

(R1) 11:45 NEWCASTLE, 2m 46y

Alnorthumbria Veterinary Group Introductory Juvenile Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 2) (3YO only)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		2	CASTEL GANDOLFO (IRE) 24 BF gr g Dark Angel - Capulet Montequ	3 10 - 12	P J Brennan F O'Brien	-
2		5	I'M EASY 86 b g Archipenko - Eminencia	3 10 - 12	Sean Quinlan M W Easterby	-
3			MY MACHO MAN (IRE) ch g Camacho - Mypreciousblue	3 10 - 12	Ross Chapman M A Barnes	-
4			SIR CHARLES PUNCH b g Sir Percy - Russian Punch	3 10 - 12t	Jamie Hamilton T D Easterby	-
5			SON OF RED (IRE) b g French Navy - Tarziyma	3 10 - 12	D A Jacob A King	-
6		3	STATE CROWN (IRE) 16 ch g New Approach - Patroness	3 10 - 12	T J O'Brien Evan Williams	-
7			STATION TO STATION b g Cacique - Jubilant Queen	3 10 - 12h1	B S Hughes B Ellison	-
8		6	TEMPER TRAP 8 br g Slade Power - Sloane Square	3 10 - 12	Danny Cook T D Easterby	-

ATR VERDICT: Son Of Red arrives on the back of a 1m4f Flat success at Southwell and warrants respect on his NH debut, while Ludlow third State Crown and Sir Charles Punch, another switching from the level, also merit consideration. However, CASTEL GANDOLFO sets a decent standard on his three-parts of a length second at Musselburgh earlier in the month and he gets the vote to go one better.

Top Tip: CASTEL GANDOLFO (1)

Watch out for: SON OF RED (5)

(R2) 12:20 NEWCASTLE, 2m 4f 19y

D J Jeffreys Racing Handicap Chase (Class 4) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		2/322-F6	BOLLIN ACE 14 D b g Bollin Eric - Bollin Annabel	9 11 - 13p	Jamie Hamilton T D Easterby	121
2		2/364B3-	ASCOT DE BRUYERE (FR) 257 CD b g Kapgarde - Quid de neuville	10 11 - 12b	B S Hughes J P L Ewart	120
3		546/54-F	TRESHNISH (FR) 35 C ch g Gold Away - Didn't I Tell You	7 11 - 9	Sam Coltherd (3) Mrs S J Smith	117
4		3-67611	CEDAR HILL (IRE) 21 br g Frammassone - Dayamen	6 11 - 8	Ryan Mania A M Thomson	116
5		1P51-64	WELL SMITTEN (IRE) 12 D b g Gold Well - The Dark One	8 11 - 7p	Jonathan England Sam Drake	115
6		PP655-7	ACDC (IRE) 130 D b g King's Theatre - Always Alert	10 11 - 4t	Sean Quinlan C Grant	112
7		7/14P4-3	DO NOT DISTURB (IRE) 33 b g Mahler - Galbertstown Run	7 11 - 2	Craig Nichol Mrs R Dobbin	110
8		312P11-	OSCAR CEREMONY (IRE) 270 C b g Oscar - Native Singer	9 11 - 0t	Danny Cook B Ellison	108
9		644-91P	LAS TUNAS (FR) 21 b g Country Reel - Grey Winner	8 10 - 11t	D R Fox R Michael Smith	105

ATR VERDICT: CEDAR HILL has impressively notched a 2m1f Kelso double and, with this step back up in trip unlikely to pose any problems, he looks capable of defying a further 11lb hike in the ratings. Oscar Ceremony won twice for Stef Keniry earlier this year and Brian Ellison's inmate merits consideration on his stable/seasonal debut, while Do Not Disturb and Treshnish both have each-way claims.

Top Tip: CEDAR HILL (4)

Watch out for: OSCAR CEREMONY (8)

(R3) 12:55 NEWCASTLE, 2m 6f

Newcastle Flooring 'The French Furze' Novices' Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 2) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		181-144	GETAROUND (IRE) 18 BF gr g Getaway - Playing Around	5 11 - 6t	Bryan Carver Ella Pickard	135
2		1110-12	ASK A HONEY BEE (IRE) 25 BF b g Ask - Pure Honey	6 11 - 3	P J Brennan F O'Brien	127
3		21-6132	FRANKS FANCY (IRE) 21 b g Stowaway - Palesa Accord	5 11 - 3	Sean Quinlan C Grant	116
4		1/152-1	LE CHEVAL NOIR (IRE) 27 b g Le Fou - Bonny Lass	6 11 - 3	C O'Farrell Mrs R Dobbin	127
5		569-222	SMALL PRESENT (IRE) 23 b g Presenting - Serpentaria	5 10 - 12	Danny Cook Mrs S J Smith	117
6		2/411-2	TUPELO MISSISSIPPI (IRE) 27 C BF b g Yeats - Misleain	5 10 - 12	B S Hughes B Ellison	-

ATR VERDICT: The 135-rated GETAROUND might be able to give weight and a beating to these rivals. He possibly didn't quite get home when fourth over 2m7f on soft ground at Lingfield last time, but that was still a fair effort (third won easily last weekend) and similar aggressive tactics could pay off under these conditions. Ask A Honey Bee also likes to get on with it and he rates the biggest threat, while Tupelo Mississippi is weighted to reverse Carlisle form with Le Cheval Noir.

Top Tip: GETAROUND (1)

Watch out for: ASK A HONEY BEE (2)



(R4) 13:30 NEWCASTLE, 2m 7f 91y

nationwidevehiclecontracts.co.uk Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 3) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		35111/0	THE DEVILS DROP (IRE) 35 D b g Court Cave - Concernforkillen	7 11 - 8	D A Jacob A King	131
2		3251-21	THE FERRY MASTER (IRE) 21 D b g Elusive Pimpernel - Dinghy	7 11 - 5p	Ryan Mania A M Thomson	128
3		543UP-2	AYE AYE CHARLIE 38 D b g Midnight Legend - Trial Trip	8 11 - 4	P J Brennan F O'Brien	127
4		2/714-41	OSCAR ROBERTSON (IRE) 26 b g Oscar - Beaus Polly	6 11 - 1	Danny Cook T R George	124
5		43-U2F1	COURT DREAMING (IRE) 44 b g Court Cave - Louis's Teffia	7 11 - 0p	B S Hughes N G Richards	123
6		141F-55	BARON DE MIDLETON (IRE) 27 BF b g Brian Boru - Present Climate	7 11 - 0	Sean Quinlan B Ellison	123

ATR VERDICT: THE FERRY MASTER won with plenty in hand in a similar contest at Kelso three weeks ago and the unexposed seven-year-old merits the utmost respect once again today, despite a 9lb rise in the ratings. Oscar Robertson also arrives here on the back of a victory and he should go well once again, while Aye Aye Charlie and Court Dreaming complete the shortlist.

Top Tip: THE FERRY MASTER (2)

Watch out for: OSCAR ROBERTSON (4)



(R5) 14:05 NEWCASTLE, 2m 46y

Betfair Fighting Fifth Hurdle (Grade 1) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		31/113P	CORNERSTONE LAD 263 (25F) CD b g Delegator - Chapel Corner	6 11 - 7	Billy Garritty Micky Hammond	159
2		15/110P	NOT SO SLEEPY 263 (49F) D ch g Beat Hollow - Papillon de Bronze	8 11 - 7	P J Brennan H Morrison	142
3		61/112-1	RIBBLE VALLEY (IRE) 37 D b g Westerner - Miss Greinton	7 11 - 7t	B S Hughes N G Richards	147
4		6325-11	SCEAU ROYAL (FR) 21 D b g Doctor Dino - Sandside	8 11 - 7	D A Jacob A King	158
5		5/1326-1	SILVER STREAK (IRE) 41 D gr g Dark Angel - Happy Talk	7 11 - 7	T J O'Brien Evan Williams	158
6		45436-0	VOIX DU REVE (FR) 34 D br g Voix Du Nord - Pommabelle	8 11 - 7p1	C O'Farrell I Jardine	145
7		119/111-	EPATANTE (FR) 263 D b m No Risk At All - Kadjara	6 11 - 0	Aidan Coleman N J Henderson	162

ATR VERDICT: EPATANTE was highly progressive last season and she was an impressive winner of the Champion Hurdle when last seen in March. That was far from a vintage renewal of that contest but Nicky Henderson's mare is still the one they all have to beat this afternoon. Sceau Royal has appreciated the return to hurdles in recent months, albeit at a lower level, and it would be no surprise to see him in the mix once again. Last year's winner Cornerstone Lad should not be underestimated, while Silver Streak and Ribble Valley also merit places the shortlist.

Top Tip: EPATANTE (7)
Watch out for: SCEAU ROYAL (4)

(R6) 14:40 NEWCASTLE, 2m 46y

Watch Off The Fence On attheraces.com EBF 'National Hunt' Maiden Hurdle (Class 4) (4YO to 6YO)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		3-4	BOLLINGERANDKRUG (IRE) 35 b g Getaway - Out Performer	5 11 - 0	D R Fox Miss Lucinda V Russell	-
2		4U	EWOD PARK (IRE) 29 b g Shirocco - Windfolia	5 11 - 0	Aidan Coleman Olly Murphy	-
3		PF1/9	FEARLESS FRACAS (IRE) 35 b g Fracas - Mayo Mystique	6 11 - 0t	Danny Cook T R George	-
4		232/25	FOSTERED PHIL (IRE) 57 BF b g Arcadio - Knock Na Shee	6 11 - 0h	Rachel McDonald (5) J P L Ewart	-
5		24-	LARGY MOUTH 395 b g Court Cave - Leblon	5 11 - 0	Sean Quinlan B Ellison	-
6		506	MYBURG (IRE) 12 br g Sageburg - Prairie Call	4 11 - 0	Ryan Mania Mrs S J Smith	-
7		27	PLATINUMCARD (IRE) 21 b g Golden Lariat - Flemensfirth Lady	5 11 - 0h1	Craig Nichol K Dalgleish	-
8		31/31-23	PRESENTANDCOUNTING (IRE) 36 D b g Presenting - Count On Me	6 11 - 0	B S Hughes D McCain Jnr	122
9		3/8	SHANBALLY ROSE (IRE) 15 b m Court Cave - Amy's Song	6 10 - 7	C O'Farrell Mrs R Dobbin	-
10		P	SUPER SUNDIAL 22 gr m Proclamation - Garden Feature	5 10 - 7	Jamie Hamilton J B Walton	-

ATR VERDICT: Presentandcounting was a winner of a 'jumpers' bumper' here in February and arguably sets the standard on what he has shown so far over hurdles, but will need to settle much better here and his free-going nature makes him vulnerable. Therefore, a chance is taken on EWOOD PARK, who was keeping on well at Wetherby on his hurdles debut and looked set for a place on the podium behind the talented Third Time Lucki before unseating his rider at the last. The long home straight here can bring his stamina into play and he could hunt down the aforementioned Presentandcounting late on. Fostered Phil completes the shortlist following wind surgery, with the form of his early exposure to hurdles at Hexham encouraging.

Top Tip: EWOOD PARK (2)
Watch out for: PRESENTANDCOUNTING (8)

(R7) 15:15 NEWCASTLE, 2m 7f 91y

Betfair Exchange Rehearsal Handicap Chase (Listed) (GBB Race) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		54421-8	DEFINITELY RED (IRE) 28 D ch g Definite Article - The Red Wench	11 11 - 12p	Danny Cook B Ellison	158
2		211PP-1	PYM (IRE) 20 b g Stowaway - Liss Rua	7 11 - 8	D A Jacob N J Henderson	154
3		3/1180-5	BRAVE EAGLE (IRE) 49 D b g Yeats - Sinful Pleasure	8 11 - 7b1	P J Brennan N J Henderson	153
4		1/5165-P	TAKINGRISKS (IRE) 28 CD b g Golden Tornado - Downtown Rosie	11 11 - 1p	Sean Quinlan N G Richards	147
5		34344-2	WHATMORE 28 BF b g Schiaparelli - Polymiss	8 10 - 10	T J O'Brien H D Daly	142
6		1P4FP-P	YORKHILL (IRE) 34 D ch g Presenting - Lightning Breeze	10 10 - 10t1	Ryan Mania A M Thomson	142
7		52-1213	THE BUTCHER SAID (IRE) 13 b g Robin Des Champs - Georgina Valleya	7 10 - 7ht	Aidan Coleman Olly Murphy	139
8		F/451P-8	CHARMANT (FR) 29 b g Balko - Ravissante	8 10 - 5	B S Hughes J P L Ewart	137
9		537-213	COOL MIX 21 C BF gr g Fair Mix - Lucylou	8 10 - 0h	C O'Farrell I Jardine	132
10		PP0-354	SHANTOU VILLAGE (IRE) 50 D BF b g Shantou - Village Queen	10 10 - 0vt	Harry Reed (3) N P Mulholland	132

Long Handicap: Shantou Village 9 - 11

ATR VERDICT: Pym's victory over Imperial Aura last December now looks an incredibly smart piece of form and he left a pair of disappointments in hot contests in the past when making a winning return in a Listed chase at Sandown last month. He had If The Cap Fits comfortably held on that occasion and could have a big say here. However, it may be worth taking a chance on THE BUTCHER SAID, who would arguably have finished a lot closer to the impressive The Big Breakaway at Cheltenham earlier this month if not for stumbling at the second-last fence. His jumping isn't for the faint hearted at times, but a mark of 139 appears there for the taking and the form of his novice chase appearances this season looks rock solid. Takingrisks is 4lb higher than when landing this last season and has to be respected following wind surgery, while Whatmore remains unexposed over fences and can't be left off the shortlist.

Top Tip: THE BUTCHER SAID (7)

Watch out for: PYM (2)