

Thursday 5th March

# HAYDOCK



1.45

COPYBET SUPPORTING UK HORSE RACING 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' NOVICES' CHASE (3)  
2m3f203y (4010 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) GAMESTERS GUY | (2) RUBY ISLAND**

2.15

FIRST PAST THE POST AT COPYBET 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m5f50y (4270 Metres)

RACE 2 **(7) SOLID PERFORMER | (1) BALLYEASTON | (3) COUMEENOOLE**

2.45

TIM MOLONY HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3½m97y (5720 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) WAL BUCK'S | (1) IRON BRIDGE | (3) KI WOO**

3.15

SAFER GAMBLING AT COPYBET HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2¼m191y (3800 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) IS THIS FOR REAL | (6) KING ULANDA | (10) THE EGYPTIAN GINGE**

3.50

LIVE RACING STREAMING AT COPYBET HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3m58y (4880 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) HEATHER HONEY | (2) INFLEXIBLE | (8) HARD DEALT**

4.25

COPYBET DAILY PROFIT BOOST NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m5f50y (4270 Metres)

RACE 6 **(7) LAND OF PUNT | (5) FAST WORK | (9) LHEUR DE GLOIRE**

5.00

BEST ODDS GUARANTEED OVERNIGHT AT COPYBET NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Conditional Jockeys & Amateur Riders) (4) 1m7f144y (3150 Metres)

RACE 7 **(8) TURBOCHARGED | (9) NIGHTFLYER | (5) LOCKER BOUM**

## 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.

**1.45**

RACE 1

**COPYBET SUPPORTING UK HORSE RACING 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' NOVICES' CHASE (3) 5yo+ £15,000**  
**2m3f203y (4010 Metres)**Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

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|---|--|---|--|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>GAMESTERS GUY (20)</b><br>2142-3152 7 11-10   74.4kg<br>Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero  | t |  <b>100</b> |
|  | <b>Craig Nichol</b><br>Useful hurdler/chaser who typically took a strong hold when no match for odds-on winner at Chepstow last month, but he may do better if given his head in first-time tongue strap (has made all previously) and remains the one to beat on previous form. |   |  |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>RUBY ISLAND (28)</b><br>216-21443 9 11-3   71.2kg<br>Nicky Richards   |   | <b>99</b>  |
|  | <b>Danny McMenamin</b><br>Fairly useful mare has improved for fences, winning second time up at Ayr in November, and underlining her consistency when third in a 6-runner listed mares' chase at Huntingdon last month. Looks sure to give her running again.                    |   |  |

2 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

4-5 Gamesters Guy, 11-10 Ruby Island

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

GAMESTERS GUY may just hold the tactical/class edge in an interesting match-up and he's taken to land a second success over fences.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. GAMESTERS GUY 2. RUBY ISLAND

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.15**

RACE 2

**FIRST PAST THE POST AT COPYBET 'NATIONAL HUNT'  
MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2m5f50y (4270  
Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 BALLYEASTON (IRE) (67) t 97**

2332 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Fergal O'Brien

**Jonathan Burke**

Runner-up in a point/bumper and has improved with each start over hurdles, chasing home a now-useful prospect at Catterick in December, without looking the finished article (hung left before last). May do better again in first-time tongue strap.

**2 CHEMOULIN (FR) (49) t 91**

54 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Charlie Longsdon

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Didn't improve on debut form but shaped better than the result when fourth in 16-runner maiden at Newcastle (20.3f, good to soft) in January. That form isn't anything out of the ordinary, though, and he's likely to be better off in handicaps.

**3 COUMEENOOLE (IRE) (19) 95**

F-2F37895 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Dan Skelton

**Tristan Durrell**

Point winner who showed fair form to place in multiple maiden hurdles between 2½m-3m for Paul Nolan in Ireland but has yet to fire for Dan Skelton. Too soon to write off, especially if the market speaks in his favour.

**4 JONZAC (FR) (12) 63**

0-P09 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Patrick Morris

**Toby Wynne**

Down the field in bumper on sole start for Willie Mullins and while he won a point in November last year, he's showed nothing over hurdles for new yard.

**5 NOBLE DON (IRE) (783) 7/ 7 11-7 | 73.0kg**

D. J. Jeffreys

**Richie McLernon**

Placed in points but offered little in a Sedgfield bumper on Rules debut over 2 years ago.

**6 SHUILE WARRIOR (49) 45**

3P/9 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Simon Edwards

**Mr Huw Edwards (71b/3kg)**

Point winner remains with no form under Rules.

**7 SOLID PERFORMER (IRE) (24) ★ 100**

332 8 11-7 | 73.0kg

Donald McCain **Brian Hughes**

Good-looking point winner built on previous hurdle promise when going close upped in trip at Catterick (25.3f, soft) last time and while step back in trip may not prove ideal, he still has plenty of potential and should get his own way in front.

**8 YORKSHIRE MAN SAM (49) 41**

50 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Mark Walford

**Jamie Hamilton**

Shaped well in bumpers in 2022 but no show in pair of hurdles this season following a significant absence.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:****13-8** Solid Performer, **13-8** Ballyeaston, **7-1** Coumeenoole, **7-1** Chemoulin, **66-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SOLID PERFORMER still has scope for improvement and may be able to dominate this race from the front. Ballyeaston bumped into one at Catterick last time and looks the likely danger.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. SOLID PERFORMER 2. BALLYEASTON 3. COUMEENOOLE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2025 **High Dancer** 5-11-7 9-4 James Ewart Brian Hughes

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**2.45****TIM MOLONY HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-135)  
£16,000 3½m97y (5720 Metres)**

RACE 3

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 IRON BRIDGE (IRE) (49) (C)** s **97**  
3P8/3PP-2P 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Out-and-out stayer but winless since 2022 and hard to catch right, going close at Carlisle on return but running poorly in this headgear at Wincanton since.

**2 MAXIMILIAN (GER) (20)** **98**  
P-2223 10 11-11 | 74.8kg



Donald McCain

**Brian Hughes**

Smart novice hurdler in 2022/23. Very lightly raced since and not progressing over fences this season, respectable third of 6 at Kelso 3 weeks ago on handicap debut in this sphere. Up in trip.

**3 KI WOO (FR) (40)** s+t **97**  
6411-662P 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

**Craig Nichol**

Won Bangor maiden/novice hurdles over 19.5f and 23f last spring. Left return/chase debut there well behind when good second at Doncaster in December but reportedly suffered a breathing problem following month. Seems best away from testing conditions.

**4 WAL BUCK'S (FR) (20) (C)** v **100**  
2135-4421 7 10-7 | 66.7kg



Lucinda Russell &amp; Michael Scudamore

**Derek Fox**

Got off the mark in handicap chase here in December 2024 and first win since when making all at Kelso 3 weeks ago, looking better than ever in first-time headgear. Handicapper hasn't overreacted to that wide-margin success so remains of firm interest again.

**5 SAFE DESTINATION (74) (BF)** s **97**  
224-3126P 8 10-2 | 64.4kg



Nigel &amp; Willy Twiston-Davies

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Readily landed conditional jockeys' handicap at Chepstow (26) in October. Decent second at Kempton later that month but not so good next 2 starts, beaten before trip was an issue at Fakenham in December. Headgear on.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

6-4 Wal Buck's, 4-1 Iron Bridge, 9-2 Maximilian, 6-1 Ki Woo, 9-1 Safe Destination

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

WAL BUCK'S might have had everything go his way when a wide-margin winner at Kelso 3 weeks ago but the handicapper hasn't overreacted so he's fancied to follow up in this field. Iron Bridge is capable of making a race of it if on a going day.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. WAL BUCK'S 2. IRON BRIDGE 3. KI WOO

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Regarde</b> 8-11-9	5-2	Jamie Snowden	Joe Anderson (3)	4
2024	<b>Jubilee Express</b> 7-11-11	5-2f	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	8
2023	<b>Equus Dreamer</b> 8-11-12	6-1	Kim Bailey	David Bass	8
2022	<b>Tim Pat</b> 6-11-6	9-4f	Donald McCain	Theo Gillard (3)	7
2021	<b>Chef d'Oeuvre</b> 10-11-0	5-1	Sam England	Jonathan England	5

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.15**

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RACE 4



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Pace Information: **Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>DREAM DIAMOND (IRE) (160)</b> (BF)	<b>93</b>
	267-33310 <b>6</b> 12-2   77.1kg James Owen <i>Alex Chadwick</i> (3lb/1kg) Proved consistent over hurdles in Ireland for Michael G. Kennedy but looked a different model on debut for James Owen when easily winning a 2m maiden hurdle at Worcester in August. Disappointing when favourite on handicap debut there a month later and absent since.	
<b>2</b>	<b>THE CISTERCIAN (IRE) (33)</b>	<b>95</b>
	U6313UB <b>6</b> 12-0   76.2kg Stuart Edmunds <i>Charlie Hammond</i> Left his Irish form behind to make a winning start for Stuart Edmunds in 2m Leicester maiden hurdle on heavy in December and backed that up when third under a penalty at Haydock. Back on track at Sandown last time and he's respected now making switch to handicap company.	
<b>3</b>	<b>IS THIS FOR REAL (IRE) (49)</b>	<b>99</b>
	51-441 <b>6</b> 11-10   74.4kg Fergal O'Brien <i>Jonathan Burke</i> £80,000 point winner who landed bumper at Kelso last March and has improved with each run over hurdles, getting off the mark in this sphere at the third attempt in an 11-runner novice at Newcastle 49 days ago. Open to further progress now handicapping.	
<b>4</b>	<b>STATIC (FR) (33)</b>	<b>95</b>
	5B70-F339 <b>5</b> 11-10   74.4kg Donald McCain <i>Charlie Maggs</i> (3lb/1kg) Fairly useful sort who has finished third in 2m handicaps at Huntingdon and Kelso this winter. Soundly beaten in better company at Musselburgh since but this is more his level.	
<b>5</b>	<b>PRINCE IMPERIAL (USA) (31)</b> (D)	<b>95</b>
	1-24630PP <b>9</b> 11-8   73.5kg Jake Thomas Coulson <i>Philip Armson</i> (3lb/1kg) Won 4 times over hurdles in 2024/25 and signed off for Olly Murphy with a creditable third at Bangor (23.2f) in September. Little show in 3 starts for this yard, though.	
<b>6</b>	<b>KING ULANDA (IRE) (75)</b> (BF)	<b>96</b>
	6133-1242 <b>6</b> 11-8   73.5kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero <i>Craig Nichol</i> Betting than ever when winning impressively at Carlisle (17.2f, good to firm) on return following breathing op. Thereabouts on each of his 3 subsequent starts, most recently chasing home an in-form rival off this mark at Haydock, and he's high on the shortlist.	
<b>7</b>	<b>NOTNOWLINDA (IRE) (103)</b>	<b>87</b>
	2814/22-09 <b>9</b> 11-7   73.0kg Dan Skelton <i>Miss Heidi Palin</i> (7lb/3kg) Winless since early 2024 and yet to fire after 18 months off, down the field in a pair of handicap hurdles at Newbury and Ascot in November. Has work to do.	
<b>8</b>	<b>SUNRAY SHADOW (69)</b>	<b>98</b>
	1313-575 <b>7</b> 11-6   72.6kg Dan Skelton <i>Tristan Durrell</i> Looked a nice prospect when landing 2m4f Aintree maiden hurdle last October. Limited impact in a trio of handicaps this season but has seemingly been brought along gradually and it'll be interested in market speaks in his favour now sporting cheekpieces.	
<b>9</b>	<b>MARLACOO (IRE) (24)</b> (BF)	<b>96</b>
	213-32036 <b>6</b> 11-5   72.1kg Tom Lacey <i>Stan Sheppard</i> Bumper winner who opened his hurdles account at Ayr last February. However, has proved expensive to follow in handicaps since and was again soundly beaten at short odds at Catterick last month. Visor goes back on.	
<b>10</b>	<b>THE EGYPTIAN GINGE (IRE) (19)</b>	<b>95</b>
	942-5553 <b>5</b> 11-5   72.1kg Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies <i>Mr Jamie Neild</i> (7lb/3kg) Fair in bumpers last term and ran to similar level when fifth on Cheltenham hurdles bow in October. Again didn't look the most straightforward but got back on track when third of 10 in novice hurdle at Wincanton (15.2f, heavy) 19 days ago. Will benefit from this longer trip now handicapping.	

<b>11</b>	<b>GOLDWYN (IRE) (397)</b>	<b>100</b>
	321/8P0- <b>9</b> 11-0   69.9kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith <i>Danny McMenamin</i> Fairly useful form at best over hurdles but he struggled last season and can only be watched starting out for new yard after 13-month break (formerly trained by Mark Walford).	
<b>12</b>	<b>PHINEAS BUNCE (IRE) (15)</b>	<b>89</b>
	42-3576 <b>5</b> 11-0   69.9kg Dan Skelton <i>Liam Harrison</i> Reached the frame in both bumpers last season and showed promise again when third of 8 in Fontwell novice hurdle on reappearance. Has looked one with problems since, though, only sixth of 8 after a wind-op in handicap hurdle at Ludlow (15.8f, soft, 8/1) 15 days ago.	
<b>13</b>	<b>MISTRAL MILLY (IRE) (504)</b>	<b>96</b>
	4432/P4- <b>7</b> 10-12   68.9kg D. J. Jeffreys <i>Richie McLernon</i> Steadily progressive in handful of hurdle outings for Emma Lavelle in 2024, last seen when an encouraging fourth at Wincaton that October. Absent since, though, and others make more appeal now starting outing for new yard.	

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Is This For Real, **13-2** King Ulanda, **9-1** The Egyptian Ginge, **9-1** Dream Diamond, **10-1** The Cistercian, **12-1** Marlacoo, **16-1** Sunray Shadow, **18-1** Static, **28-1** Phineas Bunce, **33-1** Mistral Milly, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

IS THIS FOR REAL has been going the right way and looks to have been given a workable mark ahead of his handicap debut so Fergal O'Brien's gelding is taken to continue on his upward curve and make it back-to-back wins. King Ulanda again shaped well in defeat at Haydock prior to Christmas and he should be in the mix again, with another handicap newcomer The Egyptian Ginge also of interest.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. IS THIS FOR REAL 2. KING ULANDA 3. THE EGYPTIAN GINGE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Typhoon Flyer</b> 7-11-8	13-8f	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole	Luke Scott (3)	5
2024	<b>Yealand</b> 5-11-1	5-2	Jennie Candlish	Sean Quinlan	8
2023	<b>Alnadam</b> 10-12-0	13-2	Dan Skelton	Tristan Durrell (5)	10
2022	<b>Hurricane Ali</b> 6-10-4	9-4f	John Mackie	Alan Doyle (7)	6
2021	<b>Ey Up Rocky</b> 8-11-10	85-40	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.50**

RACE 5

**LIVE RACING STREAMING AT COPYBET HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 3m58y (4880 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>FRESHERS WEEK (IRE) (82)</b>	<b>94</b>
	123 5 12-0   76.2kg Charlie Longsdon <i>Lilly Pinchin</i> Successful only start in Irish points and proved game when making a winning Rules/hurdles debut at Market Rasen (20.6f) in October. Found out under a penalty on both starts since but has been freshened up ahead of his handicap debut.	
<b>2</b>	<b>INFLEXIBLE (FR) (504)</b>	<b>99</b>
	5323331/F- 8 11-12   75.3kg David Killahena & Graeme McPherson <i>Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)</i> Showed improved to get off the mark fitted with cheekpieces in a Wincanton handicap chase (25.1f) in April 2024. Would have finished a clear second had he not fallen 2 out on 2024/25 reappearance only start since. One to watch in the betting back over hurdles on first run since leaving Tom George.	
<b>3</b>	<b>SPIT SPOT (103) (D)</b>	<b>98</b>
	31-333116 7 11-12   75.3kg Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore <i>Patrick Wadge</i> Improved to land a pair of 3m handicaps at Perth in the autumn, just holding on in 9-runner event on latter occasion. Paid the price for making her effort earlier than ideal in a stronger race at Ascot in November and has since had a break.	
<b>4</b>	<b>HEATHER HONEY (47)</b>	<b>100</b>
	1-1136133 7 11-11   74.8kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith <i>Peter Kavanagh</i> Progressive mare who registered a fourth career win (all on ground good or better) at Catterick in November. Has shaped as if still in good form since, including in a 0-140 over C&D latest, and warrants obvious respect back down in grade.	
<b>5</b>	<b>OUTER BANKS (IRE) (32) (D)</b>	<b>91</b>
	8561-P 6 11-11   74.8kg Stuart Edmunds <i>Charlie Hammond</i> Proved a different proposition when making a successful handicap debut at Wetherby (24.1f, heavy) in February. Said to have made a noise when pulling up at Market Rasen on return and has since had a breathing operation. First-time cheekpieces also go on.	
<b>6</b>	<b>HEARD THAT (IRE) (48) (D)</b>	<b>93</b>
	512R1-PP3 7 11-7   73.0kg Olly Murphy <i>Lewis Saunders (5lb/2kg)</i> Successful 3 times over fences at up to 3m in 2024/25 but poor efforts all 3 outings this season, including in first-time cheekpieces latest. Reverts to hurdling now.	
<b>7</b>	<b>DALY BOY (FR) (24)</b>	<b>97</b>
	3-25P 6 11-6   72.6kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero <i>Craig Nichol</i> Runner-up in an Irish point and showed promise when third in an Ayr bumper in March. Decent start in this sphere at Sedgfield/Newcastle but was beaten by more than the 5f longer trip (had breathing problem) in first-time cheekpieces and tongue strap at Catterick latest. Since had breathing op.	
<b>8</b>	<b>HARD DEALT (IRE) (29) (BF)</b>	<b>98</b>
	642-16227 6 11-5   72.1kg Henry Daly <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i> Irish point winner who opened her Rules account in 2½m Worcester novice last spring. Made it back-to-back good seconds behind an improving rival at Aintree on Boxing Day but disappointed for no obvious reason at Ludlow last month. Bounce back required.	
<b>9</b>	<b>SPITALFIELD (IRE) (15) (D)</b>	<b>94</b>
	4-223F068 8 11-0   69.9kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill <i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i> Ran up to his best when placed 3 times during the summer but has gone off the boil since falling at Sedgfield in September. Enough to prove.	

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Heather Honey, **6-1** Hard Dealt, **15-2** Spit Spot, **15-2** Freshers Week, **8-1** Inflexible, **17-2** Outer Banks, **14-1** Heard That, **16-1** Daly Boy, **20-1** Spitalfield

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

HEATHER HONEY is a likeable type and appeals as the most solid option back down in grade having run creditably in a 0-140 over C&D on her most recent outing. Inflexible is one to watch in the betting reverting to hurdling for a new stable after a lay-off, while Hard Dealt can pose a big threat if casting aside a lesser effort at Ludlow last time.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HEATHER HONEY 2. INFLEXIBLE 3. HARD DEALT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Imperial Merlin</b> 8-12-1	13-2	John & Sean Quinn	Craig Nichol	5
2024	<b>President Scottie</b> 6-11-11	2-1f	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin	9
2023	<b>Broomfield Present</b> 7-12-0	8-1	Kim Bailey	David Bass	6
2022	<b>Jelski</b> 8-10-13	17-2	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones (5)	6
2021	<b>Seymour Sox</b> 7-11-4	4-1	Alastair Ralph	Bryan Carver (3)	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.25**

RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Even**

<b>1</b>	<b>NORTH MOON (FR) (147)</b>	<b>90</b>
	75498 6 12-0   76.2kg Simon Edwards <i>Mr Huw Edwards (71b/3kg)</i> Modest form when fourth in a Downpatrick maiden hurdle in the summer for W. P. Mullins but left that yard cheaply after his chasing debut and since pulled up in a point. Hard to fancy back under Rules.	
<b>2</b>	<b>BERKENSHTAAAP (IRE) (97)</b>	<b>98</b>
	538-40 6 11-13   75.7kg Olly Murphy <i>James Bowen</i> Winning Irish pointer but yet to better modest form in bumpers/hurdles under Rules, tenth of 15 in novice hurdle (100/1) at Newbury (16.3f, good to soft) when last seen in November. Type to do better now handicapping over a longer trip.	
<b>3</b>	<b>IDAHO VALLEY (IRE) (14) (BF)</b>	<b>98</b>
	33264-233 6 11-12   75.3kg Donald McCain <i>Theo Gillard</i> Point winner who has proved consistent rather than progressive over hurdles and met with defeat at short odds when only third in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Huntingdon a fortnight ago. Makes handicap debut in tongue tie.	t
<b>4</b>	<b>THE GREAT ESCAPE (IRE) (89)</b>	<b>96</b>
	8-323288 6 11-11   74.8kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill <i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i> Placed 3 times at Worcester in the summer but hasn't beaten a rival either start since returning from 4-month break this autumn. Off another 89 days,	
<b>5</b>	<b>FAST WORK (IRE) (47)</b>	<b>97</b>
	7306-0437 6 11-11   74.8kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith <i>Callum Bewley</i> Improved effort switched to handicap company when third at Wetherby on Boxing Day and wasn't disgraced up in grade when seventh of 17 at this C&D (good to soft) 47 days ago. Respected.	
<b>6</b>	<b>STUNG BY TARIFFS (31)</b>	<b>96</b>
	6463 5 11-11   74.8kg Henry Daly <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i> Showed ability on hurdling debut at Carlisle and back on track when third in a novice event at Southwell (15.8f, soft) 31 days ago. Longer trip likely to suit and he's a respected handicap newcomer.	
<b>7</b>	<b>LAND OF PUNT (IRE) (38)</b>	<b>99</b>
	953 5 11-10   74.4kg Tom Lacey <i>Stan Sheppard</i> Has improved with each start over hurdles, very much appealing as one for handicaps over this sort of trip when a plugging on third in an 8-runner novice hurdle at Plumpton (15.9f, soft) 38 days ago. Wears first-time cheekpieces.	s
<b>8</b>	<b>JEHOL DE THAIX (FR) (125)</b>	<b>100</b>
	2354-6 7 11-9   73.9kg Nicky Richards <i>Danny McMenamin</i> Unexposed sort who shaped as if needing the outing when sixth of 10 on his 21f Wetherby handicap debut/reappearance at the end of October. Now 3 lb lower but perhaps best watched after another 4 months off.	★
<b>9</b>	<b>LHEUR DE GLOIRE (FR) (50)</b>	<b>92</b>
	5856 5 11-7   73.0kg Ben Pauling <i>Callum Pritchard (31b/1kg)</i> Seemingly brought along gradually in maiden/novice hurdles, not knocked when sixth of 11 in novice hurdle at Newbury (16.3f, good to soft, 50/1) 50 days ago. Could do with learning to settle but but rates as a likely improver on handicap debut.	t
<b>10</b>	<b>BEEP BEEP BECKY (IRE) (73)</b>	<b>88</b>
	660 5 10-13   69.4kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero <i>Craig Nichol</i> Runner-up in an Irish point. Has been brought along steadily over hurdles, a never-dangerous 13th in 2m novice at Huntingdon in December. Appeals as a likely improver now going handicapping over this markedly longer distance. Engaged 3.40 Catterick Wednesday.	

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Idaho Valley, **5-1** Land of Punt, **5-1** Fast Work, **15-2** Berkenshtaaap, **17-2** Stung By Tariffs, **10-1** Lheur De Gloire, **11-1** Jehol De Thaix, **11-1** Beep Beep Becky, **33-1** The Great Escape, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Several of these appeal as likely improvers going up in trip, chiefly LAND OF PUNT, who caught the eye when a staying-on third at Plumpton towards the end of January. He gets the verdict over Fast Work, who backed up an encouraging third on handicap debut with a creditable effort in better company last time. One of the other handicap newcomers, Lheur de Gloire, is also shortlisted.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. LAND OF PUNT 2. FAST WORK 3. LHEUR DE GLOIRE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**5.00**

RACE 7

**BEST ODDS GUARANTEED OVERNIGHT AT COPYBET**  
**NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Conditional Jockeys & Amateur Riders) (4) 4, 5 and 6yo £7,500 1m7f144y (3150 Metres)**

**GBI RACING**

Going: **Good to Soft**

Left handed, flat. Conditions are often gruelling during winter, placing emphasis on stamina. Conversely, conditions at the Swinton Meeting in May usually place the emphasis on speed, with a tendency to favour those ridden prominently as a result. Formerly held an undeserved reputation as one of the hardest courses to jump around, something not backed up by statistics, though perversely the data suggests that the chase course nowadays is a more demanding test, that possibly on account of more races being well run.

Pace Information: **Even**

<b>1</b>	<b>OLD CLAYESMORIAN (46)</b> (D)	<b>99</b>
	14 5 11-11   74.8kg Ben Pauling <i>Callum Pritchard</i> (3lb/1kg) Jack Hobbs gelding who kept up the family tradition when making a winning start in this sphere at Warwick in December despite signs of inexperience. Done no favours by the emphasis on speed and also met trouble when fourth of 6 at Windsor the following month so worth another chance.	
<b>2</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE PRODUCER (IRE) (73)</b>	<b>h+t</b>
	5 6 11-4   71.7kg Jessica Bedi <i>Conor Rabbitt</i> (3lb/1kg) Placed on the second of 2 starts in Irish points but refused to settle starting out under Rules in a tongue strap when finishing a well-held fifth of 7 at Musselburgh in December. Hooded for 1st time.	
<b>3</b>	<b>FULLYTHERMAL (68)</b>	<b>85</b>
	0 5 11-4   71.7kg Donald McCain <i>Charlie Maggs</i> (3lb/1kg) Jack Hobbs gelding who shaped as if needing the run when tenth of 15 in bumper at Wetherby (16f, soft) on debut in December. Off another 10 weeks since and potentially one for later on.	
<b>4</b>	<b>HURLYBURLY (IRE) (68)</b>	<b>95</b>
	46 5 11-4   71.7kg Jedd O'Keeffe <i>William Maggs</i> (5lb/2kg) Shirocco gelding who ran to a similar level as on debut when sixth of 15 in Wetherby bumper (soft) in December. More needed for win purposes.	
<b>5</b>	<b>LOCKER BOUM (FR)</b>	
	5 11-4   71.7kg Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies <i>James Turner</i> (5lb/2kg) €28,000 3-y-o, £100,000 4-y-o, Buck's Boum gelding. Closely related to 3 winners, including fairly useful French chaser Hockney Vallis, and half-brother to 19f hurdle winner in France Kelya. Won second of 2 outings in points so worth considering (yard that had a winning bumper debutant recently).	
<b>6</b>	<b>MARBLE SKY (IRE) (68)</b>	
	0 5 11-4   71.7kg Andrew Crook <i>Oscar Palmer</i> (7lb/3kg) Offered little on debut at Wetherby in December.	
<b>7</b>	<b>OYKEL BRIDGE (IRE) (84)</b>	<b>90</b>
	3 5 11-4   71.7kg Alan King <i>Philip Armson</i> (3lb/1kg) Zoffany colt who found the penny dropping late and ended up showing a fair amount of ability when 9 lengths third of 12 to Old Clayesmorian in bumper at Warwick in December. Can build on that effort almost 3 months down the line.	
<b>8</b>	<b>TURBOCHARGED (IRE) (119)</b>	<b>100</b>
	3 5 11-4   71.7kg Dan Skelton <i>Tristan Durrell</i> Soldier of Fortune gelding who made an encouraging start when third of 12 in bumper at Newbury 4 months ago, shaping like more of a stayer than his rivals (first, second and fourth next-time-out winners). Has since had a breathing operation but is open to improvement nonetheless.	
<b>9</b>	<b>NIGHTFLYER (GER) (43)</b> (D)	<b>98</b>
	1 4 11-1   70.3kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill <i>Benjamin Macey</i> (5lb/2kg) Amaron gelding who showed an encouraging amount of stamina considering his breeding when won 9-runner bumper at Catterick 6 weeks ago, leading approaching 2f out then running green. Sold for 95,000 gns later in January and fancied to be in the mix.	
<b>10</b>	<b>ORDER DRIVEN (IRE)</b>	
	4 10-8   67.1kg Tom Weston <i>Harry Atkins</i> (7lb/3kg) Order of St George gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 3m) Master Dee out of 2m hurdle winner Miss Lauren Dee. Yard synonymous with bumper success so needs keeping a close eye on.	

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Nightflyer, **4-1** Turbocharged, **9-2** Old Clayesmorian, **5-1** Oykel Bridge, **7-1** Locker Boum, **18-1** Order Driven, **20-1** Hurlyburly, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Several in with chances but TURBOCHARGED made an encouraging start when third in a Newbury bumper back in November. With that form proving notably strong, he's fancied to get off the mark at the expense of Nightflyer, who was and impressive winner at Catterick 6 weeks ago and has since switched yards for 95,000 gns. Locker Boum and Old Clayesmorian round off the shortlist.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. TURBOCHARGED 2. NIGHTFLYER 3. LOCKER BOUM**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race