

Wednesday 29th April

1.35 EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (Qualifier) (4) 5f1y (1010 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) HICKORY LAD | (3) KODI BEAR LIGHT | (4) STATE OF GOLD**

2.05 VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP (5) 5f1y (1010 Metres)

RACE 2 **(5) DATA FATA SECUTUS | (2) FILLE UNIQUE | (6) PIVOTAL TERMS**

2.40 EDINBURGH RUGBY HANDICAP (6) 1½m104y (2510 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) AS FAST AS WIND | (2) COUGAR | (4) SYCAMORE GAP**

3.15 HIBERNIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HANDICAP (4) 5f1y (1010 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) ROSENPUR | (4) AL HUSSAR | (8) KNICKS**

3.50 VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET HANDICAP (5) 7f15y (1420 Metres)

RACE 5 **(7) QAZAQ | (10) PENNY MOUNTAIN | (8) TATTIE BOGLE**

4.25 RACING TV HANDICAP (6) 1m208y (1800 Metres)

RACE 6 **(6) ALPINE SIERRA | (5) ESQUE ELEGANCE | (4) STAFFORDSHIRE**

5.00 LIVESCORE BET HANDICAP (6) 7f15y (1420 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) THE GAY BLADE | (8) WAR MEMORIAL | (5) CLASSY CLARETS**

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.

1.35**EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (Qualifier) (4) 2yo
£11,000 5f1y (1010 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

Right handed, sharp. The turns at the top end of the course are particularly sharp, so the adaptability to negotiate the bends is of paramount importance. Big, long-striding, cumbersome horses are at a disadvantage on the round track, especially at races at up to nine furlongs. On the straight course the fields typically race towards the stand rail. The course is one of best draining in the country, conditions rarely on the testing side.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 2 HICKORY LAD (IRE) (19)  **100**
2 9-7 | 60.3kg



Phillip Makin

Rowan Scott

James Garfield colt who showed plenty of ability when runner up on debut in a Thirsk maiden (5f) 3 weeks ago, pulling a long way clear of the remainder. Open to improvement and expected to make a bold bid.

2 3 STAY ON TAB (25) **72**
6 2 9-7 | 60.3kg



Iain Jardine

Andrew Mullen

Harry Angel colt. Proved easy to back and shaped as if needing the outing when sixth in 10-runner C&D maiden on debut 25 days ago. This promises to reveal more but best watched nevertheless.

3 4 KODI BEAR LIGHT (IRE) **87**
2 9-5 | 59.4kg



K. R. Burke

Clifford Lee

Foaled April 17. 18,000 gns foal, €28,000 yearling, Kodi Bear filly. Closely related to winner up to 6f Sergeant Pep and half-sister to 1m-9.5f winner Lafan and useful 7f-1m winner Transparent. Appeals on paper for powerful stable and she needs factoring in on debut.

4 1 STATE OF GOLD (IRE) (9) **73**
8 2 9-5 | 59.4kg



Craig Lidster

Joanna Mason

State of Rest filly who looked in need of the experience when down the field in a Redcar novice (5f) 9 days ago, racing too freely. Passed over.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-6 Hickory Lad, 15-8 Kodi Bear Light, 16-1 State of Gold, 25-1 Stay On Tab

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HICKORY LAD showed plenty when finishing second on debut at Thirsk earlier this month, making the favourite work hard and pulling well clear of the remainder in the process. He can put that experience to good use and come out on top from newcomer Kodi Bear Light, who commands obvious respect given the stable she represents.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HICKORY LAD 2. KODI BEAR LIGHT 3. STATE OF GOLD

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.05**VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP (5) 3yo
(Rated 0-70) £8,000 5f1y (1010 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

Right handed, sharp. The turns at the top end of the course are particularly sharp, so the adaptability to negotiate the bends is of paramount importance. Big, long-striding, cumbersome horses are at a disadvantage on the round track, especially at races at up to nine furlongs. On the straight course the fields typically race towards the stand rail. The course is one of best draining in the country, conditions rarely on the testing side.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Weak****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 2 RIFFA SPIRIT (IRE) (18) 91

718-4 3 9-9 | 61.2kg



Declan Carroll

Zak Wheatley (3lb/1kg)

Seemed to relish the drop back to sprinting when winning on second start at Chelmsford (6f) in August. Step back in the right direction when fourth of 7 on return/handicap debut at Southwell (5f) recently but improvement needed on this turf debut.

2 3 FILLE UNIQUE (IRE) (9) 100

4325-663 3 9-2 | 58.1kg



Bryan Smart

Paul Mulrennan

Initially failed to build on maiden/novice promise in handicaps but now appears to be headed back in the right direction, beaten just a neck when third of 11 at Newcastle (5f) last week. 2 lb lower here and she's a key player.

3 4 MORETONS (7) 89

552-67875 3 8-13 | 56.7kg



Simon Waugh

Amie Waugh (3lb/1kg)

Went close in 5f Wolverhampton handicap on final 2-y-o start but below that level since and he's readily passed over.

4 6 REALISTIC DREAM (IRE) (91) 95

7480-9 3 8-13 | 56.7kg



Iain Jardine

Greg Fairley

Shaped pretty well on the second of his 5 starts for Andrew Slattery in Ireland but it was also low-key stuff otherwise and she's opposable on debut for new yard.

5 7 DATA FATA SECUTUS (9) 96

93545-5 3 8-11 | 55.8kg



Rebecca Menzies

Kaiya Fraser

Failed to make much of an impact at 2 yrs but there were positives to take from her close reappearance fifth at Newcastle (5f) recently. Did well to finish as close as she did that day after a slow start and will be a threat if getting away on terms here.

6 1 PIVOTAL TERMS (16) 98

0637-8761 3 8-11 | 55.8kg



Iain Jardine

Andrew Mullen

Free-going sort who opened her account at the ninth time of asking in a 13-runner Newcastle handicap (6f) earlier this month, despite a tardy start. 3 lb rise fair enough and should make her presence felt, provided if she copes with the drop to 5f.

7 5 GILLALI LASS (IRE) (281) 87

458223- 3 8-11 | 55.8kg



David O'Meara

Mark Winn

Placed all 3 starts switched to handicap company last July, including when third over this C&D on her latest appearance, but she's probably worth taking on following a 9-month absence.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Fille Unique, **5-2** Pivotal Terms, **4-1** Data Fata Secutus, **10-1** Riffa Spirit, **12-1** Gillali Lass, **28-1** Realistic Dream, **33-1** Moretons

TIMEFORM VIEW:

All things considered DATA FATA SECUTUS made an encouraging start to the season when fifth at Newcastle last week, finishing around a neck adrift of the third in that handicap, namely Fille Unique. It should again be close between them, with Data Fata Secutus taken to reverse the placings and emerge on top. Pivotal Terms got the job done at Newcastle and she has to enter calculations, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DATA FATA SECUTUS 2. FILLE UNIQUE 3. PIVOTAL TERMS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Luna A Inbhir Nis 3-9-4	5-4f	Katie Scott	Sam James	5
2024	Zaphea 3-8-13	7-2cf	Iain Jardine	Paul Mulrennan	8
2023	Crime Fiction 3-9-9	15-2	Adrian Nicholls	Barry McHugh	7
2022	Eruption 3-9-7	2-1f	Tim Easterby	David Allan	7
2021	Coley's Koko 3-9-5	11-4f	Nigel Tinkler	Rowan Scott	8

2.40**EDINBURGH RUGBY HANDICAP (6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-65)
£7,000 1½m104y (2510 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Even**

1 1 AS FAST AS WIND (IRE) (233) (BF) **100**
7069/514- 6 9-9 | 61.2kg



Tristan Davidson

Rowan Scott

Won on the Flat at Salisbury last summer when trained by Daisy Hitchins and has been in good form over hurdles of late, again running creditably when third of 6 at Newcastle (17f, good) 18 days ago. Player back on the level.

2 7 COUGAR (JPN) (11) (CD) b **95**
0986811-0 7 9-7 | 60.3kg



Iain Jardine

Cara Tuke (7lb/3kg)

Clicked for this yard with blinkers enlisted on last 2 starts of last season, bagging handicaps over C&D and Hamilton (1½m). Entitled to have needed his return at Thirsk 11 days ago and he's not taken lightly with headgear now reapplied.

3 2 GLASSES UP (USA) (184) (C) s **94**
67945080- 11 9-4 | 59.0kg



R. Mike Smith

Clifford Lee

Veteran recorded a hat-trick at Ayr last spring (the latter being his eleventh course success) but ended season out of sorts. Others are preferred returning from 6 months off.

4 5 SYCAMORE GAP (14) (D) **84**
203221/58 6 9-2 | 58.1kg



Stephen Hanlon

Oliver Stammers

Off the mark in 5-runner handicap at Newcastle in September 2024, his final outing for Rebecca Menzies. Subsequently missed 19 months, but showed ability remains when fifth of 10 in handicap at Southwell (1½m) on return and may have found next start coming too soon just 10 days later.

5 3 GALLUS NORMAN (270) **29**
785- 7 9-1 | 57.6kg



Jim Goldie

Paul Mulrennan

Raced freely when well beaten in 2 bumpers and made no impact in maiden/novice company last year. Worth betting check now handicapping over a trip he should stay.

6 4 BLONDINA (IRE) (327) **94**
065/908- 4 8-12 | 56.2kg



Adam Nicol

Ben Robinson

No better than mid-field in handicaps last year for J. S. Bolger and soundly beaten in juvenile/novice hurdles for current yard. Possible she'll do better back handicapping on the Flat for a good yard, though.

7 6 LIEUTENANT LILY (32) **90**
37690-969 4 8-12 | 56.2kg



Ben Haslam

Andrew Mullen

Showed ability in maiden/novice company last spring but she has since struggled in handicaps, though she has shaped as if worth another try back up at this sort of trip.

8 9 FALAISE BLANC (FR) (16) s **94**
731227-00 4 8-7 | 54.0kg



Katie Scott

Greg Fairley

Gained breakthrough success at Newcastle (1¼m) in August but well beaten there both starts this season, albeit probably unsuited by the drop to 1m last time. Cheekpieces now go on.

9 8 STAR OF MARKINCH (IRE) (49) **90**
9552457-0 10 8-5 | 53.1kg



Gary Rutherford

Amie Waugh (3lb/1kg)

Remains a maiden after 39 runs across both codes and she was last of 10 in handicap (50/1) at Newcastle (2m) 49 days ago.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 As Fast As Wind, **6-1** Cougar, **13-2** Sycamore Gap, **8-1** Lieutenant Lily, **9-1** Gallus Norman, **12-1** Falaise Blanc, **16-1** Blondina, **18-1** Star of Markinch, **25-1** Glasses Up

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AS FAST AS WIND has been holding her form well over jumps of late and gets the verdict over Cougar, who should be sharper for his return with blinkers back on.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. AS FAST AS WIND 2. COUGAR 3. SYCAMORE GAP****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15**HIBERNIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HANDICAP (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-80) £10,000 5f1y (1010 Metres)****RACE 4**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Strong****1 4 ROSENPUR (GER) (7) (D) h 99**

1016320-2 6 9-9 | 61.2kg



Jennie Candlish

Paul Mulrennan

Had a highly productive and busy 2025, winning 5 times on all-weather/turf. Resumed with a solid second behind one who had fallen in weights at Catterick (6f) last week and demands of this track promise to see him in a good light. Player.

2 3 SUGAR HILL BABE (IRE) (187) (D) 98

12342069- 6 9-8 | 60.8kg



Lisa Williamson

Clifford Lee

Successful from this mark at Nottingham (5f) in May and made the frame next 4 starts in 5f handicaps. Ended the campaign below best in the autumn but worth noting she's gone well fresh previously.

3 8 CURIOUS ROVER (IRE) (25) (CD) 92

9310098-7 5 9-7 | 60.3kg



Katie Scott

Darragh Keenan

Confirmed promise of previous start when back to winning ways over C&D in August. Ended last season below form but shaped as if he'd come on for his reappearance seventh over C&D 25 days ago. Mark is steadily easing if he can build on that.

4 7 AL HUSSAR (17) (D) 100

751203-34 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Grant Tuer

Oliver Stammers

Proved determined when back on the scoresheet at Chester (5f, heavy) in September and he's returned in good form, stepping up a little on his reappearance third when fourth in a big field C&D handicap 17 days ago. Possibilities operating from last winning mark.

5 1 JM JHINGREE (IRE) (17) (CD) 97

484146-50 4 8-12 | 56.2kg



Ewan Whillans

Rowan Scott

Three-time winner for Jim Goldie in 2025, including over C&D. Ended time with that yard in decent nick but easy to back and shaped as if he'd come on for stable debut/first run for 3 months over C&D 17 days ago.

6 5 WATER OF LEITH (IRE) (25) (D) 98

44223146 8 8-10 | 55.3kg



Jim Goldie

Kaiya Fraser

Gained reward for a string of consistent displays when readily ending losing run at Wolverhampton (6f) in March. Possible he's found a busy spell catching up with him since, albeit ground possibly softer than ideal when midfield in a C&D handicap 25 days ago.

7 6 WOOHOO (IRE) (25) (CD) 96

1121400-0 5 8-9 | 54.9kg



Jim Goldie

Lauren Young (5lb/2kg)

C&D winner who thrived for current yard last season, gaining a fourth victory at Ayr (6f) in June. Excuses final 2 starts but she'll need to step up a good deal on her low-key C&D reappearance run at the start of the month to play a prominent role here.

8 2 KNICKS (IRE) (11) (D) s+t 98

2943039-6 5 8-9 | 54.9kg



Michael & David Easterby

Joanna Mason

Winless since May 2024 but returned from 6 months off with a solid sixth of 18 in handicap at Thirk (6f) 11 days ago. Went close second start back over C&D last season and he ought to be in the mix with cheekpieces back on.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Rosenpur, **7-2** Al Hussar, **8-1** Knicks, **17-2** Water of Leith, **9-1** Curious Rover, **14-1** Sugar Hill Babe, **14-1** Woohoo, **18-1** Jm Jhingree

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ROSENPUR thrived on a busy 2025 season, winning 5 times and highlighted he could well be set for another fruitful campaign when beaten only by a class dropper on return to action at Catterick last week. He can make a bold bid back at the minimum trip. Al Hussar looks a big threat, with Knicks, who made a pleasing return to action at Thirk 11 days ago, also worth a look in refitted cheekpieces.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. ROSENPUR 2. AL HUSSAR 3. KNICKS****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2025 **Protest Rally** 5-8-8 8-1 Liam Bailey C. Horgan (5) 9**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.50**VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET HANDICAP (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-75)
£8,000 7f15y (1420 Metres)**

RACE 5

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Strong****1 8 CATALYSE (IRE) (95) 98**

8559039-0 4 9-9 | 61.2kg



Jim Goldie

Kaiya Fraser

Regressive last season for Richard Fahey and fared no better on debut for this yard when tenth of 11 in handicap at Newcastle (6f) back in January, despite having attracted notable market support. Still potentially well treated but others preferred.

2 2 GIORGIO M (IRE) (29) (CD) s+t 97

331-63764 5 9-7 | 60.3kg



Mark Loughnane

Jack Nicholls (5lb/2kg)

Made all on second start for this yard at Lingfield (7f) in December and has essentially remained in good form since, running creditably despite having to work hard early from a wide stall when fourth of 12 in handicap at Wolverhampton (7f) 29 days ago.

3 5 CRIMINAL SHORE (IRE) (9) v ✓ 97

6262-4445 4 9-7 | 60.3kg



David O'Meara

Mark Winn

Ripon success in 1m handicap last spring remains his sole career win from 17 starts but he's on the premises more often than not, again not beaten at all far when fifth of 14 in handicap at Newcastle (7f) 9 days ago. Frame claims.

4 9 COUNTING CARDS (107) h+t 95

742/27-4 4 9-7 | 60.3kg



Edward Bethell

Clifford Lee

Lightly-raced gelding who showed promise with 2 second-place finishes in the autumn, including when returning from a breathing operation at Southwell. Keener than ideal both outings since, so application of hood rates as a positive on his return from 107 days off.

5 1 MISSION COMMAND (IRE) (16) 97

39-345333 4 9-7 | 60.3kg



Jennie Candlish

Paul Mulrennan

Hasn't won since his 2-y-o days but has been in good form of late, placed for the third consecutive start when third of 7 in handicap at Leicester (7f, good) 16 days ago. Should give his running again from unchanged mark.

6 7 BLACK STORM (IRE) (213) (D) 93

5/0832230- 5 9-4 | 59.0kg



Katie Scott

Darragh Keenan

Ex-Irish gelding was in good form when making the placings on his first 3 starts for connections last summer. Found that run coming to halt when last seen at Newcastle (7f) 7 months ago and perhaps best watched on return.

7 10 QAZAQ (FR) (17) (D) ★ 100

8-9683872 5 9-1 | 57.6kg



Iain Jardine

Greg Fairley

Has dropped a long way in the weights and was perhaps unlucky not to end a lengthy losing run when beaten a head at C&D 17 days ago, only just failing to reel the winner in after meeting trouble. Shortlisted.

8 4 TATTIE BOGLE (7) 99

3373-4253 4 9-0 | 57.2kg



Charlie Johnston

Andrew Mullen

Just a maiden win to his name but has been in good form this season, producing another solid effort when third of 9 in handicap at Catterick (7f, good to firm, 5/1) 7 days ago. Consistent sort should be in the mix again.

9 6 CAROLUS MAGNUS (IRE) (134) (CD) 96

59102520- 8 8-12 | 56.2kg



Michael & David Easterby

Joanna Mason

Quirky sort but he won at C&D in October prior to finishing runner-up in another C&D event and at Wolverhampton. Seemed to resent the refitting of headgear at Newcastle last time and others possess more solid profiles after 134 days off.

10 3 PENNY MOUNTAIN (IRE) (33) 97

4-1368223 5 8-4 | 52.6kg



Gary Rutherford

Amie Waugh (3lb/1kg)

Shed maiden tag in 6f Newcastle handicap on New Year's Day and arrives on the back of 3 good placed efforts there, doing some good late work after lacking room on the rail over 7f there last month. Remains of interest despite being kept to higher grade than necessary.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Qazaq, **11-2** Tattie Bogle, **13-2** Mission Command, **15-2** Giorgio M, **15-2** Counting Cards, **17-2** Penny Mountain, **10-1** Criminal Shore, **16-1** Black Storm, **22-1** Catalyse, **22-1** Carolus Magnus

TIMEFORM VIEW:

QAZAQ would've got his head in front granted a bit more luck over C&D earlier in the month and can make amends here. Bottom-weight Penny Mountain is also shortlisted alongside the consistent Tattie Bogle.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. QAZAQ 2. PENNY MOUNTAIN 3. TATTIE BOGLE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2025 **Jenni** 4-9-2 16-1 Seb Spencer Dale Swift 7**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.25**RACING TV HANDICAP (6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-60) £7,000
1m208y (1800 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Even****1 5 SPIRIT CATCHER (IRE) (21) (C) 95**

445/008-00 7 9-9 | 61.2kg



Philip Kirby

Clifford Lee

Winless since August 2023 and no sign of him capitalising on a free-falling mark of late.

2 3 PALLAS LORD (IRE) (43) t 89

23245106 8 9-8 | 60.8kg



Donald Whillans

Ben Robinson

Latest win at Newcastle in February. Ran just respectably despite holding a tactical advantage when sixth of 11 in handicap at Wolverhampton (8.6f, 13/2) 43 days ago and it's been a while since he's shown anything on turf.

3 8 DRUMCONDRA (IRE) (6) b 92

882245-47 4 9-7 | 60.3kg



Declan Carroll

Zak Wheatley (3lb/1kg)

Encouraging fourth of 8 in 1m handicap at Southwell on return but not in same form when seventh of 9 at Beverley (8.5f, good to firm) 6 days ago. Blinkers back on.

4 6 STAFFORDSHIRE (IRE) (49) 97

47840-719 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Jennie Candlish

Darragh Keenan

Has proved unreliable but much improved with hood left off when off the mark in 12-runner handicap at Newcastle (1¼m) in February, pulling well clear with a next-time-out winner. Pulled much too hard when last of 9 there the following month (saddle slipped) and he's interesting dropped in trip.

5 9 ESQUE ELEGANCE (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (9) v 99

8-4322661 4 9-2 | 58.1kg



Stephen Hanlon

Conor Whiteley (7lb/3kg)

Finally off the mark under this 7-lb claimer when winning a 14-runner handicap at Newcastle (1m, 17/2) 9 days ago. Can make presence felt again under penalty.

6 2 ALPINE SIERRA (IRE) (30) (BF) ★ 100

5-3478222 8 9-1 | 57.6kg



Jim Goldie

Paul Mulrennan

Arrives on the back of 3 second-place finishes, very unlucky when beaten only a nose despite meeting trouble at Newcastle (1m) in March and again shaped like the best horse in the race when beaten a head in a classified race at Wolverhampton (8.6f) 3 days later. Should go close again.

7 4 COME ON JOHN (IRE) (177) (D) s 83

13255080- 7 9-0 | 57.2kg



Alison Hamilton

Rowan Scott

Winner at Wolverhampton last March for James Owen but down the field all 4 starts for current yard and is opposable after 177 days off.

8 1 MISS RAINCLOUD (IRE) (95) s 97

083308-60 4 8-9(8-8) | 54.9kg (54.4kg)



Tracy Waggott

William Pyle

Maiden was placed twice at Newcastle in the autumn but has proved increasingly headstrong and she makes little appeal returning from 95 days off in first-time cheekpieces.

9 7 ON THE BUBBLE (190) 95

37237546- 5 8-9(8-8) | 54.9kg (54.4kg)



Gary Rutherford

Greg Fairley

Has scored only once from 27 Flat starts but was placed 4 times at 1m/9f here last season. Below form in a stronger race when last seen at Newcastle but place claims back at Musselburgh after 6 months off.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Esque Elegance, 11-4 Alpine Sierra, 13-2 Staffordshire, 9-1 Drumcondra, 11-1 Pallas Lord, 12-1 On The Bubble, 18-1 Spirit Catcher, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ALPINE SIERRA has been narrowly denied on his last 2 outings and looks to have been found a good opportunity. Recent Newcastle winner Esque Elegance is respected under a penalty, whilst Staffordshire is interesting dropping down to 1m.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. ALPINE SIERRA 2. ESQUE ELEGANCE 3. STAFFORDSHIRE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2025 **Two B Tanned** 4-10-0

8-11f Julie Camacho

Joe Fanning

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SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.00**LIVESCORE BET HANDICAP (6) 4yo+ (Rated 0-55) £7,000**
7f15y (1420 Metres)

RACE 7

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Strong**

1 8 FILEY BEACH (IRE) (19) (CD) 93
4161200-8 5 9-9 | 61.2kg



Ruth Carr

Joanna Mason

Won twice for this yard last year before finishing down the field in only 2 starts for Ian McInnes. Possibly needed the run after 5 months off having rejoined Carr when mid-field at Thirsk last time but others perhaps hold more pressing claims.

2 7 INVINCIBLE MELODY (IRE) (19) v+t 85
24527970 4 9-8 | 60.8kg



Ewan Whillans

Rowan Scott

Came closer than ever to breaking his duck when beaten a short head at Wolverhampton in February. Underwhelming since, though, a stable switch failing to spark a revival when down the field at Thirsk (7f) last time. Visor back on.

3 10 THE GAY BLADE (9) (CD) ★ 100
90-741141 7 9-8 | 60.8kg



Iain Jardine

Andrew Mullen

Notched back-to-back wins in Newcastle classified events (both 6f) 9 days apart in February and gained a third C&D win of the season there in an 11-runner handicap last week. As effective on turf and should go close to following up, given he escaped a penalty for latest success.

4 6 DUE RESPECT (IRE) (227) (D) 97
28271498- 4 9-7 | 60.3kg



Gary Rutherford

Rhys Elliott (5lb/2kg)

Won at Redcar (7f) in July wearing first-time visor but ended 2025 with 2 dismal performances, so bit to prove now returning from 7 months off.

5 5 CLASSY CLARETS (IRE) (54) (D) 99
69-766213 5 9-7 | 60.3kg



Iain Jardine

Greg Fairley

Headstrong sort looked typically quirky when winning a classified stakes at Wolverhampton (6f) at the start of March and backed that up with a creditable third in a similar race at Newcastle (5f) 4 days later. Has won at 7f but step back up in trip not an obvious positive given keen-going nature.

6 4 RIDGEMASTER (IRE) (9) (D) s 92
59/9901-80 4 9-6 | 59.9kg



Simon Waugh

Non Runner

Belied odds of 66/1 when winning a 13-runner 7f handicap on debut for this yard in December but finished nearer last than first on both starts since. NON RUNNER.

7 9 WITHOUT DELAY (IRE) (9) (C, D) 94
5866260-0 7 9-5 | 59.4kg



Tracy Waggott

William Pyle

Won at Catterick last summer before finishing runner-up over C&D later in season. Below-par last 2 efforts in 2025 and wasn't given too much of a hard time on return from 5-month break at Redcar last week (had breathing operation during absence), so possible she'll fare better here.

8 11 WAR MEMORIAL (50) 97
8629-0072 5 9-3 | 58.5kg



Lawrence Mullaney

Oliver Stammers

Showed nothing on his first 4 starts for current connections but was the subject of a notable gamble (5/1 from 50/1) and duly proved a different proposition when second in a 7f classified event at Southwell last month. Considered if in same form this time.

9 1 BABY ROVER (IRE) (21) 96
5127420-9 4 9-2 | 58.1kg



Katie Scott

Darragh Keenan

Opened account at Redcar (6f) in June and posted a couple of good seconds after. Shaped as if needing the run after 6-month break when ninth of 12 in handicap at Catterick (5f, good to firm, 20/1) 21 days ago but is unproven over this far,

10 3 BERNIE THE BEAR (IRE) (9) (D) s 90
68234806 6 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)



Linda Perratt

Kaiya Fraser

Forty-one runs since last win in 2023. Finished 5½ lengths sixth of 11 to The Gay Blade in handicap (40/1) at Newcastle (6f) 9 days ago and it's hard to see how he can turn the tables.

11 12 GIMMIEMINNIE (IRE) (9) s+t 85
020000-49 5 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)



Daragh Bourke

Shane Gray

Ex-Irish mare remains a maiden but shaped with some encouragement when a staying-on fourth in a Wolverhampton classified event (6f) last month. Failed to build on that when ninth of 11 behind The Gay Blade in a Newcastle handicap last week. Tongue strap back on along with first-time cheekpieces.

12 2 APPROACHING DAWN (IRE) (156) h 51
956- 6 9-0(8-13) | 57.2kg (56.7kg)



Jim Goldie

Paul Mulrennan

No sign of ability in a Catterick novice and Newcastle maidens in the autumn but worth market check given his yard making handicap debut in first-time hood.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 The Gay Blade, **10-3** War Memorial, **5-1** Classy Clarets, **16-1** Filey Beach, **18-1** Without Delay, **20-1** Gimmieminnie, **25-1** Approaching Dawn, **25-1** Bernie The Bear, **28-1** Due Respect, **28-1** Baby Rover, **33-1** Invincible Melody

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THE GAY BLADE is unpenalised for his smooth success at Newcastle last week and he's fancied to follow up, War Memorial ran much better having been the subject of a gamble at Southwell on his latest start and will pose the biggest threat if in the same form here.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THE GAY BLADE 2. WAR MEMORIAL 3. CLASSY CLARETS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race