

Friday 5th December

SEDGEFIELD


11.48 BETWRIGHT BET THE WRIGHT WAY MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m178y (3380 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(3) LEAUMEC DE MEE | (2) EDDIE MY EAGLE | (4) MADE ALL**
12.23 BETWRIGHT BANGERS N'CASH MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(3) MARHABA PRINCE | (2) BUDDAH CASTLE | (1) ANIMATO**
12.58 BETWRIGHT BET THE WRIGHT WAY HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3¼m59y (5280 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(4) JAMESIECONN | (1) UPFORDEBATE | (3) SCOTTISH KING**
1.33 BETWRIGHT SAFER GAMBLING HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m178y (3380 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(4) NO MORE BOLERO | (1) BATHGATE | (3) TANKING ALONG**
2.08 PRODRIVE SHOPFITTING LTD NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 2m5f28y (4250 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(2) BO CRUZ | (7) CAVE HILL | (6) HUIT REFLETS**
2.43 LISA MARGARET TURNER MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m5f34y (4260 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(1) BE THE DIFFERENCE | (2) TREAD SOFTLY NOW | (5) FAIRLY FULLING**
3.20 MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FAIRLIGHT STUDIOS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m178y (3380 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(1) TRIGG | (4) GRAZEON SUNSHINE | (3) CASPADA**

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.

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RACE 1

BETWRIGHT BET THE WRIGHT WAY MAIDEN HURDLE (4)
4yo+ £7,700 2m178y (3380 Metres)



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	BORN LIKE ME (FR) (22) 56 4 11-4 71.7kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Jack Power (5lb/2kg) Well held in 2 AW Flat outings and a pair of novice hurdles over C&D and at Market Rasen last month. Needs to take a step forward.	69
2	EDDIE MY EAGLE (IRE) (13) 24 5 11-4 71.7kg Dan Horsford Philip Armson (3lb/1kg) Runner-up in a point bumper/bumper before catching the eye on his hurdling bow when fourth of 11 in novice at Huntingdon (15.8f, soft, 12/1) 13 days ago, finishing really well late on. Sure to improve and merits consideration.	75
3	LEAUMEC DE MEE (FR) (40) (BF) 2-2 4 11-4 71.7kg Dan Skelton Kielan Woods Beaume de Houelle gelding who has shaped very well when second in a Kempton bumper in March and on his hurdling bow in 2m2f maiden at Fontwell in October. Looks to have plenty more to offer and he's the one to beat.	100
4	MADE ALL 4 11-4 71.7kg Sam England Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg) A three-time 1m4f winner on the Flat in 2025 and consistent sort too. Goes hurdling now and he must enter calculations.	72
5	MAFIA POWER (283) 4P/P4- 8 11-4 71.7kg Patrick Neville Brian Hughes A fair 2m scorer on the Flat but yet to match that form in this sphere, fourth of 11 in 2m novice hurdle at Catterick in February. More is required on his seasonal return.	69
6	SCAIRP DUBH (10) 276 5 11-4 71.7kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Peter Kavanagh Won point bumper in March and second in bumper here (sole start for Tjade Collier) in May. Little show in a pair of 2m novice hurdles for current yard last month though so others appeal more.	68
7	SIEGE OF ACRES (FR) (50) 7 4 11-4 71.7kg Donald McCain Theo Gillard Made frame both starts in Irish points but only seventh of 8 in bumper at Carlisle (17.2f, good to firm) on his NH debut 50 days ago. Since had a wind op and could still do better on his hurdles debut.	69
8	SOVEREIGNLIGHTCAFE 4 11-4 71.7kg Michael & David Easterby Jamie Hamilton A fair and lightly-raced maiden on Flat in the first half of 2024. Returns from 17 months off for his hurdling bow and the market can prove an accurate guide.	68
9	STEEL SOLDIER (IRE) (495) 06- 5 11-4 71.7kg John Norton Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg) Little impact in Irish points and he came in a well-held sixth of 11 switched to hurdling in 2m4f Utttoxeter novice 16 months ago. Others are preferred.	65

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
8-15 Leaumec De Mee, **11-2** Eddie My Eagle, **9-1** Made All, **25-1** Born Like Me, **33-1** Mafia Power, **33-1** Siege of Acres, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
Dan Skelton's LEAUMEC DE MEE went with plenty of promise when runner-up on his hurdling debut at Fontwell and can build on it to go one better here. Eddie My Eagle also looks to have better days ahead of him but might have to settle for second once more, while Sam England's hurdling debutant Made All has some fair winning Flat form to his name and also commands respect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. LEAUMEC DE MEE 2. EDDIE MY EAGLE 3. MADE ALL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:						
2024	Kingston Narcissus	5-11-4	2-1	Rebecca Menzies	Ross Chapman	9
2022	Bertie's Wish	4-11-4	10-3	Jennie Candlish	Sean Quinlan	8
2021	Jungle Jack	5-11-4	11-8f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	10
2020	Tommy's Oscar	5-10-12	13-8f	Ann Hamilton	Danny McMenamin (3)	10

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2






BETWRIGHT BANGERS N'CASH MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+
£7,700 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	ANIMATO (39) 445 6 11-4 71.7kg  Donald McCain <i>Theo Gillard</i> Multiple winner on Flat (stays 17f) but hasn't bettered modest form in a trio of runs over hurdles this autumn, fifth of 13 in 2m Bangor novice 39 days ago. Blinkers are reached for now.	b+t	80
2	BUDDAH CASTLE (IRE) 5 11-4 71.7kg  Patrick Neville <i>Brian Hughes</i> €17,000 3-y-o, Casamento gelding. Dam, fair 2½m-25f hurdle/chase winner, is a half-sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 35f) Teaforthree. Points winner in March so rates a noteworthy newcomer.		87
3	MARHABA PRINCE (175) (BF) 17-3 4 11-4 71.7kg  Anthony Honeyball <i>Richie McLernon</i> Debut bumper winner at Wincanton last December and posted a solid third of 6 in similar company at Newton Abbot in June. Goes hurdling now and he's a player.		100
4	PERFECTOT (FR) (28) 33-0 4 10-11 68.5kg  Rebecca Menzies <i>Nathan Moscrop</i> Placed in a pair of bumpers in March but she came in last of 11 in similar company at Hexham 28 days ago. Goes over hurdles now with hood added and a bit to prove.	h	74

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-6 Marhaba Prince, 5-2 Buddah Castle, 11-2 Animato, 33-1 Perfectot

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MARHABA PRINCE showed fairly useful winning form in bumpers and looks to have been found a very good opportunity to make a winning start in this sphere. Patrick Neville's points scorer Buddah Castle appeals as much the biggest threat on his first go over hurdles ahead of Animato.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MARHABA PRINCE 2. BUDDAH CASTLE 3. ANIMATO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Takt de Touques	5-11-4	2-5f	Gerald Stephen Quinn	Mr N. McParlan (3)	8
2022	Decorated	4-11-0	7-4	Oliver Signy	Henry Brooke	5
2021	No Word of A Lie	5-10-12	5-2	Oliver Signy	Jack Andrews (5)	8
2020	Shantou Express	5-11-5	1-4f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3











BETWRIGHT BET THE WRIGHT WAY HANDICAP CHASE (5)
4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 3¼m59y (5280 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	UPFORDEBATE (IRE) (22) (CD) 6P6-511P1 6 12-0 76.2kg	s+t	98
	Patrick Neville Hurdles winner last term and has taken well to fences, scoring at Hexham and Perth this year before bombing out when going for the hat-trick back at Hexham in October. Quickly put that behind him with a clear-cut success over this C&D and an 8 lb rise should be manageable. Cheekpieces applied.	Brian Hughes	
2	CRESTHILL (IRE) (267) 074080P- 7 11-5 72.1kg	t	98
	M. K. Flannery, Ireland Notched second win between the flags last month, but this Irish raider hasn't shown much under Rules thus far and is probably best watched following 8 months off.	Kielan Woods	
3	SCOTTISH KING (IRE) (35) 35466P-25 9 11-5 72.1kg		99
	Richard Armson Failed to build on maiden/novice hurdle promise switched to handicaps last term, but good start in this sphere when finding just one too good on return at Uttoxeter (3m, good to soft) in October. Drop back to 2½m wasn't ideal at the same course next time and likely to go well now upped to 3¼m.	Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)	
4	JAMESIECONN (IRE) (227) (D, BF) 8051473- 6 11-3 71.2kg	t	100
	Nicky Richards  Point winner who left hurdles form behind when making a successful chase debut at Doncaster in February. Failed to fire next 2 starts, but ended last term with a creditable third at Kelso (23.4f, good) and could have a say on debut for new yard if fully tuned-up for this seasonal reappearance.	Danny McMenamin	
5	KATE MADRIK (FR) (38) 40P-2897P 5 11-0 69.9kg	h+t	93
	Mickey Bowen Dual chase winner in France, but has rarely threatened on these shores and she's passed over on this first run since rejoining former yard, following a couple of no-shows for Debra Hamer.	Liam Harrison	
6	EVEQUE (FR) (28) (C) 2150/788-1 11 10-12 68.9kg		96
	Jane Walton Successful here in January 2024 and belatedly reproduced form akin to that when scoring on his reappearance at Hexham (24.2f, good to soft) last month. Couldn't be 100% certain that he'll reproduce that form, but will be a danger to all up 6 lb if he is again in the groove.	Peter Kavanagh	
7	MONAGHAN BOY (IRE) (20) (C) 22216/30-7 8 10-7 66.7kg	s+t	95
	Micky Hammond Now just 1 lb higher than for his latest success over 27f here in February 2024, but it's been downhill pretty much all the way since and others make more appeal.	Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)	
8	ITURGEON DU BREUIL (FR) (28) 5-433P466 7 10-2(9-11) 64.4kg (62.1kg)	s	94
	Barry Murtagh Unreliable maiden who was beaten over 26 lengths when sixth in the 11-runner Hexham handicap won by Eveque last time. Best to look elsewhere.	Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg) 	

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Upfordebate, 10-3 Jamesieconn, 5-1 Eveque, 6-1 Scottish King, 20-1 Monaghan Boy, 28-1 Iturgeon Du Breuil, 33-1 Kate Madrik, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Stamina is clearly JAMESIECONN's forte judged on his winning chase debut over this trip at Doncaster last winter and, provided he's raring to go following a seven-month break, the 6-y-o could be the answer on debut for the Nicky Richards yard. Upfordebate made it 3-5 over fences when scoring over C&D last time and he is feared most ahead of Scottish King and the veteran Eveque.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JAMESIECONN 2. UPFORDEBATE 3. SCOTTISH KING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2024	Cave Article 5-10-8	5-4f	Christian Williams	Brian Hughes 7
2022	Skyhill 9-11-2	5-1	Alison Hamilton	Jamie Hamilton 7
2021	No Cruise Yet 6-10-9	5-2f	Sam England	Jonathan England 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4










BETWRIGHT SAFER GAMBLING HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m178y (3380 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	BATHGATE (11) (CD, BF) 1250-5952 5 12-0 76.2kg		  100
	Philip Kirby		<i>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</i>
	Back to his best of late and travelled strongly for long way when a clear second of 9 in handicap hurdle over C&D (soft) 11 days ago. Has to be taken seriously off an unchanged mark. Engaged 12.20 Market Rasen Thursday.		
2	EXPELLIARMUS (IRE) (22) 374/7-675 5 11-12 75.3kg		93
	Ben Haslam		<i>Richie McLernon</i>
	Fair maiden on the Flat for Joseph O'Brien but yet to make an impact in this sphere, including on last 3 starts for current yard.		
3	TANKING ALONG (IRE) (22) (CD) 34F55-621 6 11-9 73.9kg		94
	Patrick Neville		<i>Brian Hughes</i>
	Posted career best when winning 10-runner handicap hurdle over C&D (soft, 10/3) 22 days ago, having run of race. Raised 6 lb since but must enter calculations.		
4	NO MORE BOLERO (7lb/3kg ex) (11) 56/8256-41 6 11-7 73.0kg		96
	James Owen		<i>Nathan Howie (3lb/1kg)</i>
	Opened hurdles account at the ninth attempt with a dominant display at Ludlow (15.8f, good to soft) last week. 7 lb penalty to carry now but looks sure to make another bold bid.		
5	TOBY TWO SCOOPS (22) 33 3 10-7 66.7kg		93
	Micky Hammond		<i>Joshua Thompson (7lb/3kg)</i>
	Modest maiden on the Flat who showed more than on debut in this sphere when third of 5 in juvenile hurdle over C&D (soft) 22 days ago. Goes handicapping now and can't be ruled out.		
6	BALRANALD (FR) (36) (CD) 13454-628 9 10-5 65.8kg		89
	Alison Hamilton		<i>Jamie Hamilton</i>
	C&D winner who returned to form when runner-up at this course (19.9f) in Septwmb. Needs to bounce back from a poor run at Newcastle last time, though.		
7	ASCENSION DAY (IRE) (22) 8P7P8P66 8 10-5 65.8kg		86
	Ben Haslam		<i>Benjamin Macey (7lb/3kg)</i>
	Remains a maiden after 18 NH runs and finished well held behind Tanking Along over C&D last month.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
15-8 No More Bolero, **11-4** Bathgate, **9-2** Tanking Along, **12-1** Toby Two Scoops, **16-1** Ascension Day, **20-1** Balranald, **28-1** Expelliarmus

TIMEFORM VIEW:
NO MORE BOLERO had plenty in hand when scoring at Ludlow last week and is taken to follow up. Bathgate and Tanking Along rate the principal dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. NO MORE BOLERO 2. BATHGATE 3. TANKING ALONG

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2024	Foster's Fortune 5-11-13	13-8jf	Chris Grant	Danny McMenamin 9
2022	Monjules 4-11-7	2-1f	Harry Fry	Lorcan Murtagh (3) 8
2021	El Jefe 4-11-4	11-1	Andrew Hamilton	William Shanahan (7) 14
2020	Crack du Ninian 5-11-7	5-2	Jennie Candlish	Sean Quinlan 10

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

PRODRIVE SHOPFITTING LTD NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE
(Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m5f28y
(4250 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	SAM'S FALCON (355) 9560- 6 12-0 76.2kg	88
	Dianne Sayer Offered something to work with when midfield in a 17f Carlisle novice last November but stopped quickly over the same C&D the following month. Bred to be suited by this longer trip and betting should guide on chase debut/reappearance.	Peter Kavanagh
2	BO CRUZ (IRE) (25) (BF) 6543-4 6 11-12 75.3kg	93
	Donald McCain Runner-up on completed start in Irish points. Improved when well-backed third on final start season and made a pleasing comeback when fourth in a 19f novice handicap at Carlisle (fifth won next-time-out). Makes appeal on chase debut over a slightly longer trip.	Theo Gillard
3	LATHAN (FR) (252) 631FP5P- 6 11-9 73.9kg	t 92
	Micky Hammond Won a modest Newcastle maiden (20.3f) last November and ran to a similar level when fifth in a handicap over same C&D. Amiss (lame) on final start for Rebecca Menzies but he's bred for fences and is one to note if prominent in the betting on chase/stable debut.	Brian Hughes
4	KURIOSA (FR) (635) 0080P05/ 6 11-6 72.6kg	s+t 86
	Annabelle Sowray Poor maiden for Paul Nolan, faring no better in headgear (retained) on final start for yard in March 2024. Had wind surgery prior to latest run in points (well held) and he has plenty to prove on chase debut.	Craig Nichol
5	UNCLE AL (IRE) (9) 0-PP3025 6 10-12 68.9kg	s 87
	Jessica Bedi Has shown a bit in two starts over fences, for all he's carried little win threat. Would need to take a step forward in first-time headgear.	Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)
6	HUIT REFLETS (FR) (11) (BF) 8-7348213 8 10-11 68.5kg	v ★ 100
	Mark Walford Arrives in good heart, went close in a 2½m Hexham handicap chase prior to going one better over hurdles at Kelso (2¼m, good) in September. Still in form when third at this track (16.4f, soft) last month and he should give his running again back up in trip.	Jamie Hamilton
7	CAVE HILL (21) 15345-165 6 10-9 67.6kg	s+t 97
	Ian Duncan Improved under a change of tactics when successful in a 10-runner handicap chase at Hexham (20f) in May. Hasn't been disgraced ridden more conservatively since but no surprise to see him make more impact under a more positive ride in first-time cheekpieces.	Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Huit Reflets, **3-1** Cave Hill, **5-1** Bo Cruz, **11-2** Lathan, **12-1** Sam's Falcon, **20-1** Uncle Al, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The market should offer plenty of clues regarding the chase debutants, and it could pay to take a chance on Irish point runner-up BO CRUZ who made a pleasing comeback over hurdles last month and should have more to offer now sent chasing. He's narrowly preferred to the more-experienced Cave Hill, who would be feared if back to his best in first-time cheekpieces, while Huit Reflets arrives in good heart and should give his running again.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BO CRUZ 2. CAVE HILL 3. HUIT REFLETS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **The Paddy Pie** 11-11-0 9-4f Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Peter Kavanagh (3) 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6







LISA MARGARET TURNER MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m5f34y (4260 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1	BE THE DIFFERENCE (IRE) (6) 520-03311 9 12-0 76.2kg  Philip Kirby <i>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</i> Goes well this time of year, resuming winnings ways with a wide-margin victory on testing ground at Kelso prior following up under an enterprising ride at Bangor (23.2f) 6 days ago. Has been found another good opportunity down in trip and he may well land the hat-trick off same mark.	100
2	TREAD SOFTLY NOW (23) 9210-6921 6 11-9 73.9kg  Ian Duncan <i>Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)</i> Two-time winner last season and opened her account for this campaign with a smooth-travelling victory in a 14-runner handicap hurdle at Ayr (19.5f, soft) last month. 9 lb rise makes life tougher but should remain competitive despite a career-high mark.	98
3	LIVANO BELLO (FR) (21) 36743-02 4 11-9 73.9kg  Micky Hammond <i>Brian Hughes</i> Maiden bounced back to form on second start after a breathing operation when runner-up behind a well-treated one at Newcastle (20.3f) 3 weeks ago. Should be in the mix again over this slightly longer trip.	97
4	TWOPLACESATONETIME (IRE) (353) 7P3/P7158- 7 11-3 71.2kg  Rebecca Menzies <i>Mr Philip Thomas (7lb/3kg)</i> Low-mileage 6-y-o who upped his game in first-time cheekpieces to score at Hexham (23f) in November last year but not in same form two subsequent starts. Remains to be seen if he can get back on track in another change of headgear on return.	96
5	FAIRLY FULLING (IRE) (22) 805P7-472 7 10-6 66.2kg  Susan Corbett <i>Nathan Moscrop</i> Long-standing maiden has been the subject of plenty of market support in 3 starts for new yard, not ideally placed behind a subsequent winner when second at this track (19.8f) latest. Should give another good account with cheekpieces added.	97
6	DARTMHOR (265) 86688P- 5 10-2 64.4kg  Chris Grant <i>Danny McMenamin</i> Poor maiden/novice form and fared no better pitched into a handicap, pulling up at Newcastle in March. Something to prove on return.	88

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
6-4 Be The Difference, 3-1 Tread Softly Now, 11-2 Fairly Fulling, 6-1 Livano Bello, 16-1 Twoplacesatonetime, 33-1 Dartmhor

TIMEFORM VIEW:
BE THE DIFFERENCE flourishes at this time of year and he's taken to land the hat-trick off an unchanged mark. Tread Softly Now was better than ever when successful at Ayr last month and should be in the mix again despite operating from a career-high mark, while Fairly Fulling shaped well behind a subsequent winner last time and remains of interest at this level.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. BE THE DIFFERENCE 2. TREAD SOFTLY NOW 3. FAIRLY FULLING

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FAIRLIGHT STUDIOS OPEN
NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 2m178y
(3380 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	TRIGG (81)	4 11-9 73.9kg	★ 100
	Dan Skelton	Miss Heidi Palin (7lb/3kg)	
	Getaway gelding who did well to come from further back than other principals when making a winning debut at Worcester in September, travelled well and produced to lead final 100 yds. Open to improvement and may follow up under a penalty.		
2	ART DANCER (47)	3 4 11-2 70.8kg	83
	Chris Grant	Danny McMenamin	
	Shaped more like a stayer when well held third in a 5-runner C&D bumper in October. Probably needs more time.		
3	CASPADA (IRE)	4 11-2 70.8kg	90
	Donald McCain	Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)	
	Damsant gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to bumper winner/smart 2m hurdle winner Dark Raven. Makes appeal on pedigree and worth noting for support racecourse bow.		
4	GRAZEON SUNSHINE (36)	2 4 11-2 70.8kg	95
	John & Sean Quinn	Brian Hughes	
	Mondialiste gelding. Dam useful 2m hurdle winner. Looked to be getting the hang of things when rallying to finish second in a Newcastle bumper on debut. That form doesn't look anything out of the ordinary but he's entitled to take a step forward.		
5	BELLE BRISE (IRE) (35)	7 5 10-9 67.6kg	t 83
	Tom Ellis	Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)	
	Had wind surgery/wore tongue tie prior to debut seventh at Uttoxeter (15.8f, soft), still in contention leaving back straight but finished well held. Remains to be seen if she can see out her race second time up.		
6	R KRISTA (174)	7 4 10-9 67.6kg	79
	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones	
	Offered little in a Hexham bumper on debut in June and would need to leave that form well behind to be competitive on return.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Trigg, 9-4 Grazeon Sunshine, 4-1 Caspada, 16-1 Belle Brise, 18-1 Art Dancer, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TRIGG made a winning debut under confident handling at Worcester in September and can defy a penalty to make it 2-2 in bumpers. Grazeon Sunshine rates the main danger following his debut second at Newcastle, while Caspada looks an interesting newcomer on paper.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TRIGG 2. GRAZEON SUNSHINE 3. CASPADA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2024	Lady Kluck 4-10-9	5-1	Dan Skelton	Tristan Durrell (3)	6
2022	Judicial Review 4-11-0	15-8f	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones (3)	7
2021	Grove Road 5-11-0	2-1f	Archie Watson	Adam Wedge	11
2020	Not What It Seems 4-11-0	5-1	Micky Hammond	Joe Colliver	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race