



Tuesday 5th November

# SEDGEFIELD



**1.00** VICKERSBET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m178y (3380 Metres)

RACE 1 **(10) CLEAN GETAWAY | (7) BELLE NA BANN | (2) LANGTON WOLD**

**1.35** JOIN REBECCA MENZIES RACING CLUB TODAY MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m178y (3380 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) KINGSTON NARCISSUS | (9) BRAVE JEN | (1) BRODERICK**

**2.10** VICKERS.BET PROUD TO SUPPORT BRITISH RACING NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)

RACE 3 **(2) WILL KNOTT | (1) CHARGING THUNDER | (4) LADDIE COOPER MIA**

**2.45** RACING SUPPORTS GRAHAM LEE superstar-auctions.com NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m3f65y (3880 Metres)

RACE 4 **(6) PRESENTING PETE | (1) QUARESOME | (7) IMPERIAL RULE**

**3.20** GEORGE REVELEY HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m5f28y (4250 Metres)

RACE 5 **(7) BEBSIDE BANTER | (2) DR SHIROCCO | (5) SELECTIVELISTENING**

**3.55** HARDWICK HALL HOTEL SEDGEFIELD MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2m5f34y (4260 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) APPLES MOON | (11) LENEANE | (5) TALYSH**

## 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

VICKERSBET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5)  
3yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m178y (3380 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Even**

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**SUITABLY SURPRISED (IRE) (17)**  
06947 5 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)  
Sam England  
Runner-up on her final outing in points but has made a low-key start over hurdles, failing to improve when seventh of 12 on handicap debut at Stratford (18.7f) 17 days ago. More required operating from out of the weights.

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Charlie Maggs (31lb/1kg)

1	<b>AMBASSADOR (IRE) (33)</b> 48-146187 7 12-0   76.2kg  Micky Hammond Resumed winning ways at Uttoxeter in July but not in same form either start over hurdles since, seventh of 8 in handicap at Southwell (15.8f) 33 days ago. Mark is steadily easing but he needs to get back on track.	v	97	Alice Stevens
2	<b>LANGTON WOLD (IRE) (21)</b> (CD) 2214-3064 5 11-11   74.8kg  Brian Ellison Fair Flat winner and similar merit over hurdles, winning C&D maiden last winter. Merely ticking over on the level in recent months but not disgraced returned to this sphere when fourth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (16.6f) 21 days ago. Not dismissed lightly.	t	94	Tom Midgley
3	<b>TRAILBLAZER (10)</b> 223-17740 5 11-8   73.5kg  Adam Nicol Gained breakthrough success from 2 lb higher mark at Perth (16.2f) in July. Unable to replicate that level of form in handful of starts since and blinkers now go on in pace of usual cheekpieces.	b	93	William Maggs
4	<b>ACHNAMARA (474)</b> 567/6- 5 11-0   69.9kg  Philip Kirby Fair handicapper on Flat who landed back-to-back 2m handicaps at Catterick/ Musselburgh in July. Finished well held in trio of starts more recently though and he didn't convince in his first spell in this discipline for previous connections. Yard also saddle Clean Getaway.	s	99	Bruce Lynn
5	<b>TROPICAL TALENT (18)</b> (C, D) 1U662378 5 10-10   68.0kg  Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Modest/hurdler chaser who ran well when placed in handicaps at Bangor/here in September. Not so good of late, his jumping badly letting him down when eighth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (15.8f) 18 days ago. Cheekpieces quickly discarded.	t	97	Ben Smith (81lb/4kg)
6	<b>LORD WARBURTON (IRE) (13)</b> 60-61P 7 10-9   67.6kg  Mike Sowersby Modest at best on the Flat (stays 1½m) but and made a successful handicap hurdle debut from 13 lb out of the weights at Market Rasen (18.6f) in September. Failed to repeat that performance when pulled up at Southwell 2 weeks ago though, and others more persuasive.	v+t	96	Peter Kavanagh
7	<b>BELLE NA BANN (IRE) (173)</b> (D) 6951147-2 8 10-7   66.7kg  Micky Hammond Successful twice around the turn of the year and back to form following a break when second of 9 in handicap hurdle at Perth (16.2f, good to soft) in May. Absent since but she's worth a second look.	t	96	Emma Smith-Chaston (31lb/1kg)
8	<b>MILAJESS (IRE) (35)</b> P0347-927 7 10-5   65.8kg  Micky Hammond Still a maiden but produced best effort yet for current yard when runner-up at Uttoxeter (15.8f) in June. Feasible to think first run for 4 months was needed over C&D 5 weeks ago and entitled to be sharper now. One of 3 runners from this stable.	v+t	96	Joshua Thompson (81lb/4kg)
9	<b>CHECK MY PULSE (IRE) (35)</b> 65434-36F 8 10-3   64.9kg  Rebecca Menzies Winless since 2022 and he's failed to build on reappearance third over fences in May, only sixth at Cartmel in June and weakening when falling 2 out returned to this sphere over C&D 5 weeks ago. Mark has eased a little more at least.	s+t	95	Aaron Anderson
10	<b>CLEAN GETAWAY (IRE) (27)</b> (C, D) 13194221 7 10-2   64.4kg  Philip Kirby Dual scorer over fences at Market Rasen this summer and continued good work of late, adding to his tally in 6-runner handicap chase at this course (16.4f) 4 weeks ago. Worthy of interest operating from lower mark back in this sphere.	s	100	Joe Williamson

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:  
11-4 Clean Getaway, 11-2 Belle Na Bann, 8-1 Tropical Talent, 9-1 Langton Wold, 11-1 Ambassador, 12-1 Trailblazer, 14-1 Achnamara, 14-1 Check My Pulse, 18-1 Milajess, 22-1 Lord Warburton, 28-1 Suitably Surprised

TIMEFORM VIEW:  
A 3-time winner over fences already this term (including here last time), CLEAN GETAWAY has a lower mark to exploit returned to timber and he could be the way to go in a race where plenty have something to prove. Belle Na Bann, Langton Wold and Tropical Talent are a trio of others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:  
1. CLEAN GETAWAY 2. BELLE NA BANN 3. LANGTON WOLD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:  
2023 Horn Cape 6-12-0 13-2 Ben Haslam J. Hogan 10  
2022 Silkstone 6-10-3 10-3jf Danny Brooke Emma Smith-Chaston 11













SMART STATS:  
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

JOIN REBECCA MENZIES RACING CLUB TODAY MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 2m178y (3380 Metres)



Going: <b>Good</b>		Left handed, undulating. In theory, an uphill finish should dictate that plenty of races change complexion late in the day but, in practice, that isn't the case, the run-in being short on both courses and plenty of those in front having a tendency to pick up again when challenged.	
Pace Information: <b>Weak</b>			
1	<b>BRODERICK (IRE) (189)</b> 4-7 4 11-4   71.7kg  <b>Sean Quinlan</b> Mid-field both starts in Irish bumpers for Declan Queally during the spring. Transferred to in-form yard ahead of hurdles debut.	86	
2	<b>CAGE RATTLER (IRE)</b> 4 11-4   71.7kg  <b>Conor O'Farrell</b> Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Tullypole Annie (winner around 2m, by Dragon Pulse). Poor handicapper on Flat (stays 7f), looked hard ride last time. Stamina to prove and not an obvious one on hurdles debut.	79	
3	<b>DEMILION (IRE) (66)</b> 9-4 4 11-4   71.7kg  <b>Adam Wedge</b> Fairly useful handicapper at best on Flat (stays 12.5f) for Charlie Johnston but ended 2023 out of sorts. Low-key hurdles debut but showed more fitted with a tongue tie when fourth at Newton Abbot in August.	87	t
4	<b>KINGSTON NARCISSUS (FR) (27)</b> 542 5 11-4   71.7kg  <b>Ross Chapman</b> Fair and consistent maiden on Flat in France (stays 15f) for E. Libaud (sold €30,000 last November). Gambled on and produced best effort over hurdles when second of 10 in a C&D maiden a month ago. Repeat will see him in the mix.	100	h
5	<b>MACHO SUN (IRE)</b> 4 11-4   71.7kg  <b>Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)</b> Dam half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 21f) Albuhera and fairly useful hurdler (2m winner) Optimus Maximus. Modest maiden on Flat (stays 1¼m), made no impact in handicap on stable debut last time. Tongue tie on for hurdles bow.	70	t
6	<b>ROGUE LION (30)</b> 9 4 11-4   71.7kg  <b>Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)</b> Half-brother to useful hurdler Scarlet Dragon (winner around 2m). Fairly useful form on Flat (stays 11f) for Tom Clover, much improved when runner-up in novice event last time. Last of 9 on hurdles debut at Kelso a month ago.	79	
7	<b>SUPREME GEORGE (IRE) (33)</b> 8 4 11-4   71.7kg  <b>Brian Hughes</b> €25,000 3-y-o, £38,000 4-y-o, Order of St George gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Game On, stayed 3¼m, and fair hurdler Hillary John. Runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points in March. Bred to stay well and didn't show a great deal in a bumper a month ago.	87	
8	<b>THE LAST CLOUD (IRE)</b> 4 11-4   71.7kg  <b>Henry Brooke</b> £3,500 3-y-o, fifth foal, dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdle winner/smart chase winner (stays 25f) Senior Chief.	86	
9	<b>BRAVE JEN (24)</b> P3P-F4723 6 10-11   68.5kg  <b>Mr Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)</b> Modest maiden hurdler who returned to something like the form shown on stable debut when second in a thin race at Plumpton (20.5f, good to soft) travelling best but headed run-in after wandering/hanging right. Soft ground perhaps against her when finding little at Hexham. Should be involved.	99	s+t
10	<b>LADY'S CHARM</b> 4 10-11   68.5kg  <b>Theo Gillard</b> Little show in varied events on Flat.	70	
11	<b>ROYAL ROMANCE (24)</b> 09 4 10-11   68.5kg  <b>Craig Nichol</b> Some appeal on pedigree but showed nothing in Hexham bumpers 5 months apart.	60	
12	<b>STELLARMASTERPIECE (FR)</b> 4 10-11   68.5kg  <b>Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)</b> Modest on Flat (stays 1½m), successful in handicap penultimate start, third in similar event last time. Starts hurdles career at a realistic level.	87	h
12 DECLARED RUNNERS			
BETTING FORECAST:			
2-1 Kingston Narcissus, 9-4 Brave Jen, 12-1 Supreme George, 12-1 Stellarmasterpiece, 14-1 Demilion, 16-1 Broderick, 18-1 The Last Cloud, 50-1 bar			
TIMEFORM VIEW:			
KINGSTON NARCISSUS showed much more than previously over hurdles when runner-up over C&D a month ago and a repeat display may well see him go one place better in a run-of-the-mill maiden. Drying ground may help Brave Jen's cause and she's the obvious threat.			
TIMEFORM 1-2-3:			
1. KINGSTON NARCISSUS 2. BRAVE JEN 3. BRODERICK			
WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:			
2023 Thank You Blue 6-11-4 11-4 Jennie Candlish Sean Quinlan 12			
SMART STATS:			
No Smart Stats available for this race			

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RACE 3







VICKERS.BET PROUD TO SUPPORT BRITISH RACING  
NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1	<b>CHARGING THUNDER (18)</b>	s	<b>95</b>
	James Owen Fairly useful handicapper on Flat who won at Yarmouth on stable debut in September and followed up at Fakenham on hurdling bow (2m) 18 days ago, soon clear. Open to improvement.	1 6 11-9   73.9kg	<i>Harry Cobden</i>
2	<b>WILL KNOTT (IRE) (16)</b> (C)		<b>100</b>
	Stuart Coltherd  Fairly useful bumper winner and much improved over hurdles when easily winning 9-runner novice at this course (16.8f) 16 days ago, travelling strongly. Open to further progress, especially now stepping back up in trip.	138-461 5 11-9   73.9kg	<i>Sam Coltherd</i>
3	<b>BLUE PLAN (IRE) (12)</b>		<b>70</b>
	Rebecca Menzies Tailed off in a pir of novice hurdles 6 months apart.	00 5 11-2   70.8kg	<i>Ross Chapman</i>
4	<b>LADDIE COOPER MIA (IRE) (197)</b>		<b>75</b>
	Nigel Hawke Shaped like a stayer in 3 bumpers so longer trip an obvious plus now hurdling.	455- 4 10-8   67.1kg	<i>David Noonan</i>

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-6 Will Knott, 5-4 Charging Thunder, 22-1 Laddie Cooper Mia, 125-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A likely match between WILL KNOTT and Charging Thunder. The former created a positive impression when running away with a maiden here 16 days ago and promises to progress again now stepping back up in trip, so he edges the vote.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WILL KNOTT 2. CHARGING THUNDER 3. LADDIE COOPER MIA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	<b>Supremely West</b> 5-11-9	2-13f	Dr Richard Newland	Charlie Hammond	8
2022	<b>Anti Bridgie</b> 5-11-0	6-1	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4








**RACING SUPPORTS GRAHAM LEE superstar-auctions.**  
**com NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110)**  
**£8,900 2m3f65y (3880 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	<b>QUARESOME (IRE) (27)</b> 42428-256 6 12-1   76.7kg  Donald McCain <i>Brian Hughes</i> Fair winning hurdler, probably best around this trip. Has race fitness on his side now switched to fences and worth considering.	98
2	<b>WEST WARHORSE (IRE) (33)</b> 76/871P3-5 6 11-13   75.7kg  B. F. Brookhouse <i>Jack Quinlan</i> Fair winning hurdler at this trip and should have come on for last month's Southwell return. Interesting now chasing and could figure if keeping straight again (has jumped/hung right).	97
3	<b>FINAL EDGAR (IRE) (12) (C)</b> 712253-6P 6 11-10   74.4kg  Mark Walford <i>Jamie Hamilton</i> Maiden hurdle winner here in February and held his form well in handicaps after. Disappointing on recent chase debut at Carlisle, though. Cheekpieces go on.	95
4	<b>SUN JOY (FR) (16)</b> 22661P-P5 5 11-10   74.4kg  Ben Pauling <i>Kielan Woods</i> Opened account over hurdles at Huntingdon in January in first-time cheekpieces (back on here) but bit to prove now after 3 capitulations since, including on chase debut at Kempton on return.	100
5	<b>BURROWS HALL (FR) (179)</b> 1P/32212-5 7 11-7   73.0kg  Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith <i>Nick Scholfield</i> Fair winning hurdler, including over staying trip. Probably high enough in the weights on return and might need it in any case.	93
6	<b>PRESENTING PETE (IRE) (13)</b> 64-PP4425 7 11-4   71.7kg  John Mackie <i>Sean Quinlan</i> Modest handicap hurdler who made a good start over fences in similar event over further here a month ago. Undone by bad mistake 4 out at Southwell next time and worth another chance.	97
7	<b>IMPERIAL RULE (IRE) (124)</b> 957-105 7 10-6   66.2kg  Rebecca Menzies <i>Ross Chapman</i> Much improved sent chasing/handicapping when scoring impressively at Perth in May. Disappointing twice since but the break may have done him good and he's still lightly raced.	94

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Sun Joy, **9-2** Quaresome, **11-2** Presenting Pete, **11-2** West Warhorse, **7-1** Final Edgar, **8-1** Imperial Rule, **10-1** Burrows Hall

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

PRESENTING PETE was undone by a bad mistake 4 out at Southwell and is worth another chance given the promise he showed on his first go over fences here before that. Quaresome is interesting on his chase debut, while there is still time for Imperial Rule to get back on track.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PRESENTING PETE 2. QUARESOME 3. IMPERIAL RULE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Special Rate</b>	6-11-10	11-1	Philip Kirby	Ross Chapman	8
2021	<b>Cooper's Cross</b>	6-11-5	3-1	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

GEORGE REVELEY HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m5f28y (4250 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Even**

11 **MUROOR (43)** (C) 6P6P/33 11 10-10 | 68.0kg  
Hugh Burns *Ross Chapman*  
Unreliable type but showed he retains some ability after 14 months off when third at Hexham in June. Built on that 3 months later when third here (26f) 6 weeks ago. Entitled to come on again but drop back in trip may not be ideal at this stage of his career.

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1	<b>VALENCE D'AUMONT (FR) (24)</b> (C)	889P4-5	10	12-0	76.2kg		<b>93</b>
	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith					<i>Nick Scholfield</i>	
	Five-time chase winner but he hasn't shown a great deal of spark since returning from a lengthy absence a year ago. However, he is at least entitled to come on for his comeback fifth at Hexham last month.						
2	<b>DR SHIROCCO (IRE) (135)</b>	1162-1234	9	11-10	74.4kg		<b>97</b>
	Sandy Forster					<i>Conor O'Farrell</i>	
	Winless following 20 attempts over hurdles but has already won 3 times in this sphere, the latest at Hexham in May. Decent efforts in defeat since and has a good record fresh. Player.						
3	<b>ZUCKERBERG (GER) (103)</b> (C)	5556/214-0	8	11-9	73.9kg	s	<b>97</b>
	Jennie Candlish					<i>Sean Quinlan</i>	
	Unreliable sort who offered little after 6 months off when eleventh on Flat at Pontefract in June and struggled again back chasing following month. Won off this mark here last season but bit to prove on balance.						
4	<b>AGILULF (106)</b>	U63P-7038	5	11-8	73.5kg		<b>97</b>
	Adam Nicol					<i>Derek Fox</i>	
	Still to register a victory and merely underlined inconsistency at Cartmel last time. Makes chase debut. Has bled.						
5	<b>SELECTIVELISTENING (IRE) (22)</b>	75542P2	5	11-5	72.1kg	s+t	<b>98</b>
	Paula Smith					<i>Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)</i>	
	Mixed record over hurdles since making debut in June but improved straightaway sent chasing when second at Hereford 3 weeks ago. Subsequently sold from Tom Ellis £6,000 and headgear now fitted for the first time.						
6	<b>THE PADDY PIE (IRE) (16)</b> (C)	P4P474-P5	11	11-2	70.8kg		<b>97</b>
	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith					<i>Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)</i>	
	Hinted at a revival when fourth of 12 in a Doncaster handicap in December but followed that with 3 heavy defeats. Shaped as if needing run here last month but remains with something to prove.						
7	<b>BEBSIDE BANTER (IRE) (244)</b> (CD)	P/781P122-	7	11-1	70.3kg	★	<b>100</b>
	Chris Grant					<i>Danny McMenamin</i>	
	Dual winner here last term, including on return, and acquitted himself well when second last 2 starts. Set for another big run on comeback.						
8	<b>ASK BOB (IRE) (21)</b>	00/7FP7-P9	7	11-0	69.9kg		<b>97</b>
	Andrew Crook					<i>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</i>	
	Yet to get his head in front and has offered little in 3 starts for present yard. Makes chase debut.						
9	<b>INTO THE SUNSET (IRE) (21)</b>	74-U64544	7	10-13	69.4kg		<b>94</b>
	Donald McCain					<i>Theo Gillard</i>	
	Dual hurdles winner in 2022. Missed whole of 2023 and has yet to match his previous best this year, including in 3 starts over fences. Mark continues to slide at least.						
10	<b>ONENIGHTINTOWN (IRE) (80)</b> (CD)	57312P-P4	10	10-12	68.9kg	s+t	<b>96</b>
	Micky Hammond					<i>Alice Stevens (5lb/2kg)</i>	
	Unreliable individual. C&D winner. Scored at Catterick in February and decent second at Market Rasen after. Well held next 2 starts and merely closed up late having been tailed off much of the way when fourth at Market Rasen.						

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:  
4-1 Bebside Banter, 9-2 Selectivelisting, 5-1 Dr Shirocco, 11-2 Muroor, 10-1 Into The Sunset, 14-1 The Paddy Pie, 16-1 Valence D'auumont, 22-1 Onenightintown, 33-1 Zuckerberg, 33-1 Agilulf, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:  
BEBSIDE BANTER did well over fences last season, winning twice here, including on return, so another big run looks on the cards. Dr Shirocco was in good form over the summer and can go well fresh, so is next best ahead of Selectivelisting, who made a positive start to his chase career at Hereford.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:  
1. BEBSIDE BANTER 2. DR SHIROCCO 3. SELECTIVELISTENING

SMART STATS:  
No Smart Stats available for this race



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RACE 6

**HARDWICK HALL HOTEL SEDGEFIELD MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m5f34y (4260 Metres)**




Good

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Pace Information: Even

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**LEAVE HER TO ME (22)**  
910/8136 6 12-0 | 76.2kg  
David Killahena & Graeme McPherson  
Bumper winner in 2022 and came good at the second time of asking over hurdles back from an absence at Uttoxeter in July. Not disgraced when sixth of 9 on Hereford handicap debut 22 days ago and being dropped 2 lb can only help.

**Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)**

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**FINE BY HER (156)**  
8234/1PR-1 8 11-12 | 75.3kg  
Julian Smith  
Benefited from a return to hurdling when scoring at Fakenham in June. That was after 139 days off so a subsequent 5-month layoff isn't a concern. Should be competitive.

**Ciaran Gethings**

97

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**APPLES MOON (IRE) (22) (BF)**  
686-712 5 11-9 | 73.9kg  
Nicky Martin  
Improver in handicaps this autumn, winning at Warwick (19f, good) before second of 9 at Hereford. Could easily have more to offer so a further 3 lb nudge from the handicapper shouldn't prevent a bold bid.

**Sean Houlihan**

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**VANILLA DANCER (32) (C)**  
31343-344 5 11-7 | 73.0kg  
Chris Grant  
Course bumper winner on heavy ground but has achieved only modest form over hurdles, including 9 lengths fourth on last month's 2½m Hexham handicap debut. May have more to offer when the emphasis is on stamina but that isn't sure to be the case here.

**Danny McMenamin**

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**TALYSH (22)**  
4-44 4 11-6 | 72.6kg  
Alex Hales  
Hasn't achieved much when fourth on all 3 qualifying runs around 2m but does have the potential for better now handicapping. The stable had the winner of a similar race at Hereford last week so a market move would be interesting.

**Kielan Woods**

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**POP THE QUESTION (32)**  
186P 6 11-5 | 72.1kg  
Jacqueline Coward  
Winning pointer who caused something of a surprise when making a successful debut under Rules in 2½m Hexham maiden in June. However, that was a weak race and she's had her limitations exposed since, pulling up on last month's handicap debut back at Hexham.

**Brian Hughes**

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**MAURA JEANNE (10)**  
35/36-4F51 7 11-4 | 71.7kg  
Ian Duncan  
Finally off the mark in 6-runner Kelso handicap (3¼m, good to soft) 10 days ago. Has the speed to cope with the drop back in trip but her profile doesn't mark her down as an obvious one to follow up.

**Ellis Collier (7lb/3kg)**

96

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**FEACH AMACH (IRE) (238) (C)**  
5P1P356- 4 11-4 | 71.7kg  
Nigel Hawke  
Fair maiden on the Flat in Ireland who struck at the third time of asking over hurdles in 17f course juvenile last November. Failed to kick on in handicaps subsequently, though. First outing for 7 months.

**Lorcan Murtagh**

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**BOBBIGREY (IRE) (20)**  
540 4 11-4 | 71.7kg  
Jennie Candlish  
Showed promise on the second of her 3 qualifying runs and worth noting in the betting on handicap debut with the yard going well.

**Sean Quinlan**

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**TIME WAS (IRE) (206)**  
93P8- 7 11-2 | 70.8kg  
Philip Kirby  
Winning pointer but didn't achieve much solid under Rules last season, finishing well held on 2½m Newcastle handicap debut when last seen in April. Would need to see market support to consider.

**Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)**

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**LENEBANE (IRE) (13)**  
53-992243 6 10-8 | 67.1kg  
Rebecca Menzies  
Remains a maiden but twice runner-up in Market Rasen handicaps in the summer. Another creditable placed effort when third of 11 at Southwell (20.5f) 13 days ago. Likely to be in the shake-up again.

**Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)**

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**YOU SAY ITS OVER (IRE) (30)**  
6P22264-4 6 10-7 | 66.7kg  
Micky Hammond  
Still looking for first success but runner-up 4 times last season. Remote fourth in Uttoxeter novice on reappearance a month ago but she should sharper for the run and stands a much more realistic chance back in a handicap.

**Joshua Thompson (7lb/3kg)**

98

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**JUST JESS (IRE) (183)**  
8/P25P86-P 8 10-7 | 66.7kg  
Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith  
NON RUNNER.

**Non Runner**

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**ZARA'S UNIVERSE (27) (C)**  
78P431P-5 8 10-6 | 66.2kg  
Andrew Crook  
Course chase winner who gained a third success over the larger obstacles at Southwell (2m) in March. However, well held back hurdling on her 17f course reappearance and can only be watched now stepping up in trip.

**Ross Chapman**

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14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:  
9-2 Apples Moon, 5-1 Fine By Her, 7-1 Lenebane, 8-1 Maura Jeanne, 12-1 You Say Its Over, 14-1 Bobbigrey, 14-1 Talysh, 16-1 Vanilla Dancer, 16-1 Leave Her To Me, 22-1 Feach Amach, 33-1 Pop The Question, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:  
APPLES MOON is going the right way in handicaps and can make the long journey from Nicky Martin's Somerset base worthwhile. Lenebane has yet to win but has been knocking on the door lately and should be on the premises again. Talysh is a handicap newcomer to note in the betting for a stable which had one with a similar profile win nicely last week.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:  
1. APPLES MOON 2. LENEBANE 3. TALYSH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Joie de Vivre	8-10-11	11-1	Martin Todhunter	Theo Gillard	14
2021	Pure Surf	5-10-6	8-1	Iain Jardine	Conor O'Farrell	14
2020 <sup>I</sup>	Lostnfound	7-11-9	6-1	David Thompson	Aaron Anderson (7)	12
2020 <sup>I</sup>	Hot Gossip	6-9-13	10-1	Dianne Sayer	Danny McMenamin (3)	11
2019	Darlyn	6-11-12	2-1jf	Henry Oliver	Mr Nathan Brennan (10)	6

SMART STATS:  
No Smart Stats available for this race