

Sunday 3rd May

HAMILTON



2.05 ASPIRE CLEANING & FACILITIES LTD NOVICE STAKES (4) 5f7y (1010 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) WESTPORT | (4) YOU MYSTIFY ME | (3) SUPREMISSY**

2.40 HEINEKEN BUTTONHOOK HANDICAP (3) 1m5f16y (2630 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) SQUARE NECKER | (5) BAILEYS KHELSTAR | (1) ELYSIAN FLAME**

3.15 DARLEY STALLIONS EBF NOVICE STAKES (2) 1m68y (1670 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) CONCLAVE | (3) PROUD NATION | (2) HAAYIMM**

3.53 ASPIRE CLEANING & FACILITIES THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND HANDICAP (5) 1m68y (1670 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) IZZARI | (1) NATIVE INSTINCT | (4) ARKENSTAAR**

4.25 CAROLYN MURRAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS HANDICAP (6) 6f6y (1210 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) LIVERPOOL STAR | (3) COSMIC CLARETS | (6) ELLIE'S DE VEGA**

5.00 HAMPTON BY HILTON HOTEL HAMILTON PARK HANDICAP (6) 5f7y (1010 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) MOUNT RUAPEHU | (8) KING OF THE JUNGLE | (3) DIGITAL**

5.35 RACING TV HANDICAP (5) 1m3f15y (2230 Metres)

RACE 7 **(8) ALPINE SIERRA | (3) VALLEY OF FLOWERS | (5) NEWPORT**

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.

2.05**ASPIRE CLEANING & FACILITIES LTD NOVICE STAKES (4)**
3yo+ £11,500 5f7y (1010 Metres)**RACE 1**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

Right handed, sharp, undulating. There are steep gradients into and out of a pronounced hollow just over three furlongs from the winning post, with a severe hill up to the finish. Runners are soon on the turn over a mile/nine furlongs with those ridden prominently generally outperforming those coming from a bit further back. When the ground becomes testing, runners generally stick to the far rail.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 2 WESTPORT (IRE) (20) **100**
11 3 10-4 | 65.3kg



George Boughey **Jack Callan (3lb/1kg)**
Winner of both his starts in 6f novices at Lingfield/Leicester this spring. Already useful and very hard to oppose in this company.

2 4 SANNY DOO (8) **56**
4-8 3 9-4 | 59.0kg



Jim Goldie **Lauren Young (5lb/2kg)**
Tailed off in novices at Wolverhampton (for James Tate) and Doncaster 10 month apart.

3 3 SUPREMISSY (IRE) (45) **56**
00-9 3 8-13 | 56.7kg



Iain Jardine **Greg Fairley**
Yet to show any ability in 3 starts.

4 1 YOU MYSTIFY ME (IRE) (8) **61**
3 3 8-13 | 56.7kg



Michael & David Easterby **Joanna Mason**
€16,000 yearling, 55,000 gns 2-y-o, A'ali filly. Dam, 5f winner. Offered something to work on when third of 8 in Doncaster novice last week but taking on a useful sort so soon here is likely beyond her.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

1-8 Westport, 15-2 You Mystify Me, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The useful WESTPORT won't find many easier races than this and can stretch his unbeaten record to 3. You Mystify Me is a clear next best with the other 2 yet to show any ability.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WESTPORT 2. YOU MYSTIFY ME 3. SUPREMISSY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:2025 **Tiva** 3-8-13 17-2 David O'Meara Mark Winn 5**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.40**HEINEKEN BUTTONHOOK HANDICAP (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95)
£30,000 1m5f16y (2630 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

Right handed, sharp, undulating. There are steep gradients into and out of a pronounced hollow just over three furlongs from the winning post, with a severe hill up to the finish. Runners are soon on the turn over a mile/nine furlongs with those ridden prominently generally outperforming those coming from a bit further back. When the ground becomes testing, runners generally stick to the far rail.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Weak****SMART STATS:**

- 2** Jim Goldie's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: **HUMBLE SPARK**)
- £54.96** Jack Channon's profit to a £1 level stake with horses running after a break (saddles: **GALYX**)
- 15%** Kevin Philippart de Foy's strike rate with handicap debutants (saddles: **SQUARE NECKER**)

1 3 ELYSIAN FLAME (18) (C) 97
4-1 10 9-9 | 61.2kg



Samantha & Jacqueline Coward

Joanna Mason

Useful stayer during last full season in 2021 and confirmed he retains a lot of that ability when making a winning return from further 7 months off at Beverley (2m) 18 days ago. Needs to prove he can stand regular racing but this course winner is respected with a repeat.

2 6 MOUNTAIN ROAD (FR) (7) 91
5118/4 7 9-4 | 59.0kg



Jim Goldie

Paul Mulrennan

Signed off for David Simcock with back-to-back staying handicap wins in summer 2024. Seen only twice since but did at least offer something to work on following 19 months off when fourth at Musselburgh (2m) last week. Task is to build on that turned out quickly.

3 1 GALYX (IRE) (312) 98
61341/973- 5 9-2 | 58.1kg



Jack Channon

Callum Rodriguez

A dual winner in 2024 who was lightly raced last season, posting his best effort when third at Carlisle (11f) in June, albeit not entirely convincing at the trip. Absent since but stable has been in rude health if this even longer distance doesn't pose any fears.

4 5 SQUARE NECKER (FR) (72) 100
31-2 4 9-2 | 58.1kg



Kevin Philippart de Foy

**Sam James**

Confirmed debut promise when winning a Dundalk maiden (1½m) in December and made further stable switch prior to chasing home Constitution Hill (conceding 5 lb) in a Southwell novice in February. Promises to do better again now handicapping over this longer trip.

5 4 BAILEYS KHELSTAR (FR) (16) (BF) 96
1127/02 6 8-10 | 55.3kg



Charlie Johnston

Connor Beasley

Started 2024 with wins at Southwell and Ascot and encouraging he stepped up on belated comeback run granted the run of things when second at Wolverhampton (1¾m) 16 days ago. Well enough treated if continuing to stand his racing.

6 2 HUMBLE SPARK (IRE) (21) (C) 98
083-45544 6 8-8 | 54.4kg



Jim Goldie

Lauren Young (5lb/2kg)

Mainly campaigned on all-weather nowadays but he's effective on turf, again running well in first-time cheekpieces (retained) when fourth at Musselburgh (12.5f) 3 weeks ago. Not discounted from steadily easing mark.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Square Necker, **4-1** Elysian Flame, **9-2** Galyx, **13-2** Humble Spark, **13-2** Baileys Khelstar, **14-1** Mountain Road

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SQUARE NECKER faced no easy task conceding 5 lb to Constitution Hill on stable debut at Southwell back in February and, appealing as the type to make his mark in staying handicaps this summer, he looks to hold solid claims up in trip. Baileys Khelstar and veteran Elysian Flame can offer up chief resistance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SQUARE NECKER 2. BAILEYS KHELSTAR 3. ELYSIAN FLAME

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Faylaq 9-9-9	11-4	Jim Goldie	Paul Mulrennan	8
2024	Capital Theory 5-9-3	11-4	Charlie Johnston	Joe Fanning	6
2023	Postileo 6-9-9	6-1	Roger Varian	Ray Dawson	10
2022	Forza Orta 4-8-6	6-4f	Kevin Ryan	Rowan Scott	9
2021	The Trader 5-9-6	7-1	Mark Johnston	Andrew Breslin (5)	9

3.15**DARLEY STALLIONS EBF NOVICE STAKES (2) 3yo £40,000
1m68y (1670 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Weak**

1 3 CONCLAVE (IRE) (36) (D) 100
12 3 9-10 | 61.7kg



Andrew Balding

P. J. McDonald

€170,000 2-y-o. Sioux Nation gelding. Dam twice-raced half-sister to smart winner up to 1m Space Traveller. Made winning start at Kempton in March (awarded race after first past post weighed in light) and built on that when second in a valuable class 2 there later that month. Form pick.

2 2 HAAYIMM (IRE) (26) (D) 88
3-1 3 9-10 | 61.7kg



Edward Bethell

Callum Rodriguez

Proved a different proposition from sole start at 2 yrs when lowering the colours of the long-odds-on favourite in Pontefract maiden last month, the pair well clear. Could be useful.

3 4 PROUD NATION (IRE) (238) 90
21- 3 9-10 | 61.7kg



Richard & Peter Fahey

Oisin James Orr

€320,000 breeze-up purchase and confirmed debut promise when winning class 2 maiden at York in September. That form is proving strong so must be taken seriously on return.

4 1 ERVANI (IRE) (7) 85
2 3 9-4 | 59.0kg



K. R. Burke

Sam James

From a talented family and shaped encouragingly when second in Wetherby novice last week, unlucky to bump into a well-above-average prospect. Taking on talented rivals again but receives weight from all 3.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Conclave, 5-2 Proud Nation, 7-2 Haayimm, 11-2 Ervani

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A valuable prize which has attracted 4 good prospects. CONCLAVE was beaten only by 2000 Guineas contender King's Trail in March and shades the vote over Proud Nation, who won a strong York maiden in the autumn.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CONCLAVE 2. PROUD NATION 3. HAAYIMM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:2025 **Sallaal** 3-9-10 1-3f Roger Varian Ray Dawson 5**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.53

RACE 4

**ASPIRE CLEANING & FACILITIES THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND
HANDICAP (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-75) £8,000 1m68y (1670
Metres)**



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

Right handed, sharp, undulating. There are steep gradients into and out of a pronounced hollow just over three furlongs from the winning post, with a severe hill up to the finish. Runners are soon on the turn over a mile/nine furlongs with those ridden prominently generally outperforming those coming from a bit further back. When the ground becomes testing, runners generally stick to the far rail.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Weak**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Cosmos Raj 7-9-3	11-2	David O'Meara	David Nolan	8
2024	Arkenstaar 4-9-0	2-1f	Michael Dods	Connor Beasley	7
2023	Bashful 5-9-4	9-2	Iain Jardine	Andrew Mullen	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 8 NATIVE INSTINCT (187) **100**
1/7326056- 4 9-9 | 61.2kg

Edward Bethell **Callum Rodriguez**
Without a win last year but produced a good effort when staying on for second in 7f handicap at Catterick in July. Ended the year on a low-key note upped to 1m at Leicester in October, but he should be suited by this far as he makes his return.

2 4 IZZARI (GER) (37) (D) **96**
3830146-4 5 9-8 | 60.8kg

Iain Jardine **Andrew Mullen**
Successful twice last year, with latest win at Newcastle (1¼m) in September. After 4 months off, was unlucky not to finish closer when fourth of 12 at the same course (1m) in March, meeting trouble in running. Major player back down in grade.

3 7 POLYGRAM (7) **95**
234235-77 4 9-8 | 60.8kg

Tristan Davidson **Oisin James Orr**
Fairly useful form for Harry Charlton last year and stepped forward from seasonal/stable debut when seventh of 12 in handicap at Musselburgh (9f) 7 days ago, left poorly placed. More needed if she's to gain a breakthrough success. Cheekpieces back on.

4 2 ARKENSTAAR (201) (CD) **96**
47812114- 6 9-7 | 60.3kg

Michael Dods **Connor Beasley**
Thrived during the autumn, winning twice over this C&D in September and also at Pontefract the following month. Ran well under a penalty when fourth of 8 at Leicester on final outing, so he merits consideration back here on return (landed this race in 2024).

5 3 NATIVE HONEY (IRE) (7) **93**
2596714-0 4 9-5 | 59.4kg

Jim Goldie **Paul Mulrennan**
Off the mark in cosy fashion at Ayr (7f) last summer. However, failed to repeat that effort back up to 1m at the same course next time, before possibly needing the run after 7 months off at Musselburgh a week ago.

6 5 QUIET RESOLVE (IRE) (227) (D) **92**
85465636- 5 9-3 | 58.5kg

Alan Brown **S. B. Kirrane**
Didn't manage a win in 2025 but placed 3 times in handicaps during the spring, including when third in this race. Form was mixed the remainder of the campaign, though, running poorly at Ayr when last seen in September. First run since leaving Richard Fahey.

7 1 SANAFI ZABEEL (FR) (318) **97**
321- 5 8-13 | 56.7kg

Jim Goldie **Lauren Young (51b/2kg)**
Went the right way in 3 starts in Germany last year, opening account in 9f minor event at Cologne in June. Off 10 months ahead of first run since leaving Andreas Wohler, so the market could be informative as he makes handicap debut.

8 6 STARLINER (IRE) (37) (C) **98**
77-345505 5 8-11 | 55.8kg

Linda Perratt **William Pyle**
Free-going type who was runner-up in this race last year, before going one better here (9f) next time. Without a win since but ran respectably when fifth of 9 at Newcastle on latest outing in March. May not get the race run to suit in this contest, though.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Izzari, **7-2** Arkenstaar, **11-2** Native Instinct, **7-1** Starliner, **7-1** Sanafi Zabeel, **14-1** Polygram, **16-1** Quiet Resolve, **22-1** Native Honey

TIMEFORM VIEW:

IZZARI shaped promisingly when finishing well for fourth at Newcastle on his return and he could be ready to get back to winning ways. He gets the vote ahead of Native Instinct, who looks worth another chance over 1m this year, while 7-time course winner Arkenstaar has to be respected.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IZZARI 2. NATIVE INSTINCT 3. ARKENSTAAR

4.25**CAROLYN MURRAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS HANDICAP (6)
3yo (Rated 0-65) £7,000 6f6y (1210 Metres)**

RACE 5

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

Right handed, sharp, undulating. There are steep gradients into and out of a pronounced hollow just over three furlongs from the winning post, with a severe hill up to the finish. Runners are soon on the turn over a mile/nine furlongs with those ridden prominently generally outperforming those coming from a bit further back. When the ground becomes testing, runners generally stick to the far rail.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Even****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 3 LIVERPOOL STAR (IRE) (8) (D) **100**
3824-3431 3 9-13 | 63.0kg



Michael & David Easterby **Billy Garrity**
Showed improved form when off mark in 10-runner handicap at Ripon (6f, good) 8 days ago, showing a likeable attitude. Bold follow-up bid looks likely from 4 lb higher mark.

2 7 WITH GLORY (IRE) (58) **79**
472-5 3 9-9 | 61.2kg



Linda Perratt **William Pyle**
Ran to a fair level when second in novice at Musselburgh (5f) on final start for Iain Jardine in October. Well held in similar event at Newcastle (6f) on all-weather debut in March on first run for this yard and opening mark doesn't look overly generous.

3 1 COSMIC CLARETS (IRE) (20) (BF) **98**
220000-2 3 9-9 | 61.2kg



Richard & Peter Fahey **Oisin James Orr**
Went the wrong way as a juvenile but bounced back to form after a gelding operation when second of 13 in handicap (3/1) at Newcastle (6f) 20 days ago, having dropped down the weights. One for the shortlist back on turf.

4 6 REALISTIC DREAM (IRE) (4) **95**
7480-96 3 9-4 | 59.0kg



Iain Jardine **Cara Tuke (7lb/3kg)**
Shaped better than he had been on all-weather for A. Slattery when sixth of 7 in handicap at Musselburgh (5f, good) 4 days ago. Is turned out again quickly and returns to 6f but entitled to come on for that effort.

5 2 SIMBA'S PRIDE (15) **81**
4-57 3 9-4 | 59.0kg



Michael Dods **Mark Winn**
Thrice-raced maiden who's run to a modest level on all starts to date. Needs to find significant improvement on handicap debut from what looks a stiff opening mark.

6 5 ELLIE'S DE VEGA (8) **94**
49045-3 3 9-0 | 57.2kg



Noel Wilson **Jamie Gormley**
Hasn't been devoid of promise since sent handicapping, shaping encouragingly in first-time blinkers when third of 11 in handicap at Haydock (6f, good to firm) 8 days ago. Can make his presence felt again should that headgear have the same effect.

7 8 BREEZE STAR (IRE) (198) **89**
55868- 3 8-5 | 53.1kg



Noel Wilson **Rhys Elliott (5lb/2kg)**
Has yet to better poor form in 5 starts and looks best watched for the time being despite the fitting of a first-time tongue strap.

8 4 DANDY ORTON (IRE) (277) **54**
75755- 3 8-4(8-3) | 52.6kg (52.2kg)



Wilf Storey **Andrew Mullen**
Finished down the field on all 5 starts as a juvenile for Ollie Sangster. Reappears for new yard with a first-time hood but is very hard to make a case for.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Liverpool Star, **3-1** Cosmic Clarets, **11-2** Ellie's De Vega, **16-1** Simba's Pride, **16-1** With Glory, **22-1** Realistic Dream, **22-1** Breeze Star, **33-1** Dandy Orton

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LIVERPOOL STAR can follow up his recent Ripon success in a thin race. COSMIC CLARETS is taken to confirm his recent return to form from ELLIE'S DE VEGA.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LIVERPOOL STAR 2. COSMIC CLARETS 3. ELLIE'S DE VEGA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Mister Sky Blue** 3-9-1 7-4f Gemma Tutty Connor Beasley 6

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HAMPTON BY HILTON HOTEL HAMILTON PARK HANDICAP
(6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-65) £7,000 5f7y (1010 Metres)

RACE 6



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

Right handed, sharp, undulating. There are steep gradients into and out of a pronounced hollow just over three furlongs from the winning post, with a severe hill up to the finish. Runners are soon on the turn over a mile/nine furlongs with those ridden prominently generally outperforming those coming from a bit further back. When the ground becomes testing, runners generally stick to the far rail.

Draw: **Favours Mid** Pace Information: **Even**

1 4 MOUNT RUAPEHU (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (5) (D) 96
 1-2541131 6 9-10 | 61.7kg

Iain Jardine *Andrew Mullen*
 Cosily made it 3 wins in 5 runs since joining Iain Jardine in 10-runner handicap at Southwell (6f) 5 days ago. Saddles a 5 lb penalty but not taken lightly.

2 6 MIDNIGHT LIR (IRE) (213) (CD) 94
 4559/8260- 5 9-9 | 61.2kg

Michael Dods *Connor Beasley*
 C&D winner but it's now eighteen runs since that win in 2023 and only twelfth of 13 in handicap at Newcastle (5f) 7 months ago. Needs to take a big step forward.

3 13 DIGITAL (IRE) (31) (CD) 100
 21512979 8 9-9 | 61.2kg

Ruth Carr *James Sullivan*
 Dual 5f winner at Newcastle early in 2026 but well below form of late, only ninth of 10 in handicap at Southwell (6f) 31 days ago. Yard is going well though and this C&D winner is handily weighted if back on his A-game.

4 1 HI LORD (12) (D) 95
 1/49678-05 4 9-8 | 60.8kg

Gary Harrison *Barry McHugh*
 Winless since 2024 and yet to hit top form this season, though he was ridden aggressively when fifth of 8 in handicap at Pontefract (6f) 12 days ago.

5 10 GANESHA (20) (CD) 90
 0422-7905 5 9-5 | 59.4kg

Phillip Makin *Sam James*
 On a long losing run but not seen to best effect when fifth of 9 in handicap at Newcastle (5f) 20 days ago. More is still needed from this C&D winner though.

6 11 UNTIL DAWN (IRE) (10) (D) 86
 1275958-7 4 9-5 | 59.4kg

Alan Brown *Rhys Elliott (5lb/2kg)*
 Scored twice on all-weather at the beginning of 2025 but lost her form later in the year. Had a breathing operation before coming in seventh of 9 in handicap at Beverley (5f) 10 days ago.

7 12 THUNDERSTORM KATIE (103) (CD) 94
 5341168-9 5 9-5 | 59.4kg

Jim Goldie *Paul Mulrennan*
 Scored (over 5f) at Musselburgh and Newcastle in October but below par since, only ninth of 11 to Digital back at Newcastle (5f) in January. This C&D winner needs to take a big step forward.

8 7 KING OF THE JUNGLE (IRE) (292) (D) 98
 35343625- 6 9-0 | 57.2kg

Michael & David Easterby *Lewis Chalkley (7lb/3kg)*
 On a losing sequence but he wasn't best placed when fifth of 6 in handicap at Nottingham (6f) in July. Off since but has a good record when fresh so not out of things.

9 8 OPAL STORM (9) (D) 94
 48507-915 6 9-0 | 57.2kg

Brian Rothwell *Faye McManoman*
 Back to winning ways at Southwell in April and followed it up with a solid fifth of 14 at Doncaster (5f) 9 days ago.

10 5 SIR BENEDICT (IRE) (25) (CD, BF) 98
 26-648625 8 8-7 | 54.0kg

Ben Haslam *Joanna Mason*
 C&D winner who comes here in decent nick for his new yard, fifth of 12 in handicap at Catterick (5f) 25 days ago. Cheekpieces go back on now and not discounted.

11 9 COLOUR CODE (IRE) (53) 94
 855410-6R 5 8-7 | 54.0kg

Linda Perratt *Mark Winn*
 Got off the mark in Newcastle classified event in August but can't be relied on and he refused to race back there in March.

12 3 DOON THE GLEN (15) 99
 8241-0820 6 8-6 | 53.5kg

Jim Goldie *Lauren Young (5lb/2kg)*
 Gained his sole win at Newcastle (6f) last March. Good second back there (5f) in March but only tenth of 17 in handicap at Thirsk (6f) 15 days ago.

13 2 SIXCOR (202) (CD) 88
 73529058- 8 8-4 | 52.6kg

Linda Perratt *Ethan Tindall (5lb/2kg)*
 C&D winner but he ended 2025 below form, eighth of 14 in handicap at Musselburgh (5f) in October. Needs to hit the ground running after 6 months off.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Mount Ruapehu, **11-2** Sir Benedict, **8-1** Opal Storm, **8-1** Ganesha, **10-1** King of The Jungle, **16-1** Doon The Glen, **16-1** Thunderstorm Katie, **25-1** Hi Lord, **28-1** Digital, **28-1** Colour Code, **28-1** Sixcor, **33-1** Midnight Lir, **33-1** Until Dawn

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MOUNT RUAPEHU hasn't looked back since joining Iain Jardine and is fancied to make light of a 5 lb penalty for his latest cosy Southwell success and garner a fourth victory for the yard. King of The Jungle goes well fresh and could emerge as the main danger ahead of Digital and Sir Benedict.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOUNT RUAPEHU 2. KING OF THE JUNGLE 3. DIGITAL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Hurt You Never 6-9-9	4-9f	Adrian Nicholls	Jack Nicholls (7)	4
2024	Giselles Izzy 5-9-4	11-2	Iain Jardine	Andrew Mullen	6
2023	Refuge 6-9-7	7-1	Michael & David Easterby	Billy Garrity	6
2022	Burj Malinka 4-9-7	7-4f	Adrian Nicholls	Connor Murtagh (3)	7
2021	Soul Seeker 4-9-8	8-15f	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.35

**RACING TV HANDICAP (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-70) £8,000
1m3f15y (2230 Metres)**

RACE 7



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

Right handed, sharp, undulating. There are steep gradients into and out of a pronounced hollow just over three furlongs from the winning post, with a severe hill up to the finish. Runners are soon on the turn over a mile/nine furlongs with those ridden prominently generally outperforming those coming from a bit further back. When the ground becomes testing, runners generally stick to the far rail.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Even**

1 8 MONSIEUR MELEE (616) (BF) 99
65143323/ 5 9-9 | 61.2kg



Rebecca Menzies **Oisin James Orr**
Had a positive 2024 campaign for Jedd O'Keeffe, winning at Doncaster in May before making the frame on his next 5 outings. Absent for 20 months since, though, so likely just best watched starting out for new connections.

2 3 GOZO (IRE) (386) t 94
75/2284- 6 9-9 | 61.2kg



R. Mike Smith **Jamie Gormley**
Runner-up twice on all-weather early last year for B. F. Brookhouse but pulled up both starts hurdling this year for Andrew Hamilton and looks hard to fancy back on the Flat after another stable switch.

3 5 VALLEY OF FLOWERS (IRE) (10) 95
4/082443-6 8 9-8 | 60.8kg



Samantha & Jacqueline Coward **Joanna Mason**
Winless since 2023 but in good nick last season, ending with third of 13 in 13f handicap at Ayr in September. Probably needed the run when sixth of 7 in handicap at Beverley (1½m, good to firm) 10 days ago, so no surprise to see her make a greater impact here.

4 1 TAYLORMADE LAD (IRE) (206) (D) s ★ 100
45745129- 4 9-5 | 59.4kg



Michael Dods **Connor Beasley**
Seemed well suited by a stiff test when winning at Carlisle in August before a good second over 1½m here next time. Far too keen with cheekpieces applied at Newcastle when last seen and that headgear is retained on return from 6 months off.

5 6 NEWPORT (639) s 93
400/ 6 9-4 | 59.0kg



Iain Jardine **Andrew Mullen**
Fair form at his best on the Flat when trained by Donnacha O'Brien and though he's not been seen in this sphere since 2024, he arrives after a trio of good efforts over hurdles. Interesting.

6 2 JAMINOZ (IRE) (224) (CD) b+t 91
50/565114- 7 9-2 | 58.1kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Lexie Clarkson (71b/3kg)**
Won at Carlisle last summer before following up over 11f here. Largely reliable, but he ran poorly both starts over hurdles in the winter and perhaps there'll be other days for him returning from 132 days off under claimer having only second ride.

7 7 NED BROY (IRE) (99) 90
646-6 5 9-0 | 57.2kg



Iain Jardine **Greg Fairley**
Looked a staying type in all-weather novices prior to Christmas and made only steady headway from off the pace when sixth on handicap debut at Newcastle. Since given 3 spins over hurdles and he'll likely be of more interest in this sphere when able to tackle longer distances.

8 4 ALPINE SIERRA (IRE) (4) (C, BF) 97
34782223 8 8-6 | 53.5kg



Jim Goldie **Lauren Young (51b/2kg)**
Arrives on the back of 4 placed efforts, beaten only a head at Newcastle at the end of March before going down by a nose at Wolverhampton 3 days later. Came from further back than the first pair when third of 7 at Musselburgh (9f, good) 4 days ago and he looks set to go well again.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-10 Alpine Sierra, **11-2** Valley of Flowers, **9-1** Taylormade Lad, **10-1** Jaminoz, **12-1** Monsieur Melee, **14-1** Newport, **20-1** Ned Broy, **28-1** Gozo

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ALPINE SIERRA has been knocking on the door this season and looks to have found a decent opening to deservedly get off the mark for the year. Valley of Flowers and Newport can complete the 1-2-3.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ALPINE SIERRA 2. VALLEY OF FLOWERS 3. NEWPORT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Mister Daydream 4-9-11	7-2	Charlie Johnston	Andrew Mullen	8
2024	My Little Queens 6-9-7	6-4f	Richard Fahey	Jack Garrity	8
2023	Where's Jeff 8-9-9	11-4	Michael & David Easterby	Shane Gray	6
2022	Detective 6-9-3	10-3	Dianne Sayer	Kevin Stott	7
2021	El Picador 5-9-9	6-5f	Keith Dalgleish	Callum Rodriguez	5

SMART STATS:

£38.19 Jim Goldie's profit to a £1 level stake with favourites (saddles: **ALPINE SIERRA**)