

Friday 20th March

2.20	RACING POST+ MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m1f87y (3500 Metres)
RACE 1	(1) ALSAKIB (6) QUERCUS ROBUR (4) LYRIC
2.50	HERITAGE PORTFOLIO NEVER STANDING STILL NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f180y (4790 Metres)
RACE 2	(4) ANAMANDA (2) PARISH QUIZ (1) BIG STORM BREWING
3.22	RACING POST+ SUBSCRIPTION GO NORTH SEA PIGEON HURDLE SERIES FINAL (A HANDICAP) (2) 2m1f87y (3500 Metres)
RACE 3	(15) DISCO ANNIE (1) STAR OF GUITING (3) LIGHT FANDANGO
3.55	HERITAGE PORTFOLIO GO NORTH NIGHT NURSE SERIES FINAL NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m3f171y (3980 Metres)
RACE 4	(5) LINALENE (9) ABBEY SCOPE (2) THE G WIZARD
4.30	RACING POST+ ULTIMATE GO NORTH BRINDISI BREEZE HURDLE SERIES FINAL (A HANDICAP) (2) 2m7f180y (4790 Metres)
RACE 5	(9) DEARKEITHANDKATY (14) BOLLIN MATILDA (3) SNOWROCCO
5.00	HERITAGE PORTFOLIO MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f171y (3980 Metres)
RACE 6	(1) RAILWAY BELL (6) CHER TARA (3) SPOT ON SOPH

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.

2.20**RACING POST+ MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000
2m1f87y (3500 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 ALSAKIB (58) **100**
24 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Smart stayer on Flat for Andrew Balding. Showed an aptitude for hurdling when second of 11 in 2m Wetherby novice over Christmas. Disappointed when a well-held fourth at Catterick in January but might be worth another chance back from a breathing operation.

2 DUBLINOFFICECALLIN (14) **75**
4660 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Ewan Whillans

Craig Nichol

Encouraging debut bumper fourth at Catterick in December but has failed to build on that since, including 2 maiden hurdles. Hooded first time.

3 LAST MAN STANDING (64) **88**
7-30 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

Placed on his second start in bumpers but well held in the other 2. Makes hurdle debut.

4 LYRIC (IRE) **93**
5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Pretty useful on the Flat for the Gosdens in 2024. Well beaten in Goodwood handicap last May on sole start for this stable but starts out over hurdles in a winnable race. Market confidence potentially significant with his yard going well.

5 NED BROY (IRE) (27) **79**
0 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Iain Jardine

Sean Quinlan

Modest form on Flat and well held in 2m Newcastle maiden on hurdle debut 4 weeks ago.

6 QUERCUS ROBUR (81) **99**
42 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Adam Nicol

Ryan Mania

Fair handicapper on the Flat, winning 3 times over 2m+ last year. Reached the frame in 2 maiden hurdles this winter, showing fair form when second at Kelso (2m, soft) latterly. Should go well.

7 SRIABIN (FR) (193) **92**
33/P206-35 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Patrick Wadge

Modest maiden on the Flat and similar form in this sphere. Off since finishing last of 5 in 2m Perth handicap in September but returns with his yard in form.

8 BREAKING GROUND (IRE) (66) **75**
50P 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



R. Mike Smith

Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)

No form in 3 outings over hurdles.

9 STORM THE DUG (FR) (20) **79**
94 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Jack Power (5lb/2kg)

Long-standing maiden on the Flat and beaten a long way in 2 outings over hurdles last month. Others are more obvious.

10 LUNA GRACE (52) (BF) **91**
333 4 10-3 | 64.9kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Derek Fox

Kameko filly who has finished third in all 3 bumpers. Should be competitive if taking to this new discipline.

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Alsakib, **11-4** Quercus Robur, **6-1** Lyric, **7-1** Scriabin, **8-1** Luna Grace, **25-1** Last Man Standing, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Although ALSAKIB was underwhelming at Catterick last time his Wetherby hurdle debut second prior to that was quite promising and this smart Flat performer might be worth another chance back from a breathing operation. Kelso runner-up Quercus Robur is second choice ahead of hurdle newcomer Lyric, who achieved useful form on the Flat in his 3-y-o campaign.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ALSAKIB 2. QUERCUS ROBUR 3. LYRIC

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Spit Spot 6-10-13	6-4f	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge	6
2024	Speed Davis 6-11-6	5-2	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	8
2023	Quaresome 5-11-6	5-2	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	8
2022	Well Planted 5-11-0	25-1	R. Mike Smith	Ryan Mania	4
2021	Paros 4-10-13	9-4	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

HERITAGE PORTFOLIO NEVER STANDING STILL NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £10,000
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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	BIG STORM BREWING (17)	95
	66865-201 7 12-0 76.2kg Tristan Davidson <i>Harry Reed</i> Has taken a step forward in handicaps this season, posting a career best when winning 12-runner event at Newcastle by a length under an excellent-value conditional 17 days ago. Quick turnaround more of a concern than 5 lb rise or step up in trip.	
2	PARISH QUIZ (IRE) (17) (D)	97
	45-047P13 6 11-13 75.7kg Rebecca Menzies <i>Nathan Moscrop</i> Fetched 6 figures after winning an Irish point and left previous form under Rules behind when winning 3m handicap at Newcastle in January. Shaped better than bare result when third in similar event there next time and could still have more to offer.	
3	LEADER WING (IRE) (17)	96
	23-446253 6 10-13 69.4kg Gillian Boanas <i>Jamie Hamilton</i> Still looking for first win over hurdles and gave a clue as to why when third of 12 to Big Storm Brewing at Newcastle last time, hanging left under pressure and carrying head awkwardly. Looks booked for a supporting role at best.	
4	ANAMANDA (FR) (33)	100
	F32-66554 7 10-9 67.6kg N. W. Alexander <i>Bruce Lynn</i> A 3-time winner on the Flat in France. Has yet to win over hurdles but produced several solid placed efforts last season, including over C&D. Not so good this term but his mark reflects that and he looks one to be interested in back up in trip with stable back amongst the winners.	
5	SAM'S FALCON (27)	95
	9560-P8P0 7 10-8 67.1kg Dianne Sayer <i>Peter Kavanagh</i> Is unlikely to be inconvenienced by the step up to 3m on pedigree but has shown nothing in 4 outings this season. Very hard to recommend. Wears first-time cheekpieces.	
6	DR SHIROCCO (IRE) (88) (C, D)	88
	66-U33574 11 10-6 66.2kg Sandy Forster <i>Patrick Wadge</i> Has been a stalwart of the Northern racing scene over the last few seasons but is a much better chaser (dual course winner) than hurdler and his performances this season suggest his powers may well be on the wane.	
7	BLENDED STEALTH (58)	94
	9652F54P 9 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg) Lizzie Quinlan <i>Sean Quinlan</i> Temperamental sort that won at Hexham in May but has largely been let down by his attitude since and can't be considered a reliable betting proposition back over hurdles. Races from out of the handicap.	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Anamanda, **3-1** Big Storm Brewing, **7-2** Parish Quiz, **6-1** Leader Wing, **14-1** Dr Shirocco, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ANAMANDA and Parish Quiz both appeal but marginal preference is for the former due to her previous form over C&D. Big Storm Brewing is likely to attract plenty of support following his improved success at Newcastle earlier this month but may prove most effective when fresh.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ANAMANDA 2. PARISH QUIZ 3. BIG STORM BREWING

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

RACING POST+ SUBSCRIPTION GO NORTH SEA PIGEON HURDLE SERIES FINAL (A HANDICAP) (2) 4yo+ £40,000 2m1f87y (3500 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

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STAR OF GUITING (IRE) (13) (C) ✔ 96

14-3U211P 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

Ewan Whillans *Craig Nichol*

His strong-travelling style has proved well suited to Musselburgh this winter, winning a pair of 2m handicaps (including Scottish County). Failed to cope with a very different test in Imperial Cup at Sandown last time but better can be expected back here.

✔ 96
- 2**

HAARAR (39) (D, BF) 93

213-23114 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Sam England *Jonathan England*

Looked better than ever when following his Haydock success in December with an emphatic victory in 11-runner Carlisle handicap last month. However, he was rather disappointing in his hat-trick bid last time and looks high enough in the weights for now.

93
- 3**

LIGHT FANDANGO (IRE) (21) t 97

313P-5181 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Neil Mulholland *Bradley Harris (3lb/1kg)*

Has quickly found his feet since returning from an absence, winning a pair of handicaps over the extended 2m at Doncaster this winter. A 6 lb rise may not prevent another prominent showing.

97
- 4**

MAGNOLIA (FR) (39) (D) s+t 94

532-11556 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Micky Hammond *Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)*

French import who bagged a pair of 2m handicaps at Kelso in the autumn. Has struggled off higher marks since and her hopes are pinned on first-time cheekpieces (which are added to regular tongue tie) sparking a revival.

94
- 5**

CITY OF DIAMONDS (IRE) (20) (C) t ✔ 95

35121660 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Donald McCain *Theo Gillard*

Improved again to make a winning handicap debut over 2m here in November. Saw off Star of Guiting on that occasion but behind that rival back here on his next 2 starts and well beaten in the Morebattle at Kelso last month.

95
- 6**

GINGER MAIL (FR) (13) v 97

1PP-643P3 10 11-5 | 72.1kg

N. W. Alexander *Bruce Lynn*

This 10-y-o doesn't seem quite the force of old but his handicap mark reflects that and he took a step back in the right direction when third of 7 at Ayr (2m, heavy) a fortnight ago. Usually wears cheekpieces but a visor goes on for the second time now.

97
- 7**

ADMIRALTY HOUSE (35) h ✔ 98

U302-0453 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

Sandy Thomson *Danny McMenamin*

Free-going sort who is starting to look feasibly handicapped and returned from a breathing operation with a creditable third at Kelso (2m, heavy) last month. Enters calculations.

98
- 8**

HEART ABOVE (20) (C) 95

4412164P 8 11-1 | 70.3kg

Dianne Sayer *Ryan Mania*

Course winner who landed a pair of Kelso handicaps in the autumn. Struggled in the Morebattle back at Kelso last month but this is more his level and he's dangerous to dismiss for a stable no stranger to success in this race.

95
- 9**

RAVENSCRAIG CASTLE (48) s 96

55-914535 8 11-1 | 70.3kg

Iain Jardine *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*

Ended lengthy losing run at Perth (2m) last summer and back to that sort of form when creditable third of 9 over 2m here on New Year's Day. Shaped as if still in form when fifth here at the end of January and not disgraced over an inadequate trip on AW Flat last week.

96
- 10**

VAMPIRE SLAYER (IRE) (32) v 95

856-55113 6 10-12 | 68.9kg

Daragh Bourke *Callum Bewley*

Failed to win any of his first 26 starts but landed back-to-back handicaps at Sedgefield and Catterick fitted with a visor at the start of this year. Continued his run of good form in this headgear when 9 lengths third of 14 at Carlisle last time.

95

- 11**

BOOK OF SECRETS (IRE) (32) s+h 95

32372787 8 10-9 | 67.6kg

James Moffatt *Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg)*

As good as ever when second at Newton Abbot in the autumn but has failed to reproduce that form in 3 outings at Carlisle since. Refitted cheekpieces need to have a positive effect.

95
- 12**

AS FAST AS WIND (IRE) (21) ✔ 96

31336623 6 10-8 | 67.1kg

Tristan Davidson *Harry Reed*

Struck for first time in this sphere at Kempton in October for Daisy Hitchins. Placed on 3 of her 5 starts for present yard but not at her best when a well-held third to the reopposing Light Fandango at Doncaster last time.

96
- 13**

GEMINI MAN (IRE) (48) (BF) 95

21269326 8 10-6 | 66.2kg

Iain Jardine *Conor O'Farrell*

Hexham winner in August and placed twice in 2m course handicaps at the end of 2025. Has won and finished second in classified events on AW Flat in recent weeks.

95
- 14**

TRAVIS WHEATLEY (IRE) (35) 97

2444F-4P6 6 10-5 | 65.8kg

Adam Nicol *Sean Quinlan*

Point winner/maiden hurdler who has failed to make a significant in 3 outings since joining the Adam Nicol yard but the handicapper has given him a bit of a chance (5 lb lower than last time). Worth a second look in the betting.

97
- 15**

DISCO ANNIE (IRE) (12) (D) s+t ★ 100

44U53653 8 10-4 | 65.3kg

Rebecca Menzies *Nathan Moscrop*

Returned to form back hurdling in a change of headgear when 3/4 lengths third in handicap hurdle at Carlisle 12 days ago. Well handicapped if she can build on that.

100

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Light Fandango, 13-2 Star of Guiting, 10-1 Disco Annie, 10-1 Admiralty House, 14-1 Ginger Mail, 14-1 As Fast As Wind, 14-1 Vampire Slayer, 14-1 Gemini Man, 14-1 Haarar, 20-1 Ravenscraig Castle, 22-1 Travis Wheatley, 33-1 Heart Above, 33-1 Book of Secrets, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DISCO ANNIE has come down a fair way in the weights and might be worth siding with to build on a more encouraging effort at Carlisle recently. Star of Guiting's Musselburgh record makes him a must for the shortlist, while Light Fandango is a low-mileage 7-y-o with a progressive profile over this sort of trip. Admiralty House also makes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DISCO ANNIE 2. STAR OF GUITING 3. LIGHT FANDANGO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Kingston James 6-11-12	15-2	Lucinda Russell	Alan Doyle (3)	12
2024	Mack The Man 10-11-1	9-1	N. W. Alexander	Mr Kit Alexander (5)	13
2023	Cuban Cigar 5-11-1	9-1	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (5)	14
2022	The Navigator 7-10-6	13-2	Dianne Sayer	Conor O'Farrell	14
2021	Iolani 9-10-12	33-1	Dianne Sayer	Sean Quinlan	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

**HERITAGE PORTFOLIO GO NORTH NIGHT NURSE SERIES
FINAL NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+ £40,000
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Pace Information: **Even**

1 SANILAM (IRE) (17) (D) h 92
15-63141 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Sandy Thomson

Conor O'Farrell

Fairly useful bumper winner who has gone the right way in maidens/novices, winning twice, latterly when travelling strongly/quickening clear of odds-on favourite (who rallied late on) at Newcastle. Looks the type to keep improving in handicaps, though opening mark looks on the stiff side.

2 THE G WIZARD (IRE) (25) (BF) 98
42223 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Runner-up both course starts, chasing home an improving type on qualifying run and a rejuvenated rival on handicap debut. Not seen to best effect in a maiden last time and return to handicap/positive tactics can see him make more of an impact.

3 LOULOU MADRIK (FR) (39) (BF) v+t 92
84234 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

Handicap debutant who showed promise when placed in back-to-back races over 2½m at Newcastle and while he perhaps found longer trip at Catterick too much last time, more severe headgear will need to spark significant improvement.

4 NOONETELSMENOTHIN (IRE) (35) (D) s 95
2313P 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Found plenty for pressure when making winning start over hurdles at Catterick in December but no match for fairly useful pair in follow-up bid, prior to finishing amiss on handicap debut last month. Will need to improve, though first-time cheekpieces a positive addition for one with his style.

5 LINALENE (FR) (25) 98
339-U472 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Patrick Wadge

Fair bumper performer hasn't been the most fluent jumper but ran his best race when pushing an odds-on winner all the way in 2m Ayr novice last month. Has been let off fairly lightly by the handicapper on that evidence and he could even improve for the longer trip.

6 WHO'S GLEN (FR) (20) 94
337 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Promising start in this sphere when 3 lengths behind The G Wizard over C&D but didn't build on that in pair of subsequent maidens. Opening mark looks a stretch based on what he's achieved over hurdles, though it's worth remembering he was a useful stayer on the Flat.

7 KOOL RAOUL (FR) (50) 95
240-22357 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Derek Fox

Matched the fair form he showed in bumpers when placing first 3 starts over hurdles. Hasn't improved for the switch to handicaps, though, and Linalene could be the better treated of the Russell & Scudamore pair.

8 KILLYCARN (IRE) (21) 99
938164 6 10-9 | 67.6kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Peter Kavanagh

Runner-up sole point start and left behind previous hurdle form when winner on handicap debut at Catterick on New Year's Day. Hasn't kicked on in 2 subsequent starts, though has been given some respite from the handicapper and looks well worth another chance over this sort of trip.

9 ABBEY SCOPE (49) ★ 100
1-3572 6 10-7 | 66.7kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Fairly useful winner sole start in bumper and got back to something like the form he showed on hurdle debut when runner-up (despite typical mistakes) on handicap bow at Catterick in January. Low-mileage 6-y-o looks more than capable of going close, providing he jumps better.

10 KEYBOARD (IRE) (20) (BF) s+t 95
2223 4 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Adam Nicol

Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)

Fairly useful Flat performer made it a hat-trick of runner-up finishes in 2m maiden at this course in February (though hung notably right) and conditions will be more in his favour than when failing to land the odds at Kelso (heavy) last time. Potential improver switched to handicap/longer trip.

11 QUEEN ROSLYN (7lb/3kg ex) (12) 93
77661 5 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)



Brian Ellison

Sean Quinlan

Progressive stayer on Flat who contested a strong race for the grade on handicap debut, becoming the third next-time-out winner with improved success in mares' handicap at Carlisle 12 days ago. No easy task at the weights under a 7-lb penalty, though she's clearly on an upward curve.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Queen Roslyn, **13-2** Abbey Scope, **13-2** Sanilam, **8-1** The G Wizard, **8-1** Keyboard, **9-1** Linalene, **12-1** Who's Glen, **14-1** Killycarn, **16-1** Kool Raoul, **16-1** Noonetellsmenothin, **25-1** Loulou Madrik

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A valuable pot has drawn a competitive field and it could pay to concentrate on LINALENE and Abbey Scope, who both look capable of exploiting their current marks if jumping better. The former is narrowly preferred given he could improve for the longer trip, while The G Wizard should be seen to better effect back in a handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LINALENE 2. ABBEY SCOPE 3. THE G WIZARD

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1	AUTHORIZED MISSION (77) (BF)	96
	27159-129 6 12-0 76.2kg Nicky Richards Danny McMenamin Impressive winner for his new yard at Kelso in November and backed it up with a good second there following month. Folded quickly when beating only one in 3m Ayr handicap last time but he's the sort to bounce back after a break.	
2	SPIT SPOT (15) (C, D)	94
	1-3331164 7 11-11 74.8kg Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore Conner McCann (7lb/3kg) Bagged a pair of 3m handicaps at Perth last autumn. Shaped as if the run was needed after 3 months off when fourth of 9 in 3m Haydock handicap 15 days ago. Not ruled out now with yard going very well.	
3	SNOWROCCO (IRE) (31) (CD)	95
	8472-9114 7 11-10 74.4kg Adam Nicol Ryan Mania Improving sort who got off the mark at Newcastle before following up over C&D either side of Christmas. Posted a very good fourth of 12 off a 9 lb higher mark at Market Rasen last month. Very much one to consider.	
4	LETS MINGLE (IRE) (66)	92
	6833-1243 6 11-6 72.6kg Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore Gregor Walkingshaw (10lb/5kg) Opened her account in Perth maiden last May. Lightly raced since and not disgraced when third of 5 in novice hurdle at Ayr in January. Others look better treated at these weights, however.	
5	KILMORE ROCK (IRE) (62) (D)	92
	11-13P6PP 7 11-5 72.1kg Susan Corbett Nathan Moscrop Completed a hat-trick at Kelso last May. However, has lost his form of late under both codes, pulled up in Haydock handicap hurdle in January. Tried in different headgear here and needs to take a major step forward after a break.	
6	FORGED WELL (IRE) (29) (C, D)	96
	F93-6F1U6 7 11-5 72.1kg Martin Todhunter Callum Bewley Dual hurdles winner who also scored over fences here in December. Turned in a poor effort back in this sphere when sixth of 7 at Sedgefield last time, though, so has something to prove.	
7	ROMEO BROWN (97) (D)	93
	923-F8P11 12 11-3 71.2kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Oscar Palmer (7lb/3kg) Veteran front runner who has been revitalised in cheekpieces of late, landing back-to-back 3m Doncaster handicaps before Christmas. Off 97 days but shouldn't be underestimated in his hat-trick bid with the headgear retained.	
8	FOLLOW CHARLIE (IRE) (14)	98
	06184624 7 11-1 70.3kg R. Mike Smith Ben Smith (7lb/3kg) Back to winning ways at Ayr in November and has continued in decent nick, fourth of 10 in handicap there 14 days ago. Enters calculations off a 2 lb lower mark.	
9	DEARKEITHANDKATY (FR) (29) (CD, BF)	100
	343-94212 5 11-0 69.9kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Jonjo O'Neill Jr. Built on earlier promise to gain a first success over C&D in February. Backed it up despite dropping in trip with a clear second of 12 in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield 29 days ago. That form has been franked so big shout here.	
10	MONSIEUR LE FUZZ (FR) (24) (D)	96
	4961-4602 7 10-10 68.0kg Rebecca Menzies Ross Chapman Got back on the up after a breathing operation when second of 9 in handicap at Catterick 24 days ago. Up 2 lb but he's not taken lightly in his current mood with a visor added.	

11	SCAIRP DUBH (21)	99
	27656412 6 10-9 67.6kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Jack Power (5lb/2kg) Gained a breakthrough victory with a bit to spare at Carlisle. Not discredited when second of 7 in 3m Doncaster handicap later in February. Ought to be thereabouts with cheekpieces added.	
12	EVENWOOD SONOFAGUN (IRE) (47) (CD)	96
	2063F707 8 10-7 66.7kg Lizzie Quinlan Sean Quinlan C&D winner but he arrives under something of a cloud, seventh of 8 over C&D last month. Others appeal more despite a falling mark.	
13	BETTER BE DEFINITE (17) (D)	94
	1/210-441P 8 10-5 65.8kg N. W. Alexander Bruce Lynn Looked better than ever when scoring at Ayr (3m) in February but he was pulled up at Newcastle 17 days ago. Needs to bounce back.	
14	BOLLIN MATILDA (13) (D, BF)	98
	1/6-P73422 8 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg) Donald Whillans Murray Dodd (7lb/3kg) Winless since spring 2024 but he comes here in good form, shaping as if a stiffer test would suit when second of 4 in handicap hurdle at Ayr 13 days ago. Well in the mix back up in trip despite being 3 lb out of the handicap.	
15	STAR VANTAGE (IRE) (10)	94
	42F64654 9 10-2(9-12) 64.4kg (62.6kg) Rebecca Menzies Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg) Remains a maiden after 31 runs and he came in a well-held fourth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield 10 days ago. 4 lb out of the weights here, too.	

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Dearkeithandkaty, **5-1** Authorized Mission, **6-1** Romeo Brown, **8-1** Bollin Matilda, **16-1** Monsieur Le Fuzz, **16-1** Snowrocco, **16-1** Better Be Definite, **18-1** Lets Mingle, **22-1** Scairp Dubh, **22-1** Forged Well, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A case can be made for a few of these but DEARKEITHANDKATY rates the clear pick of the weights and looks very much the way to go with this step back up in trip also a plus. Bollin Matilda should also benefit from having her stamina unlocked more and is next on the list with Snowrocco, Romeo Brown and Monsieur Le Fuzz all well in the mix, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DEARKEITHANDKATY 2. BOLLIN MATILDA 3. SNOWROCCO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Fierce Warrior 6-11-5	9-1	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	15
2024	Velasco 8-11-0	10-1	Susan Corbett	Edward Austin (5)	9
2023	Curley Finger 6-11-6	15-2	Rebecca Menzies	Nathan Moscrop	14
2022	Goodtimes Badtimes 7-10-6	3-1f	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	11
2021	Ratfacemcdougall 8-11-10	16-5f	Graeme McPherson	Max Kendrick (3)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

HERITAGE PORTFOLIO MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £20,000 2m3f171y (3980 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft**

A right-handed oval track a little over a mile and a quarter in extent, almost flat with sharp bends, favouring handy types as opposed to gallopers, especially as it's a quick-draining course that tends to produce less testing ground than most tracks in midwinter. A polytrack strip was installed on the bend running away from the stands towards the end of 2012 in order to protect ground which tended to get worn and bare due to overuse. The two-mile start is on a spur on the last bend. There are eight fences (four in each straight) to a circuit and, whilst not stiff, they do claim more casualties than might be expected, a lot of the handicaps catering for low-graders.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 RAILWAY BELL (IRE) (31) t **98**
11-412 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

Beat a pair in good heart when notching third win in 4 starts at Ludlow before chasing home well-treated winner (who had run of race) at Market Rasen last time (sure to have finished closer barring a late error). Could be more to come from this lightly-raced mare.

2 FEACH AMACH (IRE) (112) (D) s+t **98**
P411-3164 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Adam Nicol

Ryan Mania

Thrived upon joining current yard last year, winning 3 times, and got back on the up when last seen finishing fourth in 7-runner C&D handicap in November.

3 SPOT ON SOPH (IRE) (24) (D) t **99**
22413257 10 10-10 | 68.0kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Back down to her last winning mark following a pipe-opener at Catterick last month and makes appeal in a race that should be run to suit.

4 JUST AN ARTIST (20) h **97**
5P-1P436 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Shock winner of weak Perth maiden on reappearance. Mixed bag since, a couple of lesser efforts at least earning her some respite from the handicapper ahead of this handicap debut.

5 TUPPENCE (FR) (33) h **96**
U/408-2 6 10-7 | 66.7kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Patrick Wadge**

Hasn't stood much racing since unseating on debut in March 2024, her best efforts for current yard both coming when fresh, latterly when runner-up in C&D novice last month (jumped none too fluently). Will need to build on that to make a winning start in handicaps.

6 CHER TARA (IRE) (33) (D)  **100**
P6395733 7 10-3 | 64.9kg



Daragh Bourke

Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Formerly with Dan Skelton/Gordon Elliott but definite signs of promise in pair of third place finishes for new yard, latest over C&D. One to note if the market speaks in her favour.

7 BERWICK LAW (FR) (50) h **65**
5785 5 10-3 | 64.9kg



Iain Jardine

Danny McMenamin

Wasn't given anything like a hard time when fifth in 2m Ayr novice on qualifying run in January and while longer trip in her favour on handicap bow, she's very much a chaser on pedigree.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Railway Bell, **9-2** Tuppence, **5-1** Feach Amach, **11-2** Spot On Soph, **8-1** Cher Tara, **14-1** Just An Artist, **20-1** Berwick Law

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Lightly-raced RAILWAY BELL probably doesn't need to improve much to make it 4 wins from 6 starts under Rules, though Cher Tara would be feared if supported.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RAILWAY BELL 2. CHER TARA 3. SPOT ON SOPH

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race