

Saturday 7th March

# AYR

**1.32** WEDDINGS AT WESTERN HOUSE NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m100y (4110 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) GATINEAU PARK | (3) TASHKHAN | (4) CUSHENDUN**

**2.07** WESTERN HOUSE HOTEL NEW BRUNCH MENU HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m110y (3320 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) DANCE THIEF | (1) NETYWELL | (2) ONE MILL HARBOUR**

**2.47** MOTHERS DAY LUNCH AT WESTERN HOUSE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m5f91y (4310 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) BOLLIN MATILDA | (2) KEEP ON COBBLING | (1) FOX'S FANCY**

**3.20** 3B CRANE HIRE HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) TRIPLE CROWN TED | (5) CORMIER | (1) LITTLEANGEL DUSEUIL**

**3.55** AYRSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m110y (4120 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) CLASSIC MAESTRO | (6) NED TANNER | (3) DARE TO SHOUT**

**4.30** CHELTENHAM LUNCH AT WESTERN HOUSE HOTEL NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m70y (4890 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) BRIERY BUTTERFLY | (2) COYLTON KING | (3) KALO ATHENA**

**5.05** BOOK DAY DANCIN 11 april@ayr RACECOURSE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 7 **(1) POPTON POINT | (2) JET OF STARS | (3) DUNDEE LAW**

#### 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.

**1.32****WEDDINGS AT WESTERN HOUSE NOVICES' HURDLE  
(Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2½m100y (4110 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>GATINEAU PARK (IRE) (81)</b>	t	<b>96</b>
	512 <b>6</b> 11-7   73.0kg Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls <i>Ciaran Gethings</i> Off the mark at third attempt in points and has improved with each start under Rules so far, scoring at Lingfield second time up before showing better form in defeat at Wincanton in December. Jumped well there and is open to further progress now sporting tongue tie.		
<b>2</b>	<b>OUT OF THE WOODS (FR) (35)</b> (C, D)		<b>87</b>
	16-174 <b>6</b> 11-7   73.0kg Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore <i>Conner McCann (7lb/3kg)</i> Fairly useful bumper winner who looked a good staying prospect when making a successful debut over hurdles in 11-runner maiden at Hexham in November. Hasn't kicked on as expected in 2 starts since, though.		
<b>3</b>	<b>TASHKHAN (IRE) (21)</b> (D)	★	<b>100</b>
	1353 <b>8</b> 11-7   73.0kg Brian Ellison <i>Brian Hughes</i> Useful stayer on Flat at best. Made a winning start over hurdles over 2½m at Hexham in December and produced his best effort over timber when 10½ lengths third of 9 to Dalston Lad in Prestige Novices' Hurdle at Haydock (24.3f, good to soft) 21 days ago, finishing well. Back down in trip here.		
<b>4</b>	<b>CUSHENDUN (64)</b>		<b>87</b>
	333/426 <b>7</b> 11-0   69.9kg Ian Duncan <i>Callum Bewley</i> Has shaped well in a pair of 2½m Hexham maiden hurdles since returning from a long absence, finishing second to Tashkhan latter. Not in same form over C&D last time and improvement is required.		
<b>5</b>	<b>MALAYALAM (FR) (25)</b>		<b>78</b>
	78 <b>6</b> 11-0   69.9kg Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore <i>Derek Fox</i> Point winner but has looked in need of the experience on both outings over timber so far.		
<b>6</b>	<b>MOSSTOWN MILL (IRE) (296)</b>		<b>65</b>
	0-6 <b>6</b> 11-0   69.9kg R. Mike Smith <i>Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)</i> Won a point after finishing mid-field in an Irish bumper but looked a staying type back under Rules in a maiden hurdle at Perth 9 months ago.		
<b>7</b>	<b>RUN BABY RUN (IRE) (20)</b>	s	
	PP80 <b>5</b> 11-0   69.9kg R. Mike Smith <i>William Maggs (5lb/2kg)</i> No promise in 4 starts over hurdles.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

11-8 Tashkhan, 13-8 Gatineau Park, 8-1 Out of The Woods, 10-1 Cushendun, 100-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This looks a match between GATINEAU PARK and Tashkhan, with preference for the progressive Bailey & Nicholls representative, the intermediate trip likely to suit him better than his strong-staying rival.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. GATINEAU PARK 2. TASHKHAN 3. CUSHENDUN

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Crest of Fortune</b> 5-11-7	15-8	Anthony Honeyball	Ben Godfrey	5
2024	<b>Whistle Stop Tour</b> 6-11-7	9-4f	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	6
2023	<b>Giovinco</b> 6-11-0	8-15f	Lucinda Russell	Stephen Mulqueen	3
2022	<b>Gaillimh A Stor</b> 6-11-0	11-4	N. W. Alexander	Danny McMenamin	7
2021	<b>Tamar Bridge</b> 6-11-2	4-11f	Ollly Murphy	A. P. Heskin	2

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.07**

RACE 2

**WESTERN HOUSE HOTEL NEW BRUNCH MENU HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £9,000 2m110y (3320 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

	<b>1</b>	<b>NETYWELL (FR) (37)</b> (CD)		<b>97</b>
		72P-38F84 9 12-0   76.2kg		
		Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore	<b>Patrick Wadge</b>	
		Without a win since recording a hat-trick in 2023/24 but faced with heavy for first time this season, he ran better than for a while when fourth of 11 at Ayr (16.5f) in January. Drying ground would therefore perhaps be against him but this is a slight ease in class.		
	<b>2</b>	<b>ONE MILL HARBOUR (FR) (12)</b> (D)	t	<b>98</b>
		11/5P4 9 11-11   74.8kg		
		James Moffatt	<b>Brian Hughes</b>	
		Progressive when winning 3 of his first 4 start over fences in 2023 but had a significant lay-off prior to finishing well held in pair of handicap hurdles here this winter. Held back by jumping returned to fences at this venue last month and now goes back in trip with Hughes a positive booking.		
	<b>3</b>	<b>DANCE THIEF (IRE) (12)</b> (CD)	 	<b>100</b>
		261233-5P 8 11-5   72.1kg		
		R. Mike Smith	<b>Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)</b>	
		Off mark at second time of asking over fences in a C&D contest in February 2025. Ran creditably without bettering that form to end the campaign and he likely needed the run over 20.5f here last month. Better expected with that under his belt and returned to this trip.		
	<b>4</b>	<b>BALLYFORT (IRE) (37)</b> (CD)	h+t	<b>96</b>
		4149-1316 8 11-4   71.7kg		
		N. W. Alexander	<b>Bruce Lynn</b>	
		Well placed to win 2 handicaps (over C&D latter occasion) back chasing this season but struggled in better company back here a month ago. Jumping can be an issue, too.		
	<b>5</b>	<b>CUZCO DU MATHAN (FR) (19)</b>	v	<b>88</b>
		121-47476 8 11-1   70.3kg		
		James Moffatt	<b>Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg)</b>	
		Always behind on return from 6 months off at Carlisle. Eased 3 lb and should step up on that but probably of more interest when returned to Cartmel.		
	<b>6</b>	<b>DON OCCHETTI (IRE) (12)</b> (D)	s+t	 <b>95</b>
		0/231-P63F 8 10-11   68.5kg		
		William Young Jnr	<b>Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)</b>	
		Won 2m handicap chase on final start for Dan Skelton and step back in right direction on first start over fences for new yard when third over C&D last month. Struggling when fell 4 out latest.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-4** Netywell, **4-1** Ballyfort, **9-2** One Mill Harbour, **6-1** Dance Thief, **17-2** Cuzco Du Mathan, **25-1** Don Occhetti

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This looks very trappy with the tentative vote awarded to DANCE THIEF returned to 2m. Drying ground would be against Netywell but he can still be a big factor at this level, with One Mill Harbour also of some interest with Brian Hughes booked.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. DANCE THIEF 2. NETYWELL 3. ONE MILL HARBOUR**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Heads Or Harps</b>	8-10-12	11-8f	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	7
2024	<b>Salamanca Bay</b>	8-12-0	7-4f	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	4
2023	<b>Getaway Luv</b>	8-12-0	7-1	Lizzie Quinlan	Sean Quinlan	4

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.47**  
RACE 3  
**MOTHERS DAY LUNCH AT WESTERN HOUSE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £15,000 2m5f91y (4310 Metres)**



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

- 1 FOX'S FANCY (IRE) (37) 98**  
 1/423-F445 8 12-0 | 76.2kg  
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore *Derek Fox*  
 A fair winning hurdler but she's yet to hit top form this term, failing to fully see it out when fifth from the front over 3m here in January. Given a short break and yard going a bit better now.
- 2 KEEP ON COBBLING (102) (D, BF) 98**  
 40F21-16 6 11-6 | 72.6kg  
 Henry Daly *Ciaran Gethings*  
 Picked up where she left off at Stratford when making a winning handicap debut at Sedgefield in November (21.2f). Slight drop in trip looked against her at Hereford later that month and better expected this time after a break.
- 3 TREAD SOFTLY NOW (16) (C) 98**  
 6921P243 7 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 Ian Duncan *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*  
 Opened account for the season over 19.5f here in November and produced a career best when second at Kelso following month. 2m no good to her in January and quickly back in good order when third at Sedgefield a fortnight ago.
- 4 BOLLIN MATILDA (20) 100**  
 11/6-P7342 8 10-7 | 66.7kg  
 Donald Whillans *Theo Gillard*  
 Much more like it when landing a pair of 3m handicaps in spring 2024. Stood little racing since but better than ever with a tongue tie fitted when second at Musselburgh last month, rallying. Long way clear of the rest that day and claims are obvious from 2 lb higher.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**6-4** Bollin Matilda, **11-4** Keep On Cobbling, **9-2** Fox's Fancy, **5-1** Tread Softly Now

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BOLLIN MATILDA pulled clear with an unexposed one at Musselburgh 3 weeks ago and her claims of going one place better from 2 lb higher appear to be bright. Keep On Cobbling has been given a break since disappointing at Hereford and is expected to get back on track here.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BOLLIN MATILDA 2. KEEP ON COBBLING 3. FOX'S FANCY**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Ruby Island</b> 8-11-6	10-3f	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin	11
2024	<b>Donso Star</b> 6-10-1	10-1	R. Mike Smith	Ben Smith (10)	7
2023	<b>Animore</b> 10-10-8	7-2	Iain Jardine	Dylan Johnston (7)	7
2022	<b>Charm Offensive</b> 8-11-4	3-1f	N. W. Alexander	Conor O'Farrell	9
2021	<b>Style It Out</b> 7-11-12	10-3	Tristan Davidson	Harry Reed	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.20**

**3B CRANE HIRE HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 4



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Thereisnodoubt</b>	12-11-2	4-1	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	7
2024	<b>Dance Thief</b>	6-10-10	11-4	R. Mike Smith	Ben Smith (10)	8
2023	<b>Traprain Law</b>	5-11-12	5-4f	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (7)	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1 LITLEANGEL DUSEUIL (FR) (280) (BF) t 98**

1-2 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Jack Power (5lb/2kg)**  
 Fair middle-distance Flat winner who made a successful start over hurdles in France (changed hands for €70,000 following fair second in May) and would be in the mix if returning to fairly useful debut form on first run following a breathing operation. Yard also saddle Triple Crown Ted.

**2 TRIPLE CROWN TED (IRE) (22) (D) 100**

22-3141 6 11-8 | 73.5kg  
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Derek Fox**  
 Solid form in novices prior to winning more takingly than the bare margin would imply on handicap bow at Kelso last month. Strong claims to follow up.

**3 GINGER MAIL (FR) (22) (CD) s 97**

51PP-643P 10 11-8 | 73.5kg  
 N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**  
 Won off 8 lb higher at this track last year but he's a veteran now and has yet to really fire this season, pulling up behind Triple Crown Ted last time.

**4 CHANCEAWETMORNING (IRE) (51) (BF) 96**

73000-652 6 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Noel C. Kelly, Ireland **Gregor Walkingshaw (7lb/3kg)**  
 Maiden Irish-raider who ran his best race when second behind a lightly-raced one in a 16-runner handicap at Fairyhouse (20f, heavy) 50 days ago but faces a tough ask off 11 lb higher mark. Engaged 4.20 Ayr Friday.

**5 CORMIER (IRE) (14) (D) s 99**

06-746 10 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 Brian Ellison **Brian Hughes**  
 Has been mixing it in better company than necessary over hurdles since winning on the Flat at Nottingham in October and this will be just his second run in this sphere wearing cheekpieces (sixth in last year's Morebattle other start). Bounce back could be on the cards.

**6 GAMIGIN (IRE) (46) (CD, BF) s+t 93**

9P453-002 8 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 Noel C. Kelly, Ireland **Sean Quinlan**  
 Won sole previous start at this track and was a gambled on second in 16-runner handicap at Downpatrick in January. Has rejoined previous yard, whose runners are usually worth a second look in the betting, but he has more to do at the weights than stablemate Chanceawetmorning.

**7 IRISH BLAZE (IRE) (35) (D) 97**

0/046JP-78 10 10-13 | 69.4kg  
 Nicky Richards **Callum Bewley**  
 Lost way for Cian Collins having been useful over fences and has a made a disappointing start for new yard.

**8 EL JEFE (IRE) (12) (D) t 98**

60-323346 9 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Andrew Hamilton **Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)**  
 Plenty of creditable efforts this season, and while back on a handy mark, this might not be run to suit.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Triple Crown Ted, **11-2** Cormier, **6-1** Chanceawetmorning, **13-2** Gamigin, **8-1** Litleangel Duseuil, **11-1** El Jefe, **16-1** Ginger Mail, **25-1** Irish Blaze

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

TRIPLE CROWN TED can make it 2-2 in handicaps. Cormier has Brian Hughes aboard for the first time and looks interesting down in class with headgear refitted. Litleangel Duseuil and El Jefe are fairly treated but could be ones for another day.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. TRIPLE CROWN TED 2. CORMIER 3. LITLEANGEL DUSEUIL**

**3.55****AYRSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-140)  
£18,000 2½m110y (4120 Metres)**

RACE 5

**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>POUR LES FILLES (28)</b>	s	<b>96</b>
	33/2-17P1P 8 12-0   76.2kg Mickey Bowen <i>Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)</i> Well held next 2 starts after winning a maiden hurdle for Gordon Elliott and was fortunate to make a winning chase debut for this yard at Ffos Las in January. Soon struggling at Newbury next time and headgear now applied.		
<b>2</b>	<b>CLASSIC MAESTRO (IRE) (21)</b>	s	 <b>100</b>
	3413-U62P 8 11-11   74.8kg Jennie Candlish <i>Luke Scott (3lb/1kg)</i> Fine strike rate over hurdles (5-10) and notched second success in this sphere when making all in a small-field Leicester handicap over a year ago. Back to best on third start of the current campaign when runner-up at Sandown before out of depth next time. Player back at a suitable level.		
<b>3</b>	<b>DARE TO SHOUT (22) (D)</b>	t	<b>96</b>
	2235-14P4 9 11-8   73.5kg Ann Hamilton <i>Brian Hughes</i> Didn't need to improve much (if at all) to make a winning reappearance at Carlisle off 3 lb higher but has disappointed since (came in for some support back from a break last time).		
<b>4</b>	<b>TWOSHOTSOFTEQUILA (IRE) (21)</b>	h	<b>92</b>
	P223011/P 9 11-4   71.7kg Rebecca Menzies <i>Nathan Moscrop</i> Won at Catterick in February 2024 and followed up at Newcastle a week later. However, missed last season and was pulled up at Haydock (19.9f, soft) on belated return 3 weeks ago.		
<b>5</b>	<b>PRIMOZ (IRE) (14) (C)</b>	t	<b>99</b>
	107-23563 8 11-2   70.8kg Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore <i>Derek Fox</i> Unreliable type who put a couple of poor runs behind him when third at Newcastle 2 weeks ago but needs to back that up.		
<b>6</b>	<b>NED TANNER (IRE) (44) (CD)</b>	v+t	 <b>98</b>
	2214-733P 10 10-11   68.5kg N. W. Alexander <i>Sean Quinlan</i> Twice a winner last season, including this race off 2 lb higher. Easily best effort this term when third at Haydock (a race he won last year) but found little at Wetherby since. Change of headgear.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Classic Maestro, **10-3** Dare To Shout, **7-2** Primoz, **5-1** Ned Tanner, **9-1** Pour Les Filles, **16-1** Twoshotsotequila

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Most of these have something to prove but CLASSIC MAESTRO was hopelessly out of his depth last time and can bounce back with a bang returned to a suitable level. Last year's winner Ned Tanner is feared most in a change of headgear.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CLASSIC MAESTRO 2. NED TANNER 3. DARE TO SHOUT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Ned Tanner</b>	9-11-1	5-2	N. W. Alexander	Sean Quinlan	5
2024	<b>Dubai Days</b>	10-11-8	11-4	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (3)	5

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.30****CHELTENHAM LUNCH AT WESTERN HOUSE HOTEL NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000**  
**3m70y (4890 Metres)**

RACE 6

**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 BRIERY BUTTERFLY (30)**  **100**  
95654-322 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Henry Daly **Ciaran Gethings**

Has returned in fine heart, placing for the third consecutive race when chasing home a handicap blot at Huntingdon last time. Similar performance should be enough to take this.

**2 COYLTON KING (25)** **99**  
64-88F6U **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Ian Duncan

**Callum Bewley**

Only a length down and in the process of running well when unseating at the last over C&D on handicap debut 25 days ago. Entitled to be in the mix if none the worse for that.

**3 KALO ATHENA (IRE) (39) (D)** **98** s+t  
6P-6P5712 **7** 11-6 | 72.6kg



James Moffatt

**Brian Hughes** 

Dual-point winner who backed up her improved Wetherby success when second at Newcastle in January, found out by early keenness/more testing ground late on. Booking of Brian Hughes a significant positive.

**4 L'ARME DE BONHEUR (FR) (64)** **60**  
2089 **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg



N. W. Alexander

**Bruce Lynn**

Has shown nothing at long odds over hurdles following a promising bumper debut for previous connections, though marked step up in trip doesn't look out of the question on pedigree, and he's worth a second look in the betting now handicapping.

**5 CK O'MARA (IRE) (25)** **97**  
0954 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg



R. Mike Smith

**Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)**

Failed to improve/hinted at temperament on handicap debut at this track latest and longer trip one of a few question marks on that evidence.

**6 BLUE INDIGO (39)** **97**  
64P6P83 **6** 10-12 | 68.9kg



Gary Rutherford

**Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)**

Ran his best race to date when creditable third of 9 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (23.7f, heavy, 25/1) in January. Paid to be handy that day and he could be well-positioned again.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Briery Butterfly, **11-4** Kalo Athena, **4-1** Coylton King, **7-1** Blue Indigo, **9-1** L'arme De Bonheur, **33-1** Ck O'mara

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BRIERY BUTTERFLY bumped into one when attempting to make all at Huntingdon last time and this looks a good opportunity to open her account. Coylton King was still in contention when unseating over C&D last time and should be in the mix again if all is well, while Kalo Athena cannot be ruled out with Brian Hughes taking over.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BRIERY BUTTERFLY 2. COYLTON KING 3. KALO ATHENA**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Monsieur Le Fuzz</b> 6-11-12	22-1	Rebecca Menzies	Ross Chapman	16
2024	<b>Better Be Definite</b> 6-10-7	12-1	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (3)	15
2023	<b>You Some Boy</b> 8-12-0	14-1	Rebecca Menzies	Aaron Anderson (5)	11
2022	<b>Don Brocco</b> 6-10-13	9-2	Harriet Graham & Gary Rutherford	Ryan Mania	8
2021	<b>The Ogle Gogle Man</b> 9-12-3	16-5f	Iain Jardine	Conor O'Farrell	12

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**5.05**  
RACE 7

**BOOK DAY DANCIN 11 april@ayr RACECOURSE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4, 5 and 6yo £4,500 2m (3220 Metres)**



Going: **Soft**

The Ayr course is a left-handed circuit of one and a half miles comprising nine fences. It has well-graduated turns and a steady downhill run to the home turn before a gentle rise to the finish. There is a run-in of approximately one furlong. When the going is firm the course is sharp, but conditions regularly get extremely gruelling in mid-winter, that in itself explaining why the chase course claims similar numbers of casualties to such as Cheltenham and Haydock.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>POPTON POINT (IRE) (28)</b> (D)		<b>100</b>
	11 5 11-7   73.0kg		
	Jennie Candlish	<b>Luke Scott</b> (3lb/1kg)	
	Soldier of Fortune filly who has impressed with her attitude most of all in winning bumpers at Wetherby and Warwick 2 months apart. Has to concede weight all round but unlikely to give up her unbeaten record without a fight.		
<b>2</b>	<b>JET OF STARS (IRE)</b>		<b>96</b>
	5 11-4   71.7kg		
	Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore	<b>Brian Hughes</b>	
	Jet Away gelding who was bought for £230,000 after winning her sole outing in points and is a half-brother to numerous winners, including useful hurdler/very smart chaser Johns Spirit (stayed 3m). Noteworthy Rules newcomer.		
<b>3</b>	<b>DUNDEE LAW</b>		<b>90</b>
	4 10-8   67.1kg		
	Stuart Crawford, Ireland	<b>Sam Ewing</b>	
	Postponed gelding. Half-brother to fair 21f hurdle winner Gentle Life. Dam unraced half-sister to Champion Hurdle winner Punjabi and useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 2½m) Attribution. Yard no stranger to success in this sphere.		

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

5-4 Popton Point, 7-4 Jet of Stars, 3-1 Dundee Law

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

POPTON POINT showed a most likeable attitude when making it 2 from 2 in bumpers at Warwick last month and is fancied to maintain her unbeaten record. However, strong market support for either Jet of Stars or Dundee Law would put a slightly different slant on matters.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. POPTON POINT 2. JET OF STARS 3. DUNDEE LAW

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Sanilam</b> 5-11-4	22-1	Ms Claire O'Connell	Ryan Mania	10
2024	<b>Kingston James</b> 5-11-4	4-1	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (3)	8
2023	<b>Coniston George</b> 5-11-5	4-9f	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin	5
2022	<b>Picks Lad</b> 6-11-0	40-1	Micky Hammond	Craig Nichol	10
2021 <sup>I</sup>	<b>Largy Train</b> 4-10-8	10-3f	Stuart Crawford	Brian Hughes	9
2021 <sup>II</sup>	<b>Soft Risk</b> 5-11-0	3-1	Nicky Richards	Brian Hughes	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race