

Wednesday 22nd April

PERTH

1.40 WELCOME TO THE PERTH FESTIVAL MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m35y (4060 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) GEE FORCE FLYER | (7) OFF THE JURY | (6) NEWBROOK DIAMOND**

2.10 BALNAKEILLY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m20y (4040 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) BARLOVENTO | (1) KING ROLY | (3) IT'S HARD TO KNOW**

2.40 BRITISH EBF GOLD CASTLE 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 2m7f207y (4820 Metres)

RACE 3 **(2) NO DRAMA THIS END | (3) SEPT ETOILES | (6) TORMUND GIANTSBANE**

3.10 FAIR MAID OF PERTH MARES' CHASE (Listed) (1) 2m7f180y (4790 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) PANIC ATTACK | (3) SHECOULDBEANYTHING | (1) APPLE AWAY**

3.40 BEDMAX CAPERCAILLIE HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) HELTENHAM | (4) SUNNYVILLA | (6) COUP DE COEUR**

4.10 SCONE PALACE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2½m35y (4060 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) ATLANTIC CITY | (2) PITWOOD ROAD | (3) FRESH AS A DAISY**

4.40 EQUINE PRODUCTS BEST TURNED OUT AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I) 2m7f207y (4820 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) BOLLIN MATILDA | (3) JETEYE | (6) COYLTON KING**

5.12 EQUINE PRODUCTS BEST TURNED OUT AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.II) 2m7f207y (4820 Metres)

RACE 8 **(1) KELLS PRIORY | (5) MAURA JEANNE | (4) MAILLOT BLANC**

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.

1.40**WELCOME TO THE PERTH FESTIVAL MAIDEN HURDLE (4)**
4yo+ £10,000 2½m35y (4060 Metres)

RACE 1

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

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 EAGLE'S CAIRN (IRE) (28) 75**

03-6PPP 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Signs of ability on a couple of occasions but has pulled up on his last 3 outings.

2 GEE FORCE FLYER (IRE) (46) 100

3223 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Has improved with each start, finishing an excellent third of 17 in EBF Final at Sandown (2½m, soft) on handicap debut 46 days ago. Open to further progress and the one to beat.

3 HEFFALUMP (IRE) (143) 79

6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Donald McCain

William Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Remote sixth of 7 in a Carlisle bumper in November. Had a breathing operation since. His pedigree suggests this longer trip should suit now hurdling but he's still likely best watched.

4 HOLY JOE (IRE) 86

6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Ben Jones

Elusive Pimpernel gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners, including fairly useful 2½m hurdle winner Miss Aloud. Dam unraced. It'll be interesting to see how he compares in the betting to stablemate Newbrook Diamond.

5 MINUTES TO SPARE (IRE) (47) Non Runner

8 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Donald McCain

Non Runner

Probably more one for the longer term judged on his opening eighth of 12 in 2m Ayr maiden hurdle (soft) on debut in March. NON RUNNER.

6 NEWBROOK DIAMOND (IRE) (17) b 93

232527 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Harry Cobden

Fairly useful form when placed 4 times over hurdles but found little in first-time blinkers (retained) when only seventh of 25 at Fairyhouse (16.5f) over Easter. Steps back up in trip now.

7 OFF THE JURY (IRE) (67) 94

23R2-322P 7 11-6 | 72.6kg

Mickey Bowen

James Bowen

Disappointed with tongue tie fitted on the back of a breathing operation (had another one since) when pulled up in a 3m Haydock handicap in February. The tongue tie is quickly discarded now and he'll have a big say if back to form he showed in maiden/novice hurdles on first 3 outings for this yard.

8 PRINCE PHIL (9) h 65

5P0 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Sam England

Sean Quinlan

Showed a bit on bumper debut but 2 hurdle efforts since suggest he won't be of any interest in this sphere until handicapping.

9 RUN BABY RUN (IRE) (46) s 65

PP807 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

R. Mike Smith

Derek Fox

No form, with his jumping often suspect.

10 EXPENSIVE EMOTION (IRE) 85

6 10-13 | 69.4kg

Adrian Keatley

Danny McMenamin

£40,000 purchase after getting off the mark in Irish points at the second attempt in November. Joined a good stable for her hurdle career and it'll be interesting to see what the betting makes of her.

BETTING FORECAST:**7-4** Gee Force Flyer, **3-1** Off The Jury, **10-3** Newbrook Diamond, **10-1** Holy Joe, **14-1** Expensive Emotion, **50-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

GEE FORCE FLYER's third in the EBF Final at Sandown is a notably strong piece of form and he should take a bit of stopping back in a maiden, particularly as chief form rivals Off The Jury and Newbrook Diamond need to bounce back from lesser efforts last time. Adrian Keatley's Irish point recruit Expensive Emotion would also enter calculations if the betting speaks in her favour.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. GEE FORCE FLYER 2. OFF THE JURY 3. NEWBROOK DIAMOND****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Scarlet Jet 5-11-6	12-1	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn	10
2024	Monty Searle 8-11-6	11-1	Nigel Hawke	Miss Ella Herbison (7)	6
2023	Nowintowinit 7-10-13	80-1	Stuart Crawford	Mr S. Connor (7)	12
2022	Sporty Jim 5-11-6	14-1	Olly Murphy	A. P. Heskin	10
2021	Jetaway Joey 6-11-4	5-1	Olly Murphy	Aidan Coleman	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.10**BALNAKEILLY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+
(Rated 0-130) £15,000 2½m20y (4040 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 KING ROLY (193) (CD, BF) **97**
2-1P41214 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Mickey Bowen

James Bowen

Took well to chasing in the first half of the season, including 2 C&D wins. Been off for 6 months but hasn't finished out of the first 2 in his 5 visits to Perth.

2 BARLOVENTO (IRE) (39) (D) **100**
1/122-2183 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Second on chase debut before going one better in a 20.5f Kempton handicap (good) on Boxing Day. Hasn't reproduced that in 2 subsequent outings (beaten 17¼ lengths into third back at Kempton last time) but likely to have a big say if back on form.

3 IT'S HARD TO KNOW (IRE) (137) **95**
1160-4 **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Irish point scorer who landed a pair of novice hurdles wins around 2½m last winter. Failed to cut much ice in good company over hurdles on final 2 starts last term but took a step back in right direction when fourth on Aintree chase debut/reappearance in December. Off since. Open to improvement.

4 KARAFON (FR) (24) (BF) **91**
F-7792656 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland

Tom Bellamy

Winning hurdler for Willie Mullins. Shaped well on second start over fences when runner-up at Ayr in January but hasn't come close to matching it in his 3 outings since.

5 FIND A FORTUNE (IRE) (24) (D) **97**
3/2310-645 **9** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Harry Cobden

Fairly useful hurdle winner who matched that form at the first attempt over fences when fourth in 21.5f Leopardstown maiden last month. Not in the same when fifth in another maiden at Down Royal since but still respected now handicapping for the first time over fences in a new headgear combination.

6 WALKING ON A DREAM (IRE) (47) (D) **99**
21P-3281 **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Jack Power (5lb/2kg)

Looked stretched by just short of 3m at Newcastle in January and quickly back on track over fences with a success over an extended 2½m at Ayr (soft) last month, although it was a race which took little winning with his 2 rivals making jumping errors. Faced with a more competitive scenario now.

7 GREAT PEPPER (FR) (31) (D) **99**
PP/3-PU62P **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg



James Moffatt

Charlotte Jones

Dual hurdle winner. Best effort over fences when second in 2m Ayr handicap (heavy) in January but not in anything like the same form when pulled up since.

8 WOLFBURG (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (2) (D) **99**
0-P713211 **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg



Sandy Thomson

Patrick Wadge

Good record over fences in this headgear combination, adding to last month's Go North series final win at Carlisle (2½m) when shading a tight finish at Kelso (23.5f, good) on Monday. Will have to shoulder a 7 lb penalty if turned out again quickly.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Barlovento, **9-2** Wolfburg, **11-2** It's Hard To Know, **6-1** Walking On A Dream, **6-1** Find A Fortune, **7-1** King Roly, **12-1** Karafon, **22-1** Great Pepper

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Although BARLOVENTO has failed to fire in 2 outings since his Kempton win over Christmas he might be worth one more chance as that form has been franked by others on several occasions since. King Roly has been off for 6 months but has an excellent Perth record, including 2 wins over C&D earlier in the season, and is second choice ahead of Ben Pauling's It's Hard To Know.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. BARLOVENTO 2. KING ROLY 3. IT'S HARD TO KNOW****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Inox Allen 7-10-13	7-1	Lucinda Russell	Alan Doyle (3)	9
2024	loupy Collonges 6-11-7	11-5f	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	6
2023	Grey Skies 7-11-3	13-2	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	6
2022	Ubetya 7-11-3	6-1	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	5
2021	Morning Vicar 8-11-7	7-4f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race





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RACE 3

BRITISH EBF GOLD CASTLE 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 5yo+ £45,000 2m7f207y (4820 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	KAZANSKY (IRE) (40)	92
	B112P 6 11-7 73.0kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>James Bowen</i> Brought down on hurdles bow in October but won his next 2 starts, including Limerick Grade 2 (23f, heavy) over Christmas. Improved further without proving a match for Doctor Steinberg in Leopardstown Grade 1 but needs to cast a side a poor showing in the Spa at the Cheltenham Festival.	
2	NO DRAMA THIS END (IRE) (42) (BF)	 100
	19-111P 6 11-7 73.0kg Paul Nicholls <i>Harry Cobden</i> Created an excellent impression in winning his first 3 starts over hurdles, including the Grade 1 Challow at Newbury in December. Had very little go right when pulled up in Baring Bingham at the Cheltenham Festival and retains obvious potential now stepping up in trip.	
3	SEPT ETOILES (FR) (18) (D)	94
	4161 5 11-5 72.1kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>Sean Bowen</i> Improved on hurdling debut form when landing 2½m maiden at Down Royal in December. Shaped as if amiss at Thurles next time before resuming his progress with victory in 20-runner handicap at Fairyhouse (23.8f) 10 weeks later, suited by increase in trip. Potential for better again.	
4	BLUE RUN (63)	85
	71 6 11-2 70.8kg Nicky Henderson <i>Nico de Boinville</i> Fetched €170,000 as a 3-y-o and proved a different proposition to on hurdling debut when opening his account in 13-runner maiden at Southwell (2½m) in February. Will probably stay 3m and open to further improvement for top stable.	
5	SOGNA IN GRANDE (21)	90
	11 6 11-2 70.8kg Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls  <i>Tom Bellamy</i> Point winner who has looked a useful progress in winning a pair of novice hurdles 4 months apart, latterly in ready fashion at Wincanton (21f, soft). Can go on improving now upped in trip/grade.	
6	TORMUND GIANTSANE (IRE) (54) (D)	95
	12-141 6 11-2 70.8kg Dan Skelton  <i>Harry Skelton</i> Fairly useful bumper scorer who has improved with each start over hurdles, winning a pair of novices either side of a respectable effort in a Sandown Grade 2. Open to further progress back up in grade.	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens No Drama This End, **13-2** Tormund Giantsbane, **15-2** Sept Etoiles, **8-1** Sogna In Grande, **17-2** Kazansky, **14-1** Blue Run

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Challow winner NO DRAMA THIS END had very little go right in the Baring Bingham Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival and retains obvious potential now moving up in trip, so he has to be considered the one to beat back down in grade. Sept Etoiles clocked another good time when making a winning handicap debut on first try at 3m at Fairyhouse earlier in the month and warrants respect, along with the promising Tormund Giantsbane.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NO DRAMA THIS END 2. SEPT ETOILES 3. TORMUND GIANTSANE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Kiss Will 5-11-2	5-1	W.P. Mullins	P. Townend	14
2024	Sounds Russian 9-11-2	5-1	Ruth Jefferson	Brian Hughes	6
2023	Giovinco 6-11-2	10-1	Lucinda Russell	Stephen Mulqueen	6
2022	Mahler Mission 6-11-5	5-1	John McConnell	Tom Scudamore	6
2021	Threeunderthrive 6-11-3	15-8	Paul Nicholls	A. P. Heskin	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.10**FAIR MAID OF PERTH MARES' CHASE (Listed) (1) 5yo+ mares £40,000 2m7f180y (4790 Metres)**

RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 APPLE AWAY (IRE) (171) (CD) 93
51/4221P-3 9 11-4 | 71.7kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Derek Fox

Useful staying chaser who won this race 2 years ago. Awarded last season's Grand National Trial at Haydock. Inadequate test when 13¼ lengths third of 5 to Paggane in listed chase at Carlisle (2½m, good to soft, 7/1) in November. Arrives fresher than most and will appreciate the return to this trip.

2 PANIC ATTACK (IRE) (11) (D) 100
312-1113F 10 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Has won 4 of her 5 completed starts in chases since joining Dan Skelton, including the Paddy Power and Coral Gold Cups. Was gambled on but fell at the third in Grand National at Aintree 11 days ago. Sets the clear standard on form.

3 SHECOULDBEANYTHING (IRE) (16) s+t 96
337-3P23P 9 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Sean Bowen

Placed all 3 completed starts over fences this season, latest in Thyestes Handicap at Gowran in February. Pulled up in Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse (29.1f, soft, 25/1) 16 days ago. Yard won this in 2022.

4 RUBY ISLAND (48) s 90
16-214431 9 11-0 | 69.9kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Has improved since sent chasing, winning novice handicap at Ayr in November. Took advantage of a good opportunity in match event at Haydock latest. Has the cheekpieces back on and faces a stiff task returned to this grade.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-9 Panic Attack, 9-2 Shecouldbeanything, 8-1 Apple Away, 14-1 Ruby Island

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's hard to ignore PANIC ATTACK who can take advantage of what looks a good opportunity provided all is well from her recent Aintree mishap. Gordon Elliott's Shecouldbeanything can complete the forecast.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PANIC ATTACK 2. SHECOULDBEANYTHING 3. APPLE AWAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Fun Fun Fun	7-11-2	4-7f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	5
2024	Apple Away	7-11-0	9-4	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	5
2023	Pink Legend	9-11-4	2-1	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	6
2022	Daphne Moon	7-11-0	10-1	Gordon Elliott	Sean Bowen	5
2021	Chilli Filli	8-11-4	4-1	Henry Daly	Richard Patrick	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.40**BEDMAX CAPERCAILLIE HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-140) £16,500 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 5

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 JIGORO (FR) (17) (D) b **95**
2-237531P **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Sean Bowen

With blinkers fitted, bounced back to form returned to chasing on first 2 starts this year, getting off the mark over fences in a Gowran handicap last month. However, lesser effort when pulled up in listed novice handicap at Fairyhouse 17 days ago

2 HELTENHAM (FR) (32) (C, BF) t **100**
332FF514 **9** 11-13 | 75.7kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Opened account for the season with a strong-travelling success in Greatwood Gold Cup (2½m) at Newbury, form boosted since. Unsited by way race developed at the same C&D last time and he's a major player (successful at this meeting last year) for his leading yard.

3 THE OTHER MOZZIE (IRE) (42) (D) v **87**
171-0770F **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg



L J Morgan

Harry Cobden

Ended 2024/25 with a career-best effort, landing a premier handicap at Ayr. However, his form has gone the wrong way this season, making first run since leaving Gavin Cromwell when falling 3 out in the Grand Annual at Cheltenham (behind at the time). Visor reached for.

4 SUNNYVILLA (IRE) (60) (D) **98**
13/12-4214 **11** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Veteran who has proved better than ever this season, scoring comfortably from a next-time-out winner at Uttoxeter (2m) in January. Left poorly placed when fourth of 7 at Newcastle (2½m) the following month, so he merits consideration back down in trip.

5 FRINGILL DIKE (IRE) (185) (D) b **91**
00-256554 **9** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jedd O'Keeffe

Sean Quinlan

Ran well when second in 5-runner handicap at Bangor last spring but struggled for form afterwards, fourth of 5 at Kempton when last seen in October. Down to a handy mark as a result, though, and has gone well fresh in the past.

6 COUP DE COEUR (FR) (31) (D) **97**
121-35U12 **8** 10-13 | 69.4kg



Micky Hammond

Conor O'Farrell

Returned to his best when a wide-margin winner of 4-runner event at Sedgfield in February. Backed up that effort when second in a Go North Series Final at Carlisle a month ago, beaten only by one completing a 4-timer. Could be in the mix.

7 AEROS LUCK (IRE) (53) (D) h+t **95**
F6756223 **7** 10-13 | 69.4kg



Sandy Thomson

William Maggs (31b/1kg)

Handicap chase winner at Punchestown for Gavin Cromwell last summer. After a low-key start for current yard has got back on track with placed efforts on his last 2 outings, third of 8 at Kelso at the end of February.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Heltenham, **4-1** Coup De Coeur, **9-2** Sunnyvilla, **11-2** Jigoro, **8-1** Aeros Luck, **11-1** Fringill Dike, **22-1** The Other Mozzie

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HELTENHAM returned to his best when landing the Greatwood Gold Cup at Newbury in February and, having not been seen to best effect next time, is taken to score at this festival for the second year running. Sunnyvilla also had excuses on his latest outing and could be the main danger, ahead of Coup de Coeur.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HELTENHAM 2. SUNNYVILLA 3. COUP DE COEUR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Etalon 8-11-12	11-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	7
2024	Gunsight Ridge 9-11-13	6-4jf	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	5
2023	Corrigeen Rock 6-11-12	11-4jf	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (5)	5
2022	Dreams of Home 6-11-6	6-4f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	5
2021	Fanzio 6-11-5	10-3jf	Richard Hobson	Brian Hughes	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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SCONE PALACE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £9,000 2½m35y (4060 Metres)

RACE 6

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 FLYING FORTUNE (IRE) (38) (D) 97
2/21111-49 7 12-2 | 77.1kg



Mickey Bowen

Sean Bowen

Most progressive in 2024/25 but has offered precious little on both starts after a lengthy absence this campaign. Handicapper drops her 5 lb as a result.

2 PITWOOD ROAD (32) 94
042FP-127 8 11-8 | 73.5kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Made a winning start for her new yard in 2m3f handicap at Carlisle in December and backed it up with a very good second of 7 in 2½m handicap at Newcastle following month. Not up to listed company at Kelso last time, so better anticipated returned to calmer waters.

3 FRESH AS A DAISY (32) (D) 97
52-132P 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Nicky Henderson

James Bowen

Opened her account at the first time of asking over hurdles in novice at Uttoxeter (2½m) last May. Matched that form in a couple of starts over winter but failed by a long way to meet expectations on handicap debut after a break at Newbury last month.

4 SPIT SPOT (33) (C) 96
33311647 7 11-5 | 72.1kg s+t



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Patrick Wadge

Bagged a pair of 3m handicaps at this course last autumn. Has come back from a break in better nick than her last 2 form figures might suggest so folly to ignore in first-time cheekpieces returned to 2½m.

5 ATLANTIC CITY (18) 100
833-3342 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Olly Murphy

Mr James King (3lb/1kg)

Fair maiden hurdler for Ciaran Murphy in Ireland who shaped encouragingly despite rather than because of the return to 2m when second of 7 in maiden at Haydock earlier in the month, finishing with running left. Back up to 2½m for this handicap debut and fancied to go close.

6 JUST AN ARTIST (33) (C) 95
5P-1P4363 5 10-10 | 68.0kg h



N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Shock winner of weak course maiden on reappearance. Mixed bag since, shaping well faced with an inadequate test when third of 7 on handicap debut at Musselburgh (2½m) last month. Others more appealing kept to this trip.

7 TREAD SOFTLY NOW (46) 96
921P2434 7 10-4 | 65.3kg v



Ian Duncan

Callum Bewley

Opened account for the season over 19.5f at Ayr in November and produced a career best when second at Kelso following month. Has struggled for consistency since though, running poorly back at Ayr last time. More severe headgear enlisted (first-time visor).

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Pitwood Road, **10-3** Atlantic City, **4-1** Fresh As A Daisy, **11-2** Just An Artist, **12-1** Flying Fortune, **20-1** Tread Softly Now, **20-1** Spit Spot

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ATLANTIC CITY made an encouraging start for new connections when runner-up at Haydock earlier in the month and now faced with a more suitable test sent handicapping, Olly Murphy's 5-y-o gets the nod to open her account. Pitwood Road heads up the opposition having found listed level a step too far recently, while Fresh As A Daisy can't have been right at Newbury last month so she shouldn't be written off.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ATLANTIC CITY 2. PITWOOD ROAD 3. FRESH AS A DAISY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Feach Amach 5-10-3	4-1	Adam Nicol	Joshua Thompson (7)	12
2024	Space Voyage 7-11-11	11-2	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	6
2023	Autumn Return 6-11-8	3-1jf	Ruth Jefferson	Brian Hughes	8
2022	Getaway Goldie 6-11-0	7-2	Gordon Elliott	Sean Bowen	9
2021	Hunny Moon 7-11-7	10-3f	Fergal O'Brien	Max Kendrick (3)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.40

RACE 7

EQUINE PRODUCTS BEST TURNED OUT AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £8,000 2m7f207y (4820 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 RIOJA ALTA (IRE) (36) b **98**

12-317633 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Micky Hammond

Miss Becky Smith

Matched best efforts when good third of 10 in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (3m, good to soft) 36 days ago. Place claims once more.

2 FOLLOW CHARLIE (IRE) (33) (C) s **96**

61846249 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



R. Mike Smith

Mr Joe Wright (3lb/1kg)

Twice a winner in 2025, including at this course. Largely held form since but hinted that he'd gone off the boil last time so has something to prove now.

3 JETEYE (IRE) (26) s+t **100**

9742235-3 9 11-8 | 73.5kg



Sam England

Mr James King

Proved consistent in 2024 before a long absence, but recent return when third of 15 in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (3m, good) 26 days ago showed he retains all his ability and he merits plenty of respect from this mark.

4 BOLLIN MATILDA (33) (CD) t **98**

6-P734221 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Donald Whillans

Miss J. Walton

C&D winner who looked better than ever when successful in 13-runner handicap hurdle (13/2) at Musselburgh (3m, good) 33 days ago, responding well. Bound to be of interest again in current heart with a 4 lb rise looking within her capabilities.

5 SUSPECTED (IRE) (39) **95**

1P5486 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



N. W. Alexander

Mr Kit Alexander

Bumper winner and one of the least exposed. Neither start in handicaps to date suggest he's especially well treated, but the longer trip offers some scope for progress.

6 COYLTON KING (46) **98**

64-88F6U2 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ian Duncan

Mr S. Connor (3lb/1kg)

Only a length down and in the process of running well when unseating in February and followed that effort with good second of 6 in handicap hurdle at Ayr (3m, heavy) 46 days ago, travelling best. Looks capable of defying this sort of mark.

7 PURE SIRLOIN (IRE) (28) v **97**

6P3-P3673 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Sandy Forster

Miss Heidi Palin

One win from 21 NH runs but was good third of 14 in handicap hurdle at Hexham (2½m, heavy) 28 days ago. Repeat of that form will see him involved.

8 NO REMATCH (IRE) (27) (D) b+t **99**

F03-2P847 12 10-10 | 68.0kg



Samuel Drinkwater

Miss Imogen Mathias (5lb/2kg)

19 runs since last win in 2023 and largely struggled since joining this yard. Given a chance by the handicapper as a result but needs first-time blinkers to rejuvenate him.

9 DON BROCCO (18) (D) t **96**

1P3-P8P25 10 10-5 | 65.8kg



Gary Rutherford

Miss Lucy Brown (7lb/3kg)

Only poor nowadays and struggled when fifth of 7 in handicap chase at Carlisle (3m, good) 18 days ago. Switches from chasing to hurdles with something to prove, though does have regular tongue strap reapplied.

10 LENNIE GODBER (22) t **92**

60/74-5P55 6 10-3 | 64.9kg



Andrew Hamilton

Mr William Hamilton (7lb/3kg)

Offered little over fences on recent stable debut. Switched back to hurdles here but is not easy to make a case for.

11 MILLFORD HILL (IRE) (26) t **64**

040 8 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Rebecca Menzies

Miss Natasha Cookson (7lb/3kg)

Point winner but little encouragement over hurdles so far. Needs major progress for longer trip on handicap debut.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Bollin Matilda, **6-1** Rioja Alta, **6-1** Pure Sirloin, **13-2** Coylton King, **7-1** JeteYE, **10-1** Don Brocco, **18-1** No Rematch, **18-1** Suspected, **33-1** Follow Charlie, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BOLLIN MATILDA looks better than ever right now and can defy a 4 lb rise in the weights at the expense of JeteYE and Coylton King, who both shaped with promise with last seen.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BOLLIN MATILDA 2. JETEYE 3. COYLTON KING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 ^I	Henrybrotherjack 6-11-8	4-1	Olly Murphy	Mr James King	11
2025 ^{II}	Billable Grant 8-10-2	12-1	Jackie Stephen	Miss Emma J. Brown (7)	11
2024	Bollin Matilda 6-11-1	10-3jf	Donald Whillans	Murray Dodd (7)	11
2023	Fortcanyon 7-11-8	7-2f	Sandy Forster	Miss Heidi Palin (7)	9
2022	Farmer's Gamble 6-11-9	10-3	Dan Skelton	Tristan Durrell (3)	9
2021 ^I	World Trip 6-10-4	11-2	Olly Murphy	Luke Scott (7)	11
2021 ^{II}	Taras Day 8-10-6	11-1	L J Morgan	Lewis Dobb (7)	9

SMART STATS:

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Pace Information: **Even**


1 KELLS PRIORY (IRE) (30) s  **100**
0P36-0744 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Olly Murphy** *Mr James King*
Fair ex-Irish handicap hurdler for Louise Lyons and bettered debut effort for present connections when fourth in a 10-runner Wincanton handicap (25f, good) with cheekpieces refitted last time. Solid claims off the same mark.


2 SHIGHNESS (28) b **95**
P2P-5663F 9 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Micky Hammond** *Miss Becky Smith*
Out of form over fences (failed to complete in a handicap chase last time) but wasn't disgraced when third of 7 returned to this sphere at Sedgfield (27f, soft) on penultimate start. Eased 5 lb since and dangerous to discount.


3 MONSIEUR LE FUZZ (FR) (33) (D) s+t **97**
961-46028 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Rebecca Menzies** *Mr Joe Wright (31b/1kg)*
Got back on the up after a breathing operation when second of 9 in handicap at Catterick in February. No great surprise to see the cheekpieces he sported that day refitted here having struggled in a first-time visor at Musselburgh last time but looks vulnerable all the same.


4 MAILLOT BLANC (20) (CD) **98**
6-5147283 9 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **N. W. Alexander** *Miss Jesika Rennie (71b/3kg)*
Successful over C&D off 3 lb lower last June and has produced solid placed efforts in 21f Kelso handicaps on 2 of his last 3 starts. Versatile ground-wise and should make his presence felt.


5 MAURA JEANNE (18) (D) v+t **99**
34-626252 9 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Ian Duncan** *Mr S. Connor (31b/1kg)*
Won staying handicap hurdles at Kelso and Ayr last term. It's been an ongoing set-to with the handicapper since but, to her credit, she has finished runner-up on 3 occasions this season, including with a first-time visor enlisted at Carlisle (25f, good) recently. Likely to be in the mix.


6 EBSELYSEES (20) **89**
6636-P257 7 11-1 | 70.3kg

 **Susan Corbett** *Miss Rebekah Duffy (71b/3kg)*
Ran up to best in a change of headgear when second of 8 in handicap at Huntingdon in November but has followed that with a couple of rather drab displays.

7 CK O'MARA (IRE) (26) (D) **97**
095416 5 10-13 | 69.4kg

 **R. Mike Smith** *Mr Sean O'Connor (31b/1kg)*
Was well backed and left previous efforts behind upped markedly in trip when winning 6-runner handicap at Ayr (3m, heavy) last month. However, he was put in his place off this 5 lb higher mark at Wetherby next time.


8 PALM BEACH (IRE) (50) **91**
5P086-71P 9 10-7 | 66.7kg

 **Victor Thompson** *Miss Amy Milburn (71b/3kg)*
Ready winner at Worcester for Ben Pauling last summer but has failed to complete in both an open point and a Newcastle handicap for present yard.


9 ROI DU ROUME (FR) (52) **99**
4707 6 10-4 | 65.3kg

 **Mickey Bowen** *Mr James Murray (71b/3kg)*
Winning pointer but yet to achieve anything of note in this sphere. Hopes pinned on a breathing operation working the oracle.

10 BLUE INDIGO (9) s **97**
P6P835FU 6 10-2 | 64.4kg

 **Gary Rutherford** *Miss Emma J. Brown (71b/3kg)*
In frame twice over hurdles and close second when falling heavily 3 out in novice handicap at Hexham on last month's chase debut. Again failed to complete in first-time cheekpieces (retained) at the same course 9 days ago and it's no surprise that he now returns to the smaller obstacles.

11 AM I BOVERED (20) h **94**
4-08P556 6 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)

 **Sandy Forster** *Miss Heidi Palin*
No impact in bumpers/over hurdles and the switch handicap company yielded nothing more than very modest improvement when sixth in an 8-runner contest at Kelso.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Maura Jeanne, **5-1** Kells Priory, **6-1** Maillot Blanc, **6-1** Ck O'mara, **15-2** Shighness, **10-1** Blue Indigo, **12-1** Monsieur Le Fuzz, **20-1** Ebselysees, **25-1** Roi Du Roume, **33-1** Am I Bovered, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It was a stronger handicap than this in which KELLS PRIORY was a creditable fourth at Wincanton, in the process banishing any memories of what was an underwhelming debut display for this yard at Warwick a month earlier. He makes plenty of appeal off the same mark here with a very capable amateur in the hot-seat. Maura Jeanne and Maillot Blanc are both pretty reliable on the whole and they should be on the premises, while Shighness also enters the reckoning.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KELLS PRIORY 2. MAURA JEANNE 3. MAILLOT BLANC

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race