

Thursday 26th December

# SEDGEFIELD



**11.45** DOWNLOAD THE VICKERS.BET APP NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) PIGEON HOUSE | (2) SIGN AGAIN | (7) MONTEPLEX**

**12.20** CASTLE CONSTRUCTION NORTH EAST LTD EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m178y (3380 Metres)

RACE 2 **(8) BLACKWATER LILLY | (1) BRODERICK | (5) PADDYS POLICY**

**12.50** VICKERS.BET WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m77y (3290 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) I'M TOO TIRED | (6) WILD GROUSE | (4) FEARLESS ACTION**

**1.25** CASINO AND SPORTS AT VICKERS.BET HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)

RACE 4 **(6) KNACKER TRAPPER | (10) HILL OF SCARRIFF | (11) MISS APPLEJACK**

**2.00** FAIRLIGHT STUDIOS MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f65y (3880 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) YEALAND | (2) KAPROYALE | (8) THE PADDY PIE**

**2.35** BEST RACING ODDS AT VICKERS.BET HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) SALSADA | (4) FOSTER'S FORTUNE | (3) HARPER VALLEY**

**3.10** GARY WOOD MEMORIAL MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m178y (3380 Metres)

RACE 7 **(7) KINGSTON QUEEN | (1) LADY KLUCK | (2) ARCTIC DUCHESS**

## 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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**DOWNLOAD THE VICKERS.BET APP NOVICES' HURDLE (4)**  
**4yo+ £7,700 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)**

RACE 1



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Pace Information: **N/A**

**1 PIGEON HOUSE (IRE) (15)** s **100**  
 9-13361P2 **4** 11-12 | 75.3kg

**Jennie Candlish** **Sean Quinlan**  
 Won twice over hurdles (at up to 18.2f) for Jessica Harrington and positive start for new stable when runner-up in novice hurdle at Hereford (19.7f, good to soft) 15 days ago. Sets a clear standard under a double penalty.

**2 SIGN AGAIN (IRE) (38)** **83**  
 41 **4** 11-7 | 73.0kg

**Charlie Longsdon** **Lilly Pinchin**  
 £60,000 buy after Irish point win in April and left sole run in bumper behind when winning 4-runner novice hurdle at Plumpton (20.5f, good) on hurdles bow 38 days ago. Likely to improve again.

**3 ALLTALKNOACTION (IRE) (15)** **71**  
 P4 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Tim Easterby** **Mr William Easterby (3lb/1kg)**  
 Third sole start in point bumpers/runner-up sole start in points in early-2024. However, well held both starts in maiden hurdles.

**4 DARTIE BAY (15)** **65**  
 97P **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Chris Grant** **Ross Chapman**  
 Dartmouth gelding who offered little in bumpers 5 months apart and in maiden hurdle at Hexham.

**5 DARTMHOR (67)** **60**  
 86 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Chris Grant** **William Maggs (5lb/2kg)**  
 Down the field in 2 bumpers.

**6 FANCY NANCY PANTS (34)** **70**  
 04 **4** 10-7 | 66.7kg

**Philip Kirby** **Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)**  
 Well held in 2 bumpers 6 months apart.

**7 MONTEPLEX (642)** h+t **76**  
 350P2/ **7** 10-7 | 66.7kg

**Brian Ellison** **Craig Nichol**  
 Modest form at best in bumpers. Easy to put a line through hurdle debut run (saddle slipped early) and belied market weakness despite playing up and getting loose beforehand when second in novice hurdle at Kelso in March 2023. Not seen since, however.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-6** Pigeon House, **11-4** Sign Again, **7-1** Monteplex, **33-1** Alltalknoaction, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A potential match between penalised-winners PIGEON HOUSE and Sign Again, the former taken to resume winning ways.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PIGEON HOUSE 2. SIGN AGAIN 3. MONTEPLEX**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Panhandle Slim</b> 4-11-0	11-4	Donald McCain	Peter Kavanagh (3)	8
2022	<b>Snake Roll</b> 5-11-7	4-6f	Lucinda Russell	Alan Doyle (5)	11
2021	<b>Richmond Lake</b> 5-11-5	1-7f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	5
2020	<b>Alaphilippe</b> 6-11-5	2-5f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	5
2019	<b>Evander</b> 4-10-12	4-1	Oliver Greenall	Ross Turner (5)	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.20**

RACE 2

**CASTLE CONSTRUCTION NORTH EAST LTD EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4, 5 and 6yo**  
**£7,700 2m178y (3380 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **N/A**

**1 BRODERICK (IRE) (37) 92**  
 4-739 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

**Jennie Candlish** *Sean Quinlan*  
 Has shaped well on both runs in this sphere, latterly a running-on ninth of 12 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft) 37 days ago. Open to a fair bit of progress and likely player.

**2 DIAMOND MIX (IRE) (12) 86**  
 6-945 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

**Paul Robson** *Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)*  
 No real impact in bumpers 7 months apart and similar story both starts over hurdles.

**3 DIDNTGOTWENTY (IRE) (45) 49**  
 87 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

**Martin Todhunter** *Ross Chapman*  
 Unplaced both starts in Irish points and well held both starts over hurdles this autumn.

**4 FOLLOW THE LEADER (IRE) h**  
 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

**John Wainwright** *Sam Coltherd*  
 Sholokhov gelding. Brother to fairly useful 19f hurdle winner Stranger Danger. Dam, little promise over hurdles/sole start over fences, French 9f-11/2m winner on Flat. Pulled up sole start in points (Mar 2024).

**5 PADDYS POLICY (IRE) (30) 89**  
 53 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

**Donald McCain** *William Maggs (5lb/2kg)*  
 £45,000 buy after finishing runner-up only outing in Irish points and better for Rules debut (in bumper) when third of 11 in novice hurdle at this C&D (good to soft) on hurdles bow 30 days ago. Likely to improve.

**6 RED CADILLAC (IRE) (15) 84**  
 34-54 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

**Nicky Richards** *Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)*  
 Made the frame on both bumper outings last season but just modest form in a couple of maiden hurdles.

**7 STRESS REACTION (IRE) (20) 71**  
 0-P7 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

**Tim Easterby** *Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)*  
 Runner-up sole outing in point bumpers but has offered little in a Wetherby bumper and 2 maiden hurdles.

**8 BLACKWATER LILLY (26) 100**  
 4222 4 10-11 | 68.5kg

**Brian Ellison** *Craig Nichol*  
 Improved from bumper debut when runner-up at Uttoxeter/Kelso and would have made a winning hurdles debut but for conceding first run at Newcastle last month. Can make amends.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**8-11** Blackwater Lilly, **5-1** Broderick, **11-2** Paddys Policy, **16-1** Diamond Mix, **16-1** Red Cadillac, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BLACKWATER LILLY was unlucky not to make a winning debut in this sphere at Newcastle and is fancied to make amends. Broderick and Paddys Policy both have potential and can fill the places.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BLACKWATER LILLY 2. BRODERICK 3. PADDYS POLICY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.50**

RACE 3

**VICKERS.BET WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m77y  
(3290 Metres)**




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Pace Information: **N/A**


**1 FLASH DU PISTOLET (IRE) (19) 98**  
244-47 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 **Stuart Coltherd** *Sam Coltherd*  
Ex-pointer who made a promising return/chase debut when fourth at Kelso (17.1f). That form has been well advertised since so next run at Wetherby was disappointing. Still early days.



**2 OMAHA WISH (FR) (15) (D) 92**  
433-1F750 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Sam Allwood** *Craig Nichol*  
Opened her account over fences at Fakenham (16.3f) in June. Fell next time and disappointing since, including both starts for this yard.


**3 HOKELAMI (FR) (8) (C) 100**  
P141P-544 7 11-7 | 73.0kg s+t 

 **Robbie Llewellyn** *Sean Clarke (10lb/5kg)*  
Bagged handicap chases at Market Rasen and here last term and better for return when fourth at Lingfield. Ridden too aggressively in this headgear there last week.

**4 FEARLESS ACTION (IRE) (15) (BF) 99**  
071552-2P 8 11-4 | 71.7kg v

 **Chris Grant**  *Ross Chapman*  
Hails from a yard enjoying its best spell in a while and ran well after 10 months off when second at Carlisle, collared close home having quickened clear between last 2. However, folded tamely at Hexham 2 weeks ago when fancied to go one better so questions to answer now. Change of headgear.

**5 I'M TOO TIRED (IRE) (28) (C) 95**  
23313P-33 4 11-3 | 71.2kg s

 **Jennie Candlish** *Sean Quinlan*  
Breakthrough success over hurdles came here in January. Decent third here on return and offered something to work on sent chasing at Musselburgh 4 weeks ago.

**6 WILD GROUSE (IRE) (43) 98**  
55-8 7 11-2 | 70.8kg t

 **Donald McCain** *William Maggs (5lb/2kg)*   
Shaped a fair bit better than the bare result in 2 runs over hurdles last term but well held at Bangor 6 weeks ago after 11 months off. Now goes chasing (Irish point winner at third attempt)/handicapping and not taken lightly.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Fearless Action, **7-2** I'm Too Tired, **4-1** Hokelami, **4-1** Flash Du Pistolet, **6-1** Wild Grouse, **33-1** Omaha Wish

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

I'M TOO TIRED offered something to work on when third on chase debut at Musselburgh so could be the answer in a weak race. Chase/handicap debutant Wild Grouse may emerge as the biggest threat.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. I'M TOO TIRED 2. WILD GROUSE 3. FEARLESS ACTION**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Moore Clouds</b> 8-11-12	5-1	Andrew Wilson	Callum Bewley	6
2022	<b>Ritson</b> 7-12-2	5-1	Rebecca Menzies	Aaron Anderson (5)	10
2021	<b>Blueberry Wine</b> 5-11-13	10-1	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**CASINO AND SPORTS AT VICKERS.BET HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)**

RACE 4



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Pace Information: **N/A**

**1 SIMPLY RED (27) (D)** s+t **92**  
126F-9790 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

**Brian Ellison** *Craig Nichol*  
All 4 career victories have come at Bangor, landing a brace in summer 2023 for Donald McCain. However, struggled on Flat/over hurdles for Mark Walford earlier this year and no promise starting out for this yard at Musselburgh last month when well backed.

**2 SPANTIK (28) (CD)** s **96**  
42363/0 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

**Roger Fell** *Benjamin Macey (7lb/3kg)*  
Mostly below par on the Flat this year and well held on his first hurdling start for almost 2 years at Musselburgh last month.

**3 MR SUNDANCER (20)** h **93**  
46314866 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

**Mark Walford** *Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)*  
Off the mark over hurdles at Downpatrick (17.7f) in August prior to a good fourth at Wexford later that month. However, below par since, including both starts for this yard.

**4 BOLLIN NEIL (15)** s+t **96**  
2P512/0 8 11-12 | 75.3kg

**Tim Easterby** *Mr William Easterby (3lb/1kg)*  
Flat/hurdles winner but hasn't looked the force of old since returning from a long absence in September.

**5 MISTER MOODLES (17)** v **97**  
6127-759P 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

**Rebecca Menzies** *Ross Chapman*  
Yet to hit top form this term, running poorly after 5 months off at Musselburgh 17 days ago. Visor on. Others are preferred.

**6 KNACKER TRAPPER (IRE) (30)** **99**  
507-15235 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

**Andrew Crook** *William Maggs (5lb/2kg)*  
Off the mark over 20.4f at Southwell in May and has returned from a break in good order, placed in handicaps at this C&D and Wetherby. In a higher grade than necessary here last time and can bounce back.

**7 POWEROFJET (IRE) (20)** **98**  
0947 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

**Martin Todhunter** *Sean Quinlan*  
5-y-o who finished third only start in points and best effort over hurdles when fourth in 11-runner Carlisle maiden (17f). Well held on handicap bow here next time, however.

**8 ACHNAMARA (27)** s **100**  
567/6-62P 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

**Philip Kirby** *Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)*  
Fair handicapper on Flat who landed back-to-back 2m handicaps at Catterick/Musselburgh in July and posted best effort in this sphere when close second over C&D last month. Third quick run might have been too much for him since.

**9 LEADER WING (IRE) (20) (C)** s **92**  
5-1655 4 11-7 | 73.0kg

**Gillian Boanas** *Sam Coltherd*  
A fair bumper winner for Tom Weston but yet to match that form in this sphere, showing his first form over hurdles when fifth of 8 in novice at this C&D (soft) 20 days ago. Opening mark demands further improvement. Headgear applied.

**10 HILL OF SCARRIFF (35)** **59**  
070 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

**Dan Skelton** *Mr Ben Sutton (5lb/2kg)*  
Successful on sole outing in points. Always behind in 3 starts over hurdles but type to do better in handicaps.

**11 MISS APPLEJACK (23)** s+t **95**  
8-76785P1 5 10-10 | 68.0kg

**Charlie Longsdon** *Lilly Pinchin*  
A fair bumper winner who responded well to first-time headgear/tongue strap when off the mark over hurdles at the tenth attempt at Southwell early this month and claims with a repeat.

**12 PRINCE NINO (FR) (92) (D)** s+t **97**  
P7P-8P03P 7 10-5 | 65.8kg

**Lizzie Quinlan** *Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)*  
Form only in last 12 months when third at Perth on penultimate start. Others much more solid.

**13 ROBIN GOODFELLOW (IRE) (230)** t **97**  
47/38455-4 5 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)

**Hugh Burns** *Shane Quinlan (3lb/1kg)*  
Poor maiden handicap hurdler who has made a respectable start for this yard but step forward needed if he's to bag that elusive first success. 3 lb out of handicap.

**14 FOSHAN (IRE) (12)** s **73**  
P8-7BP 5 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)

**Adam Nicol** *Conner McCann (7lb/3kg)*  
Poor on Flat and no form over hurdles. 6 lb out of handicap.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

5-1 Knacker Trapper, 11-2 Miss Applejack, 13-2 Hill of Scarriff, 13-2 Achnamara, 9-1 Simply Red, 16-1 Robin Goodfellow, 20-1 Leader Wing, 22-1 Mister Moodles, 22-1 Prince Nino, 25-1 Bollin Neil, 33-1 Powerofjet, 33-1 Spantik, 33-1 Mr Sundancer, 150-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

KNACKER TRAPPER was in a higher grade than necessary when fifth here last time and remains of interest back in calmer waters. Hill of Scarriff looks the type who will improve now switched to handicaps so is feared most ahead of Miss Applejack and Achnamara.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. KNACKER TRAPPER 2. HILL OF SCARRIFF 3. MISS APPLEJACK

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Alpha Soleil</b> 6-12-0	7-1	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (3)	8
2022	<b>Lone Star</b> 5-10-13	12-1	Philip Kirby	Joe Williamson (5)	18
2021	<b>Cailin Dearg</b> 6-11-7	2-1f	Rose Dobbin	Craig Nichol	9
2020	<b>Cash Again</b> 8-11-11	17-2	Ben Haslam	Richie McLernon	14
2019	<b>Honourmission</b> 5-11-2	11-1	Sam England	David England	13

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.00**

RACE 5

**FAIRLIGHT STUDIOS MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-115) £8,900 2m3f65y (3880 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **N/A**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Duo d'Enfer</b>	10-11-7	7-2	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (3)	6
2022	<b>Heltenham</b>	5-11-8	4-1	Dan Skelton	David England	11
2021	<b>Road Warrior</b>	7-12-1	10-3	Rebecca Menzies	Peter Coleman (10)	6
2020	<b>Cybalko</b>	7-11-8	6-4f	Sam England	Jonathan England	6
2019	<b>Mah Mate Bob</b>	7-11-5	7-2f	George Bewley	Jonathon Bewley (3)	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1 YEALAND (IRE) (13) (D)** **100**  
412513-61 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg

**Jennie Candlish** **Sean Quinlan**  
Won 2 of his 7 starts (at up to 20.3f) last season and all the better for return when making a winning chase bow at Doncaster 2 weeks ago with a bit in hand. Can defy a 4 lb rise.

**2 KAPROYALE (209)** **t** **98**  
2/1125-1 **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg

**Max Comley** **Mr James King (3lb/1kg)**  
Dual winner in hunters last season and resumed winning ways in similar event at Stratford when last seen in May. Looks on a nice mark back in a handicap for new trainer.

**3 HERITIER (FR) (15) (D)** **t** **98**  
3228-4614 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg

**Lizzie Quinlan** **Sam Coltherd**  
Back to winning ways in 19f Carlisle handicap and not disgraced when fourth off the same mark there 10 days later. Respected back in this sphere.

**4 FETE CHAMPETRE (IRE) (309)** **t** **96**  
73/514- **9** 11-9 | 73.9kg

**Paul Robson** **Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)**  
Hasn't stood much racing in recent seasons but he won at Musselburgh around this time last year. Not in same form at Doncaster in February on only run since (final start for Rose Dobbin).

**5 GANDHI MAKER (FR) (26) (CD)** **t** **88**  
2P2312-PU **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg

**Rebecca Menzies** **Ross Chapman**  
C&D winner in January (final start for Stuart Coltherd). Just as good when second at Hexham for Phil Kirby in April but ran poorly back here in May and tailed off when unseated rider 2 out on yard debut/return at Newcastle last month.

**6 LE JEUNE BRESIL (236)** **99**  
F3PP-5 **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg

**Brian Ellison** **Craig Nichol**  
Imposing sort who got off the mark in Irish points at the second attempt. Shaped with plenty of encouragement on his second hurdles start at Wetherby. Well held since but type to make a better chaser. Off 7 months. Makes handicap/chase debut.

**7 TOM CREEN (IRE) (30) (CD)** **t** **98**  
12323-434 **9** 11-3 | 71.2kg

**Sam England** **Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)**  
Back-to-back winner here last season and good efforts in defeat back at this course this term. Should be in the mix again.

**8 THE PADDY PIE (IRE) (20) (C, D)** **99**  
474-PS2U1 **11** 10-2 | 64.4kg

**Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith** **William Maggs (5lb/2kg)**   
Strong in the betting when belatedly taking advantage of his much-reduced mark here 3 weeks ago and 5 lb rise not insurmountable.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Yealand, **9-2** The Paddy Pie, **9-2** Kaproyale, **7-1** Tom Creen, **7-1** Heritier, **10-1** Le Jeune Bresil, **22-1** Fete Champetre, **33-1** Gandhi Maker

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

YEALAND stepped up on his hurdles form at the first attempt when making a winning debut in this sphere with a bit in hand at Doncaster 2 weeks ago and looks capable of defying a 4 lb rise with further improvement forthcoming, Kaproyale looks on a handy mark back in a handicap so is next best ahead of the veteran The Paddy Pie.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. YEALAND 2. KAPROYALE 3. THE PADDY PIE**

**2.35**

RACE 6

**BEST RACING ODDS AT VICKERS.BET HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-120) £7,700 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **N/A**

**1 SALSADA (IRE) (30) (CD) s 98**

30-U662P1 7 12-1 | 76.7kg



Brian Ellison

**Craig Nichol**

Useful Flat winner who went close in a handicap hurdle at Hexham (16.2f, good) in October. Has an in-and-out profile and ran no sort of a race at Wetherby next time, but then followed that up with victory over C&D in this grade (won easy and second has won since). Capable if on another going day.

**2 MATCHLESS (IRE) (29) b 98**

6264-4214 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Jennie Candlish

**Sean Quinlan**

Fairly useful hurdler who didn't need to be anywhere near that level to land the odds in 4-runner seller at Plumpton (15.9f, good) last month. Faced tougher assignment back in handicap company under penalty when fourth of 6 at Wetherby (19.5f, soft) 29 days ago and bit to find in new headgear.

**3 HARPER VALLEY (IRE) (30) (CD, BF) v 98**

3130-5323 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



Rebecca Menzies

**Ross Chapman**

Three hurdles victories (one at this course) and nearly added fourth in a first-time visor at Kelso last month. Up 3 lb for that (visor retained) and gave his running when third to Salsada here 30 days ago (took keen hold, stumbled on home bend, one pace late on). Third in this last year.

**4 FOSTER'S FORTUNE (20) (C) ★ 100**

674-12321 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Chris Grant

**Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)**

Improved greatly for the switch into handicaps, opening his account at this venue in May (has made the frame in all four starts here) and scoring 20 days ago (17f, soft) decisively. That was a career-best performance and it's unlikely to be the ceiling of his ability now up in trip.

**5 PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL (IRE) (17) (C) s 98**

4/6P67-421 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



Mark Walford

**Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)**

Sole hurdle success was gained in a maiden over 3 years ago but followed up second behind Salsada by making all (having got first run) in a 0-105 handicap at Musselburgh (24f). Clearly in good heart but this is a tougher race.

**6 ROMEO BROWN (26) (D) s 99**

F/55PP-777 10 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

**William Maggs (5lb/2kg)**

Long time without a win and hasn't fired yet this season (last seen with seventh of 8 at Doncaster 26 days ago), so others are more persuasive, although does have headgear re-fitted and talented conditional jockey taking over.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4 Foster's Fortune, 11-4 Salsada, 4-1 Harper Valley, 13-2 Punxsutawney Phil, 10-1 Matchless, 16-1 Romeo Brown**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This can go to SALSADA who travelled powerfully when scoring over C&D in similar conditions 30 days ago, and judging by the manner of her victory, a 7 lb rise may not be enough to stop her. Foster's Fortune is a standout danger. He loves it here and should relish the step up in trip, although his latest win did come on ground much slower than he will encounter today. It would not be a surprise to see C&D winner Harper Valley run well either.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SALSADA 2. FOSTER'S FORTUNE 3. HARPER VALLEY**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Mothill</b> 5-12-0	9-4	Neil Mulholland	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	7
2022	<b>Sheriff Garrett</b> 8-11-5	14-1	Tim Easterby	Tom Midgley (5)	8
2021	<b>Enfin Phil</b> 7-11-0	3-1	Micky Hammond	Alain Cawley	5
2020	<b>Winds of Fire</b> 5-11-0	13-8f	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	5
2019	<b>Lord Roccoco</b> 4-11-10	8-1	Philip Kirby	Joe Colliver	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.10**

**GARY WOOD MEMORIAL MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT  
FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 2m178y (3380 Metres)**

RACE 7



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

Left handed, undulating. In theory, an uphill finish should dictate that plenty of races change complexion late in the day but, in practice, that isn't the case, the run-in being short on both courses and plenty of those in front having a tendency to pick up again when challenged.

Pace Information: **N/A**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Sagonige</b> 4-11-2	9-1	Ruth Jefferson	Callum Bewley	8
2022	<b>Blue Baloo</b> 4-11-0	10-1	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	16
2021	<b>Sweet Auburn</b> 5-10-12	5-2	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	10


**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race


**1 LADY KLUCK (IRE) (20)** (CD) **87**  
31 4 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Dan Skelton *Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)*  
£75,000 4-y-o, Walk In The Park filly. Half-sister to 2 winners, including fair hurdler/chaser Shirocco's Dream. Won sole start in Irish points and ran well on bumper debut in October when set a lot to do. Progressed when winning over C&D 20 days ago (soft) and should go well again under penalty.


**2 ARCTIC DUCHESS (IRE) (45)** **83**  
5 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Stuart Coltherd *Sam Coltherd*  
Arctic Cosmos filly. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/very smart chaser (stayed 3m) Pairofbrowneyes. Showed some ability on Rules debut, leading and enjoying run of race before finishing fifth of 10 at Carlisle last month. Entitled to build on that.

**3 BLAKELEY RISE** **80**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Chris Grant *William Maggs (5lb/2kg)*  
Second foal: dam, placed in points, half-sister to fair hurdle winner/smart chaser (stayed 29f) Soll. Tough ask on debut.


**4 CHICA PRINCESA (IRE)** **80**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg


 Micky Hammond *Craig Nichol*  
Wings of Eagles filly. Half-sister to bumper winner Northern Belle. Should have enough speed, so worth a market check.


**5 DOTINTHEDISTANCE** **81**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Paul Robson *Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)*  
First foal: dam, dual winning pointer, sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 25f) Cool Mission (who was third in a bumper on debut), and half-sister to several winners, including fair 2m hurdler Sea Mark.


**6 HANNIGAN'S POWER (IRE)** **80**  
5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Gillian Boanas *Ross Chapman*  
Milan mare. Dam, poor maiden hurdler, sister to fairly useful hurdler (2m-2½m winner) Leave At Dawn out of hurdle/chase winner up to 2½m Hannigan's Lodger. Unlikely to trouble market principals on first outing.

**7 KINGSTON QUEEN (IRE) (24)**  **100**  
32 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 David Pipe *Gearoid Harney (7lb/3kg)*  
Filly by Kingston Hill who cost £80,000 as 4-y-o. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 21f) Competitive Edge. Won an Irish point and ran third in a Chepstow bumper on stable debut. Backed it up with second at Plumpton 24 days ago, shaping like a stayer. Big player.

**8 LA ZOUBIDA (FR)** **85**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Nicky Richards *Sean Quinlan*  
Cost €70,000 as 3-y-o and is half-sister to French listed hurdler (15f-19f winner) Mister Emily. Yard in great form and is one to monitor for any market support on debut.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-4** Kingston Queen, **9-2** Lady Kluck, **6-1** La Zoubida, **9-1** Arctic Duchess, **16-1** Dotinthedistance, **22-1** Chica Princesa, **25-1** Hannigan's Power, **28-1** Blakeley Rise

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

KINGSTON QUEEN can make it third time lucky under Rules, following two encouraging efforts since joining this yard. Both Lady Kluck and Arctic Duchess have made the running and could set this race up for the selection, the former is respected having already scored over C&D, while the latter can build on a pleasing debut.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KINGSTON QUEEN 2. LADY KLUCK 3. ARCTIC DUCHESS**