

Wednesday 8th January

TAUNTON



12.45 FORESTERS GARDEN BUILDINGS NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) FRENCH SHIP | (12) THISTLE BE THE ONE | (11) THE FINAL WORD**

1.15 MEET ALLAHO ON SATURDAY 18th JANUARY MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m104y (3310 Metres)

RACE 2 **(10) EPINEPHRINE | (1) HIGH FIBRE | (8) THE HARDEST GEEZER**

1.45 SUMMERFIELD DEVELOPMENTS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m12y (3230 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) TORNEO | (4) LARGY FORCE | (5) ANY BISCUITS**

2.15 STABLES BUSINESS PARK HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)

RACE 4 **(5) TOM DONIPHON | (1) SORCELEUR | (6) COASTAL ROCK**

2.45 GEOFFREY BOSLEY 'TALLY HO' OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (5) 2m5f150y (4360 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) FRERE D'ARMES | (3) JOKER DE MAI | (6) ANGELS BREATH**

3.15 SATURDAY MEETING 18th JANUARY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m104y (3310 Metres)

RACE 6 **(7) FLOWERING | (6) SAWPIT SIENNA | (5) IRONED OUT**

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.

12.45

**FORESTERS GARDEN BUILDINGS NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+
£9,099 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Soft**

Right handed, sharp. Fences have been traditionally regarded as small and easy, yet the casualty rate on the chase course is high. The low quality of horses which contest the vast majority of races is undoubtedly a factor, whilst the sharp nature of the course is another, the third last a particularly tricky obstacle.

Pace Information: **Strong**

1 FRENCH SHIP (39) (D) **100**
42-1214 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Micheal Nolan

Bumper winner who confirmed promise of hurdling debut when landing a Chepstow maiden in November. Ran well when 5½ lengths fourth of 6 to exciting prospect The New Lion in novice at Newbury (20.5f, good to soft) last time and he's the one to beat.

2 ALDERLEY CHARLIE (9) h **65**
P0 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Polly Gundry

Charlie Deutsch

Pulled up on debut and, with hood applied, fared little better when tailed off in novice at this C&D (good to soft) 9 days ago. Looks to be up against it.

3 CHAMPAGNE CHIC (IRE) **83**
5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Jeremy Scott

Bryan Carver

€1,000 3-y-o, Shirocco gelding. Brother to fair 19f hurdle winner Go Go Chicago and closely related to bumper winner Windswept Girl. Yard won this race last year, but he has a fairly useful standard to aim at on debut.

4 GEORGE HENRY (22) **86**
93-65 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Paul Nicholls

Freddie Gingell (31b/1kg)

Better than result on first of 2 starts in bumpers and some encouragement on seasonal/hurdling debut when mid-field at Exeter (16.3f, heavy) in December. Below that level at Wincanton 11 days later, though he could fare better as he gains experience.

5 I AIN'T YOUR MATE (IRE) **84**
5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

€30,000 3-y-o, £120,000 4-y-o, Sea Moon gelding. Brother to bumper winner Sea God and half-brother to bumper/fairly useful 2½m hurdle winner Turn Turk. Placed both starts in Irish points in spring 2024, but he may just be better for this outing.

6 KINGSTON GENT (IRE) (22) **83**
93 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Sean Houlihan

Successful on second of 2 starts in points but has shaped as if in need of the experience in 2 runs over hurdles, no match for the front pair when third of 13 in novice at Wincanton (19.8f, soft) 22 days ago. Has something to find.

7 KYKOROCK (FR) (34) h **85**
6 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Comfortable winner of sole outing in points but only sixth of 8 in bumper at Market Rasen (16.6f, soft) on Rules debut in December. Could leave his latest effort behind, though, as he goes hurdling with hood applied.

8 LOKI'S MISCHIEF (FR) (55) **85**
2742 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Mrs Jane Williams

David Noonan

Ran to a fair level first time up in bumpers but has looked more about stamina than speed in 2 starts over hurdles, rallying for second in 4-runner novice at this course (16.5f, good) in November. More needed, though the step up in trip should suit.

9 SOX'S SUN (IRE) (106) h **65**
99P 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Tracey Barfoot-Saunt

Mr Harvey Barfoot-Saunt (71b/3kg)

Has offered little in a trio of starts over hurdles so far, pulled up in novice at Fontwell (21.8f, good) on latest outing in September. Hood now reached for.

10 STEEL DANCER (9) **65**
6-09 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Anthony Honeyball

Ben Godfrey

Finished well held in a bumper and it's been a similar story sent hurdling this season, beaten a long way out in novice at this C&D (good to soft) 9 days ago.

11 THE FINAL WORD (IRE) (71) (BF) **86**
7 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Successful only start in Irish points, but shaped as if needing the run after 9 months off when down the field in a Chepstow bumper (16f, good to soft) on Rules debut in October. Remains with potential as he goes up in trip for his hurdles bow.

12 THISTLE BE THE ONE (IRE) (27) **89**
12-52 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Keiran Burke

Gavin Sheehan

Useful bumper winner and much improved from his first start over hurdles when runner-up to a promising type in novice at this course (16.5f, good) 27 days ago. Could be thereabouts with more to offer given his ability in bumpers.

13 REMEMBER MOI (IRE) (34) **79**
83529 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



Georgina Nicholls

Finn Lambert (31b/1kg)

Modest form when placed on second of 3 starts in bumpers and ran to similar level when second of 5 in novice at Wincanton (21.4f, good to soft) on hurdling debut in November. However, finished well held back at Wincanton on her latest outing.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 French Ship, 5-1 Thistle Be The One, 7-1 The Final Word, 8-1 Kykorock, 11-1 George Henry, 14-1 Loki's Mischief, 18-1 I Ain't Your Mate, 22-1 Kingston Gent, 28-1 Champagne Chic, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FRENCH SHIP continued his good start over hurdles when making the frame behind a top-class prospect at Newbury on his latest outing and he looks to have leading claims of recording a second win in this sphere. Thistle Be The One stepped forward from his hurdling debut when runner-up last time and could be the main danger, ahead of The Final Word.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FRENCH SHIP 2. THISTLE BE THE ONE 3. THE FINAL WORD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Golden Ace 6-10-12	9-2	Jeremy Scott	Lorcan Williams	11
2023	Iliko d'Olivate 5-11-5	6-4jf	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	12
2022	Jpr One 5-11-12	5-6f	Colin Tizzard	Brendan Powell	9
2020	Masters Legacy 5-11-10	8-11f	Philip Hobbs	Micheal Nolan	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.15

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RACE 2




Going: **Soft**



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**


1 HIGH FIBRE (IRE) (73) t **97**

 **Harry Fry** **Bryan Carver**
Fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m) and showed plenty to work on when third in a big field maiden at Wincanton (15.2f) on hurdles bow in October, his rider keen to deliver him as late as possible. Ought to be capable of better.

2 KLIC BOUM (FR) (48) **88**

 **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.


3 LAST RODEO (IRE) (21) **88**

 **Christian Williams** **Jack Tudor**
€62,000 3-y-o, Malinas gelding. Fourth in an Irish point in March and offered something to work on without threatening when fourth of 8 in novice hurdle at Ludlow (15.7f, soft) last month. Probably one for later on, particularly when tackling longer trips.

4 PINK EYED PANCHO (236) **75**

 **David Brace** **Connor Brace**
Placed in a point bumper but offered little in an Aintree bumper on Rules debut in May. Switches to hurdles after 7 months off.


5 SACCARY (GER) **92**

 **David Pipe** **Gearoid Harney (5lb/2kg)**
Fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¾m) in France, won claimer at Chantilly penultimate start in 2023 and runner-up in similar event final outing that year. Claimed from Waldemar Hickst after for €17,256 and interesting what the market makes of him now sent hurdling after 15 months off.



6 SLIDE RULE (18) **89**

 **Tom Lacey** **Cameron Iles (7lb/3kg)**
Has hinted at ability in 2 bumpers and showed more than first time up over hurdles when fourth of 14 in a Hereford novice (16.2f) in December. May do better still, particularly when sent handicapping.

7 STROLLING ALONG (IRE) (38) **93**

 **Dan Skelton** **Harry Skelton**
£115,000 3-y-o, Walk In The Park gelding. Not beaten far when fourth in a Carlisle bumper on debut in December, the trio in front of him all boasting point experience. Represents top yard and expected to make his mark now hurdling.

8 THE HARDEST GEEZER (IRE) (31) (D) h **94**

 **Philip Hobbs & Johnson White**  **Sean Houlihan**
Acquired for £90,000 on the back of victory in an Ayr bumper 14 months ago. Fair form both starts over hurdles so far this winter, outpaced from last when fifth of 10 in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (15.8f, heavy) 31 days ago. Remains capable of better, particularly when granted more of a test.


9 THE SAINTED CANARY (IRE) (60) t **91**

 **Jeremy Scott** **Rex Dingle**
Half-brother to fair chaser Tractor Fred and showed ability in trio of bumpers spread over 12 months, not beaten far despite finishing last of 4 at Wincanton (15.2f) on latest outing 60 days ago. Hurdles debut.


10 EPINEPHRINE (FR) (32)  **100**

 **Venetia Williams** **Charlie Deutsch**
Half-sister to 4 winners and shaped well when third in newcomers race at Auteuil on hurdles debut in autumn 2023. 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.

11 ESKIMO SAM (45) h+t **75**

 **Tom Lacey** **Stan Sheppard**
Black Sam Bellamy mare who has looked in need of experience in bumper/novice hurdles in recent months (reportedly bled last time). Probably one for handicaps later on.

12 JANESPRICELESS (22) t **70**

 **Ella Pickard** **Ben Godfrey**
Jelani mare. Dam unraced. Failed to complete both starts in points and no promise with a tongue strap fitted when pulled up on Rules/hurdles debut at Wincanton 22 days ago. Easy enough to look elsewhere.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Epinephrine, **4-1** High Fibre, **11-2** The Hardest Geezer, **13-2** Strolling Along, **8-1** Saccary, **12-1** The Sainted Canary, **18-1** Slide Rule, **28-1** Last Rodeo, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

5-y-o mare EPINEPHRINE was far from disgraced on the back of a 14-month absence when fourth in a listed novice at Sandown on debut for Venetia Williams 32 days ago and, appealing as the type to do better with that under her belt, she could be the way to go. High Fibre and The Hardest Geezer should progress further also and are feared, as is hurdles debutant Strolling Along.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EPINEPHRINE 2. HIGH FIBRE 3. THE HARDEST GEEZER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 ^I Joyeuse 5-11-1	11-4	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	14
2024 ^{II} The Gypsy Davey 6-11-8	7-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	13
2023 ^I Rare Middleton 4-10-9	2-5f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	10
2023 ^{II} Afadil 4-10-9	8-15f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9
2022 ^I Knickerbockerglory 6-11-6	8-11f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	13
2022 ^{II} Natty Night 6-11-6	5-2f	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	14
2020 ^I Buzz 6-11-5	1-2f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boynville	11
2020 ^{II} Shall We Go Now 7-11-5	4-1	Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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SUMMERFIELD DEVELOPMENTS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE
(4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £13,300 2m12y (3230 Metres)








RACE 3



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1	GRIS MAJEUR (FR) (28)	s	88
	P62/71465 8 12-0 76.2kg Sheila Lewis <i>Sean Bowen</i> Point/bumper winner who capitalised on falling mark when registering a third career success over hurdles at Hereford in October. Not in same form since, including on Chepstow chase debut on penultimate start. Needs first-time cheekpieces to help spark a revival.		
2	COMMANDING VIEW (IRE) (49) (D)		90
	46/6102-14 7 12-0 76.2kg Mel Rowley <i>Charlie Deutsch</i> Twice a winner over hurdles, including a handicap at Bangor (17f) last spring. May have needed run when fourth on chase debut at Warwick 6 months later and is entitled to improve.		
3	TORNEO (FR) (28) (D)	★	100
	23126-322 5 11-13 75.7kg Jamie Snowden <i>Gavin Sheehan</i> Fairly useful Flat winner in France who won a Wetherby juvenile hurdle last winter. Switched to fences this season, shaping well when second in 2m handicaps at Wincanton and Hereford in recent months. Looks capable of even better and leading claims.		
4	LARGY FORCE (IRE) (18)		98
	2223-3 7 11-11 74.8kg Warren Greatrex <i>James Bowen</i> Point winner. Placed in bumper/hurdles last season and made a promising start to her chase career when third of 8 at Hereford (2m, soft) on reappearance just before Christmas. Should be more to come.		
5	ANY BISCUITS (IRE) (42) (BF)	t	92
	8911/25 8 11-7 73.0kg Harry Derham <i>Paul O'Brien</i> Much improved with a pair of handicap hurdle wins in spring 2023. Even better form back from a long absence when second of 12 at Stratford in October and has racing too keenly as an excuse for a below-par fifth at Hereford (19.5f) in November. Now switches to fences over a shorter trip.		
6	IT'S EASY (FR) (28)		90
	24243-264 7 11-7 73.0kg Evan Williams <i>Adam Wedge</i> Been running respectably over hurdles for new yard ahead of this return to fences. Well treated on her peak form in this sphere.		
7	FOX WALLACE (IRE) (77)	t	70
	8009-PPP 7 10-2(8-12) 64.4kg (56.2kg) Ella Pickard <i>Ben Godfrey</i> No sign of ability, pulling up in 2 handicap chases this autumn. Miles out of the weights again and a big outsider.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Torneo, **11-4** Largy Force, **6-1** Any Biscuits, **15-2** It's Easy, **8-1** Commanding View, **14-1** Gris Majeur, **150-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TORNEO has shaped well when runner-up in similar contests the last twice and is narrowly preferred to Largy Force, who made a promising start to her chase career at Hereford but may not really come into her own over fences until faced with stiffer tests of stamina than this. Harry Derham's Any Biscuits should also have a part to play if taking to fences at the first time of asking.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TORNEO 2. LARGY FORCE 3. ANY BISCUITS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **Keep Running** 6-12-0 5-4f Warren Greatrex James Bowen 4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.15

STABLES BUSINESS PARK HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £15,800 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)

RACE 4



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **SORCELEUR (FR) (60)** (C) t **93**
3315-211 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*
Progressive in bumpers and made the most of another excellent opportunity turned out under 24 hours on from Exeter in 6-runner novice at Wincanton (15.2f, good) 60 days ago, plenty in hand. Back up in trip for handicap bow and, while his mark is no gimme, he should have plenty more to offer.

2 **HENN SEE (FR) (262)** t **91**
F4/215PP- 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



Alexandra Dunn *Adam Wedge*
Winning hurdler/chaser but pulled up last 2 starts, breaking blood vessel on final outing and sold out of W. P. Mullins' yard for only £4,500 in May.

3 **SILENT REVOLUTION (IRE) (114)** t **89**
437/30-62P 9 11-7 | 73.0kg



Alison Thorpe *Jack Tudor*
One-time useful hurdler but has become disappointing (including over fences). Has left Paul Nicholls.

4 **VALADON (IRE) (63)** (BF) **97**
2113-4 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Harry Fry *Bryan Carver*
Dual winner in juvenile hurdles last winter before a respectable third on handicap debut at Sandown (2m) in March. Made mistakes and never threatened on return/chase bow at Chepstow (2m) but return to hurdling could see him get back on track.

5 **TOM DONIPHON (FR) (9)** (CD) ★ **100**
120-321 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White *Micheal Nolan*
Useful bumper performer who improved again to get off the mark over hurdles on handicap debut over C&D last week, doing so in comfortable fashion. Escapes a penalty for that success and excellent chance of following up with further progress on the cards.

6 **COASTAL ROCK (FR) (45)** **95**
4/34-51 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
Offered plenty to work on in 3 qualifying runs for Harry Fry/Lucinda Russell. Disappointing when beaten favourite at Ayr (16f) on debut for new yard earlier this month but appreciated stiffer test of stamina when scoring at Uttoxeter (19.9f, heavy) 45 days ago. Remains unexposed.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Tom Doniphon, **9-4** Sorceleur, **6-1** Coastal Rock, **9-1** Valadon, **16-1** Henn See, **18-1** Silent Revolution

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TOM DONIPHON and Sorceleur stand out. The former saw off a couple of in-form rivals in comfortable fashion on his handicap debut over C&D last week and gets the nod to go in again given he escapes a penalty for that success. The latter has been handed a stiff-looking mark but remains with lots of potential.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TOM DONIPHON 2. SORCELEUR 3. COASTAL ROCK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Inca de Lafayette	6-11-2	15-2	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	12
2023	Forever William	5-11-2	11-2	Alan King	Tom Cannon	9
2022	Cap du Mathan	7-10-9	4-1	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	8
2020	Earth Moor	6-10-6	7-1	Philip Hobbs	Richard Johnson	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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GEOFFREY BOSLEY 'TALLY HO' OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (5)
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RACE 5



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Pace Information: **Even**

1 D'JANGO (FR) (222) (D) t **90**
 882144-3P 12 12-6 | 78.9kg

Miss V. Collins **Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg)**
 Appeared to be very much on the decline prior to turning it round in hunters, scoring in an 8-runner event at Warwick a year ago. Good run of form came to an end when last seen in May but type to bounce back.

2 FRERE D'ARMES (FR) (17) (D) s **100**
 4-8832571 8 12-6 | 78.9kg

Dan Skelton **Miss Heidi Palin (5lb/2kg)**
 Capitalised on the drop in grade to snap a losing run at Fakenham 17 days ago under this rider, responding well to more positive tactics. Needs considering.

3 JOKER DE MAI (FR) (261) (BF) **99**
 11/412222- 6 12-6 | 78.9kg

Harry Derham **Mr David Maxwell**
 Useful chaser in France and also landed 2m3f handicap hurdle at Lingfield for his new yard last winter. Runner-up all 4 starts since and must be respected back over fences on return.

4 TAKE ALL (IRE) (179) t **88**
 46735-868 10 12-6 | 78.9kg

M. Osborne **Mr Samuel Scott (7lb/3kg)**
 11/1, eighth of 12 in handicap chase at Wexford (19.5f, good to soft) 179 days ago. First run for yard after leaving John Joseph Hanlon. Every chance when ran out last sole start in points (Nov 9).

5 A JET OF OUR OWN (IRE) (250) s+t **89**
 1 8 12-2 | 77.1kg

Mrs N. Sheppard **Mr Frederick Philipson-Stow (7lb/3kg)**
 In cheekpieces/tongue strap, 9/2, won 8-runner hunter at Cheltenham on chasing debut by head. Multiple point winner but pulled up last time (Dec 29).

6 ANGELS BREATH (IRE) (299) **93**
 P2/27445P- 11 11-12 | 75.3kg

Tim Vaughan **Mr Edward Vaughan (7lb/3kg)**
 Useful hurdler but ran badly in Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham final start in 2023/24. Similar form over fences but let down by jumping both outings earlier same season. Winning pointer, runner-up last time (Dec 8).

7 FIL D'ARIANE (FR) (250) t **79**
 3F4-6 10 11-12 | 75.3kg

Douglas White **Mr Douglas White (7lb/3kg)**
 Fair performer for Tom Symonds who was in process of running very well when falling 2 out in Royal Artillery Gold Cup in February. Well held both starts since, however. Off 8 months.

8 FLAGRANT DELITIEP (FR) (367) **74**
 365/434U8- 10 11-12 | 75.3kg

Miss A. Lewis **Mr William Biddick**
 Further signs of decline last season and best watched after 12 months off starting out for a new yard.

9 REWRITETHERULES (IRE) (222) **69**
 U/P3PPP-P9 11 11-12 | 75.3kg

Miss Hannah Roach **Mr Henry Crow (5lb/2kg)**
 Multiple point winner but rarely shows his form in hunters.

10 SOMPTUEUX (FR) (85) (D) v **98**
 PF/4-30 10 11-12 | 75.3kg

Tommy Morgan **Mr Joe Wright (3lb/1kg)**
 Fairly useful but inconsistent chaser for Henry de Bromhead (sold £6,000 later in October). Visor on 1st time.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Frere D'armes, **4-1** Joker De Mai, **11-2** Angels Breath, **8-1** Somptueux, **17-2** Take All, **12-1** D'jango, **22-1** A Jet of Our Own, **28-1** Fil D'ariane, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FRERE D'ARMES seemed suited by the switch to front-running tactics at Fakenham and a reproduction of that form may well be good enough. Joker de Mai and Angels Breath are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FRERE D'ARMES 2. JOKER DE MAI 3. ANGELS BREATH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Regatta de Blanc	6-11-5	6-5f	Will Biddick	Mr William Biddick	11
2023	Envious Editor	9-12-0	11-8f	J. J. O'Shea	Mr Henry Crow (5)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

SATURDAY MEETING 18th JANUARY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-100) £9,000 2m104y (3310 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 TIME FOR TEA (IRE) (145) 94
864P-7434 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Barry Brennan *James Best*
Fair maiden hurdler at best for Henry de Bromhead in Ireland. Makes handicap debut for new stable after 5 months off. Probably best watched.

2 AS FAST AS WIND (IRE) (27) h 96
7965 5 11-9 | 73.9kg



Daisy Hitchins *Harry Reed*
Fair Flat maiden who has shown an aptitude for hurdling since joining Daisy Hitchins, including fifth of 13 on C&D handicap debut four weeks ago. Hood back on. Probably capable of making more of an impact from her mark.

3 GETMETOTHEMOON (27) (D) t ★ 100
976-13F42 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Anthony Honeyball *Chad Bament (10lb/5kg)*
Justified support in 2m Stratford handicap hurdle in June and creditable efforts on all 3 completed starts since, finishing second of 13 over C&D on latest.

4 LADY CARO (IRE) (28) 96
572-68422 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Emma Lavelle *Rex Dingle*
Back-to-form second at Fontwell and Hereford (both good to soft) in recent months and no reason why she won't give another good account.

5 IRONED OUT (IRE) (17) 99
409602 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Evan Williams *Isabel Williams (3lb/1kg)*
Improved when narrowly denied on her 2m Fakenham handicap debut just before Christmas, the line coming a couple of strides too soon for her strong finish. An unexposed profile suggests she may do better again.

6 SAWPIT SIENNA (57) (CD) s+t 96
741F36-43 10 10-11 | 68.5kg



Samuel Drinkwater *Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)*
Seeking a hat-trick of wins in this race. Creditable third of 6 at Lingfield (2m, good) when last seen 8 weeks ago. 1 lb lower than 12 months ago and looks set for another big run in this race.

7 FLOWERING (IRE) (22) (D) 98
1P4 4 10-8 | 67.1kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
Fair performer on level who made a winning yard/hurdle debut in 6-runner juvenile at Warwick (2m, good) in November. Pulled up in Newbury listed race next time but fared better back in calmer waters at Catterick since. Her opening handicap mark looks manageable.

8 LADY IRONSIDE (IRE) (27) 98
0062/5 8 10-2 | 64.4kg



Carroll Gray *Sean Houlihan*
Long-standing maiden on level and over hurdles. Always behind in a course chase on her recent return from a long absence. Can only watch.

9 CLEAR STORM (27) s 98
6P4 4 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Nigel Hawke *Lorcan Murtagh*
Fair handicapper on Flat. Barely modest form in 3 juvenile hurdles but handicaps provide her with a more realistic chance to make an impact. Cheekpieces go on for the first time over hurdles.

10 REELY DELIGHTFUL (22) b 55
8/40-F8 6 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)



Venetia Williams *Miss Lucy Turner (5lb/2kg)*
No form but from a good stable and it's possible handicaps will see her in a better light. Check the betting in first-time blinkers.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Flowering, 5-1 Lady Caro, 11-2 Ironed Out, 6-1 Getmetothemoon, 8-1 Sawpit Sienna, 14-1 Clear Storm, 14-1 As Fast As Wind, 20-1 Time For Tea, 25-1 Reely Delightful, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Dan Skelton juvenile FLOWERING looks on a workable opening hurdle mark and is taken to deny Sawpit Sienna a hat-trick in this race. Ironed Out is also respected on the back of her Fakenham near miss.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FLOWERING 2. SAWPIT SIENNA 3. IRONED OUT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Sawpit Sienna	9-11-7	3-1f	Samuel Drinkwater	Ned Fox (5)	13
2023	Sawpit Sienna	8-11-0	8-1	Samuel Drinkwater	Robert Dunne	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race