

Racing Epsom Oaks Preview

O'Brien's Amelia Earhart could fly past finishing post

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Filly has topped betting lists since winning Cheshire Oaks in hood and blinkers last month

‘Amelia Earhart tops an Aidan O'Brien trio as the Irishman pursues a 12th success in today's Belfred Epsom Oaks, even if the filly named after the aviation pioneer presents as something of an enigma herself.

O'Brien has won 111 major European Classics. Add in the Irish and French Legers open to older horses and the tally is 119. None of them sported the sort of headgear that Amelia Earhart does.

In a counterintuitive move, O'Brien equipped her with both a hood and blinkers in last month's Cheshire Oaks. One is designed to calm a horse, the other to hurry them along. It was a novel combination that worked. Not surprisingly, the novel fusion is retained for the Oaks proper.

Blinkers

"Blinkers can sharpen up a horse up, but sometimes it also stops a horse from looking behind and she had a habit of always looking back. Obviously, then when you put the blinkers on you don't want to light her up too much, so that's why we had the hood on," he has said.

"We put them on just to stop her from looking back rather than her being ungenueine. A few times when she's run without them, she's not been looking in front of her and jinked and hit the rail."

Clearly a quirky filly, she has been judged reliable enough to be the main Ballydoyle hope, leaving no less than the Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Precise to sit it out on ground that looks set to be on the easy side.

Sugar Island, fourth at Chester but proven to relish soft going, is in the mix too, alongside O'Brien's Lingfield Trial winner Cameo.

Amelia Earhart has topped betting lists for the Oaks since Chester despite official ratings having her joint-third among the nine runners. Venetian Lace got a 110 figure for her



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third in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket and Joseph O'Brien's Thundering On is 107.

That was earned on the back of an impressive win at Navan in the race won by Ezeliya before winning the Oaks two years ago.

Thundering On gives reigning champion jockey Dylan Browne McMonagle a legitimate shot at the first English Classic, although the 12-furlong trip may be a question mark.

Last year's winner, Minnie Hauk, as well as the outstanding Enable in 2017, used Chester as a stepping stone to Oaks

glory, so Amelia Earhart is navigating a tried-and-trusted Classic route.

So, too, is the apparent prime British hope Legacy Link, who landed the Musidora at York.

Colin Keane is also trying to land a first English Classic in what will be a vital 24 hours for the rider appointed Juddmonte's number one less than a year ago. With Item waiting in the Derby, the six-times Irish champion jockey has a big shout at a major Classic double.

Legacy Link beat Felicitas at York, although the latter appeared to palpably run out of stamina. Legacy had K Sarra back in third and she is backed up by two other fillies from Ralph Beckett's yard.

Big outsiders

Beckett has won the Oaks twice with Look Here (2008) and Talent (2013). A La Prochaine was third to Amelia Earhart at Chester and is his number one hope, according to the betting. Both previous Beckett winners were big outsiders, so it might be dangerous to ignore his third runner, On Message.

She won a handicap at Epsom, so is proven around the unique circuit. Hector Crouch's mount also shaped as if she'll relish the mile-and-a-half judged on her good finish at Goodwood recently. That race produced the 2010 Oaks heroine, Snow Fairy.

Ultimately, the home team is also up against the statistic that O'Brien has won the Oaks seven times in the last dozen years. Throw in Ezeliya and Irish-trained fillies have won the race eight times in the last 11 years. In that time only the Gosden camp has interrupted that dominance.

It's a formidable record that means whatever quirks Amelia Earhart possesses she still looks like being the target for everyone else.

Church of Ireland notes

The Archbishop of Dublin has appointed Canon Tom O'Brien to be the next Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, in succession to the Very Revd Dermot Dunne who will retire at the end of August. Canon O'Brien has been Canon Treasurer of Christ Church since 2024 and is a member of the cathedral's Finance Committee.

He worked for many years in a variety of capacities in the HSE across the communities of North County Dublin and in other roles within the HSE at a high level and continued in the HSE in tandem with ordained ministry for a considerable period. Most recently he has served as the Minister in St James's Church Crinkin. Building on the inheritance of his predecessors, he has opened up new pathways of every-member-ministry including the embracing of Pioneer Ministry in the expanding area of Shanganagh. Canon O'Brien is also one of the Directors of Ordinands for the Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough. Summer Music in Sandford continues today in Sandford parish church, Ranelagh, at 1.10pm when

there will be a piano recital by Ischico Velzel.

In Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, the series of organ recitals continues on Monday at 6.30pm when the recitalist will be Stuart Nicholson, Master of the Music in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

On Tuesday there will be a luncheon talk in St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, beginning at 1.15pm, on Limerick and Germany. The Pallatine Connection.

In St Saviours' Church, Rathdrum, this evening (Friday) the Archbishop of Dublin will institute the Revd Billy Burke as incumbent of Rathdrum & Derralossary with Gleenaly.

The Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland welcomes everyone to sign up for its new online series, God's Compassion; Self-Compassion, created and led by Lydia Monds, CMHI Ministry Leader.

This series offers four live sessions, taking place on Wednesdays from 17 June-8 July, 7.30-8.15pm, and four pre-recorded videos, available to watch at any time.

Lydia will gently guides participants through prayerful practices that can help them to follow the call to live like Christ, who spoke to all he met from a place of radical compassion. Book via www.ministryofhealing.ie

CMHI will also host 'Art in D', at Egan House, St Michael's Church. This will be a relaxed and fun art session to make a mixed-media journal cover, with artist Nathalie Borel, on June 11th or 25th, 11am-12.30pm. Nathalie is a wonderful artist, who uses mixed-media, paint, gel-plates, and sea glass to create beautiful pieces. Come along to slow down, to give yourself permission to be creative, and enjoy refreshments and a chat as well. We have limited space, so do book in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment - go to www.ministryofhealing.ie for bookings. These sessions are generously sponsored by Merchant's Quay Ireland and Dublin City Council.

Notice is given of an EGM of the Sunday School Society for Ireland in Church House Rathmines on Monday July 6th at 2pm.

Methodist notes

The 257th Annual Conference of the Irish Methodist Church (MCI) commenced in the Assembly Buildings, Belfast on Wednesday and runs until Saturday; with much of it available on Youtube (irishmethodist.org/conference-2026for details on Conference, as well as for resources on Conference Sunday). The first two days were about the ordained ministers gathering for fellowship and business. Last night was the installation service for both the new President, Rev. Janet Unsworth (currently Director of Studies at MCI's Edgehill Theological College) and the new Lay Leader - Ms Laura Griffith (currently the Church's Coordinator for Local Preachers). An interview between them and the Secretary of Conference, Rev Dr Heather Morris, can be found at irishmethodist.org/living-wholeheartedly-podcast. Their theme for the year is "living letters" picking up on Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 3. This picture of a "living letter" serves as a reminder that "each follower of Jesus is called to be a vibrant, living expression of God's Spirit, an 'ambassador of Christ' to others", for the Church believes in the ministry of all believers. The leaders believe that "our existence, our words and our actions should convey a message of love, hope and life that people can read and respond to". The business of Conference is varied, including thinking about Mission, Youth and Children's ministry, and how the call to be living letters can be put into practice; and also issues like the stationing of ordained ministers and their working arrangements, the management of properties and the general governance of the Church (through its Governance Board).

Tonight the Ordination service is planned for four ministers. These are Cheryl Bruce, Jennifer Gault, Ruth Mathews and Jackie Whittle. The ordination service is one of the highlights of Conference, with the families and churches of those being ordained coming to support as the church celebrates each minister's call to the ordained ministry. Tomorrow there will also be votes on the Nominations for next year's President and Lay leader, and for positions on the Governance Board. While there are

three nominations each for President and Lay Leader, there is also the potential for names to be brought forward from Conference members. The nominations for President are Rev. Andrew Kingston, currently stationed as Superintendent of the Dublin South City Circuit; Rev. Ruth Patterson minister in Ballymena and Rev. Robin Waugh, Superintendent on the Belfast Central and South Circuit. Lay Leader nominations are Ms Beverley Barbour, the Lay Worker for Portlaoise Circuit; Mr. Robert Colvin, North Western District Lay Leader and Ms Pat Jamison, currently North Eastern District Lay Leader.

During Conference there will be tributes to ordained ministers who are retiring (though it is a blessing to the Church that retired ministers still play a critically important role in the ministry and life of the Church) and a service for ordained ministers who have died during the last year. Throughout the Conference there will be time to celebrate the work of God that's happening throughout the island and Conference ends tomorrow night.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the winding-up of the above-named company by the High Court was on the 21st day of May, 2026, presented to the High Court by Deirdre Quaid, Collector General, of Sarsfield House, Francis Street, Limerick, a creditor of the above-named company, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the High Court on the 22nd day of June, 2026, and that any creditor or contributory of the said company who wishes to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company who requires it by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Juliana Quaney
The Revenue Solicitor
Office of the Revenue
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Ship Street Gate
Dublin Castle
Dublin 2
Solicitor for the Petitioner

Notice:
Any person who intends to appear at the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named Petitioner or his Solicitor notice in writing of his intention to do so. The notice must state the name and address of the person or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor, (if any), and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named Solicitor or the Petitioner not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the 19th day of June 2026.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL: We, Howden Joinery Properties Ltd., intend to apply to Laois County Council for permission for development at Unit 16, Barrow Valley Retail Park, Sleaty Road, Graigue, Carlow, Co. Laois. Permission for development consisting of alterations to the existing commercial/warehouse unit, including proposed external signage and associated lighting, alterations to external elevations including new/revised goods entrance roller shutter openings, internal layout alterations including internal customer entrance/lobby arrangement, demolition/removal works, and all ancillary and associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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The Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011
Invitation for Public Submissions on an Application for a Maritime Usage Licence and an Appropriate Assessment

Uisce Éireann has submitted an application to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority ("MARA") for a maritime usage licence under Section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake marine site investigations in the River Suir Estuary to progress a Waterford City Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP) Upgrade. The duration requested in the licence application is for a period of 3 years.



A related Natura Impact Statement has been submitted with the above licence application. The licence application and the Natura Impact Statement are available for inspection on MARA's website https://www.maritimeregulator.ie/application/T387/ and at the following address by appointment- Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

Members of the public who wish to make a submission in writing to MARA on the licence application and the Natura Impact Statement may do so quoting MUL250022 by email to licence@mara.gov.ie or by post to Maritime Usage Licensing, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

The closing date and time for a written submission to be received by MARA is 17.30 on 08/07/2026. MARA will then, as soon as practicable, carry out the appropriate assessment determination in accordance with Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. After the determination, MARA will either grant, part grant or refuse the licence application.

Dated this 05th day of June 2026.
Signed: Representative of Uisce Éireann

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