

1.20	CARLISLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f61y (3880 Metres)
RACE 1	(10) KINGSTON ROCK (2) ALWAYS A REASON (1) BISHBASHBOSH
1.50	DALSTON NOVICES' CHASE (3) 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)
RACE 2	(1) BUTCH (3) SHOMEN UCHI (4) LUNAR DISCOVERY
2.20	COME RACING AT CARLISLE IN 2025 MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f61y (3880 Metres)
RACE 3	(5) SAINT MALINAS (3) MALICASH (8) SEE A STRIDE
2.50	BOOK YOUR RACEDAY HOSPITALITY NOW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 3m110y (4930 Metres)
RACE 4	(4) TANGANYIKA (3) FORTUNATE MAN (5) GERYVILLE
3.20	WEDDINGS AT CARLISLE RACECOURSE NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m1f (3420 Metres)
RACE 5	(5) JOLTIN N JIVING (1) PIGEON HOUSE (2) KAHAVARI
3.55	RACING TV MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2m1f (3420 Metres)
RACE 6	(2) MAVIS PIKE (1) REEL ROSIE (4) LADY BABS
4.30	WATCH RACING TV NOW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)
RACE 7	(8) TOMMY COMBATS (4) CATCH CATCHFIRE (1) DIAMOND DICE
5.05	BOOK YOUR CONFERENCE AND EVENTS NOW HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f61y (3880 Metres)
RACE 8	(2) BROUGHSHANE (5) RUBY ISLAND (1) PORTNACOO

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

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



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	BISHBASHBOSH (IRE) (27) (BF) 7536424 6 11-12 75.3kg Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland Arrives in good nick, fourth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Down Royal (17.2f, soft) 27 days ago when left poorly placed. This Irish challenger can go well again.	t	95	<i>T. P. Harney</i>
2	ALWAYS A REASON (IRE) (32) 746 6 11-11 74.8kg Rebecca Menzies Thrice-raced maiden and set a lot to do when sixth of 9 in novice hurdle (40/1) at Newcastle (16.9f, good to soft) 32 days ago, also unsuited by drop in trip. Has more to offer on his handicap hurdle debut.		91	<i>Charlie Maggs</i>
3	C'EST DIFFERENT (FR) (24) 6547 5 11-10 74.4kg Sam Thomas Lightly-raced maiden hurdler who came in seventh of 10 in novice hurdle at Sandown (16f, soft) 24 days ago. Up in trip with more required on his handicap hurdle debut.		73	<i>Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)</i>
4	MY LADY ELEKTRA (FR) (50) 372F9-675 7 11-10 74.4kg N. W. Alexander Fair ex-French maiden hurdler but yet to fire here, only fifth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Kelso (18.1f, good to soft) 50 days ago. Tongue strap/cheekpieces go on now on the back of a wind op and she needs to step forward.	s+t	95	<i>Bruce Lynn (3lb/1kg)</i>
5	WEE ALKI (IRE) (50) 6555 6 11-9 73.9kg Susan Corbett Low-mileage sort who posted his best effort when fifth of 8 in novice hurdle at Kelso (22.7f, good to soft) 50 days ago. Tongue strap on 1st time for his handicap hurdle debut. Much respected.	t	93	<i>Jack Power (3lb/1kg)</i>
6	FANCY NANCY PANTS (26) 04446 5 10-12 68.9kg Philip Kirby Lightly-raced maiden under NH rules. 300/1, sixth of 7 in novice hurdle at Catterick (19.3f, good) 26 days ago. Makes handicap hurdle debut with more required.		88	<i>Patrick Wadge</i>
7	DERRACRIN (625) (BF) 258745/1P- 8 10-10 68.0kg Barry Murtagh Won over fences at Hexham in May but off since pulled up in handicap chase there following month. Needs to hit the ground running back in this sphere after an absence.	s	94	<i>Conor Rabbitt</i>
8	GOLD RING (25) 0608-P0 8 10-10 68.0kg Neil Mechie Arrives out of sorts, tenth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (19.7f, heavy) 25 days ago. Others appeal more.	s	90	<i>Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)</i>
9	CATCHA FLIGHT (46) 60600 5 10-9 67.6kg R. Mike Smith Modest maiden hurdlr. 125/1, below-form eleventh of 18 in handicap hurdle at Ayr (20.4f, soft) 46 days ago. Tongue strap on 1st time with work to do.	t	90	<i>Ben Smith (5lb/2kg)</i>
10	KINGSTON ROCK (IRE) (65) (BF) 8526P-655 7 10-7 66.7kg Gary Rutherford Yet to score but he comes here on the back of a good fifth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (16.9f, good to soft) 65 days ago. That form has been franked so a bold showing is on the cards off a falling mark.	t	100	<i>Edward Austin</i>

11	ATLANTICEXPRESS (IRE) (52) 565-876F9 6 10-7 66.7kg Lizzie Quinlan Respectable ninth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (24.1f, soft, 66/1) 52 days ago. Back down in trip. Cheekpieces on 1st time.	s+t	92	<i>Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)</i>
12	DIDNTGOTWENTY (IRE) (53) 877 6 10-7 66.7kg Martin Todhunter Thrice-raced maiden. 125/1, seventh of 8 in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (16.8f, good to soft) 53 days ago. Makes handicap hurdle debut. Engaged Musselburgh Sunday.		63	<i>William Maggs</i>

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Kingston Rock, 3-1 Bishbashbosh, 13-2 C'est Different, 8-1 My Lady Elektra, 12-1 Derracrin, 20-1 Wee Alki, 22-1 Didntgottwenty, 22-1 Always A Reason, 33-1 Atlanticexpress, 33-1 Fancy Nancy Pants, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Not as competitive as the numbers suggest and KINGSTON ROCK is taken to build on a good Newcastle fifth last time out to get off the mark. Always A Reason could emerge as the chief threat now handicapping, with in-form Irish raider Bishbashbosh also firmly in the picture. Wee Alki completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KINGSTON ROCK 2. ALWAYS A REASON 3. BISHBASHBOSH

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

DALSTON NOVICES' CHASE (3) 5yo+ £12,000 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	BUTCH (51) (D)		100
	212/1112-1 8 11-9 73.9kg		
	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	
	Progressed into a useful performer over hurdles last term and promises to make an even better chaser, a theory backed up by his successful debut in this sphere at Leicester (2½m, soft). Didn't have much to beat that day but created a fine impression all the same and he's clearly a smart prospect.		
2	BARROWDALE (IRE) (58)	h	71
	2 10 11-2 70.8kg		
	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	
	Wide-margin winner of 23f Uttoxeter maiden hurdle in February 2022 and has the look of a real chasing type. However, his jumping looked pretty shaky on debut in this sphere following a mammoth absence at Haydock in December and he has a bit to prove for now.		
3	SHOMEN UCHI (FR) (701)		76
	21/ 8 11-2 70.8kg		
	Sam Thomas	Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)	
	Bumper winner who confirmed abundant promise of his hurdles debut near-miss when landing a maiden at Chepstow (23.6f, good to soft) in good style. That was back in March 2023 and subsequent absence is naturally a concern, but he remains with potential and is one to note now switched to fences.		
4	LUNAR DISCOVERY (27)		74
	122P-5032 8 10-9 67.6kg		
	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones	
	Dual bumper winner who also won a pair of novice hurdles last season. Bettered what she showed on debut in this sphere when second in a 4-runner Ayr handicapr (20.5f, soft) last month, but that form still leaves her some way short of what'll be required to topple Butch on these terms.		

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-15 Butch, 9-2 Shomen Uchi, 6-1 Lunar Discovery, 14-1 Barrowdale

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having impressed with his accurate jumping on chase debut at Leicester, BUTCH should have little trouble following up here before going on to better things. Shomen Uchi has been absent for the best part of two years, but he looked promising in bumpers/over hurdles and it'll be interesting to see how he gets on now tackling the larger obstacles. Lunar Discovery didn't do much wrong on her second chase start at Ayr but she lacks the potential of the aforementioned rivals.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BUTCH 2. SHOMEN UCHI 3. LUNAR DISCOVERY

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

COME RACING AT CARLISLE IN 2025 MAIDEN HURDLE (4)
4yo+ £7,000 2m3f61y (3880 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	JOMIG DES BOIS (FR) (378) 7- 8 11-5 72.1kg Donald McCain £45,000 buy after winning point in Ireland in October 2021 but not seen again until finishing seventh of 12 in a 17f course novice hurdle last February. More than hinted at ability on that occasion but absent again since. <i>Theo Gillard</i>	87
2	KI WOO (FR) (69) 0/2542-06 5 11-5 72.1kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Fair maiden hurdler in France but ran below that level when sixth of 11 in 2m Uttoxeter maiden for new yard in December. The tongue tie he wore on all starts goes back on now. <i>Toby Wynne (3lb/1kg)</i>	89
3	MALICASH (IRE) (80) 3628-254 6 11-5 72.1kg Donald McCain Fair form in bumpers for Ewan Whillans and made a positive start over hurdles for new connections when second of 10 in 17f course novice in October. Two lesser efforts followed in November but claims if a subsequent wind operation sparks a return to form. <i>Brian Hughes</i>	97
4	PRESENT FOR ME (487) 8/00- 7 11-5 72.1kg Kevin Hunter Offered little in 3 bumpers in 2023. Has a hood added now hurdling after an absence. Outsider. <i>Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)</i>	
5	SAINT MALINAS (IRE) (68) 2 6 11-5 72.1kg Pauline Robson £60,000 point recruit who made an encouraging start to his hurdle career when 6 lengths second at Hexham (2½m, soft) in December. Big player with improvement on the cards. <i>Craig Nichol</i>	99
6	UNCERTAIN TERMS (IRE) (23) 56 6 11-5 72.1kg Donald McCain Maiden pointer who was well beaten in a couple of maiden hurdles last month. Likely booked for another struggle. <i>William Maggs (5lb/2kg)</i>	46
7	MERRY SHUIL (IRE) (399) 0- 7 10-12 68.9kg Jennie Candlish 100/1 when well held in a Punchestown bumper for Leonard Flynn last January. Joined an in-form stable for his hurdle career but would need to see market support to consider. Wears a first-time hood. <i>Sean Quinlan</i>	
8	SEE A STRIDE (IRE) (15) 9/037P-447 8 10-12 68.9kg Susan Corbett Ex-Irish mare who has performed respectably in a couple of Musselburgh handicap hurdles for her new yard this winter. Ought to be competitive back in a maiden. <i>Henry Brooke</i>	100

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Saint Malinas, 11-4 Malicash, 11-2 See A Stride, 11-2 Ki Woo, 10-1 Jomig Des Bois, 25-1 Merry Shuil, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This looks a decent chance for SAINT MALINAS to build on his promising hurdle debut second at Hexham in December. If a recent breathing operation helps Malicash to recapture the form he showed when second here in the autumn he could pose the main threat ahead of See A Stride.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SAINT MALINAS 2. MALICASH 3. SEE A STRIDE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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
2020	Multellie 8-11-9	9-2	Tim Easterby	Jamie Hamilton	7

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) £18,500 3m110y (4930 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1	THE WOLF (FR) (91)	v+t	97
	553P5-211 11 12-1 76.7kg Olly Murphy Not straightforward but arrives chasing a hat-trick after taking small-field handicaps at Huntingdon (23.6f, good) and Leicester (22.7f, good to firm) in November. Remains feasibly treated on old form but this is a tougher contest than of late.	Sean Bowen	
2	LIEUTENANT COMMAND (FR) (16)	s	96
	5P16/0-P2P 11 11-10 74.4kg Tristan Davidson Useful handicap chaser at best for Noel Meade. Making second start back after a 16-month absence, runner-up at this course (20.9f, soft) in December, but failed to repeat that effort when pulled up at Musselburgh 16 days ago. Has since left Tim Reed.	Harry Reed	
3	FORTUNATE MAN (IRE) (29) (D, BF)	s+t	99
	U131-7212 6 11-10 74.4kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Won 2 of 4 races over hurdles and made third start over fences a winning one when landing an Aintree handicap (25f, soft) on Boxing Day. Ran at least as well when second at Windsor (28.7f, good to soft) last month and he's not taken lightly.	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	
4	TANGANYIKA (FR) (13) (C, D)	★	100
	5F130-541 7 11-9 73.9kg Venetia Williams Won twice in handicap hurdles last season and has already bettered that form over fences, opening his chase account at the third attempt when scoring at Market Rasen (23.9f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Major player with better still to come.	Charlie Deutsch	
5	GERVILLE (FR) (25) (C)	b	98
	P5312-641 9 11-6 72.6kg Micky Hammond With blinkers refitted, ended a lengthy losing run at this course (20f) last March and suited by return to more positive tactics when also successful at Wetherby (19.4f, heavy) 25 days ago. Step back up in trip no problem and and he could be in the mix.	Conor O'Farrell	
6	NOT SURE (IRE) (29) (D)	s	90
	3/13432-58 9 10-5 65.8kg Kerry Lee Three time winner in handicap chases, but went backwards from this season's reappearance when well held at Windsor (28.7f, good to soft) last month. Has dropped below his last winning mark, though he has a bit to prove at present.	Liam Harrison	
7	RACEVIEW ROAD (IRE) (71) (BF)	s	96
	3221-432P 7 10-3 64.9kg George Bewley Made a winning chase debut at Kelso (21.6f) in April last year and ran well next 3 starts, runner-up at this C&D in November. Shaped better than pulling up would suggest at Kelso (32.4f, soft) last time, so he could bounce back with cheekpieces applied.	Jonathon Bewley	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Fortunate Man, 7-2 Tanganyika, 9-2 The Wolf, 6-1 Geryville, 7-1 Raceview Road, 14-1 Not Sure, 28-1 Lieutenant Command

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TANGANYIKA built on the promise of his chasing debut effort at the second attempt when winning readily at Market Rasen 13 days ago, getting the better of a progressive type, and he can follow up with further improvement to come. Fortunate Man has also made a positive start to his chasing career and is respected, with Geryville the pick of the remainder.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TANGANYIKA 2. FORTUNATE MAN 3. GERVILLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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

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RACE 5

WEDDINGS AT CARLISLE RACECOURSE NOVICES' HURDLE (4)
4yo+ £7,000 2m1f (3420 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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PIGEON HOUSE (IRE) (16)
361P2225 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Jennie Candlish
Dual handicap hurdle winner for Jessie Harrington in Ireland in the first half of the season. Creditable second in novices on first 3 outings for Jennie Candlish and can be excused latest run over 3m. Should go well back over a more suitable trip with a first-time visor replacing cheekpieces.

Sean Quinlan

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KAHAVARI (FR) (86) (BF)
18F2 5 11-7 | 73.0kg
Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero
Fair hurdle winner in France. Respected on first outing for new stable, particularly if the betting vibes are positive.

Henry Brooke

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BUZZ ICECLEAR (IRE) (14)
36 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
Mark Walford
Point recruit who looks more one for handicaps over longer trips based on his 2 hurdle runs in recent weeks.

Tom Midgley (31b/1kg)

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CARAMELO RAPIDO (IRE) (16)
360 6 11-0 | 69.9kg
Mark Walford
Third in a bumper for Max Young in the autumn but beaten a long way in 2 hurdles since joining Mark Walford. Outsider again.

Ryan Mania

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JOLTIN N JIVING (IRE) (96)
2 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
Donald McCain
£40,000 Irish point winner who shaped well when second on his Bangor hurdle debut (17f, soft) in November. Should have more to offer and leading claims.

Brian Hughes

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LITTLE ROGER (32)
48 6 11-0 | 69.9kg
Ann Hamilton
From a family which has served connections very well. Showed ability when fourth on Newcastle bumper debut in December but has run poorly in another bumper there since. Hurdle debut.

Danny McMenamin
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ROGUE SEA (32)
0 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
Jennie Candlish
Fairly useful at best on the Flat in 2023 but struggled in 2 outings in that sphere last year and always behind after virtually refusing to race on last month's hurdle debut. Pigeon House surely the stable first string.

Ross Chapman

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SOVEREIGN STAR (IRE) (289)
65-7 7 11-0 | 69.9kg
Donald McCain
Placed in Irish points back in 2022 but no real promise in a bumper and 2 hurdles in the first half of 2024. Has had wind surgery ahead of return. Joltin N Jiving looks very much the yard number one.

Theo Gillard

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8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
2-1 Joltin N Jiving, 11-4 Pigeon House, 3-1 Kahavari, 14-1 Rogue Sea, 20-1 Sovereign Star, 22-1 Little Roger, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
JOLTIN N JIVING can make the most of the 12 lb he receives from Pigeon House and strike at the second time of asking over hurdles. French-recruit Kahavari could also play a prominent role on his British debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. JOLTIN N JIVING 2. PIGEON HOUSE 3. KAHAVARI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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
2020	Sao Maxence	7-11-4	4-9f	James Ewart	Brian Hughes	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

RACING TV MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-105) £7,000 2m1f (3420 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	REEL ROSIE (IRE) (22)	4133	6	12-0	76.2kg		98
	Jennie Candlish						Sean Quinlan
Fairly useful handicapper on Flat and off mark over hurdles at second attempt (Sedgefield, 199f, good) but below that form when third over same C&D last month, stamina likely stretched on softer ground. Few miles on the clock in this sphere and respected on handicap debut with yard among winners.							
2	MAVIS PIKE (29)	2d/53-51361	6	12-0	76.2kg		100
	Nigel Twiston-Davies		James Turner (5lb/2kg)				
Made all on handicap debut at Fakenham in October and doubled her tally over hurdles when victorious at the same venue 29 days ago, held up and found plenty for pressure to deny a well-backed favourite. No surprise to see a return to more positive tactics today and holds a good chance.							
3	O'FAOLAINS GLORY (IRE) (53)	359F0308	8	11-8	73.5kg		94
	Susan Corbett						Craig Nichol
Twice a winner for Ian Patrick Donoghue (sole hurdles win came over 19.8f at Downpatrick) but went off the boil in final two starts of last year, latest when down the field in a chase on Boxing Day. Starts life over the smaller obstacles for new yard but has a bit to find off current handicap mark.							
4	LADY BABS (13) (D)	218/0B351	11	11-4	71.7kg	s	99
	Andrew Crook						Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)
All four hurdle wins have been at Market Rasen including latest victory in a 10-runner handicap hurdle 13 days ago. Quick turnaround should be no issue but needs to prove she can follow up that performance away from her favourite track.							
5	KELLIE'S DREAM (IRE) (17)	64474-577	8	10-9	67.6kg		98
	Daragh Bourke						Bruce Lynn
Dual hurdles winner when campaigned in Ireland (at up to 18f) and ran to a fairly consistent level for this yard last season, without managing to finish in the places. Should strip fitter for reappearance run last month and not ruled out from falling handicap mark.							
6	MULLINS CROSS (IRE) (12) (D)	4558-5048	9	10-6	66.2kg	s	98
	R. Mike Smith						Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)
Dual winner for John Joseph Hanlon (latest victory at Bangor over 16.6f in December 2023). Unable to match that form since and although probably needed the run when down the field in a Sedgefield handicap on first run for current yard, she needs a significant step forward from that effort.							
7	BREADALBANE LASS (28)	6P-557	5	10-4	65.3kg	s	96
	R. Mike Smith						Sean Bowen
Showed little in maiden/novice hurdles but showed a bit more promise on handicap debut, shaping better than her finishing position (seventh of 12) when not ideally placed in a slowly-run affair. However, needs to improve for this slightly longer trip if she's to trouble the best of these.							

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Mavis Pike, 3-1 Reel Rosie, 7-2 Lady Babs, 10-1 Kellie's Dream, 16-1 Mullins Cross, 16-1 O'faolains Glory, 22-1 Breadalbane Lass

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Not the strongest of contests and MAVIS PIKE looks the most solid option, having knuckled down to defeat a well-fancied rival on her latest outing. She can follow up that victory at the expense of handicap debutante Reel Rosie, whose yard is in great form. Lady Babs may have to settle for minor honours away from Market Rasen.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MAVIS PIKE 2. REEL ROSIE 3. LADY BABS

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

WATCH RACING TV NOW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £10,250 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

<div>1</div> <div></div>	<div>DIAMOND DICE (IRE) (18)</div> <div>130-36f22 6 12-2 77.1kg</div> <div>Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill </div> <div>Winner of a Ludlow maiden hurdle a year ago and held form pretty well since. Chase debut brought about some improvement when second at Wincanton 18 days ago, clear of rest, and big shout off similar mark.</div>	<div>100</div>
<div>2</div> <div></div>	<div>INDIAN LOUIS (IRE) (47) (D)</div> <div>53P-79124 7 12-0 76.2kg</div> <div>Lucinda Russell</div> <div>Better chaser than hurdler and back on track when doubling his tally over fences at Perth (21f, soft) in September. Good second over C&D next time before stiff task from out of the handicap at Musselburgh. Respected back off his proper mark.</div>	<div>t 95</div>
<div>3</div> <div></div>	<div>TRAC (FR) (49) (C, D)</div> <div>214411-6P 8 12-0 76.2kg</div> <div>Micky Hammond</div> <div>A 3-time winner last season but yet to fire this time around, pulled up in handicap chase at Haydock (19.9f, soft) 49 days ago. Needs a big step forward.</div>	<div>s 97</div>
<div>4</div> <div></div>	<div>CATCH CATCHFIRE (22)</div> <div>05-8141 6 11-11 74.8kg</div> <div>Ian Williams</div> <div>From a good jumping family and left his uneventful hurdles exploits well behind in first-time headgear when scoring at Leicester on chase/handicap bow. Built on that at the second attempt when resuming winning ways at Sedgefield 3 weeks ago and he remains unexposed.</div>	<div>s 97</div>
<div>5</div> <div></div>	<div>HERMES BOY (FR) (46)</div> <div>0/P671P4-4 8 11-9 73.9kg</div> <div>Russell Ross</div> <div>Hard to catch right nowadays and best watched after a low-key start/return for this yard at Ayr last month.</div>	<div>58</div>
<div>6</div> <div></div>	<div>HELLO JUDGE (16) (CD)</div> <div>31217-446 9 11-9 73.9kg</div> <div>Ann Hamilton</div> <div>Successful 3 times over the larger obstacles last season, including this race off 5 lb lower, and made a positive return when fourth at Hexham. Well held next 2 starts, however, so needs to bounce back.</div>	<div>t 97</div>
<div>7</div> <div></div>	<div>WHOSHOTHESHERIFF (IRE) (17) (CD)</div> <div>P354-5446 11 11-4 71.7kg</div> <div>Lizzie Quinlan</div> <div>Useful chaser in his prime. Lost his way for Phil Kirby and ran poorly last time after some initial promise for this yard. Tongue strap on 1st time and headgear back on.</div>	<div>s+t 98</div>
<div>8</div> <div></div>	<div>TOMMY COMBATS (IRE) (42) (BF)</div> <div>64332-412 6 11-4 71.7kg</div> <div>Martin Todhunter</div> <div>Showed plenty over hurdles last season and stepped up on his encouraging reappearance/chase debut when landing a 10-runner Hexham handicap (15.6f, soft) in December. Good second at Ayr since and return to further here will suit. More to come and tops the shortlist.</div>	<div>98</div>
<div>9</div> <div></div>	<div>KUZCO (FR) (24) (BF)</div> <div>5246-5427 5 11-2 70.8kg</div> <div>Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero</div> <div>Showed ability without troubling the judge over hurdles and matched form in that sphere when second of 4 on handicap chase debut at Market Rasen (17.2f). However, ran poorly at Doncaster since and headgear now applied.</div>	<div>s 94</div>
<div>10</div> <div></div>	<div>LEITRIM CHIEF (IRE) (32)</div> <div>4543-47 9 11-2 70.8kg</div> <div>James Ewart</div> <div>Showed ability over hurdles and stepped up on his chase debut when third of 12 in a Hexham handicap (15.6f, heavy) in April. Not in same form both starts this season, however, and headgear now given a whirl.</div>	<div>s 97</div>

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NIGHTS IN VENICE (14)

764143-P3 9 11-1 | 70.3kg

Donald Whillans

Got off the mark over fences at Ayr (20.5f) a year ago. Better for return when third here (3m) 2 weeks ago but needs to take another step forward.

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Craig Nichol

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Diamond Dice, 9-2 Tommy Combats, 9-2 Catch Catchfire, 7-1 Indian Louis, 14-1 Hello Judge, 16-1 Whoshotthesheriff, 16-1 Leitrim Chief, 16-1 Nights In Venice, 18-1 Kuzco, 33-1 Trac, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The progressive TOMMY COMBATS will be suited by this longer trip over fences and can resume winning ways. Catch Catchfire is also on the upgrade and rates a big threat, with Diamond Dice also feared having pulled clear of the rest when a good second on his chase debut at Wincanton.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TOMMY COMBATS 2. CATCH CATCHFIRE 3. DIAMOND DICE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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 Hammer	K. Brogan (3)	9
2021	Scottish Accent	8-11-10	3-1jf	Rebecca Menzies	Nathan Moscrop (3)	8

SMART STATS:

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	PORTNACOO (IRE) (47) (BF)	98
	9-6511134 7 12-0 76.2kg Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland <i>D. J. O'Keeffe</i> Consistent sort landed hat-trick at Downpatrick this season and has been running as well as ever in two starts since, hitting usual flat spot when fourth of 20 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20f, soft) last month. Solid claims. Engaged 4.40 Punchestown Sunday.	
2	BROUGHSHANE (IRE) (83) (D)	99
	R/3f4-121 7 12-0 76.2kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill  <i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i> Progressive, lightly-raced sort is 2 from 3 in handicap hurdles this season and beat a subsequent two-time winner when landing an 8-runner contest at Southwell (20.4f, good) in November. Off since but has run well fresh before and holds leading claims.	
3	SINGAPORE TRIP (FR) (16)	t 88
	83343-150 7 11-11 74.8kg Micky Hammond <i>Brian Hughes</i> Returned to the pick of his French form to open his account on British soil in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Perth (20.2f) in May but disappointing in two runs this season, latest after 3-months off when trailing the field at Wetherby 16 days ago. Shouldn't lack for fitness but others preferred.	
4	DOLLAR COLLAR (IRE) (27)	t 98
	212-PP5 7 11-10 74.4kg Lucinda Russell <i>Derek Fox</i> Irish point winner quickly reached a fair level over hurdles last year but has regressed this season, pulled up on first two starts over fences/hurdles this winter. Minor improvement when managing to complete (a well-beaten fifth of 7) at Ayr last month but best to look elsewhere for win purposes.	
5	RUBY ISLAND (27)	 100
	41127/7-32 8 11-9 73.9kg Nicky Richards <i>Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)</i> Fairly useful in bumpers and won first 2 starts over hurdles in 2022/23. Very lightly raced since but has run creditably in two starts for new stable, latest when suited by step up in trip second of 7 at Ayr (20.4f, soft). This test should be stiff enough and makes appeal off this sort of mark.	
6	BIG STORM BREWING (25)	85
	89668 6 10-11 68.5kg Tristan Davidson <i>Harry Reed</i> Offered little in four novice hurdles, always shaping like one for longer trips down the line. Extra distance should help but tough making handicap debut in a 0-125 event, and he'll likely find himself outclassed in this company.	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Broughshane, 11-4 Portnacoo, 4-1 Ruby Island, 9-1 Singapore Trip, 12-1 Dollar Collar, 20-1 Big Storm Brewing

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having defeated an improving rival under a positive ride last time, BROUGHSHANE may be able to dictate this race from the front and make it 3 wins from 4 starts in handicap hurdles. Ruby Island seemingly retains plenty of ability and could be a threat from her current mark, while Irish-raider Portnacoo has been a model of consistency this season.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BROUGHSHANE 2. RUBY ISLAND 3. PORTNACOO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2024	Rafferty's Return 9-11-4	4-1	Rebecca Menzies	Ross Chapman 4
2023	Tanganyika 5-10-9	9-1	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch 12
2022	West To The Bridge 9-11-7	evsf	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton 5
2021	Multellie 9-11-4	9-1	Tim Easterby	Jamie Hamilton 7
2020	Captain Zebo 8-11-12	11-2	John Dixon	Mr John Dixon (7) 5

SMART STATS:

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