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TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Saturday 7th November

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12.20	JUMPS LOOK BETTER ON RACING TV NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2¾m151y (4560 Metres)
RACE 1	**(5) THEY'RE CHANCERS | (1) FINISK PRIDE | (3) WHISKEY ON ICE**
12.55	GRAEME TODD MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) (D.I) 2½m189y (4200 Metres)
RACE 2	**(9) KING HORSE | (7) TIGRESS LILLY | (4) OLD COMRADES**
1.30	GRAEME TODD MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) (D.II) 2½m189y (4200 Metres)
RACE 3	**(4) LESTER MAIL | (9) VALTTERI ITS JAMES | (5) ANNUAL INVITATION**
2.00	EVERYTHING KVERNELAND THINK PAXTONS' DAVID EDGAR HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m3f189y (5600 Metres)
RACE 4	**(3) WAL BUCK'S | (1) GOLDEN POINT | (4) JAMESIECONN**
2.35	FIFTY SHADES OF EARL GREY NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 2m7f96y (4710 Metres)
RACE 5	**(1) RULE ME IN | (3) WEARELONGTERM | (5) JIRKO**
3.10	luckytiger.co.uk BET 20 WIN 20 WISHING WELL HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f96y (4710 Metres)
RACE 6	**(3) KITTY'S LIGHT | (2) CADELL | (1) KI WOO**
3.45	luckytiger.co.uk BEST ODDS GUARANTEED THE NIGHT BEFORE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2½m189y (4200 Metres)
RACE 7	**(8) HOURMAN | (5) MOON OVER AMERICA | (11) PURE GOLD**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

12.20 RACE 1

JUMPS LOOK BETTER ON RACING TV NOVICES' HURDLE (4)
4yo+ £10,000 2¾m151y (4560 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **FINISK PRIDE (IRE)** (28) **90**
25-1 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore ***Derek Fox***
Point scorer who showed promise in 2 bumpers last season and readily made a winning start to his hurdle career over 2½m at Hexham (good to soft) 28 days ago. That was a weak race but he looks sure to improve, particularly at this trip.

2 **GENTLE OCEAN (IRE)** (34) **85**
1 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies ***Brian Hughes***
£50,000 Irish point recruit who overcame inexperience to make a successful hurdle debut at Uttoxeter (23f, good) 5 weeks ago. That bare form is nothing special but he's a likely improver.

3 **WHISKEY ON ICE (IRE)** (249) **99**
5343521- **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
N. W. Alexander ***Dominic Hislop*** (7lb/3kg)
Improved to readily land a 3m Newcastle handicap hurdle when last seen in March. Should be very competitive under a penalty if resuming in similar form.

4 **BLAZING COURT (IRE)** (36) s **78**
5U-UP7205 **8** 11-0 | 69.9kg
John Dixon ***Mr John Dixon*** (7lb/3kg)
Modest winning chaser but a maiden over hurdles and it's unlikely that will change here.

5 **THEY'RE CHANCERS (IRE)** (313) (BF) **100**
1/2- **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Nicky Richards ***Danny McMenamin***
Made winning debut in bumper at Ayr (2m, soft) in January 2025. Promising start over hurdles when second over 2m here last Christmas. Absent for a further 10 months but evidently capable fresh and the one to beat up markedly in trip.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 They're Chancers, **11-4** Finisk Pride, **3-1** Whiskey On Ice, **6-1** Gentle Ocean, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THEY'RE CHANCERS has been an infrequent visitor to the track but has looked promising when we have seen him and his pedigree points to this longer trip being within range. Hexham scorer Finisk Pride may give him most to think about.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THEY'RE CHANCERS 2. FINISK PRIDE 3. WHISKEY ON ICE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Walks The Talk** 6-11-0	5-4f	John McConnell	J. J. Slevin	7
2024	**Lunar Chief** 6-11-0	3-1	Ruth Jefferson	Sean Quinlan	5
2023	**Kerryhill** 5-11-0	5-2	Ruth Jefferson	Brian Hughes	5
2022	**Salvino** 6-11-0	11-8f	Sandy Thomson	Bruce Lynn (5)	7
2021	**Mister Whitaker** 9-10-12	4-9f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.55 RACE 2

GRAEME TODD MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) (D.I) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 2½m189y (4200 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **EVENWOOD SONOFAGUN (IRE) (14)** s+t **97**
076-12678 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Lizzie Quinlan — ***Sean Quinlan***
Nearly made it a quick-fire Cartmel double for the second consecutive season in May. Off 3 months, shaped as if the run was needed when eighth of 9 in handicap here (23f, good to soft) 2 weeks ago. Can take a step forward.

2 **ZEPHLYN (IRE) (44)** t **98**
6428/4-P6 **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Ewan Whillans — ***Craig Nichol***
A 3-time Flat winner early in 2025. Lightly raced over hurdles and found less than looked likely when sixth of 12 in handicap at Perth (2½m, good to soft) in September. Needs to step forward.

3 **ASA (FR) (20)** **98**
763138-7F **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Philip Kirby — ***Joe Williamson***
Resumed winning ways over fences at Catterick (25f) in February. Mainly below par since, though plugging on when fell last in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (2½m, good) 20 days ago. Needs to build on it.

4 **OLD COMRADES (IRE) (16)** **98**
67-6 **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg
N. W. Alexander — ***Bruce Lynn***
£58,000 purchase after winning Irish point. Took a step forward on his third hurdling run with sixth of 13 in novice at Carlisle (17f, good to soft) 16 days ago. Back up in trip for his handicap debut and likely capable of better.

5 **LES'S LEGACY (18)** (CD) s+t **96**
080-4853U **9** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Susan Corbett — ***Nathan Moscrop***
C&D winner. In good form until unseated rider second in handicap hurdle at Hexham (2½m, good to soft) 18 days ago. The sort to bounce back.

6 **POETRY MAN (IRE) (132)** s **97**
45PP-P357 **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg
George Bewley — ***Jonathon Bewley***
Front runner who posted a good third in first-time visor at Cartmel in May. Below par there both runs since, however, so needs to bounce back after a break with a headgear change.

7 **TIGRESS LILLY (44)** (BF) t **97**
700-66524 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Jack Power*** (5lb/2kg)
Remains winless but she has posted very good efforts when in the frame in a pair of 2½m handicap hurdles at Perth in September. A player eased 1 lb.

8 **DUSKY DAYS (IRE) (16)** s **99**
2-0678685 **9** 11-1 | 70.3kg
James Moffatt — ***Leah Noreci*** (7lb/3kg)
Successful over hurdles at Cartmel (17f) last July. Below par this season, though, including when fifth of 13 in handicap at Carlisle (2½m, good to soft) 16 days ago. More is required.

9 **KING HORSE (FR) (246)** **100**
60602P- **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Nicky Richards — ***Danny McMenamin***
Lightly-raced hurdler. Runner-up on chasing debut at Musselburgh in February but pulled up in handicap chase at Ayr (3m, soft) following month on final run for Paul Robson. Reverts to hurdles for new yard and is worth a market check off a potentially handy mark.

10 **ON THE BUBBLE (44)** **94**
18F/5P **5** 10-4 | 65.3kg
Gary Rutherford — ***Dominic Hislop*** (7lb/3kg)
Scored over hurdles in June 2024 but poor on the Flat nowadays and pulled up back in this sphere at Perth (2½m, good to soft) last time.

11 **DARTMOUTH STAR (18)** **92**
6/96P-5 **5** 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)
Mark Walford — ***Jamie Hamilton***
Lightly-raced hurdler. Off 17 months, last of 5 in novice at Hexham (2½m, good to soft) 18 days ago. Makes handicap debut.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Tigress Lilly, **10-1** King Horse, **11-1** Old Comrades, **11-1** Poetry Man, **12-1** Zephlyn, **12-1** Les's Legacy, **16-1** Dusky Days, **16-1** Evenwood Sonofagun, **18-1** Asa, **22-1** On The Bubble, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Lots of these arrive with a question mark against them and it could pay to side with the lightly-raced KING HORSE taking a sizeable step forward now with Nicky Richards and capitalising on a lenient-looking mark. Tigress Lilly arrives in top form and rates a big danger though, while handicap debutant Old Comrades can also play a prominent role.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KING HORSE 2. TIGRESS LILLY 3. OLD COMRADES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025[I]	**Authorized Mission** 5-12-0	10-11f	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin 9
2025[II]	**Take A Hike** 7-10-7	16-5f	D. J. Jeffreys	Jamie Brace (5) 9
2024	**Starlyte** 7-11-7	7-2	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (3) 11
2023[I]	**Eloi du Puy** 5-11-11	7-2f	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (3) 12
2023[II]	**Secret Secret** 7-10-12	5-2jf	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones (3) 11
2022	**Pavlik** 5-11-13	12-1	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania 13
2021	**Foster'sisland** 6-11-12	16-1	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (7) 14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.30 RACE 3

GRAEME TODD MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) (D.II) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 2½m189y (4200 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 **FOREST BLAZE (18)** s+t **95**
4/523250-5 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Mark Walford — ***Jamie Hamilton***
Bagged a couple of handicaps at Hexham in 2024/25. Placed on a few occasions last season and looked rusty after 7 months off when fifth of 9 in handicap at Hexham (2½m, good to soft) on his recent return. Can take a step forward with tongue strap fitted for the first time.

2 **BENEFIT BEN (IRE) (219)** (CD) b **94**
151560F4- **8** 11-13 | 75.7kg
Adam Nicol — ***Jack Power*** (5lb/2kg)
Scored over C&D on his reappearance last season when also a winner over fences at Musselburgh (3m) in December. Not disgraced on final start with fourth in handicap chase here (2¾m, good to soft) in April. No forlorn hope.

3 **STARLYTE (IRE) (34)** (CD, BF) s+t **93**
7744-3446 **9** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Gregor Walkingshaw*** (7lb/3kg)
C&D winner but it's 15 runs since that success and only sixth of 7 in handicap over C&D (good to firm) last time. Needs to step forward.

4 **LESTER MAIL (FR) (18)** (C) t **100**
61/0454-43 **5** 11-10 | 74.4kg
N. W. Alexander — ***Bruce Lynn***
Fair bumper winner here. Not quite reached that level over hurdles yet but back from 6 months off (tongue tied) with a solid third of 9 at Hexham (2½m, good to soft) 18 days ago, sticking to his task well. May have more to offer in this sphere and a player here.

5 **ANNUAL INVITATION (IRE) (53)** **73**
79-570 **5** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Christian Williams — ***Kielan Woods***
Placed in Irish points and has shaped with promise without being knocked about in a handful of runs over hurdles, tenth of 13 on handicap debut at Uttoxeter (2m, good) in September. Capable of better over this longer trip. Worth a market check.

6 **MISS ARABELLA (23)** **94**
7/7 **8** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Sandy Thomson — ***Craig Nichol***
Placed twice in maiden hurdles during 2023/24. Back from nearly 2½ years off when a well-held seventh of 9 in novice hurdle at Perth (2m, soft) 23 days ago. Lots more is required.

7 **FAIRLY FULLING (IRE) (8)** s+t **97**
441-P4184 **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Susan Corbett — ***Nathan Moscrop***
Belatedly off the mark at Newcastle (2½m) in March and doubled his tally at Perth (2½m) in July. Solid fourth of 11 in handicap at Wetherby (21f, good to firm) 8 days ago.

8 **GONNINO (IRE) (16)** **99**
26624-545 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Gary Rutherford — ***Callum Bewley***
Remains a maiden but posted a good fifth of 13 in refitted cheekpieces (retained) at Carlisle (2½m, good to soft) 16 days ago. Not out of things off a 2 lb lower mark.

9 **VALTTERI ITS JAMES (IRE) (34)** **96**
06674-P3 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Derek Fox***
Point winner. Pulled up on chasing debut and shaped well back hurdling after 5 months off with third of 8 in handicap over C&D (good to firm) last month. Remains lightly raced and very much one to consider.

10 **LONE STAR (34)** (D) s+t **98**
0-5437464 **9** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Philip Kirby — ***Joe Williamson***
It's now 13 runs since her last win in 2025 but she arrives in decent nick, fourth of 8 in handicap hurdle over C&D (good to firm) last month. Cheekpieces refitted.

11 **BILLABLE GRANT (IRE) (16)** **97**
7591/405-2 **9** 10-9 | 67.6kg
Jackie Stephen — ***Brian Hughes***
Ended a long losing sequence at Perth (3m) last April. Resumed from 16 months off with a good second of 13 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (2½m, good to soft) 16 days ago. Needs to back it up now.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Fairly Fulling, **7-1** Gonnino, **15-2** Billable Grant, **8-1** Lone Star, **17-2** Starlyte, **9-1** Lester Mail, **9-1** Benefit Ben, **10-1** Valtteri Its James, **14-1** Forest Blaze, **18-1** Miss Arabella, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Lots with chances but LESTER MAIL rates just the pick of the weights and is taken to build on a recent Hexham third after an absence and add to his bumper success here. Valtteri Its James heads the dangers, although a market move for Annual Invitation could prove significant.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LESTER MAIL 2. VALTTERI ITS JAMES 3. ANNUAL INVITATION

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.00 RACE 4

EVERYTHING KVERNELAND THINK PAXTONS' DAVID EDGAR HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 3m3f189y (5600 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **GOLDEN POINT (FR) (23)** (C) **100**

125/511P-2 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore ***Derek Fox***

Impressed with her jumping switched to fences when landing a pair of course handicaps in the mud last winter. Pulled up at Uttoxeter in the spring but back on the up with encouraging reappearance second at Perth (3m, soft) 23 days ago.

2 **PLANNED PARADISE (IRE) (187)** **95**

543611P-5 **10** 11-13 | 75.7kg



Christian Williams ***Ellis Collier*** (5lb/2kg)

Won marathon handicaps in the mud at Bangor in February and Hexham in March. Below-form fifth at Fakenham when last seen in May.

3 **WAL BUCK'S (FR) (28)** (C) v **98**

5/442144-2 **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore ***Jack Power*** (5lb/2kg)

Made all in a first-time visor over 3¼m here (heavy) in February. Returned with a promising second to a next-time-out winner at Hexham (3m, good to soft) 4 weeks ago. Bold show likely.

4 **JAMESIECONN (IRE) (208)** t **96**

73/241111- **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Richards ***Danny McMenamin***

Thrived when completing a 4-timer over fences in the spring. No surprise if he were to improve again this season but a couple of today's rivals have had the benefit of an outing.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Jamesieconn, **5-2** Golden Point, **5-2** Wal Buck's, **9-1** Planned Paradise

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Stablemates WAL BUCK'S and Golden Point returned with good runner-up efforts last month and might fight this out, with a narrow vote going to the former.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WAL BUCK'S 2. GOLDEN POINT 3. JAMESIECONN

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.35 RACE 5 — FIFTY SHADES OF EARL GREY NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 2m7f96y (4710 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **RULE ME IN (IRE)** (11) s **100**

35447-421 **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Christian Williams — *Kielan Woods*

Has reacted well to the addition of cheekpieces, building on his Newton Abbot second in September to land a first chase success at Newcastle (2½m, good, 11/10) 11 days ago. Did that easily and still looks well treated off 7 lb higher.

2 **KILLYBEGS JET LADY (IRE)** (18) (CD) v+t **87**

PB-21P045 **9** 11-9 | 73.9kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — *Derek Fox*

Irish point winner who got off mark under Rules in small-field C&D event in May but has failed to reproduce that since, beaten just under 20 lengths into fifth at Hexham 18 days ago. Bounce back needed.

3 **WEARELONGTERM (IRE)** (14) (CD) s **96**

635-P7U31 **9** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Dianne Sayer — *Charlie Maggs*

Belatedly got off the mark when making all over C&D a fortnight ago but his task was made significantly easier by 2 departures at the second last. Up 6 lb.

4 **BURNING IT UP (IRE)** (18) s **87**

54P827-U6 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg

N. W. Alexander — *Bruce Lynn*

Expensive to follow over hurdles last season and well held on his completed start over fences this autumn.

5 **JIRKO (FR)** (7) **92**

32333U-FU **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg

N. W. Alexander — *Sean Quinlan*

Yet to register a victory and let down by his jumping again on last weekend's return from a 6-month break at Ayr. Risky but can be competitive off this mark if eliminating the mistakes.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Rule Me In, **2-1** Wearelongterm, **6-1** Jirko, **12-1** Killybegs Jet Lady, **20-1** Burning It Up

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RULE ME IN impressed at Newcastle and is selected to make light of a 7 lb rise, most likely at the expense of last month's C&D scorer Wearelongterm.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RULE ME IN 2. WEARELONGTERM 3. JIRKO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Sir Carnegie** 5-12-0	11-4	Mickey Bowen	Shane Fenelon (5)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.10 RACE 6 — luckytiger.co.uk BET 20 WIN 20 WISHING WELL HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-140) £16,000 2m7f96y (4710 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **KI WOO (FR) (20)** (D) s+t **95**

62P15-12P **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero — ***Toby Wynne***

Doubled his chasing tally at Cartmel (25f) in May before an excellent second in valuable handicap at Uttoxeter (3m) in June. Off 4 months, pulled up in handicap at Sedgefield (29f, good) 20 days ago. Bounce back is needed.

2 **CADELL (IRE) (201)** (CD) v **97**

14/P1PPP3- **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Jack Power*** (5lb/2kg)

Took this 12 months ago but pulled up next 3 starts before signing off (in headgear change) with a creditable third of 6 in handicap chase over C&D (good) in April. Can't be discounted in his follow-up bid after a break.

3 **KITTY'S LIGHT (187)** (C) ★ **100**

69P85/5 **10** 11-9 | 73.9kg

Christian Williams — ***Kielan Woods***

Scottish National/bet 365 Gold Cup hero in 2022/23. Also an excellent fifth in the 2024 Grand National. Struggled in 2024/25 season but left the impression he would have gone close but for an error 3 out at Fakenham (3m, good) in May after 16 months off. A player off the same mark.

4 **NED TANNER (IRE) (23)** (CD) s+t **94**

33P4P5-33 **10** 10-6 | 66.2kg

N. W. Alexander — ***Sean Quinlan***

Twice a winner in 2024/25 but hasn't proved easiest to catch right since. Back from 5 months off with a creditable third of 7 in handicap chase at Perth (2½m, soft) 23 days ago. This C&D scorer needs to follow it up now.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Kitty's Light, **11-4** Cadell, **3-1** Ki Woo, **10-3** Ned Tanner

TIMEFORM VIEW:

None of the quartet can be ruled out but veteran KITTY'S LIGHT made a promising return from a long absence when an unlucky Fakenham fifth in May and gets the vote here off a handy-looking mark. Last year's victor Cadell could prove the chief danger ahead of Ki Woo.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KITTY'S LIGHT 2. CADELL 3. KI WOO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Cadell** 7-11-11	17-2	Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore	Jack Power (5)	7
2024	**Breakdance Kid** 6-11-5	7-2	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	10
2023	**Red Happy** 6-10-11	11-2	George Bewley	Jonathon Bewley	7
2022	**Sirwilliamwallace** 9-11-9	4-1jf	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	8
2021	**Calipso Collonges** 9-11-10	13-2	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory (3)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.45 RACE 7

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GBI RACING

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

Left handed, generally flat, with the hurdles course separate to the chase one and around a furlong shorter in length. The position of the final obstacle on both tracks was placed closer to the winning post from October 2012, negating the previous 2f run to the line, ensuring there is less emphasis on stamina than previously. It's true to say that conditions can get gruelling in midwinter, but on anything other than soft/heavy ground it's a track which is essentially sharp in character. Casualty rates on the chase course have decreased in recent years, for no obvious reason other than the fences presumably aren't quite so stiff as used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 **NELLS SON (197)** (C) **98**
3P/545P83- **11** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Nicky Richards — ***Danny McMenamin***
Veteran course winner. Largely below par last term but better signs after a breathing operation when third of 7 in handicap hurdle at Perth (2½m, good) in April. Needs to hit the ground running on his return.

2 **DREAM'S KA (FR) (52)** (CD) t **95**
07-212181 **4** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Katie Scott — ***Brian Hughes***
Won a pair of 2½m handicaps at Bangor/Uttoxeter for Dan Skelton in early summer. Made a successful start for new yard in 5-runner handicap over C&D (good) in September. Up 6 lb but runner-up has gone in since so needs considering.

3 **FOX'S FANCY (IRE) (203)** **96**
23/F4451P- **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Derek Fox***
Ended a losing run in 4-runner handicap at Ayr (21f) in March but pulled up there (3m, heavy) following month. Needs to get back on track after a 6-month absence.

4 **JERIKO DE BAUNE (FR) (179)** **89**
31P063P-5 **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Jackie Stephen — ***Joshua Thompson*** (5lb/2kg)
Bagged a third career hurdling success at Clonmel last November (3m). Ended his time for Philip Fenton with a below-par fifth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Sligo (3¼m, good to soft) in May. Needs this yard switch to spark a resurgence.

5 **MOON OVER AMERICA (IRE) (359)** (D) **100**
2/1- **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — ***Jamie Brace*** (5lb/2kg)
Winning Irish pointer. Runner-up in bumper at Ffos Las and built on that promise to land the odds in 7-runner novice at Market Rasen (21f, good to soft) on his hurdles bow 12 months ago. Yard is going well so not without interest on his handicap debut despite his absence.

6 **IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU (IRE) (132)** s+t **96**
1137/4-9 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Ewan Whillans — ***Craig Nichol***
Landed a cross-code 4 timer in 2024/25 for Jennie Candlish but ended his time for that yard below par. Failed to build on debut third for new stable when seventh on the Flat at Nottingham 24 days ago. Back in this sphere with a bit to prove.

7 **ELOI DU PUY (FR) (231)** (CD) s **96**
F3/U55217- **8** 11-1 | 70.3kg
N. W. Alexander — ***Bruce Lynn***
Gained a gutsy success at Ayr in February but signed off for last term with a below-par seventh of 14 in handicap over C&D (good to soft) following month. He's a 3-time C&D scorer though so can't be dismissed after a layoff.

8 **HOURMAN (FR) (28)** **99**
46763-1 **5** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Gregor Walkingshaw*** (7lb/3kg)
Lightly-raced 5-y-o who made an impressive return when winning 9-runner novice hurdle at Hexham (2m, good to soft) 4 weeks ago. Strong at the finish there so merits serious consideration back up in trip for his handicap debut.

9 **WINDS OF WINTER (IRE) (16)** **94**
PP-453246 **8** 10-9 | 67.6kg
George Bewley — ***Jonathon Bewley***
Smooth-travelling mare who was narrowly denied a third Cartmel win in mid-July. Finished tamely (not for first time) when sixth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (17f, good to soft) 16 days ago. More is required.

10 **HEART ABOVE (14)** (CD) **99**
97-1P9534 **8** 10-3 | 64.9kg
Dianne Sayer — ***Charlie Maggs***
Has a very good course record but not at his best when fourth of 6 in handicap hurdle here (2m, good to soft) 14 days ago. Took this 12 months ago though (one of 3 wins here) so no surprise if he got back on track.

11 **PURE GOLD (7)** **99**
5-4434364 **6** 10-2 | 64.4kg
Lisa Harrison — ***Sean Quinlan***
A 3-time 2m winner in 2025/26. Yet to add to that this season but proving consistent and not ideally placed when fourth of 9 in handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m, good to soft) a week ago. Considered.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Moon Over America, **4-1** Hourman, **8-1** Dream's Ka, **9-1** Pure Gold, **12-1** Fox's Fancy, **14-1** Heart Above, **14-1** Nells Son, **16-1** Winds of Winter, **18-1** Eloi Du Puy, **22-1** Jeriko De Baune, **28-1** It's All About You

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HOURMAN looked an improved model when making an impressive winning reappearance at Hexham and with this return to a longer trip also a plus he gets a confident vote. Moon Over America returns from a year's absence but remains with potential and could emerge as the chief threat ahead of Pure Gold and last year's victor Heart Above.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HOURMAN 2. MOON OVER AMERICA 3. PURE GOLD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Heart Above** 7-10-11	5-1	Dianne Sayer	Peter Kavanagh	14
2024	**Forged Well** 5-10-12	11-4	Martin Todhunter	Sean Quinlan	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race