

QUALIFIERS

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1.00pm**Result** **Qty****Draw****No****Horse****1. THATS LIFE AGAIN**

2012 - Bay - Colt

Brywins Thats Life x Ayr Again

Owner: MG Richards Trainer: MG Richards

Driver: David Bevan

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2. VAN PERSIE

2012 - Bay - Colt

Wilbro Douglas x Miller Creek

Owner: DL Evans Trainer: DL Evans

Driver: David Lloyd Evans

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3. BLACKFIELD BUTTON

2012 - Bay - Filly

Share The Delight x Loveshack

Owner: EA Thomas Trainer: GH Thomas

Driver: G Huw Thomas

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4. LANDA GAMBLE

2012 - Bay - Filly

Yankee Landa x Classy Princess

Owner: K Wakefield Trainer: K Wakefield

Driver: Gary Wakefield

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5. LAKESIDE RONALDO

2011 - Bay - Horse

The One Night Pan x Nia Hanover

Owner: DE Davies Trainer: RJ John

Driver: Gareth Dowse

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6. SUN GLASSES RON

2011 - Bay - Horse

Stoneriggs JR x Beatress

Owner: K Alman Trainer: K Alman

Driver: Gareth Price

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7. BLUE DESPERADO

2011 - Bay - Horse

Hasty Hall x Blue Diamond

Owner: E Jones Trainer: H BURton

Driver: Hughie Burton

1st: _____ **2nd:** _____ **3rd:** _____ **4th:** _____**Distances:** _____ **Time:** _____

THE SPORT OF HARNESS RACING

Harness Racing has flourished at many venues throughout the UK and Ireland for a countless number of years. There are many reasons why Harness Racing is popular. If you appreciate beautiful horses with brains, fast racing, on tracks where friendliness and value for money are by words, then you can see why the sport is successful. It is very easy to get into this sport, as an owner the horses are relatively inexpensive and training fees are a fraction of Thoroughbreds. As an amateur participant almost anyone can get up and train a horse and any competent horse person can aspire to become a driver. For the racing fan, there is access to all public areas, free parking, gambling opportunities and food/drink on offer that is great value.

Standardbred racing is contested under two gaits; the trot and the pace - both of which will be showcased on this racing programme.

The pacer - the most popular of the two on these shores, they move the legs on one side of their body in tandem; left front and rear, and right front and rear. Pacers, which account for about 90% of the performers in Harness Racing, are aided in maintaining their gait by plastic loops called hobbles, which act as a repetitive suggestion tool to keep the horses legs moving in synchronisation. Due to the sureness of their action, pacers are usually several seconds faster than trotters.

The trotter - these move with a diagonal gait; the left front and right rear legs move in unison, as do the right front and left rear. It requires much skill by the trainer to get a trotter to move perfectly at high speeds, even though the trotting gait is a natural one in the animal world. But horseman and fans agree that there are few things more beautiful than a trotting horse in full stride. This gait is gaining popularity with the recent import of French Trotters for the race series sponsored by Le Trot.