

Tuesday 27th October

NEWCASTLE



12.56 BORDER MINSTREL DOG FRIENDLY PUB MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 1 **(4) WILDE'S LEGACY | (3) MY MATE AJ | (5) CHAMPAGNE POWDER**

1.26 MINI GOLF AT HIGH GOSFORTH PARK NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 3m (4830 Metres)

RACE 2 **(6) LUMINARIES | (2) ROYAL TIME | (1) WANNABE**

2.01 HIGH GOSFORTH PARK GOLF CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 3 **(2) ALIDAM | (9) CAWTHORNE CRACKER | (6) MS CINDY KATE**

2.31 SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE BORDER MINSTREL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m (4830 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) SILVER HILL | (1) DUNKERQUE | (2) KENT DE THAIX**

3.01 DOGS WELCOME AT THE BORDER MINSTREL PUB HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) NORTH OF RICHMOND | (3) JENTOBELLO | (5) ROARIN' SUCCESS**

3.31 attheraces.com/marketmovers HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m19y (4040 Metres)

RACE 6 **(7) RULE ME IN | (1) MY FRIEND SEAN | (5) EMPTY NEST**

4.01 BREEDERS' CUP ON SKY SPORTS RACING OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 7 **(7) CAYENNE | (5) ALWAYS PROUD | (8) MON MISSEL**

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

BORDER MINSTREL DOG FRIENDLY PUB MAIDEN HURDLE
(Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2m190y (3390 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	CAPTAIN TED (IRE) (373)	83-5 11-4 71.7kg	
	Chris Grant Went close on the second of his 2 starts between the flags but looks one for handicaps at longer trips judged on his 2 runs over hurdles in recent weeks.	<i>Danny McMenamin</i>	
2	COME ON JOHN (IRE)	7 11-4 71.7kg	60
	Alison Hamilton Just poor on Flat nowadays (stays 1½m) and makes little appeal on this switch to hurdling.	<i>Nathan Moscrop</i>	
3	MY MATE AJ (IRE) (194)	341-5 11-4 71.7kg	88
	Ben Pauling Confirmed debut promise at the second time of asking when off the mark in 11-runner bumper at Hereford (2m, good) in April, going with enthusiasm. Interesting hurdling debutant.	<i>Kielan Woods</i>	
4	WILDE'S LEGACY (IRE) (230)	110-5 11-4 71.7kg	★ 100
	Jamie Snowden Poet's Word gelding from very good Flat family who picked up strikingly well to win his first 2 starts in bumpers last winter. Found the Champion Bumper too competitive last time but still a useful prospect for novice hurdling.	<i>Gavin Sheehan</i>	
5	CHAMPAGNE POWDER (FR) (34)	55 4 11-3 71.2kg	h 75
	James Moffatt Fairly useful 1m winner on all-weather for Oliver Cole. Didn't get home when fifth of 9 on 17f Cartmel hurdle debut but managed to see things out better despite having refused to settle when filling same spot at Perth last month. Hood on for first time.	<i>Leah Noreci (71lb/3kg)</i>	
6	MAC'S MAX (163)	26-5 4 11-3 71.2kg	72
	Ben Haslam Flat-bred gelding who exceeded expectations when second in a speed-favouring bumper here on debut, but went the wrong way in 2 subsequent outings in that sphere and flat out refused to race tried on the Flat latest. Hard to fancy on hurdling bow.	<i>Richie McLernon</i>	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-11 Wilde's Legacy, 2-1 My Mate Aj, 12-1 Champagne Powder, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WILDE'S LEGACY and My Mate Aj stand out based on their bumper exploits. The former reached a higher level in that sphere and is selected to get his hurdling career off to a winning start.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WILDE'S LEGACY 2. MY MATE AJ 3. CHAMPAGNE POWDER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Cueros 5-11-4	5-2	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	9
2024	Sayva 4-11-3	evsf	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	Richie McLernon	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.26

RACE 2

MINI GOLF AT HIGH GOSFORTH PARK NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 3m (4830 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	WANNABE (IRE) (13) 6/5672-U 6 12-0 76.2kg	v	96
	Tom Lacey Lightly-raced sort who ended last season with a second in 2½m course handicap chase and likely would have filled the same position but for unseating at the last on his 3m Ffos Las reappearance 13 days ago. Has a visor added now.	<i>Stan Sheppard</i>	
2	ROYAL TIME (IRE) (9) 37U-43531 7 11-10 74.4kg	★	100
	Christian Williams Mixed record in Ireland for Shane Crawley but struck at fourth time of asking for Christian Williams in 21f Sedgfield handicap (good) 9 days ago. That was a conditional jockeys event so he escapes a penalty. Obvious chance.	<i>Mr J. J. Murphy-Knight (71lb/3kg)</i>	
3	THEREYARE (IRE) (220) 8781- 5 11-9 73.9kg	h+t	96
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Made a winning handicap hurdle at Bangor (23f, good) when last seen in March. A point background provides hope that he'll take to fences. Stable has been a bit quiet so far this autumn but did have a winner last week.	<i>Charlie Maggs</i>	
4	WEARELONGTERM (IRE) (71lb/3kg ex) (3) 635-P7U31 9 11-7 73.0kg	s	98
	Dianne Sayer Belatedly got off the mark when making all in 23.5f Kelso handicap chase on Saturday but his task was made significantly easier by 2 departures at the second last. Doesn't have the profile of one likely to defy a penalty.	<i>Ryan Mania</i>	
5	JET LIGHT (FR) (197) 777P/8- 7 11-2 70.8kg		60
	James Moffatt Runner-up on second of 3 starts in Irish points but went with very little promise over hurdles. Similarly unpromising start to his chase career after a year off at Hexham in April.	<i>Leah Noreci (71lb/3kg)</i>	
6	LUMINARIES (IRE) (14) (C, D) 99-077211 9 11-1 70.3kg	b+t	99
	Ewan Whillans Rejuvenated in blinkers of late, winning over hurdles at Kelso (21f) and Southwell (3m) this month. Looks well enough treated to complete a hat-trick back over fences.	<i>Sean Quinlan</i>	
7	JOIE MORE (IRE) (197) 9/P43P56P- 8 10-8 67.1kg		94
	Jackie Stephen Plugged on to fill the frame twice over fences to end 2025 but he's still a maiden and ended last season out of form. First outing for 6 months.	<i>Craig Nichol</i>	
8	THE KINGS SOLDIER (IRE) (51) 74-633555 5 10-2 64.4kg		85
	Peter Winks Maiden hurdler who hasn't cut much ice in his 3 outings over fences. Has left Tracey Leeson since finishing a remote fifth at Fontwell in September. Probably best watched.	<i>Ben Poste</i>	

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Royal Time, 4-1 Luminaries, 4-1 Wannabe, 9-1 Thereyare, 10-1 Wearelongterm, 16-1 Joie More, 25-1 The Kings Soldier, 33-1 Jet Light

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The thriving LUMINARIES is taken to complete an October hat-trick now back over fences. Unpenalised Sedgfield scorer Royal Time is the obvious danger ahead of Wannabe, who looked booked for second when departing late on at Ffos Las a couple of weeks ago.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LUMINARIES 2. ROYAL TIME 3. WANNABE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Sir Carnegie** 5-11-10 9-4f Mickey Bowen Shane Fenelon (5) 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

HIGH GOSFORTH PARK GOLF CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m190y (3390 Metres)



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Pace Information: Even

1	NOBOTHERATALL (IRE) (11) (D)	95
	79-124798 6 12-0 76.2kg Tristan Davidson Fair bumper winner who also landed a 2m novice hurdle at Kelso in the spring. Not disgraced under a penalty but has cut little ice all 3 starts in handicap company and has plenty to prove at present.	Harry Reed
2	ALIDAM (FR) (142)	h+t 100
	2/03P039-0 5 11-8 73.5kg Jennie Candlish Fair maiden hurdler in France in 2024/25. Limited impact for Sophie Leech but has joined a yard with a good record with new recruits and is worth chancing from a reduced mark back from a further 4 months off.	William Shanahan (5lb/2kg)
3	BODYGROOVE (43)	s 93
	61U5/P69-0 6 11-2 70.8kg Micky Hammond & Becky Smith Fair Flat winner who made a successful handicap hurdle debut at Wetherby in spring of 2025. Little to shout about in either code since, though made slightly more impact from his basement mark back on the level at Pontefract recently.	Brian Hughes
4	THESOLDIERSMINIT (IRE) (20)	98
	78U735-4 5 11-1 70.3kg Sam Allwood Much improved when third on handicap bow at Market Rasen back in February. Let down by his jumping when fifth of 7 at Huntingdon (2m, soft) the following month but got back on track when fourth at Worcester (2m) recently, despite again showing a tendency to jump left.	Brendan Powell
5	NATIONAL QUESTION (IRE) (136) (CD)	s 96
	1251516-5 6 11-0 69.9kg Adam Nicol Resumed his progress when successful at Carlisle (17f) in March, finishing ahead of 4 next-time-out winners. Below par on both outings since, though.	Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)
6	MS CINDY KATE (IRE) (171)	97
	5844-P 5 10-13 69.4kg Nicky Richards In good hands and showed more than first time up over hurdles when fourth of 9 in a 17f Carlisle novice in March. Offered little switched to a handicap at Hexham in May but it remains early days.	Danny McMenamin
7	PLANE SAILING (IRE) (34)	t 86
	8/PP-7 6 10-13 69.4kg Daragh Bourke Backed into 11/4 but folded quickly on Hexham bumper debut in April 2025 and has shown little in 3 starts over hurdles subsequently. Into handicaps now and needs major improvement from a stiff-looking mark.	Callum Bewley
8	PARAGON (IRE) (140)	s 97
	474-644 4 10-13 69.4kg Susan Corbett Modest maiden on the Flat (stays 1¼m) who seemingly had every chance when fourth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Southwell (2m, good) on final outing for Pam Sly in June, just put in his place by more progressive rivals. Since acquired by new yard for £7,000.	Nathan Moscrop
9	CAWTHORNE CRACKER (IRE) (28) (D)	s+t 97
	3-5356212 7 10-12 68.9kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Recorded a first success since landing this corresponding event in 2024 in 8-runner handicap at Kelso (2¼m, good) in September, edging ahead late on. Beaten only narrowly in his follow-up bid from a 4 lb higher mark at Sedgefield and should go well again.	Charlie Maggs
10	BOUBOULE (7)	b+t 94
	355P-7655 4 10-4 65.3kg Gillian Boanas Maiden who showed he hasn't lost all his ability back down in trip when fifth of 10 in 2m handicap at Hexham last week. Remains to be seen if he's able to build on that.	Sean Quinlan

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ZEEZEE (IRE) (299)
8/0552258- 7 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)
Eloise Quayle
Positive start for Adam Nicol switched to handicaps last autumn, runner-up at Perth and Sedgefield. Below that level final 2 outings and now drops back markedly in trip on first outing for new yard after 9 months off.

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Bruce Lynn

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Cawthorne Cracker, 6-1 Thesoldiersminit, 9-1 Alidam, 10-1 National Question, 12-1 Paragon, 12-1 Bouboule, 14-1 Ms Cindy Kate, 14-1 Bodygroove, 16-1 Zeezee, 25-1 Nobotheratall, 33-1 Plane Sailing

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ALIDAM made little impact for Sophie Leech but has dropped to a very handy mark on his French form and is worth chancing setting out for a new yard in a refitted hood. Cawthorne Cracker seems sure to give another good account, while it remains early days for Ms Cindy Kate.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ALIDAM 2. CAWTHORNE CRACKER 3. MS CINDY KATE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	National Question	5-10-2	10-1	Adam Nicol	Charlie Maggs (5)	11
2024	Balranald	8-10-4	9-1	Alison Hamilton	Jamie Hamilton	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE BORDER MINSTREL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ £11,700 3m (4830 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	DUNKERQUE (DEN) (35) (C, BF) 1-1112123 6 11-10 74.4kg	s		100
	Jennie Candlish		Sean Quinlan	
Has thrived over fences this summer, scoring 4 times in small-field contests at up to 23f. Last 2 defeats shouldn't necessarily be taken to suggest that the handicapper has got him.				
2	KENT DE THAIX (FR) (193) (D) 051P516- 6 11-0 69.9kg	t		85
	Sam England		Jonathan England	
Dual hurdle winner at up to 3m last season. Respectable sixth of 15 in 3m Ayr handicap at the Scottish Grand National meeting on final start. Has had a breathing operation ahead of reappearance (also tongue tied first time). Point background suggests he'll take to fences.				
3	SILVER HILL (IRE) (223) 14/51221- 6 10-13 69.4kg			99
	Jamie Snowden		Gavin Sheehan	
Bumper winner who was successful twice in novice hurdles at around 2½m last season. Shapes as if this step up to 3m is sure to suit (often came off bridle early over hurdles) and very interesting now switching to fences for his handicap debut.				
4	SLEEDAGH (IRE) (33) 2/222339-5 6 10-6 66.2kg			85
	Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore		Derek Fox	
Went the wrong way over hurdles and hard to draw obvious encouragement from his first attempt over fences at Perth last month, finishing last of 5. Return to 3m should suit at least.				
5	ROCHEVAL (FR) (193) 2F/6P644P- 6 10-5 65.8kg			83
	Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore		Patrick Wadge	
Won his first 3 starts (bumper and 2 hurdles) but 0-9 since, including pulling up in handicap hurdle at Ayr when last seen in April. Switches to fences for the first time on his return.				

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Dunkerque, 13-8 Silver Hill, 9-1 Kent De Thaix, 10-1 Sleadagh, 16-1 Rocheval

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SILVER HILL appeals as one who can make up into a useful stayer for his good stable and is taken to deny Dunkerque a fifth win of an excellent first half of the season.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SILVER HILL 2. DUNKERQUE 3. KENT DE THAIX

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

DOGS WELCOME AT THE BORDER MINSTREL PUB HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £7,700 2m190y (3390 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	NORTH OF RICHMOND (IRE) (242) (D)		100
	12/134P- 6 12-0 76.2kg		
	Alex Hales	Kielan Woods	
	£75,000 buy who was runner-up sole outing in points and went one better in a Bangor bumper in October 2024. Made a winning start over hurdles at Fakenham and not disgraced at Leicester and Newbury prior to shaping as if amiss on handicap debut at Doncaster when last seen. Worth another chance.		
2	MAX OF STARS (FR) (9) (D)		97
	13U-442P4 6 11-12 75.3kg		
	Ollie Pears	Jamie Hamilton	
	Enthusiastic front runner who was successful 3 times over hurdles in 2025. Quickly returned to form when fourth of 9 in 17f handicap at Sedgefield (17f, good) 9 days ago, though had the run of the race. Left on same mark.		
3	JENTOBELLO (23) (D)	b	98
	13223-421 6 11-10 74.4kg		
	Iain Jardine	Brian Hughes	
	Won both outings in bumpers and made the most of a good opportunity fitted with first-time blinkers when off the mark over hurdles in 3-runner novice at Kelso (21f) 23 days ago. Should remain competitive now making a belated switch to handicap company.		
4	PYRAMID PLACE (IRE) (121) (D)	h+t	76
	8/6058P-6P 9 11-6 72.6kg		
	Tristan Davidson	Harry Reed	
	Headstrong sort who hasn't fired in 3 starts for current yard, including on the Flat. Has work to do returning from a break (had breathing operation during absence).		
5	ROARIN' SUCCESS (10)	t	99
	24-511323 6 11-3 71.2kg		
	Donald McCain	Danny McMenamin	
	Fairly useful Flat performer. Well backed when completing a double at Stratford in July, overcoming mistakes. Solid efforts in defeat all 3 outings subsequently and looks sure to go well again.		
6	HUNTERS SPRING (34) (C, D)		95
	32/443U-P3 5 11-1 70.3kg		
	Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore	Patrick Wadge	
	Bumper winner who gave her all after 4 months off when third of 10 in 2m novice hurdle (28/1) at Perth (good to soft) 34 days ago. Needs more back in handicap company, though.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Jentobello, 4-1 Roarin' Success, 5-1 Max of Stars, 6-1 North of Richmond, 13-2 Hunters Spring, 10-1 Pyramid Place

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NORTH OF RICHMOND ran too badly to be true on his handicap debut at Doncaster when last seen in February and is well worth another chance having beaten Codetalker, who's now rated 124, on his hurdling debut at Fakenham around this time last year. Jentobello and Roarin' Success head the dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NORTH OF RICHMOND 2. JENTOBELLO 3. ROARIN' SUCCESS

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

attheraces.com/marketmovers **HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 2½m19y (4040 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	MY FRIEND SEAN (IRE) (73) 46636-525 7 12-0 76.2kg  Tom Lacey <i>Stan Sheppard</i> Reached a fairly useful level with 5 victories over hurdles. Yet to match that form over fences, though one of better efforts in this sphere when second of 5 at Uttoxeter (2½m) in July. Easy to excuse latest run back down in trip at Market Rasen (17f). This test more suitable.	s+t	97
2	LOULOU MADRIK (FR) (17) 8423452-7 5 11-13 75.7kg  Mark Walford <i>Danny McMenamin</i>  Matched his fair hurdle form when runner-up on chase debut at Carlisle (3m, good) in April but produced a rather laboured effort when seventh of 9 at Hexham in this headgear combination 6 months later. Jamie Hamilton, who rides the majority of the yard's runners, is on stablemate Empty Nest.	s+t	97
3	BALKING (FR) (197) 0592/84- 8 11-9 73.9kg  Dianne Sayer <i>Conor O'Farrell</i> Much improved when runner-up on handicap hurdle at Wetherby in January 2025. Not seen again until last spring, showing he retains his ability when fourth at Hexham (2½m, good to soft) in April. Tackles fences for the first time on return.		98
4	HUMBLE JUMBLE (IRE) (186) 19/0373P- 6 11-8 73.5kg  Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore  <i>Patrick Wadge</i> Debut bumper winner. Placed twice in novice hurdles (including here) but made an inauspicious start to his handicap career when pulled up at Perth in April. Off 6 months ahead of this switch to fences (point winner and very much a chaser on looks).		98
5	EMPTY NEST (IRE) (199) (CD, BF) 6/7522653- 8 10-10 68.0kg  Mark Walford <i>Jamie Hamilton</i> C&D winner in March 2025 and also runner-up over C&D last winter. Claims if he's fully primed after 6 months off. The mount of Jamie Hamilton from the stable pair.	t	99
6	UPTOWN HARRY (IRE) (187) (C, D) 4621234P- 12 10-10 68.0kg  Jane Walton <i>Charlie Maggs</i> Veteran who snapped a losing run in good style over 3m here (good to soft) in January. Creditable in-frame efforts on next 3 outings but pulled up at Perth final start. Chance he'll need this after 6 months off.	v	98
7	RULE ME IN (IRE) (39) 435447-42 7 10-6 66.2kg  Christian Williams <i>Kielan Woods</i>  Fair hurdle winner. 0-8 over fences but he did take a step forward with cheekpieces added (retained) when 8 lengths second to a handicap blot at Newton Abbot (21f, good) last month. Good shout if in similar form.	s	100
8	AILL DUBH (IRE) (43) (C) P31-44153 9 10-2(9-9) 64.4kg (61.2kg)  Micky Hammond & Becky Smith <i>Joshua Thompson (51b/2kg)</i> Reacted well to a change of tactics when making all over 23f here in March and went in again at Cartmel (21f) in July. Creditable third of 5 at Sedgfield (3¼m, good) 43 days ago. Back down in trip with refitted blinkers replacing cheekpieces. 7 lb out of handicap.	b	91

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Rule Me In, **5-1** My Friend Sean, **6-1** Empty Nest, **10-1** Uptown Harry, **11-1** Aill Dubh, **11-1** Balking, **12-1** Loulou Madrik, **14-1** Humble Jumble

TIMEFORM VIEW:

In a contest where few arrive with compelling claims RULE ME IN is taken to build on his latest Newton Abbot second to a well-treated rival. Fellow long-distance traveller My Friend Sean is feared most ahead of the returning Empty Nest, who boasts decent C&D form.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RULE ME IN 2. MY FRIEND SEAN 3. EMPTY NEST

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Moodofthemoment** 8-11-3 5-1 David Thompson Ellis Collier (5) 5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

BREEDERS' CUP ON SKY SPORTS RACING OPEN MAIDEN
NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 2m190y
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Pace Information: **Even**

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ABSENCE OF EGO (IRE)
5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Derek Fox**
Sea Moon gelding purchased for £58,000 after finishing runner-up on his sole outing in Irish points in May. Yard going well and one to note in the betting ahead of Rules debut.
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KOA BEAU (IRE) (156)
3 5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Ewan Whillans **Craig Nichol**
Hinted at temperament amidst ability starting out in a hood when third of 6 in 2m bumper at Kelso (good) in May. Wouldn't be sure to build on that opening effort, though.
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MYSTIC MARIE
5 11-4 | 71.7kg
John Norton **Conor Rabbitt (31b/1kg)**
Outstrip gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners on Flat, including 7f/7.5f winner Lyndari. Dam maiden on Flat (stayed 7f). Yard 0-56 in bumpers and not sure to possess the required stamina for this game on breeding.
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REGAL THUNDER (IRE) (199)
3- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Philip Kirby **Miss Natasha Cookson (71b/3kg)**
€45,000 Walk In The Park gelding. Finished third on both completed starts in Irish points and offered a bit to work on switched to a bumper when a remote third in a C&D event on Rules debut in April. Probably more one for the longer term.
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ALWAYS PROUD (220)
7- 4 11-3 | 71.2kg
Don Cantillon **Jack Quinlan**
£19,000 Jack Hobbs gelding. Dam, 1½m winner, closely related to 13f bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler Jam Session. Showed ability when seventh of 20 in valuable bumper at Newbury (2m) on debut in March, his effort just petering out late on. Obvious player with sights now lowered.
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BACHELOR'S LAD (IRE) (228)
2- 4 11-3 | 71.2kg
Philip Kirby **Joe Williamson**
Maxios gelding. Half-brother to very smart hurdler Jason The Militant and useful hurdler/chaser Will Carver. Offered something to work on when second of 6 in bumper at Doncaster (17f) on debut in March, not knocked about. Entitled to do better.
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CAYENNE
4 11-3 | 71.2kg
Nicky Richards **Danny McMenamin**
52,000 gns 3-y-o, Ghaiyyath gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including fair hurdler Maple. Dam 10.5f winner on Flat in France. Newcomer of obvious interest for stable with superb record in this sphere.
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MON MISSEL (FR) (22) (BF)
3 4 11-3 | 71.2kg
Jamie Snowden **Gavin Sheehan**
€16,000 3-y-o, Goliath du Berlais gelding. Runner-up completed start in Irish points and didn't shape badly considering the emphasis on speed seemed against him when third of 8 in 2m Stratford bumper on recent debut. This more galloping track ought to suit him better and he's a leading contender.
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RIP IT UP (224)
4- 4 11-3 | 71.2kg
John Dawson **Brian Hughes**
Frontiersman gelding who was backed at long odds and showed plenty to work on when fourth of 9 in 2m bumper at Wetherby on debut in March, the penny starting to drop late on. Entitled to improve on that opening effort for yard which had a big winner at Cheltenham on Friday.

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CAYENNE appeals on paper and is taken to provide his excellent yard with a winner from its first bumper runner of the season. Always Proud showed ability in a notably valuable event at Newbury on his debut in March and should be up to making even more of an impact in these calmer waters, while Mon Missel ought to be suited by this more galloping track and must enter calculations, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CAYENNE 2. ALWAYS PROUD 3. MON MISSEL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Monte A Bord	4-11-3	6-4f	Michael & David Easterby	Tom Midgley (3)	6
2024	Masterpiece	4-11-3	3-1	Rebecca Menzies	Nathan Moscrop	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Mon Missel, 9-2 Cayenne, 11-2 Always Proud, 8-1 Absence of Ego, 10-1 Rip It Up, 11-1 Batchelor's Lad, 14-1 Koa Beau, 33-1 Regal Thunder, 66-1 bar