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JOIN THE 2025 HEREFORD RACING CLUB CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f44y (5070 Metres)

RACE 1 **(4) CAMULUS | (2) MISTER BARCLAY | (5) GET CRACKING**

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SPA MOTORS HEREFORD NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) DUNSKAY | (12) EPINEPHRINE | (3) CHUGGY**

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GREEN DRAGON HOTEL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m1f119y (5140 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) HEART OF ROME | (1) MARTALITE | (2) ALDSWORTH**

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HEREFORD QUARRIES HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m194y (4200 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) MOODOFTHEMOMENT | (7) GOLDEN DE COEUR | (5) LONGSHANKS**

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SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 535 MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f147y (3960 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) A LITTLE SOMETHING | (7) AUNTIE MAGGIE | (1) OUR BILL'S AUNT**

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RACE 6 **(2) COBBLER'S BOY | (6) WANDERING EGO | (3) DOUGLAS HYDE**

## 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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RACE 1

**JOIN THE 2025 HEREFORD RACING CLUB CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,500 3m1f44y (5070 Metres)**



Going: **Good to Soft**

Hereford's right-handed circuit of about a mile and a half is almost square and has nine fences, of which the first after the winning post is taken on a turn. The home turn, which is on falling ground, is pretty sharp but the other bends are easy. Races have a tendency to be well run and the ground can get very testing in midwinter. The course restarted racing in October 2016 after a four-year hiatus.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**


**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CAMULUS 2. MISTER BARCLAY 3. GET CRACKING**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race


**1 ANYTRIXWILLDO (IRE) (41) 95**  
5/623-674P 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Benjamin Macey (81b/4kg)**  
Fair maiden hurdler/chaser but he was pulled up in handicap chase at Market Rasen (23.9f, soft) 41 days ago. Needs to get back on track.


**2 MISTER BARCLAY (248) 96**  
3/723721-2 7 11-13 | 75.7kg

 Tom Symonds **Caoilin Quinn**  
Ended last term with 23f Exeter hurdling success and shaped well switched to chasing when second of 10 in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (24f, soft) in May, conceding first run to winner. Very much one to consider despite a lay-off.


**3 IRON D'EX (FR) (27) 94**  
25PP-1744 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 Sheila Lewis **Finn Lambert**  
Made a winning start over fences at Ludlow in October and posted a solid fourth of 13 in handicap chase here (20.9f, good to soft) 27 days ago. Not discounted stepping up in trip.


**4 CAMULUS (IRE) (40) 100**  
23536/24-3 8 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Venetia Williams **Ned Fox (31b/1kg)**  
Off 9 months before returning with an encouraging third of 8 in handicap chase at Lingfield (23.5f, good to soft) 40 days ago, fading after 2 out. Weighted to go close off a 2 lb lower mark in his bid for a breakthrough success.


**5 GET CRACKING (27) 93**  
4-6745 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Robbie Llewellyn **Charlie Price**  
Successful in points and left his hurdles form behind sent chasing when fifth of 13 in handicap here (20.9f, good to soft) 27 days ago. Can do better still back up in trip.

**6 INCHAGOILL LADY (IRE) (21) 94**  
P/P336-P33 9 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Kevin Pickard **Gearoid Harney (31b/1kg)**  
Still a maiden but he posted a good third of 9 in handicap chase at Wincanton (3m1f) 21 days ago. In the mix off the same mark.


**7 ESPERTI (IRE) (19) 85**  
50P9P454 8 10-5 | 65.8kg

 David Rees **Jay Tidball**  
Little impact over hurdles for current yard and hasn't fared any better over fences on his last 4 starts, well-held fourth of 10 in 25f handicap at Ffos Las last time. Others appeal more.

**8 MACKIE DEE (IRE) (42) 84**  
4660P253 13 10-4 | 65.3kg

 Richard Armson **Philip Armson**  
It's now 15 runs since his last win in 2022 but he recorded a creditable third of 6 in handicap hurdle at Southwell (24.3f, good) 42 days ago. Respected back in this sphere.

**9 ELPOLOGREG (FR) (21) 89**  
3157-76P6 6 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)

 Seamus Mullins **Oscar Palmer (71b/3kg)**  
Got off the mark in 2m handicap chase at Fakenham last February but that was a poor contest and has failed to back it up subsequently.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Camulus, **9-2** Mister Barclay, **13-2** Iron D'ex, **7-1** Anytrixwilldo, **8-1** Inchagoill Lady, **8-1** Get Cracking, **22-1** Mackie Dee, **33-1** Esperti, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Venetia Williams' CAMULUS shaped well on his reappearance when third at Lingfield and with that run under his belt he can now capitalise on a reduced mark. Mister Barclay has an absence to overcome but could still emerge as the main danger on the back of his promising chasing debut second at Uttoxeter. In-form duo Get Cracking and Inchagoill Lady enter calculations too.

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**SPA MOTORS HEREFORD NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4)**  
**4yo+ £8,000 2m53y (3270 Metres)**

RACE 2



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 TIMEFORARUM (17) (CD) 83**  
 77-664291 7 11-10 | 74.4kg  
 Brian Eckley *Conor Ring*  
 Improved when off the mark in 15-runner handicap hurdle at this C&D (good to soft) 17 days ago, just holding on. Faces a stiff task under a penalty back in a novice, however.

**2 BORIS BIRDBROOK (41) 70**  
 P 6 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Kevin Bishop *James Best*  
 Offered little when pulled up in C&D bumper (good to soft) on debut 41 days ago, labouring soon after halfway (found to have an irregular heartbeat). Makes hurdles bow.

**3 CHUGGY 86**  
 5 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*  
 Walk In The Park gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser El Presente, stays 29f, and useful hurdler Kateira. Pulled up sole outing in points but has joined a top stable.

**4 DUNSKAY (FR) (334) (D) 94**  
 101- 6 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Ben Pauling *Ben Jones*  
 Dual bumper winner who rates a useful prospect for hurdling. Has had a breathing operation since last seen.

**5 KLIC BOUM (FR) (47) 82**  
 48707 5 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Evan Williams *Adam Wedge*  
 Fourth in bumper at Fontwell and well held at big prices in novice/maiden hurdles, not at all knocked about at Warwick last time (suspended from running for 40 days, trainer fined, jockey banned). Remains capable of better.

**6 NATHANAEL GREENE (52) 81**  
 P-04 6 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Alastair Ralph *Jonathan Burke*  
 A useful winner on Flat (stays 2m) for William Haggas. Changed hands for 45,000 gns but little promise completed starts over hurdles.

**7 SHAN'T WAIT (IRE) (22) 81**  
 67 5 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Charlie Longsdon *Kielan Woods*  
 Just minor promise both starts over hurdles. More one for handicaps after this.

**8 SLIDE RULE (17) 83**  
 7664 6 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Tom Lacey *Cameron Iles (71b/3kg)*  
 Has hinted at ability in 2 bumpers and showed more than first time up over hurdles when fourth of 14 in a C&D novice 17 days ago. May do better still, particularly when sent handicapping.

**9 SONIC GOLD (654) 65**  
 P/ 9 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 John O'Shea *Nick Scholfield*  
 Runner-up sole start in points but no promise so far under Rules. Off 21 months.

**10 DAMZON (17) 79**  
 6-25U6U 6 10-10 | 68.0kg  
 James Evans *Ben Poste*  
 Runner-up on the second of 3 bumpers and has shown a bit of promise over hurdles but will be better off in handicaps in due course.

**11 EDMOND (25) 81**  
 453/1-58 6 10-10 | 68.0kg  
 Venetia Williams *Ned Fox (31b/1kg)*  
 Fair bumper winner for Rod Millman who has made little impact in 2 maiden hurdles.

**12 EPINEPHRINE (FR) (31) 100**  
 3-4 5 10-10 | 68.0kg  
 Venetia Williams *Charlie Deutsch*  
 Half-sister to 4 winners and shaped well when third in newcomers race at Auteuil on hurdles debut last October. Subsequently changed hands for €100,000 and wasn't knocked about under testing conditions when fourth of 5 in Sandown listed event last month. Remains capable of better.

**13 ESKIMO SAM (44) 70**  
 989 6 10-10 | 68.0kg  
 Tom Lacey *Stan Sheppard*  
 Black Sam Bellamy mare who has looked in need of experience in bumper/novice hurdles in recent months. Probably one for handicaps later on.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**6-4** Epinephrine, **5-2** Dunskey, **8-1** Chuggy, **16-1** Timeforarum, **18-1** Slide Rule, **28-1** Klic Boum, **33-1** Nathanael Greene, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

DUNSKAY rates a useful prospect for hurdling following 2 successes in bumpers last season and is narrowly preferred to Epinephrine, who was considerably handled on last month's stable debut at Sandown and remains capable of better. Chuggy was pulled up on his sole outing in points but has joined a top yard and needs a market check ahead of this switch to Rules.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. DUNSKAY 2. EPINEPHRINE 3. CHUGGY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**GREEN DRAGON HOTEL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £7,000 3m1f119y (5140 Metres)**

RACE 3



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 MARTALITE (FR) (19)** **96**  
 509-39141 **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 David Killahena & Graeme McPherson **Nick Slatter (31lb/1kg)**  
 Off the mark when winning at Ludlow (21f, good to soft) in October and improved when landing 18-runner handicap hurdle at Exeter (21.6f, soft) 19 days ago, seeming suited by the emphasis on stamina. Should be suited by longer trip and looks a leading player here.

**2 ALDSWORTH (65)** **95**  
 3737/F2P-0 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg  
 Robbie Llewellyn **Liam Harrison**  
 Maiden but improved form for his new yard in 2023, runner-up over C&D. Shaped better than the distance beaten in first-time blinkers after 11 months off at Huntingdon in November and could go well back at Hereford for shrewd stable.

**3 JUST FOUR FAME (IRE) (26)** **86**  
 3/5-45PP0 **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg  
 David Dennis **Charlie Todd**  
 Third in an Aintree bumper in May 2022 but hurdling efforts have been uninspiring in the main, faring no better in handicaps, latest when eleventh of 15 at Taunton (23.9f, good, 100/1) 26 days ago. Bit to find.

**4 BENNETTSBRIDGE (33)** **94**  
 44-4 **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg  
 Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**  
 Placed in points but hasn't made much impact in 3 runs over hurdles, a soundly beaten fourth of 8 (was well-backed) in a handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (23.1f, soft) 33 days ago. That came off the back of a 10-month absence so could strip fitter, representing excellent in-form trainer/jockey.

**5 HEART OF ROME (IRE) (80)** **100**  
 87390-040 **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Rebecca Curtis **Ben Jones**  
 10-race maiden but showed more on penultimate start (blinkered) when fourth at Wexford in August (24f), ridden more positively. Not in same form next time (final run for Paul Nolan) and headgear off for stable debut but looks an interesting contender, especially if the market speaks in his favour.

**6 BALLYDANGAN (IRE) (22)** **93**  
 773P0056 **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**  
 Maiden who hasn't shown an immediate benefit for the switch to the Dan Skelton yard, prominent in the betting but disappointing when sixth of 11 at Southwell (20.4f, good to soft) 22 days ago. Up in trip again but no surprise to see stable get a better tune out of him sooner rather than later.

**7 JEWEL EYED JUDY (22)** **79**  
 608-65 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
 Lightly-raced maiden who offered little on handicap debut when fifth of 11 at Plumpton (20.5f, good to soft, 80/1) 22 days ago, pushed along early on final circuit, beaten by 3 out. Steps up in distance but others more interesting.

**8 KICK FOR TOUCH (FR) (17)** **69**  
 590 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Micheal Nolan**  
 Beaten a long way in a trio of 2m hurdles in recent weeks, looking like one for handicaps. Steps up markedly in trip and blinkers on for handicap debut. Entitled to show more than he has for yard going well and one to note if market support comes his way.

**9 NEWTONIAN (27)** **94**  
 443-1P34U **8** 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 Matt Sheppard **Stan Sheppard**  
 Got off the mark at Warwick in May and nothing wrong with a brace of in-frame efforts upon return in October. Struggling when unseated over C&D (was 2 lb out of the weights) 27 days ago, and overall record here (chases and hurdles) now reads 0-7.

**10 GETAWAY WITH YOU (33) (BF)** **94**  
 63-262823 **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 Billy Aprahamian **Gavin Sheehan**  
 Still to win but he has taken his form up a notch for his current yard, finishing a good second of 8 in handicap hurdle at Lingfield (23f, good to soft) in November (travelled well). Not in same form when turned out quickly a week later (third, beaten at odds-on) but every chance if bouncing back.

**11 CHARMING GETAWAY (IRE) (53)** **94**  
 86/45 **8** 10-8 | 67.1kg  
 Mel Rowley **Charlie Deutsch**  
 Shaped as if retaining ability on his first outing since leaving Kim Bailey after 21 months off back in May. Not seen for a further 6 months before fifth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Southwell (20.4f, good) 53 days ago. Up in trip and entitled to strip fitter for that.

**12 VON HALLERS (IRE) (85)** **90**  
 UPP6-P5 **7** 10-8 | 67.1kg  
 Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls **Tom Bellamy**  
 First form of note when fifth of 9 in 2½m mares handicap here in October. Not seen since, and while she could build on that, this is a tougher race.

**13 THE LAST MELON (18)** **93**  
 7P **13** 10-5(10-2) | 65.8kg (64.4kg)  
 James Bennett **Will Featherstone (71lb/3kg)**  
 Veteran who remains winless following 26 starts overall (Flat and jumps). Off for the best part of 4 years before return this season and latest effort, when pulled up in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (22.2f, heavy, 100/1) 18 days ago, inspires little confidence.

**14 ONE MAN PARTY (FR) (36)** **87**  
 444U8P-66 **8** 10-5(10-0) | 65.8kg (63.5kg)  
 David Bridgwater **Caoilin Quinn**  
 Maiden. Shaped better than the bare result after 10 months off (had a second breathing operation) when sixth at Kempton (24.6f) in November, but didn't fare as well back down in trip when sixth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (20.5f, soft) 36 days ago. Up in distance today.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-1 Martalite, 6-1 Getaway With You, 15-2 Heart of Rome, 15-2 Bennettsbridge, 12-1 Aldsworth, 12-1 Newtonian, 12-1 Von Hallers, 14-1 Ballydangan, 16-1 Kick For Touch, 25-1 Charming Getaway, 28-1 One Man Party, 33-1 Jewel Eyed Judy, 100-1 bar**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

HEART OF ROME is an interesting contender on the best of his Irish form, and he can take this on debut for the Rebecca Curtis yard. Recent winner Martalite should relish this step up trip and go well again, while Aldsworth can get back on track having run well here before.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HEART OF ROME 2. MARTALITE 3. ALDSWORTH**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Hill of Tara</b> 7-11-6	4-7f Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	11
2023	<b>Loup de Maulde</b> 6-11-3	11-10f Robbie Llewellyn	Toby Wynne (5)	10
2022	<b>Gazette Bourgeoise</b> 6-11-8	7-2f Ben Case	Harry Bannister	14
2020	<b>Broughtons Admiral</b> 6-12-0	11-2 Dr Richard Newland	Sam Twiston-Davies	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**HEREFORD QUARRIES HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,500 2½m194y (4200 Metres)**

RACE 4



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Pace Information: **Weak**

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. MOODOFTHEMOMENT 2. GOLDEN DE COEUR 3. LONGSHANKS**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1 BOBHOPEORNOHOPE (IRE) (25) (D) s+t 95**

4P/PPP-844 10 12-0 | 76.2kg

Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

**Tom Bellamy**



Three-time winner over fences a couple of seasons back and there were again signs that he may be able to soon cash in on his falling mark when fourth in an 8-runner Doncaster handicap (20.5f, good to soft) last month. Down another 3 lb and he has to enter calculations.

**2 OSTEND (IRE) (18) 98**

P521/57-7P 7 11-13 | 75.7kg

Alastair Ralph

**Jonathan Burke**



Maiden hurdle winner for Peter Croke in Ireland a couple of seasons ago and wasn't disgraced in an Ascot handicap hurdle on debut for new connections last February. Again performed respectably back chasing on return at Bangor but followed that with a tame effort in a Uttoxeter handicap 18 days ago.

**3 MOODOFTHEMOMENT (IRE) (20) (CD) s 100**

02221141 8 11-10 | 74.4kg

Matt Sheppard

**Stan Sheppard**



Notched third success over fences when decisively seeing off 10 rivals in a 2½m Ludlow handicap last time. Another personal best needed up 8 lb but he's clearly thriving and another bold show may well be on the way.

**4 GOLD LINK (FR) (21) 92**

2313P-6P6 9 11-9 | 73.9kg

Emma Lavelle

**Rex Dingle**



Successful twice in 2023 but now finds himself with a fair bit to prove having struggled all 3 starts since returning from a break October.

**5 LONGSHANKS (IRE) (266) s 96**

76P/3R223- 11 11-6 | 72.6kg

Kayley Woollacott

**Ben Godfrey**



Hasn't won under Rules for quite some time but held form well off similar marks over hurdles last term. Second in a 3-runner point in November, so shouldn't be found wanting fitness-wise on this seasonal reappearance and he's worth considering.

**6 THE BOOLA BOSS (IRE) (46) t 99**

5152-130P 9 11-6 | 72.6kg

Rebecca Curtis

**Ben Jones**



Showed improved form to notch a third victory over fences in 6-runner handicap at Stratford (22.6f, good) last spring. Wasn't disgraced on return at that same course in October and while he's failed to fire both subsequent starts, this 9-y-o will be a danger to all if on a going day.

**7 GOLDEN DE COEUR (FR) (23) 94**

9/23234-P4 9 11-5 | 72.1kg

Warren Greatrex

**James Bowen**



Fair hurdles form and bettered his inauspicious chase debut when fourth of 9 back from a 7-month break at Windsor (20.2f, good to soft). Eased 3 lb since and this dual point winner is probably capable of better in this sphere.

**8 ZESTFUL HOPE (FR) (20) (C, BF) s 98**

244-04423 8 11-1 | 70.3kg

Charlie Longsdon

**Paul O'Brien**



Fair handicap hurdler/chaser who went agonisingly close to opening his account in this sphere on his penultimate start at Uttoxeter. Not so good when beaten around 11 lengths into third in the Ludlow handicap won by Moodofthemoment last month but he is at least now 9 lb better off with that rival.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Moodofthemoment, **4-1** Zestful Hope, **11-2** Bobhopeornohope, **7-1** Longshanks, **15-2** Golden De Coeur, **12-1** The Boola Boss, **16-1** Ostend, **22-1** Gold Link

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

MOODOFTHEMOMENT did the job in good style at Ludlow and an 8 lb rise may not be enough to stop him from adding to his tally and making it 3-3 over this C&D. Next on the list is Golden de Coeur, who scored twice between the flags and is likely capable of progress in this sphere. Longshanks also makes some appeal, while Zestful Hope is entitled to finish closer to the selection than he did at Ludlow on these revised terms and Bobhopeornohope is lurking on a dangerous mark.

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RACE 5

**SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 535 MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-100) £7,500 2m3f147y (3960 Metres)**



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 OUR BILL'S AUNT (IRE) (49) (D)** t **98**  
2/3326-233 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



**Alex Hales** **Kielan Woods**  
Fair winner at 19f over hurdles who posted solid placed efforts over fences in May. Below form on comeback in November, struggled on final circuit. Should strip fitter on return to smaller obstacles today and not ruled out dropping into a 0-100 handicap for the first time.

**2 JUST GO FOR IT (21) (C)** t **93**  
54130-638 12 11-11 | 74.8kg



**Kevin Bishop** **Sean Houlihan**  
Course winner who possibly needed the run on first outing since leaving Mitchell Hunt (after 7 months off) when well-held third of 9 in handicap hurdle over C&D in November. Failed to build on that when eighth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (19.8f, soft) 21 days ago. Needs to bounce back.

**3 COCO BRAVE (IRE) (42)** t **94**  
83F5-3 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



**Anthony Honeyball** **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
Shaped as if better for the run switched to a handicap after 8 months off at Southwell (20.4f) 42 days ago, leading until the home straight, and could have more to offer in first time tongue-tie.

**4 A LITTLE SOMETHING (27)** ★ **100**  
37523 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



**Emma Lavelle** **Joe Anderson (31lb/1kg)**  
Career-best on handicap debut here third of 9 (16.2f, good to soft) 27 days ago, shaping as if she will stay further. Step up in trip would seem to be to her advantage based on that showing and she has obvious claims.

**5 NOBODY'S PERFECT (IRE) (56)** **95**  
4-74674 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



**Billy Aprahamian** **James Bowen**  
Little to shout about in bumpers/over hurdles to date but not unduly punished on most recent outing and could make more impact now switched to a handicap over a significantly longer trip.

**6 KENTFORD MALLARD (19) (C, D)** s **99**  
72-47804U 12 10-11 | 68.5kg



**Seamus Mullins** **Micheal Nolan**  
C&D winner and last success came at this venue (25f) in October 2023. Mixed record since but this veteran can be competitive off this sort of mark, as shown when fourth of 10 (2½m, Wincanton) in November. Let down by jumping (unseated) last time but can go better with headgear back on.

**7 AUNTIE MAGGIE (IRE) (207)** **97**  
837 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



**Alastair Ralph** **Ciaran Gethings**  
Third on sole start in Irish points and showed some promise when second at Bangor in May (2m) responded to pressure and rallied late on, suggesting she'll appreciate a stiffer test. Disappointed at Newton Abbot (16.8f) the following month but remains of interest now up in trip for handicap debut.

**8 SADIE HILL (IRE) (270)** **97**  
1/48UP036- 8 10-9 | 67.6kg



**David Bridgwater** **Mr Tom Hutsby (71lb/3kg)**  
Generally struggled last season but third of 6 behind two very well-handicapped rivals over 2½m at Fakenham back in March an obvious bright spot. Failed to back that up on final run for Alastair Ralph. Returns from 9-month absence to make debut for new yard but clearly isn't one to hang your hat on.

**9 BRIDGET MARY (IRE) (19) (D, BF)** b+t **97**  
4-4251433 7 10-9 | 67.6kg



**Rebecca Curtis** **Ben Jones**  
Made a winning chasing start in October but held back by jumping errors in most recent chase outings. Well-backed on return to hurdles third of 5 in handicap hurdle (11/8) at Ffos Las (23.9f, heavy) 19 days ago, again not always fluent. Blinkers could help her jumping and not ruled out down in trip.

**10 MISS PEARL (IRE) (538)** **97**  
66/4674- 9 10-8 | 67.1kg



**Sheila Lewis** **Brendan Powell**  
Found to be lame after finishing fourth of 6 in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) back in July 2023. Up in distance for her return which should suit but a long absence to overcome so might be best to look elsewhere, unless the market speaks in her favour.

**11 MINNEIGH MOZZE (FR) (186)** t **94**  
70U800/P 9 10-2 | 64.4kg



**Hannah James** **Harriet Tucker (71lb/3kg)**  
Unconvincing profile, pulled up when last seen 186 days ago and returns in first time tongue-tie today.

**12 MY GRANNY LILY (48)** s **96**  
4F1354-6P 7 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



**Nigel Hawke** **David Noonan**  
Got off the mark in 2m handicap hurdle at Ffos Las in February and ended the season in good form over hurdles. May have needed comeback run, before pulling up on second chase outing 48 days ago. Returns to smaller obstacles today and each way claims if rediscovering hurdles form of last season.

**13 REELY DELIGHTFUL (21)** b **55**  
8/40-F8 6 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)



**Venetia Williams** **Miss Lucy Turner (51lb/2kg)**  
Yet to beat another finisher in five starts under Rules. Jumped poorly latest and is now blinkered for the first time.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** A Little Something, **11-2** Coco Brave, **13-2** Bridget Mary, **8-1** Auntie Maggie, **9-1** Nobody's Perfect, **10-1** Our Bill's Aunt, **16-1** My Granny Lily, **20-1** Reely Delightful, **20-1** Kentford Mallard, **20-1** Sadie Hill, **28-1** Miss Pearl, **33-1** Just Go For It, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

In an open-looking contest, A LITTLE SOMETHING looks the obvious starting point and having stayed on well over 2 miles here last time, she can benefit from the step up in trip. Chief danger could be handicap debutante Auntie Maggie who showed up well for a long way on her penultimate start at Bangor. Don't rule out Our Bill's Aunt who drops into a 0-100 handicap for the first time.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. A LITTLE SOMETHING 2. AUNTIE MAGGIE 3. OUR BILL'S AUNT**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.55**

RACE 6

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Hereford's right-handed circuit of about a mile and a half is almost square and has nine fences, of which the first after the winning post is taken on a turn. The home turn, which is on falling ground, is pretty sharp but the other bends are easy. Races have a tendency to be well run and the ground can get very testing in midwinter. The course restarted racing in October 2016 after a four-year hiatus.

Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 BARA TARA 88**  
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Fergal O'Brien

**Jonathan Burke**

Kayf Tara gelding. Dam 1m-1½m winner. Stable enjoys plenty of bumper success. One to note in the betting.

**2 COBBLER'S BOY (IRE) 100**  
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Cost £115,000 after finishing runner-up in an Irish point last March. Market confidence significant for a top stable which boasts a 31% strike rate with bumper runners this term.

**3 DOUGLAS HYDE (IRE) (70) (BF) 91**  
2 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Rebecca Curtis

**Ben Jones**

£85,000 Irish point winner who made a bright start under Rules when second of 6 in bumper at Bangor (17f, heavy) on rules debut in October. Looks sure to make his presence felt again.

**4 MEXICAN STAN 84**  
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Alastair Ralph

**Lee Edwards**

Passing Glance gelding. Half-brother to 1¾m winner Artic Nel. Dam 2m hurdle winner. Stable 8-62 in bumpers in the last 5 seasons. Probably best watched on debut.

**5 SADDLERS DREAM (19) 75**  
6 5 11-2 | 70.8kg




Bill Turner

**Harry Kimber**

25/1, last of 6 in bumper at Ffos Las (2m, heavy) on debut 19 days ago, faltering.

**6 WANDERING EGO (IRE) (61) h 92**  
3 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**

Held every chance when falling at the last in his sole Irish point and made a promising debut under Rules when 8 lengths third of 8 in a Newbury bumper (2m, good to soft) in November. Should go well again.

**7 WOODYTHEWOODPECKER (IRE) (238) 85**  
4 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Evan Williams **Isabel Williams (3lb/1kg)**

17/2, shaped like a stayer when fourth of 10 in bumper at Southwell (2m, good to soft) in May.

**8 KIND INTENTION 84**  
4 10-3 | 64.9kg

Tom Symonds **Ben Poste**

Dartmouth gelding. Dam, fair 23f/25f hurdle winner, half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 21f) Getareason. The stable had a first-time-out bumper winner here last month so a market move would be interesting.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-4** Cobbler's Boy, **4-1** Wandering Ego, **9-2** Douglas Hyde, **13-2** Bara Tara, **16-1** Woodythewoodpecker, **18-1** Kind Intention, **25-1** Mexican Stan, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Dan Skelton has been doing really well in bumpers this season so his Irish point recruit COBBLER'S BOY gets the vote, with confidence in his chance increased should the betting vibes be strong. Wandering Ego and Douglas Hyde showed promise when placed in bumpers this autumn and are the obvious threats unless the market speaks strongly in favour of one of the newcomers.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. COBBLER'S BOY 2. WANDERING EGO 3. DOUGLAS HYDE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race