

Thursday 2nd January

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12.10 AYR RACECOURSE RACING CLUB ONLY £30 MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m100y (4110 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) AL KALILA | (6) JEUNE PRINCE | (13) YOUNG GETAWAY**

12.40 AYRSHIRE WEDDING SHOW 2 FEBRUARY MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 2 **(8) WALKING ON A DREAM | (2) FAMOUS LISS | (10) LIZZIE LUNA**

1.10 MIDBURN CONSTRUCTION LTD NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m110y (3320 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) HOMBRE DE GUERRA | (2) PARK ANNONCIADE | (1) IMAGINARY DRAGON**

1.40 AYRSHIRE CANCER SUPPORT MASQUERADE BALL HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2½m100y (4110 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) ACHNAMARA | (12) ALRIGHT DAI | (19) CAVE HILL**

2.15 KARAOKE AT THE GOLF INN PRESTWICK HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m20y (4850 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) WHISTLE STOP TOUR | (5) JET LEGS | (3) SPECIAL RATE**

2.50 QUIZ NIGHT AT GOLF INN PRESTWICK NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m110y (4120 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) PRESIDENT SCOTTIE | (4) HASHTAG BOUM | (2) CHOOSE A COPPER**

3.25 GOLF INN PRESTWICK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 3m70y (4890 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) HAZY GLEN | (7) FORGED WELL | (6) GAILLIMH A STOR**

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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AYR RACECOURSE RACING CLUB ONLY £30 MAIDEN HURDLE
(4) 4yo+ £8,350 2½m100y (4110 Metres)


RACE 1





Going: **Soft**


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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 AL KALILA (IRE) (247) **99**
 349523-7 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Stuart Crawford, Ireland **J. J. Slevin**
 Fair form when placed 3 times over hurdles last season, including C&D. Off since finishing seventh of 24 in a handicap at the Punchestown Festival in April. Key player if ready to roll.


2 BLAKEY BOY (IRE) (19) **92**
 35 **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Ewan Whillans **Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)**
 Has shown ability in 2 bumpers 6 months apart and this longer trip promises to suit now hurdling.


3 CANUNCLECANI (IRE) (54) **79**
 P **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Jackie Stephen **Ryan Mania**
 Made frame all 3 starts in Irish points but pulled up on Kelso hurdle debut in November.


4 DREAMINGS FREE (IRE) (75) **75**
 654-9BU80 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Maurice Barnes **Ross Chapman**
 Modest maiden hurdler in Ireland. Tongue tied first time now setting out for new trainer Maurice Barnes. Best watched.


5 JET LIGHT (FR) (44) **79**
 7 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 James Moffatt **Charlotte Jones**
 £28,000 point recruit but more one for longer term under Rules judged on his Carlisle hurdle debut.


6 JEUNE PRINCE (FR) (33) (BF) **100**
 45-43 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Lucinda Russell **Derek Fox**
 Promise both starts in bumpers in the spring and similar story in a pair of hurdles around 2m this autumn. Capable of even better now stepping up to a trip likely to suit.


7 KNIGHTPHASE (IRE) **93**
6 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Stuart Coltherd **Sam Coltherd**
 Won sole start in Irish points (Jan 2024). One to note in the betting now hurdling.



8 SCARLET JET (IRE) (44) **92**
 64 **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**
 Cost 41,000 after winning a point in May. Better effort over hurdles when fourth of 10 in 2½m Carlisle maiden 44 days ago. Should have more to offer as his stamina is drawn out.


9 SIR GAUZY (IRE) **91**
6 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Jackie Stephen **Craig Nichol**
 Cost £20,000 after winning his sole Irish point in May, albeit there were only 2 other finishers. Check the betting.

10 ST OLAN'S WELL (IRE) **94**
6 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Lucinda Russell **Patrick Wadge**
 £80,000 purchase after finishing second in an Irish point in November 2023. It's taken a bit of time to get him to the track but it'll still be interesting to see what the betting makes of him.

11 VAMPIRE SLAYER (IRE) (18) **h** **79**
 8-68 **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Daragh Bourke **Danny McMenamin**
 Fair maiden on the Flat but unable to land a blow in 3 starts over hurdles and is probably one for handicaps later on.

12 WOTSMYNAME (IRE) (24) **70**
 50986/P9 **8** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Leonard Kerr **Jamie Hamilton**
 Poor maiden who has offered little in 2 outings since returning from a long absence. Big outsider.

13 YOUNG GETAWAY (IRE) (25) **99**
 55-33 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Nicky Richards  **Sean Quinlan**
 Built on the promise shown in a couple of bumpers last season when third of 7 on 2m course hurdle debut in October. Confirmed he has a fair level of ability when 10 lengths third at Kelso (2m again) since and this longer trip could bring about improvement. Player.

14 STOPWOULDYA (IRE) (25) **70**
 P **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg
 R. Mike Smith **Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)**
 Runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points in May 2023 but offered little on Kelso hurdle debut 25 days ago.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Jeune Prince, **4-1** Al Kalila, **4-1** Young Getaway, **9-1** St Olan's Well, **11-1** Knightphase, **14-1** Blakey Boy, **18-1** Scarlet Jet, **22-1** Sir Gauzy, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AL KALILA has the best form if he's fully primed after 8 months off. Jeune Prince promises to benefit from this longer trip and is second choice ahead of the Nicky Richards-trained Young Getaway.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AL KALILA 2. JEUNE PRINCE 3. YOUNG GETAWAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Esprit du Potier 5-11-6	4-7f	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	7
2023	Glen Cannel 5-11-12	6-1	L J Morgan	Brian Hughes	5
2022	Escapeandevade 6-11-5	28-1	James Ewart	Callum Bewley	8
2020	Marown 6-11-6	5-2	Nicky Richards	Brian Hughes	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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AYRSHIRE WEDDING SHOW 2 FEBRUARY MAIDEN HURDLE
(4) 4yo+ £8,350 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 2



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 CAGE RATTLER (IRE) (52) h **66**
 88 5 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Sandy Forster **Conor O'Farrell**
 Modest 7f Flat winner who offered little both starts in maiden hurdles in November. Can only be watched.


2 FAMOUS LISS (IRE) (70) **73**
 8426F 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Stuart Coltherd **Sam Coltherd**
 Fair form on third start when runner-up in a Hexham novice (16.2f) in June. Shaped as if needing the run when last of 6 on handicap debut at Kelso (20.9f) in October prior to taking a heavy fall at Carlisle later that month. Given a break and strong claims of making the frame.


3 GLENVILLE (50) **67**
 05 5 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Ewan Whillans **Craig Nichol**
 Down the field in a Haydock bumper in May and fared no better after 6 months off when fifth in 6-runner C&D contest 50 days ago. Hurdles debut.


4 JIRKO (FR) (25) **68**
 45-87 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

 N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**
 Comfortably held both outings in bumpers and only minor promise in pair of novice/maiden hurdles so far this winter. However, he's an imposing sort and appeals as the type who will flourish at a later stage.

5 JONY R (IRE) (257) **67**
 0- 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Stuart Crawford, Ireland **J. J. Slevin**
 Leading Light gelding who showed little when tenth of 11 in a C&D bumper on debut back in April. Betting can guide now attentions switch to hurdling.


6 RED NED (IRE) (70) **66**
 25-00 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Sandy Thomson **Ryan Mania**
 Runner-up on the first of 2 starts in bumpers last season but offered little both starts over hurdles upon returning to action in October. Handicaps could be more his thing in due course.


7 THE DIPPER (IRE) (99) **66**
 8-76 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Nicky Richards  **Conor Rabbitt (51b/2kg)**
 Well held in bumper and 2 novice hurdles.



8 WALKING ON A DREAM (IRE) (66) ★ **100**
 2 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Lucinda Russell **Derek Fox**
 £45,000 purchase after finishing runner-up all 3 completed starts in Irish points (latest May 11). Bright start under Rules when chasing home the useful Country Mile in a C&D novice in October and this looks an excellent opportunity to get off the mark.

9 CLOUDSARECLEARING (98) **66**
 5 5 11-1 | 70.3kg

 R. Mike Smith **Ben Smith (71b/3kg)**
 Scorpion filly. 50/1, offered little when last of 5 in bumper at Perth (16.2f, soft) on NH debut 98 days ago, running green. Makes hurdles debut.

10 LIZZIE LUNA (25) h **67**
 5-5778 5 11-1 | 70.3kg

 Ewan Whillans **Danny McMenamin** 
 Modest form in bumpers and glimmers of promise both starts over hurdles in recent months. However, looks the type who could well come into her own when attentions switch to handicaps.

BETTING FORECAST:

4-9 Walking On A Dream, **11-2** Famous Liss, **18-1** Jirko, **22-1** Jony R, **22-1** Glenville, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WALKING ON A DREAM produced a promising first effort under Rules when chasing home the now useful Country Mile in a C&D novice in October and this looks a great opportunity for him to open his account with improvement anticipated. Famous Liss can fill the forecast spot.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WALKING ON A DREAM 2. FAMOUS LISS 3. LIZZIE LUNA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Joshua des Flos 6-11-8	4-7f	Stuart Crawford	Daryl Jacob	14
2023	L Anamour 5-11-8	13-8f	Stuart Crawford	Daryl Jacob	11
2022	Livelifethemax 5-11-6	6-1	R. Mike Smith	Ryan Mania	11
2020	Endlessly 5-11-5	6-1	Olly Murphy	Richard Johnson	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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MIDBURN CONSTRUCTION LTD NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE
(4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-115) £8,000 2m110y (3320 Metres)

RACE 3



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **IMAGINARY DRAGON (FR) (32)** **88**

303/215-P 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Sandy Thomson

Ryan Mania

Fair hurdler who opened account at Kelso (22.7f) last December before a creditable fifth at Musselburgh in February. Found test inadequate after 10 months off when pulled up on chase debut at Carlisle (2m) 32 days ago and this again probably on the sharp side.

2 **PARK ANNONCIADE (FR) (19)** (C, D) t **93**

1465-PF7F 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland

J. J. Slevin

Useful Irish hurdler who has yet to complete in this sphere but in process of running well (in second at the time) when falling 3 out at Doncaster (19f) 3 weeks ago. Player if brushing up his jumping.

3 **HOMBRE DE GUERRA (IRE) (32)** (C, D) t **100**

85/24317-2 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



N. W. Alexander

Sean Quinlan

Fair hurdler who got off the mark in a C&D maiden in March. Had wind op/off 8 months before a good second in a C&D novice chase 32 days ago and he's of interest now handicapping returned to this venue.

4 **HASTY BROOK (FR) (29)** (D) t **84**

P724/6 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

Fairly useful at his best over hurdles but offered little after 20 months off in that sphere at Haydock early on last month. Needs to step up plenty on that on just his second start over larger obstacles. Market should guide.

5 **HERMES BOY (FR) (268)** (D) **83**

60/P671P4- 8 11-8 | 73.5kg



Russell Ross

Ross Chapman

Mark eased plenty and capitalised on drop into class 5 company when successful in refitted cheekpieces at Wincanton (21.3f, heavy) in February. Overall record is patchy and unable to back that up twice thereafter. Returns to chasing now for new yard.

6 **CHUMLEE (IRE) (215)** (D) h **84**

0991/312-P 10 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)



Sandy Forster

Patrick Wadge

Progressive initially from a low base in handicaps, gaining second career success at Newcastle (16.9f) in February before a good second at Carlisle in March. Absent since finishing pulled up at Hexham in June and another best guided by the market on chase debut.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Hombre De Guerra, **11-4** Park Annonciade, **5-1** Imaginary Dragon, **11-1** Chumlee, **12-1** Hasty Brook, **16-1** Hermes Boy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HOMBRE DE GUERRA produced a promising first effort in this sphere when runner-up in a Carlisle novice 32 days ago and he earns the vote to build on that now handicapping back at the scene of his sole hurdles victory. Park Annonciade can emerge as the chief threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HOMBRE DE GUERRA 2. PARK ANNONCIADE 3. IMAGINARY DRAGON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Ardera Cross 13-9-8	14-1	William Young Jnr	Danny McMenamin	6
2023	Escapeandevade 7-12-0	11-10f	James Ewart	Brian Hughes	4
2022	Seemorelights 10-11-10	4-1	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	6
2020	Ard Chros 8-11-8	7-1	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd (3)	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

**AYRSHIRE CANCER SUPPORT MASQUERADE BALL
HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)
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Pace Information: **Strong**

1	ACHNAMARA (7lb/3kg ex) (7)	s	★	100
	567/6-62P1 6 12-3 77.6kg Philip Kirby Fair handicapper on Flat and belatedly ran to similar level over hurdles when runner-up at Sedgefield (19.8f) in November. Below-par next time, but left that behind when scoring easily back at Sedgefield on Boxing Day. Leading contender under a penalty.		Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)	
2	SO MANY ROADS (319) (CD)	t		91
	561F/6457- 8 12-0 77.2kg Donald Whillans Made a winning handicap debut at this C&D in early-2023 but hasn't managed to go on from that effort since, running below form on last 2 starts. Needs to get back on track as he returns from 10 months off (has had breathing operation).		Craig Nichol	
3	LOVE THAT (IRE) (25)			90
	3F-4FF2 6 12-0 76.2kg R. Mike Smith Has made the frame (modest form) all 3 completed starts over hurdles, avoiding mistakes when second in a Kelso novice (20.9f) 25 days ago, albeit beaten 21 lengths. Needs to find more back in a handicap.		Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)	
4	CORAL BLUE (IRE) (169) (CD)	t		95
	6118/95P-4 10 12-0 76.2kg Daragh Bourke Three-time winner in 2022/23, including at this C&D, but failed to fire in 3 starts last season. After 6 months off, shaped as if better for the run when fourth of 5 at Uttoxeter (15.8f) in July, but he's been off again since.		Brian Hughes	
5	SNOWROCCO (IRE) (35)			95
	43-8 6 12-0 76.2kg Adam Nicol Placed in an Irish point and encouragement when making the frame at Wetherby on hurdles bow. Remote third at Catterick next time, before down the field at Musselburgh (15.6f) on seasonal/handicap debut in November, but the step up in trip should suit.		Theo Gillard	
6	NINETOFIVE (IRE) (68)	t		87
	3429/3-P 8 11-13 75.7kg Sandy Thomson Came third in a Hexham novice back in May 2023 which worked out well but he finished lame and wasn't seen again until pulling up in a Kelso handicap (16.2f) in October. Has enough to prove at present.		Lewis Dobb (7lb/3kg)	
7	MARTY MCFLY (IRE) (20)	t		90
	7287-4104 7 11-12 75.3kg Sandy Thomson Struck at second time of asking for Sandy Thomson in a Perth handicap in June, but failed to repeat that effort at Kelso 5 months later (following a wind op). However, he ran better when fourth of 8 at Doncaster (16.6f) last time. Tongue strap back on.		Ryan Mania	
8	LISLORAN (IRE) (324) (C, D)	s+t		92
	15317/376- 9 11-9 73.9kg Russell Ross Won 3 times over fences at around 20f during 2022/23 campaign. Failed to kick on from a respectable run over hurdles last term, well held in handicap chase at this course (20.5f) in February. Off 10 months (has had breathing operation).		Ross Chapman	
9	SANTA CLARITA (FR) (34) (D)			94
	2-P136528 7 11-7 73.0kg William Young Jnr Made a winning start for Dan Skelton back over hurdles at Worcester in September. Shaped encouragingly first 2 outings for current yard, runner-up at Kelso (20.9f) in November, before finding it tougher up in grade last time. Could bounce back.		Sam Coltherd	
10	THE JEWELLER'S PET (IRE) (188)			90
	656 6 11-6 72.6kg Ian Duncan In the frame twice in points and, upped further in trip, made more impact on third start over hurdles when sixth of 9 in a Cartmel maiden (22.1f) in June. Further improvement required as he goes handicapping after 6 months off.		Sean Quinlan	

11	EUCHAN FALLS (IRE) (35) (CD)	s	✓	95
	4242-2985 8 11-6 72.6kg R. Mike Smith Last win came at this C&D back in March 2023 and, after 5 months off, has finished well beaten returned to chasing on his last 2 starts. However, he's now dropped below his last winning mark as he reverts to hurdling with cheekpieces reapplied.		Patrick Wadge	
12	ALRIGHT DAI (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (7) (D)	s		96
	2/26/36-91 7 11-6 72.6kg Neil Mulholland Made the frame all 3 starts in bumpers (trained by Dan Skelton first 2 outings), but hadn't offered much over hurdles until taking a step forward in first-time cheekpieces when landing handicap at Market Rasen (20.6f) on Boxing Day. Respected under a penalty.		Conor O'Farrell	
13	BEAT THE RETREAT (IRE) (34) (C)	t		95
	4173P7-P3 6 11-5 72.1kg N. W. Alexander Successful at this course (18f) in December 2023 but lost his way as the season ended and pulled up on return. However, under Dominic Hislop he bounced back to form when third at Musselburgh (19.8f) in November. Capable of getting involved.		Dominic Hislop (10lb/5kg)	
14	WAINWRIGHT (IRE) (262)			79
	677- 7 11-4 71.7kg Nicky Richards After 5 months off, finished well held but showed a bit more promise on third start when seventh of 12 in novice at Kelso (18.1f) in April, still having plenty to do between 4 out and 3 out. Could yet do better as he makes handicap debut after 8 months off.		Danny McMenamin	
15	TOPKAPI STAR (29)			90
	9615/P-914 8 11-3 71.2kg Ewan Whillans Successful twice in 2022/23 but ran only once the following season. However, after another 5 months off she bounced back when winning at Sedgefield (19.8f) in October. Backed up that effort when fourth at Haydock (24.3f) last time, so she could be in the mix.		Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)	
16	ARDERA CROSS (IRE) (61) (C, D)	t		85
	21645P-6P 14 11-2 70.8kg William Young Jnr Veteran who has 9 chase wins at this course to his name. However, ran no sort of race at Carlisle on final outing in 2023/24 and has fared no better in 2 starts here this season. Others preferred back over hurdles.		Derek Fox	
17	BALLYQUIN BAY (IRE) (18)	s		93
	448434-PP 7 11-0 69.9kg Alison Hamilton Remains a maiden after 17 starts. Reached the frame in handicap hurdles for this yard last winter but pulled up both starts this season, the latest at Carlisle (19.3f) 18 days ago.		Jamie Hamilton	
18	CATCHA FLIGHT (25)			84
	6060 5 10-11 68.5kg R. Mike Smith Hinted at ability on bumper debut and did the same making third start over hurdles, unable to sustain effort from a long way back when down the field in a Kelso maiden (16.2f) 25 days ago. Upped in trip for handicap bow.		Nathan Moscrop	
19	CAVE HILL (19) (D)	t		91
	P038P-051 6 10-11 68.5kg Ian Duncan Has looked an improved performer with tongue tie applied last 2 starts, getting off the mark in 16-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle (20.3f) 19 days ago. Enters calculations now that he's up and running.		Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)	
20	LEWA HOUSE (22) (D)	s		92
	352933-66 9 10-8 67.1kg Catch Bissett Only one win from 22 starts but placed on 4 of his 6 outings last season. Failed to come on for reappearance run when sixth of 11 at Hexham (20.1f) 22 days ago, but he's not ruled out from 5 lb below his winning mark.		Bruce Lynn	

20 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Achnamara, **7-1** Alright Dai, **9-1** Cave Hill, **11-1** Beat The Retreat, **16-1** Santa Clarita, **16-1** Marty Mcfly, **18-1** So Many Roads, **18-1** Topkapi Star, **20-1** Wainwright, **20-1** Lewa House, **22-1** Coral Blue, **22-1** Euchan Falls, **28-1** Snowrocco, **28-1** Lisloran, **28-1** Love That, **28-1** The Jeweller's Pet, **28-1** Ninetofive, **40-1** bar

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RACE 4

**AYRSHIRE CANCER SUPPORT MASQUERADE BALL
HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)
£8,000 2½m100y (4110 Metres)**



TIMEFORM VIEW:

ACHNAMARA wasted no time getting back on track when opening his hurdles account with a wide-margin success at Sedgefield on Boxing Day and he can go on to score again under a penalty. Alright Dai also arrives on the back of a win 7 days ago and could be the biggest threat, with Cave Hill and Beat The Retreat also considered.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ACHNAMARA 2. ALRIGHT DAI 3. CAVE HILL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Follow Charlie	5-11-10	17-2	R. Mike Smith	Ben Smith (10)	14
2023	So Many Roads	6-11-9	9-2	Donald Whillans	Craig Nichol	17
2022	Goodtimes Badtimes	7-11-0	6-4f	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.15**KARAOKE AT THE GOLF INN PRESTWICK HANDICAP CHASE
(3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-140) £15,000 3m20y (4850 Metres)**

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1 GOLD CUP BAILLY (FR) (241) (CD) t **89**
111249/P-3 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland

J. J. Slevin

Won first 3 starts sent chasing in 2022/23, including C&D, but lightly raced and well held since. Off a further 8 months since finishing 22 lengths third of 4 over hurdles at Down Royal in May.

2 WHISTLE STOP TOUR (IRE) (25) (C) **97**
134413-31 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

Dual hurdle winner last season and this former Irish point scorer made it lucky over fences with a convincing display at Kelso (3m, heavy) last month, forging clear late on. Definitely more to come and can make light of a 6 lb rise.

3 SPECIAL RATE (IRE) (33) t **100**
141138-U7 8 11-4 | 71.7kg



Lizzie Quinlan

Sean Quinlan

Enjoyed a most productive campaign over hurdles/fences last term, winning 7 from 10 starts for Philip Kirby. Shaped better than the result when seventh of 13 in the competitive Rehearsal at Newcastle (3m, good) in November, weakening having made headway into third. Had wind up since.

4 WASDELL DUNDALK (FR) (12) (D) **99**
36141PPP 10 10-10 | 68.0kg



Lisa Harrison

Danny McMenamin

Five wins since joining this yard but arrives with something to prove having pulled up on his last 2 outings.

5 JET LEGS (IRE) (25) (D) **99**
412123-65 8 10-7 | 66.7kg



Martin Todhunter

Theo Gillard

Winner of a pair of handicap chases around 3m last winter. Better effort this term when fifth of 11 in 4m Borders National at Kelso last month, left behind gradually after 3 out. Respected back at 3m.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Whistle Stop Tour, **11-4** Jet Legs, **9-2** Special Rate, **15-2** Wasdell Dundalk, **20-1** Gold Cup Bailly

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A 6 lb rise doesn't look enough to stop WHISTLE STOP TOUR with further improvement very much on the cards. Jet Legs seemed to find 4m on deep ground stretching his stamina in the 4m Borders National at Kelso and can provide the main threat back over shorter.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WHISTLE STOP TOUR 2. JET LEGS 3. SPECIAL RATE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Up Helly Aa King	13-11-6	15-2	N. W. Alexander	Danny McMenamin	6
2023	Gold Cup Bailly	7-12-0	6-4f	Stuart Crawford	Daryl Jacob	4
2022	She'sasupermack	9-11-5	2-1f	Iain Jardine	Conor O'Farrell	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.50

RACE 6

**QUIZ NIGHT AT GOLF INN PRESTWICK NOVICES' LIMITED
HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-130) £14,000
2½m110y (4120 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Soft**

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 **PRESIDENT SCOTTIE (IRE) (29)** (C, D) **97**
33/32114-2 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Ended last term on the up over hurdles, including a 20.5f win here. Promising second in 21.5f Haydock handicap on chase debut/reappearance. Looks sure to progress and win races over fences.

2 **CHOOSE A COPPER (IRE) (54)** (D, BF) **92**
13262-16 **7** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

Posted career best when making a winning return/chasing bow at Hexham (2½m) in October. Disappointed at Kelso last time but he remains on a fair mark and could well bounce back.

3 **FONZERELLI (IRE) (18)** (D) **87**
8-6 **9** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

Listed novice hurdle winner in March 2022. Very lightly raced since but she did shape as if retaining ability when sixth of 9 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (25f) last month. Should strip fitter for that first outing in 8 months now chasing.

4 **HASHTAG BOUM (FR) (23)** **100**
622148-12 **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Ruth Jefferson

Brian Hughes

Fairly useful winning hurdler who struck at the first time of asking over fences in 21f Sedgefield handicap at the beginning of October. Bumped into a smart prospect when second at Uttoxeter since. Likely more to come and respected.

5 **LORD ROCO (655)** (D) **86**
222PP/ **9** 10-12 | 68.9kg



James Ewart

Ryan Mania

Hurdle winner. Also runner-up 3 times over fences at the end of 2022 but off since pulling up twice at Carlisle in early 2023. Returns in quite a warm race and can only watch.

6 **OZZY COSMO (IRE) (25)** (C) **88**
1FF-6 **6** 10-9 | 67.6kg



N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Irish point recruit who landed a 2m course novice hurdle on Rules debut last December but fell both subsequent hurdle starts last season and made an inauspicious start to his chase career when last of 6 on Kelso reappearance. Should do better at some point but can only watch this time.

7 **STEP ABOVE (IRE) (33)** (C, D) **90**
32P375-3P **8** 10-7 | 66.7kg



Lucinda Russell

Patrick Wadge

Shaped well when third on his 2½m Perth reappearance in September but pulled up at Newcastle 2 months later.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Hashtag Boum, **11-4** President Scottie, **11-2** Choose A Copper, **15-2** Step Above, **12-1** Ozzy Cosmo, **14-1** Fonzerelli, **28-1** Lord Roco

TIMEFORM VIEW:

There was plenty to like about PRESIDENT SCOTTIE's chase debut second at Haydock last month and he's narrowly preferred to Ruth Jefferson's Hashtag Boum in quite an interesting novice handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PRESIDENT SCOTTIE 2. HASHTAG BOUM 3. CHOOSE A COPPER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Ballycoose 7-12-0	13-8f	Stuart Crawford	Daryl Jacob	5
2023	Donna's Double 7-11-11	10-3	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	6
2022	If Not For Dylan 7-11-1	11-1	Andrew Hamilton	William Shanahan (7)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.25**GOLF INN PRESTWICK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3)
4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £15,000 3m70y (4890 Metres)**

RACE 7

GBI RACINGGoing: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 WAKOOL (FR) (61) (CD) t **91**
0/6F2069-4 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



N. W. Alexander **Dominic Hislop (10lb/5kg)**
C&D winner but had a poor time last season and beaten 21 lengths when fourth on his C&D return from wind surgery in November. Tongue tied first time now.

2 O'TOOLE (IRE) (698) t **98**
12/ 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland **J. J. Slevin**
Useful hurdler/chaser but off since finishing second in a 3m Grade 2 novice chase at Wetherby in February 2023. The betting should help guide to expectations.

3 PINOT ROUGE (IRE) (25) (D) s **94**
314-36P 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Susan Corbett **Nathan Moscrop**
Point winner who took well to hurdling last season, winning 3m Doncaster listed novice in March before fine fourth in Grade 1 Sefton at Aintree (3m again) in April. Has taken to fences this winter but may fare better back hurdling.

4 HAZY GLEN (FR) (29) **99**
16223-1 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Michael & David Easterby **Jamie Hamilton**
Promise in maiden/novice hurdles last season and improved to make a winning handicap debut/reappearance at Haydock (19f, soft) 29 days ago. Up in trip. Likely has even more to offer so a 5 lb rise may not stop him.

5 THEME TUNE (IRE) (424) (D) s **99**
74115/6- 10 11-2 | 70.8kg



N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**
Landed a pair of 3m handicap hurdle wins for Nick Alexander in 2022/23 season but not seen since finishing a below-par sixth at Carlisle 14 months ago. Possibly best watched unless the market hints otherwise.

6 GAILLIMH A STOR (IRE) (25) (C) t **99**
22F3F3/3 9 11-1 | 70.3kg



N. W. Alexander **Danny McMenamin**
Course novice hurdle winner back in 2022. Off 21 months, shaped as if retaining all his ability when third of 10 at Kelso (23f) 25 days ago. Claims if he can build on that.

7 FORGED WELL (IRE) (25) (BF) ★ **100**
13P26-312 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Martin Todhunter **Sean Quinlan**
Largely progressive hurdles, winning a 21f Kelso handicap in November. Good second (Gaillimh A Stor third) over 23f back there since. The even longer trip today should play to his strengths. Respected.

8 BOTH BARRELS (262) **99**
343/4321- 7 10-12 | 68.9kg



Donald Whillans **Craig Nichol**
Made steady progressive over hurdles last season, landing a 23f Kelso handicap in April. Off since but he's a low-mileage sort who could easily have more to offer.

9 COVENTRY (IRE) (12) **99**
9/5089-626 8 10-5 | 65.8kg



Lisa Harrison **Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)**
It's now 19 runs since his last win in 2021. Did run well for second at Carlisle (17f, soft) in October but not in anything like the same form at Haydock (2m) since. Significantly back up in trip now.

10 ADVERAM (19) (C, BF) s **96**
92633-142 6 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)



Ian Duncan **Brian Hughes**
Off the mark in 19.5f course handicap on reappearance in October. This consistent has hit the frame on both outings since but he is 4 lb out of the handicap here.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Forged Well, **9-2** Both Barrels, **11-2** Hazy Glen, **6-1** O'toole, **10-1** Theme Tune, **10-1** Adveram, **11-1** Gaillimh A Stor, **16-1** Wakool, **25-1** Pinot Rouge, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HAZY GLEN should have more to come so a 5 lb rise for Haydock doesn't look enough to prevent him going in again assuming his stamina holds now stepping up significantly in trip. Last-time-out Kelso 2-3 Forged Well and Gaillimh A Stor may give him most to do.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAZY GLEN 2. FORGED WELL 3. GAILLIMH A STOR

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race