

Thursday 31st October

# NEWCASTLE



**1.15** QUINNBET JUVENILE HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m46y (3260 Metres)

RACE 1 **(5) AMBIENTE AMIGO | (1) FINE POINT | (3) ROI DE BAVIERE**

**1.45** DOWNLOAD THE QUINNBET APP HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m7f149y (4760 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) SKYJACK HIJACK | (6) JETEYE | (4) STEPS MATCH**

**2.15** DUNES BOWLING MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m46y (3260 Metres)

RACE 3 **(8) SAYVA | (3) IORANGI DE L'ISLE | (9) DEVON SKIES**

**2.45** DUNES SPORTS BAR AND DARTS HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m19y (4040 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) FLIC OU VOYOU | (2) BOOMSLANG | (1) COQOLINO**

**3.15** DUNES EAT DRINK BOWL PLAY HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) CHICAGO GAL | (8) PURPLE GOWN | (7) CAWTHORNE CRACKER**

**3.45** DUNES OPEN EVERYDAY FROM 10AM HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) JIMLI'S ISLAND | (1) CHEMICAL WARFARE | (6) GINGER POINTE**

**4.15** STAGE SOLUTIONS OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier) (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) KOUKEO | (1) CITY OF DIAMONDS | (3) KIDS SAY LASTGOJOE**

## 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.

**1.15****QUINNBET JUVENILE HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo £7,700  
2m46y (3260 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 FINE POINT (IRE) (30) 73**  
4 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Nigel Hawke

**David Noonan**

Fair maiden at up to 10.5f on the Flat in Ireland for Jim Bolger. Joined a stable which has tasted plenty of juvenile hurdle success over the years and he's entitled to step up on opening effort in this sphere.

**2 MIX DE GRIS (FR) 69**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Lucinda Russell

**Derek Fox**

Half-brother to useful hurdler Makitorix (2m winner, by Makfi) and fair French hurdler Hextravertix (19f winner, by Manduro). Modest form on Flat, tailed off on handicap debut last time. Hurdles debut.

**3 ROI DE BAVIERE (FR) 74**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Fergal O'Brien

**Jonathan Burke**

Fair maiden on Flat in France (stays 1½m), placed 3 times but well held latest outing. Left Fabrice Vermeulen €6,000 in July and now goes hurdling for respected stable.

**4 TRAFALGAR SQUARE (IRE) (30) 73**  
255 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

**Craig Nichol**

Fair maiden at up to 1½m on the Flat and showed an aptitude for hurdling when second of 12 in juvenile at Market Rasen in June. Pretty disappointing in both codes since, however.

**5 AMBIENTE AMIGO 100**  
3 10-7 | 66.7kg



James Owen

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Useful performer on Flat over middle distances, probably failed to get home upped in trip last time. In very good hands and this looks a gilt-edged opportunity if taking adequately to hurdling with a hood back on.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**8-15** Ambiente Amigo, **7-1** Roi De Baviere, **15-2** Trafalgar Square, **9-1** Fine Point, **33-1** Mix De Gris

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

AMBIENTE AMIGO is a different class to these based on her Flat form and getting weight all round, an adequate round of jumping will surely suffice now hurdling. Fine Point could be the one for the forecast.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. AMBIENTE AMIGO 2. FINE POINT 3. ROI DE BAVIERE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.45****DOWNLOAD THE QUINNBET APP HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-115) £7,700 2m7f149y (4760 Metres)**

RACE 2

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

Left handed, galloping with a steady uphill rise from the home turn. Stiff nature often results in steadily-run affairs, especially on the hurdles course, many races really beginning in earnest only once in line for home. As such, races often fail to represent the test of stamina they might, though there's a clear emphasis on jumping over fences, the data suggesting that Newcastle represents one of the stiffest examinations in the country in this regard. A position towards the stand rail in the home straight can be an advantage in hurdles races, no coincidence that's where the senior northern jockeys usually head.

Pace Information: **Even**

**1 HEREWEGOHONEY (IRE) (55)** t **85**  
1P/2310-0F 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Fergal O'Brien

**Jonathan Burke**

Dual hurdles winner but very lightly raced of late and fell 5 out (still in touch) in 2m4f Bangor handicap chase last month. More needed back in this sphere.

**2 VELASCO (IRE) (19) (D)** s+t **91**  
34711P1-4 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Susan Corbett

**Nathan Mascrop**

Thrived towards the end of last season, winning three times, and shaped as if needing the run after 6 months off when fourth of 8 in 23f Hexham handicap 19 days ago. Can take a step forward.

**3 SKYJACK HIJACK (IRE) (4) (D)** ★ **100**  
7-232111 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Jennie Candlish

**Sean Quinlan**

Arrives very much on the up and he impressively completed a hat-trick in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Aintree (24.7f, good to soft) 4 days ago. Escapes a penalty for that and he's the one to beat.

**4 STEPS MATCH (IRE) (11) (D)** s **91**  
8-455813P 9 11-7 | 73.0kg



Daragh Bourke

**Brian Hughes**

Resumed winning ways over hurdles at Perth in September but pulled up in handicap chase at Sedgefield (26.3f, good to soft) 11 days ago. Not ruled out though back in this sphere.

**5 DEL LA MAR ROCKET (IRE) (274)** s **95**  
58P/P6P- 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Hannah McMahon

**Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)**

Landed a Ffos Las maiden hurdle in February 2022 but largely held back by his jumping over hurdles and fences for Ben Pauling since. First outing for new yard after 9 months off with lots to prove.

**6 JETEYE (IRE) (27) (D)** v+t **95**  
P2-P71974 7 10-12 | 68.9kg



Sam England

**Jonathan England**

Got off the mark at Hexham in June and posted a good fourth of 12 in handicap hurdle there (23.3f, good) 27 days ago. Ought to be in the shake-up.

**7 MRS TABITHA (23)** s+t **92**  
1/P071-24R 5 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)



Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

**Toby Wynne (3lb/1kg)**

Unreliable sort but was running well off the back of a wind op when ran out 2 out in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (19.6f, good) 23 days ago. Cheekpieces go on now up in trip.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

5-6 Skyjack Hijack, 7-1 Mrs Tabitha, 8-1 Velasco, 9-1 Jeteye, 14-1 Steps Match, 16-1 Herewegohoney, 125-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SKYJACK HIJACK is impossible to oppose given he can race off the same mark as when a facile scorer at Aintree only four days ago. Jeteye appeals as the one to chase home Jennie Candlish's improver ahead of Steps Match.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. SKYJACK HIJACK 2. JETEYE 3. STEPS MATCH

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.15****DUNES BOWLING MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700**  
**2m46y (3260 Metres)**

RACE 3

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1** **ATHAIR MOR (IRE)** **88**  
5 11-4 | 71.7kg



James Ewart

*Ryan Mania*

Brother to useful 11f-134m winner Glen Savage. Dam, ran twice on Flat, half-sister to fairly useful but temperamental hurdler/useful chase winner (stayed 2½m) Percussionist. Decent-enough page and warrants a market check on hurdling debut.

**2** **CLONDAW FAME (IRE)** **h**  
7 11-4 | 71.7kg



James Ewart

*Non Runner*

NON RUNNER.

**3** **IORANGI DE L'ISLE (FR) (25)** **99**  
33-83 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Donald McCain

*Brian Hughes*

Won completed start in Irish points. Shaped with promise in a Catterick bumper and best effort to date when third in a novice at Kelso on recent return. Solid claims if he's in the same form.

**4** **KNIGHT OF MAGIC (IRE) (22)** **h+t** **86**  
0-P 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Chris Grant

*Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*

Poor maiden on the Flat who is yet to show anything in a bumper/novice hurdle.

**5** **BURGLAR'S DREAM (IRE)** **t** **88**  
4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Tim Easterby

*Jamie Hamilton*

Fair maiden on the Flat, below form last two starts. Up against it switched to hurdling.

**6** **LEADER WING (IRE) (22)** **89**  
5-16 4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Gillian Boanas

*Nathan Moscrop*

Left debut form behind as he got off the mark in 10-runner bumper at Sedgfield in May. First run since leaving Tom Weston when a low-key sixth at Sedgfield 22 days ago. Needs to step up on that.

**7** **MOONFLEET MOMENT (IRE)** **87**  
4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Adam Nicol

*Derek Fox*

Lightly raced and quite limited on the Flat, so not an obvious sort switched to hurdling.

**8** **SAYVA (IRE) (22) (D)** **100**  
813 4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

*Richie McLernon*

Proved a different proposition to debut when winning 11-runner bumper at Bangor (16.7f, good) back in June. Encouraging start to hurdling when third at Sedgfield 22 days ago and can improve enough to open his account.

**9** **DEVON SKIES (11)** **91**  
0-04 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Philip Kirby

*Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)*

Well held in 2 bumpers in the spring and showed something to work on when fourth in a novice at Sedgfield 11 days ago. Could be more to come and she's not ruled out.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Sayva, **5-2** Iorangi De l'Isle, **7-1** Devon Skies, **11-1** Leader Wing, **12-1** Athair Mor, **16-1** Burglar's Dream, **25-1** Moonfleet Moment, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Bumper winner SAYVA should have learned plenty from his hurdling debut and he's likely to improve enough to get the better of Iorangi de l'Isle, who sets the standard at this point. Devon Skies isn't without hope.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SAYVA 2. IORANGI DE L'ISLE 3. DEVON SKIES**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.45****DUNES SPORTS BAR AND DARTS HANDICAP CHASE  
(Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 2½m19y  
(4040 Metres)**

RACE 4

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 COQOLINO (FR) (19)** t **98**  
454-58P22 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Haslam

**Richie McLernon**

Winless since 2021 and still without success in this sphere (0-14 over fences) but back on the right track with near-misses in handicap chases at Cartmel (21f, heavy) and Hexham (2½m, soft) the last twice, latterly beaten ½-length by Backbyjet. Remains on a good mark and should be in the mix.

**2 BOOMSLANG (20)** **97**  
PP-221521 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Rebecca Menzies

**Ross Chapman**

Maiden hurdle winner in June and delivered an extremely polished round of jumping when successful on chase debut at Downpatrick (19.4f, good to soft) earlier this month. Mark for handicap debut in this sphere demands improvement but he almost certainly has more to offer as a chaser.

**3 FLIC OU VOYOU (FR) (43)** (D) s **100**  
60P-43P1d2 10 11-11 | 74.8kg



Henry Hogarth

**Danny McMenamin**

Eight-time winner of various race-types for Paul Nicholls and while it was a struggle initially for this yard, he has rediscovered his shooting boots the last twice. Ultimately did too much too soon on the elongated run for home at Kelso (21.6f, good) on latest start and he's a big player.

**4 BACKBYJET (IRE) (19)** (D) s **98**  
33-721151 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Brian Ellison

**Craig Nichol**

Recently made it 3-7 over fences at Hexham (2½m, soft) where he proved ½-length too strong for the re-opposing Coqolino (1 lb pull), again displaying a willing attitude. That fighting spirit will likely stand him in good stead once more but this demands a new personal best.

**5 HOLD ONTO THE LINE (IRE) (14)** (D) s **97**  
14P/71-5 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



James Ewart

**Brian Hughes**

Fortunate to land his fourth success (15.8f, soft) at Musselburgh in January, looking held when left in front 2 out. However, yet to win away from that course and subsequent display at Carlisle lacked spark. Cheekpieces refitted.

**6 SPECIAL DRAGON (28)** h+t **67**  
87021-28 5 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

**Toby Wynne (3lb/1kg)**

Improved sent handicapping over hurdles, runner-up either side of success at Ludlow (21.2f, good) in April. Showed aptitude for this job when eighth of 13 in handicap chase at Southwell at the beginning of this month and she can be expected to leave that form well behind in time.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Boomslang, **10-3** Flic Ou Voyou, **9-2** Backbyjet, **5-1** Coqolino, **7-1** Special Dragon, **12-1** Hold Onto The Line

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The vote in this trappy-looking contest goes to FLIC OU VOYOU, who proved that his Uttoxeter effort in July (dead-heated at odds of 66/1 but subsequently demoted to second) was no flash in the pan when going close at Kelso last time. He remains well-handicapped based on his exploits when in the care of Paul Nicholls and has conditions in his favour. There was much to like about the chase debut success of Boomslang and he is feared most ahead of Coqolino.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. FLIC OU VOYOU 2. BOOMSLANG 3. COQOLINO**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.15****DUNES EAT DRINK BOWL PLAY HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+  
(Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m190y (3390 Metres)**

RACE 5

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 CHILLHI (IRE) (19) 95**  
3U0 4 12-0 | 76.2kg



Brian Ellison

*Craig Nichol*

Fairly useful handicapper on Flat (stays 134m) who showed aptitude for hurdling on his debut in July. Well held completed start since but could show more now handicapping in this sphere.

**2 CHICAGO GAL (149) (D, BF) b 99**  
52/3482-15 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Michael &amp; David Easterby

*Patrick Wadge (31b/1kg)*

Fair on the Flat and landed 10-runner handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (16.6f, good) in May, responding well. Found good run halted at Southwell the following month but opened her account on the Flat at Beverley in July and shaped as if back in form at Pontefract on most recent outing.

**3 A DAY TO DREAM (IRE) (22) s 97**  
52U33 4 11-10 | 74.4kg



Ollie Pears

*Brian Hughes*

Modest on Flat and just similar form over hurdles, finishing 7½ lengths third of 6 to Balranald in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (16.8f, soft) on most recent outing. More needed for win purposes.

**4 BLUEBERRY WINE (IRE) (50) (D) t 94**  
4532-3560 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Donald McCain

*Theo Gillard*

Has been most disappointing over fences this season but could go well reverting to hurdling off a reduced mark.

**5 MONTYS ROCK (IRE) (116) b+t 85**  
553/4-PP 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Henry Hogarth

*Ross Chapman*

Reached the frame in maiden hurdles in Ireland for Eoin Doyle but has shown nothing in a brace of handicaps this season for new yard.

**6 LA QUARITE (FR) (174) h 96**  
F5526-8 4 11-5 | 72.1kg



Chris Grant

*Danny McMenamin*

Easily best effort when second on handicap debut fitted with a hood at Musselburgh in February. Did too much too soon trying to dominate a stronger field back there (17.4f, heavy) next time but was below form at Sedgefield on final outing. Has left Iain Jardine.

**7 CAWTHORNE CRACKER (IRE) (22) (D, BF) t 95**  
P-150081F 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

*Toby Wynne (31b/1kg)*

Landed a gamble on the back of a breathing operation at Sedgefield at the start of the month and would have followed up in straightforward fashion but for a final-flight fall there the following week. 9 lb higher now but still warrants plenty of respect.

**8 PURPLE GOWN (IRE) (35) s ★ 100**  
3455-5 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Adam Nicol

*Derek Fox*

Isn't straightforward but she'd been successful on the Flat over the summer and shaped quite encouragingly back over hurdles when fifth at Perth in September. Not seen to best effect back on the level since.

**9 GAME BEEAA (IRE) (33) t 97**  
45P-33255 7 10-13 | 69.4kg



Daragh Bourke

*Bruce Lynn*

Has been holding form well lately and posted another solid showing when fifth of 9 at Market Rasen (18.6f, good to firm) 33 days ago, unable to sustain effort. Return to 2m a plus and should give another good account.

**10 GETAWAY JEWEL (IRE) (38) (D) 96**  
P7768-356 10 10-13 | 69.4kg



Micky Hammond

*Conor O'Farrell*

On a losing run but he ran creditably when third of 12 on his most recent outing over hurdles at Worcester in July.

**11 STAR CONTACT (IRE) (14) 74**  
8-7P 4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Martin Todhunter

*William Maggs (51b/2kg)*

Limited impact both starts in Ireland for S. Curling and fared no better starting out for this yard at Carlisle 2 weeks ago.

**12 GRIFTER (35) v 97**  
503/P-32 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Jennie Candlish

*Sean Quinlan*

Went the wrong way on the Flat this year but placed twice back hurdling last month, finishing second of 12 at Perth (soft) latterly.

**13 BALRANALD (FR) (22) (D) s 98**  
P2386-071 8 10-4 | 65.3kg



Alison Hamilton

*Jamie Hamilton*

Ran out a fortunate winner of 6-runner handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (16.8f, soft) 22 days ago, left with every chance after clear leader Cawthorne Cracker fell last. Has the same mark to work with here but has never been the most consistent.

**14 IVYNATOR (IRE) (25) 84**  
P55/48-50P 6 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)



Jean McGregor

*Alan Doyle (51b/2kg)*

One-time fairly useful Flat performer for Charlie Fellowes but has shown little for current yard, including over hurdles.

**15 NATIONAL QUESTION (IRE) (35) s 83**  
959-07 4 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)



Adam Nicol

*David Noonan*

Modest winner on the Flat but has yet to take to hurdling, jumping none too fluently when seventh in 12-runner handicap at Perth (16.2f, soft, 20/1) 35 days ago. Easy to look elsewhere.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Cawthorne Cracker, **15-2** Grifter, **17-2** Balranald, **12-1** Game Beaaa, **14-1** Purple Gown, **14-1** Chicago Gal, **14-1** Getaway Jewel, **16-1** Blueberry Wine, **18-1** A Day To Dream, **18-1** Chillhi, **20-1** La Quarite, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CHICAGO GAL shaped as if back in form on her most recent Flat outing and gets the tentative vote to notch a second win over hurdles. Purple Gown isn't straightforward but potentially has a bit more to offer as a hurdler, especially when the emphasis is on speed. Cawthorne Cracker had the race at his mercy when coming to grief at the last at Sedgefield just over 3 weeks ago and warrants plenty of respect, also.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CHICAGO GAL 2. PURPLE GOWN 3. CAWTHORNE CRACKER**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.45****DUNES OPEN EVERYDAY FROM 10AM HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 2m7f91y (4710 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

**1 CHEMICAL WARFARE (IRE) (22) (C)** t **98**  
4F112411 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



David Pipe

Harry Cobden

Course winner who is proving progressive for this yard and has landed back-to-back handicaps at Sedgefield (both 26.3f) in recent weeks. Raised 8 lb for latest victory but looks sure to go well again.

**2 JIMLI'S ISLAND (27) (D, BF)** s **97**  
48-112 8 11-3 | 71.2kg



Susan Corbett

Nathan Moscrop

Turned a corner since joining new yard, landing a brace of Perth handicaps before good second of 10 at Hexham (20.1f, good, 4/1) 27 days ago, sticking to task. Another bold show is on the cards.

**3 RIBEYE (19) (C, D)** **97**  
8P24-3F27 9 11-0 | 69.9kg



Peter Atkinson

Danny McMenamin

May have needed outing, back from 12 weeks off, when seventh of 11 in handicap chase (11/1) at Hexham (20.1f, soft) 19 days ago but he isn't the easiest to win with these days.

**4 LADY MENDOZA (IRE) (27)** s **63**  
P/532-3448 7 10-12 | 68.9kg



Rebecca Menzies

Brian Hughes

Nine-race maiden over hurdles and looked unconvincing on switch to this discipline at Hexham 27 days ago. Others more appealing.

**5 CROAGH PATRICK (IRE) (27)** v+t **93**  
239-53646 9 10-6 | 66.2kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

On a long losing run and arrives on back of disappointing effort at Hexham earlier this month. Now tried in visor for first time.

**6 GINGER POINTE (FR) (33)** ★ **100**  
54/57-2144 7 10-6 | 66.2kg



Danny Brooke

Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)

Made a winning yard/chase debut at Market Rasen (21.4f) in August and run to a similar level both starts since, latest when creditable fourth of 10 in handicap chase at same course (23.9f, good to firm) 33 days ago, doing too much too soon. Shortlist material.

**7 PLAY BY THE RULES (IRE) (75)** s+t **96**  
0R9-45555 5 10-3 | 64.9kg



Nigel Hawke

David Noonan

Modest winner at 19f over hurdles but is yet to score over fences and posted just respectable fifth of 12 to Jimli's Island in handicap chase at Perth (23.8f, good, 7/1) 75 days ago.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Chemical Warfare, **4-1** Ginger Pointe, **4-1** Jimli's Island, **7-1** Play By The Rules, **10-1** Croagh Patrick, **10-1** Lady Mendoza, **18-1** Ribeye

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

JIMLI'S ISLAND has done little wrong for his new yard and will appreciate the step back up in trip after his solid effort at Hexham earlier this month. He gets the nod. Chemical Warfare and Ginger Pointe rate the principal dangers.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. JIMLI'S ISLAND 2. CHEMICAL WARFARE 3. GINGER POINTE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.15****STAGE SOLUTIONS OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT  
(Qualifier) (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 2m190y (3390 Metres)**

RACE 7

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

Left handed, galloping with a steady uphill rise from the home turn. Stiff nature often results in steadily-run affairs, especially on the hurdles course, many races really beginning in earnest only once in line for home. As such, races often fail to represent the test of stamina they might, though there's a clear emphasis on jumping over fences, the data suggesting that Newcastle represents one of the stiffest examinations in the country in this regard. A position towards the stand rail in the home straight can be an advantage in hurdles races, no coincidence that's where the senior northern jockeys usually head.

Pace Information: **Even**

**1 CITY OF DIAMONDS (IRE) 90**  
4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Donald McCain **Brian Hughes**  
€4,000 buy last year, from the family of useful hurdler/fairly useful chaser (stayed 19f) King of The Picts. Runner-up only outing in Irish points (Mar 2024). One to note.

**2 DRIFTWOOD BOUNTY (IRE) 87**  
4 11-3 | 71.2kg



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson **Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)**  
£20,000 3-y-o, Wings of Eagles gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Ocean Drifter. Dam unraced half-sister to fair hurdle winner/fairly useful chaser (stayed 21f) Scene Not Herd. Likely type on paper.

**3 KIDS SAY LASTGOJOE (FR) 86**  
4 11-3 | 71.2kg h



Micky Hammond **Billy Garritty**  
€26,000 Balco gelding. Half-brother to French bumper winner/hurdler Jewel Star. Was a non runner in the Cheltenham New Year's Day bumper intended debut. Wears hood. Interesting.

**4 KOUKEO (FR) (19) 100**  
02 4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Richie McLernon**  
Didn't show much in a competitive race at the Punchestown Festival on debut but left that form well behind in calmer waters after 6 months off when second of 9 at Chepstow 19 days ago, no match for promising winner. Obvious claims.

**5 MASTERPIECE (38) 88**  
5-3 4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Rebecca Menzies **Nathan Mascrop**  
Brother to a winner on Flat and half-brother to 3 winners, including fair hurdler Yukon. 14/1, third of 7 in bumper at Sedgefield (16.8f, good to soft) on return 38 days ago. Bit more needed to land this.

**6 NORAH'S LEGACY (IRE) 85**  
4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Philip Kirby **Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)**  
Yeats gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Lord Roccoco. Dam 2m hurdle winner, also 1¼m winner on Flat.

**7 TRAVIS WHEATLEY (IRE) 86**  
4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Brian Ellison **Danny McMenamin**  
€12,000 3-y-o, Order of St George gelding. Dam, maiden jumper in France, half-sister to Grand National winner Mon Mome. Point winner in May. Got to be respected.

**8 CRAZY ABOUT HER (IRE) (22) 84**  
27 4 10-10 | 68.0kg h



Jake Thomas Coulson **Conor O'Farrell**  
Promising debut when second at Worcester in August but left Olly Murphy after and just seventh of 12 at Sedgefield (16.8f, soft, 20/1) 22 days ago.

**9 MOVEONBUY (292) 79**  
89- 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Andrew Crook **William Maggs (5lb/2kg)**  
Caught eye in junior bumper here on debut but well beaten next time. Off 9 months.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-4 Koukeo, 11-2 City of Diamonds, 15-2 Masterpiece, 9-1 Driftwood Bounty, 10-1 Kids Say Lastgojoe, 10-1 Travis Wheatley, 16-1 Norah's Legacy, 25-1 Crazy About Her, 66-1 bar**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

KOUKEO found only a good prospect from the Skelton yard too strong at Chepstow having contested the valuable Listed Goffs bumper on debut at Punchestown in the spring and this looks a good opening third time up. City of Diamonds, Kids Say Lastgojoe and Travis Wheatley are all interesting rivals.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KOUKEO 2. CITY OF DIAMONDS 3. KIDS SAY LASTGOJOE**

**SMART STATS:**

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