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trustatrader.com CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3m58y (4880 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) EAST STREET | (5) ARTIC MANN | (3) KISS MY FACE**

1.10 TRUSTATRADER APPLY TODAY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m5f127y (4340 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) WHITE RHINO | (6) BENEFICIALLY YOURS | (4) PRESIDENT SCOTTIE**

1.40 WATCH ON RACING TV MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 3m58y (4880 Metres)

RACE 3 **(9) CARRIG KATE | (7) SKI LODGE | (8) STAR OF DIAMONDS**

2.15 TRUSTATRADER APPROVED AND REVIEWED TRADESPEOPLE 'INTRODUCTORY' HURDLE (2) 1m7f144y (3150 Metres)

RACE 4 **(5) ROYAL INFANTRY | (2) CREST OF FORTUNE | (1) CIRCUIT BREAKER**

2.45 trustatrader.com VETERANS' HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3m1f125y (5140 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) CLOUDY GLEN | (3) GOOD BOY BOBBY | (6) THE TWO AMIGOS**

3.18 TRUSTATRADER YOU CAN TRUST OUR TRADERS HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2¼m191y (3800 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) HAZY GLEN | (9) JET MARSHALL | (2) BLUE FIN**

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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trustatrader.com CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £10,000 3m58y (4880 Metres)

RACE 1



Going: **Heavy (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 EAST STREET (IRE) (3) (D) **100**
 PF5P6-P11 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg v **100**

James Owen **Callum Pritchard (31b/1kg)**
 Pulled up on first outing for current yard, but in change of headgear (visor applied) has left that effort behind in 2 starts since, completing a quick-fire double in handicap chase at Leicester (20.1f, soft) 3 days ago. Leading claims back hurdling.

2 POLISH (19) (D) **97**
 73P2-FP66 **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg b

James Moffatt **Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg)**
 Without a win since 2021 and hasn't offered much in 3 starts for current yard, well-beaten sixth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (23.7f, good) 19 days ago. Has dropped further in the weights but enough to prove at present.

3 KISS MY FACE (16) **95**
 6-6351424 **7** 11-13 | 75.7kg v

Alastair Ralph **Murray Dodd (81b/4kg)**
 Resumed winning ways at Worcester in July and good effort when second at Bangor (23.2f, heavy) in October. Below-par effort at Exeter 16 days ago, but his profile over hurdles for current yard has largely been a positive one. Could bounce back.

4 MY FRIEND YEATS (IRE) (41) **90**
 6255 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg b

Rebecca Menzies **Aaron Anderson**
 Point winner at the seventh attempt and bettered his hurdles debut effort when going close in a Cartmel novice (22.1f) in July. Respectable fifth of 9 sent handicapping at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) last time, but more needed up in trip.

5 ARTIC MANN (39) **94**
 334223-13 **10** 11-11 | 74.8kg s

N. W. Alexander **Dominic Hislop (10lb/5kg)**
 Very consistent last season and deservedly got back to winning ways at Perth in May. Creditable effort after 5 months off when third of 6 at Kelso (25.8f, good to soft) in October and he can make his presence felt once more.

6 ATOMIC ANGEL (203) **93**
 276322-16 **9** 11-5 | 72.1kg s

Susan Corbett **Jack Power (51b/2kg)**
 Gained reward for a good spell when staying on for success at Hexham (23.3f) in May. Shaped as if still in form when sixth of 9 at Perth (26.6f, good to soft) 11 days later, so she's capable of getting involved (ran well on last season's return).

7 IT'S MAISY (IRE) (36) **92**
 1/911221-6 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg s

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Charlie Maggs (31b/1kg)**
 Landed a trio of handicaps last season, signing off with victory at Uttoxeter in April. After 6 months off, ran well upped in grade when sixth of 10 at Bangor (23.3f, heavy) in October and she can give another good account.

8 C'EST QUELQU'UN (FR) (21) **87**
 211P6-PP9 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg s+t

Andrew Hamilton **Alan Doyle**
 Recorded back-to-back handicap chase wins for Gordon Elliott last season but form has gone the wrong way since, faring no better over hurdles when well held at Ayr (19.5f, good to soft) on stable debut 3 weeks ago. Cheekpieces back on.

9 FAINCHE (IRE) (26) **89**
 64/P3232-9 **7** 10-10 | 68.0kg t

Micky Hammond **Joshua Thompson (81b/4kg)**
 Remains winless following 25 attempts but ended last term in good heart, runner-up in handicap at Newcastle (23.7f, heavy) in April. Shaped as if needing the run after 7 months off at Hexham 26 days ago, though others still more persuasive.

10 TOPKAPI STAR (56) (D) **94**
 79615/P-91 **7** 10-7 | 66.7kg v

Ewan Whillans **Peter Kavanagh**
 Successful twice in 2022/23 and after 5 months off she bounced back to form when winning at Sedgfield (19.8f, soft) in October. Task is now to back that up.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 East Street, **9-2** Artic Mann, **8-1** Topkapi Star, **10-1** Kiss My Face, **10-1** It's Maisy, **11-1** Atomic Angel, **18-1** My Friend Yeats, **22-1** Fainche, **28-1** Polish, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

In a change of headgear for his new yard, EAST STREET has quickly proved better than ever, defying a penalty with the minimum of fuss at Leicester 3 days ago, so he is the one to beat if taking up this engagement back over hurdles. The consistent Artic Mann is next on the list, ahead of Kiss My Face.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EAST STREET 2. ARTIC MANN 3. KISS MY FACE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Theme Tune	7-12-1	10-3	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (3)	8
2021	Macho Mover	6-11-11	9-2	Olly Murphy	Lewis Stones (6)	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.10**TRUSTATRADER APPLY TODAY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ £13,500 2m5f127y (4340 Metres)**

RACE 2

GBI RACINGGoing: **Heavy (Soft in places)**

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

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 WALKING ON AIR (IRE) (34) t 85

34159/2P-P 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gary Brown

Richie McLernon

Dual-winning hurdler who posted a career best when runner-up on Newbury chase debut last December. Disappointed over hurdles in February (final start for Nicky Henderson) and low-key start for new yard when pulled up returned to chasing at Stratford in October. Tongue tie fitted.

2 WHATDEAWANT (IRE) (214) 88

38/3 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

Pretty useful novice hurdler for Willie Mullins during 2021/22 campaign, best effort when third in the Ballymore at the Cheltenham Festival. Has never stood much racing and he looked rusty on handicap/stable debut at Kelso in May. Off since.

3 WHITE RHINO (IRE) (32) ★ 100

12/12134-1 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Henry Brooke

Good strike rate over hurdles and took switch to chasing in his stride when landing 5-runner handicap at Ayr a month ago. Should be plenty more to come from him.

4 PRESIDENT SCOTTIE (IRE) (228) (C) 92

533/32114- 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Nicky Richards

Sean Quinlan

Ended last term on the up over hurdles, scoring at Ayr and Haydock before a very good fourth in 3m Ayr handicap in the spring. Has the potential to make a better chaser so he demands a second look.

5 HEROS DE ROMAY (FR) (309) 90

12/133- 7 10-12 | 68.9kg



Kim Bailey

Tom Bellamy

Well-bred bumper winner who showed a good attitude to make a successful hurdling debut in maiden at Chepstow (19.5f) a year ago. Wasn't able to repeat that effort in his 2 subsequent outings but goes well fresh and is one to note as he makes chase/handicap bow.

6 BENEFICIALLY YOURS (IRE) (235) 93

311- 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Donald McCain

Brian Hughes

£80,000 purchase after winning his only start in Irish points and justified favouritism in a maiden/novice over 20.3f at Newcastle during the spring. Good chase prospect.

7 KILTA (IRE) (23) (D) s 86

6127-1532 7 10-5(10-4) | 65.8kg (65.3kg)



Sam England

Jonathan England

Winning chase debut from out of the weights at Cartmel in May but not in the same form all 3 starts since, fitted with cheekpieces latest.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 White Rhino, **4-1** Beneficially Yours, **5-1** President Scottie, **6-1** Heros De Romay, **9-1** Whatdeawant, **20-1** Kilta, **33-1** Walking On Air

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This looks a strong race for the field size with WHITE RHINO the percentage call having made a seamless transition to fences at Ayr a month ago. Chase newcomers Beneficially Yours, President Scottie and Heros de Romay all have something to recommend them, though.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. WHITE RHINO 2. BENEFICIALLY YOURS 3. PRESIDENT SCOTTIE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022	Easy As That	7-11-10	9-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	11
2021	Keep Wondering	7-11-3	7-2f	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	12
2019	Ravenhill Road	8-11-9	5-2jf	Sue Smith	Danny Cook	8

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3m58y (4880 Metres)**

RACE 3




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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 BALKING (FR) (15) 79
4-05 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Dianne Sayer** **Conor O'Farrell**
Showed ability when fourth only start in bumpers and stepped up on hurdles debut when fifth of 11 in novice hurdle (66/1) at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) 15 days ago, not knocked about. However, handicaps promise to be more his bag moving forward.


2 GRAND GESTE (IRE) (41) 94
70-P02 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith** **Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)**
Down the field in 2 bumpers but left previous hurdling exploits in his wake when second of 14 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (20f) 6 weeks ago, headed dying strides. A repeat gives him sound claims of getting involved.


3 JO COKO (FR) 98
5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **James Ewart** **Brian Hughes**
£105,000 5-y-o, Cokoriko gelding. Dam, French 2¼m hurdle winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/winning chaser (2m-2½m winner) New Rock. Won only start in Irish points (Feb 2024) and he's one to note in the betting on Rules bow.



4 LIGETY (24) 79
5-P 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Toby Bulgin** **Jordan Nailor**
Showed some promise when fifth in a Warwick bumper on debut back in April but friendless in betting and struggling some way out when pulled up in novice hurdle at Ffos Las (20f, good to soft) 24 days ago. Passed over here with cheekpieces quickly discarded.


5 MARTIN PLAGÉ (FR) (49) 93
346-5 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **B. F. Brookhouse** **Jack Quinlan**
Didn't kick on in bumpers but bright start after 7 months off when fifth of 13 in novice hurdle at Wetherby (19.7f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 49 days ago. Now he needs to build on that effort.

6 SHADOW CHASER (IRE) (15) 91
3-357 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Stuart Coltherd**  **Sam Coltherd**
Point winner who was third in a 19f Cork bumper for John Gleeson and has shown a bit in a trio of novice hurdles in the North this autumn. However, handicaps promise to be more his thing.


7 SKI LODGE (IRE) (24) 95
21-7 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Alan King** **Tom Bellamy**
Useful form when making second start in bumpers a winning one at Chepstow in January. Went with more promise than bare result might imply after 10 months off when seventh of 15 in Ffos Las maiden hurdle 24 days ago and he's a likely improver stepping up in trip.



8 STAR OF DIAMONDS (IRE) 97
5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Emma Lavelle** **Harry Cobden**
€26,000 3-y-o, £60,000 5-y-o, Diamond Boy gelding. Dam (h90), bumper/2m hurdle winner (stayed 2½m), half-sister to fairly useful hurdler (stayed 25f) Western Run. Off mark in Irish points at fourth attempt (Mar 2024). One to note on Rules bow with Cobden booked.


9 CARRIG KATE (IRE) (21) 100
4-22 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** **Henry Brooke**
Winning pointer who was fourth in a Southwell bumper in the spring and fair form in 2 hurdle starts to date, a late blunder costing her when second of 8 in a Bangor novice (23.2f) 3 weeks ago. Worth considering.

10 INTERTWINE (FR) (38) 91
4/200-P4 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Jennie Candlish**  **Sean Quinlan**
Some promise in handful of starts for Margaret Mullins but little to shout about in 2 starts for Declan Queally. Has it to prove now starting out for new yard.

11 SUBTLE FORTUNE (21) 90
7/6 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Mel Rowley** **Charlie Deutsch**
Successful twice in points since a low-key effort only start in bumpers but well held sixth of 8 in novice hurdle at Bangor (23.2f, soft, 25/1) on hurdles bow 21 days ago. Needs to step up a good deal on that if she's to figure.

12 VROOMOZ EILE (IRE) 91
5 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **James Moffatt** **Charlotte Jones**
Morozov mare. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/very smart chaser (stayed 3m) Bennys King. Maiden Irish pointer, third last time (Apr 13). One to monitor in the betting for clues on Rules debut. Wears hood.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Carrig Kate, **9-2** Jo Coko, **5-1** Star of Diamonds, **7-1** Ski Lodge, **8-1** Grand Geste, **10-1** Martin Plage, **22-1** Shadow Chaser, **25-1** Intertwine, **28-1** Vroomoz Eile, **33-1** Subtle Fortune, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Market support behind one of the newcomers would look significant but CARRIG KATE would likely have opened her account but for a final-flight blunder at Bangor 3 weeks ago and shades the vote to come out on top. Ski Lodge looks a likely improver following an encouraging hurdles debut run at Ffos Las and is feared. Of the newcomers, Star of Diamonds and Jo Coko look particularly interesting.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CARRIG KATE 2. SKI LODGE 3. STAR OF DIAMONDS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Mr Vango 6-11-4	9-2	Mark Bradstock	Jack Tudor	5
2021	Readysteadybeau 5-11-4	7-1	Lucinda Russell	Stephen Mulqueen	8
2020	Buzz de Turcoing 6-11-2	5-2	Samuel Drinkwater	Jack Tudor (3)	6
2019	Bally Conor 6-11-2	6-4	Ruth Jefferson	Brian Hughes	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

**TRUSTATRADER APPROVED AND REVIEWED TRADESPEOPLE
'INTRODUCTORY' HURDLE (2) 4yo+ £30,000 1m7f144y
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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **CIRCUIT BREAKER (45)** (D) **88**
1 4 11-7 | 73.0kg t



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Useful handicapper on Flat (stays 2m) who landed a 4-runner novice at Kempton with ease on hurdling debut. Much more required here but he's a definite player.

2 **CREST OF FORTUNE (24)** (D) **94**
15-1 4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Anthony Honeyball

Harry Cobden

Related to several winners and made a successful start in Wincanton bumper in December. Good fifth at Newbury next time and returned with a comfortable success in a Ffos Las novice on hurdling debut. One to consider with more to come.

3 **LASS DE LA BLAIRIE (FR) (339)** **94**
1- 4 11-7 | 73.0kg t



Clive Boulton-Brooks

Richard Patrick

Fair hurdler. Tongue strap on for 1st time, won 13-runner juvenile hurdle at Pau (17.4f, soft, 52/1). Off 11 months. First run for yard after leaving E. Grall. Wears tongue strap. Open to progress.

4 **MONACO RULES (IRE) (58)** **99**
1 4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Micky Hammond

Brian Hughes

Fairly useful on the Flat in France and made a winning start to hurdling for Francois Nicolle at Cholet 58 days ago. Interesting recruit.

5 **ROYAL INFANTRY (IRE) (28)** (D) **100**
118-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg ★



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Point/bumper winner who opened his hurdling account in ready style at the first attempt in 9-runner novice at Chepstow 28 days ago. Has the scope for plenty of progress and looks the one to beat.

6 **PARISIAN FASHION (IRE)** **100**
5 10-9 | 67.6kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

€40,000 5-y-o. Champs Elysees mare. Sister to point bumper/bumper winner Phantom Gold. Dam, multiple bumper winner, also useful 2m/17f hurdle winner. Successful on last of 4 starts in Irish points (May 12).

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Royal Infantry, **7-2** Crest of Fortune, **4-1** Circuit Breaker, **9-2** Monaco Rules, **9-1** Lass De La Blairie, **28-1** Parisian Fashion

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ROYAL INFANTRY is already building up an excellent strike rate and, following a bloodless success at Chepstow on hurdling debut, he's the most appealing in a race where all six can be given some sort of chance. Crest of Fortune looks the main danger ahead of Circuit Breaker.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROYAL INFANTRY 2. CREST OF FORTUNE 3. CIRCUIT BREAKER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Hullnback 5-11-2	5-4f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	8
2021	A Different Kind 4-11-5	7-4	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	3
2020	Adrimel 5-11-5	8-11f	Tom Lacey	Richard Johnson	5
2019	Marie's Rock 4-10-7	4-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 EMPIRE STEEL (IRE) (201) 96**

018/3219-4 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Sandy Thomson

Ryan Mania

Excuses in Topham at Aintree last season but had returned to winning ways at Kelso (21.6f) previously and was a respectable fourth back at Aintree when last seen in May. Can go well fresh so needs considering.

2 CLOUDY GLEN (IRE) (265) (C, D) 100

3PU/253P- 11 11-9 | 73.9kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Hard to predict but talented on his day and returns on a good mark with his stable firing, so worth taking a chance on.

3 GOOD BOY BOBBY (IRE) (24) 96

117350-33 11 11-3 | 71.2kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Tom Bellamy

Back-to-back winner in 3m veterans' handicap chases this time last year and wasn't discredited when third of 4 at Sandown last time. Looks a big player.

4 OMAR MARETTI (IRE) (224) (D) 95

F/6641335- 10 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alex Hales

Kielan Woods

Landed a gamble when capitalising on further drop in the weights at Catterick (25.2f) in February. Run of form ended when last seen 7 months ago and may come on for this return.

5 SMARTY WILD (690) 99

232/ 10 10-12 | 68.9kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Ben Jones

Useful handicap chaser, placed all 3 starts in 2022/23. Absent since but has been given chance by the handicapper and yard going well at present.

6 THE TWO AMIGOS (627) (D) 97

7317/ 12 10-10 | 68.0kg



Nicky Martin

Sean Houlihan

Capitalised on a reduced mark when gaining his first win since 2019 in 2022 Welsh National. Did too much too soon in the Midlands National 3 months later and off the track since. Interesting what the market makes of him.

7 UP HELLY AA KING (233) 95

42/61F241- 13 10-10 | 68.0kg



N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Likeable chaser who landed 3m Ayr handicap in January and was back to winning ways at Kelso 7 months ago. Returns needing a career best but has gone well in this before.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Good Boy Bobby, **4-1** Cloudy Glen, **6-1** Empire Steel, **13-2** Up Helly Aa King, **7-1** Smarty Wild, **9-1** The Two Amigos, **10-1** Omar Maretti

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CLOUDY GLEN has been given a chance by the handicapper and returns with his stable in excellent form, so he gets the nod ahead of Good Boy Bobby, who boasts a solid record in these events. The Two Amigos returns from a lengthy absence on a good mark under optimum conditions, so he also needs considering.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CLOUDY GLEN 2. GOOD BOY BOBBY 3. THE TWO AMIGOS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Saint Xavier 10-10-8	3-1f	Richard Hobson	Lilly Pinchin (3)	9
2021	Blaklion 12-10-7	3-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	11
2020	Late Romantic 10-10-8	10-1	Oliver Greenall	Sean Quinlan	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

TRUSTATRADER YOU CAN TRUST OUR TRADERS HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 2¼m191y (3800 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1 HURRICANE ALI (IRE) (38) (CD) 95
525-26338 **8** 12-1 | 76.7kg



James Moffatt
NON RUNNER.

Non Runner

2 BLUE FIN (IRE) (15) 98
3C/26P8-14 **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Donald McCain

William Maggs (5lb/2kg)

Has a good record fresh and made a winning seasonal return at Carlisle in October. Backed that up with a creditable fourth there (17.2f, good to soft, 6/1) 15 days ago and he can back that up with cheekpieces applied.

3 HAZY GLEN (FR) (271) 100
16223- **5** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Michael & David Easterby

Jamie Hamilton

Bumper winner who showed plenty of promise when placed 3 times in maiden/novice hurdles last winter. Remains with potential sent handicapping, the return to this longer trip sure to suit.

4 THEREISNODOUBT (IRE) (41) 99
44/13742-9 **11** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

Veteran shaped as if in need of the run after a 10-month absence when ninth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft, 20/1) 41 days ago. Below last winning mark but others make greater appeal.

5 GUARD DUTY (131) (BF) 94
13/413 **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Emma Lavelle

Harry Cobden

Bumper winner in late 2022 who left his hurdling debut form behind in a first-time hood when landing a 9-runner novice at Uttoxeter in July. Pulled hard at that track next time, but remains of interest sent handicapping after 5 months off.

6 HASTY BROOK (FR) (608) 92
P724/ **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

Fairly useful at his best and ran well when second over C&D in March 2023. Off the track since his next outing, so market may act as best guide to expectations after 20 months off.

7 MELLIFICENT (IRE) (201) 98
16/145-U **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Lizzie Quinlan

Sean Quinlan

Made a successful start over hurdles in 9-runner novice at Carlisle (2½m, soft) last October before finishing mid-field in listed mares' novice events on her next 2 outings, and departed through no fault of her own sent handicapping in April. Worth market check for new yard.

8 PACINI (48) 89
13279-P50 **4** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Andrew Hamilton

Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)

Went wrong way after winning a Fairyhouse maiden hurdle for Gordon Elliott last December and showed nothing when down the field at Carlisle on debut for new yard. Hard to fancy.

9 JET MARSHALL (IRE) (671) 98
661/ **7** 11-1 | 70.3kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Mr Ben Sutton (5lb/2kg)

Attracted support and showed improved form to make a winning handicap in a 17-runner contest at Wincanton (19.8f, good to soft) in February 2023. Returns with yard in good form and he's highly respected.

10 SWINGING LONDON (IRE) (56) 95
322/44FF-7 **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg



John Mackie

Brian Hughes

Has recaptured some form on the Flat of late, again running well when runner-up at Wolverhampton on Monday. Player if he can replicate that back over hurdles (on a good mark on peak efforts).

11 HAARAR (68) 95
02-117P **5** 10-12 | 68.9kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Back-to-back winner over hurdles in May but has disappointed on both starts over timber since. Well positioned when scoring on the Flat at Redcar last month (14f, soft) and could have a say if arriving in the same form here.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Hazy Glen, **9-2** Blue Fin, **11-2** Guard Duty, **8-1** Jet Marshall, **12-1** Mellificent, **12-1** Swinging London, **14-1** Haarar, **16-1** Thereisnodoubt, **20-1** Hasty Brook, **150-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HAZY GLEN appeals as the type to do better now tackling handicaps and is fancied to make a winning return with the step back up in trip promising to suit. Jet Marshall confirmed the promise of his qualifying runs when scoring on his handicap bow in February and has to be respected returning from an absence for the in-form Hobbs & White yard, with Blue Fin completing the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAZY GLEN 2. JET MARSHALL 3. BLUE FIN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Jungle Jack 6-12-0	9-2	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	4
2021	Celebre d'Allen 9-11-5	6-1	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	11
2020	The Cob 6-11-2	11-2	Ben Pauling	David Bass	9
2019	Newtown Boy 6-11-4	14-1	Keith Dalgleish	Craig Nichol	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race