GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Tuesday 3rd February

CARLISLE

1.30	RACING TV NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m1f (3420 Metres)
RACE 1	(4) IT'S TOP | (7) LASKO DES OBEAUX | (12) THORNEYLANDS
2.00	racingtv.com 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 2½m198y (4200 Metres)
RACE 2	(1) FIRST CONFESSION | (4) DELLA CASA LUNGA | (3) THANK YOU MA'AM
2.35	BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f61y (3880 Metres)
RACE 3	(3) OH CLARE | (7) SEVARANA | (6) ROSIE MAHLER
3.05	RACING TV MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m198y (4200 Metres)
RACE 4	(1) ILOVETHENIGHTLIFE | (4) CELESTIAL FASHION | (3) SUNSET HILL
3.35	WATCH RACING TV HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m1f (3420 Metres)
RACE 5	(1) SMART DECISION | (4) MEDIEVAL GOLD | (6) HAARAR
4.04	EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 3m110y (4930 Metres)
RACE 6	(4) SHADOW CHASER | (7) UPTOWN HARRY | (10) ROB ROY MACGREGOR
4.34	NEXT RACEDAY 16th FEBRUARY "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m1f (3420 Metres)
RACE 7	(3) JIMMY GATZ | (5) MASKED BLAGNY | (2) IRISH GOODBYE

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.

1.30 RACE 1

RACING TV NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2m1f (3420 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Chase course)**

Right handed, undulating, galloping. Notably stiff track on account of the home straight being uphill, though as a result many races are steadily run and, especially on the chase course, those that are prominent at the bottom of the hill are often not for catching. The fences are notably undemanding, the attrition rate almost always one of the lowest in the country. Invariably extremely testing ground in mid-winter.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 BLAZING ECHO (IRE) (19) **70**
69P **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Eloise Quayle — *Peter Kavanagh*
Little impact in a pair of bumpers and similar story on hurdles debut at Newcastle last month.

2 DELAYED CHARM (9) t **70**
P87-47RF **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Maurice Barnes — *Ross Chapman*
Probably flattered when fourth in a novice hurdle at Kelso in May and has failed to build on that by a long chalk since, weakening when coming down on handicap debut at Sedgefield latest.

3 DOUBLE INDEMNITY (IRE) (39) **77**
6 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Donald McCain — *Theo Gillard*
Point winner who finished well held in Aintree bumper on NH debut 39 days ago and is likely to need more time/longer trip. Goes hurdling now.

4 IT'S TOP (FR) (20) t ★ **100**
177-2 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Oliver Signy — *Gavin Sheehan*
Didn't go on from his debut bumper victory in 2 further outings in that sphere but made promising start over hurdles, back from 11 months off, when second of 11 in novice at Newbury (16.3f, good to soft) 20 days ago. Likely more to come yet and holds strong claims.

5 JONZAC (FR) (10) **70**
0-P **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Patrick Morris — *Toby Wynne*
Winner of a point since down the field in bumper for Willie Mullins in April 2024 but showed nothing on recent yard/hurdles debut at Uttoxeter.

6 KARMA DE COTTE (FR) (19) **78**
43 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Jackie Stephen — *Jamie Hamilton*
Showed ability when third of 11 in novice (200/1) at Newcastle (16.9f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 19 days ago, not knocked about. Entitled to build on that and can make presence felt.

7 LASKO DES OBEAUX (FR) (47) **90**
23 **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Harry Derham — *Paul O'Brien*
Shaped well when a debut Chepstow hurdling second in November but failed to build on it in the mud when third of 12 in novice hurdle at Exeter (16.7f, 11/8) the following month. In good hands, however, and better is expected here.

8 PARTY IN THE PARK (IRE) (36) t **81**
365 **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Ann Hamilton — *Danny McMenamin*
Runner-up sole start in Irish points and showed promise when third in Newcastle bumper on Rules debut in October. Yet to build on that in a couple of starts over timber, however. Tongue strap on first time.

9 ROAD TO ROSLEY (51) **60**
5PP/5 **9** 11-5 | 72.1kg
John Dixon — *Mr John Dixon* (7lb/3kg)
Placed on second of 2 starts in bumpers but has yet to show much over hurdles, including on return from lengthy absence at Carlisle last month.

10 SWINGFORTHEFENCE (IRE) (19) **75**
3-7 **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Jennie Candlish — *Sean Quinlan*
Far from disgraced on bumper debut in April but was never involved on switch to hurdling at Newcastle last month and is likely a longer-term prospect.

11 TAKEYOUTOTHEISLAND (IRE) (19) **60**
549 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
N. W. Alexander — *Bruce Lynn*
From a good jumping family but efforts in a bumper and 2 hurdles starts have lacked spark.

12 THORNEYLANDS (IRE) (54) (BF) **80**
2 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Nicky Richards — *Brian Hughes*
Encouraging NH debut when second of 11 in bumper at Newcastle (16.9f, good to soft) 54 days ago. Likely to improve and could be a player on hurdles bow.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 It's Top, **5-2** Lasko Des Obeaux, **9-2** Thorneylands, **14-1** Party In The Park, **22-1** Karma De Cotte, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Bumper winner IT'S TOP made an encouraging start in this discipline at Newbury last month and can be expected to improve on that. He gets the nod in the opener. Lasko des Obeaux looks the chief threat on form, whilst Thorneylands showed plenty of ability when runner-up on bumper debut at Newcastle and will be dangerous if taking to hurdling.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IT'S TOP 2. LASKO DES OBEAUX 3. THORNEYLANDS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**More Coko** 5-11-12	1-5f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	9
2024	**Coniston George** 6-11-12	5-2f	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin	12
2023	**Sleeping Satellite** 5-11-5	2-1f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	11
2022	**Git Maker** 6-11-7	10-11f	Jamie Snowden	Jonathan Burke	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.00 RACE 2

racingtv.com 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 5yo+ £15,000 2½m198y (4200 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Chase course)**

Right handed, undulating, galloping. Notably stiff track on account of the home straight being uphill, though as a result many races are steadily run and, especially on the chase course, those that are prominent at the bottom of the hill are often not for catching. The fences are notably undemanding, the attrition rate almost always one of the lowest in the country. Invariably extremely testing ground in mid-winter.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **FIRST CONFESSION (IRE)** (25) ★ **100**
171P-335F **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Joe Tizzard *Brendan Powell*
Point/hurdles winner who has advanced his form in this sphere with very good placed efforts in handicaps over C&D and at Kempton this winter. Fell 6th in 3m Exeter handicap chase last time but the one to beat if none the worse.

2 **SCARLET JET (IRE)** (66) **81**
6431-48 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
N. W. Alexander *Bruce Lynn*
Point winner who signed off with success last spring in 2m4f novice at Perth. Yet to fire in a pair of 22f novice hurdles at Kelso and Newcastle this term though so goes chasing with a bit to prove.

3 **THANK YOU MA'AM** (269) s **88**
2221312-7 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Georgina Nicholls *Finn Lambert* (3lb/1kg)
Likeable front-running hurdler who scored at Ascot and Doncaster last term. Not disgraced under an aggressive ride when seventh of 13 in 3m Haydock handicap in May but off since so has his fitness to prove starting out in this sphere.

4 **DELLA CASA LUNGA (IRE)** (38) (D) t **94**
52157-734 **8** 10-12 | 68.9kg
Clive Boultbee-Brooks *Richard Patrick*
Useful winning 3m hurdler who comes here on the back of a solid fourth of 10 in 3m handicap hurdle at Kempton 38 days ago. Switches to fences now and she's of firm interest.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 First Confession, **2-1** Della Casa Lunga, **4-1** Thank You Ma'am, **16-1** Scarlet Jet

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Joe Tizzard's FIRST CONFESSION is fancied to put his chasing experience to telling effect and gain a first success in this sphere to supplement his point and hurdling victories. Della Casa Lunga has some useful hurdling form to her name and appeals as the pick of the trio of chasing newcomers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FIRST CONFESSION 2. DELLA CASA LUNGA 3. THANK YOU MA'AM

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.35 RACE 3

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £11,000 2m3f61y (3880 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Chase course)**

Right handed, undulating, galloping. Notably stiff track on account of the home straight being uphill, though as a result many races are steadily run and, especially on the chase course, those that are prominent at the bottom of the hill are often not for catching. The fences are notably undemanding, the attrition rate almost always one of the lowest in the country. Invariably extremely testing ground in mid-winter.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **FUTURE BUCKS (FR)** (46) t **98**
29-13 **5** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Jamie Snowden *Gavin Sheehan*
Fair hurdler who returned to form when scoring at Windsor (16f) in November. Not in same form when third of 5 in novice hurdle (13/2) at Uttoxeter (22.2f, heavy) since but return to this shorter trip may see her in a better light.

2 **JUST AN ARTIST** (21) h **89**
5P-1P4 **5** 11-9 | 73.9kg
N. W. Alexander *Bruce Lynn*
Sent off 125/1 but much improved as she made a winning return in heavy-ground 2m Perth mares' maiden hurdle in October. Not disgraced at Ayr latest but will need more to take a hand here.

3 **OH CLARE (IRE)** (44) (D) **98**
49-21 **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
Built on promising hurdles debut at this course when readily taking 7-runner novice at Lingfield (19.5f, good to soft, 11/1) 44 days ago by 3½ lengths from Sevarana. Likely more to come yet.

4 **AM I BOVVERED** (5) h
4-08P **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Sandy Forster *Patrick Wadge*
Well beaten in 3 bumpers and fared no better on recent Ayr hurdles bow.

5 **BOLLIN SKITTLE** (51)
5 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Donald Whillans *Craig Nichol*
Sent off big odds and finished well held in bumper at this course (17f, soft) on NH debut 51 days ago. Goes hurdling now and is likely one for the longer term.

6 **ROSIE MAHLER (IRE)** (80) **93**
2 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Harry Derham *Paul O'Brien*
From a good jumping family (closely related to dual bumper winner/useful hurdler Favour And Fortune) and posted promising second of 7 in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (19.9f, heavy, 11/2) on debut 80 days ago. May well do better yet.

7 **SEVARANA (IRE)** (44) h ★ **100**
212 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Richard Bandey *Harry Bannister*
Uttoxeter bumper winner who made an encouraging start over timber when 3½ lengths second of 7 to Oh Clare in novice hurdle at Lingfield (19.5f, good to soft, 5/1) 44 days ago. Open to improvement and must be taken seriously. Engaged 12.52 Kempton Monday.

8 **STRATHCATCHA** (65)
777 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Gary Rutherford *Edward Austin* (5lb/2kg)
Well beaten in a trio of bumpers and can only be watched on hurdles debut.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Sevarana, **11-4** Oh Clare, **11-4** Rosie Mahler, **6-1** Future Bucks, **14-1** Just An Artist, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

OH CLARE still showed signs of inexperience when scoring at Lingfield in December and ought to have further improvement in her. She can follow up. Sevarana and Rosie Mahler are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OH CLARE 2. SEVARANA 3. ROSIE MAHLER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Vroomoz Eile** 6-11-2	8-1	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones	5
2024	**Dontyawantme** 7-11-2	5-1	Craig Lidster	Jamie Hamilton	11
2023	**Poetic Music** 5-11-9	1-2f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	7
2022	**Lady Tremaine** 7-11-0	evsf	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.05 RACE 4

RACING TV MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ mares (Rated 0-120) £12,750 2½m198y (4200 Metres)

Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Chase course)**

Right handed, undulating, galloping. Notably stiff track on account of the home straight being uphill, though as a result many races are steadily run and, especially on the chase course, those that are prominent at the bottom of the hill are often not for catching. The fences are notably undemanding, the attrition rate almost always one of the lowest in the country. Invariably extremely testing ground in mid-winter.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **ILOVETHENIGHTLIFE (20)** (D) b ★ **100**
554U-2203 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Joe Tizzard *Brendan Powell*
Handicap winner from 4 lb higher in November 2024 and fared as well as she was entitled to when third of 5 in listed company at Newbury 3 weeks ago. This represents a significant drop in class and she looks the one to beat.

2 **LADY IN THE PARK (IRE) (285)** b **97**
5/4U52541- **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore *Derek Fox*
Much more like it back up in trip and fitted with headgear for the first time when opening her account at Perth in April. Off since and stable could be in better form.

3 **SUNSET HILL (IRE) (19)** (D) s **98**
320-43555 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Susan Corbett *Nathan Moscrop*
Has struggled in recent chase handicaps, finishing fifth in her last 3 starts, the latest of them at Newcastle (23.4f) 19 days ago when she was going through the motions. First-time cheekpieces need to spark her back into life.

4 **CELESTIAL FASHION (12)** (C) **98**
71222-141 **8** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Ian Duncan *Callum Bewley*
Likeable and consistent mare in her grade and recorded second win from last 3 starts and ready fashion at Wetherby 12 days ago (other success gained here). Up 8 lb for what was a particularly thin race but she's clearly in good order.

5 **SIMILAR STORY (IRE) (9)** s+t **92**
9P33-U9P5 **8** 10-5 | 65.8kg
Stuart Coltherd *Sean Quinlan*
Made a winning chasing debut at Kelso in October 2024 but mixed record since, held when not fluent last in first-time cheekpieces last week. Tongue strap back on.

6 **DIVAS DOYEN (IRE) (67)** (C) s **93**
4413-7432 **9** 10-2(9-6) | 64.4kg (59.9kg)
Sandy Forster *Patrick Wadge*
Scored twice over fences last season, latterly at Hexham (20.1f) in March. Ran right up to form when second at Musselburgh in November but has it all to do from 10 lb out of the weights.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Celestial Fashion, **5-2** Ilovethenightlife, **10-3** Lady In The Park, **9-1** Sunset Hill, **20-1** Divas Doyen, **25-1** Similar Story

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This represents a drop in class for ILOVETHENIGHTLIFE, who was third in listed company at Newbury and she can make her class tell. Celestial Fashion made all when winning at Wetherby 12 days ago and though up 8 lb for winning a very thin race, she still needs considering. Sunset Hill has been going through the motions lately but tries first-time cheekpieces, which may aid her cause.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ILOVETHENIGHTLIFE 2. CELESTIAL FASHION 3. SUNSET HILL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Gipsy Lee Rose** 11-10-11	9-2	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn	6
2024	**Lilith** 9-11-3	6-4jf	Anthony Honeyball	Rex Dingle	4
2023	**Lilith** 8-11-4	4-1	Anthony Honeyball	Rex Dingle	4
2022	**Maid O'Malley** 9-11-6	evsf	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.35 RACE 5

WATCH RACING TV HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £11,500 2m1f (3420 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 **SMART DECISION (17)** (CD, BF) **100**
1U11-3112 **5** 12-2 | 77.1kg
Tim Easterby — ***Mr William Easterby*** (5lb/2kg)
Has won 5 of 8 starts including on handicap debut 39 days ago. Second of 8 in handicap at Haydock (15/8 fav) latest, foiled in hat-trick bid but recorded another personal best. Could regain winning thread from 2 lb higher.

2 **KIENTZHEIM (FR) (67)** **97**
11/1340-61 **6** 11-13 | 75.7kg
Ben Haslam — ***K. Brogan***
Dual bumper winner in France at the start of 2024. Made a winning hurdle debut for Nicky Henderson in December but form went the wrong way. Offered little on first start for Ben Haslam but much more like it when making all at Musselburgh in November. Up 4 lb and now needs to back that up.

3 **DUNKERQUE (DEN) (158)** (D) **96**
644-30145 **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Jennie Candlish — ***Sean Quinlan***
Won a maiden hurdle last July before fifth of 13 in handicap (13/2) at Down Royal in August, running his best race in handicaps. First run for new trainer and the market may help.

4 **MEDIEVAL GOLD (65)** (CD) t **98**
2/134-21 **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Patrick Neville — ***Brian Hughes***
Confirmed the promise of his second-place finish here on November's reappearance when going one place better as short-priced favourite. Up 7 lb and a first-time tongue strap is applied on first run for new trainer.

5 **THAT ONE (65)** (D) **98**
44/54121-2 **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg
James Walton — ***Callum Bewley***
Won twice last season, including final start Hexham in April and picked up where he left off when second of 8 over C&D on return from 8-month break, keeping on but lacking the gears to match the favourite. Can remain competitive.

6 **HAARAR (45)** (D) **98**
23213-231 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Sam England — ***Jonathan England***
Enhanced pretty good strike rate and better than ever in the process for latest success at Haydock last month, travelling well. Raised 6 lb which asks a new question but he's likely to give it a good go.

7 **GINTIME (IRE) (39)** (D) **93**
244-41 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Nicky Richards — ***Danny McMenamin***
Showed ability in bumpers and likewise both starts over hurdles, albeit fortunate to win 4-runner maiden at Sedgefield (4/1) 39 days ago when left clear 3 out after favourite crashed out. Handicap debut from a mark that demands more.

8 **RAFFERTY'S RETURN (54)** (C) t **90**
F76068-68 **11** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Rebecca Menzies — ***Ross Chapman***
Landed a pair of handicap hurdles a couple of seasons back but he was below-par last term and offered little both starts upon return. Cheekpieces removed.

9 **LADY BABS (61)** (CD) s **98**
511131-P5 **12** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Andrew Crook — ***Conor Rabbitt*** (3lb/1kg)
Triple C&D winner during first half of 2025 but little to shout about both starts upon return. Still 2 lb above last winning mark so others more persuasive.

10 **BOOK OF SECRETS (IRE) (85)** (D) h+t **99**
53-323727 **8** 11-1 | 70.3kg
James Moffatt — ***Leah Noreci*** (10lb/5kg)
Second at Newton Abbot in September but seventh of 10 in C&D handicap in November, too free and faded after being fourth at 3 out. Hood and tongue strap back on, which may help him settle.

11 **SPARTAN WARRIOR (IRE) (43)** t **96**
56-213669 **5** 10-4 | 65.3kg
Maurice Barnes — ***Peter Kavanagh***
Out of sorts on Flat and over hurdles prior to leaving Rebecca Menzies and down the field on stable debut last month. Plenty to prove.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Smart Decision, **9-2** Medieval Gold, **7-1** Haarar, **17-2** Gintime, **9-1** Kientzheim, **10-1** That One, **14-1** Book of Secrets, **16-1** Dunkerque, **22-1** Lady Babs, **25-1** Rafferty's Return, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SMART DECISION has won 5 of 8 starts and although foiled in his hat-trick bid at Haydock 17 days ago, he recorded another personal best. He looks the answer, though Medieval Gold won over C&D in November and despite being up 7lb, further success can't be ruled out with a first-time tongue strap applied for his new yard. Haarar produced a career best when winning at Haydock so also commands respect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SMART DECISION 2. MEDIEVAL GOLD 3. HAARAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Golden Maverick** 5-11-7	9-2	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	8
2024	**Skycutter** 6-11-9	11-4f	Dan Skelton	Tristan Durrell (3)	11
2023	**Applaus** 11-11-1	11-1	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (3)	13
2022	**Global Agreement** 5-10-12	5-2	Milton Harris	Kevin Jones (3)	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.04 RACE 6

EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-105) £10,000 3m110y (4930 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 ORKNEY BLUE (55) 94
2/4242-6P **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg
N. W. Alexander — *K. Brogan*
Runner-up twice in maiden company over hurdles last term. Never a factor on chase debut then reportedly lame when pulled up in handicap chase at Hexham (20.1f, heavy, 6/1) 55 days ago. Back up in trip and this will reveal more.

2 WHOLLY BOLEY (IRE) (32) (D) 98
5/563-2P19 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Daragh Bourke — *Theo Gillard*
Point winner who made a positive start to chase career when second at Hexham (3m, heavy) in October. Ran poorly tried in cheekpieces next time but back on track with headgear omitted when scoring at Ayr in December. Seemed beaten by more than revised mark back there latest.

3 SUPER CITIZEN (36) (CD) s 96
312-85414 **12** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Lucinda Hughes — *Brian Hughes*
Bounced back to form in refitted cheekpieces to win a 26.1f course handicap in November. Not quite in the same form at Kelso a month later.

4 SHADOW CHASER (IRE) (19) s ★ 100
76PP-2772 **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Mark Walford — *Jamie Hamilton*
Winner of an Irish point and matched pick of hurdles form fitted with blinkers when runner-up to Uptown Harry on chase bow at Newcastle 3 weeks ago. Since moved yards and he looks an interesting proposition in a change of headgear.

5 RACEVIEW ROAD (IRE) (32) 94
32P5PP-64 **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg
George Bewley — *Jonathon Bewley*
Ended last season out of sorts over fences but assessor has lent a hand and a bit more like it when fourth in a big-field handicap over hurdles at Ayr a month ago (20.5f). Return to 3m in his favour so dangerous if building on that back over the larger obstacles.

6 LORD DE VINCI (FR) (33) 86
4959-44 **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Daragh Bourke — *Callum Bewley*
Shaped encouragingly after 9 months off when fourth of 8 in 19f course handicap hurdle in December. Point background offered hope but he was a bit disappointing on first crack over fences at Musselburgh and is now back over 3m.

7 UPTOWN HARRY (IRE) (19) (CD) v 99
46P-54621 **12** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Jane Walton — *Charlie Maggs* (5lb/2kg)
C&D winner not the force of old but fared better than of late from a mark that's fallen a long way when second at Musselburgh in December and he then went one better from 4 lb out of the weights at Newcastle, drawing clear from Shadow Chaser. Effectively 8 lb higher but he did that readily.

8 JUDICIAL REVIEW (IRE) (37) b+t 98
961P21P9 **8** 11-0 | 69.9kg
James Moffatt — *Leah Noreci* (10lb/5kg)
Hasn't always been the most reliable but not easy to pass when he's in the mood, as he showed when forging clear in 7-runner handicap at Cartmel in August. Needs some motivating and labouring early both starts since.

9 CARRHILL (IRE) (9) s+t 67
704598 **6** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Chris Grant — *Danny McMenamin*
Maiden pointer who hasn't seriously threatened under Rules, including on last week's chase debut. Was prominent in the betting though and a tongue strap now goes on.

10 ROB ROY MACGREGOR (IRE) (21) (C) s 98
9PP3-4872 **8** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Sandy Thomson — *Patrick Wadge*
Fourteen runs since last win in 2023 but yard going better now than it was and he stuck to his task when second of 7 in handicap chase at Ayr (24.1f, heavy, 5/1) 21 days ago. Enters calculations.

11 GIBBERWELL (IRE) (34) (D) b 95
P2P15-F5P **10** 10-6 | 66.2kg
Jake Thomas Coulson — *Philip Armson* (3lb/1kg)
Not the most reliable but scored over fences at Hexham (24.2f) in March and back to that sort of form when creditable fifth of 12 in handicap chase over 26.1f here in November. Never going well when pulled up at Uttoxeter latest.

12 JOIE MORE (IRE) (32) t 95
85P9-P43P **8** 10-4 | 65.3kg
Jackie Stephen — *Sean Quinlan*
Plugged on to fill the frame twice over fences to end 2025 but he's still a maiden and must shrug off a heavy defeat at Ayr.

13 CAVE HILL (32) v+t 96
345-16536 **7** 10-3 | 64.9kg
Ian Duncan — *Alan Doyle* (3lb/1kg)
Improved under a change of tactics when successful in a 10-runner handicap chase at Hexham in May. Best effort since when third of 7 at Sedgefield (21f, soft) in December and he ran about as well as could be expected from out of the weights last time.

14 WHISPERING DANCER (IRE) (13) s 96
05-9956 **7** 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)
Susan Corbett — *Nathan Moscrop*
Irish point winner. Just poor form under Rules so far and back on his correct mark, he was off the bridle when short of room at Catterick, weakening from 4 out.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Shadow Chaser, **11-2** Uptown Harry, **11-2** Rob Roy Macgregor, **12-1** Orkney Blue, **14-1** Cave Hill, **16-1** Wholly Boley, **16-1** Raceview Road, **16-1** Lord De Vinci, **18-1** Super Citizen, **18-1** Carrhill, **22-1** Joie More, **28-1** Judicial Review, **28-1** Whispering Dancer, **33-1** Gibberwell

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SHADOW CHASER promises to be a better chaser than hurdler judged on his opening second to Uptown Harry at Newcastle and from these revised terms coupled with his unexposed profile, he's taken to reverse the form. Rob Roy Macgregor, a former stablemate of the selection, can also get involved.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHADOW CHASER 2. UPTOWN HARRY 3. ROB ROY MACGREGOR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Don Brocco** 9-10-0	7-1	Gary Rutherford	Sean Quinlan	15
2024	**Breeze of Wind** 7-11-10	evsf	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	12
2023	**Who's In The Box** 9-11-9	14-1	Nick Kent	Lewis Stones (5)	14
2022[I]	**Skyhill** 9-10-7	3-1f	Alison Hamilton	Brian Hughes	9
2022[II]	**Houston Texas** 8-11-10	3-1	Nicky Richards	Sean Quinlan	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.34 RACE 7

NEXT RACEDAY 16th FEBRUARY "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4yo £4,000 2m1f (3420 Metres)

Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Chase course)**

Right handed, undulating, galloping. Notably stiff track on account of the home straight being uphill, though as a result many races are steadily run and, especially on the chase course, those that are prominent at the bottom of the hill are often not for catching. The fences are notably undemanding, the attrition rate almost always one of the lowest in the country. Invariably extremely testing ground in mid-winter.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 BARRACILLA **91**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Tom Weston — ***Jonjo O'Neill Jr.***
Jack Hobbs gelding. Brother to fair 2m hurdle winner Barrabool. Dam little show in bumpers/over hurdles, half-sister to bumper winner/useful hurdler (stayed 3m) On Raglan Road and bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler (stayed 2½m) Overthetop. Yard has the odd bumper winner, so shouldn't be overlooked.

2 IRISH GOODBYE (IRE) **94**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — ***Toby McCain-Mitchell*** (5lb/2kg)
£34,000 3-y-o, Vadamos gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler Prolific Profile. Dam (c86/h104), maiden jumper (stayed 3m), sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (2½m-2¾m winner) Pressies Girl. Would enter calculations if the betting speaks in his favour.

3 JIMMY GATZ (FR) ★ **100**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Olly Murphy — ***James Bowen***
The Grey Gatsby gelding. Dam 8.5f winner on Flat in USA, from good Flat family. Yard does well with its newcomers in bumpers, so must be taken seriously.

4 MARVEL MAGIC (FR) (35) **91**
46 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Derek Fox***
Showed promise when fourth of 8 in a Newcastle bumper on debut on debut in November. Showed considerably less sent hurdling at Haydock since and now reverted to a bumper.

5 MASKED BLAGNY (FR) **98**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Stuart Edmunds — ***Charlie Hammond***
€75,000 3-y-o, Masked Marvel gelding. Half-brother to French 2¼m hurdle winner Lord Blagny and French hurdler Kalamata. Dam (h106) ran once over hurdles in France. Newcomer to keep an eye on in the betting.

6 MASTERFIELD (FR) (59) t **93**
4 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero — ***Craig Nichol***
Cokoriko gelding. Closely related to 2 winners, including French hurdle winner/chaser Kasadepapel. Dam multiple 1½m bumper winner in France. Offered something to work on in a tongue strap for debut when fourth of 8 in Wetherby bumper 59 days ago.

7 SUCCESS STORY (IRE) **92**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Clive Boultbee-Brooks — ***Richard Patrick***
Success Days gelding. Dam (h103), 21f hurdle winner, half-sister to Irish Grand National winner Rogue Angel and useful hurdler/fairly useful chaser (stayed 25f) Fire In His Eyes. Bred more for stamina than speed.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Jimmy Gatz, **7-2** Masked Blagny, **11-2** Irish Goodbye, **7-1** Masterfield, **17-2** Success Story, **10-1** Marvel Magic, **11-1** Barracilla

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JIMMY GATZ is from a good Flat family and representing a stable that does very well in the bumper sphere, he could be up to doing the business on debut. Masked Blagny and Irish Goodbye are two other debutantes who require a close look in the betting.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JIMMY GATZ 2. MASKED BLAGNY 3. IRISH GOODBYE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Peckforton Hills** 5-11-7	3-1	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	6
2024	**I Am Max** 6-11-7	5-2f	Sandy Thomson	Lewis Dobb (7)	10
2023	**Bullets Hill** 5-12-0	7-2	Ella Pickard	Nick Scholfield	9
2022	**Maximilian** 6-11-2	3-1f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race