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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/rideoftheirives2025> or scan the QR code on the next page.

No	Horse	Age	st-lb
	1 SASSY GLORY (IRE) b f Oasis Dream - Sassy Gal (IRE) (King's Best (USA)) Owner: URSA Major & Mark Walford Racing Club Trainer: Mark Walford	4 11-7 Jockey: Elizabeth Anderson Form: 430-400 Breeder: Ringford Stud Ltd	
<p>I am taking part in the Charity Race as I was ready for a challenge, and having seen the impact fundraising towards Macmillan can have to those affected by cancer it is both immense and rewarding to say you have contributed. Being able to experience race riding, especially here at York, is also a bucket list experience! I am unconditionally thankful to all my family and friends who have supported me along the way, every single one of my sponsors, and the team at Walford Racing who have been nothing but helpful in my preparations towards the race.</p>			
	2 OBBE JO B g Kodak - Maleha (IRE) (Cape Cross (IRE)) Owner: Mrs Joanne Boxcer & Partner Trainer: Tim Easterby	9 11-7 Jockey: Alex Duckitt Form: 6000-06 Breeder: Tally-Ho Stud	
<p>I applied for the race as a personal challenge and once in a lifetime experience but, since I started fundraising, I have realised it's so much more than that. Many people have shared their stories with me about how Macmillan have helped them or their families through cancer journeys and I have learned to be much more grateful for my health and fitness. It's been a truly humbling experience and a lot more physically challenging than I anticipated! I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to ride in this race for such a great cause. I can't wait to be on the other side of the rail!</p>			
	3 FOREST OF DEAN B g Ifraaj - Forest Crown (Royal Applause) Owner: Godolphin Trainer: John & Thady Gosden	9 11-7 Jockey: Margeaux Herinckx Form: 1643/55- Breeder: Car Colston Hall Stud	
<p>To have the opportunity to ride at such an iconic racecourse has been a dream for a long time, and to do it raising money for such an important charity makes it extra special. Getting here has not only been a fundraising challenge, but a personal one too, and a big thank you must go to everyone who has donated along the way, to our sponsors and connections of the horses kindly provided for this event.</p>			
	4 SCARRIFF (IRE) Ch m Dandy Man (IRE) - Maria Milena (Stravinsky (USA)) Owner: Mr Gerry McGladery Trainer: Rebecca Menzies	7 11-7 Jockey: Alex Kay Form: 3200-64 Breeder: Ms Valerie Madden	
<p>I have been overwhelmed by the support and generosity from so many people since I was accepted into this race, during my fund raising, and during my training. It really does show just how much Macmillan means to people and how far-reaching their expertise is. It is a true honour to ride as such a prestigious racecourse and represent Macmillan, knowing that our contribution will help many people during their treatment against cancer. Huge thanks go to Rebecca Menzies, Gerry McGladery and all the yard team that made this possible.</p>			
	5 HARTSWOOD B g Garswood - Nihal (IRE) (Singspiel (IRE)) Owner: Percy / Green Racing 2 Trainer: Richard Fahey	8 11-7 Jockey: Lester Lloyd Form: 0-61211 Breeder: D Lancaster-Smith & Moreton Manor Stud	
<p>I was given this name by parents knee deep in racing. When I learned of the Macmillan race I saw an incredible cause and an opportunity to embrace that name for a small moment. Macmillan are to be cherished and to aid them in their outstanding work has been an honour and to get the opportunity to race in aid of them has just been a bonus. One of the most challenging things I have ever done and one of the most rewarding. I think it may well have changed my life.</p>			
	6 RULER OF THE RIVER (IRE) B m Ruler Of The World (IRE) - Rockyriver Girl (IRE) (Rock Of Gibraltar (IRE)) Owner: Gary Downie Trainer: Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood	5 11-7 Jockey: Amelia McArthur Form: 0/600P-3 Breeder: Gerhard Matte	
<p>What a privilege to make it to raceday. After breaking my arm in January of this year, it has been an even tougher challenge to get the fundraising and myself back fit enough to ride. Cancer has touched the lives of many around me and I feel incredibly fortunate to be raising funds for a charity that is working to make a big difference locally at York Hospital as well as nationally.</p>			

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 7 BIZARRE LAW B g Lawman (FR) - Bizzaria (Lemon Drop Kid (USA)) Owner: Sitting On Fence Racing Club Trainer: Michael Herrington	6 11-7 Jockey: Alex Postolowsky Form: 000125 Breeder: Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd		
<p>I'm riding this race in memory of two friends who have lost their lives to cancer in the past couple of years - Meriel Bertie & Ian Gould. Both came into my life through horses and became lifelong friends. This race would be something they would be so excited to be a part of. I also received chemotherapy at St James as a child and experienced the toll cancer takes on patients and their families. I came through the other side, so being given the chance to raise as much money as possible for Macmillan is something I am completely behind. All while getting to achieve a lifetime ambition of riding at the beautiful York Racecourse. Thank you to everyone who has helped me get here - I hope I can make it worthwhile.</p>			
 8 RIBBLE VIBE (IRE) B g Sea The Stars (IRE) - Mujarah (IRE) (Marju (IRE)) Owner: The Horse Watchers 4 Trainer: David O'Meara	4 11-7 Jockey: Miles Seston Form: 1/65- Breeder: Godolphin		
<p>I'm taking part in this challenge because it's a great honour to be involved in such a meaningful event, and also to give back to a wonderful charity. I'm doing this in memory of my dear friend Jinny Hentfrey, who sadly lost her battle with liver cancer last July. Jinny was a cherished friend for many years and had an infectious personality that lit up every room. I had the privilege of riding her first-ever winner as a point to point trainer back in 2007. Today, I hope to finish in front as a tribute to her memory.</p>			
 9 BRASIL POWER (FR) B g Dark Angel - Venturous Spirit (Arch) Owner: Miss Eleanor Wellesley Trainer: George Boughey	6 11-7 Jockey: Eleanor Wellesley Form: 532021 Breeder: Dayton Investments Limited		
<p>I love riding with the RoR team and as a support rider with the Household Cavalry, both help me with what will be my third charity race within 12 months. Today feels my most exciting, challenging and meaningful one yet. Macmillan Cancer Support is a cause close to my heart, as a family member is currently battling against it. I'm determined to raise as much as possible to support those affected and to contribute to efforts that help prevent it and I'm incredibly grateful for the generous support of family and friends.</p>			



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TO ABSENT FRIENDS

As evidence of the physical commitment given to this challenge by all the riders, unfortunately two of them picked up injuries near to raceday. For everyone's safety, it is important that a suitable horse matched to the rider is available, and regrettably there was not one such for our third absentee.

Tabitha Bentley, Clinton Frank and Anya Potter-Firth will be missing at the Start itself but are very much part of the Class of 2025. They will join the group for the photos and celebrations. Their sponsors and supporters should feel proud that they helped a great cause.

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	2018 - Sarah Fanning & Chris Brownless
2013 - Venetia Wrigley	2019 - Charlotte Atkinson
2014 - Chloe Fairley	2021 - Luci Hughes
2015 - Jonathan Gill	2022 - Sam Brown
2016 - Ruth Carr	2023 - Race Not Run
2017 - Belinda Keighley	2024 - Louis Pern