

Saturday 2nd November

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12.48 ERISKYNE BAR 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 1 **(10) NORTHERN AIR | (1) STEP OUT | (11) REFLECTION OF YOU**

1.23 LIGHTWAYS CONTRACTORS LTD HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 2m5f110y (4330 Metres)

RACE 2 **(8) PATS DREAM | (1) WAL BUCK'S | (2) GRAND VOYAGE**

1.58 UNITED COUNCIL OF RACECOURSE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3m70y (4890 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) FAITHFULFLYER | (3) OTTIZZINI | (1) GLINGER FLAME**

2.29 BET WITH RAILS BOOKMAKERS ON COURSE HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m110y (4120 Metres)

RACE 4 **(5) HELLO JUDGE | (2) WHITE RHINO | (4) WHISTLE STOP TOUR**

3.05 BURTON ROOFING @ AUCHENGATE HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) GREEN SKY | (4) RIDIN SOLO | (5) COASTAL ROCK**

3.39 BET WITH ON COURSE BOOKMAKERS NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m110y (3320 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) MYRETOWN | (6) PARK ANNONCIADE | (3) THE KALOOKI KID**

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.

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ERISKYNE BAR 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4, 5 and 6yo £9,000 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 1



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 STEP OUT (IRE) (27) (BF) 89
20-22U212 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Stuart Crawford, Ireland *Daryl Jacob*
Runner-up 3 times over hurdles before getting it right in a Downpatrick maiden in August (21.8f). No match for one under a penalty at Kelso 8 weeks later but possibly needed run and was also said to be showing signs of heat stress.

2 JIRKO (FR) (203) 79
45- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

N. W. Alexander *Danny McMenamin*
Comfortably held both outings in bumpers so a big step forward required on this switch to hurdling.

3 MIAMI STEVE (IRE) (231) 81
63- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Donald McCain *Theo Gillard*
In good hands but has shown just poor form in a brace of bumpers.

4 ROCK ON JET (IRE) (29) 86
5-32 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

George Bewley *Jonathon Bewley*
Stepped up appreciably on his yard debut 5 months earlier when second in 7-runner novice hurdle at Hexham (16.2f, good) 29 days ago, despite producing an error-strewn round. That form has been let down by the winner since, but holds each-way claims nonetheless.

5 SARACEN BEAU (IRE) (238) 83
3- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Nicky Richards *Sean Quinlan*
Mount Nelson gelding. Half-brother to unreliable but fairly useful hurdler/chaser Dreamsoftheatre. Shaped very much like a stayer when third of 8 in a C&D bumper on debut in April and likely to benefit from longer trips in due course.

6 TAN LAW (IRE) 81
6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Stuart Coltherd *Sam Coltherd*
Malinas gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to Gusty Rocky (stayed 3m) and Goodbye Someday (stays 21f, both useful hurdlers) out of very smart 2m-2½m hurdle winner Liss A Paoraigh. Pulled up sole start in points (Mar 2024) and probably best watched on Rules debut.

7 BEAN ALAINN (IRE) (21) 70
0 5 10-7 | 66.7kg

Nicky Richards *Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)*
Finished only fifth in an Irish point and showed nothing on her recent Rules debut at Hexham.

8 CATCHA FLIGHT (160) 79
6 4 10-7 | 66.7kg

R. Mike Smith *Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)*
100/1, hinted at action when sixth of 11 in bumper at Kelso (16.2f, soft) on debut in May, unable to sustain effort. Makes hurdle bow.

9 MY KIWI GIRL (IRE) 85
5 10-7 | 66.7kg

N. W. Alexander *Bruce Lynn*
£80,000 5-y-o, Walk In The Park mare. Half-sister to modest hurdler Kellie's Dream. Dam 1½m winner on Flat in Germany, half-sister to very smart hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 3m) Catch Me. Cosily won sole start in Irish points (Mar 2024). Interesting Rules newcomer.

10 NORTHERN AIR (IRE) (208) 100
62- 5 10-7 | 66.7kg

Fergal O'Brien *Liam Harrison*
Disappointed in a bumper having been an easy winner of a point but very much caught the eye under tender handling switched to hurdling when second of 10 in a Wincanton maiden (15.2f) in April. Has had a breathing op since and sure to do much better.

11 REFLECTION OF YOU (196) 85
10- 5 10-7 | 66.7kg

Lucinda Russell *Derek Fox*
Won sole start in Irish points (Oct 2023) and followed up in 6-runner bumper at Musselburgh first time out under Rules in April, making all with plenty in hand. Ran badly taking on the geldings in a C&D event later in the month but still of interest now switched to hurdles.

12 SHE WON'T MIND (17) 81
05-8 6 10-7 | 66.7kg

Tim Reed *Harry Reed*
Raced freely when tailed off sole outing in bumpers and has made little impact in 2 novice hurdles 11 months apart.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Northern Air, 9-2 Step Out, 7-1 Rock On Jet, 9-1 Reflection of You, 10-1 My Kiwi Girl, 16-1 Saracen Beau, 33-1 Tan Law, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NORTHERN AIR was a big eye catcher when runner-up to a subsequent winner on her Wincanton hurdling debut back in the spring and, open to plenty of improvement, is a straightforward choice to go one better on this return to action. Step Out and Reflection of You are fancied to fill the places.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NORTHERN AIR 2. STEP OUT 3. REFLECTION OF YOU

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 ¹	Primoz 5-11-0	15-2	Lucinda Russell	Stephen Mulqueen	9
2023 ¹¹	Little Miss Dante 5-10-7	11-8	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	10
2022	Nonbinding 5-11-6	11-10f	Gordon Elliott	Sean Bowen	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


1.23 **LIGHTWAYS CONTRACTORS LTD HANDICAP CHASE**
(Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £9,000 2m5f110y
(4330 Metres)





Going: **Good to Soft**


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Pace Information: **Even**


1 WAL BUCK'S (FR) (170) (BF) 79
 54243-6 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 **Derek Fox**
 Encouraging signs over hurdles and wasn't seen to best effect at all sent chasing when last seen at Perth (2½m, good to soft) in May. Likely to leave that form well behind in time.


2 GRAND VOYAGE (FR) (21) (C) s ★ 100
 87342-826 **8** 11-13 | 75.7kg
 **Sam Coltherd**
 Long time without success but back to form when runner-up at Kelso (21.6f, good to soft) in May. Returned with a solid performance at Hexham and should be spot on now.


3 KING ARISE (IRE) (532) 99
 4- **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg
 **Charlie Hammond**
 Won sole point and showed fair form over hurdles. Has run only once (poorly) since January 2022 but handicapper has given him a chance ahead of this chasing debut.


4 ARDERA CROSS (IRE) (5) (CD) s 89
 521645P-6 **13** 11-6 | 72.6kg
 **Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)**
 Veteran who has 9 course wins to his name but ended last season out of sorts and didn't show much here on return 5 days ago. Hard to fancy.


5 EUCHAN FALLS (IRE) (146) (C) s 95
 254242-29 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg
 **Danny McMenamin**
 On a losing run and wasn't at his best when last seen four months ago. On a fair mark back over fences but others are more appealing.


6 SCALLOWAY BAY (IRE) (194) t 99
 U03445- **8** 11-0 | 69.9kg
 **Bruce Lynn**
 Modest maiden hurdler who was holding his form when last seen 6 months ago. Clumsy jumper over the smaller obstacles, however, so hard to know how he'll take to this discipline.


7 AZOF DES MOTTES (FR) (239) (D) t 96
 845173633- **7** 10-10 | 68.0kg
 **Jonathon Bewley**
 Modest chaser who ended last season in form without looking ahead of his mark. Will probably need this return.

8 PATS DREAM (IRE) (219) 99
 469973U4- **7** 10-9 | 67.6kg
 **Henry Brooke**
 Made the frame both starts in Irish points and, while he has only achieved a modest level under Rules (including in chases), he has joined a shrewd outfit from Rose Dobbin, so he's worth close market inspection.

9 TOOMBRIDGE (182) t 98
 4/PP8036-U **8** 10-9 | 67.6kg
 **Conor O'Farrell**
 Runner-up in an Irish point and posted his best run under Rules to date when third of 6 in handicap chase at Carlisle (21f, soft) on debut over fences in March. Yet to build on that and might need this return.

10 IRONHILL (IRE) (438) 97
 7P072/P31- **8** 10-4 | 65.3kg
 **Harry Reed**
 Bumper winner who was just poor under Rules and, while successful on his final outing for Michael Scudamore at Worcester, that was more than a year ago.

11 SPUTNIK (IRE) (29) (C) v 95
 2P30-P487 **9** 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)
 **Sean Quinlan**
 Course winner who was well below form on his final outing for Jackie Stephen and didn't fire at Hexham on debut for this yard. Something to prove.

12 HALFWAY HOUSE LAD (168) t 95
 78243P-26 **5** 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)
 **Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)**
 Still looking for first success and wasn't on his game when sixth at Bangor five months ago. Others make more appeal.

13 IDEAL DE ROMAY (FR) (18) 60
 F8-PP5456 **6** 10-2(9-7) | 64.4kg (60.3kg)
 **Patrick Wadge (3lb/1kg)**
 Irish point winner but more miss than under Rules so far and will struggle from out of the weights on first outing since leaving Charlie Longsdon.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Wal Buck's, **6-1** Grand Voyage, **15-2** Ironhill, **8-1** Pats Dream, **14-1** Azof Des Mottes, **14-1** Euchan Falls, **14-1** King Arise, **16-1** Toombridge, **18-1** Scalloway Bay, **20-1** Sputnik, **22-1** Halfway House Lad, **33-1** Ardera Cross, **33-1** Ideal De Romay

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PATS DREAM has the potential for better under Rules and may be able to fulfil it now he's moved to a shrewd stable, so he's preferred to Wal Buck's who is expected to leave the form of his chasing debut at Perth well behind. Grand Voyage should be on the premises.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PATS DREAM 2. WAL BUCK'S 3. GRAND VOYAGE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Everyday Champagne 7-11-7	9-1	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (3)	12
2022	Sputnik 7-10-5	5-1	Jackie Stephen	Bruce Lynn (5)	9
2020	Calivigny 11-12-0	10-3	N. W. Alexander	Mr Kit Alexander (5)	6
2019	Knockoura 7-11-8	11-4f	Maurice Barnes	Ross Chapman	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race







1.58 **UNITED COUNCIL OF RACECOURSE HANDICAP HURDLE (3)**
3yo+ (Rated 0-140) £15,000 3m70y (4890 Metres)
RACE 3



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

	1	GLINGER FLAME (IRE) (97) (CD)	s	98
		1283113-8 12 12-0 76.2kg		
		Nicky Richards		Sean Quinlan
		At the veteran stage but he was as good as ever last autumn, including a win in this race. Well beaten back from 8 months off at Uttoxeter in July but no surprise were he to bounce back to form with a bang.		
	2	WAKOOL (FR) (197) (CD)	s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 89
		10/6F2069- 8 12-0 76.2kg		
		N. W. Alexander		Conor O'Farrell
		Useful hurdler who scaled new heights when winning the Grade 2 Rendlesham at Haydock in February 2023. Largely struggled last season but his mark has come down as a result. Has had wind surgery.		
	3	OTTIZZINI (IRE) (169) (D, BF)		97
		173P124-7 7 11-4 71.7kg		
		Stuart Crawford, Ireland		Daryl Jacob
		Won maiden/novice events at up to 3m last season. Not at best in a Kilbeggan handicap when last seen in May but the yard's good Ayr record affords her respect on return.		
	4	HAUTE ESTIME (IRE) (190) (BF)	t	98
		13/F5563P- 7 10-13 69.4kg		
		Lucinda Russell		Derek Fox
		Campaigning over fences in recent times, pulling up at Perth when last seen in April. Switches to hurdles back from a break. Check the betting.		
	5	FAITHFULFLYER (IRE) (27) (D)	t	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100
		750-11552 7 10-11 68.5kg		
		Sandy Thomson		Danny McMenamin
		Improved with back-to-back wins at Kelso and Uttoxeter at the start of the summer and better than ever when second back at Kelso (21f, good to soft) 4 weeks ago. Big player.		
	6	SHOESHINE BOY (IRE) (21) (CD)	t	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 99
		2241155-1 8 10-5 65.8kg		
		Donald Whillans		Murray Dodd (7lb/3kg)
		Made it 3 wins in his last 5 starts when shading a tight finish on his 23f Hexham reappearance 3 weeks ago. Endured a hard race, though, so might be worth opposing this time.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Shoeshine Boy, **11-4** Faithfulflyer, **9-2** Ottizzini, **15-2** Glinger Flame, **17-2** Haute Estime, **18-1** Wakool

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FAITHFULFLYER arrives on the back of a career-best second at Kelso last month and gets the vote. Stuart Crawford enjoys plenty of course success so his mare Ottizzini may give him most to do ahead of last year's winner Glinger Flame.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FAITHFULFLYER 2. OTTIZZINI 3. GLINGER FLAME

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Glinger Flame	11-11-5	11-2	Nicky Richards	Sean Quinlan	9
2022	Wakool	6-11-7	10-3	N. W. Alexander	Conor O'Farrell	8
2020	Justatinner	9-11-10	16-1	Tristan Davidson	Harry Reed (3)	10
2019	Justatinner	8-11-5	5-2f	Tristan Davidson	Harry Reed (3)	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4







BET WITH RAILS BOOKMAKERS ON COURSE HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £15,000 2½m110y (4120 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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|  | <p>1 SPECIAL RATE (IRE) (196) (D) t  100
 11141138- 7 12-0 76.2kg
 Lizzie Quinlan <i>Sean Quinlan</i>
 Enjoyed a most productive campaign over hurdles/fences last term, winning 7 from 10 starts for Philip Kirby. Still looks on a decent mark despite his high strike rate so needs considering on return/yard debut.</p> |
|  | <p>2 WHITE RHINO (IRE) (231) (D) 98
 112/12134- 8 11-12 75.3kg
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero <i>Henry Brooke</i>
 Good strike rate over hurdles and appeals as a chasing type. Could be a serious player on chase bow/return.</p> |
|  | <p>3 DONNY BOY (IRE) (196) s 96
 P25/22433- 8 11-9 73.9kg
 N. W. Alexander <i>Bruce Lynn</i>
 Posted series of creditable efforts in defeat last term, ending campaign with good third of 13 over C&D in April. Player if ready to go.</p> |
|  | <p>4 WHISTLE STOP TOUR (IRE) (197) (C, D) 98
 134413- 6 11-8 73.5kg
 Lucinda Russell <i>Derek Fox</i>
 Winning Irish pointer who showed fairly useful form over hurdles last season, winning twice. Type to do well over fences.</p> |
|  | <p>5 HELLO JUDGE (21) (D, BF) t 99
 3431217-4 8 10-7 66.7kg
 Ann Hamilton <i>Danny McMenamin</i>
 Successful 3 times over the larger obstacles last season and made a positive return when fourth at Hexham 3 weeks ago. Front runner who may get the run of things here.</p> |

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Special Rate, **7-2** White Rhino, **4-1** Hello Judge, **4-1** Whistle Stop Tour, **9-2** Donny Boy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

All 5 need considering in a small but select field. HELLO JUDGE may be seen to best advantage from a tactical point of view so shades the vote over interesting chasing debutants White Rhino and Whistle Stop Tour.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HELLO JUDGE 2. WHITE RHINO 3. WHISTLE STOP TOUR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Whodini 6-11-3	11-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Toby Wynne (3)	10
2022	Elvis Mail 8-12-2	9-4f	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (5)	6
2020	Up Helly Aa King 9-10-12	10-1	N. W. Alexander	Grant Cockburn (3)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race










3.05 **BURTON ROOFING @ AUCHENGATE HANDICAP HURDLE**
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Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

	1	ROCHEVAL (FR) (240) (CD)	91
		111-4 12-0 76.2kg	
		Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (3lb/1kg)
		Unbeaten in 3 outings last season, namely an Aintree bumper and juvenile hurdles over C&D and at Carlisle. While it's tough to argue an opening handicap mark of 120 looks generous he's almost certainly capable of better again.	
	2	MACK THE MAN (IRE) (160) (D, BF)	98
		678213-14 10 11-11 74.8kg	
		N. W. Alexander	Mr Kit Alexander (5lb/2kg)
		Reacted well to a visor with wins at Musselburgh and Perth in the spring. Off since finishing a respectable fourth at Kelso in May. Possibly vulnerable up against some improvers on reappearance.,	
	3	GREEN SKY (IRE) (192)	96
		633F-4 11-7 73.0kg	
		Stuart Crawford, Ireland	Daryl Jacob
		Fairly useful Flat winner who has displayed promise over hurdles for Joseph O'Brien last season, close up when falling 2 out in Bellewstown handicap in April. Interesting on return for new trainer Stuart Crawford, who won this race last year.	
	4	RIDIN SOLO (IRE) (26)	 100
		225-3 6 11-0 69.9kg	
		Donald McCain	Theo Gillard
		Point winner who showed a fair level of ability when placed in 3 of his 4 starts in maiden/novice hurdles and his opening handicap mark looks workable.	
	5	COASTAL ROCK (FR) (211)	96
		4/34-5 11-0 69.9kg	
		Olly Murphy 	K. Brogan
		Related to four winners and offered plenty to work on in 3 qualifying runs for Harry Fry/Lucinda Russell. It'll be very interesting to see what the betting makes of him now handicapping for in-form Olly Murphy after 7 months off.	
	6	DANCE THIEF (IRE) (170) (CD, BF)	 98
		5220313-2 6 11-0 69.9kg	
		R. Mike Smith	Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)
		Deservedly got his head in front over C&D in March. Creditable 6 lengths second to the reopposing Mack The Man at Perth (2m, good to soft) when last seen in May. Should be competitive if ready to roll after 6 months off.	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Green Sky, **7-2** Rocheval, **4-1** Coastal Rock, **6-1** Ridin Solo, **13-2** Mack The Man, **10-1** Dance Thief

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GREEN SKY is taken to provide new trainer Stuart Crawford with a second successive win in this contest. Fellow lightly-raced types Ridin Solo, Coastal Rock and Rocheval make this an interesting handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GREEN SKY 2. RIDIN SOLO 3. COASTAL ROCK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Park Annonciade 5-11-5	7-2jf	Stuart Crawford	Daryl Jacob	10
2022	Ginger Mail 6-11-10	9-2	N. W. Alexander	Danny McMenamin	7
2020	Joie de Vivre 5-11-10	9-2	Martin Todhunter	Theo Gillard (7)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

**BET WITH ON COURSE BOOKMAKERS NOVICES' LIMITED
HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ £15,000 2m110y (3320
Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 GUA DU LARGE (FR) (41) (D) t **91**
742/5F1-84 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



R. Mike Smith

Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)

Latest win in chase at Tramore in April. 7/2, fourth of 6 in novice chase at Listowel (17.7f, good) 41 days ago. First run for yard after leaving Henry De Bromhead. Starts out for new yard with a bit to prove.

2 WHIZZ KID (GER) (17) (D) t **90**
2814/14F-4 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Charlie Hammond

Fairly useful hurdler who returned (having had a breathing operation) with a respectable effort in a handicap at Wetherby. Likely to need this first experience of chasing.

3 THE KALOOKI KID (197) (D) **91**
37/311485- 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Looked potentially useful when winning novice hurdles at Musselburgh and Newcastle before Christmas and was back on track to some degree when fifth here 6 months ago, Type to take to chasing.

4 MYRETOWN (IRE) (237) **97**
4/2F1- 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

£135,000 buy after winning an Irish point in April 2022. Going the right way under Rules and made amends for his Ayr spill in February (race at his mercy) when running out an impressive winner of a Kelso maiden (20.9f) when last seen in March. Remains an exciting prospect, particularly now chasing.

5 DOYEN DU BAR (IRE) (161) (C, D) h **91**
21148-3 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Pauline Robson

Craig Nichol

Very lightly raced for age but made up for lost time over the winter, winning maiden/novice hurdles. Unexposed over fences and was a bit better than the result when last seen 5 months ago. Not completely dismissed.

6 PARK ANNONCIADE (FR) (182) (C, D) t  **100**
1311465-P 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland

Daryl Jacob

Looked progressive when winning handicap hurdles at Ayr/Haydock (19f) last November. Broke blood vessel when pulled up at Hexham on chasing debut 6 months ago but likely to show up much better.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Park Annonciade, **3-1** Myretown, **7-1** Doyen Du Bar, **7-1** Gua Du Large, **7-1** The Kalooki Kid, **17-2** Whizz Kid

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MYRETOWN had a promising season over hurdles last season but has always promised to peak over fences (scopey ex-pointer), so he's worth a chance to make a successful start in this sphere. Park Annonciade should put a poor chasing debut behind him and The Kalooki Kid is another one who merits consideration.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MYRETOWN 2. PARK ANNONCIADE 3. THE KALOOKI KID

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Marble Sands	7-11-10	11-1	David Killahena & Graeme McPherson	Nick Slatter (5)	8
2022	Since Day One	6-11-2	7-4	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race