

Saturday 13th June

HEXHAM



1.42 ANDY CALVERT CELEBRATION CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m48y (3260 Metres)

RACE 1 **(4) LES'S LEGACY | (9) MALANGEN | (5) CHARACTER TESTING**

2.17 CLEAN SWEEP NOVICES' HURDLE (3) 2m48y (3260 Metres)

RACE 2 **(9) OBSESSEDWITHYOU | (1) NOBOTHERATALL | (7) COLINSKI**

2.55 TILEFORM HANDICAP CHASE (5) 1m7f133y (3140 Metres)

RACE 3 **(2) GHASHAM | (4) DIVAS DOYEN | (1) CHICAGO STORM**

3.40 LISA BOND CELEBRATION HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 4 **(6) PERSEUS WAY | (7) PASSING DIAMOND | (5) SUNSET HILL**

4.10 drainrat.co.uk RAT ENTRY DIAGNOSIS SPECIALIST HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m7f63y (4680 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) CAMPAIGN TRAIL | (8) DIVILABOTHER | (5) LETS MINGLE**

4.42 STAN HAYHURST MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m41y (4870 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) PASSENGERONTHESHIP | (1) A YEAR OLDER | (2) KILLYBEGS JET LADY**


5.17 RAYMOND FORSTER 70th BIRTHDAY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 2m48y (3260 Metres)


RACE 7 **(7) GETAWAY TOBIN | (8) LOMAN LADY | (1) EBCHESTER**

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

ANDY CALVERT CELEBRATION CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £9,100 2m48y (3260 Metres)



Going: **Good**


Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Weak**


1 BOBBY SOCKS (470) (BF) t **92**
324/ 9 12-0 | 76.2kg


 **Lizzie Quinlan** *Alan Doyle*
Successful in a brace of 2½m handicaps in 2023. Made the frame on all 3 handicap starts the following season but is probably best watched on his return for a new stable (formerly with Oly Murphy) after 15 months off unless the betting suggests otherwise.



2 STAY IN THE GAME (IRE) (7) (D) **97**
44PF0-913 5 11-13 | 75.7kg

 **John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland** *Paddy Hanlon*
Knuckled down well to belatedly open his account in a match at Huntingdon in May and lost out only in a tight finish in a C&D handicap subsequently. Ought to remain competitive.


3 ZEPHLYN (IRE) (50) (D) t **92**
6428/4- 7 11-13 | 75.7kg

 **Ewan Whillans** *William Maggs*
Not quite firing on all cylinders so far this year on the Flat but ran as well as he has over hurdles making his handicap debut in this sphere when fourth at Perth (2½m) in April. Needs more, though.


4 LES'S LEGACY (20) (CD) b+t  **100**
51P6080-4 9 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Susan Corbett**  *Jack Power*
4-time course winner who went like the best horse at the weights in first-time blinkers (replacing usual cheekpieces) following a 9-week break when fourth of 12 in 21f handicap at Kelso on most recent outing. Has the pace to cope with the return to 2m and one to be interested in again.


5 CHARACTER TESTING (17) t **98**
847F23-52 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Mark Walford** *Tristan Durrell*
Fair Flat winner who is still searching for a first success over hurdles but returned to form when shaking off all bar a winner who'd tumbled in the weights at Cartmel (17f) 17 days ago. Big chance with a repeat.



6 NEWPORT (20) s **99**
313P322-0 6 11-3 | 71.2kg

 **Iain Jardine** *Tom Midgley*
Posted back-to-back runner-up efforts this spring but found his run of good form coming to a halt at Kelso last time. Bounce back called for.


7 CURIOUS MRS FOX (40) **97**
43-6 5 10-12 | 68.9kg

 **David Thompson** *Ellis Collier*
Poor maiden on the Flat but showed an aptitude for hurdling with in-frame finishes in mares maidens at Newcastle and Market Rasen this spring. However, was comfortably held making an early switch to handicap company at Fakenham last time.


8 NATIONAL QUESTION (IRE) (63) (CD) s **96**
51251516- 6 10-10 | 68.0kg

 **Adam Nicol**  *Joshua Thompson*
Resumed progress when successful at Carlisle in March, finishing ahead of 4 next-time-out winners. Not in the same form when sixth of 12 at Newcastle (2½m) last time but is probably worth another chance back down in trip after a break.

9 MALANGEN (IRE) (7) (CD) **97**
83P7-3232 11 10-4 | 65.3kg

 **Lisa Harrison** *Jack Stenhouse (7lb/3kg)*
Veteran who has slipped the field in a few races over the years, including at this course, and looked like he'd done so again for much of the way here (2½m) last week, still nearly 30 lengths ahead of his closest pursuers crossing 2 out. Dangerous if allowed an easy lead back down in trip.

10 SNAPAUDACIAHEROS (IRE) (35) (CD) s+t **96**
5/745851-P 6 10-3 | 64.9kg

 **Rebecca Menzies** *Charlie Maggs*
Showed improved form in first-time cheekpieces to get off the mark over C&D in April but proved a major disappointment back here the following month. Needs to bounce back.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Character Testing, **5-1** Stay In The Game, **11-2** Malangen, **13-2** Les's Legacy, **10-1** Snapaudaciaheros, **11-1** National Question, **12-1** Newport, **12-1** Bobby Socks, **20-1** Zephlyn, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LES'S LEGACY went like the best horse at the weights in first-time blinkers when fourth at Kelso last time and is taken to add to his tally of 4 course wins provided the headgear switch has the same effect. Malangen looked for a long way as if he'd slipped the field here last week and is sure to be dangerous if allowed an easy lead back at 2m, while Character Testing also enter calculations after beating all bar one who had tumbled in the weights at Cartmel recently.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LES'S LEGACY 2. MALANGEN 3. CHARACTER TESTING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Winds of Winter 7-11-3	7-1	George Bewley	Joe Williamson	9
2024	Huit Reflets 7-10-10	15-8f	Mark Walford	Tom Midgley	10
2023	Belvedere Blast 5-12-8	7-2	Adrian Keatley	Dylan Johnston (7)	12
2022	Hats Off To Larry 8-11-12	12-1	Danny Brooke	Henry Brooke	10
2021	Follow Your Fire 6-11-5	11-4f	Jennie Candlish	Sean Quinlan	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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CLEAN SWEEP NOVICES' HURDLE (3) 4yo+ £15,000
2m48y (3260 Metres)

RACE 2



Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Even**

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OBSESSEDWITHYOU 2. NOBOTHERATALL 3. COLINSKI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Getaway Frankie	6-10-9	40-1	Tristan Davidson	Robert Dunne	10
2024	Stylish Recruit	6-11-2	20-1	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	14
2023	Killeemore Lad	5-11-8	3-1	A. Slattery	C. M. Quirke (5)	11
2022	Onward Route	8-11-2	11-10f	Rebecca Menzies	Brian Hughes	10
2021	The Wrekin	5-11-10	evsf	Henry Daly	Ben Godfrey (5)	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 NOBOTHERATALL (IRE) (20) (D) 85

33179-1 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg
 Tristan Davidson *Harry Reed*
 Showed more like his winning bumper form reverted to front-running tactics when landing 2m Kelso novice hurdle 3 weeks ago, settling better and making all. Can progress further as his jumping improves.

2 ALL ABOUT MOI (IRE) (255) 72

684- **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
 Gary Hanmer *James Davies*
 Well held in 3 bumpers in 2025 for Martin Keighley, although there was some promise.

3 MR RAMOON (IRE) (149) 71

9- **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
 Susan Corbett *Jack Power (5lb/2kg)*
 Maiden pointer who was readily left behind once the race began in earnest in 2½m maiden hurdle at Newcastle in January.

4 RIBBLE RIVER (IRE) (17) 71

PS-5 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
 Lizzie Quinlan *Peter Kavanagh*
 Three-time Flat winner for Kevin Ryan but little impact in 3 maiden hurdles for Lizzie Quinlan.

5 SCOPIC (20) 60

6-8 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
 Ben Haslam *Richie McLernon*
 Well beaten in Sedgefield bumper and Kelso novice hurdle (behind Nobotheratall).

6 STEPS IN TIME (IRE) (20) 71

6 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
 Philip Kirby *Joe Williamson*
 Regressive on the Flat for David O'Meara and little impact behind Nobotheratall on hurdles debut at Kelso following 10 months off.

7 COLINSKI (17) 71

4U **4** 10-11 | 68.5kg
 Rebecca Menzies *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
 Modest 1½m Flat winner. Little impact in 2 runs over hurdles last month (still firmly in rear when unseating fourth at Cartmel latest).

8 AUTUMN GETAWAY (IRE) (19) 60

86-75 **5** 10-9 | 67.6kg
 Lizzie Quinlan *Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)*
 Well held in bumpers/2 races over hurdles.

9 OBSESSEDWITHYOU (FR) (28) (D) 100

1132121-2 **7** 10-9 | 67.6kg
 Jamie Snowden *Gavin Sheehan*
 Consistent mare won 4 handicap chases last season and ran really well when second in 17f Bangor contest 4 weeks ago, headed at the last but battling. Stands out back over hurdles (dual winner in 2022/23).

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-6 Obsessedwithyou, **9-4** Nobotheratall, **25-1** All About Moi, **33-1** Colinski, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Essentially a match between OBSESSEDWITHYOU and Nobotheratall and it's hard to side against Jamie Snowden's really likeable mare who looks well placed back over hurdles getting plenty of weight from the Kelso winner.

2.55**TILEFORM HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100)
£10,000 1m7f133y (3140 Metres)**

RACE 3

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****1 CHICAGO STORM (55) (D) 99**

4/4485F03- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

Barry Murtagh

Lorcan Murtagh

Pair of hurdle wins for Daisy Hitchins at the start of 2025. Also successful on all-weather Flat for that yard in February and returned to hurdles with a creditable third at Stratford (19f) in April. Reverts to fences (fifth on completed start last winter) on first outing for Barry Murtagh.

2 GHASHAM (IRE) (17) (BF) 100

263455-22 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Sam England

Jonathan England

It's over 3 years since he scored over hurdles but he's started out for Sam England with good runner-up efforts in handicap chases over C&D (soft) and at Cartmel (good). This looks a fine opportunity for him.

3 BENTLEY ROAD (IRE) (35) 90

5-4 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

Stuart Coltherd

Derek Fox

Maiden pointer who hasn't shown enough in a couple of 3m hunters this spring (including here) to think he's on a good mark now dropping back significantly in trip for his handicap debut.

4 DIVAS DOYEN (IRE) (42) (C) 95

7432443-P 9 10-10 | 68.0kg

Sandy Forster

Patrick Wadge

Course winner. Reached the frame on most starts last season and had an excuse (hampered) when pulled up over 2½m here 6 weeks ago. Likely to go well.

5 MR GLOBALIST (IRE) (17) 98

655655-34 7 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)

Lizzie Quinlan

Alan Doyle (31b/1kg)

0-28 over hurdles. Recent in-frame efforts in that sphere have been creditable but he still hardly strikes as an obvious one to make a winning start over fences.

6 CROSS OF REDMOOR (IRE) (179) 98

P69460- 6 10-2(9-9) | 64.4kg (61.2kg)

Lizzie Quinlan

Peter Kavanagh

Maiden pointer in Ireland earlier in career and poor form at best over hurdles for current yard. Off for 6 months ahead of this switch to fences.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens Ghasham, **4-1** Divas Doyen, **5-1** Chicago Storm, **10-1** Bentley Road, **20-1** Mr Globalist, **33-1** Cross of Redmoor

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This looks a good chance for GHASHAM to build on a couple of promising runner-up efforts since switching to fences. Divas Doyen can follow him home.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. GHASHAM 2. DIVAS DOYEN 3. CHICAGO STORM****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Conquer The Breeze 6-10-7	10-3	Maurice Barnes	Charlie Price (3)	8
2024	Going Mobile 9-10-11	5-1	Sam England	Jonathan England	10
2023	Kicksaftersix 7-11-2	4-1	Martin Todhunter	Sean Quinlan	8
2022	Going Mobile 7-10-6	4-1	Sam England	Jonathan England	10
2021	Kapsize 7-10-7	3-1f	Peter Bowen	Sean Bowen	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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LISA BOND CELEBRATION HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £15,250 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 4



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Fingal's Hill 9-12-0	13-2	Peter Atkinson	Henry Brooke	10
2024	Kingston Bridge 6-10-12	5-1	Ewan Whillans	Craig Nichol	9
2023	Mullinaree 7-11-12	15-8f	Milton Harris	Bradley Harris (5)	7
2022	Ask Paddington 8-11-3	2-1f	Rebecca Menzies	Nathan Moscrop	5
2021	Itsnotyuitsme 8-10-12	5-2	Maurice Barnes	Ross Chapman	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 MISS MAVERICK (20) (CD) **95**
5/11325-18 **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Gary Hanmer **James Davies**
Strong-travelling front runner who won over C&D (good to soft) at the start of last season. Better than ever when returning from 10 months off to win at Uttoxeter (2½m, good) in May but needs to bounce back from a lesser effort there since.

2 CANNOCK PARK (217) **96**
5445/0- **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg

Paul Robson **Callum Bewley**
His promising start to his career is increasingly a distant memory and he virtually refused to race at Kelso when last seen in November. Back from 7 months off with plenty to prove.

3 IMPERIAL DATA (IRE) (19) (D) **96**
531134-P8 **9** 11-12 | 75.3kg s+t

Rebecca Menzies **Ellis Collier (5lb/2kg)**
Winner of back-to-back races at Cartmel last summer but pulled up on C&D reappearance last month and fared little better back at Cartmel since.

4 JOHNSON'S BLUE (IRE) (35) (CD) **96**
2P8733P-3 **9** 11-10 | 74.4kg

Mark Walford **Jamie Hamilton**
Four-time course winner who was a creditable 8¼ lengths third of 12 to Perseus Way over C&D (soft, 14/1) 35 days ago. 6 lb better off with that rival now but it doesn't look enough to turn the tables.

5 SUNSET HILL (IRE) (25) **99**
3555U4-23 **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg s

Susan Corbett **Nathan Moscrop**
On a long losing run but looked as good as ever when placed twice over C&D last month, adding to an already solid course record. Likely to be on the premises again.

6 PERSEUS WAY (IRE) (35) (CD) **100**
975/31 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Tristan Davidson **Harry Reed**
Has made a good start for the Tristan Davidson yard, winning over C&D (soft) last month before following up on the Flat at Hamilton (13f, good) 9 days ago. Taken to complete a hat-trick back hurdling.

7 PASSING DIAMOND (IRE) (25) (CD) **98**
43633-11 **6** 10-10 | 68.0kg

Ben Haslam **Richie McLernon**
Arrives on a course hat-trick after winning a 2m maiden (good) and a novice over this trip (good to soft) last month. Bold show likely on handicap debut.

8 WELL EDUCATED (IRE) (7) (CD) **99**
25650P-22 **10** 10-2 | 64.4kg

George Bewley **Jonathon Bewley**
Four-time course winner. Returned from 7 months off to finish second over C&D in May and backed it up when runner-up over 2m here last weekend.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Perseus Way, **7-2** Passing Diamond, **9-2** Well Educated, **6-1** Sunset Hill, **9-1** Johnson's Blue, **10-1** Miss Maverick, **25-1** Imperial Data, **25-1** Cannock Park

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PERSEUS WAY is thriving under the tutelage of Tristan Davidson and can complete a cross-code hat-trick. Passing Diamond is also bidding for 3 wins in a row having landed maiden/novice hurdles here last month and is feared most ahead of Sunset Hill.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PERSEUS WAY 2. PASSING DIAMOND 3. SUNSET HILL

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RACE 5

**drainrat.co.uk RAT ENTRY DIAGNOSIS SPECIALIST
HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £11,150
2m7f63y (4680 Metres)**



Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 **CAMPAIGN TRAIL (IRE) (32)** s+t **100**

1303/843-1 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls *Ciaran Gethings*
Progressive stayer on Flat who doubled his hurdles tally in dominant fashion in 5-runner handicap at Hereford (3¼m, good to firm) last month. Looks capable of defying a 6 lb higher mark.

2 **BILLY BOI BLUE (25)** s+t **98**

P51/73PP-5 **9** 11-13 | 75.7kg
 David Killahena & Graeme McPherson *David Bass*
A fairly useful 3m hurdle winner at his best but his form nosedived last season and he didn't see his race out convincingly at Huntingdon on latest start.

3 **PINOT ROUGE (IRE) (21) (CD)** b **98**

44PF5F4-7 **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Susan Corbett *Patrick Wadge*
C&D winner last summer but her off days far outweigh the good ones in recent times, finishing last of 7 at Cartmel on most recent outing.

4 **SUPREME YEATS (IRE) (17) (D)** s+t **95**

855808-11 **10** 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
Cheekpieces back on with Harry Skelton on board and he cashed in on a handy mark at Newton Abbot (3¼m) in early May. Followed up in a sprint finish back there later in the month but has more on his plate from a career-high mark here.

5 **LETS MINGLE (IRE) (30)** **98**

33/1243U-3 **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore *Jack Power (5lb/2kg)*
Landed a small-field maiden at Perth last spring and largely creditable efforts since, including when third of 6 in 2½m handicap back there last month. Likely to continue in form.

6 **BENY NAHAR ROAD (IRE) (17)** t **97**

1/31242F-8 **7** 11-1 | 70.3kg
 Henry Hogarth *Jamie Hamilton*
Good chase record last spring/summer, including 2 wins. Took a heavy fall at Uttoxeter in September and very much looked and shaped as though in need of the run back over hurdles after 8 months off at Cartmel recently.

7 **WEE ALKI (IRE) (17) (CD)** s+t **97**

1P5P22-16 **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Susan Corbett *Nathan Moscrop*
Registered his second win at this track in 15-runner handicap over C&D in May, running on well for pressure. Seemingly unsuited by track when a bit below that level at Cartmel since.

8 **DIVILABOTHER (IRE) (25) (C)** **99**

212245-36 **8** 10-13 | 69.4kg
 Tristan Davidson *Harry Reed*
Course winner last summer who ran creditably tackling this trip for the first time when third of 15 over C&D in early May. Shade disappointing back at 2½m on most recent outing but that possibly came a bit too soon.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Campaign Trail, **7-2** Supreme Yeats, **6-1** Lets Mingle, **8-1** Divilabother, **12-1** Billy Boi Blue, **14-1** Pinot Rouge, **16-1** Wee Alki, **22-1** Beny Nahar Road

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CAMPAIGN TRAIL seems a good deal more potent as a hurdler now and is taken to defy a 6 lb rise in the weights for Hereford. Divilabother possibly found the race coming a bit too soon when below form here on his most recent outing and appeals as the sort to bounce back quickly, while Lets Mingle ought to remain competitive.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CAMPAIGN TRAIL 2. DIVILABOTHER 3. LETS MINGLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Matchless 7-12-0	7-2	Jennie Candlish	Sean Quinlan	5
2024	Dinons 11-12-0	16-1	Brian Ellison	Craig Nichol	10
2023	Velasco 7-10-8	7-2	Susan Corbett	Nathan Moscrop	7
2022	Johnson's Blue 5-10-6	4-6f	Mark Walford	Brian Hughes	4
2021	Ever So Much 12-10-1	7-1	Ben Haslam	Richie McLernon	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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STAN HAYHURST MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £10,000 3m41y (4870 Metres)

RACE 6



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Ballydangan	8-10-6	5-1	Hugh Burns	Peter Kavanagh (3)	12
2024	Breakdance Kid	6-12-0	25-1	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	13
2023	Happy La Vie	6-10-2	6-4f	James Ewart	Danny McMenamin	7
2022	Larry Looby	9-10-7	5-1	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (5)	10
2021 ^I	For Jim	9-11-9	11-8f	Jennie Candlish	Sean Quinlan	8
2021 ^{II}	Racing Pulse	12-11-9	9-1	N. W. Alexander	Conor O'Farrell	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 A YEAR OLDER (IRE) (7) 99

09P8/1F-12 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Karl Thornton, Ireland

B. W. Harvey

Much improved when winning over hurdles at Fairyhouse on New Year's Day and made amends for Down Royal fall when off the mark over fences at Limerick. Backed that up with an excellent second of 16 at Punchestown last week and another big run looks on the cards.

2 KILLYBEGS JET LADY (IRE) (20) v+t 97

3352PB-21 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)

Irish point winner who finally got off the mark over Rules at Kelso 3 weeks ago, making the most of what ended up a simple task. Up 6 lb but can go well again.

3 PASSENGERONTHESHIP (IRE) (7) (C) t ★ 100

222/86-P11 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Arrives here at the top of his game after 2 wins here (2 1/2m), including when holding on gamely last week off 4 lb lower. Should make a bold bid for the hat-trick back up in trip.

4 JET LIGHT (FR) (61) s 79

777P/8- 7 10-11 | 68.5kg



James Moffatt

Callum Bewley

Runner-up on second of 3 starts in Irish points but went with very little promise over hurdles. Similarly unpromising start to his chase career after a year off over C&D in April.

5 DR SHIROCCO (IRE) (25) (CD) 91

357446-34 11 10-4 | 65.3kg



Sandy Forster

Harry Reed

Veteran on a losing run and typically followed a good run with a below-par one over C&D last month. Back on a career-low mark at least.

6 CROAGH PATRICK (IRE) (21) (C) b 79

6P21P9P/7 11 10-4 | 65.3kg



Gillian Boanas

William Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Scored at Carlisle in December 2024 but off the boil subsequently that season and was soon done with on debut for this yard after 15 months at Cartmel 3 weeks ago.

7 SHE WON'T MIND (19) t 88

89P9/4U-73 8 10-2 | 64.4kg



Tim Reed

David Noonan

Point winner but low mileage maiden under Rules (has bled), well held both starts last month after a year off.

8 THE KINGS SOLDIER (IRE) (13) t 88

56674-63 5 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)



Tracey Leeson

Oscar Palmer (7lb/3kg)

Limited over hurdles and not an obvious chasing type (pulled up in point).

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Passengerontheship, **11-4** A Year Older, **7-2** Killybegs Jet Lady, **8-1** Dr Shirocco, **20-1** She Won't Mind, **22-1** The Kings Soldier, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The thriving PASSENGERONTHESHIP can complete a quick-fire hat-trick here with the return to further not an issue. Irish-raider A Year Older also arrives at the top of his game and is the obvious threat, with Killybegs Jet Lady best of the others.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PASSENGERONTHESHIP 2. A YEAR OLDER 3. KILLYBEGS JET LADY

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**RAYMOND FORSTER 70th BIRTHDAY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT
FLAT (4) 4 and 5yo £6,500 2m48y (3260 Metres)**

RACE 7



Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Even**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Matching Energy** 4-10-11 15-8f Daragh Bourke Danny McMenamin 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 EBCHESTER (IRE) (20) 89

4 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Susan Corbett **Nathan Moscrop**
Ocovango gelding. Dam ran once over hurdles/once in bumper. Hinted at ability when fourth in 6-runner bumper at Kelso (2m) on debut last month and this stiffer track ought to suit better.

2 JOHN WEMMICK 86

5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Geoffrey Harker **Ryan Mania**
Golden Horn gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners on Flat, including smart 6f-1¼m winner Ode To Evening. Dam, 7f-1¼m winner, including Brazilian 1000 Guineas/Oaks. Has a good Flat pedigree and worth a precautionary check in the betting.

3 RIVER ORE (18) 87

46 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland **Paddy Hanlon (5lb/2kg)**
Blue Point half-brother to 6f winner abroad Atmospheric. Displayed some ability when 12 lengths fourth of 11 in 17f Killarney bumper on debut but couldn't even match that form at Plumpton 18 days ago.

4 BUDWORTH BOY (72) 86

4- 4 10-11 | 68.5kg

Ewan Whillans **Peter Kavanagh**
Falco gelding. Dam, 11.2f winner in France, half-sister to very smart hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 2¼m) Master Dino and useful 2¼m hurdle winner Master d'Oc. Showed a bit when fourth of 6 in bumper at Kelso on debut in early April but needs a sizeable step forward.

5 FINJIMK (IRE) 86

4 10-11 | 68.5kg

Peter John Flood, Ireland **B. W. Harvey**
Sumbal gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful 19f hurdle winner Tommys Charm. Has failed to complete both starts in Irish points, including when pulled up latest (May 24).

6 AUTHOR DORA (TUR) 88

5 10-9 | 67.6kg

Ruth Jefferson **Jamie Hamilton**
€25,000 3-y-o, Authorized mare. Dam 5f-7.5f winner in Turkey. Stamina isn't assured on breeding but is in good hands nonetheless.

7 GETAWAY TOBIN (IRE) (13) 96

04 5 10-9 | 67.6kg

John McConnell, Ireland **Gavin Sheehan**
€60,000 Getaway mare. Half-sister to smart hurdler/top-class chaser Monkfish. Made no impact in a bumper at the Punchestown Festival on debut but left that form behind with her sights lowered when fourth of 10 in 2m event at Kilbeggan just under a fortnight ago. Leading contender.

8 LOMAN LADY 100

5 10-9 | 67.6kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Dragon Dancer mare. Dam (h94), winning pointer/maiden under Rules who stayed 3m, half-sister to bumper winner/useful hurdler (2m-2½m winner) As I Am. £10,000 buy after finishing runner-up on last of 3 starts in Irish points (May 8) and of interest having joined top yard.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Loman Lady, **3-1** Getaway Tobin, **15-2** Ebchester, **9-1** Author Dora, **14-1** River Ore, **16-1** Budworth Boy, **16-1** John Wemmick, **20-1** Finjimk

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GETAWAY TOBIN left a low-key debut well behind when fourth in a 10-runner bumper at Kilbeggan recently and looks the one to beat on that form, especially with the stiff nature of this track expected to suit a stayer in the making. Loman Lady is of interest having joined the Skeltons after finishing runner-up on her final outing in Irish points, while Ebchester can prove best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GETAWAY TOBIN 2. LOMAN LADY 3. EBCHESTER