GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Wednesday 18th November

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12.33	**BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m48y (3260 Metres)**
RACE 1	**(6) LORD DU GOUET | (1) EAGLE WARRIOR | (5) LOOPY MAG**
1.03	**WEATHERBYS AND BIRDIE CALENDARS 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 3m41y (4870 Metres)**
RACE 2	**(3) JULIUS DES PICTONS | (1) DERRYHASSEN PADDY | (2) FISHERY LANE**
1.33	**PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)**
RACE 3	**(8) TAKEYOUTOTHEISLAND | (1) DE DELI COUNTER | (3) WIND YOUR NECK IN**
2.08	**PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.II) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)**
RACE 4	**(1) RATEMENOW | (3) FOUROFAKIND | (4) JE MR DAWSON**
2.38	**B K RACING LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 3m7f199y (6420 Metres)**
RACE 5	**(3) WAL BUCK'S | (4) BETTERFOREVERYONE | (1) MY GIFT TO YOU**
3.08	**QUINNBET HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m15y (4040 Metres)**
RACE 6	**(3) SCAIRP DUBH | (5) DROP KICK | (8) KINBARA FIRSTDRAFT**
3.38	**QUINNBET OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 2m48y (3260 Metres)**
RACE 7	**(3) MAX POTENTIAL | (5) RIO BLUE | (6) YORGUNNAROCK**

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.

12.33 RACE 1 — BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4, 5 and 6yo £10,000 2m48y (3260 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 EAGLE WARRIOR (IRE) (27) — **94**

55-2 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Sandy Thomson — *Patrick Wadge*

60,000 gns buy after winning an Irish point at the second attempt and bettered his modest form in bumpers switched to hurdling when second of 13 in strongly-run 17f novice at Carlisle 27 days ago. Must enter calculations.

2 EBCHESTER (IRE) (47) — **73**

445 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Susan Corbett — *Nathan Moscrop*

Ocovango gelding who finished fourth in a brace of bumpers in the summer and found the test inadequate on his hurdling debut over C&D last month. Will make little appeal this side of handicaps.

3 KINGSMAN MAIL (FR) (230) — **41**

2330- **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg

N. W. Alexander — *Bruce Lynn*

Showed form verging on fair in a trio of bumpers but made an inauspicious start over hurdles at Kelso (2m, good to soft) in April. Looks one for handicaps over longer trips later on.

4 KOA BEAU (IRE) (22) — h

38 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Ewan Whillans — *Craig Nichol*

Hinted at temperament amidst ability starting out in a hood when third of 6 in 2m bumper at Kelso in May. Failed to repeat that effort at Newcastle 5 months later and hood now refitted.

5 LOOPY MAG (FR) (18) — **85**

3 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith — *Danny McMenamin*

Kapgarde gelding who got off the mark in Irish points at second attempt in April and given a consideration introduction under Rules when third of 6 in 2m novice hurdle at Wetherby 18 days ago. Open to improvement.

6 LORD DU GOUET (FR) (28) — **100**

3-2 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Jamie Snowden — *Gavin Sheehan*

Purchased for £70,000 after winning sole outing in Irish points and made an encouraging start under Rules when third of 10 in 2m bumper at Chepstow in March. Also plenty to like about his opening effort over hurdles when second at Fontwell 4 weeks ago and is sure to improve.

7 ORDER DRIVEN (IRE) (223)

672- **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Sam England — *Jonathan England*

Showed improved form third time out when second of 7 in 2m bumper at Taunton (good) in April, rallying well final 1f and just failing. Subsequently sold out of Tom Weston's yard for £22,000 and has each-way claims on hurdling debut.

8 WINGS OF THE GLEN (IRE) (19) — **77**

3 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Rebecca Menzies — *Shane Fitzgerald*

Wings of Eagles gelding who hinted at ability amidst some greenness when 22 lengths third of 5 in 2½m novice hurdle at Wetherby on recent debut. Probably more one for handicaps later on.

9 CINNAMON STORM (IRE) (12) — t — **81**

04 **4** 10-7 | 66.7kg

Lizzie Quinlan — *Sean Quinlan*

Finished last of 4 finishes in a point and hasn't shown much in 2 runs over hurdles, including over C&D latest.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-11 Lord Du Gouet, **10-3** Eagle Warrior, **9-1** Loopy Mag, **10-1** Order Driven, **33-1** Kingsman Mail, **33-1** Wings of The Glen, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LORD DU GOUET continued his promising start to his career switched to hurdling when second at Fontwell 4 weeks ago and this looks an excellent opportunity for him to go one better. Eagle Warrior is considered the main threat following a perfectly encouraging first effort over hurdles in a strongly-run contest at Carlisle. Loopy Mag and Order Driven can battle it out for third spot.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LORD DU GOUET 2. EAGLE WARRIOR 3. LOOPY MAG

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	**Cracking Rhapsody** 4-11-0	11-1	Ewan Whillans	Craig Nichol	8
2022[I]	**You Wear It Well** 5-10-13	2-7f	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	10
2022[II]	**Bingoo** 6-11-0	4-1	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones (3)	9
2021	**Captain Quint** 5-10-12	5-2f	Rose Dobbin	Craig Nichol	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.03 RACE 2 — WEATHERBYS AND BIRDIE CALENDARS 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 4yo+ £15,800 3m41y (4870 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **DERRYHASSEN PADDY (IRE) (25)** (D) t **100**

113/2-3 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg

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

Won first 3 starts before an excellent third of 20 in the 2025 Albert Bartlett at the Cheltenham Festival. Looked far from a natural on chase bow at Ayr on sole start last season but shaped much better when third in Cheltenham novice last month after a year off. Non runner there Friday (bad scope).

2 **FISHERY LANE (FR) (200)** **99**

P/7F324U-2 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Dan Skelton — ***Tristan Durrell***

Winning hurdler who has shaped with plenty of promise over fences for Willie Mullins, bad error 2 out when second of 19 in handicap at Punchestown (31f, good) in May. Has since had a breathing operation and one to be interested in for new yard.

3 **JULIUS DES PICTONS (FR) (593)** (D)

21131/ **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Jamie Snowden — ***Gavin Sheehan***

French recruit who was most progressive over hurdles last season for this yard, relishing the step up in trip when winning Grade 1 Sefton Novices' Hurdle at Aintree on final start. Exciting chasing prospect.

4 **PINOT ROUGE (IRE) (108)** (C, D) b+t **90**

PF5F4-72P **8** 10-12 | 68.9kg

Jessica Bedi — ***Conor Rabbitt*** (3lb/1kg)

Hit-and-miss performer who showed nothing starting out for this yard having changed hands for £19,000. No appeal in this company.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Derryhassen Paddy, **2-1** Julius Des Pictons, **3-1** Fishery Lane, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It looks significant that JULIUS DES PICTONS goes chasing already after his win in a Grade 1 at Aintree on his first attempt at this trip, so is preferred to Derryhassen Paddy and Fishery Lane in what is a strong event of its type.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JULIUS DES PICTONS 2. DERRYHASSEN PADDY 3. FISHERY LANE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	**Crystal Glory** 6-11-2	8-15f	Nicky Richards	Sean Quinlan	7
2021	**Doyen Breed** 6-11-0	13-8	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.33 RACE 3

PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £9,100 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 **DE DELI COUNTER (12)** (C, D) s **99**
U2531-661 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Mark Walford *Jamie Hamilton*
Front runner who resumed progress to get off the mark in a change of headgear at Market Rasen in April. Sharper for Sedgefield run when doubling tally over 23f here 12 days ago and the runner-up that day has gone in since, albeit not needing to improve. 4 lb rise very fair.

2 **MONSIEUR LE FUZZ (FR) (210)** t **88**
61/46028P- **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Rebecca Menzies *Charlie Maggs*
Got back on the up after a breathing operation when second of 9 in handicap at Catterick in February. In nothing like the same form both starts during the spring and cheekpieces left off back in distance on return from 7 months off.

3 **WIND YOUR NECK IN (IRE) (20)** (D) t **98**
4472215-6 **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Sam England *Jonathan England*
Enthusiastic front runner who saw off a well-backed handicap newcomer to land first hurdling success at Sedgefield in March. Shaped as though in need of the run when mid-field on reappearance under a conditional rider and England now back in the saddle.

4 **FEARLESS DRAGON (34)** s **93**
5/53UP-4 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Patrick Neville *Brian Hughes*
Showed a bit on first 2 starts over hurdles at Sedgefield and cast aside a couple of disappointing runs (didn't look straightforward) when fourth at Perth last month. Cheekpieces back on and needs to raise his game now handicapping.

5 **PURE SIRLOIN (IRE) (238)** (D) s **96**
6P3/P3673- **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Sandy Forster *Harry Reed*
Has just the one win to his name but turned in best effort of last season when third of 14 in a C&D handicap when last seen in March. Record fresh isn't particularly encouraging, though.

6 **KALO ATHENA (IRE) (256)** **96**
P/6P57124- **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg
James Moffatt *Leah Noreci* (7lb/3kg)
Point winner who backed up her improved Wetherby success last winter when making the frame next 2 starts. Likely to need this after 8 months off with yard relatively quiet. Engaged 1.55 Carlisle Tuesday.

7 **JEDHI KNIGHT (29)** **94**
378-9 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Paul Midgley *Tom Midgley* (3lb/1kg)
A 2m winner on the level in 2025 for Jedd O'Keeffe. Failed to build on hurdling debut third for Harry Derham and struggling on the Flat for current yard, he fared no better over obstacles here a month ago (2m). Step up in trip may help but lots to prove minus blinkers.

8 **TAKEYOUTOTHEISLAND (IRE) (189)** ★ **100**
54977-2 **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg
N. W. Alexander *Bruce Lynn*
Low-mileage 6-y-o from a good jumping family. Achieved more than previously (despite making hard work of it) when 3½ lengths second to Prince Nino at Perth in May. Should be more to come from him so he's an interesting proposition.

9 **PRINCE NINO (FR) (55)** (D) s+t **98**
6547/8-18P **9** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Lizzie Quinlan *Sean Quinlan*
Capitalised on career-low mark when surprise winner (66/1) on reappearance in May. Predictably went backwards from that both starts since and is easy enough to oppose given temperament issues.

10 **SOLWAY PRIMROSE (343)** (C) **86**
PPP- **12** 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)
Lisa Harrison *Peter Kavanagh*
Sole win gained over 23f here in 2023. Missed all of 2024 and last year was a write off. Has had a breathing operation.

11 **LEWA HOUSE (18)** (CD) v+t **94**
82/5606P-8 **10** 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)
Catch Bissett *Dominic Hislop* (7lb/3kg)
Poor hurdler/chaser who continues to make little appeal from out of the weights. Change of headgear.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 De Deli Counter, **4-1** Takeyoutotheisland, **13-2** Fearless Dragon, **7-1** Wind Your Neck In, **14-1** Pure Sirloin, **16-1** Prince Nino, **16-1** Kalo Athena, **16-1** Monsieur Le Fuzz, **33-1** Lewa House, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Unlike most of these, TAKEYOUTOTHEISLAND brings an unexposed profile to the table so he's selected to make a successful reappearance. De Deli Counter is fit and in form so will doubtless be popular, with Wind Your Neck In also of some interest with a reappearance under his belt.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TAKEYOUTOTHEISLAND 2. DE DELI COUNTER 3. WIND YOUR NECK IN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	**Clovis Boy** 4-10-7	3-1f	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	8
2022	**Lewa House** 6-10-12	20-1	Catch Bissett	Bruce Lynn (5)	16
2021[I]	**Foillan** 6-11-12	13-2	Dr Richard Newland	Charlie Hammond	8
2021[II]	**Shoughall's Boy** 5-10-9	22-1	Harriet Graham	Ryan Mania	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.08 RACE 4

PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.II) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £9,100 2½m28y (4050 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **RATEMENOW (IRE) (41)** (BF) t **97**

354562-2 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Susan Corbett — *Nathan Moscrop*

Attracted support and left previous form behind when chasing home a stablemate on handicap bow at Newcastle (2½m) in March. Filled same spot behind only a handicap debutant in a first-time tongue strap at Market Rasen on return and should go well again. Has had a breathing operation.

2 **SHADOW CHASER (IRE) (288)** (BF) **96**

6PP/27720- **7** 11-13 | 75.7kg

Mark Walford — *Jamie Hamilton*

Winner of an Irish point and matched pick of hurdles form fitted with blinkers when runner-up on chase bow at Newcastle on final outing for Sandy Thomson in January. Run best excused on stable debut at Carlisle when last seen and could go well on return to hurdling having gone well fresh before.

3 **FOUROFAKIND (IRE) (27)** (D) v ★ **100**

6956P7-57 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg

Lizzie Quinlan — *Sean Quinlan*

Fallen a long way in the weights since completing Perth double in September 2024. Shaped as though in need of the run after 4 months off at Cartmel in July and showed more promise than the bare result suggests back from another break at Carlisle (2½m) latest. Interesting in refitted visor.

4 **JE MR DAWSON (FR) (228)** **99**

6/7655- **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg

Adam Nicol — *Ryan Mania*

Showed a bit on his Carlisle hurdling debut last November. Hasn't reproduced that in 3 subsequent outings but has made an interesting yard switch and needs a close look in the betting.

5 **PEPITE DE SAPHIR (16)** h+t **97**

462/P4P3 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Rebecca Menzies — *Shane Fitzgerald*

Maiden who hasn't stood much racing but confirmed she retains some ability after 10 weeks off when third of 8 in 3m handicap at Southwell 16 days ago. Task is now to build on that in a first-time hood.

6 **WISE MOVE (IRE) (12)** h **95**

45254PP-P **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg

George Bewley — *Jonathon Bewley*

Finished last season with 2 pulled-up hurdling efforts at this course and was then ridden too aggressively when dropping away on the home turn back here on chasing debut recently. Makes a swift return to the smaller obstacles.

7 **KHALEESI QUEEN (246)** h **78**

09955- **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Micky Hammond & Becky Smith — *Joshua Thompson* (5lb/2kg)

Well beaten both starts in bumpers but did at least show more than on hurdles debut when fifth in a Newcastle novice (2½m) in March, noted doing her best work at the finish. Below that level on qualifying run at Wetherby later that month but could fare better now handicapping.

8 **DANTE'S INFERNO (16)** s **98**

44-762UU3 **7** 10-13 | 69.4kg

Tony Culhane & Stella Barclay — *David Noonan*

Long-standing maiden who produced a career best in first-time cheekpieces when going close at Market Rasen in September and confirmed himself still in decent heart on the back of 2 luckless outings when third of 11 in 2½m handicap at Southwell latest. Nudged up 2 lb but should remain competitive.

9 **GEORGE'S ANGEL (IRE) (44)** h **58**

0077-0P **5** 10-9 | 67.6kg

R. K. Watson, Ireland — *Danny McMenamin*

Tailed off in a bumper and has met a similar fate on all 5 starts over hurdles, including in handicaps. Needs to prove a different proposition in first-time hood.

10 **JEEPYDOFF MEEL (FR) (19)** **96**

808849-R4 **8** 10-3 | 64.9kg

Lisa Harrison — *Oscar Palmer* (7lb/3kg)

Regressive sort who blotted his copybook by refusing to race at Cartmel in late-August. Consented to set off at Uttoxeter latest but achieved very little despite making the frame. Back up in trip.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Ratemenow, **4-1** Dante's Inferno, **8-1** Shadow Chaser, **17-2** Je Mr Dawson, **17-2** Pepite De Saphir, **9-1** Fourofakind, **14-1** Wise Move, **18-1** Khaleesi Queen, **20-1** Jeepydoff Meel, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RATEMENOW picked up where he left off in the spring when finding only a handicap debutant too good at Market Rasen on his reappearance and is the percentage call to go one better on the back of a breathing operation. Fourofakind showed more promise than the bare result suggests back from another break at Carlisle on his most recent outing and needs a close look having fallen a long way in the weights, with stable-switcher Je Mr Dawson also of interest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RATEMENOW 2. FOUROFAKIND 3. JE MR DAWSON

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.38 RACE 5

B K RACING LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £14,500 3m7f199y (6420 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **MY GIFT TO YOU (IRE) (26)** v+t **98**

4169-1536 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg

James Owen — *Mr Alex Chadwick* (3lb/1kg)

Likeable sort who proved at least as good as ever when making a winning hunter debut over a marathon trip at Warwick in May but looked summed up off revised mark next 2 starts over fences. Has been eased 4 lb at least and stamina is guaranteed.

2 **CLODDERS DREAM (17)** s **56**

1P/FPPPO-P **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Max Comley — *Freddie Mitchell* (3lb/1kg)

Lost his way for Gordon Elliott in the second half of 2025 and failed to show any sign of a revival for the switch of yard at Worcester on belated return 17 days ago.

3 **WAL BUCK'S (FR) (39)** v **100**

5/442144-2 **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — *Derek Fox*

Made all in first-time headgear at Kelso (heavy) in February. Returned with a promising second to a next-time-out winner here (3m) 6 weeks ago. Shapes as if he'll stay extreme distances so bold show likely.

4 **BETTERFOREVERYONE (193)** (CD) s **99**

4731/14P-3 **9** 11-6 | 72.6kg

Alan King — *Tom Bellamy*

Won the 4m Hexham marathon over C&D in spring 2025. Successful at Bangor on his return last season and back to form when a close third here (3m) in May. Lots to like.

5 **PRESIDENT SCOTTIE (IRE) (13)** s **96**

P/486653-6 **8** 11-1 | 70.3kg

Nicky Richards — *Danny McMenamin*

Shaped as if needing return back hurdling at Newcastle but proving expensive to follow over fences.

6 **DEFENCE WITNESS (IRE) (12)** (C) s+t **98**

21272-671 **7** 10-4 | 65.3kg

Sam England — *Jonathan England*

Sharpened up by his recent return when resuming winning ways here (3m) 12 days ago, his deep reserves of stamina enabling him to pip the favourite. Worth a try at this marathon trip but third quick run in succession is a concern.

7 **TOROSAY (IRE) (18)** (C) s **98**

37/27422-7 **8** 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — *Patrick Wadge*

Winless since April 2024 but runner-up 3 times at Ayr last season. Reverted to jumping poorly after 8 months off there 18 days ago but worth a try at this extreme distance.

8 **ROB ROY MACGREGOR (IRE) (18)** s **90**

872423-54 **8** 10-2(9-5) | 64.4kg (59.4kg)

Sandy Thomson — *Charlie Maggs*

Bumper winner on debut in 2023 but no wins since, never a threat at Ayr on return. No appeal from 11 lb out of the handicap.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Wal Buck's, **10-3** Betterforeveryone, **9-2** Defence Witness, **7-1** Torosay, **7-1** My Gift To You, **9-1** President Scottie, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WAL BUCK'S was unlucky to bump into one on his return here last month and shades the vote over Betterforeveryone, who has plenty going for him. My Gift To You is best of the others.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WAL BUCK'S 2. BETTERFOREVERYONE 3. MY GIFT TO YOU

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	**Event of Sivola** 8-10-13	10-1	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	5
2021	**Lough Derg Farmer** 9-10-12	25-1	Sue Smith	Thomas Willmott (5)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.08 RACE 6

QUINNBET HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)
£10,000 2½m15y (4040 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 HALPHA SOLEIL (FR) (13) (C, D) s ☑★ **100**
857535-22 **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Micky Hammond & Becky Smith — *Conor O'Farrell*
Bumper/hurdles winner. Long-standing maiden over fences but was only just touched off over C&D in June. Backed that up when second at Newcastle 2 weeks ago and he's a player down in class.

2 COLONEL JACK (12) t **94**
PP4-P **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Mark Walford — *Danny McMenamin*
Showed first form when beaten 10 lengths in a maiden hurdle here (heavy) in March. However, offered little on handicap bow/return here 12 days ago (said to have had a breathing problem). Makes chasing bow.

3 SCAIRP DUBH (183) (CD, BF) s **99**
564120-13 **6** 11-13 | 75.7kg
Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith — *Jack Power* (5lb/2kg)
Stepped up on hurdles form when making a successful debut over fences at Hexham in May, though had a hard race that day and not able to repeat the effort over same C&D later in the month. Freshened up since and almost certainly has more to offer as a chaser.

4 MONOCHROMIX (FR) (18) ☑ **97**
52486/54-7 **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — *Patrick Wadge*
Long-standing maiden who hasn't made the track very often in recent seasons and didn't go with much promise after another absence at Ayr late last month.

5 DROP KICK (IRE) (27) **98**
7123238-4 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Mark Walford — *Jamie Hamilton*
Improved when successful on handicap hurdle debut at Carlisle a year ago. Good placed efforts on next 4 starts and should be sharper for his comeback run last month. Placed in a point and half-brother to a winning chaser so he's an interesting debutant over fences.

6 STRETCHEMOUT (IRE) (18) s+t **95**
8147P-0P5 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg
R. K. Watson, Ireland — *Brian Hughes*
Maiden chase winner for Gordon Elliott but well held in handicap hurdle/chase for new yard over the summer and likely flattered by proximity when last of 5 in Grade 2 at Down Royal last month.

7 COWBOY COOPER (IRE) (230) **94**
41/031P46- **10** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Donald Whillans — *Craig Nichol*
Notched third victory over fences at Ayr in January but not in same form since and was better for reappearance last season.

8 KINBARA FIRSTDRAFT (IRE) (7) (D) s+t **99**
46952P52 **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Leonard Kerr — *Derek Fox*
Unreliable sort but seemed to respond well to headgear when second of 5 over C&D at the start of last month and was a good second off a higher hurdles mark at Ayr last week.

9 YAPPER HILL (IRE) (228) **94**
385R7493- **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg
George Bewley — *Jonathon Bewley*
Winless following 5 attempts between the flags and has looked rather limited over hurdles, too. Needs to raise his game now switched to fences.

10 ORDER ANOTHER ONE (IRE) (27) **94**
75436 **5** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Dianne Sayer — *Peter Kavanagh*
Off the mark in Irish points at seventh attempt but struggled to make an impact over hurdles in a handful of starts. Makes chase debut.

11 KING OF CONG (IRE) (186) s **94**
P2430PP-P **8** 10-6 | 66.2kg
Patrick Morris — *Charlie Maggs*
Responded well to the addition of cheekpieces when runner-up here (3m) 12 months ago but lost his way after. Off 6 months and has since left Sam England.

12 DR SHIROCCO (IRE) (158) (CD) **94**
57446-344 **11** 10-3 | 64.9kg
Sandy Forster — *Harry Reed*
Veteran on a lengthy losing run and likely to need this after 5 months off.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Halpha Soleil, **11-2** Scairp Dubh, **6-1** Kinbara Firstdraft, **13-2** Drop Kick, **8-1** Monochromix, **14-1** Stretchemout, **18-1** Cowboy Cooper, **18-1** Dr Shirocco, **22-1** King of Cong, **22-1** Yapper Hill, **25-1** Colonel Jack, **25-1** Order Another One

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SCAIRP DUBH had excuses here last time so is well worth another chance to confirm the promise of his chase debut win over C&D in May. Drop Kick built up a solid record over hurdles and he's likely to make a chaser, so is feared most ahead of Kinbara Firstdraft and Halpha Soleil.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SCAIRP DUBH 2. DROP KICK 3. KINBARA FIRSTDRAFT

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.38 RACE 7

QUINNBET OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 4 and 5yo £6,500 2m48y (3260 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **BROWNEY BANK** **86**

4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Ann Hamilton — ***Danny McMenamin***

Norse Dancer colt. Half-brother to modest hurdler Governor Green. Dam (h126) 2m hurdle winner (stayed 2¼m), also 16.5f winner on Flat. Yard's horses tend to come more into their own when sent jumping but worth a market check all the same.

2 **JIMMY THE JET (IRE) (230)** **84**

3- **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Lizzie Quinlan — ***Sean Quinlan***

Jet Away gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Abuffalosoldier. Offered something to work on when third of 6 in 2m Kelso bumper on debut in April and entitled to do better.

3 **MAX POTENTIAL** ★ **100**

4 11-2 | 70.8kg

David Pipe — ***Rian Corcoran*** (5lb/2kg)

Maxios gelding who is from the family of multiple Grade 1-winning chaser up to 25f Cue Card. Held every chance when fell last sole start in Irish points in March and subsequently exchanged hands for plenty of money.

4 **MORTGAGE MAN (IRE) (196)** **82**

4 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Ewan Whillans — ***Craig Nichol***

€2,000 3-y-o, Mahler gelding. Dam, ran once over hurdles, sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 25f) The Red Menace. Showed a bit when 20¼ lengths fourth of 10 in 2m Kelso bumper on debut in May. Needs plenty more, though.

5 **RIO BLUE (IRE)** **98**

4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Dan Skelton — ***Tristan Durrell***

Blue Bresil gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including useful hurdler/smart chaser Angels Breath and fair hurdle winner/fairly useful chase winner Calimystic. Makes plenty of appeal on paper for top yard which is going well with its bumper horses.

6 **YORGUNNAROCK (212)** **85**

4- **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Stuart Coltherd — ***Derek Fox***

Yorgunnabelucky gelding. Dam (b68), ran once in bumper, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chase winner (stayed 21f) Glencassley. Showed some ability when fourth of 6 in 2m event at Kelso on debut in April and that's the best bumper form on offer.

7 **ANGELA'S ROSE** **83**

4 10-9 | 67.6kg

Susan Corbett — ***Nathan Moscrop***

Schiaparelli filly. Dam (h112) 2½m-25f hurdle winner. Yard just 2-26 with its newcomers in bumpers since the start of 2021.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Max Potential, **2-1** Rio Blue, **17-2** Browney Bank, **10-1** Yorgunnarock, **16-1** Jimmy The Jet, **20-1** Angela's Rose, **33-1** Mortgage Man

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MAX POTENTIAL held every chance when falling at the last on his outing in Irish points in March and, having subsequently been purchased for a whopping £280,000, he makes obvious appeal on his Rules debut, especially with good-value claimer Rian Corcoran in the saddle. Rio Blue is in top hands and also ticks plenty of boxes on paper, so warrants respect, while Yorgunnarock has achieved the most of those with Rules experience as things stand.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MAX POTENTIAL 2. RIO BLUE 3. YORGUNNAROCK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	**Wendigo** 4-11-2	1-2f	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race