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**R1 DONCASTER**

3335m

12:40 | (GMT11:40) | GBP £7,700 | 3 JHDLE MDN C4

CHRISTMAS LIVE @ DONCASTER JUVENILE...

Hurdle **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #7

**BELFRINA (5)** makes hurdles debut after only two runs on the flat in Ireland. The second of which was a 1.25L success tackling 2000m. Now runs for a new trainer who has a good recent placed record. Leading contender. **MELON (2)** is also first up over jumps and a last time out winner on the level scoring by 1.75L contesting a 2800m Haydock handicap. Main danger for new stable. **MARINER (1)** has already gained some experience in this sphere with a 16L fourth at Musselburgh previously. A possible top three hope. **MIX DE GRIS (3)** ran into a talented debutant at Wetherby finishing 13L runner-up. Claims.

**1 MARINER**

71.5kg



577x4 Jockey: SEAN QUINLAN  
Trainer: J CANDLISH ★  
Owner: Mrs Ros Marriott  
Career: 13 : 0-2-0 (15 days)

Was making his jumps debut last start when fresh from a spell. Could only manage fourth on that occasion, beaten 16 lengths, in a hurdle (3120m) at Musselburgh. Prior to that run the three-year-old had moved to the Jennie Candlish stable.

**2 MELON**

71.5kg



46x1x Jockey: HENRY BROOKE ★  
Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH GUERRIERO  
Owner: Rockerfellers  
Career: 4 : 1-0-0 (76 days)

Back from a spell having won only run of last campaign over 2800m at Haydock Park. Has an excellent fresh up winning record and among the better hopes.

**3 MIX DE GRIS**

71.5kg



40x02 Jockey: JACK POWER ★  
Trainer: L RUSSELL  
Owner: Lamont Racing  
Career: 6 : 0-1-0 (16 days)

Finished second but no match for the winner last time out in a hurdle (3200m) at Wetherby. Definite threat.

**4 SAVIOUR**

71.5kg



669x6 Jockey: C NICHOL  
Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH GUERRIERO  
Owner: Ms Aisling Byrne  
Career: 7 : 0-0-2 (15 days)

Was disappointing first up last start in a hurdle (3120m) at Musselburgh on November 28. Better than latest but prefer to see again.

**5 BELFRINA**

68.5kg



8x1x Jockey: N SCHOLFIELD  
Trainer: D PIPE  
Owner: Green Agri Land Ltd Racin  
Career: 2 : 1-0-0 (75 days)

Up-and-coming three-year-old back from a brief spell. Unplaced on debut then improved sharply at the latest appearance to score (2000m) at Curragh, getting home by 1.3 lengths. Can return in winning form.

**6 ICECAP**

68.5kg



8755x Jockey: MR A ANDERSON  
Trainer: M SOWERSBY  
Owner: M E Sowersby  
Career: 7 : 0-0-0 (116 days)

Making debut over the jumps and not raced since August 19 when finishing fifth over 1400m at Great Yarmouth. Has switched to the M E Sowersby yard since the last outing. Looks tested this line-up.

**7 POPPYS ON FIRE**

68.5kg



85 Jockey: N MOSCROP  
Trainer: REBECCA MENZIES  
Owner: Holmfirth Racing  
Career: 2 : 0-0-0 (28 days)

Yet to threaten in two starts to date, the latest a 29 length fifth in a bumper (3400m) at Newcastle All Weather. Might find this a bit tough.

**1 IMPERIAL MERLIN**

74.5kg



0x5x2 Jockey: C NICHOL  
Trainer: JOHN & SEAN QUINN  
Owner: Imperial Racing & John BI  
Career: 13 : 4-3-1 (28 days)

Hit the frame when fresh from a spell last start, finishing second in a steeplechase (4000m) at Newcastle. Generally goes well second up, with two wins from three runs. Looks tested without improvement.

**2 THE KNIPHAND**

73.5kg



25x12 Jockey: MR FINN LAMBERT +  
Trainer: N TWISTON-DAVIES  
Owner: D Owens  
C Career: 14 : 4-5-0 (36 days)

Was unable to repeat the first-up success when he finished second in a steeplechase (5100m) at Ludlow last time out. Chance on his best form.

**3 LILTING VERSE**

71.5kg



54x31 Jockey: CONNOR BRACE ★ +  
Trainer: F M O'BRIEN  
Owner: Baker, Burford, Haynes &  
Career: 12 : 3-1-3 (20 days)

Opened the campaign with a respectable third in a steeplechase (4300m) at Ffos Las then last start scored in a steeplechase (4700m) at Huntingdon 20 days ago. Set to continue the fine recent form.

**4 A DEFINITE GETAWAY**

69.0kg



12613 Jockey: G SHEEHAN ★  
Trainer: PETER & MICHAEL BOWEN  
Owner: Miss Jayne Brace  
Career: 17 : 2-6-2 (40 days)

Impressed when he scored two runs ago in a steeplechase (4850m) at Exeter. Did a good job to finish third more recently in a steeplechase (4730m) at Huntingdon, beaten just 3.5 lengths. Big task ahead.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
		1, 2, 3, 6	4, 5, 7

  

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	5	5	-	-	7	7	2
2nd	2	2	-	-	1	2	-
3rd	1	-	-	-	2	1	-

Favorite: BELFRINA  
Possible alternative: MELON  
The cover: MARINER

**R2 DONCASTER**

4822m

13:17 | (GMT12:17) | GBP £11,700 | 4U CHSE HCP C3

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Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #4

**LILTING VERSE (3)** improved second up over fences winning narrowly by a nose tackling 4700m at Huntingdon. Top pick. **THE KNIPHAND (2)** has been consistent on four chase starts with one victory and two seconds. Last seen finishing runner-up attempting 5100m at Ludlow despite some awkward jumping. First-time cheekpieces are applied to help. **IMPERIAL MERLIN (1)** was a narrow 1.75L loser of a match race at Newcastle on return to chasing. May appreciate the step back up in distance. **A DEFINITE GETAWAY (4)** is not discounted having won and placed on his previous two outings.

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	2	2	-	2	3	4	2
2nd	3	4	-	-	4	1	1
3rd	4	3	-	-	2	3	-

Favorite: LILTING VERSE  
Possible alternative: THE KNIPHAND  
The cover: IMPERIAL MERLIN

**R3 DONCASTER**

3902m

13:50 | (GMT12:50) | GBP £7,700 | 3U HDLE HCP C4

2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOVICES' HAN...

Hurdle **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #9

**CHARGING THUNDER (1)** landed a hat-trick of wins with a 30L success on second start over hurdles. Can keep the unbeaten run going for an in-form stable. Serious player. **COURT CIAN (4)** improved to score over hurdles for the first time by 3.5L at Uttoxeter tackling a similar trip. Expected to improve from that good performance. Main danger. **DIAMOND DEALER (3)** disappointed after his 26L maiden hurdle success by finishing a 22L fifth at Uttoxeter. The top two from that race have since won subsequently boosting the form. Possibilities if recreating his victory two starts back. **WINDSURFER (2)** steps up in trip after a 13L fourth at Chepstow. Claims

**1 CHARGING THUNDER**

76.0kg



43111 Jockey: HENRY BROOKE ★  
Trainer: J P OWEN ★  
Owner: Plan B  
Career: 38 : 9-6-5 (38 days)

Scored a dominant win last time out over 4000m in a hurdle at Sedgefield, getting home by 30 lengths. Hard to leave out on current form.

**2 WINDSURFER**

75.5kg



x3x14 Jockey: M J QUINLAN  
Trainer: B I CASE  
Owner: Lady Jane Grosvenor  
Career: 5 : 1-0-1 (21 days)

Did very little when he finished fourth in a hurdle (3200m) at Chepstow last time out, following on from a win when resuming in a hurdle (3200m) at Uttoxeter. In the mix if he can find the form from two runs back.

**3 DIAMOND DEALER**

73.0kg



x5x15 Jockey: TOM CANNON ★  
Trainer: B BROOKHOUSE  
Owner: K McKenna  
Career: 7 : 2-0-0 (42 days)

Safely held latest finishing fifth but beaten 22 lengths in a hurdle (4000m) at Uttoxeter. Expected to run well again if performs up latest effort.

**4 COURT CIAN**

71.5kg



0x541 Jockey: CHARLIE HAMMOND +  
Trainer: STUART EDMUNDS ★  
Owner: Edmunds Racing Club  
Career: 17 : 3-1-1 (27 days)

Was unplaced the start before last in a hurdle (4100m) at Southwell. Was far more impressive last time when he got the cash in a hurdle (4000m) at Uttoxeter. All set to continue the strong recent form.

**5 IKIGAI STAR**

70.5kg



5x213 Jockey: MISS ELIZABETH GALE  
Trainer: C LONGSDON  
Owner: The Ikigai Partnership  
Career: 13 : 2-1-3 (32 days)

Filled a minor placing last start in a hurdle (3200m) at Kempton Park. That came after success in a hurdle (3200m) at Southwell by a head. No surprise to see him in the mix.

**6 SAUCE OF LIFE**

70.0kg



x8x4x Jockey: D MCMENAMIN  
Trainer: N RICHARDS ★  
Owner: Mrs I C Sellars And Miss  
Career: 6 : 2-1-1 (79 days)

Nine-year-old gelding who is back from a break. Wound up last campaign with a fourth in a hurdle (4000m) at Perth. Prepared to risk this tougher company fresh.

**7 WILLIE SHAKE HANDS**

70.0kg



3x064 Jockey: M J ENGLAND  
Trainer: SAM ENGLAND  
Owner: Shake Hands Partnership  
BF Career: 5 : 0-0-1 (13 days)

Unplaced two starts back in a maiden hurdle (3430m) at Carlisle then produced a better result last time when he finished fourth in a maiden hurdle (3200m) at Newcastle, beaten 11 lengths. Hard to have on recent efforts.

**8 MODEL APPROACH**

68.0kg



31108 Jockey: MR JAMES ROBOTOM  
Trainer: ADRIAN KEATLEY  
Owner: J Fyffe  
Career: 10 : 2-1-1 (27 days)

Scored three starts back but has disappointing since, the latest effort a eighth in a 3300m at Cheltenham. Can bounce back and figure in the finish.

**9 STAR TURN**

67.0kg



8220x Jockey: G SHEEHAN ★  
Trainer: PETER & MICHAEL BOWEN  
Owner: T J Houlbrooke  
Career: 8 : 0-2-0 (320 days)

Resumes after a break of 11 months. Finished off last campaign with a 11th in a novice hurdle (3300m) at this track, beaten 44 lengths. Prepared to watch this time.

**1 DARGIANNINI**

76.0kg



x1x54 Jockey: PAUL O'BRIEN +  
Trainer: HARRY DERHAM ★  
Owner: Andrew Mitchell  
Career: 17 : 6-2-1 (32 days)

Two runs this prep have been moderate. Opened with an unplaced effort in a hurdle (4000m) at Uttoxeter then weighed-in fourth last time in a hurdle (4200m) at Kempton Park. Hard to beat in this suitable event.

**2 SANTOS BLUE**

75.0kg



2101x Jockey: MR B SUTTON +  
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★  
Owner: N Sutton  
D Career: 16 : 5-3-1 (272 days)

Returns from a 272-day spell. Finished off last prep with a win in a hurdle (4010m) at Uttoxeter, scoring by a neck. Reliable jumper with five wins to his name from 16 starts. Set to run well again while fresh.

**3 HOMME PUBLIC**

75.0kg



76x85 Jockey: HENRY BROOKE ★★  
Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH GUERRIERO  
Owner: The Nevers Racing Partner  
C Career: 25 : 7-5-2 (30 days)

Has had two runs since a break but is yet to find form, the latest effort a well beaten fifth in a hurdle (3900m) at Bangor-On-Dee. Fitter and worth including.

**4 PYRAMID PLACE**

75.0kg



17x41 Jockey: BEAU MORGAN  
Trainer: OLLY MURPHY ★  
Owner: The Pp Partnership  
D Career: 36 : 9-3-5 (32 days)

Finished fourth the start before last when resuming in a hurdle (4000m) at Uttoxeter. Was far more impressive last time when he got the cash in a hurdle (4200m) at Kempton Park. Will prove hard to beat on current form.

**5 RAFFERTY'S RETURN**

71.0kg



715x0 Jockey: ROSS CHAPMAN +  
Trainer: REBECCA MENZIES  
Owner: Exors Of The Late John Wa  
D Career: 21 : 5-2-1 (16 days)

Resumed after a 215- day spell most recently and fell in a hurdle (3950m) at Wetherby. Might find this a bit too tough.

**6 WAR SOLDIER**

68.0kg



190x3 Jockey: RYAN MANIA +  
Trainer: M A M THOMSON  
Owner: J Townson, M Roche, P Tho  
D BF Career: 13 : 4-0-2 (24 days)

Returned from a spell last time out with a third in a hurdle (3400m) at Carlisle. Generally goes well second up, with two wins from three runs. Fitter and is an each-way chance.

Pace of the Race							
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader				
			1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8				
Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	1	3			1	1	
2nd	8	1	-	-	7	4	-
3rd	5	4			4	6	

Favorite: CHARGING THUNDER  
Possible alternative: COURT CIAN  
The cover: DIAMOND DEALER

**R4 DONCASTER** 3902m  
14:25 | (GMT13:25) | GBP £19,350 | 3U HDLE HCPC3  
POLYPIPE BUILDING PRODUCTS HANDICAP...  
Hurdle **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #8

PYRAMID PLACE (4) returned to winning ways at Kempton with 4.5L success in a small field. Can find the double now with a useful claiming jockey on board. Leading contender. DARGIANNINI (1) was last of the four in that same Kempton contest. Finished 2023 with a win but has yet to find that form after an 11-month break. Possibilities. SANTOS BLUE (2) makes his reappearance after a nine-month layoff. Rounded out last season with a narrow victory at Uttoxeter. One to watch. WAR SOLDIER (6) made a good seasonal return with a 0.5L third at Carlisle. Expected to come on for that performance.

**7 CONISTON GEORGE**

323x2 Jockey: D MCMENAMIN +  
Trainer: N RICHARDS ★  
Owner: Accurite Racing  
BF Career: 10 : 3-3-2 (24 days)

66.5kg



Returned from a 222-day spell with a solid second in a hurdle (3400m) at Carlisle last start. Has the ability to test the top fancies.

**2 SAGEBURG COUNTY**

15x34 Jockey: PAUL O'BRIEN +  
Trainer: W J GREATREX ★  
Owner: Alan & Andrew Turner  
D Career: 18 : 4-3-3 (21 days)

75.5kg



Filled a minor prize two back in a steeplechase (3900m) at Chepstow then could only manage fourth last time in a steeplechase (4200m) at Ascot, beaten 13 lengths. Can do a lot better - winning prospects.

**8 ARQOOB**

80x97 Jockey: MISS A STEVENS ★  
Trainer: L WADHAM ★  
Owner: Little Staughton Farms Lt  
Career: 42 : 5-5-10 (33 days)

65.0kg



Unplaced two starts back when resuming in a hurdle (4000m) at Aintree then improved last time when he wound up in seventh in a hurdle (4000m) at Sandown Park, beaten 31 lengths. Looking to others.

**3 NORTHERN BOUND**

04x40 Jockey: C PRITCHARD ★  
Trainer: B PAULING  
Owner: Mrs Emma Kendall  
D Career: 41 : 9-4-4 (21 days)

72.5kg



Last start ran in a steeplechase (4800m) at Ascot but was eased out of it. Capable enough and comes into calculations.

**4 PEARLY ISLAND**

132x2 Jockey: TOM CANNON ★★  
Trainer: L WADHAM ★  
Owner: S C McIntyre  
Career: 22 : 3-4-5 (23 days)

72.0kg



Showed encouraging signs first up on November 20 when second in a steeplechase (4000m) at Warwick. Will pay to follow up.

**5 NICKELFORCE**

3x110 Jockey: HARRY BANNISTER +  
Trainer: B I CASE  
Owner: Lovell Massey Meads Smith  
D Career: 13 : 3-1-2 (12 days)

71.5kg



Well fancied last time in a steeplechase at Leicester over 4020m but lost the jockey. Given another chance here. Rates strongly and is among the better hopes.

**6 ENVIOUS EDITOR**

22533 Jockey: JAMES DAVIES  
Trainer: G D HANMER  
Owner: P A Clifton  
Career: 37 : 8-8-8 (24 days)

71.5kg



In the money two runs back in a steeplechase (3900m) at Stratford-On-Avon. Repeated the dose at the latest outing when third in a steeplechase (4000m) at Carlisle, beaten 7 lengths. Cannot be written off.

**7 YEALAND**

513x6 Jockey: SEAN QUINLAN +  
Trainer: J CANDLISH ★  
Owner: P And Mrs G A Clarke  
D BF Career: 9 : 2-2-1 (19 days)

71.0kg



Finished sixth when fresh from a spell last start in a hurdle (4010m) at Uttoxeter, with today's rider Sean Quinlan aboard. Looks tested in this line-up.

**8 SOMETIMES ALWAYS**

4x8x5 Jockey: C TODD +  
Trainer: I WILLIAMS  
Owner: S J Cox  
C BF Career: 11 : 3-1-0 (23 days)

71.0kg



Returned from a layoff last time out in a steeplechase (3200m) at Warwick, finishing fifth when partnered by today's rider Charlie Todd. Needs to find a bit more to feature.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	1, 3	6	2, 4, 5, 7, 8

  

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	2	5	5	8	3	1	5
2nd	5	7	7	1	7	4	8
3rd	4	6	3	-	8	2	1

Favorite: NICKELFORCE  
Possible alternative: PEARLY ISLAND  
The cover: SAGEBURG COUNTY

**R6 DONCASTER**

4905m

15:32 | (GMT14:32) | GBP £7,700 | 3UM HDLE HCP C4

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Hurdle **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #10

FAERIE CUTLASS (9) has improved on each result in her last three starts culminating in a 3.75L win at Ludlow. Can do the double with plenty in hand. Represents an in-form stable. Top pick. SQUIGGLES (7) is another who looks to land a victory soon. Has found the runner-up spot on his previous two runs including at Huntingdon when 1.25L second tackling 5000m. Main threat. MRS TABITHA (10) ran into a two time subsequent winner two starts back at Newcastle. Offered up a good second last time at Southwell. Major claims. LUTINEBELLA (1) comes into the race fresh after an 18L fourth at Exeter. Possibilities.

**1 LUTINEBELLA**

77.0kg

x4x34 Jockey: F O'BRIEN  
Trainer: F M O'BRIEN  
Owner: Blue Starr Racing Fob  
BF Career: 15 : 3-2-3 (52 days)



Has returned in fair form. Placed when resuming two starts back in a hurdle (4600m) at Worcester then was beaten 17 lengths into fourth in a hurdle (4600m) at Exeter two months ago. Strong each-way hope.

**2 PHILLAPA SUE**

76.0kg

18x07 Jockey: TOM CANNON ★  
Trainer: DAVID KILLAHENA & GRAEME MCPHERSON  
Owner: Adams, Graham & Mcpherson  
CD Career: 22 : 3-4-5 (28 days)



Both starts since resuming have been below her best, finishing seventh last time hurdle when beaten 26 lengths. Happy to be looking around her at this point.

**3 FOR GINA**

75.0kg

234x5 Jockey: MR JOSHUA PARKER  
Trainer: L WADHAM ★  
Owner: Louise Kemble And J J W W  
Career: 18 : 3-3-5 (22 days)



Resumed after a spell last start with a modest fifth in a hurdle (4200m) at Warwick. Boasts strong second-up stats. Has ability and strips fitter. Worth including.

**R5 DONCASTER**

4128m

14:57 | (GMT13:57) | GBP £8,900 | 4U CHSE HCP C4

GRACE AND DOTTY HANDICAP CHASE (GO...

Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #8

NICKELFORCE (5) was unlucky to not land the hat-trick after unseating mid-race at Leicester. Can regain the winning thread if there are no mistakes with his jumping. Top choice. PEARLY ISLAND (4) has not finished outside the top three for almost a year. Was just beaten 1L on reappearance to place second at Warwick. Likely to keep that consistency going. Dangerous. SAGEBURG COUNTY (2) steps markedly down in grade after a 14L fourth contesting a class two handicap chase at Ascot. Claims. ENVIOUS EDITOR (6) ran into a recent G1 winner two starts back which offers a major form boost. Warrants consideration.

**1 BOBHOPEORNOHOPE**

75.5kg

x0x84 Jockey: G SHEEHAN ★  
Trainer: K BAILEY ★  
Owner: J Perriss  
C Career: 21 : 5-1-4 (14 days)



Easily accounted for last start in a steeplechase (3800m) at this track finishing fourth and beaten 13 lengths. Liked to look of last run and can feature again.

**4 SAUNTON SURF**

74.5kg



5x8x2 Jockey: PAUL O'BRIEN  
Trainer: W J GREATREX ★  
Owner: Jim And Claire Limited  
Career: 7 : 2-2-0 (31 days)

Was very good when returning from a 230-day layoff most recently, beaten 4 lengths into second in a hurdle (4600m) at Lingfield. Improvement in store.

**5 MISTRAL BLUE**

74.0kg



6x73x Jockey: CONNOR BRACE ★★  
Trainer: F M O'BRIEN  
Owner: Make Mine A Double Partne  
C Career: 7 : 1-1-1 (200 days)

Six-year-old mare who is back from a break. Wound up last campaign with a third in a hurdle (5000m) at Huntingdon. Resuming in tougher. Rates a place hope only on run before a spell.

**6 MINNIEMUM**

74.0kg



513x7 Jockey: MISS A STEVENS ★  
Trainer: H DALY ★  
Owner: Strachanorbettssalweyinki  
BF Career: 16 : 1-2-4 (14 days)

Returned from a spell last start with a modest seventh in a hurdle (4900m) at this track. Will strip fitter but needs to go up a notch.

**7 SQUIGGLES**

74.0kg



x0x22 Jockey: ALEX CHADWICK ★  
Trainer: J P OWEN ★  
Owner: The Rogues Gallery  
Career: 4 : 1-2-0 (20 days)

Going well this prep. Placed first-up two starts ago in a maiden hurdle (4200m) at Ludlow then found the frame again last time in a maiden hurdle (5000m) at Huntingdon, beaten 1.3 lengths. Looks very hard to beat.

**8 BELLES BENEFIT**

72.5kg



02145 Jockey: HARRY BANNISTER +  
Trainer: B I CASE  
Owner: A H Harvey  
Career: 31 : 3-5-5 (20 days)

Safely held latest finishing fifth but beaten 12 lengths in a hurdle (4700m) at Ascot. Good last time but needs to take another step.

**9 FAERIE CUTLASS**

70.5kg



20321 Jockey: G SHEEHAN ★  
Trainer: K BAILEY ★  
Owner: Mrs E A Kellar  
Career: 15 : 2-3-3 (18 days)

Filled a minor prize two back in a hurdle (4800m) at Ludlow then improved nicely last time to salute by 4 lengths in a hurdle (4800m) at Ludlow. All set to continue the strong recent form.

**10 MRS TABITHA**

66.5kg



4x032 Jockey: HENRY BROOKE ★★  
Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH GUERRIERO  
Owner: The Preston Lodge Syndica  
BF Career: 10 : 2-2-1 (17 days)

Has tackled small fields at her last couple and racing genuinely, finishing in the minors. Last start ran second when well in the market in a hurdle (4860m) at Southwell. Key chance on best and expected to run well.

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	3	2	2	5	7	6	1
2nd	2	7	-	2	10	10	3
3rd	9	8	-	-	9	7	2

Favorite: FAERIE CUTLASS  
Possible alternative: SQUIGGLES  
The cover: MRS TABITHA

**R7 DONCASTER**

3335m

16:07 | (GMT15:07) | GBP £7,700 | 3U HDLE HCPC4

NEW YEARS EVE GALA BALL HANDICAP HU...

Hurdle **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #8

BATHGATE (5) was an impressive 13L winner over 3400m at Sedgefield. Now steps up in grade but can go close again. Serious player. GENTLEMAN BILL (2) did not land a hat-trick on seasonal reappearance and hurdle debut but followed up with a narrow victory at Bangor-on-Dee previously. Big threat. TWO AULD PALS (4) has been racing on the flat with a close neck second 32 days ago at Wolverhampton tackling 3300m. Could have a say. MARTY MCFLY (6) did not appreciate the step up in trip when second-to-last in the field. Claims back at his preferred distance.

**1 RUBY ISLAND**

77.0kg



27x7x Jockey: MR C RABBITT  
Trainer: N RICHARDS ★  
Owner: Buckingham & Ritzeama  
Career: 9 : 3-2-1 (279 days)

First up from a spell today for a new yard. Has claims.

**2 GENTLEMAN BILL**

76.5kg



x1x31 Jockey: HENRY BROOKE ★★  
Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH GUERRIERO  
Owner: Bill's A Gent Syndicate  
D BF Career: 5 : 3-0-1 (30 days)

Dual acceptor. Did a reasonable job when he finished third when resuming in a hurdle (3400m) at Carlisle two runs back. Improved sharply to score by a nose in a hurdle (3300m) at Bangor-On-Dee at the latest outing.

**3 SCOTS POET**

75.5kg



4040x Jockey: C NICHOL +  
Trainer: EWAN WHILLANS  
Owner: Distillery Racing Club  
D Career: 26 : 5-3-2 (118 days)

Not raced for four months. Closed off last preparation when tenth in a hurdle (3200m) at Perth, beaten 19 lengths. Solid top-three chance.

**4 TWO AULD PALS**

75.5kg



65362 Jockey: D FOX +  
Trainer: L RUSSELL  
Owner: James Mearns Long  
Career: 32 : 5-6-4 (32 days)

Has kept to flat racing at his last 20 starts. The most recent appearance was on the flat at Wolverhampton when he was second over 3320m. Well placed back over the jumps and expected to feature.

**5 BATHGATE**

71.0kg



x5241 Jockey: MR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON +  
Trainer: P KIRBY  
Owner: P Kirby  
D Career: 10 : 1-1-1 (17 days)

Missed the frame two back in a hurdle (3900m) at Ayr. Turned things around last time to score in a hurdle (3380m) at Sedgefield by 13 lengths. Only needs to jump well to be right in the finish.

**6 MARTY MCFLY**

70.5kg



x41x0 Jockey: RYAN MANIA +  
Trainer: M A M THOMSON  
Owner: Mrs Wilma Duffus  
Career: 10 : 1-1-1 (34 days)

Disappointed when resuming last start in a 4200m hurdle at Kelso, finishing tenth and beaten 52 lengths. Top chance, with upside.

**7 EBONY JADE**

68.5kg



0000x Jockey: M J ENGLAND  
Trainer: SAM ENGLAND  
Owner: Mrs Alexandra Matthews  
Career: 6 : 0-0-0 (253 days)

Last start was nine months ago when beaten 42 lengths hurdle. Kicks off for a new stable today. Hard to recommend in this line-up without some strong support.

**8 CALL HIM NOW**

66.5kg



96x7x Jockey: PETER JAY KAVANAGH  
Trainer: JOEL PARKINSON & SUE SMITH  
Owner: Mrs S Smith  
Career: 5 : 0-0-0 (623 days)

Returns after a break for a new stable. Needs to have made sharp improvement to feature.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	4		1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	3	2	2	-	2	2	2
2nd	2	3	3	-	5	5	3
3rd	4	6	5	-	7	7	4

Favorite: BATHGATE  
Possible alternative: GENTLEMAN BILL  
The cover: TWO AULD PALS

**R1 CHEL TENHAM** 3382m  
 13:10 | (GMT12:10) | GBP £15,000 | 46 HDLE HUNT C3  
 BRITISH EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES...  
 Hurdle **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #4

THAT'S NICE (4) looks a promising type following a 1.5L rules debut success in a 3800m mares novices hurdle three weeks ago at Warwick. Leading player. Irish runner WINGMEN (3) scored by 3L contesting a 4000m maiden hurdle last month at Navan. Main danger. COUNTRY MILE (1) made a winning start over hurdles in a 3200m Ayr novices hurdle preceding a good second tackling the 3200m G2 Newton Novices' Hurdle at Haydock. Possibilities. Last time Chepstow winner PALACIO (2) can fill fourth spot.

**1 COUNTRY MILE** 72.5kg  
 x1x12 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★★+  
 Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★  
 Owner: Stephen Bough  
 Career: 4 : 2-2-0 (20 days)  
 Saluted two starts back in a hurdle (3200m) at Ayr to add to his impressive record. Followed that with a reasonable second last time, beaten 3 lengths, in a G2 (3100m) at Haydock Park. Must be respected.

**2 PALACIO** 72.5kg  
 x5x1x Jockey: MR D JOHNSTON ★★+  
 Trainer: SAM THOMAS ★  
 Owner: Walters Plant Hire Ltd  
 Career: 3 : 1-0-0 (63 days)  
 Returns from a 63-day spell. Started just once when last in work and was successful in a hurdle (3200m) at Chepstow, scoring by 2.75 lengths. Will find this a real test first-up.

**3 WINGMEN** 72.5kg  
 3x1x1 Jockey: SAM EWING ★  
 Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★  
 Owner: Bective Stud  
 BF Career: 5 : 4-0-1 (27 days)  
 Returned from a 224-day spell last start with a strong win in a maiden hurdle (4000m) at Navan. Requires further improvement.

**4 THAT'S NICE** 69.5kg  
 1x1 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★★+  
 Trainer: N HENDERSON ★  
 Owner: John P Mcmanus  
 BF Career: 2 : 2-0-0 (22 days)  
 Appeared for just the second time, and was resuming after a spell of 290 days, when she scored in a hurdle (3800m) at Warwick by 1.5 lengths as favourite recently. Will be hard to beat with the confidence high.

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	1	4			4	1	2
2nd	3	3	-	-	1	4	4
3rd	2	1			3	2	3

Favorite: THAT'S NICE  
 Possible alternative: WINGMEN  
 The cover: COUNTRY MILE

**R2 CHEL TENHAM** 4139m  
 13:40 | (GMT12:40) | GBP £40,000 | 4 UCHSE C2  
 SSS SUPER ALLOYS NOVICES' CHASE (GB...  
 Chase **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #5

G1 Novice Hurdle winner CALDWELL POTTER (2) justified the strong market support on chase and stable debut when successful by 5L in a 3200m novices chase twelve days ago at Carlisle. Top selection. JANGO BAIE (5) was a fellow G1 hurdle champion last season. Produced a consistent hurdle record including a smart second tackling a 4000m Premier Handicap Hurdle during April at Aintree. Makes appeal on first chase attempt. SPRINGWELL BAY (1) won a 3800m Listed novices chase at Chepstow prior to a third here attempting a 4800m Listed novice chase last month. Claims. DEAFENING SILENCE (4) rates next best.

**1 SPRINGWELL BAY** 75.5kg  
 x0x13 Jockey: JONJO O'NEILL JR ★★+  
 Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL  
 Owner: Mrs Gay Smith  
 C Career: 13 : 6-2-2 (28 days)  
 Saluted two starts back in a LR (3900m) at Chepstow to add to his impressive record. Followed that with a reasonable third last time, beaten 4.5 lengths, in a LR (4900m) at this track. No surprise to see him in the mix.

**2 CALDWELL POTTER** 74.0kg  
 211x1 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★★+  
 Trainer: P NICHOLLS ★  
 Owner: Ferguson, Mason, Hales &  
 Career: 8 : 4-1-1 (12 days)  
 Resumed in ideal fashion with a win in a steeplechase (3210m) at Carlisle on December 1. Key chance here and further improved. Go close.

**3 BALLYMACKIE** 71.5kg  
 1x5x8 Jockey: R MCLERNON  
 Trainer: LAURA MORGAN  
 Owner: Ashley Brooks  
 Career: 6 : 2-1-0 (27 days)  
 Was returning from a layoff last start when beaten 40 lengths into eighth in a G2 (3200m) at this track. Needs to go up a level.

**4 DEAFENING SILENCE** 71.5kg  
 x11x3 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★★+  
 Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★  
 Owner: My Racing Manager Friends  
 Career: 4 : 2-0-2 (20 days)  
 Returned from a 370-day spell last start with a solid third in a steeplechase (4300m) at Haydock Park, with today's rider Hary Skelton steering. Nice chance with added fitness.

**5 JANGO BAIE** 71.5kg  
 1222x Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★★+  
 Trainer: N HENDERSON ★  
 Owner: Countrywide Park Homes Lt  
 BF Career: 6 : 2-4-0 (245 days)  
 Racing for the first time since he finished second in a hurdle (4000m) at Aintree on April 12. Reliable type with two jumps wins to his name. Definite winning chance.

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	2	2		1	5	4	2
2nd	5	5	-	-	4	5	3
3rd	1	1			2	2	4

Favorite: CALDWELL POTTER  
 Possible alternative: JANGO BAIE  
 The cover: SPRINGWELL BAY

**R3 CHEL TENHAM** 3382m  
 14:15 | (GMT13:15) | GBP £22,500 | 3 UHDL HCP C3  
 CATESBY ESTATES HANDICAP HURDLE  
 Hurdle **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #15

VALGRAND (1) bolted up at the Showcase meeting here when an impressive 17L winner of the 3200m G2 Sharp Novices Hurdle preceding a runner-up effort tackling the 4200m G2 Hyde Novices hurdle last month. Ticks plenty of boxes and looks a smart type. Top chance. WILLMOUNT (5) won his first three starts in 2023 including a 3200m Newbury novices hurdle. Drops sharply in grade after a year off. Rates highly. TO CHASE A DREAM (6) holds a consistent profile following a 6.5L success in a 3400m handicap hurdle recently at Carlisle. Every chance. The promising CAVERN CLUB (15) placed second in a course and distance novices handicap hurdle last month. Interesting.

**1 VALGRAND** 76.0kg  
 11x12 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★★+  
 Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★  
 Owner: Highclere Thoroughbred Ra  
 C Career: 7 : 3-3-0 (28 days)  
 In the money last start in the G2 Hyde Novices' Hurdle (4200m) at this track. That came after success in the G2 Sharp Novices' Hurdle (3300m) at this track by 17 lengths. Ideally placed.

**2 BO ZENITH** 74.5kg  
 3112x Jockey: JAMES BOWEN  
 Trainer: N HENDERSON ★  
 Owner: O S Harris  
 Career: 5 : 3-1-1 (610 days)  
 Not seen since finishing second in the G1 Anniversary 4YO Juvenile Hurdle hurdle (3410m) at Aintree back on April 13 2023. Has since switched stable. Makes strong appeal here fresh.

**3 JOYEUX MACHIN** 74.5kg  
 07x0x Jockey: MR HARRY ATKINS  
 Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★  
 Owner: Utb Racing  
 Career: 20 : 4-3-2 (83 days)  
 Returns from a break under the care of a new trainer. Looks up against it - prefer others.

**4 ANYHARMINASKING** 73.5kg  
 x5x34 Jockey: JONJO O'NEILL JR ★★+  
 Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL  
 Owner: Mrs Gay Smith  
 D Career: 15 : 2-4-2 (13 days)  
 Finished fourth and never threatened last start in a hurdle (4100m) at Newbury when beaten 22 lengths. Solid latest and rates one of the chances in this line-up.

**5 WILLMOUNT**

1x10x Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★★+  
 Trainer: N HENDERSON ★  
 Owner: O S Harris  
 D Career: 5 : 4-0-0 (349 days)



Resumes today following a spell of a year. Scored two back at Newbury before finishing the campaign with a 99th in the G1 Challow Novices Hurdle novice hurdle (4100m) at Newbury. The one to beat on best form.

**6 TO CHASE A DREAM**

21x11 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★  
 Trainer: PAUL COLLINS ★  
 Owner: Mrs D W Davenport  
 D Career: 12 : 4-4-0 (12 days)



Scored a dominant win last time out over 3400m in a hurdle at Carlisle, getting home by 6 lengths. This looks well within his grasp.

**7 MEDIA NARANJA**

56x43 Jockey: CARL MILLAR  
 Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★  
 Owner: Bective Stud  
 Career: 19 : 3-3-4 (12 days)



Missed the frame two runs ago when resuming in a LR (3300m) at Fairyhouse. Bounced back last time when she finished third in a LR (3300m) at Fairyhouse. Right in the mix.

**8 TINTINTIN**

13x54 Jockey: JONATHAN BURKE  
 Trainer: F M O'BRIEN  
 Owner: Caveat Emptor Partnership  
 CD Career: 12 : 4-3-1 (26 days)



Yet to hit the frame this campaign, last start finishing fourth in a hurdle at this track when beaten 7 lengths. Would need to find best to feature.

**9 SPIRITS BAY**

x115x Jockey: MR J NAILOR +  
 Trainer: N TWISTON-DAVIES  
 Owner: Mr & Mrs P Carter, J A B  
 D Career: 8 : 4-1-1 (265 days)



Returns from a break of nine months. Opened the last campaign with a win in a hurdle (3360m) at Exeter by 2.25 lengths to add to an already solid first-up record. This looks too tough.

**10 WRECKLESS ERIC**

11x01 Jockey: K WOODS +  
 Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL  
 Owner: The Megsons  
 C Career: 5 : 3-1-0 (28 days)



Fluctuating fortunes this prep. Took a tumble two runs back when resuming. Bounced back with a one length win in a hurdle (3300m) at this track last time. Sure to prove hard to beat.

**11 BALBOA**

42x25 Jockey: M G NOLAN  
 Trainer: S MULLINS  
 Owner: Mrs Kate Kenyon  
 Career: 17 : 1-5-2 (48 days)



Opened the campaign with a respectable second in a hurdle (3200m) at Chepstow then last start finished fifth in a hurdle (3300m) at this track two months ago. Might find this a bit too tough.

**12 MIRABAD**

2x213 Jockey: L SCOTT +  
 Trainer: DR R NEWLAND & J INSOLE  
 Owner: W Jones  
 Career: 15 : 4-6-1 (21 days)



Scored two starts back in a hurdle (3250m) at Hereford then wasn't beaten all that far over 3100m in a hurdle (3100m) at Ascot. Prefer others.

**13 MAGIC SEVEN**

x7513 Jockey: R MCLERNON  
 Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL  
 Owner: Christopher W T Johnston  
 Career: 12 : 4-0-1 (20 days)



Scored two starts back in a hurdle (3300m) at Exeter to add to his impressive record. Followed that with a reasonable third last time, beaten 6 lengths, in a hurdle (3200m) at Huntingdon. Prefer others.

**14 LIVELY CITIZEN**

146x0 Jockey: DAIRE MCCONVILLE  
 Trainer: D J JEFFREYS  
 Owner: Mark E Smith And Keith M  
 CD Career: 31 : 5-6-4 (20 days)



Resumed after a 230-day spell last start and was pulled up in a hurdle (3800m) at Haydock Park. Second-up record reads well, with two wins and two placings from six runs. Looks tested in this line-up.

**15 CAVERN CLUB**

61242 Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★★+  
 Trainer: J P OWEN ★  
 Owner: The Good Stock Syndicate  
 D Career: 21 : 4-4-4 (28 days)



Was unplaced two back in a hurdle (3200m) at Worcester. Found the frame last start in a much better performance in a hurdle (3300m) at this track, beaten one length. No surprise to see him back in winner's stall.

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	1	1	5	10	2	1	1
2nd	8	6	15	1	5	5	10
3rd	11	10	6	8	1	2	2

Favorite: VALGRAND  
 Possible alternative: WILLMOUNT  
 The cover: WRECKLESS ERIC

**R4 CHELTHENHAM**

5230m

14:50 | (GMT13:50) | GBP £100,000 | 4 UCHSE HCP C1

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3 COMING SOON HA...

Chase **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #8

Cheltenham Festival winner CHIANTI CLASSICO (1) found success on seasonal return by 3L over 4800m five weeks ago at Ascot. Leading player. KING TURGEON (5) bids for a hat-trick after a 3.25L victory in the 4200m Grand Sefton Handicap Chase a month ago tackling the national fences at Aintree. Big chance. BALLYGRIFINCOTTAGE (4) recorded a decent fourth in a 4800m handicap chase two outings back at Chepstow. Claims. THE NEWEST ONE (7) has been running well here in two attempts this campaign including a 5000m handicap chase success two runs ago. Not dismissed.

**1 CHIANTI CLASSICO**

214x1 Jockey: CIARAN GETTINGS  
 Trainer: K BAILEY ★  
 Owner: Sir Francis Brooke & R A  
 C BF Career: 13 : 8-2-0 (41 days)



Returned from a spell last start with a strong win in a steeplechase (4800m) at Ascot. Boasts strong second-up stats and looks perfectly placed to add to his record. Strips fitter and is again a top chance.

**2 CHAMBARD**

1088x Jockey: L TURNER +  
 Trainer: V WILLIAMS ★  
 Owner: David & Carol Shaw  
 CD Career: 37 : 9-11-2 (276 days)



Resumes after a break of 10 months. Finished off last campaign with a eighth in a steeplechase (5000m) at this track, beaten 42 lengths. Don't underestimate.

**3 OUR POWER**

0x70x Jockey: MR D JOHNSTON ★  
 Trainer: SAM THOMAS ★  
 Owner: Walters Plant Hire & Pott  
 Career: 31 : 8-2-4 (377 days)



Has not appeared since he did not finish the race in a steeplechase (5200m) at Newbury on December 2 2023. Looking elsewhere.

**4 BALLYGRIFINCOTTAGE**

73x40 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★★+  
 Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★  
 Owner: Friends From Insurance  
 Career: 14 : 2-1-3 (26 days)



Yet to strike a blow after two runs this time in work. Finished fourth, beaten 16 lengths, two runs ago when resuming in a steeplechase (4700m) at Chepstow. Fitter now and making headway every start.

**5 KING TURGEON**

20x11 Jockey: J TUDOR +  
 Trainer: D PIPE  
 Owner: Somerset Racing  
 D Career: 18 : 4-5-1 (34 days)



Winner of both starts this time in, scoring in a steeplechase (4200m) at Aintree last time by 3.5 lengths. Jumps in distance this time. Can make it three straight wins.

**6 JAVA POINT**

64.5kg

145x2 Jockey: JONATHAN BURKE +  
Trainer: HENRY OLIVER  
Owner: N T Griffith & H M Haddoc  
Career: 26 : 5-6-4 (27 days)



Returned from a 239-day spell with a solid second in a steeplechase (5000m) at this track last start. Has ability and strips fitter. Worth including.

**1 PAINT THE DREAM**

76.0kg

4133x Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★  
Trainer: D BRACE  
Owner: David Brace  
Career: 31 : 5-6-6 (650 days)



Returns from a 650-day spell. Generally goes well when fresh, with a win and three placings from six first-up runs. Kicked off last prep with a solid third in a steeplechase (3900m) at Chepstow. Prepared to just watch this time.

**7 SHAN BLUE**

72.0kg

033x4 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★★  
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★  
Owner: Colm Donlon  
Career: 22 : 4-5-4 (30 days)



Finished fourth when fresh from a spell last start in a steeplechase (4800m) at Bangor-On-Dee, with today's rider Harry Skelton piloting. Improvement in store.

**7 THE NEWEST ONE**

64.5kg

33x14 Jockey: S TWISTON-DAVIES ★★  
Trainer: N TWISTON-DAVIES  
Owner: S Such & Cg Paletta  
CD Career: 27 : 4-5-6 (27 days)



Scored in a steeplechase (5000m) at this track when resuming two starts ago then did a fair job last time, beaten 2.75 lengths into fourth in a steeplechase (5000m) at this track. Likely to make amends for the last-start miss.

**2 ELDORADO ALLEN**

76.0kg

x00x2 Jockey: M B J POWELL ★★  
Trainer: JOE TIZZARD ★  
Owner: J P Romans & Terry Warner  
C Career: 32 : 5-8-5 (22 days)



Was very good when returning from a 243-day layoff most recently, beaten 8 lengths into second in a steeplechase (4800m) at Warwick. Fitter and expected to go on with it.

**8 NUMITOR**

69.5kg

160x1 Jockey: JAMES BOWEN +  
Trainer: M H MAIN ★  
Owner: Paul G Jacobs And Wetumpk  
Career: 25 : 6-3-5 (47 days)



Very good off a break in a steeplechase (4040m) at Wincanton when resuming. Won previously second up and appears capable of building on that record here on the back of latest performance. Key chance in this line-up.

**8 IZINO D'AIRY**

64.5kg

1322 Jockey: A SEIGNEUL +  
Trainer: G FABRE  
Owner: Guillaume Fabre  
D Career: 28 : 2-2-7 (27 days)



In the money two runs ago in a steeplechase (4100m) at Compiègne. Repeated the dose more recently when second in a steeplechase (4400m) at Auteuil, beaten 2 lengths. Might find this a bit too tough.

**3 SHAKEM UP'ARRY**

75.5kg

1x10x Jockey: MR B R JONES ★★  
Trainer: B PAULING  
Owner: Harry Redknapp  
CD Career: 24 : 5-4-4 (245 days)



10-year-old gelding resuming. Like the distance and handy performer when racing first up. Looks a definite winning chance.

**9 COPPERHEAD**

67.5kg

1x112 Jockey: MR FREDERICK GINGELL ★★  
Trainer: JOE TIZZARD ★  
Owner: Mrs G C Pritchard  
BF Career: 36 : 8-3-4 (33 days)



Scored two starts back in a steeplechase (5010m) at Aintree then wasn't beaten all that far over 4800m in a steeplechase (4800m) at Sandown Park. Must be respected.

**4 DASHEL DRASHER**

75.5kg

487x3 Jockey: R DINGLE +  
Trainer: J SCOTT  
Owner: Mrs B Tully And R Lock  
CD Career: 34 : 12-6-7 (20 days)



Returned from a spell last time out with a minor placing in a G2 (4200m) at Ascot. Second-up record reads well, with three wins and two placings from seven attempts. Fitter and looks tough to beat.

**10 TORN AND FRAYED**

67.5kg

04x51 Jockey: S TWISTON-DAVIES ★★  
Trainer: N TWISTON-DAVIES  
Owner: Mrs Caroline Beresford-Wy  
CD Career: 26 : 4-7-2 (22 days)



Latest run was good when successful in a steeplechase (4800m) at Warwick. Shoulders 67.5kg here. Has won here at this trip in the past. Right in this on his latest effort.

**5 SEDDON**

74.5kg

0x119 Jockey: B W HARVEY +  
Trainer: J MCCONNELL  
Owner: Galaxy Horse Racing Syndi  
CD Career: 37 : 11-5-7 (61 days)



Has been kept to flat races recently. Could only manage ninth last start over 3200m at Naas after he got the job done at Listowel over 2800m the run before. Looks very hard to beat as he goes back over the obstacles.

**11 EDEN DU HOUX**

65.0kg

0x4x0 Jockey: J TUDOR  
Trainer: D PIPE  
Owner: Prof Caroline Tisdall  
Career: 26 : 5-3-2 (20 days)



Resumed after a 355-day spell last start and failed to complete the course in a steeplechase (3300m) at Haydock Park. Prefer to see again.

Pace of the Race							
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader				
		2, 4, 6	1, 3, 5, 7, 8				
Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	1	1	7	1	4	4	1
2nd	6	5	2	2	2	6	4
3rd	5	6	5	7	1	7	3

Favorite: CHIANTI CLASSICO  
Possible alternative: KING TURGEON  
The cover: BALLYGRIFINCOTTAGE

**R5 CHELTENHAM**

4139m

15:25 | (GMT+14:25) | GBP £40,000 | 10UCHSE HCPC2

UNIBET MIDDLE DISTANCE CHASE SERIES...

Chase **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #11

SHAKEM UP'ARRY (3) won the course and distance Plate Premier Handicap Chase at this years Festival before a down the field result attempt the national fences at Aintree. Enjoys this venue and can show best form. Leading chance. DASHEL DRASHER (4) was a smart staying hurdler. Not disgraced on chase return three weeks ago when third in the 4200m G2 1965 Chase at Ascot. Makes plenty of appeal. ELDORADO ALLEN (2) ran well in similar company last month when runner-up over 4800m at Warwick. Looks one to note. Stablemate COPPERHEAD (9) won easily two stars back tackling 5000m at Aintree. Can feature.

**6 RAFFLE TICKET**

74.0kg

1x01x Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★★  
Trainer: M ROWLEY  
Owner: Countess Cathcart  
D Career: 15 : 6-2-2 (210 days)



Returns from a 210-day spell. Finished off last prep with a win in a steeplechase (4000m) at Aintree, scoring by one length. Genuine jumper with six wins to his name from 15 appearances. Others are preferred.

Pace of the Race							
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader				
	7	6, 8, 10, 11	1, 3, 4, 5, 9				
Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	3	3	4	5	7	7	5
2nd	8	6	6	3	6	8	4
3rd	9	5	3	2	3	3	8

Favorite: SHAKEM UP'ARRY  
Possible alternative: SHAN BLUE  
The cover: ELDORADO ALLEN



**R6 CHEL TENHAM** 5884m

16:00 | (GMT+15:00) | GBP £40,000 | 5U CHSE HCP C2

GLENFARCLAS CRYSTAL CUP CROSS COUNTRY...

Chase **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #16

French runner ICEO MADRIK (16) bids for a hat-trick after a pair of impressive Compiegne victories including by 5L tackling the 5400m Listed Grand Steeple-Chase-Cross-Country De Compiegne a month ago. Leading contender. Irish challenger STUMPTOWN (4) won on the new course here on New Years Day. Confirmed his ability in this discipline after a Punchestown 4800m victory last month. Big chance. MISTER COFFEY (12) ran well over this track and trip last month when a good 6.5L second. Every chance. LATENIGHTPASS (8) won this race last year. Worth a second look.

**1 DELTA WORK**

x62x5 Jockey: M R JAMES ★  
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★  
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud  
C Career: 38 : 12-4-8 (41 days)  
Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]



Was returning from a layoff last start when beaten 22 lengths into fifth in the G1 Ladbrokes Champion Chase (4800m) at Down Royal. Second-up form sound with five wins and two placings from 11 runs. Strips fitter and pay to follow up.

**2 COKO BEACH**

x03x5 Jockey: CARL MILLAR  
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★  
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud  
Career: 36 : 7-5-4 (19 days)



Resumed after a spell last start with a modest fifth in a steeplechase (4800m) at Punchestown. Fitter and sure to improve sharply.

**3 FAKIR D'OUDAIRIES**

50x74 Jockey: RICHARD DEEGAN  
Trainer: J O'BRIEN  
Owner: John P Mcmanus  
C BF Career: 34 : 9-11-2 (36 days)



Followed up a poor run two starts back with a fourth in the G2 Clonmel Oil Chase (4200m) last start. One of the chances.

**4 STUMPTOWN**

301x1 Jockey: K M DONOGHUE +  
Trainer: G CROMWELL  
Owner: Furze Bush Syndicate  
C Career: 22 : 6-1-3 (19 days)



Returned from a 222-day spell last start with a win in a steeplechase (4800m) at Punchestown with today's rider Keith Donoghue aboard. Big chance to go two-for-two this prep.

**5 CHEMICAL ENERGY**

x5030 Jockey: SAM EWING ★  
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★  
Owner: Bective Stud  
C Career: 20 : 6-2-1 (26 days)



Did not complete the course in a G3 (4800m) at Navan last start following a third in a G3 (4800m) at Limerick the run prior. Won't find this easy.

**6 GEVREY**

70.0kg  
x00x0 Jockey: JAMES BOWEN  
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★  
Owner: Denis Gallagher Racing  
Career: 37 : 5-6-6 (26 days)



Unwanted last few and has run to expectations, beaten out of sight. Disappointing again last time and others rate better.

**7 VANILLIER**

70.0kg  
20x06 Jockey: JONATHAN BURKE  
Trainer: G CROMWELL  
Owner: Mrs H M Keaveney  
C Career: 24 : 3-5-5 (19 days)



Pulled up two starts back. Finished sixth last time, beaten 18 lengths, in a steeplechase (4800m) at Punchestown. Must be given another chance.

**8 LATENIGHTPASS**

69.5kg  
x50x0 Jockey: MISS G ANDREWS +  
Trainer: T ELLIS ★  
Owner: Mrs P A Ellis  
CD Career: 29 : 12-7-0 (34 days)



Returned from a spell last start with a modest tenth in a steeplechase (4200m) at Aintree. Second-up record reads well, with five wins and zero placings from eight runs. Has ability and strips fitter. Worth including.

**9 ARIZONA CARDINAL**

68.5kg  
111x0 Jockey: CIARAN GETHINGS +  
Trainer: STUART EDMUNDS ★  
Owner: Oakman Racing Club  
Career: 17 : 7-0-2 (62 days)



Went around in a steeplechase (4700m) at Chepstow most recently but failed to complete the course at his first run following a break. Must be given another chance.

**10 THE GOFFER**

68.5kg  
0x007 Jockey: D J GILLIGAN  
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★  
Owner: Allan Snow  
Career: 25 : 5-1-1 (26 days)



Not showing much of late, the latest effort a seventh in a G3 (4800m) at Navan. Struggling and looks tested again.

**11 BUSSELTON**

67.5kg  
71706 Jockey: R MCLERNON  
Trainer: J O'BRIEN  
Owner: Friendship Partnership  
Career: 33 : 7-7-3 (28 days)



Has been finishing at the tail of the field in most recent outings, the latest in a steeplechase (5900m) at this track. Hard to have on current form.

**12 MISTER COFFEY**

67.5kg  
263x2 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★ +  
Trainer: N HENDERSON ★  
Owner: Lady Bamford & Alice Bamf  
Career: 21 : 3-8-4 (28 days)



Resumed four weeks ago in a steeplechase (5900m) at this track when he found Sweet David way too good, beaten 6 lengths. Another big run is on the cards.

**13 ESCARIA TEN**

65.5kg  
0x0x0 Jockey: M J A BEST  
Trainer: M KEIGHLEY  
Owner: J B Property Investments  
Career: 20 : 3-4-2 (48 days)



Resumed in a steeplechase (5000m) at this track last start but failed to finish. Others rate better.

**14 STATUARIO**

64.5kg  
13954 Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★ +  
Trainer: PETER & MICHAEL BOWEN  
Owner: Mrs N Unsworth  
Career: 48 : 7-9-2 (28 days)



Finished fifth the start before last in a steeplechase (4800m) at Perth then finished fourth most recently in a steeplechase (5900m) at this track. Big task ahead.

**15 THREE BY TWO**

64.5kg  
016x2 Jockey: STWISTON-DAVIES ★  
Trainer: D MURPHY  
Owner: M Mcevoy  
Career: 22 : 2-2-4 (19 days)



Finished second and beaten 2.75 lengths fresh in a steeplechase (4800m) at Punchestown and tackles a longer journey this time. Gets some weight relief this time. This no easier and others preferred.

**16 ICEO MADRIK**

64.5kg  
2x011 Jockey: THOMAS JOURNIAC +  
Trainer: D COTTIN  
Owner: Prof Caroline Tisdall  
Career: 28 : 5-4-1 (32 days)



Made it two jumps wins on the bounce when he scored by 5 lengths in a LR cross-country (5400m) at Compiegne last start. Looks very hard to beat again.

**Pace of the Race**

BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	8, 10	1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15	2, 4, 12, 14, 16

**Race Selections**

	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	1	9	8	8	12	12	8
2nd	9	4	-	1	1	6	9
3rd	4	2	-	7	2	14	1

Favorite: ICEO MADRIK  
Possible alternative: STUMPTOWN  
The cover: MISTER COFFEY

**R7 CHEL TENHAM**

4821m

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CITIPOST HANDICAP HURDLE (GBB RACE...)

Hurdle **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #10

DOYEN QUEST (3) won at the April meeting here and has maintained a consistent spell of form following two strong efforts this season including a 5L success over 4800m at this track last month. Ticks all the boxes. GOWEL ROAD (1) recorded a smart runner-up effort that day. Enjoys this venue and journey. Main danger. MIGHT I (2) found success by 0.75L in a 4000m handicap hurdle last month at Bangor-on-Dee. Interesting. THANKSFORTHEHELP (9) was fourth behind the top pick at this course last month. Claims.

**1 GOWEL ROAD**

76.0kg

46x22 Jockey: S TWISTON-DAVIES ★★+  
 Trainer: N TWISTON-DAVIES  
 Owner: Options O Syndicate  
 C Career: 19 : 4-5-2 (27 days)



Far from disgraced second up from a break when second in a hurdle (4800m) at this track last start. Should be ready to fire now. Key chance on best form and looks poised to feature.

**8 HIGH GAME ROYAL**

64.5kg

35x22 Jockey: MR B R JONES ★★+  
 Trainer: P HOBBS & J WHITE ★  
 Owner: Mrs L R Lovell  
 BF Career: 13 : 1-5-5 (31 days)



Going well this prep. Placed first-up two starts ago in a hurdle (4600m) at Exeter then was a minor placegetter again last start in a hurdle (4600m) at Lingfield, beaten a nose. Prefer to see him do a bit more.

**2 MIGHT I**

73.5kg

066x1 Jockey: MR B CARVER +  
 Trainer: H FRY ★  
 Owner: Brian & Sandy Lambert  
 Career: 17 : 4-4-2 (30 days)



Made a winning return from a 215-day layoff last time out in a hurdle (3900m) at Bangor-On-Dee partnered by today's jockey Bryan Carver. Key runner who is expected to feature again.

**9 THANKSFORTHEHELP**

64.5kg

x0x64 Jockey: J TUDOR +  
 Trainer: D PIPE  
 Owner: John P Mcmanus  
 BF Career: 13 : 2-2-2 (27 days)



Dual acceptor. Unplaced two starts ago when resuming in a hurdle (4000m) at Uttoxeter then produced a better result last time when he wound up in fourth in a hurdle (4800m) at this track, beaten 7 lengths. In the mix.

**3 DOYEN QUEST**

71.5kg

11x21 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★★+  
 Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★  
 Owner: Exors Of The Late N W Lak  
 CD Career: 11 : 5-2-1 (27 days)



Did a reasonable job when he finished second when resuming in a hurdle (3900m) at Chepstow two runs back. Improved sharply to score a very soft win by 5 lengths in a hurdle (4800m) at this track more recently. Major player again.

**10 WONDERFUL EAGLE**

64.5kg

x1133 Jockey: M G NOLAN +  
 Trainer: P HOBBS & J WHITE ★  
 Owner: Damree Developments Ltd  
 BF Career: 23 : 8-1-3 (27 days)



Racing well since scoring three runs back. Placed two starts ago on the flat at Ascot then was a minor placegetter again last start in a hurdle (4200m) at this track, beaten 4 lengths. Will take some stopping.

**4 BHALOO**

71.5kg

x12x1 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★★+  
 Trainer: N HENDERSON ★  
 Owner: Dash Grange Stud  
 BF Career: 8 : 4-1-1 (41 days)



Made a winning return from a 215-day layoff last time out in a steeplechase (3800m) at Ascot partnered by today's jockey Nico De Boinville. Has the ability to test the top fancies.

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	3	4	3	3	4	3	10
2nd	6	3	6	6	3	4	2
3rd	10	6	-	1	7	6	3

Favorite: DOYEN QUEST  
 Possible alternative: GOWEL ROAD  
 The cover: MIGHT I

**5 AN TALLIUR**

70.5kg

8x256 Jockey: JONJO O'NEILL JR ★★+  
 Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL  
 Owner: P Hickey  
 Career: 21 : 7-4-1 (52 days)



Was unplaced two back in a steeplechase (4600m) at Worcester then again missed out in a steeplechase (4800m) at Exeter last time. Won't find this easy.

**6 ZAIN NIGHTS**

69.5kg

11x30 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★  
 Trainer: L WADHAM ★  
 Owner: J And J Mcandrew  
 CD Career: 26 : 7-4-4 (20 days)



Last start ran in a hurdle (4900m) at Haydock Park but was eased out of it. Capable enough and is in the mix.

**7 LONG DRAW**

65.0kg

x2222 Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★★+  
 Trainer: OLLY MURPHY ★  
 Owner: Alan Peterson  
 Career: 10 : 1-5-1 (27 days)



Filled a minor placing two runs back in a hurdle (4000m) at Aintree. Repeated the dose more recently when second in a hurdle (4200m) at this track, beaten 2.5 lengths. Cannot be written off.