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ALBERT BARTLETT TRIPLE CROWN SERIES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier)  
(4) 2¾m151y (4560 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) FOSTER'SISLAND | (9) BOTH BARRELS | (11) STAY IF U WANT TO**

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JOHNSTON SMILLIE NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m51y (3270 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) WE'RE RED AND BLUE | (6) MAITRE EN SCIENCE | (4) BURNING IT UP**

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RACING TV CLUB DAY HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 2m51y (3270 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) WISE EAGLE | (5) CONISTON GEORGE | (6) MAGHLAAK**

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RACING'S BEST RATINGS WITH TIMEFORM HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m5f133y (4350 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) PRAIRIE WOLF | (3) EL ELEFANTE | (1) IMAGINE**

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EVERY HORSE, EVERY RACE, AT [timeform.com](http://timeform.com) NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f96y (4710 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) MYRETOWN | (2) GRAND ALBERT | (1) DARE TO SHOUT**

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RACING TV PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m1f14y (3430 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) PRIMOZ | (1) PAY THE PIPER | (3) ESCAPEANDEVADE**

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RACING TV OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier) (4) 2m51y (3270 Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) JAPETUS | (1) IMPERFECTLYPERFECT | (3) KOOL RAOUL**

## 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










ALBERT BARTLETT TRIPLE CROWN SERIES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,000 2¾m151y (4560 Metres)







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Pace Information: **Strong**

1	<b>YOUNG JACK (IRE) (27)</b> (CD)	98
	2139-510P 7 12-0   76.2kg Chris Grant C&D winner in December but disappointing back here later that month when let down by his jumping (also found to have suffered from an irregular heartbeat). Regressed when pulled up at Haydock 27 days ago and has plenty to prove at present.	<i>William Maggs</i>
2	<b>FOSTER'SISLAND (13)</b> (C)	98
	543-20457 10 12-0   76.2kg Micky Hammond Course winner can be hit and miss, not seen to best effect last time given plenty to do when seventh of 17 in a better handicap at Wetherby (19.7f, soft) at the beginning of the month. Handicapper has given him a chance though and back down in grade, he would make plenty of appeal if on a going day.	<i>Joshua Thompson (8lb/4kg)</i>
3	<b>ROCHEVAL (FR) (83)</b>	90
	111-4 5 11-13   75.7kg Lucinda Russell Unbeaten in 3 outings last season, namely an Aintree bumper and juvenile hurdles at Ayr and at Carlisle. Connections opted to pitch him straight into graded company on his reappearance (well-beaten) and he'll need to pull out more to defy this sort of mark now handicapping.	<i>Patrick Wadge (3lb/1kg)</i>
4	<b>NORDIC TIGER (FR) (13)</b>	96
	31121-479 6 11-13   75.7kg Harry Derham Successful 3 times last season and ran right up to form when fourth in 8-runner handicap at Doncaster (19.4f, good) on return, but followed up that run with two uncharacteristically below-par efforts.	<i>Alice Stevens</i>
5	<b>CHAMP ROYAL (FR) (14)</b> (D)	98
	1122-4P53 9 11-8   73.5kg Susan Corbett Much improved since joining Susan Corbett, scoring 4 times (at up to 25.3f) over hurdles last season. Quieter start to this campaign but bounced back to his best (having had the run of the race) when third of 8 in handicap at Catterick (25.3f, good to soft) 2 weeks ago. Should be in the mix again.	<i>Conor Rabbitt</i>
6	<b>THEME TUNE (IRE) (43)</b>	96
	74115/6-9 10 11-8   73.5kg N. W. Alexander Landed a pair of 3m handicap hurdle wins for Nick Alexander in 2022/23 season but has been unable to recapture that form in three starts since. May have needed the run after 14 months off when finishing down the field at Ayr last time but others arrive here with stronger claims.	<i>Dominic Hislop (10lb/5kg)</i>
7	<b>ELOI DU PUY (FR) (305)</b> (C)	97
	31118210- 7 11-8   73.5kg N. W. Alexander Showed improvement switched to handicaps last term, racking up 4 wins (on testing ground) before finishing the season with a below-par effort when less-suited by the emphasis of speed on better ground. Course winner returns from 10-month absence and market should offer some clues.	<i>Bruce Lynn (3lb/1kg)</i>
8	<b>LUNAR CHIEF (47)</b> (CD)	94
	1/45-173 7 11-7   73.0kg Ruth Jefferson Won his sole outing in bumpers and left previous hurdles form behind when opening his account in a C&D novice in November, despite flashing tail under pressure run-in. Again didn't look straightforward when third over C&D in December and no surprise to see blinkers tried on return to handicaps.	<i>Charlie Maggs</i>
9	<b>BOTH BARRELS (43)</b> (CD, BF)	99
	343/4321-7 7 11-7   73.0kg Donald Whillans Made steady improvement over hurdles last season, landing a C&D handicap on his final run of the campaign. April. Likely needed his reappearance run at Ayr last month and every chance he can resume progress back at the scene of his win.	<i>Murray Dodd (5lb/2kg)</i>

10	<b>SONIFICATION (21)</b>	90
	5/527 7 11-7   73.0kg Harry Derham Won a Chepstow bumper for Oliver Sherwood in spring 2022 and showed promise all 3 starts in novice company. However looks to have been given a steep-enough opening mark (well-held on handicap debut three weeks ago) and jockey booking would suggest he's the stable second-string.	<i>Tom Buckley (3lb/1kg)</i>
11	<b>STAY IF U WANT TO (IRE) (28)</b>	100
	22-122762 6 11-4   71.7kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Bumper winner was off the mark in this sphere at Hereford in May and finished second in a couple of handicaps since, shaping as though a stamina test is what he needs. Would appreciate a good gallop to aim at over this trip and he's not one to discount if the race is run to suit.	<i>Benjamin Macey (8lb/4kg)</i>
12	<b>SHANTOU SUNSET (172)</b>	97
	81/3235-32 11 10-13   69.4kg James Moffatt Fairly consistent mare when last seen, placing in a couple of handicap hurdles around Cartmel last summer. Veteran performer might just need the outing on reappearance.	<i>Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg)</i>
13	<b>PADDY O'MAHLER (IRE) (22)</b>	97
	43-P66751 7 10-8   67.1kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Finished fifth of 16 in a decent handicap for the grade at Wetherby in December and posted an improved effort when winning a handicap at the same venue last month. Up 7 lb and into a stronger race but he's clearly going the right way and further progress wouldn't come as a shock.	<i>Peter Kavanagh</i>

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:  
5-1 Both Barrels, 11-2 Stay If U Want To, 15-2 Paddy O'mahler, 17-2 Rocheval, 9-1 Champ Royal, 10-1 Eloi Du Puy, 16-1 Shantou Sunset, 16-1 Nordic Tiger, 18-1 Lunar Chief, 20-1 Foster'sisland, 33-1 Young Jack, 33-1 Sonification, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:  
With the yard in better form than they have been for most of the winter, it could pay to side with course winner FOSTER'SISLAND, who has shown glimpses of his old ability this campaign and should benefit from this drop in grade. Both Barrels would be a big danger if in the same form as when winning over C&D last season, while Stay If U Want To would appreciate it if this becomes a test of stamina.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:  
1. FOSTER'SISLAND 2. BOTH BARRELS 3. STAY IF U WANT TO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:  
2024 Nab Wood 7-11-8 7-4f Nicky Richards Sean Quinlan 8

SMART STATS:  
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2








JOHNSTON SMILLIE NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+  
£8,000 2m51y (3270 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	<b>WE'RE RED AND BLUE (56)</b> (D)	★	<b>100</b>
	14-U21P 5 11-7   73.0kg		
	 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	<i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i>	
	Debut bumper winner was progressive in novice/maiden hurdles, looking a straightforward operator when making all to land a Carlisle maiden in November. Clearly not himself when pulled-up (having bled) on handicap debut and this looks a good opportunity (under a penalty) to regain his confidence.		
2	<b>BLAZER TWO (29)</b>	t	<b>83</b>
	46 7 11-0   69.9kg		
	 Lucinda Russell	<i>Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)</i>	
	Modest handicapper at best on Flat (stays 1½m) who ran to a similar level on hurdling debut before failing to see out his race when too keen at Newcastle last month. Could be one for handicaps down the line.		
3	<b>BRAY DALE (25)</b>		
	90/P7 8 11-0   69.9kg		
	 Catch Bissett	<i>Ross Chapman</i>	
	Failed to meet expectations in bumpers for Nicky Richards and no promise in four starts for current yard. Opposable.		
4	<b>BURNING IT UP (IRE) (25)</b>		<b>88</b>
	554 5 11-0   69.9kg		
	 N. W. Alexander	<i>Bruce Lynn</i>	
	Third on only outing in Irish points and showed a bit in bumper/maiden hurdles in recent months. However, he appeals as a likely longer-term project, including when tackling 2½m.		
5	<b>JERSEY STREAM (FR) (22)</b>		<b>82</b>
	0-56 6 11-0   69.9kg		
	 Rebecca Menzies	<i>Nathan Moscrop</i>	
	Hinted at ability when fifth of 12 in a Carlisle novice hurdle on debut in this sphere but subsequent display at Wetherby couldn't be described as a step forward. Best to look elsewhere.		
6	<b>MAITRE EN SCIENCE (FR) (13)</b> (BF)	t	<b>90</b>
	2114 4 11-0   69.9kg		
	 Harry Derham	<i>Paul O'Brien</i>	
	Useful juvenile over 17f in France, winning 2 of his last 3 starts, with the form of his latest success at Clairefontaine in September having worked out particularly well. Failed to meet expectations on stable debut but is worth another chance back in calmer waters wearing first time tongue-tie.		
7	<b>SEEYAINTHESUNINN (62)</b>	h	
	789 5 11-0   69.9kg		
	 Micky Hammond	<i>Brian Hughes</i>	
	Half-brother to numerous winners, including bumper winner/useful hurdler Zulu Oscar but didn't show enough in bumpers to make him of strong interest on hurdles debut.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-11 Maitre En Science, 7-4 We're Red And Blue, 14-1 Burning It Up, 28-1 Seeyainthesuninn, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Both market principals arrive with something to prove, but WE'RE RED AND BLUE can bounce back under the same positive tactics that were employed when he was successful at Carlisle on his penultimate run. Maitre En Science is the standout danger and could be much better than he showed on stable debut. Burning It Up can collect some minor prize money on his way to contesting handicaps.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WE'RE RED AND BLUE 2. MAITRE EN SCIENCE 3. BURNING IT UP

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Alnilam</b> 5-11-0	3-1	Anthony Charlton	Bradley Harris (3)	9
2023	<b>Dare To Shout</b> 6-11-0	13-8	Ann Hamilton	Danny McMenamin	6
2022	<b>Grey Skies</b> 6-11-8	5-6f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	5
2021	<b>Rockstar Ronnie</b> 6-11-2	5-4f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

RACING TV CLUB DAY HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3)  
4yo+ (Rated 0-140) £15,000 2m51y (3270 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	<b>GIVEMEFIVE (IRE) (28)</b> (D)	s	98
	1124-140 5 12-0   76.2kg Harry Derham Landed Cheltenham conditions race on return to hurdling in October. Respectable fourth in 2m Fairyhouse Grade 2 in November but made disappointing start to his handicap career when well held in valuable Windsor race won by Secret Squirrel. Cheekpieces worn on the Flat earlier in career go on now.	<i>Paul O'Brien</i>	
2	<b>GINGER MAIL (FR) (25)</b> (CD)	s	98
	01320-451 9 11-10   74.4kg N. W. Alexander Consistent type who won over C&D last January and was also an excellent second in the valuable Morebattle Hurdle at this venue in March. Showed his versatility when winning over 2½ miles (soft) at Ayr last time, confirming he's as good as ever. No reason why he shouldn't run well again.	<i>Bruce Lynn</i>	
3	<b>WISE EAGLE (IRE) (59)</b> (D)	★	100
	11 8 11-7   73.0kg Adam Nicol Very useful stayer on the Flat who has completed simple tasks returned to this sphere, landing maiden/novice races at Musselburgh/Catterick with loads in hand. Continued the good work when a solid second on the level last month and very interesting making handicap debut off potentially lenient mark.	<i>Craig Nichol</i>	
4	<b>MACK THE MAN (IRE) (13)</b> (D)		96
	13-141340 11 11-1   70.3kg N. W. Alexander Veteran course winner who responded well to fitting of a visor, gaining a third win of 2024 at Ayr in November. Found his run of good form coming to a halt of late, finishing last at Musselburgh (15.6f) earlier this month. Others in better heart at present.	<i>Mr Kit Alexander (5lb/2kg)</i>	
5	<b>CONISTON GEORGE (IRE) (27)</b> (CD)		99
	7132-3245 7 11-1   70.3kg Nicky Richards C&D winner has been running with credit since switch to handicaps at the back end of last term and given the impression that he'll be even better at 2½ miles. An emphasis on speed would count against him here but he remains of interest having performed respectably in similar races this season.	<i>Danny McMenamin</i>	
6	<b>MAGHLAAK (13)</b> (D)	s	99
	4441134 6 11-0   69.9kg Adrian Keatley Fairly useful Flat performer who has been kept busy for a first-season hurdler, winning twice from 7 starts. Benefitted from a relatively short break/addition of first-time cheekpieces when bouncing back to form (fourth of 12, Musselburgh, 15.6f) 13 days ago. Should give another good account.	<i>Henry Brooke</i>	
7	<b>BASHFUL (13)</b> (D)	s+t	96
	4/411-8551 7 10-8   67.1kg Iain Jardine Better than ever when landing a Musselburgh handicap hurdle for the second year in a row (13 days ago), having seemingly been laid out for the race. An 11 lb hike makes life tougher on his second run following wind surgery, but clearly in fine fettle at present.	<i>Brian Hughes</i>	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens Wise Eagle, 13-2 Ginger Mail, 7-1 Bashful, 15-2 Maghlaak, 11-1 Coniston George, 20-1 Givemefive, 33-1 Mack The Man

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A smart stayer on the Flat, it would be disappointing if WISE EAGLE did not prove to be better than his current mark over hurdles. He's taken to make a successful handicap debut in this sphere, ahead of C&D winner Coniston George who will be hoping for a sound gallop at this trip. Consistent first season hurdler Maghlaak can run creditably once again.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WISE EAGLE 2. CONISTON GEORGE 3. MAGHLAAK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Cracking Rhapsody</b> 5-10-11	11-4jf	Ewan Whillans	Henry Brooke	6
2023	<b>Dancewiththewind</b> 8-10-2	13-8f	Harriet Graham & Gary Rutherford	Edward Austin (5)	5
2022	<b>Stainsby Girl</b> 8-10-9	9-4	Donald Whillans	Craig Nichol	5
2021	<b>Corriebe Reiver</b> 7-11-5	9-1	Alistair Whillans	Craig Nichol	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4






RACING'S BEST RATINGS WITH TIMEFORM HANDICAP  
CHASE (2) 5yo+ £22,500 2m5f133y (4350 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	<b>IMAGINE (FR) (27)</b> 253/114-P5 7 12-0   76.2kg			
	Harry Derham		<i>Paul O'Brien</i>	
Looked an exciting chasing prospect when successful at Fairyhouse and Punchestown (Grade 2) last winter. Subsequently sold out of Gordon Elliott's yard for 320,000 euros but pulled up on yard debut in Paddy Power Gold Cup at Cheltenham before shaping like a non-stayer at Haydock. This easier.				
2	<b>PRAIRIE WOLF (IRE) (27) (C)</b> 113-64PU1 8 11-9   73.9kg	s		<b>100</b>
	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith		<i>Peter Kavanagh</i> (3lb/1kg)	
Made a fine start over fences last season, winning 3 times. Struggled for form at start of current campaign but back with a bang when scoring at Haydock under this rider last month. Should remain competitive up 6 lb.				
3	<b>EL ELEFANTE (IRE) (24)</b> 51F4-1361 7 11-5   72.1kg			<b>97</b>
	Lucinda Russell		<i>Derek Fox</i>	
Fairly useful hurdler who made a winning start to her chasing career in 2½m Worcester novice on return in October. Built on that at the third attempt when making all at Ayr last month and remains unexposed as a chaser.				
4	<b>NED TANNER (IRE) (27) (C)</b> 3F32-4512 9 10-4   65.3kg	s+t		<b>98</b>
	N. W. Alexander		<i>Danny McMenamin</i>	
Dual chase winner here as a novice. Progress stalled last season but back on track fitted with headgear/tongue tie when scoring at Haydock and backed that up with good second there 4 weeks ago, clear of rest. Respected up in class.				

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Prairie Wolf, 9-4 El Elefante, 4-1 Ned Tanner, 9-2 Imagine

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PRAIRIE WOLF was back to his best when successful at Haydock under this rider last month and appeals as the most solid option. El Elefante may get an uncontested lead here and rates the main threat having resumed progress/winning ways at Ayr last month.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PRAIRIE WOLF 2. EL ELEFANTE 3. IMAGINE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Empire Steel	10-11-10	2-1f	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	5
2023	Minella Drama	8-12-0	10-11f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	3
2022	Empire Steel	8-11-6	7-2	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	6

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	<b>DARE TO SHOUT (49)</b> (C)	t	<b>96</b>
	562P-2122 8 11-10   74.4kg Ann Hamilton <i>Danny McMenamin</i> A fairly useful winning hurdler who built on a promising chase debut when landing a 4-runner contest at Carlisle. Excellent second behind a subsequent winner over C&D next time but was a remote second behind Grand Albert at Wetherby since.		
2	<b>GRAND ALBERT (IRE) (49)</b>		<b>98</b>
	23212-31 7 11-7   73.0kg Donald McCain <i>Brian Hughes</i> Winning Irish pointer who improved with each start over hurdles last term and built on an encouraging chase debut when scoring easily at Wetherby last time. Makes obvious appeal.		
3	<b>MYRETOWN (IRE) (28)</b> (C)	★	<b>100</b>
	4/2F1-51F 8 11-0   69.9kg Lucinda Russell <i>Derek Fox</i> £135,000 buy after winning an Irish point. Winning hurdler but built for chasing and stepped up on chase bow/return when comfortable winner of 3-runner handicap at Wetherby on Boxing Day. Looked sure to play a hand in the finish when falling 3 out at Windsor since and remains of interest.		
4	<b>GAILLIMH A STOR (IRE) (24)</b> (BF)	t	<b>97</b>
	2F3F3/322 9 10-10   68.0kg N. W. Alexander <i>Bruce Lynn</i> Novice hurdle winner back in 2022. Very good placed efforts in handicap hurdles all 3 starts this season after a long absence, narrowly denied at Ayr the last twice. However, was let down by jumping when tried in this sphere in 2022/23 (fell on 2 out of 3 starts).		

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Grand Albert, 9-4 Myretown, 9-2 Dare To Shout, 6-1 Gaillimh A Stor

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MYRETOWN was still going well when falling at a tricky fence at Windsor 4 weeks ago so remains a chaser to keep on the right side of. Grand Albert is another who has taken very well to this sphere and is the obvious threat after his wide-margin success at Wetherby.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MYRETOWN 2. GRAND ALBERT 3. DARE TO SHOUT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Special Rate	7-10-11	8-13f	Philip Kirby	Ross Chapman	2
2023	Ned Tanner	7-10-11	5-2	N. W. Alexander	Sean Quinlan	5
2022	Sounds Russian	7-11-5	4-6f	Ruth Jefferson	Callum Bewley	3
2021	Claud And Goldie	12-10-11	11-2	Sandy Forster	Richie McLernon	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race



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RACE 6

RACING TV PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING HANDICAP  
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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	<b>PAY THE PIPER (IRE) (49)</b> (CD)	s	<b>99</b>
	2-4212123 10 12-0   76.2kg		
	Ann Hamilton	<b>Danny McMenamin</b>	
	Last season was a bit of a washout but he's more than made up for it this campaign, winning twice over this C&D along with plenty of good efforts in defeat. Should go well again back at this venue. Headgear re-fitted.		
2	<b>PRIMOZ (IRE) (25)</b>	t	<b>100</b>
	1741-14f3 7 11-5   72.1kg		
	Lucinda Russell	<b>Derek Fox</b>	
	Bookended his novice campaign over hurdles with victories at Ayr and perfect start in this sphere when scoring at Wetherby on return. Checked out rather tamely at Cheltenham next time before taking a heavy fall at Newbury but latest third of 4 at Ayr was a step back in the right direction.		
3	<b>ESCAPEANDEVADE (IRE) (27)</b> (CD)	b	<b>97</b>
	4111-U526 9 11-1   70.3kg		
	James Ewart	<b>Brian Hughes</b>	
	Took his form up a notch with cheekpieces enlisted last term, winning this race before bringing up the hat-trick over C&D final start. Disputing the lead when unseating rider 3 out at Wetherby on return but hasn't been in the same form since. No surprise if he bounced back in a change of headgear.		

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Primoz, 13-8 Pay The Piper, 10-3 Escapeandevade

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Things haven't gone to plan for PRIMOZ since his promising chase debut win at Wetherby but his latest third at Ayr was at least a step back in the right direction and he has more potential than his 2 seasoned rivals. The reliable Pay The Piper is the solid alternative with last year' winner Escapeandevade arriving with a bit to prove.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PRIMOZ 2. PAY THE PIPER 3. ESCAPEANDEVADE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **Escapeandevade** 8-11-6 11-8f James Ewart Brian Hughes 4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7








RACING TV OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier)  
(4) 4, 5 and 6yo £5,000 2m51y (3270 Metres)



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

Left handed, generally flat, with the hurdles course separate to the chase one and around a furlong shorter in length. The position of the final obstacle on both tracks was placed closer to the winning post from October 2012, negating the previous 2f run to the line, ensuring there is less emphasis on stamina than previously. It's true to say that conditions can get gruelling in midwinter, but on anything other than soft/heavy ground it's a track which is essentially sharp in character. Casualty rates on the chase course have decreased in recent years, for no obvious reason other than the fences presumably aren't quite so stiff as used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	<b>IMPERFECTLYPERFECT (IRE)</b>	★	100
	5 11-7   73.0kg		
	Lucinda Russell	<b>Derek Fox</b>	
€88,000 3-y-o, £70,000 4-y-o, Walk In The Park gelding. Dam, lightly raced in bumpers/over fences, half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (2½m-3m winner) Golan Fortune. Runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points (Nov 17). Respected.			
2	<b>KIWI RUSH (IRE) (96)</b>	t	94
	6 5 11-7   73.0kg		
	Harry Derham	<b>Paul O'Brien</b>	
Runner-up on second outing in Irish points, but in tongue strap for Rules debut he didn't find as much as he promised when sixth of 10 in bumper at Sandown (16f, good) in November. Could fare better this time around.			
3	<b>KOOL RAOUL (FR) (77)</b>		97
	2 5 11-7   73.0kg		
	Lucinda Russell	<b>Conner McCann (71b/3kg)</b>	
Showed plenty to work on when second of 7 in bumper at Musselburgh (15.6f, good to soft) on debut in November, keeping on having been outpaced early in straight. Can make his presence felt with that experience behind him.			
4	<b>WILD REIVER (IRE) (93)</b>	h	89
	6 6 11-7   73.0kg		
	Iain Jardine	<b>Conor Rabbitt (51b/2kg)</b>	
Starting out in a hood, ran as if in need of the outing for fitness and experience when last of 6 in bumper at Ayr (16f, good to soft) in November, edging left before weakening over 1f out. Has had a breathing operation since.			
5	<b>JAPETUS</b>		99
	4 10-9   67.6kg		
	Nicky Richards	<b>Danny McMenamin</b>	
50,000 gns 3-y-o, Sea The Moon gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners on Flat, including 6f/7f winner Zander. Dam, smart 7f-1¼m winner, half-sister to (1½m winner, including in USA) Renown. Has had breathing operation, but he's one to note on debut.			
6	<b>LESTER MAIL (FR) (39)</b>		89
	8 4 10-9   67.6kg		
	N. W. Alexander	<b>Bruce Lynn</b>	
Yard has had success with this family, but he made little impact first time up when eighth of 14 in bumper at Ayr (16f, heavy) last month. Likely to need more time.			
7	<b>MISS FRIDAY LIONS (17)</b>		97
	4 4 10-2   64.4kg		
	Rebecca Menzies	<b>Nathan Moscrop</b>	
Attracted support (10/1) and offered something to work on when fourth of 9 in mares' maiden bumper at Newcastle (16.2f, slow) on debut 17 days ago, unable to sustain effort having raced freely early. Could take a step forward.			

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Japetus, 7-2 Imperfectlyperfect, 9-2 Kool Raoul, 9-2 Miss Friday Lions, 11-2 Kiwi Rush, 18-1 Wild Reiver, 22-1 Lester Mail

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This could go to a debutant, with preference for JAPETUS whose yard has been going well in bumpers, including with a couple of winners first time up. Irish point runner-up Imperfectlyperfect also represents a trainer who enjoys success in this sphere, with Kool Raoul the pick of those with previous bumper experience.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JAPETUS 2. IMPERFECTLYPERFECT 3. KOOL RAOUL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2024	<b>Dedicated Hero</b> 5-11-7	6-4f	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania 12
2023	<b>Kamsinas</b> 6-11-7	8-13f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan 9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race