

Tuesday 10th February

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| 1.35   | JOIN RACING TV NOW CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2½m100y (4110 Metres) |
| RACE 1 | <b>(5) BURNING IT UP   (8) VELVET VULCAN   (2) SO MANY ROADS</b>                              |
| 2.05   | WATCH ON RACING TV HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m110y (4120 Metres)                       |
| RACE 2 | <b>(3) BALLYMACKIE   (4) BALLYEDWARD   (1) HEADS OR HARPS</b>                                 |
| 2.35   | EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m100y (4110 Metres)                          |
| RACE 3 | <b>(1) APACHE TRIBE   (3) GREEN ANGEL   (2) DUBHAIN</b>                                       |
| 3.05   | 100% RACINGTV PROFITS BACK TO RACING HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m110y (3320 Metres)      |
| RACE 4 | <b>(2) BIG STAGE   (1) FROM THE CLOUDS   (7) FLASH DU PISTOLET</b>                            |
| 3.35   | JOIN RACING TV NOW HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3m70y (4890 Metres)                        |
| RACE 5 | <b>(2) KASANOVA'S DREAM   (5) SHOESHINE BOY   (3) BIGLESISSBACK</b>                           |
| 4.05   | EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 3m20y (4850 Metres)               |
| RACE 6 | <b>(4) COWBOY COOPER   (1) I SEE THE SEA   (7) JIRKO</b>                                      |
| 4.35   | WATCH ON RACING TV MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 2m (3220 Metres)                        |
| RACE 7 | <b>(5) POETIC TWIST   (2) GOULMICHETTE   (3) LATOSCA DU HOUX</b>                              |

#### 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.

**1.35** **JOIN RACING TV NOW CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000**  
**2½m100y (4110 Metres)**  
**RACE 1**



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

- 1**
**THE JEWELLER'S PET (IRE) (16)** (CD) **93**

35-6P84U4 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

Ian Duncan *Alan Doyle*

Landed back-to-back C&D wins in the mud last February, including this race. Hasn't managed to reproduce that form switched to fences this winter but could be dangerous if a return to hurdles sees him recapture his best form.
- 2**
**SO MANY ROADS (39)** (CD) **98**

57/34U-731 9 11-13 | 75.7kg

Donald Whillans *Charlie Maggs*

Snapped a 3-year losing run when edging out Velvet Vulcan over C&D (soft) last month. While he hardly has the profile of one likely to follow up that was a well-contested race and he should remain very competitive off 3 lb higher.
- 3**
**BIG STORM BREWING (39)** (BF) **96**

966865-20 7 11-13 | 75.7kg

Tristan Davidson *Joe Williamson*

Returned from 8 months off with an improved second of 9 in 19.5f Doncaster handicap in December but he failed miserably to back that up when well behind So Many Roads and Velvet Vulcan over C&D 3 weeks later. Bounce back needed.
- 4**
**JAKANA (IRE) (12)** (D) **94**

05-25795P 7 11-11 | 74.8kg

Leonard Kerr *Conor Rabbitt*

Two-time winner for Fergal O'Brien last winter. Second on Hexham yard debut last summer but has struggled since.
- 5**
**BURNING IT UP (IRE) (14)** (BF) **100**

432-54P82 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

N. W. Alexander *Dominic Hislop (8lb/4kg)*

Second on Perth handicap debut last spring. Struggled in first 4 starts this season but back to form with cheekpieces added (retained) when close second at Newcastle a fortnight ago. The winner has gone in again since and he looks well treated off 2 lb higher if the headgear works again.
- 6**
**THE COFFEY BOY (IRE) (16)** **95**

86702 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Ian Duncan *William Maggs*

Improved at the second time of asking in handicaps when 12 lengths second of 8 at Sedgfield (17f, soft) 16 days ago. Stable also runs The Jeweller's Pet.
- 7**
**CK O'MARA (IRE) (28)** **95**

095 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

R. Mike Smith *Tom Midgley*

Well beaten in 3 novice hurdles over 2m here this winter. More realistic chance now handicapping but Velvet Vulcan looks the stable first string unless the betting hints otherwise.
- 8**
**VELVET VULCAN (39)** **99**

4-4642 7 10-13 | 69.4kg

R. Mike Smith *Ben Smith (3lb/1kg)*

Modest 2m Flat winner who posted his best effort yet in this sphere when second of 19 to So Many Roads over C&D (soft) 39 days ago, just failing despite racing keenly and making his ground out wide.
- 9**
**LEWA HOUSE (39)** (D) **93**

66282-560 10 10-6 | 66.2kg

Catch Bissett *Jack Power*

Chased home The Jeweller's Pet in this race last year. Also runner-up over fences at Hexham last March but has failed to recapture that form this season, finishing a long way behind a few of these over C&D last time.
- 10**
**BRAY DALE (39)** **90**

P753-05P 9 10-5 | 65.8kg

Catch Bissett *Joshua Thompson*

Third on 2m course handicap debut last March but hasn't reproduced that form in 3 course handicaps this winter.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Burning It Up, **7-2** So Many Roads, **4-1** Velvet Vulcan, **6-1** The Coffey Boy, **11-1** The Jeweller's Pet, **12-1** Big Storm Brewing, **28-1** Lewa House, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BURNING IT UP was clear with a next-time winner at Newcastle a couple of weeks ago and could prove the answer to this opener if showing up in similar form. Velvet Vulcan can turn around last month's C&D form with So Many Roads and give Nick Alexander's charge most to do. Last year's winner The Jeweller's Pet is another who could have a say.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BURNING IT UP 2. VELVET VULCAN 3. SO MANY ROADS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

|  |     |                 |                    |    |
|--|-----|-----------------|--------------------|----|
| 2025 <sup>I</sup> <b>Upfordebate</b> 6-10-9          | 6-1 | Patrick Neville | James Robottom (5) | 8  |
| 2025 <sup>II</sup> <b>The Jeweller's Pet</b> 6-10-12 | 8-1 | Ian Duncan      | Charlie Maggs      | 10 |

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.05**

**WATCH ON RACING TV HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4)  
5yo+ (Rated 0-115) £9,000 2½m110y (4120 Metres)**

RACE 2



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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|    | <b>1 HEADS OR HARPS (45) (C)</b> <b>99</b>  |
|   | 421-623 <b>9</b> 12-0   76.2kg<br>Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore <i>Derek Fox</i><br>Won 2m course handicap in March and found only one too good over that C&D in December. Lesser efforts either side of that and yard quiet by its standards.  |
|    | <b>2 SLEEPING SATELLITE (IRE) (64) (BF)</b> <b>97</b>   |
|   | 77-681213 <b>8</b> 11-11   74.8kg<br>Fergal O'Brien <i>Non Runner</i><br>At the top of his game with a tongue tie fitted, back to winning ways at Stratford (19.5f) in October and impressed with his jumping when making all at Catterick the following month. Right-handed track didn't suit quite as well last time but he still shaped as though in good order. NON RUNNER. |
|    | <b>3 BALLYMACKIE (IRE) (44) (D)</b> <b>100</b>  |
|   | 5/854-1 <b>8</b> 11-11   74.8kg<br>Olly Murphy <i>Sean Bowen</i><br>A dual winning Irish pointer but only modest form shown in four runs over fences for Laura Morgan. Off 12 months and heavily backed prior to making a ready winning stable debut at Leicester in December. 8 lb rise unlikely to prevent the follow up.   |
|  | <b>4 BALLYEDWARD (IRE) (32)</b> <b>98</b>   |
|   | 03680 <b>6</b> 11-5   72.1kg<br>Stuart Crawford, Ireland <i>Brian Hughes</i><br>Placed in points and has shaped as if one for handicaps in bumper/hurdle starts under Rules. Better expected on handicap/chase debut for successful yard.   |
|  | <b>5 OZZY COSMO (IRE) (40) (C)</b> <b>93</b>  |
|   | FF/6P3P-8P <b>7</b> 10-12   68.9kg<br>N. W. Alexander <i>Conor O'Farrell</i><br>Fair hurdle winner. Mixed record over fences last season and well held on reappearance here over timber, while he also dropped away back over the larger obstacles on New Year's Day. Plenty to prove.  |

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-11** Ballymackie, **7-1** Heads Or Harps, **7-1** Ballyedward, **16-1** Ozy Cosmo

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BALLYMACKIE was a completely different proposition starting out for Olly Murphy when justifying heavy support at Leicester in December and his revised mark looks well within range. Ballyedward is a potential improver now chasing so may fare best of the rest.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BALLYMACKIE 2. BALLYEDWARD 3. HEADS OR HARPS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

|      |                              |        |                   |                |   |
|------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|---|
| 2025 | <b>Walk On Quest</b> 6-11-9  | 13-8f  | Lucinda Russell   | Alan Doyle (5) | 7 |
| 2024 | <b>Artic Row</b> 7-11-4      | 11-4jf | N. W. Alexander   | Sean Quinlan   | 8 |
| 2023 | <b>Ardera Cross</b> 12-10-6  | 10-1   | William Young Jnr | Sean Quinlan   | 9 |
| 2022 | <b>Ard Chros</b> 10-11-6     | 7-1    | Stuart Coltherd   | Sam Coltherd   | 9 |
| 2021 | <b>Do Not Disturb</b> 8-11-8 | 7-1    | Rose Dobbin       | Craig Nichol   | 9 |

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2½m100y (4110 Metres)**

RACE 3



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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 APACHE TRIBE (IRE) (139) (D) 100**  
51 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Mr O. McGill (5lb/2kg)**  
Point recruit who looked promising in bumpers earlier in the season, finishing fifth at the Galway Festival before scoring easily at Listowel 8 weeks later. Should have a bright future over hurdles.

**2 DUBHAIN (IRE) (71) (BF) 91**  
33 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Brian Hughes**  
Point winner who shaped with promise when third in bumpers at Down Royal (good to soft) and this venue (heavy) towards the end of 2025. Hurdle debut for yard also responsible for Green Angel.

**3 GREEN ANGEL (IRE) (46) t 98**  
4 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **J. J. Slevin**  
Made frame sole start in points last spring and made an encouraging start to his hurdling career when 9 lengths fourth of 10 at Down Royal (17f, soft) 46 days ago. Likely to improve and go well.

**4 HOPELESS DANCER (69) (BF) 86**  
32232 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Danny McMenamin**  
Placed in bumpers and hurdles for the Twiston-Davies stable but his form over timber is no better than modest. Will need improvement if he's to strike on this first outing for a new yard.

**5 LARGY MEADOW (IRE) (19) h+t 70**  
284 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)**  
Second in Ballinrobe bumper for Stuart Crawford last summer but too headstrong when beaten a long way in 2 hurdle outings over 2m for new stable last month. It remains to be seen whether this step up in trip helps.

**6 MALAYALAM (FR) (43) 85**  
7 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Derek Fox**  
Point winner but no obvious short-term promise when seventh of 10 in 2m maiden at Kelso on hurdle debut over Christmas. Step up in trip should suit but yard still enduring quiet spell.

**7 NOPRESENTLIKETIME (IRE) (405) 88**  
5- 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Sean Bowen**  
4/1, fifth off 9 in 2m Fairyhouse bumper last January. Absent since ahead of this switch to hurdles but represents a top stable and market confidence would look significant.

**8 OLD COMRADES (IRE) (43) 75**  
6 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Conor O'Farrell**  
£58,000 purchase after getting off the mark in Irish points at the fourth attempt last May but looks more of a longer-term project under Rules judged on his effort in a Kelso novice hurdle 6 weeks ago.

**9 RETURN TO FLORIDA (IRE) (14) s 70**  
3P 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Sean Quinlan**  
Well held on his completed start in points. Offered something to work on when third in a Musselburgh bumper in December but always behind on Newcastle hurdle debut since. Cheekpieces are reached for after that.

**10 WHATHAVEYOU (IRE) (39) t 85**  
4-75 7 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Bruce Lynn**  
Remote fourth in a Perth bumper in spring 2024. Better effort in 2m course maiden hurdles since returning from a long absence when fifth of 13 last month but unlikely to be of real interest until handicapping.

**11 STRATHCATCHA (7) 65**  
7777 6 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 **Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)**  
Well beaten in a trio of bumpers and a novice hurdle.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1 Apache Tribe, 5-2 Green Angel, 11-2 Dubhain, 9-1 Nopresentliketime, 16-1 Hopeless Dancer, 25-1 Malayalam, 28-1 Whathaveyou, 80-1 bar**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The way APACHE TRIBE forged clear in a Listowel bumper in the autumn suggests he should be up to winning a race like this now hurdling. Stuart Crawford pair Green Angel and Dubhain can provide the main opposition unless the betting speaks in the favour of Gordon Elliott's Nopresentliketime.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. APACHE TRIBE 2. GREEN ANGEL 3. DUBHAIN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

|      |                                 |      |                 |                 |    |
|------|---------------------------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|----|
| 2025 | <b>Jeune Prince</b> 6-11-9      | 15-8 | Lucinda Russell | Patrick Wadge   | 12 |
| 2024 | <b>President Scottie</b> 6-11-9 | 2-1  | Nicky Richards  | Danny McMenamin | 17 |
| 2023 | <b>Langdale Lane</b> 6-11-9     | 7-2  | Stuart Crawford | J. J. Slevin    | 9  |
| 2022 | <b>Charm Offensive</b> 8-11-0   | 7-1  | N. W. Alexander | Conor O'Farrell | 14 |
| 2021 | <b>Ahoy Senor</b> 6-11-4        | 16-1 | Lucinda Russell | Derek Fox       | 12 |

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.05**

RACE 4

**100% RACINGTV PROFITS BACK TO RACING HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £9,000 2m110y (3320 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 FROM THE CLOUDS (FR) (28) (D)** t **97**

411U/24 9 12-1 | 76.7kg  
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Jack Power (5lb/2kg)**  
 Quickly made into a fairly useful hurdler, scoring twice over 2m at Newcastle early in 2024. Showed aptitude for chasing after 19 months off when second over C&D in November and ran as well as could have been expected in novice here 4 weeks ago. Not taken lightly back in a handicap.

**2 BIG STAGE (IRE) (41)** b+t **100**

75-29F744 8 11-10 | 74.4kg  
 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Sean Bowen**  
 Has been given a chance by the handicapper and ran better than for a while fitted with headgear when fourth of 16 at Punchestown 6 weeks ago. Change of headgear and could be ready to strike.

**3 ONE MILL HARBOUR (FR) (12) (D)** t **97**

11/5P 9 11-8 | 73.5kg  
 James Moffatt **Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)**  
 Looked progressive when winning 3 of 4 handicap chase starts in 2023. However, well held both starts over hurdles in recent months after 2 years off so plenty to prove back chasing.

**4 KHAVARI (FR) (19)** t **93**

22U2-U642 6 11-5 | 72.1kg  
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Craig Nichol**  
 A fair ex-French 2m3f hurdle winner. Similar form shown in this sphere, a solid second in first-time tongue strap at Huntingdon last month. This more competitive.

**5 DANCE THIEF (IRE) (101) (CD)** **94**

2261233-5 8 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 R. Mike Smith **Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)**  
 Winner of this race last year on his second career start over fences. Struggled off revised mark after, however, and probably still a bit too high in the weights.

**6 KINBARA FIRSTDRAFT (IRE) (12) (C, D)** **59**

1642-7587 7 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Stuart Crawford, Ireland **J. J. Slevin**  
 Winning hurdler but well held switched to chasing last 2 starts.

**7 FLASH DU PISTOLET (IRE) (12)** **98**

353311P-5 8 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 Stuart Coltherd **Sean Quinlan**  
 Ex-pointer who took a step forward to score twice in March. Hat-trick never looked on the cards following month but made an encouraging return over C&D 12 days ago. Respected.

**8 BALLYFORT (IRE) (12) (CD)** h+t **93**

4149-1316 8 10-13 | 69.4kg  
 N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**  
 Well placed to win 2 handicaps (over C&D latter occasion) back chasing this season but struggled in better company back here a fortnight ago.

**9 DON OCCHETTI (IRE) (28) (D)** t **92**

970/231-P6 8 10-10 | 68.0kg  
 William Young Jnr **Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)**  
 Opened account for Dan Skelton in Worcester chase in August 2024 but has shown little both starts for new yard after 16 months off.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Big Stage, **9-2** From The Clouds, **13-2** Flash Du Pistolet, **8-1** Kahavari, **9-1** Dance Thief, **12-1** Ballyfort, **14-1** Kinbara Firstdraft, **16-1** One Mill Harbour, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BIG STAGE took a firm step back in the right direction at Punchestown 6 weeks ago and could be ready to strike off a tempting mark. From The Clouds has taken well to fences this season after an absence and is respected back in a handicap, while Flash du Pistolet progressed well as a novice and is entitled to come on for his recent return.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BIG STAGE 2. FROM THE CLOUDS 3. FLASH DU PISTOLET**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

|      |                                |        |                   |                   |   |
|------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| 2025 | <b>Dance Thief</b> 7-11-0      | 11-1   | R. Mike Smith     | Ben Smith (7)     | 6 |
| 2024 | <b>Netywell</b> 7-12-0         | 85-40f | Lucinda Russell   | Patrick Wadge (3) | 7 |
| 2023 | <b>Douglas Talking</b> 7-11-12 | 7-4    | Lucinda Russell   | Derek Fox         | 4 |
| 2022 | <b>Ardera Cross</b> 11-10-2    | 4-1    | William Young Jnr | Sam Coltherd      | 6 |
| 2021 | <b>Ardera Cross</b> 10-11-11   | 11-8f  | William Young Jnr | Sean Quinlan      | 5 |

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**3.35**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 FOLLOW CHARLIE (IRE) (12) (C)** s **97**

2-1061846 7 12-0 | 76.2kg  
 **R. Mike Smith** *Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)*  
 Won at Perth last spring and back to form to land a third course success over 20.5f in November. Subsequent efforts suggest he's summed up by his mark.

**2 KASANOVA'S DREAM (FR) (19)** b  **100**

3-346 6 12-0 | 76.2kg  
 **Gordon Elliott, Ireland**  *Sean Bowen*  
 Placed first 2 starts in maiden company and fitted with blinkers, he was back at that level when sixth of 15 on handicap debut at Gowran 3 weeks ago. This looks an easier race and has to command serious respect given yard he represents.

**3 BIGLESISBACK (40) (BF)** **97**

93222 6 12-0 | 76.2kg  
 **Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore** *Derek Fox*  
 Solid form when third over 2½m at Perth and improved dropped back in trip when clear runner-up in a 2m Hexham novice. Well-related mare and while she couldn't justify support on handicap debut, she showed plenty when second at Musselburgh on New Year's Day.

**4 BE THE DIFFERENCE (IRE) (18) (CD)**  **98**

03311163 10 11-13 | 75.7kg  
 **Philip Kirby** *Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)*  
 Completed a hat-trick in decisive fashion at Sedgfield in December but winning run ended off revised mark when sixth of 7 at Wetherby on Boxing Day. Down in grade and merely plugged on for third at Doncaster 3 weeks ago.

**5 SHOESHINE BOY (IRE) (12) (CD)** t  **99**

79-832F11 10 11-11 | 74.8kg  
 **Donald Whillans** *Craig Nichol*  
 Capitalised on a much-reduced mark when gamely bagging a third C&D victory last month and his willing attitude again in evidence when going in again here 12 days ago. 4 lb rise shouldn't prevent a bold hat-trick bid.

**6 ADVERAM (12) (C)** v **95**

2385-371P 7 11-5 | 72.1kg  
 **Ian Duncan** *Callum Bewley*  
 Ended a long losing run reverted to hurdles in 9-runner handicap at Hexham (23.3f, heavy) in December, holding on gamely. That race didn't work out and he ran a moody race behind Shoeshine Boy over C&D latest. Visor replaces cheekpieces.

**7 WISE MOVE (IRE) (11)** h **97**

9594-4525 8 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 **George Bewley** *Jonathon Bewley*  
 Multiple winning pointer but just a modest maiden hurdler. Did step up on return to action when second of 10 at Wetherby on Boxing Day but didn't get his own way when brushed aside at Catterick. Back up in trip.

**8 COYLTON KING (28)** **96**

64-88F6 6 10-10 | 68.0kg  
 **Ian Duncan** *Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)*  
 Fourth in course bumper this time last year and has looked a work-in-progress over hurdles so far. Up in trip for handicap debut and this will reveal more.

**9 BETTER BE DEFINITE (28) (CD)**  **98**

691/210-44 8 10-8 | 67.1kg  
 **N. W. Alexander** *Bruce Lynn*  
 Off the mark over C&D in March 2024 and doubled his tally in a Hexham handicap last spring. By no means disgraced when fourth of 9 back from a break at Kelso (21f, good to soft) in November and occupied same spot behind Shoeshine Boy over C&D 4 weeks ago.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Biglesisback, **9-2** Kasanova's Dream, **9-2** Shoeshine Boy, **11-1** Better Be Definite, **11-1** Be The Difference, **12-1** Wise Move, **12-1** Follow Charlie, **14-1** Coylton King, **20-1** Adveram

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

KASANOVA'S DREAM shaped well in a deeper handicap than this at Gowran 3 weeks ago and representing a feared trainer/jockey combination, he could be the answer. Shoeshine Boy chases a C&D hat-trick and is an obvious threat, with Biglesisback also of interest.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KASANOVA'S DREAM 2. SHOESHINE BOY 3. BIGLESISBACK**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

|      |                             |      |                 |                |    |
|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------|----------------|----|
| 2025 | <b>Maura Jeanne</b> 8-10-7  | 15-2 | Ian Duncan      | Alan Doyle (5) | 13 |
| 2024 | <b>Shoeshine Boy</b> 8-11-5 | 7-1  | Donald Whillans | Craig Nichol   | 13 |
| 2023 | <b>Apple Away</b> 6-12-0    | 4-1  | Lucinda Russell | Derek Fox      | 10 |

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.05**

**EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000 3m20y (4850 Metres)**

RACE 6



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 I SEE THE SEA (IRE) (20)** b **100**  
612-63172 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

Christopher Kellett **Ryan Mania**  
Notched second success over fences when opening account for present yard at Catterick in November. Subsequent effort over the same C&D was subdued but bounced back with an excellent second there 3 weeks ago and can go well again with a repeat.

**2 LE GRAND VERT (FR) (24) (CD)** s+t **93**  
6836UP8P 10 11-11 | 74.8kg

Noel C. Kelly, Ireland **Mr O. McGill (5lb/2kg)**  
C&D winner last season but arrives badly out of form.

**3 SKYHILL (IRE) (43) (CD)** t **97**  
4584/14U-P 13 11-8 | 73.5kg

Alison Hamilton **Jamie Hamilton**  
Veteran who won on his reappearance at Kelso last term but has struggled since, including on this season's return.

**4 COWBOY COOPER (IRE) (39) (CD)** **96**  
3/2141-031 10 11-7 | 73.0kg

Donald Whillans **Craig Nichol**  
Dual 3m chase winner last term, including over this C&D, and added another win to his tally over C&D last month. Up 6 lb but this race doesn't look as strong.

**5 SWALLOWS SONG (26)** b+t **95**  
3/474-7446 8 11-5 | 72.1kg

Iain Jardine **Danny McMenamin**  
Debut bumper winner in 2022 but remains winless following 15 attempts over hurdles/fences, running poorly tried in this headgear at Newcastle latest. Tongue strap on 1st time.

**6 TOROSAY (IRE) (28) (D)** s **97**  
1/6037-274 8 11-4 | 71.7kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Gregor Walkingshaw (10lb/5kg)**  
Resumed with a good second over this C&D in November but not in same form both starts since, once again let down by jumping.

**7 JIRKO (FR) (28)** **98**  
5/8780-323 7 11-3 | 71.2kg

N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**  
Didn't show a great deal in bumpers/over hurdles but this 7-y-o has performed with credit since switched to fences this season. Less testing conditions here in his favour.

**8 RIGHTBACKATYOU (IRE) (14)** **97**  
4/65-687F 8 10-12 | 68.9kg

Stuart Coltherd **Ross Chapman**  
Maiden pointer who hasn't offered much promise in a bumper/over hurdles. Makes chase debut.

**9 TORY HILL (IRE) (71)** t **96**  
0587-P 8 10-11 | 68.5kg

George Bewley **Jonathon Bewley**  
Runner-up all 4 completed starts in Irish points but has yet to make an impact under Rules.

**10 KINGSTON ROCK (IRE) (62)** s **97**  
655836-PP 8 10-5 | 65.8kg

Gary Rutherford **Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)**  
Modest maiden who has shown nothing in 2 runs so far this season and it's easy enough to look elsewhere.

**11 EX S'ELANCE (FR) (359)** s **84**  
4P87/F68P- 12 10-2(9-9) | 64.4kg (61.2kg)

Victor Thompson **Miss Pippa Brown (7lb/3kg)**  
Dual chase winner in spring 2023 but has been struggling for a while now, his jumping particularly an issue last season. Off 11 months and 7 lb out of handicap.

**12 EUCHAN FALLS (IRE) (28) (C)** t **87**  
08-27PPPP 9 10-2(9-6) | 64.4kg (59.9kg)

R. Mike Smith **Nathan Moscrop**  
Dual hurdles winner back in 2023 but he's a long-standing maiden in this sphere and has failed to complete on each of his last 4 starts. 10 lb out of the handicap.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** I See The Sea, **7-2** Cowboy Cooper, **9-2** Jirko, **7-1** Torosay, **14-1** Swallows Song, **16-1** Skyhill, **22-1** Le Grand Vert, **33-1** Rightbackatyou, **33-1** Kingston Rock, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

COWBOY COOPER won a better race than this over C&D last month so can defy a 6 lb rise. I See The Sea is proving up and down but a repeat of his latest second at Catterick puts him bang there. Jirko has taken well to fences this season and looks best of the others.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. COWBOY COOPER 2. I SEE THE SEA 3. JIRKO**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

|      |                        |         |      |                 |                   |    |
|------|------------------------|---------|------|-----------------|-------------------|----|
| 2025 | <b>Cowboy Cooper</b>   | 9-11-1  | 9-1  | Donald Whillans | Craig Nichol      | 13 |
| 2024 | <b>Camp Belan</b>      | 8-11-13 | 17-2 | Lucinda Russell | Derek Fox         | 9  |
| 2023 | <b>Prince Dundee</b>   | 10-12-2 | 10-1 | Lucinda Russell | Patrick Wadge (7) | 10 |
| 2022 | <b>Just Don't Know</b> | 9-11-12 | 7-1  | Paul Robson     | Craig Nichol      | 6  |
| 2021 | <b>Slainte Mhor</b>    | 7-11-11 | 6-1  | Lucinda Russell | Derek Fox         | 14 |

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.35****WATCH ON RACING TV MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT**  
**(4) 4, 5 and 6yo fillies and mares £5,000 2m (3220**  
**Metres)**

RACE 7

**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 CULZEAN (71) 75**

6 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ian Duncan

**Alan Doyle (31b/1kg)**

Offered little when sixth of 8 in C&amp;D bumper (heavy) on debut in December.

**2 GOULMICHETTE (FR) 100**

6 11-2 | 70.8kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

**Ben Sutton (51b/2kg)**

€40,000 3-y-o, €170,000 5-y-o, No Risk At All mare. Half-sister to fair chaser Dourdour and fairly useful chaser Swapped. Dam ran twice over hurdles. Easy winner of sole start in Irish points, so obvious interest on Rules debut.

**3 LATOSCA DU HOUX (FR) 83**

5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Richards

**Sean Quinlan**

Gris De Gris mare. Half-sister to 2 winners, including useful hurdler After Rain, stayed 2¼m. Dam French chaser (2¼m winner). Newcomers from yard often fancied in this sphere.

**4 OOR WISH (IRE) (28) 78**

4 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



N. W. Alexander

**Bruce Lynn**

Getaway mare. Half-sister to fair staying hurdler Townhill. Shaped with some promise when fourth of 8 in a C&amp;D bumper on debut 4 weeks ago and may improve.

**5 POETIC TWIST (IRE) (38) 88**

4 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

**Sean Bowen**

Poet's Word mare. Half-sister to bumper winner Starzand. Showed ability when fourth of 9 to subsequent Grade 2 winner Moonverrin in bumper at Cork on last month's debut and entitled to do better.

**6 R KRISTA (67) 70**

76 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



James Moffatt

**Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg)**

Little impact in 2 bumpers 6 months apart.

**7 RUN AROUND SUSIE (IRE) (58) 76**

4 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Daragh Bourke

**Callum Bewley**

Getaway mare who ran to just a poor level at Carlisle on debut in December.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

evens Goulmichette, 11-4 Poetic Twist, 5-1 Latosca Du Houx, 20-1 Oor Wish, 66-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

POETIC TWIST shaped with promise behind subsequent Grade 2 winner Moonverrin on her debut at Cork last month, so she's fancied to get off the mark at the second time of asking. Goulmichette and Latosca du Houx are a pair of interesting Rules newcomers however, and strong market support for either would put a different slant on matters.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. POETIC TWIST 2. GOULMICHETTE 3. LATOSCA DU HOUX****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

|      |                                  |       |                 |                 |    |
|------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|----|
| 2025 | <b>Royal Hillsborough</b> 5-11-0 | 6-1   | Stuart Crawford | Sean Flanagan   | 4  |
| 2024 | <b>Pitwood Road</b> 6-11-2       | 5-4f  | Terence O'Brien | Brian Hughes    | 6  |
| 2023 | <b>Hierachy</b> 5-11-2           | 18-1  | N. W. Alexander | Bruce Lynn (3)  | 12 |
| 2022 | <b>Nifty Getaway</b> 6-11-0      | 17-2  | Archie Watson   | Nick Scholfield | 12 |
| 2021 | <b>Wheres Maud Gone</b> 5-11-7   | 8-15f | L J Morgan      | Adam Wedge      | 7  |

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race