

Monday 28th October

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12.47 VIRGIN BET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 3m20y (4850 Metres)

RACE 1 **(4) HOSTILE HOTELIER | (1) CAMP BELAN | (2) DESTINY IS ALL**

1.17 VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) COUNTRY MILE | (5) WALKING ON A DREAM | (7) SCARLET JET**

1.47 VIRGIN BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m70y (4890 Metres)

RACE 3 **(2) MAGICAL ARTHUR | (8) WHAT A FLIRTH | (5) NOT IN KANSAS**

2.20 LIVESCORE BET BEST ODDS DAILY HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I) 2m3f110y (3920 Metres)

RACE 4 **(8) BATHGATE | (1) CALDWELL | (3) RICKETY GATE**

2.55 LIVESCORE BET BEST ODDS DAILY HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.II) 2m3f110y (3920 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) ENTITY OF SUBSTANZ | (8) BRIDGE ROAD | (7) BALLYQUIN BAY**

3.28 LIVESCORE BET HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m110y (3320 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) HOME FREE | (6) TRAVAIL D'ORFEVRE | (1) CARCACI CASTLE**

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

RACE 7 **(3) DALSTON LAD | (2) BESPOKE TAILOR | (4) DINOFROMBERLAIS**

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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VIRGIN BET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 3m20y (4850 Metres)










RACE 1



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

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|  | <p>1 CAMP BELAN (IRE) (204) (CD) b  99
 5/4433125- 8 11-12 75.3kg
 Lucinda Russell Patrick Wadge (3lb/1kg)
 Thorough stayer who cashed in on his reduced mark over C&D in February and solid efforts next 2 starts, latterly when fifth of 11 in handicap chase at Carlisle (24.5f, heavy) in April. Mark looks about right but he merits consideration on return to action nevertheless.</p> |
|  | <p>2 DESTINY IS ALL (IRE) (186) (C, BF) s  98
 2P/103642- 10 11-11 74.8kg
 Lucinda Russell Jack Power (8lb/4kg)
 Made a winning return from a 3 lb higher mark at Kelso (26.2f) 12 months ago and not disgraced on final 2 starts, respectable second of 5 in handicap at Perth (23.8f) when last seen in April. Record fresh a definite plus</p> |
|  | <p>3 EVERYDAY CHAMPAGNE (IRE) (40) (C, D) s 97
 1447-2220 8 11-8 73.5kg
 N. W. Alexander Bruce Lynn (3lb/1kg)
 Course winner who finished runner-up for third consecutive start at Perth (23.8f) in July. Struck into when last of 10 in handicap chase at Kelso (21.6f) 6 weeks ago and he's a likely type to bounce back returned to this longer trip.</p> |
|  | <p>4 HOSTILE HOTELIER (IRE) (27) (BF) s+t  100
 17221P-33 6 11-8 73.5kg
 Jennie Candlish Lewis Stones
 Dual hurdles winner who shaped with encouragement on sole previous try over fences at Newcastle (16.3f) last winter. Made the frame both starts since returning over timber and he's open to improvement stepping up markedly in trip in this sphere. Tongue strap refitted.</p> |
|  | <p>5 CRIXUS'S ESCAPE (IRE) (291) (CD) s 98
 P5PP/3312- 11 11-7 73.0kg
 Gillian Boanas William Maggs
 C&D winner who capitalised on a career-low mark in some style to record a first success in over 3 years at Catterick (25.2f) in December and signed off the campaign with a solid second back at that venue (30f) the following month. Has tended to need his first run of the season, however.</p> |
|  | <p>6 HERITIER DE SIVOLA (FR) (185) (D) 98
 0521110P- 7 11-2 70.8kg
 Philip Kirby Joe Williamson
 Got the better of old rival Camp Belan when completing a quick-fire hat-trick at Hexham (24.2f, heavy) in March. May of found busy spell catching up with him when well held final 2 starts and better showing not ruled out on seasonal bow, albeit with usual cheekpieces left off.</p> |

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Camp Belan, **7-2** Hostile Hotelier, **4-1** Destiny Is All, **11-2** Everyday Champagne, **7-1** Crixus's Escape, **12-1** Heritier De Sivola

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The most interesting one here could well be HOSTILE HOTELIER. A dual winner over hurdles, this step back up in trip returned to chasing could well unlock further progress and, with the tongue refitted, he could be the way to go for the in-form Jennie Candlish stable. Camp Belan ended last term in good form and is feared, along with stablemate Destiny Is All.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HOSTILE HOTELIER 2. CAMP BELAN 3. DESTINY IS ALL

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.17**VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES NOVICES' HURDLE (4)**
4yo+ £9,000 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 2

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 COUNTRY MILE (IRE) (210) (D)  **100**
1- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
£80,000 point recruit who won a soft-ground Huntingdon bumper on Rules debut in April. Rates a useful hurdle prospect for his top yard.

2 GATSBY BLUE (22) **70**
8 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Maurice Barnes *Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)*
Pulled up in an Irish point and down the field in a Kelso novice hurdle 18 months later. Tongue tie added. Big outsider.

3 GONE WITH THE TIDE (IRE) **79**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alison Hamilton *Jamie Hamilton*
€20,000 buy after getting off the mark in Irish points at the fourth attempt (Mar 2). The betting should guide now hurdling.

4 THE BACK BRAES (IRE) (537) **78**
0- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Stuart Coltherd *Sam Coltherd*
Well held in a Kelso bumper for Sandy Thomson in May 2023. Placed on 2 of 4 point starts since. Best watched on hurdle debut unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.

5 WALKING ON A DREAM (IRE) **83**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Lucinda Russell *Derek Fox*
£45,000 purchase after finishing runner-up all 3 completed starts in Irish points (latest May 11). A respected hurdle newcomer.

6 YOUNG GETAWAY (IRE) (185) **82**
55- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Nicky Richards *Sean Quinlan*
Showed a fair level of ability in a couple of bumpers last season. Switches to hurdles after 6 months off.

7 SCARLET JET (IRE) **81**
4 10-13 | 69.4kg



N. W. Alexander *Bruce Lynn (3lb/1kg)*
Cost 41,000 after winning a point in May. Would enter the reckoning if the betting vibes are strong.

8 HOLLY BIRD (IRE) (170) **81**
23-5 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Sandy Thomson *Danny McMenamin*
From the family of top-class hurdler/very smart chaser Oscar Whisky and has potential for jumps having shown a bit in 3 bumpers.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-10 Country Mile, **6-1** Walking On A Dream, **7-1** Young Getaway, **9-1** Scarlet Jet, **10-1** Holly Bird, **16-1** Gone With The Tide, **33-1** The Back Braes, **150-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Dan Skelton bumper winner COUNTRY MILE will probably be a tough nut to crack. Point-recruits Walking On A Dream and Scarlet Jet may provide the chief threat before any betting clues are known.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COUNTRY MILE 2. WALKING ON A DREAM 3. SCARLET JET

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 CUSACK PARK (IRE) (32) s **94**
36-246 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Lucinda Russell *Derek Fox*
Only had 3 starts over hurdles but arrives on back of disappointing handicap debut at Perth (3m, soft) last month. Bit to prove now.

2 MAGICAL ARTHUR (IRE) (24) s+t **100**
376P-8421 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Jennie Candlish *Sean Quinlan*
Has improved since fitted with cheekpieces, building on his Worcester second when going one better at Hexham (23f, good) 24 days ago. Unexposed as a stayer and a 5 lb rise may not stop him.

3 DALILEO (IRE) (11) (D) **98**
23F53245 9 11-7 | 73.0kg



Lisa Harrison *Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)*
Back on the scoresheet when taking a 3m Perth handicap in June and has made the frame several times since. Shaped as if still in form when fifth of 11 over 17f at Carlisle 11 days ago. Significantly back up in trip.

4 SANTA CLARITA (FR) (24) **94**
3282-P136 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



William Young Jnr *Sam Coltherd*
Made a winning start for Dan Skelton at Worcester in September. Creditable third over 23f back there next time and might have had her stamina stretched by a stiff track when 17½ lengths sixth of 12 to the reopposing Magical Arthur at Hexham (23f, good) last time. Has changed yard again.

5 NOT IN KANSAS (166) t **94**
66PF8/71-1 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



N. W. Alexander *Bruce Lynn (3lb/1kg)*
Won back to back over 2½m at Musselburgh and Perth in the spring. Steps up in trip on the hat-trick bid after 5 months off. Player if ready to roll after a break.

6 SOMEBODY'S FORTUNE (IRE) (24) v+t **96**
55F5-17P 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Lucinda Russell *Patrick Wadge (3lb/1kg)*
Made a winning handicap hurdle debut at Kelso in May but not in anything like the same form at Perth in July and pulled up switched to fences at Hexham earlier this month.

7 TOPKAPI STAR (19) (D) **95**
79615/P-91 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Ewan Whillans *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*
Returned to form out of the blue to win over 2½m at Sedgefield 19 days ago. Her overall profile doesn't mark her down as one likely to follow up.

8 WHAT A FLIRTH (IRE) (25) **99**
79-905 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
Runner-up in an Irish point. Has shown barely modest form over hurdles but did offer a bit more encouragement when stepped up to 3m at Southwell last time and it's still early days with this top stable.

9 HAPY LA VIE (FR) (418) (D) **91**
P0P5/211- 7 10-7 | 66.7kg



James Ewart *Brian Hughes*
Won back-to-back 3m handicap chases at Hexham in 2023 but off for 13 months ahead of this return to hurdles. Brian Hughes does the steering but betting perhaps the best guide after a long absence.

10 ITURGEON DU BREUIL (FR) (24) s **97**
68P3-2605 6 10-6 | 66.2kg



Barry Murtagh *Lorcan Murtagh*
Showed improved form when placed at Ayr and Hexham in first 2 handicaps and bounced back from a poor run at Perth when 10 lengths fifth of 12 to Magical Arthur at Hexham (23f, good) 24 days ago.

11 TEDDY MAC (160) **86**
5/8P45-5 5 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)



Ian Duncan *Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)*
Poor form, finishing fifth of 9 on 23f Hexham handicap debut when last seen in May. 5 lb out of the handicap on return.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Magical Arthur, **11-2** Not In Kansas, **8-1** What A Flirth, **10-1** Topkapi Star, **11-1** Hapy La Vie, **12-1** Dalileo, **12-1** Santa Clarita, **16-1** Cusack Park, **22-1** Somebody's Fortune, **25-1** Iturgeon Du Breuil, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MAGICAL ARTHUR likely has even more to offer over staying trips and can make light of a 5 lb rise for Hexham. Dan Skelton's What A Flirth shaped better when stepped up to 3m at Southwell last time and is second choice ahead of the hat-trick seeking Not In Kansas, who is returning from a break.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MAGICAL ARTHUR 2. WHAT A FLIRTH 3. NOT IN KANSAS

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**LIVESCORE BET BEST ODDS DAILY HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
(D.I) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 2m3f110y (3920
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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 CALDWELL (16) s **99**
5P-531331 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Jennie Candlish** *Sean Quinlan*
Readily won 10-runner handicap chase at Hexham (15.6f, soft, 9/2) on debut over fences 16 days ago. Back over hurdles now and looks competitive on form off just 1 lb higher mark.


2 GRASS'S JET (IRE) (122) (BF) s **97**
4574-8 7 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** *Henry Brooke*
Lightly-raced maiden. Cheekpieces on for his first run since leaving Thomas Gallagher when below form eighth of 13 in handicap hurdle (5/2) at Bangor (23.2f, good) 122 days ago. Needs to bounce back.


3 RICKETY GATE (22) **96**
623258-81 9 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Nicky Richards** *Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)*
16/5, won 11-runner handicap hurdle at Kelso (20.9f, good to soft) 22 days ago. Up 5 lb but had a bit left in the tank there so ought to be thereabouts.


4 PATEEN (IRE) (13) v+t **98**
318401P3 12 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Jessica Bedi** *Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)*
Scored at Perth in September and got back on track when third of 12 in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (23.1f, good) 13 days ago. Not ruled out eased 1 lb.


5 ADVERAM (187) s **96**
3/7792633- 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Ian Duncan** *Callum Bewley*
Winless last term but proved consistent and signed off with a solid third of 11 in handicap hurdle at Perth (23.9f, soft, 17/2). Off 6 months but needs considering.


6 ANAMANDA (FR) (165) **96**
P04-6 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

 **N. W. Alexander** *Bruce Lynn (3lb/1kg)*
Lightly-raced maiden hurdler who came in only sixth of 9 on her handicap hurdle debut at Perth (16.2f, good to soft, 7/1) 165 days ago. Up in trip with more needed.


7 ONE STEP UP (FR) (33) s **95**
8/6P67P-2P 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Stuart Coltherd** *Sam Coltherd*
Looked rusty after 4 months off when pulled up in handicap hurdle at Perth (20.2f, soft) 33 days ago. Cheekpieces on 1st time and can take a step forward in his bid for a maiden success.


8 BATHGATE (22) ★ **100**
7843-975 4 11-3 | 71.2kg

 **Philip Kirby** *Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)*
Still a maiden but he has shown some promise this season, fading late on when fifth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Kelso (20.9f, good to soft) 22 days ago. Holds good claims now back in trip off a 3 lb lower mark.

9 UNCLE MAC (IRE) (16) h+t **93**
7/34-65P 6 11-1 | 70.3kg

 **Paul Robson** *Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)*
Modest maiden hurdler who has also offered little both runs over fences for a variety of trainers. Back hurdling with lots to prove.


10 BILLABLE GRANT (IRE) (95) **87**
99P0-780P 7 10-12 | 68.9kg

 **Jackie Stephen** *Jamie Hamilton*
25/1 and cheekpieces on for 1st time, pulled up in handicap hurdle at Wexford (24f, good to soft) 95 days ago on his final run for Colin McBratney. Needs this yard switch to spark a resurgence.


11 BURGUNDY MAN (FR) (32) s **94**
75568 7 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **R. Mike Smith** *Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)*
Remains winless and only eighth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Perth (16.2f, soft, 14/1) 32 days ago. Cheekpieces are reached for now.

12 LEWA HOUSE (189) (BF) **96**
72/352933- 8 10-7 | 66.7kg

 **Catch Bissett** *Craig Nichol*
Not the most consistent and on a losing sequence but he has gone well off a break so claims on his seasonal return.

13 BOWLER JACK (IRE) (220) **56**
9/7075P- 6 10-2 | 64.4kg

 **Sandy Thomson** *Danny McMenamin*
Little form shown to date, cheekpieces on for his handicap debut when pulled up at Hexham (20.1f, heavy) 7 months ago. Others are preferred.

14 SOLWAY STAREE (32) **83**
4733P7P-0 6 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)

 **Lisa Harrison** *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*
Poor maiden hurdler who looked rusty after 12 months off when tenth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Perth (16.2f, soft, 66/1) 32 days ago. Can strip fitter now but 6 lb out of the handicap.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Caldwell, 5-1 Rickety Gate, 17-2 Lewa House, 9-1 Pateen, 9-1 Grass's Jet, 9-1 Adveram, 11-1 Bathgate, 12-1 Anamanda, 28-1 One Step Up, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This is wide open so at the likely odds it is worth siding with BATHGATE to build on earlier promise and gain a breakthrough victory off a reduced mark. Caldwell scored in good style over fences at Hexham last time and could emerge as the chief threat reverted to hurdles, although Rickety Gate, Pateen and Adveram all need considering too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BATHGATE 2. CALDWELL 3. RICKETY GATE

SMART STATS:

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RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Strong**


1 LOVE THAT (IRE) (166) 94
3F-4 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **R. Mike Smith** *Callum Bewley*
Point winner who has shown plenty on her 2 completed starts over hurdles. Could have more to offer now handicapping back from 5 months off.


2 ENTITY OF SUBSTANZ (25) 100
75-6 5 11-13 | 75.7kg

 **Dan Skelton** *Harry Skelton*
Boasts an appealing pedigree and there's been plenty of promise over hurdles, catching the eye after 8 months off at Warwick. Back up in trip for handicap debut which will suit and likely to improve. Obvious type.

3 MALANGEN (IRE) (11) (D) 96
23535546 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

 **Lisa Harrison** *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*
Scored at Hexham in June and generally good efforts since, doing far too much too soon at Carlisle (17.2f, soft) 11 days ago. Looks vulnerable to improvers here.


4 LET'S GO JOE (27) (D) 94
1454P-645 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** *Henry Brooke*
Sedgefield maiden hurdle winner who has tumbled in the weights but looked in of the run when well backed after 4 months off/breathing operation there 4 weeks ago, weakening between the last 2. Down another 2 lb and could show more here.


5 BEAT THE RETREAT (IRE) (192) (C) 94
42/4173P7- 5 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **N. W. Alexander** *Bruce Lynn (3lb/1kg)*
Novice handicap hurdle winner here last Christmas but lost his way as the season ended and might need this.


6 BE THE DIFFERENCE (IRE) (22) (CD) 87
555 8 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Philip Kirby** *Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)*
A fair hurdles winner in 2021, including over C&D, but lightly raced these days and not the same force, never dangerous after another 4 months off at Kelso recently.


7 BALLYQUIN BAY (IRE) (288) (BF) 99
34448434- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Alison Hamilton** *Jamie Hamilton*
Fair maiden hurdlers for Gordon Elliott and not disgraced in handicaps for new yard when last seen. Down another 5 lb which will help. One to note with small stable among the winners.

8 BRIDGE ROAD (IRE) (10) 95
7F/050932 8 11-5 | 72.1kg

 **Jennie Candlish** *Sean Quinlan*
Clearly on a very workable mark and good placed efforts the last twice for in-form yard, finding only a progressive one too strong dropped to 2m at Uttoxeter 10 days ago. One to consider.


9 MARCH WIND (IRE) (166) 98
22/675-5 7 11-3 | 71.2kg

 **Sandy Thomson** *Ryan Mania*
Best of those ridden close to the pace when fifth on handicap debut at Perth back in May. Returns with yard among the winners and leaves the impression she's got bigger performances in her.


10 STAR VANTAGE (IRE) (198) 96
305F/6F7F- 7 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Rebecca Menzies** *Ross Chapman*
Maiden and last season was a write-off but he's probably not badly handicapped returning for new yard who find improvement in plenty.


11 CELESTIAL FASHION (165) 96
P442215-7 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Ian Duncan** *Conor O'Farrell*
Opened her account in 17f conditionals handicap at Newcastle in March but well beaten next 2 starts and might need this on return with the trip looking on the stiff side.

12 ROBIOLA (IRE) (100) 88
4/P7P 6 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **Barry Murtagh** *Lorcan Murtagh*
Little promise over hurdles for current yard.

13 FLYING SANDPIPER (IRE) (204) 64
7/0P8P- 5 10-2 | 64.4kg

 **Jackie Stephen** *Sean Bowen*
Well beaten in bumpers/over hurdles. Work to do on handicap debut.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Entity of Substanz, **11-2** Bridge Road, **8-1** Ballyquin Bay, **17-2** Malangen, **9-1** Let's Go Joe, **12-1** Love That, **14-1** March Wind, **16-1** Be The Difference, **18-1** Star Vantage, **22-1** Beat The Retreat, **33-1** Celestial Fashion, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

There could be plenty more to come from ENTITY OF SUBSTANZ now he goes handicapping and he makes the most appeal. Bridge Road has been running well from his reduced mark and has to be respected, while Ballyquin Bay could find a race near to hand.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ENTITY OF SUBSTANZ 2. BRIDGE ROAD 3. BALLYQUIN BAY

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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|  | <p>1 CARCACI CASTLE (IRE) (98) (D) s 99
 P023P-513 8 12-0 76.2kg
 Sandy Thomson <i>Ryan Mania</i>
 Bounced back to his best reverted to fences when winning a 6-runner handicap at Hexham in June and shaped as if still in good form bidding to follow up when third at Cartmel (17.3f, soft) the following month, just not quite seeing things out back up in trip. Can feature on return.</p> |
|  | <p>2 HOME FREE (IRE) (22) (D) t  100
 23/3215-21 6 11-13 75.7kg
 Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i>
 Scored over hurdles in 2m heavy-ground novice at Lingfield in March and made an encouraging start over fences when second at Hexham in May. Went one better on returning from 5 months off (had wind op and tongue tied) at Uttoxeter recently and appeals as one who can rack up a sequence.</p> |
|  | <p>3 CAPTAIN IVAN (IRE) (466) (D) t 98
 46413/114- 10 11-7 73.0kg
 Ewan Whillans <i>Craig Nichol</i>
 Has won 3 of his last 5 starts, following up his Southwell success with another victory at Perth (16f, good) back in June 2023. Ran respectably but looked too high in the weights when third at Worcester the following month and has switched yards ahead of his return.</p> |
|  | <p>4 THISTLE ASK (IRE) (598) (C, D) h+t 98
 4271/ 7 11-2 70.8kg
 James Ewart <i>Brian Hughes</i>
 Showed improved form when winning 9-runner novice hurdle at this course (16f, good) back in March 2023, making no mistake with any potential threats barely raising a gallop. Makes return/chase debut and watching brief advised unless the betting suggests otherwise (has had a wind op).</p> |
|  | <p>5 RATTLING ROAD (IRE) (187) t 98
 5534- 7 11-0 69.9kg
 Lucinda Russell <i>Derek Fox</i>
 Won an Irish point in April 2022. Progressed on his first 3 outings over hurdles earlier this year but proved somewhat disappointing, especially as the longer trip was expected to suit when well held at Perth (20.2f, soft) 6 months ago. Makes chase/handicap debut (has had a wind op).</p> |
|  | <p>6 TRAVAIL D'ORFEVRE (FR) (187) (C, D) t  97
 3/122232- 8 10-13 69.4kg
 N. W. Alexander <i>Bruce Lynn (3lb/1kg)</i>
 Made a winning return at Carlisle (15.9f, soft) last October and proved most consistent thereafter, runner-up all bare one starts last season, including when last seen at Perth (20.1f, soft) 6 months ago. Every chance he'll be in the mix given his record fresh.</p> |
|  | <p>7 ARDERA CROSS (IRE) (204) (CD) t 98
 9521645P- 13 10-2 64.4kg
 William Young Jnr <i>Sean Quinlan</i>
 Veteran who added a ninth course success to his tally over C&D in January. Similar form on 2 of his 4 starts since and ran no sort of race from 9 lb out of the handicap away from his beloved Ayr at Carlisle (15.9f, heavy) when last seen 6 months ago. Best watched.</p> |

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Home Free, **10-3** Travail D'orfevre, **7-2** Carcaci Castle, **15-2** Captain Ivan, **10-1** Rattling Road, **12-1** Thistle Ask, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HOME FREE opened his chase account a shade cosily at Uttoxeter earlier this month and, appealing as one who can rack up a sequence, Dan Skelton's 6-y-o is fancied to go in again at the expense of the ultra-consistent Travail d'Orfevre, who won on reappearance last season and hit the crossbar on 5 of his 6 subsequent starts. Carcaci Castle can edge out stable-switcher Captain Ivan for third.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HOME FREE 2. TRAVAIL D'ORFEVRE 3. CARCACI CASTLE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race










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RACE 7

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

The Ayr course is a left-handed circuit of one and a half miles comprising nine fences. It has well-graduated turns and a steady downhill run to the home turn before a gentle rise to the finish. There is a run-in of approximately one furlong. When the going is firm the course is sharp, but conditions regularly get extremely gruelling in mid-winter, that in itself explaining why the chase course claims similar numbers of casualties to such as Cheltenham and Haydock.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	FUJITA SCALE (IRE) (171)	89
	4 5 11-2 70.8kg Pauline Robson Snow Sky gelding. Ran in void race at Kelso in April but showed some ability when fourth of 10 in bumper at Sedgefield (16.8f) a month later, running green and fading final 100 yds. Entitled to do better with that run under his belt.	Jamie Hamilton
2	BESPOKE TAILOR (IRE) (185)	 100
	2- 4 11-1 70.3kg Ewan Whillans €6,000 Malinas gelding. Promising start when runner-up in a Perth bumper (16.2f, soft) back in April, every chance final 1f and held only late on. Looks up to playing his part on that evidence with progress distinctly possible.	Craig Nichol
3	DALSTON LAD (IRE)	98
	4 11-1 70.3kg Dan Skelton €115,000 4-y-o, Ocovango gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Gone Platinum and fairly useful 21f hurdle winner Myretown. Won sole start in Irish points (Apr 21) and he's a very interesting bumper debutant for leading yard.	Harry Skelton
4	DINOFROMBERLAIS (IRE)	90
	4 11-1 70.3kg Olly Murphy  €72,000 3-y-o, Doctor Dino half-brother to 3 winners, including prolific French hurdle/chase winner up to 19f Athena du Berlais and fairly useful 2½m hurdle winner Ladybank. Unplaced both starts in Irish points but makes debut for yard no stranger to success in this sphere. One to note.	Sean Bowen
5	ELUSIVE WARRIOR (IRE)	88
	4 11-1 70.3kg Sandy Thomson €30,000 3-y-o, Elusive Pimpernel gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser (barely stayed 2¾m) Go Roger Go and fairly useful hurdler/fair chaser (stayed 3m) Dead Sound. Yard 10-53 with their runners in this sphere in recent seasons.	Ryan Mania
6	JUST WINGING IT (IRE)	85
	4 11-1 70.3kg R. Mike Smith €12,000 3-y-o, Jet Away gelding. Brother to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Eureka Creek, stays 25f. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 2½m) Tevere. Yard 0-36 with their bumper representatives in last 5 seasons.	Ben Smith (71b/3kg)
7	STRIDE ON (IRE)	88
	4 11-1 70.3kg Lucinda Russell €44,000 3-y-o, Walk In The Park gelding. Brother to fairly useful hurdler Killealy Park, and half-brother to fair hurdler Wait Here, stayed 2½m. Market should prove a useful guide starting out for very good yard.	Conner McCann (71b/3kg)

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Bespoke Tailor, **5-2** Dalston Lad, **7-1** Dinofromberlais, **8-1** Fujita Scale, **10-1** Elusive Warrior, **11-1** Stride On, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The pair with previous form don't set a tall standard so this could go to a newcomer in the shape of DALSTON LAD. Successful on his only start in points, he appeals on paper now starting out for the Skelton team and it would come as no surprise to see him firmly in the mix. Bespoke Tailor, a promising second at Perth back in the spring, and another Rules newcomer Dinofromberlais head up the dangers in the finale.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DALSTON LAD 2. BESPOKE TAILOR 3. DINOFROMBERLAIS

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race