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 WELCOME TO BRITAIN'S MOST SCENIC RACECOURSE NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
 2m48y (3260 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(1) MOONLIGHT MONARCH | (6) DICKENS | (11) AM STILL HERE**

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MAJOR FAMILY LAW 16 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m48y (3260 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(1) BENMORE | (2) FAMOUS LISS | (6) NATHAN WELLS**

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PAXTON'S ARE CASE IH'S N01 DEALER HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 2½m15y (4040 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(1) KONFUSION | (5) DIAMOND MIX | (6) LOW MILEAGE**

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BK RACING HEXHAM MARATHON HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m7f199y (6420 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(4) BREEZE OF WIND | (8) DR SHIROCCO | (1) DESTINY IS ALL**

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HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY KERRY KIRKHAM MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(2) BARATABLET | (6) SAINT MALINAS | (4) HIGHLAND FASHION**

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BROCKSBUSHES HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m41y (4870 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(4) I SEE THE SEA | (3) RETURN FIRE | (7) CROAGH PATRICK**

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 2m7f63y (4680 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(6) THE BIG BREAC | (10) STAR VANTAGE | (3) ZWICKY**
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

WELCOME TO BRITAIN'S MOST SCENIC RACECOURSE
NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £9,100 2m48y (3260 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	MOONLIGHT MONARCH (28)	92
	2/556 6 11-12 75.3kg Michael & David Easterby Bred more for the Flat but a good sort physically who shaped well when sixth of 13 on his handicap debut at Newcastle (17f, good to soft), putting in eye-catching late work after finding himself with plenty to do turning for home. Open to improvement.	<i>Jamie Hamilton</i>
2	GONE WITH THE TIDE (IRE) (25)	88
	58P6 6 11-11 74.8kg Alison Hamilton Irish point winner who showed a bit more when, equipped with a first-time tongue strap, finishing sixth of 10 on his handicap bow at Musselburgh (19.8f, good to soft). Eased 4 lb and this stiffer track should help, so he's in with an each-way shout.	<i>Conor O'Farrell</i>
3	RIGHT NOW (IRE) (19) (D)	79
	8-13783P9 5 11-9 73.9kg Paul Midgley Shaped like a non-stayer when third in a handicap hurdle at Perth (20.2f, good to soft) in September but he has offered little in 2 subsequent starts, including on debut for new yard/first run following a wind op at Newcastle.	<i>Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)</i>
4	ROYAL DEESIDE (15)	86
	23-536P35 5 11-9 73.9kg Patrick Morris Stepped up on his low-key chase debut when third off 11 at Market Rasen (17.2f, good to soft) on final start for Alan King. However, he hasn't shown much in 2 starts for present yard and while he resumes in this sphere on a good mark, others make more appeal.	<i>Theo Gillard</i>
5	ROYAL CREEK (IRE) (46) (D)	89
	1/6P5 7 11-8 73.5kg Stuart Coltherd Made a winning debut in a Ballinrobe bumper for Edmond Kent back in 2022 and subsequently sold for £90,000. Little impact in trio of mares' novice events for present connections but improvement may well be forthcoming now that she's pitched into a handicap.	<i>Sam Coltherd</i>
6	DICKENS (IRE) (72)	100
	4853/4-5F 7 11-8 73.5kg Alan King Dual Flat winner who was in the process of posting arguably his best effort yet over hurdles when falling 3 out at Uttoxeter (15.8f, heavy), travelling at least as well as anything else at the time of his departure. Major player off an unchanged mark.	<i>Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)</i>
7	FAIRLY FULLING (IRE) (44)	79
	49-790480 7 11-6 72.6kg Jane Walton Standout effort over hurdles (modest form) when fourth of 10 in a maiden here in November but he hasn't shown much in 2 subsequent starts, including on handicap debut at Newcastle.	<i>Ross Chapman</i>
8	ROCK N ROLL CHAMP (IRE) (10)	86
	6-86P 7 11-6 72.6kg Sandy Forster Maiden in Irish points and very little to shout about under Rules thus far, pulled up on handicap debut at Newcastle (20.3f, good) 10 days ago.	<i>Craig Nichol</i>
9	TREAD SOFTLY NOW (28) (D)	88
	8/46-77P19 6 11-5 72.1kg Ian Duncan Showed much improved form in first-time cheekpieces when scoring decisively on handicap bow at Ayr (2m, soft) in January. However, she found things tougher off this mark next time and one or two of these are more appealing.	<i>Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)</i>
10	LARKFIELD LUSIVE (IRE) (52)	90
	35-85567F 6 10-13 69.4kg L J Morgan Modest maiden (0-15 in this sphere) who was still in with a chance when exiting at the business end of a 19f Warwick handicap hurdle last time. Place possibilities granted a clear round.	<i>Danny McMenamin</i>

11	AM STILL HERE (IRE) (28)	91
	58856-920 6 10-11 68.5kg Nicky Richards Lightly-raced maiden who nearly justified support when second to Tread Softly Now in 2m Ayr handicap on penultimate start. Best to draw a line through subsequent Newcastle display (no chance after almost falling 4 out) and he's one to consider here with first-time cheekpieces enlisted.	<i>Sean Quinlan</i>
12	CHANTILLY ROSE (144)	79
	44067-43F 8 10-7 66.7kg Lizzie Quinlan No great shakes over hurdles and not much better in 2 starts over fences when trained by Dan Skelton. Fell heavily on sole start for Hugh Burns in October and has a bit to prove returning to smaller obstacles for another new yard.	<i>Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)</i>
13	AWAY SHE GOES (IRE) (10)	70
	67-689P99 6 10-6 66.2kg Paul Robson Failed to make an impact in 2 bumpers/3 starts over hurdles for Brian Ellison last year and has struggled since joining current connections. Hopes pinned on the first-time cheekpieces sparking improvement.	<i>Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)</i>
14	FLYING SANDPIPER (IRE) (136)	75
	7/0P8P-P 6 10-5(10-4) 65.8kg (65.3kg) Jackie Stephen Has offered very little to this point and will need to take a big step forward following a break/wind op if he's to make an impact here.	<i>Bruce Lynn</i>

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
9-4 Dickens, 11-2 Moonlight Monarch, 7-1 Am Still Here, 17-2 Larkfield Lusive, 10-1 Royal Creek, 12-1 Gone With The Tide, 14-1 Tread Softly Now, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
Having caught the eye on his handicap debut at Newcastle, MOONLIGHT MONARCH could be the answer here with improvement on the cards. Dickens held every chance when exiting at the third-last at Uttoxeter and he will surely go close granted a clear round, while Am Still Here and handicap-debutante Royal Creek are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. MOONLIGHT MONARCH 2. DICKENS 3. AM STILL HERE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:
2024 Raffles Wonder 7-11-5 5-2jf Rebecca Menzies Aaron Anderson (5) 9

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

MAJOR FAMILY LAW 16 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ £9,000 2m48y (3260 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

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BENMORE (IRE) (22)

2234 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

L J Morgan

Danny McMenamin

Has shown enough to suggest he is capable of winning a race of this nature but has been held back by his jumping including on handicap debut when fourth of 8 at Doncaster (19.4f, good) 22 days ago, having been well-backed. Leading chance if first-time cheekpieces sharpen up his jumping.
- 2

FAMOUS LISS (IRE) (28)

8426F559 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Stuart Coltherd

Sam Coltherd

Irish point winner who has placed in a novice hurdle at Hexham (16.2f) in June but was seemingly amiss when well-beaten in a maiden at Newcastle (20.3f) last month, having attracted market support. Respected if he can bounce back.
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FREEDOM DAY (IRE) (6)

U04 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

Paul Robson

Ryan Mania

Fair Flat winner but he has made an inauspicious start in this sphere and for present connections, again achieving little when fourth of 9 in novice hurdle at Ayr (16f, heavy) 6 days ago in first-time hood. He may do better once handicapping but he is difficult to fancy in this company.
- 4

JUNGLE JET (IRE)

6 11-5 | 72.1kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)

Placed in Irish point on latest outing in May. Dam is an unraced sister to smart hurdler (stayed 25f) Emitom and it'll be interesting to see if there is any market support for him on Rules debut.
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KINGSTON ROCK (IRE) (24)

526P-6558 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Gary Rutherford

Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)

Some promise when fifth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (16.9f, good to soft) in December but failed to back up after 10 weeks off when disappointing at Carlisle (19.3f) last month. Cheekpieces on for the first-time but others have a more convincing profile.
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NATHAN WELLS (17)

547U0-P45 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

Andrew Hamilton

Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)

One of the lesser lights for the Gordon Elliott yard, disappointed on final start for that stable when fifth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Ayr (20.4f, heavy, 22/1) 17 days ago. Drops in distance and has cheekpieces applied on stable debut and one to note in the betting in a moderate maiden contest.
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SOLDIER IN MAYO (IRE) (39)

46 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Successful on second of 2 starts in Irish points and while showing some promise on a bumper on stable debut, faced a tough task on hurdling bow last time, sixth of 7 in a decent novice hurdle at Musselburgh (15.6f, good to soft, 66/1) last time. This looks a more realistic assignment.
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WHATEVERWILLDO (40)

7 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

Danny Brooke

Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)

Once-raced maiden isn't bred to be much and he showed little when seventh of 9 in a bumper (50/1) at Wetherby (16f, soft) on NH debut 40 days ago. Makes hurdles debut with plenty to prove.

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Dollar Collar	6-10-13	7-1	Lucinda Russell	Stephen Mulqueen	5
2023	Miss Lamb	7-10-13	evsf	Jedd O'Keeffe	Billy Garritty	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Benmore, 4-1 Famous Liss, 5-1 Nathan Wells, 15-2 Jungle Jet, 18-1 Soldier In Mayo, 33-1 Kingston Rock, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

An ordinary maiden and a decent opportunity for BENMORE if he can put it all together in first-time cheekpieces. Famous Liss went close in novice company last year and has a chance if bouncing back from his latest run, while Nathan Wells and Jungle Jet should both be monitored for support on their respective stable debuts.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BENMORE 2. FAMOUS LISS 3. NATHAN WELLS

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RACE 3

PAXTON'S ARE CASE IH'S N01 DEALER HANDICAP CHASE
(Qualifier) (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £9,950 2½m15y
(4040 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1	KONFUSION (15)	33/988-331	7	12-0	76.2kg		100
	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith	Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)					
Strong in the market and improved when returning from 5 months off to land a 19.5f Wetherby handicap on his second start over fences, beating a subsequent winner. An 8 lb rise doesn't look enough to stop him.							
2	SHADOWS IN THE SKY (IRE) (71) (CD)	4-155415P	9	11-12	75.3kg	v+t	92
	Chris Grant	Danny McMenamin					
Dual C&D winner this season, latterly in October. Below par last twice but no surprise were a return to Hexham to spark a revival.							
3	HALPHA SOLEIL (FR) (15) (C, D)	62-418554	8	11-10	74.4kg		90
	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)					
Won 2½m hurdle here off 3 lb higher in June but his chase efforts since have been no more than respectable.							
4	FIA FUINIDH (IRE) (28)	456-22555	8	11-9	73.9kg		93
	Martin Todhunter	Henry Brooke					
Yet to score over fences. Did go very close at Kelso (17f) in November but disappointing since. Remains to be seen whether this step back up in trip suits.							
5	DIAMOND MIX (IRE) (28)	6-945572	6	11-7	73.0kg		98
	Paul Robson	Ryan Mania					
Improved in his second handicap chase when 6 lengths second over 2m at Newcastle 4 weeks ago, staying on as if this step back up will suit. Respected.							
6	LOW MILEAGE (IRE) (25)	5450-0P32	7	11-6	72.6kg	s+t	93
	George Bewley	Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)					
Fairly useful maiden chaser in Ireland. Best effort for new yard from a falling mark when close second over 2½m at Musselburgh last month. Claims if he can build on that.							
7	DIVAS DOYEN (IRE) (25) (D)	24812244	8	10-11	68.5kg	s	93
	Sandy Forster	Miss Heidi Palin (7lb/3kg)					
Finally came good in 2½m handicap at Carlisle in November. Good second on next 2 starts but not in the same form when fourth the last twice.							
8	LEWA HOUSE (30) (C, D)	2933-6662	9	10-5	65.8kg	s	92
	Catch Bissett	Bruce Lynn					
Fourteen runs since his course handicap hurdle win in 2022 but he showed he retains ability when returning from wind surgery to finish second at Ayr (20.5f) last month. Makes chase debut.							
9	CUDGEL (41) (C)	222-6383P	12	10-4	65.3kg	s+t	82
	James Walton	Conor O'Farrell					
All 6 career wins have been registered here but needs to show he's still the force of old as a 12-y-o.							
10	BILLABLE GRANT (IRE) (25)	780P0475	8	10-4	65.3kg		79
	Jackie Stephen	Ross Chapman					
Raced mainly over hurdles, failing to make a significant impact in 4 handicap starts since joining this yard. Others are preferred back chasing.							

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DERRACRIN (24) (CD)
58745/1P-P 8 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)
Barry Murtagh
Lorcan Murtagh
Won over fences in May 2023 but pulled up in just 2 outings since. Something to prove.

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11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Konfusion, 13-2 Low Mileage, 7-1 Diamond Mix, 11-1 Lewa House, 14-1 Fia Fuinidh, 14-1 Divas Doyen, 14-1 Shadows In The Sky, 16-1 Halpha Soleil, 25-1 Billable Grant, 33-1 Cudgel, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KONFUSION should have more to offer over fences and is a confident pick assuming this doesn't come a bit quick on him after Wetherby. The step back up in trip should suit last month's Newcastle runner-up Diamond Mix and he's second choice ahead of Low Mileage, who has refound some form since the cheekpieces and tongue tie combination have gone on.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KONFUSION 2. DIAMOND MIX 3. LOW MILEAGE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:						
2024	Largy Train	7-12-0	10-3	Henry Hogarth	Danny McMenamin	5
2023	Ex S'elance	9-10-5	11-2	Victor Thompson	Thomas Dowson	11
2022	Croagh Patrick	7-10-12	11-8f	Sam England	Jonathan England	13
2021	Cash Again	9-12-1	9-2	Ben Haslam	William Marshall (7)	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4















BK RACING HEXHAM MARATHON HANDICAP CHASE (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £14,500 3m7f199y (6420 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	DESTINY IS ALL (IRE) (66) 03642-154 11 12-0 76.2kg  Lucinda Russell Enhanced good record fresh when recording a third course success at Ayr (24.1f) in October. Unsited by way the race developed at the same C&D in January and he could go well having been beaten only 1½ lengths when fourth in this race last year.	s	98	<i>Jack Power (7lb/3kg)</i>
2	SHIGHNESS (34) P2142-84P 8 11-13 75.7kg  Micky Hammond Fair winning hurdler and off the mark at the fourth time of asking in this sphere in 4-runner Catterick handicap last season. However, form has gone the wrong way this season, pulled up at Bangor (24.1f, heavy) on latest outing. Blinkers on first time.	b	90	<i>Conor O'Farrell</i>
3	BETTERFOREVERYONE (34) 3F219-473 8 11-12 75.3kg  Alan King  Opened chase account at the fourth attempt when scoring in commanding fashion at Doncaster last season. Left behind a lesser effort when third at Bangor (29.6f, heavy) last month and he's one to note upped further in trip tried again in cheekpieces.	s	98	<i>Sean Quinlan</i>
4	BREEZE OF WIND (IRE) (17) (CD) 2144-4451 8 11-8 73.5kg  Stuart Coltherd Had an excellent debut season over fences for this yard in 2023/24, winning 4 times including this same race. Suited by the emphasis on stamina when adding another victory to his tally at Ayr (24.1f, heavy) last time and he's a major player.	t  	100	<i>Sam Coltherd</i>
5	CLONGUILE WAY (IRE) (103) 052496/3P 12 11-8 73.5kg  Andrew Crook One-time fair chaser but ended his time with John McConnell out of sorts in spring 2023 and has offered little in 2 starts back from a 19-month absence, pulled up at Newcastle (29.9f, good) in November. Best watched.	s	95	<i>Ross Chapman</i>
6	CAMP BELAN (IRE) (38) 3125-3560 9 11-3 71.2kg  Lucinda Russell Thorough stayer who cashed in on his reduced mark at Ayr (24.1f, heavy) last February. However, has run poorly on his last 2 starts, losing touch before 4 out at Carlisle (24.5f, soft) 38 days ago. Has a bit to prove as he goes back up in trip.	b	95	<i>Craig Nichol</i>
7	C'EST QUELQU'UN (FR) (22) PP9P6363 8 10-9 67.6kg  Andrew Hamilton Recorded back-to-back handicap chase wins for Gordon Elliott last season and best effort for current yard when third at Kelso in December. Bounced back from a lesser effort when also third at Doncaster (26f, good) 22 days ago, so he could be in the mix.		97	<i>Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)</i>
8	DR SHIROCCO (IRE) (25) (C) 12348145 10 10-6 66.2kg  Sandy Forster Gained a second course success (24.2f) in May and stepped up on recent run when also scoring at Musselburgh in November. After 10 weeks off, made little impression over hurdles last time, but no surprise to see him fare better back over fences here.		99	<i>Henry Brooke</i>
9	HEY BROTHER (FR) (118) 0369-52PP 8 10-5 65.8kg  Barry Murtagh Making second start for Jedd O'Keeffe, finished closer than previously when second in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (24f, good) in June. However, pulled up both starts for current yard, so he has enough to prove with cheekpieces applied.	s	93	<i>Lorcan Murtagh</i>
10	DON BROCCO (17) 65-656P1P 9 10-3 64.9kg  Gary Rutherford Dual hurdles winner who belatedly got off the mark in this sphere at Carlisle (24.5f, soft) in February, making most with a bit in hand. Wasn't in the same form when pulled up at Ayr last time, but he's capable if on a going day.	b+t	97	<i>Bruce Lynn</i>

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Breeze of Wind, 5-1 Destiny Is All, 6-1 Betterforeveryone, 7-1 C'est Quelqu'un, 8-1 Dr Shirocco, 9-1 Don Brocco, 14-1 Camp Belan, 16-1 Shighness, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BREEZE OF WIND stayed on well to score at Ayr 17 days ago, his fifth career success, and he is taken to make it back-to-back wins in this race as he returns to 4m. Dr Shirocco is better over fences than hurdles and could be the main danger with his recent run behind him, while Destiny Is All also merits consideration.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BREEZE OF WIND 2. DR SHIROCCO 3. DESTINY IS ALL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Breeze of Wind 7-11-5	5-6f	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	5
2023	Prince Dundee 10-11-12	13-2	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (5)	7
2022	Dubai Devils 11-11-12	9-1	Paul Stafford	Peter Kavanagh (5)	10
2021	Gangster 11-11-7	20-1	Warren Greatrex	Danny McMenamin	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY KERRY KIRKHAM MAIDEN HURDLE
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Pace Information: **Even**

1	AUCHINLEK (40) 70 6 11-7 73.0kg Sandy Thomson Backward type who looks one for the longer term.	82	<i>Ryan Mania</i>
2	BARATABLET (IRE) (30) (BF) 22 5 11-7 73.0kg Nicky Richards Has shown plenty when second in an Ayr bumper/maiden hurdle (20.4f) in recent months. Will improve and this looks an excellent opportunity.	100	<i>Danny McMenamin</i>
3	DREAMINGS FREE (IRE) (28) 4-9BU800P 6 11-7 73.0kg Maurice Barnes Little form since 2023/24 and no show in 2 starts for current connections since leaving John F. O'Neill.	75	<i>Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)</i>
4	HIGHLAND FASHION (17) 5/5-2634 6 11-7 73.0kg Ian Duncan Second on the last of 3 starts in bumpers and showed more than on hurdling debut when third of 9 at Ayr (2m) in January. Similar form when fourth of 6 back there (19.5f) last time and remains capable of better.	92	<i>Conor O'Farrell</i>
5	INDIAN POET (IRE) (373) 9- 6 11-7 73.0kg Paul Robson Offered little in a Newcastle bumper (16.9f, heavy) on NH debut 12 months ago.		<i>Lilly Pinchin</i>
6	SAINT MALINAS (IRE) (24) 23 6 11-7 73.0kg Pauline Robson Ran to a similar level as on hurdling debut when third of 8 in maiden at Carlisle (19.3f, good to soft) 24 days ago. Should be very competitive again.	99	<i>Craig Nichol</i>
7	SULOUMAR DREAMER (102) P 7 11-7 73.0kg Paul Robson Sent off 300/1 when pulled up in novice hurdle at Carlisle (19.3f, soft) on debut in December. Cheekpieces quickly reached for.		<i>Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)</i>
8	THE CLONMEL KID (IRE) (31) 23P 6 11-7 73.0kg Philip Kirby Maiden Irish pointer. Second on Newcastle bumper debut in December and made quite an encouraging start over hurdles when third in a 19f novice at Catterick in January. However, disappointed upped markedly in trip there last time.	98	<i>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</i>
9	WISE MOVE (IRE) (30) 2F959 7 11-7 73.0kg George Bewley Prolific winner in points and ran to a fair level first time up over hurdles when second in course novice (16.2f) in May. Hasn't progressed since, though shaped as if better for the run after 12 weeks off in a handicap at Ayr on most recent outing.	95	<i>Jonathon Bewley</i>

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Baratablet, 11-4 Saint Malinas, 15-2 Highland Fashion, 17-2 The Clonmel Kid, 9-1 Wise Move, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BARATABLET again showed plenty of ability when runner-up on his hurdling debut at Ayr last month and this looks an excellent opportunity for him to go one better with improvement on the cards. Saint Malinas is considered the main threat ahead of Highland Fashion, who remains capable of better.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BARATABLET 2. SAINT MALINAS 3. HIGHLAND FASHION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Clovis Island 6-11-7	1-4f	Nicky Richards	Sean Quinlan	6
2023	Fly By Milan 8-11-7	10-1	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin	9
2022	Luke 5-11-6	8-13f	Michael & David Easterby	Sean Quinlan	7
2021	Taste The Fear 6-11-2	7-4f	Dr Richard Newland	C. M. Leonard (7)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

BROCKSBUSHES HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-105)
£9,950 3m41y (4870 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	RACEVIEW ROAD (IRE) (24)	s	90
	221-432P5 7 12-0 76.2kg George Bewley 10/3 and cheekpieces on for 1st time, only fifth of 7 in handicap chase at Carlisle (24.5f, good to soft) 24 days ago. More is needed if he's to gain a first win of the season.	<i>Jonathon Bewley</i>	
2	HERMES BOY (FR) (24)	s+t	57
	P671P4-4P 8 11-10 74.4kg Russell Ross Fair winner at 21f over hurdles. 125/1, pulled up in handicap chase at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) 24 days ago, labouring long way out. Others appeal more.	<i>Ross Chapman</i>	
3	RETURN FIRE (IRE) (94) (CD)	t	93
	4U6-64136 9 11-9 73.9kg Lucinda Russell Scored here in November and not disgraced when sixth of 10 in handicap chase at Musselburgh (23.6f, good to soft) 94 days ago. This C&D winner can't be ruled out.	<i>Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)</i>	
4	I SEE THE SEA (IRE) (7)	b	100
	454F-3P61 6 11-3 71.2kg Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Blinkered for 1st time and much improved when getting off the mark in 7-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Wincanton (25.1f, soft) 7 days ago. Impossible to oppose off the same mark.	<i>Micheal Nolan</i>	
5	TOROSAY (IRE) (38) (CD)		93
	0P3221-6U 7 11-2 70.8kg Lucinda Russell C&D winner. Behind when unseated rider last in handicap chase at Carlisle (24.5f, soft) 38 days ago. Needs to bounce back.	<i>Conner McCann (7lb/3kg)</i>	
6	ARCHIE BROWN (IRE) (24) (D)	s	90
	4/6-P47 11 10-8 67.1kg Henry Hogarth Landed a 3m Market Rasen handicap chase in February 2021 but lightly raced and well below form since. Of minimal interest these days.	<i>Danny McMenamin</i>	
7	CROAGH PATRICK (IRE) (38) (C)	b+t	92
	466P21P9 10 10-7 66.7kg Sam England Course winner and also scored at Carlisle in December but a below-form ninth of 15 in handicap chase at Carlisle (24.5f, soft) 38 days ago. Not discounted if back on his A-game.	<i>Charlotte Jones</i>	
8	THE SKIFFLE KING (IRE) (24)	b	82
	9813P8/1-P 9 10-2 64.4kg Mark Walford Fair hurdles/chase winner for Charles & Adam Pogson. Off 14 months before pulled up in handicap chase at Southwell (24.3f, soft) 24 days ago. Has it to prove now.	<i>Jamie Hamilton</i>	
9	WOTSMYNAME (IRE) (17)		91
	86/P9932P 8 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg) Leonard Kerr Remains a maiden after 20 runs and pulled up in handicap chase at Ayr (24.1f, heavy) 17 days ago. Others appeal more.	<i>Conor O'Farrell</i>	
10	GIBBERWELL (IRE) (15) (CD)	b	90
	24-534P2P 9 10-2(10-0) 64.4kg (63.5kg) Jake Thomas Coulson C&D winner but pulled up in handicap chase at Wetherby (24.2f, heavy) 15 days ago. It's now 14 runs since his last win in 2023.	<i>Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)</i>	

11	GOODOLDBILL (10)	s	78
	P6/P14P-PP 9 10-2(9-12) 64.4kg (62.6kg) Jane Walton Pulled up on his last three starts, off 10 months before latest one in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (20.3f, good) 10 days ago. Hard to make a case for.	<i>Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)</i>	
12	MUROOR (97)	s	79
	6P6P/3396 12 10-2(9-9) 64.4kg (61.2kg) Lizzie Quinlan Unreliable type who came in only sixth of 7 in handicap chase at Sedgefield (26.3f, soft) in December on his final run for Hugh Burns. Cheekpieces go on now.	<i>Sean Quinlan</i>	

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
5-4 I See The Sea, 6-1 Raceview Road, 8-1 Return Fire, 14-1 Torosay, 16-1 Wotsmyname, 18-1 Croagh Patrick, 18-1 The Skiffle King, 20-1 Gibberwell, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
Not nearly as competitive as the numbers suggest and I SEE THE SEA is very much the one to beat as he escapes a penalty for his wide-margin victory at Wincanton a week ago. C&D winner Return Fire appeals as the one to chase him home ahead of Croagh Patrick.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. I SEE THE SEA 2. RETURN FIRE 3. CROAGH PATRICK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Heritier de Sivola	7-11-5	10-3	Philip Kirby	Joe Williamson (5)	5
2023	Kildrum	10-10-4	10-1	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (3)	13
2022	Cudgel	9-10-10	4-1	James Walton	Jamie Hamilton	6
2021	Real Armani	9-10-2	4-1	Jane Walton	Ross Chapman	8

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

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CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105)
£9,100 2m7f63y (4680 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	JEM IN EM (IRE) (25) 424-3842P 7 12-0 76.2kg Lucinda Russell Bagged a 3¼m Kelso handicap hurdle in October 2023 and and resumes in this sphere on a workable mark following a brief stint over fences. Will be in with a shout if he puts his best foot forward.	b+t	98
2	KILMORE ROCK (IRE) (28) (C) 1U86 6 11-12 75.3kg Susan Corbett Placed on 2 of 4 starts in points and made winning hurdles debut in a modest 2½m maiden here last summer. Beaten a fair way when returning from a break at Newcastle and while this stiffer test should be in his favour, he will probably find one or two too good.		94
3	ZWICKY (36) (BF) 3U128622 8 11-9 73.9kg Philip Kirby Three-time hurdles winner and opened chase account at Sedgefield in October. Found just one too good returned to this sphere at the aforementioned course (27f, soft) last month and he's a strong candidate off the same mark.	s	99
4	VENGABOY (IRE) (56) 069/7-0 6 11-8 73.5kg Jennie Candlish Lightly-raced maiden who was let down by jumping when seventh of 14 on handicap debut (28/1) at Fairyhouse in November 2023. Well held on first start since on debut for new yard at Newcastle and now tried in cheekpieces.	s	94
5	UOKHUN (IRE) (33) 4U333453 7 11-6 72.6kg Tim Easterby Modest maiden who has been running consistently in handicaps of late, seemingly finding 2½m too sharp when third of 9 at Uttoxeter last time. Place possibilities now moving back up in trip.	t	97
6	THE BIG BREAC (IRE) (49) 967211 8 11-5 72.1kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith On the up since switched to handicaps, finding just one too good over this C&D in December and has subsequently scored twice at Wetherby. 6 lb rise for latest success fair enough and he is greatly respected now bidding for the hat-trick.		97
7	ARCTIC AMBITION (IRE) (25) 47-628PP6 10 11-4 71.7kg Paul Robson More miss than hit since registering latest success back in May 2023 and, unless the first-time cheekpieces spark a revival, he will probably struggle once more.	s	95
8	CLOVIS BOY (30) (C, D) F4P1-U7P8 6 11-2 70.8kg Lucinda Russell A dual hurdles winner last term but has yet to really get going this season and yard saddles a stronger candidate in Jem In Em.	v+t	92
9	KAUTO D'AMOUR (FR) (29) P232/F-P3 10 10-9 67.6kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Failed to complete in a handicap chase here back from 14 months off in December but much more like it returned to this sphere when third at Wetherby (19.7f, heavy) next time. 2 lb lower now and this step back up in trip will be no bad thing.		96
10	STAR VANTAGE (IRE) (25) (BF) 7F-784322 8 10-8 67.1kg Rebecca Menzies Remains a maiden after 19 runs but he hasn't been with Rebecca Menzies for that long and done little wrong in recent starts, finishing a good third The Big Breac at Wetherby in December. Has followed that with a couple of equally soild efforts ove hurdles and he's a must for the shortlist.	h+t	100

11	TARTAN COOKIE (IRE) (271) (D) 3483/P 9 10-6 66.2kg Ewan Whillans Modest performer who was pulled up at Hexham when returning from an 18-month absence last summer. Best to look elsewhere.	b	99
12	REAGROVE LORD (IRE) (44) 53345328 7 10-5 65.8kg George Bewley Remains a maiden following 14 attempts under Rules but went closer to winning than ever before when beaten ½-length into second at Ayr (21.4f, heavy) in January. Excuses next time and he's not without each-way hope.	v+t	98
13	DEQUALL (36) (C) 8-26P23P8 9 10-2(9-11) 64.4kg (62.1kg) Stuart Coltherd Returned from a break with a couple of creditable placed efforts over this C&D during the autumn but form has dipped badly in 2 subsequent starts and he's 5 lb 'wrong' at the weights.	s	92
14	ATLANTICEXPRESS (IRE) (24) 65-876F93 6 10-2(9-11) 64.4kg (62.1kg) Lizzie Quinlan Respectable third of 10 in first-time cheekpieces at Carlisle (19.3f, good to soft) last month but record stands at 0-9 in this sphere and she's likely to come up short once more.	s+t	88
15	IDEAL DE ROMAY (FR) (17) 6682P596 7 10-2(9-4) 64.4kg (59.0kg) Leonard Kerr Irish point winner but only a poor maiden under Rules and faces a very stiff task from 12 lb out of the weights here.	s	86

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
3-1 The Big Breac, 11-2 Star Vantage, 7-1 Zwicky, 10-1 Jem In Em, 11-1 Uokhun, 12-1 Reagrove Lord, 12-1 Kauto D'amour, 22-1 Kilmore Rock, 22-1 Atlanticexpress, 28-1 Clovis Boy, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
It's been uphill all the way for THE BIG BREAC since venturing down the handicap route and a 6 lb rise for the latest of his back-to-back Wetherby wins may not be eugh to prevent him from completing the hat-trick. Star Vantage has been knocking on the door of late and should be in the mix once again, while Zwicky also arrives here in good order and is likely to give another good account.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. THE BIG BREAC 2. STAR VANTAGE 3. ZWICKY

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race