

Wednesday 11th December

HEXHAM



12.20 KIRKSTYLE INN & SPORTSMANS REST HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 1 **(6) HERITIER | (11) FOREST BLAZE | (7) WISE MOVE**

12.50 SEASONS GREETINGS FROM HEXHAM BOOKMAKERS MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m48y (3260 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) HAY MEADOW | (1) FROMHERETOETERNITY | (6) UOKHUN**

1.20 VISIT mybettingsites.com IRELAND MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) NOT A LIGHT | (3) HELSGETAWAY | (5) ORKNEY BLUE**

1.50 VISIT mybettingsites.com IRELAND MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 4 **(5) JOECOOKER | (8) VISUAL IMPACT | (2) CAUGHTINYOURTRANCE**

2.20 mybettingsites.com UK BOOKMAKERS RANKED & REVIEWED HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2m7f63y (4680 Metres)

RACE 5 **(14) ROBERT D'ORES | (7) TIME WAS | (13) DEQUALL**

2.50 "EVENT OF SIVOLA" URSA MAJOR LEGEND HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m15y (4040 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) HIGH MOON | (10) RATTLING ROAD | (11) HALPHA SOLEIL**

3.20 TANT PIS HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 1m7f133y (3140 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) FEARLESS ACTION | (3) TOMMY COMBATS | (2) RAFFLES WONDER**

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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KIRKSTYLE INN & SPORTSMANS REST HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-110) £11,150 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 1




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


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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 **PIAFF BUBBLES (IRE) (626)** (BF) **h** **97**
5625123/ **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Rebecca Menzies** **Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)**
Improved model switched to handicaps over staying trips in early 2023, including a good second over 23f here. Has a long absence to overcome but it'll still be interesting to see what the betting makes of him.


2 **KINDER KID (IRE) (258)** **91**
654511- **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Tina Jackson** **Ross Chapman**
Improved for a step up to 3m in the spring, winning a pair of Wetherby handicaps in March. Could go on to even better things this season but this trip might be a little on the short side for him.

3 **ROCK STEADY EDDIE (60)** **98**
36326-8 **6** 11-13 | 75.7kg

 **Susan Corbett** **Nathan Moscrop**
Placed in a couple of points and fair form when second in a course maiden hurdle in March. His 2 handicap performances since have been underwhelming but he might have needed the outing on his chase reappearance here in October.

4 **GUERNESEY (FR) (46)** **s** **96**
544553-86 **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Jackie Stephen** **Danny McMenamin**
Failed to back up encouraging Perth effort when midfield over C&D in May and last of 6 at Kelso 6 months later. Others are more obvious.


5 **GOOD BYE (GER) (74)** **b** **86**
22341/8P7 **9** 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Sara Ender** **Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)**
Proved a model of consistency during 2022/23 campaign for this yard but he hasn't shown much spark in 3 starts since returning from a 17-month absence in June.

6 **HERITIER (FR) (10)** **t** **99**
23228-461 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg

 **Lizzie Quinlan** **Sean Quinlan**
Back to winning ways in 19f Carlisle handicap 10 days ago. That was a conditional jockeys' event so he's able to race off the same mark here. Obvious chance.

7 **WISE MOVE (IRE) (22)** **t** **96**
2F95 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **George Bewley** **Jonathon Bewley**
Prolific winner in points and ran to a fair level first time up over hurdles when second in a C&D maiden in May. Best run since when 5 lengths fifth on 3m Carlisle handicap debut last month. Tongue tied first time. Less exposed than most of these.

8 **SERIOUS EGO (GER) (55)** (C) **94**
683381-70 **11** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Nicky Richards** **Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)**
Veteran who landed back-to-back 2m wins here last November and added to his tally at Perth (2m, soft) during the spring. Probably needed the outing after 5 months off when last of 11 at Carlisle in October and can fare better back a venue which evidently suits.


9 **PURE SIRLOIN (IRE) (76)** (D) **94**
13P/OP-046 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Sandy Forster** **Henry Brooke**
Made a winning handicap debut for Gavin Cromwell at Navan in January 2023 but hasn't gone on from that, including in 3 outings for this yard.


10 **BONNE VITESSE (IRE) (300)** **97**
3064/466- **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg

 **Micky Hammond** **Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)**
Fair dual-purpose performer who won on the Flat at Carlisle in May. Might have needed it back from 5 months off at Catterick (Flat) 6 weeks ago and she has been given a chance by the handicapper in this sphere.

11 **FOREST BLAZE (33)** **100**
40-593 **5** 10-13 | 69.4kg

 **Mark Walford** **Jamie Hamilton**
Looked unsuited by the drop back to 2m when third of 9 on his course handicap debut last month, staying on after getting outpaced. Potential improver back at 2½m. On the shortlist.

12 **LEWA HOUSE (44)** (CD) **s** **93**
2/352933-6 **8** 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

 **Catch Bissett** **Bruce Lynn**
Not the most consistent and on a losing sequence (only win came here) but he probably needed his latest Ayr outing after 6 months off.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Heritier, **11-2** Forest Blaze, **6-1** Kinder Kid, **10-1** Wise Move, **14-1** Serious Ego, **16-1** Piaff Bubbles, **16-1** Lewa House, **25-1** Rock Steady Eddie, **25-1** Guernesey, **28-1** Pure Sirloin, **33-1** Bonne Vitesse, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HERITIER escapes a penalty for Carlisle and a bold show looks assured if showing up here in the same form. Unexposed pair Forest Blaze, who looks sure to be suited by the return to 2½m, and Wise Move can give Lizzie Quinlan's charge most to do.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HERITIER 2. FOREST BLAZE 3. WISE MOVE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Juge Et Parti 10-11-6	4-1	James Ewart	Danny McMenamin	6
2021	Shoughall's Boy 5-10-1	9-2	Harriet Graham	Thomas Willmott (5)	14
2020	Bushypark 6-11-0	1-4f	Philip Kirby	Thomas Dowson	9
2019	Baby Ticker 10-11-6	10-3	Donald Whillans	Callum Whillans (3)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2


SEASONS GREETINGS FROM HEXHAM BOOKMAKERS MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £9,000 2m48y (3260 Metres)




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Pace Information: **Very Weak**


1 FROMHERETOETERNITY (IRE) (9) (CD, BF) s+t  100
 OP-271132 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Jennie Candlish** *Sean Quinlan*
 Has improved since joining Jennis Candlish, winning a Worcester handicap and C&D novice this autumn. Beaten at odds on the last twice but she's run close to form. A double penalty shouldn't prevent another bold bid.


2 BREADALBANE LASS (28) 87
 6P-5 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **R. Mike Smith** *Nathan Moscrop*
 Telescope filly who showed ability when sixth in a Newcastle bumper in December but no impact as yet over hurdles. More one for handicaps.


3 HAY MEADOW (IRE) (25) (D) 10
 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Lucinda Russell** *Derek Fox*
 Point winner who made the ideal start under Rules when landing a 5-runner bumper at Perth in September. Not up to a Cheltenham listed bumper last month but has found a winnable race on hurdle debut.


4 ROEBUCK BAY (69) 91
 543-7 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Ruth Jefferson** *Jamie Hamilton*
 Reached the frame in bumper last winter. Ran to only a modest level when sixth on 21f Warwick hurdle debut and reappearance in October. Down in trip. May do better.

5 TRYSTING THORN (27) 75
 8-536 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Ian Duncan** *Conor O'Farrell*
 Improved effort in bumpers when third at Sedgefield in October but well beaten in a maiden hurdle there since.

6 UOKHUN (IRE) (14) t 97
 4/P-4U3 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Tim Easterby** *Danny McMenamin*
 First promise over hurdles when 9 lengths third in 2m Wetherby novice last month. Has the potential for even better.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Fromheretoeternity, **3-1** Hay Meadow, **11-2** Uokhun, **7-1** Roebuck Bay, **25-1** Trysting Thorn, **28-1** Breadalbane Lass

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Lucinda Russell bumper winner HAY MEADOW is taken to make the most of the 12 lb she receives from Fromheretoeternity and make a successful start to her hurdle career.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAY MEADOW 2. FROMHERETOETERNITY 3. UOKHUN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Lunar Discovery 6-11-7	4-7f	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones (3)	5
2021	Just Jess 5-10-12	14-1	Sue Smith	Ryan Mania	7
2020	Little Mo 8-10-10	17-2	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	9
2019	Miah Grace 4-11-2	evsf	Jedd O'Keefe	Joe Colliver	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3




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Pace Information: **Even**


1 ALWAYS A REASON (IRE) 90
5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Rebecca Menzies** *Ross Chapman*
€30,000 5-y-o, first foal, dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 21f) Dare Me. Off mark in Irish points at fifth attempt in April and starts out at a very realistic level.


2 BOBBY J 86
6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Ben Haslam** *Conor O'Farrell*
Third foal, dam (h83) 2½m hurdle winner.


3 HELSGETAWAY (IRE) (33) (BF) 93
523-7F 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Lucinda Russell** *Derek Fox*
Showed ability in bumpers and promising start in this sphere/after 6 months off when seventh of 13 in novice hurdle at Wetherby (19.7f, good to soft), outpaced before staying on gradually. Held in third when falling at the last over C&D a month ago.


4 NOT A LIGHT (IRE) (735) 100
62/ 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Philip Hobbs & Johnson White** *Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)*
Ex-pointer who was third in an Irish bumper and shaped with encouragement when sixth in a novice at Chepstow on hurdling debut in October 2022. That form worked out and he came within a short-head of landing 20f novice at Leicester 2 months later. Off since but represents in-form yard.

5 ORKNEY BLUE (22) 90
2-4 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **N. W. Alexander** *Bruce Lynn*
Promising start when runner-up in a course bumper in April and sold from Toby Lawes for £35,000 the following month. Kept on for fourth on hurdles debut at Carlisle (20f) 3 weeks ago and there should be plenty more to come from him.


6 RED CADILLAC (IRE) (46) 88
34-5 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Nicky Richards** *Sean Quinlan*
Made the frame on both bumper outings last season. Also some promise on October's hurdles debut at Kelso and given how he's shaped, this step up in trip will suit.


7 RED SAM (33) 79
PP-8 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Mark Walford** *Tom Midgley (31b/1kg)*
Black Sam Bellamy gelding. Looks limited on early evidence.


8 TAN LAW (IRE) (15) 79
06 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Stuart Coltherd** *Sam Coltherd*
Malinas gelding. Pulled up sole start in points and showed nothing sent hurdling last month.

9 TORY HILL (IRE) (22) 79
05 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **George Bewley** *Jonathon Bewley*
Runner-up all 4 completed starts in Irish points and showed more than he did on hurdles debut at Carlisle kept to that venue when fifth 3 weeks ago. Needs to improve again.

10 WORTH THE WALK (IRE) 86
7 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Micky Hammond** *Brian Hughes*
€15,000 3-y-o, fourth foal, dam unraced sister to smart hurdler/top-class chaser (Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, stayed 3¼m) Bobs Worth and fairly useful 2m hurdle winner Chesterfieldavenue. Off mark in Irish points at fifth attempt (Feb 2024).

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Not A Light, **4-1** Helsgetaway, **6-1** Orkney Blue, **7-1** Always A Reason, **10-1** Red Cadillac, **20-1** Worth The Walk, **20-1** Bobby J, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NOT A LIGHT has a 2-year absence to overcome but he represents an excellent yard and has been found a very winnable race given the level he displayed when last seen. If the selection fails to fire, Helsgetaway and Orkney Blue look the most likely to take advantage.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NOT A LIGHT 2. HELSGETAWAY 3. ORKNEY BLUE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Rock Danse 6-11-4	7-2	Fergal O'Brien	D. P. Davis (7)	6
2021	Feivel 6-11-4	9-2	Dr Richard Newland	Charlie Hammond	6
2020	Lady Bowes 6-10-9	4-1	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones (7)	6
2019	Calle Malva 4-10-7	15-2	Lucinda Russell	Blair Campbell (3)	7

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**


1 ALLTALKNOACTION (IRE) (22) 79
P 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Tim Easterby** *Sean Quinlan*
Third sole start in point bumpers/runner-up sole start in points in early-2024. However, showed nothing on first start under Rules when pulled up before 3 out on hurdles bow at Carlisle (20f) 3 weeks ago.


2 CAUGHTINYOURTRANCE (IRE) (229) t 92
33- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **James Moffatt** *Charlotte Jones*
£40,000 buy after winning sole start in Irish points. Promising start when placed in pair of bumpers at Wetherby/Perth during the spring and this longer trip promises to suit now hurdling on seasonal return.


3 DARTIE BAY (52) 79
97 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Chris Grant** *Danny McMenamin*
Dartmouth gelding who hasn't offered a great deal in pair of bumpers 5 months apart, latterly when well-beaten seventh of 10 in bumper at Sedgefield (16.8f) 52 days ago. Looks best watched now hurdling.

4 DONNY'S FORTUNE (IRE) (22) t 79
8 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Micky Hammond** *Brian Hughes*
Dual point winner who, fitted with a tongue tie for Rules debut didn't offer much encouragement when eighth of 10 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) 22 days ago. Possible he'll be brought along with handicaps in mind.


5 JOECOOPER (FR) (48) 100
4163 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Rebecca Menzies** *Jamie Hamilton*
Landed a Wexford bumper on final start for Mary E Doyle in July and left his stable debut run over hurdles well behind when third of 14 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) 48 days ago, taking that place near finish. Interesting with prospect of more to come.


6 SAINT MALINAS (IRE) t 88
5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Pauline Robson** *Craig Nichol*
€10,000 3-y-o, £60,000 5-y-o, Malinas gelding. Dam unraced. Won sole start in Irish points (Feb 2024) and he's worth monitoring in the betting for clues now making hurdles debut. Wears tongue strap/undergone wind surgery.


7 WEE ALKI (IRE) (33) 75
65 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Susan Corbett** *Nathan Moscrop*
Alkaadhem gelding. Half-brother to a point winner. Little impact sole start in bumpers and well held fifth of 10 in a C&D maiden on hurdles bow 33 days ago. Low-grade handicaps promise to be more his thing later on.

8 VISUAL IMPACT (IRE) (270) 89
44- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Lucinda Russell** *Patrick Wadge*
£100,000 after finishing runner-up in a maiden point. Only fourth in an Ayr bumper in February but offered plenty to work on starting out in this sphere when fourth of 7 in novice hurdle at Newcastle (16.9f, soft) a month later. Step up in trip should suit and better to come this term.

9 WESTERDALE (179) 79
55 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Mark Walford** *Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)*
Out of a winning pointer and promise to glean from both runs starting out over hurdles here at the beginning of the campaign. Still, she's another who will be better suited to handicaps on the back of this.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Joecooker, 3-1 Caughtinyourtrance, 9-2 Visual Impact, 11-2 Saint Malinas, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Bumper winner JOECOOPER stepped up on his stable debut run when finishing a good third in a Carlisle novice 7 weeks ago and with further progress in the offing, he's selected to come out on top. Visual Impact is another who can do better this season and along with Caughtinyourtrance, who showed plenty of ability in bumpers, heads up the dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JOECOOPER 2. VISUAL IMPACT 3. CAUGHTINYOURTRANCE

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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1	BOLLIN NEIL (677) 2P512/ 8 12-0 76.2kg	s+t	93
	Tim Easterby Fair stayer on the Flat at best who relished the step up in trip when getting off the mark over hurdles at Catterick in January 2023. Posted a good second back there next time and ran creditably on his most recent Flat start in October.	Charlie Maggs (7lb/3kg)	
2	CLOVIS BOY (10) (C, D) 7/41F4P1-U 5 11-13 75.7kg	s+t	94
	Lucinda Russell Bounced back to form to win a second handicap hurdle at Newcastle in March. Unseated his rider at the first in handicap chase at Carlisle (26.2f, soft) on his recent debut over fences and quickly reverts to hurdling. Cheekpieces back on.	Derek Fox	
3	SECRET SECRET (IRE) (107) (BF) 1514-5412 8 11-11 74.8kg	h+t	98
	James Moffatt Resumed winning ways in convincing fashion at Cartmel in July. Ran to a similar level when second there (25.4f) the following month but returns from a break with his yard struggling badly at present.	Charlotte Jones	
4	ONE STEP UP (FR) (13) P67P-2P38 6 11-3 71.2kg	b	96
	Stuart Coltherd Proved to be a disappointment when last of 8 in handicap chase at Musselburgh (20.3f, good to soft) on debut over fences 13 days ago. Makes a swift return to hurdling in first-time blinkers.	Sam Coltherd	
5	THE BIG BREAC (IRE) (28) 967 7 11-1 70.3kg		94
	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Has shown just poor form to date but at least gets a crack at a low-grade handicap now.	Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)	
6	GOLD RING (274) 0608- 7 11-0 69.9kg	s	96
	Neil Mechie Made little impact in 4 runs over hurdles last season and lost his way on the Flat earlier this year. Hard to fancy.	Jamie Hamilton	
7	TIME WAS (IRE) (12) 93P8-54 7 10-13 69.4kg		99
	Philip Kirby Creditable fourth of 9 in handicap hurdle at Musselburgh (23.8f, good to soft, 22/1) 12 days ago. Not taken lightly.	Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)	
8	BEAT THE BOUM (33) 3P5-58 5 10-12 68.9kg		94
	Jackie Stephen Lightly-raced maiden who merely matched previous form when eighth of 12 in handicap hurdle at this C&D (good to soft) 33 days ago. More required.	Danny McMenamin	
9	COLONEL MANDERSON (FR) (33) (CD) P681PP-P0 8 10-11 68.5kg	b+t	91
	William Young Jnr C&D winner who is currently out of sorts, tailed off over C&D on most recent outing. Easy to look elsewhere.	Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)	
10	DON BROCCO (10) 5P2465-65 8 10-10 68.0kg	b	94
	Gary Rutherford Poor maiden handicap chaser who wasn't disgraced when fifth of 13 at Carlisle (26.2f, soft) 10 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Blinkers on for 1st time.	Bruce Lynn	

11	LUNAR GLOW (381) 445666/45- 6 10-10 68.0kg		96
	Paul Robson Poor maiden. Fifth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (19.9f, heavy) on final run 12 months ago. Has left Gillian Boanas.	Ryan Mania	
12	REAGROVE LORD (IRE) (12) 435-53345 6 10-8 67.1kg	v+t	98
	George Bewley Poor maiden who ran creditably when fifth of 9 in handicap hurdle (10/1) at Musselburgh (23.8f, good to soft) 12 days ago. Visor on 1st time. Merits consideration.	Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)	
13	DEQUALL (33) (C, BF) 968-26P23 8 10-6 66.2kg	b	97
	Stuart Coltherd Twenty five runs since last win in 2021 but again ran creditably when third of 12 in C&D handicap (good to soft) 33 days ago. Should remain competitive.	Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)	
14	ROBERT D'ORES (FR) (33) 8PU-PP862 7 10-6 66.2kg	s+t	100
	George Bewley Ran as well as he ever has after 4 months off when second of 12 in handicap hurdle at this C&D (good to soft) 33 days ago. One for the shortlist.	Jonathon Bewley	
15	ATLANTICEXPRESS (IRE) (33) 565-876 5 10-5 65.8kg	t	93
	Lizzie Quinlan Turned in her best effort in handicaps when sixth of 12 over C&D (good to soft) 33 days ago. More needed to play a leading role.	Sean Quinlan	
16	TEDDY MAC (22) (BF) 5/8P45-547 5 10-2 64.4kg		97
	Ian Duncan Went backwards from recent run when only seventh of 9 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (24.6f, good to soft) 22 days ago. Bit to prove.	Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)	

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Robert D'ores, 6-1 Secret Secret, 8-1 Dequall, 9-1 Time Was, 11-1 Bollin Neil, 12-1 Reagrove Lord, 16-1 Teddy Mac, 16-1 Clovis Boy, 22-1 Don Brocco, 25-1 Lunar Glow, 25-1 The Big Breac, 25-1 Atlanticexpress, 28-1 Beat The Boum, 33-1 One Step Up, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ROBERT D'ORES ran as well as he ever has when second over C&D last month and is the percentage call to go one better. Time Was and Dequall are a couple of potential threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROBERT D'ORES 2. TIME WAS 3. DEQUALL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	My Last Oscar 8-12-0	11-2	Nicky Martin	James Bowen	6
2021	Atomic Angel 6-10-8	5-1	Susan Corbett	Henry Brooke	14

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 RED HAPPY (FR) (32) (D) b+t **98**
 2111353-7 **7** 12-2 | 77.1kg
 George Bewley **Jonathon Bewley**
 Completed hat-trick at Carlisle a year ago but ran poorly at Kelso on return, a race he won last year. Headgear back on.

2 TOM CODY (IRE) (229) t **99**
 21142413- **8** 12-2 | 77.1kg
 Rebecca Menzies **Brian Hughes**
 Steadily progressive over fences last season, winning 3 times, and ended campaign with a good third at Perth over a marathon trip. Scored over this distance last term but usual headgear is left off.

3 HOLD UP LA COLMINE (FR) (629) (D) **99**
 433331/ **7** 12-2 | 77.1kg
 Philip Hobbs & Johnson White
 Irish point winner who was a narrow winner on handicap hurdle bow at Sedgefield in March 2023. Off since but should make a chaser and yard in good form. **Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)**

4 HIGH MOON (13) (D) s **100**
 P632P-P53 **9** 12-1 | 76.7kg
 Rebecca Menzies **Charlie Maggs (7lb/3kg)**
 Has developed a patchy record but signs of a revival last 2 starts after 5 months off, arguably shaping best but seeming stretched by the step up to 3m when third at Musselburgh 13 days ago. Cheekpieces back on. Has to be taken seriously back down in distance.

5 IMPERIAL BEDE (FR) (39) (D) **99**
 F42-44763 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**
 French bumper/hurdles winner who ran out a ready winner on chase debut at Southwell (20.4f) in February. Yet to build on that, though latest third at Wetherby after a break was at least a step back in the right direction. Possibilities.

6 CREAM OF THE WEST (IRE) (256) (C) **99**
 60/3121P- **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg
 N. W. Alexander **Danny McMenamin**
 Progressive in handicap hurdles last season, winning twice. Disappointed at Haydock final start and now goes chasing on return (runner-up completed start in Irish points).

7 BACKBYJET (IRE) (11) (CD) s **98**
 7211513P **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Brian Ellison **Craig Nichol**
 Already a 3-time winner over this C&D this season. Not in same form at Newcastle next 2 starts but no surprise if he bounced back returned to this venue.

8 CHOSEN HERO (IRE) (63) s **99**
 2/2391P3-3 **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg
 Archie Watson **Brendan Powell**
 Bumper/hurdles winner who resumed with a good close third of 11 in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (19.8f, soft) 54 days ago. One to consider now going over fences (Irish point winner).

9 KNOW THE GAME (IRE) (39) t **79**
 2/4062-066 **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg
 Micky Hammond **Joshua Thompson (7lb/3kg)**
 Fair chaser who was runner-up in a Limerick handicap in April. Well held last 3 starts, though, including starting out for this yard last month.

10 RATTLING ROAD (IRE) (44) t **100**
 5534-4 **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg
 Lucinda Russell **Derek Fox**
 Won an Irish point in April 2022. Progressed on his first 3 outings over hurdles earlier this year but disappointed final start. Not seen to best effect on chase bow at Ayr on return (given plenty to do) and is capable of better.

11 HALPHA SOLEIL (FR) (193) (C, D) **100**
 41P462-41 **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg
 Micky Hammond **Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)**
 Looked better than ever when winning over hurdles here when last seen in June. Player if taking to fences at the first attempt.

12 GRAND VOYAGE (FR) (39) (D) s **98**
 7342-826P **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
 Stuart Coltherd **Sam Coltherd**
 Long time without success but back to form when runner-up at Kelso (21.6f, good to soft) in May. Returned with a solid performance over C&D but needs to shrug off a dreadful performance at Ayr last month.

13 KAUTO D'AMOUR (FR) (424) (D) **96**
 P232/F- **9** 10-10 | 68.0kg
 Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)**
 Dual hurdles winner who was placed on all 3 completed starts over fences in 2022. Fell on sole outing of last year over C&D and he'll need to have brushed up his jumping now returning from another lengthy absence.

14 SCALLOWAY BAY (IRE) (39) t **99**
 U03445-4 **8** 10-6 | 66.2kg
 N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**
 Modest maiden over hurdles but holds his form well and made a decent start over fences when fourth at Ayr on return despite making mistakes. Entitled to improve on that.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

17-2 Rattling Road, **9-1** High Moon, **9-1** Halpha Soleil, **10-1** Imperial Bede, **10-1** Chosen Hero, **12-1** Scalloway Bay, **12-1** Tom Cody, **12-1** Cream of The West, **12-1** Hold Up La Colmine, **16-1** Grand Voyage, **16-1** Backbyjet, **16-1** Red Happy, **33-1** Kauto D'amour, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Plenty to consider with the vote going to HIGH MOON, who is threatening to come good soon and is partnered by a good-value 7-lb conditional. Rattling Road caught the eye on his chase bow at Ayr so makes the shortlist along with chase debutants Halpha Soleil and Hold Up La Colmine.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HIGH MOON 2. RATTLING ROAD 3. HALPHA SOLEIL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Breeze of Wind 6-10-12	13-8f	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	7
2021	Without Conviction 6-11-11	5-1	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	12
2020	Overworkunderpaid 7-11-5	16-5	L J Morgan	Callum Bewley	7
2019	Talkofgold 7-11-9	6-1	Martin Todhunter	Danny Cook	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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TANT PIS HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £9,250 1m7f133y (3140 Metres)

RACE 7



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Pace Information: **Even**


1 TREATY BOY (IRE) (5) (D) t **97**
 4012-603U **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Stuart Coltherd **Sam Coltherd**
 Made a winning chase debut at Catterick in February on final run for Rebecca Menzies and back to that sort of form on fourth start for current yard when third of 11 in handicap at Carlisle (15.9f, good to soft) last month. Failed to complete at Sedgefield last week and now drops back to 2m.


2 RAFFLES WONDER (FR) (233) (C, BF) h+t **99**
 40063143- **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg

 Rebecca Menzies **Nathan Moscrop**
 Free-going sort who proved better than ever when getting off the mark here (16.2f) in March. May have found race coming too soon at Wetherby 5 days later but back on song when third of 7 in handicap hurdle at this course (20.1f, heavy) when last seen in April. Makes chase debut/return.


3 TOMMY COMBATS (IRE) (22) **96**
 64332-4 **5** 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Martin Todhunter **Sean Quinlan**
 Placed in Irish points and went the right way over hurdles last season, runner-up at Perth on final outing. Offered something to work amidst inexperience switched to this sphere after 7 months off when fourth at Carlisle (15.9f, good to soft) recently and seems sure to build on that.

4 FEARLESS ACTION (IRE) (22) s  **100**
 4/071552-2 **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Chris Grant **Danny McMenamin**
 Hails from a yard enjoying its best spell in a while and ran well after 10 months off when second of 11 in handicap chase at Carlisle (15.9f, good to soft) just over 3 weeks ago, collared close home having quickened clear between last 2. Can make amends here.


5 CELESTIAL FASHION (44) h **99**
 442215-71 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Ian Duncan **Conor O'Farrell**
 Opened her account in 17f conditionals handicap at Newcastle in March and caused a 28/1 surprise after 6 months off in 13-runner handicap at Ayr (19.5f, good to soft) just over 6 weeks ago. Interesting to see what the market makes of her on chase debut.


6 HEEZTHEBOY (IRE) (30) (CD) **95**
 96/61f6-76 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Pauline Robson **Craig Nichol**
 Offered little in a bumper/over hurdles but having attracted support, proved a different proposition sent chasing despite being 9 lb out of the weights when scoring over C&D last December. Rather lost his way after, but did hint at a revival back over timber on return at Carlisle last month.


7 CUDGEL (193) (CD) s+t **96**
 434222-63 **11** 11-1 | 70.3kg

 James Walton **Jamie Hamilton**
 All 6 career wins have been registered at this venue and he typically gave a good account of himself when third here (20.1f, soft) 6 months ago. Has gone well fresh in the past so certainly worth a second look.


8 STOWAWAY JOHN (IRE) (221) (C) t **97**
 723/6471-4 **10** 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Sandy Forster **Patrick Wadge**
 Finally opened his account when proving 8½ lengths too strong for Cudgel here (20.1f, heavy) in March. Pitched into a much deeper race and remained in good form when fourth of 13 at this course (20.1f, soft) back in May, noted running on late. Returns back down in trip.

9 BLENDED STEALTH (27) s **99**
 7-4236329 **7** 10-10 | 68.0kg

 Lizzie Quinlan **Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)**
 Long-standing maiden who went agonisingly close on penultimate start at this venue last month. However, he ran a shocker at Sedgefield 6 days later (possibly found the race coming too soon) and now has his second start over the larger obstacles (was pulled up in November 2022).

10 ENSEL DU PERCHE (FR) (15) **99**
 U4/P1136-3 **10** 10-7 | 66.7kg

 Stella Barclay **Henry Brooke**
 Won 2m1f handicap chases at Market Rasen and Cartmel early last season. Ran as well as he is capable of nowadays when third of 6 at Sedgefield (16.4f, good to soft) just over a fortnight ago and each-way claims with that under his belt.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Fearless Action, **11-2** Raffles Wonder, **13-2** Treaty Boy, **7-1** Tommy Combats, **15-2** Celestial Fashion, **10-1** Cudgel, **12-1** Blended Stealth, **14-1** Heeztheboy, **16-1** Stowaway John, **18-1** Ensel Du Perche

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Chis Grant is going through a purple patch at present and his FEARLESS ACTION is fancied to go a place better than on return at Carlisle just over 3 weeks ago at the expense of Tommy Combats, who offered something to work on amid inexperience switched to this sphere when finishing a couple of places behind the selection that day. Raffles Wonder and Ensel du Perche can fight out minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FEARLESS ACTION 2. TOMMY COMBATS 3. RAFFLES WONDER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Heeztheboy 6-9-7	4-1	Pauline Robson	Craig Nichol	6
2021	Treshnish 8-11-10	7-1	Sue Smith	Ryan Mania	9
2020	Casimir du Clos 8-10-9	11-2	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd (3)	8
2019	Pads 9-10-6	5-1	Daragh Bourke	Ross Chapman	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race