

Wednesday 20th November

HEXHAM



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SUPPORT THE INJURED JOCKEYS FUND TODAY HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 1 **(11) ROBERT D'ORES | (1) TECHNOLOGY | (8) ONE STEP UP**

1.10

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m48y (3260 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) NOT SO SOBERS | (9) NELLIE BLUESKY | (6) THAT ONE**

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VISIT mybettingsites.com IRELAND NOVICES' CHASE (3) 3m41y (4870 Metres)

RACE 3 **(2) CADELL | (1) REVEREND HUBERT | (5) PRESIDENT SCOTTIE**

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B K RACING LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 3m7f199y (6420 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) BREEZE OF WIND | (5) ELLEON | (6) JEM IN EM**

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mybettingsites.com UK BOOKMAKERS RANKED & REVIEWED. HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m15y (4040 Metres)

RACE 5 **(7) RIBEYE | (1) RETURN FIRE | (2) FLASH DU PISTOLET**

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FIRST CATERING FROM NEWCASTLE FALCONS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier) (4) 2m48y (3260 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) BESPOKE TAILOR | (3) HE'S BRESILIAN | (5) NOBLE GEORGE**

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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SUPPORT THE INJURED JOCKEYS FUND TODAY HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105) £9,650 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

RACE 1



Going: **Good**


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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 TECHNOLOGY (IRE) (45) (BF) t 96
52P/UP4-26 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **B. W. Harvey (3lb/1kg)**
Fair maiden hurdler. Good start for new yard when second in 20.5f Wexford handicap in August. Not in the same form when sixth at Killarney 5 weeks later but the stable's good Hexham record earns him a place on the shortlist.

2 HALF TRACK (IRE) (27) 97
UUP4/U3 8 11-13 | 75.7kg

 **Brian Hughes**
Lightly-raced and poor completion rate (primarily over fences) since landing an Ayr novice hurdle back in December 2021. Latest Carlisle third shows some ability remains. The task now is to build on that.


3 AMBASSADOR (IRE) (15) s 99
8-1461870 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)**
Resumed winning ways at Uttoxeter (2m) in July but not in same form since, finishing down the field at Sedgefield 15 days ago. Below par on previous attempt over this trip. Cheekpieces replace a visor.


4 GOOD BYE (GER) (53) b 88
22341/8P7 9 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)**
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.

5 THE MASS PATH (IRE) (47) ★ 100
7P-733690 7 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)**
Operating below his best in Ireland of late but this stable's runners always need monitoring very closely in the betting.


6 DREAMS OF HOME (IRE) (17) s 95
3P4524-99 8 11-10 | 74.4kg

 **Sean Quinlan**
Largely struggled for Donald McCain last season and a change of stable hasn't sparked any upturn in his fortunes this autumn. First-time cheekpieces need to make a difference.


7 PARK HIND (IRE) (598) s 94
38055678/ 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Mr Sean O'Connor (7lb/3kg)**
Long-standing maiden hurdler in Ireland. A watching brief is advised on this first outing for Victor Thompson after 598 days off the track.


8 ONE STEP UP (FR) (23) s 97
6P67P-2P3 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Sam Coltherd**
Placed on 2 of his 3 outings this season, on the latest finishing third of 14 at Ayr (19.5f) with cheekpieces added (retained). Should be thereabouts.


9 AGILULF (15) t 96
63P-7038P 5 10-12 | 68.9kg

 **Theo Gillard**
Still to register a victory and pulled up on Sedgefield chase debut 15 days ago. Claims on her Market Rasen third in July but she's inconsistent.


10 MR MAHLER (IRE) (200) 98
666P0-0 6 10-12 | 68.9kg

 **Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)**
Lightly-raced maiden who failed to make an impact in 2 handicaps in the spring (3m here latterly). Returns from 6 months off with something to prove.


11 ROBERT D'ORES (FR) (12) t 98
8PU-PP862 7 10-2 | 64.4kg

 **Jonathon Bewley**
Still a maiden but he went close over 23f here on his recent return from wind surgery. Big player if in the same form.

12 LEWA HOUSE (23) (CD) s 97
2/352933-6 8 10-2 | 64.4kg

 **Bruce Lynn**
Not the most consistent and on a losing sequence but he probably needed his latest Ayr outing after 6 months off.

13 ROYLE STEEL (FR) (145) 98
531945-68 6 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

 **Joshua Thompson (7lb/3kg)**
Won over fences at Sedgefield last October. Has largely struggled in that sphere since (last seen at Cartmel in June) but is dangerously well handicapped if reviving for a break and a return to hurdles.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Robert D'ores, 9-2 Technology, 11-2 One Step Up, 7-1 The Mass Path, 11-1 Lewa House, 11-1 Half Track, 16-1 Royle Steel, 20-1 Agilulf, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ROBERT D'ORES gets the vote on the back of a fine return from wind surgery over a longer trip here 12 days ago. John McConnell has an excellent 11-24 Hexham record so his Technology has to rate a danger. Last month's Ayr third One Step Up also makes the shortlist, while The Mass Path would also enter the reckoning should the betting vibes be strong.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROBERT D'ORES 2. TECHNOLOGY 3. ONE STEP UP

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Clovis Boy	4-10-7	3-1f	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	8
2022	Lewa House	6-10-12	20-1	Catch Bissett	Bruce Lynn (5)	16
2021 ¹	Foillan	6-11-12	13-2	Dr Richard Newland	Charlie Hammond	8
2021 ¹¹	Shoughall's Boy	5-10-9	22-1	Harriet Graham	Ryan Mania	9
2020	Bushypark	6-10-10	7-4f	Philip Kirby	Thomas Dowson	15
2019	Casimir du Clos	7-11-1	6-1	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd (3)	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2


BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4, 5 and 6yo £9,000 2m48y (3260 Metres)




Going: **Good**



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Pace Information: **Even**


1 IRA HAYES (IRE) (23) (D) 61 5 11-0 | 69.9kg **B. W. Harvey (3lb/1kg)**
 John McConnell, Ireland
 Point winner who was impressive when making his second start in bumpers a successful one at Wexford 23 days ago. Bold show likely on hurdle debut if showing up. Engaged 1.03 Carlisle Tuesday.


2 LONG TIME LISTENER (IRE) (260) 6- 4 11-0 | 69.9kg **Jamie Hamilton**
 Tim Easterby
 Point bumper winner but finished a remote sixth in a bumper under Rules at Newcastle in March. The betting is perhaps the best guide now hurdling after 8 months off.


3 NOT SO SOBERS (25) (D) 2-14 5 11-0 | 69.9kg **Brian Hughes**
 David Killahena & Graeme McPherson 
 Fairly useful bumper winner who arrives fit from a good fourth at Cheltenham last month. Leading claims on hurdle debut under Brian Hughes.

4 PRINCE OF PERTH (IRE) (39) 45/4 6 11-0 | 69.9kg **Conner McCann (7lb/3kg)** 
 Lucinda Russell
 Returned from a long absence to finish quite an encouraging fourth over C&D last month. He's one who leaves the impression he won't really come into his own until tackling longer trips but he could still play a prominent role. Engaged 2.40 Carlisle Tuesday.


5 SHADOW CHASER (IRE) (17) 3-35 5 11-0 | 69.9kg **Sam Coltherd**
 Stuart Coltherd 
 Point winner who was third in a 19f Cork bumper for John Gleeson and has shown a bit in a couple of novice hurdles in the North this autumn. Might not reveal his true potential until handicapping, though. Engaged 1.03 Carlisle Tuesday.


6 THAT ONE (243) 54- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg **Conor O'Farrell**
 James Walton
 Showed definite ability in 3 hurdles earlier in the year, posting his best effort when fourth over C&D in March. Place claims if ready to roll after 8 months off.


7 WALK IN THE VALLEY (IRE) (22) 7P 5 11-0 | 69.9kg **Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)**
 Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith
 Not disgraced both starts in points in spring 2023 but hard to derive much promise from his 2 efforts in novice hurdles last month.

8 WILLIE SHAKE HANDS (IRE) (9) 3-P6 5 11-0 | 69.9kg **Jonathan England** h+t
 Sam England
 Imposing sort who was third in an Irish bumper in April and has shown definite ability in 2 hurdle runs for Sam England in recent weeks. Handicaps after this perhaps more his thing, though.

9 NELLIE BLUESKY (189) 8/76-1 6 10-13 | 69.4kg **Craig Nichol**
 Ewan Whillans
 Modest form at best in a trio in bumpers but a different proposition sent hurdling when springing a surprise at Perth (2½m) in May. That wasn't a great race but she should still be very competitive under a penalty on return.

10 GOLDEN POINT (FR) (55) 432-4 5 10-7 | 66.7kg **Derek Fox**
 Lucinda Russell
 Modest in bumpers. Easy to back and might have needed the run after 8 months off when a remote fourth of 5 on her Perth hurdle debut in September.

11 LIZZIE LUNA (39) 5-57 4 10-7 | 66.7kg **Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)**
 Ewan Whillans
 Has shown ability in 3 bumpers but not enough to suggest she's likely to make a winning start over hurdles here. Engaged 2.40 Carlisle Tuesday.

12 UOKHUN (IRE) (12) 4/P-4 6 10-7 | 66.7kg **Danny McMenamin** t **87**
 Tim Easterby
 Arcadio mare who is bred to stay well and shaped with some encouragement when fourth of 11 in bumper at Musselburgh in March 2023. Limited promise in two hurdling outings subsequently, though. Engaged 2.40 Carlisle Tuesday.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Not So Sobers, **3-1** Ira Hayes, **6-1** Nellie Bluesky, **12-1** Prince of Perth, **16-1** That One, **16-1** Golden Point, **22-1** Shadow Chaser, **28-1** Willie Shake Hands, **33-1** Uokhun, **80-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NOT SO SOBERS had the form of last month's Cheltenham bumper form boosted there over the weekend and can strike on hurdle debut. Perth winner Nellie Bluesky and That One should get involved in the battle for minor honours. Ira Hayes would be a major threat to the selection if showing up here after/instead of Carlisle on Tuesday.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NOT SO SOBERS 2. NELLIE BLUESKY 3. THAT ONE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Cracking Rhapsody 4-11-0	11-1	Ewan Whillans	Craig Nichol	8
2022 ¹	You Wear It Well 5-10-13	2-7f	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	10
2022 ¹	Bingoo 6-11-0	4-1	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones (3)	9
2021	Captain Quint 5-10-12	5-2f	Rose Dobbin	Craig Nichol	13
2020	Lady Villanelle 5-10-5	17-2	Donald Whillans	Callum Bewley	10






SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.45**VISIT mybettingsites.com IRELAND NOVICES' CHASE (3)
4yo+ £15,500 3m41y (4870 Metres)****RACE 3****GBI RACING**Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	REVEREND HUBERT (IRE) (11) (D)	99
	133-11U65 6 11-12 75.3kg Charles Byrnes, Ireland B. W. Harvey (3lb/1kg) Useful winning form over fences at up to 3m during the summer. Creditable effort on Flat when seventh in Cesarewitch last month prior to struggling from a lofty mark over hurdles at Aintree 11 days ago but definite claims of getting involved back over fences for shrewd stable.	
2	CADELL (IRE) (19) (D)	 100
	21272P-31 6 11-8 73.5kg Lucinda Russell Derek Fox Unbeaten in points. Fairly useful form over hurdles last season and he took a sizeable step forward from his chase debut effort when making all in a 3-runner Wetherby novice (24.2f) 19 days ago, quickening clear from 4 out. Obvious claims with prospect of more to come.	
3	RACEVIEW ROAD (IRE) (25)	76
	3221-43 6 11-8 73.5kg George Bewley Jonathon Bewley Multiple Irish point winner who was placed in a bumper and couple of Newcastle novice hurdles prior to making a winning chase debut in handicap at Kelso (21.6f) in April. Decent efforts there next 2 starts, including on return, but plenty more needed on these terms. Engaged 12.30 Carlisle Tuesday.	
4	NO TIME TO WAIT (IRE) (19)	t 95
	187/314-P4 6 11-2 70.8kg John McConnell, Ireland Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg) Bumper/hurdles winner for Gordon Elliott. Stepped up on his yard/chase debut effort at Kilbeggan when fourth of 6 in novice at Down Royal (19.9f) 3 weeks ago, yet he didn't convince with his jumping then. Tongue strap applied now.	
5	PRESIDENT SCOTTIE (IRE) (214) (D)	
	533/32114- 6 11-2 70.8kg Nicky Richards Danny McMenamin Ended last term on the up over hurdles, scoring at Ayr and Haydock before a very good fourth in 3m Ayr handicap in the spring. Has the potential to make a better chaser. Interesting.	

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Cadell, 11-4 Reverend Hubert, 5-1 No Time To Wait, 7-1 President Scottie, 33-1 Raceview Road

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CADELL will likely face sterner resistance than when successful in a 3-runner affair at Wetherby 3 weeks ago, yet Lucinda Russell's 6-y-o was dominant on that occasion and is fancied to take this with further progress in the offing. Reverend Hubert returned to chasing and President Scottie, who was progressive over hurdles last term are fancied to emerge as the lead threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CADELL 2. REVEREND HUBERT 3. PRESIDENT SCOTTIE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Crystal Glory 6-11-2	8-15f	Nicky Richards	Sean Quinlan	7
2021	Doyen Breed 6-11-0	13-8	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	4
2020	Mighty Thunder 7-11-6	6-5f	Lucinda Russell	Blair Campbell (3)	5
2019	Just Your Type 7-11-0	11-10	Charlie Longsdon	Robert Dunne	2

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

**B K RACING LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier)
(4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £13,850 3m7f199y (6420
Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 DESTINY IS ALL (IRE) (23) s **97**
P/103642-1 10 12-0 | 76.2kg

Lucinda Russell *Jack Power (7lb/3kg)*
Boasts a good record when fresh and bolstered that after 6 months off when landing 6-runner handicap chase at Ayr (24.1f, good to soft) 23 days ago, rallying to lead on run-in. Respected up 3 lb returned to this significantly longer trip (fourth in this race 12 months ago).

2 CAMP BELAN (IRE) (23) b **98**
4433125-3 8 11-12 | 75.3kg

Lucinda Russell *Derek Fox*
Thorough stayer who cashed in on his reduced mark at Ayr (24.1f) in February. Creditable efforts in defeat have followed, 6¼ lengths third of 6 behind stablemate Destiny Is All on the back of 6 months off at Ayr 23 days ago. Likely to be sharper here.

3 BROKEN ICE (IRE) (26) s+t **99**
5-3256427 8 11-10 | 74.4kg

John McConnell, Ireland *Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)*
On a lengthy losing run but did run well in pair of starts over fences/hurdles in August. Latest run when seventh of 15 in handicap hurdle at Sligo (25.7f, soft) 26 days ago was a respectable one but stamina to prove now tackling this significantly longer trip back over fences.

4 BREEZE OF WIND (IRE) (22) (CD) t **100**
1112144-4 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Stuart Coltherd *Sam Coltherd*
Point winner who proved progressive over fences last season, his fourth career success coming in this race from 4 lb lower mark 12 months ago. Comeback fourth at Bangor (24.1f) in October was a solid effort and respected for all he's largely been campaigned on much softer ground.

5 ELLEON (FR) (27) (C) s+t **98**
81133432 9 11-6 | 72.6kg

Sam England *Jonathan England*
Still not the most of fluent of jumpers but has enjoyed a fine start to the season, winning brace of handicaps here (at 3m) and in-the-frame all 5 starts since. Likely to give his running again and he's unexposed at marathon trips.

6 JEM IN EM (IRE) (45) b+t **93**
14424-384 6 11-3 | 71.2kg

Lucinda Russell *Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)*
Consistent hurdler but stepped up on his return/chase debut run when fourth of 10 in handicap at Kelso 45 days ago, even a well-run 3¼m not getting near the bottom of him. Demands of this sort of test look sure to suit and respected with blinkers replacing cheekpieces.

7 LOW MILEAGE (IRE) (27) **91**
57/P5450-0 6 10-12 | 68.9kg

George Bewley *Jonathan Bewley*
Fairly modest maiden over hurdles/fences in Ireland and not shown much in 2 chase tries (7 months apart) for present stable. Marked increase in trip needs to have positive effect now.

8 DR SHIROCCO (IRE) (15) (C) **98**
162-12348 9 10-2 | 64.4kg

Sandy Forster *Conor O'Farrell*
Winless following 20 attempts over hurdles but has already won 3 times in this sphere, the latest over 3m here in May. Solid efforts next 3 starts prior to a disappointing run after 4 months off at Sedgfield (21.1f) 15 days ago. Return to this venue a plus but has stamina to prove.

9 DEQUALL (12) (C, BF) b **95**
968-26P23 8 10-2(9-7) | 64.4kg (60.3kg)

Stuart Coltherd *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*
3-time winner over hurdles (including here) but the latest of those come back in 2021 and whilst he's been in good nick over timber in recent months, this not the easiest of assignments returned to chasing from out of the weights.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Destiny Is All, **5-1** Camp Belan, **11-2** Elleon, **6-1** Breeze of Wind, **8-1** Jem In Em, **11-1** Broken Ice, **12-1** Dr Shirocco, **14-1** Dequall, **28-1** Low Mileage

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Claims can be made for a host here including last year's winner BREEZE OF WIND. He returned to action with a solid fourth at Bangor 22 days ago and the significant step back up in trip is firmly in his favour. Elleon is another of interest along with Jem In Em, who has often shaped like worthy of a crack at a marathon trip.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BREEZE OF WIND 2. ELLEON 3. JEM IN EM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Event of Sivola	8-10-13	10-1	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	5
2021	Lough Derg Farmer	9-10-12	25-1	Sue Smith	Thomas Willmott (5)	11
2020	Nakadam	10-10-9	16-1	Barry Murtagh	Lorcan Murtagh (3)	9
2019	Dontdelay	9-9-13	7-1	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (7)	10

SMART STATS:

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RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 RETURN FIRE (IRE) (12) (CD) 100
354U6-641 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Lucinda Russell** *Derek Fox*
Well suited by the demands of this track and, on back of a recent spin over hurdles, capitalised on reduced mark when taking 9-runner handicap chase (24.2f) 12 days ago. Drop in trip won't inconvenience him and possibilities up 6 lb.


2 FLASH DU PISTOLET (IRE) (25) (BF) 96
244-4 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Stuart Coltherd** *Sam Coltherd*
Ex-pointer who displayed fair form at best over hurdles and encouraging return from 10 months off when fourth of 11 in handicap chase at Kelso (17.1f, good to soft) on debut over fences 25 days ago, no extra only late on. Rates a likely improver in this sphere.

3 LISLORAN (IRE) (281) (D) 86
15317/376- 8 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Russell Ross** *Ross Chapman*
Won 3 times over fences at around 2½m during 2022/23 campaign. Failed to kick on from a respectable run over hurdles last term, running poorly when sixth of 8 in handicap chase at Ayr (20.5f, heavy) in February. Cheekpieces worn then are discarded back from 9 months off/following wind surgery.


4 OKAVANGO DELTA (IRE) (25) 94
8/823-P646 8 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Paul Robson** *Craig Nichol*
Hurdles winner who shaped with encouragement starting out for new yard when fourth in handicap chase here (15.6f) in October. Couldn't build on that when sixth at Kelso (17f) next time but a return to this longer trip may well see him in a better light here.


5 POETRY MAN (IRE) (193) 96
647P32U-U 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **George Bewley** *Jonathon Bewley*
Failed to trouble the judge over hurdles but more like it with cheekpieces enlisted/sent chasing, placed in pair of Newcastle handicaps during the spring. Unseated both starts around here at 3m thereafter but he's certainly not one to write off returning from 6 months off.


6 KAUTO D'AMOUR (FR) (403) (D) 96
P232/F- 9 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith** *Tom Midgley (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 in October and he'll need to have brushed up his jumping now returning from another lengthy absence.


7 RIBEYE (20) (CD) 96
P24-3F273 9 11-5 | 72.1kg

 **Peter Atkinson** *Danny McMenamin*
C&D winner who stepped up on his reappearance run here, when 6 lengths third of 7 in handicap chase at Newcastle (23.4f) 3 weeks ago. Merits a second look operating just 1 lb above the mark he last tasted success from.


8 CUDGEL (172) (C) 96
434222-63 11 10-13 | 69.4kg

 **James Walton** *Conor O'Farrell*
All 6 career wins have been registered at this course and he typically gave a good account of himself when third in a C&D handicap 6 months ago. Has gone well fresh in the past and he's another in with a shout.


9 THE PADDY PIE (IRE) (15) (C, D) 99
4P474-P52 11 10-12 | 68.9kg

 **Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith** *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*
Losing run stretches back almost 2 years but his mark reflects that and he comes here having run well when second of 11 in handicap chase at Sedgfield (21.1f, good) 15 days ago. Can't be ruled out at this level.

10 KICKSAFTERSIX (IRE) (39) (C) 93
25-835222 8 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **Martin Todhunter** *Sean Quinlan*
Opened his account in a handicap chase over 15.6f here in summer 2023. Winless since but consistency hard to knock in recent months, again finding only one too good back here 39 days ago. Yard amongst the winners and step back up in trip within range.

11 EX S'ELANCE (FR) (200) (CD) 94
12/34P87-F 10 10-5 | 65.8kg

 **Victor Thompson** *Mr Sean O'Connor (7lb/3kg)*
Dual chase winner last spring, including over this C&D. Operating below his best prior to falling back at this venue in May and he's been absent again since. On a handy mark on pick of his form but this run may well be needed.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Return Fire, 6-1 Flash Du Pistolet, 13-2 Kicksaftersix, 8-1 The Paddy Pie, 9-1 Ribeye, 10-1 Cudgel, 11-1 Poetry Man, 12-1 Okavango Delta, 18-1 Kauto D'amour, 22-1 Lisloran, 28-1 Ex S'elance

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It could be worth siding with RIBEYE who stepped up on his comeback run when finishing a good third at Newcastle 3 weeks ago and lines up just 1 lb above the mark he last tasted success from over this C&D. Return Fire was successful over 3m here 12 days ago and needs considering. Flash du Pistolet is another who has wins in him in this sphere judged on an encouraging reappearance display at Kelso last month.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RIBEYE 2. RETURN FIRE 3. FLASH DU PISTOLET

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race







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RACE 6

FIRST CATERING FROM NEWCASTLE FALCONS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier) (4) 4 and 5yo £6,500 2m48y (3260 Metres)Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

	1	BESPOKE TAILOR (IRE) (23)	 100
		2-2 4 11-2 70.8kg	
		Ewan Whillans	<i>Craig Nichol</i>
		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) just over 3 weeks ago. Every chance he will make it third time lucky.	
	2	FAST WORK (IRE) (19)	82
		7 4 11-2 70.8kg	
		Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith	<i>Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)</i>
		Workforce gelding who looked green when seventh of 10 in bumper at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) on debut just under 3 weeks ago, outpaced from 3f out. Needs to build on that.	
	3	HE'S BRESILIAN (34)	94
		4 4 11-2 70.8kg	
		Jedd O'Keefe	<i>Conor O'Farrell</i>
		Blue Bresil gelding who had failed to complete in 2 points but shaped with a little more encouragement when fourth of 7 in bumper at Carlisle (17.2f, soft) just under 5 weeks ago, unsurprisingly caught a little for speed when it mattered. Fancied to be bang there with that under his belt.	
	4	KING KODIAK (IRE)	81
		5 11-2 70.8kg	
		George Bewley	<i>Jonathon Bewley</i>
		Arctic Cosmos gelding. €2,800F. Fifth foal. Dam unraced, from family of very smart 2m/2½m chaser The Outback Way.	
	5	NOBLE GEORGE (IRE)	84
		4 11-2 70.8kg	
		Jennie Candlish 	<i>Sean Quinlan</i>
		Order of St George gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including fairly useful hurdler Fin And Game, stayed 19f, and bumper winner/fair hurdler Nell's Bells. Dam unraced half-sister to top-class hurdler/smart chaser (2m-2¾m winner) Peddlers Cross. Debutant to consider.	
	6	SPECTRESS	83
		5 10-9 67.6kg	
		N. W. Alexander	<i>Bruce Lynn</i>
		Passing Glance mare. Dam (h105), 2¼m hurdle winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (15f-17f winner) Fair Loch.	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Bespoke Tailor, **9-4** He's Bresilian, **17-2** Noble George, **10-1** Spectress, **16-1** Fast Work, **25-1** King Kodiak

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BESPOKE TAILOR has found just one too strong on both starts so far so Ewan Whillans' 4-y-o is fancied to make it third time lucky at the expense of He's Bresilian, who shaped with a more encouragement than he had in a couple of points when fourth at Carlisle last month. Noble George makes most paper appeal of the newcomers so can occupy third place.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BESPOKE TAILOR 2. HE'S BRESILIAN 3. NOBLE GEORGE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Wendigo** 4-11-2 1-2f Jamie Snowden Gavin Sheehan 4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race