

Saturday 7th December

# AINTREE

11.47	BOYLESPORTS LENGTHEN THE ODDS BEGINNERS' CHASE (2) 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)
RACE 1	<b>(3) JANGO BAIE   (2) BEACHCOMBER   (1) BALLYMACKIE</b>
12.22	BOYLESPORTS DAILY MONEY BACK MEETINGS NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 2m209y (3410 Metres)
RACE 2	<b>(1) THE KEMBLE BREWERY   (3) WELLINGTON ARCH   (5) PIPER PARK</b>
12.57	BOYLESPORTS EXTRA PLACES EVERY DAY NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3m149y (4960 Metres)
RACE 3	<b>(6) MAGICAL ARTHUR   (3) GOLDEN AMBITION   (5) CAHER ROES DEN</b>
1.32	BOYLESPORTS HOME OF THE EARLY PAYOUT HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)
RACE 4	<b>(1) SPRINGWELL BAY   (6) NO RISK DES FLOS   (2) RICHMOND LAKE</b>
2.07	BOYLESPORTS BECHER HANDICAP CHASE (Premier Handicap) (1) 3m1f188y (5200 Metres)
RACE 5	<b>(7) KING TURGEON   (1) CHIANTI CLASSICO   (5) CRUZ CONTROL</b>
2.42	BOYLESPORTS ACCA BOOST JUVENILE HURDLE (Listed) (1) 2m209y (3410 Metres)
RACE 6	<b>(1) LIAM SWAGGER   (3) STATIC   (2) QUANTOCK HILLS</b>
3.17	BOYLESPORTS BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2½m (4020 Metres)
RACE 7	<b>(5) CHOCCABLOC   (11) THE NAGGER REIDY   (7) TAMAR BRIDGE</b>

## 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.

**11.47**

**BOYLESPTS LENGTHEN THE ODDS BEGINNERS' CHASE (2)**  
**4yo+ £40,000 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)**

RACE 1




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Pace Information: **Very Weak**


**1 BALLYMACKIE (IRE) (21)** t **67**  
 5-8 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 L J Morgan **Harry Reed**  
 Picked up for £160,000 after winning a couple of Irish points early last year. Stiff task both starts under Rules so far but this is a slightly less taxing scenario.

**2 BEACHCOMBER (FR) (29)** (BF) **80**  
 P41P1-632 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**  
 Dual 25f hurdles winner who made an encouraging start in this sphere at Chepstow in October and backed that up when good second of 6 in handicap chase at Exeter (24.2f, good, 3/1) 29 days ago. May yet have more to offer.

**3 JANGO BAIE (FR) (239)** (C)  **100**  
 11222- **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Nicky Henderson **James Bowen**  
 Irish point recruit who won first 2 starts over hurdles, latterly the Grade 1 Formby over 2m here on Boxing Day. Back on the up when an excellent second in a competitive handicap here on final outing and should make a winning chase debut.

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-9** Jango Baie, **5-2** Beachcomber, **25-1** Ballymackie

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This is likely between JANGO BAIE and Beachcomber, with the former taken to prevail making his chase debut having signed off last season with an excellent effort over hurdles here.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. JANGO BAIE 2. BEACHCOMBER 3. BALLYMACKIE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.22**

RACE 2

**BOYLESPTS DAILY MONEY BACK MEETINGS NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 4yo+ £15,000 2m209y (3410 Metres)**Going: **Soft, National course: Soft (Heavy in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 THE KEMBLE BREWERY (27)** **100**  
1/13-11 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Kim Bailey

**Jonathan Burke**

Successful on both starts in bumpers and left hurdling debut form behind after 11 months off when taking 2m Warwick novice in October. Followed up in ready fashion at Ffos Las and has obvious claims of completing the hat-trick under a double penalty.

**2 OUT OUT (IRE) (16)** **71**  
2-0 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dan Skelton

**Fergus Gillard**

Shaped well amidst inexperience first time up in bumper at Warwick in October 2023 but was well held on hurdling debut there 14 months later.

**3 WELLINGTON ARCH (29)** **83**  
1340-2 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Followed narrow Worcester bumper debut success with a couple of decent efforts in defeat. Struggled in Grade 2 company at Aintree in the spring but showed plenty to work on sent hurdling when second in 3-runner novice at Exeter last month. Open to improvement.

**4 KENMYA (FR) (15)** **71**  
95 4 10-7 | 66.7kg



Dan Skelton

**Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)**

A fair 5-time winner on Flat in France (stays 10f) but has offered little both starts back over hurdles.

**5 PIPER PARK (IRE) (308) (BF)** **77**  
3- 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Tom Lacey

**Stan Sheppard**

Irish point scorer who cost a tidy £205,000 and made an encouraging enough start under Rules with a hood fitted (not on here) in Wetherby bumper in February. Interesting hurdles prospect.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

4-6 The Kemble Brewery, 11-4 Wellington Arch, 13-2 Piper Park, 50-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

THE KEMBLE BREWERY has made a promising start over hurdles and this looks a good opportunity for him to complete the hat-trick. Wellington Arch is considered the main threat, though Piper Park shouldn't be overlooked given she was a 6-figure purchase following an Irish point success and showed promise on her sole outing in bumpers at Wetherby.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. THE KEMBLE BREWERY 2. WELLINGTON ARCH 3. PIPER PARK

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Norman Fletcher</b> 4-11-6	11-4	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	11
2022	<b>Strong Leader</b> 5-11-6	2-1	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	9
2021	<b>North Lodge</b> 4-10-12	14-1	Alan King	A. P. Heskin	8
2020	<b>Straw Fan Jack</b> 5-11-4	15-2	Sheila Lewis	Richard Johnson	6
2019	<b>Edwardstone</b> 5-11-4	6-5f	Alan King	Tom Cannon	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.57**

RACE 3

**BOYLESPORTS EXTRA PLACES EVERY DAY NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £15,000 3m149y (4960 Metres)**




Going: **Soft**, National course: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**


**1 STAY IF U WANT TO (IRE) (22)** h **98**  
8122-1227 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill** *Benjamin Macey (10lb/5kg)*  
Fairly useful bumper winner who has made a sound start over hurdles, off the mark in a Hereford maiden in May. Similar form back from 4 months off when second on handicap debut at Wincanton in October but found things a bit too competitive at Cheltenham (21f, good to soft) last time.


**2 NEO KING (FR) (27)** **95**  
2-36 6 11-13 | 75.7kg

 **Evan Williams** *Isabel Williams (3lb/1kg)*   
Multiple point winner and second in a hunter chase at Down Royal (19.5f) in March. Changed hands for £20,000 and has since posted encouraging efforts in maiden hurdles over 2¾m/2½m at Fos Las, leaving the impression that he'll be suited by this stiffer test on handicap bow.


**3 GOLDEN AMBITION (IRE) (25)** b **99**  
5P05-U211 5 11-13 | 75.7kg


 **Ben Pauling** *Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)*  
Has benefited from the refitting of blinkers this term, following up from Fontwell in similarly clear-cut fashion in 8-runner handicap at Lingfield (23f, good) last month. Up another 6 lb but sure to make another bold bid partnered by a conditional earning plenty of plaudits.



**4 GALASSIAN (52)** **88**  
2/4-4 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Mel Rowley** *Charlie Hammond*  
Winning pointer who ran to a fair level when second of 8 in Worcester maiden hurdle in October 2022. Off 18 months but promise when fourth of 7 in novice hurdle at Bangor (23.2f, soft) in April, but ran a very tame race after another 6 months off recently. Best watched on handicap debut.


**5 CAHER ROES DEN (IRE) (51)** **98**  
533-3 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **B. F. Brookhouse** *Henry Brooke*  
Irish point winner who took his form up a notch after 8 months off when third of 11 on handicap debut at Wincanton (24.7f, good) in October, pulling clear of rest and shaping as though he'll have no trouble landing a race from his sort of mark. Shortlisted.


**6 MAGICAL ARTHUR (IRE) (19) (D)** v+t  **100**  
P-8421211 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Jennie Candlish** *Sam Twiston-Davies*   
Continues to progress, making it 3 wins in his last 4 starts at Plumpton (25f, good) 19 days ago, needing every yard to get there under a conditional really making a name for himself. 3 lb higher but may not have finished improving just yet.


**7 GOLDEN COSMOS (IRE) (648)** **93**  
53543/ 8 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole** *Oliver Boyden (10lb/5kg)*  
Yet to get his head in front and looked summed up by his handicap mark when last seen at Catterick in early-2023. Watching brief advised given the absence.


**8 ADVERAM (18)** s **98**  
792633-14 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Ian Duncan** *Brian Hughes*  
Winless last term but proved consistent and deservedly opened his hurdles account on return at Ayr. Shaped better than the distance beaten suggested from 4 lb higher (fortunate not to hit the deck after 2 out) at Carlisle (24.6f, good to soft) last month so fancied to be in the mix.

**9 ARCTIC SAINT (IRE) (19)** t **96**  
029/9-5593 6 10-8 | 67.1kg

 **Deborah Cole** *Chris Ward (3lb/1kg)*  
Winless following half-a-dozen attempts between the flags and record under Rules stands at 0-8, running well in form terms but never appearing likely to finish any closer on yard debut when third of 10 in handicap at Leicester (20.5f, good to soft) last month. Heads up in trip.

**10 SHE WON'T MIND (35)** **97**  
05-89 6 10-6 | 66.2kg

 **Tim Reed** *Harry Reed*  
Raced freely when tailed off sole outing in bumpers and has made little impact in 3 novice hurdles. Hiked up in trip for her handicap debut and it's tough to know what level of ability this point winner possesses.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Golden Ambition, **7-2** Magical Arthur, **17-2** Caher Roes Den, **10-1** Adveram, **10-1** Stay If U Want To, **12-1** Arctic Saint, **20-1** Neo King, **20-1** Galassian, **20-1** Golden Cosmos, **33-1** She Won't Mind

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

MAGICAL ARTHUR continues to go from strength to strength and Jennie Candlish's 6-y-o is fancied to make it 4 wins from his last 5 outings at the expense of Golden Ambition, who arrives chasing a hat-trick and has the services of a conditional deservedly earning plenty of plaudits in recent weeks. Caher Roes Den and handicap debutant Neo King can fight out minor honours.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. MAGICAL ARTHUR 2. GOLDEN AMBITION 3. CAHER ROES DEN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Kyntara</b> 7-12-0	10-3	Mel Rowley	Charlie Deutsch	7
2022	<b>Broadway Boy</b> 4-12-0	5-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	5
2021	<b>My Bobby Dazzler</b> 6-11-12	7-2jf	Mel Rowley	Alex Edwards (3)	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.32**

RACE 4

**BOYLESPTS HOME OF THE EARLY PAYOUT HANDICAP CHASE (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-145) £40,000 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Even**

- 1**

**SPRINGWELL BAY (22)** (D, BF) **97**

16/142U-13 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*

Very useful hurdler. Jumping improved as the race wore on when landing a 5-runner listed event on chase debut at Chepstow (19.5f, good) in October. Similar form despite refusing to settle when third in similar company at Cheltenham and of interest now handicapping in this sphere. Down in trip.
- 2**

**RICHMOND LAKE (IRE) (28)** (CD) **99**

1/1149F0-4 **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Donald McCain *Brian Hughes*

Had a prolific period in 2023, completing a four-timer in this race 12 months ago. Seemed to lose confidence in his jumping thereafter but right back to best after 7 months off when fourth in last month's Grand Sefton over the National fences. Respected.
- 3**

**GRANDDADS COTTAGE (IRE) (239)** (D) **96**

121/03148- **9** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Olly Murphy *James Bowen*

Added to his chase tally in a first-time tongue strap at Leicester in January. Backed it up with a good fourth at Kempton the following month and probably remained in form when eighth of 24 in Topham here (21.1f, soft) back in April. Returns with yard in really good nick.
- 4**

**WHISTLEINTHEDARK (IRE) (160)** (D) **97**

1/84809-98 **9** 10-13 | 69.4kg

L J Morgan *Harry Reed*

4-time winner over fences who was better than the result (failed to stay) in the Scottish Grand National in April. Well held both starts in June but his mark has eased further as a result and market confidence behind him would look interesting back from 5 months off.
- 5**

**REAL STONE (273)** (C, D, BF) **96**

12/41342F- **9** 10-11 | 68.5kg

Dan Skelton *Fergus Gillard*

Took apart a small field with a run under his belt at Haydock (16.3f) 12 months ago. Best effort since when runner-up at Newbury in March but absent since falling at Hereford (2m) later that month. This outing may bring him on. Back up in trip.
- 6**

**NO RISK DES FLOS (FR) (37)** (D) **100**

3/P3445-92 **9** 10-9 | 67.6kg

Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*

Useful hurdle/chase winner who returned from 5 months off/wind surgery with a creditable second behind the very exciting L'eau Du Sud at Stratford (19.4f) 37 days ago. That ought to have blown the cobwebs away and he's lurking on a handy mark.
- 7**

**SALAMANCA BAY (IRE) (196)** **96**

32312-4 **8** 10-9 | 67.6kg

Dan Skelton *Tristan Durrell (31b/1kg)*

Headstrong sort who was well served by fitting of a hood when off the mark over fences for Lucinda Russell at Ayr (16.5f) in March. Below best at Cartmel in May (17.3f) and he's undergone wind surgery/fitted with tongue tie ahead of debut for new yard.
- 8**

**CERENDIPITY (IRE) (52)** (D) **97**

13PF351-6 **7** 10-5 | 65.8kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith *Jack Tudor*

Crucially produced a better round of jumping when running out an authoritative winner on final start of last season at Bangor (20.3f) in April. Shaped as if needing his Wetherby return in October and worth noting he's won second time out for each of the last 2 seasons.
- 9**

**DR T J ECKLEBURG (IRE) (14)** **98**

432434-31 **6** 10-2 | 64.4kg

Evan Williams *Conor Ring*

Showed the benefit of his reappearance spin at Newton Abbot when proving too strong for his 6 rivals at Haydock (16.3f, soft) 14 days ago. Runner-up that day has bolted up since and he's not discounted as one who's unexposed at this sort of trip.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Springwell Bay, **9-2** Richmond Lake, **13-2** No Risk Des Flos, **7-1** Dr T J Eckleburg, **10-1** Real Stone, **11-1** Granddads Cottage, **14-1** Cerendipity, **14-1** Salamanca Bay, **22-1** Whistleinthedark

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SPRINGWELL BAY's failure to settle ultimately compromised his chances late on when third in a listed contest at Cheltenham 3 weeks ago but a well-run race back at this shorter trip promises to see him in a much better light and he could be the way to go now handicapping in this sphere. No Risk Des Flos and last year's winner Richmond Lake both resumed with promising reappearance efforts and head up the dangers.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SPRINGWELL BAY 2. NO RISK DES FLOS 3. RICHMOND LAKE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Richmond Lake</b>	7-11-11	4-1	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	9
2022	<b>Brave Seasca</b>	7-12-1	12-1	Venetia Williams	Gavin Sheehan	13
2021	<b>Clan Legend</b>	11-11-1	12-1	N. W. Alexander	Danny McMenamin	10
2020	<b>Clan Legend</b>	10-11-2	12-1	N. W. Alexander	Danny McMenamin (3)	13
2019	<b>Sammy Bill</b>	6-11-1	5-2f	Oliver Sherwood	Leighton Aspell	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.07

**BOYLESPTS BECHER HANDICAP CHASE (Premier Handicap) (1) 6yo+ £135,000 3m1f188y (5200 Metres)**

RACE 5



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Pace Information: **Even**

<b>1</b>	<b>CHIANTI CLASSICO (IRE) (35)</b> 1P/11214-1 <b>7</b> 12-0   76.2kg	t	<b>99</b>
	Kim Bailey	<i>Jonathan Burke</i>	
Quickly developed into a smart chaser last term, gaining his third win in the Ultima Handicap at Cheltenham. Signed off with a very good fourth in Mildmay Novices' Chase at this venue (25f) and picked up where he left off with a dominant win at Ascot a month ago. More to come.			
<b>2</b>	<b>CELEBRE D'ALLEN (FR) (24) (C)</b> 08/145U4-1 <b>12</b> 11-4   71.7kg	s	<b>98</b>
	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	<i>Micheal Nolan</i>	
Still capable of useful form, landing a veterans' handicap here (25f) on last season's reappearance and just about as good as ever when scoring on November's return to action at Bangor. Shaped quite well in this race last year but this is on the limit of his stamina.			
<b>3</b>	<b>CHAMBARD (FR) (270) (C, D)</b> U44/21P88- <b>12</b> 11-2   70.8kg		<b>98</b>
	Venetia Williams	<i>Miss Lucy Turner (5lb/2kg)</i>	
Ended 2021/22 campaign with success in the Kim Muir and added another valuable handicap to his tally in this race a year ago. Revised mark enough to halt him in competitive contests to end the campaign but has a good record fresh and yard in form.			
<b>4</b>	<b>ARIZONA CARDINAL (56) (C)</b> 3/1PP111-P <b>8</b> 10-13   69.4kg	t	<b>99</b>
	Stuart Edmunds	<i>Charlie Hammond</i>	
Admirable sort who won 4 of 6 starts last term, ending his campaign with career-best victory in 24-runner Topham Handicap Chase (21.1f, soft) over these fences in April. Almost certainly needed the run on October's return to action and better expected on the back of a breathing operation.			
<b>5</b>	<b>CRUZ CONTROL (FR) (41) (C)</b> 122511-47 <b>7</b> 10-11   68.5kg	t	<b>98</b>
	Tom Lacey	<i>Stan Sheppard</i>	
Ended last term with 3m chase win here and shaped well when fourth of 12 in handicap chase at Punchestown (24.5f, soft) a month later under an attacking ride. Spin over hurdles here in October should have put him spot on for this and he's the type to take well to these fences.			
<b>6</b>	<b>IRON BRIDGE (IRE) (34) (D)</b> 22/P23P8-3 <b>8</b> 10-7   66.7kg		<b>98</b>
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	<i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i>	
Useful handicapper who was placed in the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow and Grand National Trial at Haydock last winter. Made an encouraging return to action at Carlisle 5 weeks ago but this might not place quite enough emphasis on stamina for him.			
<b>7</b>	<b>KING TURGEON (FR) (28) (C, D)</b> 15652B-11 <b>6</b> 10-4   65.3kg	s+t	<b>100</b>
	David Pipe	<i>Jack Tudor</i>	
Had another breathing op and took his form to a whole new level when making a winning reappearance at Chepstow and confirmed he's a handicapper on the up with a superb jumping display to follow up in the Grand Sefton (21.1f) here a month ago. Further 6 lb rise looks within range.			
<b>8</b>	<b>MONTE IGUELDO (FR) (24)</b> 11P/4P-323 <b>7</b> 10-3   64.9kg	t	<b>98</b>
	Gary Hanmer	<i>Paul O'Brien</i>	
Racked up a hat-trick at the end of 2022. Lightly raced since but a trio of placed effort at up to 26.1f confirm he's in good order. Finished tired at Bangor 3 weeks ago and this a relatively quick turnaround.			
<b>9</b>	<b>MAJOR DUNDEE (IRE) (24)</b> 031/35PU-6 <b>9</b> 10-2(10-1)   64.4kg (64.0kg)	v	<b>99</b>
	Alan King	<i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>	
Career best when landing the Midlands Grand National in 2023 and encouraging third at Warwick on last season's return. In the process of running creditably when unseating 2 out in the Eider at Newcastle and should strip fitter with this Bangor reappearance (behind Celebre D'allen) behind him.			

<b>10</b>	<b>NOW WHERE OR WHEN (IRE) (225)</b> 63P/57496- <b>9</b> 10-2(10-0)   64.4kg (63.5kg)	t	<b>96</b>
	Stuart Crawford, Ireland	<i>Sean Bowen</i>	
Down in the weights and finished sixth in the Ulster National in April. Has won following a similar absence in the past but this looks a shade too competitive trying these fences for the first time. Usual cheekpieces left off.			
<b>11</b>	<b>GABORIOT (FR) (28) (D)</b> 1131U-113 <b>8</b> 10-2(9-13)   64.4kg (63.0kg)	s	<b>98</b>
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	<i>Henry Brooke</i>	
Superb strike rate in recent times, winning 5 times since October 2023 (3 hunters and a couple of open handicaps). Took pretty well to these fences at the second time of asking when third to King Turgeon in the Grand Sefton last month and he's a player despite being out of the weights.			
<b>12</b>	<b>PERCUSSION (28) (D)</b> 35P42-427 <b>9</b> 10-2(9-10)   64.4kg (61.7kg)	v	<b>96</b>
	L J Morgan	<i>Harry Reed</i>	
On a lengthy losing run but he ran right up to form when second from out of the weights in the Summer Cup at Uttoxeter in June. A regular over these fences but was a bit disappointing when mid-field to King Turgeon a month ago and he's 6 lb out of the weights.			

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** King Turgeon, **9-2** Chianti Classico, **6-1** Gaboriot, **15-2** Cruz Control, **9-1** Iron Bridge, **14-1** Arizona Cardinal, **16-1** Celebre D'allen, **20-1** Chambard, **22-1** Major Dundee, **25-1** Percussion, **33-1** Monte Igueldo, **80-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A second breathing operation has transformed KING TURGEON, who produced a tremendous round of jumping on his first go over these fences when winning the Grand Sefton here a month ago. The step back up in trip won't be a problem so he's preferred to Chanti Classico and Cruz Control, both of whom are expected to take to this test.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KING TURGEON 2. CHIANTI CLASSICO 3. CRUZ CONTROL**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Chambard</b> 11-10-6	18-1	Venetia Williams	Miss Lucy Turner (5)	12
2022	<b>Ashtown Lad</b> 8-11-5	5-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	22
2021	<b>Snow Leopardess</b> 9-10-4	4-1f	Charlie Longsdon	Aidan Coleman	21
2020	<b>Vieux Lion Rouge</b> 11-10-7	12-1	David Pipe	Conor O'Farrell	14
2019	<b>Walk In The Mill</b> 9-10-8	8-1	Robert Walford	James Best	18

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race



**2.42****BOYLESPTS ACCA BOOST JUVENILE HURDLE (Listed) (1)**  
**3yo £50,000 2m209y (3410 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Soft, National course: Soft (Heavy in places)**

The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. Inside is the Mildmay course which has birch fences. A major feature of the Mildmay course is its sharpness, though the fences are stiff and it's a tough jumping test. The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time around and fourteen the second. Alterations to the fences in recent times have had the effect of making it a less severe test of jumping than used to be case. Since 2013, the run to the first fence in the Grand National was reduced in a bid to also improve safety, resulting in the overall race distance shortening from the usual 4½m, though the run-in is still 494 yards long and includes an elbow.

Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 LIAM SWAGGER (36) (D)** t **99**  
11 3 11-5 | 72.1kg



James Owen

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Fairly useful maiden on Flat and half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Father of Jazz (2m winner). Created an excellent impression in a first-time tongue tie when a ready winner at Market Rasen in September and he took the rise in class in his stride when narrowly seeing off Static at Wetherby.

**2 QUANTOCK HILLS (FR) (20) (D)** h **96**  
2121 3 11-3 | 71.2kg



Warren Greatrex

**James Bowen**

Fairly useful form over hurdles in France, confirming debut promise when successful at Dieppe in June. Acquired for €130,000 after a bright start for new yard when second of 6 in a Wetherby juvenile in October. Hooded and didn't need to improve to go one place better at Fontwell 3 weeks ago.

**3 STATIC (FR) (21) (D)** ★ **100**  
213R1622 3 11-3 | 71.2kg



Olly Murphy

**Sean Bowen**

Dual winner over hurdles in France and ran his best race starting out for new connections when neck second to Liam Swagger in listed event at Wetherby (2m). Again displayed an excellent attitude when occupying same spot at Cheltenham, no chance with a smart one. Major player.

**4 MELON (GER)** 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

**Henry Brooke**

Fairly useful on Flat, much improved when successful on handicap debut over 1¾m at Haydock in September. Unexposed type who should have a future over hurdles but this no easy introduction. Engaged 12.48 Sandown Friday.

**5 MODEL APPROACH (IRE) (21) (D)** t **93**  
311U8 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Adrian Keatley

**Brian Hughes**

Fairly useful maiden on Flat for Jim Bolger and has made a bright start to his hurdle career, making all in juveniles at Sedgefield and Kempton last month. Hampered and unseated before halfway in listed Wensleydale at Wetherby but well behind Static at Cheltenham last time.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

11-8 Liam Swagger, 2-1 Static, 11-2 Quantock Hills, 14-1 Melon, 16-1 Model Approach

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

LIAM SWAGGER must concede 2 lb this time after edging out Static off level-weights in the Wensleydale at Wetherby but he arguably boasts the more scope for progress, so he can uphold the form. Quantock Hills could be the pick of the other trio.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. LIAM SWAGGER 2. STATIC 3. QUANTOCK HILLS

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2023 **Liari** 3-11-0 11-4 Paul Nicholls Harry Cobden 8**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.17**

**BOYLESPORTS BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+ £40,000 2½m (4020 Metres)**

RACE 7



Going: **Soft, National course: Soft (Heavy in places)**

The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. Inside is the Mildmay course which has birch fences. A major feature of the Mildmay course is its sharpness, though the fences are stiff and it's a tough jumping test. The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time around and fourteen the second. Alterations to the fences in recent times have had the effect of making it a less severe test of jumping than used to be case. Since 2013, the run to the first fence in the Grand National was reduced in a bid to also improve safety, resulting in the overall race distance shortening from the usual 4½m, though the run-in is still 494 yards long and includes an blow.

Pace Information: **Weak**

- 1**

**DARGIANNINI (IRE) (26) (D)** **89**

F110/01-54 **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Harry Derham *Paul O'Brien*

Well prepared to make a winning return to action at Kempton (21f) 13 months ago but missed the remainder of the campaign and low-key efforts upon returning in recent months, well-beaten last of 4 back in corresponding race 26 days ago. Tough to assess at present.

**89**
- 2**

**PYRAMID PLACE (IRE) (26) (CD)** **97**

3150-1741 **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Olly Murphy *Brian Hughes*

A fairly useful 2m4f hurdles winner for Harriet Dickin and showed benefit of a recent run for new yard when running out a stylish winner in 4-runner Kempton handicap (21f) 26 days ago. Versatile as regards ground but this is a tougher ask.

**97**
- 3**

**SANTOS BLUE (266) (D)** **97**

13/272101- **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Dan Skelton *Mr Ben Sutton (51lb/2kg)*

Likeable type who resumed progress during second half of last term, signing off with success in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (20f, heavy) in March. Returns with yard going well and no surprise to see him thereabouts from this 4 lb higher mark.

**97**
- 4**

**UNCLE BERT (28) (D)** **98**

P2117-3P2 **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies *Sam Twiston-Davies*

Useful hurdler who posted a career-best effort when adding to his tally at Bangor (19.6f) in March. Hasn't convinced in trio of starts over fences this autumn and the return to hurdling needs to have positive effect now.

**98**
- 5**

**CHOC CABLOC (231)** **100**

32/12152- **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Nicky Henderson *James Bowen*

Bumper winner who made a bright start over hurdles last winter, off the mark at Ludlow (21.2f) in November. Not disgraced when fifth in Cheltenham Grade 2 next time and back on the up when second of 6 in Ayr novice (20.5f) in April. Interesting now handicapping on return.

**100**
- 6**

**THE LORD MAID (IRE) (16) (D)** **97**

5311-2 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg

Tom Lacey *Stan Sheppard*

Made a successful hurdle debut in maiden at Clonmel in February (for Josh Halley) and followed up for new yard in 20.5f Southwell novice in April. Solid return from 7 months off when second in 6-runner mares' handicap at Warwick (21f, soft) and she's still low mileage.

**97**
- 7**

**TAMAR BRIDGE (IRE) (50) (CD)** **97**

P/2 **9** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*

C&D winner (won this race 3 years ago). Evidently hard to train but proved he retains ability after almost 2 years off when staying on for second in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (20f) in October. Yard continue in good form and he's not discounted if he can back that up.

**97**
- 8**

**BINGOO (34) (CD)** **97**

311/10P3-U **8** 10-13 | 69.4kg

James Moffatt *Charlotte Jones*

Four-time 2m hurdle winner who bagged a C&D handicap last Christmas. Largely struggled thereafter and he was only keeping on in fifth when unseating soon after 2 out on return to action at Carlisle (20f) 5 weeks ago. Others make more appeal.

**97**
- 9**

**COUNTRY PARK (IRE) (20)** **94**

89-B232 **5** 10-10 | 68.0kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*

£150,000 purchase from points who has showed definite promise under Rules, producing best effort yet when second of 4 in a Cheltenham maiden (16.4f) 3 weeks ago. Increase in trip promises to suit now handicapping and he's open to further improvement.

**94**

- 10**

**GETALEAD (IRE) (16) (D)** **99**

754-P1181 **8** 10-7 | 66.7kg

Kevin Pickard *Gearoid Harney (71lb/3kg)*

Returned from 6 months off in fine form, benefiting from return to calmer waters when making it 3 wins from last 4 starts at Wincanton (19.8f) 16 days ago. 4 lb rise should see him competitive again but he needs to keep the errors at bay in this stronger affair.

**99**
- 11**

**THE NAGGER REIDY (15)** **95**

606-12 **5** 10-7 | 66.7kg

Stephen Gerard Carey, Ireland *Jonathan Burke*

Irish raider who was much improved to make a winning return/handicap debut at Listowel (18f) in September. Stepped up further and found only another thriving sort too strong in big field at Tipperary (20.4f) 15 days ago. Still unexposed and he commands respect.

**95**
- 12**

**CAPTAIN POTTER (15) (D)** **90**

417-5 **4** 10-3 | 64.9kg

Brian Ellison *Henry Brooke*

Hurdles winner for yard at the start of the year and also opened account on the Flat in 2m Catterick handicap in October. Slipped up home turn back over hurdles at that venue 2 weeks ago and whilst he's still lightly raced in this sphere, this is comfortably his toughest task to date.

**90**

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-2** Choccabloc, **8-1** Tamar Bridge, **17-2** Santos Blue, **9-1** The Nagger Reidy, **10-1** Getalead, **10-1** Uncle Bert, **11-1** Country Park, **14-1** Pyramid Place, **14-1** Bingoo, **14-1** The Lord Maid, **18-1** Dargiannini, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CHOC CABLOC ended a progressive novice campaign over hurdles with a very good second behind a more seasoned and similarly progressive rival at Ayr in April and, appealing as being on a workable opening mark, he's fancied to make a bold bid returning from 7 months off. Irish raider The Nagger Reidy comes here on the up and he's respected, with Tamar Bridge, who took this contest 3 years ago, another on the shortlist. Country Park also commands a second look.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CHOC CABLOC 2. THE NAGGER REIDY 3. TAMAR BRIDGE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Sonigino</b> 6-12-0	10-3f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	10
2022	<b>Romeo Brown</b> 8-10-8	50-1	Sue Smith	Thomas Willmott (3)	13
2021	<b>Tamar Bridge</b> 6-11-0	2-1f	Olly Murphy	A. P. Heskin	13
2020	<b>Kateson</b> 7-11-1	5-1	Tom Lacey	Tom Scudamore	11
2019	<b>Notre Pari</b> 5-10-5	5-1	Olly Murphy	Richard Johnson	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race