

Friday 1st November

DOWN ROYAL



12.25 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MAIDEN HURDLE 2¾m110y (4530 Metres)

RACE 1 **(6) MY LYKA | (8) WINGMEN | (7) THE YELLOW CLAY**

1.00 LOUGH CONSTRUCTION LTD. HANDICAP HURDLE 3m30y (4860 Metres)

RACE 2 **(12) BRANDT | (11) JIMLI'S CAVE | (5) TILLOUGHNA**

1.30 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF FEATHARD LADY MARES NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 3) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 3 **(6) SAVANTE | (1) ROYAL HOLLOW | (7) SPECULATRIX**

2.05 BOTTLEGREEN HURDLE (Jezki) (Group 3) 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) BRIGHTERDAYS Ahead | (1) DADDY LONG LEGS | (4) KING OF KINGSFIELD**

2.40 WTW INSURANCE BROKERS HANDICAP CHASE 2m100y (3310 Metres)

RACE 5 **(5) SOMEONE'S WISH | (2) HYPOTENUS | (4) GENERAL CLERMONT**

3.15 MONGEY COMMUNICATIONS BEGINNERS CHASE 2m3f192y (4000 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) FIREFOX | (4) MOSSY FEN PARK | (3) GRINGO D'AUBRELLE**

3.50 LADBROKES I.N.H. FLAT 2m190y (3390 Metres)

RACE 7 **(7) JACOB'S LADDER | (8) KALYPSO'CHANCE | (2) JERRY FROM KERRY**

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.

12.25**IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MAIDEN HURDLE 4yo+
€15,000 2¾m110y (4530 Metres)****RACE 1**Going: **Good to Yielding**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 AUGUSTA GEORGE (IRE) (21) 87
85286182 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. J. Bryson, Ireland **Mr N. Gault (71b/3kg)**
Fair hurdler. Winner in bumper at Downpatrick in August. 5/1, second of 5 in novice hurdle at Downpatrick (21.8f, good to soft) 21 days ago, better placed than most. Well in the mix.

2 CHAMPAGNE KID (IRE) (37) 89
52-51 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



P. E. Collins, Ireland **Patrick Michael O'Brien (71b/3kg)**
Fair useful form when winner of bumper at Listowel in September. Much respected on his hurdles debut.

3 GARNACHO (IRE) (28) t 86
5-52277 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland **Mikey Hamill**
Fair hurdler. Below form seventh of 15 in novice hurdle (9/1) at Gowran (16f, good to soft) 28 days ago. Significantly up in trip.

4 HEALDSBURG (IRE) (12) 79
56 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Mark Molloy, Ireland **L. A. McKenna (51b/2kg)**
Twice-raced maiden under NH rules. 8/1, sixth of 11 in novice hurdle at Limerick (16.3f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 12 days ago. Significantly up in trip.

5 JOHN THE SPARK (20) 87
3/F-8P42 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**
Modest hurdler. 4/1, creditable second of 9 in novice hurdle at Fairyhouse (18.5f, good) 20 days ago, unsuited by drop in trip. Back up in distance now and not ruled out.

6 MY LYKA (172) 97
2 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**
Useful Flat winner. Promising individual (shaped well on hurdles debut). 50/1, twenty ninth of 30 in handicap at the Curragh (16.8f, good to soft) 33 days ago. Switches from Flat to hurdles. Solid claims.

7 THE YELLOW CLAY (IRE) (184) ★ 100
11/46-2 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Sam Ewing**
Very smart form in bumpers. Player now hurdling significantly up in trip for top yard that targets this (1 of 2 runners).

8 WINGMEN (IRE) (183) h 96
13-1 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Jordan Colin Gainford**
Smart form in bumpers and won at Punchestown (16.4f, good to soft) 6 months ago. Considered now going hurdling for top yard that target this maiden.

9 INTERCHANGEABLE (185) h 70
0-0 4 11-11 | 74.8kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Daryl Jacob**
Twice-raced maiden. 80/1, thirteenth of 17 in bumper at Punchestown (16.7f, good to soft). Off 6 months. Makes hurdles debut. Significantly up in trip. Hooded for 1st time.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 The Yellow Clay, **11-4** My Lyka, **10-3** Wingmen, **12-1** Champagne Kid, **18-1** John The Spark, **20-1** Augusta George, **33-1** Garnacho, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Willie Mullins' MY LYKA is the clear pick of those with experience and fancied to get off the mark in this sphere. Gordon Elliott saddles two interesting hurdling newcomers though in the shape of Wingmen (second choice) and The Yellow Clay and they should ensure the selection doesn't have things all his own way.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. MY LYKA 2. WINGMEN 3. THE YELLOW CLAY****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Zefiro Dodville	5-11-12	12-1	Gordon Elliott	Jordan Colin Gainford	15
2022	American Mike	5-11-12	1-6f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	8
2021	Hollow Games	5-12-0	1-9f	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	7
2020	Farouk d'Alene	5-12-0	2-9f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	9
2019	Fury Road	5-11-12	8-11f	Gordon Elliott	Keith Donoghue	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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LOUGH CONSTRUCTION LTD. HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+
(Rated 80-102) €10,000 3m30y (4860 Metres)

RACE 2

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Yielding**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 SAMMY SMART (17) t **97**
5/870-2003 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg
T. Gibney, Ireland **K. E. Buckley**
16/1, creditable third of 16 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (22.8f, good) 17 days ago. Tongue strap on 1st time. Ought to be in the shake-up.



2 SUMMERTIME ROMANCE (111) t **97**
005-5P **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Colin A. McBratney, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
Lightly-raced maiden over hurdles. Fairly useful winner at 12f on flat. 16/1, pulled up in novice hurdle at Wexford (24f, good to soft) 111 days ago. Makes handicap hurdle debut.



3 EMILY IN PARIS (IRE) (12) t **97**
7-65328P3 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg
D. E. Fitzgerald, Ireland **Gavin Peter Brouder (51b/2kg)**
16/1, creditable third of 17 in handicap hurdle at Limerick (24f, good to soft) 12 days ago. Can give a good account.



4 PADDY'S MILESTONE (IRE) (185) ★ **100**
77444-0 **5** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Mr S. Connor (71b/3kg)**
17/2, below form eleventh of 24 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (19.4f, good to soft). Off 6 months. Up in trip. Has to be taken seriously if shrugging off latest effort.



5 TILLOUGHNA (IRE) (12) t **98**
0PP-67514 **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg
David Kenneth Budds, Ireland **D. J. O'Keeffe**
Winner in hurdle at Ballinrobe in July. Creditable fourth of 17 in handicap hurdle at Limerick (24f, good to soft, 16/1) 12 days ago. Trainer going well. Likely to continue in form.



6 KELLY'S BIRR (IRE) (154) s **97**
379P50/1-0 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Sam Ewing**
10/1 and cheekpieces on for 1st time, tenth of 15 in novice chase at Tramore (21.8f, good to soft) on debut over fences 154 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles.



7 FALAK (IRE) (13) t **87**
0/30-98 **11** 11-7 | 73.0kg
T. G. McCourt, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**
20/1, first run since leaving Miss Tracy M. Reilly when eighth of 18 in handicap hurdle at Limerick (16.3f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Significantly up in trip. Uphill task.



8 MON STORM (IRE) (63) (CD) t **95**
P4 **13** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Victor Wilson, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**
C&D winner. Fourth of 5 in minor event hurdle at this course (24f, good, 100/1) 63 days ago so more is required.



9 MULLAGHMORE WAVE (IRE) (21) v+t **96**
3/9-6P5P32 **9** 11-7 | 73.0kg
John McConnell, Ireland **Alex Harvey (51b/2kg)**
Creditable second of 9 in handicap chase at Downpatrick (23.7f, good to soft, 9/2) 21 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Visored for 1st time.



10 SCHIEHALLION (IRE) (21) t **97**
600-85P7F **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland **Patrick Michael O'Brien (71b/3kg)**
11/2, fell 3rd in handicap hurdle at Downpatrick (21.8f, good to soft) 21 days ago. Needs a couple of these to falter.



11 JIMLI'S CAVE (IRE) (21) b **93**
000-25271 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
R. K. Watson, Ireland **Donagh Meyler**
17/2 and blinkered for 1st time, career best when winning 12-runner handicap hurdle at Downpatrick (21.8f, good to soft) 21 days ago, always holding on. Likely player.



12 BRANDT (IRE) (30) h+t **99**
45-7U417U **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Cian Michael Collins, Ireland **Jordan Colin Gainford**
Winner in chase at Roscommon in August. 5/1, clear when unseated rider last in handicap chase at Sligo (21.1f, good) 30 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles and merits serious consideration off a reduced mark here.



13 IL SILENZIO (21) s+t **90**
08/00-74 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Martin Brassil, Ireland **R. A. Doyle**
12/1, good 12 lengths fourth of 12 to Jimli's Cave in handicap hurdle at Downpatrick (21.8f, good to soft) 21 days ago. Plenty to find on form however.



14 SPERANZA WILDE (IRE) (13) s+t **93**
57-76 **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg
R. K. Watson, Ireland **D. J. Gilligan**
Lightly-raced maiden. Tongue strap on for 1st time, solid sixth of 18 in novice hurdle (10/1) at Limerick (21f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Cheekpieces on 1st time. Makes handicap hurdle debut. Respected.



15 EVERystep OFTHEWAY (IRE) (116) s+t **97**
80440-444 **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg
Oliver McKiernan, Ireland **Phillip Enright**
15/2, respectable fourth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Roscommon (24.7f, good to soft) 116 days ago. Tongue strap back on. Can make presence felt.



16 CONTAINER MADNESS (IRE) (13) s+t **96**
0007-9004 **5** 10-12 | 68.9kg
Martin Brassil, Ireland **J. P. Shinnick (51b/2kg)**
16/1, good fourth of 18 in handicap hurdle at Limerick (21f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Ought to be thereabouts.



16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-2 Jimli's Cave, **9-1** Tilloughna, **11-1** Brandt, **12-1** Paddy's Milestone, **12-1** Kelly's Birr, **14-1** Everystep oftheway, **14-1** Emily In Paris, **14-1** Schiehallion, **14-1** Sammy Smart, **14-1** Mullaghmore Wave, **18-1** Container Madness, **22-1** Speranza Wilde, **22-1** Il Silenzio, **25-1** Falak, **33-1** Summertime Romance, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BRANDT has been much improved over fences since joining his current yard and is fancied to translate that form to hurdles here and strike. Downpatrick scorer Jimli's Cave heads the list of dangers, although a case can also be made for Tilloughna, Paddy's Milestone and Sammy Smart in this very open handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BRANDT 2. JIMLI'S CAVE 3. TILLOUGHNA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Hunting Brook 6-10-12	5-4f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	19
2022	Jungle Prose 7-11-9	3-1f	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	19
2021	Outside The Door 5-11-9	7-1	Padraig Roche	A. P. Kelly (7)	20
2020	Ragin Cajun 7-10-13	9-1	Matthew J. Smith	D. P. Maxwell (7)	18
2019	Askann 7-11-12	14-1	Mervyn Torrens	S. D. Torrens (7)	20

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

**IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF FEATHARD LADY MARES
NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 3) 4yo+ fillies and mares
€32,500 2m190y (3390 Metres)**

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1 ROYAL HOLLOW (IRE) (28) (D)  **100**
2224-2112 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



A. Slattery, Ireland

C. M. Quirke

Fairly useful hurdler. 2 wins from 4 runs this season. 11/10, respectable second of 5 in minor event hurdle at Gowran (16f, good to soft) 28 days ago. Should be thereabouts.

2 AMANHA (FR) (28) h+t **93**
432-24173 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland

Sean Flanagan 

Fair hurdler. Winner in hurdle at Roscommon in August. 28/1, third of 5 in minor event hurdle at Gowran (16f, good to soft) 28 days ago. Booking of Flanagan a plus.

3 MISS DISHY (IRE) (12) **89**
8371531 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



Ciaran Murphy, Ireland

E. Walsh

Fair hurdler. Career best when winning 14-runner novice hurdle at Limerick (16.3f, good to soft, 11/4) 12 days ago, pushed out. Uphill task.

4 MYSTICAL GODDESS (IRE) (29) (D) **93**
1 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland 

D. J. O'Keeffe

Won 10-runner novice hurdle at Clonmel (16.8f, good, 10/3) on NH debut 29 days ago, comfortably. Should improve from that impressive start but this is a big ask.

5 SANSRISK (FR) (25) **94**
62535-141 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



J. P. Dempsey, Ireland

Donagh Meyler

Fairly useful hurdler. 2 wins from 3 runs this season. Career best when winning 12-runner novice hurdle (2/5) at Fairyhouse (16f, good) 25 days ago. Worth a chance at this level.

6 SAVANTE (IRE) (22) (D) **96**
101 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



Colm A. Murphy, Ireland

M. P. Walsh

Promising type. 2 wins from 3 runs this season. Won 11-runner novice hurdle (8/11) at Tramore (20.3f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 22 days ago, forging clear. More to come and looks a definite player.

7 SPECULATRIX (26) (BF) **95**
1/6-0F 5 10-10 | 68.0kg




Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Sam Ewing

Lightly-raced winner under NH rules. 2/5, fell heavily in novice hurdle at Killarney (17f, soft) on hurdles bow 26 days ago. Had the race at her mercy at the time and looks open to improvement if none the worse for that.

8 STORMALONG (IRE) (13) (D) t **99**
88931316 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



David Kenneth Budds, Ireland 

D. J. Gilligan

Fairly useful hurdler. 11½ lengths sixth of 7 to Jetara in listed mares event (10/1) at Limerick (22.8f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Back down in trip. Enters calculations.

9 YOKKELL (IRE) (26) (CD, BF) **89**
122 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



John McConnell, Ireland

B. W. Harvey

Thrice-raced winner over hurdles. C&D winner. Hooded for 1st time, second of 9 in novice hurdle (5/6) at Kelso (16.2f, good to soft) 26 days ago. More required in this company.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Royal Hollow, **11-2** Speculatrix, **6-1** Stormalong, **7-1** Savante, **8-1** Sansrisk, **12-1** Mystical Goddess, **14-1** Yokkell, **16-1** Amanha, **16-1** Miss Dishy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Bumper winner SAVANTE made an emphatic start to her hurdling career at Tramore recently and can find enough improvement to make an immediate breakthrough at Grade 3 level. Royal Hollow sets the standard and Speculatrix can get involved if she's recovered from a nasty fall (when looking set to win) on hurdling debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SAVANTE 2. ROYAL HOLLOW 3. SPECULATRIX

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Brighterdaysahead 4-10-10	2-1f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	12
2022	Magical Zoe 4-10-10	18-1	Henry de Bromhead	A. P. Heskin	10
2021	Impervious 5-11-2	7-2	Colm A. Murphy	B. Hayes	7
2020	Skyace 5-11-2	66-1	John Joseph Hanlon	J. S. McGarvey	8
2019	Daylight Katie 6-10-10	1-3f	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race








2.05**BOTTLEGREEN HURDLE (Jezki) (Group 3) 4yo+ €50,000
2m190y (3390 Metres)**

RACE 4

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Yielding**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

	1 DADDY LONG LEGS (FR) (26) (D)  100
	1P61-1501 5 11-8 73.5kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland P. Townend Smart hurdler. Career best when winning 5-runner Horse & Jockey Hotel Hurdle at Tipperary (16.2f, good to soft, evens) 26 days ago by 16 lengths from Smooth Tom. The one to beat.
	2 BRIGHTERDAYSAHEAD (FR) (202) (CD) 95
	11/11121- 5 11-7 73.0kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland Sam Ewing Useful hurdler. C&D winner. 6/5, didn't need to improve to win 8-runner Mersey Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (20f, good to soft) by 7½ lengths from Staffordshire Knot, plenty in hand. Remains with potential.
	3 SMOOTH TOM (IRE) (26) 88
	115-02 5 11-5 72.1kg A. Slattery, Ireland C. M. Quirke Lightly-raced winner over hurdles. Successful on the Flat in first-time cheekpieces (retained here) 10 days ago but he was beaten 16 lengths by Daddy Long Legs on latest start in this sphere at Tipperary and he's just 3 lb better off with that rival now.
	4 KING OF KINGSFIELD (IRE) (185) (C, D) 98
	3/222130-4 6 11-1 70.3kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland D. J. Gilligan Useful hurdler. Creditable 11½ lengths fourth of 9 to Mystical Power in Champion Novices' Hurdle at Punchestown (16.7f, good to soft, 28/1), unable to sustain effort. Brighterdaysahead appears to be the stable No 1 but he feared nonetheless.
	5 BREAGAGH (IRE) (20) 73
	2PP3-5224 6 10-11 68.5kg S. Michael Millar, Ireland Mr N. Gault Modest hurdler. Creditable seventh of 19 in handicap at Navan (14f, good to soft, 20/1) 9 days ago. Switches from Flat to hurdles. Creditable on last hurdle outing. Uphill task.
	6 MISS FOURIE (IRE) (71) (D) 92
	93-574261 7 10-8 67.1kg Peter Fahey, Ireland J. Coen Unreliable type. Career best when winning 10-runner handicap hurdle (17/2) at Killarney (17f, soft) 71 days ago, doing better under change of tactics. Much more on her plate here.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Brighterdaysahead, **6-4** Daddy Long Legs, **5-1** King of Kingsfield, **28-1** Smooth Tom, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BRIGHTERDAYSAHEAD is taken to enhance Gordon Elliott's fine recent record in this Grade 3 contest, a race he has saddled the winner of three times in the last four years. The 5-y-o has tasted defeat just once from seven career starts and she looked very good indeed when landing a Grade 1 at the Aintree Grand National meeting. Daddy Long Legs thumped Smooth Tom and three others in a Tipperary Grade 3 last month and he is the main danger ahead of the selection's stablemate King of Kingsfield.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BRIGHTERDAYSAHEAD 2. DADDY LONG LEGS 3. KING OF KINGSFIELD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Irish Point 5-12-0	5-6f	Gordon Elliott	J.W. Kennedy	7
2022	Pied Piper 4-11-10	1-8f	Gordon Elliott	J.W. Kennedy	4
2021	Zanahiy 4-11-9	8-13f	Gordon Elliott	J.W. Kennedy	5
2020	Aspire Tower 4-11-6	3-1	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	6
2019	Coeur Sublime 4-10-13	7-4f	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.40**WTW INSURANCE BROKERS HANDICAP CHASE 4yo+
€14,500 2m100y (3310 Metres)**


RACE 5

Going: **Good to Yielding**


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Pace Information: **Very Weak**


1 CALICO (FR) (19) (D) t 94
21214-542 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **C. P. Millar (7lb/3kg)**
Respectable second of 6 in handicap chase (11/2) at Cork (17.6f, good) 19 days ago. Yard saddles a more appealing candidate in Someone's Wish.


2 HYPOTENUS (16) (D) 93
61636-428 5 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
Fairly useful 2m winner over hurdles. Eighth of 12 in novice chase (8/1) at Punchestown (16.6f, good) 16 days ago. May well take a step forward now pitched into a handicap.

3 IF YOU LET ME (30) (D) h 87
756-13235 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**
Fairly useful 2m winner over hurdles. Good second of 11 in maiden at Navan (14f, good to soft, 25/1) 9 days ago, closing all way to line. Switches from Flat to chase and he's open to improvement.


4 GENERAL CLERMONT (FR) (8) 95
42-1814f4 8 11-2 | 70.8kg

 D. E. Fitzgerald, Ireland **Gavin Peter Brouder (5lb/2kg)**
Creditable fourth of 8 in handicap chase at Clonmel (20.7f, good to soft, 10/1) 8 days ago. Down in trip and he's not without each-way hope.


5 SOMEONE'S WISH (IRE) (19) ★ 100
5-0245613 4 10-7 | 66.7kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Sam Ewing**
Winner of a maiden chase at Downpatrick in September. 9/4, third of 5 in a Cork novice (17.6f, good) 19 days ago. Big player on handicap debut in this sphere.

6 TUCKMILL (IRE) (22) (D) b 96
6P/1P-4126 8 10-7 | 66.7kg

 Peter Fahey, Ireland **J. Coen (3lb/1kg)**
Latest win in hurdle at Wexford in August. Bit below form sixth of 10 in novice chase at Tramore (20.4f, good to soft, 11/2) 22 days ago. Blinkers back on for handicap debut in this sphere.

7 RICKY LANGFORD (IRE) (17) (D) b 94
772U1869 10 10-0 | 63.5kg

 P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **S. D. Torrens**
Unreliable sort. Latest win in chase at Downpatrick in August. 33/1, ninth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (15.8f, good) 17 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Someone's Wish, **4-1** Hypotenus, **5-1** Calico, **7-1** General Clermont, **17-2** If You Let Me, **10-1** Tuckmill, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SOMEONE'S WISH has made a positive start over fences, proving 1¼ lengths too strong for the re-opposing Tuckmill on debut in this sphere at Downpatrick prior to going close in his follow up bid at Cork last month. The 4-y-o probably has more to offer as a chaser and earns preference ahead of Hypotenus and General Clermont.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SOMEONE'S WISH 2. HYPOTENUS 3. GENERAL CLERMONT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Dont Go Yet 9-11-7	18-1	Edward Cawley	P. Byrnes (5)	9
2022	Now Where Or When 7-11-5	4-1	Stuart Crawford	Sam Ewing	10
2021	Espion du Chenet 7-10-8	5-1	Louise G. Lyons	Ryan Treacy	9
2020	Bridge Native 9-11-6	5-1f	Mrs D. A. Love	Conor Orr (5)	13
2019	Ar Eagla Na Heagla 5-10-0	4-1jf	Francis Casey	M. A. Enright	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race









3.15**MONGEY COMMUNICATIONS BEGINNERS CHASE 4yo+
€11,000 2m3f192y (4000 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Good to Yielding**

Down Royal is a right-handed, undulating, square-shaped track with a circuit of one mile and seven furlongs. The narrower Hurdle Course, which also stages chases, sits on the outside of the General Track. There are ten fences to a circuit with four fences in the final four furlongs and a run-in of less than a furlong. The run-in for hurdle races is over a furlong and a half.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	BIG STAGE (IRE) (36)	69
	5322-210 6 11-12 75.3kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>D. J. Gilligan</i> Fairly useful hurdler. Successful at Downpatrick in May. 8/1, eleventh of 14 in handicap hurdle at Listowel (20f, soft) 36 days ago. Makes chase debut.	
2	FIREFOX (IRE) (185) (C)	 100
	11/11432-2 6 11-12 75.3kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>Sam Ewing</i> Smart hurdler. Good 1¼ lengths second of 9 to Mystical Power in Champion Novices' Hurdle at Punchestown (16.7f, good to soft, 9/2), clear of rest. Off 6 months ahead of this chase debut. Could take high rank in the novice chasers' division this season.	
3	GRINGO D'AUBRELLE (FR) (1020)	72
	8 11-12 75.3kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>Jordan Colin Gainford</i> Useful hurdler. Latest win in hurdle at Fairyhouse in November 2021. Placed in Graded novice events on final 2 starts of 2021/22 campaign. Subsequent absence an obvious concern ahead of this chase debut.	
4	MOSSY FEN PARK (IRE) (215) (C, D)	73
	212- 5 11-12 75.3kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland  <i>D. J. O'Keefe</i> Thrice-raced winner over hurdles. Runner-up in a Grade 2 novice hurdle at Fairyhouse (2½m, heavy, 14/1) when last seen in March. This former point winner is an interesting recruit to the chasing ranks.	
5	NO TIME TO WAIT (IRE) (112) (C)	71
	3187/314-P 6 11-12 75.3kg John McConnell, Ireland <i>Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)</i> First run since leaving Gordon Elliott when pulled up in novice chase at Kilbeggan (25.4f, good to soft, 8/1) on debut over fences 112 days ago, eased between last 2. Likely to leave that form well behind in time.	
6	ONE NIGHT STANDARD (IRE) (30) (D, BF)	69
	655-13715 5 11-5 72.1kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland <i>Keith Donoghue</i> Promising sort. 2 wins from 5 runs this season. 11/8, fifth of 8 in novice chase at Sligo (21.1f, good) on debut over fences 30 days ago. Open to improvement in this sphere.	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

1-2 Firefox, **15-2** Mossy Fen Park, **10-1** Gringo D'aubrelle, **14-1** No Time To Wait, **20-1** Big Stage, **33-1** One Night Standard

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This maiden chase has been won by some smart types over the years and FIREFOX is taken to add his name to that list. He performed with great credit in Grade 1 novice hurdles at the three big festivals on both sides of the Irish Sea during the spring, and he has the potential to develop into a top-notch novice chaser. Mossy Fen Park showed plenty over hurdles last season, too, and he gets the nod for forecast purposes ahead of the long-absent Gringo d'Aubrelle.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FIREFOX 2. MOSSY FEN PARK 3. GRINGO D'AUBRELLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Found A Fifty 6-11-12	8-13f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	9
2022	Mighty Potter 5-11-12	2-5f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	6
2021	Lifetime Ambition 6-12-0	7-1	Mrs J. Harrington	S. F. O'Keefe	11
2020	Envoi Allen 6-12-0	1-14f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	5
2019	Samcro 7-11-12	1-3f	Gordon Elliott	Keith Donoghue	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.50**LADBROKES I.N.H. FLAT 4yo+ €12,000 2m190y (3390 Metres)**

RACE 7

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Yielding**

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Pace Information: **Even****1 ARCTIC CRAFT (IRE) (20) 75**

6P771 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



S. Michael Millar, Ireland

Mr N. Gault (71b/3kg)

Won weak 7-runner bumper at Fairyhouse (16f, good, 6/1) 20 days ago. This looks a lot tougher and he's likely to come up short.

2 JERRY FROM KERRY (IRE) (16) (BF) 95

213 4 12-0 | 76.2kg



Emmet Mullins, Ireland

Mr M. J. O'Neill (71b/3kg)

Thrice-raced winner in bumpers. 1 win from 3 runs this season. Winner in bumper at Ballinrobe in September. Third of 7 in bumper (4/5) at Punchestown (16.3f, good) 16 days ago. Considered.

3 QUINT MAJOR (IRE) (29) (D) 89

23-071 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Mark Molloy, Ireland

Mr D. Doyle (71b/3kg)

Career best when winning 6-runner bumper at Clonmel (16.8f, good, 6/1) 29 days ago, pushed out. Needs to improve again.

4 BIG LEZ (IRE) 73.0kg

4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Seamus Fahey, Ireland

Mr R. N. Hyland (71b/3kg)

Diamond Boy gelding. Dam (b93), bumper winner, half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (winner around 2m) Pepe Simo and bumper winner/useful hurdler (stayed 25f) The Eaglehaslanded.

5 COUP D'ETAT (IRE) (19) 92

7-02 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



P. O'Rourke, Ireland

Mr J. P. O'Rourke (71b/3kg)

Thrice-raced maiden. 25/1, second of 6 in bumper at Cork (19f, good) 19 days ago. Place claims.

6 HINTER WISH (FR) 73.0kg

5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland

Mr J. L. Gleeson (31b/1kg)

€32,000 3-y-o, Night Wish gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Wasdell Dundalk. Pulled up sole start in points (Mar 2024).

7 JACOB'S LADDER (IRE) (181) 100

2 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Mr H. C. Swan (31b/1kg)

11/2, second of 14 in bumper at Punchestown (16f, soft) on NH debut, travelling best. Off 6 months. Sets a good standard.

8 KALYPSO'CHANCE (FR) 73.0kg

4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Mr J. H. Williamson (71b/3kg)

€85,000 4-y-o, Masked Marvel gelding. Dam, placed over hurdles/fences in France, half-sister to French hurdler/chaser (17f/2½m winner) Escort'Jet. Won sole start in British points (Apr 20). Respected.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Jacob's Ladder, **7-2** Kalypso'chance, **11-2** Jerry From Kerry, **10-1** Quint Major, **11-1** Coup D'etat, **16-1** Hinter Wish, **28-1** Arctic Craft, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Point winner JACOB'S LADDER travelled like the best horse in the race when runner-up at Punchestown on debut and, 6 months on, he should be able to go one better at the likely expense of stablemate Kalypso'chance, who has also tasted success between the flags. Jerry From Kerry deserves some respect, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JACOB'S LADDER 2. KALYPSO'CHANCE 3. JERRY FROM KERRY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Firefox 5-12-3	1-6f	Gordon Elliott	Mr H. C. Swan (5)	5
2022	Carnfunnock 5-12-0	9-4	Stuart Crawford	Mr B. G. Crawford (7)	3
2021	The Mediator 4-11-8	1-3f	Gordon Elliott	Mr J. J. Codd	5
2020	Chemical Energy 4-11-12	10-11f	Gordon Elliott	Mr J. J. Codd	5
2019	Pencilfullolead 5-11-7	6-5f	Gordon Elliott	Mr J. J. Codd	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race