



# The Ernest Cooper Macmillan Ride Of Their Lives 12.30pm

## 1 mile 1 furlong

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#### RACE DESCRIPTION



The first race today is an opportunity for riding enthusiasts to enjoy the Ride Of Their Lives. This group of jockeys represents many walks of life with many linked to a cancer story. All the riders have got themselves fit and are raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Start your day by cheering them on; you can have a bet, though the absence of jockey form should moderate your stake. To make a donation visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ernestcooperandmacmillanrideoftheirives2026> or scan the QR code on the next page.

No	Horse	Age	st-lb
 1	<b>SOMEONE'S WISH (IRE)</b> B g Buratino (IRE) - Crystal Mountain (USA) (Monashee Mountain (USA)) Owner: Mr Conor Morris Trainer: Patrick Morris	6	11-7
	Jockey: Kate Atkinson Form: 20336-0 Breeder: Mr M. Dunphy & Mr E. Cantillon		

Signing up to take part in this charity race 7 months ago was a crazy idea! I never knew how difficult it would be to get to this day, but it has been so rewarding turning my hand from my usual endurance riding to learning to get by on a racehorse, and all for Macmillan. A charity that I have seen work with two family members and a close friend and they have always made a massive difference. The support and care they provide is essential. So, thank you to everybody that has supported me on this journey and donated to Macmillan.

 2	<b>COSMOS RAJ (IRE)</b> B g Hffraaj (GB) - Cosmos Pink (GB) (Dansili (GB)) Owner: Nick Crummack & Partner Trainer: David O'Meara	8	11-7
	Jockey: Gaia Boni Form: 000-050 Breeder: Juddmote Farms (East) Limited		

After 4.5 years away from racing, I am honoured to return to the saddle for such an incredible cause. As an Assistant Restaurant Manager and mum to a 20-month-old son, this challenge is about more than racing - it is about proving that with determination, courage, and belief, nothing is impossible. I hope my journey inspires other mums to take the leap, rediscover themselves, and chase goals they may have thought were out of reach. I ride in honour of my mother-in-law, Chris, a breast cancer survivor whose strength continues to inspire me, and for everyone whose lives have been touched by cancer. My heartfelt thanks go to Victoria for introducing me to this incredible opportunity, and to my wonderful friend Catherine, whose encouragement and support have made this fundraising journey possible.

 3	<b>THEME PARK (IRE)</b> B g Lope de Vega (IRE) - Queen's Prize (Dansili) Owner: Martin Webb Racing Trainer: Nigel Tinkler	6	11-7
	Jockey: Lyn Comerford Form: 554060- Breeder: Queen Elizabeth II		

I am riding in memory of my father, Michael Comerford, who introduced me to horse racing when he was an independent bookmaker. With the race falling on the first anniversary of his passing, it feels like a fitting way to celebrate his life while raising funds for Macmillan. It is also especially meaningful to ride at York. The course means a great deal to Nigel, Kim and the Tinkler Racing team, who have supported me over the last few years to do something I never thought possible - going from zero riding experience to the racecourse!

 4	<b>TROPEZ POWER (IRE)</b> B g Cotal Glory - Warm Welcome (Motivator) Owner: Elizabeth Coughlin & Carol Milburn Trainer: Mark Walford	6	11-7
	Jockey: Scarlet Coughlin Form: 0456-60 Breeder: M. McGlynn		

Today, I'm riding in memory of my wonderful daredevil Granny, Lilian Ray, who we lost to cancer five years ago, and I know she'll be with me in spirit. After 10 years working in racing, getting the chance to finally ride in a race is incredibly special, especially at such a fantastic course. To do so on a horse I've ridden, cared for and taken racing for several years makes it even more special. Having all my family here to share the moment means the world to me, and I just hope Tropez looks after me as well as I've looked after him!

 5	<b>KISS ME MY LOVE (IRE)</b> B f Invincible Spirit (IRE) - Love Street (USA)(Kitten's Joy (USA)) Owner: Nextgen Racing Club Trainer: Roger Fell	4	11-7
	Jockey: Sabrina Coultas Form: 045210 Breeder: Irish National Stud		

Taking part in this race means so much more than just the thrill of it. Training hard and pushing out of my comfort zone, meeting so many great people along the way, and fundraising for such an amazing charity that helps numerous people when they need it the most. All the amazing support from family, friends, and everyone around me has definitely pushed my motivation to a new level. It has been a huge challenge for me, but it has certainly been the most memorable experience of my life.



 6	<b>UP THE JAZZ (IRE)</b> B g Buratino (IRE) - Gwyllion (USA) (Red Ransom (USA)) Owner: The Musley Bank Partnership & Partner Trainer: Richard & Peter Fahey	5	11-7
	Jockey: Danny Hague Form: 030236 Breeder: Lynn Lodge Stud		

For the past 11 years, I have worked for the Injured Jockeys Fund as Head of Sport Science and Strength & Conditioning, supporting professional jockeys and gaining a deep appreciation of the skill, dedication, and resilience required in race riding. Inspired by the athletes I work with every day, I am excited to experience the challenge and thrill of race riding myself. I am also taking part to support Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity close to my heart. After my dad's throat cancer diagnosis in 2018, Macmillan's nurses provided outstanding care and support to our entire family, making a lasting difference during a difficult time.

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 7	<b>LEVER UP (IRE)</b> ch g Ulysess (IRE) - Essence (Le Havre (IRE)), tongue tie Owner: Half Moon Racing Trainer: Michael & David Easterby	4	11-7
		Jockey: <b>Becky Mason</b> Form: 2044-63 Breeder: Ladyswood Stud & Ed Frost	

Taking part in this race is inspired by a connection to racing through my family. As part of the well-known Easterby racing family, I have grown up around horses and competed from a young age. After completing an Ironman last year, I was looking for a new challenge that would also support a fantastic cause. Working in healthcare as a physio, I see the impact of cancer and the valuable support provided by Macmillan Cancer Support firsthand. Balancing training, work, and fundraising has been demanding, but with strong support from family and friends, I'm excited to take on this unique and rewarding experience.

 8	<b>MADMOISELLE BELLE (IRE)</b> B f Coulsy (IRE) - Melabelle (FR) (Style Vendome (FR)) Owner: Max Comley & Louis Gill Trainer: Max Comley	3	11-7
		Jockey: <b>Mary Maude</b> Form: 350263 Breeder: G. Strawbridge	

Training for this race has been particularly challenging as I am also studying for my A-levels, balancing revision, coursework, and exams alongside riding and fitness training. Despite the demands on my time, I feel strongly that supporting those affected by cancer is worthwhile. Macmillan provides invaluable care, advice, and support to people facing cancer, and I am proud to contribute to such an important cause which has affecting many of our family and friends.

 9	<b>EPICETUS</b> B g Kingman - Thistle Bird (Selkirk USA)) Owner: Jamie Osborne & Partner Trainer: Jamie Osborne	6	11-7
		Jockey: <b>Roya Nikkha</b> Form: 242233 Breeder: G. Strawbridge	

I'm racing in the Macmillan Ride of Their Lives, because the challenge of galloping around the Knavesmire was too thrilling to resist. And because helping Macmillan to support those affected by cancer is very personal to me. My mother has been treated for cancer twice, I have recently lost friends to cancer and loved ones are currently receiving treatment. It is an honour to ride at the magnificent York racecourse, and I'm grateful to everyone who has sponsored me. Huge thanks to Jamie Osborne and all the team in Lambourn for the support, help and early morning humour along the way. See you at the final furlong.

 10	<b>KITSUNE POWER (IRE)</b> B g Holy Roman Emperor (IRE) - Fire Heroine (USA)(Phvotal) Owner: Reality Partnerships XV Trainer: Tim Easterby	7	11-7
		Jockey: <b>Oliver Parker</b> Form: 56-3342 Breeder: Stuart McPhee Bloodstock Ltd	

This journey to the Ride of Their Lives has only been possible thanks to the incredible support of friends, family, and everyone who has donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. From early mornings riding out before work to the many fundraising events along the way, it's truly been a team effort. A special thank you to the Easterby family for their time, patience, and support in training me for this challenge. I'm hugely grateful to everyone who has helped make this possible. If you haven't donated yet, be sure to head to my JustGiving Page! <https://www.justgiving.com/page/olli-parker>

 11	<b>INTINSO</b> G g Siyoumi (FR) - Rose of Miracles (Dalakhani (IRE)) Owner: Craig Lidster Racing Syndicate Trainer: Craig Lidster	6	11-7
		Jockey: <b>Brian Theaker</b> Form: 0000-65 Breeder: Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd	

I'm riding this race to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support so that they can carry on doing the marvellous work they already do in helping people affected by cancer and their families receive the care they deserve. Also, I am doing something that not many people will ever get the chance to do and that is to ride a racehorse on the Knavesmire in front of thousands of spectators.

## Macmillan Ride of Their Lives Previous Winners

Congratulations to all the previous winners, listed below, and to all the participants and their supporters. Between them they have raised over £1.5million and counting.

2012 - Rebecca Jones

2019 - Charlotte Atkinson

2013 - Venetia Wrigley

2021 - Luci Hughes

2014 - Chloe Fairley

2022 - Sam Brown

2015 - Jonathan Gill

2016 - Ruth Carr

2023 - Race Not Run

2017 - Belinda Keighley

2024 - Louis Pern

2018 - Sarah Fanning &

Chris Brownless

2025 - Lester Lloyd

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