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Walker Smith Handicap (Class 4) (4YO plus)

No(Dr)	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1 (3)		231567	HEART OF SOUL (IRE) 14 C b g Makfi - Hadrian's Waltz	4 9 - 7v	R Kingscote Ian Williams	80
			Jockey Colours: Grey, beige star, grey sleeves, beige stars and stars on cap Timeform says: Responded well to the fitting of a visor when landing a heavy-ground 12.3f handicap by 4 lengths here in May. However, his 3 subsequent efforts have left much to be desired.★★★★☆ (Forecast 17.00)			
2 (10)		4/412-50	GARDEN OASIS 37 D b g Excelebration - Queen Arabella	4 9 - 7	Danny Redmond (5) T D Easterby	80
			Jockey Colours: White, brown braces, amber cap Timeform says: Haydock handicap winner for Sir Michael Stoute last summer and didn't shape at all badly on return/debut for new yard at Ripon. However, trailed in last of 10 there next time.★★★★☆ (Forecast 23.00)			
3 (2)		0-72305	SWIFT EMPEROR (IRE) 22 b g Holy Roman Emperor - Big Swifty	7 9 - 5	R P Downey T D Barron	78
			Jockey Colours: White, royal blue epaulets, royal blue sleeves, light blue stars, royal blue cap, light blue star Timeform says: Went close off this mark at Beverley 3 starts back and not disgraced when fifth in 10-runner Redcar handicap last time. He's none too reliable, though, and latest win was back in December 2017.★★★★☆ (Forecast 12.00)			
4 (8)		46-2036	REDGRAVE (IRE) 21 b g Lope De Vega - Olympic Medal	5 9 - 4	Kieran Shoemark J Tuite	77
			Jockey Colours: Dark blue, white stripe, striped sleeves and star on cap Timeform says: Modest strike rate on turf (1-17), but solid placed effort off this mark at Windsor (1m) on penultimate start. Didn't get the rub of the green at Haydock since and claims if seeing this trip out.★★★★☆ (Forecast 11.00)			
5 (7)		331-67	THAAYER 14 b g Helmet - Sakhya	4 9 - 4t	D C Costello Rebecca Menzies	77
			Jockey Colours: Beige, white sleeves, black stars, black cap, white star Timeform says: Got the better of the smart Matterhorn at Newcastle in October, but little impact in couple of handicaps this year and fair bit to prove now switched to turf.★★★☆☆ (Forecast 29.00)			
6 (9)		965-560	MEDALLA DE ORO 29 D b g Teofilo - Nyarhini	5 9 - 4h	Jack Mitchell Tom Clover	77
			Jockey Colours: Red, white inverted triangle, halved sleeves Timeform says: Hasn't exactly covered himself in glory this season, but now 2 lb below last winning mark and a bold show would be no surprise back at this trip on a course which lends itself well to front-runners.★★★★★ (Forecast 13.00)			
7 (4)		0-85330	DRAGON MOUNTAIN 21 D b g Sir Percy - Rouge Dancer	4 9 - 2	D E Hogan (5) K Dalgleish	75
			Jockey Colours: Light blue and yellow check, red sleeves and cap Timeform says: Creditable placed efforts in handicaps at Ayr and Hamilton prior to finding Class 2 company too much last time. Place possibilities back down in grade.★★★★☆ (Forecast 15.00)			

8 (6)		5970-01	MISS SHERIDAN (IRE) 50 C br m Lilbourne Lad - Sues Surprise	5 9 - 0	Nathan Evans M W Easterby	73
Jockey Colours: Beige, red seams, armlets and cap Timeform says: Back to form when narrowly prevailing over a mile at Pontefract (good) in May. 4 lb rise tolerable, but this step back up in trip is of dubious benefit.★★★★☆ (Forecast 15.00)					Notes:	
9 (1)		634221	BIT OF A QUIRKE 18 CD ch g Monsieur Bond - Silk	6 8 - 13v	A Mullen Mr M T Walford	72
Jockey Colours: Emerald green, yellow stripe, chevrons on sleeves, striped cap Timeform says: Runner-up twice, including here, prior to resuming winning ways at Beverley last time. 4 lb higher than for his success in this race 12 months ago, but again drawn in stall one and should go well.★★★★☆ (Forecast 5.50)					Notes:	
10 (12)		4/5827-6	ELHAFEI (USA) 15 br g Speightstown - Albamara	4 8 - 13p	William Cox (3) M Appleby	72
Jockey Colours: Dark blue and white (quartered), red sleeves and cap Timeform says: Showed ability for John Gosden last season, but beaten a fair way starting out for this yard on belated reappearance at Newcastle 15 days ago. Cheekpieces refitted.★★★★☆ (Forecast 23.00)					Notes:	
11 (11)		867252	DARK DEVIL (IRE) 21 C gr g Dark Angel - Ride For Roses	6 8 - 8p	Barry McHugh R A Fahey	67
Jockey Colours: Grey, beige star, grey sleeves, beige stars, royal blue cap Timeform says: Losing run mounting up, but again hit the crossbar when chasing home Corncrake (winner twice again since) at Haydock (10.4f, good to firm) 3 weeks ago. Major player off the same mark.★★★★☆ (Forecast 6.00)					Notes:	
12 (5)		0-11739	CITTA D'ORO 19 b g Cityscape - Corsa All Oro	4 8 - 5p	Gabriele Malune (3) J W Unett	64
Jockey Colours: Royal blue, grey chevron, striped sleeves, quartered cap Timeform says: Dual winner at Wolverhampton earlier this year and bettered previous turf efforts by some way when third on penultimate start at Haydock. Not without each-way hope.★★★★☆ (Forecast 13.00)					Notes:	
13 (13)		68-3806	MAGHFOOR 8 b g Cape Cross - Thaaahira	5 8 - 4p	Rhiain Ingram (5) E J Alston	63
Jockey Colours: Black, white seams, black sleeves, white spots and cap Timeform says: Creditable third on Redcar reappearance in April, but well below that level since and hopes pinned on refitted cheekpieces sparking a return to form.★★★☆☆ (Forecast 21.00)					Notes:	
14 (14)		980407	VALENTINE MIST (IRE) 28 b m Vale Of York - Silvertine	7 8 - 2	Sophie Ralston (5) James Grassick	61
Jockey Colours: Dark green, white armlets Timeform says: Long way out of the handicap and she's readily passed over.★★★☆☆ (Forecast 201.00)					Notes:	
Long Handicap: Valentine Mist 7 - 0						

TIMEFORM VIEW: A chance is taken on MEDALLA DE ORO, who wasn't disgraced in a stronger race than this on return at Epsom and, though below par both starts since, he's interesting back down in trip on a course which will play to his strengths. The form of Dark Devil's latest effort at Haydock has been boosted since and he is feared most ahead of last year's winner Bit of A Quirke and Redgrave.

Timeform 1-2-3:

1: MEDALLA DE ORO (6)

2: DARK DEVIL (11)

3: BIT OF A QUIRKE (9)

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