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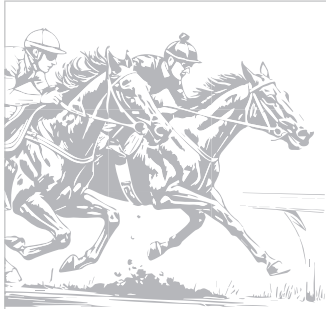
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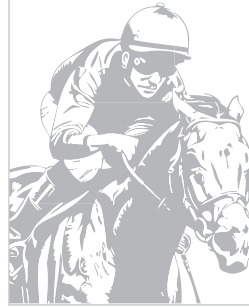
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RYANAIR MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (GRA...

Hurdle **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #22

Day three of the Festival begins with an open looking mares novices hurdle. BAMBINO FEVER (3) completed a G1 jumpers flat race double here and the Punchestown Festivals last year. Off the mark on the second hurdle attempt two months ago scoring by 12L a 3600m maiden hurdle at Fairyhouse. Top pick. OLDSCHOOL OUTLAW (15) bids for a four-timer after an impressive 9L victory in the 3700m G3 Solerina Mares Novice Hurdle at Fairyhouse. Likely player. CHARME DE FAUST (20) represents leading connections. Showed promise in France before a successful Irish debut in a 3200m Thurles maiden hurdle six weeks back. Makes appeal. KINGSTON QUEEN (12) posted a fourth win under rules in the G2 Jane Seymour Mares' Novices' Hurdle over 3800m at Warwick last month. Might feature. MILLE ET UNE VIES (22) looks interesting.

1 AL FONCE

2113x Jockey: MR J C GAINFORD 71.5kg
Trainer: N GEORGE & A ZETTERHOLM ★
Owner: M K Mariga
D Career: 4 : 2-1-1 (72 days)



Yet to finish outside the top-three in four career starts. An impressive 4.75L winner of a 3800m hurdle at Lyon-Parilly (France) before placing third in the 3300m Listed Mares' Novice Hurdle at Taunton. Needs more in this level.

2 AMEN KATE

3101x Jockey: JACK KENNEDY ★★ 71.5kg
Trainer: T COOPER
Owner: Ciaran John Mooney & John
Career: 8 : 3-0-1 (82 days)



Unseated behind Echoing Silence in the Listed Mares Novice Hurdle at Punchestown but bounced back in the 3200m Listed Boree Belle Mares Novice Hurdle at Thurles. Each-way claims.

3 BAMBINO FEVER

11x21 Jockey: PAUL TOWNEND ★★ 71.5kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: O'connell Morgan Syndicat
C Career: 7 : 6-1-0 (57 days)



Racing incredibly consistently with five wins in six career starts. Won the G1 Champion Bumper (jumpers flat race) at last year's Festival. Impressive 12L winner at Fairyhouse 57 days ago. Leading contender.

4 BLUE VELVET

73x21 Jockey: MR SF O'KEEFFE 71.5kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
BF Career: 6 : 2-1-1 (45 days)



Placed second on hurdle debut in a 3200m maiden hurdle at Punchestown before getting off the mark at the same venue over 3800m winning by 1.75L. May struggle in this higher grade.

5 CARRIGMOORNASPRUCE

x122x Jockey: JAMES BOWEN ★ 71.5kg
Trainer: D QUEALLY ★
Owner: Old Fools Partnership
Career: 9 : 4-4-1 (75 days)



Yet to finish outside the frame. Placed second on most recent appearance in the 3400m G1 Future Champion Novice Hurdle at Leopardstown. Definite top-three contender.

6 CHOSEN COMRADE

1x14x Jockey: SAM EWING + 71.5kg
Trainer: P FAHEY
Owner: Paul Leech
BF Career: 4 : 3-0-0 (91 days)



Failed to keep up an unbeaten run when fourth in a 3800m Listed Mares Novice Hurdle at Punchestown back in December. Interesting after a break but still could struggle.

7 DIAMOND DU BERLAIS

038x1 Jockey: P W MULLINS ★★ 71.5kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: P Davies
Career: 14 : 1-2-4 (36 days)



Got off the mark over hurdles for the first time since transferring from France in a 4300m Ludlow maiden hurdle scoring by 4.75L. May struggle in this higher grade.

8 ECHOING SILENCE

1x11x Jockey: DARRAGH O'KEEFFE 71.5kg
Trainer: H BROMHEAD
Owner: Kenneth Alexander
D BF Career: 5 : 4-0-0 (91 days)



Aims to remain unbeaten in two starts over hurdles. Last seen winning by 2.75L in the 3800m Listed Mares Novice Hurdle at Punchestown. Cannot be left out of the leading line.

9 FULL OF LIFE

1421x Jockey: M P O'CONNOR 71.5kg
Trainer: H BROMHEAD
Owner: Roger Kissane
D BF Career: 9 : 3-2-1 (132 days)



Switched back to hurdling after an unsuccessful chasing career. Won the G3 Feathard Lady Mares Novice Hurdle at Down Royal at the start of the season. Interesting following a break.

10 FUTURE PROSPECT

x36x1 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★ 71.5kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Mrs John Magnier & Bronsa
Career: 6 : 3-0-1 (62 days)



Only had the one appearance over hurdles but was an impressive winner scoring by 9.5L in a 3200m maiden hurdle at Naas after a sixth in the 3300m G3 Mares INH Flat Race prior. May struggle in this higher grade.

11 JACKIE HOBBS

9x141 Jockey: PAUL O'BRIEN + 71.5kg
Trainer: HARRY DERHAM ★
Owner: Noel Fehily Racing Syndic
BF Career: 7 : 5-0-0 (48 days)



Got back to winning ways on most recent appearance winning by 1L in a 3800m Warwick mares novice hurdle after finishing fourth in the 3800m Listed Abram Hurdle. May struggle in this higher grade.

12 KINGSTON QUEEN

3x131 Jockey: J TUDOR + 71.5kg
Trainer: D PIPE ★
Owner: The Kingstonsians
D Career: 9 : 5-1-3 (33 days)



Yet to finish outside the top-three in six career starts. Won the 3800m in the G2 Jane Seymour Novices' Hurdle at Warwick by 0.75L. First-time cheekpieces applied. One of the better chances.

13 LA CONQUIERE

2x112 Jockey: G SHEEHAN ★★ 71.5kg
Trainer: J SNOWDEN ★
Owner: Spurrier, Slemeck, Henriq
Career: 5 : 2-3-0 (54 days)



Yet to finish outside the top-two in five career starts. Was 0.5L second on most recent appearance in the 3100m G2 Warfield Mares' Hurdle at Ascot. One of the leading contenders.

14 LOUVE D'IRLANDE

1101x Jockey: C STONE-WALSH 71.5kg
Trainer: P NOLAN
Owner: Corn Partnership
D Career: 4 : 3-0-0 (159 days)



Has transferred stables over from France and makes UK debut. Didn't seem to offer much winning a Fontainebleau hurdle last October. Only one start over hurdles. This will not suit.

15 OLDSCHOOL OUTLAW

7x111 Jockey: MARK P WALSH ★★ 71.5kg
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Francis Mangan
Career: 7 : 3-2-1 (37 days)



Aiming to remain unbeaten over hurdles. Beat Bambino Fever by 0.5L on hurdles debut before a 9L win in the 3700m G3 Solerina Mares Novice Hurdle at Fairyhouse. Main danger.

16 PLACE DE LA NATION

5x112 Jockey: D J GILLIGAN 71.5kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Career: 6 : 2-2-1 (37 days)



An impressive 5.5L winner of a 3200m hurdle at Fairyhouse before placing second behind Oldschool Outlaw in the 3700m G3 Solerina Mares Novice Hurdle at Fairyhouse. Cannot be left out.

17 SCAVENGERS REIGN

20313 Jockey: STWISTON-DAVIES 71.5kg
Trainer: J P OWEN ★
Owner: Mrs C H N Chamberlain
Career: 8 : 1-1-5 (35 days)



Found a good 4.5L victory in a 3900m Wetherby handicap hurdle before placing third in a 3900m Doncaster handicap hurdle. Will need a miracle to win this.

18 STIRENE

71.5kg

x211x Jockey: **M J QUINLAN** +
Trainer: **NICK SCHOLFIELD** ★
Owner: The Saints
Career: 7 : 3-1-1 (72 days)



Bids for a hat-trick after an ultra-impressive 13L victory in a 3000m mares maiden hurdle before following up with a 2.5L success in the 3300m Mares' Novice's Hurdle at Taunton. Each-way claims.

19 WHITE NOISE

71.5kg

x1112 Jockey: **T BELLAMY** ★ +
Trainer: **KIM BAILEY & MAT NICHOLLS** ★
Owner: J Perriss
Career: 6 : 3-2-1 (33 days)



Yet to finish outside the frame in six career starts. Placed second in the 3800m G2 Jane Seymour Novice's Hurdle at Warwick a month ago. Landed a hat-trick the start prior at Newbury. May return to winning ways.

20 CHARME DE FAUST

67.0kg

2x1 Jockey: **D E MULLINS**
Trainer: **W P MULLINS** ★
Owner: Mrs S Ricci
Career: 2 : 1-1-0 (42 days)



Made a distinct impression on stable and Irish debut scoring by 9L in a 3200m Thurles maiden hurdle after placing second in a 3600m hurdle at Auteuil prior. Each-way claims based on last performance.

21 MANGANESE

67.0kg

1x111 Jockey: **D BASS** +
Trainer: **MAX COMLEY**
Owner: S W Racing
Career: 4 : 4-0-0 (47 days)



Unbeaten in four career starts. An impressive 6.5L winner in a Catterick maiden hurdle then followed up to win the 3300m Listed Fillies' Juvenile Hurdle at Doncaster. Each-way claims.

22 MILLE ET UNE VIES

67.0kg

322x Jockey: **HARRY SKELTON** ★
Trainer: **DAN SKELTON** ★
Owner: Mrs Johnny De La Hey
BF Career: 3 : 0-2-1 (299 days)



Yet to score over hurdles in three career starts. Now represents a new trainer and makes UK debut. Last seen placing second in the 3500m G3 Prix Sagan Hurdle at Auteuil (France) last May. Untapped potential.

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JACK RICHARDS NOVICES' LIMITED HAND...

Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #20

REGENT'S STROLL (4) represents winning trainer and jockey combination of last year. Ran well here on New Years Day recording a 4L second tackling a track and trip novices chase. Serious player. MEETMEBYTHESEA (11) won his first two fences outings at Wetherby and Ayr before a last of six attempting the 3300m G2 Game Spirit Chase at Newbury last month. This is easier and may enjoy the longer distance. Shortlist on best form. Former Cheltenham Festival winner SLADE STEEL (3) has placed second four times in chase races including a 2.5L second in a 4800m beginners chase at Navan during January. Holds claims. Last time course and distance winner JORDANS CROSS (10) bids for a hat trick after a narrow victory here in a novices handicap chase six weeks back. Not discounted.

1 GOLD DANCER

75.5kg

x1224 Jockey: **MISS A MCGUINNESS** ★
Trainer: **W P MULLINS** ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Career: 12 : 4-2-1 (32 days)



Recorded five consecutive top-two efforts including placing second in the 4200m G1 Faughen Novice Chase at Limerick before finishing last of four in the 4800m G2 Ten Up Novice Chase at Navan. Improvement needed.

2 SIXMILEBRIDGE

74.5kg

9x111 Jockey: **K WOODS** +
Trainer: **F M O'BRIEN**
Owner: The Megsons
CD Career: 12 : 7-2-0 (40 days)



Currently unbeaten in three starts over fences. Won impressively by 13L in a course and distance novice chase before a 5L victory in the 4000m G1 Scilly Isles' Novice's Chase at Sandown Park. Dangerous.

3 SLADE STEEL

72.5kg

2x202 Jockey: **DARRAGH O'KEEFFE**
Trainer: **H BROMHEAD**
Owner: Robcour
C BF Career: 13 : 5-5-2 (54 days)



Won the 3300m G1 Supreme Novice's Hurdle in 2024. Has failed to win since but placed second on most recent appearance contesting a 4800m novice chase at Navan. Can go one place better.

4 REGENT'S STROLL

72.0kg

x312x Jockey: **MR H COBDEN** ★ +
Trainer: **P NICHOLLS** ★
Owner: Ferguson, Mason, Hales, H
BF Career: 10 : 5-3-1 (70 days)



Has finished inside the top-three in all but one career starts. Last seen placing second in a course and distance novice chase on New Year's Day. Trainer won this race last year. Definite top-three contender.

5 OL MAN DINGLE

72.0kg

x115x Jockey: **R A DOYLE** +
Trainer: **E GRIFFIN**
Owner: Dunglen Racing Syndicate
Career: 15 : 5-1-1 (102 days)



Failed to land a hat-trick when fifth in the 3400m G1 Irish Arkle Novice Chase at Leopardstown. Picked up wins at Galway and Cork prior and first-time cheekpieces applied. Can bounce back.

6 KING ALEXANDER

71.5kg

3x231 Jockey: **D E MULLINS**
Trainer: **W P MULLINS** ★
Owner: John Ioannis Neocleous
Career: 17 : 6-3-2 (26 days)



Broke his chasing maiden on most recent appearance winning by 3L in a 3900m Gowran Park beginners chase after placing at Gowran Park and Naas prior. Could struggle in this grade.

7 WINGMEN

71.0kg

x232x Jockey: **JACK KENNEDY** ★ +
Trainer: **G ELLIOTT** ★
Owner: Bective Stud
Career: 13 : 4-4-3 (70 days)



Yet to win over fences but has come close recording three consecutive placed efforts including placing second in a 4400m beginners chase at Fairyhouse on New Year's Day. May struggle in this grade.

8 KISS WILL

70.5kg

1x322 Jockey: **J J SLEVIN**
Trainer: **W P MULLINS** ★
Owner: H O S Syndicate
Career: 7 : 2-3-1 (25 days)



Yet to win over fences but has come close recording two consecutive runner-up efforts in beginners chases at Leopardstown and most recently over 4600m at Punchestown. May struggle in this higher grade.

9 MOON ROCKET

70.0kg

0x126 Jockey: **T BELLAMY** ★ +
Trainer: **KIM BAILEY & MAT NICHOLLS** ★
Owner: Youneverknow
BF Career: 10 : 4-3-0 (53 days)



Makes first start since a wind operation and wears a first-time tongue-tie. Last seen finishing last of six in the 4900m G2 Hampton Novice's Chase at Windsor. Improvement expected.

10 JORDANS CROSS

70.0kg

x1011 Jockey: **S TWISTON-DAVIES** +
Trainer: **A J HONEYBALL** ★
Owner: The Steeple Chasers
CD Career: 8 : 5-2-0 (47 days)



Bidding for a hat-trick of chasing wins. Won a 3800m Doncaster novice handicap chase by a nose before winning by the same distance in a course and distance novice handicap chase. Holds claims.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	7	3, 5, 13, 17, 18	1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	3	8	8	3	3	10	8
2nd	22	21	9	-	4	22	11
3rd	12	3	14	-	7	3	12

Favorite: **BAMBINO FEVER**

Possible alternative: **OLDSCHOOL OUTLAW**

The cover: **CARRIGMOORNASPRUCE**

11 MEETMEBYTHESEA

69.5kg



3x116 Jockey: MR B R JONES ★★
Trainer: B PAULING ★
Owner: John P McManus
BF Career: 8 : 5-1-1 (33 days)

Failed to land a hat-trick when sixth in the 3300m G2 Game Spirit Chase at Newbury. Picked up a pair of wins prior to that disappointing effort at Wetherby and Ayr. Can bounce back.

12 INTENSE APPROACH

68.5kg



x5x05 Jockey: A HARVEY +
Trainer: J MCCONNELL
Owner: Ms Caroline Ahearn
C Career: 19 : 8-3-0 (12 days)

Holds winning form at this venue but has only managed one win over fences. Last seen finishing last of five in the 3200m G3 Flyingbolt Novice Chase at Navan. First-time cheekpieces applied. Can't enthuse.

13 STENCIL

68.5kg



0x521 Jockey: JONATHAN BURKE +
Trainer: N GEORGE & A ZETTERHOLM ★
Owner: John P McManus
Career: 8 : 3-2-0 (44 days)

Finally off the mark over fences in a 3200m Chepstow novice chase on most recent appearance. Placed second the start prior in a 3400m Ascot novice chase. More is needed in this higher grade.

14 WESTERN KNIGHT

68.0kg



x4112 Jockey: M B J POWELL +
Trainer: JOE TIZZARD ★
Owner: The Wychwood Partnership
Career: 11 : 4-3-0 (26 days)

Failed to land a hat-trick last time out when runner-up in the 4800m G2 Reynoldstown Novice's Chase at Ascot. Picked up wins at Haydock Park and Doncaster prior. May return to winning ways.

15 OLD COWBOY

67.5kg



x3103 Jockey: FREDDIE MITCHELL +
Trainer: GARY & JOSH MOORE
Owner: Barry & Baroness Noakes
D Career: 12 : 2-2-5 (19 days)

Bounced back after falling over fences in a 4100m Kempton Park handicap chase to place third in the 4100m G2 Pendil Novice's Chase at the same venue. Could be found out at this higher grade.

16 THE BLUESMAN

67.0kg



3x121 Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★★
Trainer: OLLY MURPHY
Owner: Neil Smith & Alfie Smith
D BF Career: 8 : 4-1-3 (26 days)

Yet to finish outside the top-three in all career starts. Last seen successful in a 4000m Haydock Park handicap chase winning by 3.5L. Lightly raced and looks well-treated at the weights.

17 WHERE'S MY JET

66.5kg



47006 Jockey: MR S F O'KEEFFE
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Two Lucky Men Partnership
Career: 13 : 3-2-0 (39 days)

Yet to win or place in six starts over fences. Finished a respectable sixth in the 4300m G3 Leopardstown Handicap Chase previously. Will need a miracle to win this.

18 KDEUX SAINT FRAY

66.0kg



01243 Jockey: R DINGLE
Trainer: A J HONEYBALL ★
Owner: Les Bleus Fonces
C BF Career: 11 : 4-3-1 (19 days)

Holds winning form at this track winning a 4000m novice handicap chase on the Old Course. Most recently placed third in the 4800m Trophy Premier Handicap Chase at Kempton Park. Each-way claims.

19 DR EGGMAN

66.0kg



9x833 Jockey: J P SHINNICK
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Mrs S Ricci
Career: 15 : 2-4-6 (35 days)

Yet to win in three starts over fences but has placed twice on previous two starts. Placed third in a 3400m Fairhouse beginners chase before filling the same spot over 3600m at Thurles. Likely to struggle in this level.

20 BEN SOLO

66.0kg



5120x Jockey: BRIAN HUGHES
Trainer: R CURTIS ★
Owner: David McDermott
Career: 13 : 3-4-1 (75 days)

Placed second losing out by 0.5L contesting a 3900m Chepstow handicap chase before unseating on most recent appearance over the same course and distance. Can bounce back.

R3 CHELTENHAM

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CLOSE BROTHERS MARES' HURDLE (REGIS...

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

JADE DE GRUGY (3) recorded a runner-up effort in this event twelve months ago. Confirmed her chasing potential gaining an easy 18L success in a 4200m G2 Mares Novice Chase at Thurles during January. Leading contender. FEET OF A DANCER (2) has won twice from the last three starts including a 2L victory over DREAM ON BABY (1) tackling the 4800m G2 Yorkshire Rose Mares Hurdle at Doncaster six weeks ago. The latter has been consistent this season while both hold big claims. TAKE NO CHANCES (6) ran third in this contest last year. Filled that position past two attempts including over 4000m at Windsor two months ago. In the mix racing for a top stable. Winner of the Martin Pipe Handicap Hurdle last year WODHOOH (7) scored among G3 company at Leopardstown three months back. Likely player.

1 DREAM ON BABY

72.0kg



22132 Jockey: DONAGH MEYLER ★★
Trainer: E MULLINS ★
Owner: Seven Heads Group Syndica
BF Career: 16 : 2-7-2 (47 days)

Consistent type who recorded a close second tackling the 4800m G2 Yorkshire Rose Mares' Hurdle at Doncaster six weeks ago. Likely to need more among this company.

2 FEET OF A DANCER

72.0kg



3x121 Jockey: MR S F O'KEEFFE +
Trainer: P NOLAN
Owner: Cathy Byrne
D Career: 16 : 1-5 (47 days)

Fourth in the Pertemps Final here last year. Scored by 2L at Doncaster in the G2 Yorkshire Rose Mares' Hurdle on January 24 over 4900m defeating Dream On Baby. Likely to be thereabouts.

3 JADE DE GRUGY

72.0kg



1x321 Jockey: PAUL TOWNEND ★★
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Kenneth Alexander
D Career: 11 : 7-2-1 (53 days)

Runner-up in this event last year and confirmed her chasing promise 53 days ago scoring by 18L in G2 company at Thurles (G2 mares novice chase). Rates highly on hurdle return.

4 JETARA

72.0kg



20373 Jockey: SAM EWING
Trainer: J HARRINGTON
Owner: G McGrath
Career: 30 : 8-5-8 (47 days)
Gear: [Blinkers]

Inconsistent type who out-ran odds last year in this contest to be fourth. Improved during January when third in the G2 Yorkshire Rose Mares' Hurdle (4900m) at Doncaster. Better effort but further improvement needed.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
		1, 12, 14	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	2	2	2	3	1	4	4
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3rd	4	11	16	10	8	20	2

Favorite: MEETMEBYTHESEA
Possible alternative: REGENT'S STROLL
The cover: SLADE STEEL

5 SUNSET MARQUESA

72.0kg

x3143 Jockey: M B J POWELL +
Trainer: JOE TIZZARD ★
Owner: The Wychwood Partnership
Career: 13 : 4-1-4 (54 days)



Close 2.25L third in the G2 Warfield Mares' Hurdle hurdle (3160m) at Ascot last start. Won't find this easy.

6 TAKE NO CHANCES

72.0kg

x6233 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★+
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★
Owner: Garry Wilson
Career: 24 : 6-4-8 (55 days)



Made the frame on last three outings including a 1.5L third in a 4000m hurdle on soft ground at Windsor 55 days ago. Third in this event last year and makes appeal.

7 WODHOOH

72.0kg

x211x Jockey: JACK KENNEDY ★+
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: The Sundowners Partnershi
CD Career: 14 : 9-2-0 (73 days)



Holds a smart winning record and landed the Martin Pipe Handicap Hurdle at this Festival last year. Scored by 2.25L in the 4000m G3 Kerry Mount Mares Hurdle at Leopardstown during December. Leading contender.

1 BALLYBURN

74.5kg

x2x23x Jockey: PAUL TOWNEND ★+
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: R A Bartlett & David Mana
CD BF Career: 15 : 9-4-1 (74 days)



Mighty impressive winner of the G1 Baring Bingham Novices Hurdle here in 2024. Chasing career didn't go to plan and hasn't looked an easy ride in two starts this season behind Teahupoo. Wears a hood for the first time. Worth another chance

2 BOB OLINGER

74.5kg

x1x2x Jockey: DARRAGH O'KEEFFE
Trainer: H BRUMHEAD
Owner: Robcour
CD Career: 20 : 10-7-1 (74 days)



Won this contest twelve months ago. Lightly raced in his veteran years and has to overturn a 7L defeat from Teahupoo on his only start this season in the G1 Christmas Hurdle. Solid contender

3 DODDIETHEGREAT

74.5kg

x3453 Jockey: JAMES BOWEN ★
Trainer: N HENDERSON ★
Owner: Kenneth Alexander
CD Career: 18 : 5-3-2 (47 days)
Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]



Winner of last year's Pertemps Final (4800m) and has been running well in defeat this season. Ran with promise behind Ma Shantou and Impose Toi in January. Blinkers are applied for the first time replacing cheekpieces. Place claims at best.

4 GWENNIE MAY BOY

74.5kg

6x70x Jockey: C TODD +
Trainer: CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS
Owner: Ms Gwendoline M Clarke
Career: 18 : 6-1-2 (82 days)



Made rapid progress winning four times for Dan Skelton but has looked out of his depth since switching to graded company. No show on two starts for Olly Murphy this season. Now with Christian Williams. Hard to recommend

7 HONESTY POLICY

74.5kg

12x3x Jockey: MARK P WALSH ★+
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: John P McManus
BF Career: 7 : 3-3-1 (82 days)



Progressive novice hurdler last season winning the G1 Mersey Novices Hurdle (4000m) at Aintree in the Spring. Only 1.5L behind Impose Toi in the G1 Long Walk Hurdle (4900m) on his first start in open company at Ascot. Bold show expected

8 IMPOSE TOI

74.5kg

x1112 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★+
Trainer: N HENDERSON ★
Owner: John P McManus
C Career: 17 : 9-6-1 (47 days)



Runner up in the Cup Premier Handicap Hurdle (4000m) last season and looked the one to beat all season winning the G2 Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury and the G1 Long Walk Hurdle (4900m). Not as good here last time. Needs to bounce back.

9 KABRAL DU MATHAN

74.5kg

2x11x Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★+
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★
Owner: Neil Smith & Alfie Smith
C Career: 8 : 5-3-0 (70 days)



Exciting youngster who is unbeaten in two starts for Dan Skelton. Impressive when winning the 4100m G2 Relkeel Hurdle in January. First time running at 4800m which is a worry. Talented and dangerous.

10 MA SHANTOU

74.5kg

x1011 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★+
Trainer: E LAVELLE
Owner: Mighty Acorn Stables
CD Career: 12 : 6-1-2 (47 days)



Continues to improve. Impressive 7L winner of the course and distance G2 Cleeve Hurdle here in January. Stable won this with Paisley Park. Hary Cobden back on board. Likely player.

11 TEAHUPOO

74.5kg

1x11x Jockey: JACK KENNEDY ★+
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Robcour
CD Career: 21 : 14-3-1 (74 days)



Fourteen time winner who was successful in this contest back in 2024. Second in this last year. Runs well fresh and returns after victory in the G1 Christmas Hurdle (4727m) at Leopardstown at Christmas. The one to beat

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

Favorite: WODHOOH
Possible alternative: JADE DE GRUGY
The cover: FEET OF A DANCER

R4 CHELTENHAM

4821m

16:20 | (GMT15:20) | GBP £325,000 | 4U HDLE G1 C1

PADDY POWER STAYERS' HURDLE (GRADE...)

Hurdle **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #11

The 2024 winner of this contest TEAHUPOO (11) was a close second in this last year. Bids for a season hat trick following a narrow victory in the 4000m G1 Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse before an easy 7L success attempting the 4700 G1 Christmas Hurdle at Leopardstown. Top selection. BOB OLINGER (2) won this event twelve months back. Provided just the one outing since during December when 7L second running behind the top pick at Leopardstown. Arrives unbeaten at Cheltenham (four from four). Main danger. IMPOSE TOI (8) managed to win the 4800m G2 Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury before winning the 4800m G1 Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot and delivering a 7L second in the course and distance G2 Cleeve Hurdle. Every chance. BALLYBURN (1) made the frame both attempts this campaign trailing the main selection. Interesting.

5 HEWICK

74.5kg

x145x Jockey: MR P HANLON +
Trainer: J HANLON
Owner: T J McDonald
D Career: 47 : 12-8-2 (104 days)
Gear: [Blinkers]



Returned with success over 4400m at Thurles in October. Struggled most recently in the G2 Long Distance Hurdle over 4900m at Newbury during November. Has had wind surgery. Unlikely to be his day

6 HOME BY THE LEE

74.5kg

06x41 Jockey: J J SLEVIN +
Trainer: J O'BRIEN ★
Owner: Sean O'driscoll
D Career: 34 : 11-3-4 (49 days)
Gear: [Blinkers]



Admirable servant to connections winning on eleven occasions. Unseated the rider in this race last year but would prefer softer ground. Narrow winner of the G2 Galmoy Hurdle (4700m) at Gowran Park last time out. Place claims at best

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

Favorite: TEAHUPOO
Possible alternative: HONESTY POLICY
The cover: KABRAL DU MATHAN

R5 CHEL TENHAM 4139m

17:00 | (GMT16:00) | GBP £375,000 | 5U CHSE G1 C1

RYANAIR CHASE (REGISTERED AS THE FE...)

Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #9

An excellent feature race with FACT TO FILE (3) scoring this by 9L twelve months ago. Returned to best form last month winning by 5L the 4800m Irish Gold Cup Chase at Leopardstown. Looks hard to beat. JONBON (6) is an eleven-time G1 chase winner. Gained a pair of top-level wins at Ascot this season including the 4200m G1 Ascot Chase last month. Main danger. BANBRIDGE (1) drops back down in journey following a close second beaten only a nose contesting the 4800m G1 King George VI Chase at Kempton. Shortlist as set to go well. Former Festival winner IMPAIRE ET PASSE (5) won the 3800m heavy ground G2 Red Mills Chase at Gowran Park a month ago. Holds claims.

1 BANBRIDGE

4x42x Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★
Trainer: J O'BRIEN ★
Owner: R A Bartlett
CD Career: 24 : 11-2-1 (76 days)



Two-time Festival winner but saves his best for elsewhere these days. Back to form when denied a nose in the G1 King George VI Chase (4800m) at Kempton at Christmas. Good ground is key. One of the challengers.

2 CROKE PARK

x3330 Jockey: JACK KENNEDY ★★
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Career: 16 : 6-3-3 (39 days)



Former G1 winner in 2024 when scoring in the Racing Post Long Distance Novice Chase (4800m). Well held in the G3 Leopardstown Handicap Chase (4325m) last time out. Unlikely to be his day.

3 FACT TO FILE

4x261 Jockey: MARK P WALSH ★★
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: John P McManus
CD BF Career: 16 : 8-5-1 (38 days)



Superstar chaser. Most impressive winner of this contest last season. Disappointed at Kempton Park in the G1 King George VI Chase (4800m) but roared back to success with a 5L victory of the G1 Irish Gold Cup (4900m). Very hard to beat.

4 HEART WOOD

x141x Jockey: DARRAGH O'KEEFE
Trainer: H BROMHEAD
Owner: Robcour
Career: 19 : 5-8-2 (70 days)



Second-best to Fact To File in this race twelve months ago. Disappointing in the G1 John Durkan Memorial Chase in November at Punchestown over 3900m but bounced back at Tramore in the G3 Savills New Year's Day Chase in January. In the mix.

5 IMPAIRE ET PASSE

310x1 Jockey: PAUL TOWNEND ★★
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Simon Munir & Isaac Soued
C BF Career: 16 : 11-2-2 (26 days)



Former winner of the 2023 G1 Ballymore Novices Hurdle (4000m). Not seen here since but returned in style winning the G2 Red Mills Chase (3922m) at Gowran Park. Entitled to improve. Must be respected from this stable.

6 JONBON

x2211 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★★
Trainer: N HENDERSON ★
Owner: John P McManus
C BF Career: 27 : 20-7-0 (26 days)



Incredible performer with 20 wins from 27 starts. Faultless in two G1 performances at Ascot this winter including a 1.5L win in the G1 Ascot Chase in February. Yet to win in three visits to the Festival. Makes plenty of appeal.

7 JPR ONE

x3321 Jockey: M B J POWELL +
Trainer: JOE TIZZARD ★
Owner: J P Romans
D Career: 21 : 7-2-4 (40 days)



Tends to run his best races away from Cheltenham and ended a long losing run with success in January at Musselburgh over 4100m by 2.75L (handicap chase). That form needs improving upon. On ratings he has a place chance

8 MASTER CHEWY

24725 Jockey: S TWISTON-DAVIES +
Trainer: NIGEL & WILLY TWISTON-DAVIES
Owner: Anne-Marie & Jamie Sheppe
Career: 27 : 3-8-2 (33 days)



Talented on his day but hasn't won since February 2025. First time visor couldn't make a difference over an inadequate 3200m at Newbury in the G2 Game Spirit Chase last time out. Looks up against it.

9 MATATA

73315 Jockey: J J SLEVIN +
Trainer: NIGEL & WILLY TWISTON-DAVIES
Owner: Simon Munir & Isaac Soued
CD Career: 23 : 7-6-4 (53 days)



Confirmed front runner. Change of tactics worked when winning a 4100m Premier Handicap Chase here in January. Comfortably held at Windsor over 4400m in the Fleur De Lys Chase 53 days ago. Hard to recommend.

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

Favorite: FACT TO FILE
Possible alternative: BANBRIDGE
The cover: IMPAIRE ET PASSE

R6 CHEL TENHAM 4821m

17:40 | (GMT16:40) | GBP £110,000 | 5U HCP HDLE C1

PERTEMPS NETWORK FINAL HANDICAP HUR...)

Hurdle **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #26

SUPREME WEST (7) runs for the Skelton yard. Holds form for this race providing a good 5L third over course and distance last October four runs back. Big chance if showing best. C'EST DIFFERENT (19) has been lightly raced in recent seasons. Now seeks a five-timer after a 5.5L success in a lower graded 4800m handicap hurdle at Newbury two months ago. Makes appeal. ELECTRIC MASON (3) caught the eye during November scoring by a neck tackling a 4800m Premier Handicap Hurdle at Haydock. Could go well following a break. STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT (1) has won three times from the last four attempts including a 2.5L victory in the 4400m G2 Boyne Hurdle at Navan last month. Not dismissed.

1 STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT

31121 Jockey: JACK KENNEDY ★★
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
D Career: 17 : 5-4-2 (32 days)
Gear: [Blinkers]



Won the G2 Boyne Hurdle at Navan in February by 2.5L over 4400m. Stayed on into ninth in last seasons' Coral Cup here last season. More than capable over this trip.

2 GOWEL ROAD

37442 Jockey: MR TOBY MCCAIN-MITCHELL
Trainer: NIGEL & WILLY TWISTON-DAVIES
Owner: Options O Syndicate
CD Career: 29 : 5-8-3 (19 days)



Tried to make most of the running when runner-up at Chepstow in a handicap hurdle beaten 0.75L. G2 winner at this course last season. Could find the placings but not obviously well handicapped.

3 ELECTRIC MASON

7x21x Jockey: MR FRED GORDON +
Trainer: C GORDON
Owner: Ktda Racing And Mrs Nicol
BF Career: 14 : 4-4-2 (110 days)



Three-time hurdle winner following a neck success in a 4800m premier handicap hurdle at Haydock Park last November. Interesting after a break.

4 ACE OF SPADES

x1421 Jockey: K WOODS
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★
Owner: Noel Fehily Racing Syndic
C BF Career: 13 : 5-4-0 (49 days)



Handicap hurdle winner at Huntingdon in January by 0.5L over 5000m despite hanging right-handed. Interesting off a higher mark.

5 MINELLA SIXO

9x762 Jockey: SAM EWING
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Sierra Pacific Syndicate/
D Career: 12 : 3-3-1 (18 days)



Runner-up beaten a neck in a handicap hurdle at Naas over 4600m. Down the field last season in the Martin Pipe here. Needs to find improvement.

6 KIKIJO

68.5kg



x411x Jockey: C PRITCHARD +
Trainer: P HOBBS & J WHITE
Owner: Richard Johnson Racing-K
CD Career: 8 : 4-1-0 (96 days)

Back to back handicap hurdle winners. Most recently at Sandown over 4700m by 0.75L after making most of the running. Unexposed and could defy the weight rise.

13 DUKE SILVER

67.5kg



10x17 Jockey: H J HORGAN +
Trainer: J O'BRIEN +
Owner: Miss Sarah O'Brien
D Career: 20 : 3-3-1 (38 days)

Won a big field handicap hurdle at Leopardstown two starts by 0.75L. Well beaten in a Listed handicap since. More needed here.

20 MINELLA EMPEROR

66.0kg



04322 Jockey: MR M J O'NEILL ++
Trainer: E MULLINS +
Owner: Michael Joseph O'Neill
Career: 13 : 2-2-2 (26 days)

Beaten 5.5L by Champagne Chic at Haydock last time out. Is now better off at the weights with that rival. Not ruled out.

7 SUPREME WEST

68.5kg



3546x Jockey: HARRY SKELTON +
Trainer: DAN SKELTON +
Owner: J Fyffe
Career: 21 : 6-5-3 (76 days)

Showed plenty on seasonal return when third beaten 5.25L here over course and distance. Has the ability to play a big role for the Skelton team.

14 YEAH MAN

67.5kg



62206 Jockey: C STONE-WALSH
Trainer: G CROMWELL
Owner: John J Brennan & Martin H
D Career: 25 : 3-6-1 (26 days)

Well beaten in the G3 Red Mills Trial hurdle over an inadequate trip. Runner-up over 4700m at Leopardstown beaten 0.75L three starts back (handicap). More than capable going back up in distance.

21 BOLD ENDEAVOUR

66.0kg



700x3 Jockey: JAMES BOWEN +
Trainer: N HENDERSON +
Owner: Countrywide Park Homes Lt
Career: 23 : 5-4-3 (49 days)

Third on debut for Nicky Henderson at Huntingdon beaten 4.5L after a 369 day break. Fourth in this race 2024 off a much higher mark and improvement expected.

8 ABSOLUTELY DOYEN

68.5kg



11111 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ++
Trainer: P NICHOLLS +
Owner: Ian Moore
D BF Career: 13 : 5-3-1 (40 days)

Won his last five starts including a 3.75L success in the 4800m Scottish Stayers' Novices' Hurdle at Musselburgh. Cannot be underestimated.

15 MELBOURNE SHAMROCK

67.0kg



x4241 Jockey: DONAGH MEYLER ++
Trainer: E MULLINS +
Owner: Robert Waley-Cohen
D Career: 8 : 2-1-1 (18 days)
Gear: [blinkers]

Won on handicap debut at Naas by a neck over 4600m in first time cheekpieces. Completely unexposed and cheekpieces are replaced by blinkers for the first time so holds claims.

22 ONEWAYWEST

66.0kg



x1102 Jockey: ELLIOTT ENGLAND ++
Trainer: B PAULING +
Owner: The Parallel Lines Partne
Career: 12 : 2-6-0 (49 days)

Second beaten 0.5L in a handicap hurdle at Huntingdon over 5000m after jumping really let him down. Likes to make the running but needs a lot more here.

9 RED DIRT ROAD

68.0kg



10x04 Jockey: JONJO O'NEILL JR +
Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL
Owner: Dan Walker
D Career: 12 : 5-2-0 (26 days)

Pulled up after a 322 day break at Sandown in a handicap hurdle. Much better latest when fourth beaten 13L at Haydock despite jumping errors. Down a little in the weights and not entirely dismissed.

16 IDY WOOD

67.0kg



1410x Jockey: G SHEEHAN ++
Trainer: J SNOWDEN +
Owner: Erik Penser & G Lennart P
BF Career: 18 : 7-3-2 (70 days)

Won by 2.5L at Kempton Park by 4200m in a handicap hurdle two starts back. Disappointed subsequently. Needs a market check.

23 IDEM

65.5kg



x2582 Jockey: P WADGE +
Trainer: LUCINDA RUSSELL & MICHAEL SCUDAMORE
Owner: The Boltons And Atholl Du
Career: 20 : 4-5-2 (39 days)

Runner-up at Musselburgh beaten 2.75L over 4800m in February. This is much more competitive and unlikely to feature.

10 CLASSIC KING

68.0kg



x464x Jockey: MR B R JONES +
Trainer: E LAVELLE
Owner: Will Davies & Dr Tom Davi
Career: 19 : 3-6-2 (76 days)

Fourth beaten 10L in a handicap hurdle at Wincanton over 4900m. This is more competitive and needs a lot more.

17 LETOS

67.0kg



x2120 Jockey: D E MULLINS
Trainer: A MULLINS
Owner: Mrs P Crampton & Oliver C
Career: 12 : 1-4-2 (62 days)

Won a Listed handicap hurdle at Naas over 4000m three starts back. Well beaten in the G1 Slaney Novices' hurdle at the same track. Not ruled out back handicapping.

24 IKE SPORT

65.0kg



05266 Jockey: CONOR O'FARRELL
Trainer: NP MULHOLLAND
Owner: The Chosen Few
Career: 30 : 4-7-3 (45 days)

Well beaten at Plumpton in a handicap hurdle recently. Not an obvious chance.

11 LAVIDA ADIVA

67.5kg



34143 Jockey: BRIAN HUGHES +
Trainer: RUTH JEFFERSON
Owner: Drew & Ailsa Russell
Career: 19 : 5-4-5 (26 days)

Third in the G2 Rendlesham Hurdle at Haydock Park over 4900m beaten 7L. Winner of a Listed Mares' hurdle three starts back. Consistent enough and interesting back to a handicap.

18 CHAMPAGNE CHIC

66.5kg



x6211 Jockey: MR L WILLIAMS +
Trainer: J SCOTT
Owner: The Bm Partnership
Career: 8 : 3-1-0 (26 days)

Bidding for a hat-trick after an impressive 5.5L win at Haydock Park over 4900m in a handicap hurdle. Progressive type and holds claims.

25 LIHYAN

64.5kg



33329 Jockey: W MAGGS +
Trainer: REBECCA MENZIES
Owner: Bill Fraser & Adrian Prit
Career: 33 : 6-4-6 (39 days)

Runner-up over course and distance two starts back in a handicap hurdle beaten 0.5L. Well beaten since. Not completely dismissed.

12 IKARAK

67.5kg



x131x Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ++
Trainer: OLLY MURPHY
Owner: Middleham Park Racing & M
Career: 24 : 8-8-1 (69 days)

1.75L winner in a handicap hurdle at Ayr over 4900m in January. Likely to need more in this level.

19 C'EST DIFFERENT

66.5kg



11x11 Jockey: MR D JOHNSTON +
Trainer: SAM THOMAS
Owner: Walters Plant Hire Ltd
Career: 8 : 4-0-0 (57 days)

Since switching to handicaps he has wracked up a four-timer. Most recently at Newbury by 5.5L over 4900m. Upped in the weights but further improvement cannot be ruled out.

26 TURNDLIGHTSDOWNLOW

64.5kg



21122 Jockey: F KEIGHLEY +
Trainer: M KEIGHLEY
Owner: Matthew Capp
Career: 8 : 2-3-0 (56 days)

Runner-up at Wincanton in a handicap hurdle beaten 1.75L in January. Consistent form but improvement required.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	7, 23, 25	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14, 18, 21, 24	1, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 26

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	3	19	1	6	4	8	4
2nd	19	8	6	4	7	7	6
3rd	4	16	9	2	21	10	3

Favorite: SUPREME WEST
Possible alternative: C'EST DIFFERENT
The cover: ELECTRIC MASON

R7 CHELTENHAM 5294m

18:20 | (GMT+17:20) | GBP £75,000 | 5U HCP APP CHSE C2
ROSCONN GROUP FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR...

Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #26

JERIKO DU REPONET (1) holds ability to take this having recorded a runner-up effort in the Pertemps Final here last year. Open to further improvement over fences and represents leading connections. Big chance. WATERFORD WHISPERS (11) ran well five weeks back producing a solid 1L third tackling a 4200m G3 Leopardstown Handicap Chase. Rates highly. HERAKLES WESTWOOD (8) stays well and managed to build on a promising course record gaining a 0.5L success in a 5000m handicap chase here New Years Day. This is harder however looks progressive. IL RIDOTO (6) is a two-time winner at this venue. Climbs in journey after a 9.5L second contesting a 4200m Premier Handicap Chase here during January. Place hope.

1 JERIKO DU REPONET 76.0kg

1x225 Jockey: **DEREK O'CONNOR** ★
Trainer: **N HENDERSON** ★
Owner: John P McManus
BF Career: 13 : 5-3-1 (53 days)



Fifth in the G2 Hampton Novices' Chase over 4900m beaten 13L. Runner-up in last seasons' Pertemps Handicap hurdle wearing cheekpieces. Head gear adopted first time over fences and looks a big chance on handicap debut.

2 MONBEG GENIUS 74.5kg

6x057 Jockey: **MR J L SCALLAN**
Trainer: **JONJO & A J O'NEILL**
Owner: Martin Tedham & Wasdell P
Career: 21 : 6-1-3 (26 days)
Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]



Seventh beaten 6L in the Haydock Park Grand National trial over 5700m. First time blinkers but needs to find a bit more.

3 THE ENABLER 74.0kg

x3143 Jockey: **M R JAMES**
Trainer: **G ELLIOTT** ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Career: 16 : 4-4-2 (46 days)



Third beaten 15L in the G3 Nass Novices' Chase over 4900m. Can make the running. Handicap debut but improvement is required.

4 INSURRECTION 73.0kg

88x38 Jockey: **MISS G ANDREWS** ★
Trainer: **P NICHOLLS** ★
Owner: Noel Fehily Racing Syndic
Career: 16 : 4-2-5 (40 days)



Sent off joint favourite at Musselburgh in a handicap chase but was well beaten. Marked step up in trip and has shaped as though this could suit.

5 SANDOR CLEGANE 73.0kg

7760x Jockey: **MR J W HENDRICK**
Trainer: **P NOLAN**
Owner: Mrs K Browne & Mrs Anne C
Career: 23 : 3-6-2 (75 days)



Has struggled since switching back to fences this season. Most recently beaten 17L in a Listed handicap chase at Leopardstown. First time cheekpieces and needs to improve.

6 IL RIDOTO 73.0kg

2872x Jockey: **MISS OLIVE NICHOLLS**
Trainer: **P NICHOLLS** ★
Owner: Giles, Hogarth, Mason, Mc
C Career: 34 : 5-5-5 (70 days)



Second beaten 9.5L here in a handicap chase over 4100m. Stepping up in distance for the first time and not ruled out.

7 PRENDS GARDE A TOI 72.5kg

01404 Jockey: **MR B O'NEILL**
Trainer: **G ELLIOTT** ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Career: 15 : 2-4-0 (25 days)



Fourth beaten 6L in a Listed Grand National Trial over 5500m at Punchestown. More than capable.

8 HERAKLES WESTWOOD 72.5kg

x241x Jockey: **MR F MAGUIRE** ★
Trainer: **W J GREATREX** ★
Owner: All Above Board Racing
C Career: 21 : 6-3-2 (70 days)



Won here over 5100m on New Years day in a handicap chase by 0.5L after being hampered midway. Needs consideration.

9 KING'S THRESHOLD 72.5kg

x041x Jockey: **H C SWAN**
Trainer: **E LAVELLE**
Owner: Sailing To Byzantium
Career: 21 : 6-2-3 (73 days)



Won at Newbury by 3.5L in a handicap chase over 5200m. May need more in this company.

10 WEVEALLBEENCAUGHT 72.5kg

42x0x Jockey: **J C BARRY** ★
Trainer: **E MCNAMARA**
Owner: Tadhg Moynihan
C Career: 22 : 3-3-3 (75 days)



Well beaten in the Listed Paddy Power handicap chase at Leopardstown over Christmas. Runner-up the time before in the Munster National. Fourth in this last season off a lower mark and could place.

11 WATERFORD WHISPERS 72.5kg

436x3 Jockey: **MR ALAN O'SULLIVAN**
Trainer: **H BROMHEAD**
Owner: John P McManus
Career: 12 : 2-3-2 (39 days)



Third beaten 1.25L in the G3 Leopardstown Handicap Chase over 4300m after staying on. Runner-up last season in the Martin Pipe handicap hurdle at the Festival. Shapes as though this extra distance might bring improvement.

12 UNCLE BERT 72.5kg

9x107 Jockey: **A J FENNELL** ★
Trainer: **NIGEL & WILLY TWISTON-DAVIES**
Owner: James & Jean Potter Ltd
Career: 25 : 6-5-2 (47 days)



Won on return in a handicap chase at Aintree by 9.5L over 4000m. Jumping let him down in the Welsh Grand National on next start. Well beaten latest but could bounce back.

13 DAILY PRESENT 72.0kg

10x00 Jockey: **MR B T STONE** ★★
Trainer: **P NOLAN**
Owner: Dkcr Partnership
C BF Career: 16 : 4-1-2 (38 days)
Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]



Bidding to go back to back in this race. Only start over fences since was when pulling up in the Irish Grand National. Shown little in two hurdles this season. Likely player and is expected to re-discover form.

14 OLYMPIC MAN 72.0kg

3560x Jockey: **MR D DOYLE**
Trainer: **J MCCONNELL**
Owner: Mark E McCausland
Career: 18 : 3-3-2 (74 days)



Pulled up on last start over fences in the G3 Galway Plate Handicap Chase. Struggled in a handicap hurdle at Leopardstown when last seen. More needed.

15 EXCELLO 70.5kg

x300x Jockey: **MR HENRY MAIN**
Trainer: **N HENDERSON** ★
Owner: Mrs Angela Yeoman
Career: 18 : 2-6-3 (70 days)



Fell on New Years Day here in a handicap chase. Put up a good effort three starts back in the Grand Sefton Handicap Chase over the National fences. Not at best on last two outings.

16 GLENGOULY 70.0kg

34100 Jockey: **MR D MCGILL** ★
Trainer: **FAYE BRAMLEY**
Owner: The Cheeky Pups
C Career: 28 : 4-2-2 (12 days)



Won the December Handicap Chase here over 4100m by 1.5L after making all the running. Pulled up on last two outings. On the same mark as his last win and not entirely dismissed.

17 ROAD TO HOME 70.0kg

35330 Jockey: **P W MULLINS** ★★
Trainer: **W P MULLINS** ★
Owner: P Davies
Career: 12 : 2-0-4 (38 days)



Third at Newbury in a handicap chase two starts back over 4000m beaten 2.75L after being hampered early. Pulled up in a handicap hurdle since. Interesting back over fences and up in trip.

18 CAVE COURT 70.0kg

720x8 Jockey: **MR O MCGILL** ★★
Trainer: **N KELLY**
Owner: Tsm Racing Syndicate
BF Career: 27 : 6-4-0 (26 days)



Runner-up three starts back at Carlisle in a handicap chase. Struggled on two outings since. Big improvement needed.

19 KIM ROQUE

70.0kg

2x245 Jockey: MR J L GLEESON
 Trainer: J O'BRIEN ★
 Owner: R A Bartlett/J Carthy/Mrs
 Career: 13 : 3-2-0 (39 days)



Fifth beaten 5.5L in the G3 Leopardstown Handicap Chase over 4300m. Raced on the pace on that occasion. This extra distance is likely suited and still unexposed over fences.

20 GERICAULT ROQUE

69.0kg

30x82 Jockey: MR B LAWLESS
 Trainer: D PIPE ★
 Owner: Prof Caroline Tisdall And
 Career: 15 : 2-6-4 (26 days)



Improved effort when runner-up in the Swinley Premier Handicap Chase at Ascot over 4800m beaten 2.75L with first time cheekpieces. Solid effort latest and cheekpieces retained.

21 NO TIME TO WAIT

69.0kg

2x004 Jockey: MR J M HALFORD
 Trainer: J MCCONNELL
 Owner: Ms Caroline Ahearn
 Career: 17 : 2-2-3 (19 days)
 Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]



Struggled for form of late. Most recently beaten 14L at Fairyhouse in a novices' chase over 5200m. Big improvement needed.

22 ASK BREWSTER

68.5kg

1x15x Jockey: MR S COTTER
 Trainer: M C WILLIAMS
 Owner: Midlands Quintet
 C Career: 15 : 6-0-2 (96 days)



Likes to front run but ended a run of three straight wins when disappointing at Sandown in a handicap chase over 5700m beaten 15L during December. More needed.

23 HUNG JURY

68.0kg

81200 Jockey: MR JAMES KING ★★
 Trainer: M KEIGHLEY
 Owner: Martin Keighley Racing Cl
 C Career: 29 : 7-5-4 (26 days)



Won an amateur handicap chase here over 5000m by 3.75L. Has struggle for form on last two outings including in the Welsh Grand National. Minor role likely.

24 LORD ACCORD

68.0kg

2412x Jockey: N MCPARLAN ★
 Trainer: N P MULHOLLAND
 Owner: Lynne & Angus MacIennan
 C Career: 37 : 9-6-4 (110 days)
 Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]



Beaten 11L in the Berkshire National handicap chase at Ascot in November over 5900m. Needs improvement.

25 J'ARRIVE DE L'EST

67.5kg

17x22 Jockey: NOT DECLARED
 Trainer: E MULLINS ★
 Owner: Paul Byrne
 Career: 21 : 5-3-2 (47 days)



Runner-up in back to back starts on the cross country course here. Most recently beaten 8L. First run over regulation fences since moving from France and big claims.

26 HUNTER LEGEND

67.5kg

83325 Jockey: L TURNER
 Trainer: V WILLIAMS
 Owner: Gaskins Family
 BF Career: 24 : 5-5-4 (26 days)



Midfield in a handicap chase at Ascot over 4800m beaten 28L last month. A lot more required.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
		1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26	3, 6, 11, 12, 16

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	1	22		22	17	4	1
2nd	22	9	-	23	1	23	12
3rd	20	8		13	15	19	23

Favorite: JERIKO DU REPONET
 Possible alternative: WATERFORD WHISPERS
 The cover: KIM ROQUE

R1 HEXHAM

3262m

14:05 | (GMT13:05) | GBP £10,000 | 4UHDLE MDN C4

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Hurdle **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #13

MISTER R (7) would only have to show a modicum of improvement from his debut effort to land what looks an uncompetitive maiden event. Beaten 25L into fourth on heavy going first time out. Likely player. BIGLESISBACK (10) is finding winning difficult having filled the runner-up spot on three occasions this season including one over course and distance. Pulled up on latest outing and needs the drop in trip to lift him. PRINCE PHIL (8) finished fifth beaten 10L debuting in a flat race. With the last two runners of this trainer finding success could go well. DANCING DIANA (11) maintains a similar profile and is capable of a challenge.

1 C'MON SO

72.0kg

2x6x4 Jockey: G WALKINGSHAW
Trainer: LUCINDA RUSSELL & MICHAEL SCUDAMORE
Owner: Miss Lucinda V Russell
Career: 5 : 0-1-0 (17 days)



Returned from a 98-day layoff last start and finished 15 lengths back in fourth on the flat at Ayr over 3200m. Fitter and is well placed back over the jumps.

2 COLONEL JACK

72.0kg

00 Jockey: MR TOM MIDDLEY
Trainer: MARK WALFORD
Owner: Mrs G B Walford
Career: 2 : 0-0-0 (56 days)



Was at long odds last time in a maiden hurdle (4100m) at Newcastle but failed to finish. Prepared to risk this time.

3 COUNTRYMAN JOE

72.0kg

6x8 Jockey: PETER JAY KAVANAGH
Trainer: J WALTON ★
Owner: Mrs J M Walton
Career: 2 : 0-0-0 (27 days)



Faced the starter for only the second time and was first-up from a spell of 280 days when he was unplaced in a 3200m flat race at Kelso last time out. Goes over the obstacles for the first time today. This looks a big test.

4 MCELHATTAN

72.0kg

2155 Jockey: MR T GILLARD
Trainer: D M JNR
Owner: Wayne Woods
Career: 4 : 1-1-0 (24 days)



Was unplaced two back in a 3200m flat contest at Ayr then again missed out in a hurdle (3400m) at Carlisle last time. Hard to have on recent efforts.

5 MELBOURNE GHOST

72.0kg

70 Jockey: C NICHOL
Trainer: D W WHILLANS ★
Owner: Mousetrap Racing
Career: 2 : 0-0-0 (19 days)



Stepping out for his third career run today after being well held in both starts to date. Favouring others again.

6 MILLFORD HILL

72.0kg

4x0x0 Jockey: ROSS CHAPMAN
Trainer: REBECCA MENZIES
Owner: Mrs Amy Fife
Career: 6 : 1-0-1 (9 days)



Resumed from a spell with a disappointing tenth in a hurdle (4100m) at Newcastle. Fitter but others look better placed.

7 MISTER R

72.0kg

4 Jockey: D MCMENAMIN
Trainer: N RICHARDS ★
Owner: David & Nicky Robinson
Career: 1 : 0-0-0 (27 days)



Showed some promise on debut last start in a hurdle (3200m) at Kelso. Certainly worth following up.

8 PRINCE PHIL

72.0kg

5 Jockey: M J ENGLAND ★
Trainer: SAM ENGLAND
Owner: Tor Side Racing
Career: 1 : 0-0-0 (27 days)



Showed potential on debut last start in a bumper (3200m) at Kelso. Makes jumps debut. Will be tough to beat on what he showed last time.

9 VALTERI ITS JAMES

72.0kg

1x066 Jockey: CONNER MCCANN ★
Trainer: LUCINDA RUSSELL & MICHAEL SCUDAMORE
Owner: The 1892 Partnership
Career: 6 : 1-0-0 (19 days)



Struggling to find his best form of late and has been sent out long odds. Impossible to recommend.

10 BIGLESISBACK

69.0kg

32220 Jockey: D FOX
Trainer: LUCINDA RUSSELL & MICHAEL SCUDAMORE
Owner: Kenneth Alexander
Career: 6 : 0-3-1 (30 days)



Last start ran in a hurdle (4900m) at Ayr but failed to finish. Forgive that run and should feature in the finish.

11 DANCING DIANA

69.0kg

5 Jockey: M J HAMILTON
Trainer: MARK WALFORD
Owner: 4Racing Owners Club
Career: 1 : 0-0-0 (44 days)



Dragon Dancer mare who was sent out at long odds on debut last start and finished fifth in a bumper (3300m) at Newcastle All Weather. Likely to appreciate the transition to jumping.

12 STRATHCATCHA

69.0kg

x7x70 Jockey: MR E AUSTIN
Trainer: GARY RUTHERFORD
Owner: Miss D J Amos
Career: 5 : 0-0-0 (30 days)



Ran in a maiden hurdle (4100m) at Ayr last start and was pulled up. Happy to risk this time.

13 BOWLING SHANE

67.5kg

445x8 Jockey: MR RICHARD PATRICK
Trainer: CLIVE BOULTBEE-BROOKS ★
Owner: C & C Boultee Brooks
Career: 5 : 0-0-0 (13 days)



Disappointed when eighth in a hurdle (3300m) at Newbury fresh from a break. Fitter but prefer to see a return to form.

Pace of the Race

BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
5	3, 8, 11, 12	4, 7, 9, 13	1, 2, 6

Race Selections

	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	10	4	-	-	8	7	9
2nd	7	9	-	-	7	5	4
3rd	13	-	-	-	5	8	6

Favorite: BIGLESISBACK
Possible alternative: MISTER R
The cover: PRINCE PHIL

R2 HEXHAM

3262m

14:42 | (GMT13:42) | GBP £9,100 | 4UHCP HDLE C5

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

KNOCKERANNA ROSE (4) looks the safest option based on recent form. Battled for fourth beaten 13L making handicap debut in latest which was the pick of her hurdling efforts. Capable of taking a small race like this. MY MY MY DELILAH (1) placed second in a pair of jumpers flat races this time last year. Starting to lose her way now hurdling so with a tongue tie added may recover in this grade. ROCK N ROLL CHAMP (6) is a little more exposed but capable of a good performance as demonstrated by his placing at Newcastle two starts ago. BLENDED STEALTH (9) might prefer faster ground. Only victory came over course and distance.

1 MY MY MY DELILAH

75.5kg

x5340 Jockey: SEAN QUINLAN ★
Trainer: W COLTHERD
Owner: A Cartledge
Career: 8 : 0-2-1 (19 days)



Struggling a bit recently. Two starts ago clocked-in fourth in a hurdle (3380m) at Sedgefield. Didn't bounce back when she last start in a hurdle (3400m) at Newcastle. Worth another chance.

2 UPTHEREFORTHINKING

74.0kg

65x5x Jockey: SEAN GRANTHAM
Trainer: JAKE COULSON
Owner: The Carter Family
Career: 14 : 0-0-0 (74 days)



Seven-year-old gelding who returns from a break. Wound up last campaign with a fifth in a hurdle (4100m) at Leicester. Prepared to risk among this tougher company fresh.

3 ELLISTRIN BAY

73.5kg

x0007 Jockey: M J HAMILTON
Trainer: D W WHILLANS ★
Owner: Ellistrin Partnership
Career: 5 : 0-0-1 (27 days)
Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]



Finished a modest seventh in a hurdle (3200m) at Kelso last start. That came after he did not finish the race two runs ago. Hard to fault on his best form.

Favorite: **KNOCKERANNA ROSE**
 Possible alternative: **ROCK N ROLL CHAMP**
 The cover: **MY MY MY DELILAH**

4 KNOCKERANNA ROSE

73.0kg



26684 Jockey: MR C RABBITT
 Trainer: M S CORBETT
 Owner: Ladies That Race
 Career: 7 : 0-1-0 (24 days)

Finished fourth and never threatened last start in a hurdle (3900m) at Carlisle when beaten 13 lengths. Strong finish latest and looks a key chance again.

5 JUNKYARD DOG

70.5kg



4x506 Jockey: D MCMENAMIN
 Trainer: I JARDINE
 Owner: A Sinclair, David Carroll
 Career: 15 : 1-0-1 (24 days)
 Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]

Has not fired this campaign, including a disappointing sixth last start in a hurdle (3900m) at Carlisle when beaten 30 lengths. Finds a suitable contest and is among the chances.

6 ROCK N ROLL CHAMP

67.0kg



85434 Jockey: MR E AUSTIN
 Trainer: M S E FORSTER
 Owner: Dave Skeldon & Sandy Fors
 Career: 18 : 0-0-2 (21 days)

Well held last start in a steeplechase (4200m) at Sedgefield finishing fourth and beaten 30 lengths. Rates strongly on latest and expected to feature in the finish again.

7 GOLD RING

66.5kg



00x07 Jockey: C MAGGS
 Trainer: N MECHEIE
 Owner: N Mechie
 D Career: 31 : 2-0-1 (24 days)

Well held in two runs back from a spell, the latest finishing 35 lengths away in a hurdle (3900m) at Carlisle in soft going. Likely to find this too tough without big improvement.

8 BRAY DALE

66.5kg



05080 Jockey: MR B LYNN
 Trainer: CATCH BISSETT
 Owner: Bissett Racing
 D Career: 14 : 1-0-1 (6 days)

Hasn't had things go right recently. Two runs ago finished eighth in a hurdle (4100m) at Ayr. Things didn't improve when he failed to complete the course last start in a hurdle (3200m) at Ayr. Might find this a bit too tough.

9 BLENDED STEALTH

66.0kg



20540 Jockey: JOSHUA THOMPSON
 Trainer: LIZZIE QUINLAN
 Owner: D Mullen, G Barker And Pa
 CD Career: 47 : 1-6-6 (50 days)

Sent out at long odds in a steeplechase (3800m) at Catterick last time but was eased out of the race. Deserves another chance and can figure in the finish.

R3 HEXHAM

4037m

15:22 [(GMT14:22)] GBP £10,000 | 5UHCP CHSE C5

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Chase **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #12

DIDNTGOTWENTY (6) was eased down to win by 6L a Musselburgh chase tackling this trip twenty five days ago. Replicating that effort will be certain to see him thereabouts again. Top selection. FORTUNEFVORSDBOLD (2) wasn't beaten far by a subsequent dual winner at Leicester providing latest outing. Finds winning elusive however still earns respect. KING OF CONG (3) produced two placings here this season. Blinkers replace cheekpieces. That switch needs to revive and remains one to note. The last win for STOWAWAY JOHN (8) was some time ago over course and distance on heavy going. Warrants thought.

1 BAPTISM OF FIRE

76.0kg



x0000 Jockey: M J BEWLEY
 Trainer: K HUNTER
 Owner: K Hunter
 D Career: 18 : 2-1-1 (24 days)

Last start was in a steeplechase (4000m) at Carlisle when eased out of the race. Not expected to threaten.

2 FORTUNEFVORSDBOLD

76.0kg



x2302 Jockey: C MAGGS
 Trainer: CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS
 Owner: All Stars Sports Racing
 Career: 30 : 3-5-5 (28 days)

Returned to form with a very competitive second in a steeplechase (4500m) at Leicester last start. That came after she took a tumble two runs ago. Tough to stop again.

3 KING OF CONG

74.0kg



2430x Jockey: MR TOM MIDGLEY
 Trainer: SAM ENGLAND
 Owner: Jonathan Poulter
 Career: 18 : 1-2-2 (74 days)
 Gear: [Blinkers]

Not raced for three months. Closed off last preparation when tenth in a steeplechase (5000m) at Catterick, beaten 42 lengths. Expected to be prominent.

4 PARK RULES

71.5kg



00x9x Jockey: D MCMENAMIN
 Trainer: I JARDINE
 Owner: The Farming Army
 Career: 11 : 0-0-1 (68 days)

Resumes after a break of two months. Finished off last campaign with a ninth in a steeplechase (4023m) at Cork, beaten 32 lengths. Others rate better.

5 QUICKASICAN

71.5kg



x0x80 Jockey: MR T GILLARD
 Trainer: MISS J BEDI
 Owner: Andrew Gale
 Career: 8 : 0-1-3 (23 days)

Sent out at long odds in a steeplechase (4790m) at Market Rasen last time when eased out of the race. Doesn't make much appeal.

6 DIDNTGOTWENTY

69.0kg



35521 Jockey: SEAN QUINLAN ★★
 Trainer: M TODHUNTER ★
 Owner: J W Hazeldean
 Career: 12 : 1-1-1 (25 days)

Led all the way last start and came away with a strong win in a steeplechase (4100m) at Musselburgh on February 15. Free running type who will be in this for a long way.

7 RELIANCE KID

68.5kg



7x990 Jockey: PETER JAY KAVANAGH
 Trainer: A WILSON
 Owner: Clouds Of Orton
 BF Career: 7 : 0-1-0 (56 days)

Unwanted in betting last few and has run accordingly. Disappointing again last time and others rate better.

8 STOWAWAY JOHN

68.0kg



70x0x Jockey: C NICHOL
 Trainer: M S E FORSTER
 Owner: C Storey
 CD Career: 24 : 1-1-3 (92 days)

Raced in a steeplechase latest over 3130m at this track but lost the rider. Given another chance in this. Can bounce back and don't underestimate.

9 RIGHTBACKATYOU

68.0kg



68700 Jockey: D FOX
 Trainer: W COLTHERD
 Owner: A Miller S Coltherd
 Career: 12 : 0-0-1 (30 days)

Making heavy weather of things lately, including last start when he failed to complete the course in a steeplechase (4800m) at Ayr. Looking elsewhere.

10 LEWA HOUSE

67.0kg



x5606 Jockey: MR B LYNN +
 Trainer: CATCH BISSETT
 Owner: Bissett Racing
 CD Career: 30 : 1-5-4 (30 days)

Has been beaten by some pretty hefty margins lately, most recently in a hurdle (4100m) at Ayr when 50 lengths from the winner. Can't recommend on current form.

11 CAVE HILL

66.5kg



53693 Jockey: CALLUM BEWLEY
 Trainer: I DUNCAN
 Owner: Stephen Sinclair & Ian Du
 CD Career: 23 : 2-0-4 (21 days)

Safely held latest finishing third but beaten 28 lengths in a steeplechase (4200m) at Sedgefield. Expected to run well again if performs up to latest effort.

12 KINGSTON ROCK

65.0kg



6x000 Jockey: MR E AUSTIN
 Trainer: GARY RUTHERFORD
 Owner: J L And Mrs H R Gledson
 Career: 18 : 0-1-1 (30 days)

Sent out at long odds in a steeplechase (4800m) at Ayr last time when eased out of the race. Unlikely to threaten.

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

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	10, 11	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9	1, 4, 5, 12

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	6	6	1	11	3	4	2
2nd	2	11	11	8	2	6	6
3rd	11	-	8	10	4	8	3


Favorite: DIDNTGOTWENTY
Possible alternative: FORTUNEFVORSDBOLD
The cover: CAVE HILL

R4 HEXHAM 6418m

16:02 | (GMT15:02) | GBP £14,500 | 5U HCP CHSE C4
BK RACING HEXHAM MARATHON HANDICAP ...
Chase **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #7

PLANNED PARADISE (4) comfortably landed a Bangor chase (5900m) by 6.5L last time out. Revels in these conditions and capable off this rating. Travelling to this course from south Wales is very much the one to beat. DE LEGISLATOR (1) started the season positively gaining a win at Ayr followed by a third placing attempting this journey. Must bounce back from subsequent efforts with the stable in form. Dangerous. PRESIDENT SCOTTIE (3) might benefit from this small drop in grade though isn't yet proven tackling this trip. In the mix. SHIGHNESS (5) holds form with this specialist distance and could go well at longer odds.

1 DE LEGISLATOR 76.0kg
x1300 Jockey: JACK POWER ★
Trainer: LUCINDA RUSSELL & MICHAEL SCUDAMORE
Owner: J Sword, Russell & Bristo
C Career: 10 : 5-0-1 (15 days)




Ran in a steeplechase (5900m) at Bangor-On-Dee last time out but failed to finish. Worth another chance and is in the mix.

2 BREEZE OF WIND 74.5kg
x52x0 Jockey: SEAN QUINLAN ★
Trainer: W COLTHERD
Owner: Graeme Howard & S Colther
CD Career: 24 : 6-4-2 (15 days)



Resumed after a 93-day spell last start and was pulled up in a steeplechase (5900m) at Bangor-On-Dee. Key runner - don't underestimate.

3 PRESIDENT SCOTTIE 74.0kg
x4866 Jockey: D MCMENAMIN +
Trainer: N RICHARDS ★
Owner: Hargrove, Parker & Raffer
Career: 17 : 2-2-6 (24 days)




Couldn't find the top three two back in a hurdle (4900m) at Ayr then again missed out in a steeplechase (4900m) at Carlisle last start. All set to reverse the recent form.

4 PLANNED PARADISE 72.5kg
54361 Jockey: C MAGGS
Trainer: CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS
Owner: The Paradise Mob
Career: 44 : 5-8-8 (15 days)



Was unplaced the start before last in a steeplechase (5700m) at Windsor. Did a better job last time when he scored in a steeplechase (5900m) at Bangor-On-Dee. Only needs to jump well to be right in the finish.

5 SHIGHNESS 71.0kg
x5563 Jockey: CALLUM BEWLEY
Trainer: M HAMMOND
Owner: The Golden Cuckoo
Career: 28 : 5-3-3 (21 days)




Was unplaced two back in a steeplechase (4700m) at Newcastle. Filled a minor prize last time in a much better performance in a hurdle (5400m) at Sedgefield, beaten 18 lengths. Certainly worth another chance in this suitable contest.

6 ROB ROY MACGREGOR 64.5kg
7x242 Jockey: W MAGGS
Trainer: M A M THOMSON ★
Owner: Ken McGarrity
Career: 17 : 1-2-1 (17 days)



Was 14 lengths away in second last time out in a steeplechase (4800m) at Ayr, proving no match for the dominant Blakey Boy. Key contender.

7 DON BROCCO 64.5kg
x08x0 Jockey: MR B LYNN
Trainer: GARY RUTHERFORD
Owner: Gary Jon Rutherford
Career: 35 : 3-1-2 (27 days)



Resumed in a steeplechase (5200m) at Kelso last start but failed to finish. Happy to risk this time.

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

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


Favorite: PLANNED PARADISE
Possible alternative: PRESIDENT SCOTTIE
The cover: ROB ROY MACGREGOR

R5 HEXHAM 4049m

16:42 | (GMT15:42) | GBP £10,900 | 4U HCP HDLE C4
DAVEY LITTLE 80TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP...
Hurdle **TURF** **SOFT** Participants #8


KELVIN FORLONGE (2) won two starts back attempting a 4900m Ayr handicap. Wasn't beaten far when following up in the same conditions a month later. Freshened since and with the stable in good order can return to winning ways. MILAN PARK (3) is enjoying a consistent winter without scoring. Last start finished 3L third in a Kelso handicap on heavy ground. Solid place material. MICKS JET (1) arrives for seasonal return. Rarely ran a poor race last term. Holds some form that reads well in the context of this race. REDEEMING LOVE (7) could prove a different proposition now moving into handicaps with the added tongue tie.

1 MICKS JET 76.0kg
2333x Jockey: MR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON ★+
Trainer: P KIRBY
Owner: North South Flyers Syndic
D Career: 17 : 3-3-5 (326 days)



Returns from a spell. Closed the last campaign with a minor placing in a steeplechase (4790m) at Market Rasen, beaten 24 lengths. Sure to feature on her best form.

2 KELVIN FORLONGE 75.5kg
x5513 Jockey: JACK POWER ★
Trainer: LUCINDA RUSSELL & MICHAEL SCUDAMORE
Owner: R B H Young
Career: 7 : 1-0-2 (58 days)




Started favourite last start following a win in a hurdle (4900m) at Ayr but found a couple better in a hurdle (4900m) at Ayr. Will be hard to beat.

3 MILAN PARK 74.5kg
24443 Jockey: ROSS CHAPMAN
Trainer: C GRANT
Owner: Garry Kevin Thexton
Career: 8 : 0-1-2 (27 days)




Was unplaced two runs ago in a hurdle (4500m) at Kelso. Bounced back last time when he finished third in a hurdle (4500m) at Kelso. Could prove hard to beat.

4 ROCK HURLEY 74.0kg
8x0x0 Jockey: MR T GILLARD
Trainer: D M JNR
Owner: Mr & Mrs G Calder & P M W
Career: 19 : 3-1-1 (24 days)




Racing second up after only one poor run last campaign and disappointed first up in a hurdle at Carlisle. Beaten a fair way fresh and not expected to threaten.

5 GARDENER 72.0kg
00333 Jockey: C MAGGS
Trainer: M SOWERSBY
Owner: Mrs J M Plummer
Career: 23 : 3-1-5 (16 days)



Has been a model of consistency this time in, the latest placing in a hurdle (3900m) at Catterick. Expected to go close again.

6 MORNINGTON BEACH 71.5kg
0720x Jockey: M J BEWLEY
Trainer: G BEWLEY
Owner: Alan Udale
Career: 8 : 1-1-2 (125 days)




Resuming today. Last raced when she pulled up in a 4000m hurdle at this track four months ago. Key runner despite the lay-off.

7 REDEEMING LOVE 71.0kg
x6x67 Jockey: M J HAMILTON
Trainer: MARK WALFORD
Owner: R & W, The 8 Amigos, Burn
Career: 5 : 0-0-1 (23 days)



Unplaced in two starts this time in work, both over the jumps. Finished sixth when first-up then was 34 lengths away in seventh more recently in a hurdle (3320m) at Market Rasen. Must be a chance in today's scenario.

8 BERWICK LAW 71.0kg
5785 Jockey: D MCMENAMIN
Trainer: I JARDINE
Owner: Raymond Anderson Green
Career: 4 : 0-0-0 (42 days)



Unplaced two starts ago in a maiden hurdle (3400m) at Newcastle then produced a better result last start when she wound up in fifth in a maiden hurdle (3200m) at Ayr, beaten 30 lengths. In the mix.

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

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

Favorite: KELVIN FORLONGE
Possible alternative: MILAN PARK
The cover: GARDENER

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

EXPRESS SURPRISE (2) arrives off the back of a sterling effort in a competitive stayers event when 12L fourth. Two victories came prior to that around this distance and rated accordingly is sure to be thereabouts. **SWALLOWS SONG (6)** was well supported last start when returning after wind surgery ultimately fading into fourth. May find this easier. **COURT AT SLIP (3)** maintains a solid streak of placings. Second past two times finishing behind the same horse tackling soft-ground chases. Might at worst play a minor role again here. **BALLYDANGAN (7)** gained two course and distance wins. Cannot be dismissed.

1 ALWAYS BUSY 76.0kg

40x35 Jockey: MR J J MURPHY-KNIGHT
 Trainer: CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS
 Owner: George Moore
 Career: 26 : 3-4-1 (40 days)



Has returned in fair form. Placed when resuming two starts back in a steeplechase (4700m) at Newbury then was beaten 14 lengths into fifth in a steeplechase (4700m) at Musselburgh two months ago. Tough to stop on best form.

2 EXPRESS SURPRISE 76.0kg

x3114 Jockey: MR RICHARD PATRICK +
 Trainer: CLIVE BOULTBEE-BROOKS ★
 Owner: C & C Boulteebe Brooks
 D BF Career: 16 : 3-2-4 (53 days)



Impressive winner in a steeplechase (4800m) at Uttoxeter two back then wasn't a factor when fourth more recently in a steeplechase (5700m) at Windsor. Use the win two back as a guide to his chances.

3 COURT AT SLIP 73.0kg

23322 Jockey: MR THOMAS EASTERBY ★
 Trainer: T EASTERBY
 Owner: Mrs Anne Dawson & Partner
 D BF Career: 29 : 5-4-5 (14 days)
 Gear: [Blinkers]



Has been close without winning in small fields lately. Last start ran second in a steeplechase (4840m) at Wetherby in soft going. Has the ability and looks overdue. Can find winning form.

4 STREAMSFORTH LAD 71.0kg

33000 Jockey: ALAN DOYLE
 Trainer: G D HANMER
 Owner: Thomas G Kelly
 Career: 17 : 0-0-4 (3 days)



Not enjoying the best of luck lately, including the most recent run when he took a tumble in a steeplechase (4500m) at Stratford-On-Avon. Best form stacks up well, worth forgiving.

5 RACEVIEW ROAD 71.0kg

0x647 Jockey: M J BEWLEY +
 Trainer: G BEWLEY
 Owner: Alan Udale
 D Career: 18 : 3-3-2 (37 days)



Struggling to recapture his best form, the latest effort a disappointing seventh, beaten 28 lengths, in a steeplechase (4900m) at Carlisle. Nicely placed and worth including.

6 SWALLOWS SONG 69.5kg

74464 Jockey: D MCMENAMIN
 Trainer: I JARDINE
 Owner: Raymond Anderson Green
 Career: 17 : 1-2-4 (30 days)
 Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]



Was unplaced two back in a steeplechase (4700m) at Newcastle then again missed out in a steeplechase (4800m) at Ayr last start. Certainly worth including.

7 BALLYDANGAN 65.0kg

14x04 Jockey: PETER JAY KAVANAGH +
 Trainer: H BURNS
 Owner: H Burns
 CD Career: 36 : 2-1-4 (21 days)



Has not struck a blow this prep. Two starts back when resuming. Finished fourth at the latest appearance in a steeplechase (5300m) at Sedgefield, beaten 45 lengths. Might find this a bit too tough.

8 EVEQUE 65.0kg

x1509 Jockey: W MAGGS
 Trainer: J WALTON ★
 Owner: Mrs J M Walton
 CD Career: 28 : 2-3-1 (46 days)



Has disappointed in the three runs since winning at this track four back. Beaten 61 lengths when ninth in a steeplechase (5260m) at Sedgefield last start. Can't entirely dismiss but must improve.

9 GIBBERWELL 65.0kg

x0500 Jockey: P ARMSON ★ +
 Trainer: JAKE COULSON
 Owner: All Or Nothing Racing Clu
 CD Career: 37 : 3-5-2 (37 days)
 Gear: [Blinkers]



Failed to finish for the second run in succession at the last outing two months ago in a steeplechase (4900m) at Carlisle when he was eased out of the race. Big task ahead.

10 WEST LAWN 64.5kg

45632 Jockey: C MAGGS
 Trainer: J B WALTON ★
 Owner: Messrs F T Walton
 CD Career: 37 : 4-2-6 (31 days)



Filled a minor placing two runs back in a steeplechase (5000m) at Catterick. Repeated the dose more recently when second in a steeplechase (5000m) at Catterick, beaten 2 lengths. Likely to play a major role.

11 EX S'ELANCE 64.5kg

x6300 Jockey: MISS PIPPA BROWN
 Trainer: V THOMPSON
 Owner: V Thompson
 CD Career: 68 : 8-6-10 (14 days)



Sent out at long odds in a steeplechase (4840m) at Wetherby last time when eased out of the race. Others rate better.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	6, 8, 10	1, 2, 5, 7	3, 4, 9, 11

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

Favorite: EXPRESS SURPRISE
Possible alternative: ALWAYS BUSY
The cover: STREAMSFORTH LAD

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

BETTER BE DEFINITE (4) scored with authority by 13L two starts back at Ayr tackling rain-softened conditions. Never in the hunt following up last week and turned out quickly with useful claiming jockey enlisted will head the shortlist. **ANOTHER HIGH FIVE (3)** is progressing nicely. Produced a fine run to finish second beaten 2.5L making handicap debut last start. Appears the danger. **COLONIAL EMPIRE (2)** perhaps failed to stay in latest. Still on a workable rating and is in the mix. **SHOESHINE BOY (1)** maintains good order registering two recent victories at Ayr. Not quite so well off at the weights now however can be considered.

1 SHOESHINE BOY 76.0kg

20113 Jockey: C MAGGS
 Trainer: D W WHILLANS ★
 Owner: Mousetrap Racing
 CD Career: 39 : 7-9-4 (30 days)



Had a streak of wins broken last time out when third in a hurdle (4900m) at Ayr. Hard to fault form and expected to feature in the finish.

2 COLONIAL EMPIRE

75.5kg



50x22 Jockey: JAY TIDBALL
Trainer: T VAUGHAN
Owner: Mick O'boyle
Career: 23 : 4-4-1 (41 days)

Going well this prep. Placed first-up two starts ago in a hurdle (4800m) at Taunton then found the frame again last time in a hurdle (5100m) at Catterick, beaten 1.75 lengths. A big run is on the cards.

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

Favorite: ANOTHER HIGH FIVE
Possible alternative: COLONIAL EMPIRE
The cover: SHOESHINE BOY

3 ANOTHER HIGH FIVE

75.5kg



5x232 Jockey: ALAN DOYLE
Trainer: LUCINDA RUSSELL & MICHAEL SCUDAMORE
Owner: Miss Lucinda V Russell
Career: 5 : 0-3-1 (27 days)

Clocked-in third two runs back in a maiden hurdle (3200m) at Kelso. Repeated the dose last time when second in a hurdle (4500m) at Kelso, beaten 2.5 lengths. Prospects look very bright.

4 BETTER BE DEFINITE

71.5kg



4x410 Jockey: MR DOMINIC HISLOP ★
Trainer: N W ALEXANDER
Owner: Ken McGarrity & Hannigan,
CD BF Career: 14 : 3-1-0 (9 days)

Last start ran in a hurdle (4700m) at Newcastle but was eased out of it. Capable enough and shouldn't be far away.

5 PURE SIRLOIN

69.5kg



x0367 Jockey: MR MURRAY DODD
Trainer: M S E FORSTER
Owner: The Border Racers
Career: 20 : 1-0-3 (42 days)

Finished sixth the start before last in a hurdle (4500m) at Kelso then could only manage seventh most recently in a hurdle (4900m) at Ayr. Will be thereabouts.

6 DO YE WANNA

65.0kg



770x3 Jockey: MR E AUSTIN
Trainer: G BEWLEY
Owner: Montgomerie And Holland
Career: 7 : 0-0-1 (24 days)

Returned from a 304-day spell last start with a solid third in a hurdle (3900m) at Carlisle, with today's rider Edward Austin steering. Back in good order but needs to find a bit more to feature.

7 COMMUNITY REBEL

64.5kg



60034 Jockey: JOSHUA THOMPSON
Trainer: M HAMMOND
Owner: Aleem Karji
Career: 22 : 2-2-3 (8 days)

Did a good job to finish third two back in a steeplechase (5300m) at Sedgefield but could only manage fourth in a hurdle (5100m) at Catterick last time, arriving 14 lengths behind the winner. Right in the mix.

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