

Friday 28th November

MUSSELBURGH



12.05 WATCH ON RACING TV JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 1m7f124y (3130 Metres)

RACE 1 **(7) KEYBOARD | (1) ARCTIC VOYAGE | (5) FRENCH DIABLO**

12.35 MUSSELBURGH RACECOURSE PREMIUM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m68y (4090 Metres)

RACE 2 **(5) DIVAS DOYEN | (1) HEAVEN SMART | (2) O'FAOLAINS GLORY**

1.05 MAINETTI MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 1m7f124y (3130 Metres)

RACE 3 **(9) CHANONRY POINT | (8) CENTURION'S SISTER | (7) TITANIUM**

1.38 100% RACING TV PROFITS BACK TO RACING MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f171y (3980 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) MAGNOLIA | (3) PARISIAN FASHION | (5) LOWLANDS**

2.13 ERMG INSURANCE BROKERS HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 5 **(8) MY PORTIA | (4) INDEPENDENT JIMMY | (6) SCOTS POET**

2.48 BADACHRO HYDRO HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 1m7f124y (3130 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) RUSSIAN VIRTUE | (9) PURPLE GOWN | (3) CITY OF DIAMONDS**

3.20 100% RACING TV PROFITS BACK TO RACING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f171y (3980 Metres)

RACE 7 **(1) TWO AULD PALS | (6) SPEIRIUIL | (8) SNOW DRAGON**

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.

12.05**WATCH ON RACING TV JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Qualifier) (4) 3yo £8,000 1m7f124y (3130 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 ARCTIC VOYAGE (40) **100**
2 3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Iain Jardine

Brian Hughes

Runner-up on hurdles debut at Sedgfield last month, exceeding expectations given his decline on the Flat (useful 2-y-o winner for Ralph Beckett), but couldn't seal a race that looked his to lose, collared late having wandered run-in. Sets the standard on that showing nevertheless.

2 BOUBOULE (48) **85**
435 3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gillian Boanas

Sean Quinlan

Fair maiden on the Flat. Offered a bit in 3 of these races for Harry Derham but well held back on the level for another new yard at Newcastle 4 weeks ago. Headgear back on and looks vulnerable.

3 BRUCE BANNER (IRE) **82**
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

Modest handicapper on Flat (stays 16.5f), successful twice on AW in early-2025 but well below form last 2 starts. From the family of fairly useful hurdler (winner around 2m) Pivot Bridge, so worth a look.

4 CANAVAN (IRE) **84**
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Patrick Wadge

Fair maiden on Flat (unproven beyond 7f), no threat on handicap debut last time. Half-brother to Hoffman (2m jumps winner in USA).

5 FRENCH DIABLO (FR) **86**
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Max Comley

Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)

Brother to Ming Zhu Enki (17f hurdle winner in France), out of a maiden hurdler/chaser in France. Yard's other 2 juvenile hurdlers seen this autumn have been winners.

6 JUNKYARD DOG (IRE) (95) **86**
34 3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Iain Jardine

Danny McMenamin

Fairly useful Flat winner in Ireland and also third on hurdles bow/final start for Joseph O'Brien at Tipperary in July (plenty of mistakes). Well beaten in 2 runs for new yard in August, including back over hurdles at Cartmel latest. Headgear left off now.

7 KEYBOARD (IRE) **87**
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Adam Nicol

Ryan Mania

Fairly useful maiden on Flat, suited by step up to 1¼m though carried head awkwardly when good third in handicap for new yard in first-time tongue tie 3 weeks ago. Considered on hurdles bow.

8 ORPHAN OLLIE (IRE) **79**
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Jack Power (5lb/2kg)

In need of experience when tailed-off last in minor event on Flat in August.

9 RED SCARLET (IRE) (7) **75**
6 3 10-9 | 67.6kg



George Bewley

Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)

Fair 7f ex-Irish maiden at her best in 2025. Jumped ponderously and soon behind fitted with a tongue strap on hurdling debut for new yard at Catterick last week.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Arctic Voyage, **6-1** Keyboard, **15-2** Junkyard Dog, **8-1** French Diablo, **17-2** Bouboule, **12-1** Canavan, **25-1** Bruce Banner, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It could be worth chancing KEYBOARD on his jumps debut. He gave a good account first time up for Adam Nicol on the level recently and plenty of the yard's hurdlers have been running well. Arctic Voyage sets a clear standard on his Sedgfield second, though that must go down as a missed opportunity. Max Comley's first two 3-y-o hurdlers to have made the track this autumn have been winners so French Diablo must be worth a look.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KEYBOARD 2. ARCTIC VOYAGE 3. FRENCH DIABLO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Melinda 3-10-9	3-1	Lucinda Russell	Alan Doyle (5)	8
2023	Rory The Cat 3-11-2	7-2	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	5
2022	Silver Vision 3-10-9	66-1	Stuart Coltherd	Derek Fox	5
2021	Collingham 3-10-12	8-11f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	6
2020	Breguet Boy 3-10-12	10-3	Keith Dalgleish	Billy Garrity (5)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.35

RACE 2

**MUSSELBURGH RACECOURSE PREMIUM ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)
£8,000 2½m68y (4090 Metres)**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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

Pace Information: **Strong**

1 HEAVEN SMART (FR) (38) (D, BF) s+t **95**
P4PP-412P 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



L J Morgan

Brian Hughes

Successful on the back of wind surgery at Perth (20.1f) in September prior to a good second at Southwell (20.4f) a month later. Found himself let down by jumping when pulled up at first-named venue 38 days ago but definite claims if cutting out the errors.

2 O'FAOLAINS GLORY (IRE) (21) **96**
2-B74422P 8 11-13 | 75.7kg



Susan Corbett

Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)

8-y-o mare who finished runner-up over hurdles at Kelso (18.1f) in September and filled same spot over fences at Hexham (15.6f) a month later. Unable to dominate when disappointing (pulled up) back at Hexham 21 days ago but no great surprise to see her bounce back.

3 STYLISH RECRUIT (IRE) (27) s+t **94**
1PP40-3P5 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Sandy Thomson

Danny McMenamin

Fair 2m winner over hurdles who went with more zest than on his previous chase start in first-time cheekpieces when fifth of 12 in handicap chase at Ayr (20.5f) 4 weeks ago. However, he ended up well held once again and others appeal more for win purposes despite tumbling mark.

4 RESTANDBETHANKFUL (34) t **92**
5P364604 9 11-1 | 70.3kg



Lizzie Quinlan

Sean Quinlan

Winner at Cartmel last summer but went off the boil later in that season and he ran a somewhat typical race when fourth of 7 in handicap chase at Kelso (17.1f) 5 weeks ago, headed again before last and faltering fully then. More needed.

5 DIVAS DOYEN (IRE) (34) (D) s **100**
24413-743 8 10-11 | 68.5kg



Sandy Forster

Patrick Wadge

Improved to score twice over fences last season, latterly at Hexham (20.1f) in March. Lightly raced subsequently, shaping as if she'd come on for the run after 5 months off when third of 7 in handicap chase at Kelso (17.1f) 34 days ago. Fallen back down to last winning mark ahead of this.

6 PURE SURF (IRE) (22) (D) s **88**
345125-PP 9 10-6 | 66.2kg



Victor Thompson

Miss Pippa Brown (7lb/3kg)

Dual hurdles winner for Iain Jardine in summer 2023 and belatedly opened chase account at Newcastle for this yard in April. Disappointed the last twice, albeit shaping as if needing the run after 6 months off when pulled up at Sedgefield 22 days ago. Entitled to be sharper now.

7 GETAWAY JEWEL (IRE) (44) **98**
64-134320 11 10-2 | 64.4kg



Micky Hammond

Conor O'Farrell

Resumed winning ways at Fakenham (16.3f) in June and largely creditable efforts in defeat since, prior to misfiring at Worcester last month. Needs to bounce back, but this 11-y-o holds claims having eased back down the weights.

8 DERRACRIN (93) (D) **95**
1P/P66-8U4 8 10-2 | 64.4kg



Barry Murtagh

Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)

Chase scorer who again displayed more positive signs despite operating from miles out of the weights when fourth of 7 in handicap chase at Hexham (20.1f, good to firm) 93 days ago, no threat following a bad mistake 3 out. Able to race off correct mark here and he's one to bear in mind.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Heaven Smart, **9-2** Divas Doyen, **13-2** Stylish Recruit, **7-1** O'faolains Glory, **8-1** Derracrin, **8-1** Restandbethankful, **9-1** Getaway Jewel, **25-1** Pure Surf

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DIVAS DOYEN shaped as though she'd sharpen up for her first start for 5 months at Kelso 5 weeks ago and, back on her last winning mark, she gets the vote having finished runner-up on 4 of her 5 previous visits to this track. Heaven Smart found some indifferent jumping catching him out last time but is a player if brushing up in that department. O'Faolains Glory and Getaway Jewel complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. DIVAS DOYEN 2. HEAVEN SMART 3. O'FAOLAINS GLORY****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024 **Okavango Delta** 8-11-12 4-1f Paul Robson Craig Nichol 8
2022 **Hold Onto The Line** 5-11-10 11-4 James Ewart Brian Hughes 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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MAINETTI MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £8,000 1m7f124y (3130 Metres)

RACE 3



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	DRIVER'S PICK (IRE) (43)	t	86
	Donald McCain Fairly useful on Flat for Andre Fabre (stays 1½m). However, last of 4 on Flat for new yard following a year off and possibly flattered in steadily-run race when fifth of 7 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (17.2f) on NH debut 43 days ago. Tongue strap fitted/ also had wind surgery.	Brian Hughes	
2	ELEMENTAL EYE (D)		88
	Iain Jardine Half-brother to fair 2¼m hurdle winner Balancing Time. Fair handicapper on Flat (stays 2¼m), successful twice in 2025, including by wide margin penultimate start, not ideally placed last time. Betting can prove a useful guide now attentions switch to timber for the first time.	Sean Quinlan	
3	ELLISTRIN BAY (20)		75
	Donald Whillans Placed in a weak bumper back in the spring and he offered little after 7 months off when pulled up in novice hurdle back at that venue (22.7f) 3 weeks ago, losing touch before 3 out. Can only be watched dropping down significantly in trip.	Craig Nichol	
4	KING HORSE (FR) (18)		75
	Paul Robson Didn't show a great deal in maiden points and he ultimately finished well held starting out under Rules despite being well positioned when last of 6 in a maiden hurdle at Carlisle (17f) 18 days ago.	Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)	
5	QUERCUS ROBUR (D)		86
	Adam Nicol Camelot half-brother to modest hurdler Afta Party (winner around 2m). Fair on Flat (stays 21.5f), successful 3 times in 2025, including by wide margin over 2m here latest start. Another best guided by the betting now hurdling.	Ryan Mania	
6	STRUTH (IRE) (65)	s	85
	Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore Fairy useful middle-distance stayer on the Flat for Charlie Johnston but made an underwhelming start to his hurdle career, tailed off tenth of 11 in novice hurdle at Perth (16.2f) 65 days ago. Cheekpieces refitted now but handicaps promise to be more his bag in this sphere.	Stephen Mulqueen	
7	TITANIUM (FR) (320)	v	91
	Ciaran Murphy, Ireland Irish raider who showed modest form at best in trio of hurdle outings last winter. Kept busy on the Flat in recent months, perked up by application of a visor when scoring in good style at the Curragh (1m) 26 days ago. Not discounted back over hurdles with headgear retained.	E. Walsh	
8	CENTURION'S SISTER (IRE) (38)		93
	Nicky Richards Getaway filly who was runner-up twice from 3 starts in bumpers and gone with promise in 2 runs in this sphere, keeping on third in 8 in mares' maiden at Perth (16.2f) 38 days ago. Looked ready for a step up in trip then but she commands consideration nevertheless with further progress anticipated.	Danny McMenamin	
9	CHANONRY POINT (IRE) (38) (C, BF)	t	100
	Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore Fetched £40,000 after landing a maiden point in January and got the better of Centurion's Sister on Rules debut in a course bumper in March. Had that rival behind just behind when runner-up on return/hurdles bow at Perth (16.2f) 38 days ago and she promises to build on that.	Patrick Wadge	

10	FLICKS GETAWAY (16)		75
	Leonard Kerr £1,000 3-y-o, Getaway filly. Dam 2m-23f hurdle/chase winner, sister to useful hurdler (stayed 3m) Mickie. 200/1, went with no promise when seventh of 9 in bumper at Ayr (2m, soft) on debut 16 days ago. Makes hurdles debut.	Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)	
11	GEORGIE'S MALT (48)		86
	Ewan Whillans Fair form in a pair of bumpers (not suited by the test of speed) and looked in need of the experience on hurdle debut when fifth in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Perth (20.2f, good to soft, 33/1) in July. Fell 2 out back from a break at Hexham 7 weeks ago and she's probably one for later on.	Conor O'Farrell	
12	LADY PHOEBE (IRE) (21)		75
	Adam Nicol Modest 13f Flat winner. Pulled up in a C&D juvenile hurdle around the turn of the year and similarly well held (won on Flat in interim) when seventh of 14 in novice hurdle at Hexham (16.2f, good to soft) 21 days ago. Low-grade handicaps promise to be more her thing.	Ross Chapman	
13	MISS FRIDAY LIONS (21)	h	75
	Rebecca Menzies In the frame in a couple of bumpers last winter but no real encouragement to glean from her hurdles debut run equipped with a hood when pulled up at Hexham 3 weeks ago. Passed over.	Nathan Moscrop	
14	TIGRESS LILLY (38)		86
	Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore Modest form in a couple of bumpers but some encouragement to glean from her hurdles debut fifth in a Perth novice (16.2f) in September. Couldn't scale same heights back at that venue last month though, and yard look to hold stronger claims with Chanonry Point.	Jack Power (5lb/2kg)	

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Chanonry Point, 4-1 Centurion's Sister, 11-2 Titanium, 11-1 Elemental Eye, 16-1 Driver's Pick, 18-1 Tigress Lilly, 18-1 Quercus Robur, 22-1 Georgie's Malt, 25-1 Struth, 80-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CHANONRY POINT had Centurion's Sister a place behind when the pair finished 2-3 on their respective hurdling debut at Perth 38 days ago and, with progress anticipated, that pair are fancied to come to the fore again, with the former fancied to confirm those placings kept to this sort of trip. Irish raider Titanium is another worth a second look on the back of a clear-cut success on the Flat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CHANONRY POINT 2. CENTURION'S SISTER 3. TITANIUM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Wise Eagle 7-11-4	1-3f	Adam Nicol	Craig Nichol	8
2022	General Officer 5-11-7	1-5f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

100% RACING TV PROFITS BACK TO RACING MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £10,000 2m3f171y (3980 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **MAGNOLIA (FR)** (7lb/3kg ex) (10) t  **100**
896532-11 **6** 12-2 | 77.1kg



Micky Hammond

Joshua Thompson (7lb/3kg)

French import who has continued her progression this season, winning back-to-back handicaps at Kelso (16.2f) with ease, latterly when keener than ideal 10 days ago. Has form over this longer trip and she makes plenty of appeal to land the hat-trick under a penalty.

2 **KIENTZHEIM (FR)** (27) **97**
211/1340-6 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Haslam

Richie McLernon

Dual bumper winner in France at the start of 2024. Made a winning hurdle debut for Nicky Henderson in December but form went the wrong way. Offered little on first start for Ben Haslam last month and only considered if the market expects improvement now upped in trip.

3 **PARISIAN FASHION (IRE)** (14) (D) **98**
43413-4 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Rebecca Menzies

William Maggs (5lb/2kg)

Successful Irish pointer finished third behind Feach Amach/Magnolia on final start last season and caught the eye when fourth on return at Newcastle earlier this month, meeting interference at a crucial stage and still having running left at the line. Could make a bold bid from the front.

4 **FEACH AMACH (IRE)** (38) (D) s+t **94**
0P411-316 **5** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Adam Nicol **Ryan Mania**

Got the better of Magnolia/Feach Amach when landing a double at Perth in April. Resumed winning ways at Kelso the following month and likely needed the run back in open company on reappearance last month. Ought to be closer to form here.

5 **LOWLANDS (IRE)** (22) **90**
459-42 **6** 10-12 | 68.9kg

Nicky Richards **Danny McMenamin**

Had shown promise prior to posting her best effort to date when no match for subsequent winner in a 5-runner novice at Sedgefield (19.8f, good to soft) 22 days ago. Should improve now sent handicapping for yard having a good time of things this month.

6 **THEIR SHEGOES (IRE)** (14) (CD) **94**
6134F-329 **8** 10-11 | 68.5kg



Sandy Thomson

Dominic Hislop (7lb/3kg)

Latest win came on this card last year when successful in a conditional jockeys' handicap. Held his form for the rest of the season but made an underwhelming return (had gone well fresh in the past) at Newcastle 2 weeks ago. Best to look elsewhere with yard still going through a quiet spell.

7 **LIZZIE LUNA** (21) (CD) **99**
8241PP-05 **5** 10-10 | 68.0kg



Ewan Whillans

Craig Nichol

Landed sole success in a mares' maiden over C&D in February but disappointing in handicaps all 4 starts since, folding tamely from 2 out at Hexham latest. Something to prove now.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Magnolia, **5-1** Parisian Fashion, **5-1** Lowlands, **6-1** Feach Amach, **14-1** Lizzie Luna, **20-1** Kientzheim, **25-1** Theirshegoes

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MAGNOLIA arrives on the up and can defy a penalty to land the hat-trick, providing she settles back over a longer trip. Parisian Fashion made a pleasing comeback at Newcastle and looks the main danger, especially if getting her own way in front. Of the rest, handicap debutante Lowlands' recent second has been given a boost, while Feach Amach finished ahead of Magnolia/Parisian Fashion earlier in the year and cannot be discounted if back on song returned to mares' company.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MAGNOLIA 2. PARISIAN FASHION 3. LOWLANDS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	All The Glory 7-12-0	3-1f	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	Benjamin Macey (10)	10
2023	Autumn Return 6-12-0	5-6f	Ruth Jefferson	Brian Hughes	6
2022	Half Shot 8-12-0	7-4f	Iain Jardine	Conor O'Farrell	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

ERMG INSURANCE BROKERS HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier)
(4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £10,000 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 OKAVANGO DELTA (IRE) (148) (C) s **97**
61219-145 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Paul Robson

Ryan Mania

Won twice over further here last winter and well-prepared following 4 months off to add to tally at Worcester in May. Exploits mixed in pair of starts thereafter but no great surprise to see a better showing having again been freshened up ahead of this. Down in trip.

2 INSPIRE HOPE (IRE) (307) **95**
2124U33- 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Rebecca Menzies

Ross Chapman

Fair winner in juvenile hurdles for Joseph O'Brien last year. Respectable efforts in that sphere for present stable last winter without threatening and similar story returned to the level in recent weeks. Market best guide now chasing.

3 NATHAN WELLS (16) (D) s **95**
36P44118 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Andrew Hamilton

Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)

Placed a couple of times over fences for this yard at the start of the campaign and manged back-to-back handicap hurdles at Perth (at 16.2f) this autumn. Extended 19f trip may have stretched him at Ayr latest and he commands a second look reverting back to larger obstacles.

4 INDEPENDENT JIMMY (45) (BF) s **98**
39-422123 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Donald McCain

Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)

Deservedly opened account when making all for a narrow success in a Bangor handicap hurdle in September. Solid start over fences, again going ahead of his mark without convincing with his finishing effort when third at Market Rasen (19.1f) 45 days ago. This sharp test could help. Cheekpieces back on

5 WOLFBURG (IRE) (38) (D) **98**
0341/PP0-P 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Sandy Thomson

Patrick Wadge

Out of sorts since winning a Catterick maiden hurdle (15.7f, soft) in February 2024, pulled up on 3 of his 4 starts since, latterly on the back of 6 months off at Perth 38 days ago. This can reveal more now tackling larger obstacles on the back of wind surgery.

6 SCOTS POET (22) (C, D) t **99**
663-25F34 9 10-13 | 69.4kg



Ewan Whillans

Conor O'Farrell

Multiple hurdles winner (handily treated on best form) and promise over fences, seemingly failing for stamina when fourth of 7 in handicap chase at Sedgfield (19.3f, good to soft, 25/1) 22 days ago. Worth a look returned to the minimum trip.

7 PROSPECT HOUSE (IRE) (29) v **97**
31222232 7 10-7 | 66.7kg



Peter Niven

William Maggs (5lb/2kg)

In good form over fences since the spring, winning twice and placed on 6 other occasions. Nothing wrong with his most recent second returned to hurdling when runner-up at Newcastle (16.9f) 4 weeks ago and another bold showing rates highly likely back in this sphere.

8 MY PORTIA (25) t **100**
64218P4-2 7 10-2 | 64.4kg



L J Morgan

Brian Hughes

Got off the mark at Market Rasen (17.2f) in January. Lost her form in trio of starts thereafter but more like it after 7 months off/refitted with a tongue strap when second of 12 in handicap chase at Hereford (2, good) 25 days ago. Player if building on that.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Independent Jimmy, **7-2** My Portia, **11-2** Prospect House, **7-1** Nathan Wells, **9-1** Scots Poet, **10-1** Okavango Delta, **14-1** Inspire Hope, **25-1** Wolfburg

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MY PORTIA took a much-needed step back in the right direction following a 7-month layoff when runner-up at Hereford 25 days ago and she's afforded a chance to build on that effort with her yard amongst the winners. Independent Jimmy reverting to this shorter trip, Scots Poet and the ultra-consistent Prospect House are others fancied to be firmly in the mix.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MY PORTIA 2. INDEPENDENT JIMMY 3. SCOTS POET

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **Chapel Green** 7-12-0 8-1 Lucinda Russell Alan Doyle (5) 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.48**BADACHRO HYDRO HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+
(Rated 0-110) £10,000 1m7f124y (3130 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

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

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 INAPPROPRIATE (IRE) (27) (C) 96
15410-5 **4** 12-2 | 77.1kg

**Jedd O'Keefe****Conor O'Farrell**

Fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m) and won a pair of juvenile hurdles last season, latterly at this track (17.4f). Let down by jumping on first jumps start of the season at Wetherby earlier this month but not ruled out if he can sharpen up his jumping with sights lowered.

2 RAVENSCRAIG CASTLE (104) 96
42555-914 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg

**Iain Jardine****William Maggs (5lb/2kg)**

Deservedly ended a lengthy losing run at Perth (16.2f) in July and wasn't disgraced over the same C&D when fourth in a better race in August. Respected back down in grade following a break (has gone well fresh in the past).

3 CITY OF DIAMONDS (IRE) (81) 95
7-3512 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg

**Donald McCain****Brian Hughes**

Improved effort back from wind surgery when winning 2m Stratford maiden hurdle and took another step forward when chasing home a next-time-out winner under a penalty at Perth in September. Could be more to come now handicapping.

4 RUSSIAN VIRTUE (18) (CD) 100
16/4334-24 **8** 11-13 | 75.7kg

**David Thompson****Joshua Thompson (7lb/3kg)**

C&D winner posted best effort for current yard when runner-up (well clear of the rest) behind a handicap blot at Uttoxeter (15.7f) in June and shaped as if as good as ever when fourth on return to hurdles at Carlisle earlier this month. Solid claims.

5 STAR OF GUITING (IRE) (34) 94
412314-3U **4** 11-12 | 75.3kg

**Ewan Whillans****Craig Nichol**

Strong-travelling juvenile hurdle winner doesn't always find off the bridle but ran well to finish third (ahead of a subsequent winner) at Ludlow on final start for the Twiston-Davies yard. Easy to back when unseating early on first run for new yard last month and market should guide here.

6 JAMINOZ (IRE) (643) 94
383/ **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg

**Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore****Gregor Walkingshaw (10lb/5kg)**

Placed twice from 3 starts in maiden/novice hurdles on soft/heavy during 2023/24 season. Multiple winner on the Flat since, including twice this year, so shouldn't lack for fitness. Isn't one to discount on handicap debut in this sphere.

7 JOLIE COEUR ALLEN (FR) (51) 95
333/66-521 **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg

**Ben Haslam****Richie McLernon**

First form for new yard when runner-up at Cartmel and went one better under another positive ride (following 3 months off) in a Sedgefield novice (16.8f). Ben Haslam clearly has him in fine heart but he'll need to pull out a bit more to land the hat-trick back in a handicap (tongue tie retained).

8 GEMINI MAN (IRE) (29) 97
3P-721269 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg

**Iain Jardine****Danny McMenamin**

Opened his account in 7-runner handicap at Hexham and better than ever when chasing home a subsequent at Perth next time. Excuses since (rider felt something amiss at Newcastle last time) and too soon to write off.

9 PURPLE GOWN (IRE) (29) 97
55/5465-34 **6** 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

**Adam Nicol****Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)**

Fair Flat winner. Yet to score in this sphere (attracted support off higher marks last season) but has made a sound return to hurdles, hitting the frame in both starts last month. Should be in the mix from 1 lb out of the handicap.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A case can be made for most of these but RUSSIAN VIRTUE finished second in a strong race for the grade at Uttoxeter earlier in the year and having shaped as though as good as ever last time, he's fancied to land a first hurdle success since joining current connections. Purple Gown arrives in fine heart and should give another good account, while City of Diamonds makes appeal on his handicap debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. RUSSIAN VIRTUE 2. PURPLE GOWN 3. CITY OF DIAMONDS****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Heart Above 6-10-6	11-8f	Dianne Sayer	Henry Brooke	10
2023	Cuban Cigar 5-11-11	17-2	Lucinda Russell	Alan Doyle (5)	9
2022	Sonning 4-12-0	10-3f	Danny Brooke	Henry Brooke	8
2020	Raymond 5-11-7	2-1f	Keith Dalgleish	Peter Coleman (10)	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 City of Diamonds, **5-1** Ravenscraig Castle, **11-2** Russian Virtue, **11-2** Jolie Coeur Allen, **8-1** Purple Gown, **9-1** Inappropriate, **14-1** Gemini Man, **14-1** Jaminoz, **25-1** Star of Guiting

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RACE 7

100% RACING TV PROFITS BACK TO RACING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £7,000 2m3f171y (3980 Metres)



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

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

Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1 TWO AULD PALS (IRE) (34) **100**
2231/65-3 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Conner McCann (6lb/3kg)**
Bounced back to form returned to hurdles, finishing third behind a pair of subsequent winners at Kelso (16.2f) last month. Down in grade off 1 lb below his last winning hurdle mark and has leading claims if seeing out the longer trip (stays 2¼m on Flat).

2 EVENWOOD SONOFAGUN (IRE) (64) (C) s+t **96**
4-112063F 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Lizzie Quinlan **William Maggs**
Course winner landed a quickfire double at Cartmel in May but hit and miss since, in the process of running below form when falling at Perth in September. Remains to be seen if he's back on a song following a short break.

3 RORY THE CAT (IRE) (270) (C) b+t **93**
61165/60P- 5 11-11 | 74.8kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Jack Power (3lb/1kg)**
Dual winner of juvenile hurdles at this track in 2023/24 season. Below form over hurdles last season and arrives on the back of largely subdued campaign on the Flat. Bit to prove.

4 SPEED DAVIS (FR) (43) (C) **98**
4247P-556 7 11-11 | 74.8kg

Donald McCain **Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)**
Front runner who landed a maiden hurdle at this course in April 2024. Largely out of form since but wasn't disgraced when sixth in a 15-runner 0-105 handicap at Cartmel last time. Place claims if he can build on that.

5 JAKANA (IRE) (16) (D) s **88**
1505-2579 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

Leonard Kerr **Conor Rabbitt**
Two-time winner for Fergal O'Brien last season but lost his way for that yard and yet to convince for current stable.

6 SPEIRIUIL (IRE) (43) (D, BF) s **99**
71U4634-8 5 11-10 | 74.4kg

Adam Nicol **Joshua Thompson (3lb/1kg)**
Failed to land a notable gamble on final start for Nigel Hawke when respectable fourth at Chepstow and was again unable to justify market confidence when finishing midfield at Carlisle on reappearance/stable debut last month. Worth another chance in first-time headgear.

7 MAILLOT BLANC (20) (D) s+t **97**
546-51472 8 11-5 | 72.1kg

N. W. Alexander **Dominic Hislop (10lb/5kg)**
Capitalised on a career-low mark to win 3m handicap at Perth in June and stepped forward plenty from his seasonal reappearance when runner-up at Kelso (20.9f) earlier this month. No surprise to see him the in the mix off 1 lb higher with headgear/tongue tie retained.

8 SNOW DRAGON (IRE) (38) **94**
U546-3 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Gregor Walkingshaw (10lb/5kg)**
Lightly raced Flat-bred ran much better on second start in a handicap (following 8 months off) when a staying-on third at Perth last time, making up plenty of ground having been caught further back than ideal. Second won since and he's open to progress if seeing out the longer trip.

9 CAGE RATTLER (IRE) (20) **96**
8734-6368 5 10-8 | 67.1kg

Sandy Forster **Murray Dodd (3lb/1kg)**
Modest maiden hurdler who offered little on return at Kelso earlier this month. Will need to take a significant step forward stepping back up in distance.

10 AWAY SHE GOES (IRE) (173) s **98**
P9964-133 6 10-3 | 64.9kg

Paul Robson **Edward Austin**
Improved for switch to front-running tactics when off the mark at Kelso during the spring. Followed that with a couple of solid efforts in defeat, most recently when third behind a less-exposed pair at Perth in June. Back over a longer trip and not ruled out if returning in similar form.

11 DARKEST DAY (IRE) (34) s+t **91**
5-5P60406 10 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)

William Young Jnr **Aaron Anderson**
On a long losing run but did stop the slide when fourth at Kelso (20.0f) last month before going off too hard in a better race last time. 5 lb out of the handicap but could outrun long odds back in more realistic company.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Two Auld Pals, **9-2** Speiriuil, **11-2** Maillot Blanc, **11-2** Snow Dragon, **15-2** Away She Goes, **14-1** Evenwood Sonofagun, **16-1** Speed Davis, **20-1** Rory The Cat, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TWO AULD PALS most recent Kelso third is working out well and now stepped up in trip (stays 2¼m on Flat), he may be able to capitalise on a drop in grade. Speiriuil was again well-backed at Carlisle last time and looks worth another chance sporting headgear on second start for her new yard, while there could be better to come from lightly raced Snow Dragon if seeing out the longer distance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TWO AULD PALS 2. SPEIRIUIL 3. SNOW DRAGON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **Theirshegoes** 7-11-7 3-1f Sandy Thomson Lewis Dobb (6) 11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race