

Wednesday 25th March

HEXHAM



2.11 RACING TO SCHOOL MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 1 **(4) CUSHENDUN | (12) QUEENS SECRET | (9) BOLD REFLECTION**

2.41 HOLIDAY AT HEXHAM RACECOURSE CARAVAN PARK NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m41y (4870 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) DIDNTGOTWENTY | (1) SCOTTISH KING | (2) KILLYBEGS JET LADY**

3.11 WEATHERBYS HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m48y (3260 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) EDDIE MY EAGLE | (6) FROMHERETOETERNITY | (10) CAMELO RAPIDO**

3.41 BK RACING HEXHAM MARATHON HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m7f199y (6420 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) JO COKO | (6) PLANNED PARADISE | (8) COURT AT SLIP**

4.11 RONNIE PARKES 80th HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) LES'S LEGACY | (1) ANOTHER HIGH FIVE | (5) DROP KICK**

4.41 WEATHERBYS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m15y (4040 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) BIG JOHN WAYNE | (5) CASUAL OBSERVER | (6) CARRIGEEN CASTLE**

5.13 HORSLYX - FOR HORSE'S HEALTH & WELFARE MARES' OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 2m48y (3260 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) EMIKO | (4) LADY BAM | (2) BREDAS PEARL**

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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**RACING TO SCHOOL MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000
2½m28y (4050 Metres)**

RACE 1



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 C'MON SO (IRE) (30) 87
64 5 11-7 | 73.0kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore *Gregor Walkingshaw (10lb/5kg)*
Hurdles debutant who finished runner-up in a point and showed a bit more second time up over hurdles at Ayr last month. Looks the yard second string

2 COLONEL JACK (69) 60
PP 5 11-7 | 73.0kg
Mark Walford *Jamie Hamilton*
Pulled up both starts to date.

3 COUNTRYMAN JOE (IRE) (40) 60
68 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
Jane Walton *Peter Kavanagh*
Has shown nothing in pair of bumpers at Kelso.

4 CUSHENDUN (18) 100 ★
333/4263 7 11-7 | 73.0kg
Ian Duncan *Callum Bewley*
Placed all 3 bumper starts in 2023/24 and shaped quite well in a pair of C&D maiden hurdles returning from a long absence, runner-up in December. Cast aside a lesser effort when third at Ayr 3 weeks ago and there should be more to come. Major claims.

5 EAGLE'S CAIRN (IRE) (37) 79
03-6PP 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
N. W. Alexander *Bruce Lynn*
Glimpses of ability so far but has pulled up the last twice.

6 HOURMAN (FR) (19) 90
4676 5 11-7 | 73.0kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore *Derek Fox*
Showed some promise when fourth in a course bumper on debut in October. Unable to make an impact in a trio of hurdles starts, albeit he caught the eye of the stewards at Ayr over 2m 3 weeks ago, finishing with running left. Up in trip and he has a bigger effort in him.

7 MAIORI (FR) (19) 93
4 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
Adam Nicol *Ryan Mania*
Successful on second of his 2 outings in Irish points and displayed ability when fourth of 12 starting out under Rules at Ayr 19 days ago (2m). Can build on that topped in trip.

8 WISE MOVE (IRE) (43) 89 h
594-45254 8 11-7 | 73.0kg
George Bewley *Jonathon Bewley*
Multiple winning pointer but just a modest maiden hurdler and his level is pretty well established in handicaps.

9 BOLD REFLECTION (IRE) (1064) 95
8 11-0 | 69.9kg
John McConnell, Ireland *Conor O'Farrell*
Runner-up in a couple of points and relished emphasis on stamina when making a winning bumper debut at Limerick in December 2022. Easy to excuse run 4 months later and though long absence since is a worry, she is in very capable hands. Market will guide on hurdles debut.

10 COMEDAYGODAY (IRE) (64) 79 t
P 9 11-0 | 69.9kg
Lizzie Quinlan *Sean Quinlan*
Lightly-raced ex-Irish maiden hurdler who offered little after 3-year absence in January. Up in trip with a tongue tie on.

11 CULZEAN (19) 60
674 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
Ian Duncan *William Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
Well held in 3 events at Ayr.

12 QUEENS SECRET (IRE) 96
6 11-0 | 69.9kg
Ruth Jefferson *Richie McLernon*
£40,000 purchase after winning an Irish point last March. The betting should help guide to expectations now hurdling for Ruth Jefferson in what isn't a deep contest.

13 STRATHCATCHA (43) 60
7777P 6 11-0 | 69.9kg
Gary Rutherfordford *Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)*
Yet to show any ability.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Cushendun, 4-1 Queens Secret, 9-2 Bold Reflection, 11-2 Maiori, 12-1 Hourman, 14-1 Wise Move, 28-1 C'mon So, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This test is slightly on the sharp side for CUSHENDUN but this isn't a strong maiden hurdle and the feeling is that we haven't seen the best of him. Queens Secret won her point and while she's been off a year, she has to command respect, as does Bold Reflection after an even longer lay-off with the market likely to help assess that pair.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CUSHENDUN 2. QUEENS SECRET 3. BOLD REFLECTION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Baratablet 5-11-7	8-11f	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin	8
2024	Clovis Island 6-11-7	1-4f	Nicky Richards	Sean Quinlan	6
2023	Fly By Milan 8-11-7	10-1	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin	9
2022	Luke 5-11-6	8-13f	Michael & David Easterby	Sean Quinlan	7
2021	Taste The Fear 6-11-2	7-4f	Dr Richard Newland	C. M. Leonard (7)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

**HOLIDAY AT HEXHAM RACECOURSE CARAVAN PARK
NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100)
£10,000 3m41y (4870 Metres)**



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

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| 1 | 
SCOTTISH KING (IRE) (16) (D)
P-25F3311 10 12-0 76.2kg
Richard Armson <i>Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)</i>
Few miles on the clock for a 10-y-o and appears to have turned a corner attitude-wise of late, winning handicap chases at Marker Rasen and Plumpton the last twice. Gone up just 6 lb in total and has to be respected in his hat-trick bid. | 98 |
| 2 | 
KILLYBEGS JET LADY (IRE) (173)
62-23352P 9 11-9 73.9kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore <i>Derek Fox</i>
Irish point winner who has yet to strike under Rules but has found just one too good several times, including on 2 of her 3 previous C&D starts. Excuses when last seen in October and she could have a say if raring to go following a break. | 97 |
| 3 | 
KING OF CONG (IRE) (87)
760P2430 8 11-9 73.9kg
Sam England <i>Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)</i>
Successful over hurdles for previous connections in Ireland a couple of years back and responded well to the addition of cheekpieces when runner-up back in this sphere over C&D in November. However, he has failed to reproduce that level of form in 3 subsequent starts. | 97 |
| 4 | 
DIDNTGOTWENTY (IRE) (38)
747-35521 7 10-12 68.9kg
Martin Todhunter <i>Sean Quinlan</i>
Produced best hurdles effort here during the autumn and has already established himself as a better chaser, making it third time lucky over fences in good style at Musselburgh (2½m, good to soft) last month. Up 9 lb and moves back up in trip here but he's nevertheless the one to beat. | 100 |
| 5 | 
RELIANCE KID (FR) (69)
7-990 7 10-11 68.5kg
Andrew Wilson <i>Callum Bewley</i>
Went close on third start between the flags back in May 2024 but little to shout about from his 4 starts over hurdles. Has undergone a breathing operation ahead of this chase debut. | 98 |
| 6 | 
RIGHTBACKATYOU (IRE) (43)
4/65-687FP 8 10-10 68.0kg
Stuart Coltherd <i>Peter Kavanagh</i>
Remains a maiden following a number of appearances both between the flags and under Rules, most recently pulled up on chase debut at Ayr. | 98 |
| 7 | 
LEWA HOUSE (43) (C)
6282-5606 10 10-8 67.1kg
Catch Bissett <i>Bruce Lynn</i>
Best effort over fences when going close in this race 12 months ago. Bids to go one better this time round off the same mark but will need to step up on this season's relatively low-key efforts if he's to succeed. | 95 |
| 8 | 
BLUE INDIGO (18)
64P6P835 6 10-8 67.1kg
Gary Rutherford <i>Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)</i>
Creditable third in a 9-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle (23.7f, heavy) in January was by far his best effort to date under Rules. However, he wasn't in the same form at Ayr recently and it's hard to know what to expect of him now switched to fences. | 98 |
| 9 | 
WEST LAWN (44) (C)
P-5645632 10 10-5 65.8kg
James Walton <i>Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)</i>
Both hurdles wins came here back in 2022 and though she's a long-standing maiden over fences, she came as close as she ever has done to shedding that tag when second of 4 at Catterick (25f, soft) last month. Each-way shout. | 93 |
| 10 | 
WORTH THE WALK (IRE) (36)
687-PP22 9 10-2(10-0) 64.4kg (63.5kg)
Micky Hammond  <i>Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)</i>
Point winner who left previous Rules efforts well behind when second in Market Rasen handicap chase last month. One of just 2 finishers when beaten 11 lengths by Scottish King at the same course next time, though, and it's hard to envisage her reversing those placings here. | 94 |

11 **ITURGEON DU BREUIL (FR) (59)** **94**
 33P4664P 8 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)
 Barry Murtagh *Lorcan Murtagh*
 Unreliable maiden who was pulled up on first run since undergoing a breathing operation at Sedgfield in January.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Didntgotwenty, **4-1** Scottish King, **8-1** Worth The Walk, **17-2** Killybegs Jet Lady, **10-1** West Lawn, **12-1** Lewa House, **16-1** King of Cong, **20-1** Blue Indigo, **33-1** Iturgeon Du Breuil, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Given their recent exploits it's hard not to be drawn to DIDNTGOTWENTY and Scottish King. The latter has raised his game the last twice and merits serious respect in his hat-trick bid but Didntgotwenty did the job well at Musselburgh last time and, provided that he copes with this step back up in trip, a 9 lb hike may not be enough to stop him. Killybegs Jet Lady can make her presence felt, too, if ready to roll following a 173-day break.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DIDNTGOTWENTY 2. SCOTTISH KING 3. KILLYBEGS JET LADY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Halfway House Lad** 6-10-10 7-4f Maurice Barnes Charlie Price (3) 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**WEATHERBYS HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120)
£11,150 2m48y (3260 Metres)**

RACE 3



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 SMART DECISION (25) (CD) **98**
11-311247 5 12-1 | 76.7kg

Tim Easterby *Mr Thomas Easterby (7lb/3kg)*
Dual winner of juvenile events last spring, including over this C&D, and added a couple of handicaps to his haul earlier this season. Good run of form came to a halt at Kelso (21f, soft) last time but that was a class 2 handicap and both this drop back in class and trip will help.

2 THE CISTERCIAN (IRE) (20) **98**
U6313U3U 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Stuart Edmunds *Charlie Hammond*
Left Irish form behind when making a winning start for Stuart Edmunds in 2m Leicester maiden hurdle on heavy in December. Placed both completed starts since and probably would have been in the mix again had he not unseated 2 out at Haydock last time. Not discounted.

3 BUST A MOVE (FR) (108) h **97**
131-70 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

Michael & David Easterby *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
Fairly useful on the Flat and won twice over hurdles term, including a 17f Newcastle handicap on final start of that campaign. However, failed to fire both appearances so far this season and others make more appeal.

4 HE'S BRESILIAN (37) **98**
332-36121 6 11-13 | 75.7kg

Jedd O'Keeffe *Conor O'Farrell*
Made all to win a maiden hurdle in December and bettered that when again leading from pillar to post in a 14-runner Carlisle handicap (17f, soft) last month. 9 lb rise demands more but he's clearly in good nick and has to enter calculations.

5 EDDIE MY EAGLE (IRE) (25) (D) h **99**
24211 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

Dan Horsford *Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)*
Progressive 6-y-o who built on his Plumpton novice success when making a winning handicap bow at Newbury at the end of last month. Remains open to improvement and can take a 4 lb rise in his stride.

6 FROMHERETOETERNITY (IRE) (32) (CD) s+t **100**
1F4-32544 9 11-8 | 73.5kg

Jennie Candlish *Sean Quinlan*
Three-time winner last term, including twice over this C&D. Came from further back than the 3 that beat her when fourth of 9 at Newcastle (17f, good to soft) last time and she should make a bold bid to maintain her 100% Hexham record.

7 FREDDY ROBINSON (111) (D) **96**
1/2286-1 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

Brian Ellison *Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)*
Fit from the Flat and opened hurdles account at Market Rasen in December. 3 lb rise fair and won't be found wanting fitness-wise following a recent spin on the Flat and he's not without each-way hope.

8 THAT ONE (32) (CD) **97**
54121-269 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

James Walton *Callum Bewley*
Won twice last season, including over C&D, and returned with a good second at Carlisle in November. Has followed that with a couple of tame efforts, though, and needs to bounce back.

9 GOLDWYN (IRE) (20) (D) **92**
321/8P0-6 9 10-13 | 69.4kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith *Danny McMenamin*
Lightly-raced since winning a Wetherby maiden hurdle 2 years ago and well held on debut for present yard following a 13-month absence at Haydock.

10 CAMELO RAPIDO (IRE) (25) (D) **98**
0428-5961 7 10-11 | 68.5kg

Mark Walford *Jamie Hamilton*
Opened hurdles account at the ninth attempt when landing a soft-ground Doncaster handicap in decisive fashion last time. 5 lb rise by no means the end of the world and he has to enter the reckoning.

11 DEE'S GETAWAY (IRE) (37) (D) t **96**
634P1500 6 10-7 | 66.7kg

George Bewley *Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)*
It's been a struggle since her Ayr success in November, most recently finishing well down the pack in the Carlisle handicap won by He's Bresilian.

12 BARRAKILLA VAGE (IRE) (93) **82**
0-507544 7 10-7 | 66.7kg

Stuart Coltherd *Derek Fox*
Modest form in bumpers and hasn't shown a great deal in 3 starts over hurdles. Significant step forward needed now handicapping on second run new connections.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Eddie My Eagle, **9-2** He's Bresilian, **11-2** Caramelo Rapido, **7-1** The Cistercian, **17-2** Fromheretoernity, **11-1** Smart Decision, **12-1** Freddy Robinson, **16-1** That One, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

There may well be better to come from the progressive EDDIE MY EAGLE, who looked firmly in control despite being closed down late on at Newbury and a 4 lb rise doesn't look at all harsh. He is taken to complete the hat-trick. Fromheretoernity is 2-2 over C&D and, having shaped pretty well at Newcastle last month, she is second choice ahead of last-time-out winners Caramelo Rapido and He's Bresilian.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EDDIE MY EAGLE 2. FROMHERETOETERNITY 3. CAMELO RAPIDO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Lawrenny 6-12-0	4-1	Jennie Candlish	Sean Quinlan	8
2024	Two Auld Pals 6-11-10	15-8f	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	5
2023	Horn Cape 6-12-0	7-4f	Ben Haslam	J. Hogan (5)	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**BK RACING HEXHAM MARATHON HANDICAP CHASE (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £14,500 3m7f199y (6420 Metres)**

RACE 4



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 WAL BUCK'S (FR) (20) (BF) v **95**
135-44214 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore** *Derek Fox*
Found race falling apart making all in a first-time visor at Kelso (3¼m) in February. Failed to repeat that effort back on sounder surface when fourth at Haydock (3½m) 3 weeks ago but he's certainly not out of things now stamina is tested further.

2 PINOT ROUGE (IRE) (27) (C) b **93**
P-3144PF5 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Susan Corbett** *Nathan Moscrop*
Successful in handicap hurdle here (23f) in June but has seemingly gone off the boil, finishing a well held fifth in that sphere at Wetherby (3m) 4 weeks ago. Blinkers quickly return in place of cheekpieces and others make much more appeal.

3 KARUMA GREY (GER) (9) **94**
4PP-P2PF5 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Barry John Murphy** *Tom Cannon*
Unreliable sort but he did run one of his better races starting out for new yard when fifth at Ffos Las (3m) 9 days ago, closing up late. However, overall profile suggests he's no sure thing to be in same form here.

4 JO COKO (FR) (60) s **98**
234-31 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Nicky Richards** *Sean Quinlan*
Irish point winner who showed fair form over hurdles for James Ewart last season and better for return/yard debut effort when off the mark (also fitted with cheekpieces) in 8-runner novices' handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3¼m) 2 months ago, displaying plenty of stamina. Interesting with more to come.

5 MAROWN (IRE) (17) s **94**
323/2P-PP3 12 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Nicky Richards** *Danny McMenamin*
Winless since 2021 but dropped a long way in the weights and showed first form of present campaign when third at Carlisle (24.5f) 17 days ago. Needs to build on that now tackling a significantly longer trip.

6 PLANNED PARADISE (IRE) (28) ★ **100**
23054361 10 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Christian Williams** *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)* 
Capitalised on a reduced mark in 11-runner handicap chase at Bangor (29.6f, soft) 4 weeks ago, drawing clear from last. Back up 9 lb but still handily weighted so well worth considering in this groove.

7 SHIGHNESS (34) s **92**
4P2P-5663 9 11-3 | 71.2kg

 **Micky Hammond**  *Conor O'Farrell*
Out of form over fences but showed better signs on a rare start back hurdling when third of 7 in handicap at Sedgefield (27f, soft) 5 weeks ago. Needs to back it up now reverting back to fences.

8 COURT AT SLIP (IRE) (27) b **96**
54-523322 9 10-12 | 68.9kg

 **Tim Easterby** *Jamie Hamilton*
More than 2 years have passed since his last success but he's dropped to a mark he can compete from and arrives on the back of 5 consecutive placed efforts, running creditably when second of 8 in 3m handicap chase at Wetherby 4 weeks ago. Respected again over longest trip he's faced.

9 DON BROCCO (40) t **82**
6P1P3-P8P 10 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)

 **Gary Rutherford** *Bruce Lynn*
Scored over 3m at Carlisle last February and posted a good third in this 12 months ago. Has struggled this season though, undergoing breathing operation before pulled up in handicap chase at Kelso 27 days ago. Hard to fancy from out of the weights.

10 ROB ROY MACGREGOR (IRE) (30) s **91**
P3-487242 8 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)

 **Sandy Thomson**  *Patrick Wadge*
It's now 16 runs since his last win in 2023 but he comes here in good form, second of 6 in 3m handicap chase at Ayr in February. Should stay this markedly longer trip but operating from 5 lb out of the weights on this occasion.

11 GIBBERWELL (IRE) (50) (C) b **88**
2P15-F5PP 10 10-2(9-8) | 64.4kg (60.8kg)

 **Jake Thomas Coulson** *Philip Armon (3lb/1kg)*
Very hard to catch right and having scored over 3m here 12 months ago, he's typically been more miss than hit since, typically racing lazily when pulled up at Carlisle (24.5f) last month. Passed over operating from out of the weights.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Planned Paradise, **7-2** Jo Coko, **13-2** Wal Buck's, **8-1** Court At Slip, **10-1** Rob Roy Macgregor, **12-1** Marown, **18-1** Karuma Grey, **22-1** Pinot Rouge, **25-1** Don Brocco, **28-1** Shighness, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Low-mileage 7-y-o JO COKO certainly didn't look short on stamina when making it second time lucky over fences at Uttoxeter a couple of months ago and, quickly upped to a marathon trip, he's fancied to make a bold bid with further progress on the cards. Bangor scorer Planned Paradise won't have any stamina concerns and he's a player also. Court at Slip and Wal Buck's can also figure.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JO COKO 2. PLANNED PARADISE 3. COURT AT SLIP

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Betterforeveryone	8-11-12	9-2	Alan King	Sean Quinlan	10
2024	Breeze of Wind	7-11-5	5-6f	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	5
2023	Prince Dundee	10-11-12	13-2	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (5)	7
2022	Dubai Devils	11-11-12	9-1	Paul Stafford	Peter Kavanagh (5)	10
2021	Gangster	11-11-7	20-1	Warren Greatrex	Danny McMenamin	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RONNIE PARKES 80th HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £9,100 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 5



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Pace Information: **Strong**

1	ANOTHER HIGH FIVE (IRE) (40)	96
	5-232 6 12-0 76.2kg Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore Runner-up in an Irish point and continues to go the right way over hurdles, finishing fast when a much-improved second on his handicap debut at Kelso (23f) last month. Merits serious consideration despite dropping back in trip. <i>Patrick Wadge</i>	
2	COLD HENRY (21)	94
	45751 7 11-13 75.7kg Sara Ender Modest 2m Flat winner who got off the mark in this sphere (under more positive tactics) in 25f handicap at Catterick three weeks ago. Up 5 lb but can go well again. <i>Harry Bannister</i>	
3	LES'S LEGACY (34) (CD)	96 s+t
	5-251P608 9 11-12 75.3kg Susan Corbett A four-time winner here (also took this in good style 12 months ago) and he hinted at a revival on his second run after a break when a patiently-ridden eighth of 12 in Sedgefield handicap last month. Interesting off a slipping mark. <i>Nathan Moscrop</i>	
4	GARDENER (FR) (29)	96 t
	345-U0333 10 11-10 74.4kg Mike Sowersby Proved disappointing in 2024/25 for Olly Murphy but more consistent for his current yard, third of 8 in 19f Catterick handicap 29 days ago. Well in the mix off a 2 lb lower mark. <i>Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)</i>	
5	DROP KICK (IRE) (32)	96
	6-7712323 5 11-8 73.5kg Mark Walford Made a successful handicap debut at Carlisle (19f) in November and has held his form really well since, third of 15 in handicap at Newcastle last month. Ought to be in the shake-up again off an unchanged mark. <i>Jamie Hamilton</i>	
6	OUR LAURA B (IRE) (32) (D)	93
	P/444-PP3P 8 11-7 73.0kg Ben Haslam Winless since May 2023 and she's been pulled up on 3 of his 4 runs this season, latest in handicap at Newcastle last month. <i>Richie McLernon</i>	
7	GETAWAY MASTER (IRE) (40)	95 h
	PP-P8127P 9 11-7 73.0kg Micky Hammond  Got off the mark for current yard at Carlisle (19) in November but well below par on his last 2 outings, pulled up at Chepstow last time. Has it to prove now in a refitted hood. <i>Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)</i>	
8	SO MANY ROADS (43) (D)	96 t
	7/34U-7315 9 11-7 73.0kg Donald Whillans Ended a 3-year losing run in handicap at Ayr in January but he came in a remote fifth there following month. Needs to get back on track. <i>Theo Gillard</i>	
9	HALF TRACK (IRE) (57)	97 s+t
	436-88USP 10 11-1 70.3kg N. W. Alexander His sole success came back in 2021 and he was pulled up in 23f handicap at Newcastle in January. Tongue strap/cheekpieces go back on now with lots to prove. <i>Dominic Hislop (7lb/3kg)</i>	
10	PURE SIRLOIN (IRE) (55) (D)	92 v
	46P3-P367 8 11-1 70.3kg Sandy Forster It's now 13 runs since his last win in 2023 but he got back on track when seventh of 13 in 3m handicap at Ayr in January. Not ruled out from a tumbling mark. <i>Harry Reed</i>	

11	L'ALLIER (FR) (40)	96
	50446/4-55 7 11-0 69.9kg Steph Cameron Fair maiden hurdler for Michael Wigham in 2024 but he's offered little after 19 months off in a pair of 2m handicaps at Uttoxeter and Fakenham for his current yard this winter. <i>Ben Poste</i>	
12	YAPPER HILL (IRE) (27)	100 ★
	385R74 7 11-0 69.9kg George Bewley Lightly-raced 7-y-o who returned to form when fourth of 8 in 2m handicap hurdle at Wetherby 27 days ago, faring best of those ridden prominently. Can race off a 4 lb lower mark here so he's a likely player. <i>Jonathon Bewley</i>	
13	CHOSEN HERO (IRE) (64)	98 s+t
	P6P768-9P 8 11-0 69.9kg Lizzie Quinlan Now 11 runs without a victory (for Archie Watson) and she's shown nothing for her new stable in handicap hurdles at Carlisle and Leicester either side of Christmas. Tongue strap goes on now. <i>Sean Quinlan</i>	
14	KNACKER TRAPPER (IRE) (11) (D)	96
	577P5-573 8 10-10 68.0kg Andrew Crook On a losing sequence but he posted a good third of 15 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle 11 days ago. Can make his presence felt off the same mark. <i>William Maggs (3lb/1kg)</i>	
15	DO YE WANNA (IRE) (37)	95
	00/P77-P3 8 10-5 65.8kg George Bewley Low-mileage 8-y-o who took a big step forward after 9 months off on his handicap debut when third of 9 at Carlisle (19f) last month. That form has been franked so he's very much one to consider. <i>Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)</i>	
16	DARTMHOR (15)	91
	6688P-347 6 10-2(9-12) 64.4kg (62.6kg) Chris Grant Poor maiden hurdler who failed to beat a rival in handicap at Sedgefield 15 days ago. 4 lb "wrong" in the weights too. <i>Danny McMenamin</i>	

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-2 Cold Henry, **7-1** Another High Five, **15-2** Drop Kick, **8-1** Les's Legacy, **12-1** Gardener, **12-1** Knacker Trapper, **14-1** Our Laura B, **16-1** So Many Roads, **16-1** Do Ye Wanna, **18-1** Yapper Hill, **28-1** Getaway Master, **33-1** Pure Sirloin, **33-1** Dartmhor, **33-1** L'allier, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Course specialist LES'S LEGACY captured this prize 12 months ago and teed himself up well for a repeat when a patiently-ridden eighth at Sedgefield last time. He can capitalise on a 2 lb lower mark here at the chief expense of the progressive Another High Five and reliable Drop Kick. George Bewley's duo Do Ye Wanna and Yapper Hill can also have a say in this highly competitive handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LES'S LEGACY 2. ANOTHER HIGH FIVE 3. DROP KICK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 ^I	Les's Legacy 8-11-6	9-2	Susan Corbett	Nathan Moscrop	10
2025 ^{II}	Forest Blaze 6-11-6	11-4f	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	10
2024	Lahardaun 7-11-11	10-3	George Bewley	Jonathon Bewley	7
2023	Hold Up La Colmine 6-12-2	evsf	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Ben Jones	4
2022	Irish Sovereign 7-11-7	9-2	Sarah Humphrey	Tom Scudamore	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.41**WEATHERBYS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120)
£12,850 2½m15y (4040 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Uncontested**

	1	BIG JOHN WAYNE (IRE) (30)		100
		3F/2-53 8 11-13 75.7kg		
		Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore	Derek Fox	
		Point winner hasn't stood much racing but showed a fairly useful level over hurdles and shaped well when a running-on third of 7 in 2½m handicap chase at Ayr 30 days ago. Capable of better. Likely player.		
	2	GLORY AND HONOUR (IRE) (173) (C, D)	t	92
		6-5214553 10 11-12 75.3kg		
		Sam England	Jonathan England	
		Notched fourth success over fences when taking a 2m handicap here last June but below par since, coming in a remote third of 5 back hurdling here last time.		
	3	NED TANNER (IRE) (18) (D)	s+t	98
		214-733P4 10 11-11 74.8kg		
		N. W. Alexander	Sean Quinlan	
		Twice a winner last season but largely well below par this term, tried in a change of headgear when a remote fourth of 6 at Ayr last time. Others are preferred.		
	4	CHAPEL GREEN (IRE) (25) (C)	s	89
		2745-1P57 9 11-10 74.4kg		
		Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore	Jack Power (5lb/2kg)	
		Resumed with 21f Kelso victory in September but has failed to build on it in three subsequent runs, tried in a visor when beating one back there 25 days ago.		
	5	CASUAL OBSERVER (IRE) (28) (D)		95
		4255/51-2 7 11-9 73.9kg		
		Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	
		A fair winning hurdler who made a promising start in this sphere after 13 months off when second of 4 in 2½m handicap chase at Bangor four weeks ago. This points runner-up is open to improvement. Considered.		
	6	CARRIGEEN CASTLE (IRE) (40) (D)		98
		5/036-7F48 10 11-2 70.8kg		
		Micky Hammond 	Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)	
		Winless since March 2024 and he's been below par this term, largely held back by his jumping. Needs this drop in trip to spark a resurgence.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Big John Wayne, **9-4** Casual Observer, **11-2** Ned Tanner, **9-1** Glory And Honour, **14-1** Chapel Green, **25-1** Carrigeen Castle

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BIG JOHN WAYNE is fancied to build on a promising Ayr third last time out and gain a first success under Rules at the chief expense of Casual Observer who also comes here with few miles on the clock and looks open to progress. Carrigeen Castle rates the pick of the rest for minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BIG JOHN WAYNE 2. CASUAL OBSERVER 3. CARRIGEEN CASTLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Jet Legs** 8-11-7 5-1 Martin Todhunter Henry Brooke 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.13

RACE 7

HORSLYX - FOR HORSE'S HEALTH & WELFARE MARES' OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 4, 5 and 6yo fillies and mares £6,500 2m48y (3260 Metres)



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

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Weak**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Imperfectlyperfect 5-11-5	11-8f	Lucinda Russell	Jack Power (7)	7
2023	Clovis Island 5-11-6	5-6f	Nicky Richards	Sean Quinlan	5
2022	Ruby Island 5-10-11	4-1	Mark Walford	Jack Garrity	11
2021 ¹	Dazzling Glory 6-10-11	8-11f	Dan Skelton	Bridget Andrews	9
2021 ¹¹	Dynamite Kentucky 6-11-4	4-5f	Dr Richard Newland	C. M. Leonard (7)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 ABBOTRULE 92

5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Iain Jardine

Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Maxios mare. Dam lightly raced in bumpers out of fair hurdle winner around 2m (stayed 21f) Water Stratford, from family of useful staying chaser Betty's Boy. Could have a say in proceedings on debut.

2 BREDAS PEARL 93

5 11-4 | 71.7kg



John McConnell, Ireland

Ms L. A. Byrne (7lb/3kg)

£13,000 3-y-o, Postponed mare. Half-sister to 3 winners, including Sir Westminster. Dam lightly raced on Flat, out of half-sister to smart sprinters Showcasing and Camacho. Interesting newcomer for respected Irish yard.

3 EMIKO (IRE) 100

5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Alan King

Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)

£75,000 4-y-o, Walk In The Park mare. Sister to fairly useful chaser Changing The Rules, and half-sister to 3 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/chase winner Feeling The Love. Off mark in Irish points at third attempt (Nov 2025). Plenty to like on paper.

4 LADY BAM (IRE) 96

5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Tom Ellis

Miss Gina Andrews

€30,000 3-y-o, £35,000 5-y-o, Getaway mare. Half-sister to bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler Rockola Vogue and bumper winner Imonlysaying. Off mark in Irish points at second attempt, beating only other finisher (Feb 15). Highly respected on Rules debut.

5 LADY BAMBURGH (40) 88

B4 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Micky Hammond

Sean Quinlan

Brought down on debut but showed some ability when fourth of 9 in bumper (50/1) at Kelso (16.2f, heavy) on most recent outing.

6 LITTLE RUBY (35) 70

0 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

Offered little when down the field in bumper at Southwell (15.8f, soft) on debut last month.

7 MYFRIENDCOOPER (IRE) (55) 88

4 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Lucinda Hughes

Danny McMenamin

Successful on sole start in Irish points (Apr 2024) and shaped better than the distance beaten suggests starting out under Rules in a tongue strap when fourth in 7-runner bumper at Ayr (2m, heavy) in January. Entitled to improve.

8 IMSTRAWBERRYBLONDE (21) 87

5 4 10-8 | 67.1kg



Philip Kirby

Joe Williamson

Bred to stay well and shaped in kind at Catterick on debut 3 weeks ago.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Emiko, **7-2** Lady Bam, **5-1** Bredas Pearl, **11-2** Abbotrule, **12-1** Lady Bamburgh, **14-1** Myfriendcooper, **22-1** Imstrawberryblonde, **150-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Successful Irish point winner EMIKO hails from a stable going through a good spell with its bumper horses, so she's put forward as the answer in a race where those with previous Rules experience don't set the bar too high. Lady Bam and Bredas Pearl are other likely types on paper who warrant close market attention.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EMIKO 2. LADY BAM 3. BREDAS PEARL