

Monday 16th February

CARLISLE



1.05 CONFERENCE & EVENTS AT CARLISLE RACECOURSE NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m1f (3420 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) JOHNNY'S JURY | (2) KILNESARE FLIGHT | (3) KNOMOREDIAMONDS**

1.35 RACING TV HANDICAP CHASE (3) 1m7f207y (3210 Metres)

RACE 2 **(8) NETYWELL | (4) HARDY DU SEUIL | (1) GRAIN D'OUDAIRIES**

2.05 COME RACING AT CARLISLE IN 2026 MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f61y (3880 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) HE'S ON FIRE | (6) JOHNNY MOONSHINE | (9) THE DOG THIEF**

2.35 BOOK YOUR RACEDAY HOSPITALITY NOW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 3m110y (4930 Metres)

RACE 4 **(7) UPFORDEBATE | (1) SAINT DAVY | (3) AYIKO**

3.05 CARLISLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f61y (3880 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) SCAIRP DUBH | (8) PARISH STAR | (3) WIND YOUR NECK IN**

3.35 SANDY MOLLOY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m1f (3420 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) AZAHARA PALACE | (3) SOLDIER'S LEAP | (9) SWINGING LONDON**

4.05 WATCH RACING TV NOW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)

RACE 7 **(7) WOLFBURG | (6) LARGY TRAIN | (1) TRAC**

4.35 NEXT RACEDAY SUNDAY 8th MARCH MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m1f (5030 Metres)

RACE 8 **(7) MAURA JEANNE | (1) KEPPEL QUEEN | (8) IT'S MAISY**

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

CONFERENCE & EVENTS AT CARLISLE RACECOURSE NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2m1f (3420 Metres)



Going: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Soft in places**

Right handed, undulating, galloping. Notably stiff track on account of the home straight being uphill, though as a result many races are steadily run and, especially on the chase course, those that are prominent at the bottom of the hill are often not for catching. The fences are notably undemanding, the attrition rate almost always one of the lowest in the country. Invariably extremely testing ground in mid-winter.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 JOHNNY'S JURY (IRE) (38) (D) 100
3-1 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Jamie Snowden **Jonathan Burke**
Promising son of Jukebox Jury who shaped well when third at Ffos Las (for Nicky Henderson) on his hurdling bow before making a winning start for his new yard in 14-runner novice at Exeter (16.7f, soft) 38 days ago, forging clear from last. Very hard to oppose.

2 KILNESARE FLIGHT (IRE) (34) 90
21 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Donald McCain **Brian Hughes**
Runner-up in Carlisle bumper before going one better on his hurdling bow in 10-runner novice at Ayr (16f, heavy) 34 days ago. Open to improvement so he needs considering.

3 KNOMOREDIAMONDS (FR) (30) 90
2436-1U24 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)**
Fairly useful hurdler who got off the mark at Hexham in October. Posted a good fourth of 17 in handicap hurdle at Haydock (21.2f, good to soft) 30 days ago so is well in the mix here back in maiden company.

4 COCO MASTERPIECE (FR) (27) 81
13/P0 9 11-0 | 69.9kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland **J. J. Slevin**
A useful bumper winner but yet to fire in two runs in this sphere, twelfth of 20 in novice hurdle at Down Royal (17.2f, soft) 27 days ago. This Irish challenger has lots to prove.

5 MATCHING ENERGY (64) 82
1F 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Daragh Bourke **Callum Bewley**
Debut bumper winner at Hexham in June and showed some promise (though held in second) when fell last in novice over C&D (soft) on hurdles bow 64 days ago. This points scorer can't be ruled out.

6 MCELHATTAN (IRE) (34) 79
5 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**
9/1, fifth of 8 in bumper at Ayr on Rules debut 34 days ago, racing lazily. This winning Irish pointer still needs considering on his hurdles debut though.

7 THE FOREMAN (1381) 75
8 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Danny McMenamin**
Beat only one home in a Haydock bumper on debut back in May 2022 and not seen since. The market should prove a good guide.

8 KHALEESI QUEEN (32) 65
09 6 10-7 | 66.7kg



Micky Hammond **Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)**
Well held in a pair of bumpers this winter, hooded when ninth at Newcastle 32 days ago. Lots more is required on her hurdles debut.

9 NEVERSHEDATEAR (IRE) (32) 75
57 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Craig Nichol**
Winning pointer but is being brought along steadily over hurdles, seventh of 11 in novice at Newcastle (16.9f, good to soft) 32 days ago. Tongue strap is reached for now.

10 BLONDINA (IRE) (46) 79
9 4 10-2 | 64.4kg



Adam Nicol **Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)**
Modest ex-Irish Flat maiden for Jim Bolger. Only ninth of 10 in juvenile at Musselburgh (15.6f, good to soft, 33/1) on her yard/hurdling debut 46 days ago so needs to take a big step forward.

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Johnny's Jury, **7-2** Kilnesare Flight, **7-2** Knomorediamonds, **16-1** Matching Energy, **20-1** Coco Masterpiece, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JOHNNY'S JURY looked a good prospect when getting off the mark in this sphere at Exeter on his debut for Jamie Snowden and is hard to side against here. Ayr scorer Kilnesare Flight also has better days ahead of him and is next on the list ahead of Knomorediamonds and Matching Energy who can fight it out for minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JOHNNY'S JURY 2. KILNESARE FLIGHT 3. KNOMOREDIAMONDS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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|------|-------------------------------|------|---------------|--------------|----|
| 2025 | Joltin N Jiving 5-11-0 | evsf | Donald McCain | Brian Hughes | 8 |
| 2024 | Professor Klump 5-11-7 | 9-2 | Donald McCain | Brian Hughes | 7 |
| 2023 | Hallwood 6-11-7 | 40-1 | Mark Rimell | Tom Bellamy | 10 |
| 2022 | Gold Emery 6-11-6 | 5-2 | Donald McCain | Brian Hughes | 9 |
| 2021 | Word Has It 7-11-4 | 6-5f | Donald McCain | Brian Hughes | 12 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACING TV HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-130)
£15,000 1m7f207y (3210 Metres)

RACE 2



Going: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Soft in places**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **GRAIN D'OUDAIRIES (FR) (23)** (D) t **97**

F634-1512 10 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Donald McCain *Brian Hughes*
 Made it 2 wins from first 3 starts this season when scoring at Haydock (19.9f) in December and continued in good form when second of 5 at Doncaster (16.4f, soft) 23 days ago, beaten only by an unexposed type. Respected back down in grade.

2 **HERE COMES GEORGIE (58)** (C, D) t **98**

683-13626 8 11-13 | 75.7kg
 Dylan Cunha *Lee Edwards*
 Fairly useful hurdler/chaser for Patrick Neville and good effort on second start for current yard when going close in handicap chase at Doncaster (19.1f, good to soft) in November. Below form at Ascot since but he's capable if on a going day.

3 **TWOSHOTSOFTEQUILA (IRE) (2)** h **97**

P223011/P 9 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Rebecca Menzies *Nathan Moscrop*
 Capitalised on drop back in grade when scoring at Catterick (25.2f) in February 2024 and followed up at Newcastle a week later. However, missed last season and was pulled up at Haydock (19.9f, soft) on belated return 2 days ago.

4 **HARDY DU SEUIL (FR) (30)** (C, D) s **100**

2503-3104 9 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Jamie Snowden *Isabelle Ryder (5lb/2kg)*
 Returned to winning ways in handicap hurdle at Windsor in November and, back over fences, matched that form when fourth of 10 at Haydock (16.3f, good to soft) a month ago. Can make his presence felt with yard continuing to go well.

5 **SOFT RISK (FR) (789)** (D) **91**

1/ 10 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Nicky Richards *Sean Quinlan*
 Landed a bumper/first 3 starts in novice hurdles and lost little caste in defeat in pair of handicaps to end 2021/22. After 21-month absence, made a winning start over fences in 3-runner handicap at Ayr (16.5f, soft) in December 2023, but he's been off again since.

6 **KARAFON (FR) (27)** t **97**

70F-77926 6 11-10 | 74.4kg
 Stuart Crawford, Ireland *J. J. Slevin*
 Fairly useful hurdler for Willie Mullins who shaped well on second start over fences when runner-up in handicap at Ayr (20.5f, soft) in January. Possibly found race coming too soon when well held at Down Royal 18 days later, so he could bounce back.

7 **HELLO JUDGE (25)** (C) t **96**

1P12-1185 10 11-3 | 71.2kg
 Ann Hamilton *Danny McMenamin*
 Made a winning reappearance at this course (20f) in October, his fifth success here, and followed up at Hexham. However, lesser efforts the last twice, fifth of 9 at Wetherby (19.4f, heavy, 20/1) 25 days ago. Needs to get back on track returned to this venue.

8 **NETYWELL (FR) (18)** (D) **99**

72P-38F84 9 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore *Patrick Wadge*
 Without a win since recording a hat-trick in 2023/24 but faced with testing ground for first time this season, he ran better than for a while when fourth of 11 at Ayr (16.5f, heavy) 18 days ago. Major player having been eased a further 2 lb.

9 **WILLIE SHAKE HANDS (IRE) (30)** (D) t **96**

23-123435 7 10-8 | 67.1kg
 Sam England *Jonathan England*
 Off the mark on chasing debut at Hexham in May and ran well on return from 5 months off when third of 6 at Doncaster (16.4f, good to soft) in December. However, found it tougher in this grade at Haydock last time and has largely been kept away from testing ground.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Grain D'oudairies, **5-1** Hardy Du Seuil, **11-2** Karafon, **7-1** Here Comes Georgie, **9-1** Netywell, **9-1** Soft Risk, **14-1** Willie Shake Hands, **16-1** Twoshotsftequila, **16-1** Hello Judge

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NETYWELL took a step back in the right direction when fourth at Ayr 18 days ago and, with conditions looking set to be in his favour, he could be ready to take advantage of his reduced mark. Hardy du Seuil ran well back over fences behind a trio of last-time-out winners at Haydock on his latest outing and isn't taken lightly, with Grain d'Oudairies also in the mix.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NETYWELL 2. HARDY DU SEUIL 3. GRAIN D'OUDAIRIES

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**COME RACING AT CARLISLE IN 2026 MAIDEN HURDLE (4)
4yo+ £10,000 2m3f61y (3880 Metres)**

RACE 3




Going: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Soft in places**


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Pace Information: **Even**


1 COOL MASTER (26) 38
99 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Toby Wynne**
Well held at Bangor and over C&D this winter and looks more one for handicaps after this.


2 EAGLE'S CAIRN (IRE) (32) 77
03-6P 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**
Better effort in bumpers when third on soft ground here last February. Modest sixth on C&D hurdle debut/reappearance in November and pulled up at Newcastle since. Hard to make a case for.

3 FOREVER LOUIE (56) 38
62 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Rebecca Menzies **Ross Chapman**
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 (2m, good to soft) in December, lacking pace of winner. Longer trip should suit now hurdling.


4 GOOD BOY GRIFF (14) 64
6795 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Gary Hanmer **Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)**
Has only hinted at ability in 3 bumpers and a maiden hurdle. Looks more one for the longer term.


5 HE'S ON FIRE (FR) (93) 100
462 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

 W. P. Mullins, Ireland  **Mr P. W. Mullins**
Ended his time in France with an improved second at Auteuil in November. A reproduction of that form will make him hard to beat on debut for Willie Mullins.


6 JOHNNY MOONSHINE (IRE) (45) 87
44 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**
Runner-up sole start in an Irish point last spring. Promise when fourth in a course bumper and 2m Ayr maiden hurdle. Today's step up in trip could unlock improvement.


7 PASSING DIAMOND (IRE) (68) 45
436 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Ben Haslam **Richie McLernon**
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 in December (sole outing for Neil Mulholland).


8 SWINGINGONTHESTEEL (12) 77
211-48 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Rebecca Menzies **Nathan Moscrop**
Point/dual bumper winner so his hurdle efforts at Sedgefield this winter have been a little disappointing. Still plenty of time for him to come good over timber but best watched here unless the betting vibes are strong.


9 THE DOG THIEF (IRE) 85
6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Tom Ellis **Jack Andrews**
Closely related to fairly useful hurdlers Oneofthesenights (stayed 2¼m) and Operation Overlord (stayed 2½m). Successful sole outing in points in December and must enter calculations now starting out in this sphere.

10 WHEREARETHEJUDGES (IRE) (45) 85
58 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Daragh Bourke **Callum Bewley**
Made frame sole start in points last March. Showed a bit when fifth of 12 on C&D hurdle debut in late November but well beaten at Ayr since.

11 ROSA DIAZ (IRE) (22) 89
54 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Craig Nichol**
£32,000 purchase after winning an Irish point winner in November 2024. Showed a bit when fifth of 12 on Ludlow hurdle debut but could only manage a distant fourth at Sedgefield since.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-11 He's On Fire, **11-1** Johnny Moonshine, **12-1** The Dog Thief, **16-1** Forever Louie, **33-1** SwingingontheSteel, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

French recruit HE'S ON FIRE should be hard to beat on his first run for Willie Mullins. The longer trip should suit Johnny Moonshine so he's put up for the forecast spot unless the betting vibes are strong for Tom Ellis point winner The Dog Thief.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HE'S ON FIRE 2. JOHNNY MOONSHINE 3. THE DOG THIEF

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

| | | | | | |
|------|--------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----|
| 2025 | Malicash 6-11-5 | 5-4f | Donald McCain | Brian Hughes | 8 |
| 2024 | Jagwar 5-11-2 | 8-15f | Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero | Jonjo O'Neill Jr. | 5 |
| 2023 | Altobelli 5-11-10 | 4-6f | Harry Fry | Bryan Carver | 10 |
| 2022 | High Moon 7-11-7 | 9-1 | Rebecca Menzies | Nathan Moscrop | 5 |
| 2021 | Theme Tune 6-11-9 | 10-11f | Jonjo O'Neill | Jonjo O'Neill Jr. | 8 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

BOOK YOUR RACEDAY HOSPITALITY NOW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-130) £19,000 3m110y (4930 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 SAINT DAVY (FR) (31) (C) s **100**
116/3F4P-3 9 12-2 | 77.1kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
Winning hurdler who ran up to best over fences tried in cheekpieces when third of 5 on return at Windsor last month, evidently not lacking for fitness. The fourth that day won next time and he looks to have a decent chance in this provided he's over those exertions.

2 WESTERNINHPARK (IRE) (31) **99**
12320-47P 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
Bumper/dual-hurdles winner who made a successful start in this sphere at Stratford last season. Largely creditable efforts in defeat thereafter but was toiling from some way out having been sent off one of the market leaders at Windsor last month. Worth another chance.

3 AYIKO (58) (D) t **97**
753/213-U2 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland *J. J. Slevin*
Fairly useful winning 3m Irish hurdler who showed aptitude for chasing in a race that was surely too much of a speed test when runner-up of 4 in a beginners chase at Haydock (19.9f) a couple of months ago. Entitled to progress in this sphere now back up in distance.

4 SOUND AND FURY (IRE) (52) (C, D) s **98**
31517-168 9 11-8 | 73.5kg



Ben Pauling *Ben Jones*
Lightly-raced winning pointer/hurdler who looked rather fortunate to win 2 of his 5 starts over fences last season. Resumed progress to make a winning return here (3¼m, good to soft) in November, but found things tougher on both subsequent starts, latest at Market Rasen on Boxing Day.

5 HUDSON DE GRUGY (FR) (29) (D) v **99**
P1P3-6910 9 11-4 | 71.7kg



Sam England *Jonathan England*
Fairly useful chaser for Gary & Josh Moore who left his opening pair of exploits for new yard well behind in a refitted visor when winning at Wetherby in December, holding on gamely. Found the trip beyond him at Windsor since and this should be more suitable.

6 PRESIDENT SCOTTIE (IRE) (18) (D) **99**
2333P-486 8 10-12 | 68.9kg



Nicky Richards *Danny McMenamin*
Has become disappointing, latest when sixth of 13 back over hurdles at Ayr (15/2) 18 days ago, beaten when untidy 2 out. Cheekpieces removed for this return to chasing and his mark continues to tumble.

7 UPFORDEBATE (IRE) (73) (D) s+t **98**
P6-511P11 7 10-7 | 66.7kg



Patrick Neville *Brian Hughes*
Has thrived since going chasing, improved further in first-time cheekpieces to register a fourth win of the campaign in 8-runner handicap at Sedgefield 10 weeks ago, looking better the further he went. Up another 9 lb but remains of interest back up in grade.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Upfordebate, **10-3** Saint Davy, **9-2** Ayiko, **7-1** WesterninthePark, **10-1** President Scottie, **16-1** Sound And Fury, **33-1** Hudson De Grugy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Cases can be made for a few of these but the vote goes to UPFORDEBATE, who made it 4 wins from his last 5 starts at Sedgefield recently and Patrick Neville's 7-y-o is fancied to defy another chunky rise in the weights. His main threat may emerge from Saint Davy, who ran up to his best on return at Windsor recently and could well step up on that here. Ayiko showed aptitude for chasing when runner-up at Haydock and completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. UPFORDEBATE 2. SAINT DAVY 3. AYIKO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

| | | | | | |
|------|------------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------------|----|
| 2025 | Tanganyika 7-11-9 | 11-4 | Venetia Williams | Charlie Deutsch | 7 |
| 2024 | Jet Legs 7-11-4 | 11-4jf | Martin Todhunter | Callum Bewley | 8 |
| 2023 | Tile Tapper 9-11-10 | 11-2 | Chris Honour | Bryan Carver | 11 |
| 2022 | Bavington Bob 7-11-10 | 6-4f | Ann Hamilton | Brian Hughes | 7 |
| 2021 | Chapel Stile 9-11-13 | 11-2 | Nicky Richards | Ryan Day | 7 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

CARLISLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £6,250 2m3f61y (3880 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1 SCAIRP DUBH (32) ★ 100
 276564 6 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith *Jack Power*
 Attracted support and left previous efforts behind when fourth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (17/2) 32 days ago, albeit well positioned the way things panned out. That improved effort suggests he can go close at this level.

2 TECH THAT (IRE) (23) s 90
 43P-684 7 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Richard Phillips *Finn Lambert*
 Fair placed form in bumpers. Yet to get off the mark but finished fourth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (11/1) 23 days ago turning in his best effort of the season though no match for trio of handicap debutants. Eases slightly in grade and interesting if back to best in first-time cheekpieces.

3 WIND YOUR NECK IN (IRE) (15) (BF) t 98
 45364447 7 11-8 | 73.5kg
 Sam England *Oscar Palmer (3lb/1kg)*
 Modest handicap hurdler with several fourths in recent starts but hasn't won in 21 runs. Seventh of 9 in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (5/2 fav) 15 days ago, was too free and refused to settle. Can be competitive if racing more efficiently.

4 UPTHEREFORTHINKING (IRE) (50) v 90
 F/047465-5 7 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Jake Thomas Coulson *Philip Armon*
 Has struggled to show his best form for current yard, came last of 5 in selling hurdle at Leicester (25/1) 50 days ago showing nothing after 14 months off. First-time visor replaces cheekpieces but has plenty to prove.

5 KNOCKERANNA ROSE (IRE) (25) 87
 5-42668 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Susan Corbett *Conor Rabbitt*
 Showed progressive form in bumpers but no impact in three hurdles starts, most recently eighth of 12 at Wetherby (66/1) 25 days ago when tailed off. Looks the type to do better back up in trip on handicap debut.

6 PERFECTOT (FR) (26) s+t 47
 33-0460 5 11-3 | 71.2kg
 Rebecca Menzies *Alan Doyle*
 Modest form when third in a couple of bumpers last spring but no show over hurdles, 10th of 13 in novice hurdle at Catterick Bridge (300/1) 26 days ago, taking keen hold and weakening when mistake 2 out. First-time cheekpieces replace hood and worth a market check on handicap debut.

7 FINE AS WINE (IRE) (27) 91
 666 8 11-3 | 71.2kg
 Gary Hanmer *Benjamin Macey (3lb/1kg)*
 Finished in the frame on all 4 starts in Irish points earlier in career but has shown little in three runs under Rules since November. Sixth of 8 in novice hurdle at Leicester (66/1) 27 days ago, fared no better. Worth a second look in the betting on handicap debut.

8 PARISH STAR (IRE) (14) 99
 75/458-311 6 10-13 | 69.4kg
 Adam Nicol *Joshua Thompson*
 Has won her last two handicap hurdles since joining her current yard, winning at Newcastle and followed up with the minimum of fuss at Southwell (8/11 favourite) 14 days ago, quickening clear to win readily. Up 8lbs and hood removed but has to be respected in hat-trick bid.

9 DO YE WANNA (IRE) (282) 83
 00/P77-P 8 10-13 | 69.4kg
 George Bewley *Edward Austin*
 Well beaten in bumpers and little in the way of robust form over hurdles. Needs to improve for switch to handicaps.

10 JUNKYARD DOG (IRE) (32) t 95
 3450 4 10-12 | 68.9kg
 Iain Jardine *William Maggs*
 Has struggled since joining yard from Joseph O'Brien last August, twelfth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (28/1) 32 days ago where upped in trip and failed to improve for first-time tongue strap (retained), never involved. Yet to progress from promise of hurdling debut.

11 GOLD RING (52) 95
 0608/POP-0 9 10-5 | 65.8kg
 Neil Mechie *Charlie Maggs*
 Hasn't won in nearly three years and dropped away tamely when 11th of 11 in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (50/1) 52 days ago on return from 10 months off. Has lost his way and is difficult to recommend.

12 LILOO D'ORES (FR) (14) v+t 96
 65356P66 9 10-5(10-3) | 65.8kg (64.9kg)
 Gary Hanmer *Joe Anderson*
 Winless in 23 starts and has showed no benefit from another breathing operation. Sixth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Southwell (18/1) 14 days ago, running poorly again. First-time visor but could only be considered if backed from falling mark.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Parish Star, **7-2** Scairp Dubh, **11-2** Wind Your Neck In, **10-1** Tech That, **12-1** Junkyard Dog, **12-1** Knockeranna Rose, **14-1** Liloo D'ores, **25-1** Fine As Wine, **28-1** Perfectot, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SCAIRP DUBH showed promise when supported at long odds to finish fourth at Newcastle and he can get off the mark on just his third start in a handicap. Parish Star has won her last two handicap hurdles since joining her current yard and could make a bold bid for the hat-trick despite an 8 lb rise. Wind Your Neck In can be more competitive if settling better, while Tech That would be interesting if first-time headgear has the desired effect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SCAIRP DUBH 2. PARISH STAR 3. WIND YOUR NECK IN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **C'est Different** 5-11-10 5-2f Sam Thomas Dylan Johnston (3) 10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.35

SANDY MOLLOY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,750 2m1f (3420 Metres)


RACE 6





Going: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Soft in places**


Right handed, undulating, galloping. Notably stiff track on account of the home straight being uphill, though as a result many races are steadily run and, especially on the chase course, those that are prominent at the bottom of the hill are often not for catching. The fences are notably undemanding, the attrition rate almost always one of the lowest in the country. Invariably extremely testing ground in mid-winter.


Pace Information: **Strong**


1 AZAHARA PALACE (50) 92
 215 6 11-12 | 75.3kg
 **Adrian Keatley** *Brian Hughes*
 Fairly useful on the Flat and won at the second attempt in this sphere in novice at Hexham. Only fifth of 7 under a penalty at Catterick since, though. Could do better now tackling handicap company for the first time.


2 HE'S BRESILIAN (34) (D, BF) 100
 5332-3612 6 11-12 | 75.3kg
 **Jedd O'Keeffe** *Sean Quinlan*
 Made all to win a maiden hurdle in December in a weak contest. Second of 9 in handicap hurdle at Ayr (15/8 favourite) 34 days ago, ran his best race, beaten only by one that had eased in the weights. 6-y-o is still relatively low mileage and can give another good account.


3 SOLDIER'S LEAP (IRE) (33) 98 h+t
 67223-115 6 11-9 | 73.9kg
 **Tom Ellis** *Jack Andrews*
 Won twice in the autumn, including easy victory at Uttoxeter (8/13) when settling better in a first-time hood. Fifth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Newbury (5/1) 33 days ago, gave his all in much more competitive company. Will be suited by this drop back in class and should go well.


4 CELESTIAL REIGN (IRE) (22) 96 s+t
 84-1246 5 11-8 | 73.5kg
 **Micky Hammond** *Joshua Thompson (51lb/2kg)*
 Won maiden at Sedgefield in May. Sixth of 7 in handicap hurdle back there (50/1) 22 days ago, looking rusty on handicap debut over jumps after 5 months off. Looks averagely treated but eases slightly in grade and could take a step forward with a run under his belt.


5 ROCK HURLEY (FR) (84) (D) 96 t
 534241-80 8 11-7 | 73.0kg
 **Donald McCain** *William Maggs (51lb/2kg)*
 Took advantage of a much-reduced mark when opening account for current connections at Bangor in April. Disappointed at Cartmel the following month, though, and he'll need to step up plenty on his reappearance run at Sedgefield in November if he's to play a lead role. Blinkers discarded.


6 VAMPIRE SLAYER (IRE) (12) (D) 97 v
 8856-5511 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
 **Daragh Bourke** *Callum Bewley*
 Broke his maiden after 26 attempts when benefiting from visor and front-running at Catterick last month, then won handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (11/8 favourite) 12 days ago, dominating from the front and clear 2 out. Not dismissed in current form but up 9 lbs and now forced up in grade.


7 RUSSIAN VIRTUE (22) (CD) 96 s
 4334-246P 9 11-7 | 73.0kg
 **David Thompson** *Theo Gillard*
 C&D scorer but winless since 2023, pulled up in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (25/1) 22 days ago after 9-week break when making a mistake at the fourth and labouring badly (possibly amiss). Likes it here, however, and worth a market check with cheekpieces back on.

8 BOOK OF SECRETS (IRE) (13) (D) 98 h+t
 3-3237278 8 11-7 | 73.0kg
 **James Moffatt** *Leah Noreci (101lb/5kg)*
 As good as ever when second at Newton Abbot last September but was eighth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (18/1) 13 days ago, failing to settle despite hood/tongue strap and untidy at the last. Hasn't won in over two years and likely being brought along with another summer campaign in mind.


9 SWINGING LONDON (IRE) (14) 98 s+t
 4FF/7-7245 8 11-5 | 72.1kg
 **John Mackie** *Ben Jones*
 Went close at Leicester (15.5f) and again caught the eye with how he moved through the race when fourth over longer trip at Warwick (21f, soft) in December. Fifth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Kempton 14 days ago when less-than-ideally placed. This could suit better and looks interesting.

10 FOSTERED PHIL (IRE) (45) (CD) 98 t
 61337415 12 11-5 | 72.1kg
 **William Young Jnr** *Danny McMenamin*
 Back on last winning mark when successful at this C&D in December before respectable fifth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Ayr (22/1) 45 days ago when upped markedly in trip, though never landed a blow. Back down significantly in trip.

11 LADY BABS (13) (CD) 96 s
 11131-P50 12 11-4 | 71.7kg
 **Andrew Crook** *Conor Rabbitt (31lb/1kg)*
 Three-time C&D winner last season but hasn't fired this term. Last of 11 in handicap hurdle here (28/1) 13 days ago, made mistakes and was heavily eased. Dropped 5lbs but hard to be confident of a resurgence at 12 years old.

12 TWO AULD PALS (IRE) (34) (D) 98
 231/65-363 8 11-4 | 71.7kg
 **Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore** *Gregor Walkingshaw (101lb/5kg)*
 Third behind a pair of subsequent winners at Kelso in October. Latest third (behind He's Bresilian) of 9 in handicap hurdle at Ayr (7/1) 34 days ago, ran better than last time back down in trip but was never a threat to more prominently-riden pair. Not ruled out with yard back among winners.

13 DEE'S GETAWAY (IRE) (56) 94 t
 9-634P150 6 11-3 | 71.2kg
 **George Bewley** *Edward Austin (51lb/2kg)*
 Won at Ayr over 16f in November but eleventh of 13 in handicap hurdle at Musselburgh (20/1) 56 days ago, possibly failing to stay the longer trip as she weakened early in the straight. Back down significantly in trip which may help but likely needs respite from handicapper.

14 INTERCHANGEABLE (64) 99
 90106-046 6 11-2 | 70.8kg
 **John Dixon** *Mr John Dixon (71lb/3kg)*
 Has been running exclusively at Carlisle for new yard. Sixth of 8 in handicap hurdle here (20/1) 64 days ago, raced freely and made good progress out wide before 2 out but couldn't sustain effort. Down 4 lbs and not one to dismiss completely at big odds.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Soldier's Leap, **11-2** Azahara Palace, **8-1** He's Bresilian, **10-1** Swinging London, **10-1** Vampire Slayer, **11-1** Two Auld Pals, **14-1** Fostered Phil, **14-1** Russian Virtue, **20-1** Interchangeable, **20-1** Dee's Getaway, **25-1** Celestial Reign, **28-1** Book of Secrets, **28-1** Lady Babs, **33-1** Rock Hurley

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Fairly useful Flat performer AZAHARA PALACE showed plenty in her first two starts over hurdles and she can improve now handicapping. Soldier's Leap won twice in the autumn and gave his all in more competitive company at Newbury last time, while Swinging London wasn't ideally placed at Kempton where the pace held up but can do better eased slightly in grade. Two Auld Pals and Russian Virtue are others to note in a competitive race.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AZAHARA PALACE 2. SOLDIER'S LEAP 3. SWINGING LONDON

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**WATCH RACING TV NOW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £9,750 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)**

RACE 7



Going: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Soft in places**

Right handed, undulating, galloping. Notably stiff track on account of the home straight being uphill, though as a result many races are steadily run and, especially on the chase course, those that are prominent at the bottom of the hill are often not for catching. The fences are notably undemanding, the attrition rate almost always one of the lowest in the country. Invariably extremely testing ground in mid-winter.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 TRAC (FR) (67) (C, D) b 94
1/6P54-251 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

Micky Hammond *Brian Hughes*
Right back on track in first-time blinkers when landing 9-runner handicap chase at Newcastle (20.1f, good to soft) 67 days ago. Up 5 lb but this course winner is not taken lightly with headgear retained.

2 CUZCO DU MATHAN (FR) (175) v 92
6121-4747 8 11-13 | 75.7kg

James Moffatt *Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg)*
Arrives below par, only seventh of 11 in handicap chase at Cartmel (21.2f, good) in August. Much more is needed after a break.

3 SEAN OG (IRE) (128) (BF) 97
34134426 8 11-13 | 75.7kg

Dianne Sayer *Peter Kavanagh*
Scored at Cartmel in June and in good form until only sixth of 8 in handicap chase at Hexham (24.2f, good) in October. Needs to bounce back after a break.

4 CANUNCLECANI (IRE) (18) 95
P52-0240 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

Jackie Stephen *Sean Quinlan*
Fair maiden hurdler who was in good form until upped to 3m when tenth in Ayr handicap 18 days ago. Much respected now going chasing reverted in trip.

5 BAPTISM OF FIRE (IRE) (17) (D) 95
P-PPP 11 11-10 | 74.4kg

Kevin Hunter *Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)*
Useful chase winner for Henry de Bromhead in 2022. However, he has been pulled up over hurdles on all four runs for current yard. Very hard to warm to now back over fences.

6 LARGY TRAIN (22) (C, D) s 93
1115/4-231 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

Henry Hogarth *Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)*
Course scorer who resumed winning ways in 5-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield (19.3f, soft) 22 days ago, always holding on. Up 4 lb but can go well again.

7 WOLFBURG (IRE) (26) (BF) s+t ★ 100
1/PP0-P713 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Sandy Thomson *Callum Bewley*
Got off the mark over fences at Wetherby (2m3f) in December and travelled strongly for a long way upped to 3m1f when a fading third of 12 in handicap chase at Catterick 26 days ago. Big shout now reverted in trip.

8 STREAMSFORTH LAD (IRE) (59) s+t 95
6P-63533U 8 11-2 | 70.8kg

Gary Hanmer *Benjamin Macey (5lb/2kg)*
Pulled up on his chasing bow and made some mistakes before unseating his rider at the 8th in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (24f, heavy) 59 days ago. Cheekpieces go on now with a bit to prove in his bid for a maiden success.

9 HAWKSEYE VIEW (52) (BF) s 93
5U335-325 7 10-12 | 68.9kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith *Danny McMenamin*
Remains a maiden after 18 runs and cheekpieces tried when only fifth of 8 in handicap chase at Market Rasen (23.9f, good) 52 days ago. Others appeal more.

10 WESTERDALE (51) 95
556P-00 7 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)

Mark Walford *William Maggs (5lb/2kg)*
Poor maiden hurdler. Hooded when a below-form tenth of 16 in handicap at Wetherby (24.1f, soft) 51 days ago. Goes chasing now from 5 lb "wrong" in the weights.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Trac, 4-1 Largy Train, 9-2 Wolfburg, 6-1 Streamsforth Lad, 9-1 Hawkseye View, 12-1 Sean Og, 12-1 Cuzco Du Mathan, 33-1 Canunclecani, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WOLFBURG shaped as if still in top form when a non-staying third over 3m1f at Catterick last time and can quickly revert to winning ways now dropped back in trip here. Both Largy Train and Trac come here on the back of last-time-out victories at Sedgefield and Newcastle respectively and can chase home Sandy Thomson's 7-y-o in that order.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WOLFBURG 2. LARGY TRAIN 3. TRAC

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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| 2025 | Hello Judge 9-11-9 | 7-1 | Ann Hamilton | Danny McMenamin | 11 |
| 2024 | Hello Judge 8-10-13 | 5-2 | Ann Hamilton | Danny McMenamin | 7 |
| 2023 | Knocknamona 12-10-6 | 28-1 | Micky Hammond | Conor O'Farrell | 12 |
| 2022 | Dawn Raider 10-10-3 | 9-1 | Gary Hanmer | K. Brogan (3) | 9 |
| 2021 | Scottish Accent 8-11-10 | 3-1jf | Rebecca Menzies | Nathan Moscrop (3) | 8 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 8

NEXT RACEDAY SUNDAY 8th MARCH MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-105) £6,750 3m1f (5030 Metres)



Going: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Soft in places**

Right handed, undulating, galloping. Notably stiff track on account of the home straight being uphill, though as a result many races are steadily run and, especially on the chase course, those that are prominent at the bottom of the hill are often not for catching. The fences are notably undemanding, the attrition rate almost always one of the lowest in the country. Invariably extremely testing ground in mid-winter.

Pace Information: **Weak**

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| 1 | KEPPEL QUEEN (21) (BF) F234-21P3 7 12-0 76.2kg | 100 |
| | Ollly Murphy Placed several times for previous yard and made the most of good opportunity in Warwick maiden hurdle (21f) on debut for new yard in October. Jumped poorly back chasing next time and similar story returned to hurdles when third at Plumpton since, suggesting her mark is fair if keeping errors down. | Sean Bowen |
| 2 | HELLFIRE PRINCESS (12) 961/24-016 9 11-13 75.7kg | 94 |
| | Kerry Lee Back to form with a bang to win Ffos Las mares' handicap (234m, soft) in November, albeit very much suited by the way that developed. Not in the same form when sixth of 10 at Ludlow (21f) 12 days ago. Bounce back needed. | Conor O'Farrell |
| 3 | VROOMOZ EILE (IRE) (75) (C) 831-6P3 7 11-11 74.8kg | 97 |
| | James Moffatt Maiden Irish pointer but off the mark at third attempt over hurdles in mares' novice here (19f, soft) last February. Struggled in a handicap hurdle/chase at Cartmel over the summer but better back from a break when third at Haydock (3m) in December. Claims if she can build on that. | Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg) |
| 4 | SMILE BACK (IRE) (30) (C) h 1854-9226 6 11-11 74.8kg | 98 |
| | Richard Phillips Point/bumper winner. Brought along steadily in maiden hurdles and improved for the switch to handicaps, finishing runner-up twice over 2½m at Leicester on soft/heavy at the end of 2025. Too keen when stepped up to 3m at Taunton last month but the returning hood could help her to settle better. | Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg) |
| 5 | LIZZIE LUNA (15) (BF) 1PP-05324 6 11-9 73.9kg | 98 |
| | Ewan Whillans Sole success in a mares' maiden at Musselburgh last February. Back to that sort of form when narrowly denied in 3m Musselburgh handicap just before Christmas and respectable fourth back there (3m again) 15 days ago. | Craig Nichol |
| 6 | ZHANMA ENKI (FR) (45) t 3040 5 11-5 72.1kg | 81 |
| | Stuart Crawford, Ireland Modest form at best in a bumper and 3 qualifying runs over hurdles but it wouldn't be a big surprise were this well-bred filly to raise her game now handicapping over a longer trip. Also tongue tied first time. One to note in the betting. | J. J. Slevin |
| 7 | MAURA JEANNE (34) s+t 1534-6262 9 11-5 72.1kg | 99 |
| | Ian Duncan Won staying handicap hurdles at Kelso and Ayr last season. Good second at the latter venue (3m, heavy) last month and could play a prominent role with her yard among the winners. | Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg) |
| 8 | IT'S MAISY (IRE) (20) (D, BF) 34P4-4584 8 11-3 71.2kg | 98 |
| | Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Won staying handicap hurdles in the mud in 2023/24 season. Drawn a blank since but latest 2½m Newcastle fourth creditable and the step back up in trip could see her in a better light. Enters calculations. | Danny McMenamin |
| 9 | MOVEONBUY (14) 4-4714025 6 10-7 66.7kg | 97 |
| | Andrew Crook Much improved when winning handicap at Cartmel last summer. Back to that level when narrowly denied at Wetherby (3m, heavy) last month but needs to shrug off a lesser effort at Southwell since. | William Maggs (5lb/2kg) |

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Maura Jeanne, **5-1** Keppel Queen, **6-1** It's Maisy, **7-1** Lizzie Luna, **15-2** Smile Back, **9-1** Vroomoz Eile, **14-1** Moveonbuy, **14-1** Zhanma Enki, **22-1** Hellfire Princess

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MAURA JEANNE arrives in form and Ian Duncan is among the winners so there are reasons to be hopeful about her prospects. Keppel Queen is a potential big threat if she can cut out the mistakes which compromised her chance at Plumpton. It's Maisy is also respected stepping back up to 3m+.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MAURA JEANNE 2. KEPPEL QUEEN 3. IT'S MAISY

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race