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### PONTEFRAC (UK) - 17 AUGUST 2025

**NOTE: Commingled Quartet pools this meeting - R1 unit, no fractional bets**

**RACECOURSE:** Left-handed oval, undulating track of 2m, stiff 3f uphill climb to the finish. **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** D O'MEARA 127-21 (16.50%)-1, R CARR 78-10 (12.80%)-3, G TUER 45-3 (6.70%)-8 **DRAW:** Low numbers best in sprints.

**TAB BETS for this meeting = ALL RACES:** Commingled Win, Place, Exacta, Swinger, Trifecta, Quartet. **NOTE:** SA pools R1 unit, minimum bet R6. **COMMINGLED** bets no fractional betting, R1 unit, minimum bet R6 except **SWINGER** R2. **EACHWAY** bet of R3 Win and R3 Place, as well as 3-horse **EXACTA** Box or 4-horse **SWINGER** Box for R6 can be taken. 3-horse **Trifecta** Box costs R6 (6 combinations @ R1 each). **UK Tote Rules:** **SWINGER** = only if 6 or more carded, payout **FIRST TWO** if 4 or 5 runners, refund if less than 4. **QUARTET** = carryover if less than 4 finishers. **PLACE** = less than 5 runners No **PLACE** betting, 5-7 runners payouts **FIRST, SECOND, HANDICAP** race 8-15 payouts **FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, 16** or more payouts **FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH**. Non-Handicaps 8 runners or more payouts **FIRST, SECOND, THIRD**. If any bet includes number higher than 30, call bet to teller. Do not use the betting form. If more than 37 carded TAB operates SA pools on race and all runners numbered 38 and higher are bracketed as Number 37, which can only qualify once for dividend purposes. If commingled pools only on race, no TAB betting. **TELEVISION:** ALL RACES live stream [www.racingtoday.co.za](http://www.racingtoday.co.za); ALL RACES live stream [www.racingtoday.co.za](http://www.racingtoday.co.za); ALL RACES RACING 240 (ch 240 DStv); Races 1-6 GLOBAL TV (in TABs); ALL RACES GALLOP TV (in TABs, FTA tv). **TAB4Racing** betting form: mark 16 oval.

#### 1 15:12 - ROY WINSTANLEY MEMORIAL - RAISING EN-CEPHALITIS AWARENESS HANDICAP (GBBPLUS RACE) (3 years and older) Turf Stake: R278,220 2000m

1 DAWN OF LIBERATION (IRE) 6Bg	R Carr	3 Jp Sullivan	62.5	2P20	2R20	3A20
2 LOVE TALK (IRE) 3Bf	G Tuer	1 S James	61	9E20	4C14	3H24
3 RAULIN (IRE) 3Bg	D O'meara	2 D Tudhope	59	4C20	4T24	1P20

**FORECAST BETTING:** 6-4 RAULIN; 7-4 DAWN OF LIBERATION; 9-4 LOVE TALK

**TIPS:** 3 RAULIN 1 DAWN OF LIBERATION 2 LOVE TALK

**PREVIEW:** A more aggressive ride saw RAULIN make all over C&D three weeks ago and there is every chance that a similar outcome could occur. A 2lb rise for the son of Mehmas looks workable and he edges the vote over Dawn Of Liberation. The six-year-old arrives on the back of a close-up third at Ayr and another bold showing is forecast, while Love Talk is likely to prove more competitive reverting to handicap company.

#### 2 15:42 - TREVOR WOODS MEMORIAL EBF MAID-EN STAKES (GBB RACE) (2 years only) Turf Stake: R278,244 1200m

1 DELINQUENT (IRE) 2Bc	K R Burke	2 S James	60.5	FIRST RUN
2 GREAT SUCCESS (USA) 2Bc	R Fahey	4 Oisin Orr	60.5	FIRST RUN
3 MR SEAGULL (IRE) 2Chc	H Palmer	3 Jason Watson	60.5	FIRST RUN
4 DALAMARA 2Chf	B Haslam	1 J Hart	58	FIRST RUN

**FORECAST BETTING:** 11-8 DELINQUENT; 9-4 GREAT SUCCESS; 5-2 MR SEAGULL; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**TIPS:** 1 DELINQUENT 2 GREAT SUCCESS 3 MR SEAGULL

**PREVIEW:** The market is likely to prove informative in this contest full of newcomers, with a tentative vote going to MR SEAGULL. Hugo Palmer's colt is a half-brother to five winners, most notably the Group-placed Ekhtiyaar, and he could take plenty of stopping if sharing a similar level of ability. Delinquent should comfortably get the trip judged on his pedigree and he's feared most, ahead of Great Success.

#### 3 16:12 - NAPOLEONS CASINO BRADFORD HANDICAP (3 years and older) Turf Stake: R208,665 1600m

1 EAGLE DAY (IRE) 5Bg	P Evans	5 D Nolan	64	0Y20	5H16	8H14
2 HALE END (IRE) 5Bg	M Dods	1 C Beasley	63	5D16	7A16	5R16
3 ZARATHOS (IRE) 3Bg	D Cunha	4 C Shepherd	62	3Y16	5Y16	4W16
4 SAXONIA 3Chg	C Johnston	3 B Loughnane	61.5	4R16	4W18	2W18
5 PRECIOUS SPARTAN (IRE) 3Bg	P Neville	2 J Hart	58.5	1R16	6Y16	1R16

**FORECAST BETTING:** 2-1 SAXONIA; 9-4 PRECIOUS SPARTAN; 7-2 ZARATHOS; 5-1 HALE END; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** PACIFIERS ON: SAXONIA.

**TIPS:** 4 SAXONIA 5 PRECIOUS SPARTAN 3 ZARATHOS

**PREVIEW:** Having relished a drop in class when scoring at Ripon earlier this month, Precious Spartan merits respect in his current vein of form. However, this rise in class could leave Patrick Neville's charge vulnerable and preference is for SAXONIA. The son of Saxon Warrior arrives on the back of a good second on the all-weather and, racing off an unchanged mark, he makes grand appeal reverting to turf. Zarathos is also worth a second look.

#### 4 16:42 - EBF HIGHFIELD FARM FLYING FILLIES' STAKES (FILLIES' AND MARES' LISTED) (3 years and older) Turf Stake: R1,131,714 1200m

1 TROPICAL ISLAND 4Bf	R Fahey	8 L T Mcateer	60.5	4C14	9P16	1G14
2 ROSY AFFAIR 4Bf	G Boughey	11 B Loughnane	59	3N12	4A10	4Y10
3 BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU 3Chf	B Haslam	1 J Hart	57.5	4R12	2T12	5C14
4 HOLD A DREAM (IRE) 3Bf	C Cox	6 R Hornby	57.5	5N12	2S10	9Y12
5 LADY OF ANDROS (GB) 3Bf	Ollie Sangster	10 Jason Watson	57.5	2Y12	3N12	5G12
6 MAGIC BASMA (IRE) 3Bf	K Ryan	5 S Gray	57.5	0H14	4Y12	5A12
7 NO ALIBI (USA) 3Bf	P Twomey	4 D Tudhope	57.5	2C12	1C12	1L14
8 PEARL OF WINDSOR 3Bf	C Allen	9 C Shepherd	57.5	8N12	4S10	7S10
9 RHYME DUST 3Bf	M Usher	3 C Beasley	57.5	3S14	5N14	1S12
10 STORMY IMPACT 3Bf	R Fahey	7 Oisin Orr	57.5	0A10	9A10	1W12
11 THE THIRD STAR 3Bf	C Dwyer	2 L Edmunds	57.5	8Y16	6C14	6N12

**FORECAST BETTING:** 3-1 STORMY IMPACT; 10-3 ROSY AFFAIR; 9-2 HOLD A DREAM, NO ALIBI; 13-2 TROPICAL ISLAND; 10-1 LADY OF ANDROS; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**TIPS:** 10 STORMY IMPACT 7 NO ALIBI 9 RHYME DUST

**PREVIEW:** Richard Fahey and Oisin Orr teamed up to win this last season and they are back for more with Stormy Impact, a winner at Wolverhampton last month. She can go well, but Irish raider NO ALIBI gets the nod after winning her last two at Cork and Limerick. She might need to be produced late, but she looks capable of taking the step up in class in her stride. Rhyme Dust is another to bear in mind.

#### 5 17:12 - TOPSY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (3 years and older) Turf Stake: R456,598 1000m

1 MR LIGHTSIDE (IRE) 3Bc	M Appleby	2 D Tudhope	63.5	0A10	0S10	0W12
2 DAN TUCKER 3Bg	J O'Keefe	1 J Garrity	62	2Y10	1P10	8G10
3 VENTURA EXPRESS (GB) 8Chg	P Midgley	4 D Nolan	60	0D10	2B10	2P10
4 REIGNING PROFIT (IRE) 6Chg	R Carr	5 Jp Sullivan	59.5	2A10	0G10	7H10
5 EQUITY LAW 4Bg	T Easterby	6 D Allan	57	8R10	0Y12	1T10
6 WEN MOON (IRE) 5Bg	B Haslam	3 A Brookes	55	0Y12	0Y10	0Y10

**FORECAST BETTING:** 13-8 DAN TUCKER; 9-2 VENTURA EXPRESS, REIGNING PROFIT, EQUITY LAW; 13-2 MR LIGHTSIDE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**TIPS:** 2 DAN TUCKER 5 EQUITY LAW 3 VENTURA EXPRESS

**PREVIEW:** Equity Law won by a head at Thirsk earlier this month, but a rise in class off 3lb higher might mean he has to settle for a place. DAN TUCKER was a beaten favourite at Goodwood last month, but that was on heavy ground and both his wins have been on a quicker surface including a C&D win off 4lb lower two starts ago. Ventura Express has won here four times and is another to consider.

#### 6 17:42 - PONTEFRAC RACES TRUE YORKSHIRE-MAN PACKAGE HANDICAP (3 years and older) Turf Stake: R205,483 3400m

1 CARLTON (NZ) 5Brg	James Owen	2 C Shepherd	64.5	1C32	5C28	2Y28
2 MERRIJIG 7Bg	J Berry	3 Gina Mangan	62.5	7N28	6D33	5P34
3 AL SAYAH 5Bm	N Mulholland	4 B Loughnane	62	1B34	8B28	3B34
4 COSMIC SOUL (IRE) 5Brg	P Neville	5 J Hart	60.5	2C32	2R28	1C32
5 KENTUCKY RIVER (SWE) 3Bg	Ollie Sangster	6 Jason Watson	60.5	6S28	5H24	2D33
6 RED FORCE ONE 10Grg	P Kirby	1 C Beasley	57.5	8N24	1M36	4B32

**FORECAST BETTING:** 9-4 COSMIC SOUL; 3-1 KENTUCKY RIVER; 7-2 CARLTON; 5-1 RED FORCE ONE; 7-1 AL SAYAH; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** PACIFIERS ON: AL SAYAH.

**TIPS:** 4 COSMIC SOUL 5 KENTUCKY RIVER 1 CARLTON

**PREVIEW:** The in-form Cosmic Soul won a weaker race at Catterick last month and a 5lb higher mark demands more of him, while Carlton has also been in good heart but needs everything to go his way off top-weight. It could be worth siding with KENTUCKY RIVER, whose weight-for-age allowance gives him a potential advantage on these terms. Unexposed as a stayer, Ollie Sangster's three-year-old looks the way to go.

7		18:12 - PETER CRAVEN 80TH BIRTHDAY EXTRAV-	
		AGANZA FILLIES' HANDICAP (3 years and older) <i>Turf</i>	
		Stake: R208,665 1200m	
1	LADY WINGALONG (IRE) 6Grm	P Evans	7 B Loughnane 63.5 5C14 2L12 1N14
2	THUNDEROUS LOVE! 4Bf	J Portman	1 R Hornby 63 1N12 2N12 1S12
3	D FLAWLESS (IRE) 4Bf	P Midgley	3 J Fahy 62.5 9K14 9W14 0T14
4	MISS HATHAWAY 3Bf	T Easterby	6 D Allan 62 7C12 0Y12 1N12
5	VIBRANT PEARL 3Chf	P Midgley	4 D Nolan 61 2P10 6C10 1C12
6	COURT DRIVE (IRE)* 4Bf	G Kelleway	5 J Hart 59 3K12 7W12 5N10
7	CARLTON AND CO (GB) 6Bm	M & D Easterby	2 B Garrity 56.5 4H10 4P12 1R12

**FORECAST BETTING:** 3-1 CARLTON AND CO; 10-3 VIBRANT PEARL; 7-2 LADY WINGALONG; 4-1 THUNDEROUS LOVE; 9-2 MISS HATHAWAY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.  
**TIPS:** 5 VIBRANT PEARL 1 LADY WINGALONG 2 THUNDEROUS LOVE  
**PREVIEW:** The four last-time-out winners are the ones to focus on. THUNDEROUS LOVE is forwarded as the pick of the bunch, with a 4lb rise for her dominant Salisbury triumph noted as a fair assessment. Lady Wingalong can figure if dropping back down to 6f doesn't catch her out, while the less-exposed Vibrant Pearl debuts in a handicap on a workable mark. Carlton And Co is an infrequent winner but is still on a feasible rating despite a 4lb rise for her Redcar win.

**HOW TO READ FIELDS:** Runner info shown as follows: Number; Horse; Age; colour; sex; Career record: wins-places-runs; Trainer; Draw (position in starting gate); Jockey; Weight to be carried included rider and equipment; Last 3 runs with most recent on right. After horse name: \*=-Blinkers; \$ =Cheek Pieces; !=Pacifiers; ‡=-Visor; ^=-Hood; ?=-Compression Hood; %=-Blinkers/ Compression Hood; >= Cheekpieces/Compression Hood; &=-Pacifiers/Compression Hood; \$=-Cheekpieces/Pacifiers; ±=-Earmuffs; /=-Eye Shield; Before the jockey name: \*=-apprentice. Last three runs are shown in order of finishing position; racecourse; distance; lengths beaten. Thus 3V12 is third at Vaal over 1200m lengths behind the winner. If underscored 1T12 the race followed a rest of 60 days or more.

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