

Monday 3rd March

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LIVESCORE BET BEST ODDS DAILY NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

RACE 1

(3) SMOKERINGINTHEDARK | (2) LAWRENNY | (7) CRUDEN

2.25

MICHAEL KNOX MEMORIAL EQUINE PRODUCTS NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I)  
2½m62y (4080 Metres)

RACE 2

(10) LADY'S PRESENT | (2) LOOKING SPLENDID | (7) SILVERBRIDGE

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RACE 3

(7) PASSENGERONTHESHIP | (6) JINGLE JANGLE JET | (8) BREADALBANE LASS

3.25

POWER YOUR PERFORMANCE WITH EQUINE PRODUCTS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m19y  
(4040 Metres)

RACE 4

(2) DIAMOND MIX | (7) CEOLWULF | (5) LOW MILEAGE

4.00

VIRGIN BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 5

(2) BATHGATE | (6) RORY THE CAT | (8) FOSTERED PHIL

4.30

VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)

RACE 6

(7) SIX ONE NINE | (5) SIMILAR STORY | (3) COURT AT SLIP

5.00

CHELTENHAM LIVE AT FLEET STREET NEWCASTLE OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT  
(Qualifier) (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 7

(12) TIPTOPTIM | (4) GEORDIE MACKEM | (2) DALY BOY

## 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.

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4yo+ £7,700 2½m62y (4080 Metres)










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Pace Information: **Even**

1	<b>AILT AN CHORRAIN (IRE) (19)</b> 162 6 11-12   75.3kg  Patrick Neville Debut winner at Perth in August and showed improved form at the second attempt in a first-time tongue strap when second of 10 at Wetherby (19.7f, heavy) 19 days ago.	t	<b>85</b>	<i>Henry Brooke</i>
2	<b>LAWRENNY (18)</b> (C, BF) 421-5122 6 11-12   75.3kg  Jennie Candlish Progressive winner in bumpers and showed the benefit of his initial experience over hurdles when landing a 2m novice at Wetherby in December. Better form in defeat since and excellent chance stepping back up in trip.	★	<b>100</b>	<i>Sean Quinlan</i>
3	<b>SMOKERINGINTHEDARK (IRE) (30)</b> (D) 14 5 11-12   75.3kg  Nicky Richards Runner-up in his only outing in Irish points and showed a good attitude in going one better 4-runner event at Musselburgh on hurdling debut in December. Failed to progress from that performance at same track but was perhaps unsuited by the lack of a true gallop and remains with potential.		<b>91</b>	<i>Danny McMenamin</i>
4	<b>BOGLEYBURN (IRE) (18)</b> 92-66P 6 11-5   72.1kg  Gary Rutherford No great shakes in bumpers and has made a highly discouraging start to his hurdling career.		<b>60</b>	<i>Bruce Lynn</i>
5	<b>INDIAN POET (IRE) (363)</b> 9- 6 11-5   72.1kg  Paul Robson 10/1, well-beaten ninth of 12 to Lawrenny in bumper at this course (16.9f, heavy) on NH debut. Off 12 months ahead of this switch to hurdling.		<b>79</b>	<i>Ryan Mania</i>
6	<b>SUNNY BEACH (IRE)</b> 6 11-5   72.1kg  Chris Grant Mahler gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 3m) Timeforwest. Pulled up only start in Irish points (Apr 2024).		<b>79</b>	<i>Ross Chapman</i>
7	<b>CRUDEN (39)</b> 125 4 11-0   69.9kg  James Ewart Fairly useful on Flat (stays 11.5f) and made a successful hurdling bow in a juvenile at Cork (2m) in October. Changed hands for 25,000 gns and showed improved form when second of 11 at Wetherby in December. However, found life tougher carrying a penalty in a better race there last time. Up in trip.	t	<b>87</b>	<i>Brian Hughes</i>
8	<b>HANNIGAN'S POWER (IRE) (34)</b> 68 6 10-12   68.9kg  Gillian Boanas Tailed off in 2 bumpers and makes no appeal on this switch to hurdling.		<b>65</b>	<i>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</i>

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

5-4 Lawrenny, 11-4 Smokeringinthedark, 9-2 Cruden, 6-1 Ailt An Chorrain, 66-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SMOKERINGINTHEDARK was possibly unsuited by the lack of a true gallop ridden with more restraint over a longer trip at Musselburgh on his most recent outing, so he's well worth another chance having shown a good attitude to fend off a promising sort on his Rules debut the time before. Lawrenny sets the standard and has obvious claims, with Cruden and Ailt An Chorrain taken to battle it out for minor honours.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. SMOKERINGINTHEDARK 2. LAWRENNY 3. CRUDEN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Esprit du Potier</b> 5-11-12	1-3f	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	5
2022	<b>Hidden Heroics</b> 5-11-5	7-4f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	10
2021	<b>Moonlight Beam</b> 6-11-2	5-1	Justin Landy	Oakley Brown (7)	15
2020	<b>Mayo Star</b> 8-11-8	1-5f	Nicky Richards	Brian Hughes	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	<b>LATHAN (FR) (78)</b> (CD)	t	94
	631FP 6 11-12   75.3kg Rebecca Menzies Won a modest C&D maiden in November and would have bettered that form (looked set for second) but for falling 2 out at Wetherby just 24 hours later. Seemed amiss when pulled up on handicap debut but has an each-way squeak if back on song.	<b>Nathan Moscrop</b>	
2	<b>LOOKING SPLENDID (15)</b> (BF)		98
	8-5P42563 7 11-10   74.4kg Gary Rutherford Has shown enough in handicap runs to suggest he is fairly handicapped off this mark, continuing in good heart latest when third of 10 in handicap hurdle at Musselburgh (19.8f, good to soft) 15 days ago, having been given plenty of ground to make up. One for the shortlist.	<b>Bruce Lynn</b>	
3	<b>GONE WITH THE TIDE (IRE) (15)</b>	h	94
	58P6 6 11-9   73.9kg Alison Hamilton Irish point winner regressed from hurdling when underperforming on next two starts (hung on both occasions). Step in the right direction when hooded on handicap debut, sixth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Musselburgh (19.8f, good to soft) 15 days ago, although still has a bit to find off this mark.	<b>Jamie Hamilton</b>	
4	<b>ON THE GO (57)</b>		85
	F68 5 11-8   73.5kg Charlie Longsdon Hasn't progressed from minor promise shown on hurdles debut, although has likely been campaigned with handicaps in mind. One to note in the betting now stepping up in trip on handicap debut.	<b>Lilly Pinchin</b>	
5	<b>DEVON SKIES (26)</b>		91
	0-04234P 6 11-6   72.6kg Philip Kirby Showed some respectable form in maidens but disappointed on final start in novice company and regressed on first run in a handicap when pulled up at Sedgfield (19.9f) last month. Needs to bounce back.	<b>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</b>	
6	<b>ROCK N ROLL CHAMP (IRE) (281)</b>		89
	6-86 7 11-4   71.7kg Sandy Forster Maiden in Irish points and showed limited ability on final run in novice company. Step up in trip can only help and one to monitor in the betting on handicap debut/reappearance.	<b>Craig Nichol</b>	
7	<b>SILVERBRIDGE (19)</b>	b	96
	433-68P 5 11-3   71.2kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Yet to match the form of handicap debut at Bangor in April (third of 10) and has failed to beat a rival on his last two starts (wore cheekpieces), although his latest effort did come on the back of an 8-month absence. Blinkers on first-time and he's fairly treated if they can spark a revival.	<b>Henry Brooke</b>	
8	<b>LEADER WING (IRE) (14)</b>	b	96
	5-16558P6 5 11-1   70.3kg Gillian Boanas Fair bumper winner for Tom Weston but yet to match that form in this sphere, continuing to underachieve despite being tried in various headgear (blinkers retained on this occasion). Best to look elsewhere.	<b>Sam Coltherd</b>	
9	<b>DARTIE BAY (34)</b>		83
	97P57 5 10-10   68.0kg Chris Grant Has offered little in bumpers/novice hurdles. Difficult to fancy on handicap hurdle debut.	<b>Danny McMenamin</b>	

10	<b>LADY'S PRESENT (IRE) (39)</b>	h	100
	03/P426 8 10-7   66.7kg Philip Kirby Shaped better than the beaten distance when second of 7 in handicap hurdle at Fakenham (23.4f) in January, made a fast-forward move on final circuit and paid the price for those efforts late on. Stamina stretched on more testing ground over 3 miles last time and looks interesting back down in trip.	<b>Brian Hughes</b>	
11	<b>GOODDOLDBILL (303)</b> (C)		87
	6P6/P14P-P 9 10-5   65.8kg Jane Walton Struggled over hurdles but got off the mark over fences at this venue in November in 2023. Not in same form since, pulling up when last seen in May 2024. Returns to smaller obstacles for reappearance. Others have stronger claims.	<b>Ross Chapman</b>	
12	<b>JUST WINGING IT (IRE) (20)</b>		76
	6080 5 10-5(10-4)   65.8kg (65.3kg) R. Mike Smith Well-held in a bumper and three qualifying runs. Races from 1 lb out of the handicap on his first start in handicap company. Best to look elsewhere.	<b>Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)</b>	
13	<b>LUMINARIES (IRE) (15)</b>	s+t	70
	7PP-69787 8 10-5(9-13)   65.8kg (63.0kg) Ewan Whillans Has failed to build on promise of stable debut at Kelso in October, again down the field at Musselburgh last month. Races from 6 lb out of the handicap. Difficult to recommend on recent evidence.	<b>Sean Quinlan</b>	

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:  
5-2 Looking Splendid, 13-2 Silverbridge, 8-1 Lady's Present, 8-1 Gone With The Tide, 11-1 Lathan, 11-1 Devon Skies, 11-1 On The Go, 12-1 Rock N Roll Champ, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:  
LADY'S PRESENT is fairly lightly raced for her age and has proven that she can be competitive from a lowly handicap mark. She won't need to improve to win this modest event and makes appeal with Brian Hughes taking over in the saddle for the first time. Looking Splendid is a standout danger having posted a couple of solid efforts at Musselburgh this winter, while Silverbridge is well-treated if first-time blinkers can awaken him from his recent slumber.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:  
1. LADY'S PRESENT 2. LOOKING SPLENDID 3. SILVERBRIDGE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:  

2022 <sup>I</sup>	Court At Slip	5-11-3	25-1	Tim Easterby	Mr William Easterby (5)	15
2022 <sup>II</sup>	The Jad Factor	6-11-8	9-1	R. Mike Smith	Ryan Mania	15
2021	Princess Avery	7-11-4	40-1	Susan Corbett	Sam Coltherd (3)	16
2020	Darius des Sources	7-11-10	15-2	Chris Grant	Sean Quinlan	12

SMART STATS:  
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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	<b>ALLTALKNOACTION (IRE) (39)</b> P43P 5 11-12   75.3kg b 94  <b>Tim Easterby</b> <i>Mr William Easterby (3lb/1kg)</i> Didn't achieve a great deal when reaching the frame in maiden/novice hurdles and made an inauspicious start to his handicap career at Wetherby (3m, heavy) in January. Improvement needed in first-time blinkers.
2	<b>THE DARK EDGE (IRE) (81) (D)</b> 5692-1224 6 11-11   74.8kg s 98  <b>Charlie Longsdon</b> <i>Lilly Pinchin</i> Improved further after 5 months off when landing a 9-runner handicap hurdle at Plumpton (20.5f, good to soft) in September and has held form well since, hitting the frame on three occasions, most recent fourth of 15 at Taunton (23.9f). Back down trip on return from short break and not discounted.
3	<b>LOVE THAT (IRE) (20)</b> 3F-4FF206 6 11-9   73.9kg 93  <b>R. Mike Smith</b> <i>Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)</i> Second in a Kelso novice (20.9f) in December but failed to back that up with two disappointing performances in handicaps. Others preferred.
4	<b>CAGE RATTLER (IRE) (60)</b> 887 5 11-8   73.5kg h 95  <b>Sandy Forster</b> <i>Conor O'Farrell</i> Modest 7f Flat winner who offered little in novice/maiden hurdles and fared little better when last of 9 on the Flat 31 days ago. Tackles longer trip on handicap hurdle debut but others have stronger claims.
5	<b>KILLYBEGS JET LADY (IRE) (261)</b> 9P7-34 8 11-6   72.6kg t 98  <b>Lucinda Russell</b>  <i>Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)</i> Irish Point winner bettered previous exploits in this sphere when third in a 13-runner Kelso novice (21f, good) but could only match that form when fourth of 11 on handicap debut at Uttoxeter when last seen in June. Low-mileage and could improve if ready to roll after an 8-month break.
6	<b>JINGLE JANGLE JET (27)</b> 45-U66522 7 11-5   72.1kg s 99  <b>Philip Kirby</b>  <i>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</i> Improved for the step into handicap company, runner-up to a more progressive one on penultimate start at Market Rasen before finishing second at the same venue last month. chasing home an enterprisingly ridden winner. Leading claims.
7	<b>PASSENGERONTHESHIP (IRE) (14)</b> 879-42 6 11-4   71.7kg ★ 100  <b>Sam England</b>  <i>Jonathan England</i> Placed in an Irish point and left behind novice form when making promising reappearance in January, progressing on next start when runner-up to a rejuvenated and well-treated sort at Southwell (20.4f) two weeks ago. Merits serious consideration in this company.
8	<b>BREADALBANE LASS (14)</b> 6P-5572 5 10-13   69.4kg s+t 98  <b>R. Mike Smith</b> <i>Gavin Sheehan</i> Little promise in maiden/novice hurdles but has shown more in handicaps, not unsupported when running up to her best in first-time cheekpieces (retained) when second of 7 at Carlisle two weeks ago, shaping as though worth a go at this longer trip. Open to improvement with tongue-tie now added.
9	<b>FANCY NANCY PANTS (14)</b> 044464 5 10-10   68.0kg 90  <b>Philip Kirby</b>  <i>Patrick Wadge</i> Poor novice hurdler may have been flattered by finishing position when creditable fourth of 10 in handicap hurdle (66/1) at Carlisle (19.3f, good to soft) 14 days ago. Others have stronger form claims.

10	<b>CHANTILLY ROSE (134)</b> 44067-43F 8 10-6   66.2kg 67  <b>Lizzie Quinlan</b> <i>Sean Quinlan</i>  No great shakes over hurdles and not much better in 2 starts over fences when trained by Dan Skelton. Fell heavily on first start for new yard and has a bit to prove returning to smaller obstacles.
11	<b>AWAY SHE GOES (IRE) (15)</b> 67-689P9 6 10-5   65.8kg 90  <b>Paul Robson</b> <i>Craig Nichol</i> Failed to make an impact in 2 bumpers/3 starts over hurdles for Brian Ellison last year and has struggled since joining current connections. Hard to fancy.
12	<b>GINE SACRE (FR) (26)</b> P-677P 9 10-5(10-4)   65.8kg (65.3kg) 93  <b>Eloise Quayle</b> <i>Bruce Lynn</i> Still a maiden and fared little better on first run for new yard last month, Races from 1 lb out of handicap and is difficult to recommend.
13	<b>WINDSOR WIFE (IRE) (19)</b> 98PP7 5 10-5(8-12)   65.8kg (56.2kg) s 95  <b>Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero</b> <i>Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)</i> Dead-heated for first on her sole start in Irish points but has shaped with no encouragement in 5 starts over hurdles. Tough ask from long way out of the weights.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**  
7-2 Jingle Jangle Jet, 4-1 Passengerontheship, 11-2 The Dark Edge, 11-2 Breadalbane Lass, 15-2 Killybegs Jet Lady, 20-1 Love That, 25-1 Cage Rattler, 28-1 Fancy Nancy Pants, 33-1 Alltalknoaction, 50-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**  
PASSENGERONTHESHIP travelled well when chasing home a rejuvenated rival last month and, still on a fair handicap mark, she's taken to go one better on this occasion. Jingle Jangle Jet has improved for the switch to handicap company and should be in the mix once again, while Breadalbane Lass is interesting now stepped up in distance.

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	<b>FIA FUINIDH (IRE) (18)</b> 456-22555 8 12-0   76.2kg Martin Todhunter Yet to score over fences though he went down by a nose at Kelso (17f) in November. Most disappointing since however, and the headgear worn last time is quickly discarded. Handicapper drops him another 2 lb.	97	Sean Quinlan
2	<b>DIAMOND MIX (IRE) (18)</b> 6-945572 6 11-12   75.3kg Paul Robson Made the frame in novice at Carlisle first start over hurdles and proved that he can't have been right on his chasing debut when showing improved form behind one well ahead of its mark at this track (16.3f, good to soft) last month. Every chance he can go one better back up in trip.	100	Ryan Mania
3	<b>HAWKSEYE VIEW (30) (BF)</b> 405-7625U 6 11-12   75.3kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Point winner who showed improved form on third start in handicap chases when runner-up over C&D in November. Let down by his jumping on both subsequent outings (unseated at Wetherby last month) and that tempers enthusiasm somewhat here.	96	Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)
4	<b>FLASH DU PISTOLET (IRE) (18)</b> 44-473533 7 11-12   75.3kg Stuart Coltherd Ex-pointer who is winless under Rules but was well backed and shaped as if still in good form when third at this track (16.3f, good to soft) 18 days ago, finishing tired. More needed to get his head in front but there's been signs of a revival in yard form of late.	99	Sam Coltherd
5	<b>LOW MILEAGE (IRE) (15)</b> 5450-0P32 7 11-11   74.8kg George Bewley Fairly useful maiden chaser in Ireland but offered little first 3 starts for current connections. Stopped the slide to some extent in headgear at Catterick and went much closer than he had previously to winning a race at Musselburgh just over 2 weeks ago. Nudged back up 2 lb as a result.	97	Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)
6	<b>TANKING ALONG (IRE) (21)</b> 6P-34F 6 11-10   74.4kg Patrick Neville Showed ability both starts over hurdles this season but was on the retreat when coming down on handicap/chase debut at Catterick (19.2f, good to soft) 3 weeks ago (remained down for some time). Should prove at least as competent in this sphere but probably best watched for now.	88	Henry Brooke
7	<b>CEOLWULF (18)</b> 864/3-2 9 11-8   73.5kg Fionn McSharry Made an encouraging return from a 16-month absence when third at Sedgefield last February and proved he retains plenty ability on return from nearly another year off when runner-up at Leicester recently, sticking to his task admirably. In the mix provided there's no bounce factor.	95	Nathan Moscrop
8	<b>TOP OF THE BAY (IRE) (275)</b> 84P93-4P 8 11-6   72.6kg Sam England First piece of worthwhile form when third in handicap chase at Southwell last April, despite none too fluent. Disappointed back over hurdles at that venue the following month and offered nothing back chasing fitted in cheekpieces when last seen in June. Has since moved yards.	87	Jonathan England
9	<b>CAVE HILL (20) (C, D)</b> 38P-05153 6 10-12   68.9kg Ian Duncan Breakthrough winner at this venue in December and backed it up when fifth of 18 in handicap hurdle at Ayr next time. Wasn't disgraced in the end but went through the race in pretty laboured fashion at latter track recently and now attentions are switched to fences. Yard is amongst the winners.	96	Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)

10	<b>GREAT BALLINBORIS (FR) (12)</b> 67/34-P63 9 10-11   68.5kg Micky Hammond Ran one of his better races in first-time blinkers/tongue strap but typically didn't finish with purpose after 3 months off when third of 5 in handicap at Doncaster (20.5f, good) 12 days ago. Handicapper drops him another 1 lb but others more appealing.	b+t	92	Conor O'Farrell
11	<b>TOOMBRIDGE (28)</b> 8036-U784 9 10-9   67.6kg Ian Duncan Still a maiden but got back on track after 9 weeks off in first-time cheekpieces when fourth of 15 in handicap at Carlisle (24.5f, soft) 4 weeks ago. Has struggled for consistency however, so the percentage call is to look elsewhere. Yard also saddles Cave Hill.	s+t	93	William Maggs (5lb/2kg)

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:  
7-2 Low Mileage, 8-1 Hawkseye View, 8-1 Ceolwulf, 10-1 Diamond Mix, 10-1 Flash Du Pistolet, 10-1 Cave Hill, 14-1 Fia Fuinidh, 14-1 Toombridge, 14-1 Great Ballinboris, 16-1 Tanking Along, 20-1 Top of The Bay

TIMEFORM VIEW:  
DIAMOND MIX proved that all can't have been well on his chasing debut when finding just one way ahead of its mark too good at this track last month and, with further progress over fences on the cards, he gets the nod to go one better. Ceolwulf hasn't stood much racing of late but, provided there's no bounce factor from his recent Leicester second, he looks an obvious threat. Low Mileage and Cave Hill round off the shortlist.

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Pace Information: Very Weak

1	<b>RUSSIAN VIRTUE (28)</b> (C, D) 3313116-4 8 12-0   76.2kg  David Thompson <i>Joshua Thompson (71lb/3kg)</i> Six-time hurdles winner for Rebecca Menzies but hasn't set the world alight in 4 starts for present yard, including when returned to this sphere at Carlisle last month.	93
2	<b>BATHGATE (21)</b> (D) 75241212 5 12-0   76.2kg  Philip Kirby <i>Joe Williamson (31lb/1kg)</i> Beaten a fair way back from a break at Kelso in October but hasn't looked back since, winning twice during a consistent string of efforts in handicaps at around 2m. Latest second off 2 lb lower at Catterick was solid and this 5-y-o is likely to be in the thick of things once again.	99
3	<b>THE GRAFTER (IRE) (24)</b> (BF) t  54-34222 6 11-12   75.3kg  Sam England <i>Jonathan England</i> Low-mileage sort who has yet to pick up a race but he's been knocking on the door of late, finding just one too good on each of his last 3 starts. Clearly not short of ability but, equally, his attitude is questionable (often seems somewhat reluctant when push comes to shove), so there are doubts.	100
4	<b>REWIRE (30)</b> (D) 6-0843860 7 11-11   74.8kg  Tristan Davidson <i>Harry Reed</i> Won 2m handicaps at Doncaster and Taunton last winter but yet to fire for current yard and, though now down in class and 13 lb below his last winning mark, others make more appeal.	98
5	<b>TRAVIS WHEATLEY (IRE) (29)</b> 2444 5 11-9   73.9kg  Brian Ellison <i>Danny McMenamin</i> Point winner last spring and shaped encouragingly switched to Rules when second a bumper here in October. Has failed to threaten in novice events since switched to hurdles but mark for this handicap bow looks fair and he's one to note in the betting.	97
6	<b>RORY THE CAT (IRE) (30)</b> b+t 61165-60 5 11-9   73.9kg  Lucinda Russell <i>Derek Fox</i> Dual winner of juvenile hurdles at Musselburgh last winter and added to his tally on the Flat there in August. Well held both starts so far this season but he's slipped to an attractive mark as a consequence and yard in good form, so there are reasons to be optimistic.	92
7	<b>GALAHAD THREEWOOD (18)</b> h 1f0/767-34 8 11-8   73.5kg  Ewan Whillans <i>Craig Nichol</i> With fitness on his side from the Flat, shaped well on hurdles debut for this yard when third in an 11-runner C&D handicap in January. Subsequent fourth over 2½m back here the following month was no more than respectable, though, and he's evidently not as good as he once was.	94
8	<b>FOSTERED PHIL (IRE) (30)</b> (C) t 234/2-3 11 11-8   73.5kg  James Ewart <i>Brian Hughes</i> His appearances have been sporadic and his mileage is very low for a horse of his age. However, yet to run a bad race and proved that ability remains intact following 21 months off when third of 15 at Musselburgh (15.6f, good to soft). Live each-way chance off the same mark here.	97
9	<b>OLD BUT GOLD (9)</b> 005 6 10-12   68.9kg  Martin Todhunter <i>Henry Brooke</i> Went close sole start between the flags last February and there were signs over this C&D recently, when finishing fifth of 10 in a maiden hurdle, that he may be starting to get the hang of things. Interesting to see what the market makes of him ahead of this handicap debut.	97

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 The Grafter, 4-1 Bathgate, 11-2 Fostered Phil, 7-1 Travis Wheatley, 10-1 Rory The Cat, 11-1 Old But Gold, 14-1 Rewired, 20-1 Galahad Threepwood, 25-1 Russian Virtue

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The vote goes to BATHGATE, who has been at the top of his game of late and appears to still be on a competitive mark judged on his latest effort at Catterick. Rory The Cat has been given a chance by the handicapper and will be a big threat if able to get back on track. The lightly-raced veteran Fostered Phil commands respect on the back of an encouraging comeback run at Musselburgh, while handicap debutants Old But Gold and Travis Wheatley both need a second look in the betting.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BATHGATE 2. RORY THE CAT 3. FOSTERED PHIL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Polisud	8-11-7	9-2	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (3)	6
2022	Homme Public	5-11-13	7-2	Oliver Greenall	Toby Wynne (7)	11
2021	Mongol Emperor	6-11-9	6-4f	Neil Mulholland	Sam Twiston-Davies	14
2020	Orkan	6-11-2	9-2	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6












VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK HANDICAP  
CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)



Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

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Pace Information: Strong

1	<b>CAPTAIN QUINT (IRE) (30)</b> (D)	b	97
	8217-665P 9 12-2   77.1kg Paul Robson <i>Ryan Mania</i> Cheekpieces on when regaining the winning thread at Musselburgh just over a year ago when trained by Rose Dobbin. Below that level since, again let down by jumping at Musselburgh last month. Change of headgear.		
2	<b>MONOCHROMIX (FR) (56)</b>	b	99
	5P242-552 7 12-1   76.7kg Lucinda Russell  <i>Patrick Wadge</i> Better chaser than hurdler but remains a long-standing maiden, creditable second of 4 fitted with this headgear in handicap chase at Ayr (24.1f, heavy, 11/4) 56 days ago.		
3	<b>COURT AT SLIP (IRE) (417)</b> (CD)	b 	98
	61142/413- 8 12-0   76.2kg Tim Easterby <i>Mr William Easterby (31b/1kg)</i> Likeable sort who scored 3 times in 2022/23 and all the better for return when resuming winning ways over C&D last winter. Good third over a marathon trip at Catterick next time but off since (14 months). Eased 3 lb and market should reveal expectations.		
4	<b>HARJO (IRE) (38)</b>	b	97
	P2P-PPP31 8 11-11   74.8kg Charlie Longsdon <i>David Bass</i> Returned to form from out of the blue when winning 11-runner handicap chase at Doncaster (24f, good to soft) 38 days ago, all out. Not an obvious type to follow up.		
5	<b>SIMILAR STORY (IRE) (28)</b> (D)		98
	25-2129P3 7 11-7   73.0kg Stuart Coltherd <i>Sam Coltherd</i> Easy winner of an Irish point and made winning chasing debut at Kelso in October. Mixed record since, though arrives here on the back of a creditable third at Carlisle 4 weeks ago. Return to this longer trip a likely plus.		
6	<b>HEROIQUE DE MAULDE (FR) (37)</b>	t	95
	2312/0P6 8 11-3   71.2kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero <i>Henry Brooke</i> Scored at Doncaster in February 2023 for James Ewart but no promise in 3 outings for current trainer this season after a long absence.		
7	<b>SIX ONE NINE (IRE) (18)</b> (C)	s 	100
	1131-445U 10 11-0   69.9kg Chris Grant <i>Danny McMenamin</i> Enhanced his strike rate over fences here last season, winning 3 times. Yet to hit top form this term but is on a winning mark at least and this trip could be what he wants nowadays.		
8	<b>THE PADDY PIE (IRE) (31)</b> (C)		97
	4-P52U131 12 10-10   68.0kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith <i>Jack Power (71b/3kg)</i> Arrives in good form having won 2 of his last 3 starts, including under this rider at Catterick latest. 3 lb higher in better race now but still warrants respect.		

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 The Paddy Pie, 11-2 Monochromix, 11-2 Harjo, 6-1 Similar Story, 13-2 Six One Nine, 13-2 Court At Slip, 17-2 Captain Quint, 28-1 Heroique De Maulde

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SIX ONE NINE could be worth chancing off a winning mark over a trip which may suit him nowadays. Similar Story was back to form at Carlisle last time so is feared, while Court At Slip returns from an absence off a handy mark so needs keeping an eye on.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SIX ONE NINE 2. SIMILAR STORY 3. COURT AT SLIP

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

CHELTENHAM LIVE AT FLEET STREET NEWCASTLE OPEN

MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier) (5) 4, 5 and 6yo













£4,500 2m190y (3390 Metres)








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Pace Information: **Even**

1	<b>BIG WIGG</b>		t	91
	Tom Lacey 	5 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Stan Sheppard</b>	
Passing Glance gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler/chaser Roger Rarebit, stays 3m. Dam winning pointer. Wears tongue strap. One to note in the market.				
2	<b>DALY BOY (FR)</b>			97
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	5 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Henry Brooke</b>	
£60,000 purchase after finishing runner-up in an Irish point in December. Interesting runner.				
3	<b>DARTMOUTH CASTLE</b>			91
	Donald McCain	5 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Theo Gillard</b>	
Dartmouth gelding. Dam (h106) 2m hurdle winner, also 7.4f-8.6f winner on Flat. Stable enjoys plenty of bumper success. One to note in the betting.				
4	<b>GEORDIE MACKEM (46)</b>			93
	Brian Ellison	32 5 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Craig Nichol</b>	
Fair form when placed in bumpers at Wetherby and over C&D this winter. Another prominent showing is likely.				
5	<b>HE'S A DIAMOND (IRE) (30)</b>			60
	Micky Hammond	89 6 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Brian Hughes</b>	
Has failed to beat a rival in 2 starts. A recent wind op needs to have transformed him.				
6	<b>HE'S A RIPPER (FR) (30)</b>			75
	Paula Smith	9 6 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)</b>	
150/1 and hooded, last of 9 in bumper at Wetherby on debut in February.				
7	<b>LUCKIE DEVIL (IRE)</b>			93
	Nicky Richards 	5 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Danny McMenamin</b>	
€13,000 Pillar Coral gelding. Half-brother to bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler Luckie Seven. One for shortlist on debut for a yard with a strong bumper record.				
8	<b>MILAN PARK (IRE) (686)</b>			88
	Chris Grant	5/ 6 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Ross Chapman</b>	
Showed a bit when fifth on Kelso debut in April 2023 but hasn't been seen since. Has had wind surgery.				
9	<b>MR MCLOUGHLAN</b>			89
	Craig Lidster	5 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Sean Quinlan</b>	
Forever Now gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners on Flat, including useful 7f-8.6f winner Pastime. Dam 5f-6f winner. The betting should guide to expectations.				
10	<b>SPARKY TOM</b>			88
	Paul Robson	5 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Ryan Mania</b>	
Telescope gelding. Dam (h87) maiden hurdler (stayed 21f). Stable 1-16 in bumpers in the last 5 seasons.				

11	<b>TAKE HIM TOM (13)</b>			75
	Paul Midgley	P 6 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)</b>	
80/1, saddle slipped early after taking a keen hold on recent Market Rasen debut, pulling up before halfway.				
12	<b>TIPTOPTIM (IRE) (91)</b> (BF)		★	100
	Jamie Snowden 	3 5 11-5   72.1kg	<b>Gavin Sheehan</b>	
£70,000 Irish point recruit who made shaped well when third of 8 in a bumper at Plumpton (soft) in December. Open to improvement and leading claims.				
13	<b>ANNY MCPHEE (617)</b>			70
	Donald Whillans	0- 6 10-12   68.9kg	<b>Bruce Lynn</b>	
Tailed off in a Hexham bumper for Katie Scott in June 2023. Can only be watched on this first outing since.				
14	<b>L'INSURGE (FR)</b>			88
	Paul Robson	4 10-9   67.6kg	<b>Jamie Hamilton</b>	
Tunis gelding. Half-brother to fair French chaser Idylle Fleurie. One of 2 newcomers from the stable and the betting should help to separate them.				

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Tiptoptim, 4-1 Daly Boy, 7-1 Geordie Mackem, 7-1 Luckie Devil, 11-1 Big Wigg, 12-1 Dartmouth Castle, 22-1 Mr McLoughlan, 28-1 L'insurge, 33-1 Milan Park, 33-1 Sparky Tom, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TIPTOPTIM gets the nod on the back of his promising third at Plumpton in December. Geordie Mackem was second over C&D last time and should go well again, while Daly Boy and Luckie Devil are interesting newcomers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TIPTOPTIM 2. GEORDIE MACKEM 3. DALY BOY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **Lawrenny** 5-11-5 3-1f Jennie Candlish Sean Quinlan 12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race