

(R1) 12:10 SEDGEFIELD, 2m 3f 65y

Merry Christmas From Paxtons Mares' Handicap Chase (Class 4) (4YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT

| No | Silk | Form | Horse Details | Age/Wt | Jockey/Trainer | OR |
|----|---|--------------|---|------------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1 |  | 265152 | MIDNIGHT WALK (IRE) 43 C b m Oscar - Lady Belvedere | 7 11 - 12t | W T Kennedy D McCain Jnr | 106 |
| 2 |  | 2128-44 | LOCHNELL (IRE) 23 br m Winged Love - Nothing For Ever | 8 11 - 8 | Henry Brooke I A Duncan | 102 |
| 3 |  | F/22PFP - | SPRING OVER (IRE) 226 ch m Samraan - Superswap | 11 10 - 3t | D R Fox I A Duncan | 83 |
| 4 |  | 6P- 7PP4 | SULTANA BELLE (IRE) 48 C BF b m Black Sam Bellamy - Sultana | 9 10 - 2 | D E Mullins Ronan McNally | 82 |
| 5 |  | 443-5P5 | NELLY LA RUE (IRE) 10 b m Flemensfirth - Desperately Hoping | 10 10 - 0p | Mr Alex Chadwick (7) V Thompson | 80 |

Long Handicap: Nelly La Rue 8 - 12

ATR VERDICT: MIDNIGHT WALK wasn't far away when second at Southwell last time and most importantly the handicapper has only raised her 1lb for that effort which gives her a fantastic chance of going one better. Lochnell is a consistent alternative and looks the pick of Scottish handler Ian Duncan's pair, while Irish raider Sultana Belle could have more to come on just her second start for her Ronan McNally.

Top Tip: MIDNIGHT WALK (1)









Watch out for: LOCHNELL (2)

AT THE RACES

(R2) 12:40 SEDGEFIELD, 2m 178y

Sis Dylan Meale Memorial Novices' Handicap Hurdle (Class 5) (3YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT

| No | Silk | Form | Horse Details | Age/Wt | Jockey/Trainer | OR |
|----|---|----------|--|-------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1 |  | 365324- | CHARMANT (FR) 252 b g Balko - Ravissante | 5 12 - 0h | Steven Fox (5) J P L Ewart | 102 |
| 2 |  | 7F63-36 | HIT AND RUN (IRE) 35 b g Getaway - Arrive In Style | 5 11 - 12 | W T Kennedy D McCain Jnr | 100 |
| 3 |  | 43PP/04 | MONSIEUR MURPHY (IRE) 16 b g Presenting - Mistress Cara | 7 11 - 9 | N P Madden N P Mulholland | 97 |
| 4 |  | F15-698 | INDIAN REEL (IRE) 22 br g Indian River - Ceilidh Dancer | 7 11 - 6 | A P Cawley F O'Brien | 94 |
| 5 |  | 428487 | ARDVIEW BOY (IRE) 98 b g Tamayaz - Cill Uird | 8 11 - 4 | D E Mullins Ronan McNally | 92 |
| 6 |  | 44-90 | ROCKLIFFE 28 b g Notnowcato - Hope Island | 4 10 - 12 | Henry Brooke Micky Hammond | 86 |
| 7 |  | 45/0073- | KITTY POWER (IRE) 272 b m Presenting - Hannigan's Lodger | 8 10 - 11ht | B Hughes R A Curran | 85 |
| 8 |  | 447-632 | TEESCOMPONENTS MAX 15 b g Grape Tree Road - Our Tees Component | 8 10 - 5 | Miss E Todd (7) Miss G Bonas | 79 |

ATR VERDICT: TEESCOMPONENTS MAX has knocked on the door the last twice over hurdles and has the chance to get off the mark here from an inviting mark for local handler Gillian Bonas. Charmant has been running better than the bare results suggest and he could provide the main opposition, while Hit And Run, Monsieur Murphy and Indian Reel are respected representing leading stables.

Top Tip: TEESCOMPONENTS MAX (8)

Watch out for: CHARMANT (1)

AT THE RACES

(R3) 13:15 SEDGEFIELD, 2m 178y

Newcastle Flooring Maiden Hurdle (Qualifier) (Class 4) (4YO plus)

TRIFECTA

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| No | Silk | Form | Horse Details | Age/Wt | Jockey/Trainer | OR |
|----|---|----------|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1 |  | 7-7 | ADHERENCE 10 b g Sir Percy - Straight Laced | 4 10 - 12p | Colm McCormack (3) Kenneth Slack | - |
| 2 |  | 9 | ALMUNTHER (IRE) 14 b g Invincible Spirit - Adaala | 4 10 - 12t | Finian O'Toole (5) Micky Hammond | - |
| 3 |  | 2P3/18-4 | BARACALU (FR) 28 gr g Califet - Myragentry | 6 10 - 12 | B Hughes P A Kirby | - |
| 4 |  | 3376-F | BLOTTOS (IRE) 33 b g Westerner - Autumn Beauty | 5 10 - 12 | Danny Cook Mrs S J Smith | - |
| 5 |  | | DESERT RULER b g Kheleyf - Desert Royalty | 4 10 - 12 | Henry Brooke Jedd O'Keeffe | - |
| 6 |  | | DREAM FREE b g Oasis Dream - Freedonia | 4 10 - 12tp | Jamie Hamilton (3) Mr M T Walford | - |
| 7 |  | 6 | DUTCH ARTIST (IRE) 14 ch g Dutch Art - Baltic Princess | 5 10 - 12 | C R King A D Brown | - |
| 8 |  | 286-55 | HELLO FELLAS (IRE) 21 BF b g Gold Well - Archdale Ambush | 5 10 - 12h1 | C O'Farrell N G Richards | - |
| 9 |  | 523 | INNISCATTLE LAD 21 BF b g Kyllachy - Glencal | 5 10 - 12 | W T Kennedy D McCain Jnr | - |
| 10 |  | 40-6 | MOTLEY CREW 193 b g Mount Nelson - Greensand | 4 10 - 12 | Harry Bannister M W Easterby | - |
| 11 |  | 57-95 | RED OCHRE 10 b g Virtual - Red Hibiscus | 4 10 - 12 | Callum Bewley (3) C Grant | - |
| 12 |  | 10/P | KILCULLEN LADY (IRE) 21 b m Scorpion - Glittering Star | 7 10 - 5 | Tony Kelly H P Hogarth | - |

ATR VERDICT: Nicky Richards' Hello Fellas disappointed at Newcastle last time when sent off favourite. He was too keen in the early stages that day and a hood is now reached for which could help him travel better into the race. However, preference is for INNISCATTLE LAD, who was two places ahead in third that day, following up a respectable performance behind Ravenhill Road, and he looks to have plenty of ability. Desert Ruler has some smart Flat form and is another to consider on his hurdles bow.

Top Tip: INNISCATTLE LAD (9)









Watch out for: HELLO FELLAS (8)

AT THE RACES

(R4) 13:45 SEDGEFIELD, 3m 2f 59y

Brian Ellison Racing Club Novices' Handicap Chase (Qualifier) (Class 4) (4YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT QUADPOT

| No | Silk | Form | Horse Details | Age/Wt | Jockey/Trainer | OR |
|----|---|----------|--|-------------|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1 |  | 1/FP5P-P | THE HORSECHESNUT (IRE) 12 ch g Definite Article - Ballinahowliss | 9 11 - 12tp | Sean Quinlan J Candlish | 105 |
| 2 |  | 451116- | ASK PADDY (IRE) 262 C BF ch g Ask - Dalzenia | 5 11 - 10 | Callum Bewley (3) Sam Drake | 103 |
| 3 |  | 1/4632-3 | PINCH OF GINGER (IRE) 209 ch g Golden Lariat - Espiritu Santo | 6 11 - 8 | W T Kennedy D McCain Jnr | 101 |
| 4 |  | 33/359-6 | WOOD PIGEON (IRE) 39 BF b g Presenting - Come In Moscow | 8 11 - 7p | Ian Popham Olly Murphy | 100 |
| 5 |  | 3P553-U | DICK DARSIE (IRE) 50 br g Darsi - Hurricane Jane | 7 11 - 1 | Danny Cook Mrs S J Smith | 94 |
| 6 |  | 49-5924 | KINGS ECLIPSE (IRE) 21 b g Double Eclipse - Good Times Ahead | 7 10 - 8 | B Hughes A Wilson | 87 |
| 7 |  | 84VP22 | SMILING JESSICA (IRE) 6 ch m Golden Tornado - Charlie's Mary | 7 10 - 4b1 | Tony Kelly Rebecca Menzies | 83 |
| 8 |  | 3P-22P6 | INCHCOLM (IRE) 20 br g Presenting - Rose Of Inchiquin | 7 10 - 4 | A P Cawley Micky Hammond | 83 |

ATR VERDICT: Local handler Rebecca Menzies can give her punters something to shout about here courtesy of SMILING JESSICA, who has knocked on the door the last twice and remains on a winnable mark here. Dick Darsie was still travelling well in a race which has worked out well when unseating his rider last time and has to be considered for Sue Smith, while Ask Paddy was a dual winner here last season and could be capable of more success at the Durham venue.

Top Tip: SMILING JESSICA (7)
Watch out for: DICK DARSIE (5)

AT THE RACES

(R5) 14:20 SEDGEFIELD, 2m 178y

Happy Birthday Vanya Handicap Hurdle (Class 4) (3YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT QUADPOT

| No | Silk | Form | Horse Details | Age/Wt | Jockey/Trainer | OR |
|----|---|----------|---|------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1 |  | 621-P86 | VISERION 25 D ch g Tamayuz - Frivolity | 5 11 - 12 | W T Kennedy D McCain Jnr | 118 |
| 2 |  | 13-622 | CAPE OF GLORY (IRE) 27 BF br g Cape Cross - Stairway To Glory | 4 11 - 11v | B Hughes K Dalglish | 117 |
| 3 |  | P33/51-P | MCVICAR 9 D b g Tobougg - Aries | 8 11 - 5p | Finian O'Toole (5) J Davies | 111 |
| 4 |  | 11FP-48 | DARK AND DANGEROUS (IRE) 41 CD b g Cacique - Gilah | 9 10 - 13b | Miss A Waugh (7) S Waugh | 105 |
| 5 |  | 1182-5U | DISCOVERIE 25 CD b g Runyon - Sri | 9 10 - 13h | Colm McCormack (3) Kenneth Slack | 105 |
| 6 |  | 30-6642 | MAC CENNETIG (IRE) 43 b g Brian Boru - Buslane | 5 10 - 12 | Henry Brooke Micky Hammond | 104 |
| 7 |  | 5F75-70 | EMMA BEAG (IRE) 25 b m Westerner - Emma Jane | 6 10 - 10h | J Kington (3) Julia Brooke | 102 |

ATR VERDICT: VISERION has been steadily dropping down the weights and shaped with some promise when sixth last time at Carlisle. Donald McCain's string seem to be an improved bunch, on the whole, this season and this looks a more than winnable race. Cape Of Glory has been in good form of late without winning and is respected once again, while Mac Cennetig makes some appeal on stable debut for Micky Hammond.

Top Tip: VISERION (1)

Watch out for: CAPE OF GLORY (2)

AT THE RACES

(R6) 14:55 SEDGEFIELD, 2m 3f 188y

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TRIFECTA PLACEPOT QUADPOT

| No | Silk | Form | Horse Details | Age/Wt | Jockey/Trainer | OR |
|----|---|--------|---|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1 |  | 63242 | CAPTIVA ISLAND (IRE) 20 b g Scorpion - Sapphire Eile | 4 10 - 12 | Mr John J O'Neill Olly Murphy | 118 |
| 2 |  | 3-32 | CONTENTED (IRE) 22 BF gr g Dalakhani - Leo's Spirit | 4 10 - 12 | Sean Houlihan P J Hobbs | 119 |
| 3 |  | P7407- | DRAGONFLI 347 b g Revoque - Chiddingfold Chick | 5 10 - 12 | A Anderson (3) Lucinda Egerton | - |
| 4 |  | 5-F | HAIGHALL (IRE) 33 b g Scorpion - Longwhitejemmy | 5 10 - 12 | Ross Turner C Grant | - |
| 5 |  | 21U874 | STAY IN TOUCH (IRE) 20 b g Touch Of Land - Supreme Dancer | 6 10 - 12 | Mr T Gillard (3) D McCain Jnr | 112 |
| 6 |  | 3-37 | MILLROSE BELL (IRE) 21 b m Flemensfirth - Laboc | 5 10 - 5 | Mr Alex Chadwick (5) V Thompson | - |

ATR VERDICT: CAPTIVA ISLAND improved from his hurdles debut when runner-up to Du Soleil at Uttoxeter last month and looks likely to improve for the step up to 2m4f for the first time. Contented was a beaten favourite at Taunton last time when second to Shoal Bay and looks a key player along with Haighall, who caught the eye when falling two out at Carlisle behind Count Meribel when relatively unfancied.










Top Tip: CAPTIVA ISLAND (1)

Watch out for: CONTENTED (2)

(R7) 15:25 SEDGEFIELD, 2m 178y

Auction House North East Standard Open NH Flat Race (Class 6) (4YO to 6YO)

TRIFECTA

| No | Silk | Form | Horse Details | Age/Wt | Jockey/Trainer | OR |
|----|---|------|--|-----------------|--|----|
| 1 |  | 7-1 | THEATRE LEGEND 44 CD b g Midnight Legend - Theatre Belle | 4 11 - 9 | B Hughes C Grant | - |
| 2 |  | | C'EST DEJA CA (FR) ch g Dano-mast - Ou Es Tu | 5 11 - 2 | Mr W Easterby (7) T D Easterby | - |
| 3 |  | 4 | DANCING DOUG (IRE) 32 br g Kalanisi - Drumcay Polly | 4 11 - 2 | Harrison Beswick (7) Sam Thomas | - |
| 4 |  | 4 | DUNKEREEN (IRE) 39 BF b g Scorpion - Malabar Rose | 4 11 - 2h1t1 | Ian Popham Olly Murphy | - |
| 5 |  | | JESSE JUDE (IRE) ch g Doyen - La Belle Bleu | 4 11 - 2 | Henry Brooke S G West | - |
| 6 |  | | LUCKY LUCARNO b g Lucarno - Sari Rose | 5 11 - 2 | Danny Cook Mrs S J Smith | - |
| 7 |  | | MASTEEN (FR) b g Astarabad - Manson Teene | 5 11 - 2 | W T Kennedy T Coyle | - |
| 8 |  | | TAB HOGARTH (IRE) b g Westerner - Vintage Vic | 4 11 - 2 | Colm McCormack (3) Kenneth Slack | - |
| 9 |  | | YOUNOSO b g Alflora - Teenoo Nell | 6 11 - 2 | A Nicol Miss T Jackson | - |

ATR VERDICT: THEATRE LEGEND improved considerably from his debut when winning a bumper over C&D in October and, despite carrying a 7lb penalty, the son of Midnight Legend looks capable of further improvement. Dunkereen can take a step forward from his debut when fourth at Ayr and has a first-time hood and tongue tie to assist, while Lucky Lucarno and Tab Hogarth are two newcomers worthy of interest.

Top Tip: THEATRE LEGEND (1)

Watch out for: DUNKEREEN (4)

AT THE RACES