



Saturday 24th May

# **CARTMEL**

4.00	CARTMEL STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING EBF MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m1f46y (3460 Metres)
RACE 1	(6) BELLBIRD (1) D DAY ARVALENREEVA (2) LAHINCH WAVE
4.30	HADWINS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 23/4m31y (4450 Metres)
RACE 2	(2) GETAWAY VIC (4) MAGGIES BOY (5) MY FRIEND YEATS
5.05	BOWNESS BAY BREWING MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3m1f83y (5110 Metres)
RACE 3	(3) MUSIQUE DE FEE (2) MERMAIDS CAVE (6) VROOMOZ EILE
5.38	OLD PARK WOOD HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m1f107y (5130 Metres)
RACE 4	(3) FAIRLAWN FLYER   (2) MORFEE   (4) SEAN OG
6.08	JOHN FOGG MEMORIAL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m1f61y (3480 Metres)
RACE 5	(1) HORN CAPE (5) DISCO ANNIE (3) KLITSCHKO
6.38	INJURED JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f107y (5130 Metres)
RACE 6	(12) MUROOR   (7) JUDICIAL REVIEW   (3) BIG BEE HIVE
7.08	NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m5f34y (4260 Metres)

### **KEY TO SYMBOLS**



RACE 7

**Top Rated:** The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

(6) BEAT THE EDGE | (8) TOOMBRIDGE | (3) PILGRIMS KING



**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.



## **CARTMEL STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING EBF MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-125)** £13,850 2m1f46y (3460 Metres)



### Going: Good (Good to Firm in places)

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#### Pace Information: Very Weak

### D DAY ARVALENREEVA (IRE) (52)

5 12-0 76.2kg Kevin Philippart de Foy

98



Fair on the Flat and has progressed with each start over hurdles, making light of a 7 lb penalty to land the double in a Ludlow handicap (15.8f) 52 days ago. Thriving sort is now 2-2 in handicaps and remains open to further improvement

LAHINCH WAVE (IRE) (29) (BF) 90 h

**7** 11-13 75.7kg



Neil Mulholland

Richie McLernon

Placed in Irish point in 2022 prior to making all on hurdling debut at Worcester (20f) last September. Not seen to best effect in first time hood (retained) after 8 months off when held up at Fontwell (21.8f) last time. Likely to be ridden more positively back down in trip and she's not ruled out.

**JOLIE COEUR ALLEN (FR)** (306) 90 h

6 11-9 73.9kg



Ben Haslam

Fair maiden hurdler in Ireland for Willie Mullins but offered little on hurdles debut for Ben Haslam prior to achieving little in 3 Flat maidens. Difficult make a case for unless the market hints at a revival

**EXPELLIARMUS (IRE)** (162)

374/7-**5** 11-6 72.6kg



Ben Haslam K. Brogan

Fair maiden on Flat for Joseph O'Brien and ran her best race over hurdles on handicap debut with cheekpieces fitted (now removed) when seventh of 14 at Cork (16.2f) in December, not given a hard time once his chance had gone. May be open to improvement on debut for yard who are doubly represented.

SPOT ON SOPH (IRE) (273) 98

54/031459-9 11-1 70.3kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Strong in the market and suited by the step back up in trip when scoring comfortably over hurdles at Market Rasen (20.6f) in June. Finished last season with a disappointing run at this course and while the handicapper has given her chance on reappearance, her best form has come over further.

BELLBIRD (30)





10-9 67.6kg 28226642-5 Donald McCain

**Brian Hughes** 



Off the mark in a Ludlow novice last May and has finished runner-up 3 times in handicaps since, latest when back to form under a good value claimer at Bangor (19.6f, soft) 30 days ago. She won't be inconvenienced by this sharper test and is on a fair mark. One to consider with Hughes back aboard.

**6 DECLARED RUNNERS** 

### BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 D Day Arvalenreeva, 7-2 Lahinch Wave, 9-2 Bellbird, 15-2 Expelliarmus, 11-1 Jolie Coeur Allen, 16-1 Spot On Soph

### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BELLBIRD bounced back to form when third at Bangor last time and has already gone close in handicap company from this sort of mark. The return of Brian Hughes can see her land a second hurdles success at the expense of hat-trick seeking D Day Arvalenreeva who remains unexposed despite a hike in grade, with Lahinch Wave, likely to be ridden more positively down in trip, not discounted if able to dictate on the front end as she did on hurdles debut

### TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

### 1. BELLBIRD 2. D DAY ARVALENREEVA 3. LAHINCH WAVE

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:** C. P. O'Shea (7) Mermaids Cave 5-10-8 James Owen 2023 Magical Maggie 6-11-5 Alastair Ralph Jay Tidball (7) 2022 Finest View 5-11-11 Alan King Tom Cannon Voice of Calm 5-11-1 Emma Lavelle Tom Bellamy

### **SMART STATS:**

### HADWINS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £9,099 23/4m31y (4450 Metres)



RACE 2

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Pace Information: Even

1 CAUGHTINYOURTRANCE	(IRE	<b>)</b> (112)
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33/78-6 11-4 71.7kg James Moffatt

Danny McMenamin

88



### **GETAWAY VIC (IRE)** (44)

**6** 11-4 71.7kg



James Bowen



Made it 2 wins from 3 starts in bumpers in 6-runner event at Hereford 44 days ago, a speed test masking his superiority. Interesting hurdling debutant with stamina in pedigree suggesting this longer trip should suit.

**LANTIC BAY (35)** 8 11-4 71.7kg 71

Martin Keighley

Daire McConville (7lb/3kg)

Has shown little in a pair of maiden hurdles 22 months apart.



### MAGGIES BOY (IRE) (10)

97





Produced best effort to date when going down only to one progressing in leaps and bounds in a Perth handicap (3m) in April. Again ran creditably when third in small-field event there 10 days ago and shouldn't be long in gaining a first win.

MY FRIEND YEATS (IRE) (21)

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### Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

Showed promise in handicap hurdles, finishing a close second and a staying-on fourth at Catterick last winter. Sixth of 9 in a handicap hurdle at Hexham (12/1) 21 days ago, running without headgear and possibly needing the run after 11 weeks off. Cheekpieces reapplied today and better expected.

### TURNDLIGHTSDOWNLOW (IRE)

**5** 11-4 71.7kg



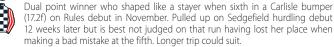
## Martin Keighley



### KALO ATHENA (IRE) (108)

**6** 10-11 | 68.5kg





### **PERFECT POLI** (31)



### 10-11 68.5kg

Peter Kavanaah (3lb/1kg)

Made the frame on first of 2 starts in bumpers and ran to similar level sent hurdling when sixth of 12 in mares' maiden at Newcastle (20.3f, good to soft) in November 2023. However, went with no encouragement tried tongue tied on first start since for a new yard at Perth

### **SKY LUNA (IRE)** (224)

23PP-8 10-11 68.5kg

Winning Irish pointer at the ninth attempt who showed modest form when placed on her first 2 starts at this venue but has been pulled up both outings since. Needs to recapture earlier Cartmel form to have any chance returning from 7 months off.

### 9 DECLARED RUNNERS

### **BETTING FORECAST:**

2-1 Getaway Vic, 11-4 Maggies Boy, 9-2 My Friend Yeats, 10-1 Kalo Athena, 16-1 Sky Luna, 16-1 Turndlightsdownlow, 22-1 Caughtinyourtrance, 66-1 bar

### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

GETAWAY VIC has impressed in bumpers, winning 2 of his three starts, and can make a successful hurdle debut with his pedigree suggesting the step up in trip will suit. Maggies Boy has been knocking on the door in handicaps recently and looks ready for a breakthrough win, so warrants plenty of respect, with My Friend Yeats another potential threat if returning to the sort of form he showed at Catterick in the winter.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. GETAWAY VIC 2. MAGGIES BOY 3. MY FRIEND YEATS

### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024 Shantwopointfive 6-10-11 4-1 Warren Greatrex James Bowen 2023 **Moon d'Orange** 5-11-4 4-5f John McConnell B. W. Harvey (3) 2022 Zumbi 5-11-3 5-1 James Moffatt Charlotte Jones (5) 2021 One Fine Man 6-11-1 7-2 James Moffatt Charlotte Jones (5)

#### **SMART STATS:**



### **BOWNESS BAY BREWING MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (3)** 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-125) £13,650 3m1f83y (5110 Metres)



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Pace Information: Very Weak

#### **SPRINGTIME PROMISE (IRE)** (121) 8 12-2 77.1kg

Fergal O'Brien

Fern O'Brien (5lb/2kg)



Showed fairly useful form when completing hat-trick over hurdles in a Grade 2 at Sandown (19.7f, soft) in February 2024. However, has been largely disappointing over hurdles/fences since, including on testing ground over this sort of trip last time. Bit to prove on return following wind surgery.

MERMAIDS CAVE (IRE) (16) (C)

6 11-9 73.9kg

Callum Pritchard (5lb/2kg)



James Owen 🚴 6-time hurdle winner (all on sharp tracks, including here) since joining this yard. Bounced back to form back down in class in first-time headgear when landing a

6-runner handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (19.6f). Now off career-high mark but should be in the mix again if staying this longer trip.

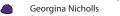
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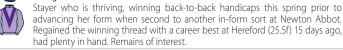
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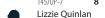




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**MELLIFICENT (IRE)** (14) 8 10-10 68.0kg



Sean Quinlan



Lightly raced mare who won a novice hurdle and was competitive at Listed level for previous connections. Well below that form in two starts for current connections, the latest following wind surgery. Improvement needed stepping

ROBYNDEGLORY (IRE) (15) 97

**10** 10-6 66.2kg



Cian Michael Collins, Ireland Jordan Colin Gainford Achieved fair form when hitting the frame in a couple of 3m handicaps this year but disappointed back over fences at Downpatrick earlier this month. Reverts to hurdling and should be competitive if bouncing back with cheekpieces refitted.

VROOMOZ EILE (IRE) (110)



James Moffatt **Charlotte Jones** 

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Improved to land a weak Carlisle novice (19.3f, soft) in February, staying on to lead in somewhat of a slow-motion finish. However, step up in trip on handicap

debut could unlock further improvement.

6 10-5 65.8ka

99

**SHANTOU SUNSET (99)** 3235/320-**11** 10-5 65.8kg



James Moffatt Veteran placed in two handicaps at this course on soft/heavy last summer (handles better ground) but was well held at Ayr in February following 6 months off. Off for a further 3 months since and may still need the run.

#### 7 DECLARED RUNNERS

## **BETTING FORECAST:**

5-2 Musique De Fee, 5-2 Mermaids Cave, 5-1 Vroomoz Eile, 15-2 Robyndeglory, 10-1 Springtime Promise, 22-1 Shantou Sunset, 33-1 Mellificent

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A winner of 3 of her last 4 starts, MUSIQUE DE FEE is thriving at present and may be able to defy the handicapper again. Course winner Mermaids Cave bounced back to form in headgear last time and could have more to offer if staying this longer trip, with the least exposed runner Vroomoz Eile not ruled out on handicap debut.

### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. MUSIQUE DE FEE 2. MERMAIDS CAVE 3. VROOMOZ EILE

### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024 **Fautinette** 6-11-12 4-1 Venetia Williams Miss Lucy Turner (5) 2023 **Jersey Lady** 7-11-7 Oliver Sherwood Miss Victoria Malzard (7) 6 6-4f 2022 Liffeydale Dreamer 7-10-7 Sam England Jonathan England 2021 Oksana 8-10-12 11-4if Sam England Jonathan England

### **SMART STATS:**



RACE 4

### OLD PARK WOOD HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-125) £14,650 3m1f107y (5130 Metres)





#### Going: Good (Good to Firm in places)

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Pace Information: Uncontested 1 96 **JERRASH (111)** (D) 8 12-0 | 76.2ka



Mickey Bowen James Bowen Dual winner around 2m4f last summer but mixed record since, running poorly at

Musselburgh when last seen in February.

MORFEE (IRE) (34) (D) 21/PP3252-**9** 10-13 | 69.4kg

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99

Seamus Mullins

James Best



Dual winner over fences in 2023-24 and only just denied by a subsequent winner off this mark at Market Rasen last month. Big shout.

FAIRLAWN FLYER (29) (CD) **9** 10-13 69.4kg P/4747111 $\checkmark$ 100

Mickey Bowen

Sean Bowen



Arrives in top form having completed the hat-trick at Perth 4 weeks ago. Remains on a fair mark on old form so 4-timer could well be on the cards.

**SEAN OG (IRE) (46)** (C, D, BF)

97



2192614P-**7** 10-6 | 66.2kg



Successful twice over fences here last summer and looked as good as ever back from a break when scoring at Catterick (25.2f, good to soft) in February. However,

needs to shrug off a poor run at Carlisle 6 weeks ago.

### **4 DECLARED RUNNERS**

### BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Fairlawn Flyer, 7-4 Morfee, 6-1 Sean Og, 8-1 Jerrash

### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FAIRLAWN FLYER is thriving currently and shades the vote over Morfee, who pushed a subsequent winner close off this mark at Market Rasen 5 weeks ago.

### TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FAIRLAWN FLYER 2. MORFEE 3. SEAN OG

### SMART STATS:



RACE 5

### **JOHN FOGG MEMORIAL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE** (3) 5yo+ £14,650 2m1f61y (3480 Metres)



### Going: Good (Good to Firm in places)

HADN CARE (FR) (24) (2

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### Pace Information: Very Weak

1	HORN CAPE (FR) (21) (D)	98
	121/2836-5 <b>8</b> 11-10 74.4kg	
$\circ$	Ben Haslam	K. Brogan



Disappointing on only start over fences so far, though he's a 6-time winner over hurdles and ran well when third at Newcastle in February. Let down by jumping when fifth of 6 at Hexham (16.2f, good) 3 weeks ago, but he's well worth another try over the bigger obstacles.

#### **HURRICANE ALI (IRE)** (35) 90

**9** 11-1 70.3kg



James Moffatt

**Charlotte Jones** 

A while since his last success over hurdles but placed at this course 3 times last year. Lesser efforts on his last 2 starts, fourth of 6 at Carlisle (25f, good) last month, so needs to bounce back dropped significantly in trip making a belated chasing debut.

KLITSCHKO (30) (D) 92

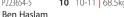
275/54410-7 11-0 69.9kg Lucinda Hughes



Gained a first handicap success over hurdles when scoring at Sedgefield (16.8f, good to soft) in March, form boosted by the runner-up winning next time. Not in the same form at Perth a month ago, but he's capable on a going day as he

COQOLINO (FR) (21) 90

**10** 10-11 68.5kg P223654-5



makes his chase debut.

Richie McLernon



Again ran well when third at Kelso (23.4f, heavy) in December but hasn't been in the same form since, fifth of 6 at Hexham on latest outing 3 weeks ago. However, he's eased further in the weights so he's not one to write off (runner-up here

DISCO ANNIE (IRE) (10) (D) h+t 100

**7** 10-6 66.2kg Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop



Dual winner over hurdles and promising second in handicap at Carlisle on chasing debut in December. After a run back hurdling, raced too freely returned to chasing when fourth of 5 at Perth (16f, good to soft) 10 days ago, so she could fare better with hood reapplied.

**5 DECLARED RUNNERS** 

### **BETTING FORECAST:**

2-1 Disco Annie, 5-2 Horn Cape, 4-1 Klitschko, 11-2 Coqolino, 7-1 Hurricane Ali

### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A useful handicapper over hurdles, HORN CAPE's only previous start over fences came back in 2023 so he could yet do better in this sphere. Off 5 lb lower than his hurdles mark, he is preferred to Disco Annie who could yet build on the promise of her chasing debut with the hood reapplied, while Klitschko is one to note making his first chase start

### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

#### 1. HORN CAPE 2. DISCO ANNIE 3. KLITSCHKO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2024	Playful Saint 9-11-10	3-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	5
2023	Al Zaraqaan 6-11-6	6-1	Sam England	Jonathan England	5
2022	Saint Arvans 8-10-11	7-2	Maurice Barnes	Sean Quinlan	4

#### **SMART STATS:**

Conor O'Farrell

100

### INJURED JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,550 3m1f107y (5130 Metres)



## RACE 6

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Pace Information: Weak

**SUPER CITIZEN** (21) 1

11 12-0 76.2kg 3335312-8



Consistent sort who deservedly got his head back in front in a 4-runner Carlisle handicap (24.5f, good) last month. Creditable second at Kelso next time but shaped as if amiss making his third start inside a month at Hexham 3 weeks ago.

KATE MADRIK (FR) (18)

89 h+t **5** 11-13 75.7kg

Mickey Bowen

Dual chase winner in France who fared much better than on first start for current yard returned to chasing when runner-up in mares' event at Fakenham (21.2f, good) earlier in the month. Could well kick on now with Sean Bowen taking over

upped markedly in trip.

BIG BEE HIVE (IRE) (39) (CD) 98 b+t

2P45P454-8 11-7 73.0kg

Sam England



Scored twice last spring (including in this corresponding event) and ran creditably on form despite it being a bit laboured when fourth at Southwell last month. Now 2 lb below his last winning mark so has to be considered with more severe headgear enlisted.

LIGHTS ARE GREEN (IRE) (21) (CD)

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**8** 11-6 72.6kg

Jonathon Bewley

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95



Narrow winner of a handicap chase over C&D last summer but it was a low-key 2024 otherwise. However, he shaped much better than the distance beaten suggested on return at Hexham earlier in the month and is likely to be much closer to form. Lurks just 1 lb above last winning mark.

**JELSKI (GER) (148)** (CD) 97

**11** 11-4 71.7kg

James Moffatt Charlotte Jones Back-to-back winner over fences at this track in summer 2023 but it was a



struggle for the most part of last year over fences and hurdles. Can only be watched back chasing for his return.

GAME LINE (IRE) (45) (D) 95

11 10-10 68.0kg

Mickey Bowen James Bowen Fair handicap chaser at his best but has offered little on all 3 starts since



returning from a 26-month absence in December. Best to look elsewhere.

JUDICIAL REVIEW (IRE) (273) (C) 96



Danny McMenamin James Moffatt

Went the wrong way in bumpers and made little impression over hurdles in 2023/24. However, hé left his chasing debut form behind when scoring at this course (21.2f, soft) 9 months ago and is hiked up in trip for this return. One to look out for provided he's ready to roll

**EUCHAN FALLS (IRE)** (31) 95 85P65208-**8** 10-5 65.8kg



R. Mike Smith Twenty-two runs since last win in 2023 and ran poorly back over hurdles at Perth last month. Back chasing but others more persuasive despite a tumbling mark.

FATHERS ADVICE (IRE) (10)

6/475444-1 8 10-5 65.8kg



Hails from an in-form yard and finally got off the mark despite being 2 lb out of the weights in 7-runner handicap chase at Perth (23.8f, good to soft) 10 days ago. 7 lb conditional back on and could well kick on now up and running.

**DONNY'S FORTUNE (IRE)** (4)

8P7P-5U **8** 10-3 64.9kg Micky Hammond Robert Dunne



Dual point winner who offered little in 4 hurdles last season. Fared a bit better when fifth of 10 on 3m Uttoxeter chase debut earlier in the month and departed through no fault of his own having been well supported at Hexham 4 days ago. Folly to ignore.

### WOTSMYNAME (IRE) (10)

932P5P4-P **8** 10-3 | 64.9kg Leonard Kerr

Placed a couple of times at Ayr earlier this year and back to form from out of the weights when fourth at Kelso last month. Easy to put a line through his latest effort (out of the race after the fourth due to a broken leather) and could be in the mix despite a 0-24 record.

MUROOR (4) 12

**12** 10-2(10-0) 64.4kg (63.5kg) 33967P-52

Sean Ouinlan



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**Brian Hughes** 

Sean Bowen

Veteran on a long losing run but couldn't have gone much closer when runnerup at Hexham 4 days ago, shaping for a long way as if he'd overturn form with the hat-trick seeking winner. Not sure to be in the same mood here but worth chancing despite being 2 lb out of weights.

#### 12 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

Lizzie Ouinlan

5-1 Judicial Review, 11-2 Fathers Advice, 13-2 Big Bee Hive, 15-2 Muroor, 10-1 Kate Madrik, 12-1 Super Citizen, 16-1 Lights Are Green, 16-1 Donny's Fortune, 16-1 Jelski, 20-1 Wotsmyname, 25-1 Euchan Falls, 40-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

MUROOR couldn't have gone much closer to ending a lengthy losing run at Hexham on Tuesday so, provided he copes with the quick turnaround, Lizzie Quinlan's veteran gets the nod to make amends at the expense of Judicial Review, who left his chase debut effort behind when scoring here 9 months ago and is open to further progress in this discipline. Last year's winner Big Bee Hive and Fathers Advice can fight out third.

### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. MUROOR 2. JUDICIAL REVIEW 3. BIG BEE HIVE

### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Big Bee Hive 7-11-11	9-4f	Sam England	Jonathan England	6
2023	Lights Are Green 6-11-4	11-4f	George Bewley	Jonathon Bewley (3)	9
2022	<b>Dee Star</b> 9-11-8	15-8f	Gary Hanmer	K. Brogan	1 (
2021	Justforjames 12-11-4	14-1	Micky Hammond	Miss Becky Smith (3)	13

### **SMART STATS:**

## NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,800 2m5f34y (4260 Metres)



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Pace Information: Even

1	WHOSHOTTHESHERIFF (IRE) (62)	b+t	99
	54/5446F8- <b>11</b> 12-0 76.2kg		
	Lizzie Quinlan	Se	ean Quinlan



Useful chaser in his prime for Phil Kirby but is more than 3 years without a win and was soon beaten once was pressure was applied at Carlisle when last seen in March. Blinkers go on but others still preferred despite drop in grade

Chris Grant **Danny McMenamin** Scored at Sedgefield in March but seemingly in a bit of a lull at present, never troubling the leaders when fourth there 11 days ago. Step up in trip needs to spark revival.

PILGRIMS KING (IRE) (65) **9** 11-7 73.0kg 4/PPPP315-

FEARLESS ACTION (IRE) (11)

96

100

Mickey Bowen

Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)



Overcame significant tack issues prior to resuming winning ways at Sedgefield in February but that was a weak affair and he never really looked like following up at that track the following month. Nevertheless, he's capable of making his mark felt in this company

**DEFENCE WITNESS (IRE)** (68) 96 **6** 11-5 72.1kg



Sam England Jonathan England Point/bumper winner who hasn't kicked on as might have been expected over

jumps, again disappointing after a stable switch when down the field over hurdles at Southwell last time. Still lightly raced over fences but likely needs a shade more if he's to win here

WEARELONGTERM (IRE) (30) 83 4/P728PP6-8 11-1 70.3kg



Dianne Sayer

Showed promise over hurdles when runner-up at Wetherby in January but nowhere near that level since, including when tried tongue tied at Perth last

**BEAT THE EDGE (IRE)** (15) 96





Micky Hammond

Thoroughly ungenine sort but, making third start for current yard, he resumed winning ways at Catterick (19.2f) in January. Very much outbattled when third at Market Rasen 15 days ago but this isn't much of a race and he's capable of

scoring again

AZOF DES MOTTES (FR) (14) (D) 98



**8** 10-10 68.0kg

George Bewley

Made the track only once last season and shaped as if the run was needed when pulled up on his return at Hexham a fortnight ago. Claims if sharper this time.

TOOMBRIDGE (32) 10-6 | 66.2ka



Ian Duncan Alan Dovle (5lb/2kg)

Poor maiden handicap chaser did produce one of his better efforts from out of the weights when second of 9 in handicap chase at Kelso (20f, good) 32 days ago. Run of race went his way there but a replication of that form would see him in the mix

**8 DECLARED RUNNERS** 

### **BETTING FORECAST:**

4-1 Beat The Edge, 9-2 Toombridge, 6-1 Pilgrims King, 17-2 Whoshotthesheriff, 17-2 Azof Des Mottes, 17-2 Defence Witness, 9-1 Fearless Action, 11-1 Wearelongterm

### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Very hard to be bullish about any of these, with BEAT THE EDGE perhaps arriving in the most solid form despite his reluctant nature. Toombridge can race from his "proper" mark this time and isn't discounted after a good effort at Kelso last month, with Pilgrims King also considered having scored on his penultimate outing.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. BEAT THE EDGE 2. TOOMBRIDGE 3. PILGRIMS KING

### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Village Master 5-11-10	10-3	Warren Greatrex	James Bowen	
2023	Do No Wrong 7-10-8	8-1	Justin Landy	John Kington	1
2022	Rapid Flight 6-11-10	9-2	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones (5)	1
2021	Mah Mate Bob 9-11-3	7-1	George Bewley	Jonathon Bewley (3)	1

### **SMART STATS:**