

Saturday 7th December

WETHERBY



10.35 racingtv.com NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.I) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) DIAMONDS FOR LUCK | (10) JUST CALL ME LUCY | (5) RUMOURSAREFLYING**

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RACE 3 **(1) FLASH DU PISTOLET | (2) ILENY ROYALE | (9) FIADH**

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12.48 WILLIAM HILL CHRISTMAS MEETING UP NEXT HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

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RACE 6 **(8) WAL BUCK'S | (7) ALI STAR BERT | (9) BIG BEE HIVE**

1.58 WATCH RACING TV IN STUNNING HD "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 7 **(2) CABALLO DE GUERRA | (5) KRUGERRAND | (9) MYSTICAL MARTIKA**

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.

10.35**racings.com NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.I) 4yo+ £6,500
2m (3220 Metres)****RACE 1**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 DIAMONDS FOR LUCK (IRE) (27) **100**
7-22 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Olly Murphy** **K. Brogan**

Six-figure buy out of the pointing field (fell when having every chance both occasions) and made a much better fist of it sent hurdling on return when second at Uttoxeter in October. Stuck to task well when occupying same spot at Ffos Las a month ago and there should be more to come.

2 HIGH DANCER (42) **88**
3 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

**James Ewart****Ryan Mania**

£7,500 3-y-o, £95,000 4-y-o, Norse Dancer gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to bumper winner/useful hurdler (stayed 21f) Midnight Tour. Off the mark in Irish points at third attempt in May and sound start to hurdles career when third of 10 at Kelso in October.

3 MOONLIGHT MONARCH (692) **80**
2/ 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Michael & David Easterby****Mr Paddy Barlow (71b/3kg)**

Sea The Moon gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners, including 15f hurdle winner in Italy Lights of Home. Dam 9.5f/11¼m winner. Bred more for the Flat but a good sort physically and second of 5 on debut at Kelso January 2023. That race didn't work out and he's been off since.

4 REEL ROSIE (IRE) (23) **89**
41 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Jennie Candlish** **Sean Quinlan**

Fairly useful handicapper on the Flat (stays 1½m) and made second hurdles start a winning one at Sedgfield 3 weeks ago, suited by emphasis on speed up in trip. Form is ordinary but she may be capable of better.

5 RUMOURSAREFLYING (19) **98**
844224-25 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Pam Sly****Alice Stevens (31b/1kg)**

Fair maiden hurdler who made the frame on 4 occasions last season and another solid effort when runner-up on return at Market Rasen (16.6f, good). Failed to settle fully switched to a handicap when fifth at Leicester but he's a player at this level.

6 SAM'S FALCON (18) **85**
956 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Dianne Sayer****Peter Kavanagh (31b/1kg)**

More like it on third start when mid-field at Carlisle 18 days ago. Could be one for handicaps after this.

7 TOO COOL FORSHRULE (IRE) **66**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero****Craig Nichol**

£22,000 5-y-o, Watar gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser (stayed 25f) Haul Us In. Runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points and represents a good stable.

8 VAMPIRE SLAYER (IRE) (51) **66** h
8-6 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Daragh Bourke****Danny McMenamin**

Fair maiden on the Flat but unable to land a blow both hurdles starts and is probably one for later on. Hood fitted.

9 CHALK THAT DOWN (IRE) (675) **89**
25/ 6 10-7 | 66.7kg

**Donald McCain****Theo Gillard**

Half-sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser Born Survivor and fairly useful hurdler/chaser Theatre Flame. Showed plenty when second in a bumper at Newcastle on debut in December 2022 but was too free and faded out of it at Ayr 2 months later. Off since but she's in good hands.

10 JUST CALL ME LUCY (29) (BF) **89**
4178-3 6 10-7 | 66.7kg

**Mark Walford****Jamie Hamilton**

Related to a point winner and bolted up on second bumper start at Carlisle (17f, soft) in December. Fared as well as could be expected when mid-field in Grade 2 company at Aintree but sent off odds-on, she failed to deliver on last month's hurdles bow, not fluent. Must be capable of better.

11 STELLARMASTERPIECE (FR) (32) **h**
F 4 10-7 | 66.7kg

**Micky Hammond****Conor O'Farrell**

Modest on Flat (stays 1½m), successful in handicap at Catterick in May on second UK start. In rear when falling on hurdles debut last month.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Diamonds For Luck, **5-1** Just Call Me Lucy, **13-2** Rumoursareflying, **9-1** Reel Rosie, **11-1** High Dancer, **14-1** Chalk That Down, **14-1** Too Cool Forshrule, **22-1** Moonlight Monarch, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DIAMONDS FOR LUCK sets the standard on a brace of runner-up efforts this autumn so he looks the percentage call. Just Call Me Lucy will have hopefully derived plenty from his Hexham run and is a huge threat on her bumper form, with Rumoursareflying likely to be involved.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DIAMONDS FOR LUCK 2. JUST CALL ME LUCY 3. RUMOURSAREFLYING

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

11.07**racings.com NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.II) 4yo+ £6,500
2m (3220 Metres)****RACE 2****GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 BARRABOOKA (IRE) (26)  **100**
3 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Encouraging third of 9 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft, 9/2) on NH debut 26 days ago, running on. Enters calculations.

2 BELLS OF UFFORD (IRE) (36) **93**
75 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Tim Vaughan

Alan Johns

Much better effort in bumpers when fifth of 10 at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) 36 days ago. Makes hurdles debut. Tongue strap on for 1st time. Respected.

3 BIG ZOUK (IRE) **98**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



James Ewart

Ryan Mania

€55,000 3-y-o, £160,000 5-y-o, Milan gelding. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler/smart but unreliable chaser (stayed 27f) Viconte du Noyer. Successful sole outing in Irish points in February so he's considered.

4 BRODERICK (IRE) (18) **98**
4-739 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

Jennie Candlish **Sean Quinlan**

Has shaped well on both runs in this sphere, latterly a running-on ninth of 12 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft) 18 days ago. Open to a fair bit of progress. Likely player.

5 FARMER JIMMY (56) **93**
3-6 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

Twice-raced maiden. Sixth of 9 in bumper (11/2) at Hexham (16.2f, soft) 56 days ago. Makes hurdles debut. No forlorn hope.

6 GLEN ROAD (IRE) (186) **75**
98-P60 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Tom Midgley (31b/1kg)

150/1, tenth of 11 in novice hurdle at Southwell (20.4f, soft). Off 6 months. Back down in trip with more needed.

7 JAMESIECONN (IRE) **92**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

€44,000 3-y-o, £13,000 5-y-o, Shirocco gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to useful staying chaser (Midlands Grand National winner) Time To Get Up. A winning Irish pointer so he needs considering starting out over hurdles.

8 KING CASEY (IRE) (240) **92**
73- 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joanne Foster

Emma Smith-Chaston (31b/1kg)

12/1, encouraging debut third of 9 in novice hurdle at Limerick (21f, heavy) 8 months ago for Eoin Doyle. Not ruled out for his new handler.

9 ROCKET RUFUS (IRE) (34) **91**
97 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Craig Nichol

Has been brought along steadily, seventh of 8 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (20f, good to soft, 125/1) 34 days ago. Can do better in due course.

10 SANDSCAPE (27) **95**
4-75 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Henry Daly

David Bass

Posted his best effort when fifth of 8 in novice hurdle at Sandown (16f, good, 80/1) 27 days ago. Can do better still. Not dismissed.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Barrabooka, **9-2** Broderick, **9-2** Big Zouk, **15-2** Sandscape, **12-1** Bells of Ufford, **12-1** Farmer Jimmy, **16-1** King Casey, **16-1** Jamesieconn, **28-1** Rocket Rufus, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Jennie Candlish's BRODERICK really caught the eye when a considerably-handled ninth in a Carlisle novice last month and is fancied to take a sizeable step forward here and get off the mark. Barrabooka has the form to play a part on the back of his debut Carlisle third, with hurdling newcomers Big Zouk and Bells of Ufford not discounted either, especially if the market vibes are positive.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. BRODERICK 2. BARRABOOKA 3. BIG ZOUK****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

11.37

RACE 3

WETHERBY RACECOURSE - YOUR IDEAL CONFERENCE VENUE
NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)
£7,000 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 FLASH DU PISTOLET (IRE) (42) (BF) 100
 244-4 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Stuart Coltherd **Sam Coltherd**
 Ex-pointer who made a promising return from 10 months off when fourth of 11 in handicap at Kelso (17.1f) on his debut over fences 42 days ago. That form has been well advertised since so big shout off the same mark.

2 ILENY ROYALE (FR) (17) (D) h+t 95
 736/7P-61 6 11-13 | 75.7kg

Tim Vaughan **Alan Johns**
 Placed twice from 4 starts over hurdles for Gabriel Leenders in France. Advanced his form when getting off the mark in 10-runner handicap chase at Ffos Las (19.4f, heavy) 17 days ago. Can do better still. Well in the mix.

3 IVEGOTDAPOWER (IRE) (36) 79
 91-8 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**
 Winning Irish pointer who took a match hurdling race at Carlisle last December. Beat only one in 2m Uttoxeter handicap last month so lots more required now chasing.

4 SOCKS OFF (IRE) (23) (D) v 92
 31346/5-62 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

Michael & David Easterby **Jamie Hamilton**
 A fair winner at 20f over hurdles. Visored for 1st time, good second of 7 in handicap chase at Sedgefield (16.4f, good) 23 days ago. Enters calculations with the headgear again sported.

5 ISMAEL (FR) (52) 87
 48413P-6F 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Kevin Frost **Lee Edwards**
 Modest winner at 20f over hurdles. 20/1, close up when fell 4 out in handicap chase at this course (21.3f, good to soft) on his debut over fences 52 days ago. Possibilities.

6 THATSY (FR) (526) s+t 87
 P786/648- 10 11-2 | 70.8kg

Lizzie Quinlan **Sean Quinlan**
 Twenty three runs since last win in 2019 and had a wind op before coming in only eighth of 9 in handicap chase at Cartmel (21.2f, good to soft). Off 17 months with his fitness to prove.

7 THE JAD FACTOR (IRE) (600) t 90
 0F3P2/ 8 11-0 | 69.9kg

Sandy Thomson **Ryan Mania**
 Fair 20f hurdles winner who came in a close second in first-time headgear in 2m5f handicap chase at Kelso when last seen in April, 2023. New yard and remains with potential in this sphere.

8 EMOTIONAL ROLLER (IRE) (26) 92
 P63F-P992 6 10-10 | 68.0kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Peter Kavanagh (31b/1kg)**
 Still a maiden but he posted a very good second of 11 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) 26 days ago. Much respected now starting out in this sphere.

9 FIADH (IRE) (26) (C) s 91
 6/PP9-0264 8 10-5 | 65.8kg

Chris Grant **Danny McMenamin**
 Modest 3m hurdles winner who wasn't disgraced when fourth of 8 in handicap chase at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) on debut over fences 26 days ago. Can build on it.

10 GREAT RAFFLES (FR) (288) (C) 88
 2344/4534- 8 10-2 | 64.4kg

Micky Hammond **Emma Smith-Chaston (31b/1kg)**
 Recorded back-to-back wins over hurdles (including at this course) to end 2021/22 but disappointing so far over fences. Back from 9 months off.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Flash Du Pistolet, **9-2** Ileny Royale, **13-2** Socks Off, **15-2** Emotional Roller, **17-2** Fiadh, **10-1** The Jad Factor, **25-1** Great Raffles, **28-1** Thatsy, **28-1** Ismael, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FLASH DU PISTOLET shaped well after an absence when fourth on his chasing debut at Kelso and can build on it to open his account. Recent Ffos Las scorer Ileny Royale rates the obvious danger, with Fiadh and Socks Off appealing as the pick of the rest for minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FLASH DU PISTOLET 2. ILENY ROYALE 3. FIADH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Trac 5-10-4	4-1	Micky Hammond	Conor O'Farrell	8
2021	Ladronne 7-11-12	5-1	Tjade Collier	Sean Quinlan	10
2020	Light Flicker 8-10-8	9-2	Ryan Potter	David England	11
2019	Warendorf 6-11-1	5-2f	Stuart Coltherd	Ryan Day	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.14**JOIN RACING TV FOR CHRISTMAS HANDICAP CHASE (3)
4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £15,000 3m45y (4870 Metres)****RACE 4**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 CHEDDLETON (24) s **97**
2/44P1P-P7 9 12-1 | 76.7kg



Jennie Candlish

Sean Quinlan

Back to form in cheekpieces when winning a 4-runner handicap chase at Newcastle at the end of February but pulled up in 2 subsequent outings during the spring. Fared little better back from 6 months off at Bangor so plenty to prove back over the larger obstacles.

2 ARE U WISE TO THAT (IRE) (43) (BF) **100**
33/14140-0 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

K. Brogan

Made winning return/chase debut at Warwick last season and added to that at Cheltenham in December. Well backed on reappearance at latter venue in October but his effort proved short lived. Eased 2 lb and should run closer to form this time.

3 SANTONITO (FR) (24) **98**
55/035-336 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Tom Ellis

Mr Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)

Fairly useful hurdler for Gordon Elliott and made an encouraging start chasing for his new yard with third-place finishes at Uttoxeter and Southwell in early summer. Sound return to action in a deeper handicap than this at Bangor 3 weeks ago so he needs considering.

4 DUKE OF DECEPTION (IRE) (14) (C, D) t **98**
142212-5P 7 10-13 | 69.4kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Craig Nichol

Likeable type who confirmed previous promise when merely pushed out to win 6-runner handicap chase at Haydock (25.6f, soft) in March. Probably should have followed up at Perth on final outing last term and easy to excuse latest chase run (slipped badly and all but came down). Cheekpieces off.

5 GERVILLE (FR) (35) (C) b **99**
4/4P5312-6 8 10-12 | 68.9kg



Micky Hammond

Conor O'Farrell

Course winner who ended a lengthy losing run at Carlisle in March. Ignored in the betting and almost certainly needed his return to action over C&D a month ago. Blinkers back on and better expected.

6 ROCKINASTORM (IRE) (30) (D) **98**
1351P2-31 7 10-8 | 67.1kg



Henry Daly

David Bass

Winless over hurdles but quickly set the record straight over fences last term, gaining a third victory at Ludlow (23.8f) in February. Added to tally in 4-runner race at latter venue a month ago and 2 lb rise is very fair.

7 LADY IN THE PARK (IRE) (18) (C, BF) **97**
331225-4U 6 10-5 | 65.8kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

Irish point winner who bettered hurdles form at the first attempt when close fourth on chase bow over 21.3f here on return, doing all her best work late in the day returned to a trip well shy of her optimum. Jumping failed the test at Carlisle but she could be worth another chance.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Rockinastorm, **4-1** Are U Wise To That, **5-1** Lady In The Park, **11-2** Duke of Deception, **11-2** Santonito, **10-1** Gerville, **16-1** Cheddleton

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LADY IN THE PARK failed to complete on second chase start at Carlisle but she looks worth another chance as there's mileage from this sort of mark over a staying trip. Are U Wise To That should step up on his reappearance and that makes him dangerous, with Rockinastorm fit and in form.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LADY IN THE PARK 2. ARE U WISE TO THAT 3. ROCKINASTORM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Burrows Diamond 7-11-7	7-2	Sue Smith	Sean Quinlan	7
2021	Saint Palais 4-10-10	4-5f	Richard Bandey	Sean Quinlan	9
2020	Nearly Perfect 6-10-13	9-4f	Neil King	Sean Quinlan	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.48**WILLIAM HILL CHRISTMAS MEETING UP NEXT HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 5

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

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Pace Information: **Even****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 CLASSIC MAESTRO (IRE) (17) (D) 96
2221121-5 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Jennie Candlish **Sean Quinlan**
Progressive hurdler in the mud last season, making the most of a good opportunity to complete a hat-trick in this sphere at Exeter (16.7f, heavy) in March. Shaped as if needing the run after 8 months off when fifth at Warwick (19f) 17 days ago and he could yet resume progress with that behind him.

2 SCHMILSSON (30) (CD) 95
372123-13 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Olly Murphy **K. Brogan**
Fairly useful performer on Flat and, in line with yard's good form, he doubled his hurdles tally after 7 months off in a C&D handicap in October. Found things tougher when third at Newbury (16.3f) 30 days ago but he's a definite contender here.

3 LEADING LION (IRE) (52) t 88
0077-179 4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Tracey Leeson **Charlie Maggs (71b/3kg)**
Much improved when making a winning handicap debut over hurdles at Bellewstown (20.5f) in August. However, well-beaten next 2 starts and starts out for new yard having left Gordon Elliott for only £3,000 in October.

4 RORY THE CAT (IRE) (246) (D) b+t 94
61165- 4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Lucinda Russell **Derek Fox**
Dual winner of juvenile hurdles at Musselburgh last winter and added to his tally on the Flat at that venue in August. Fit from efforts in that sphere in recent months but others look better treated returning to handicaps in this code.

5 YORKSHIRE LADY (308) (CD) ★ 100
1- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Michael & David Easterby **Jamie Hamilton**
Fairly useful on Flat (stays 10.5f) and she created a good impression when winning a C&D mares' novice on hurdles bow back in February. Ended her campaign on Flat in good form, runner-up at York (10.2f) in October and appeals as being on a workable mark now handicapping in this sphere.

6 ROYAL KING (FR) (24) 85
7P24-5F4 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Tom Ellis **Mr Jack Andrews (31b/1kg)**
Capable of fair form over fences in France but having been well backed, he could only run to a modest level on stable debut when fourth of 10 in novice hurdle at Bangor (16.7f, soft) 24 days ago. May be sharper here given that was his first start for 5 months. Makes handicap hurdles debut.

7 BELVEDERE BLAST (IRE) (11) (D) 94
31P64P77 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Adrian Keatley **Danny McMenamin**
Scored at Hexham in June but he's been operating below his best since and this marked step back in trip needs to have a huge effect if he's to feature.

8 RIOJA ALTA (IRE) (275) 95
33- 4 10-4 | 65.3kg



Micky Hammond **Conor O'Farrell**
Fair maiden on Flat for Gavin Cromwell and showed aptitude for hurdling for this yard when placed in novice company earlier this year. Operating below best on the level during the summer but progress could well be on the cards now handicapping in this sphere.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Yorkshire Lady, **10-3** Schmilsson, **13-2** Classic Maestro, **9-1** Rioja Alta, **10-1** Royal King, **12-1** Rory The Cat, **28-1** Belvedere Blast, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

YORKSHIRE LADY created a good impression when making a winning hurdles debut in a C&D mares' novice earlier this year and, coming here on the back of an excellent second on the Flat at York in October, she can prove her opening mark a lenient one now handicapping in this sphere. Schmilsson and Classic Maestro can give Mick and David Easterby's mare most to think about.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. YORKSHIRE LADY 2. SCHMILSSON 3. CLASSIC MAESTRO

1.23

RACE 6

**BOOK WILLIAM HILL CHRISTMAS MEETING ONLINE
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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 GOLD EMERY (FR) (225) s **98**
 522/52P23- **8** 12-2 | 77.1kg
 Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**
 Point/hurdles winner who has shown fair form over fences and was in good order when last seen. Should put up a solid showing if tuned up.

2 GOOD WORK (FR) (22) s+t **96**
 P22442-P3 **8** 12-1 | 76.7kg
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Craig Nichol**
 Unreliable individual. Still looking for first success but gave his running when third at Southwell 22 days ago. Others make more appeal from a win perspective, though.

3 LATENIGHTRUMBLE (24) t **93**
 2573 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Tom Ellis **Mr Jack Andrews (31b/1kg)**
 Half-brother to Latenightpass. Four-time point winner who ran to a fair level when second in 3/4m Cheltenham hunter chase in May. Back to form over hurdles at Bangor last time and this mark looks feasible returned to fences.

4 BREEZE OF WIND (IRE) (39) (D) t **100**
 1112144-4 **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Stuart Coltherd **Sam Coltherd**
 Point winner who proved progressive over fences last season, winning 4 times. Comeback fourth at Bangor (24.1f) in October was a solid effort and respected.

5 OLD PAINLESS (IRE) (27) t **92**
 25114/PP-67 **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg
 Tim Vaughan **Alan Johns**
 Plumpton winner first time up over fences 2 years ago but not much impact for current yard. Others make more appeal.

6 GLOBAL ASSEMBLY (162) t **90**
 2/233-P **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg
 Jessica Bedi **Aaron Anderson (51b/2kg)**
 Dual winning pointer who showed fair form in hunters for David Christie but returned to Rules with a tame effort at Cartmel 5 months ago. Bit to prove.

7 ALI STAR BERT (22) (CD) **97**
 211102-P52 **8** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Shaun Harris **Alice Stevens (31b/1kg)**
 Three-time 3m chase winner (including twice over C&D) in the mud last season and firmly back on track when runner-up at Southwell last time. Should be on the premises.

8 WAL BUCK'S (FR) (35) **98**
 54243-63 **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Lucinda Russell **Derek Fox**
 Encouraging signs over hurdles and looks to be coming to hand over fences, showing more when third at Ayr last time. Worth taking a chance on.

9 BIG BEE HIVE (IRE) (22) s+t **99**
 312-112P4 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg
 Sam England **Jonathan England**
 Never involved, back from 4 months off, at Sedgefield, but hit the ground running over fences earlier this year, winning 3 times at up to 25f, and caught the eye at Southwell 22 days ago. May still be well treated.

10 NIGHTS IN VENICE (238) **97**
 22/764143- **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg
 Donald Whillans **Conor O'Farrell**
 Fair handicap hurdler built on an encouraging chase bow when getting off the mark in a 6-runner handicap at Ayr (20.5f, heavy) in February. Back to form at Newcastle 7 months ago but may strip fitter for this.

11 AGIRLCALLEDCHLOE (IRE) (41) b **78**
 2P-P393PP **7** 10-2(9-7) | 64.4kg (60.3kg)
 Joanne Foster **Emma Smith-Chaston (31b/1kg)**
 Unreliable type who has been out of sorts in Ireland and doesn't make much appeal starting out for new yard.



11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Wal Buck's, **9-2** Ali Star Bert, **6-1** Gold Emery, **9-1** Good Work, **11-1** Breeze of Wind, **11-1** Latenightrumble, **12-1** Big Bee Hive, **16-1** Nights In Venice, **28-1** Old Painless, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WAL BUCK'S hasn't come up to expectations as yet but there was more encouragement on his second chase outing at Ayr last time and, with another step forward, he may be able to take this. Ali Star Bert is a threat and Big Bee Hive may yet have a bigger performance in him.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WAL BUCK'S 2. ALI STAR BERT 3. BIG BEE HIVE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Aire Valley Lad 8-10-2	7-2	Sue Smith	Ross Chapman	7
2021	Sidi Ismael 7-11-11	13-2	David Pipe	Charlie Hammond	10
2020	Rock On Barney 9-10-1	15-2	Paul John Gilligan	Jack G. Gilligan (7)	12
2019	Dino Boy 6-11-2	7-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jamie Bargary	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.58**WATCH RACING TV IN STUNNING HD "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 3yo £4,500 2m (3220 Metres)****RACE 7****GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (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 BLUE SKY AT NIGHT 86
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Shaun Harris *Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)*
Sun Central gelding. Dam, ran twice over hurdles, 6f/7f winner on Flat, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 2½m) Gone Too Far.

2 CABALLO DE GUERRA (IRE) 90
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lucinda Russell *Derek Fox*
Soldier of Fortune gelding. Brother to fair hurdler Hombre de Guerra, and half-brother to a point winner and modest hurdler Beat The Retreat, stays 2½m. Interesting newcomer.

3 CAP RICOCHET 86
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Paul Collins *Mr John Dawson (3lb/1kg)*
Capri gelding. Dam no form in bumpers.

4 EAGLES REPRIEVE (IRE) 90
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lucinda Russell *Jack Power (7lb/3kg)*
Wings of Eagles gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including fairly useful 19f hurdle winner/useful staying chaser Secret Reprive and fair hurdler/chaser The Composeur. Considered.

5 KRUGERRAND (IRE) (22) 100
52 3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nigel Tinkler *Jamie Hamilton*
Much better effort when second of 5 in bumper at Newcastle (16.9f, good) 22 days ago, clear of rest. May do better still. Likely player.

6 MIDSUMMER DREAM (FR) (30) 92
6 3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Toby Bulgin *Sean Quinlan*
8/1, sixth of 7 in bumper at Ludlow (15.8f, good to soft) on NH debut 30 days ago. Can build on it.

7 OBERON HILL (IRE) 89
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Jedd O'Keeffe *Conor O'Farrell*
17,000 gns 3-y-o, Ribchester gelding. Brother to modest hurdler I'm Too Tired and half-brother to a winner on Flat. Dam maiden on Flat (stayed 1¼m). Highly respected on debut.

8 DILLY'S GUNNER 90
3 10-9 | 67.6kg



Michael & David Easterby *Billy Garritty*
Dartmouth filly. Half-sister to useful hurdler Sam's Gunner. Dam placed in bumpers. Worth a market check on her debut.

9 MYSTICAL MARTIKA (IRE) 90
3 10-9 | 67.6kg



Lucinda Russell *Craig Nichol*
Success Days filly. Half-sister to bumper winner Centreofattention. Dam, 17f hurdle winner in France, half-sister to useful French hurdler/chaser (stayed 2¾m) Danaw. Needs considering.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Krugerrand, **11-2** Midsummer Dream, **15-2** Caballo De Guerra, **15-2** Mystical Martika, **9-1** Dilly's Gunner, **9-1** Eagles Reprive, **10-1** Oberon Hill, **28-1** Cap Ricochet, **28-1** Blue Sky At Night

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The market should prove revealing but Lucinda Russell looks to hold a strong hand and CABALLO DE GUERRA is taken to go in at the first time of asking. Krugerrand could emerge as the main danger on the back of his recent Newcastle second, with Russell's other debutants Mystical Martika and Eagles Reprive also worthy of consideration.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. CABALLO DE GUERRA 2. KRUGERRAND 3. MYSTICAL MARTIKA****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race