

Saturday 4th January

NEWCASTLE



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QUINNBET MARES' NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (CONDITIONAL & AMATEUR JOCKEYS) (5) 2m56y
(3270 Metres)

RACE 1 **(8) HUNTERS SPRING | (5) TRULY YOURS | (7) ZEEZEE**

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NEWCASTLE FLOORING GABRIELLE BUZZEO LYNCH BIRTHDAY NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4)
2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) WISE EAGLE | (2) SAMWISE | (7) KIDS SAY LASTGOJOE**

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RACE 3 **(2) DERRYHASSEN PADDY | (4) SMOKERINGINTHEDARK | (7) TYSON MAGOO**

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MICHAEL JOHN HRYCKO NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m75y (3290 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) HOMBRE DE GUERRA | (1) PRIMOZ | (4) DISCO ANNIE**

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RACE 5 **(9) SIX ONE NINE | (4) HELLO JUDGE | (1) MONOCHROMIX**

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attheraces.com/marketmovers HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

RACE 6 **(12) GLORY HIGHTS | (14) AIRE SPRAY | (10) LOOKING SPLENDID**

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NEWCASTLE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) VANILLA DANCER | (9) SHE'S A ROCCA | (4) FAHA BELLE**

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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RACE 1

**QUINNBET MARES' NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (CONDITIONAL & AMATEUR JOCKEYS) (5) 4, 5 and 6yo fillies and mares
£4,500 2m56y (3270 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places), AW: Standard to Slow**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 BORDER QUEEN (20) 70**

98 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Philip Kirby

Well held both starts in bumpers.

Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)**2 KALO ATHENA (IRE) (54) 87**

6 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



James Moffatt

£38,000 5-y-o, Soldier of Fortune mare. Half-sister to fairly useful 17f hurdle winner Wasp. Dual-point winner who shaped like a stayer when sixth of 11 in bumper at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft) on NH debut 54 days ago.

Leah Noreci (10lb/5kg)**3 LADY RISKY (FR) (29) h 84**

93 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Rebecca Menzies

Much better effort in bumpers when third of 6 (66/1) at Sedgefield (16.8f, soft) 29 days ago, outpaced home turn.

Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)**4 SPECTRESS (38) 70**

0 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



N. W. Alexander

Last of 11 in bumper (33/1) at Wetherby (16f, soft) on NH debut 38 days ago.

Bruce Lynn**5 TRULY YOURS (IRE) 90**

6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

€23,000 3-y-o, Ol' Man River mare. Half-sister to fairly useful hurdler Milliner, stayed 3m, and fair hurdler Do Ya Feel Lucky, stayed 3¼m. Dam, ran once in bumper, half-sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 2½m) Carthalawn. Interesting newcomer.

Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg)**6 VERA HOBBS (38) 81**

8 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Tom Ellis

€52,000 3-y-o, Jack Hobbs filly. Half-sister to fair 21f hurdle winner Gentle Life. 9/2, well-held last of 8 in bumper at Market Rasen (16.6f, soft) on NH debut 38 days ago.

Mr Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)**7 ZEEZEE (IRE) 83**

6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Pauline Robson

£44,000 3-y-o, Yeats mare. Dam unraced sister to useful hurdler/very smart chaser (stayed 2½m) Castlegrace Paddy. Has had a breathing operation. One to note.

William Maggs (5lb/2kg)**8 HUNTERS SPRING (50) 100**

1 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Lucinda Russell

Nayef filly. Sister to 1¼m winner Stockbridge Tap and half-sister to 7f/1m winner Thewaytothestars. Dam (h127) 2m hurdle winner, also 11f winner on Flat. 11/10, won 5-runner bumper at Newcastle (16.9f, good) under this rider on NH debut 50 days ago, well on top finish. Big shout under a penalty.

Conner McCann (7lb/3kg)

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**2-1** Hunters Spring, **11-4** Truly Yours, **5-1** Kalo Athena, **7-1** Zeezee, **10-1** Lady Risky, **28-1** Vera Hobbs, **150-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Debut-winner HUNTERS SPRING can defy a penalty in a weak AW bumper. The 2 newcomers in the field Truly Yours and Zeezee may emerge as the biggest threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. HUNTERS SPRING 2. TRULY YOURS 3. ZEEZEE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Thatswhatshe said 4-10-3	9-2	Donald McCain	Peter Kavanagh (3)	9
2023	Ici La Reine 5-11-2	2-1f	Warren Greatrex	Dylan Kitts (7)	9
2022	Walk In The Storm 5-11-0	15-8jf	Ian Williams	Fergus Gregory	8
2021	Becky The Boo 5-11-0	1-2f	Fergal O'Brien	Tom Midgley (7)	7
2020	Alpha Carinae 5-10-12	10-3	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory (3)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

**NEWCASTLE FLOORING GABRIELLE BUZZEO LYNCH
BIRTHDAY NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ £7,700
2m190y (3390 Metres)**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places), AW: Standard to Slow**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 WISE EAGLE (IRE) (18)** **100**

Adam Nicol

Very useful performer at up to 2¼m on the Flat who has completed simple tasks returned to this sphere, landing small-field maiden/novice contests at Musselburgh/Catterick with loads in hand. Big shout with prospect of more to come despite conceding weight all round.

Craig Nichol**2 SAMWISE (IRE) (63)** **95**

Susan Corbett

In the frame twice in bumpers in 2022/23 and belied a 20-month absence to make a winning hurdles debut in a Kelso novice (16.2f) in October. Good third at Wetherby followed 2 months ago and no reason why he won't give it a good go.

Nathan Moscrop**3 AUTHORIZED MISSION (21)** **94**

Chris Grant

Never figured in trio of bumpers for Iain Jardine. Gradual progress over hurdles for new stable, readily surpassing previous exploits when second of 11 in a C&D novice 3 weeks ago. More needed if he's to go one place better here, though.

Danny McMenamin**4 BOLD JURY (IRE) (15)** **89**

Paul Collins

Cheap purchase who was placed on his last 2 starts in points and showed a bit when sixth of 14 in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (15.8f, heavy) on NH debut 15 days ago. Needs to build on that now.

Jamie Hamilton**5 GLENVILLE (2)** **85**

Ewan Whillans

Down the field both starts in bumpers but much more encouragement when fourth of 10 on hurdles debut in novice at Ayr (2m, 100/1) 2 days ago. Could build on that but he'll need to.

Henry Brooke**6 JERSEY STREAM (FR) (20)** **78**

Rebecca Menzies

Well held only start in bumpers but hinted at ability following 9 months when fifth of 12 in novice hurdle (250/1) at Carlisle (17f, soft) on hurdles bow 20 days ago. Still, he's probably a longer-term project.

Ross Chapman**7 KIDS SAY LASTGOJOE (FR) (43)** **h**

Micky Hammond

Balko gelding who showed benefit of his initial experience and settled better ridden from the front when winning 5-runner bumper at Catterick (15.7f, good to firm, 13/8) 43 days ago. Should be up to making his mark now hurdling with Brian Hughes retaining the ride.

Brian Hughes**8 MOUNTAIN MOLLY (IRE) (294) (BF)**

Lucinda Russell

Mount Nelson mare. Won sole start in Irish points (Nov 2023) and having been sent off favourite, she found a slowly-run race no use when fifth of 8 in a C&D bumper on Rules debut in March. No surprise to see a better showing now hurdling after 9 months off.

Patrick Wadge

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Wise Eagle, **4-1** Samwise, **7-1** Kids Say Lastgojoe, **8-1** Mountain Molly, **11-1** Authorized Mission, **16-1** Bold Jury, **28-1** Glenville, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WISE EAGLE arrives on the back of comfortable victories in maiden/novice events at Musselburgh/Catterick in recent months and he's fancied to concede weight all round and bring up the hat-trick. Samwise rates next best, ahead of hurdling debutantes Kids Say Lastgojoe and Mountain Molly.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WISE EAGLE 2. SAMWISE 3. KIDS SAY LASTGOJOE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Blazing Soldier	6-11-2	16-1	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	14
2023	Densworth	6-11-2	11-8f	Ben Pauling	Luca Morgan (3)	14
2022	Since Day One	6-11-12	6-5f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	11
2020	Off The Beat	6-11-5	25-1	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.23**DOWNLOAD THE QUINNBET APP NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 5yo+
£7,700 2½m62y (4080 Metres)**

RACE 3

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 AQUITAINE BOY (FR) (32) 85
16 10 11-7 | 73.0kg



Ruth Jefferson

Jamie Hamilton

Belied odds of 40/1 back from nearly 3 years off when making a winning start for this yard in a 15.8f novice at Southwell (good) in May but had fortune on his side that day and failed to make a major impact back in handicap company there last month. Stiff task on these terms.

2 DERRYHASSEN PADDY (IRE) (41) (D) 100
1-1 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Lucinda Russell

Craig Nichol

Won sole start in Irish points/bumpers and again looked a bright prospect when making a successful hurdling debut in 7-runner novice at Uttoxeter (19.9f, heavy) 41 days ago. Sure to do better and fancied to defy a penalty.

3 MONACO RULES (IRE) (31) 91
15 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Micky Hammond

Conor O'Farrell

Fairly useful on the Flat in France and made a winning start to hurdling for Francois Nicolle at Cholet in October. Made no impact pitched into deepish waters on first start for this yard at Haydock 2 months later and may do better.

4 SMOKERINGINTHEDARK (IRE) (26) (D) 98
1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Runner-up sole start in Irish points and made a successful debut over hurdles in 4-runner affair at Musselburgh (19.8f) 26 days ago, holding on gamely. Open to improvement.

5 FORSA BAY (IRE) (21) 95
0-74 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



L J Morgan

Brian Hughes

Showed more than on hurdling debut when fourth of 8 in novice at Doncaster (19.4f, good to soft) 21 days ago, not knocked about. May do better still.

6 FRONTIER FORCE (18) 757
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Peter Niven

Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)

Well beaten in 2 bumpers and on Catterick hurdle debut.

7 TYSON MAGOO (IRE) (18) 93
53 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)

Third in an Irish point and took a step forward from hurdling debut when third in 7-runner novice at Catterick (19.3f) 18 days ago. Likely to progress further.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Derryhassen Paddy, **2-1** Smokeringinthedark, **7-1** Tyson Magoo, **17-2** Forsa Bay, **14-1** Monaco Rules, **28-1** Aquitaine Boy, **200-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DERRYHASSEN PADDY again looked a bright prospect when making a winning hurdling debut at Uttoxeter in November and looks capable of defying a penalty back in the North on that evidence. Smokeringinthedark showed a good attitude to come out on top on his Rules debut at Musselburgh and is considered the main threat ahead of Tyson Magoo.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DERRYHASSEN PADDY 2. SMOKERINGINTHEDARK 3. TYSON MAGOO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Handstands 5-11-7	2-7f	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones	10
2023	Serious Operator 6-11-7	10-1	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (7)	7
2022	Rafferty's Return 7-10-12	8-1	Rebecca Menzies	Sean Quinlan	9
2020	Overthetop 6-11-5	10-11f	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory (3)	6

1.57**MICHAEL JOHN HRYCKO NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ £11,700 2m75y (3290 Metres)**

RACE 4

Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places), AW: Standard to Slow****SMART STATS:**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 PRIMOZ (IRE) (17) (D) t **97**
1741-14f 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

Bookended his novice campaign over hurdles with victories at Ayr and perfect start in this sphere when landing 5-runner handicap chase at Wetherby during the autumn. Checked out rather tamely at Cheltenham next time and fell heavily 3 out at Newbury last month (was making headway). This is easier.

2 WHIZZ KID (GER) (42) (D) s+t **98**
14/14f-433 9 11-1 | 70.3kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Charlie Hammond

Fairly useful hurdler who has come to chasing quite late but ran close to his best recent hurdles form when third of 5 in handicap chase at Ayr in November, warming to his task jumping-wise. Found step up to 19.9f against him at Huntingdon so better expected here with cheekpieces added.

3 HOMBRE DE GUERRA (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (2) (D) t **96**
5/24317-21 7 10-13 | 69.4kg



N. W. Alexander

Sean Quinlan

Fair hurdler who got off the mark in maiden company in March. Had wind op/ off 8 months before a good second in a Carlisle novice chase and he landed the odds with the minimum of fuss at Ayr on Thursday. Huge player if allowed to take his chance.

4 DISCO ANNIE (IRE) (20) h+t **97**
7-6271162 7 10-6 | 66.2kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

Bagged back-to-back 17f Carlisle handicap hurdles in November before posting a solid sixth in 2m Newbury Listed hurdle. Bred for chasing and matched that form at the first attempt over the larger obstacles when second 3 weeks ago. May well be capable of better.

5 COUP DE COEUR (FR) (38) (D) **97**
312410-23 7 10-5 | 65.8kg



Micky Hammond

Brian Hughes

Pair of 17f Sedgefield hurdle wins under Brian Hughes last winter and with his reappearance second under his belt, he matched that form when third of 5 on return to the larger obstacles at Wetherby in November. Needs to build on that.

6 THISTLE ASK (IRE) (68) (D) h+t **100**
4271/2 8 10-5(10-2) | 65.8kg (64.4kg)



James Ewart

Danny McMenamin

Improved form when winning maiden hurdle at Ayr in March 2023. After 20-month absence (had wind op), shaped as if retaining plenty of ability when runner-up back at Ayr on chasing debut in October. 3 lb out of the weights. Engaged 2.57 Musselburgh Friday.

7 KIDMAN (IRE) (34) **98**
2/4-2P 9 10-5(9-12) | 65.8kg (62.6kg)



Simon Waugh

Jamie Hamilton

Lightly-raced hurdler who following a further 16 months off, shaped as if retaining his ability when fourth in a Kelso maiden in March. Made a bold bid to land a touch when collared close home at Hexham but well held at Carlisle since. Out of the weights for chase debut.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Hombre De Guerra, **3-1** Primoz, **7-1** Disco Annie, **9-1** Thistle Ask, **10-1** Whizz Kid, **10-1** Coup De Coeur, **33-1** Kidman

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HOMBRE DE GUERRA landed the odds without any difficulty at Ayr on Thursday and if he takes up this engagement, he'll be hard to contain again under a penalty. Primoz eases in class and can get back on track, with Disco Annie another to note.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HOMBRE DE GUERRA 2. PRIMOZ 3. DISCO ANNIE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Findthetime 8-11-10	evsf	Nicky Richards	Conor Rabbitt (5)	4
2023	Since Day One 7-10-1	85-40	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	3
2022	Fugitif 7-11-0	2-1	Richard Hobson	Kielan Woods	4

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RACE 5

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GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 MONOCHROMIX (FR) (26) b **97**



55P242-55 7 12-1 | 76.7kg

Lucinda Russell

Patrick Wadge

Remains a maiden but generally consistent as a chaser (not seen to best effect at Musselburgh last time) and could feature if the first-time blinkers eke some improvement out of him.

2 OZZY COSMO (IRE) (2) t **76**



1FF-6P 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Irish point recruit who landed a 2m Ayr novice hurdle on Rules debut last December but is yet to really kick on and was pulled up in a handicap chase there a couple of days ago. Others make more appeal.

3 LEADING FORCE (IRE) (26) s+t **98**



326-12974 8 11-12 | 75.3kg

Sandy Thomson

Jamie Hamilton

Off 4 months/had wind up before a creditable fourth of 6 in handicap at Musselburgh (20.3f, good to soft) 26 days ago. Likely player dropped 2 lb with that run under his belt. Engaged 1.27 Musselburgh, Friday.

4 HELLO JUDGE (63) (CD) t  **100**



431217-44 9 11-11 | 74.8kg

Ann Hamilton

Danny McMenamin

Successful 3 times over the larger obstacles last season and made a positive return when fourth at Hexham. Went backwards from that at Aur next time but he's been given a break since and latest win came over C&D.

5 HOLD ONTO THE LINE (IRE) (36) (D) **96**



14P/71-5F2 8 11-9 | 73.9kg

James Ewart

Brian Hughes

13/2, creditable second of 7 in handicap chase at Musselburgh (15.8f, good to soft) 36 days ago. Back up in trip. Tends to save his best for that track but he's on a fair mark and hard to rule out.

6 RAJJAMATAZ (IRE) (41) s **95**




575P-1225 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Charlie Hammond

Off the mark over fences at Fontwell in May and followed that with a couple of decent efforts in defeat. Didn't find much when it came to the crunch on his reappearance at Uttoxeter in November but he's entitled to come on for that run.

7 HEROIQUE DE MAULDE (FR) (32) (D) s+t  **98**



2312/0P 8 11-7 | 73.0kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Henry Brooke

Scored at Doncaster in February 2023, for James Ewart but no promise in two outings for current trainer.

8 HALPHA SOLEIL (FR) (24) (D) **93**



1P462-418 8 11-6 | 72.6kg

Micky Hammond

Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)

Looked better than ever when winning over hurdles at Hexham in June. Probably needed the run in a handicap there on chase debut last month, so should build on it.

9 SIX ONE NINE (IRE) (39) (CD) s **99**



421131-44 10 11-1 | 70.3kg

Chris Grant

Sean Quinlan

Really enhanced his strike rate over fences here last season, winning 3 times. Likely better for his reappearance at Sedgefield and handicapper has eased him 2 lb since, so looks a player back under ideal conditions.

10 PITEMPTON POWER (IRE) (34) (D) **88**



566/9 10 11-1 | 70.3kg

Ewan Whillans

Craig Nichol

Back-to-back chase winner in 2021/22 but little to shout about in a very light 2022/23 and returned from long absence with a poor showing at Carlisle. Plenty to prove.

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Hold Onto The Line, **9-2** Hello Judge, **11-2** Leading Force, **7-1** Six One Nine, **15-2** Monochromix, **8-1** Rajjamataz, **14-1** Halpha Soleil, **22-1** Heroique De Maulde, **33-1** Ozzy Cosmo, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SIX ONE NINE has a superb course record and his latest outing at Sedgefield should have put him spot on for this, so a bold showing is expected. Hello Judge could bounce back after a break, so he's feared from a handy mark, while Monochromix could get involved if the blinkers have a positive effect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SIX ONE NINE 2. HELLO JUDGE 3. MONOCHROMIX

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Carrigeen Castle	8-11-10	7-2	Micky Hammond	Brian Hughes	7
2023	Knocknamona	12-10-13	6-1	Micky Hammond	Conor O'Farrell	8
2022	Knocknamona	11-10-11	25-1	Micky Hammond	Alain Cawley	12
2020	Pinch of Ginger	9-12-0	7-2	Donald McCain	Lorcan Murtagh (3)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

attheraces.com/marketmovers HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2½m62y (4080 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places), AW: Standard to Slow**

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Pace Information: **Even****1 HIGH DANCER (28) 89**

James Ewart *Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)*
Failed to build on debut third when fourth of 8 in novice hurdle at Wetherby (16f, heavy) 28 days ago. Up in trip and still not ruled out on his handicap hurdle debut. Engaged 12.57 Musselburgh Friday.

2 PIAFF BUBBLES (IRE) (24) h 98

Rebecca Menzies *Nathan Moscrop*
Resumed from 21 months off with a solid fifth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Hexham (20.1f, soft) 24 days ago, not ideally placed. Merits consideration with that run under his belt.

3 ARCTIC AMBITION (IRE) (133) s 96

Paul Robson *Henry Brooke*
Blinkered for 1st time, pulled up in handicap chase at Cartmel (21.2f, soft) 133 days ago. Switches to hurdles with cheekpieces tried now.

4 FOLLOW CHARLIE (IRE) (27) (D) s 96

R. Mike Smith *Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)*
Failed to build on Ayr third when only eighth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Kelso (22.7f, soft) 27 days ago. Cheekpieces on 1st time and needs to bounce back.

5 MAXIBOY DAGROSTIS (FR) (21) 99

Richard Hobson *Brian Hughes*
Thrice-raced maiden, much his best effort when a 66/1-third of 8 in novice hurdle at Doncaster (19.4f, good to soft) 21 days ago. Needs considering now going into handicaps.

6 LES'S LEGACY (37) s+t 98

Susan Corbett *Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)*
13/2 and tongue strap on for 1st time, resurgent fourth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Musselburgh (23.8f, good to soft) 37 days ago, left poorly placed. Cheekpieces back on. Can make presence felt.

7 MAILLOT BLANC (26) t 97

N. W. Alexander *Bruce Lynn*
Arrives in decent nick, seventh of 10 in handicap hurdle at Musselburgh (23.8f, good to soft) 26 days ago. Can give a good account eased 1 lb.

8 GEORDIES DREAM (46) s 94

Pauline Robson *Craig Nichol*
Got off the mark at Kelso in May but pulled up in handicap chase at Carlisle (15.9f, good to soft) on his belated debut over fences 46 days ago. Not ruled out quickly reverted to this sphere.

9 ATHAIR MOR (IRE) (26) h 89

James Ewart *Jamie Hamilton*
Twice-raced maiden, coming in a well-held last of 4 in novice hurdle (16/1) at Musselburgh (19.8f, good to soft) 26 days ago. Hood goes on for handicap hurdle debut with more required.

10 LOOKING SPLENDID (9) 97

Gary Rutherford *Conor O'Farrell*
Still a maiden but he arrives in decent nick, fifth of 9 in handicap hurdle (12/1) at Wetherby (19.7f, soft) 9 days ago. Shortlisted.

11 TAN LAW (IRE) (24) 94

Stuart Coltherd *Sam Coltherd*
Thrice-raced maiden, best run when third of 10 in novice hurdle at Hexham (20.1f, soft, 200/1) 24 days ago. Needs to back it up now going handicapping.

12 GLORY HIGHTS (21) 96

Chris Grant *William Maggs (5lb/2kg)*
Off the mark in 3m Carlisle handicap in November and backed it up with a good second of 16 in handicap hurdle at this C&D (good to soft) 21 days ago. Not taken lightly in his current mood.

13 GONFALONIER (FR) (56) (D) 93

Nicky Richards *Sean Quinlan*
Off for 28 months before a well-held seventh of 11 in handicap hurdle at Kelso (20.9f, good to soft, 9/1) 56 days ago. A fair 2m4f scorer in 2022 so he's no forlorn hope with that under his belt.

14 AIRE SPRAY (IRE) (20) ★ 100

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith *Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)*
Took his form up a notch when bagging 9-runner handicap hurdle (9/2) at Carlisle (19.3f, soft) 20 days ago. Still lightly raced so big shout despite a 6 lb rise.

15 KAJAKI (IRE) (50) (D) s 92

Nicky Richards *Danny McMenamin*
On a losing run but not disgraced when fourth of 10 in handicap hurdle here (23.7f, good) 50 days ago. Possibilities off an easing mark.

16 EBONY JADE (IRE) (22) 67

Sam England *Jonathan England*
Poor form over hurdles in Ireland and pulled up on his yard debut in 2m Doncaster handicap hurdle 22 days ago. Lots more is needed.

17 SWIFT REPLY (36) s 92

Simon Waugh *Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)*
Poor maiden who continues below his best. Cheekpieces go on for the first time now and also 6 lb out of the handicap.

17 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Aire Spray, **13-2** Glory Hights, **10-1** Maxiboy Dagrostis, **10-1** Follow Charlie, **12-1** Maillot Blanc, **14-1** Looking Splendid, **16-1** Les's Legacy, **18-1** Piaff Bubbles, **18-1** High Dancer, **18-1** Gonfalonier, **20-1** Kajaki, **22-1** Geordies Dream, **28-1** Tan Law, **28-1** Arctic Ambition, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Lots with chances. GLORY HIGHTS comes here at the top of his game so edges the vote from recent Carlisle scorer Aire Spray. In-form maiden Looking Splendid is another well in the mix, while a solid case can also be made for Maxiboy Dagrostis, Les's Legacy and Maillot Blanc in this very open handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. GLORY HIGHTS 2. AIRE SPRAY 3. LOOKING SPLENDID****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2024 **Yealand** 5-11-5 15-8f Jennie Candlish Sean Quinlan 9**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.40

RACE 7

NEWCASTLE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5)
4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m62y
(4080 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places), AW: Standard to Slow**

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: **Strong****1 BELLE OF ANNANDALE (IRE) (26)** s **93**

R. Mike Smith

Brian Hughes

Dropped in trip and visor discarded on stable debut (previously with Adrian Keatley) when fourth of 5 in handicap hurdle at Musselburgh (15.6f, good to soft) 26 days ago. Step up in distance will help and Brian Hughes (has won on her) takes over in the saddle.

2 BLAME ROSE (IRE) (257) (D) s+t **96**

Susan Corbett

Nathan Moscrop

Found improvement in the spring (from out of the weights) when fifth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Musselburgh (19.8f, heavy) before making the most of a drop in class to land a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Hexham (20.1f, heavy), having the run of the race from the front. Returns from 8-month absence.

3 VANILLA DANCER (18) ★ **100**

Chris Grant

Danny McMenamin

Posted best effort since tackling hurdles when third in the 12-runner handicap at Sedgefield (21.2f, good) won by Apples Moon. Reversed placings with that horse when career-best second at Catterick (19f, good) 18 days ago, attempted to make all and only headed in final 50 yds. Should go well again.

4 FAHA BELLE (IRE) (47) **97**

Lizzie Quinlan

Sean Quinlan

Previous connections (Fergal O'Brien) would have been frustrated not to get her head in front (0-14 under Rules), latest a disappointing effort on second chase outing. Change of scenery may help and it would be no surprise to see an improved effort on return to hurdles for new yard.

5 DEVON SKIES (21) **94**

Philip Kirby

Joe Williamson (31b/1kg)

Well held in 2 bumpers but showed glimpses of ability in qualifying runs, possibly a shade disappointing when upped in trip (22f) when fourth of 6 in a novice event here three weeks ago. Goes handicapping now.

6 ON WE GO (IRE) (332) **89**

Gillian Boanas

Theo Gillard

Largely struggled since landing an Ayr handicap in February 2023 but she has fallen down the weights and stopped the slide when third at Sedgefield (27f, heavy) on final start of last season. Couldn't be sure that she'll build on that here following a 11-month absence, though.

7 TOPKAPI STAR (2) (D) **94**

Ewan Whillans

Craig Nichol

Bounced back to winning ways when scoring at Sedgefield (19.8f) in October. Backed up that effort when fourth at Haydock (24.3f) but disappointed when stepped back in trip (20.5f) and pulling up at Ayr on Thursday.

8 BRIDGETJOANS (18) s **95**

Simon Waugh

Charlie Maggs (51b/2kg)

Left some lacklustre efforts behind when producing her best effort of the season in first-time cheekpieces, finishing fifth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Catterick (19.3f, good) 18 days ago. Entitled to build on that.

9 SHE'S A ROCCA (IRE) (21) (C, D) s **99**

Nicky Richards

Conor Rabbitt (51b/2kg)

Dropped in the handicap following some disappointing efforts over the summer but bounced back to form after 4-months off when second (kept on but no match for winner) at this venue three weeks ago (16.9f, good to soft). Stepping back up in trip will do no harm and she looks a leading player.

10 NOBLE AFFAIR (IRE) (228) (D) **95**

4284PO-0P

9 10-13 | 69.4kg

Jane Walton

Ross Chapman

Well-beaten on last hurdle outing in May and pulled up on her second chase start later that month. Not seen since and others appeal more.

11 LUNAR GLOW (24) **98**

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7 10-10 | 68.0kg

Paul Robson

Edward Austin (51b/2kg)

May have needed the run on stable debut (first run since leaving Gillian Boanas) when ninth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Hexham (23.3f, soft) 24 days ago. Should strip fitter for that effort and interesting to see any market support.

12 LE FOU'S KEEP (IRE) (56) s+t **96**

P7/63P-809

10 10-2 | 64.4kg

Hugh Burns

Peter Kavanagh (31b/1kg)

Maiden hurdler who ran poorly back up in trip after 5 months off when ninth of 11 at Kelso 56 days ago (20.9f), held up and made no impression. Cheekpieces worn for the first-time today but little appeal on recent evidence.

13 TRES BIEN (18) **92**

35PPPU6

5 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)

Philip Kirby

Aaron Anderson (51b/2kg)

Showed a bit when third in a Newton Abbot bumper on debut but not very good since, failing to complete on 4 of her last 5 starts in this sphere, the exception when sixth of 13 in a handicap hurdle at Catterick (19.3f, good) 18 days ago, behind Vanilla Dancer. Needs more.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Vanilla Dancer, **5-1** She's A Rocca, **13-2** Blame Rose, **8-1** Faha Belle, **12-1** Belle of Annandale, **14-1** Devon Skies, **16-1** Bridgetjoans, **18-1** Lunar Glow, **18-1** On We Go, **20-1** Topkapi Star, **33-1** Tres Bien, **33-1** Noble Affair, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

VANILLA DANCER made a bold bid from the front when finishing second at Catterick 18 days ago, and as long as she doesn't get caught up in a battle for the early lead, she can go one better today. She's a Rocca has been given a chance by the handicapper and is the main danger, while Faha Belle may return to form on first start for new connections.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. VANILLA DANCER 2. SHE'S A ROCCA 3. FAHA BELLE****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race