

Thursday 2nd April

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**2.40** EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m51y (3270 Metres)

RACE 1 **(8) WORD FOR WORD | (9) CHANGEMYLUCK | (1) SMOKE TRAIL**

**3.10** RACING TV CLUB DAY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m189y (4200 Metres)

RACE 2 **(8) PARISH STAR | (1) MISS CARBO | (3) VANILLA DANCER**

**3.40** RACING TV PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m5f133y (4350 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) BENEFIT BEN | (8) NIGHTS IN VENICE | (7) BURGUNDY MAN**

**4.15** LET'S GET LADIES DAY READY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2½m189y (4200 Metres)

RACE 4 **(7) GUET APENS | (2) ATLANTIC LAD | (1) DEDICATED HERO**

**4.46** JOIN RACING TV NOW HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f96y (4710 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) ALWAYS A REASON | (4) VISUAL IMPACT | (5) MY LADY ELEKTRA**

**5.20** RACING TV OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 2m51y (3270 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) POETS WHISPER | (2) DOUBLY BLESSED | (1) BERKIE**

#### KEY TO SYMBOLS

**Top Rated:** The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

**Horses For Courses:** A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

**Jockey Uplift:** The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

**Trainer Form:** A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

**2.40**

**EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2m51y (3270 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 SMOKE TRAIL (IRE) (33) (CD) 97**  
1334 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Derek Fox**  
Winning Irish pointer who jumped fluently when making all to beat subsequent winner on hurdles bow over C&D in October. Matched that on handicap bow at Newbury last time and he's a major player.

**2 BOGHA BAISTE (IRE) (19) 88**  
5d7P3 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Lizzie Quinlan **Peter Kavanagh**  
Green in 2 bumpers and pulled up in a novice hurdle at Wetherby on debut in this sphere in January. Much better when third of 9 at Newcastle since but it's likely that he'll be better off in handicaps.

**3 CAVALRY CALL (IRE) (27) h 60**  
P 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



R. Mike Smith **Toby Wynne**  
Fair handicapper at best on the Flat for the Crisfords, but little impact for current stable in that sphere and made an inauspicious start over hurdles at Ayr (saddle slipped after clouting the first and pulled up quickly).

**4 KINGSMAN MAIL (FR) (38) 91**  
233 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**  
Promising second in Ayr bumper on debut in November and while he hasn't managed to build on that in 2 subsequent starts, this 6-y-o could have a part to play on hurdles debut, provided his jumping passes the test.

**5 MR MOJO RISIN (IRE) (117) 91**  
4-5 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**  
Some encouragement on debut in a Catterick bumper in December 2024 and also positives to take from his hurdles debut fifth 12 months later at Wetherby. Since undergone a breathing operation and he should do better in time.

**6 NED BROY (IRE) (13) 75**  
06 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Iain Jardine **Nathan Moscrop**  
Modest form on the Flat and hasn't made much of an impact in a couple of spins in this sphere.

**7 NOBOTHERATALL (IRE) (168) 94**  
331 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Tristan Davidson **Harry Reed**  
Placed in a couple of bumpers before making it third time lucky in this sphere at Catterick when last seen in October. Could have a say now switched to hurdles if he gets into a good rhythm jumping-wise.

**8 WORD FOR WORD (IRE) (33) (CD) h ★ 100**  
1 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Robert Dunne**  
Signs of ability in 3 maidens on the Flat in Ireland last year and bright start over hurdles in a first-time hood when landing a C&D juvenile event at the end of February. Improvement should be forthcoming.

**9 CHANGEMYLUCK (33) 98**  
88832 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Stuart Coltherd **Sean Quinlan**  
Appears to be on the right track, bettering previous efforts in this sphere when going close in a C&D mares novice hurdle last time, pulling well clear of the third. Bold show anticipated.

**10 CROKES CROSS (IRE) (290) 60**  
70 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Stuart Coltherd **Jamie Hamilton**  
No show in a couple of bumpers in Ireland and probably best watched on hurdles/stable debut.

**11 JUST A POET (29) 70**  
7-7 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Daragh Bourke **Callum Bewley**  
Safely held on her introduction/sole start for Sandy Thomson in a Wetherby bumper in November 2024. Absent prior to another low-key display when switched to hurdles for new yard at Catterick.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Word For Word, **7-2** Changemyluck, **4-1** Smoke Trail, **11-2** Nobotheratall, **11-1** Mr Mojo Risin, **12-1** Kingsman Mail, **28-1** Bogha Baiste, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

WORD FOR WORD did the job well when making a winning hurdles debut over this C&D and his best days are surely still ahead of him. He gets the nod ahead of Changemyluck, who appears to be gradually progressing, while Smoke Trail and bumper winner Nobotheratall are also shortlisted.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. WORD FOR WORD 2. CHANGEMYLUCK 3. SMOKE TRAIL**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 **Double Digits** 7-11-10 8-11f Ann Hamilton Danny McMenamin 9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.10**

RACE 2

**RACING TV CLUB DAY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-100) £7,000 2½m189y (4200 Metres)**



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>MISS CARBO (FR)</b> (7lb/3kg ex) (8)	h	<b>97</b>
	2225761 Neil Mulholland Fair ex-French hurdler who showed improved form on handicap debut over a longer trip when readily winning 6-runner event at Hereford last week. Officially 2 lb 'well-in' here under a penalty and fancied to be in the shake-up.	<b>Bradley Harris</b> (3lb/1kg)	
<b>2</b>	<b>THEIR SHEGOES (IRE)</b> (94)	s	<b>96</b>
	34F-329F8 Sandy Thomson Won twice last season but struggling for form this time around, tailed off at this track when last seen 3 months ago. Hopes pinned on first-time cheekpieces sparking a revival.	<b>Joshua Thompson</b> (5lb/2kg)	
<b>3</b>	<b>VANILLA DANCER</b> (25)		<b>99</b>
	37F63214 Chris Grant Placed twice at the turn of the year before snapping a losing run in 5-runner Catterick mares' event in February. Not in the same form at Carlisle subsequently, but this step back up in trip rates as a plus.	<b>Danny McMenamin</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>EBSELYSEES</b> (101)		<b>98</b>
	16636-P25 Susan Corbett Ran up to best in a change of headgear when second of 8 in handicap at Huntingdon on November but not in the same form back there the following month. Consistency not her strong suit so hard to know what to expect on first start for her new yard.	<b>Nathan Mascrop</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>GREEN BONNET</b> (30)		<b>94</b>
	2403F Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore Runner-up in course novice on Rules debut last spring and ran to a similar level when third of 11 here in September. Proved to be a disappointment after 6 months off at Newcastle last month so needs to get back on track.	<b>Jack Power</b> (5lb/2kg)	
<b>6</b>	<b>GEORGIE'S MALT</b> (25)		<b>98</b>
	445F845 Ewan Whillans Modest form in bumpers/maiden hurdles and failed to find any improvement for the switch to a handicap. Yet to try beyond 2½m and further progress may arrive when doing so.	<b>Callum Bewley</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>TAKE A HIKE (IRE)</b> (30) (CD)	s+t	<b>97</b>
	26-4714P7 D. J. Jeffreys Promise when placed twice last season and came good back from a break over C&D in November. Disappointing the last twice and the handicapper drops her another couple.	<b>Harry Atkins</b> (7lb/3kg)	
<b>8</b>	<b>PARISH STAR (IRE)</b> (45) (D, BF)	h+t	<b>100</b>
	5/458-3115 Adam Nicol Improved for current yard, winning at Newcastle before following up at Southwell in good style. Disappointed when bidding for a quick-fire hat-trick at Carlisle but worth another chance back from a short break with hood/tongue strap back on.	<b>Ryan Mania</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>AM I BOVERED</b> (33)	h	<b>92</b>
	4-08P55 Sandy Forster No impact in bumpers/over hurdles. Needs this switch to a handicap to prove transformative.	<b>Patrick Wadge</b>	

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**13-8** Miss Carbo, **7-2** Parish Star, **7-1** Vanilla Dancer, **10-1** Green Bonnet, **16-1** Ebselysees, **16-1** Take A Hike, **20-1** Georgie's Malt, **33-1** Theirshegoes, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Miss Carbo is sure to be popular having bolted up at Hereford last week, yet she may have to play second fiddle to PARISH STAR, who found her winning run coming to an end at Carlisle last time but has been freshened up since and returns in reapplied headgear. This step back up in trip should suit Vanilla Dancer so she completes the shortlist.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PARISH STAR 2. MISS CARBO 3. VANILLA DANCER**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 **Rose of Kalanisi** 8-11-8 3-1f Conor David Maxwell K. E. Buckley 14

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.40**

RACE 3

**RACING TV PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-105) £8,000 2m5f133y (4350 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Even**

<b>1</b>	<b>BENEFIT BEN (IRE) (14)</b> (C)	b		<b>100</b>
	7-151560F 8 12-0   76.2kg			
	Adam Nicol		<b>Ryan Mania</b>	
	Won 3m Musselburgh handicap chase in December. Below par on next 3 outings but looked very much back on form at Sedgefield last time, going with zest in the lead and still a length to the good when falling 2 out. Bold showing likely if in a similar mood.			
<b>2</b>	<b>DON OCCHETTI (IRE) (38)</b>	s+t		<b>91</b>
	0/231-P63F 8 11-9   73.9kg			
	William Young Jnr		<b>Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)</b>	
	Won 2m handicap chase on final start for Dan Skelton and step back in right direction on first start over fences for new yard when third at Ayr (2m) in February. Looked to be struggling when falling 2 out back there since, though. The refitting of cheekpieces needs to have a positive effect.			
<b>3</b>	<b>POETRY MAN (IRE) (48)</b>	s		<b>94</b>
	2U/U1U-45P 8 11-9   73.9kg			
	George Bewley		<b>Jonathon Bewley</b>	
	Won handicap chase at Catterick in December 2024. Not disgraced in a pair of handicap hurdles on first 2 outing back this winter but pulled up back chasing here in February (reported to have had a breathing problem).			
<b>4</b>	<b>GORVENNEC (FR) (135)</b>			<b>97</b>
	538-7 7 11-8   73.5kg			
	N. W. Alexander		<b>Bruce Lynn</b>	
	Modest form at best in 3 outings over hurdles but a point win earlier in his career provides hope now switching to fences for his handicap debut. One to note in the betting back from a break.			
<b>5</b>	<b>LOOKING SPLENDID (115)</b> (C)			<b>97</b>
	63F3-1136 8 11-8   73.5kg			
	Gary Rutherford		<b>Dylan Johnston</b>	
	Got off the mark in a 21f course handicap hurdle on reappearance in October and followed up at Carlisle 11 days later. Good third at Newcastle in November and given a bit of time since a lesser run at Musselburgh in December. Chase debut.			
<b>6</b>	<b>THE JAD FACTOR (IRE) (19)</b> (C)	s+t		<b>97</b>
	41PP1-14P 10 11-4   71.7kg			
	Sandy Thomson		<b>Patrick Wadge</b>	
	Tends to race lazily but his 19f Wetherby win on soft-ground reappearance was his third since joining Sandy Thomson. Fair fourth next time but his run of good form came to a halt when pulled up at Newcastle last month. The cheekpieces he wore at Wetherby are now back on in place of a visor.			
<b>7</b>	<b>BURGUNDY MAN (FR) (163)</b>			<b>95</b>
	0-2223331 9 11-3   71.2kg			
	R. Mike Smith		<b>Callum Bewley</b>	
	Failed to win in 20 attempts over hurdles but came good at the first time of asking over fences in 2m Perth handicap (heavy) in October. A 5 lb rise shouldn't prevent another prominent showing if resuming in similar form.			
<b>8</b>	<b>NIGHTS IN VENICE (27)</b>	t		<b>99</b>
	33-873421 10 11-1   70.3kg			
	Donald Whillans		<b>Sean Quinlan</b>	
	Snapped a 2-year losing run when seeing off 5 rivals at Ayr (3m, soft) 27 days ago. Should remain very competitive off 4 lb higher.			
<b>9</b>	<b>PARK RULES (IRE) (14)</b>	s+t		<b>46</b>
	500-00096 7 10-10   68.0kg			
	Iain Jardine		<b>Nathan Moscrop</b>	
	From good family (out of half-sister to dam of Douvan and Jonbon) but has been disappointing so far, faring no better for new stable at Sedgefield (21f, good to soft) last month. A first-time cheekpieces and tongue tie combination is tried now. Could only consider if backed.			

<b>10</b>	<b>DIVAS DOYEN (IRE) (46)</b>	s		<b>96</b>
	13-743244 9 10-8   67.1kg			
	Sandy Forster		<b>Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)</b>	
	Scored twice over fences last season. Best effort of the current campaign when second at Musselburgh in November but she's performed below that level when a well-held fourth on both outings since.			

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Nights In Venice, **9-2** Benefit Ben, **5-1** Burgundy Man, **11-1** The Jad Factor, **12-1** Divas Doyen, **12-1** Looking Splendid, **12-1** Gorvennec, **14-1** Park Rules, **20-1** Poetry Man, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BENEFIT BEN looked all set to win again when crashing out two from home at Sedgefield a fortnight ago and might be able to gain compensation assuming that hasn't dented his confidence. Last-time-out winners Nights In Venice and Burgundy Man rate possible threats, while point scorer Gorvennec is one to keep an eye on in the betting switched to fences for his handicap debut.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BENEFIT BEN 2. NIGHTS IN VENICE 3. BURGUNDY MAN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 **The Jad Factor** 9-10-11 9-2 Sandy Thomson Danny McMenamin 9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**LET'S GET LADIES DAY READY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £12,000 2½m189y (4200 Metres)**

RACE 4



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

**SMART STATS:**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 DEDICATED HERO (IRE) (33) (C) 98**  
15-6782UP 7 12-1 | 76.7kg



Sandy Thomson **Danny McMenamin**

Course bumper/maiden hurdle winner arrives on the back of breathing operation having found little when pulled up in the Morebattle here, yet he cannot be discounted dropping markedly in grade.

**2 ATLANTIC LAD (97) 99**  
322-313 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**

Lightly-raced 6-y-o was taken on for the lead when disappointing under a penalty at Sedgefield in December, though high hopes he can bounce back returning from a break on a handy opening mark.

**3 BUY SOME TIME (IRE) (263) 95**  
1772-1675 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



R. Mike Smith **Sean Quinlan**

Well below form after winning a valuable contest at the Punchestown Festival last April. 8-month break/breathing operation will need to spark a revival (also wears first-time tongue strap).

**4 SUNSET HILL (IRE) (38) (CD) 97**  
0-43555U4 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Susan Corbett **Nathan Moscrop**

Hasn't improved with experience over fences but goes well here (including in better company last season) and should at least be competitive on hurdles return.

**5 DOLLAR COLLAR (IRE) (30) (C) 98**  
54P1-636F 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Patrick Wadge**

Returning from another breathing operation/4 months off when falling heavily in Newcastle chase latest and she'll need to bounce back to form from out of the blue, as she did when successful here (off 1 lb higher) last season.

**6 FEACH AMACH (IRE) (13) (CD) 95**  
411-31641 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Adam Nicol **Ryan Mania**

Has proven another success story for her trainer, travelling smoothly when notching a fourth success (including a C&D win) for the yard at Musselburgh last time. She needs more off 4 lb higher in a deeper race, however.

**7 GUET APENS (25) 100**  
31 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Toby Wynne**

Useful stayer on Flat for Andre Fabre who confirmed his hurdling debut promise when decisive winner of 2m1f Carlisle novice last time. Should stay this far and he looks a likely improver off a potentially lenient opening mark.

**8 MAILLOT BLANC (125) 95**  
46-514728 9 10-3 | 64.9kg



N. W. Alexander **Dominic Hislop (7lb/3kg)**

Off since disappointing at Musselburgh in November but merits a market check given his C&D record (placed all 3 starts here).

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Guet Apens, **5-1** Atlantic Lad, **11-2** Dedicated Hero, **11-2** Feach Amach, **10-1** Sunset Hill, **16-1** Dollar Collar, **20-1** Maillot Blanc, **20-1** Buy Some Time

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Handicap debutants GUET APENS and Atlantic Lad could be the pair to focus on, the former readily preferred given the ability he showed on the Flat. Dedicated Hero cannot be ruled out dropped in class, though.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GUET APENS 2. ATLANTIC LAD 3. DEDICATED HERO**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 **Magic Wave** 9-10-13 15-2 Mark Walford Jamie Hamilton 6

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 **Heroique de Maulde** 8-11-6 7-1 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Henry Brooke

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1 KHAVARI (FR) (25)** t **97**

U2-U64252 6 12-2 | 77.1kg  
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Toby Wynne**  
 Fair winner over hurdles in France who only narrowly failed to open his account on these shores in small-field handicap chase at Carlisle 25 days ago. Just 1 lb higher now and possibilities with a repeat.

**2 LADY IN THE PARK (IRE) (25) (D)** b **97**

U52541-25 8 12-1 | 76.7kg  
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Jack Power (5lb/2kg)**  
 Low-mileage mare who advanced her form in first-time blinkers when scoring at Perth (3m) last April. Returned from 10 months off with a good second at Carlisle but disappointed back up in trip there last month.

**3 ALWAYS A REASON (IRE) (12)** s+t **100**

5-5121152 7 11-11 | 74.8kg  
 Rebecca Menzies **Danny McMenamin**  
 Winning pointer who went the right way as a hurdler and made bright start over fences when winning first 2 starts. Quickly back on track fitted with a tongue strap when second here 12 days ago but stamina is a slight concern up in trip.

**4 VISUAL IMPACT (IRE) (38)** **99**

3222-348F 7 11-11 | 74.8kg  
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Derek Fox**  
 £100,000 purchase having finished runner-up in sole Irish point. Hasn't gone on from a promising chase debut at Ayr in November but yard in much better form of late and there were encouraging signs back at Ayr last time.

**5 MY LADY ELEKTRA (FR) (135)** s+t **98**

75747-342 8 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 N. W. Alexander **Sean Quinlan**  
 Still a maiden but has made a decent start over fences, runner-up to a subsequent winner over C&D when last seen in November. Not taken lightly.

**6 RACEVIEW ROAD (IRE) (58) (C)** **97**

2P5PP-647 8 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 George Bewley **Jonathon Bewley**  
 Encouragement when fourth of 19 in a handicap hurdle at Ayr in January but failed to build on that when only mid-field back over fences at Carlisle. A while since he's threatened to win a chase and others preferred.

**7 COWBOY COOPER (IRE) (30) (D)** **98**

141-031P4 10 10-10 | 68.0kg  
 Donald Whillans **Jamie Hamilton**  
 Notched third victory over fences at Ayr (3m) in January but not in same form either start since.

**8 SIMILAR STORY (IRE) (11) (CD)** s+t **93**

3-U9P5UP0 8 10-9 | 67.6kg  
 Stuart Coltherd **Patrick Wadge**  
 Made a winning chasing debut over C&D last season but has struggled for form this campaign.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Always A Reason, **5-1** My Lady Elektra, **5-1** Kahavari, **6-1** Visual Impact, **15-2** Lady In The Park, **12-1** Raceview Road, **14-1** Cowboy Cooper, **18-1** Similar Story

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ALWAYS A REASON has his stamina to prove up in trip but he was a good second in a better race than this here 12 days ago so must still rate a big player if over that effort. Visual Impact could be on the way back given how she shaped at Ayr, while My Lady Elektra has made a bright start in this sphere.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ALWAYS A REASON 2. VISUAL IMPACT 3. MY LADY ELEKTRA**

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RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1 BERKIE (IRE) 97**

5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

**Toby Wynne**

Berkshire gelding who was purchased for €60,000 after finishing runner-up sole start in Irish points (May 2025). Interesting on Rules debut.

**2 DOUBLY BLESSED (IRE) 99**

5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Lucinda Russell &amp; Michael Scudamore

**Derek Fox**

€65,000 4-y-o, Vadamus gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful 2½m hurdle winner Home Made Hero and fair hurdler Doyen For Money. Wide-margin winner of sole start in Irish points (May 2025) and interesting switching to Rules given he's by a sire who tends to put plenty of speed into his offspring.

**3 POETS WHISPER (IRE) 100**

5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Nicky Richards

**Danny McMenamin**

€40,000 3-y-o, Poet's Word gelding. Dam unraced sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 21f) Hatcher. Highly respected on debut for yard that has a fine record in this sphere.

**4 ELLISTRIN JARLA (30) 79**

6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Donald Whillans

**Theo Gillard**

Sent off 50/1 and went with no promise on last month's debut at Newcastle. Easy to look elsewhere now taking on the geldings.

**5 BUDWORTH BOY 91**

4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Ewan Whillans

**Peter Kavanagh**

Falco gelding. Dam, 11.2f winner in France, half-sister to very smart hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 2½m) Master Dino and useful 2¼m hurdle winner Master d'Oc. Appeals on paper and the market should offer up some clues.

**6 DON'T TELL DOUGIE (20) 92**

4 10-9 | 67.6kg



John Dawson

**Callum Bewley**

A cheap purchase (given pedigree) who was held back by inexperience when fourth of 6 at Doncaster on her debut last month. Entitled to step up on that but is up against some well-bred newcomers.

**7 JIMMY THE JET (IRE) 93**

4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Lizzie Quinlan

**Sean Quinlan**

€22,500 3-y-o, Jet Away gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Abuffalosoldier and fair hurdler/chaser River Vale. Dam, placed in point, half-sister to bumper winner/useful hurdler (stays 3m) Dalston Lad. No back number on paper.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

11-4 Poets Whisper, 3-1 Doubly Blessed, 4-1 Berkie, 15-2 Jimmy The Jet, 9-1 Don't Tell Dougie, 12-1 Budworth Boy, 50-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Slight preference is for POETS WHISPER, who hails from a stable which has a strong record with its debutants in this sphere. Doubly Blessed ran out a wide-margin winner of his sole start in Irish points and has to be of interest switching to Rules being by a sire who tends to put plenty of speed into his progeny. Berkie is another to note.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. POETS WHISPER 2. DOUBLY BLESSED 3. BERKIE

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Abbey Scope</b> 5-11-3	15-2	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin	7
2023 <sup>1</sup>	<b>Hierachy</b> 5-11-3	7-2	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (3)	10
2023 <sup>1</sup>	<b>Lune de La Mer</b> 6-11-3	7-1	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	11
2022	<b>Rocky Hill</b> 5-11-1	33-1	Ewan Whillans	Craig Nichol	12
2021	<b>Geordies Dream</b> 6-11-0	28-1	Pauline Robson	Sean Quinlan	13