

Friday 15th November

NEWCASTLE



12.10 HAWK PONTELAND NOW OPEN MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) LATHAN | (2) THE GEORDIE GINGE**

12.45 HAWKSTONE STOUT AVAILABLE AT THE HAWK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m7f149y (4760 Metres)

RACE 2 **(5) JETEYE | (8) KAJAKI | (9) YOU SOME GIRL**

1.20 SIGN LEAD YOUR HORSE TO WATER NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m19y (4040 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) AUTUMN RETURN | (3) COQOLINO | (2) IMPERIAL MERLIN**

1.55 FOLLOW THEHAWKPONTELAND ON INSTAGRAM MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) FROMHERETOETERNITY | (5) STARLYTE | (4) KAY TARA TARA**

2.30 HAWK PONTELAND NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) KINGOFTHEGAME | (1) HOME SWEET HIGHWAY | (5) HALFWAY HOUSE LAD**

3.05 JOIN US ON NEW YEAR'S DAY "JUNIOR" OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier) (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) HUNTERS SPRING | (1) KRUGERRAND | (2) ONE MORE BOTTLE**

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.

12.10**HAWK PONTELAND NOW OPEN MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+
£7,700 2½m62y (4080 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 LATHAN (FR) (14) t **100**
63 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

Cost €90,000 as a 3-y-o and was originally in the care of Dan Skelton (unraced for that yard). Showed more than first time up when third of 9 in novice hurdle at Wetherby (19.7f, good) 14 day ago and holds obvious claims here.

2 THE GEORDIE GINGE (IRE) (14) s **79**
0/23233-64 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Hannah McMahon

Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)

Fair hurdler at best but, having been sold out of Nigel Twiston-Davies yard for just 4,800 gns, he has been well below his best on a couple of starts for new connections.

2 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-5 Lathan, 23-10 The Geordie Ginge

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Just 2 face the starter here and recent Wetherby third LATHAN is much preferred to The Geordie Ginge.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LATHAN 2. THE GEORDIE GINGE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Blue Baloo 5-11-2	3-1	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	12
2022	I Am Gonna Be 5-11-2	8-11f	Michael Scudamore	Luca Morgan (3)	7
2021	Fiadh 5-11-4	15-8	Chris Grant	Sean Quinlan	5
2020	Rubytwo 8-10-12	6-5f	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin (3)	12
2019	Desaray Girl 4-10-12	20-1	Philip Kirby	Thomas Dowson	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.45

RACE 2

HAWKSTONE STOUT AVAILABLE AT THE HAWK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £7,700
2m7f149y (4760 Metres)Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 POLISH (19) s **97**
273P2-FP6 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



James Moffatt

Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg)

It's now 17 runs since his last win in 2021 and only sixth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Aintree (24.7f, good to soft) 19 days ago. Others appeal more.

2 STEPS MATCH (IRE) (15) (D) s **95**
455813PU 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Daragh Bourke

Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)

Resumed winning ways over hurdles at Perth in September but made mistakes before unseated rider a circuit out over C&D 15 days ago. Needs to bounce back.

3 HOSTILE HOTELIER (IRE) (18) (BF) s+t **97**
7221P-334 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Jennie Candlish

Sean Quinlan

Dual hurdles winner who wasn't disgraced when fourth of 6 in handicap chase at Ayr (24.1f, good to soft) 18 days ago. Much respected back over hurdles.

4 BALALLY PARK (IRE) (51) s+t **97**
6/U0457-96 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Rebecca Menzies

Ross Chapman

Modest ex-Irish maiden hurdlr. Only sixth of 9 in 2m4f Perth handicap for his new yard so more is required with headgear back on.

5 JETEYE (IRE) (15) (D) v+t **98**
2-P719742 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Got off the mark at Hexham in June and in good order since, second of 7 over C&D 15 days ago. That form has been franked so he's a player.

6 GRASS'S JET (IRE) (18) s **100**
4574-80 7 10-13 | 69.4kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Craig Nichol

Fair maiden hurdlr for Thomas Gallagher. Yet to fire for his current yard, tenth in handicap hurdle at Ayr 18 days ago. Handily weighted but he needs to take a big step forward.

7 JIMLI'S ISLAND (15) (D) s **99**
48-1122 8 10-12 | 68.9kg



Susan Corbett

Nathan Moscrop

Landed a brace of Perth handicaps and a good second of 7 in 23f handicap here 15 days ago. Must enter calculations.

8 KAJAKI (IRE) (53) s **98**
4498-7453 11 10-11 | 68.5kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Got back on track when third of 12 in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (19.8f, good) 53 days ago. In the mix with cheekpieces refitted.

9 YOU SOME GIRL (IRE) (20) (BF) h+t **97**
7662-3332 7 10-2 | 64.4kg



Rebecca Menzies

Charlie Maggs (7lb/3kg)

Posted a good second of 6 in handicap hurdle at Kelso (25.8f, good to soft) 20 days ago. Hood back on and ought to be in the shake-up despite her losing run.

10 EBENDI (IRE) (134) s **95**
903843-5F 7 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)



Andrew Wilson

Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)

Fairly useful Flat performer for Joseph O'Brien. Below that form over hurdles for his current yard and when back on the level at Redcar ten days ago. 5 lb out of the handicap too.

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 JeteYE, **9-2** Jimli's Island, **6-1** You Some Girl, **6-1** Hostile Hotelier, **9-1** Kajaki, **14-1** Grass's Jet, **22-1** Steps Match, **22-1** Polish, **33-1** Balally Park, **33-1** Ebendi

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A tight-knit handicap in which marginal preference is for JETEYE who can race off the same mark as when a very good recent C&D second and is now taken to get back to winning ways with that form working out well. Kajaki heads the list of dangers on the back of his resurgent Sedgefield third, with You Some Girl, Hostile Hotelier and Grass's Jet also in the mix.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JETEYE 2. KAJAKI 3. YOU SOME GIRL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Tune In A Box 4-10-9	9-2	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	10
2022	Fenland Tiger 6-11-9	10-3	Sam England	Jonathan England	14
2021	Our Idic Boy 7-9-10	5-2	Ian Williams	Charlie Todd (3)	12
2020 ^I	The Black Squirrel 7-11-4	22-1	Henry Hogarth	Jamie Hamilton	14
2020 ^{II}	Viking Ruby 7-11-9	9-4f	Neil Mulholland	K. Brogan (7)	13
2019	Mr Love 7-11-11	6-4f	Dan Skelton	William Marshall (7)	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

**SIGN LEAD YOUR HORSE TO WATER NOVICES' LIMITED
HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £11,700
2½m19y (4040 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **BENSON (34)** (D) t **98**
414000-P4 **9** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Sandy Thomson

Ryan Mania

Gained his sixth win over hurdles at Musselburgh (19.8f) on New Year's Day but he has finished well held on his last 5 starts, reverted to fences when fourth of 7 at Hexham on return last time. Others are preferred.

2 **IMPERIAL MERLIN (IRE) (118)** (C) **99**
2F1/53FP-5 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg



John & Sean Quinn

Craig Nichol

Fairly useful hurdler who wasn't disgraced when fifth of 12 in 22f Cartmel handicap in July. Only second run over fences when fell second last (yet to be asked for effort) in February so no forlorn hope back in this sphere.

3 **COQOLINO (FR) (34)** t **100**
454-58P22 **9** 11-1 | 70.3kg



Ben Haslam

K. Brogan

It's now 14 runs since his last win in 2021 but he is knocking on the door, second of 11 in handicap chase at Hexham (20.1f, soft) 34 days ago. Holds very good claims.

4 **AUTUMN RETURN (IRE) (28)** (D) **99**
1/21238-15 **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Ruth Jefferson

Brian Hughes

Most likeable hurdler who got off the mark at the first attempt in this sphere at Perth in September. Beat only one at Uttoxeter following month (reportedly suffered leg cut) but well worth another chance.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Coqolino, 11-4 Imperial Merlin, 9-2 Autumn Return, 6-1 Benson

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AUTUMN RETURN got off to the perfect start over fences at Perth only to suffer a leg cut at Uttoxeter last time and this likeable mare is worth siding with to bounce back in style. Coqolino comes here in very good nick and rates a big threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AUTUMN RETURN 2. COQOLINO 3. IMPERIAL MERLIN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:2023 **Cruz Control** 6-11-10 5-4f Tom Lacey Stan Sheppard 5**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

FOLLOW THEHAWKPONTELAND ON INSTAGRAM MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £7,700 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 FROMHERETOETERNITY (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (7) s+t **99**
0/00P-2711 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Jennie Candlish

Sean Quinlan

Looks highly progressive since joining this yard, landing a handicap at Worcester before easily following up in a novice at Hexham 7 days ago. Clearly the one to beat in the hat-trick bid.

2 MICKS JET (IRE) (191) (D) ★ **100**
1/43431P-P 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Philip Kirby

Brian Hughes

Bumper winner who made steady progress over hurdles prior to landing the odds in Musselburgh maiden (19.8f, soft) in February. Tame efforts subsequently but starts handicaps on a potentially lenient mark back from 6 months off.

3 SEE A STRIDE (IRE) (34) t **77**
9/037P-4 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Susan Corbett

Nathan Moscrop

Fair maiden hurdler who broke blood vessel when pulled up in handicap at Ballinrobe (22.4f) on final outing for Gordon Elliott. Little encouragement on stable debut in novice at Hexham a month ago.

4 KAY TARA TARA (14) s+t **97**
0/1322P-95 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Craig Nichol

Ended her time with Alan King under a cloud but started life for this yard on a more positive note when fifth at Uttoxeter a fortnight ago. Claims if she can build on that.

5 STARLYTE (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (6) (CD) s+t **98**
532PPP21 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lucinda Russell

Patrick Wadge

Has looked rejuvenated on her last couple of starts, scoring with plenty in hand at Kelso 6 days ago. Past C&D winner who should go well under a penalty.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Fromheretoeternity, **9-4** Starlyte, **11-2** Kay Tara Tara, **12-1** Micks Jet, **25-1** See A Stride

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FROMHERETOETERNITY is thriving for current connections and is well fancied to complete the hat-trick with the potential for even more improvement. Fellow last-time-out winner Starlyte is a threat and Kay Tara Tara can play a part if stepping forward from her stable debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FROMHERETOETERNITY 2. STARLYTE 3. KAY TARA TARA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.30**HAWK PONTELAND NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+
(Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)**

RACE 5

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 HOME SWEET HIGHWAY (IRE) (22) (D) b 89
44-621433 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Donald McCain

Brian Hughes

Confirmed previous promise over hurdles when off the mark at Bangor (23f) in June. Not a convincing chaser as yet, below form on his last couple of starts, but he is on a feasible mark.

2 HEY BROTHER (FR) (42) 95
3/0369-52P 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Barry Murtagh

Lorcan Murtagh

First run since leaving Jedd O'Keeffe when 100/1, pulled up in handicap chase at Hexham (24.2f, good) 42 days ago, not fluent again 5 out. Plenty to prove on the back of that.

3 GREAT BALLINBORIS (FR) (189) t 99
67/34-P 8 11-0 | 69.9kg



Micky Hammond

Conor O'Farrell

Failed to make an impact over hurdles and not much better over fences. Handicapper has given him a chance and he's tongue tied/up in trip after 6 months off.

4 KINGOFTHEGAME (IRE) (20) ★ 100
846-43 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Martin Todhunter

Sean Quinlan

Ex-pointer who, following a quick switch to chasing, has shown encouragement the last twice, notably when a strong-finishing third at Kelso 20 days ago. Likely to open his account upped in trip.

5 HALFWAY HOUSE LAD (181) t 95
78243P-26 5 10-4 | 65.3kg



Maurice Barnes

Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)

Still looking for first success and wasn't on his game when sixth at Bangor 6 months ago. Others make more appeal.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-5 Kingofthegame, **7-2** Home Sweet Highway, **8-1** Halfway House Lad, **9-1** Great Ballinboris, **22-1** Hey Brother

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KINGOFTHEGAME looked ahead of this mark when finishing well into third at Kelso last time and most of his rivals have something to prove, so he's the obvious choice to take this. Home Sweet Highway is probably the main danger from a handicapping perspective but needs to step up on his last couple of efforts.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KINGOFTHEGAME 2. HOME SWEET HIGHWAY 3. HALFWAY HOUSE LAD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Goodoldbill 7-10-5	33-1	Jane Walton	Ross Chapman	8
2022	Future Benefits 5-10-5	5-2f	Rebecca Menzies	Sean Quinlan	8
2021	Gun Merchant 8-11-6	2-1	Alison Hamilton	Sean Quinlan	4
2020	Epsom des Mottes 6-10-10	16-1	Philip Kirby	Ross Chapman	11
2019	Gatacre Street 7-10-7	11-1	Sam England	Jonathan England	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.05

RACE 6

JOIN US ON NEW YEAR'S DAY "JUNIOR" OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier) (5) 3yo £4,500 2m190y (3390 Metres)

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 KRUGERRAND (IRE) (8) 93
5 3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nigel Tinkler

Jamie Hamilton

Ten Sovereigns gelding who offered limited encouragement when fifth of 7 in bumper at Ludlow (15.8f, good to soft) last week, outpaced from early in straight. Should've learnt a good deal from that so is fancied to take a step forward.

2 ONE MORE BOTTLE 83
3 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lizzie Quinlan

Sean Quinlan

Mukhadram gelding. Brother to 7f/1m winner Alotabottle and half-brother to 4 winners. Dam ran once on Flat. Worth a second look on debut.

3 HUNTERS SPRING 100
3 10-9 | 67.6kg



Lucinda Russell

Conner McCann (7lb/3kg)

Nayef filly. Sister to 1¼m winner Stockbridge Tap and half-sister to 7f/1m winner Thewaytothestars. Dam (h127) 2m hurdle winner, also 11f winner on Flat. Yard/jockey won this last year and she's a likely sort on debut.

4 MAHPENNY 83
3 10-9 | 67.6kg



R. Mike Smith

Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)

Mahsoob filly. Dam fair hurdler (23f winner). Market check advisable.

5 POPPYS ON FIRE (6) 80
8 3 10-9 | 67.6kg



Rebecca Menzies

Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)

Gleneagles filly who was a cheap purchase given her good Flat pedigree and achieved nothing when tailed-off last of 8 in bumper at Aintree (17f, good) last week. Will need to leave that well behind.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Hunters Spring, **9-4** Krugerrand, **15-2** Mahpenny, **17-2** One More Bottle, **20-1** Poppys On Fire

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Lucinda Russell and Conner McCann combined to win this with a debutante last year and they can repeat the trick with HUNTERS SPRING, who is one of the few in the field with a NH pedigree. Krugerrand offered limited encouragement when fifth in a Ludlow bumper last week, but he can provide most resistance to the selection, with One More Bottle rounding off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HUNTERS SPRING 2. KRUGERRAND 3. ONE MORE BOTTLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **She's Notjoeking** 3-10-9 8-1 Lucinda Russell Conner McCann (7) 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race