



Saturday 5th April

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quinnbet.com CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' TRAINING SERIES MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
2m7f149y (4760 Metres)

RACE 1 (6) HEATHER HONEY | (1) MAURA JEANNE | (7) NOBLE AFFAIR

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QUINNBET NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

RACE 2 (1) MAXIMUM OFFERS | (2) SMALL TOWN KID | (5) MR GRIFFITHS

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ACORN CATERING EQUIPMENT HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

RACE 3 (6) LUMINARIES | (3) REGAL AND ROYAL | (9) LEADER WING

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VAL AND KATH BOLLADO MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m19y (4040 Metres)

RACE 4 (3) CHOOSE THE NEWS | (5) CERENDIPITY | (2) SPECIAL RATE

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DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 5 (1) ANYHARMINASKING | (4) THANK YOU BLUE | (3) TURN AND FINISH

4.30

SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 535 HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m19y (4040 Metres)

RACE 6 (4) TOP OF THE BAY | (1) JAC JUMPER | (3) RIBEYE

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ACORN CATERING EQUIPMENT OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 7 (7) JAPETUS | (1) COFFEE BOY | (3) I AM SIMBA

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.com **CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' TRAINING SERIES**
MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares
(Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m7f149y (4760 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	MAURA JEANNE (16) 4F514715 8 12-0 76.2kg  Ellis Collier Finally off the mark at Kelso in October and proved better than ever after 11 weeks off when doubling her tally in 13-runner handicap at Ayr (24.3f) in February. Ran one of this season's poorer races at Sedgefield (27f, good to soft) 16 days ago but can bounce back quickly.	t	95
2	BLAME ROSE (IRE) (53) P34151-U0 8 11-12 75.3kg  Ben Smith (3lb/1kg) Ended last term with success at Hexham (2m4f) but no impact on both outings this season (unseated on reappearance). Returns from a short break with stable in good form so could have more to offer (has had a wind op).	s+t	90
3	FLIGHTTOTHESTARS (IRE) (9) 0-6535PP6 5 11-8 73.5kg  Cameron Iles Still a maiden and is one to leave well alone judged on recent efforts.	t	89
4	BALLYHIHO (IRE) (134) 008 5 11-3 71.2kg  Fern O'Brien Placed on 2 of 4 starts in Irish points but she's made an unpromising start to career under Rules, showing nothing in a trio of hurdle outings. Needs to find plenty of improvement on return/handicap debut upped markedly in trip but that's not ruled out.		95
5	SOMEBODY'S FORTUNE (IRE) (159) 55F5-17P0 7 11-3 71.2kg  Conner McCann (3lb/1kg) Made a winning handicap hurdle debut at Kelso last May but not in anything like the same form on all 3 subsequent starts (including over fences). Watching brief advised returning from 5 months off.	v+t	91
6	HEATHER HONEY (19) 4-59854 6 11-1 70.3kg  Jack Power Upped in trip and made more impact than previously sent handicapping when fourth of 11 at Southwell (20.4f) 19 days ago, despite not getting home as strongly as might have been expected. Handicapper drops her 2 lb and she has more compelling claims than most upped further in trip.		 100
7	NOBLE AFFAIR (IRE) (11) 4P0-0P647 9 10-13 69.4kg  Murray Dodd Just the one win to her name from 21 appearances overall and failed to justify the support having been subject of a significant late gamble at Hexham (20.1f, good to soft) 11 days ago. Cheekpieces applied and interesting to see if her supporters return.	s	95
8	JOANNA I'M FINE (IRE) (300) 031P/58-92 8 10-6 66.2kg  Joshua Thompson (3lb/1kg) Did manage a win at Ayr in February 2023 but has been in-and-out since, last seen finding just one too strong at Perth (23.9f, good to firm) 10 months ago. Seemingly hard to get to the track but capable if ready to roll.		95
9	LADY HAMILTON (IRE) (127) 54333858 6 10-6 66.2kg  Lewis Dobb Long-standing maiden who was below form with cheekpieces back on at Musselburgh (23.8f, good to soft) when last seen 4 months ago. Headgear discarded for return and handicapper has dropped her another 3 lb.		90

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Heather Honey, 11-2 Noble Affair, 6-1 Joanna I'm Fine, 6-1 Maura Jeanne, 6-1 Ballyhiho, 12-1 Somebody's Fortune, 16-1 Lady Hamilton, 20-1 Blame Rose, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for HEATHER HONEY, who made more impact than previously sent handicapping when fourth at Southwell last month and this further step up in trip may well unlock further improvement. Heading up the threats is Maura Jeanne, who ran one of this season's poorer races last time but was in good order prior. Noble Affair can edge out Joanna I'm Fine for the bronze medal.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HEATHER HONEY 2. MAURA JEANNE 3. NOBLE AFFAIR

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

QUINNBET NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 2½m62y
(4080 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1	MAXIMUM OFFERS (IRE) (24)	361	6	11-12	75.3kg		100
	Jamie Snowden	<i>James Davies</i>					
Runner-up only outing in Irish points and also showed promise when third in a Carlisle bumper on Rules debut at the beginning of December. Left his hurdling debut form behind to win 11-runner novice at Huntingdon last month and has excellent claims of following up under a penalty up in trip.							
2	SMALL TOWN KID (IRE) (21) (C)	1P3	6	11-12	75.3kg	t	90
	James Ewart	<i>Ryan Mania</i>					
Irish point winner who made a successful debut over hurdles here (16.2f) in November. Pulled up at Kelso following month and had a second breathing operation prior to finishing to finishing third of 5 back here 3 weeks ago. Back up in trip in a first-time tongue strap.							
3	AUCHINLEK (23)	705	6	11-5	72.1kg		78
	Sandy Thomson	<i>Jamie Hamilton</i>					
Backward type who looks one for the longer term.							
4	LITTLE ROGER (27)	4865	6	11-5	72.1kg		79
	Ann Hamilton	<i>Sean Quinlan</i>					
Isn't living up to his good pedigree to date but it remains early days and could show more over this longer trip.							
5	MR GRIFFITHS (FR) (114)	7	5	11-5	72.1kg		82
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	<i>Richie McLernon</i>					
Dam, 11f winner, half-sister to useful hurdler (stayed 2½m) Petite Parisienne. Looked in need of experience when seventh in a Warwick bumper on debut and could step up on that now switching to hurdling over a longer trip.							
6	MOVEONBUY (156)	89-6	5	10-12	68.9kg		77
	Andrew Crook	<i>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</i>					
Hasn't shown enough in a trio of bumpers to make her of interest now switched to hurdles.							
7	SAXON STAR (IRE) (194)	30-4	5	10-12	68.9kg		79
	Brian Ellison	<i>Henry Brooke</i>					
Modest form in minor events/handicaps at Newcastle on Flat and similar form in bumpers. Up in trip for hurdle debut.							

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-10 Maximum Offers, 5-2 Small Town Kid, 15-2 Mr Griffiths, 16-1 Saxon Star, 18-1 Little Roger, 33-1 Auchinlek, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Last month's Huntingdon scorer MAXIMUM OFFERS should have more to offer now stepping up in trip, so he's taken to follow up under a penalty in a weak race. Small Town Kid has worryingly already had 2 breathing operations but still rates the main threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MAXIMUM OFFERS 2. SMALL TOWN KID 3. MR GRIFFITHS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Beneficially Yours	6-11-12	1-14f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	6
2023	Cold Sobor	6-11-7	9-4	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	6
2022	Git Maker	6-11-12	2-5f	Jamie Snowden	K. Brogan (3)	7
2021	Rattle Owl	5-11-0	15-2	Jedd O'Keeffe	Oakley Brown (5)	9

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RACE 3














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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	SALIGO BAY (IRE) (22)	98
	F37-23565 7 12-0 76.2kg Sam England  <i>Jonathan England</i> On a long losing run but he raced wide when only fifth of 9 in handicap hurdle at Doncaster (20.8f, good) 22 days ago. Can't be discounted off a slipping mark.	
2	BIG STORM BREWING (72)	82
	89668 6 12-0 76.2kg Tristan Davidson <i>K. Brogan</i> Has been brought along steadily, patiently ridden when eighth of 10 in novice hurdle at Wetherby (16f, heavy) in January. Goes up in trip now handicapping and not without interest, especially if the market vibes are positive.	
3	REGAL AND ROYAL (FR) (14)	99
	P/548-112 6 11-7 73.0kg Jennie Candlish <i>Sean Quinlan</i> Bagged a pair of 2m4f handicaps at Bangor last summer and returned from 10 months off with an excellent second of 10 there 14 days ago. A likely player.	
4	MARTY MCFLY (IRE) (13)	98
	87-410406 7 11-5 72.1kg Sandy Thomson <i>Ryan Mania</i> Got off the mark at Perth last June and bounced back to form after a break when sixth in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (17f, good to soft) 13 days ago. One for the shortlist.	
5	KNACKER TRAPPER (IRE) (21) (D)	94
	1523577P 7 11-4 71.7kg Andrew Crook <i>William Maggs (5lb/2kg)</i> A fair 2m4f hurdle winner at his best but he arrives out of sorts, pulled up in handicap over C&D 21 days ago. Others are preferred.	
6	LUMINARIES (IRE) (21) (CD)	s+t   100
	P-6978711 8 11-0 69.9kg Ewan Whillans <i>Henry Brooke</i> Thriving for his current yard and he bids for a hat-trick following a pair of C&D wins last month. Really impressed on latter occasion so expected to be bang there despite a 9 lb weights hike.	
7	TIME WAS (IRE) (19)	s 97
	P8-544252 8 11-0 69.9kg Philip Kirby <i>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</i> A winning pointer but still a maiden under Rules. Came in a good second of 11 back over hurdles at Southwell (20.4f, good to soft) 19 days ago though so she needs considering with cheekpieces added.	
8	SHE'S A ROCCA (IRE) (27) (C, D)	s 97
	81-PP702P 10 10-12 68.9kg Nicky Richards <i>Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)</i> Course winner but not proving easy to catch right this term, pulled up in handicap at Carlisle (17f, good to soft) 27 days ago. Others appeal more.	
9	LEADER WING (IRE) (33)	b 98
	16558P62 5 10-12 68.9kg Gillian Boanas <i>Jamie Hamilton</i> A fair bumper winner for Tom Weston who finally matched that level of form in this sphere when beaten 2 lengths by Luminaries in handicap over C&D (good) 33 days ago. Can go well again off the same mark.	
10	BALLYDANGAN (IRE) (47)	91
	3P00566P 8 10-8 67.1kg Hugh Burns <i>Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)</i> Maiden hurdler/chaser who was tried in blinkers when pulled up in handicap hurdle at Southwell (20.4f, soft) 47 days ago on his final run for Dan Skelton. Needs this yard switch to spark a resurgence.	

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Luminaries, 9-2 Regal And Royal, 11-2 Leader Wing, 6-1 Saligo Bay, 7-1 Time Was, 12-1 Marty Mcfly, 16-1 She's A Rocca, 20-1 Knacker Trapper, 22-1 Ballydangan, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LUMINARIES is firmly on the up since joining Ewan Whillans and taken to defy a 9 lb rise and complete a quick hat-trick over C&D. Regal And Royal rates the chief threat on the back of an excellent Bangor second, while Leader Wing, Time Was and Marty McFly all need factoring in too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LUMINARIES 2. REGAL AND ROYAL 3. LEADER WING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Call Me Jack	5-11-2	11-4f	Mark Walford	Tom Midgley (3)	14
2023	Lincoln Burrows	6-11-3	7-2	Micky Hammond	Henry Brooke	10
2022 ^I	Warriors Story	6-10-11	7-2	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (5)	13
2022 ^{II}	Bestiarus	10-11-4	4-1f	Gillian Boanas	Tom Midgley (5)	12
2021 ^I	Old Jewry	7-11-12	4-1	Daragh Bourke	Ross Chapman	13
2021 ^{II}	Ballycrystal	10-11-6	8-1	Micky Hammond	Miss Becky Smith (3)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4









VAL AND KATH BOLLADO MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (3)
5yo+ (Rated 0-130) £11,700 2½m19y (4040 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	GENOIS (FR) (15) 373164P7 9 12-0 76.2kg  Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill <i>Richie McLernon</i> Having previously been trained in Ireland, made second start for current yard a winning one in handicap chase at Wetherby (19.4f, good) in November. However, he hasn't gone on from that effort since, last of 7 at Newbury (23.4f, good) 15 days ago.	90
2	SPECIAL RATE (IRE) (21) (C, D) t 1138-U752 8 12-0 76.2kg  Lizzie Quinlan <i>Sean Quinlan</i> Enjoyed a most productive campaign over hurdles/fences last term, winning 7 from 10 starts for Philip Kirby. Best effort for current trainer when second to Cerendipity in handicap chase at this course (23.4f, good) last time, clear of the rest, so he's one to note.	99
3	CHOOSETHENEWS (IRE) (42) (CD, BF) ★ 231-22P25 8 12-0 76.2kg  Mark Walford <i>Jamie Hamilton</i> Point/hurdles winner who opened chase account at the third attempt in this corresponding race last year. Runner-up 3 times this season, before unsuited by the step up in distance when fifth of 17 in the Eider (good) here last time. Major player back down in trip/grade.	100
4	FLIC OU VOYOU (FR) (111) (CD) s 43P1d2114 11 11-13 75.7kg  Henry Hogarth <i>Ryan Mania</i> Has found his form again for present yard, winning over C&D in October before following up in veterans' event at Carlisle. Found it tougher in his hat-trick bid when fourth of 7 back at Carlisle (20.9f, soft) in December, but better ground should suit after a break.	97
5	CERENDIPITY (IRE) (21) (C, D) 351-62241 8 11-12 75.3kg  Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith  <i>Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)</i> Has been holding his form well since his reappearance, capitalising on the drop in grade when landing the odds (following another wind op) in 4-runner handicap at this course (23.4f, good) 3 weeks ago by ¾ length from Special Rate. Respected.	99
6	IMMORTAL FAME (IRE) (29) (D, BF) s 12-P21113 9 11-11 74.8kg  Deborah Cole <i>Jordan Nailor</i> Has thrived given another try over fences for current yard, completing the hat-trick at Southwell (20.4f) in February. Ran well despite jumping left when third at Leicester (22.7f, good to soft) last time, so he should be suited by return to left-handed track.	96
7	FIVE DOLLAR FINE (IRE) (13) P1-13156P 10 11-2 70.8kg  Ann Hamilton <i>Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)</i> Made it 3 wins in 4 starts when scoring at Carlisle (15.9f, good to soft) in October. Not in the same form back up in trip next 2 starts, but after 4 months off he ran poorly returned to the shorter distance at Carlisle 13 days ago. Others preferred.	99

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Cerendipity, 7-2 Special Rate, 11-2 Choosethenews, 6-1 Immortal Fame, 9-1 Flic Ou Voyou, 11-1 Genois, 14-1 Five Dollar Fine

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having won this race last year, CHOOSETHENEWS had been shaping up well this season with a trio of runner-up finishes, before finding the longer trip in the Eider too much last time, so he is well worth another chance back down in distance. He is preferred to Cerendipity, who can confirm the placings with Special Rate from when the pair met here 3 weeks ago.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CHOOSETHENEWS 2. CERENDIPITY 3. SPECIAL RATE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Choosethenews	7-11-3	5-4f	Mark Walford	Brian Hughes	6
2023	High Moon	8-11-3	6-4f	Rebecca Menzies	Jamie Hamilton	5
2022	The King of May	8-11-5	15-8	Brian Ellison	Nathan Moscrop	3
2021	Cracking Find	10-10-12	7-2	Sue Smith	Robert Dunne	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	ANYHARMINASKING (IRE) (15) (D)	s	★	100
	245-340P7 8 12-0 76.2kg			
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill			Richie McLernon
	Thirteen runs since last win in 2022. Latest effort after 11 weeks off when seventh of 9 in handicap hurdle at Newbury (16.3f, good) 15 days ago, never threatened albeit he was unsuited by the way the race unfolded. Now 3 lb below last winning mark with cheekpieces back on and has to be considered.			
2	BARON DE MIDLETON (IRE) (199) (C, D)	b		95
	433-362P2 12 11-9 73.9kg			
	Brian Ellison			Henry Brooke
	Inconsistent veteran followed up poor effort over fences with a much better run over hurdles when last seen in September, finished creditable second of 8 in handicap at Kelso (20.9f, good). Off 6 months and just as likely to run poorly on return.			
3	TURN AND FINISH (IRE) (25)			97
	6532210 4 11-4 71.7kg			
	Harry Derham			Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)
	Several good runs in competitive races for Joseph O'Brien, including a second to Puturhandstogether at Cork, before he just got the job done for new yard at Catterick. Struggled in first time tongue tie/cheekpieces (removed) when well-held in the Fred Winter last month. Not ruled out down in class.			
4	THANK YOU BLUE (4) (D)			99
	3PF3FP11 8 10-13 69.4kg			
	Jennie Candlish			Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)
	Belatedly added to Sedgefield maiden hurdle success (back in 2023) when returned to this sphere with usual headgear omitted at Southwell (20.4f, good to soft) before following up under a 6 lb penalty at Kempton (2m) just 4 days ago. Up in class but respected in bid for the hat-trick.			
5	CUBAN CIGAR (15)	s+t		93
	37247487 7 10-10 68.0kg			
	Lucinda Russell			Jack Power (7lb/3kg)
	Tricky sort to catch right and made life difficult when forfeiting ground at the start (reluctant to race) last time, seventh of 12 in handicap hurdle (17/2) at Musselburgh (17.4f, good) 15 days ago. Cheekpieces refitted and is fairly-treated if on a going day.			

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Thank You Blue, 4-1 Baron De Middleton, 5-1 Anyharminasking, 5-1 Turn And Finish, 10-1 Cuban Cigar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This is the easiest assignment that ANYHARMINASKING has faced for a while, and he is taken to end his losing spell. Hat-trick seeking Thank You Blue is the main danger, while Turn and Finish should fare better back in calmer waters.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ANYHARMINASKING 2. THANK YOU BLUE 3. TURN AND FINISH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2024	Horn Cape	7-11-11	2-1f Ben Haslam	J. Hogan (3) 5
2023	Fingal's Hill	7-11-5	7-2 Peter Atkinson	Thomas Dowson 7
2022	See The Sea	8-11-8	7-2 Donald McCain	Peter Kavanagh (5) 3
2021	Swoffham Bulbeck	7-11-12	4-1 Brian Ellison	Oakley Brown (5) 5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 535 HANDICAP CHASE (5)
5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m19y (4040 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	JAC JUMPER (FR) (34) (BF) 6-P224422 6 12-0 76.2kg	s+t		100
	Deborah Cole		<i>Jordan Nailor</i>	
	Hurdles winner in France who has been holding his form well in defeat over fences this year, runner-up in this headgear the last twice. Should be in the mix again.			
2	SIX ONE NINE (IRE) (33) (CD) 131-445UP 10 11-7 73.0kg	s		97
	Chris Grant		<i>Sean Quinlan</i>	
	Enhanced his strike rate over fences here last season, winning 3 times. Yet to hit top form this term but has dipped below last winning mark and trip was too far last time.			
3	RIBEYE (13) (C, D) 273312F9 10 11-6 72.6kg			99
	Peter Atkinson		<i>Henry Brooke</i>	
	Back to winning ways at Musselburgh in December. Might have needed the run on first run back since falling at Catterick and he's a player.			
4	TOP OF THE BAY (IRE) (33) 84P93-4P2 8 11-3 71.2kg	t		98
	Sam England		<i>Jonathan England</i>	
	Inconsistent for previous stable but made a positive start for this yard after 9 months off when second to a subsequent winner over C&D last month. Needs considering.			
5	PURE SURF (IRE) (59) 6P87-F345 9 10-2 64.4kg	s		94
	Victor Thompson		<i>Miss Pippa Brown (71b/3kg)</i>	
	Dual hurdle winner for Iain Jardine in summer 2023 but has been operating below that level since joining this yard. Latest fifth at Sedgefield was poor and she remains opposable.			

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Jac Jumper, 9-4 Top of The Bay, 7-2 Ribeye, 6-1 Six One Nine, 33-1 Pure Surf

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TOP OF THE BAY made a bright start for this yard when beaten only by a subsequent winner over C&D on his return last month and he can go one better. Jac Jumper is next best having snatched defeat from the jaws of victory at Doncaster 5 weeks ago.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TOP OF THE BAY 2. JAC JUMPER 3. RIBEYE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Six One Nine	9-11-10	7-2	Chris Grant	Danny McMenamin	5
2023	Ex S'elance	9-10-11	13-8f	Victor Thompson	Thomas Dowson	5
2022	Go On Chez	6-11-9	11-2	Oliver Greenall	Craig Nichol	8
2021	Diligent	8-11-11	4-6f	Nigel Hawke	K. E. Buckley (7)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

ACORN CATERING EQUIPMENT OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT
(5) 4, 5 and 6yo £4,500 2m190y (3390 Metres)



Going: **Good (Good to Soft 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: **Weak**

1	COFFEE BOY (FR)	h	93
	Donald McCain	<i>Theo Gillard</i>	
	€28,000 3-y-o, Myboycharlie gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser No Risk For You. One for shortlist on debut given connections. Wears hood for debut and he's a likely type.		
2	ESCORT'KHEOPS (FR)		87
	Laura Horsfall	<i>K. Brogan</i>	
	Masterstroke gelding. Closely related to French hurdler/chaser Escort'jet. Made frame all 3 completed starts in Irish points, runner-up latest (Jan 19).		
3	I AM SIMBA		90
	Rebecca Menzies	<i>Henry Brooke</i>	
	Roaring Lion gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners on Flat, including useful 7f-134m winner in Norway Captain Chorus. Dam 1½m winner. Shouldn't lack for speed. Has had a breathing op.		
4	LITTLETOWN LAD (IRE) (74)	h	79
	Daragh Bourke	<i>Jonathan England</i>	
	Third in a point bumper but sent off 20/1 and could manage only ninth of 12 in bumper at Ayrton Rules debut 74 days ago. Hood fitted.		
5	MILAN PARK (IRE) (33)	t	85
	Chris Grant	<i>Ross Chapman</i>	
	Shown a bit when fifth on Kelso debut in April 2023 but off best part of 2 years after (had a breathing op in that period) and failed to repeat that effort over C&D. Tongue tie now applied.		
6	WALK ON SON (IRE) (28)	t	85
	Lucinda Russell	<i>Conner McCann</i> (7lb/3kg)	
	In good hands but looks limited on early evidence.		
7	JAPETUS (21) (CD)	★	100
	Nicky Richards	<i>Sean Quinlan</i>	
	50,000 gns 3-y-o, Sea The Moon gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners on Flat, including 6f/7f winner Zander. Dam, smart 7f-1¼m winner, half-sister to (1½m winner, including in USA) Renown. Confirmed promise of his runner-up effort at Kelso when going one place better over C&D 3 weeks ago. One to beat.		
8	BROOKLYNESE (22)	h	85
	Michael & David Easterby	<i>Jamie Hamilton</i>	
	Scorpion mare. Dam, fair hurdler (2m winner, stayed 2½m), half-sister to bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler (2m winner) Steel City. Runner-up on first of 2 starts in point bumper but failed to beat a rival switched to a bumper at Doncaster last month. Hood fitted.		
9	IT'S MISS MARPLE		85
	Brian Rothwell	<i>Miss Pippa Brown</i> (7lb/3kg)	
	Pether's Moon mare. Dam, 1½m winner, sister to fairly useful hurdler (2m/17f winner) Arctic Reach.		
10	BEN REID		87
	Peter Niven	<i>Conor Rabbitt</i> (3lb/1kg)	
	Sogann gelding. Dam unraced.		

11	FREDDIE STEADY GO	86
	Susan Corbett	<i>Nathan Moscrop</i>
	Frontiersman gelding. Dam modest 2m hurdler.	
12	QUEEN MARCIA	86
	D. J. Jeffreys	<i>Lewis Stones</i> (3lb/1kg)
	Nathaniel filly. Half-sister to 2 winners, including fair hurdler Gerolamo Cardano. Dam lightly raced on Flat.	

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Japetus, 4-1 Coffee Boy, 13-2 I Am Simba, 12-1 Ben Reid, 14-1 Escort'kheops, 22-1 Freddie Steady Go, 22-1 Queen Marcia, 25-1 Brooklynese, 33-1 Milan Park, 33-1 It's Miss Marple, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JAPETUS was nicely on top at the line over C&D 3 weeks ago and on that evidence, is capable of winning a run-of-the-mill bumper under a penalty. Newcomers may offer most resistance, notably Coffee Boy and I Am Simba.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JAPETUS 2. COFFEE BOY 3. I AM SIMBA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Gentleman Bill 6-11-3 9-4f Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Henry Brooke 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race