

12.45 LIVESCORE BET BEST ODDS DAILY NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m110y (4120 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) KANDOR | (1) STEP OUT | (3) IMMORTAL FAME**

1.15 VIRGIN BET NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) EVALUATION | (1) CLONDAW FAME | (3) GORVENNEC**

1.45 VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f110y (3920 Metres)

RACE 3 **(6) BATHGATE | (8) BALRANALD | (7) DALILEO**

2.15 VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 3m20y (4850 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) ILIKEDWAYURTHINKIN | (2) ARTIC ROW | (3) NO REGRETS**

2.50 LIVESCORE BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m100y (4110 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) FOUROFAKIND | (7) FOLLOW CHARLIE | (6) KILBRAINY**

3.25 LIVESCORE BET OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) CASTLE CARROCK | (5) WILD REIVER | (6) SHES ALL PRIDE**

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

RACE 1

LIVESCORE BET BEST ODDS DAILY NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £9,000 2½m110y (4120 Metres)Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 STEP OUT (IRE) (11) (BF) t **100**
0-22U2125 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland

Danny Mullins

Runner-up 3 times over hurdles before getting it right in a Downpatrick maiden in August (21.8f). No match for one under a penalty at Kelso next time (said to be showing signs of heat stress) and presumably unsuited by the drop in trip here earlier this month. Considered on chase bow.

2 KANDOR (FR) (32) (D) t **95**
4/273-125 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Lucinda Russell

Patrick Wadge

Left hurdling debut form well behind when winning novice at Perth (20.2f) in July and acquitted himself well under a penalty at Kelso next time. Well held from a stiff opening mark last time but was runner-up in an Irish point so a likely sort on chase bow. Tongue tie applied (has had wind op).

3 IMMORTAL FAME (IRE) (15) (D) s **88**
83/2112-P2 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Deborah Cole

Chris Ward (3lb/1kg)

Didn't go on from a promising start over fences for Tom Lacey in 2022/23 but won a couple of handicap hurdles around this trip last term. £16,000 buy for new trainer and did all he could behind a progressive one back chasing at Bangor on return recently. Faces a younger pair of chasing debutants.

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Step Out, 7-4 Kandor, 7-2 Immortal Fame

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A tricky puzzle to solve despite the small field but preference is for KANDOR, who opened his account over hurdles at Perth in the summer and, having been a runner-up in Irish points earlier in his career, he can make the successful transition to chasing at the expense of Step Out, who was unsuited by the drop in trip when well held here earlier in the month and also makes his chase bow.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KANDOR 2. STEP OUT 3. IMMORTAL FAME

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Grand Voyage	6-11-10	5-4f	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	7
2021	African Dance	6-11-12	5-2	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.15**VIRGIN BET NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £8,500 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 2

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1 CLONDAW FAME (IRE) h **83**
7 11-0 | 69.9kg



James Ewart

Ryan Mania

Fame And Glory gelding. Half-brother to bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler Sneaky Getaway. Had wind surgery ahead of debut and he's one to note, particularly if strong in the betting. Wears hood.

2 EVALUATION (D) t  **100**
6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

Useful handicapper on Flat (stays 16.5f) who opened his account for this yard at Wolverhampton (16.5f) in April. Creditable efforts in competitive contests all 4 starts since and he's an interesting contender now hurdling on the back of wind surgery.

3 GORVENNEC (FR) (32) **75**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Martaline gelding. Made frame completed start in points and showed a bit on Rules debut when fifth of 9 in a bumper at Hexham (16.2f) 32 days ago. Will likely need to step up on that effort to play a lead role now tackling timber.

4 SPLIT STONE (181) **73**
7 11-0 | 69.9kg



N. W. Alexander

Jamie Hamilton

Clovix Du Berlais gelding. Dam lightly raced on Flat/in points. 16/1, never figured when seventh of 8 in bumper at Perth (16.2f) on debut in May. Passed over now sent hurdling after 6 months off.

5 BLOW A FORTUNE (IRE) (18) **74**
48 10-7 | 66.7kg



Iain Jardine

Danny McMenamin

Bred to stay well and offered only minor promise in pair of hurdle starts to date, eighth of 10 in novice hurdle at Kelso (16.2f, good to soft) 18 days ago. Handicaps/over further promise to be more suitable moving forward.

6 BREADALBANE LASS (285) **72**
6P- 10-7 | 66.7kg



R. Mike Smith

Craig Nichol

Telescope filly who showed ability when sixth in a Newcastle bumper in December but still in need of experience when pulled up on hurdles bow at Catterick (15.7f) in February. Best watched on return to action.

7 CATCHA FLIGHT (11) **72**
60 10-7 | 66.7kg



R. Mike Smith

Nathan Moscrop

Hinted at ability on debut in a Kelso bumper back in May but offered little starting out in this sphere when tenth of 12 in a C&D novice 11 days ago. Best watched.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-11 Evaluation, **3-1** Clondaw Fame, **10-1** Gorvennec, **14-1** Blow A Fortune, **25-1** Split Stone, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

No real depth to this novice but EVALUATION is firmly established as a useful staying performer on the level and is taken to make it first time lucky now tackling timber for the first time. Newcomer Clondaw Fame could well emerge as the chief danger.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EVALUATION 2. CLONDAW FAME 3. GORVENNEC

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Fortescue Wood	7-11-0	4-1	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (5)	7
2021	Soft Risk	5-10-12	1-2f	Nicky Richards	Brian Hughes	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 2m3f110y (3920 Metres)



Going: **Good**


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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 C'EST QUELQU'UN (FR) (46) (D) t 96
2211P6-PP 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Andrew Hamilton *Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)*
A dual chase winner for Gordon Elliott last term but pulled up over hurdles/fences this time around. Tongue strap back on with lots to prove for his new handler.


2 BLAZING COURT (IRE) (86) (D) s 91
5253P-321 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 John Dixon *Mr John Dixon (7lb/3kg)*
Got off the mark in 2m4f Worcester handicap chase in August, on his final run for Martin Keighley. Not discounted back in this sphere for his new stable.


3 LOVE THAT (IRE) (16) 96
3F-4F 5 11-11 | 74.8kg

 R. Mike Smith *Craig Nichol*
Lightly-raced maiden. Fell 4th in handicap hurdle (66/1) at this C&D (good to soft) 16 days ago. Still needs considering with few miles on the clock.


4 EVENWOOD SONOFAGUN (IRE) (18) s+t 94
439-42050 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Lizzie Quinlan *Ross Chapman*
Remains a maiden after 19 runs. 18/1, first run since leaving Fergal O'Brien when tenth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Kelso (16.2f, good to soft) 18 days ago. Cheekpieces back on with work to do.


5 SUMMERGROUNDS (38) 99
5445-1323 8 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Nicky Richards *Danny McMenamin*
Winner at Market Rasen in May and posted a creditable third of 11 in handicap hurdle at Kelso (20.9f, good to soft) 38 days ago. Looks competitive on form.


6 BATHGATE (16) ★ 100
7843-9752 4 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Philip Kirby *Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)*
Still a maiden but comes here on the back of a very good second of 14 in C&D handicap last month. Big shout despite taking a 3 lb weights rise.


7 DALILEO (IRE) (16) 98
3F532456 9 11-6 | 72.6kg

 Lisa Harrison *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*
Respectable sixth of 10 in handicap hurdle here (24.3f, good to soft) 16 days ago. One for the shortlist.


8 BALRANALD (FR) (13) (D) s 98
2386-0711 8 10-7 | 66.7kg

 Alison Hamilton *Jamie Hamilton*
Arrives on a hat-trick after 2m handicap wins at Sedgfield and Newcastle last month. Not taken lightly despite a 4 lb weights rise.

9 CAVE HILL (182) t 94
00P038P-0 5 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

 Ian Duncan *Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)*
25/1, eleventh of 15 in handicap hurdle at Perth (20.2f, good to soft). Off 6 months with work to do in first-time tongue tie.

10 DON'T LOOK BACK (49) 85
7-5608SUP 6 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)

 William Young Jnr *Derek Fox*
Remains a maiden after 17 runs. 28/1, pulled up in handicap hurdle at Perth (20.2f, soft) 49 days ago. Hard to make a case for.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Summergrounds, **4-1** Bathgate, **11-2** Balranald, **6-1** Blazing Court, **10-1** Dalileo, **11-1** C'est Quelqu'un, **12-1** Evenwood Sonofagun, **33-1** Don't Look Back, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A few with chances but BATHGATE signalled he is ready to gain a breakthrough victory when an excellent C&D runner-up last time out. Hat-trick seeking Balranald rates the obvious threat, with in-form duo Dalileo and Summergrounds both firmly in the picture too. The lightly-raced Love That completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BATHGATE 2. BALRANALD 3. DALILEO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Hard Iron 6-11-3	5-6f	Nicky Richards	Callum Bewley	10
2021	Be The Difference 5-10-11	11-8f	Philip Kirby	Thomas Dowson	14
2020	Those Tiger Feet 6-11-11	2-1f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	9
2019	Calivigny 10-11-12	2-1f	N. W. Alexander	Mr Kit Alexander (5)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.15**VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-140) £15,000 3m20y (4850 Metres)**

RACE 4

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1 ILIKEDWAYURTHINKIN (IRE) (79) s **98**

7P7-03113 10 12-0 | 76.2kg

Ben Haslam

Richie McLernon

Useful handicap hurdler/chaser at one time and has rediscovered some form this summer, scoring twice in Cartmel handicaps. Creditable third there since and will find this less competitive.


2 ARTIC ROW (32) (C) t **99**

3P1F15-U 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

N. W. Alexander

Danny McMenamin

Successful 3 times last season (all 3 wins over 20f here). Didn't seem to stay this trip at Perth final start and got no further than the first fence at Hexham on return. Better ground and a return to this track are the positives.

3 NO REGRETS (IRE) (32) (D) v  **100**

1327-134F 10 11-7 | 73.0kg

Nicky Richards

Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)

Kelso winner in May and still looked in good heart after 2 months off when fourth back at that venue (21.6f, good) in September. Suffered a fall at Hexham the following month but type to bounce back.

4 EVERYDAY CHAMPAGNE (IRE) (16) (C, D) s **98**

447-22205 8 10-13 | 69.4kg

N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Course winner who finished runner-up for third consecutive start at Perth (23.8f) in July. Struck into when last at Kelso next time but only fifth of 6 over this C&D 16 days ago.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 No Regrets, 11-4 Ilikedwayurthinkin, 3-1 Artic Row, 7-2 Everyday Champagne

TIMEFORM VIEW:

All 4 need considering with the vote going to ILIKEDWAYURTHINKIN, who was third in a better race than this at Cartmel 11 weeks ago. Arctic Row has an excellent record here so is next best on his second try at this distance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ILIKEDWAYURTHINKIN 2. ARTIC ROW 3. NO REGRETS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Green Vault 6-11-1	4-6f	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	6
2021	Shanroe Al C 8-10-9	11-2	Karl Thornton	Daryl Jacob	8
2020	Crixus's Escape 7-11-7	6-1	Gillian Boanas	Sean Quinlan	8
2019	Bafana Blue 8-11-1	7-4f	Maurice Barnes	Ross Chapman	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

LIVESCORE BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,500 2½m100y (4110 Metres)














Going: **Good**

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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| 1 | FOUROFAKIND (IRE) (10) (D) | s | 98 |
| | <small>P2-269114 5 12-0 76.2kg</small> | | |
|  | Lizzie Quinlan | Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg) | |
| | Has taken his form up a notch since joining current yard this summer, winning a pair of handicap hurdles at Perth (both at 20.2f). Good effort when fourth of 9 at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) 10 days ago and he's a major player back down in grade. | | |
| 2 | QUID PRO QUO (IRE) (28) (D) | s | 98 |
| | <small>31/22325-0 8 11-13 75.7kg</small> | | |
|  | Ben Haslam | Richie McLernon | |
| | Fairly useful hurdler/chaser at best for Dan Skelton. Ran no sort of race on final outing last year and, making first start for current yard, again finished well held back over hurdles at Wetherby (24.1f, good to soft) last month. Cheekpieces reached for. | | |
| 3 | HIGHLY RECOMMENDED (35) | | 89 |
| | <small>0-F31 5 11-12 75.3kg</small> | | |
|  | Dianne Sayer | Danny McMenamin  | |
| | Well held in a bumper and was in need of experience on first 2 starts over hurdles. However, upped in trip he was much improved when winning a Ludlow novice (21.2f, good) last month. Makes handicap debut on first run for yard after leaving Mel Rowley. | | |
| 4 | KINBARA FIRSDRAFT (IRE) (56) | | 95 |
| | <small>587-3186 5 11-7 73.0kg</small> | | |
|  | Stuart Crawford, Ireland | Danny Mullins | |
| | Made a successful handicap debut at Perth (16.2f, good to firm) in June but hasn't built on that effort in 2 starts since, sixth of 8 at Kelso (20.9f, good) on latest run in September. Could fare better back down in grade, though. | | |
| 5 | FUGITIVES DRIFT (IRE) (304) | s | 95 |
| | <small>2P86P/P- 9 11-4 71.7kg</small> | | |
|  | Gary Rutherford | Miss Lucy Brown (7lb/3kg) | |
| | Went the wrong way for Nicky Henderson in 2022 and pulled up in hunter chase at Kelso (23.4f, heavy) sole outing in 2023/24 for Miss Lucy Brown. Has won one of 3 starts in points since (latest run in April), but others preferred back hurdling. | | |
| 6 | KILBRAINY (IRE) (20) (D) | t |  100 |
| | <small>2416-8001 8 11-4 71.7kg</small> | | |
|  | Sandy Thomson | Ryan Mania | |
| | Off the mark in impressive style at Kelso (20.9f) a year ago and, after 10 weeks off, left behind some poor efforts when doubling his tally at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) 20 days ago. Could be in the mix with his latest run behind him. | | |
| 7 | FOLLOW CHARLIE (IRE) (27) (CD) |  | 97 |
| | <small>4214146-7 5 11-0 69.9kg</small> | | |
|  | R. Mike Smith | Craig Nichol | |
| | Improved sent handicapping last season, recording a second C&D success when scoring in good style in March. After 6 months off, shaped as if better for the run when down the field at Carlisle (17.2f, soft) in October, so he's one to note back here. | | |
| 8 | MALANGEN (IRE) (10) (D) | | 97 |
| | <small>53554637 9 10-3 64.9kg</small> | | |
|  | Lisa Harrison | Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg) | |
| | Successful at Hexham (16.2f, good) in June and has been kept busy of late, below form ridden more patiently when seventh of 10 at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft) 10 days ago. Is now 2 lb below last winning mark but more needed to take advantage. | | |

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Kilbrainy, **4-1** Fouroufakind, **4-1** Highly Recommended, **6-1** Follow Charlie, **8-1** Kinbara Firstdraft, **14-1** Malangen, **16-1** Quid Pro Quo, **18-1** Fugitives Drift

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FOUROFAKIND continued in top form when making the frame at Carlisle 10 days ago and, with Conor Rabbitt back in the saddle (on board for both wins this season), he can take advantage of the return to this lower grade. Follow Charlie won twice over C&D last season and could be the main danger, ahead of Kilbrainy.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FOUROFAKIND 2. FOLLOW CHARLIE 3. KILBRAINY

3.25**LIVESCORE BET OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo
£4,999 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

1 CASTLE CARROCK (IRE)  **100**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Out of a dual bumper winner and a likely type on paper for a stable with a strong bumper record, particularly here.

2 GLENVILLE (186) **83**
0 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ewan Whillans

Craig Nichol

25/1, down the field in a Haydock bumper in May. Returns in what is probably a weaker race but still only consider if the subject of market support.

3 JACK DEMPSEY **85**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ian Duncan

Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)

Jack Hobbs colt. Dam, no show in 2 bumpers, half-sister to fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser (3m-3½m winner) See You There and fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 3m) Golden Sparkle. Trainer 0-36 in bumpers in the last 5 seasons.

4 PORTNABLAGH (IRE) **84**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg t



Paul Traynor, Ireland

Derek Fox

Berkshire gelding who was pulled up in an Irish point last month. Wears a tongue strap.

5 WILD REIVER (IRE) **92**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg h



Iain Jardine

Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)

Valirann gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler (stayed 3m) Colonial Dreams. Wears hood. Interesting newcomer for a yard which has a 3-21 record in bumpers here in the last 5 seasons.

6 SHES ALL PRIDE (IRE) **88**
4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Deborah Cole

Chris Ward (3lb/1kg)

Runner-up sole start in Irish points (May 25). The stable has had a bumper winner in the last 5 seasons.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Castle Carrock, **3-1** Wild Reiver, **5-1** Shes All Pride, **10-1** Jack Dempsey, **12-1** Portnablagh, **16-1** Glenville

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Nicky Richards operates at a 25% strike-rate in bumpers here so CASTLE CARROCK looks the most likely winner before any market clues are known. Iain Jardine is more than capable of readying one for a race like this so Wild Reiver is a tentative second choice ahead of Irish point runner-up She's All Pride, a first ever Ayr runner for Deborah Cole.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CASTLE CARROCK 2. WILD REIVER 3. SHES ALL PRIDE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race