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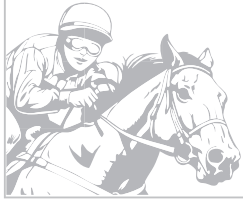
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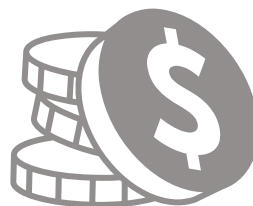
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SKY BET SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE (GR..)

Hurdle **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #12

OLD PARK STAR (8) is a high class novice in outstanding form. Made it three straight wins when landing the G2 Rossington Main Novices Hurdle at Haydock over 3100m. Previous course success adds further appeal and he rates the one to beat. Highly-regarded and lightly-raced MIGHTY PARK (6) resumed from a long absence with a dominant 38L maiden hurdle victory at Fairyhouse for Willie Mullins. Warrants serious consideration pending sustained market support. TALK THE TALK (11) scored in impressive fashion at G1 level at Leopardstown last time and commands major respect. The speedy EL CAIROS (3) bounced back from a fall with a 3L maiden hurdle success at Thurles and cannot be dismissed despite the rise in standard.

1 BARON NOIR

1x211 Jockey: T BELLAMY ★★
Trainer: A KING ★
Owner: Noel Fehily Racing Syndic
D Career: 8 : 4-1-2 (59 days)



Marked improvement required following a Class 3 hurdle success over 3200m at Kempton Park. Others rate better.

2 EACHTOTHEIROWN

2x151 Jockey: SW FLANAGAN
Trainer: B CONNELL ★
Owner: Tim O'driscoll & Barry Co
D BF Career: 5 : 2-2-0 (51 days)



Impressed when successful by 9L in a 3200m Thurles handicap hurdle on latest appearance. In form but this looks too tough.

3 EL CAIROS

52x01 Jockey: JACK KENNEDY ★★
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Mrs L Rabson & Bjm Limite
D Career: 6 : 3-1-0 (40 days)



The best bumper horse in the field. Atoned for a final-flight mishap when the most likely winner at Leopardstown over Christmas with a facile 3L success in a 3200m Thurles maiden hurdle most recently. Major player.

4 KOKTAIL BRUT

x1174 Jockey: D J GILLIGAN +
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
D Career: 10 : 4-0-1 (37 days)



Winner of the G2 Royal Bond at Fairyhouse in November. Has since disappointed with a fourth in the G1 Tattersalls Ireland Novice Hurdle behind Talk The Talk. Jack Kennedy prefers El Cairos. Hard to endorse.

5 LEADER D'ALLIER

11x21 Jockey: PAUL TOWNEND ★★
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Michael Hilary Burke
Career: 8 : 6-1-0 (43 days)



Winner of multiple French bumpers representing Mathieu Pitart. Unknown potential in view of an impressive 9L success over 3200m at Punchestown in a maiden hurdle last time. Not discounted.

6 MIGHTY PARK

2x1 Jockey: MARK P WALSH ★★
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: John P McManus
BF Career: 2 : 1-1-0 (54 days)



Made a remarkable impression when making all on rules debut, registering a dominant 38L win in a 3200m Fairyhouse maiden hurdle. Clearly highly regarded. Makes appeal.

7 MYDADDYPADDY

x112x Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★★
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★
Owner: Dermot Hanafin
BF Career: 4 : 3-1-0 (74 days)



Long-time antepost favourite for this contest whose reputation suffered when defeated at short odds in the G1 Fomby Novices' Hurdle over 3400m at Aintree. Likely had excuses that day with hurdles omitted. Has claims with the right run.

8 OLD PARK STAR

3x111 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★★
Trainer: N HENDERSON ★
Owner: Gordon & Su Hall
C Career: 6 : 3-1-2 (52 days)



Has improved markedly since arriving at Nicky Henderson's yard, winning all three hurdles starts. Recorded an imperious 18L success in the G2 Rossington Main Novices' Hurdle at Haydock most recently. Leading contender.

9 SAGEBOROUGH

17x Jockey: MR SF O'KEEFFE +
Trainer: P NOLAN
Owner: Browne & Coffey Families
D Career: 2 : 1-0-0 (100 days)



Found the step up to G2 company beyond him when seventh in the Royal Bond Novice Hurdle on latest outing. Hard to support.

10 SOBER GLORY

x1411 Jockey: MR B R JONES ★★
Trainer: P HOBBS & J WHITE
Owner: Brocade Racing
D BF Career: 8 : 7-0-0 (31 days)



Recorded a sixth win from only seven starts under Rules with an impressive 27L success at Newbury most recently. Hard to knock form and among the chances again.

11 TALK THE TALK

x1101 Jockey: J J SLEVIN +
Trainer: J O'BRIEN ★
Owner: Simon Munir & Isaac Soued
D Career: 5 : 3-1-0 (37 days)



Showed fierce determination to land the G1 Tattersalls Ireland Novice Hurdle over 3200m at Leopardstown most recently. Warrants serious consideration.

12 TOO BOSSY FOR US

030x1 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: H O S Syndicate
BF Career: 15 : 2-2-3 (34 days)



Creditable performer across both codes. Resumed after a 161-day spell last start with a strong win in a 3200m maiden hurdle at Punchestown. Requires further improvement.

Pace of the Race

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

Race Selections

	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	11	5	2	8	8	12	7
2nd	8	1	9	-	5	7	10
3rd	7	8	10	-	6	10	11

Favorite: OLD PARK STAR

Possible alternative: MIGHTY PARK

The cover: TALK THE TALK

R2 CHELTHENHAM

3199m

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SINGER ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVIC...

Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #7

Last year's G1 Supreme Novices' Hurdle hero KOPEK DES BORDES (3) is selected to come out on top in this highly-anticipated duel with LULAMBA (4). The former has made just one steeplechase start due to multiple setbacks but could not have been more impressive when scoring by 13L over 3400m at Navan. The latter is a more exposed quantity having prevailed by 6L tackling the G2 Game Spirit Chase at Newbury on latest appearance. KARGESE (7) warrants serious consideration in view of a hard-fought second when defeated a neck in the G1 Irish Arkle attempting 3400m at Leopardstown. STEEL ALLY (6) cannot be discounted despite the marked rise in class following a success in the 3250m G2 Kingmaker Novices' Chase at Warwick.

1 HANSARD

x412x Jockey: C QUINN +
Trainer: GARY & JOSH MOORE
Owner: Noel Fehily Racing Syndic
D Career: 20 : 5-2-2 (73 days)



Creditable handicapper who finished runner-up in the G2 Wayward Lad Novices' Chase at Kempton Park most recently. Hard to have without further improvement.

2 JAX JUNIOR

21411 Jockey: TOM CANNON ★★
Trainer: L WADHAM ★
Owner: Mrs Cheryl Burton
C Career: 14 : 6-2-2 (17 days)



Three-time winner as a novice hurdler who has maintained the same form switched to chasing. Landed the G2 Pendil Novices' Chase at Kempton Park on latest outing. In winning form but this is tougher.

3 KOPEK DES BORDES

14x1x Jockey: PAUL TOWNEND ★★
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Monabeg Investments Limit
CD BF Career: 6 : 5-0-0 (113 days)



Winner of the G1 Supreme Novices' Hurdle at this meeting 12 months ago. Arrives following a lengthy absence due to injury. Made a remarkable chasing debut when victorious by 13L at Navan over 3400m. Leading contender.

4 LULAMBA

x11x1 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★★+ 73.0kg
Trainer: N HENDERSON ★
Owner: Mrs J Donnelly
D Career: 7 : 6-1-0 (31 days)



High class juvenile hurdler last season who has continued to improve since switched to fences. Impressed on latest outing when winning by 6L in open company in the G2 Game Spirit Chase at Newbury. Main danger.

5 MAMBONUMBERFIVE

x1113 Jockey: MR B R JONES ★★+ 73.0kg
Trainer: B PAULING ★
Owner: Mal Bloodstock Ltd
D Career: 10 : 4-1-2 (31 days)



Progressive since switched to fences. 7L winner of the G2 Wayward Lad Novices' Chase at Kempton on penultimate outing but disappointed on latest appearance in the G2 Kingmaker Novices' Chase at Warwick. Not keen this time.

6 STEEL ALLY

0x1111 Jockey: MR D JOHNSTON + 73.0kg
Trainer: SAM THOMAS
Owner: Walters Plant Hire Ltd
D Career: 16 : 5-5-1 (31 days)



Dual G2 winner advancing in standard. Last seen scoring in the G2 Kingmaker Novices' Chase at Warwick. Not dismissed entirely.

7 KARGESE

3x212 Jockey: D E MULLINS 70.0kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Kenneth Alexander
CD BF Career: 14 : 6-7-1 (36 days)



Defeated just a neck in a hard-fought renewal of the G1 Irish Arkle over 3400m at Leopardstown most recently. In receipt of weight. Must be respected.

R3 CHELTENHAM

3298m

15:40 | (GMT14:40) | GBP £80,000 | 4 HCP JHDLE C1

MCCOY CONTRACTORS JUVENILE HANDICAP...

Hurdle **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #24

SARATOGA (9) enjoyed an ideal preparation for this handicap following a Naas third with an eye-catching second there over 3118m most recently. JP McManus boasts three of the last six winners of the race. Leading contender. WINSTON JUNIOR (7) progressed markedly when scoring by 4L at Ascot tackling 3160m. Represents the main danger with Jack Kennedy a notable engagement. Classy French import MANLAGA (8) opened the campaign with a Listed second at Doncaster before winning at Haydock contesting 3100m. Continues to improve and can feature. MUNSIF (23) was a useful flat performer for Roger Varian and shaped solidly when third at Naas in a rated hurdle on latest outing. Impossible to dismiss representing shrewd connections.

1 BERTUTEA

32x10 Jockey: MR S F O'KEEFE + 75.5kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Career: 6 : 2-1-1 (36 days)



Pulled up in the 3200m G1 Spring Juvenile Hurdle at Leopardstown last time out. Not discounted with the first-time application of a tongue-tie.

2 BARBIZON

51146 Jockey: J H WILLIAMSON 74.5kg
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Career: 7 : 3-0-0 (36 days)



Underperformed since switched to graded company, finishing 15L sixth in the G1 Spring Juvenile Hurdle over 3200m at Leopardstown most recently. Not discounted now in a handicap.

3 MADNESS D'ELLE

3x21 Jockey: D E MULLINS 74.0kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Mrs S Ricci
Career: 3 : 1-1-1 (24 days)



Dispensed with the maiden tag on latest appearance tackling 3200m at Gowran Park. Hard to discount representing Willie Mullins and Rich Ricci. In the mix.

4 HARWA

22x1 Jockey: SW FLANAGAN 73.5kg
Trainer: P NOLAN
Owner: Browne & Coffey Families
Career: 3 : 1-2-0 (35 days)



Made a winning return from a 126-day layoff last time out in a maiden hurdle at Fairyhouse. Before that first-up run he went to the Paul Nolan yard. Others rate better.

5 DIGNAM

11x5x Jockey: R DEEGAN 73.0kg
Trainer: J O'BRIEN ★
Owner: Martin Gowing
Career: 14 : 4-1-1 (114 days)



Stepped up considerably in class when fifth in the G1 Prix Cambaceres at Auteuil most recently. Laid off for 114 days since. Not ruled out for a yard seeking a hat-trick in this contest.

6 THE MIGHTY CELT

228x3 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★ 73.0kg
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★
Owner: Gwmr Property Limited
Career: 7 : 1-2-2 (24 days)



Creditable performer in France for Noel George and Amanda Zetterholm. Finished 9L third behind Manlaga on first outing for Dan Skelton over 3100m at Haydock last time. Others rate better.

7 WINSTON JUNIOR

29221 Jockey: JACK KENNEDY ★ 73.0kg
Trainer: FAYE BRAMLEY
Owner: Bartlett & Carthy
Career: 11 : 1-5-0 (52 days)



Has made a smooth transition to hurdling, finishing runner-up in consecutive outings before registering a facile 4L success in a 3200m Ascot juvenile hurdle. Jack Kennedy's engagement is conspicuous. Makes appeal.

8 MANLAGA

1x21 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★ 72.5kg
Trainer: N HENDERSON ★
Owner: John P McManus
Career: 3 : 2-1-0 (24 days)



The choice of Nico de Boinville from two Nicky Henderson representatives. Classy Auteuil winner who was last seen winning a Class 2 juvenile hurdle over 3100m at Haydock. Makes appeal.

9 SARATOGA

5x332 Jockey: MARK P WALSH ★ 72.5kg
Trainer: PADRAIG ROCHE
Owner: John P McManus
BF Career: 9 : 1-2-4 (31 days)



Padraig Roche landed this in 2022 with his half-brother Brazil, also owned by JP McManus. Eye-catching 0.8L runner-up at Naas on latest appearance in a rated hurdle. Leading contender.

10 GLEN TO GLEN

7571x Jockey: J J SLEVIN 72.0kg
Trainer: J O'BRIEN ★
Owner: ES Racing
Career: 11 : 2-1-1 (93 days)



The choice of JJ Slevin, from a yard seeking three consecutive victories in this race. Likely laid off for this since concluding the last campaign with a 1L success over 3400m at Cork. In the mix.

11 MUSTANG DU BREUIL

1x13 Jockey: JAMES BOWEN + 72.0kg
Trainer: N HENDERSON ★
Owner: John P McManus
D Career: 3 : 2-0-1 (17 days)



The second string of two Nicky Henderson-trained runners. Defeated by 3.5L in third in the G2 Dovecote Novices' Hurdle at Kempton on latest appearance. Can return to winning form now handicapping.

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

Favorite: KOPEK DES BORDES
Possible alternative: LULAMBA
The cover: KARGESE

12 POURQUOI PAS PAPA

71.5kg

x2212 Jockey: **MR H COBDEN ★★**
Trainer: **P NICHOLLS ★**
Owner: Bell, Lyons, James, Hill
Career: 5 : 1-4-0 (24 days)



Consistent performer who has yet to finish unplaced from five appearances over hurdles. Defeated 2.25L behind Manlaga over 3100m at Haydock most recently. Tougher task this time around.

13 HARDY STUFF

71.5kg

0417 Jockey: **SAM EWING +**
Trainer: **G ELLIOTT ★**
Owner: R Stokes
Career: 4 : 1-0-0 (45 days)



Finished seventh on last start in the G2 Finesse Juvenile Novices' Hurdle over 3400m at this track after a win in easier company prior to that at Leopardstown. This appears outside his grasp. Prepared to risk.

14 AMMES

71.5kg

112x6 Jockey: **SEAN BOWEN ★★**
Trainer: **J P OWEN**
Owner: J Melville And A Mehrad
BF Career: 12 : 3-3-2 (17 days)



Resumed after a 128-day spell with a moderate sixth on the flat at Lingfield All Weather over 2400m. Placed runner-up in Listed company on most recent hurdles start at Wetherby behind the highly-regarded Minella Study. In the mix.

15 MACKTOAD

71.5kg

1x145 Jockey: **C QUINN +**
Trainer: **GARY & JOSH MOORE**
Owner: Tsg Partnership
Career: 4 : 2-0-0 (24 days)



Has been well held since a win three starts back. Finished fifth in a juvenile hurdle over 3100m at Haydock behind Manlaga. Hard to endorse.

16 OLE OLE

71.5kg

x222x Jockey: **K M DONOGHUE**
Trainer: **G CROMWELL**
Owner: Vasile Ionesi
Career: 4 : 0-3-1 (73 days)



Has recorded three consecutive runner-up efforts. Last seen finishing runner-up over 3200m in a Leopardstown maiden hurdle. Meets a tough field and others rate better.

17 QUINTA DO LAGO

71.5kg

1163 Jockey: **DONAGH MEYLER +**
Trainer: **J HARRINGTON**
Owner: Dan Kiely & P V Breen
D BF Career: 4 : 2-0-1 (55 days)



Wears first-time cheekpieces following a 9L third over 3200m at Fairyhouse behind Proactif. Might find this a bit too tough.

18 PADDOCKWOOD

71.5kg

1415x Jockey: **MR B R JONES ★**
Trainer: **B PAULING ★**
Owner: Brown, Halliday, Sankey &
D Career: 19 : 3-2-2 (65 days)



French import highly regarded by Ben Pauling making his British debut. Fifth on latest outing in Listed company over 3500m at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Others preferred this time.

19 KLYCOT

71.0kg

x4121 Jockey: **HARRY BANNISTER ★★**
Trainer: **RICHARD BANDEY**
Owner: Les Amis De Cedric
D Career: 11 : 3-2-1 (47 days)



Steadily progressive. Last seen posting a 12L success in a 3200m Wetherby juvenile hurdle. This is tougher and place prospects appear best.

20 BIBE MUS

71.0kg

13221 Jockey: **STWISTON-DAVIES**
Trainer: **P NICHOLLS ★**
Owner: Colm Donlon
D Career: 9 : 3-2-1 (3 days)



Arrives on the back of a quickfire turnaround having landed a 3200m juvenile handicap hurdle by 3L at Sandown just three days ago. Looking elsewhere this time.

21 BANDJO

71.0kg

1206x Jockey: **MR FINN LAMBERT**
Trainer: **G NICHOLLS**
Owner: M Freud & S Kelner
Career: 7 : 2-1-0 (65 days)



Went for a break after finishing sixth in a Listed hurdle at Cagnes-sur-Mer when trained by Mickael Seror. Has performed well fresh in the past but this doesn't look easy.

22 MINO DES MOTTES

71.0kg

1x452 Jockey: **B HAYES**
Trainer: **W P MULLINS ★**
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Career: 5 : 1-1-0 (34 days)



Open to improvement now sent handicapping in view of a creditable 2.5L runner-up effort in a Punchestown maiden hurdle over 3200m. Won't find this easy.

23 MUNSIF

71.0kg

6x353 Jockey: **MR P BYRNES**
Trainer: **C BYRNES**
Owner: A K Whelan
BF Career: 9 : 3-0-3 (31 days)



Useful flat performer for Roger Varian who has made a smart transition to hurdling. Eye-catching third over 3100m at Naas on latest appearance, a contest which has proven a solid trial for this race previously. Commands respect.

24 LORD

71.0kg

11612 Jockey: **W MAGGS**
Trainer: **D M JNR**
Owner: David & Carol Shaw
D BF Career: 9 : 4-3-0 (38 days)



Impressive 5L winner of a Listed contest at Aintree on penultimate appearance before placing runner-up in similar company at Musselburgh. Has the job ahead.

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	8	8	11		8	12	11
2nd	11	11	17	-	11	6	8
3rd	6	15	18		1	18	2

Favorite: SARATOGA
Possible alternative: WINSTON JUNIOR
The cover: MANLAGA

R4 CHELTENHAM

5029m

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TRUSTMARQUE ULTIMA HANDICAP CHASE ...

Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #22

British-trained runners have dominated this contest since 2006. JAGWAR (4) has made a pleasing start to the campaign with placings in consecutive 4100m handicap chases at this track. Winner of the Plate at this meeting last year. Leading contender up in trip. The 2023 Martin Pipe winner IROKO (1) has not been seen for three months since a 5L chase success at Ascot tackling 4200m. Main danger: HANDSTANDS (2) progressed sharply to finish in the placings at Windsor contesting 4400m last time after a sub-par Haydock effort. This G1 winner on handicap debut rates a major player. Winning this last year MYRETOWN (14) has been targeted for the race. Not dismissed despite persistent jumping issues and a lacklustre pulled-up effort at Haydock attempting a marathon journey for the first time most recently.

1 IROKO

76.0kg

4x21x Jockey: **JONJO O'NEILL JR +**
Trainer: **OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH GUERRIERO**
Owner: John P McManus
C Career: 18 : 5-5-1 (80 days)



Won a graduation chase at Ascot in December by 5L over 4200m. Fourth beaten 7.5L in the Grand National in April. Strong claims going back up in distance.

2 HANDSTANDS

75.5kg

0x243 Jockey: **MR B R JONES ★★**
Trainer: **B PAULING ★**
Owner: T P Radford
Career: 13 : 7-1-1 (51 days)



Third in a valuable conditions chase at Windsor in January over 440m beaten 6L. Grade 1 winning Novice Chaser last season. Up in trip for handicap debut and first time cheekpieces. Warrants thought.

3 RESPLENDENT GREY

74.5kg

1x102 Jockey: **SEAN BOWEN ★★**
Trainer: **OLLY MURPHY ★**
Owner: Mrs R J Skan
Career: 19 : 7-5-2 (51 days)
Gear: [Blinkers]



Runner-up at Windsor in a valuable conditions chase just in front of Protektorat. Fourth in a novices' handicap chase at the festival last year. Consistent and adopts first time blinkers.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	1, 21	4, 6, 8, 11, 15, 16	2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24

4 JAGWAR

74.0kg

11x32 Jockey: MARK P WALSH ★
Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH GUERRIERO
Owner: John P McManus
C BF Career: 13 : 5-3-2 (45 days)



Won the Plate Handicap Chase at the Festival last season over 4100m off a 13lb lower mark. Placed in two starts this season and big chance upped in trip.

5 BLAZE THE WAY

71.0kg

62415 Jockey: D E MULLINS +
Trainer: M MULLINS ★
Owner: M Willis/P Willis/B Groar
CD Career: 16 : 3-2-3 (44 days)



Impressive winner here in December in Turners Handicap chase over 5300m by 5L off a 8lb lower mark. Struggled latest in a G3 at Naas. Not ruled out back in a handicap.

6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

71.0kg

x1023 Jockey: R DINGLE +
Trainer: A J HONEYBALL
Owner: Richard & Mrs Carol Chesh
CD BF Career: 11 : 5-3-2 (31 days)



Well beaten in the G2 Denman Chase latest at Newbury over 4700m. Time before was second beaten a head in a valuable handicap chase. Can make the running and only 1lb higher than when placing.

7 JOHNNYWHO

71.0kg

5x535 Jockey: R MCLERNON
Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL
Owner: John P McManus
BF Career: 15 : 3-1-4 (52 days)



Runner-up in the Kim Muir Handicap Chase at the festival in 2025. Not at best in the Peter Marsh Handicap Chase at Haydock in January. Not ruled out with first time cheek-pieces.

8 KONFUSION

71.0kg

10113 Jockey: CALLUM BEWLEY +
Trainer: JOEL PARKINSON & SUE SMITH
Owner: Mrs A Ellis
Career: 16 : 5-1-6 (52 days)



Some jumping errors when beaten favourite in the Peter Marsh Handicap Chase, finishing third beaten 2.25L. Highly progressive this season and not ruled out.

9 SEARCH FOR GLORY

71.0kg

x0220 Jockey: J SMITH
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Career: 22 : 6-3-4 (47 days)
Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]



Pulled up in the G3 Thyestes Handicap Chase at Gowran Park. Runner-up the time before in the Paddy Power Handicap Chase at Leopardstown. Needs to improve.

10 STOLEN SILVER

71.0kg

4x003 Jockey: MISS OLIVE NICHOLLS
Trainer: G NICHOLLS
Owner: Ms Georgina Nicholls
C Career: 31 : 5-5-4 (10 days)



Well-beaten on yard debut in the Listed Premier Chase at Kelso. Hard to see in a stronger contest.

11 IMPERIAL SAINT

70.5kg

2x561 Jockey: C PRITCHARD ★★
Trainer: P HOBBS & J WHITE
Owner: Richard Johnson Racing Im
Career: 18 : 7-2-4 (52 days)



Won by a neck in the Peter Marsh Handicap Chase at Haydock over 5100m. Up 3lb in a stronger race, could place.

12 BLOW YOUR WAD

70.5kg

x3732 Jockey: FREDDIE MITCHELL
Trainer: GARY & JOSH MOORE
Owner: Jerry Hinds & Ashley Head
Career: 20 : 4-6-2 (10 days)



Runner-up in the Greatwood Handicap Chase at Newbury 10 days ago beaten 0.5L over 4000m. Back up in trip and needs to find more.

13 HYLAND

70.0kg

x974x Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★★
Trainer: N HENDERSON ★
Owner: The Ten From Seven
C BF Career: 26 : 7-5-4 (80 days)



Stayed on into fourth in the Silver Cup Handicap Chase over 4800m beaten 1.5L in December off the same mark. First time cheekpieces and holds a 60% strike rate here, interesting.

14 MYRETOWN

69.5kg

1x040 Jockey: D FOX +
Trainer: LUCINDA RUSSELL & MICHAEL SCUDAMORE
Owner: Mrs C Wymmer & Pjs Russell
CD Career: 13 : 5-1-0 (24 days)



Made all of the running to win this contest last season by 11L off a 15lb lower mark. Little to show in three starts this season, but no surprise if he bounces back.

15 THE DOYEN CHIEF

69.5kg

20512 Jockey: T BELLAMY ★★
Trainer: A KING ★
Owner: Masterson Holdings Limite
BF Career: 17 : 7-4-2 (17 days)



Runner-up in the Trophy Handicap Chase at Kempton Park over 4800m beaten 2L. Winner the time before. Up 3lb and in a stronger race, bit more needed.

16 QUEBECOIS

68.0kg

x2422 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★★
Trainer: P NICHOLLS ★
Owner: McNeill, Stevens, McKenzie
Career: 12 : 3-6-0 (21 days)



Beaten 17L into second in a three runner Novices' chase at Newbury over 3300m. Previously a hurdle winner over 4900m, unexposed and interesting upped in trip.

17 THE SHORT GO

67.5kg

0x43x Jockey: DARRAGH O'KEEFFE
Trainer: H BROMHEAD
Owner: N Byrne
Career: 16 : 2-3-4 (88 days)



Third beaten 5.5L here in the Turners Handicap Chase over 5300m with a first time tongue tie. Since had a wind op, and not discounted.

18 PATTER MERCHANT

66.0kg

32530 Jockey: JACK KENNEDY ★
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Career: 16 : 3-1-3 (23 days)



Down the field on handicap debut in a Listed Grand National Trial at Punchestown over 5500m. Unexposed over fences but this looks a big ask.

19 FILANDERER

64.5kg

1x151 Jockey: JONATHAN BURKE +
Trainer: H MORRISON
Owner: Mrs M D W Morrison
BF Career: 19 : 6-2-0 (53 days)



Five wins in last six outings. Most recently at Market Rasen in a handicap chase over 4300m by 11L. Progressive and in great form but this is a big step up.

20 KNIGHT OF ALLEN

64.5kg

2x142 Jockey: CIARAN GETTINGS ★★
Trainer: M J WILLIAMS
Owner: Holt, Macnabb, Robinson &
Career: 11 : 3-3-3 (31 days)



Second beaten 14L in a Novices' Handicap Chase over 4700m. Going well but this is harder.

21 MARGARET'S LEGACY

64.5kg

1x246 Jockey: HARRY BANNISTER ★★
Trainer: W J GREATREX ★
Owner: The Old Romantics
Career: 22 : 5-4-3 (53 days)



Well off best last start, finishing sixth and beaten 15 lengths in a steeplechase (4400m) at Windsor. Hard to make a positive case for him this time.

22 EYED

64.5kg

4x275 Jockey: S TWISTON-DAVIES
Trainer: H MORRISON
Owner: Martin Hughes
BF Career: 23 : 4-5-1 (52 days)



Fifth beaten 10L at Ascot in a handicap chase over 4800m. This form has been well franked with the first and second winning up in grade. More required however.

Pace of the Race

BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	10, 17	3, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 22	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21

Race Selections

	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	1	19	5	5	13	16	2
2nd	4	8	14	14	2	2	14
3rd	3	15	6	13	9	4	19

Favorite: JAGWAR
Possible alternative: IROKO
The cover: HANDSTANDS

R5 CHELTENHAM

3298m

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UNIBET CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TR...

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

With a number of conspicuous absences three-time Festival heroine LOSSIEMOUTH (9) could become just the seventh mare to land the prestigious prize. Best judged on her dual G1 Mares' Hurdle victories rather than a sub-par second in the G1 Irish Champion Hurdle last time after which excuses were made. Leading contender. THE NEW LION (4) represents the main danger having been unbeaten as a novice while impressively winning the G1 Baring Bingham at this meeting last year. Not entirely convincing when victorious in the G2 International Hurdle here in January by 1.5L. BRIGHTERDAYS Ahead (7) endured defeats both Cheltenham starts to date. Cannot be discounted. Surprise winner last season GOLDEN ACE (8) holds place claims.

1 ALEXEI

21131 Jockey: M B J POWELL + 74.5kg
Trainer: JOE TIZZARD ★
Owner: Brocade Racing
CD Career: 17 : 9-1-2 (24 days)



Won the G2 Kingwell Hurdle over 3000m by 1.25L last month. Previously a course and distance winner in the Greatwood Handicap Hurdle. Going well, but a big career best needed.

2 ANZADAM

1x244 Jockey: P W MULLINS ★ 74.5kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Mrs J Donnelly
D Career: 7 : 4-1-0 (37 days)



Beaten 14L in the G1 Irish Champion Hurdle over 3200m beaten Brighterdaysahead. Has a bit to find with a number of these adopting first time tongue tie.

3 PONIROS

120x3 Jockey: D E MULLINS 74.5kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Tony Bloom
C BF Career: 12 : 2-3-3 (37 days)



Shock winner of last seasons' G1 Triumph Hurdle on debut. Beaten 14L by Brighterdaysahead in the G1 Irish Champion Hurdle. Only fourth outing over hurdles, so improvement not ruled out.

4 THE NEW LION

x1x01 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★ + 74.5kg
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★
Owner: John P McManus
CD BF Career: 7 : 6-0-0 (45 days)



Won the G2 International Hurdle here in January by 1.5L. Was victorious at the Festival last season in the G1 Turners' Novices' hurdle. A fall in the Fighting Fifth the only blip on his record, big claims.

5 TUTTI QUANTI

x61x1 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★ + 74.5kg
Trainer: P NICHOLLS ★
Owner: Colm Donlon
D Career: 9 : 4-3-0 (31 days)



Made all to win the William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Newbury in February by 15L. Stepping up in class but well worth a try.

6 WORKAHEAD

x0x42 Jockey: DARRAGH O'KEEFFE 74.5kg
Trainer: HBROMHEAD
Owner: Barry Maloney
Career: 6 : 2-1-1 (24 days)



Runner-up in the G3 Red Mill Trials' Hurdle at Gowran Park over 3200m. Needs big improvement to feature.

7 BRIGHTERDAYS AHEAD

43x21 Jockey: JACK KENNEDY ★ + 71.0kg
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
D Career: 14 : 10-2-1 (37 days)



Won the G1 Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown by 3.5L, reversing form with Lossiemouth from the start before. Could make amends for last seasons' disappointment in the race.

8 GOLDEN ACE

x212x Jockey: MR L WILLIAMS + 71.0kg
Trainer: J SCOTT
Owner: IF Gosden
CD Career: 15 : 8-4-1 (74 days)



Last seasons' winner after taking advantage of the principles' failings. Consistent again this season and was runner-up in the G1 Xmas Hurdle at Kempton behind Sir Gino. Place claims.

9 LOSSIEMOUTH

1x112 Jockey: PAUL TOWNEND ★ + 71.0kg
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Mrs S Ricci
CD BF Career: 17 : 13-3-0 (37 days)



Beaten 3.5L by Brighterdaysahead in the G1 Irish Champion hurdle, jockey Paul Townsend reported the mare was never traveling. Three time festival winner and can bounce back.

1 DEE CAPO

x0104 Jockey: D J GILLIGAN + 76.0kg
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: David L'estrange
Career: 16 : 5-1-0 (37 days)



Unseated the rider in the 3900m Listed Tim Duggan Memorial Handicap Chase at Limerick then finished fourth in the G3 4300m Leopardstown Handicap Chase last time. Not without a chance.

2 DOWN MEMORY LANE

x01x1 Jockey: JACK KENNEDY ★ + 75.5kg
Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★
Owner: John P McManus
Career: 9 : 4-1-2 (94 days)



Disappointed two starts back in the 4500m G3 Galway Plate Handicap Chase but improved on last start to win the 4100m Listed Foxrock Handicap Chase at Navan by 1.5L. Can double up.

3 NO QUESTIONS ASKED

x1231 Jockey: MR B R JONES ★ + 74.0kg
Trainer: B PAULING ★
Owner: Newton Ldp Ltd
Career: 13 : 7-2-2 (53 days)



Racing in great form currently. Placed third in the 3800m G2 Noel Novice's Chase at Ascot before a 1L victory in the 3200m G2 Lightning Novice's Chase at Windsor. Can continue the good run of results.

4 JUNGLE BOOGIE

x0x70 Jockey: CHARLIE DEUTSCH 73.5kg
Trainer: V WILLIAMS
Owner: Malcolm C Denmark
D Career: 10 : 5-0-0 (52 days)



Finished a disappointing seventh in a Premier Handicap Chase on the New Course at this venue on New Year's Day before failing to complete a 4200m Ascot handicap chase. Can't enthuse.

5 BOOMBAWN

44380 Jockey: T DURRELL ★ 73.0kg
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★
Owner: Bullen-Smith & Faulks
D Career: 30 : 7-7-5 (17 days)



Finished down the field when eighth in a Premier Handicap Chase on the New Course at this venue then disappointed in the 4800m Ladbrokes Trophy Premier Handicap Chase when eleventh. Improvement expected.

6 DOWNMEXICOWAY

121x3 Jockey: DARRAGH O'KEEFFE 72.0kg
Trainer: HBROMHEAD
Owner: Basil Holian
Career: 12 : 4-3-1 (36 days)



Racing in great form currently. Won by 3L in a 3200m Gowran Park handicap chase before following it up with a third in the 3400m G1 Irish Arkle Novice Chase at Leopardstown. Worth noting the drop in grade.

Pace of the Race

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

Race Selections

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

Favorite: THE NEW LION
Possible alternative: LOSSIEMOUTH
The cover: BRIGHTERDAYS AHEAD

R6 CHELTENHAM

4063m

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SUN RACING PLATE HANDICAP CHASE (P...

Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #23

The unexposed MADARA (9) improved sharply from his return effort when an eye-catching second in a 4100m handicap steeplechase at Kempton. Progress is evident and holds leading claims with cheekpieces refitted. MCLAUREY (17) produced a better showing running fourth at Down Royal over 3300m defeated 6L after a Naas disappointment. Must be considered representing the yard who won this in 2021. WILL THE WISE (12) seeks improvement on a tenth among Listed company at Leopardstown in December. Better than that effort and can progress with a tongue-tie applied. DOWN MEMORY LANE (2) boasts a highly creditable fresh record and cannot be discounted carrying the same colours as last year's winner.

7 O'MOORE PARK

70.5kg



x2050 Jockey: MR S F O'KEEFFE
Trainer: W P MULLINS ★
Owner: Mrs S Ricci
D Career: 17 : 1-5-3 (37 days)

Finished a respectable fifth in the Listed 4900m Paddy Power Chase before finishing twelfth in the G3 4300m Leopardstown Handicap Chase a month ago. More improvement required.

13 RISKINTHEGROUND

68.5kg



96049 Jockey: C TODD
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★
Owner: 3 Sons
CD Career: 35 : 8-1-4 (17 days)

Missed out on the placings in the G2 4700m Denman Chase at Newbury before finishing last of nine in a 4100m handicap chase at Kempton Park. Can't enthuse.

19 WESTERN ZEPHYR

66.0kg



x00x2 Jockey: S FENELON
Trainer: MICKEY BOWEN
Owner: Mrs J Iddon
Career: 20 : 5-3-3 (24 days)

Rounded out last season by pulling up in the 4200m Topham Premier Handicap Chase at Aintree but placed second on only start this term at Haydock Park (4000m handicap chase). Under pressure in this assignment.

8 GUARD YOUR DREAMS

70.5kg



402x1 Jockey: S TWISTON-DAVIES +
Trainer: NIGEL & WILLY TWISTON-DAVIES
Owner: Graham And Alison Jelley
CD Career: 28 : 7-3-5 (31 days)

Only faced the starter once this season but was an incredible 13L winner of a 4000m Warwick handicap chase last month. A two-time winner over hurdles at this venue. Not discounted.

14 MIDNIGHT IT IS

67.5kg



30x97 Jockey: S W FLANAGAN
Trainer: G CROMWELL
Owner: Brendan Keogh
BF Career: 30 : 4-4-6 (55 days)

Placed in last year's Grand Annual Handicap Chase but has failed to find the top-three since. Finished ninth and seventh respectively in 3400m handicap chases at Fairyhouse. Improvement expected.

20 GRANDEUR D'AME

66.0kg



x0030 Jockey: T BELLAMY ★ +
Trainer: A KING ★
Owner: Syders & Burkes
Career: 27 : 6-3-3 (31 days)

Placed third in a Premier Handicap Chase on the New Course at this venue two starts back but failed to complete a 4000m Warwick handicap chase last month. Can bounce back to form.

9 MADARA

70.0kg



42x52 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★
Owner: Bryan Drew And Friends
C Career: 19 : 5-3-0 (36 days)

Finished fifth on seasonal reappearance in a 3000m handicap chase at Wetherby before finishing runner-up at Kempton Park (4100m handicap chase) last month. Can go one better.

15 ZURICH

67.0kg



x113x Jockey: B HAYES
Trainer: H BROMHEAD
Owner: Pimlico Racing Ireland
CD Career: 10 : 3-0-3 (87 days)

Failed to land a hat-trick last time out when third in a 3800m novice handicap chase at Doncaster. Won a course and distance novice handicap chase by 2.25L the start prior. May return to winning ways.

21 EMBITTERED

65.5kg



x0x27 Jockey: MR P HANLON
Trainer: SYD HOSIE
Owner: Mrs Kate Kenyon
Career: 51 : 7-6-6 (4 days)
Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]

Placed a respectable second in a 4200m claiming hurdle at Limerick two starts back before a seventh in a 3800m handicap chase at Exeter last Friday. Quickly turned out to improve.

10 BOOSTER BOB

70.0kg



31x15 Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★ +
Trainer: OLLY MURPHY ★
Owner: Mrs Diana L Whateley
D BF Career: 14 : 7-1-3 (45 days)

An impressive 4.5L winner on seasonal reappearance at Newbury (4500m handicap chase) but failed to follow up when fifth in a Premier Handicap Chase on the New Course at this venue. May return to winning ways.

16 JIPCOT

66.5kg



0x314 Jockey: K WOODS +
Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL
Owner: The Megsons
Career: 23 : 5-1-4 (24 days)

An impressive 10L winner of a 4500m handicap chase at Leicester two starts back before a respectable fourth in the 4800m Swinley Premier Handicap Chase at Ascot last time out. Each-way claims.

22 MOON D'ORANGE

64.5kg



05670 Jockey: C PRITCHARD ★
Trainer: J MCCONNELL
Owner: Ian Stuart Griffiths & Ga
C Career: 26 : 3-3-5 (8 days)

Disappointed when seventh in a 4100m handicap chase at Musselburgh but failed to impress in the 4300m Listed Quinnbet Handicap Chase at Leopardstown eight days ago. Can't enthuse.

11 PEAKY BOY

69.5kg



3x3x0 Jockey: JONJO O'NEILL JR
Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL
Owner: Martin Tedham & Wasdell P
CD BF Career: 9 : 5-1-2 (17 days)

Holds winning course and distance form winning a novice handicap chase here in November 2024. Suffered a fall on only start this season in a 4000m handicap chase at Newcastle. Can't enthuse.

17 MCLAUREY

66.5kg



x4374 Jockey: MARK P WALSH ★ +
Trainer: E MULLINS ★
Owner: John P McManus
Career: 11 : 3-1-2 (49 days)

Unplaced at Naas (3200m handicap chase) chase then improved slightly to finish fourth at Down Royal (3300m novice chase). If performing at his peak he will be hard to pass.

23 YES INDEED

64.5kg



0x3x4 Jockey: F KEIGHLEY
Trainer: M KEIGHLEY
Owner: Stephen Sugden And Helen
Career: 29 : 4-5-4 (36 days)

Placed a respectable third in a 3200m Chepstow handicap hurdle two starts back but could not translate that performance over fences when fourth at Kempton Park (4100m handicap chase). More is needed.

12 WILL THE WISE

69.5kg



2140x Jockey: K M DONOGHUE +
Trainer: G CROMWELL
Owner: Have No Clue Syndicate
Career: 14 : 5-3-1 (73 days)

Unplaced in the 4800m G3 Troystown Handicap Chase at Navan finishing fourth before finishing midfield (10th) in the 4900m Listed Paddy Power Chase at Leopardstown. Likely to play a big role.

18 THEATRE NATIVE

66.5kg



x396x Jockey: M P O'CONNOR
Trainer: H BROMHEAD
Owner: Kenneth Alexander
C BF Career: 14 : 2-2-2 (74 days)

Finished ninth in the 4100m November Gold Cup Premier Handicap Chase over this course and distance before improving slightly to finish sixth at Leopardstown (3400m handicap chase). Further improvement required.

Pace of the Race

BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	1, 5, 22	2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21	3, 4, 6, 11, 16, 19, 23

Race Selections

	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	3	10	4	15	7	9	11
2nd	10	15	10	11	5	3	3
3rd	2	3	15	18	9	5	4

Favorite: MADARA
Possible alternative: MCLAUREY
The cover: DOWN MEMORY LANE

R7 CHEL TENHAM 6017m

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NATIONAL HUNT CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES...

Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #17

BACKMERSACKME (9) rebounded in style from a below par effort two runs back to land the G3 Leopardstown Handicap Chase in impressive fashion tackling 4325m on latest appearance. Unexposed tackling staying trips and represents shrewd connections who won this 2024 renewal. **NEWTON TORNADO** (12) bounced back from a Newbury mishap with a dominant 6L handicap chase success at Doncaster attempting 4800m. Commands respect. **WADE OUT** (1) resumed delivering a solid fourth in the G2 Hampton Novices Chase at Windsor trying 4900m. Advances in journey with cheekpieces applied. Likely to feature. **ONE BIG BANG** (4) cannot be discounted advancing significantly in distance on the back of a creditable third over an inadequate 3800m at Doncaster.

1 WADE OUT 76.0kg
 x11x4 Jockey: **SEAN BOWEN** ★+
 Trainer: **OLLY MURPHY** ★
 Owner: Ferguson, Mason, Hales & C BF Career: 11 : 7-1-0 (51 days)
 Failed to land a hat-trick when fourth in the 4900m G2 Hampton Novices Chase at Windsor. Picked up a 3.5L victory in the 5000m Listed "Save Our Bets" Novices Chase at this track. May return to winning ways.

2 PIC ROC 75.0kg
 01591 Jockey: **MR B R JONES** ★+
 Trainer: **B PAULING** ★
 Owner: Mrs Emma Kendall Career: 19 : 3-6-1 (38 days)
 Improved markedly from finishing ninth in the 4800m Silver Cup Premier Handicap Chase at Ascot to win a 4800m Sandown Park handicap chase by an impressive 13L. If replicating that performance will be hard to pass.

3 KING OF ANSWERS 74.5kg
 x5141 Jockey: **D FOX** +
 Trainer: **LUCINDA RUSSELL & MICHAEL SCUDAMORE**
 Owner: The Kings Counsel Career: 11 : 3-1-1 (25 days)
 Missed out on the placings when fourth in a 4900m Windsor novice handicap chase before bouncing back to form with an impressive 8.5L victory in a 4700m Kelso handicap chase. Must be considered.

4 ONE BIG BANG 74.0kg
 3x213 Jockey: **ALEX CHADWICK** +
 Trainer: **J P OWEN**
 Owner: Big Bang Racing Career: 21 : 4-3-4 (46 days)
 Racing consistently. Found an impressive 5L success in a 4900m Southwell Beginners Chase then placed third in a 3800m novice chase at Doncaster. Expected to challenge.

5 KURASSO BLUE 73.5kg
 1x212 Jockey: **JACK KENNEDY** ★+
 Trainer: **G ELLIOTT** ★
 Owner: Robcour Career: 7 : 3-2-0 (60 days)
 Racing in very good form with three wins in last six starts. Won a 4600m Punchestown chase before placing second in a 4900m Navan novice chase a couple of months ago. Respected.

6 WILL DO 73.0kg
 70200 Jockey: **D J GILLIGAN**
 Trainer: **G ELLIOTT** ★
 Owner: Gigginstown House Stud Career: 25 : 3-5-5 (47 days)
 Gear: [Blinkers]
 Disappointed finishing down the field in the 4900 Listed Paddy Power Chase at Leopardstown before failing to finish the 5000m G3 Thyestes Chase at Gowran Park. Can't enthuse.

7 GUARD THE MOON 73.0kg
 0x101 Jockey: **S TWISTON-DAVIES** +
 Trainer: **NIGEL & WILLY TWISTON-DAVIES**
 Owner: James & Jean Potter Ltd Career: 16 : 6-4-1 (53 days)
 Failed to finish 4500m novice handicap chase at Newbury but bounce back to form winning a 4900m novice handicap chase at Windsor by 3.25L. Respected in this contest.

8 GRAND GESTE 72.0kg
 22101 Jockey: **D MCMENAMIN** +
 Trainer: **JOEL PARKINSON & SUE SMITH**
 Owner: The Acre Bottomers Career: 14 : 2-3-2 (24 days)
 Failed to finish the 4800m Great Yorkshire Premier Handicap Chase at Doncaster before a tough fought 1.75L victory in the 5700m Grand National Trial Premier Handicap Chase at Haydock Park. Each-way claims.

9 BACKMERSACKME 72.0kg
 82x01 Jockey: **DONAGH MEYLER**
 Trainer: **E MULLINS** ★
 Owner: Paul Byrne Career: 21 : 3-2-0 (37 days)
 Was well held in the 4900m Listed Paddy Power Chase at Leopardstown finishing 19th before winning the G3 4300m Leopardstown Handicap Chase by 1L. Can double up.

10 HOLLOWAY QUEEN 71.5kg
 x0041 Jockey: **JAMES BOWEN** +
 Trainer: **N HENDERSON** ★
 Owner: Unique Financial Racing P Career: 9 : 3-1-0 (31 days)
 Missed out on the placings when fourth in a 4500m novice handicap chase at Newbury before a 14L triumph at the same venue attempting 4700m. Worth noting if producing a similar performance.

11 ICEBERG THEORY 71.0kg
 x1x1x Jockey: **C STONE-WALSH** +
 Trainer: **P NOLAN**
 Owner: John J Brennan Career: 13 : 3-2-4 (107 days)
 Bids for a hat-trick following a 2L victory in a 4500m beginners chase at Limerick then followed up with an impressive 6.5L in a 4200m handicap chase at Cork back in November. One of the leading contenders.

12 NEWTON TORNADO 71.0kg
 x0101 Jockey: **S W FLANAGAN**
 Trainer: **R CURTIS** ★
 Owner: Frobisher Hyde McDermott BF Career: 11 : 4-4-1 (45 days)
 Failed to finish a 4500m novice handicap chase at Newbury but bounced right back to form with an impressive 6.5L victory in a 4800m novice handicap chase at Doncaster. Dangerous if producing a similar run.

13 FIRST CONFESSION 71.0kg
 33501 Jockey: **M B J POWELL** +
 Trainer: **JOE TIZZARD** ★
 Owner: Kevan Leggett, Susan & Jo Career: 11 : 4-0-3 (35 days)
 Suffered an unlucky fall in a 4800m novice handicap chase at Exeter before an impressive 10L victory in a 4200m beginners' chase at Carlisle five weeks ago. Each-way claims.

14 UNION STATION 70.5kg
 x2020 Jockey: **K M DONOGHUE**
 Trainer: **G CROMWELL**
 Owner: C Jones Career: 13 : 0-5-3 (54 days)
 Lost out by 0.75L to place second in a 4900m handicap chase at Leopardstown before unluckily unseating the rider in a 3300m handicap chase at Fairyhouse. May bounce back.

15 WALKING ON AIR 68.5kg
 00x83 Jockey: **MR H COBDEN** ★
 Trainer: **FAYE BRAMLEY**
 Owner: The Cheeky Pups Career: 17 : 2-2-3 (45 days)
 Disappointed when eighth in a 4000m handicap chase at Newbury but found improvement to place third in the 4800m Great Yorkshire Premier Handicap Chase at Doncaster. Expected to challenge again.

16 SILVER THORN 67.0kg
 x5114 Jockey: **JONATHAN BURKE**
 Trainer: **E LAVELLE**
 Owner: Syders & Burkes Career: 11 : 3-2-1 (31 days)
 Failed to land a hat-trick when fourth in a 4700m novice handicap chase at Newbury. Picked up wins tackling 4800m at Doncaster and Exeter prior. May return to winning ways.

17 HOLOKEA 67.0kg
 12220 Jockey: **S FENELON**
 Trainer: **MICKEY BOWEN**
 Owner: Miss Jayne Brace & Gwyn B Career: 22 : 5-8-0 (24 days)
 Placed a very respectable second in a 5700m handicap chase at Windsor but then failed to finish the Grand National Trial Premier Handicap Chase at Haydock Park over the same distance. Can bounce back.

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

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	8	11		1	10	15	13
2nd	9	1	-	-	2	2	1
3rd	1	5		-	5	10	3

Favorite: BACKMERSACKME
 Possible alternative: NEWTON TORNADO
 The cover: WADE OUT

R1 SEDGEFIELD 3381m

14:38 | (GMT13:38) | GBP £6,150 | 4UHCP HDLE C5

FAIRLIGHT STUDIOS CONDITIONAL JOCKEY...

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

CAPTAIN COOL (2) raced consistently producing five consecutive top-four finishes then suffered an unlucky unseat in a 3300m novice handicap hurdle ten days ago. Holds winning course and distance form and may bounce back. **COSMIC SOUL** (4) managed to place for the first time with hurdles when second in a Perth novice handicap hurdle. Last seen winning by 2.5L attempting a 3300m Southwell AW handicap and could transfer that form into the discipline. **BLACKWATER LILLY** (1) provides initial jumps outing for this year. Finished seventh behind the second pick on the flat and might reverse placings. **LAHIRE** (5) cannot be discounted bringing winning track and trip form.

1 BLACKWATER LILLY 76.0kg

4x097 Jockey: JOSHUA THOMPSON
Trainer: B ELLISON
Owner: Joseph Bell & Partner
Career: 14 : 1-3-2 (46 days)



Average recent form on the flat. Missed the frame the start before last then could only manage seventh last time, beaten 26 lengths at Southwell All Weather over 3300m. All set to improve in this more suitable contest.

2 CAPTAIN COOL 75.5kg

13x40 Jockey: L SCOTT
Trainer: J CANDLISH
Owner: A Baxter, Sowray & White
CD Career: 10 : 2-1-2 (10 days)



Still without a placing after two runs this prep. Missed out, beaten 5.5 lengths, two runs ago when resuming in a hurdle (3100m) at Musselburgh. Last time out in a hurdle (3300m) at Doncaster. All set for a return to form.

3 NEWPORT 73.0kg

03130 Jockey: MR RIAN CORCORAN ★
Trainer: I JARDINE
Owner: Ursa Major Racing & I Jar
Career: 25 : 1-0-4 (48 days)



Last start ran in a hurdle (3100m) at Catterick but was eased out of it. Capable enough and cannot be underestimated.

4 COSMIC SOUL 70.0kg

2x341 Jockey: W MAGGS
Trainer: P NEVILLE ★
Owner: M Lee, D Lee, C Jolley &
Career: 23 : 2-5-2 (46 days)



Missed the frame two back on the flat over 2800m then progressed nicely last time, also on the flat, to salute over 3300m at Southwell All Weather by 2.5 lengths. Can add to the recent impressive results.

5 LAHIRE 69.5kg

3x90x Jockey: C MAGGS
Trainer: D M JNR
Owner: Bankhouse Thoroughbreds
CD Career: 21 : 1-2-3 (68 days)



Took a fall at his latest appearance in a 3100m hurdle at Catterick then went for a break. Shapes as a top-three chance if on his best behaviour.

6 WARRIOR LION 67.0kg

06x20 Jockey: WILLIAM SHANAHAN
Trainer: J CANDLISH
Owner: A C O'keeffe
Career: 28 : 0-3-1 (34 days)



Ran in a hurdle (3400m) at this track last time out but failed to finish. Worth another chance and is worth consideration.

7 JET APPROACH 64.5kg

x77x0 Jockey: CONNER MCCANN ★
Trainer: B ELLISON
Owner: Brian Ellison Racing Club
Career: 8 : 0-0-1 (6 days)
Gear: [Blinkers]



Returned from a spell in a hurdle (3100m) at Catterick last start but failed to finish at long odds. Looking elsewhere.

8 SUSIESPARKLE 64.5kg

70950 Jockey: MR OSCAR PALMER
Trainer: M SOWERSBY
Owner: M E Sowersby
Career: 29 : 2-3-3 (48 days)



Was at long odds last time in a hurdle (3100m) at Catterick but failed to finish. Others rate better.

9 KING KODIAK 64.5kg

x0003 Jockey: MR E AUSTIN
Trainer: G BEWLEY
Owner: Miss Maria D Myco
Career: 7 : 0-0-1 (2 days)



Is yet to find the frame after 6 career runs. Safely held again last start when 11th in a hurdle (3200m) at Kelso. Others have far greater appeal.

Pace of the Race

BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	1, 7, 9	4, 6, 8	2, 3

Race Selections

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

Favorite: CAPTAIN COOL

Possible alternative: COSMIC SOUL

The cover: BLACKWATER LILLY

R2 SEDGEFIELD 3994m

15:18 | (GMT14:18) | GBP £6,150 | 4UHCP HDLE C5

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

WIND YOUR NECK IN (5) could turn two runner-up finishes into a win after placing second in a 3900m novice handicap hurdle at Carlisle before filling the same spot at Catterick a fortnight ago. May go one better. **SHAN'T WAIT** (1) placed second in a Southwell handicap hurdle before managing third contesting a 3300m handicap hurdle at Market Rasen last time out. Will be thereabouts. **SWINGFORTHEFENCE** (4) has only placed once in four career starts. Disappointed slightly when seventh attempting a Ludlow novice hurdle. Interesting wearing first-time cheekpieces. **DARTMHOR** (7) makes some attraction from bottom of the weights.

1 SHAN'T WAIT 76.0kg

5x923 Jockey: G SHEEHAN ★
Trainer: C LONGSDON
Owner: Miss S Pilkington
Career: 8 : 0-1-1 (53 days)



Filled a minor placing two runs ago in a hurdle (3200m) at Southwell. Repeated the dose more recently when third in a hurdle (3300m) at Market Rasen, beaten 6 lengths. Ideally placed for a return to winning form.

2 SAINT POLO 75.5kg

67859 Jockey: I J POWER
Trainer: J CANDLISH
Owner: A C O'keeffe
Career: 7 : 0-0-0 (49 days)



Finished fifth two runs ago in a maiden hurdle (3200m) at Southwell then could only manage ninth most recently in a maiden hurdle (3100m) at Leicester. Big task ahead.

3 KLAPTON BOY 75.5kg

x6x0x Jockey: MR TOM MIDGLEY
Trainer: N KENT
Owner: Ms Victoria Cottingham
Career: 5 : 0-2-1 (117 days)



Failed to finish at his latest appearance in a 4800m steeplechase at Market Rasen then went for a spell. Bold showing expected on his best figures.

4 SWINGFORTHEFENCE 75.0kg

3x797 Jockey: SEAN QUINLAN
Trainer: J CANDLISH
Owner: Miss C Dolan
Career: 4 : 0-0-1 (20 days)



Unplaced two starts ago in a hurdle (3400m) at Carlisle then improved last start when he finished seventh in a hurdle (3200m) at Ludlow, beaten 17 lengths. Tough to stop on his best form.

5 WND YOUR NECK IN 73.5kg

44722 Jockey: M J ENGLAND ★
Trainer: SAM ENGLAND
Owner: Wyniers
Career: 40 : 3-9-3 (14 days)



Filled a minor prize two runs back in a hurdle (3900m) at Carlisle. Repeated the dose at the latest outing when second in a hurdle (3900m) at Catterick, beaten one length. Looks very hard to beat.

6 STAR VANTAGE 71.0kg

6465x Jockey: C MAGGS
Trainer: REBECCA MENZIES
Owner: Holmfirth Racing
Career: 30 : 0-6-2 (73 days)



Resumes after a break of three months. Finished off last campaign with a fifth in a hurdle (4800m) at Wetherby, beaten 11 lengths. Can pose a serious challenge.

7 DARTMHOR 66.0kg

80x34 Jockey: BRIAN HUGHES
Trainer: C GRANT
Owner: Miss Alison P Lee
Career: 8 : 0-0-1 (42 days)



Has returned in fair form. Placed when resuming two starts back in a hurdle (4200m) at this track then was beaten 19 lengths into fourth in a hurdle (4700m) at Newcastle two months ago. Must be a chance.

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

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

Favorite: **WIND YOUR NECK IN**
Possible alternative: **SHAN'T WAIT**
The cover: **SWINGFORTHEFENCE**

R3 SEDGEFIELD 3381m

15:58 | (GMT14:58) | GBP £10,000 | 4U HDLE MDN C4

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

REBEL TRIBESMAN (6) got off the mark under rules winning by 1L contesting a jumpers flat race tackling 3400m at Aintree back in May. Now represents a new trainer making hurdle debut. Can double up. **LIBERTY COACH** (4) has only placed once in four hurdling starts. Disappointed when pulling up in a 3200m handicap hurdle at Kelso on most recent appearance. Improvement expected. **MATCHING ENERGY** (5) managed to complete the race running eighth in a 3400m Carlisle novice hurdle. Fell over the same course and distance prior. More is needed. **FEARLESS DRAGON** (1) cannot be discounted after placing third at this venue previously.

1 FEARLESS DRAGON 72.0kg

5x53 Jockey: **MR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON** ★
Trainer: **P NEVILLE** ★
Owner: N Jolley, J Barnard & C K
Career: 3 : 0-0-1 (19 days)



Hit the frame last time but a fair way from the winner Follow Your Luck when beaten 19 lengths hurdle. No match for the winner in latest but rates a chance here.

2 LARISTOTE 72.0kg

0x37 Jockey: **BRIAN HUGHES**
Trainer: **D M JNR**
Owner: Wf Ainscough
BF Career: 3 : 0-0-1 (47 days)



Opened the campaign with a solid third in a bumper (3400m) at this track then last start was outside the top-three in a hurdle (3200m) at Wetherby two months ago. Not sure he is up to this.

3 LAS CANALS 72.0kg

13x9x Jockey: **C NICHOL**
Trainer: **OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH GUERRIERO**
Owner: The Nevers Racing Partner
Career: 3 : 1-0-1 (90 days)



Resumes from a break of three months. Finished 60 lengths from the winner in ninth at the latest appearance in a maiden hurdle (3250m) at Hereford. Has performed well fresh in the past but this doesn't look easy.

4 LIBERTY COACH 72.0kg

x0360 Jockey: **CONOR O'FARRELL**
Trainer: **JOHN & SEAN QUINN**
Owner: Mrs S Quinn
Career: 20 : 4-1-5 (25 days)



Sent out at long odds in a hurdle (3200m) at Kelso last time but was pulled up out of the race. Deserves another chance and is among the better hopes.

5 MATCHING ENERGY 72.0kg

1x0x8 Jockey: **SEAN QUINLAN**
Trainer: **D F BOURKE**
Owner: Scott Lowther
BF Career: 3 : 1-0-0 (22 days)



Was disappointing first up last start in a hurdle (3400m) at Carlisle on February 16. Looks a contender on best form. Can improve sharply here.

6 REBEL TRIBESMAN 72.0kg

31x Jockey: **G SHEEHAN** ★
Trainer: **J SNOWDEN** ★
Owner: Oldgoldracing & Walkingwi
D BF Career: 2 : 1-0-1 (298 days)



Returns after 10 months in the paddock. Finished last campaign with victory when facing the starter for just the second time, scoring by one length in a bumper (3400m) at Aintree. Makes appeal.

7 THE DEN MASTER 72.0kg

30 Jockey: **J ANDREWS**
Trainer: **T ELLIS** ★
Owner: James & Jean Potter Ltd
Career: 2 : 0-0-1 (47 days)



Was at long odds last time in a maiden hurdle (3200m) at Huntingdon but failed to finish. Others rate better.

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

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

Favorite: **REBEL TRIBESMAN**
Possible alternative: **LIBERTY COACH**
The cover: **MATCHING ENERGY**

R4 SEDGEFIELD 5284m

16:38 | (GMT15:38) | GBP £8,900 | 5UHCP CHSE C4

ENCORE EDUCATIONAL FOR EARLY YEARS...

Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #6

ALRIGHT DAI (4) bids for a hat-trick after narrowly coming out on top by a head attempting a Taunton handicap hurdle before a more impressive 6.5L victory making chase debut at Fontwell Park. Major player. **LE GRAND VERT** (6) left behind five disappointing efforts securing a 1.75L victory in a 4800m handicap chase at Ayr four weeks ago. Climbs slightly in distance. Might double up. **UPFORDEBATE** (2) failed to land a hat-trick when fifth in a 4900m handicap chase at Carlisle. Won twice over course and distance prior. May return to winning ways. **REALISATION** (3) cannot be discounted after two placed efforts previously.

1 GREAT NOTIONS 75.0kg

x2350 Jockey: **J ANDREWS**
Trainer: **FIONA NEEDHAM**
Owner: R Tate
Career: 16 : 3-4-4 (54 days)



Pulled up last start over the jumps at Newcastle after finishing fifth the run before in a 5200m steeplechase at Kelso. What happened last time is not ideal so happy enough to avoid.

2 UPFORDEBATE 74.0kg

011x5 Jockey: **BRIAN HUGHES** +
Trainer: **P NEVILLE** ★
Owner: Eamon McElligott
CD BF Career: 18 : 5-0-1 (22 days)



Returned from a layoff last time out in a steeplechase (4900m) at Carlisle, finishing fifth when partnered by today's jockey Brian Hughes. Key runner - don't underestimate.

3 REALISATION 72.5kg

x433x Jockey: **G SHEEHAN** ★
Trainer: **C LONGSDON**
Owner: Merrielle Irish Farm Li
Career: 15 : 2-2-5 (78 days)



Returns from a spell of three months. Concluded last campaign with a minor placing in a steeplechase (4700m) at Huntingdon, beaten 7 lengths. This looks a nice race to kick off.

4 ALRIGHT DAI 72.5kg

9x011 Jockey: **CONOR O'FARRELL** +
Trainer: **N P MULHOLLAND**
Owner: Lycett Racing Ltd
BF Career: 15 : 4-2-1 (58 days)



Extremely good jumper who has strung together two wins over the obstacles. Added to the tally last time in a steeplechase (3900m) at Fontwell Park. Ideally placed to go on with it.

5 RIBEYE 71.0kg

127x0 Jockey: **PETER JAY KAVANAGH**
Trainer: **P ATKINSON**
Owner: Mrs Lucinda Atkinson
Career: 45 : 6-7-8 (21 days)



Sent out at long odds in a hurdle (4600m) at Market Rasen last time when eased out of the race. Others rate better.

6 LE GRAND VERT 71.0kg

00801 Jockey: **MR O MCGILL** ★★
Trainer: **N KELLY**
Owner: All Play & No Work Syndic
Career: 44 : 4-6-9 (28 days)



Eased out of the race two starts back. Turned things around last time to win by 1.75 lengths in a steeplechase (4800m) at Ayr. All set to continue the strong recent form.

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

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

Favorite: ALRIGHT DAI
Possible alternative: LE GRAND VERT
The cover: UPFORDEBATE

R5 SEDGEFIELD 3288m

17:18 | (GMT16:18) | GBP £6,150 | 5U HCP CHSE C5
MW CIVILS & GROUNDWORKS HANDICAP CH...

Chase **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #5

POWEROFJET (2) secured a good 2.75L victory in a 3300m handicap chase at Newcastle prior to finishing fourth attempting further at Catterick in a novice handicap chase. May bounce back. TANKING ALONG (3) won by 2L trying a 3400m handicap hurdle at this venue before finishing fourth tackling the same track and trip. Slightly down in journey however can return to winning ways. INTENZO (1) has only placed once in four career outings. Interesting making chase and handicap debut. Potential. CLEAN GETAWAY (4) holds winning course and distance form. Finished fourth contesting a handicap hurdle here in latest. Not left out.

1 INTENZO

07x57 Jockey: M J HAMILTON 76.0kg
Trainer: MARK WALFORD
Owner: R J Baines
Career: 4 : 0-0-1 (34 days)



Safely held latest finishing fourths but beaten 10 lengths in a maiden hurdle (4000m) at this track. Strong finish in latest and looks a key chance again.

2 POWEROFJET

x31x4 Jockey: C MAGGS 75.5kg
Trainer: M TODHUNTER ★
Owner: Murphy's Law Partnership
D Career: 14 : 2-0-3 (48 days)



Was returning from a layoff last start when beaten 6 lengths into fourth in a steeplechase (3800m) at Catterick. Fitter and will be tough to beat this time.

3 TANKING ALONG

x214x Jockey: BRIAN HUGHES 72.5kg
Trainer: P NEVILLE ★
Owner: Eamon McElligott
C Career: 11 : 1-1-1 (95 days)



Is back from a spell of three months. Scored two back at this track before winding up the campaign with a fourth in a hurdle (3400m) at this track. Bold performance expected first-up.

4 CLEAN GETAWAY

4224x Jockey: MR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON ★+ 71.0kg
Trainer: P KIRBY
Owner: P Kirby & Grant Harrison
CD Career: 43 : 6-6-3 (117 days)



Back from a 117-day break. Finished off last campaign when fourth in a hurdle (3400m) at this track, beaten 12 lengths. Has ability and worth including.

5 BLUE BEAR

07x57 Jockey: PETER JAY KAVANAGH 67.5kg
Trainer: JOEL PARKINSON & SUE SMITH
Owner: Mrs S Smith
C BF Career: 15 : 1-0-1 (14 days)



Unplaced in two runs this prep, both over the jumps. Finished fifth when first-up then was 47 lengths away in seventh more recently in a steeplechase (3100m) at Catterick. Will be thereabouts.

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

Favorite: POWEROFJET
Possible alternative: TANKING ALONG
The cover: INTENZO

R6 SEDGEFIELD 3381m

17:55 | (GMT16:55) | GBP £4,500 | 46M HUNT FLAT C5
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FLAT **TURF** **GOOD SOFT** Participants #4

CRIMSON OCEAN (3) ran respectably on first career appearance when fourth in a Wetherby jumpers flat race during November. The winner has since scored again. Can act on those form claims. CONNELLS CROSS (2) finished runner-up on debut contesting a Perth jumpers flat race May 2025. Returns after a long layoff and now represents a new trainer. May go one better. DATSTHEHOLYALLOFIT (4) is the pick of the career debutants. Bred by Snow Sky out of Have You Time. Worth considering. BOURBON GIRL (1) is also another debuting. Bred by Maxios out of Mrs Malt. Holds plenty of potential providing first start.

1 BOURBON GIRL

Jockey: C MAGGS 71.0kg
Trainer: EWAN WHILLANS
Owner: Distillery Stud
Career: First Start



Mare by Maxios out of Mrs Malt. Will be better for the outing and tempted to give her this.

2 CONNELLS CROSS

2x Jockey: SEAN QUINLAN 71.0kg
Trainer: J CANDLISH
Owner: Ms Jennie Candlish
Career: 1 : 0-1-0 (299 days)



Five-year-old returning from a spell of 10 months. Last raced when a respectable second in a flat race at Perth over 3200m. Should stay out of trouble in the small field and is the testing material.

3 CRIMSON OCEAN

4x Jockey: P ARMSON ★ 71.0kg
Trainer: DAN HORSFORD ★
Owner: R H J Martin
Career: 1 : 0-0-0 (104 days)



Five-year-old returning from a spell of four months. Closed last campaign with a fourth on the flat at Wetherby over 3200m. Perfectly placed to take care of the small field.

4 DATSTHEHOLYALLOFIT

Jockey: BRIAN HUGHES 71.0kg
Trainer: P NEVILLE ★
Owner: Eamon McElligott
Career: First Start



Mare by Snow Sky out of Have You Time. Tough to line up and betting is likely to provide the best guide.

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

Favorite: CRIMSON OCEAN
Possible alternative: CONNELLS CROSS
The cover: DATSTHEHOLYALLOFIT