlier this month.
4	HELLO LUNA	A winner at 5f. Beaten 6l behind All Too Beautiful at 80-1 when eighth of 9 on her latest outing here over 6f earlier this month.
5	GUSTAV GRAVES	Has won ten races from 5f to 6f including 9 wins on the all-weather. Finished 2l behind El Bufalo when fourth of 7 at 9-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 5f earlier this month.
6	LEVEL UP	Has won 12 races at 5f including 5 wins on the all-weather (2 PO). Finished 3 1/2l behind Sam's Hope when fourth of 8 at 13-2 on his latest outing at Southwell over 5f earlier this month.
7	COOLAGH MAGIC	Has won nine races from 5f to 7f on the all-weather (1 FB, 6 PO). Finished 7l behind Smooth Silesie when fourth of 5 at 18-1 on his latest outing at Yarmouth over 5f (good to firm) in August last year.
8	ALAFDHAL	Has won 13 races from 5f to 6f including 11 wins on the all-weather (6 PO). Finished 3 1/2l behind Mick's Spirit when fifth of 6 at 22-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.
9	SON OF ASTAR	He has won three times at 5f. Third of 8 behind Manhattan Chute beaten 1/2l at 11-4fav on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.
10	CAPTAIN KINSELLA	Successful twice at 5f on the all-weather. Finished 1 3/4l behind Manhattan Chute when fifth of 8 at 10-3 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.

RACE 2: ALWAYS GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM HANDICAP (CLASS 4) (3YO ONLY)

SPACE INVASION - MASKATTO - SOVEREIGN WEALTH

Race Preview: Maskatto needed every yard of the trip to score over C&D at the start of the month and it wouldn't be a huge shock if Andrew Balding's colt wanted further already to be seen to best effect. With that in mind, preference is for SPACE INVASION. He got off the mark here at the third time of asking and an opening mark of 80 appears to be more than fair. Sovereign Wealth and Try Storm Cat complete the shortlist.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	SPACE INVASION	A winner at 6-4 over this course and distance on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Freda by 1/2l.
2	TRY STORM CAT	A winner at 6f. Beaten 4 1/2l by Utmost Good Faith when second of 4 at 9-4 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m earlier this month.
3	SOVEREIGN WEALTH	Won on his latest outing when 2-9fav at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month, beating Hunterian by 9l.
4	LUMINARE	Successful at 5f and 7f including a win on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Gorey Gold when sixth of 8 at 7-2 on her latest outing at Southwell over 7f earlier this month.
5	MASKATTO	Won on his latest outing when 4-5fav over this course and distance earlier this month, beating Foothold by a head.
6	FOOTHOLD	Placed twice in five starts. Beaten 1 1/2l by Allegrino when second of 9 at 10-11fav on his latest outing here over 7f earlier this month.

RACE 3: WIN 250,000 WITH BETMGM'S GOLDEN GOALS HANDICAP (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)

POKE THE BEAR - CELTIC JOHN - VOLENDAM

Race Preview: POKE THE BEAR won here over 7f last Saturday and the return to a mile will definitely play to his strengths. Despite carrying a 5lb penalty for that success, the four-year-old may prove a tough nut to crack. Celtic John won a classified event over C&D when last seen and commands plenty of respect, while Volendam appeals most of the remainder.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	POKE THE BEAR	Successful at 7f and 1m on polytrack. A winner at 9-1 here over 7f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating My Boy Harry by 1l. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success.
2	VOLENDAM	Placed in five of 12 starts. Finished 7l behind R P Mcmurphy when fourth of 11 at 9-1 on her latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f earlier this month.
3	DION BAKER	He has won four times at 7f. Finished 6l behind Sir Rodneyredblood when fifth of 7 at 4-1 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 6f earlier this month.
4	RESILIENT LADY	Yet to place in seven starts. Finished 5l behind Dandy Khan when sixth of 9 at 100-1 on her latest outing here over 7f earlier this month.
5	CELTIC JOHN	A winner at 11-4 over this course and distance on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Taskheer by a head.
6	CHARLES MORIN	A winner at 1m 1f. Third of 7 behind Flamingo Rose beaten 5l at 9-2 on his latest outing here over 2m (good) in July last year.
7	UNKNOWN JOURNEY	Yet to place in 17 starts. Beaten 6l behind Celtic John at 22-1 when seventh of 11 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.

8	WORLD OF DARCY	Winner of five races from 5f to 6f. Finished 5l behind Royal Jet when sixth of 8 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 7f earlier this month.
9	REEL POWER	A winner at 1m, but that win was over two years ago. Beaten 6l behind Poke The Bear at 125-1 when eighth of 11 on his latest outing over this course and distance in December last year.
10	HAVANA'S DREAM	Yet to place in nine starts. Finished 11l behind Blue Point Express when fifth of 6 at 66-1 on her latest outing at Chepstow over 7f (soft) in September last year.

RACE 4: READ MEG NICHOLLS' BLOG AT BETMGM.CO.UK CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6) (4YO PLUS)

HUNTLY LODGE - ROYAL JET - TILSWORTH MAX

Race Preview: Royal Jet has won two of his last three starts and is entitled to the utmost respect, as is Tilsworth Max, who defeated a pair of subsequent scorers over C&D. Sarabi is worth a second look, despite her lack of proven stamina, but a chance can be taken on HUNTLY LODGE. Amanda Perrett's charge took a big step forward to finish fourth over the mile here and is still lightly raced. The drop in trip could be beneficial and the application of first-time blinkers might eke out more too.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ROYAL JET	He has won three times from 7f to 1m including 2 wins on the all-weather (1 PO). Won on his latest outing when 2-1fav at Southwell over 7f earlier this month, beating Laurens Dream by 1 1/4l.
2	ALYARA	She has won three times from 1m to 1m 1f including a win on the all-weather. Finished 2 1/2l behind Poke The Bear when fifth of 8 at 40-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.
3	HENRY TUDOR	Yet to place in seven starts. Finished 6l behind Blue Empress when fourth of 7 at 18-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.
4	HUNTLY LODGE	Unplaced in all eight starts. Finished 2l behind Celtic John when fourth of 11 at 10-1 on his latest outing here over 1m earlier this month.
5	SARABI	A winner at 6f on polytrack. Beaten 1l by Beauzon when second of 6 at 25-1 on her latest outing here over 6f earlier this month.
6	STACEY RACEY	Successful at 6f and 7f on the all-weather (1 PO). Beaten 7l behind Francesi at 20-1 when seventh of 8 on her latest outing here over 1m earlier this month.
7	TILSWORTH MAX	A winner at 12-1 over this course and distance on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Call Glory by 1 1/2l.
8	VITALLINE	Winner of seven races from 6f to 7f including 6 wins on polytrack. Beaten 2 3/4l behind Sisters In The Sky at 7-2 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 6f earlier this month.
9	ZALTALLA	A winner at 7f on polytrack. Finished 2 1/4l behind Tilsworth Max when fourth of 9 at 11-4 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.

RACE 5: MIDNITE A NEXT GENERATION BETTING APP HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (4YO PLUS)

TOMMY'S PROMISE - ALTA RICA - BOWNDER

Race Preview: There has been no stopping TOMMY'S PROMISE, whose winning streak started at Chelmsford last month. He's since added a hat-trick of C&D victories and although the latest was the narrowest of all, he is still fancied to defy a further 4lb rise. That hike now looks fair considering the runner-up has notched up a double in recent days. Alta Rica went close in a blanket finish over track and trip and is considered, while Bownder completes the shortlist.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	ANNEXATION	Winner of six races from 7f to 1m 2f including 2 wins on polytrack. Beaten 6l behind Dream Pirate at 14-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.
2	MEET ME IN MERAKI	Winner of five races from 1m to 1m 4f including 3 wins on the all-weather (1 PO). Finished 10l behind Tommy's Promise when sixth of 9 at 9-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.
3	ALTA RICA	Placed once in six starts. Third of 10 behind Dream Pirate beaten a head at 11-1 on her latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.
4	DIDAAR	Placed in three of 15 starts. Third of 12 behind Foreseen beaten 3l at 40-1 on his latest outing at Kempton over 1m in December last year.
5	PENFOLDS GRANGE	A winner at 1m 1f on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Tonal when fifth of 9 at 25-1 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 1m in December last year.
6	RAINTOWN	Has won eight races from 1m to 1m 4f including 7 wins on the all-weather (6 PO). Beaten 4 1/2l behind Damascus Steel at 20-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing here over 1m 4f earlier this month.
7	BOWNDER	He has won four times from 1m to 1m 2f including 2 wins on the all-weather (1 PO). Finished 4 1/2l behind First Greyed when fourth of 12 at 7-1 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f in December last year.
8	TOMMY'S PROMISE	He has won four times at 1m 2f on polytrack. Won on his latest outing when 11-4fav over this course and distance earlier this month, beating Eupator by a short head.
9	KING'S HAND	Placed twice in eight starts. Third of 9 behind Tommy's Promise beaten 2 3/4l at 7-2 on his latest outing over this course and distance earlier this month.

RACE 6: BETMGM SUPPORTS SAFER GAMBLING MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) (3YO ONLY)

SILENT STRIKE - CHHOTA SAAB - SEVEN OF HEARTS

Race Preview: Although Chhota Saab hasn't been the most consistent, he has some fair form in the book and will put his experience to good use. A repeat of last month's third here should see him in the mix, but there are some intriguing newcomers on show. SILENT STRIKE, a 220,000-euro half-brother to Listed sprint winner Stormy Girl, tops the bill and market support would increase confidence. Fellow debutant Seven Of Hearts is another of interest.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	BUCKLOW HILL	Half-brother to Sydneyarms Chelsea, won twice at 6f including a Group 3 race.
2	CHHOTA SAAB	Placed twice in six starts. Finished 7l behind Cool Molly when sixth of 8 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 5f earlier this month.

3	SILENT STRIKE	Half-brother to Dirty Rascal, won four times at 6f and 7f.
4	DINKY DIAMOND	Half-sister to Forglen, won twice at 1m 6f and 2m.
5	SAKURA SPIRIT	Half-sister to Detail, won at 6f. Finished 6l behind Zelaina when fifth of 10 at 10-1 on her racecourse debut at Nottingham over 5f (good) in June last year. Having her first run for a new stable today, previously with Raphael Freire.
6	SALAMIS BAY	Half-sister to Prince Ali, won six times between 7f and 1m 4f.
7	SATURDAY AGAIN	Unplaced in all three starts. Finished 15l behind Runswick when last of 6 at 125-1 on her latest outing at Epsom over 7f (good to soft) in September last year.
8	SEVEN OF HEARTS	Dam won at 5f.

RACE 7: MAKE THE MOVE TO MIDNITE HANDICAP (CLASS 5) (4YO PLUS)

INVINCIBLE SPEED - ALL TOO BEAUTIFUL - PORFIN

Race Preview: All Too Beautiful has proved a revelation since returning to the all-weather and she merits respect in her bid to complete a four-timer. However, a 5lb higher mark for her latest triumph over C&D could leave her vulnerable and it may be worth chancing INVINCIBLE SPEED. Mark Loughnane's inmate found himself with too much to do when fourth at Southwell and this smaller-field affair should suit. Porfin completes the shortlist.

NO.	HORSE NAME	RACE COMMENT
1	INVINCIBLE SPEED	He has won three times from 5f to 6f on the all-weather (1 PO). Finished 3 1/2l behind Hunky Dory when fourth of 8 at 16-1 on his latest outing at Southwell over 6f in December last year.
2	HAVANA JOY	Placed in three of six starts. Beaten 20l behind Justcallmepete at 28-1 when last of 9 on her latest outing at Kempton over 6f in November last year.
3	ALL TOO BEAUTIFUL	She has won four times at 6f including 3 wins on polytrack. A winner at 10-3 over this course and distance on her latest outing earlier this month, beating So Sassy by 1l.
4	MART	Winner of seven races from 5f to 6f including 4 wins on the all-weather (2 PO). Beaten 4l behind Bear Rock at 6-1 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 7f earlier this month.
5	STAPLEFORD PARK	A winner at 7f. Beaten 10l behind Lazzar at 66-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 6f earlier this month.
6	PORFIN	Has won 11 races from 5f to 7f including 8 wins on the all-weather (5 PO). Beaten a head by Sisters In The Sky when second of 10 at 9-2 on his latest outing at Wolverhampton over 6f earlier this month.