

Thursday 26th February

WETHERBY



1.50	wetherbyracing.co.uk EBF FILLIES' JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)
RACE 1	(3) TUNISYA (2) THE PROCRASTINATOR (1) LUCY THE WIRE
2.25	racings.com NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 3m45y (4870 Metres)
RACE 2	(4) DIAMOND DEALER (2) PIERROT JAGUEN (6) CAHIER'S DEN
3.00	100% RACINGTV PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m (3220 Metres)
RACE 3	(6) MASTER DUNRAVEN (1) VODOO ANGEL (7) BERRY EDGE
3.35	ENTERTAIN IN STYLE AT WETHERBY RACECOURSE HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)
RACE 4	(5) FLASH DU PISTOLET (7) EMPTY NEST (4) LARGY FORCE
4.10	JOIN RACING TV NOW HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 3m26y (4850 Metres)
RACE 5	(7) BLUE CARPET (3) WOODLAND PARK (10) ARCADIAN STAR
4.45	RACING TV FOR THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)
RACE 6	(3) DEVON SKIES (6) QUEENOFTHEJUKEBOX (7) LAYSOFT
5.15	BET NOW AT racings.com HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m45y (4870 Metres)
RACE 7	(2) BO CRUZ (1) MYTHE BRIDGE (3) COURT AT SLIP

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.

1.50**wetherbyracing.co.uk EBF FILLIES' JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 4yo fillies £11,000 2m (3220 Metres)****RACE 1**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 LUCY THE WIRE (IRE) (58) (D) 94
212 4 11-7 | 73.0kg



James Owen

Sean Bowen

Runner-up in a juvenile hurdle sole start for Denis Hogan in Ireland in October and duly went one better on debut for this yard at Leicester following month. Good second under a penalty at Haydock since and can make presence felt again.

2 THE PROCRASTINATOR (15) (D) 100
161 4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Luke Scott (3lb/1kg)

Postponed filly who showed a good attitude to make a winning debut in Doncaster bumper and justified support on her hurdling debut at Hereford 2 weeks ago. More to come and should make another bold bid under a penalty.

3 TUNISYA (FR) (64) 99
1 4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Faye Bramley

Brian Hughes

From a useful family and won 9-runner fillies newcomers hurdle at Pau in December by 1¾ lengths for J. Delaunay. Open to improvement for new stable.

4 CAPLA RESDEV (21) 60
484 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Michael & David Easterby

Jamie Hamilton

Hinted at ability on the first of 2 starts in bumpers but offered nothing on hurdles bow 3 weeks ago.

5 GUTS AND GLORY 87
4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Clive Boulton-Brooks

Richard Patrick

Axxos filly. Dam unraced out of half-sister to useful hurdler/leading hunter chaser Baby Run and from family of smart Flat stayer/useful hurdler Run For Oscar. Fell in point (Feb 7).

6 MADEFORLOVINGYOU 92
4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jamie Snowden

Gavin Sheehan

Dartmouth filly. Half-sister to fairly useful 23f chase winner Banter At The Bar. Dam (c156/h123) 2m-21f hurdle/chase winner. Yard can ready one so worth a second look.

7 MILLADY (42) 79
60 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Mel Rowley

Toby Wynne

Down the field in 2 bumpers.

8 PSYCHOLOGICALDRAMA (71) 86
36 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Ryan Potter

Stan Sheppard

Showed ability in similar events at Leicester/Ludlow but not enough to warrant interest here.

9 UPTON'S MIGHTY OAK (15) 79
404 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Charlie Hammond

Has shown ability but future most likely in handicaps over longer trips.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 The Procrastinator, **5-2** Tunisya, **9-2** Lucy The Wire, **11-2** Madeforlovingyou, **22-1** Guts And Glory, **33-1** Psychologicaldrama, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It looks significant that TUNISYA has joined top connections after making a winning debut in France so shades the vote over other penalised winners The Procrastinator and Lucy The Wire.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. TUNISYA 2. THE PROCRASTINATOR 3. LUCY THE WIRE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2025 **Madame Luna** 4-11-7 3-1 Harry Derham Paul O'Brien 7**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.25**racings.com NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £9,000 3m45y (4870 Metres)****RACE 2****GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 BUCKNA (IRE) (43) (BF) 99
3232-P11P 6 12-2 | 77.1kg



Warren Greatrex

James Bowen

Point winner who has continued progress switched to chasing, winning a couple of handicaps at Hereford this winter. However, was badly let down by his jumping at Newbury since and these fences will punish those who aren't accurate.

2 PIERROT JAGUEN (FR) (33) 98
313-P43 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Maiden hurdle winner who left chase bow/return well behind when staying-on fourth over 3m at Windsor just after Christmas. Shaped better than the distance beaten suggests at Uttoxeter since and remains with potential under these less testing conditions.

3 SKI LODGE (IRE) (31) (D, BF) 98
21/71-222F 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Alan King

Tom Bellamy

Progressive winning hurdler and he has started out well in this sphere, runner-up in 3m handicaps at Uttoxeter and Haydock. Let down by jumping back down in trip at Hereford since but return to further should suit.

4 DIAMOND DEALER (IRE) (81) 100
15626-11P 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Dan Skelton

Tristan Durrell

Winner over 2½m over hurdles for B. F. Brookhouse and made it 2 from 2 over fences for new yard when easily making all at Chepstow. Did too much too soon upped to a marathon trip at Kelso since and well worth another chance returned to a suitable distance.

5 I WISH YOU (FR) (58) 98
4364-5243 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Patrick Wadge

Winning hurdler who made a decent start over fences when fourth of 9 in handicap at Kelso (23.4f, heavy) in November. Produced a laboured effort at Haydock since but yard in better form now.

6 CAHIER'S DEN (IRE) (33) 98
256223-64 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Maiden over hurdles but often gave his running. Irish point winner so no surprise he showed improved form when fourth of 8 at Uttoxeter (20f, heavy) on debut over fences last month and can do better again up in trip.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Diamond Dealer, **9-2** Buckna, **9-2** Ski Lodge, **9-2** Pierrot Jaguen, **13-2** I Wish You, **15-2** Cahier's Den

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DIAMOND DEALER failed to settle when tackling a marathon trip at Kelso in December and is fancied to get back on track returned to a suitable distance. This does look competitive, though, with Pierrot Jaguen and Cahier's Den heading the dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DIAMOND DEALER 2. PIERROT JAGUEN 3. CAHIER'S DEN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **De Legislator** 8-11-2 16-1 Lucinda Russell Derek Fox 5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.00

RACE 3

100% RACINGTV PROFITS RETURNED TO RACING NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £6,500 2m (3220 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 VOODOO ANGEL (IRE) (17) s **98**
24434223 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Yet to score but found only one too good for a second successive start at Catterick in January. Race possibly came a little too soon when producing a somewhat laboured effort back there 10 days later.

2 YAPPER HILL (IRE) (62) **99**
385R7 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



George Bewley

Jonathon Bewley

Ran out on handicap debut at Hexham prior to finishing seventh of 11 in a C&D handicap in December, proving more straightforward but beaten 19½ lengths.

3 NIGHT BURLESQUE (78) h **76**
66-439P 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Mel Rowley

Toby Wynne

Showed a bit on her Warwick hurdling debut but well beaten last 2 starts (had breathing operation prior to latest). Wears first-time hood for handicap debut and major step forward required.

4 ROAD TO ROSLEY (23) s **94**
5PP/58 9 11-3 | 71.2kg



John Dixon

Mr John Dixon (71b/3kg)

Poor maiden who was possibly flattered when eighth of 12 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (17f, good to soft, 200/1) on latest start. Cheekpieces on for 1st time.

5 TOBY TWO SCOOPS (35) b **94**
3323P 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Micky Hammond

Joshua Thompson (51b/2kg)

Modest maiden on Flat who ran creditably on first 2 handicap starts in this sphere, including when third over C&D on Boxing Day. Beaten by more than lack of stamina tackling a longer trip back here last time, though.

6 MASTER DUNRAVEN (IRE) (31) ★ **100**
904-8703 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Neil Mulholland

Conor O'Farrell

Has yet to get anywhere near his fairly useful Flat form over hurdles but did make more impact than previously in this sphere when a staying-on third in 7-runner handicap at Plumpton (15.9f, soft) last month. Needs to build on that now.

7 BERRY EDGE (IRE) (27) s+t **98**
5-56953 8 10-11 | 68.5kg



David Thompson

Sean Quinlan

Multiple winner on the Flat who got closer than previously in this sphere when third in small-field handicap at Catterick (15.7f) last month, first-time cheekpieces/tongue strap seemingly the catalyst.

8 PERFECT ARCH (IRE) (35) v+t **97**
8564-463P 9 10-5(10-4) | 65.8kg (65.3kg)



Simon West

Bruce Lynn

Long-standing maiden who was pulled up in handicap hurdle (18/1) at this course (19.7f, heavy) on most recent outing, weakening 5 out. Visor back on. Others more persuasive.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Master Dunraven, **11-4** Voodoo Angel, **7-1** Berry Edge, **15-2** Toby Two Scoops, **14-1** Road To Rosley, **16-1** Yapper Hill, **18-1** Night Burlesque, **22-1** Perfect Arch

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's unlikely MASTER DUNRAVEN will achieve the same heights over hurdles as on the Flat, yet he shaped reasonably well at Plumpton on his most recent outing and will surely go close if building on that run. Voodoo Angel possibly found the race coming a little too soon last time and is worth another chance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MASTER DUNRAVEN 2. VOODOO ANGEL 3. BERRY EDGE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.35

RACE 4

ENTERTAIN IN STYLE AT WETHERBY RACECOURSE
HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-110)
£10,000 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Strong****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 PARK TALK (IRE) (59) (BF) 98
 3254 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Harry Derham **Paul O'Brien**

Showed promise in novice hurdles and while he failed to improve switched to a handicap at Doncaster (16.6f, good) in December, he has to be considered an interesting chasing debutant given his pointing background.

2 FRISBY (IRE) (17) 98
 43-342325 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Haslam

J. Hogan

Proved to be a disappointment reverting to hurdling on first start for this yard at Catterick (25.3f, soft) recently but had been in notably good form over fences prior to that.

3 ROGER RAREBIT (24) 100
 P3P/24P-12 9 11-13 | 75.7kg v+t 

Tom Lacey **Stan Sheppard**

Goes well fresh and looked better than ever when making a winning seasonal return at Warwick on New Year's Eve. Encouragingly backed up that effort when runner-up from a 5 lb higher mark at Southwell subsequently.

4 LARGY FORCE (IRE) (41) 97
 33B25-212 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Gained a deserved first win under Rules for her new yard in 5-runner handicap chase at Uttoxeter (20f, heavy) in December and went close from a 2 lb higher mark at Windsor (20.4, soft) subsequently. Likely to go well again.

5 FLASH DU PISTOLET (IRE) (16) 97
 53311P-52 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Stuart Coltherd

Sean Quinlan

Ex-pointer who took a step forward to score twice last March. Hat-trick never looked on the cards following month but stepped up on his reappearance when runner-up in 6-runner handicap at Ayr (16.5f) earlier in the month. Must enter calculations.

6 ONESOC (IRE) (17) (D) 97
 412-4 9 11-5 | 72.1kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Danny McMenamin

Stepped up plenty on his comeback run to land 6-runner handicap chase at Catterick (19.2f) last February. Looked unlucky not to follow up at Market Rasen later that month and shaped as if retaining ability on his recent comeback at aforementioned track.

7 EMPTY NEST (IRE) (21) (CD) 99
 2316-7522 8 10-13 | 69.4kg t 



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

C&D winner who confirmed his return to form when second of 5 in handicap chase (7/2) at Doncaster (20.5f, heavy) on latest start. Has to be taken seriously.

8 CEOLWULF (93) (BF) 97
 3/215-2 10 10-10 | 68.0kg s



Fionn McSharry

James Bowen

Posted a good second of 9 in handicap chase at Southwell (20.4f, good to soft) on return in November, off the bridle before the others in the frame but sticking at it. That form has worked out well and he could go well again back up in grade.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Largy Force, **11-2** Empty Nest, **13-2** Roger Rarebit, **7-1** Ceolwulf, **15-2** Flash Du Pistolet, **8-1** Onesoc, **9-1** Park Talk, **14-1** Frisby

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A notably competitive handicap for the grade with FLASH DU PISTOLET receiving the tentative vote having returned to form with a good second at Ayr recently, while leaving the impression the run would put him spot on. Empty Nest and Largy Force are a couple of others who seem likely to go well.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FLASH DU PISTOLET 2. EMPTY NEST 3. LARGY FORCE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Konfusion** 7-10-11 3-1f Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Peter Kavanagh (3) 9

4.10**JOIN RACING TV NOW HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3)
4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £12,500 3m26y (4850 Metres)**

RACE 5

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **ESPRIT DU POTIER (FR) (59)** **98**
21P174P3 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Derek Fox**
Dual bumper/hurdle winner who has proved he retains ability after a long absence, shaping as though the return to 3m will suit when third at Kelso (22.7f) in December. One to consider back off a break with yard in better form.

2 **ICARE ALLEN (FR) (40)** **98**
2601473U 8 12-0 | 76.2kg t



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Benjamin Macey (51b/2kg)**
Dual Uttoxeter winner isn't the easiest to catch right but he took a step back in the right direction when staying-on third here (21.2f) on Boxing Day before unseating through no fault of his own latest. Capable of making an impact in staying handicaps off this mark.

3 **WOODLAND PARK (IRE) (57)** (BF) **99**
31/21-332 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
Fairly useful bumper winner whose form in handicaps this season is proving solid, for all he took a while to knuckle down behind a subsequent improver over 2½m at Uttoxeter last time. Plenty of stamina in his pedigree and ought to improve upped in trip.

4 **PINOT ROUGE (IRE) (40)** (D) **96**
6P-3144PF 8 11-12 | 75.3kg s



Susan Corbett **Nathan Moscrop**
Resumed winning ways in a small field handicap hurdle at Hexham in June but has failed to complete on previous 2 starts and looks up against it in this company.

5 **SKUNA BAY (IRE) (37)** **95**
342-152 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**
Jumped well to make a winning return in a Bangor novice and having disappointed on chase bow, got quickly back on track returned to hurdling when second at Leicester. In deeper waters now and switch to handicaps/longer trip will need to bring about improvement.

6 **SIXTY PLUS (IRE) (77)** **97**
02111169 6 11-10 | 74.4kg v



James Owen **Oscar Palmer (71b/3kg)**
Fine summer jumping campaign, winning 4 handicaps on the bounce at up to 2½m but struggled in pair better company since and his jumping remains a concern.

7 **BLUE CARPET (90)** (C) **100**
134-212 6 11-10 | 74.4kg ★



Dan Skelton **Tristan Durrell**
Built on hurdling debut promise when easily landing the odds here in October and was much improved when chasing home Keable (winner on Saturday) on handicap bow at Newbury the following month. Off since but he's in excellent hands to progress again.

8 **MOONSET (FR) (62)** **96**
2/211-9 8 11-7 | 73.0kg s



Neil Mulholland **Conor O'Farrell**
Progressive when landing a double on handicap bow at Newton Abbot in April but looked very rusty on reappearance at Wincanton on Boxing Day. Connections quick to reach for headgear following further 62 days off.

9 **BLOCK ROCKIN BEATS (IRE) (43)** **98**
2465-0419 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Oliver Signy **Gavin Sheehan**
Near-useful bumper winner who following a breakthrough hurdle success at Lingfield, quickly reverted to his error-strewn ways at Newbury last time. Chances hinge on whether he improves in that department.

10 **ARCADIAN STAR (IRE) (78)** **98**
5-732 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Stuart Edmunds **Charlie Hammond**
Has shaped like a stayer whilst progressing steadily in novice/maiden hurdles and looks interesting now upped in trip for stable who won this race last year with a handicap debutant.

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Woodland Park, **9-2** Blue Carpet, **13-2** Block Rockin Beats, **7-1** Arcadian Star, **8-1** Esprit Du Potier, **9-1** Skuna Bay, **14-1** Icare Allen, **16-1** Moonset, **20-1** Sixty Plus, **28-1** Pinot Rouge

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Following a much improved second on handicap debut (form recently franked), BLUE CARPET makes plenty of appeal to go one better. Woodland Park is bred to be suited by this longer trip and may well improve for it, while Arcadian Star looks an interesting handicap debutant for last year's winning connections.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BLUE CARPET 2. WOODLAND PARK 3. ARCADIAN STAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Outer Banks** 5-10-9 9-1 Stuart Edmunds Charlie Hammond 12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

4.45

RACE 6

RACING TV FOR THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-110) £8,150 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)

Going: Soft (Good to Soft in places)

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: Weak
1 LA MARQUISE (FR) (105) s 99
 1713/18-54 6 12-2 | 77.1kg

Jamie Snowden
Gavin Sheehan

Dual bumper winner who looked a good prospect when overcoming inexperience to make a successful hurdling debut at Ludlow (2m) in October 2024. Hasn't kicked on since, though, only fourth of 6 in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (18.6f, good to soft) 105 days ago.

2 NORTHERN SYMPHONIE (82) 95
 85711-12P 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

Harriet Dickin
Miss Megan Bevan (7lb/3kg)

Completed a hat-trick of small-field handicap wins in the spring and even better form when second of 3 at Uttoxeter (23.3f) in June. However, offered little on debut for new yard at Sandown in December.

3 DEVON SKIES (27) (D) 98
 PP-P111P1 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

Philip Kirby
Joe Williamson

Has proved a different proposition switched to front-running tactics, completing hat-trick at Market Rasen in November. Quickly bounced back from rare disappointing effort when winning 7-runner handicap hurdle (18/5) at Catterick (19.3f, soft) 27 days ago. Player again despite 15 lb rise.

4 JUST CALL ME LUCY (30) (CD) 98
 3312P-425 8 11-8 | 73.5kg

Mark Walford
Jamie Hamilton

Goes well here and was runner-up behind a progressive rival at C&D in November. Disappointing when only fifth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (20.3f, heavy) 30 days ago but better showing expected returned to Wetherby.

5 PARISIAN FASHION (IRE) (59) s 97
 43413-46P 7 11-6 | 72.6kg

Rebecca Menzies
William Maggs (5lb/2kg)

Successful Irish pointer who opened her account under Rules in a Newcastle maiden hurdle last March and made the frame switched to handicaps next 2 starts. Let down by jumping at Musselburgh on penultimate start and stopped alarmingly quickly at Kelso over Christmas, so bit to prove now in headgear.

6 QUEENOFTHEJUKEBOX (IRE) (24) (C) t 100
 4151-4P7 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Noel Williams
Sean Bowen

Dual soft-ground bumper winner last season but yet to match that form over hurdles, though there was a bit more promise on her first start after a wind-op when seventh of 16 in novice hurdle (10/1) at Kempton (16f, soft) 24 days ago and she's interesting now handicapping.

7 LAYSOFT (IRE) (33) 97
 51323 4 10-5 | 65.8kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith
Danny McMenamin

Landed junior bumper at Huntingdon in November and has finished placed all 3 starts over hurdles, albeit out of her depth when remote third in a fillies' listed juvenile event at Doncaster last month. Not ruled out receiving plenty of weight from her elders on handicap bow.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS
BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Laysoft, **4-1** Just Call Me Lucy, **4-1** Devon Skies, **9-2** Queenofthejukebox, **7-1** La Marquise, **12-1** Parisian Fashion, **18-1** Northern Symphonie

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DEVON SKIES has been a revelation for the Phil Kirby yard this winter and she can defy the handicapper again to make it 5 wins from 6 her last starts. Queenofthejukebox starts life in handicaps from a very workable mark based on her bumper form and there was more to like about her Kempton run last time, so is also shortlisted alongside fellow handicap debutante Laysoft.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DEVON SKIES 2. QUEENOFTHEJUKEBOX 3. LAYSOFT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Our Bill's Aunt** 9-11-8 6-1 Alex Hales Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (7) 10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.15**BET NOW AT racingtv.com HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+
(Rated 0-100) £6,500 3m45y (4870 Metres)****RACE 7****GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 MYTHE BRIDGE (69) s **99**
44/922-3F 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Henry Daly

Stan Sheppard

Still a maiden but no doubt he's improved since going chasing, making an encouraging return from 7 months off when third at Exeter in November. In the process of running well when departing 3 out at Uttoxeter following month and should be on the premises again if none the worse. Headgear applied.

2 BO CRUZ (IRE) (27) ★ **100**
6543-4431 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Maiden over hurdles but took only 3 attempts to get off the mark over fences, finding things easier upped in trip at Catterick 4 weeks ago. Had plenty in hand that day so 7 lb rise may still underestimate him.

3 COURT AT SLIP (IRE) (27) (CD) b **97**
P54-52332 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Tim Easterby

Mr Thomas Easterby (7lb/3kg)

More than 2 years have passed since his last success but continues to make more of an impact off his reduced mark, placed again when 10 lengths second to Bo Cruz at Catterick latest. 8 lb better off with winner here so entitled to finish a bit closer.

4 JO ARENGEOT BEY AA (FR) (110) s **75**
373/0P8P-6 7 10-8 | 67.1kg



Donald McCain

William Maggs (5lb/2kg)

Point winner but struggled over hurdles and little impact sent chasing at Kelso on return.

5 TORY HILL (IRE) (16) t **91**
0587-PP 8 10-6 | 66.2kg



George Bewley

Jonathon Bewley

Runner-up all 4 completed starts in Irish points but has yet to make an impact under Rules.

6 HALFWAY HOUSE LAD (13) (D) t **95**
U2P43553 7 10-4 | 65.3kg



Maurice Barnes

Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Back-to-back wins last spring and seemingly still paying for those successes, though had a stiff task from out of the weights latest.

7 BEAT THE EDGE (IRE) (25) (C) **93**
23545546 9 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Micky Hammond

Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)

Isn't one for maximum faith (has promised more than delivered) and he's not in the same form as he was last season. Needs to do more to capitalise on falling mark.

8 EX S'ELANCE (FR) (16) s **84**
P87/F68P-P 12 10-2(9-9) | 64.4kg (61.2kg)



Victor Thompson

Miss Pippa Brown (7lb/3kg)

Little recent form under Rules.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Bo Cruz, **10-3** Mythe Bridge, **11-2** Court At Slip, **9-1** Halfway House Lad, **18-1** Beat The Edge, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BO CRUZ seemed suited by the step up in trip when an easy winner at Catterick last month and this unexposed sort can make light of a 7 lb rise. Mythe Bridge was again running well before falling at Uttoxeter so is next best.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BO CRUZ 2. MYTHE BRIDGE 3. COURT AT SLIP

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Ladronne 11-12-0	9-4f	Tjade Collier	William Maggs (5)	8
2024	Ali Star Bert 8-11-12	7-2	Shaun Harris	Jack Quinlan	6
2023	Feivel 8-11-8	11-2	Stuart Edmunds	Charlie Hammond	6
2022	Timeless Beauty 7-11-7	13-2	Fergal O'Brien	A. P. Heskin	12
2021	Destinee Royale 8-12-4	10-3	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race