

Tuesday 31st March

NEWCASTLE



2.30	EQUINE PRODUCTS NH TRAINERS LEAGUE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2¾m (4430 Metres)
RACE 1	(6) JEHOL DE THAIX (5) MILAN PARK (2) SNOWROCCO
3.00	VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)
RACE 2	(4) I C U IN MY DREAMS (1) CAPPA LASS (6) LIPSTICK TRACES
3.30	CINCH SELF STORAGE cinchstorage.co.uk NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)
RACE 3	(3) SIR CARNEGIE (1) CAHIER'S DEN (2) ROSA DIAZ
4.00	BORDER MINSTREL NEW MENU HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)
RACE 4	(1) FINGAL'S HILL (5) SMOKERINGINTHEDARK (7) BOLD LIGHT
4.30	BORDER MINSTREL SUNDAY LUNCH HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m19y (4040 Metres)
RACE 5	(2) CEOLWULF (6) DIDNTGOTWENTY (5) ZUMBI
5.00	FOLLOW @attheraces ON X HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)
RACE 6	(2) TYSON (7) FAIRLY FULLING (6) GLORY HIGHTS
5.35	VIRGIN BET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)
RACE 7	(7) TRAVIS WHEATLEY (13) JUNKYARD DOG (2) BOOK OF SECRETS

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.

2.30

RACE 1

EQUINE PRODUCTS NH TRAINERS LEAGUE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-115) £7,700 2¾m (4430 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

Left handed, galloping with a steady uphill rise from the home turn. Stiff nature often results in steadily-run affairs, especially on the hurdles course, many races really beginning in earnest only once in line for home. As such, races often fail to represent the test of stamina they might, though there's a clear emphasis on jumping over fences, the data suggesting that Newcastle represents one of the stiffest examinations in the country in this regard. A position towards the stand rail in the home straight can be an advantage in hurdles races, no coincidence that's where the senior northern jockeys usually head.

Pace Information: **Weak****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 TAMARIND BAY (IRE) (31) 96
7-33P4232 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Mickey Bowen

James Bowen

Fair hurdler. Off 3 months, ran up to his best when 12 lengths second of 8 in Doncaster maiden 31 days ago. The step back up in trip is likely to suit but he'll need to find improvement to defy this mark.

2 SNOWROCCO (IRE) (11) (C) 98
472-91140 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Adam Nicol

Ryan Mania

On the up when winning a pair of handicaps around 3m on good to soft in midwinter (here first occasion). Latest Musselburgh run was too bad to be true and she's capable of bouncing back to form in first-time cheekpieces.

3 DRAMATIC LICENSE (IRE) (14) (D) 92
24-347150 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



John Wainwright

Sean Quinlan

Won a maiden hurdle over this sort of trip in Ireland for Stuart Crawford last summer but ran no sort of race in 3m Wetherby handicap on recent first outing for this yard after 5 months off.

4 CHEMOULIN (FR) (26) 95
541 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Charlie Longsdon

David Bass

Rather fortunate winner of Haydock maiden hurdle (good to soft) 26 days ago but this 6-y-o still brings an unexposed profile to this handicap debut.

5 MILAN PARK (IRE) (46) 99
53-24443 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Chris Grant

William Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Fair maiden who showed he can be very competitive from his mark when 3 lengths third of 8 over an extended 2¾m at Kelso (heavy) last month. Considered.

6 JEHOL DE THAIX (FR) (26) 100
2354-62 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Unexposed sort who took a step forward when second of 9 in Haydock handicap 26 days ago. Pulled 12 lengths clear of the third so a 3 lb rise looks more than fair. Leading claims.

7 NOSY NEIGHBOUR (IRE) (38) 92
387 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Mascrop

Hit frame on second of 2 starts in Irish points and showed ability when third on 2m hurdle debut. Well below that level twice since but handicaps provide him with a more realistic chance and this significantly longer trip should also suit.

8 TEA BOY (IRE) (40) 91
2-550P4 6 10-9 | 67.6kg



Peter Atkinson

Callum Bewley

Only minor promise in 3 bumpers/hurdles and his opening handicap mark isn't obviously generous.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Jehol De Thaix, **4-1** Chemoulin, **5-1** Tamarind Bay, **6-1** Snowrocco, **7-1** Milan Park, **16-1** Nosy Neighbour, **18-1** Tea Boy, **80-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JEHOL DE THAIX shaped well when second at Haydock and, with this slightly longer trip likely to suit even better, is taken to go one better now. Last month's Kelso third Milan Park is another likely to go well, while Snowrocco is a lot better than she showed at Musselburgh last time.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JEHOL DE THAIX 2. MILAN PARK 3. SNOWROCCO

3.00**VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £10,000 2½m62y (4080 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 CAPPA LASS (IRE) h **91**
5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Charlie Todd

€9,500 3-y-o, €30,000 4-y-o, Walk In The Park mare. Half-sister to useful hurdler Cottesloe Sunshine. Runner-up on completed start in Irish points in April last year and she's an interesting contender for yard capable of readying a hurdling newcomer (wears hood).

2 CURIOUS MRS FOX **79**
5 11-5 | 72.1kg



David Thompson

Joshua Thompson (51b/2kg)

Maiden handicapper on Flat (stays 1¼m) who ended 2025 out of form, last of 8 in handicap at this course on final outing in September. Off 6 months ahead of hurdling debut.

3 DAME IN DISGUISE (IRE) (12) **79**
0479 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Max Young

Murray Dodd (71b/3kg)

Well beaten in a trio of bumpers and fared no better sent hurdling when ninth of 12 in mares maiden at Ludlow 12 days ago. Bred to stay this longer distance but plenty of improvement required.

4 I C U IN MY DREAMS (IRE) (18) ★ **100**
242 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Irish point winner who made the frame both starts in bumpers, at this course on the second occasion, and was beaten only by the odds-on favourite in 6-runner mares maiden at Doncaster on hurdles bow 18 days ago. Leading contender with longer trip to suit.

5 LADY LUCKY (89) **75**
PP 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



Jessica Bedi

Peter Kavanagh

Has offered little in 2 novice hurdles at Catterick.

6 LIPSTICK TRACES (IRE) (17) h **85**
2-32455 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Justin Landy

Callum Bewley

Runner-up twice from 3 starts in bumpers. Fourth of 15 in mares maiden on Worcester on hurdling debut but hasn't progressed since, returning from 6 months off when mid-field in novice here 17 days ago. However, she's bred to be suited by this longer trip.

7 R KRISTA (49) **80**
765 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



James Moffatt

Charlotte Jones

Has finished down the field all 3 starts in bumpers, always behind when fifth of 7 at Ayr on latest outing in February. Needs to leave those efforts behind as she goes up in trip for hurdles bow.

8 ROYAL MAGGS (28) h **79**
8P8 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

Dual point winner but not much promise in 2 starts over hurdles, well held when eighth of 12 in novice over C&D at the beginning of the month.

9 VALETTE (IRE) (75) **82**
4P 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Susan Corbett

Nathan Moscrop

Hinted at ability when fourth of 5 in novice hurdle at Sedgefield on debut but pulled up in mares maiden at Fairyhouse on next start in January. First run for yard after leaving Ian Patrick Donoghue.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 I C U In My Dreams, **11-4** Cappa Lass, **11-2** Lipstick Traces, **11-1** Valette, **18-1** R Krista, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

I C U IN MY DREAMS has made the frame in all 3 of her starts Rules so far and she sets the standard based on her runner-up effort at Doncaster on hurdling debut. She could be ready to get off the mark, though Cappa Lass is one to note as she starts off over hurdles, with Lipstick Traces also considered.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. I C U IN MY DREAMS 2. CAPPA LASS 3. LIPSTICK TRACES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Parisian Fashion** 6-11-5 evsf Rebecca Menzies William Maggs (5) 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.30**CINCH SELF STORAGE cinchstorage.co.uk NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 CAHIER'S DEN (IRE) (33) 99
56223-643 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Maiden under Rules but he has run well when reaching the frame in both handicap chases, latterly when stepped up to 3m at Wetherby. Likely to go well.

2 ROSA DIAZ (IRE) (20) 94
5457 6 11-11 | 74.8kg s+t



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Charlie Todd

Hasn't progressed in 4 hurdles, including a handicap, but her point background provides the hope for better now chasing for the first time.

3 SIR CARNEGIE (IRE) (125) (CD) 100
F9542114 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Mickey Bowen

Shane Fenelon (51b/2kg)

Off the mark over fences in a C&D handicap in October and followed up at Kelso 9 days later. Given a break since a below-form fourth at Market Rasen at the end of November. His mark still looks workable on those winning efforts.

4 FLORITA (IRE) (42) (BF) 96
50-54141P 8 11-4 | 71.7kg t



Sam England

Jonathan England

Winner of a pair of Market Rasen handicap chases this winter but ran poorly (beaten by more than lack of stamina) when stepped up to 3m there 6 weeks ago. Bounce back needed.

5 LENNIE GODBER (119) 90
60/74-5P5 6 10-10 | 68.0kg t



Andrew Hamilton

Conor Rabbitt (31b/1kg)

Poor form over hurdles for Step Cameron and Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies. Now switches to fences for the first time after another change of stable. Also has a tongue tie added.

6 BENNYS JENNY (IRE) (25) 91
07-57P 7 10-2 | 64.4kg



N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Point winner but has yet to show anything under Rules, including pulling up on Ayr chase/handicap debut earlier this month. Too soon to write off but needs to find improvement.

7 AILL DUBH (IRE) (17) 94
P400-U3P3 9 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg) s



Micky Hammond

Danny McMenamin

Poor maiden hurdler in Ireland. Completed for the first time in handicap chases since coming to Britain when third of 10 over C&D (good to soft) 17 days ago. Needs to build on that now.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Sir Carnegie, **7-2** Cahier's Den, **5-1** Florita, **7-1** Aill Dubh, **7-1** Rosa Diaz, **12-1** Bennys Jenny, **16-1** Lennie Godber

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SIR CARNEGIE has been given a break, presumably to avoid winter ground, and might be able to add to his pair of chase wins in the autumn on his return to action. Cahier's Den has performed with credit when reaching the frame on both starts over fences and can give Mickey Bowen's charge most to do.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SIR CARNEGIE 2. CAHIER'S DEN 3. ROSA DIAZ

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Mobile Mamma 6-11-4	7-1	Ruth Jefferson	Jamie Hamilton	7
2024	Has Troke 7-11-13	10-3	Alex Hales	Kielan Woods	5
2023	Maid of Houxy 8-11-6	3-1	Donald Whillans	Henry Brooke	6
2022	Ballintogher Boy 8-10-1	11-2	Chris Grant	Danny McMenamin	6
2021	Catlin 6-10-6	10-3	Nick Kent	Charlie Hammond	10

4.00**BORDER MINSTREL NEW MENU HANDICAP HURDLE (3)
4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £10,700 2½m62y (4080 Metres)**

RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Weak****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 FINGAL'S HILL (IRE) (17) (CD) **99**
012-11252 **10** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Peter Atkinson

Callum Bewley

In cracking form last spring, including a win in this race. Another good effort here when runner-up over 2m on good to soft 17 days ago. Should go well again.

2 RARE EDITION (IRE) (80) **95**
124F-24P7 **9** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Charlie Longsdon

David Bass

Good second to the hugely progressive Thistle Ask over fences on his reappearance in October but hasn't reproduced that form in his 3 outings since, including back hurdling in January. A first-time hood replaces the cheekpieces he wore last time.

3 LAWRENNY (139) (C) **96**
21/51221-P **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Jennie Candlish

Sean Quinlan

Took well to hurdling last season (won twice over 2m) but pulled up on Bangor reappearance in November and hasn't been seen since. Hard to know what to expect.

4 GREAT PEPPER (FR) (9) (D) **93**
PP/3-PU62P **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg



James Moffatt

Charlotte Jones

Dual hurdle winner. Best effort over fences when second in 2m Ayr handicap in January but not in anything like the same form when pulled up at Carlisle 9 days ago. It remains to be seen if a return to hurdling sparks a quick revival.

5 SMOKERINGINTHEDARK (IRE) (54) (D) **98**
143-2725 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Returned to form when second of 9 in handicap at Musselburgh (good to soft) on New Year's Day. Possibly unsuited by heavy ground when pulled up at Doncaster since. Player on the Musselburgh form.

6 HAARAR (11) **96**
13-231140 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Better than ever when following his Haydock success in December with an emphatic victory in 11-runner Carlisle handicap in February but he's struggled off higher marks twice since.

7 BOLD LIGHT (IRE) (31) (D) **100**
15-6484U4 **9** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Jack Power (5lb/2kg)

Enjoyed a productive 2024/25 campaign when a three-time scorer over hurdles. Has yet to fire this season but is well handicapped if recapturing his best form.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Fingal's Hill, **4-1** Rare Edition, **6-1** Smokeringinthedark, **6-1** Haarar, **13-2** Lawrenny, **9-1** Bold Light, **9-1** Great Pepper

TIMEFORM VIEW:

In a contest where few arrive with compelling claims perhaps FINGAL'S HILL can land this race for the second-year running. Smokeringinthedark had heavy ground as a possible excuse at Doncaster last time and might provide the main threat. Bold Light is on a good mark if bouncing back to form.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FINGAL'S HILL 2. SMOKERINGINTHEDARK 3. BOLD LIGHT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Fingal's Hill 9-11-0	11-4	Peter Atkinson	Brian Hughes	6
2024	Rafferty's Return 9-11-4	5-1	Rebecca Menzies	Brian Hughes	6
2023	Miah Grace 8-11-12	8-1	Jedd O'Keeffe	Conor O'Farrell	6
2022	Big Bad Bear 8-10-10	4-1	Nicky Richards	Sean Quinlan	6
2021	Prince Kayf 7-11-0	10-3	Keith Dalgleish	Billy Garrity (3)	9

4.30

BORDER MINSTREL SUNDAY LUNCH HANDICAP CHASE (5)
5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m19y (4040 Metres)

RACE 5




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


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Pace Information: **Strong**


1 EL MUCHACHO (IRE) (12) t **97**
 80151F32 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Mike Sowersby *William Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
 Twice a winner this season and put in another solid shift when collared close home at Sedgefield 12 days ago. 2 lb nudge tolerable and, though not generally the most reliable of types, he'll be a danger to all if able to back that up that Sedgefield effort here.


2 CEOLWULF (33) (D) s **97**
 3/215-22 10 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Fionn McSharry *James Bowen*
 Opened his account in a 6-runner Warwick handicap chase last spring and has found just the 1 too good both starts this season, latterly pulling clear of the rest when chasing home an in-form rival at Wetherby. Leading claims.


3 OZZY COSMO (IRE) (49) s+t **96**
 F/6P3P-8P4 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

 N. W. Alexander *Conor O'Farrell*
 Bagged 2m novice hurdle at Ayr on Rules debut in December 2023 but little to shout about since.


4 PASSENGERONTHESHIP (IRE) (17) **96**
 879/4222-8 7 11-6 | 72.6kg

 Sam England *Jonathan England*
 Placed in an Irish point and made the frame all 4 starts switched to handicaps last term. Mid-field on belated reappearance here recently but entitled to come on for that run and he could have a part to play if his jumping passes the test now tackling fences.


5 ZUMBI (GER) (17) t **94**
 43/8-PP44 9 11-4 | 71.7kg

 James Moffatt *Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg)*
 Novice hurdle winner back in 2022 and shaped as though starting to find his feet again when fourth in a 6-runner handicap chase here (2m, good to soft) 17 days ago. Down another 2 lb and this step back up in trip will help, so there is some cause for optimism.



6 DIDNTGOTWENTY (IRE) (44) (D) s **98**
 747-35521 7 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Martin Todhunter *Sean Quinlan*
 Winless following 7 attempts over hurdles but opened chase account at the third attempt in good style at Musselburgh (2½m, good to soft) last time. 9 lb rise doesn't look prohibitive all things considered and he's a strong candidate.


7 CAVE HILL (40) (C, D) s+t **94**
 5-1653693 7 10-7 | 66.7kg

 Ian Duncan *Callum Bewley*
 Hurdles winner here in December 2024 and off the mark in this sphere when gamely accounting for 9 rivals at Hexham last spring. Appeared to be coming back to the boil when third at Sedgefield in December but has followed that with a string of lesser efforts.


8 PLAY BY THE RULES (IRE) (516) s+t  **100**
 R9/455554- 7 10-6 | 66.2kg

 Adam Nicol  *Ryan Mania*
 Modest hurdles winner and record stands at 0-6 in this sphere. Given a chance by the handicapper but this debut for new yard comes on the back of a 17-month absence.



9 KINGSTON ROCK (IRE) (49) **96**
 55836-PPP 8 10-3 | 64.9kg

 Gary Rutherford *Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)*
 Pulled up all 3 starts this season and it's not hard to look elsewhere.

10 SPUTNIK (IRE) (69) (D) s **92**
 87P-52P6P 11 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)

 Lizzie Quinlan *Peter Kavanagh*
 Tumbled in the weights and took a step back in the right direction when second at Catterick in November. However, he has failed to complete on 2 of his 3 subsequent starts and others make more appeal.

11 EUCHAN FALLS (IRE) (25) (D) v+t **89**
 8-27PPPP4 9 10-2(9-9) | 64.4kg (61.2kg)

 R. Mike Smith *Danny McMenamin* 
 Dual hurdles winner back in 2023 but he's a long-standing maiden in this sphere and looks up against it once more from 7 lb out of the handicap.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Didntgotwenty, **11-2** Ceolwulf, **7-1** El Muchacho, **10-1** Passengerontheship, **11-1** Cave Hill, **12-1** Zumbi, **14-1** Play By The Rules, **28-1** Ozzy Cosmo, **33-1** Sputnik, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The vote goes to CEOLWULF, who deserves to get his head back in front following a couple of solid efforts in defeat this season, notably chasing home a progressive one from a major yard at Wetherby where he put plenty of daylight between himself and the third. It was a rather thin race that Didntgotwenty won at Musselburgh but he did the job well and looks a big threat, while there were encouraging signs from Zumbi here recently and he is best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CEOLWULF 2. DIDNTGOTWENTY 3. ZUMBI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Empty Nest	7-11-13	2-1f	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	7
2024	Hello Judge	8-11-7	evsf	Ann Hamilton	Danny McMenamin	4
2023	Lisloran	7-11-13	9-4	Russell Ross	Ross Chapman	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.00**FOLLOW @attheraces ON X HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m62y (4080 Metres)**

RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 LONE STAR (201) (CD) t **93**
7-4P12P62 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Philip Kirby

Joe Williamson

Market Rasen winner last summer. Creditable second over 2½m at Uttoxeter when last seen in September. Claims if ready to roll after 6 months off.

2 TYSON (GER) (26) ★ **100**
0-44889P5 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Dan Skelton

Tristan Durrell

Maiden but hasn't been with Dan Skelton for long and caught eye when fifth of 12 at Wincanton (2m, good to soft) last time. Taken to build on that promise.

3 SLACK ALICE (30) **70**
8420-745 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Mickey Bowen

James Bowen

Maiden in varied company but this is her first handicap hurdle and it wouldn't be a surprise were she to step up on her previous efforts in this sphere now.

4 USHUAIA DANCER (674) **93**
P542P4/24- 8 11-3 | 71.2kg



Justin Landy

Callum Bewley

Absent since reaching the frame in a pair of handicap hurdles in May 2024. The betting should help guide as to what's expected on this belated return.

5 LADY PHOEBE (IRE) (28) **98**
P-76074 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Adam Nicol

Ryan Mania

Modest winner on Flat who has yet to make a significant impact over hurdles, beaten 17 lengths when fourth in C&D handicap (good to soft) 4 weeks ago.

6 GLORY HIGHTS (17) s **98**
52-PP9524 10 11-2 | 70.8kg



Chris Grant

Danny McMenamin

Hasn't finished out of the frame in 7 hurdle starts at this track, including second and fourth (to Fairly Fulling) over this trip in recent weeks. Likely to be in the shake-up again.

7 FAIRLY FULLING (IRE) (17) (CD) s+t **96**
P7-472441 8 11-1 | 70.3kg



Susan Corbett

Nathan Mosecrop

Finally got off the mark over hurdles when seeing off 14 rivals (including Glory Hights) over C&D (good to soft) 17 days ago. Likely to remain very competitive off 7 lb higher.

8 JOTO (35) (BF) t **99**
5053-8333 6 10-6 | 66.2kg



John Dawson

Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)

Is 0-8 over hurdles but she has finished a creditable third in handicaps on her last 3 outings. Likely to be thereabouts again.

9 ROCK N ROLL CHAMP (IRE) (40) s **98**
5-4P85434 8 10-4 | 65.3kg



Sandy Forster

Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)

Maiden but was a respectable third in a C&D handicap at the end of January. Remote fourth returned to fences at Sedgfield and quickly back over the smaller obstacles.

10 MR RUMBALICIOUS (IRE) (35) t **88**
07-25F80P 7 10-2 | 64.4kg



James Moffatt

William Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Winless since 2023 and pulled up on last month's return from a break at Catterick. Hard to make a case for.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Fairly Fulling, **11-2** Lone Star, **6-1** Tyson, **13-2** Ushuaia Dancer, **8-1** Joto, **9-1** Glory Hights, **14-1** Lady Phoebe, **16-1** Slack Alice, **22-1** Rock N Roll Champ, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TYSON caught the eye last time and is taken to come good at the fifth time of asking since joining Dan Skelton. Recent C&D 1-4 Fairly Fulling and Glory Hights can battle it out for minor honours with John Dawson's Joto.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TYSON 2. FAIRLY FULLING 3. GLORY HIGHTS

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

5.35

VIRGIN BET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 7



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

Left handed, galloping with a steady uphill rise from the home turn. Stiff nature often results in steadily-run affairs, especially on the hurdles course, many races really beginning in earnest only once in line for home. As such, races often fail to represent the test of stamina they might, though there's a clear emphasis on jumping over fences, the data suggesting that Newcastle represents one of the stiffest examinations in the country in this regard. A position towards the stand rail in the home straight can be an advantage in hurdles races, no coincidence that's where the senior northern jockeys usually head.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1	ROARIN' SUCCESS (35) 624 6 12-0 76.2kg	95
	Donald McCain NON RUNNER.	Non Runner
2	BOOK OF SECRETS (IRE) (11) (D) h+t 23727877 8 11-13 75.7kg	98
	James Moffatt Good second at Newton Abbot in September but hasn't been in the same form since, finishing mid-field at Musselburgh 11 days ago. Drop back in grade could help, though, with tongue strap reapplied.	Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg)
3	LADY BABS (23) (D) s 131-P500F 12 11-10 74.4kg	90
	Andrew Crook Successful on 4 of last 5 starts in 2024/25 but has struggled for form this season. However, there were better signs before departing at the last at Carlisle 23 days ago and she's eased another 3 lb in the weights.	Conor Rabbitt
4	NOTTODAYBOBO (IRE) (117) t 1U5/379P7 8 11-9 73.9kg	96
	Micky Hammond Irish maiden hurdle winner in 2023 and proved that ability remains intact following a lengthy absence when third on debut for this yard at Market Rasen in July. Has gone backwards from that effort in 4 subsequent outings, though.	Joshua Thompson (3lb/1kg)
5	GREER HILL (IRE) (151) 876 5 11-9 73.9kg	89
	Jennie Candlish Runner-up sole outing in Irish points but down the field in 3 starts over hurdles so far, again jumping right when a well-beaten sixth of 9 in 2 1/2m novice at Uttoxeter when last seen in October. Market could be informative as he goes handicapping.	Luke Scott (3lb/1kg)
6	NEWPORT (21) s 540313P3 6 11-8 73.5kg	94
	Iain Jardine Without a win when trained in Ireland but successful on second start for current yard at Musselburgh in December. Below form last 2 starts, though, never dangerous when third of 9 at Sedgefield on the back of a breathing operation 3 weeks ago.	Tom Midgley
7	TRAVIS WHEATLEY (IRE) (11) s 100 444F-4P68 6 11-8 73.5kg	
	Adam Nicol Still looking for a first success over hurdles but went off too hard when mid-field in a well-contested handicap at Musselburgh 11 days ago. Remains early days for current yard and he can make his presence felt back down in grade with cheekpieces added.	Jack Power
8	NATZOR (FR) (319) t 384-P 6 11-5 72.1kg	91
	Lizzie Quinlan Fairly useful on the Flat for David O'Meara and third in a Musselburgh maiden on stable/hurdling debut in February last year. Struggled for form in the rest of 2025, including back on the level, but made the frame in handicap on the Flat here 26 days ago.	Harry Atkins (3lb/1kg)
9	ELLISTRIN BAY (46) b+t 3-PPP7 7 11-1 70.3kg	88
	Donald Whillans Third of 5 in a Kelso bumper but hasn't offered much over hurdles, completing for the first time when seventh of 11 in novice at Kelso in February. Has work to do as he makes handicap debut.	Murray Dodd (3lb/1kg)

10	GLENRIDDING (60) h 755 4 10-13 69.4kg	91
	Ewan Whillans Fair Flat winner for Daniel & Claire Kubler and showed more than on hurdles debut when fifth of 10 in juvenile at Musselburgh on New Year's Day. However, in first-time hood he was well held at Catterick 2 months ago. Has something to find on handicap debut in this sphere.	Tristan Durrell
11	BLAZING ECHO (IRE) (38) 69P08 5 10-11 68.5kg	64
	Eloise Quayle Little promise in a pair of bumpers and hasn't fared any better over hurdles, eighth of 12 in maiden over C&D last time. Has enough to prove on handicap bow.	Dominic Hislop (7lb/3kg)
12	LITTLETOWN LAD (IRE) (94) t 94-800 6 10-9 67.6kg	65
	Sam England Made the frame on second of 2 starts in bumpers for Daragh Bourke. Little impact over hurdles for current yard this season, tenth of 11 in novice at Wetherby in December, but any market support should be noted as he goes handicapping with tongue strap fitted.	Isabelle Ryder
13	JUNKYARD DOG (IRE) (43) b+t 34506 4 10-6 66.2kg	97
	Iain Jardine Fair winner on the Flat but yet to recapture form shown when modest third on hurdle debut for Joseph O'Brien last summer, sixth of 9 in handicap at Carlisle 6 weeks ago. Has been given a chance by the handicapper, though, as he drops back in trip with blinkers added.	Dylan Johnston
14	DEFYING GRAVITY (120) t 000 6 10-2(9-6) 64.4kg (59.9kg)	58
	Andrew Hamilton In the frame in a couple of points but has found things tough in a trio of starts over hurdles, tailed off in an Ayr novice when last seen in December (has had breathing operation since). Tongue strap applied, though he's 10 lb out of the weights for his first handicap.	Shane Fenelon

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Newport, **5-1** Travis Wheatley, **7-1** Book of Secrets, **10-1** Junkyard Dog, **11-1** Greer Hill, **11-1** Littletown Lad, **14-1** Glenridding, **16-1** Lady Babs, **28-1** Natzor, **28-1** Blazing Echo, **33-1** Defying Gravity, **33-1** Ellistrin Bay, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for TRAVIS WHEATLEY, who wasn't seen to best effect at Musselburgh last time and could be able to take advantage of this drop in grade with cheekpieces applied. Junkyard Dog and Book of Secrets complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TRAVIS WHEATLEY 2. JUNKYARD DOG 3. BOOK OF SECRETS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Wild Nephin 6-11-5	7-2	Ryan Potter	Freddie Mitchell	9
2024	Celestial Fashion 6-10-6	5-2	Ian Duncan	Joe Williamson	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race