

Saturday 14th December

NEWCASTLE



11.42 HAWK PONTELAND NOW CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

RACE 1 **(15) GINGER POINTE | (7) GLORY HIGHTS | (11) PENPAL**

12.17 HAWKSTONE STOUT AVAILABLE AT THE HAWK NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2¾m (4430 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) TOMMYS LAW | (5) DEVON SKIES | (1) EXPRESS RUN**

12.47 DAN STUTT MEMORIAL MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU | (6) KNOMOREDIAMONDS | (11) SUSIESPARKLE**

1.22 ACS TYRES SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) CHEMICAL WARFARE | (1) NOTHIN TO ASK | (4) BASFORD**

1.57 K ORD PAVING & GROUNDWORKS HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 5 **(8) BALRANALD | (3) BLOW A FORTUNE | (2) JET PATROL**

2.32 HAPPY BIRTHDAY LYNDSEY LANE FROM BRUNEL NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) BALLYNAHEER | (2) BOOLAMORE CLASSIC | (6) WATCHOUTITSCOOKIE**

3.08 WATCH UNBRIDLED ON attheraces.com OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier) (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 7 **(1) BESPOKE TAILOR | (2) BLAKEY BOY | (5) GONNINO**

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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HAWK PONTELAND NOW CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

RACE 1



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	CONISTON CLOUDS (IRE) (71)	93
919/1F3-PP	8 12-0 76.2kg	
	Nicky Richards	Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)
Resumes in this sphere on a competitive mark following a couple of no-shows over fences and, if reverting to the smaller obstacles has a positive effect, he could have a say in the finish.		
2	DALILEO (IRE) (15) (D)	95
53245617	9 12-0 76.2kg	
	Lisa Harrison	Jack Power (3lb/1kg)
Posted best effort for some time when taking a 10-runner Ayr handicap (19.5f, good to soft) last month but was essentially put in his place off this 6 lb higher mark at Musselburgh next time.		
3	PADDY O'MAHLER (IRE) (33)	95
48F43-P66	6 11-11 74.8kg	s
	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith	Tom Midgley
Reached the frame in a couple of handicaps last spring and, though not at his best in 2 runs so far this season, he has to enter calculations off this reduced mark with first-time cheekpieces enlisted.		
4	WATCH LAW (IRE) (15)	68
8/3-408	9 11-10 74.4kg	
	Jess Mckie	Edward Austin
Dual point winner but yet to trouble the judge following half-a-dozen appearances under Rules and he's hard to warm to.		
5	MASTER BRICKLAYER (IRE) (232)	92
8/05924-	6 11-10 74.4kg	
	N. W. Alexander	Patrick Wadge
Predictably stepped up on his maiden/novice form upped to this trip in handicaps at Ayr and Perth on final 2 starts of last season. It's early days for this 6-y-o and he needs a second look with the possibility of better to come.		
6	MALANGEN (IRE) (16) (D)	97
55463726	9 11-8 73.5kg	
	Lisa Harrison	Peter Kavanagh
Successful at Hexham (16.2f, good) in June and has been kept busy of late, putting in a good shift when runner-up at Ayr on penultimate start. Perhaps 3m stretched him at Musselburgh since and merits respect back at this trip.		
7	GLORY HIGHTS (25)	98
5/52324-51	8 11-5 72.1kg	
	Chris Grant	William Maggs
Off the mark at the ninth attempt over hurdles when landing a 9-runner Carlisle handicap (24.6f, good to soft) back from a break last month. William Maggs again in the hot-seat and he's a key player up 4 lb.		
8	JINGLE JANGLE JET (30)	67
45-U66	6 11-4 71.7kg	
	Philip Kirby	Joe Williamson
No great shakes in a couple of bumpers and a trio of maiden hurdles. Big step forward needed now upped in trip for this handicap debut.		
9	AGILULF (15)	96
3P-7038P4	5 11-3 71.2kg	t
	Adam Nicol	Aaron Anderson
Still to register a victory and while he again performed with credit at Musselburgh (19.8f, good to soft) recently, finishing fourth of 11 in a handicap off a 1 lb higher mark, one or two of these look more solid.		
10	SUPREME AUTHORITY (FR) (30)	92
0909-04	5 11-0 69.9kg	t
	Chris Grant	Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)
No show in several maiden hurdles for previous yard but there were more encouraging signs upped to 19.8f for his handicap debut at Sedgefield last month. Place possibilities if able to build on that.		

11	PENPAL (FR) (218) (C)	98
P/1P-2	9 10-12 68.9kg	
	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston
Ready winner of a handicap here on his sole run of 2023. Ran poorly back from a break at Kelso in January but, following another 4 months off, he returned to form when runner-up at Sedgefield (16.8f, good) during the spring. Shortlisted.		
12	BERGENTOWN (IRE) (18)	99
660-25244	7 10-11 68.5kg	
	Jennie Candlish	Gearoid Harney (3lb/1kg)
On a losing run but he posted a very good second of 11 in handicap hurdle at Southwell (24.3f) in October. Not disgraced next 2 starts, albeit without leaving the impression that his turn is imminent.		
13	BILLABLE GRANT (IRE) (47)	90
9P0-780P0	7 10-10 68.0kg	
	Jackie Stephen	Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)
Sole success to date came in an Irish maiden hurdle back in March 2022 and he's hard to make a case for here on the back of a rather drap display for new connections at Ayr.		
14	EBENDI (IRE) (29)	89
03843-5F9	7 10-9 67.6kg	s
	Andrew Wilson	Lewis Dobb (3lb/1kg)
Fairly useful Flat performer for Joseph O'Brien and has some decent bits and pieces of hurdles form to his name. However, he ran no sort of a race tried in first-time cheekpieces (retained) here last month and record in this sphere now stands at 0-13.		
15	GINGER POINTE (FR) (30)	100
57-2144U5	7 10-6 66.2kg	
	Danny Brooke	Ben Smith (5lb/2kg)
Made winning yard/chase debut at Market Rasen in August and has performed to run to a similar level both completed starts in that sphere since. Respectable fifth of 12 back hurdling at Sedgefield (19.8f, good) last time and he merits respect.		
16	CAVE HILL (31)	95
0P038P-05	5 10-2 64.4kg	t
	Ian Duncan	Alan Doyle
Eleven-race maiden overall and he's likely to come up short once more.		

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-2 Glory Hights, **7-1** Penpal, **8-1** Malangen, **17-2** Ginger Pointe, **10-1** Agilulf, **11-1** Master Bricklayer, **12-1** Paddy O'mahler, **14-1** Bergentown, **14-1** Dalileo, **16-1** Coniston Clouds, **18-1** Supreme Authority, **22-1** Cave Hill, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A first win over hurdles could be on the cards for GINGER POINTE, who rather caught the eye when staying on into fifth back in this sphere at Sedgefield where he travelled as well as anything else for much of the journey. Glory Hights is an obvious danger having raised his game when getting off the mark at Carlisle. Penpal is third choice ahead of Paddy O'Mahler.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GINGER POINTE 2. GLORY HIGHTS 3. PENPAL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	North Parade 8-11-5	16-5f	Sue Smith	William Maggs (5)	9
2022	Blue Shark 5-10-10	2-1f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jamie Brace (6)	10
2021	You Some Boy 6-10-8	22-1	Rebecca Menzies	Nathan Moscrop	16
2020	Donald Dux 6-11-6	9-4f	Andrew Crook	Joe Williamson (3)	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.17**HAWKSTONE STOUT AVAILABLE AT THE HAWK NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 2¾m (4430 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 EXPRESS RUN (IRE) (36) 84
623 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Justin Landy

Ryan Mania

Failed to justify support when down the field only start in bumpers but showed more of what he's about when second of 9 in a novice at Wetherby (19.7f, good) on hurdles bow. Ran to a similar level when third at Hexham since, though again wasn't especially fluent in the jumping department.

2 NAE BOTHER AT A' (IRE) (49) 69
9/868-P 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gary Rutherford

Lewis Dobb (7lb/3kg)

Has shown little in bumpers/maiden hurdles. Easily passed over.

3 TOMMYS LAW (IRE) (35) (BF) 100
5722-222 5 11-0 | 69.9kg t



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

Placed in points and is proving consistent over hurdles, runner-up on 5 of 6 starts. Sets a clear standard.

4 WHISPERING DANCER (IRE) (13) 43
0 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Susan Corbett

Sam Coltherd

Took 6 attempts to get off the mark in Irish points and was well held on recent hurdling debut at Carlisle.

5 DEVON SKIES (30) (BF) 86
0-0423 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Philip Kirby

Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)

Well held in 2 bumpers but offered more when fourth in a Sedgefield maiden (16.8f) on hurdling debut. Similar form both starts since and this further step up in trip seems sure to suit.

6 GIVEUPYERAUDDSINS (IRE) (25) 77
56 6 10-7 | 66.7kg



Ruth Jefferson

Jamie Hamilton

Maiden Irish pointer who has been well held in a pair of maiden hurdles.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-9 Tommys Law, 5-1 Devon Skies, 6-1 Express Run, 33-1 Giveuperauldsins, 150-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TOMMY'S LAW is proving most consistent over hurdles and can make the most of what looks an excellent opening. Devon Skies is preferred to Empress Run for forecast purposes.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TOMMYS LAW 2. DEVON SKIES 3. EXPRESS RUN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Ikarak 5-11-7	11-10f Anthony Charlton	Bradley Harris (5)	7
2022	Imperial Merlin 5-11-7	2-5f John Quinn	Billy Garritty	4
2021	Crystal Glory 5-11-5	10-3 Nicky Richards	Brian Hughes	10
2020	Enqarde 6-10-12	10-3 Dr Richard Newland	C. M. Leonard (7)	9
2019	Rath An Iuir 6-10-12	3-1 Rose Dobbin	Conor O'Farrell	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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DAN STUTT MEMORIAL MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700
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RACE 3



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 AUTHORIZED MISSION (14) 79
 066-69 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Chris Grant *William Maggs (5lb/2kg)*
 Poor form in 2 maiden hurdles last month and surely more one for handicaps after this.

2 DIAMOND MIX (IRE) (13) 84
 6-94 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Paul Robson *Ryan Mania*
 No real impact in bumpers 7 months apart and finished a well-held fourth on 19f Carlisle hurdle debut 13 days ago. Looks more one for the longer term.

3 FOREVA ALFIE (IRE) (13) 60
 5/P 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Paul Robson *Theo Gillard*
 Hinted at ability in a bumper for Rose Dobbin in 2022 but not seen again until pulling up in Carlisle novice hurdle 13 days ago.

4 GONE WITH THE TIDE (IRE) (47) 85
 5 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Alison Hamilton *Jamie Hamilton*
 Irish point winner who showed a bit when fifth of 7 on his 2m Ayr hurdle debut but probably won't really come into his own until tackling longer trips.

5 IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU (IRE) s 98
 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jennie Candlish *Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)*
 Fairly useful handicapper on Flat, winning at Ayr (13f) and Ffos Las (2m) in the summer. Starts out over hurdles with his yard in form. Likely to have a big say it taking to his new discipline.

6 KNOMOREDIAMONDS (FR) (33) h ★ 100
 R53F4-524 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Lucinda Russell *Patrick Wadge*
 Fair form over hurdles, reaching the frame in 17f handicaps at Carlisle this autumn. Bold show likely.

7 MARQUEE LIGHTS (IRE) 84
 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Philip Kirby *Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)*
 £17,000 Sholokhov half-brother to 4 winners. The betting should help guide to expectations on this rather belated debut.

8 MIDNIGHT PHANTOM (FR) (679) 79
 0/ 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith *Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)*
 14/1, last of 14 in bumper at Wetherby in February 2023. Not seen since (has had wind surgery).

9 REMARKABLE FORCE (IRE) 85
 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ben Haslam *Richie McLernon*
 Fairly useful handicapper at best on Flat (stays 7f), no show last time on first start for yard after 5 months off. Stamina has to be a worry now hurdling.

10 SHE'S GOT BOTTLE (18) h 79
 8 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Lizzie Quinlan *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*
 Fair Flat winner but made an inauspicious start over hurdles at Sedgfield recently. Has a hood added now.

11 SUSIESPARKLE (IRE) (15) t 86
 3 4 10-11 | 68.5kg



Iain Jardine *Conor O'Farrell*
 Fair 1½m Flat winner. Showed an aptitude for hurdling when 25 lengths third of 8 in maiden at Musselburgh 15 days ago. May do better.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Knomorediamonds, **2-1** It's All About You, **12-1** Susiesparkle, **14-1** Gone With The Tide, **14-1** Remarkable Force, **22-1** Diamond Mix, **25-1** Marquee Lights, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

If IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU takes to hurdling at the first time of asking he may have a bit too much speed for Lucinda Russell's Knomorediamonds. Susiesparkle may prove best of the remainder in a race where it's hard to be positive about the prospects of many.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU 2. KNOMOREDIAMONDS 3. SUSIESPARKLE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.22**ACS TYRES SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-120) £8,900 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)**

RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **NOTHIN TO ASK (IRE) (26)** t **97**
9P52-6873 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Fergal O'Brien

Liam Harrison

Fairly useful handicap hurdler/winning chaser who showed the benefit of his Chepstow run without shaping well enough to think his losing run is about to end when third at Leicester (22.7f, good to firm) last month. Handicapper relinquishes his grip further.

2 **CARRIGEEN CASTLE (IRE) (31) (C)** **95**
31121P5-0 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Micky Hammond

Conor O'Farrell

Much improved sent chasing last season, landing handicaps at this course and Wetherby (2). Hails from a yard struggling for form and was always behind on his return from 7 months off at Bangor recently. Probably best watched for now.

3 **CHEMICAL WARFARE (IRE) (17) (CD, BF)** t   **100**
11241114 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



David Pipe

Jack Tudor

Most progressive for this yard this season, winning for the fifth time over C&D in October. Shaped as if still in good form from a 7 lb higher mark at Wetherby since (clipped heels/stumbled entering straight) and can regain the winning thread dropped 1 lb.

4 **BASFORD (IRE) (204)** s **98**
21211P7-6 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



Jennie Candlish

Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)

Scored 3 times over hurdles in summer 2023 at up to 3m. Went the wrong way from a mildly encouraging comeback run when tailed-off last of 6 at Hereford (25.5f, good to soft) back in May and more needed now sent chasing. Cheekpieces back on.

5 **OVERCOURT (314) (C)** **95**
225PP- 10 11-2 | 70.8kg



Stuart Coltherd

Sam Coltherd

Dual hurdles winner for Sandy Thomson who made the frame on his first 5 starts over fences, off 22 months ahead of joining this yard last season. However, he completely lost his form and will need to hit the ground running on return (handicapper has dropped him another 6 lb).

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Chemical Warfare, **3-1** Nothin To Ask, **5-1** Basford, **15-2** Carrigeen Castle, **10-1** Overcourt

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CHEMICAL WARFARE has been most progressive this season and, having shaped as if still in good order at Wetherby last month, David Pipe's 7-y-o can notch victory number 6 of the campaign at the expense of Nothin To Ask, who showed the benefit of his Chepstow run last time and the handicapper continues to relinquish his grip. Chasing-debutant Basford rounds off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CHEMICAL WARFARE 2. NOTHIN TO ASK 3. BASFORD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Court At Slip 6-11-6	3-1jf	Tim Easterby	Mr William Easterby (5)	7
2022	Monbeg Genius 6-12-2	3-1	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	7
2021	Scoop The Pot 11-10-11	11-1	Ben Haslam	Alain Cawley	9
2020	Scoop The Pot 10-10-12	9-2	Ben Haslam	Alain Cawley	6
2019	Capard King 10-11-12	5-1	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.57**K ORD PAVING & GROUNDWORKS HANDICAP HURDLE (5)**
3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Even****1 KALLY DES BRUYERES (FR) (41) 97**
6P-71 4 12-0 | 76.2kg

David Dennis

Theo Gillard

Showed little in a bumper and 2 hurdle runs before causing major upset (200/1) when winning 11-runner novice hurdle at Huntingdon (15.8f, good) 41 days ago. Lightly raced and entitled to build on that.

2 JET PATROL (IRE) (15) h ★ 100
344-F0F 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Sandy Thomson

Ryan Mania

Headstrong sort who made the frame in a maiden/novice last winter. Offered little on return from 4-month break at Kelso in October but was in the process of running a much better race when falling at Musselburgh (15.6f, good to soft, 15/2) 15 days ago. Regular jockey back in saddle and chances here.

3 BLOW A FORTUNE (IRE) (31) s 93
484 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Iain Jardine

Charlie Maggs (7lb/3kg)

Bred to stay well and delivered career best performance on third hurdles start at Ayr 31 days ago (16f, good to soft). Cheekpieces applied for handicap bow and should be able to make an impact in this sphere.

4 LA QUARITE (FR) (18) h 95
F5526-866 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Chris Grant

William Maggs (5lb/2kg)

Remains winless but made an encouraging start for his new yard after 6 months off (formerly with Iain Jardine) when sixth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (16.9f, good) in October. Failed to build on that when too keen at Sedgefield 18 days ago.

5 MR MAHLER (IRE) (11) 99
666P0-00 6 10-13 | 69.4kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)

Showed ability on hurdles debut over C&D but has proved disappointing switched to handicaps, latest effort when well beaten at Southwell 11 days ago following 7-month break. Needs to improve markedly on that but does return to the scene of his best run so far.

6 SHE'S A ROCCA (IRE) (119) (C) s 96
76/81-PP70 9 10-11 | 68.5kg

Nicky Richards

Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)

C&D winner. Better effort when seventh of 10 in handicap hurdle at Perth (23.9f, good) 119 days ago. Disappointed at same venue in August and something to prove now returning off 119 day absence.

7 BRAVETHEWAVES (33) t 97
430/99 7 10-10 | 68.0kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)

Disappointing maiden. Failed to land a blow when well beaten at Carlisle over this trip last month, Represents a good yard but needs to improve on bare form shown.

8 BALRANALD (FR) (31) (CD) s 95
386-07113 8 10-7 | 66.7kg

Alison Hamilton

Jamie Hamilton

Landed a brace of 2m handicap wins in October, the latter over C&D. Up 4 lb for that effort when far from disgraced upped in trip at Ayr 31 days ago. Back down in distance today and a big player back at the scene of his most recent victory.

9 KINGSTON ROCK (IRE) (13) t 91
48526P-65 6 10-4 | 65.3kg

Gary Rutherfordford

Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)

Maiden (previously with Susan Corbett yard) who shaped with some promise on debut for new connections, finishing fifth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (19.3f, soft) 13 days ago. Chance if able to build on that.

10 MISTER SMARTY (294) 98
870/6094- 7 10-2 | 64.4kg

Tina Jackson

Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)

Showed little in bumpers/novice hurdles and finished last on handicap debut in January. Caught the eye with a much improved effort over C&D (heavy) in February. Off since then, but capable of being involved if ready to go on his return.

11 FOSHAN (IRE) (18) s 71

P8-7B

5 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)

Adam Nicol

Lorcan Murtagh

Maiden but ran career best over hurdles when racing from out of the weights at Sedgefield 18 days ago (brought down at last when in fourth and held). Tackles the same trip today but wrong at the weights again and needs to improve to win this.

12 SOLWAY STAREE (30) 81

33P7P-005

6 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)

Lisa Harrison

Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)

Disappointing sort who continues to show little, passed beaten horses when fifth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (16.8f, good, 66/1) 30 days ago but faces an uphill task here from out of the weights.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Kally Des Bruyeres, **5-1** Balranald, **6-1** Jet Patrol, **17-2** La Quarite, **10-1** Mister Smarty, **10-1** Kingston Rock, **12-1** Blow A Fortune, **16-1** Bravethewaves, **20-1** Foshan, **25-1** She's A Rocca, **33-1** Mr Mahler, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BALRANALD was unable to land the hat-trick last time out but he still ran with credit, and he is taken to resume winning ways at a course where he has previously tasted victory. The main danger could be Blow A Fortune who looks unexposed with cheekpieces applied for her handicap debut. Jet Patrol was in the process of running an encouraging race at Newcastle before falling at the last, and he's interesting with Ryan Mania back in the plate.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. BALRANALD 2. BLOW A FORTUNE 3. JET PATROL****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2023 **Belle Na Bann** 7-10-7 11-2 Micky Hammond Emma Smith-Chaston (3) 9**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LYNDSEY LANE FROM BRUNEL NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150
2m7f91y (4710 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 BALLYNAHEER (IRE) (32) t  **100**
53P17-335 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



David Dennis

Theo Gillard

A fair 2m4f winner over hurdles who made a bright start over fences with placed efforts at Uttoxeter/Wincanton in October. Shade disappointing when fifth of 8 in handicap chase at Hereford (25.2f) 32 days ago but definite player on previous exploits.

2 BOOLAMORE CLASSIC (IRE) (36) s  **100**
48U-00 5 11-3 | 71.2kg

N. W. Alexander *Jamie Hamilton*

Second on completed start in points. Well held completed starts over hurdles however, including after 6 months off when eleventh of 12 in handicap hurdle (10/3) at Hexham (23.3f, good to soft) 36 days ago. Switch to chasing needs to bring about improvement.

3 LEPASHE (IRE) (29) s **99**
56P4-4536 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Sam Allwood

Liam Harrison

Offered more than previously over fences when third of 8 in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m) in October. Jumping let him down at Southwell 4 weeks ago though, and cheekpieces go back on now.

4 BLUE PLAN (IRE) (25)  **100**
0039 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Rebecca Menzies

Ross Chapman

5-y-o gelding who has offered little all 4 starts in novice/maiden hurdles and big leap forward required for switch to chasing if he's to figure on handicap bow.

5 JUST JESS (IRE) (18) **89**
P25P86-P4 8 10-8 | 67.1kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)

On a lengthy losing run but feasible to think he needed first start for 7 months when fourth of 6 in handicap chase (16/1) at Southwell (24.3f, good) 18 days ago. Operating from a basement mark if he can build on that effort.

6 WATCHOUTITSCOOKIE (IRE) (19) **96**
992435-35 6 10-5 | 65.8kg



Nigel Hawke

Lorcan Murtagh

Hurdles winner who ran best race to date in this sphere when third at Perth (23.8f) in May, leaving the impression he should have finished closer. May of needed first start for 6 months when fifth of 7 in handicap chase at Ludlow (23.8f) 19 days ago and not discounted.

7 IDEAL DE ROMAY (FR) (25) **98**
PP545668 6 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)



Leonard Kerr

Derek Fox

Irish point winner who is winless under Rules but he did shape better than on yard debut when eighth of 9 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (24.6f) 25 days ago, travelling well for a long way. Needs to build on that returned to larger obstacles. 2 lb "wrong" at the weights.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Ballynaheer, **9-2** Just Jess, **5-1** Boolamore Classic, **11-2** Lepashe, **13-2** Watchoutitscookie, **8-1** Blue Plan, **16-1** Ideal De Romay

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BALLYNAHEER needs to shrug off a lesser effort at Hereford 32 days ago but each of his 2 previous chase efforts had contained definite promise and he's worth another chance to get back on the up. Chase debutant Boolamore Classic and Watchoutitscookie are a couple of others to consider in a race where most have something to prove.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BALLYNAHEER 2. BOOLAMORE CLASSIC 3. WATCHOUTITSCOOKIE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Tom Cody** 7-11-12 4-7f Rebecca Menzies Ross Chapman 4


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RACE 7

WATCH UNBRIDLED ON attheraces.com OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier) (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 2m190y (3390 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **BESPOKE TAILOR (IRE) (47)**  **100**
2-2 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ewan Whillans

Theo Gillard

Malinas gelding who has found one too strong on both starts in bumpers so far, beaten much further than on debut 6 months earlier but still probably running to a similar level at Ayr (16f, good to soft) 47 days ago. Has found a good opportunity to open his account here.

2 **BLAKEY BOY (IRE) (174)** **86**
3 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ewan Whillans

Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)

Dam unraced from family of Grand National winner Rule The World and smart staying hurdler Venalmar. Something to work on when third at Hexham on debut 174 days ago and can improve if ready to go.

3 **ELUSIVE WARRIOR (IRE) (47)** **82**
7 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Sandy Thomson

Ryan Mania

From a good family but failed to beat a rival at Ayr first time out and looks up against it again.

4 **FAST WORK (IRE) (43)** **83**
7 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)

Workforce gelding who looked green when seventh of 10 in bumper at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) on debut 6 weeks ago, outpaced from 3f out. Needs to build on that.

5 **GONNINO (IRE) (35)** **87**
3 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gary Rutherford

Lewis Dobb (7lb/3kg)

Out of a bumper winner and started in mildly encouraging fashion when third at Kelso last month. More to come and likely to be on the premises.

6 **LITTLE ROGER** **85**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ann Hamilton

Sam Coltherd

Blue Bresil gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/very smart chaser Nuts Well and useful hurdler/smart chaser Runswick Royal. Likely to need more time.

7 **RETREAT ARCHIE (IRE)** **85**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Jamie Albert Sloan

L. A. McKenna (5lb/2kg)

€12,000 3-y-o, Lucky Speed gelding. Half-brother to modest hurdler/poor chaser Court Adjourned. Dam ran twice over hurdles. Wears tongue strap. Betting should guide.

8 **SEYAINTHESUNINN (55)** **82**
78 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Micky Hammond

Conor O'Farrell

Half-brother to numerous winners, including bumper winner/useful hurdler Zulu Oscar. Not enough on both runs to date to make him of interest in this.

9 **THE CLONMEL KID (IRE)** **85**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Philip Kirby

Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)

€10,000 3-y-o, €12,000 5-y-o, Youmzain gelding. Half-brother to 19f bumper winner/fairly useful 17f hurdle winner Ciandarragh. Maiden Irish pointer, third last time (May 11).

10 **TIMELY APPROACH** **84**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Tracy Waggott

Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)

7,500 gns 4-y-o, Dubawi gelding. Brother to 1¼m winner in Saudi Arabia Thundersquall. Dam winner up to 1½m, including Irish 1000 Guineas and Yorkshire Oaks. Notable Flat pedigree.

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Bespoke Tailor, **15-2** Gonnino, **17-2** Blakey Boy, **10-1** Retreat Archie, **11-1** Little Roger, **12-1** The Clonmel Kid, **14-1** Timely Approach, **25-1** Fast Work, **33-1** Elusive Warrior, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BESPOKE TAILOR has been runner-up on both starts to date but this looks easier and he's worth a chance to open his account at the possible expense of stablemate Blakey Boy. Gonnino is also considered and Little Roger is probably the pick of the debutants.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BESPOKE TAILOR 2. BLAKEY BOY 3. GONNINO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race