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RACE 4 **(7) EXPRESS SURPRISE | (6) PADDY O'MAHLER | (2) HEEZTHEBOY**

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WETHERBY RACECOURSE & CONFERENCE CENTRE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) TORMUND GIANTSBANE | (6) CAPTAIN BUTLER | (3) WOODLAND PARK**

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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

WATCH RACING TV IN STUNNING HD 'CHASING EXCELLENCE'
NOVICES' CHASE (3) 5yo+ £15,000 2m3f85y (3900
Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	GAMESTERS GUY (26) (D)		100
	1/2142-315 7 11-10 74.4kg		
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	<i>Craig Nichol</i>	
	Dual bumper winner who showed useful form over hurdles last season. Confirmed chasing debut promise when beating sole rival at Doncaster (24f, soft) in December, before shaping better than result when last of 5 in handicap at Windsor 26 days ago. Leading claims.		
2	I AM MAX (IRE) (46)		88
	2234-1045 8 11-10 74.4kg		
	Sandy Thomson	<i>Patrick Wadge</i>	
	Developed a positive record over hurdles last season and made a winning return tried again over fences in handicap at Hexham (20.1f, good) in October. However, he hasn't been in the same form since so looks to face a difficult task.		

2 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-9 Gamesters Guy, 4-1 I Am Max

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This looks a good opportunity for GAMESTERS GUY to double his tally over fences having paid the price for racing too keenly on handicap chase debut at Windsor last time. Back down in trip he can get the better of I Am Max, who hasn't gone on from making a winning start this season.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GAMESTERS GUY 2. I AM MAX

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2












wetherbyracing.co.uk NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+
£10,000 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1	BOBBY'S NELSON (IRE) (34) (D)	100
	2/221 7 11-9 73.9kg Philip Hobbs & Johnson White  Promising individual who improved further to get off the mark at the third time of asking over hurdles in 12-runner novice (10/3) at Ffos Las (20f, heavy) 20 days ago, impressing with the way he jumped/travelled up in trip. Sort to go on progressing and looks capable of defying a penalty.	Sean Houlihan
2	BOSSMAN JACK (34)	96
	1-31 6 11-9 73.9kg Dan Skelton Impressive winner of sole outing in bumpers at Wincanton and confirmed hurdling debut promise when mastering a previous winner after the last in 11-runner novice at Ffos Las (15.8f, heavy) 34 days ago, well on top finish. Bred to be at least as effective over this trip and open to more improvement.	Harry Skelton
3	SWINDON VILLAGE (IRE) (26)	98
	136-313 6 11-9 73.9kg Charlie Longsdon 6-figure point purchase who was highly tried after making a winning bumper debut last season. Excellent start over hurdles, third in a strong Ffos Las maiden before running out a decisive winner at Leicester (20.5f). Seemed not to get home upped in trip at Windsor since and remains with potential.	David Bass
4	AU PLAISIR (FR) (27)	70
	0300 5 11-2 70.8kg Rebecca Menzies Some promise in bumpers but looks one for the longer term in this sphere judged on his opening effort at Newcastle last month.	Nathan Moscrop
5	FOREVER LOUIE (51)	86
	62 5 11-2 70.8kg Rebecca Menzies Half-brother to 3 winners, including bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler Ryedale Racer. Built on debut promise when second in 7-runner bumper at Musselburgh (15.6f, good to soft) in December, lacking pace of winner. Longer trip should suit now hurdling.	Ross Chapman
6	JONNY SETASIDE (FR)	86
	5 11-2 70.8kg Tom Ellis €45,000 3-y-o, Dink gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to smart hurdler/high-class chaser (winner around 2m) Hinterland and French hurdler/chase winner (17f-2¼m winner) Lofte Place. Yard in good form and needs a close look in the betting ahead of debut.	Jack Andrews
7	KING KODIAK (IRE) (45)	70
	75U-OP 7 11-2 70.8kg George Bewley Looks decidedly limited on early evidence. First-time cheekpieces now tried.	Jonathon Bewley
8	NORDIC GIFT (IRE)	79
	7 11-2 70.8kg Rebecca Menzies Frozen Fire gelding. Dam failed to complete all 3 starts in points. Makes little appeal on paper and most likely best watched unless the betting suggests otherwise.	Mr Philip Thomas (71b/3kg)
9	PASSING DIAMOND (IRE) (63)	85
	436 6 11-2 70.8kg Ben Haslam Fair form when in the frame in a pair of bumpers for David O'Brien in Ireland last summer but finished a remote sixth on Hereford hurdle debut on sole outing for Neil Mulholland in December.	K. Brogan
10	THE FOREMAN (1376)	79
	8 11-2 70.8kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Beat only one home in a Haydock bumper on debut back in May 2022 and not seen since.	Peter Kavanagh

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Bobby's Nelson, 5-2 Swindon Village, 3-1 Bossman Jack, 16-1 Jonny Setaside, 18-1 Forever Louie, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Previous winners BOBBY'S NELSON, Swindon Village and Bossman Jack look the trio to concentrate on, with narrow preference for the first named, who impressed with the way he jumped and travelled when opening his account at Ffos Las on his most recent outing and looks up to defying a penalty.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BOBBY'S NELSON 2. SWINDON VILLAGE 3. BOSSMAN JACK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Wendigo 6-11-9 1-11f Jamie Snowden Gavin Sheehan 10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3






BOOK TICKETS NOW AT wetherbyracing.co.uk JUVENILE HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo £10,000 2m (3220 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	KLYCOT (FR) (20) (CD) 4121 4 11-12 75.3kg  Harry Bannister Fairly useful winner on Flat in France who is proving steadily progressive over hurdles, defying a penalty at the second attempt in emphatic fashion over C&D last month. Likeable type who must be respected despite having to concede weight all round.	100
2	MERCI MAM (FR) (104) 1 4 11-7 73.0kg  Harry Skelton Made a successful hurdling debut in 11-runner juvenile at Lyon Parilly (16.9f, heavy) for Hugo Merienne in November. Sold for a whopping €520,000 subsequently and seems sure to improve having joined a top yard.	96
3	LOVE SONNET (IRE) (56) (D) 211 4 11-5 72.1kg  James Davies Progressive 2-time scorer on the Flat in Ireland and has made a bright start to her hurdle career, improving further to follow up from Hereford in 10-runner juvenile at Newbury (16.3f) in December, suited by way race developed. Limit may not yet have been reached.	94
4	CAPTAIN CONNOR (FR) (20) 348 4 11-0 69.9kg  Jamie Hamilton Placed sole outing in bumpers but has achieved little both starts over hurdles. Handicaps presumably up after this.	78
5	BLONDINA (IRE) (41) 9 4 10-7 66.7kg  Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg) Modest maiden on the Flat for Jim Bolger who offered little sent hurdling after 7 months off when down the field in juvenile hurdle at Musselburgh (15.6f, good to soft) on New Year's Day. Low-grade handicaps sure to be more her bag further down the line.	56

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Merci Mam, 9-4 Klycot, 11-4 Love Sonnet, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MERCI MAM was purchased for an eye-watering €520,000 after making a successful hurdling debut in France in November and, open to plenty of improvement on first outing for the Skeltons, he's fancied to maintain his unbeaten record before going on to better things. Klycot and Love Sonnet have taken well to this discipline and warrant obvious respect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MERCI MAM 2. KLYCOT 3. LOVE SONNET

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Live Conti 4-11-7 1-9f Dan Skelton Harry Skelton 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

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HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+










(Rated 0-120) £10,000 3m45y (4870 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	PIMLICO POINT (IRE) (13) (D)	b+t	95
	<div>1U/25P-25P911-1275.3kg</div> <div>Kerry Lee</div> <div>Runner-up at Worcester last summer but hasn't built on that in only 2 starts since, looking rusty after 3 months off when pulled up at Wincanton (25.1f, heavy) 13 days ago. However, he's now dropped below last winning mark if blinkers have a positive effect.</div>	<div>Tom Cannon</div>	
2	HEEZTHEBOY (IRE) (22) (CD, BF)		98
	<div>66-121113911-873.5kg</div> <div>Gary Hanmer</div> <div>Much improved since joining current yard, winning 4 of first 5 starts this season including over C&D in November. Run of good form halted when well-beaten third at Leicester (22.7f, soft) 22 days ago, but it's too soon to be writing him off.</div>	<div>J. Hogan</div>	
3	EATON ANNE (IRE) (71) (BF)		99
	<div>241175-47811-773.0kg</div> <div>Olly Murphy</div> <div>Won back-to-back handicap hurdles last winter but progress has stalled since, again prominent in the market when last of 7 at Southwell (24.3f, good to soft) in December. However, was successful in his only Irish point, so he's not ruled out now chasing.</div>	<div>Sean Bowen</div>	
4	LATENIGHTRUMBLE (24) (CD)	s+t	 95
	<div>3122P-588911-773.0kg</div> <div>Tom Ellis</div> <div>Made a winning handicap chase debut at this C&D in December 2024, but ended last term on a low key note and is yet to fire this season, eighth of 16 at Windsor (28.7f, soft) 24 days ago. Drops in grade though others more persuasive at present.</div>	<div>Jack Andrews</div>	
5	FENLAND TIGER (15)	s	98
	<div>3117/72041011-572.1kg</div> <div>Sam England</div> <div>Three-time chase winner in 2023/24 and making second start back from a lengthy absence he proved that he retains ability when runner-up at Carlisle in November. Stiff task next time, but lesser effort at Newcastle (23.4f, heavy) 15 days ago. Cheekpieces now reached for.</div>	<div>Jonathan England</div>	
6	PADDY O'MAHLER (IRE) (43) (C, D)	s	99
	<div>5145-2211811-572.1kg</div> <div>Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith</div> <div>Has quickly developed into a better chaser than hurdler in 4 starts this season, making it back-to-back wins when knuckling down well for success at Haydock (25.6f, good) 6 weeks ago. The front pair pulled clear last time and he's not taken lightly.</div>	<div>Danny McMenamin</div>	
7	EXPRESS SURPRISE (IRE) (24) (CD)	t	 100
	<div>3143-3114711-270.8kg</div> <div>Clive Boulton</div> <div>Took a step forward when doubling his tally at this C&D in December, before following up at Uttoxeter later the same month. Continued in good form when fourth of 16 at Windsor (28.7f, soft) 24 days ago and he's a major player back down slightly in grade.</div>	<div>Ned Fox (3lb/1kg)</div>	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Paddy O'mahler, 5-1 Heeztheboy, 13-2 Express Surprise, 13-2 Eaton Anne, 8-1 Pimlico Point, 9-1 Fenland Tiger, 16-1 Latenightrumble

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for EXPRESS SURPRISE who has taken his form up a notch this season, recording back-to-back wins before running well when fourth in a competitive contest at Windsor last time. He can gain a second C&D success, though Paddy O'Mahler is respected in his hat-trick bid, with Heeztheboy also in the mix as he bids for a fifth win of the campaign.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EXPRESS SURPRISE 2. PADDY O'MAHLER 3. HEEZTHEBOY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Sound And Fury 8-12-113-2 Ben PaulingKielan Woods8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5













WETHERBY RACECOURSE & CONFERENCE CENTRE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £17,500 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	INTO THE PARK (IRE) (33)	s	96
	14/029-24P 7 12-0 76.2kg Philip Hobbs & Johnson White  Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg) Low-mileage sort who has shaped well after 8 months off when in the frame in 2m4f handicap hurdles at Uttoxeter and Sandown this winter. Should make a chaser but ran no sort of race with cheekpieces on for his first try at Exeter last month and quickly reverts to hurdles.		
2	TORMUND GIANTSbane (IRE) (68) (D)		99
	Dan Skelton 6 11-13 75.7kg Harry Skelton Bumper winner who made a successful hurdling debut at Carlisle in November. Matched that stepping up markedly in class when fourth of 5 in Grade 2 hurdle at Sandown (13/2) the following month and looks a potential improver now handicapping for his top yard.		
3	WOODLAND PARK (IRE) (42) (BF)		96
	31/21-33Z 7 11-12 75.3kg Sean Bowen Olly Murphy Has stepped up his game since returning from a 12-month absence last November, latest when second of 8 in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (11/10 fav) 6 weeks ago, taking a while to knuckle down and wandering before the last. Nudged up another 2 lb but knocking at the door.		
4	BARATABLET (IRE) (44) (D, BF)		97
	22131-14 6 11-10 74.4kg Brian Hughes Nicky Richards Progressed again when landing a 13-runner Newcastle handicap (20.3f, good to soft) in good style on his seasonal reappearance in December. The race may have come too soon when failing to land the odds at Kelso 18 days later and this 6-y-o may well get back on track here.		
5	BERTIE'S BALLEt (25)		98
	P362312-7 8 11-9 73.9kg Sean Quinlan Dianne Sayer Returned from 11 months off when seventh of 8 in handicap hurdle at Haydock (9/1) 25 days ago, shaping as if as good as ever but given considerate ride. Back up in trip and worth keeping an eye on having finished second in this corresponding race last season (now 3 lb lower).		
6	CAPTAIN BUTLER (IRE) (25)		100
	1/15-2645 8 11-8 73.5kg Craig Nichol Ruth Jefferson Point winner who landed a Newcastle bumper and Kelso maiden hurdle for Pauline Robson. Good start for this yard when runner-up in Ayr handicap hurdle off this mark on reappearance in November. Below that level in 2 chases since but more like it reverted to hurdles since. Back up in trip a plus.		
7	KINGSTON NARCISSUS (FR) (2) (D)	t	95
	221F-3317 7 11-7 73.0kg Ross Chapman Rebecca Menzies Returned to winning ways in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (17/2) on Boxing Day, a first-time tongue strap replacing his usual hood helping him settle. Normally a consistent type but turned in a rare poor effort at Catterick on Monday.		
8	BALLYGEARY (IRE) (47) (D)	t	91
	284-39667 9 11-1 70.3kg William Maggs (5lb/2kg) Mike Sowersby Winless since June 2024 and fared no better after another breathing operation when seventh of 8 in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (22/1) 47 days ago, carrying head awkwardly and never dangerous. Plenty to prove.		
9	NORTH PARADE (IRE) (53)		97
	52847-844 11 10-9 67.6kg Peter Kavanagh Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Without a win in nearly 2 years, inadequate test when fourth of 9 in handicap hurdle at Haydock (11/1) 53 days ago, making bad mistakes at fifth and 3 out before keeping on late without threatening. Poor jumping makes him a risky proposition.		

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for TORMUND GIANTSbane, who wasn't suited by the way the race developed when down the field in a Sandown Grade 2 in December and Dan Skelton's charge can get back on the up now handicapping. His main danger may emerge from Captain Butler, who shaped encouragingly reverted to this sphere at Haydock recently and this step back up in trip should suit. Woodland Park has been knocking at the door this season and rounds off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TORMUND GIANTSbane 2. CAPTAIN BUTLER 3. WOODLAND PARK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	West To The Bridge	12-11-12	17-2	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	11
2024	Uncle Bert	7-11-7	7-2jf	Nigel Twiston-Davies	James Turner (7)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Tormund Giantsbane, 11-4 Woodland Park, 8-1 Baratablet, 10-1 Captain Butler, 12-1 Kingston Narcissus, 14-1 Bertie's Ballet, 14-1 Into The Park, 28-1 North Parade, 100-1 bar

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RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Weak**

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BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Spot On Soph, **9-2** Kells Priory, **6-1** Scairp Dubh, **15-2** De Deli Counter, **15-2** Another High Five, **10-1** Princesse Milania, **20-1** Natus Vincere, **20-1** Wot You Wearing, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DE DELI COUNTER left previous hurdling efforts behind under a change of tactics when runner-up at Market Rasen 10 days ago and Mark Walford's 5-y-o is fancied to go one better at the expense of Another High Five, who is improving with each run and gave the impression he'll benefit from a longer trip now handicapping at Kelso last time. Scairp Dubh can edge out stable-switcher Kells Priory for minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DE DELI COUNTER 2. ANOTHER HIGH FIVE 3. SCAIRP DUBH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Farmer Jimmy** 5-11-9 12-1 Mark Walford Mr Paddy Barlow 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race