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DONCASTER (UK) - 23 JANUARY 2026

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RACECOURSE: Left-handed, galloping pear-shaped track. Almost 2m round with 4 1/2f run-in. Round and straight miles. **TOP JOCKEYS AT TRACK:** PAUL O'BRIEN 60-9 (15.00%)-4 **DRAW:** High numbers best on the straight course.

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1 14:45 - VIRGIN BET EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4 years to 7 years) Turf

Stake: R278,244 3800m

1	AGENT ARGYLL (IRE) 6Bg	R Phillips	F Lambert	74.5	8W32
2	BERKS AND BUCKS (IRE) 6Bg	L Wadham	B J Powell	74.5	5M34 7W32
3	DANGER NAP (IRE) 5Bg	J & A O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	74.5	5C34 OD34 6A40
4	DIG DEEP (IRE) 5Bg	B Pauling	B R Jones	74.5	2F40 2W42 6A44
5	HARDLY SURPRISING 5Bg	H Fry	B Carver	74.5	5F36 3B40
6	CASTELLION (FR) 6Bg	Mrs M Rowley	T Wynne	74.5	6C39 4L41
7	KIWI RUSH (IRE) 6Bg	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	74.5	2K32 4N41 5C40
8	LES'S DESTINY STAR (IRE) 7Bg	B Pauling	K Woods	74.5	0W32 4L39 0A44
9	MULINAS% 7Bg	P Nicholls	S Twiston-Davies	74.5	2C32 3F32
10	NAME ME NICELY (IRE) 6Grg	K Bailey & M Nicho	T Bellamy	74.5	6F32 7F38 0D38
11	PASSING DIAMOND (IRE) 6Bg	N Mulholland	B Harris	74.5	4W40 3D38 6H40
12	RATHKENNY (IRE) 6Bg	N Mulholland	C O'Farrell	74.5	1U32 3F36
13	SCRUMPY JACK 5Chg	C Longsdon	D Mcconville	74.5	0H32
14	WEST HILL VERDE (FR) 6Bg	Seamus Mullins	B Hughes	74.5	5N32 3N32 3A44
15	TIERBAY 6Bn	C Dyson	Lee Edwards	71.5	9W32 9W32

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 WEST HILL VERDE; 4-1 HARDLY SURPRISING; 5-1 DIG DEEP; 7-1 KIWI RUSH, MULINAS; 10-1 AGENT ARGYLL; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 14 WEST HILL VERDE 5 HARDLY SURPRISING 7 KIWI RUSH

PREVIEW: WEST HILL VERDE has improved with each run over hurdles, chasing home some useful rivals, and arrives following an encouraging third at Ascot. Despite a drop in trip, Seamus Mullins' gelding has a solid opportunity to shed the maiden tag. Hardly Surprising caught the eye at Bangor in November and has to be of interest, while Kiwi Rush was inconvenienced by stumbling badly at Cheltenham and is worth another chance.

2 15:15 - VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' NOVICES' CHASE (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf

Stake: R347,799 3800m

1	LARIO (GER) 7Bg	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	73.5	2N32 7A32 1H40
2	ONE BIG BANG (IRE) 8Grg	James Owen	A Chadwick	73.5	3P47 2C50 1S48
3	WESTERN KNIGHT (NZ) 7Bg	J Tizzard	B J Powell	73.5	8A50 4E48 1H44
4	ELYSIAN KNIGHT 7Bg	N Mulholland	C O'Farrell	71	1F44 2P41 0C48
5	KAP QUEST (FR) 7Bg	H Fry	B Carver	71	0N32 5W42 9P32
6	ROADLESSTRAVELLED (IRE) 7Bg	J & A O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	71	1H32 0A34 0K36

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 ONE BIG BANG; 5-2 ROADLESSTRAVELLED; 7-2 WESTERN KNIGHT; 8-1 LARIO, ELYSIAN KNIGHT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 2 ONE BIG BANG 6 ROADLESSTRAVELLED 3 WESTERN KNIGHT

PREVIEW: One Big Bang has taken well to chasing, with a runner-up effort at Cheltenham backed up by success in a match at Southwell. However, the drop in trip may not benefit the eight-year-old and WESTERN KNIGHT is preferred. Joe Tizzard's gelding took a decent step forward to win at Haydock and the application of a tongue-tie might further aid his cause. Chasing newcomer Roadlesstravelled and Lario head the remainder.

3 15:45 - VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4 years and older) Turf

Stake: R347,799 3400m

1	IRANDANDO HAS 7Bg	S Allwood	T Wynne	73.5	2A36 1S32
2	MINELLA JURY (IRE) 6Grg	N & W Twiston-Davi	S Twiston-Davies	73.5	2F32 1W33 1U32
3	MINSTREL KNIGHT 5Bg	E Bethell	B Hughes	73.5	0W32 5S33 1W32
4	CHILLINGHAM (IRE) 7Bg	M Hammond	C Bewley	71	4P20 6L24 6W32
5	DESERTMORE NEWS (IRE) 6Bg	T Ellis	J Andrews	71	FIRST RUN
6	HOBNAIL 6Chg	C Dyson	Lee Edwards	71	8H32
7	LASKO DES OBEAUX (FR) 5Bg	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	71	2C32 3E34
8	LEGAL WEAPON (GER) 6Bg	B Pauling	B R Jones	71	2F38 3L32 2N32
9	LIBERTY COACH 5Bg	J & S Quinn	Craig Nichol	71	9A20 0W32 3W32
10	PRINCE OF CLOVA 5Bg	P Niven	A Anderson	71	5N34
11	FINAL ESCAPE (IRE) 7Brrm	O Greenall & J Gue	C J Todd	67.5	2G34 0B40 7W32
12	NEEPS AND TATTIES% 7Blm	R Phillips	F Lambert	67.5	4H32 5U32 0H32
13	DIVISION DAY 4Chg	B Ellison	D Mcmenamin	65	0C32 7M34 4W32

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 LEGAL WEAPON; 7-2 LASKO DES OBEAUX; 9-2 MINELLA JURY; 11-2 MINSTREL KNIGHT; 13-2 IRANDANDO HAS; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 8 LEGAL WEAPON 2 MINELLA JURY 1 IRANDANDO HAS

PREVIEW: It was a fine training performance from Sam Allwood to get Irandando Has to make a successful return from over three years off the track at Southwell. The form has been boosted by repositioning fifth Minstrel Knight, who scored at Wetherby, but the vote goes to MINELLA JURY. The grey made a winning debut over hurdles at Uttoxeter and appears capable of further improvement. Legal Weapon's second at Newbury gives him every chance of being in the mix too.

4 16:15 - VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4 years and older) Turf

Stake: R579,657 3800m

1	DARGIANNINI (IRE) 11Bg	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	76.5	5T38 1U40 0N41
2	GUARD DUTY% 9Bg	E Lavelle	B R Jones	76	9U46 2N41 3W40
3	BOWMORE (IRE) 8Brg	C Longsdon	D Mcconville	73.5	2M32 1N32 3D34
4	FINGAL'S HILL (IRE) 10Bg	P Atkinson	C Bewley	73.5	2K42 1A40 1H40
5	GLYNN BRAE (IRE) 6Bg	N & W Twiston-Davi	S Twiston-Davies	72.5	5N38 1S40 5S32
6	GEROMINO (FR) 10Bg	D Mccain	C Maggs	68.5	0C34 4A40 4H32
7	GINGER MAIL (FR) 10Gr	N Alexander	B Lynn	67.5	0K32 6A48 4N40
8	SMOKERGINTHEDARK (IRE) 6Bg	N Richards	D Mcmenamin	67	2H32 7W42 2M40

FORECAST BETTING: 9-4 GUARD DUTY; 7-2 GLYNN BRAE, SMOKERGINTHEDARK; 5-1 BOWMORE; 10-1 FINGAL'S HILL; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 2 GUARD DUTY 8 SMOKERGINTHEDARK 4 FINGAL'S HILL

PREVIEW: Having tasted success in three out of his last four starts, Fingal's Hill has to be respected on his return to action but the one who appeals most is SMOKERGINTHEDARK. The Nicky Richards-trained six-year-old only found subsequent Lanzarote fourth Fasol too good at Musselburgh on New Year's Day and competes off an unchanged rating. Guard Duty is another to note.

5 16:50 - VIRGIN BET NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (4 years and older) Turf

Stake: R185,472 3800m

1	JAMAICAINE (FR) 7Gm	N Mulholland	Harry Atkins	76.5	5F44	1H40	1H40
2	VANILLA DANCER 7Bm	C Grant	D McMenamin	75.5	0S40	6S42	3C38
3	LITTLE SOIREE (IRE) 8Gm	Olly Williams	Beau Morgan	75	5H40	6D34	0W48
4	SOMEBODYCOMEGETHER! 6Gm	J Bedi	A Anderson	74	5P48	2S42	1C38
5	ANAMANDA (FR) 7Gm	N Alexander	B Lynn	73	6P48	6K46	5M40
6	KEEP IT COOL (IRE) 6Bm	James Owen	S Twiston-Davies	73	7H42	6L41	0F32
7	SNAPAUDACIAHEROS (IRE) 6Bm	R Menzies	N Moscrop	72.5	5N34	7S40	4S42
8	LILLISTAR 6Gm	M Hammond	B Hughes	71.5	4S40	2M40	0W40
9	THE LAST DROP (IRE) 7Bm	R Phillips	F Lambert	69	7W40	4U32	7U40
10	JOTO 6Bm	John Dawson	C Maggs	68.5	3C34	8S34	3N34
11	GENIES GIRL (IRE) 7Bm	M Walford	J Hamilton	67.5	6W40	4W32	9W32
12	RHYME SCHEME (IRE) 9Bm	P Winks	C Rabbitt	67	9S32	8B34	0W32

FORECAST BETTING: 10-11 JAMAICAINE; 9-2 SOMEBODYCOMEGETHER; 7-1 LILLISTAR; 8-1 VANILLA DANCER; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: PACIFIERS ON: KEEP IT COOL.

TIPS: 1 JAMAICAINE 2 VANILLA DANCER 10 JOTO

PREVIEW: JAMAICAINE has proven a different proposition the last twice, justifying favouritism in comfortable style at Hereford on both occasions, and the seven-year-old is progressing at a rapid rate of knots. This looks another good opportunity and she can continue on her upward curve. Vanilla Dancer produced an improved display when making the frame at Catterick and is one to keep an eye on, along with Newcastle third Joto.

6 17:25 - VIRGIN BET HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf

Stake: R231,858 4800m

1	FINN LOUGH (IRE) 7Bg	O Greenall & J Gue	Craig Nichol	76.5	7W48	5N60	7M56
2	KALHANDRION (FR) 6Bg	R Hobson	C Maggs	75.5	8W42	1H40	3U40
3	THE LONG POINT (IRE) 7G	E Lavelle	B R Jones	73.5	5E44	4H50	5H50
4	QUEENS WISH (IRE) 7Bm	C & A Pogson	Doubtful	72.5	3H40	1S48	3M56
5	SWIFT JET (IRE) 8Bg	R Phillips	F Lambert	72.5	0U40	3L48	0H48
6	DUKEBOX D'EDDY (FR) 7Bg	T R Gretton	B Hughes	67	2L41	1M48	1T52

FORECAST BETTING: 5-4 DUKEBOX D'EDDY; 7-4 KALHANDRION; 13-2 SWIFT JET; 10-1 FINN LOUGH; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: PACIFIERS OFF: FINN LOUGH.

TIPS: 6 DUKEBOX D'EDDY 2 KALHANDRION 1 FINN LOUGH

PREVIEW: DUKEBOX D'EDDY arrives on the back of two victories last month and even an 8lb rise for the latest of those wins may not be enough to stop him from rounding out the hat-trick. Kalhandrion made a successful chasing debut at Huntingdon before a decent Uttoxeter third and is the logical threat. Finn Lough is the pick of the remainder.

7 18:00 - VIRGIN BET HANDICAP HURDLE (4 years and older) Turf

Stake: R231,858 4800m

1	VEE DANCER (IRE) 11Bg	R Potter	F Keighley	77	1C50	0N48	0C48
2	MASK OF ZORRO (IRE) 6Bg	J Tizzard	B J Powell	76	1F44	1F44	1T48
3	PASSING PLEASURE 6Bg	O Greenall & J Gue	Craig Nichol	75.5	2L42	1M40	1C38
4	THE TWO HARRYS (IRE) 7Bg	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	75	4L32	7C39	2P41
5	BE THE DIFFERENCE (IRE) 10Bg	P Kirby	J Williamson	75	1B40	1S42	6W42
6	ILITCH (FR) 8Bg	S Edmunds	H Reed	75	1F36	4L40	5H42
7	BALBOA 6Bg	Seamus Mullins	S Twiston-Davies	74.5	5N34	7W30	4T38
8	ROMEO BROWN! 12Brg	J Parkinson & S Sm	O Palmer	74	0H40	1D48	1D48
9	MILAN PARK (IRE) 7Bg	C Grant	R Chapman	73.5	2W40	4C38	4W40
10	JUSTUS (IRE) 8Chg	M Hammond	B Hughes	72.5	0K36	6W32	4L31
11	GREEDY SMITH (IRE) 6Bg	J & A O'Neill	K Woods	71	7W32	7S32	7W32

FORECAST BETTING: 11-4 PASSING PLEASURE; 7-2 ROMEO BROWN; 4-1 BE THE DIFFERENCE; 5-1 MASK OF ZORRO; 8-1 ILITCH; 10-1 THE TWO HARRYS; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: PACIFIERS ON: VEE DANCER.

TIPS: 3 PASSING PLEASURE 8 ROMEO BROWN 2 MASK OF ZORRO

PREVIEW: PASSING PLEASURE landed the odds with the minimum of fuss over fences at Catterick and that followed a hurdling success at Musselburgh. The six-year-old is clearly progressing well and could defy a 9lb rise in the ratings. Romeo Brown and Mask Of Zorro are obvious threats as they also arrive on the back of multiple victories. The unexposed The Two Harrys should not be discounted, while Milan Park merits each-way consideration.

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