

Friday 1st November

# WETHERBY



**12.45** BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT bet365 NOVICES' HURDLE (3) 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) KART D'ESTRIVAL | (1) BATTLE BORN LAD | (4) I PLAY COUNTY**

**1.15** bet365 NOVICES' CHASE (3) 3m45y (4870 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) WEST BALBOA | (3) FARNOGE | (1) CADELL**

**1.50** bet365 HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)

RACE 3 **(6) LUCKIE SEVEN | (3) WELSH CHARGER | (7) KAITUNA RIVER**

**2.25** WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk WENSLEYDALE JUVENILE HURDLE (Listed) (1) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) LIAM SWAGGER | (4) MODEL APPROACH | (7) INSPIRE HOPE**

**3.00** EACH WAY EXTRA AT bet365 HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) PRAIRIE WOLF | (4) GALOP DE CHASSE | (2) HELTENHAM**

**3.35** RACING VALUE AT bet365 HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m5f56y (4280 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) QUEENS VENTURE | (4) KNACKER TRAPPER | (2) BITSNBUCKLES**

**4.10** bet365 EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) GLOBAL ECLIPSE | (5) ROMANCIER | (1) ADAAY FOREVER**

## 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.

**12.45****BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT bet365 NOVICES' HURDLE (3)  
4yo+ £9,500 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 BATTLE BORN LAD (20) 90**  
32-31 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Mark Walford

*Jamie Hamilton*

Placed all 3 starts in bumpers (fair form) and perfect start over fences when making all in a Hexham novice (16.2f, soft) last month. There's a good chance that this step up in trip will help unlock improvement and a bold show is on the cards.

**2 KART D'ESTRIVAL (FR) (217) t ★ 100**  
31- 4 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dan Skelton

*Harry Skelton*

Showed plenty of promise in 2 starts over hurdles in France, building on abundant debut promise when landing a juvenile event at Fontainebleau in March. Interesting recruit for the Skelton yard (responsible for the winner of this race last year and in 2020) and he's very high on the shortlist.

**3 EXPRESS RUN (IRE) (44) (BF) 78**  
6 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Justin Landy

*Ryan Mania*

Failed to complete both starts in maiden points and safely held on Rules debut in a Kelso bumper.

**4 I PLAY COUNTY (IRE) (220) 84**  
431- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Toby Lawes

*Harry Bannister*

Winner of sole start in Irish points and off the mark at the third attempt in bumpers at Taunton (16.5f, soft) when last seen in March, making all. Appeals as the type to make his mark in this sphere and it'll be interesting to see how he shapes up in the betting.

**5 LATHAN (FR) (131) t 78**  
6 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Rebecca Menzies

*Nathan Moscrop*

Cost €90,000 as a 3-y-o and was originally in the care of Dan Skelton (unraced for that yard). However, failed to make an impact on debut in a Hexham maiden during the summer and will need to leave that form well behind if he's to have a say here.

**6 TELEMETRY (177) 77**  
2/85-0 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Philip Kirby

*Joe Williamson (31b/1kg)*

Ran to a fair level when 12 lengths second of 8 on his debut in a bumper here in April 2023 but has failed to build on that since, last seen finishing a distance tenth starting out over hurdles at Kelso during the spring.

**7 THE GEORDIE GINGE (IRE) (12) 75**  
20/23233-6 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Hannah McMahon

*Edward Austin (51b/2kg)*

Fair hurdler at best but, having been sold out of Nigel Twiston-Davies' yard for just 4,800 gns, he didn't show much on debut for this yard back from almost a year off at Sedgefield 12 days ago.

**8 ELUSIVE SHINE (IRE) (26) 70**  
9 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Sam England

*Jonathan England*

£15,000 half-brother to useful hurdler/chaser Palmers Hill. Made frame all 3 starts in Irish points, runner-up on latest start in that sphere in May 18, but he was beaten a long way on hurdles debut at Uttoxeter.

**9 BEA MY SHADOW (234) 77**  
7- 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Joel Parkinson &amp; Sue Smith

*Aaron Anderson (51b/2kg)*

Some appeal pedigree-wise but not judged on what she showed starting out in a mares' bumper at Sedgefield in March.

**10 DUNSTALL ANGEL (IRE) (178) h 77**  
5-9 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



John Mackie

*Philip Armson (31b/1kg)*

Glimmers of ability in a couple of bumpers last season but not enough to suggest that she will be a significant threat on this hurdles debut.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-10** Kart D'estruval, **5-2** Battle Born Lad, **11-2** I Play County, **28-1** Express Run, **33-1** Lathan, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

French recruit KART D'ESTRIVAL is taken to provide the Skelton yard with its third winner in this novice since 2020. The 4-y-o looked highly promising in a couple of runs in France and he is not short of potential. Battle Born Lad made a positive start to his hurdles career at Hexham and, with the promise of better to come from him now upped in trip, he is second choice ahead of bumper winner I Play County.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KART D'ESTRIVAL 2. BATTLE BORN LAD 3. I PLAY COUNTY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.15****bet365 NOVICES' CHASE (3) 4yo+ £11,000 3m45y (4870 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Uncontested**

- 1 CADELL (IRE) (36) 94**  
 21272P-3 6 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 Lucinda Russell *Derek Fox*  
 Unbeaten in points and impressed when making a winning hurdling bow at Kelso last October. Showed better form when second in 3m Musselburgh novice in February and should come on for this reappearance/chase debut third in a Perth handicap in September. Open to improvement in this sphere.
- 2 EDISON KENT (IRE) (24) s 84**  
 P-2109586 8 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 James Owen *Sam Twiston-Davies*  
 Back to his best when scoring over hurdles at Uttoxeter in June but hasn't come close to reproducing that in 5 subsequent starts, including in this sphere at Worcester at the beginning of September. Mountain to climb on these terms.
- 3 FARNOGE (191) t 6 84**  
 1/11PP3- 6 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*  
 Winner of first 3 starts under Rules, including novice hurdles at Newton Abbot and Ascot. Pulled up twice before getting back on track in a first-time tongue strap when third in a Perth listed event (3m, soft) during the spring (since undergone a wind op) and he could make up into a better chaser.
- 4 WEST BALBOA (IRE) (16) (D, BF) ★ 100**  
 11/10863-4 8 10-9 | 67.6kg  
 Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*  
 Very useful hurdler and last-fence mistake (almost unseated rider) probably cost her second place when eventually coming home fourth in a 5-runner mares' novice on reappearance/chase debut at Worcester (2½m, heavy). Likely to improve plenty on that bare form and she's clearly the one to beat.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

8-13 West Balboa, 4-1 Farnoge, 9-2 Cadell, 33-1 Edison Kent

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

WEST BALBOA was turned over when odds on for her chase debut at Worcester but she can be expected to leave that form well behind now moving back up in trip for the yard that has saddled two of the last three winners of this novice. If Farnoge's jumping passes the test he will likely emerge as the main danger, for all that Cadell first run over fences at Perth was not devoid of promise and he should have more to offer.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. WEST BALBOA 2. FARNOGE 3. CADELL

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022	<b>Gelino Bello</b> 6-11-2	1-4f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	3
2021	<b>Ashtown Lad</b> 7-11-2	6-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	4
2020	<b>Shan Blue</b> 6-11-10	10-11f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	4
2019	<b>Sam Spinner</b> 7-11-10	8-13f	Jedd O'Keeffe	Joe Colliver	5

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.50****bet365 HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-130)  
£10,000 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1** **DOCPICKEDME (IRE) (181)** (C, D) s+t **98**  
P/2771PP-6 8 11-13 | 75.7kg



Richard Hobson

**Lilly Pinchin**

Boasts an all-or-nothing profile, producing a career-best over fences here in January. Disappointing last 3 starts, however, and now returns to hurdling with something to prove.

**2** **FOSTER'SISLAND (196)** (D) **98**  
21/542543- 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Micky Hammond

**Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)**

Winless last season but ran up to his best when third of 14 in handicap hurdle at Ayr (21.4f, soft) on final outing and has gone well fresh before.

**3** **WELSH CHARGER (IRE) (230)** (D) **99**  
2121/4119- 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Alastair Ralph

**David Noonan**

Took his form up a notch last season, bagging handicaps at Market Rasen and Musselburgh. Found his run of good form coming to halt at Kempton on final start but reappears with his yard amongst the winners.

**4** **ISLE OF SARK (USA) (31)** **94**  
6252 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland

**Paddy Hanlon (7lb/3kg)**

Fairly useful Flat winner who wasted no time getting back to form when second of 11 in maiden hurdle at Sedgfield (19.8f, good to soft) 31 days ago. Goes handicapping now but opening mark could have been a bit kinder.

**5** **SINGAPORE TRIP (FR) (169)** (D) t **98**  
9083343-1 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Micky Hammond

**Brian Hughes**

Returned to the pick of his French form to open his account on British soil in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Perth (20.2f, good to soft) in May, always holding on. Nudged up 6 lb but can remain competitive if ready to roll back from a break.

**6** **LUCKIE SEVEN (IRE) (53)** (D) **100**  
212/11 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Nicky Richards

**Danny McMenamin**

Progressive bumper winner who belied a 15-month lay-off to make a successful debut over hurdles at Perth (20.2f) in July. Followed up despite still showing signs of inexperience back there (16.2f) in September and has scope for plenty more improvement now handicapping.

**7** **KAITUNA RIVER (IRE) (214)** **96**  
6/31- 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Alex Hales

**Kielan Woods**

Winning Irish pointer and progressive in 3 runs over hurdles last season, opening his account in 8-runner maiden at Plumpton (20.5f, good to soft) 7 months ago. Into handicaps now and more needed.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-8** Luckie Seven, **13-2** Singapore Trip, **7-1** Foster'sisland, **7-1** Kaituna River, **15-2** Welsh Charger, **9-1** Isle of Sark, **25-1** Docpickedme

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

LUCKIE SEVEN had appreciably more in hand than the narrow margin of victory implies when defying a penalty at Perth in September and, open to more improvement now venturing into handicaps, he makes plenty of appeal. Welsh Charger has a good strike rate and reappears with his yard amongst the winners, so is second choice ahead of the lightly-raced Kaituna River.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. LUCKIE SEVEN 2. WELSH CHARGER 3. KAITUNA RIVER**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Windtothelightning</b>	5-11-4	4-1	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	9
2022	<b>Rocky Man</b>	4-11-0	11-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8
2021	<b>Haafapiece</b>	8-11-10	15-2	Pam Sly	Mr Jack Andrews (5)	14
2020	<b>Arrivederci</b>	5-11-10	4-1jf	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonathan Burke	18
2019	<b>Mr Scrumpty</b>	5-10-12	11-2	Jedd O'Keeffe	Joe Colliver	15

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race











**2.25****WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk WENSLEYDALE JUVENILE HURDLE (Listed) (1) 3yo £40,000 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 4

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

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Pace Information: **Even**

<b>1</b>	<b>LIAM SWAGGER (34)</b>	t		<b>100</b>
	1 3 11-3   71.2kg			
	James Owen		<b>Sam Twiston-Davies</b>	
	Fairly useful maiden on Flat and half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Father of Jazz (2m winner). Created an excellent impression in a first-time tongue tie when readily seeing off Torrent on hurdling debut at Market Rasen a month ago. Worth a chance to defend the unbeaten record in this sphere.			
<b>2</b>	<b>STATIC (FR) (47)</b>			<b>99</b>
	6-213R16 3 11-3   71.2kg			
	Olly Murphy 		<b>Sean Bowen</b>	
	Fairly useful hurdler in France who has run out on both outings over fences. Interesting runner starting out for new yard.			
<b>3</b>	<b>DENZIL (25) (D)</b>			<b>81</b>
	1 3 11-0   69.9kg			
	Dan Skelton 		<b>Harry Skelton</b>	
	Dink gelding. Brother to yard's useful hurdler/high-class chaser Nube Negra and fair chaser Noche Negra. Easy winner of three-runner event at Stratford on debut and should be capable of better.			
<b>4</b>	<b>MODEL APPROACH (IRE) (12) (D)</b>	b		<b>97</b>
	311 3 11-0   69.9kg			
	Adrian Keatley		<b>Robert Dunne</b>	
	Fairly useful maiden on Flat for Jim Bolger and has made a bright start to his hurdle career, confirming the promise of his opening Market Rasen third when making all at Sedgefield and Kempton. Should give it another good go from the front.			
<b>5</b>	<b>PLAY PRETEND (IRE) (16)</b>	s		<b>91</b>
	1F3 3 11-0   69.9kg			
	Dave Roberts		<b>Lee Edwards</b>	
	Overcame inexperience to score on debut at Market Rasen in June. Crashed out at the first at Uttoxeter a month later, then third here last time. Needs to up his game in first-time cheekpieces.			
<b>6</b>	<b>TORRENT (34) (D)</b>			<b>95</b>
	1212 3 11-0   69.9kg			
	Nigel Hawke		<b>David Noonan</b>	
	Fair Flat performer who has made a good start to his hurdling career, already a two-time winner and not disgraced when second to Liam Swagger at Market Rasen a month ago. May struggle to reverse form with that rival.			
<b>7</b>	<b>INSPIRE HOPE (IRE) (63)</b>			<b>99</b>
	212 3 10-7   66.7kg			
	Rebecca Menzies		<b>Brian Hughes</b>	
	Built on promise of her hurdles debut when winning 11-runner juvenile contest at Killarney and respectable second at Down Royal a couple of months ago. Has left Joseph O'Brien and has the form to compete at the weights.			

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Liam Swagger, **7-2** Inspire Hope, **7-2** Model Approach, **15-2** Torrent, **11-1** Play Pretend, **12-1** Static, **14-1** Denzil

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

LIAM SWAGGER is a relative to one that connections have already enjoyed success with and he looked a good prospect in his own right when scoring easily at Market Rasen on his first hurdling outing, so he's marginally preferred to Model Approach, who should take a hand under a positive ride. Inspire Hope is another one to consider.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. LIAM SWAGGER 2. MODEL APPROACH 3. INSPIRE HOPE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022	<b>Medyaf</b> 3-11-0	3-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	4
2021	<b>Porticello</b> 3-11-3	6-4f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	7
2020	<b>Duffle Coat</b> 3-10-12	11-4f	Gordon Elliott	Jonathan Burke	7
2019	<b>Langer Dan</b> 3-10-12	4-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 MIDNIGHT RIVER (335) (CD)** t **98**  
13101/3F- 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Very smart performer who signed off fine 2022/23 season by landing a Grade 3 handicap upped to 25f at the Aintree Grand National meeting. Below par in the Charlie Hall and fell in a major Newbury handicap in 2 starts of a truncated campaign last term. This trip may be on the sharp side nowadays.

**2 HELTENHAM (FR) (196) (C, D)** t **98**  
1382118F- 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



Dan Skelton

**Ciaran Gethings**

Improved again last season, the highlight being his victory in the Greatwood Gold Cup at Newbury (2½m, soft) in March. Was travelling well when falling 4 out at Ayr on final start of last season and while jockey bookings suggest that Midnight River is the stable No 1, he's not discounted.

**3 PRAIRIE WOLF (IRE) (16) (D)** ★ **100**  
3314113-6 7 10-12 | 68.9kg



Joel Parkinson &amp; Sue Smith

**Nick Scholfield**

Winner of 3 of his half-a-dozen starts switched to fences last term, finishing a solid third off this mark in a strong 10-runner Ayr handicap on final start of that campaign in April. Reappearance spin over hurdles here last month will have blown away the cobwebs and he's of strong interest.

**4 GALOP DE CHASSE (FR) (358) (D)** **99**  
4221P23/1- 8 10-7 | 66.7kg



Venetia Williams

**Charlie Deutsch**

Produced a career-best when landing a competitive Newbury handicap (19.8f, good to soft) on what turned out to be his sole appearance of last season. 9 lb rise fair given that he pulled well clear of the rest with the runner-up and this 8-y-o evidently goes well fresh. Strong claims.

**5 GENOIS (FR) (29)** **95**  
3825-3373 8 10-2 | 64.4kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Sean Bowen**

Useful hurdler/chaser at his best for Enda Bolger in Ireland. Sole win was a in a maiden hurdle over 3 years ago but he shaped well when third on debut for this yard at Warwick (2½m, good) where he wasn't knocked about. Down another 2 lb and he's dangerous to discount.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

5-2 Galop De Chasse, 11-4 Prairie Wolf, 4-1 Midnight River, 11-2 Heltenham, 7-1 Genois

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Compelling cases can be tabled for each member of the quintet. PRAIRIE WOLF made good progress in this sphere last season and, with the promise of better to come from him this time round and a recent run over hurdles under his belt, he gets the nod. Galop de Chasse enhanced his good record when fresh by landing a Newbury handicap on his sole start of last season and he is a big threat, while Heltenham could be the pick of the Skelton-trained duo, despite jockey bookings suggesting otherwise.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. PRAIRIE WOLF 2. GALOP DE CHASSE 3. HELTENHAM

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2022 **Into Overdrive** 7-10-9 9-2 Mark Walford Jamie Hamilton 7**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race










**3.35****RACING VALUE AT bet365 HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier)  
(4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,000 2m5f56y (4280 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>QUEENS VENTURE (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (9)</b>	<b>100</b>
74411	4 12-6   78.9kg	
	Dan Skelton  <b>Harry Skelton</b>	
Westerner filly who made a mockery of her opening mark in 12-runner handicap at Market Rasen (23.1f, good) last month, quickening clear before 2 out. Defied a penalty with authority at Southwell last week and the hat-trick beckons.		
<b>2</b>	<b>BITSNBUCKLES (IRE) (34) (BF)</b>	<b>97</b>
8986177-4	6 12-0   76.2kg	
	Olly Murphy  <b>Sean Bowen</b>	
Improved when making a winning handicap debut at Huntingdon (19.6f, soft) in January. Hasn't really gone on since but is entitled to come on for his Market Rasen reappearance.		
<b>3</b>	<b>SAUCE OF LIFE (IRE) (37)</b>	<b>98</b>
8-4	9 11-13   75.7kg	
	Nicky Richards <b>Danny McMenamin</b>	
Dual bumper winner back in 2021. Has stood very little racing since, though did shape as if retaining ability after 6 months off when fourth in 9-runner handicap at Perth (20.2f) 37 days ago.		
<b>4</b>	<b>KNACKER TRAPPER (IRE) (23)</b>	<b>99</b>
88507-152	6 11-8   73.5kg	
	Andrew Crook <b>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</b>	
Landed 2m4f handicap at Southwell in May and got back on track when second of 11 in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (19.8f, soft) 23 days ago. Thereabouts with a repeat.		
<b>5</b>	<b>PERCULATOR (23) (C)</b>	<b>98</b>
4/614F4-09	7 11-7   73.0kg	s
	Mark Walford <b>Jamie Hamilton</b>	
Course winner who looked rusty dropping back in trip when ninth in 11-runner handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (19.8f, soft, 12/1) 23 days ago. Cheekpieces back on.		
<b>6</b>	<b>BALKOTIC (FR) (28)</b>	<b>98</b>
5325-3359	8 11-2   70.8kg	s+t
	Micky Hammond <b>Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)</b>	
Twelve runs since last win in 2022 and again ran poorly when ninth in 12-runner handicap hurdle (22/1) at Hexham (23.3f, good) 28 days ago. Cheekpieces back on. Others more persuasive.		
<b>7</b>	<b>TITANIUM BULLET (IRE) (147)</b>	<b>95</b>
0/40343-59	6 11-2   70.8kg	t
	Joanne Foster <b>Brian Hughes</b>	
Modest maiden who ran poorly on his last 2 starts over fences. Had breathing operation ahead of this return to hurdling and has lots to prove.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**evens** Queens Venture, **11-2** Bitsnbuckles, **6-1** Knacker Trapper, **15-2** Sauce of Life, **16-1** Perculator, **22-1** Balkotic, **28-1** Titanium Bullet

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

QUEENS VENTURE is improving too fast for the penalty system to keep a lid on her, so she's taken to complete the hat-trick. Knacker Trapper and Bitsnbuckles can battle it out for minor honours.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. QUEENS VENTURE 2. KNACKER TRAPPER 3. BITSNBUCKLES**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022	<b>Miss Milano</b> 7-11-6	5-1	Nicky Richards	Conor Rabbitt (7)	11
2021 <sup>1</sup>	<b>Unexpected Party</b> 6-11-11	11-8f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	9
2021 <sup>11</sup>	<b>Rock The House</b> 6-11-6	18-1	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory (3)	8
2020 <sup>0</sup>	<b>Devour</b> 7-11-10	12-1	Susan Corbett	Nathan Moscrop (3)	11
2020 <sup>01</sup>	<b>Apache Creek</b> 5-11-3	10-3	Jonjo O'Neill	Richie McLernon	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.10****bet365 EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 3yo  
£9,000 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 7

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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

**1 ADAAY FOREVER 98**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alan King

**Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)**

Adaay gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners on Flat, including useful 6f winner Dunkerron. Highly respected on debut.

**2 FOR YOU BUZZ (IRE) 92**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Evan Williams

**Adam Wedge**

Workforce gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to smart hurdler/high-class chaser (stayed 21f) Felix Yonger. Interesting newcomer but may need more time than some of his rivals.

**3 GLOBAL ECLIPSE 100**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Pether's Moon gelding. Brother to fairly useful French 2¼m hurdle winner Quiniland. Dam (h115) 17f-19f hurdle winner. Looks the one to beat on paper.

**4 JACK THE BOSS (IRE) 93**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Donald McCain

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Jack Hobbs gelding. Dam, ran once in bumper, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (15f-2m winner) Sea Wall. One to consider.

**5 ROMANCIER (FR) 93**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Donald McCain

**Brian Hughes**

Roman Candle gelding. Half-brother to 9f-11f winner Perdriddle. Dam 9f-1½m winner. Of obvious interest on debut and is preferred by Brian Hughes.

**6 SMART DECISION 91**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Tim Easterby

**Jamie Hamilton**

Postponed gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners, including poor chaser Fast Deal. Dam 9.5f/10.4f winner.

**7 SNOW DRAGON (IRE) 92**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Lucinda Russell

**Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)**

Decorated Knight gelding. Closely related to smart 11f-2m winner Amtiyaz and half-brother to 2 winners. Worth monitoring in the betting.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Global Eclipse, **7-2** Adaay Forever, **13-2** Romancier, **15-2** Jack The Boss, **8-1** Snow Dragon, **17-2** For You Buzz, **12-1** Smart Decision

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This is tricky to assess without the benefit of market clues but GLOBAL ECLIPSE is bred for hurdling where as the majority of his rivals have predominantly Flat-based breeding, so he's worth a chance to make a winning start for a top yard. Romancier and Adaay Forever are both worthy of consideration bearing in mind their trainers should have them well schooled.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GLOBAL ECLIPSE 2. ROMANCIER 3. ADAAY FOREVER**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022 **Obsessedwithyou** 3-10-7 10-3 Jamie Snowden Gavin Sheehan 6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race