

Saturday 28th December

CATTERICK



12.25 SKY BET BUILD A BET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m3f51y (3870 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) NOT STAYING LONG | (6) KINGOFTHEGAME | (3) HAZARD COLLONGES**

1.00 SKY BET FOR THE FANS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f66y (3880 Metres)

RACE 2 **(9) TAMARIND BAY | (5) KDEUX SAINT FRAY | (7) SHATTERED SOLDIER**

1.33 SKY BET ACCA FREEZE NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 1m7f145y (3150 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) SMART CASUAL | (3) MR MAHLER | (7) COFFICIONADO**

2.10 SKY BET MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 1m7f156y (3160 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) REEL ROSIE | (8) SIOG GEAL | (10) SURREY BELLE**

2.45 THE SKY BET SUPER WEEK SUPERSIZED HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 3m1f54y (5080 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) CATCH CATCHFIRE | (3) SUPER CITIZEN | (5) RIBEYE**

3.20 SKY BET EXTRA PLACES EVERY DAY HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f66y (3880 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) GOT YOUR BACK | (7) LONE STAR | (1) FOUROFAKIND**

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.

12.25

RACE 1

SKY BET BUILD A BET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000 2m3f51y (3870 Metres)Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 NOT STAYING LONG (IRE) (11) (CD) **100**
P43145-71 6 12-10 | 80.7kg



Patrick Neville

Dylan Johnston

Fair winner over hurdles, successful at Ayr (24.3f) last season when trained by R. Mike Smith. Having rejoined former trainer, took very well to chasing on return when a wide-margin winner at this C&D (good) 11 days ago. Leading contender.

2 GET A SUPERSTAR (IRE) (47) (BF) **96**
P43-4445 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Luke Scott (3lb/1kg)

Yet to add to his bumper victory but has largely acquitted himself with credit in handicap hurdles since the spring. Lesser effort when mid-field at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) in November, but he could be in the mix as he makes his chase debut.

3 HAZARD COLLONGES (FR) (11) **96**
4/P-442 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



Gary Hanmer

Shane Fenelon

Still looking for first success but from his falling mark he was beaten only 1¾ lengths when last of 4 at this C&D in November. No match for Not Staying Long here (good) last time, but he could make another bold bid having been eased a further 2 lb.

4 RITSON (IRE) (23) **92**
7338-88P5 9 10-10 | 68.0kg



Liam Bailey

Patrick Wadge

Gained his only success in handicap chase at Newcastle (16.3f) on Boxing Day 2022 but has largely struggled for form since, faring no better having joined current yard on last 2 starts. Has enough to prove.

5 BEAT THE EDGE (IRE) (32) **97**
25343-482 7 10-8 | 67.1kg



Micky Hammond

Emma Smith-Chaston

Only the one win from 27 starts, but after 6 months off he ran creditably on first outing since leaving Tim Easterby when runner-up at Sedgefield (21.1f, good to soft) in November. Task is now to back up his latest effort.

6 KINGOFTHEGAME (IRE) (43) (BF) **96**
846-43P 6 10-8 | 67.1kg



Martin Todhunter

William Maggs

Ex-pointer who, following a quick switch to chasing, showed encouragement when making the frame in handicaps first 2 starts this season. Sent off odds on but lost both front shoes when pulled up last time, so he could bounce back with cheekpieces added.

7 ZARA'S UNIVERSE (23) **96**
P431P-566 8 10-6 | 66.2kg



Andrew Crook

Joe Williamson

Gained a third success over fences at Southwell (15.8f) in March but her form has been mixed since (including over hurdles), well held back chasing at Market Rasen (19.2f, soft) 23 days ago. Others more persuasive.

8 AGIRLCALLEDCHLOE (IRE) (21) **83**
P-P393PPP 7 10-3 | 64.9kg



Joanne Foster

Alice Stevens

Remains a maiden under Rules and, making first start since leaving P. J. Rothwell, was again pulled up at Wetherby (24.2f, heavy) 3 weeks ago. Back down in trip having had a wind operation since last time.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Not Staying Long, **5-1** Kingofthegame, **6-1** Beat The Edge, **8-1** Get A Superstar, **11-1** Hazard Collonges, **18-1** Zara's Universe, **28-1** Agirlcalledchloe, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NOT STAYING LONG showed much improved form when scoring easily at this C&D on her chasing debut last time and she can go on to follow up with further progress to come. Kingofthegame had excuses on his latest outing so he could be worth another chance in first-time cheekpieces, with Hazard Collonges the pick of the remainder.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NOT STAYING LONG 2. KINGOFTHEGAME 3. HAZARD COLLONGES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Trac 6-12-0	13-8f	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (3)	7
2022	Bolsover Bill 5-11-10	4-1	Warren Greatrex	Dylan Kitts (10)	8
2021	Nocte Volatus 6-11-11	3-1	Tom Lacey	Dylan Kitts (10)	10
2020	Relkadam 6-11-11	13-2	Tim Easterby	Nathan Moscrop	10
2019	Pinch of Ginger 8-11-12	5-1	Donald McCain	Lorcan Murtagh (3)	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.00**SKY BET FOR THE FANS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £8,000**
2m3f66y (3880 Metres)

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 DANTE'S INFERNO (18) 79**

247-0 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Stella Barclay

Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)

Ran to a fair level first 2 starts in bumpers but well held on final outing last season. After 8 months off (left Georgina Nicholls), finished down the field at Uttoxeter (15.8f, soft) on hurdles bow 18 days ago. Needs to get back on track.

2 DONNY'S FORTUNE (IRE) (17) 75

8P 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Micky Hammond

Joshua Thompson (7lb/3kg)

Dual point winner but has offered little in 2 maiden hurdles this season, pulled up at Hexham (20.1f, soft) 17 days ago. Looks to be up against it.

3 FRISBY (IRE) (306) 91

2- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Patrick Neville

Henry Brooke

Successful on sole outing in points a year ago and produced a promising first effort under Rules when second in an Ayr bumper (16f, heavy) in February. Off since but he's one to note on his hurdling debut.

4 JAMESIECONN (IRE) (8) 79

80 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Winning Irish pointer but has made a low-key start under Rules, again finishing well held when eleventh of 14 in maiden at Uttoxeter (15.8f, heavy) 8 days ago. Up in trip.

5 KDEUX SAINT FRAY (FR) (36) 100

1 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Anthony Honeyball

Jonathan Burke

Point winner who made a successful start under Rules when rallying to lead again close home in 6-runner bumper at Ascot (15.7f, good) last month. Respected as he goes up in trip for his hurdling debut.

6 MARQUEE LIGHTS (IRE) (14) 79

P 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Philip Kirby

Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)

Sent off at 100/1 for debut and made a bad mistake sixth before pulled up in maiden hurdle at Newcastle (16.9f, good to soft) 2 weeks ago. Hood now reached for, but he's likely to need more time.

7 SHATTERED SOLDIER (IRE) (30) 89

3 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



L J Morgan

Richie McLernon

Wide-margin winner on fifth start in Irish points in April and showed ability sent hurdling when third of 4 in novice at Musselburgh (19.8f, good to soft) a month ago. Entitled to progress with his recent run behind him.

8 SUPREME GEORGE (IRE) (28) 92

852 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Donald McCain

Brian Hughes

Irish point recruit who posted best effort under Rules so far when runner-up in novice hurdle at Doncaster (16.6f, good) last time. Bred to be suited by this longer distance so there could be further improvement to come.

9 TAMARIND BAY (IRE) (23) 98

27-342 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Peter & Michael Bowen

Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)

Fair form on 2 of his 3 outings in bumpers and has made a promising start over hurdles, building on her initial experience when runner-up to a fellow improver in novice at Market Rasen (20.6f, soft) 23 days ago. Major player.

10 SNAPAUDACIAHEROS (IRE) (32) 89

423 4 10-11 | 68.5kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

Made the frame all 3 starts in bumpers, matching previous form under an enterprising ride when third of 7 at Sedgefield (16.8f, good to soft) last time. Hood applied as she makes the switch to hurdling.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Kdeux Saint Fray, **11-4** Tamarind Bay, **6-1** Supreme George, **7-1** Frisby, **10-1** Shattered Soldier, **11-1** Snapaudaciaheros, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having shown fair form in bumpers, TAMARIND BAY improved from his hurdling debut when second at Market Rasen last time, finishing with running left after a mistake at the last, and he can continue his progress to get off the mark. He is preferred to point/bumper winner Kdeux Saint Fray, while Shattered Soldier also merits consideration.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. TAMARIND BAY 2. KDEUX SAINT FRAY 3. SHATTERED SOLDIER****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Sea Grey 4-11-4	8-1	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	5
2022	Don Hollow 5-11-4	7-4	Dan Skelton	Bridget Andrews	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.33**SKY BET ACCA FREEZE NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+
(Rated 0-100) £7,000 1m7f145y (3150 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

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

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 LOW MILEAGE (IRE) (27) s+t **85**

7/PS450-0P 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



George Bewley

Jonathon Bewley

Fairly useful maiden chaser in Ireland but offered little all 3 starts for current connections, pulled up in handicap chase at Carlisle (26f) 4 weeks ago. Cheekpieces/tongue tie now reached for but he's hard to warm to.

2 CONQUER THE BREEZE (IRE) (39) t **85**

365-26FPP 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Maurice Barnes

Ross Chapman

A fair maiden hurdler but he's yet to complete in trio of chase tries, pulled up on the back of 5 months at Carlisle (2m) 39 days ago. Needs to brush up on his jumping if he's to play a part.

3 MR MAHLER (IRE) (14) **94**

666P0-003 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Tom Midgley (31b/1kg)

Modest maiden hurdler who showed benefit of a recent run when third of 12 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (16.9f, good to soft) 14 days ago. Has a background in points (runner-up sole outing) and he's one to note tackling larger obstacles with his yard amongst the winners.

4 SMART CASUAL (10) (BF) s+t  **100**

P24B2-332 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Anthony Honeyball

Richie McLernon

Went close without success over hurdles and similar form both starts switched to larger obstacles this winter, second of 7 in handicap chase at Lingfield (2m) 10 days ago, no match for winner. Cheekpieces on 1st time and shortlisted here.

5 PESCATORIUS (IRE) (17) s+t **87**

475P8-077 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Harriet Dickin

Bradley Harris (31b/1kg)

Getaway gelding who failed to better poor form over hurdles but not seen to best effect when seventh of 13 in handicap chase at Hereford (20.9f, good to soft) on debut over fences 17 days ago. Down in trip.

6 BERLIET EXPRESS (IRE) (108) (D) t **85**

25P535-P9 8 10-8 | 67.1kg



Jake Thomas Coulson

Sean Grantham (10lb/5kg)

Dual winner over hurdles but remains a maiden over fences, only ninth of 13 in handicap chase at Worcester (16.5f, good) 108 days ago. Others preferred.

7 COFFICIONADO (IRE) (44) (BF) t **95**

35-285594 4 10-5 | 65.8kg



Donald McCain

Brian Hughes

Failed to kick on from a promising handicap debut effort over hurdles but back on track when fourth of 7 in handicap chase at Sedgefield (16.4f, good) on debut over fences 44 days ago, likely to have placed with better jumps at last 2. May do better in this sphere.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Smart Casual, **3-1** Cofficionado, **7-2** Mr Mahler, **10-1** Pescatorius, **20-1** Berliet Express, **20-1** Conquer The Breeze, **22-1** Low Mileage

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SMART CASUAL cemented the positive start made over fences when runner-up at Lingfield 10 days ago and he looks to hold sound claims of going one place better here with first-time cheekpieces enlisted. Mr Mahler is an intriguing chase debutant and feared, as is Cofficionado.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. SMART CASUAL 2. MR MAHLER 3. COFFICIONADO****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Guillaume 6-11-10	2-1f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	6
2022	Arthur's Quay 8-12-2	15-2	Ben Haslam	Richie McLernon	10
2021	Da Vinci Hand 6-11-12	15-2	Joanne Foster	Craig Nichol	7
2020	Barden Bella 4-9-10	5-2f	Christian Williams	Gavin Sheehan	10
2019	Ouro Branco 6-11-12	9-2	Nigel Hawke	Conor O'Farrell	9

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SKY BET MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £8,000 1m7f156y (3160 Metres)

RACE 4




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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 NELLIE BLUESKY (20) 87
8/76-15 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Ewan Whillans** *Craig Nichol*
Left modest bumper form behind when springing a surprise on hurdles at Perth (2½m, good to soft) in May. However, that wasn't much of a race and she rather predictably came up short under a penalty on return at Kelso.


2 REEL ROSIE (IRE) (44) 94
41 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Jennie Candlish** *Sean Quinlan*
Fairly useful handicapper on the Flat (stays 1½m) and made second hurdles start a winning one at Sedgefield (19.8f, good) where the emphasis on speed worked in her favour. Likely she has more to offer in this sphere and she's a key player, despite the penalty.


3 AUNTY CHRISTINE (IRE) (28) 84
70-35 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Lucy Wadham** *Connor Brace*
Little impact in a couple of bumpers and she was beaten a fair way when third of 7 on hurdles debut in a 19.6f Huntingdon novice on return last month. Again beaten some way at Doncaster next time and she's presumably being brought along gradually with handicaps in mind.


4 CHALK THAT DOWN (IRE) (21) 85
25/F 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Donald McCain** *Brian Hughes*
Half-sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser Born Survivor and fairly useful hurdler/chaser Theatre Flame. Runner-up on the first of her 2 starts in bumpers but only reached the second flight on hurdles debut following 22 months at Wetherby. Now tried in a hood. Yard also saddles Lady Buttercup.


5 GHIDORA (101) 79
35 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Adam Nicol** *Bruce Lynn*
Fair third on debut in a Perth bumper in August but she failed to take a step forward when only fifth of 7 at Kelso the following month. Opposable starting out over hurdles here.


6 LADY BUTTERCUP (50) (D) 84
99-166 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Donald McCain** *Charlie Maggs (7lb/3kg)*
Left previous bumper form well behind when landing 6-runner contest at Warwick in September. However, she hasn't shown much in 2 starts over hurdles since and Brian Hughes prefers Chalk That Down.

7 SHE'S GOT BOTTLE (14) 70
87 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Lizzie Quinlan** *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*
Fair Flat winner but she has offered precious little in 2 starts since switched to hurdles.


8 SIOG GEAL (IRE) (42) 100
22 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Fergal O'Brien** *Jonathan Burke*
£80,000 buy after winning sole outing in Irish points in February and has shown plenty in a couple of bumpers at top tracks, latterly finishing second in a listed contest at Cheltenham (16.4f, good). Will be a danger to all granted a clean round of jumping on this hurdles debut.


9 SPINNOVA (46) 75
8-05 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Billy Aprahamian** *Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)*
No show in a couple of bumpers for Paul Webber during the spring and fared no better on last month's hurdles debut for new yard at Huntingdon.

10 SURREY BELLE (D) 92
4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Adrian Keatley** *Danny McMenamin*
Fairly useful handicapper on Flat (stays 2m), successful twice this year. Possibly found race coming too soon when below par on latest start at York in October. Sold from Hughie Morrison's yard for 70,000 gns later that month and she could be a force here if taking to this game.

11 SUSIESPARKLE (IRE) (14) 87
34 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Iain Jardine** *Henry Brooke*
Fair 1½m Flat winner and has shown an aptitude for hurdling, making the frame in maidens at Musselburgh and Newcastle. Wasn't knocked about on either occasion and she's likely to do better in due course, particularly when going down the handicap route.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Siog Geal, 10-3 Reel Rosie, 9-2 Surrey Belle, 10-1 Susiesparkle, 14-1 Nellie Bluesky, 20-1 Chalk That Down, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

With experience on her side, REEL ROSIE is taken to see off hurdling debutantes Siog Geal and Surrey Belle. The selection travelled well prior to quickly putting the race to bed on her second start in this sphere at Sedgefield and, on that evidence, she looks capable of going in again under a penalty. Surrey Belle was of a similar level of ability to Reel Rosie on the level and will be a threat if finding fluency but point-winner Siog Geal, who has shown plenty in two bumpers, is feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. REEL ROSIE 2. SIOG GEAL 3. SURREY BELLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Lavida Adiva 4-11-0	6-5f	Ruth Jefferson	Jamie Hamilton	10
2022	Autumn Return 5-11-7	15-8	Ruth Jefferson	Callum Bewley	9
2022	Notnowlinda 5-11-7	6-4f	Dan Skelton	Bridget Andrews	8
2021	Auditoria 4-10-12	11-4	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory	8
2020	Anythingforlove 5-11-4	5-6f	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	9
2019	Full of Surprises 4-10-12	16-1	Neil Mulholland	Richie McLernon	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

THE SKY BET SUPER WEEK SUPERSIZED HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £9,000 3m1f54y (5080 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	ZWICKY (27) P39-3U128 Philip Kirby Multiple hurdles winner and opened chase account at Sedgefield in October. Last-fence mistake probably cost him when runner-up at the same course next time but he then misfired tried in cheekpieces (retained here) back hurdling at Carlisle earlier this month. Opposable.	s	96
	Joe Williamson (31b/1kg)		
2	ELLEON (FR) (28) 1133432F Sam England Winner of back-to-back 3m handicaps at Hexham during the summer and placed on several occasions since, including when a clear second to an unexposed novice from the Skelton yard at Carlisle in October. Jumping issues in evidence at Newcastle last time but he could have a say granted a clear round.	s+t	98
	Jonathan England		
3	SUPER CITIZEN (23) 45/1P-3233 Lucinda Hughes Successful twice over fences for previous connections in Ireland. Winning start for this yard in a Kelso hunter in January and stepped up on his reappearance run when third in handicap company at Market Rasen (3m, soft). Place possibilities here off 3 lb lower mark.	s	96
	Brian Hughes		
4	CATCH CATCHFIRE (23) 05-81 Ian Williams From a good jumping family and left his uneventful hurdles exploits well behind sent chasing in first-time cheekpieces at Leicester (22.7f, soft) where he landed an 8-runner handicap in decisive fashion. Gone up 8 lb for that but he's completely unexposed and probably has more to offer.	s	99
	Charlie Todd		
5	RIBEYE (19) 4-3F27331 Peter Atkinson More good efforts than bad ones to his name over fences and looked better than ever when readily accounting for his 9 rivals at Musselburgh (23.6f, good to soft) earlier this month. Hard to quibble with a 5 lb rise and while more will be needed here, he should make his presence felt.		97
	Danny McMenamin		
6	POETRY MAN (IRE) (231) 647P32U-U George 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 at Hexham thereafter but still has time on his side and he is interesting here back from a 7-month break.	s	99
	Jonathon Bewley		
7	ARCHIE BROWN (IRE) (581) 4/6- Henry Hogarth Landed a Market Rasen handicap chase off 12 lb higher in February 2021 but seen out just 3 times since and best watched following a 19-month absence.	s	97
	Jamie Hamilton		
8	COOLMOYNE (31) 7247-1324 Sara Ender Gained a deserved breakthrough success for Simon Waugh at Hexham during the spring and posted a good second for his new handler in handicap chase at Sedgefield (26.3f, soft) in October. Excuses at Market Rasen since but his strike rate (1-24) is off-putting in any case.		100
	Harry Bannister		
9	OCEAN LEGACY (IRE) (50) P0-F2043P Rebecca Menzies Winless since May 2023 and while he performed with credit on a couple of occasions for Dermot McLoughlin earlier this year, his second run for present connections at Hexham last month left an awful lot to be desired.		98
	Aaron Anderson (51b/2kg)		

10	EMOTIONAL ROLLER (IRE) (8) 3F-P9922P Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Solid second over hurdles at Carlisle in November and backed that up when again finding just one too good in a Wetherby handicap (19.4f, heavy) on chase debut. However, consistency isn't his forte and it was therefore no major surprise that he followed that with a poor effort at Uttoxeter.		96
	Peter Kavanagh (31b/1kg)		
11	ITURGEON DU BREUIL (FR) (27) P3-26058P Barry Murtagh Placed on second of 2 starts in points and also finished in the money in couple of handicap hurdles earlier this year. Form dipped pretty badly in the autumn, though, and he offered little on chase debut at Carlisle 27 days ago.	s	98
	Lorcan Murtagh		
12	HALFWAY HOUSE LAD (19) 243P-2615 Maurice Barnes Poor chaser who was a most fortuitous winner after 6 months off in 4-runner handicap chase at Newcastle (23.4f, good) last month, nearly 50 lengths down when left alone 2 out. Wasn't disgraced in first-time cheekpieces (retained) behind Ribeye at Musselburgh recently but he's opposable all the same.	s+t	89
	William Maggs (51b/2kg)		
13	HENRY BROWN (IRE) (80) 3235/2PP-4 Hugh Burns Just the one win to his name from 26 starts over fences and he looks up against it from 10 lb out of the handicap.	s	83
	Sean Quinlan		

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Catch Catchfire, **13-2** Ribeye, **7-1** Super Citizen, **8-1** Coolmoyne, **10-1** Elleon, **11-1** Poetry Man, **12-1** Zwicky, **12-1** Emotional Roller, **16-1** Ocean Legacy, **22-1** Halfway House Lad, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The vote goes to unexposed 5-y-o CATCH CATCHFIRE, who looked a different proposition switched to fences with cheekpieces enlisted at Leicester and, with the promise of better to come, he looks more than capable of following up off this 8 lb higher mark. Super Citizen has been given a chance by the handicapper and he is next on the list ahead of Musselburgh-scorer Ribeye, while Coolmoyne and Elleon are each-way contenders.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CATCH CATCHFIRE 2. SUPER CITIZEN 3. RIBEYE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Crixus's Escape 10-11-11	11-1	Gillian Boanas	Theo Gillard	11
2022	Pilot Show 5-11-10	11-2	Warren Greatrex	James Bowen	12
2021	Representing Bob 5-11-5	9-4f	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	11
2020	Sigurd 8-10-2	13-2	Joanne Foster	Gavin Sheehan	13
2019	Benarty Hill 9-10-3	4-1	Kenny Johnson	Alison Clarke (7)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

SKY BET EXTRA PLACES EVERY DAY HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-115) £8,000 2m3f66y (3880 Metres)Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

Left handed, sharp with minor undulations. Fences generally regarded as fairly easy, but chases are normally well run and result in many more casualties than might be expected, novices often finding it one of the tougher jumping tests in the North. Going rarely gets that testing, nippy sorts generally at an advantage over gallopers who take time to quicken. Beware deceptive camera angle as runners swing into the home straight, those towards the centre often seeming closer to the lead than they actually are.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **FOUROFAKIND (IRE) (45)** (D, BF) **98**
2-2691145 **5** 12-2 | 77.1kg



Lizzie Quinlan

Charlie Maggs (7lb/3kg)

Has taken his form up a notch since joining current yard, winning a pair of handicap hurdles at Perth (20.2f). Good effort when fourth of 9 at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) and ran with credit back down in grade at Ayr (20.5f, good to soft) last month. Can be competitive again off short break.

2 **KLITSCHKO (46)** **95**
321/3275-5 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Lucinda Hughes

Jamie Hamilton

Debut bumper winner and looked to be going the right way over hurdles but below-par on final couple of starts for Alan King last season. Well-backed on debut for new yard but never involved. New connections quick to opt for wind surgery and first time tongue-tie, hood (previously worn) also returns.

3 **ACHILLE DES ROCs (FR) (32)** **94**
41 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg



L J Morgan

Richie McLernon

Placed 3 times in maiden points and built on fourth of 12 on hurdles debut (16.6f) when producing a much improved effort to land a novice event at Southwell (15.8f, good) 32 days ago. Looked like a stayer in the making that day, and no surprise to see him up in trip today. One for the shortlist.

4 **GOT YOUR BACK (IRE) (27)** (D) **100**
3/3144-346 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Donald McCain

Brian Hughes

Off the mark in novice company at Musselburgh (19.8f) last December and has shaped with promise in handicaps (without winning) running better than the bare result when sixth at Carlisle (19.3f, soft) 27 days ago. On a fair enough mark and can go well if taking to first-time blinkers/tongue tie.

5 **HOURLISS (27)** **89**
122U-U4 **4** 11-5 | 72.1kg



John Dixon

Mr John Dixon (7lb/3kg)

Dual winner over hurdles for Alan King. Back from 11 months off when unseating rider (looked to be coming to end of his tether) in November. Modest effort from out of the handicap when fourth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (17f, soft) 27 days ago and yet to look like winning for current yard.

6 **MY FRIEND YEATS (IRE) (24)** **97**
62557 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

Modest point winner. Bettered hurdles debut effort when going close in a Cartmel novice (22.1f). Respectable fifth on handicap debut at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) in October and ran to similar level when up in trip when seventh of 10 at Haydock (24.3f) 24 days ago. Down in trip and cheekpieces on.

7 **LONE STAR (19)** (D) **98**
4F-747685 **7** 11-1 | 70.3kg



Philip Kirby

Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)

Thirteen runs since her last win in March 2023 and has slipped to a handy mark. Needed the run when last of 5 at Musselburgh (15.6f) 19 days ago and this trip will be more suitable. Has a better chance than her form figures might suggest and is entitled to run well if leaving comeback effort behind.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Achille Des Rocs, **7-2** Got Your Back, **7-2** Fouroufakind, **15-2** Klitschko, **10-1** Lone Star, **14-1** My Friend Yeats, **20-1** Hourless

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This could be the day for GOT YOUR BACK to get his head in front again, having showed up well for a long way at Carlisle last time, and he can capitalise on his falling handicap mark with Brian Hughes back aboard. Lone Star should strip fitter for her reappearance and could be dangerous while Fouroufakind can be competitive at this level once again.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GOT YOUR BACK 2. LONE STAR 3. FOUROFAKIND

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Hajey 6-11-13	4-1	Tracy Waggott	Tom Midgley (3)	4
2022	Happy And Fine 5-11-13	15-8	Alex Hales	Bryan Carver	11
2021	Findthetime 5-11-8	5-2f	Nicky Richards	Brian Hughes	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race