

1.30 JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 2m179y (3380 Metres)

RACE 1 **(12) VAUBAN (FR) | (9) PIED PIPER | (3) FIL DOR (FR)**

2.10 McCOY CONTRACTORS COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3) (1) 2m179y (3380 Metres)

RACE 2 **(10) I LIKE TO MOVE IT | (18) TOP BANDIT | (15) STATE MAN (FR)**

2.50 ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE (Spa) (Grade 1) (1) 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)

RACE 3 **(7) GINTO (FR) | (10) HILLCREST (IRE) | (13) MINELLA COCONER (IRE)**

3.30 BOODLES CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Grade 1) (1) 3¼m70y (5290 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) A PLUS TARD (FR) | (7) MINELLA INDO (IRE) | (6) GALVIN (IRE)**

4.10 ST. JAMES'S PLACE FESTIVAL CHALLENGE CUP OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (2) 3¼m70y (5290 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) BOB AND CO (FR) | (2) BILLAWAY (IRE) | (19) WINGED LEADER (IRE)**

4.50 MRS PADDY POWER MARES' CHASE (Liberthine) (Grade 2) (1) 2½m127y (4140 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) ELIMAY (FR) | (5) MOUNT IDA (IRE) | (1) CONCERTISTA (FR)**


5.30 MARTIN PIPE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2½m56y (4070 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) ADAMANTLY CHOSEN (IRE) | (13) CHEMICAL ENERGY (IRE) | (10) LANGER DAN (IRE)**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

 **Top Rated:** The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

 **Horses For Courses:** A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

 **Jockey Uplift:** The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

 **Trainer Form:** A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

1.30**JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 4yo £135,000
2m179y (3380 Metres)**

RACE 1

Racing TViGoing: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 AGES OF MAN (IRE) (37) 80
73 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Anthony McCann, Ireland *Jonathan Moore*
Fair maiden on Flat. Left his hurdling debut form behind when 6¼ lengths third of 14 to Hms Seahorse (4th in Fred Winter yesterday) at Fairyhouse (2m) 37 days ago, but will surely be outclassed here.

2 DOCTOR PARNASSUS (IRE) (38) 94
11 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
Failed to win on the level for David O'Meara but is a half-brother to useful hurdler Metier and has created a fine impression in winning both his starts in this sphere. Not to be underestimated.

3 FIL DOR (FR) (41) (D, BF) 98
1112 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland *Davy Russell*
Won his first 3 starts over hurdles, including a Leopardstown Grade 2 in taking style on Boxing Day. Clear of the rest when second to Vauban in Grade 1 there last time and likely to progress further.

4 ICARE ALLEN (FR) (20) (D) 95
1151 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland *M. P. Walsh*
Won sole bumper in France and has quickly developed into a useful hurdler, shaping better than the distance beaten suggests in the Spring Juvenile in between 2 easy wins. Retains potential.

5 IL ETAIT TEMPS (FR) (41) 96
5-23 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland *D. E. Mullins*
Runner-up in a 1½m bumper on the second of 2 starts in France and ran a huge race pitched straight in at the deep end on hurdling debut when third to Vauban at Leopardstown. Sure to progress.

6 KNIGHT SALUTE (20) (CD) 97
11111 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Milton Harris *Paddy Brennan*
Lost his way on Flat but has taken really well to hurdling, making it 5-5 in Grade 2 Adonis at Kempton recently, pushed out. Has more on his plate now but his attitude will stand him in good stead.

7 KOI DODVILLE (FR) (27) (D) 78
11346 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



David Pipe *Tom Scudamore*
Fair on Flat in France and similar form when landing juveniles at Hexham/Aintree (2m) back in June. Failed to kick on thereafter and was well beaten in Victor Ludorum at Haydock won by Porticello.

8 LUNAR POWER (IRE) (82) 92
8122 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Noel Meade, Ireland *Sean Flanagan*
Left debut form in this sphere well behind to run out a convincing winner at Punchestown in November. Limitations exposed when runner-up to Fil Dor twice since though, and looks vulnerable again.

9 PIED PIPER (48) (CD) 98
11 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland *J. W. Kennedy*
Useful on Flat and has made a most promising start over hurdles, beating Vauban by ½ length on debut at Punchestown and then following up with ease in a C&D Grade 2. Will go on improving.

10 PORTICELLO (FR) (27) 98
1-1211 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gary Moore *Jamie Moore*
Won sole start in France and made it 3-4 for new yard when storming clear to score by 17 lengths in Victor Ludorum at Haydock (15.6f, heavy). Open to more progress and the more rain the better.

11 TEDDY BLUE (GER) (20) 93
22 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gary Moore *Joshua Moore*
Fairly useful 1¾m winner on Flat in France who shaped well behind Knight Salute in the Adonis 20 days ago, every chance when blundered last. Looks promising but this demands more. Hood added.

12 VAUBAN (FR) (41) 100
21 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland *P. Townend*
Useful and progressive on Flat and built on his hurdling debut second to Pied Piper when going one better in fine style in Grade 1 Spring Juvenile at Leopardstown (2m). More to come and leading claims.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Vauban, 7-2 Pied Piper, 6-1 Fil Dor, 12-1 Il Etais Temps, 14-1 Porticello, 14-1 Icare Allen, 16-1 Knight Salute, 20-1 Doctor Parnassus, 25-1 Teddy Blue, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

VAUBAN won the Spring Juvenile in impressive fashion on just his second start over hurdles, and that looks the best piece of form in the division on either side of the Irish Sea, so he's fancied to prove too strong with further improvement on the cards. The Elliott-trained pair Pied Piper and Fil Dor are fancied to follow him home in that order, while Doctor Parnassus makes appeal at bigger odds.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. VAUBAN (FR) 2. PIED PIPER 3. FIL DOR (FR)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2021	Quilixios 4-11-0	2-1	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	8
2020	Burning Victory 4-10-7	12-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	13
2019	Pentland Hills 4-11-0	20-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	14
2018	Farclas 4-11-0	9-1	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	9
2017	Defi du Seuil 4-11-0	5-2f	Philip Hobbs	Richard Johnson	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.10**McCOY CONTRACTORS COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3) (1) 5yo+ £100,000 2m179y (3380 Metres)**

RACE 2

Racing TViGoing: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1 CALL ME LYREEN (IRE) (40) 95
186-20001 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Mr Robert James (71b/3kg)**
Low-mileage 6-y-o who belatedly returned to pick of his form from last spring when landing 27-runner Liffey Handicap at Leopardstown last month. However, more on his plate from 14 lb higher mark here.

2 MY MATE MOZZIE (IRE) (40) 94
11124 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Kieren Buckley (51b/2kg)**
Useful hurdler, who scored twice prior to a fine second in Gr 1 Royal Bond in November, a late error costing him. Best to overlook last month's Leopardstown run and more to come now handicapping.

3 TRITONIC (34) 98
115-25140 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Alan King **A. P. Heskin**
Well-served by strongly-run race that tested stamina when landing valuable Grade 3 handicap at Ascot (15.7f) in December. Not so good ridden positively in Betfair Hurdle since but each-way claims.

4 BALLYADAM (IRE) (40) (D) 97
4224-F250 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Aidan Coleman**
Useful novice hurdler who finished well held second in last year's Supreme. Didn't look a natural over fences late last year and he's run poorly twice over hurdles subsequently. Bit to prove now.

5 FELIX DESJY (FR) (27) (D) 90
38F-43557 9 11-3 | 71.2kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**
Successful twice over fences during 2020 but winless last year and he's become increasingly temperamental, dropping away quickly in a Gowran Grade 3 last month. Hard to warm to.

6 DYSART DIAMOND (IRE) (23) 94
02912173 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Jack Foley (31b/1kg)**
Never threatened in last year's Coral Cup but scored twice thereafter, including mares' listed event (18f) in November. Creditable third in Quevega Hurdle but this a tough ask from career-high mark.

7 FAIVOIR (FR) (13) (CD) 98
1-1412233 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



Dan Skelton **Bridget Andrews**
Very useful, prolific winning hurdler last season who quickly reached a similar level over fences, winning twice. Latest third in Morebattle Hurdle another solid display but this clearly deeper.

8 FIRST STREET (34) 97
2211513 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Henderson **Nico de Boinville**
Well-regarded 5-y-o who cashed in off 10 lb lower mark at Kempton (2m) in January and enhanced his profile when third in Betfair Hurdle last month, rallying. Possible he has even more in his locker.

9 CASK MATE (IRE) (40) (D) 96
1120-20 9 11-2 | 70.8kg



Noel Meade, Ireland **Denis O'Regan**
Maiden/novice hurdler winner who ran up to best when second in Gr 2 WKD Hurdle in October. Shaped as if needing Leopardstown return behind Call Me Lyreen last month but this another tough ask.

10 I LIKE TO MOVE IT (34) (CD) 100
129-11152 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**
Useful dual bumper winner and similar standard when landing first 3 starts over hurdles. Not seen to best effect at Ascot next time but ran a cracker to finish second in Betfair Hurdle. Shortlisted.

11 JESSE EVANS (IRE) (124) (D, BF) 96
1U74-3149 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Noel Meade, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
Progressive hurdler who finished fourth in Galway Hurdle in July. Fit from success on Flat, he ran below best when ninth in Greatwood Hurdle but freshened up since.

12 FAROUT (IRE) (40) 95
5-112435 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **B. Hayes**
Maiden/novice hurdler winner who has reached a useful level, third in Future Champions Grade 1 Novice at Leopardstown in December. Well held back there last month but switch to handicaps a plus.

13 WEST CORK (90) (CD) 98
22112/15 8 11-1 | 70.3kg



Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Fine advert for trainer's skills when making winning return from 21-months off in Greatwood Hurdle here in November. Went well for a long way at Ascot in December and mark remains an appealing one.

14 IRASCIBLE (FR) (20) (D) 96
1255-0 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **B. J. Cooper**
Lightly-raced 7-y-o who was a well-beaten fifth in last year's Supreme. Possible first start for 12 months was needed at Fairyhouse in February but others make more appeal in any case.

15 STATE MAN (FR) (45) 96
2-F1 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**
Highly promising ex-French gelding who looked likely winner when falling 2 out in Leopardstown maiden before easily gaining compensation at Limerick last month. Very exciting prospect for handicaps.

16 COLONEL MUSTARD (FR) (40) (D) 98
1243-2123 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Mrs Lorna Fowler, Ireland **Conor Orr (31b/1kg)**
Didn't need to match previous best when landing a Galway maiden (16.4f) in October but quickly back to useful level with placed efforts in graded company at Ascot/Leopardstown. Can go well again.

17 SUPRISE PACKAGE (51b/2kg ex) (6) 99
24P27291 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Peter Fahey, Ireland **K. C. Sexton**
Had been shaping well in Ireland and, played wide and late, he forged clear to land Imperial Cup at Sandown (2m) on Saturday. Has to be worth a look under a penalty and yard won this 12 months ago.

18 TOP BANDIT (103) (CD) 95
224-13111 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Davy Russell**
Fairly useful in bumpers and impressive start over hurdles during the winter, making it 3 wins from 4 starts with minimum fuss in Punchestown novice (15.8f) in December. More to come now handicapping.

19 CORMIER (IRE) (51b/2kg ex) (13) (CD) 96
170-24011 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Brian Ellison **Sean Quinlan**
Tough, dependable sort who dispelled his Greatwood Hurdle blip when landing a C&D handicap in January and followed up in Morebattle Hurdle at Kelso (2m) 2 weeks ago. This is tougher, though.

20 GUA DU LARGE (FR) (110) 96
2150-4P1 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Rachael Blackmore**
Kapgarde gelding who boasts a mixed record but he resumed progress with big-field handicap success at Fairyhouse (2m) 18 days ago, responding well under pressure. That may not prove his limit.

21 ECLAIR DE BEAUFEU (FR) (40) (D) 98
640-020P0 8 10-10 | 68.0kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Jordan Colin Gainford (31b/1kg)**
Boasts good Festival form, running another fine race when fourth in this race 12 months ago. Has yet to fire over hurdles/fences this term but lurking on good mark if return to this venue perks him up

22 TAX FOR MAX (GER) (232) (BF) 94
26-22 5 10-9 | 67.6kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **S. F. O'Keefe**
Smart Flat winner who has finished runner-up on 3 of his 4 starts over hurdles, again proving too keen behind Farout at Galway back in July. Well-run race should suit now handicapping at least.

2.10**McCOY CONTRACTORS COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3) (1) 5yo+ £100,000 2m179y (3380 Metres)**

RACE 2

Racing TV**23 BUA BOY (IRE) (12) 95**

1139-2203 7 10-9 | 67.6kg



Denis Hogan, Ireland

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Dual hurdles winner who returned with pair of solid placed efforts last summer. Not in same form when well beaten in the Greatwood but should strip fitter for his Leopardstown run 12 days ago.

24 BROOMFIELD BURG (IRE) (34) (BF) 98

7-112217 6 10-8 | 67.1kg



Nicky Henderson

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Low-mileage sort who doubled hurdles tally in a Kempton novice (2m) on Boxing Day. However, could manage only seventh in Betfair Hurdle (sent off 11/4) and it's possible he's a little tricky.

25 STEPNEY CAUSEWAY (29) (D) 99

1111-3253 5 10-8 | 67.1kg



Dan Skelton

Jack Andrews (51b/2kg)

Quickly reached a useful level over hurdles last term, winning 4 times. Didn't kick on from chase debut second in 2 subsequent starts in that sphere and tough to pull off front-running tactics here.

26 TEMPO CHAPTER TWO (IRE) (37) 96

472-21421 6 10-8 | 67.1kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

D. E. Mullins

Improving by the run for Willie Mullins, quickening up nicely to get off the mark in a Fairyhouse novice (2m) in February. Pitched in to a deep handicap now but he's totally unexposed.

RESERVES**27 BALKO SAINT (FR) (13) 95**

310-17150 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Mrs Jane Williams

Reserve

Third hurdle success when winning a small-field Kempton listed novice in October. Well held over fences in France next time though and again disappointing in Morebattle Hurdle 2 weeks ago. RESERVE.

28 UP FOR PAROL (IRE) (6) 97

11-34163P 6 10-6 | 66.2kg



Jamie Snowden

Reserve

Well backed to score on handicap hurdle debut at Haydock (18.8f) in December. Solid efforts in defeat next 2 starts and best not judged too harshly on last week's Imperial Cup disappointment. RESERVE.

26 DECLARED RUNNERS (2 RESERVES)

BETTING FORECAST:**13-2** State Man, **9-1** Top Bandit, **11-1** West Cork, **14-1** Suprise Package, **14-1** Colonel Mustard, **16-1** I Like To Move It, **18-1** My Mate Mozzie, **22-1** Broomfield Burg, **22-1** First Street, **22-1** Cormier, **22-1** Call Me Lyreen, **22-1** Farout, **25-1** Jesse Evans, **28-1** Tritonic, **28-1** Gua Du Large, **40-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Unsurprisingly, claims can be made for a host, including Nigel Twiston Davies' I LIKE TO MOVE IT. Already a 3-time winner over hurdles, he improved again and shaped really well when second in the Befair Hurdle latest, going down by a short head. This stiffer test will suit and he earns the vote. Irish raiders Top Bandit and State Man are next best, ahead of West Cork and Surprise Package.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. I LIKE TO MOVE IT 2. TOP BANDIT 3. STATE MAN (FR)****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2021	Belfast Banter	6-10-0	33-1	Peter Fahey	K. C. Sexton	25
2020	Saint Roi	5-10-13	11-2f	W. P. Mullins	Barry Geraghty	24
2019	Ch'tibello	8-11-5	12-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	24
2018	Mohaayed	6-10-11	33-1	Dan Skelton	Bridget Andrews (3)	24
2017	Arctic Fire	8-11-12	20-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	25

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE (Spa) (Grade 1) (1)
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RACE 3



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Pace Information: **Extreme**

1 BALLYGRIFINCOTTAGE (IRE) (54) 91
 31 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
 Won all 3 completed starts in points and made a positive start under Rules when third in Grade 2 here. Comfortably went one better in Lingfield novice but this a tall order.

2 BARDENSTOWN LAD (41) (CD) 93
 1-311311 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

John McConnell, Ireland **Sean Bowen**
 Bumper winner who has won 4 of his 5 starts over hurdles, notably when defying penalties in novices over C&D and Musselburgh last 2 starts. Possesses the requisite stamina and no forlorn hope.

3 BRORSON (IRE) (40) (D, BF) 88
 2-2327113 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

Martin Keighley **Jamie Moore**
 Progressive, bagging Catterick maiden and Southwell handicap before excellent third at Wincanton last month. Not up to this level, however.

4 CLASSIC GETAWAY (IRE) (46) 93
 121 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Mr P. W. Mullins**
 £570,000 purchase on back of point success. Landed odds in bumper and off mark at second attempt over hurdles in maiden at Punchestown. Remains with potential but taking a huge step up in class.

5 ERIC BLOODAXE (IRE) (41) t 91
 117/41217 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland **J. J. Slevin**
 Resumed winning ways upped in trip in Grade 2 hurdle at Limerick (23f, heavy) but tailed off in Grade 1 at Leopardstown since.

6 FALCON EIGHT (IRE) (36) s 91
 51 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

D. K. Weld, Ireland **M. P. Walsh**
 Smart stayer on the level (Chester Cup winner) who left hurdles debut behind when winning Thurles maiden (23f), jumping better. Much more needed here but has loads of potential given ability on Flat.

7 GINTO (FR) (75) ★ 100
 21-111 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**
 Made light of the further step up in grade to complete the hat-trick in Grade 1 at Naas in January, in doing so maintaining an unbeaten record over hurdles. Likeable type and more to come up in trip.

8 GOOD TIME JONNY (IRE) (41) (D) t 95
 95F31611 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

A. J. Martin, Ireland **K. C. Sexton**
 Form over hurdles has really taken off since switched to handicaps, winning 3 of his last 4 starts, notably when beating 23 rivals at Leopardstown last month. Not to be underestimated at this level.

9 GREEN BOOK (FR) (27) 94
 2-211U14 5 11-8 | 73.5kg

Venetia Williams **Charlie Deutsch**
 Improver on Flat in 2021 and has continued on the up switched to hurdles, bagging third win in 3m Sandown handicap. Probably found Haydock coming too soon but flying too high in all likelihood here.

10 HILLCREST (IRE) (27) (C, D) 99
 21-111U1 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Henry Daly **Richard Patrick**
 Big chasing type who is unbeaten when completing over hurdles, galloping on strongly on first crack at 3m in Grade 2 Prestige Novices' Hurdle at Haydock. That form puts him right in the mix.

11 IDAS BOY (IRE) (54) s 91
 2/23-1242 8 11-8 | 73.5kg

Noel Meade, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
 Struggled when upped to a Grade 3 at Cork and only second in novice at Thurles since. Firmly up against it.

12 MAHLER MISSION (IRE) (48) (D) t 94
 3211 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

John McConnell, Ireland **James Bowen**
 Showed improved form to open account over hurdles at third attempt in Sedgfield maiden. Took another big step forward when following up in Grade 2 at Doncaster. More needed again.

13 MINELLA COCOONER (IRE) (41) h 98
 1211 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**
 Bumper winner who confirmed hurdling debut promise when winning 16-runner maiden at Navan and looked a stayer of some potential when following up in Grade 1 at Leopardstown (22.2f). Shortlisted.

14 RAMILLIES (IRE) (23) t 92
 4/158-631 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **B. J. Cooper**
 Mixed record in bumpers (often finished weakly) but has made a positive start over hurdles, not hard pressed when landing odds in maiden at Punchestown. Mettle will be tested in this, though.

15 SHANTREUSSE (IRE) (29) (D) 92
 21-211 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Rachael Blackmore**
 Confirmed promise of hurdling debut when winning novice at Cork and booked his ticket for this when following up in Grade 3 at Clonmel (3m, heavy) last month. Stamina clearly his strong suit.

16 STAG HORN (62) s 92
 11 5 11-8 | 73.5kg

Archie Watson **Nick Scholfield**
 Smart stayer on the Flat (good record in the mud) who impressed when winning both starts over hurdles, notably Grade 2 at Warwick. Potentially lots more to come from him in this game now up in trip.

17 THE NICE GUY (IRE) (47) 95
 111 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **S. F. O'Keefe**
 Useful form when winning both starts in bumpers and maintained his unbeaten record in workmanlike fashion switched to hurdles in Naas maiden (19f). Sure to improve and will stay.

18 THE REAL WHACKER (IRE) (48) 93
 612 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

Ann Duffield **Sam Twiston-Davies**
 Left hurdling debut form behind to run out a surprise winner of maiden at Carlisle. Took another big step forward when second to Mahler Mission in Grade 2 at Doncaster. Plenty to find here, though.

19 WHERE IT ALL BEGAN (IRE) (41) 82
 29-2212 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland **A. P. Heskin**
 Runner-up 3 times (bumper first 2 occasions) before coming good in 21.5f Tramore maiden. No match for Bardenstown Lad at Musselburgh since, however, and looks out of his depth here.

19 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Ginto, 4-1 Hillcrest, 9-1 Minella Cocooner, 12-1 The Nice Guy, 16-1 Shantreusse, 18-1 Bardenstown Lad, 18-1 Stag Horn, 20-1 Good Time Jonny, 25-1 Ramillies, 28-1 Classic Getaway, 28-1 Falcon Eight, 33-1 Ballygrifincottage, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GINTO made light of the further step up in grade when completing the hat-trick in a Grade 1 at Naas in January, maintaining his unbeaten record over hurdles in the process. There's a good chance that this longer trip will bring out further improvement, so he makes plenty of appeal. Hillcrest and Minella Cocooner are both highly progressive so rate the main threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GINTO (FR) 2. HILLCREST (IRE) 3. MINELLA COCOONER (IRE)

2.50**ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE (Spa) (Grade 1) (1)**
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RACE 3

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2021	Vanillier 6-11-5	14-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	M. P. Walsh	16
2020	Monkfish 6-11-5	5-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	19
2019	Minella Indo 6-11-5	50-1	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	20
2018	Kilbricken Storm 7-11-5	33-1	Colin Tizzard	Harry Cobden	20
2017	Penhill 6-11-5	16-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.30**BOODLES CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Grade 1) (1)**
5yo+ £625,000 3¼m70y (5290 Metres)


RACE 4

Racing TVGoing: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 AL BOUM PHOTO (FR) (76) (CD) s  **97**
211/13-21 10 11-10 | 74.4kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**


Won this in 2019 and 2020. Creditable third to Minella Indo and A Plus Tard last year. Warmed up in customary fashion with a fourth successive win in Tramore Grade 3 on New Year's Day. Cheekpieces on.

2 A PLUS TARD (FR) (80) (C, BF) t  **100**
213/212-12 8 11-10 | 74.4kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Rachael Blackmore**

Second to Minella Indo last year. Very impressive when beating Royale Pagaille by 22 lengths on Haydock return. Collared by Galvin at Leopardstown since but yard in better form now. Leading claims.

3 ASTERION FORLONGE (FR) (41) (BF) t **96**
F433-1Uf4 8 11-10 | 74.4kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **B. J. Cooper**

High-class handicap performance when winning easily at Punchestown last spring. Set for second behind Tornado Flyer when falling last in King George but only a fair fourth in Irish Gold Cup since.

4 AYE RIGHT (IRE) (48)  **92**
26230-513 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Harriet Graham & Gary Rutherford

Callum Bewley

Very smart chaser who finally gained a deserved big handicap win in Rehearsal at Newcastle in November. Creditable 5¼ lengths third to Chantry House here latest but this is asking too much of him.

5 CHANTRY HOUSE (IRE) (48) (C) s **96**
13111-1P1 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Nicky Henderson

Nico de Boinville

Grade 1 novice chase winner here and at Aintree last spring. Ran abysmally when sent off favourite for King George but back on track in cheekpieces (retained) when winning Grade 2 here in January.

6 GALVIN (IRE) (80) (C) **97**
11111-121 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Davy Russell

Capped unbeaten novice chase campaign with National Hunt Chase success at 2021 Festival. Has improved again this term, collaring A Plus Tard on line in Savills at Leopardstown in December. Player.

7 MINELLA INDO (IRE) (41) (CD)  **99**
11F41-3P2 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Robbie Power**

Saw off A Plus Tard to win last year. Has yet to really fire this season but he did at least bounce back from an abject display in King George when second in Irish Gold Cup. Very good course record.

8 PROTEKTORAT (FR) (104) (C) t **94**
0/11221-21 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Grade 1 winner at Aintree in novice season and built on fine reappearance second in Paddy Power Gold Cup here when easily winning a 25f Grade 2 back at Aintree in December. The unknown quantity.

9 ROYALE PAGAILLE (FR) (34) **95**
3/1116-212 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Defied a big weight in Peter Marsh at Haydock in January. Good second in Denman at Newbury since but he was a remote sixth in this last year and A Plus Tard slammed him in Betfair.

10 SANTINI (48) (C)  **91**
12/253P-42 10 11-10 | 74.4kg




Polly Gundry

Nick Scholfield

Close second to Al Boum Photo in this in 2020. Lost his way last term but back on song for new yard when second to Chantry House here last time. Still a surprise if he can do as well as 2 years ago.

11 TORNADO FLYER (IRE) (82) **96**

5/22543-51 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**

High-class chaser who ran the race of his life when proving 9 lengths too strong for Clan des Obeaux in King George at Kempton on Boxing Day. Will need another career best to follow up.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 A Plus Tard, **7-2** Galvin, **11-2** Minella Indo, **9-1** Al Boum Photo, **10-1** Protektorat, **16-1** Tornado Flyer, **18-1** Chantry House, **18-1** Royale Pagaille, **22-1** Asterion Forlonge, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It could be another 1-2 for Henry de Bromhead but in a different order, with A PLUS TARD, who should be in his prime at 8, taken to turn the tables on last year's winner Minella Indo. The latter has yet to really fire this term but he's always saved his best for this meeting (2 wins and a second) and can provide a bigger threat than Galvin, who pipped the selection at Leopardstown over Christmas.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. A PLUS TARD (FR) 2. MINELLA INDO (IRE) 3. GALVIN (IRE)****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2021	Minella Indo 8-11-10	9-1	Henry de Bromhead	J. W. Kennedy	12
2020	Al Boum Photo 8-11-10	10-3f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	12
2019	Al Boum Photo 7-11-10	12-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	16
2018	Native River 8-11-10	5-1	Colin Tizzard	Richard Johnson	15
2017	Sizing John 7-11-10	7-1	Mrs J. Harrington	Robbie Power	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**ST. JAMES'S PLACE FESTIVAL CHALLENGE CUP OPEN
HUNTERS' CHASE (2) 5yo+ £50,000 3¼m70y (5290
Metres)**

RACE 5

Going: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Even**

1	BACK BAR (IRE) (29)	80
P-1	10 12-0 76.2kg	
	Alan Hill <i>Miss Izzie Marshall</i>	
One-time fair hurdler (for Gordon Elliott) who is better known for his pointing exploits. Just fair form when winning novice hunter at Leicester last month so firmly up against it.		
2	BILLAWAY (IRE) (34)	99
21125-221	10 12-0 76.2kg	s
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland <i>Mr P. W. Mullins</i>	
Long been one of the leading lights in hunter chases and looked as good as ever in first-time headgear when making all at Naas. Runner-up in this for last 2 years, only just failing 12 months ago.		
3	BOB AND CO (FR) (27) (D, BF)	100
11/101-122	11 12-0 76.2kg	t
	Paul Nicholls <i>Mr David Maxwell</i>	
Enhanced good strike rate in this sphere in Champion Hunters at Punchestown. Not seen to best effect on belated return at Haydock last month. Still going well when unseated 3 out in this last year.		
4	COUSIN PASCAL (FR) (27)	98
4/46211-21	10 12-0 76.2kg	
	J. J. O'Shea <i>Mr James King</i>	
Surprise winner of Foxhunters' at Aintree last year. Should have won at Hereford on comeback and made amends when beating the returning Bob And Co by 2 lengths at Haydock. Unlikely to be far away.		
5	DESIRE DE JOIE (FR) (23)	84
56-6436P2	9 12-0 76.2kg	
	N. R. W. Wright <i>Mr Archie Wright</i>	
Positive start for current yard when landing a point last month but he's 0-10 over fences under Rules.		
6	DON BERSY (FR) (480)	84
R-	9 12-0 76.2kg	s
	Ryan Potter <i>Mr Tommie M. O'Brien</i>	
Refused to race on his last 3 outings under Rules and on his latest start in a point. Very much one to leave alone.		
7	DUBAI QUEST (IRE) (41)	95
1-1	9 12-0 76.2kg	
	T. Ellis <i>Miss Gina Andrews</i>	
Multiple point winner who bolted up in hunters at Fakenham and Wetherby a year apart. Jumping will be tested here but well worth a shot at this.		
8	FUMET D'OUDAIRES (FR) (294) (C, BF)	92
05/1-12	7 12-0 76.2kg	
	T. Ellis <i>Mr Zac Baker</i>	
Improved to win first 2 starts in hunters but stamina stretched at Stratford in May. Multiple point winner, including small-field events on last 2 starts (latest Jan 29).		
9	IT CAME TO PASS (IRE) (322) (CD)	90
1171/407-5	12 12-0 76.2kg	
	Eugene M. O'Sullivan, Ireland <i>Miss M. O'Sullivan</i>	
Surprise winner of this 2 years ago but is no longer at that level, well beaten when fell 3 out latest start in point (Jan 16).		
10	LORD SCHNITZEL (IRE) (81)	87
0P/P4-P051	9 12-0 76.2kg	v
	Declan Queally, Ireland <i>Mr M. C. O'Donovan</i>	
Has been going great guns in points this season, winning 2-finisher event last time (Feb 26). Landed odds in maiden hunter latest start under Rules in December. Visored.		

11	MIGHTY STOWAWAY (IRE) (129)	88
745/0360-3	11 12-0 76.2kg	s+t
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>Mr J. J. Codd</i>	
Multiple point winner (including this season), though well beaten when pulled up last time (Feb 13). Good 5½ lengths third of 4 to Vaucelet at Fairyhouse in November. Remote sixth in this last year.		
12	MONBEG CHIT CHAT (294) (CD)	88
75607/3-13	11 12-0 76.2kg	
	Mrs G. B. Walford <i>Mr Christopher Furness</i>	
Fairly useful in Ireland and did well in hunters in 2021, winning over C&D in April. Multiple winning pointer, including last 3 starts (latest Jan 30).		
13	OVERWORKDUNDERPAID (IRE) (27)	88
3121147-3	9 12-0 76.2kg	v
	L J Morgan <i>Mr George Chatterton</i>	
Multiple winning pointer and fairly useful chaser. Not far behind Cousin Pascal and Bob And Co on return to Rules at Haydock but that was a slowly-run affair. Up against it.		
14	POINT THE WAY (IRE) (292) (D)	83
P2-11	11 12-0 76.2kg	
	G. C. Brewer <i>Mr Joe Wright</i>	
Won a couple of hunters at Perth and Kelso when last seen under Rules in May. Off mark in points at seventh attempt last time (Feb 6). Looks out of his depth.		
15	PONT AVEN (IRE) (37)	97
2PP-24P31	9 12-0 76.2kg	s
	J. P. Owen <i>Mr Alex Chadwick</i>	
Talented chaser for Willie Mullins and won a point by a wide margin for current connections. Made an impressive winning start to life in hunters at Ludlow last month and is an interesting contender.		
16	PREMIER MAGIC (IRE) (294)	91
1-3	9 12-0 76.2kg	t
	Bradley Gibbs <i>Mr Bradley Gibbs</i>	
Multiple point winner, including last 2 starts. Justified short odds in hunter at Leicester on Rules debut 13 months ago and better form when 4¼ lengths third of 5 to Vaucelet at Stratford in May.		
17	REWITETHERULES (IRE) (241)	83
P6P-1F370	8 12-0 76.2kg	h
	David O'Brien <i>Mr David O'Brien</i>	
Fairly useful chaser at best. Looks out of his depth starting out for new yard.		
18	SEÑOR LOMBARDY (IRE) (362)	88
866P6/422-	9 12-0 76.2kg	
	Mrs K Harding <i>Mr Lyall Hodgins</i>	
Fairly useful hurdler/chaser who pulled clear of the remainder when second in hunter at Carlisle when last seen under Rules a year ago. Won 4 of 5 starts in points, wide-margin winner latest (Feb 27).		
19	WINGED LEADER (IRE) (54)	97
25F221-11	8 12-0 76.2kg	
	David Christie, Ireland <i>Mr B. O'Neill</i>	
Coming of age in hunter chases now, winning last 3 starts, jumping well on his return to Rules when beating Billaway (who was returning from 9 months off) by 12 lengths at Thurles in January.		
20	ZAMPARELLI (IRE) (57)	85
2/41-F27	10 12-0 76.2kg	b+t
	Miss V. Collins <i>Mr Darren Andrews</i>	
Mixed record in hunters and firmly up against it in this company.		

20 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Billaway, **11-2** Winged Leader, **15-2** Bob And Co, **14-1** Pont Aven, **16-1** Dubai Quest, **18-1** Cousin Pascal, **18-1** Premier Magic, **22-1** Fumet D'oudaires, **33-1** It Came To Pass, **33-1** Mighty Stowaway, **33-1** Monbeg Chit Chat, **33-1** Lord Schnitzel, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BOB AND CO was still going well when unseating 3 out in this last year and he went on to make amends when edging out Billaway in the Champion Hunters at Punchestown in April. Paul Nicholls charge made a respectable return when second in a steadily-run race at Haydock and shades the vote over Billaway, who's been second in the last 2 renewals. The up-and-coming Winged Leader is another to consider.

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RACE 5

**ST. JAMES'S PLACE FESTIVAL CHALLENGE CUP OPEN
HUNTERS' CHASE (2) 5yo+ £50,000 3¼m70y (5290
Metres)**


TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BOB AND CO (FR) 2. BILLAWAY (IRE) 3. WINGED LEADER (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2021	Porlock Bay	10-12-0	16-1	Will Biddick	Lorcan Williams	18
2020	It Came To Pass	10-12-0	66-1	Eugene M. O'Sullivan	Miss M. O'Sullivan	21
2019	Hazel Hill	11-12-0	7-2f	Philip Rowley	Alex Edwards	24
2018	Pacha du Polder	11-12-0	25-1	Paul Nicholls	Harriet Tucker	24
2017	Pacha du Polder	10-12-0	16-1	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	23

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.50**MRS PADDY POWER MARES' CHASE (Liberthine) (Grade 2)**
(1) 5yo+ mares £120,000 2½m127y (4140 Metres)

RACE 6

Racing TViGoing: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

1 **CONCERTISTA (FR) (80)** (C) **94**
31/112-311 **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg t



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

P. Townend

2020 Dawn Run winner who was collared in the dying strides by Black Tears in the mares' hurdle at this meeting 12 months ago. 2-2 in Grade 2 mares' novice chases this season. More to come over fences.

2 **SCARLET AND DOVE (IRE) (50)** **92**
F115-223P **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

B. J. Cooper

Good efforts behind Mount Ida on first 2 outings this winter and shaped better than being pulled up would suggest in Thyestes at Gowran in January. More a place than win contender.

3 **ELIMAY (FR) (34)** (D) **100**
22121-321 **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg s+t



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

M. P. Walsh

Edged out by stablemate Coolreevy in first running of this 12 months ago. Warmed up for this year's renewal with a second successive win in Naas mares' listed race last month. Leading claims.

4 **MAID O'MALLEY (39)** (D) **80**
7F22-2211 **9** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Stuart Coltherd

Sam Coltherd

Has thrived since front-running tactics have been adopted, winning mares' handicaps at Wetherby and Carlisle in recent months. This surely a step too far, though.

5 **MOUNT IDA (IRE) (76)** (C, D) **99**
0/31213-11 **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg t



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Davy Russell

Remarkable performance to win Kim Muir last year as she didn't look to be going anywhere early on (jumped right). Has built on that with wins at Clonmel and Fairyhouse (beat Elimay) this term.

6 **PINK LEGEND (34)** (CD) **86**
221-1P61F **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Likeable chaser who saw off Vienna Court to win Huntingdon listed race over this trip in January. However, she was beaten when falling 3 out in Utttoxeter race won by Zambella last month.

7 **VIENNA COURT (IRE) (49)** (CD, BF) **90**
5443-3112 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Has returned a much improved model this term, winning a pair of competitive C&D handicaps around the turn of the year. Respectable second to Pink Legend in Huntingdon listed race since.

8 **ZAMBELLA (FR) (34)** (D) **93**
2F2-41121 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Daryl Jacob

Very useful chaser who has won mares' chases on 3 of her last 4 starts, the first 2 listed events. Won't need to raise her game too much to give the Irish something to think about.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Elimay, **2-1** Mount Ida, **7-2** Concertista, **16-1** Zambella, **22-1** Scarlet And Dove, **25-1** Vienna Court, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ELIMAY had to settle for second behind a very classy stablemate in the inaugural running of this but can go one better now. Mount Ida beat the selection at Fairyhouse in January but there is a worry she'll jump out to her right back on a left-handed track. She got away with it in the Kim Muir last year but may not do so against an opponent of Elimay's calibre. Concertista is best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ELIMAY (FR) 2. MOUNT IDA (IRE) 3. CONCERTISTA (FR)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:2021 **Colreevy** 8-11-7

9-4 W. P. Mullins

P. Townend

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SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race











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RACE 7

MARTIN PIPE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE
(2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-145) £75,000 2½m56y (4070
Metres)**Racing TVi**Going: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Extreme**

1	THE VERY MAN (IRE) (55) (D)	96
	31-3U45P1 8 11-10 74.4kg Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland <i>Conor Orr</i> Useful hurdler who looked as good as ever when scoring at Navan 55 days ago. Had nothing to spare, however, so he's likely to prove vulnerable to less-exposed types.	
2	HOLLOW GAMES (IRE) (41) (D, BF)	96
	11-1133 6 11-9 73.9kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>Jordan Colin Gainford</i> Successful on his first 4 starts under Rules, then gave it his all in a couple of Grade 1 events since, third to Minella Cocooner on latest occasion. Bold showing expected from this tough sort.	t
3	ADAMANTLY CHOSEN (IRE) (36)	99
	1221 5 11-8 73.5kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <i>Richard Deegan</i> Bumper winner who opened his hurdling account at the first attempt by a wide margin at Thurles last month. More to come up in trip, and smooth-travelling style should suit this type of race.	
4	FIVE O'CLOCK (FR) (735)	96
	2117/ 7 11-7 73.0kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <i>Jack Foley</i> Single-figure price when a creditable seventh in this event a couple of years ago. Hasn't been seen since, but he's 4 lb lower now and, given the ability of his trainer, would be dangerous to dismiss.	
5	GRAND JURY (FR) (41)	97
	1-4126 6 11-7 73.0kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland <i>H. Morgan</i> Useful in bumpers and built on hurdling debut win when runner-up in Naas Grade 1 in January. Laboured effort subsequently, but expected to get back on track.	t
6	THE GOFFER (IRE) (22) (D)	94
	71441 5 11-6 72.6kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>Sam Ewing</i> Has improved with each run over hurdles and displayed a likeable attitude to land a Grade 3 event at Thurles in late February. Type to do better still, so makes the shortlist.	
7	DECIMATION (IRE) (20)	96
	22212-37 7 11-6 72.6kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland <i>M. P. O'Connor</i> Useful hurdler in excellent hands, and travelled as well as any (seemingly needed the run) when seventh at Fairyhouse on handicap/seasonal debut. Likely to build on that, so well respected.	t
8	EARLOFTHECOTSWOLDS (FR) (82) (D)	99
	4150-3116 8 11-5 72.1kg Nigel Twiston-Davies <i>Jordan Nailor</i> Looked resurgent when completing a double over hurdles in November. Just respectable effort the following month but he scored cosily on the Flat 6 days ago. Others are better treated.	s
9	ILIKEDWAYURTHINKIN (IRE) (81)	96
	377-01130 8 11-4 71.7kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland <i>S. D. Torrens</i> Useful hurdler/chaser who scored twice over the larger obstacles before being let down by his jumping on his latest couple of outings. Return to hurdling makes sense after an 81-day break.	
10	LANGER DAN (IRE) (24)	100
	26/95412-6 6 11-3 71.2kg Dan Skelton <i>Lorcan Williams</i> Runner-up in this event last year and probably having a pipe-opener when last of 6 at Taunton on sole start since 24 days ago. Dropped 3 lb since, so set for another bold bid if things drop right.	★

11	BANBRIDGE (IRE) (55)	96
	8-111471 6 11-3 71.2kg Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland <i>M. M. McDonagh</i> Likeable type who got back on the up when readily landing a 7-runner minor event at Navan from Au Fleuron 55 days ago. Return to this trip will suit, and should benefit from a well-run race.	
12	HES A HARDY BLOKE (IRE) (40)	94
	213110-68 7 11-3 71.2kg Noel Meade, Ireland <i>E. Walsh</i> Useful hurdler who hasn't disgraced himself in a couple of competitive handicaps the last twice. Step up in trip promises to suit, so he's no forlorn hope.	t
13	CHEMICAL ENERGY (IRE) (111) (D)	99
	1140-121 6 11-3 71.2kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>Shane Fitzgerald</i> Dual bumper winner who boasts a progressive profile over timber. Relished the return to this trip when scoring at Fairyhouse in November, and a mark of 137 looks fair. Respected.	
14	AU FLEURON (FR) (33) (BF)	97
	1-4123 5 11-3 71.2kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>K. Brogan</i> Off the mark at Navan in December and good placed efforts subsequently, third in a listed event at Punchestown on latest. This trip looks ideal, so there's scope for a bigger effort.	
15	COBBLERS DREAM (IRE) (62)	97
	1-13211 6 11-2 70.8kg Ben Case <i>Jack Andrews</i> Upwardly mobile novice hurdler who made a winning start in handicaps at Doncaster and followed up in the Lanzarote at Kempton a couple of months ago. The form isn't working out, but hard to dismiss.	h+t
16	I A CONNECT (IRE) (115) (D)	98
	3/23-1121 7 11-2 70.8kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>Fergus Gregory</i> Progressive, likeable front-runner who doubled his account over hurdles when scoring at Punchestown 115 days ago. Fluent jumping will hold him in good stead, so one to consider.	
17	QUINTA DO MAR (IRE) (62)	97
	3124-114F 7 11-1 70.3kg Ben Pauling <i>Luca Morgan</i> Ready winner of handicaps at Carlisle and Fontwell this winter and has remained in top form since, likely to have been placed had he not fallen at the last in the Lanzarote at Kempton 2 months ago.	
18	FREEDOM TO DREAM (FR) (41)	94
	32/124 7 11-1 70.3kg Peter Fahey, Ireland <i>Liam Harrison</i> Winner at Punchestown in November and arrives with an upwardly-mobile profile after a respectable fourth in Grade 1 company at Leopardstown in February. 135 looks fair, so not a forlorn hope.	
19	PERFECT ATTITUDE (82)	94
	6333-1253 6 11-1 70.3kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>Jack Tudor</i> Fairly useful hurdler who ran well when third in a minor event at Limerick 82 days ago. Lightly raced and has an able partner, so no surprise if he puts in a big effort.	
20	HERBIERS (FR) (20)	97
	1311-P414 5 11-0 69.9kg Oliver Greenall <i>Theo Gillard</i> Successful 3 times in a very productive juvenile campaign and back to winning ways in 19.5f Doncaster handicap in November. Good fourth at Kempton recently and might not have finished progressing.	s+t
21	LUCKY MAX (GER) (40)	97
	800-11187 6 11-0 69.9kg Sean Thomas Doyle, Ireland <i>Peter Kavanagh</i> Three-time winner already this season and was right back on track when seventh from an unpromising position at Leopardstown 40 days ago. Could get involved if everything drops right.	
22	RESERVE TANK (IRE) (27) (D)	93
	PP-52FP8P 8 10-12 68.9kg Colin Tizzard <i>Non Runner</i> Useful hurdler/chaser but has been struggling badly of late, so would be most surprising were he to get involved in this. NON RUNNER.	

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RACE 7

**MARTIN PIPE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE
(2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-145) £75,000 2½m56y (4070
Metres)****Racing TV****23 SILVER SHEEN (33) (D)** b **96**

11/0-50065 8 10-12 | 68.9kg



Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland

Richard Condon

Rattled off a hat-trick in 2019-20, but yet to fire over both sets of obstacles this term. Very hard to make a case for.

24 BIGZ BELIEF (IRE) (47) b+t **95**

61P-0P031 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



Matthew J. Smith, Ireland

L. A. McKenna

Front runner who very much had the run of things when scraping home at Naas 47 days ago. Will face much more competition up front this time, so hard to imagine him lasting out.

RESERVES**25 PARTY BUSINESS (IRE) (62) (BF)** **97**

332-81F5 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Ian Williams

Reserve

Landed a 21.6f Ascot maiden, then fell 2 out when going well in the Challow at Newbury. Excuses (struck into) at Warwick next time, and remains with potential after a couple of months off.

26 SOLWARA ONE (IRE) (20) (D) **97**

1216-FFU9 8 10-10 | 68.0kg



Neil Mulholland

Reserve

Progressive hurdler last term but hasn't looked the same force (including over fences) this time round, so doesn't make much appeal even if he gets in. RESERVE.

24 DECLARED RUNNERS (2 RESERVES)

BETTING FORECAST:**13-2** Langer Dan, **7-1** Hollow Games, **17-2** Adamantly Chosen, **10-1** Chemical Energy, **16-1** I A Connect, **18-1** Five O'clock, **20-1** Au Fleuron, **20-1** Banbridge, **20-1** The Goffer, **22-1** Cobblers Dream, **28-1** Grand Jury, **33-1** Herbiers, **33-1** Party Business, **33-1** Decimation, **33-1** Perfect Attitude, **33-1** Freedom To Dream, **40-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ADAMANTLY CHOSEN is highly progressive and goes through his races like one who will be suited by the nature of this event, so he gets the nod in front of Chemical Energy, who fits a similar mould. Needless to say, there's a whole host of other interesting contenders from Ireland, while Langer Dan (second in last year's renewal) looks the pick of the British contingent.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. ADAMANTLY CHOSEN (IRE) 2. CHEMICAL ENERGY (IRE) 3. LANGER DAN (IRE)****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2021	Galopin des Champs	5-11-9	8-1	W. P. Mullins	S. F. O'Keeffe	22
2020	Indefatigable	7-11-9	25-1	Paul Webber	Rex Dingle	23
2019	Early Doors	6-11-10	5-1	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	24
2018	Blow By Blow	7-11-10	11-1	Gordon Elliott	Donagh Meyler	23
2017	Champagne Classic	6-11-3	12-1	Gordon Elliott	J. J. Slevin	23

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race