



Friday 14th March **DONCASTER**

1.42	VIRGIN BET MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m128y (3340 Metres)
RACE 1	(3) IRISH CHORUS (8) OUR LIL (5) PLUS POINT
2.22	VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2½m181y (4190 Metres)
RACE 2	(3) REALLYNTRUTHFULLY (4) DRAMATIC ENCORE (2) LAST RODEO
3.02	VIRGIN BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 3m84y (4900 Metres)
RACE 3	(2) CURLEY FINGER (5) BURROWS HALL (4) BOLD RECRUIT
3.40	LIVESCORE BET HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m181y (4190 Metres)
RACE 4	(9) I AIN'T YOUR MATE (7) DIAMOND DEALER (4) PURE CARBON
4.25	LIVESCORE BET BEST ODDS DAILY MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 31/4m1y (5230 Metres)
RACE 5	(2) LOUD AND PROUD (3) BABY CHOU (4) ANN D'ARABIE
5.00	LIVESCORE BET OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 2m128y (3340 Metres)
RACE 6	(2) JAFFA CAKE (4) NOBLE GEORGE (1) DARTMOUTH CASTLE

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



Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its



Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.



RACE 1

VIRGIN BET MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £7,700 2m128y (3340 Metres)



Going: Good

Left handed, essentially flat and most galloping in nature. It's an extremely welldraining course, underfoot conditions often less testing than at many other courses in midwinter. Surprisingly for such a galloping track, plenty of chases are well run, though the opposite tends to be true of races on the hurdles course, things often starting in earnest only approaching the third last.

Pace Information: Weak

ANNIE DON (IRE) (118)

79

6 11-2 70.8kg

David Noonan



Henry Oliver Placed in Irish points but well held in bumper/pair of novice hurdles. Has had a breathing operation since last seen.

GENEROUS SCORPION (47)

82

Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Maiden pointer who showed a bit when fourth of 9 in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (19.8f, soft, 16/1) on debut 47 days ago, carrying head awkwardly from 2 out and unable to sustain effort.

7 11-2 70.8kg

93

IRISH CHORUS (102) **6** 11-2 70.8kg 3/705-23U6



Alan King 🙈

Promise in her qualifying runs over hurdles, not ideally placed after 6 months off when third in maiden at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) in November. Didn't see things out upped in trip on her completed start since, but obvious player back in maiden company returned to 2m.

KEEP ON COBBLING (24)

82

5 11-2 70.8kg



Unplaced in a couple of bumpers in 2024 and was beaten when falling at the last on recent Market Rasen hurdling debut.

PLUS POINT 91





5 11-2 70.8kg Billy Aprahamian

Jonathan Burke

this race.

Fairly useful handicapper on Flat for Harry Eustace (stays 2m), successful once in 2024, good second last time. Notable hurdling debutant in the context of

POLKAFACE (IRE) (50)

83



5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Jack Quinlan



Little to shout about in 3 bumpers runs but her pedigree suggests she could do better now switched to hurdling.

THE PIT POPSY (702) 70

Heather Main Tailed off in 2 bumpers.

11-2 70.8kg

Paul O'Brien

OUR LIL (109)

100



4 10-6 | 66.2kg Dan Skelton

Fair maiden on Flat (stays 11/2m). Stepped up on hurdling debut form when third in 8-runner juvenile at Kempton (2m) in November. Good claims. Has had a breathing operation.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Our Lil, 11-4 Irish Chorus, 7-2 Plus Point, 16-1 Polkaface, 25-1 Generous Scorpion, 28-1 Keep On Cobbling, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

IRISH CHORUS shaped perfectly fine behind 2 above-average ones at Uttoxeter back in November and is well worth another on that form now returning to 2m. Our Lil is an obvious threat, with Plus Point an interesting hurdling debutante given her fairly useful Flat form.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IRISH CHORUS 2. OUR LIL 3. PLUS POINT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 Shelikesthelights 5-11-2 2-1f Fergal O'Brien Paddy Brennan

SMART STATS:



VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 2½m181y (4190 Metres)

RACE 2



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Pace Information: Very Weak

DE KINGPIN (IRE) (41) (D)

92

6 11-7 73.0kg Ben Pauling

David Bass



Point recruit who looked suited by the increased emphasis on stamina when making it third time lucky over hurdles in 20.5f Newbury novice (soft) in December. Ran poorly on handicap debut at Sandown subsequently but possibly failed to handle extreme conditions.

LAST RODEO (IRE) (22)

5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Christian Williams Jack Tudor Progressed again when opening his account in 11-runner maiden hurdle at Lingfield (19.5f, soft) 22 days ago, forging clear. Conditions likely to be a good deal less testing here, but open to further improvement nonetheless.

REALLYNTRUTHFULLY (IRE) (30) (D, BF)



100



6 11-7 73.0kg

Tom Bellamy



Runner-up sole outing in points last spring and showed promise in a Huntingdon bumper/maiden hurdle before opening his account at Warwick (21f). Solid fifth on handicap debut at Windsor before going close at Hereford (19.7f). The one

DRAMATIC ENCORE (IRE) (22) (D)

95

5 11-0 69.9kg Harry Derham



Is progressing by the run and found enough improvement to make a winning switch to hurdles in 15-runner mares novice at Huntingdon (20.7f) 22 days ago, asserting gradually. Sure to progress further.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Reallyntruthfully, 9-4 Dramatic Encore, 10-3 Last Rodeo, 6-1 De Kingpin

TIMEFORM VIEW:

REALLYNTRUTHFULLY resumed his progress when collared only in the dying strides in a Hereford handicap the previous month and sets the standard on that form. Dramatic Encore and Last Rodeo are also progressing well, though, and merit respect in an interesting small-field novice.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. REALLYNTRUTHFULLY 2. DRAMATIC ENCORE 3. LAST RODEO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: 2022 Honry's Eriand 6 11 7

2023	neiliys riiellu 0-11-7	Z=1	ben rauling	N. Diogaii	0
2022	Herewegohoney 6-10-7	7-1	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace	3
2021	Topofthecotswolds 7-11-9	11-8jf	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jordan Nailor (3)	8
2020	The Macon Lugnatic 6-11-9	15-8f	Ben Pauling	David Bass	10
2020	The Macon Lugnatic 6-11-9	15-8f	Ben Pauling	David Bass	10

SMART STATS:



VIRGIN BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £10,700 3m84y (4900 Metres)



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PINOT ROUGE (IRE) (30) (CD)

14-36P46P **7** 12-0 76.2kg Susan Corbett

Jack Power (7lb/3kg)

97

94

100

C&D winner but pulled up in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (19.7f, heavy) 30 days

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ago. Needs to get back on track.

CURLEY FINGER (IRE) (16) (CD) 91113-0P4 8 11-12 75.3kg

Rebecca Menzies **Jamie Hamilton**

A three-time 3m hurdles winner last season and he took a big step back in the right direction after 3 months off when fourth of 12 in 3m Wetherby handicap 16 days ago. Interesting off a 2 lb lower mark.

SHARED (16) (C) **6** 11-4 71.7kg

Harry Derham Course winner who posted a good second of 12 in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (24.1f, heavy) 16 days ago. Handily weighted but he's an unreliable sort overall

BOLD RECRUIT (IRE) (23) 95

22231 **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg



Gained a deserved breakthrough win in 7-runner novice hurdle at Ludlow (23.8f, good to soft) 23 days ago. May do better still now handicapping. Much respected.

BURROWS HALL (FR) (24) 96

8 11-2 70.8kg 12-534611

Danny McMenamin



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Is thriving and arrives on a hat-trick following recent handicap wins at Uttoxeter (2m4f) and Market Rasen (23f). Up another 6 lb but he's not taken lightly in his

current mood. 98

RIALANNAH (IRE) (38) (BF) **6** 10-12 68.9kg

Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Remains a maiden and she was pulled up for the second time in her last three

starts in 23f handicap at Market Rasen last time when tried in cheekpieces. Needs to bounce back with headgear dispensed with.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Burrows Hall, 7-2 Shared, 7-2 Bold Recruit, 4-1 Rialannah, 9-1 Curley Finger, 33-1 Pinot Rouge

TIMEFORM VIEW:

None of these can be ruled out but CURLEY FINGER hinted at a revival after a break when fourth at Wetherby and can capitalise on a reduced mark here. Hat-trick seeking Burrows Hall rates the obvious threat, although handicap debutant Bold Recruit can't be discounted along with the enigmatic Shared.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CURLEY FINGER 2. BURROWS HALL 3. BOLD RECRUIT

W	WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:								
2023	Miss Milano 8-11-9	13-2	Nicky Richards	Conor Rabbitt (7)	4				
2022	Manothepeople 7-11-10	4-1	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace	7				
2021	Aquila Sky 6-11-11	9-2	Sam Allwood	Alan Johns	7				
2020	I'd Better Go Now 7-11-0	8-1	Dan Skelton	Dave Crosse	7				

SMART STATS:

60

LIVESCORE BET HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-115) £7,700 2½m181y (4190 Metres)



RACE 4

Going: Good

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Pace Information: Strong

ASHINGTON (20) (D) 10 12-0 76.2kg 53161786

Mr Paddy Barlow (7lb/3kg)



Dual winner of handicap hurdles in 2024, latterly over 21f at Kelso in September. Below par since but this represents a step down compared to the quality of handicaps that he usually contests and, now just 1 lb above that Kelso mark, he needs considering.

10 11-13 75.7kg



Better known as a chaser and offered little back hurdling at Hereford last month. on what was his first run in this sphere since landing a Ludlow novice almost 2 years ago.

JUAN BERMUDEZ (179)

36-2117P0

Nigel Twiston-Davies

6 11-11 74.8kg



Henry Oliver **Lilly Pinchin** Fairly useful handicapper on the Flat and landed a brace of 18.7f novice events for Dan Skelton at Stratford last June. However, no impact in handicaps since and probably best watched back from 6 months (has undergone a wind on in the

PURE CARBON (50)



Harry Derham Paul O'Brien



Placed on the second of his 2 starts in bumpers and promising start over hurdles when runner-up in a 2m Warwick novice on return in October. Has failed to build on that in 2 subsequent starts but this 6-y-o may well take a step forward now upped in trip for this handicap debut.

GILBERTINA (24) (C, D)

Nick Kent

4210-8263 8 11-8 73.5kg



Has done most of her racing at Market Rasen during the last 15 months or so, placed twice in 20.6f handicaps there this season. Plenty of decent form here on Town Moor earlier in her career, too, including a maiden hurdle success back in

March 2021, and she's one for the shortlist. CAMARRATE (IRE) (41) 88

5 11-6 72.6kg 421-1350

Donald McCain Theo Gillard



Came good last spring when landing a Fakenham maiden and Sedgefield novice, both at around 2m. Wasn't disgraced on his reappearance/handicap debut at Aintree in November but well held both starts since and now moves up in trip with first-time cheekpieces enlisted.

DIAMOND DEALER (IRE) (78)

R/445-156 **6** 11-5 72.1kg



Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)





Equipped with first-time tongue strap (also hooded) when opening his account at Uttoxeter in October. Well held both subsequent starts, including with hood discarded (omitted again here) in a Wetherby handicap (19.7f, soft) when last seen on Boxing Day. Claims with drying ground in his favour.

SALIGO BAY (IRE) (13) 98

> 1F37-2356 **7** 11-1 70.3kg

Jonathan England

bettered previous efforts for this yard when third of 9 in 16.8f Sedgefield handicap in January. Latest effort here 13 days ago was respectable but he didn't appear to get home upped to 19.3f at Catterick on penultimate start.

I AIN'T YOUR MATE (IRE) (27) 89

5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Christian Williams **Jack Tudor**



Bought for £120,000 after placing in a couple of Irish points and appears to be gradually getting the hang of things in this sphere judged on his latest fourth of 14 in a 15.2f Wincanton maiden. Very much the type to improve now faced with a stiffer test on this handicap debut.

10 **LET'S GO JOE (37)** (C, BF) P-6452163 **7** 10-12 68.9kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Henry Brooke Ended a losing sequence with a career best in 13-runner handicap here (19.4f, good) in November. Stamina seemingly stretched upped to 3m next time but

excuses for latest effort at Sedgefield (finished third but was beaten 26 lengths) are not so easty to find. QUICKBUCK (IRE) (152) 11

8 10-3 64.9kg P3/U00P-PP Alison Thorpe

Miss Imogen Mathias (7lb/3kg)



96

Tom Bellamy

98

Fair hurdler at his best but has completely lost his way, pulled up both starts for new yard since returning from a 10-month absence in September. Now tried in

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 I Ain't Your Mate, 11-2 Let's Go Joe, 6-1 Pure Carbon, 7-1 Gilbertina, 15-2 Diamond Dealer, 10-1 Saligo Bay, 10-1 Ashington, 16-1 Guy, 22-1 Juan Bermudez, 33-1 Camarrate, 200-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

With improvement likely now upped in trip for this handicap debut, I AIN'T YOUR MATE is not short of appeal. Diamond Dealer needs to get back on track following a couple of low-key efforts but that's entirely possible now back on better ground. Pure Carbon is another who could be seen in a better light now handicapping, while Ashington and Gilbertina are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. I AIN'T YOUR MATE 2. DIAMOND DEALER 3. PURE CARBON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 Fingal's Hill 7-11-9	15-2	Peter Atkinson	Thomas Dowson	
2022 Thelasthighking 6-11-12	2-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Finn Lambert (10)	
2021 Onemorefortheroad 6-12-4	11-8f	Neil King	Alexander Thorne (5)	1
2020 Storm Goddess 6-12-0	7-2	Charlie Longsdon	Tom Buckley (7)	1
2020 Western Rules 10-12-0	4-1	Nicky Richards	Brian Hughes	1

SMART STATS:



RACE 5

LIVESCORE BET BEST ODDS DAILY MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ mares (Rated 0-100) £6,150 3¼m1y (5230 Metres)



Going: Good

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Pace Information: Very Weak

INTERSKY SUNSET (IRE) (57) P5-0363P0 8 12-0 76.2kg

Jennie Candlish Just the one win from 12 hurdling starts to her name and record in this

Sean Ouinlan

95

sphere stands at 0-7. Will likely come up short once again, unless the first-time cheekpieces/refitted tongue strap have a positive effect.

LOUD AND PROUD (IRE) (21) 6 11-12 75.3kg Harry Derham

100

Winless following 8 attempts between the flags and failed to make much of an impact in 4 starts over hurdles. However, there were more positive signs when third of 8 on chase debut at Warwick (3m, soft) 3 weeks ago and she looks capable of winning races in this sphere on that evidence.

BABY CHOU (IRE) (32)

7 11-4 71.7kg 40764322 Sam England



Jonathan England Point winner who has yet to get her head in front under Rules but it's surely a matter of time before she puts that right having found just one too good in 25.2f handicap chases at Catterick the last twice. In the mix

ANN D'ARABIE (FR) (99) 99

6 10-13 | 69.4kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill



Benjamin Macey (7lb/3kg) Considerately handled in trio of novice hurdles last season and stepped up on her low-key handicap debut/reappearance when fourth of 10 at Wincanton

(24.7f, heavy) in December. Half-sister to a couple of winning chasers and perhaps she will be seen in a better light herself now switched to fences.

YOU SAY ITS OVER (IRE) (32) 98 7 10-7 66.7kg



Micky Hammond **Danny McMenamin** Yet to win a race of any description following 19 attempts under Rules and she was around 7 lengths adrift of the second-placed Baby Chou when fourth at Catterick last month. Looks vulnerable, for all that she's on a good mark judged on pick of her hurdles form.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Loud And Proud, 10-3 Baby Chou, 9-2 Ann D'arabie, 15-2 You Say Its Over, 12-1 Intersky Sunset

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This looks ripe for LOUD AND PROUD, who immediately left her hurdles form behind when third on recent chase debut at Warwick and she is open to improvement. Baby Chou is second choice ahead of chase debutante Ann d'Arabie.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LOUD AND PROUD 2. BABY CHOU 3. ANN D'ARABIE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Big Changes 6-11-12	4-1	L J Morgan	Lewis Dobb (7)	
2022	Lough Salt 11-10-11	3-1	Peter Winks	John Kington	
2021	Mance Rayder 8-11-6	5-2f	Henry Hogarth	Brian Hughes	
2020	Summit Like Herbie 8-11-12	10-3f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jordan Nailor (5)	1

SMART STATS:



LIVESCORE BET OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 4, 5 and 6yo £7,200 2m128y (3340 Metres)



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Pace Information: Insufficient Data

DARTMOUTH CASTLE

95

5 11-5 72.1kg

5 11-5 72.1kg

Theo Gillard



Donald McCain Dartmouth gelding. Dam (h106) 2m hurdle winner, also 7.4f-8.6f winner on Flat. Shortlisted for trainer who enjoys success in this sphere.

JAFFA CAKE (IRE)

100



Ben Pauling

Order of St George gelding. Half-brother to useful 2m hurdler/chaser Tetlami. Dam 11/4m winner. Of plenty of interest for yard capable of readying a newcomer.

KNOWN WARRIOR (FR)

90

5 11-5 72.1kg Richard Bandev

Harry Bannister

€65,000 3-y-o, Karaktar gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler/chase winner Jouster. Dam, French bumper winner, half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (stays 21f) Cut The Mustard. Fourth on completed start in Irish points (Dec 2024). Has had wind op ahead of Rules debut.

NOBLE GEORGE (IRE) (39)

96

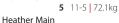
Jennie Candlish



Offered something to work on when second in a Sedgefield bumper on debut and ran to similar level when filling the same position at Carlisle last month, collared inside the final 1f. Can make another bold bid.

ROLL TIDE

89



Paul O'Brien



Telescope gelding. Half-brother to useful chaser Numitor. Dam (b74) ran twice in bumpers. May just be one for the longer term.

BROOKLYNESE

91



6 10-12 68.9kg



Scorpion mare. Dam, fair hurdler (2m winner, stayed 2½m), half-sister to bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler (2m winner) Steel City. Runner-up on first of 2 starts in point bumpers, so she could be in the mix.

QUEEN KATE



5 10-12 68.9kg Peter & Michael Bowen

Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)

Frontiersman mare. Half-sister to bumper winner/fair 23f hurdle winner King Roly. Dam (h108) bumper/3m hurdle winner. One to note if the market speaks in her favour.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Jaffa Cake, 4-1 Noble George, 9-2 Dartmouth Castle, 13-2 Queen Kate, 8-1 Brooklynese, 11-1 Known Warrior, 16-1 Roll Tide

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JAFFA CAKE makes plenty of appeal on paper and, representing a yard that does well in bumpers, he could be up to making a winning debut. He is preferred to Noble George, who has shown encouragement when finishing runner-up both starts so far, while Dartmouth Castle is another newcomer to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JAFFA CAKE 2. NOBLE GEORGE 3. DARTMOUTH CASTLE

SMART STATS: