

Tuesday 31st March

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2.15	WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 2m145y (3350 Metres)
RACE 1	(2) CRACK OPS (1) PLANTERS PUNCH (5) MOLLY'S LAD
2.45	XENON WORKPLACE HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)
RACE 2	(5) SLIM MARVEL (1) ESCORT'KHEOPS (2) COUMEENOOLE
3.15	IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m145y (3350 Metres)
RACE 3	(1) HALFTHEWORLD AWAY (2) ROSES ALL THE WAY (4) HIGHLAND HAVEN
3.50	HRS CLADDING HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m72y (4090 Metres)
RACE 4	(7) KAHAVARI (4) BUSTY BOY (1) BLEU D'ENFER
4.20	UNCOMMON PRACTICE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m30y (4860 Metres)
RACE 5	(1) I SEE THE SEA (4) STREAMSFORTH LAD (7) FELTON BELLEVUE
4.50	TOM JONES LIVE AT CHESTER RACECOURSE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)
RACE 6	(1) SERVICE MINIMUM (2) ROARING HOME (3) EASTERN SHORES

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.


2.15**WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 4yo £11,000 2m145y (3350 Metres)**

RACE 1

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Soft in places on Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	PLANTERS PUNCH (148) (D)		100
	1 4 11-7 73.0kg		
	Nicky Henderson 	Nico de Boinville	
	Planteur gelding who is in top hands and made a winning debut in a steadily-run juvenile hurdle at Hereford in November, always holding on from a subsequent winner. Likely has more to offer under a penalty.		
2	CRACK OPS (35)	s	96
	2163 4 11-0 69.9kg		
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Toby Wynne	
	Confirmed promise of debut when landing a Ludlow bumper in November. Ran to a similar level in defeat in a Cheltenham listed event next time and showed an aptitude for hurdling when third in 9-runner maiden at Catterick in February. Open to improvement in first-time cheekpieces.		
3	MASTERFIELD (FR) (23)	t	63
	453 4 11-0 69.9kg		
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Robert Dunne	
	Hadn't pulled up any trees in a couple of bumpers and was too free to see his race out on his recent hurdling debut at Carlisle.		
4	MISTRAL ST GEORGES (FR) (32)		95
	F 4 11-0 69.9kg		
	Georgina Nicholls	Lorcan Williams	
	Half-brother to fairly useful chaser Georges Saint in the process of shaping well at big odds when falling heavily 2 out in juvenile hurdle at Newbury on debut last month. Likely to improve if none the worse for that experience.		
5	MOLLY'S LAD (23) (BF)		99
	2532 4 11-0 69.9kg		
	Fergal O'Brien	Jonathan Burke	
	Promise both starts in bumpers and beaten only by a pair with previous hurdling experience at Doncaster on debut in this sphere in February. Put firmly in his place by a better prospect at Carlisle since but still has to be respected.		
6	PIPPIN'S LEGEND (54)		93
	43P 4 11-0 69.9kg		
	Charlie Longsdon	Sam Twiston-Davies	
	Showed promise in a Huntingdon bumper and offered something to work on when third of 6 in juvenile at Haydock on hurdle bow in December, running green. Shaped as if amiss under vastly different conditions in a first-time tongue strap at Doncaster since. Has subsequently had a breathing operation.		
7	SAXONS PRIDE (104)		
	28 4 10-7 66.7kg		
	Alan King 	Tom Bellamy	
	Hails from a family that her yard has had success with and showed promise when runner-up in a Huntingdon bumper on her debut in November. That form hasn't worked out particularly well though, and she failed to repeat that effort at Newbury next time. Now goes hurdling after a break.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Molly's Lad, **11-4** Planters Punch, **9-2** Crack Ops, **15-2** Mistral St Georges, **12-1** Saxons Pride, **16-1** Pippin's Legend, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Bumper winner CRACK OPS hit the line with a bit of purpose on his Catterick hurdling debut and looks sure to build on that effort now fitted with first-time cheekpieces, so he's put forward as the answer. Planters Punch was always holding on from a subsequent winner on his debut at Hereford in November and is respected under a penalty, while Molly's Lad also needs considering despite being turned over at a short price at Carlisle last time.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CRACK OPS 2. PLANTERS PUNCH 3. MOLLY'S LAD

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.45**XENON WORKPLACE HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,350 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)**

RACE 2

Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places on Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 ESCORT'KHEOPS (FR) (15) 98
5-7233421 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Laura Horsfall

K. Brogan

Overcame some rather suspect jumping to gain a deserved success in 8-runner maiden hurdle at Plumpton earlier in the month. Likely to be competitive back in handicap company and stepping up in trip.

2 COUMEENOOLE (IRE) (26) t 96
2F378953 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Point winner who showed fair form to place in multiple maiden hurdles between 2½m-3m for Paul Nolan in Ireland. Yet to fire for Dan Skelton but interesting back in handicap company from a reduced mark. Tongue tie back on and worth noting if the market speaks in his favour.

3 DALY BOY (FR) (26) s+t 93
3-25P5 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne

Runner-up in an Irish point and showed promise when third in an Ayr bumper last March. Yet to build on an encouraging hurdling debut behind a subsequent Grade 2 winner at Sedgefield but appeals as the type who could benefit from being ridden more positively.

4 PARLIAMO (IRE) (37) 89
43-864 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Mel Rowley

Mr Darren Andrews (71lb/3kg)

Offered something to work with in bumpers last spring and showed more than previously over hurdles when fourth in 7-runner maiden at Hereford on latest start, not knocked about. Into handicaps now and could well raise his game further with longer trip promising to suit.

5 SLIM MARVEL (FR) (30) ★ 100
643F5752 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Rebecca Curtis

Toby McCain-Mitchell (51lb/2kg)

On a long losing run but went down fighting to a reformed character at Ffos Las (3m, heavy) on latest start. Big chance if backing that up despite a 4 lb rise.

6 GOLDEN PRINCE (IRE) (64) 87
6466 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

Little to shout about in a bumper/trio of novice hurdles but could be seen in a much better light now handicapping over a markedly longer trip (third in a 3m point earlier in career). Watch the betting.

7 WOODVIEW LAD (IRE) (22) 83
3-749 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Gary Hanmer

Benjamin Macey (51lb/2kg)

Yet to build on promising hurdle debut for Gordon Elliott, offering little switched to a handicap after 6 months off at Stratford on latest start. This much longer trip should suit.

8 GEORDIE NIGHT (32) (D) t 98
2235-1663 7 10-12 | 68.9kg



Nick Kent

Charlie Hammond

Underwent a breathing operation (also tongue tied) before getting off the mark in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (23f, good to soft) last May. Returned from a break with a brace of below par efforts but a bit more like it when third at Doncaster on most recent outing.

9 OCEAN WALZ (FR) (20) 99
2/280-6828 6 10-6 | 66.2kg



Rosemary Gasson

Ben Poste

Made more impact than previously over hurdles when second of 8 in handicap at Ludlow (21.2f, good to soft) in February. Failed to repeat that effort at Huntingdon last time, however.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Slim Marvel, 10-3 Escort'kheops, 15-2 Parliamo, 8-1 Geordie Night, 17-2 Coumeenoole, 12-1 Daly Boy, 14-1 Golden Prince, 18-1 Ocean Walz, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SLIM MARVEL went down fighting to a reformed character returned to this trip at Ffos Las and a reproduction of that form could well suffice. Escort'kheops has a rather suspect jumping technique but should be competitive back in handicap company all the same, while Coumeenoole needs keeping a close eye on in the betting for all that he's yet to fire in 4 starts for his present yard.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SLIM MARVEL 2. ESCORT'KHEOPS 3. COUMEENOOLE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race










3.15**IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ mares £10,000 2m145y (3350 Metres)**

RACE 3

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Soft in places on Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

	1	HALFTHEWORLDWAY (IRE) (34) (CD) 4321 5 11-7 73.0kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Runner-up sole start in Irish points and off the mark at third time of asking over hurdles when taking C&D novice (soft) from the front last month. Leading contender under a penalty.		100	Toby Wynne
	2	ROSES ALL THE WAY (IRE) (25) 230-36412 7 11-7 73.0kg Donald McCain Fairly useful in bumpers and made the most of a good opportunity in 2½m Musselburgh maiden last month. Ran just as well in defeat when runner-up at Ayr in first-time cheekpieces and looks sure to go well again back in trip.	s	99	Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)
	3	AFTER THE BALL (IRE) 5 11-0 69.9kg Donald McCain €20,000 3-y-o, Walk In The Park mare. Half-sister to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/chaser Mill Green and fair hurdler Chives. Maiden Irish pointer who is worth a second look in the market on Rules debut.		86	Kielan Woods
	4	HIGHLAND HAVEN (160) 1620-45 6 11-0 69.9kg Fergal O'Brien Fairly-useful bumper winner last season who stepped up on her hurdling debut effort when fifth of 8 in novice at Worcester (2m) in October. Likely has more to offer yet.		90	Jonathan Burke
	5	JOLLIE DAME (17) 2433 5 11-0 69.9kg Dan Skelton A 6-figure buy as a store and made promising bumper debut at Warwick in November. Not really built on that, however, and recent Kempton hurdles bow left the impression she may be one for handicaps down the line.		88	Harry Skelton
	6	SEEKINGRAINBOWS (34) P8 8 11-0 69.9kg Sarah Hollinshead Offered little in a couple of starts over hurdles this winter.		65	Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)
	7	TONI'S LEGACY (26) 0 5 11-0 69.9kg Kevin Bishop Little form in 4 starts on Flat for Neil Mulholland and finished well beaten on hurdles bow for new yard earlier this month.		65	James Best
	8	SHE CAN RUN 4 10-4 65.3kg Sam Allwood Falco filly. Dam 2½m-3¾m hurdle/chase winner (probably stayed 4¼m). Likely a longer-term prospect judged on pedigree.		84	Robert Dunne

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Halfttheworldaway, **2-1** Roses All The Way, **6-1** Highland Haven, **15-2** Jollie Dame, **16-1** After The Ball, **33-1** She Can Run, **250-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HALFTHEWORLDWAY has been steadily progressive over hurdles and may be able to follow up last month's course victory. Roses All The Way arrives in good form and rates the chief threat, whilst Highland Haven is also of interest back from a break.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HALFTHEWORLDWAY 2. ROSES ALL THE WAY 3. HIGHLAND HAVEN

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.50**HRS CLADDING HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120)
£8,000 2½m72y (4090 Metres)**

RACE 4

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Soft in places on Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 BLEU D'ENFER (FR) (31) (D) s+t **96**
2P1-05748 8 12-2 | 77.1kg



Donald McCain

Charlie Maggs (31b/1kg)

Signed off for Stuart Crawford with breakthrough chase win at Carlisle last spring and back to that sort of form for current yard when fourth of 8 (from 7 lb out of the handicap) at Musselburgh in January. Disappointed latest but had breathing operation since and remains fairly treated.

2 DOYOUKNOWWHATIMEAN (41) **84**
12-13P2PP 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Gary Hanmer

Benjamin Macey (51b/2kg)

In fine form for Dan Skelton last spring, winning 2m handicap chases at Chepstow and Worcester. Positive start for this yard when going close at Uttoxeter (2½m) in December but pulled up twice since. Hard to recommend with confidence.

3 ANYHARMINASKING (IRE) (22) s **95**
71-02P267 9 11-13 | 75.7kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Not the most reliable and ran poorly over hurdles at Stratford 22 days ago. Usual cheekpieces (removed for that run) are reapplied back chasing and still relatively lightly raced in this sphere.

4 BUSTY BOY (IRE) (54) **93**
P6222-233 9 11-11 | 74.8kg



Daragh Bourke

Sean Bowen

Winless since scoring at Kelso back in October 2023 and often flatters to deceive, although rarely finishes out of the frame and is likely to be in the mix again with Sean Bowen up for the first time.

5 THE GOOD DOCTOR (FR) (39) t **93**
P/22P4-345 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Not beaten far when third on reappearance at Sandown in November but well below that level in 2 starts since and has questions to answer at present.

6 NATIVEHILL (IRE) (382) (D) t **93**
21P- 8 11-8 | 73.5kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

Out of his depth in last year's Albert Bartlett but had taken Huntingdon maiden hurdle on second start for Nicky Henderson previously and is worth monitoring in market on chase debut for new connections here.

7 KAHAVARI (FR) (23) t **92**
U2-U64252 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne

Fair winner over hurdles in France who only narrowly failed to open his account on these shores in small-field handicap chase over this trip at Carlisle 23 days ago. Just 1 lb higher now and is one for the shortlist.

8 PALAMON (IRE) (26) t  **100**
0-2U69645 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

A fairly useful hurdler/chaser in Ireland for Paul Nolan but yet to fire in 4 runs for current yard. Has been given a big chance by the handicapper and potentially interesting here with Harry Skelton back on board (also refitted with tongue strap).

9 LADY JAGO (IRE) (95) (D) **83**
12433807 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Donald McCain

Kielan Woods

Bagged 3 chase wins for Dan Skelton this time last year but hasn't offered much for new yard thus far. Something to prove at present.

10 RULE ME IN (IRE) (16) **84**
12-843544 7 10-2 | 64.4kg



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

Fair winner at 2m over hurdles but is yet to really threaten over the larger obstacles, well-beaten fourth of 5 at Chepstow 16 days ago. Likely capable of better in this sphere at some stage.

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Kahavari, **6-1** Busty Boy, **8-1** Palamon, **8-1** Nativehill, **17-2** The Good Doctor, **17-2** Rule Me In, **12-1** Bleu D'enfer, **16-1** Anyharminasking, **25-1** Doyouknowwhatimean, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for KAHAVARI, who matched his best form for current connections when runner-up at Carlisle earlier this month and remains fairly treated. Busty Boy and Bleu d'Enfer can also make their presence felt.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KAHAVARI 2. BUSTY BOY 3. BLEU D'ENFER

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

4.20**UNCOMMON PRACTICE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 3m30y (4860 Metres)**

RACE 5

Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places on Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 I SEE THE SEA (IRE) (18) b **98**
2-63172P3 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Christopher Kellett

James Davies

Notched second success over fences when opening account for present yard at Catterick in November. Excellent second there in January and, though not at the same level since, he must enter calculations off a mark just 1 lb above that of his Catterick win.

2 THE SCORPION KING (25) (D) s **91**
211P-4P63 **8** 11-13 | 75.7kg



Oliver Signy

Ben Jones

Got off to a flyer last term, finding just one too good on his reappearance prior to winning back-to-back heavy-ground handicap chases at Ffos Las. Ran better than for a while at Exeter last time and dangerous to discount off this reduced mark, though conditions here may not be ideal.

3 SUBTLE FORTUNE (25) **94**
671-4414 **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Mel Rowley

Mr Darren Andrews (71b/3kg)

Dual point winner who immediately surpassed hurdles achievements when scoring on chase debut at Hereford in February, for all that she was a fortunate winner. Barely adequate test at Leicester next time but, even so, she looks vulnerable off this mark.

4 STREAMSFORTH LAD (IRE) (22) s+t **100**
63533UUF **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gary Hanmer

Alan Doyle (31b/1kg)

May well have registered a first success had he not departed 2 out in a Stratford handicap chase last time, going at least as well as the eventual winner (scored again since) when crashing out. 2 lb nudge fair but he's 0-17 overall and has now failed to complete on each of his 4 starts over fences.

5 GOOD WORK (FR) (25) **96**
425-3P443 **10** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Robert Dunne

Irresolute performer with just 1 win to his name from 34 starts over fences and he's again likely to come up short.

6 PEARL ISLAND (397) (D) **89**
5/53P146P- **7** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Belinda Clarke

Lee Edwards

Hit the target at the second attempt in this sphere at Uttoxeter in December 2024 but followed that with a series of lesser efforts and 13-month absence to overcome on this debut for new connections.

7 FELTON BELLEVUE (FR) (22) (D) b+t **95**
75533132 **11** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Ben Case

Harry Bannister

Capitalised on falling mark when getting his head in front at Plumpton in February. Underlined his inconsistency when a remote third at Huntingdon next time but back on song when going close returned to Plumpton 22 days ago and a reproduction of that would put him firmly in the picture.

8 NINE NINE NINE (17) b **94**
P4-527242 **9** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Sarah-Jayne Davies

James Best

This mark is a workable one judged on several pieces of form, including his second-place finishes at Leicester in December/January. On the downside, he failed to fire when sporting first-time blinkers at Uttoxeter recently, yet connections have elected to stick with the headgear.

9 NEW INVENTION (IRE) (31) s+t **96**
4-0P8P6 **6** 10-12 | 68.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne

Showed promise at Newcastle on hurdles bow in February 2025 but has failed to progress and he'll need to take a big step forward now switched to fences if he's to have a major say in this.

10 THREE ZAMBEZI'S (IRE) (48) **84**
989F3-0P4 **6** 10-4 | 65.3kg



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

Poor maiden hurdler but has a pointing background and there were positives to take from his debut fourth in this sphere at Hereford (21f, soft) in February. Stiffer test here could be what he needs and it's therefore reasonable to expect some improvement from this 6-y-o.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Streamforth Lad, **5-1** Felton Bellevue, **15-2** I See The Sea, **8-1** Subtle Fortune, **17-2** Good Work, **9-1** Nine Nine Nine, **10-1** Three Zambezi's, **12-1** The Scorpion King, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

In a race where ifs and buts are abound, I SEE THE SEA could be the way to go. He is rather in-and-out but was a good second off this mark at Catterick in January having won there in November and could be set for a big run. Streamforth Lad is likely to be popular given how well he was travelling when falling 2 out at Stratford but supporting a 17-race maiden who has failed to complete in 4 starts over fences is obviously risky. Felton Bellevue and Three Zambezi's are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. I SEE THE SEA 2. STREAMSFORTH LAD 3. FELTON BELLEVUE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

TOM JONES LIVE AT CHESTER RACECOURSE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-105) £8,000 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places on Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	SERVICE MINIMUM (FR) (42) (D)		100
	12140747 6 12-0 76.2kg		
	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	
	Winner of novice events over 2m and 2½m last summer and, though yet to really threaten in handicap company, she left the impression that she should've finished closer at Market Rasen last time. This represents a drop in grade and merits respect for her powerful yard.		
2	ROARING HOME (73)		98
	45P-242P5 7 11-12 75.3kg		
	Henry Daly	Sam Twiston-Davies	
	Yet to add to Exeter maiden hurdle success back in October 2024 but has performed well all 3 completed starts this season, most recently finishing fifth in a big-field Haydock handicap (21f, good to soft) in January following a second breathing operation. Solid chance.		
3	EASTERN SHORES (54)	h+t	96
	3-467332 6 11-10 74.4kg		
	Fergal O'Brien	Jonathan Burke	
	£70,000 purchase after winning an Irish point in 2024 and arguably produced her best effort yet under Rules when finding just one too good at Huntingdon (2m, heavy) last time. 2 lb lower here and she may well build on that now faced with a stiffer test.		
4	ROCK ON CASSIE (IRE) (32)		95
	PSP 10 11-5 72.1kg		
	Richard Armson	Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)	
	Mares maiden hurdle winner for previous connections in Ireland in January 2022 but no show in 3 starts in Britain since returning from a lengthy absence.		
5	MORNING AIR (FR) (25)	s	96
	15F-60 5 11-4 71.7kg		
	Venetia Williams	Ned Fox (3lb/1kg)	
	Flat winner in France and made a successful hurdle debut in the mud in weak contest at Leicester in December 2024. Has failed to fire since but perhaps the addition of cheekpieces will prove to be the catalyst for a step back in the right direction.		
6	VOODOO ANGEL (IRE) (33)	s	99
	44342233 7 10-12 68.9kg		
	Donald McCain	Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)	
	Yet to score but has finished in the money 6 times from 9 starts in this sphere, including when third of 8 off 3 higher mark at Wetherby (2m, soft) last time. Not sure that this step back up in trip is what she wants, though.		
7	NEVERSHEDATEAR (IRE) (12)	h	60
	577U 5 10-4 65.3kg		
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Robert Dunne	
	Winning pointer who didn't cut much ice in 3 qualifying runs and suffered a tack issue on recent handicap bow at Sedgefield (rider was attempting to pull her up after the fifth flight, at which point he was unseated). Equipped with first-time hood here and the market should be revealing.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Service Minimum, **4-1** Eastern Shores, **9-2** Roaring Home, **11-2** Voodoo Angel, **10-1** Neversedatear, **12-1** Morning Air, **125-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The most interesting candidate is SERVICE MINIMUM, who is now eased to 0-105 company and she did well to finish as close as she did (beaten just over 5 lengths) in a stronger handicap than this at Market Rasen last time. Roaring Home is next on the list ahead of Eastern Shores.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SERVICE MINIMUM 2. ROARING HOME 3. EASTERN SHORES

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race