

Saturday 9th November

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11.10 START YOUR RACINGTV FREE TRIAL NOW NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2¾m151y (4560 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) BEL AMIGO | (3) DEDICATED HERO | (7) TOMMYS LAW**

11.38 IAN ANDERSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m1f14y (3430 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) GOLD DES BOIS | (5) FIA FUINIDH | (4) CHASE A FORTUNE**

12.07 WILLIAM HILL BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2½m189y (4200 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) LUCKIE SEVEN | (9) THE NAVIGATOR | (8) FORGED WELL**

12.42 PAXTONS FOR KVERNELAND MACHINERY & GENUINE SPARES WISHING WELL HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m5f133y (4350 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) CHOOSE A COPPER | (9) BREAKDANCE KID | (4) FIVE DOLLAR FINE**

1.15 GRAEME TODD MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2½m189y (4200 Metres)


RACE 5 **(3) MARTY MCFLY | (7) STARLYTE | (6) GONFALONIER**


1.52 racingtv.com/freetrial OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Qualifier) (4) 2m51y (3270 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES | (1) BEYOND THE VERGE | (4) HUMBLE JUMBLE**

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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(4) 4yo+ £9,000 2¾m151y (4560 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 BEL AMIGO (FR) (229) t **100**
P4627PU1- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



N. W. Alexander

Bruce Lynn

Fairly useful maiden hurdler in France and similar form over fences, winning claimer at Compiègne when last seen in March. Changed hands for €24,600 after and sets a clear standard on UK/stable debut.

2 CANUNCLECANI (IRE) **83**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jackie Stephen

Danny McMenamin

€32,000 3-y-o, Lauro gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners on Flat, including 6f/7f winner Miss Sayif. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler (winner around 2m) Chat Room. Made frame all 3 starts in Irish points, third last time (May 11).

3 DEDICATED HERO (IRE) (185) (C) **95**
31-1 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Sandy Thomson

Ryan Mania

Placed in Irish points and progressed with each run in bumpers, making it 2 wins from 3 starts in that sphere at this course (16.2f) in May. Interesting hurdling debutant.

4 LUNAR CHIEF (357) **84**
1/45- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Ruth Jefferson

Sean Quinlan

Won his sole outing in bumpers but ran below that level both starts over hurdles last season and will probably be of more interest in handicaps after this run.

5 ONE COOL CITIZEN (IRE) (523) **70**
00- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Hugh Burns

Ross Chapman

Unpromising in points this year and finished well held in a pair of maiden hurdles (for Eugene M. O'Sullivan) in 2023.

6 SLIEVEHILL (IRE) (351) **86**
4- 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



D. J. Jeffreys

Beau Morgan (51b/2kg)

Showed a bit when fourth of 8 in a Fairyhouse bumper for Mrs Caroline McCaldin 11 months ago and has been successful both starts in Irish points in 2024. Needs a market check ahead of hurdling debut.

7 TOMMYS LAW (IRE) (14) (BF) t **90**
5722-22 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

Placed in points and has shown fair form over hurdles, extending his sequence of runner-up finishes at this course (16.2f) 2 weeks ago. Step back up in trip will suit and should give his running once again.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Bel Amigo, **5-2** Dedicated Hero, **9-2** Tommys Law, **9-1** Slievehill, **16-1** Lunar Chief, **28-1** Canunclecani, **200-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BEL AMIGO sets a clear standard setting out for a new yard based on his French form, so has to be considered the one to beat on his UK debut. Dedicated Hero is an interesting rival given he's a dual bumper winner at this track and rates the main threat ahead of Tommys Law.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BEL AMIGO 2. DEDICATED HERO 3. TOMMYS LAW

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Kerryhill 5-11-0	5-2	Ruth Jefferson	Brian Hughes	5
2022	Salvino 6-11-0	11-8f	Sandy Thomson	Bruce Lynn (5)	7
2021	Mister Whitaker 9-10-12	4-9f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	7
2020	Aloomomo 10-10-12	4-1	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	7
2019	Uncle Jonty 7-10-12	10-1	Nicky Richards	Ryan Day	7

11.38**IAN ANDERSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4)
4yo+ (Rated 0-115) £10,000 2m1f14y (3430 Metres)**

RACE 2

Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 TRAC (FR) (216) 94
3/P214411- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Micky Hammond

Craig Nichol

Seven-time winner under Rules who ended last term in fine heart, landing handicaps at Newcastle (16.3f) and Carlisle (15.9f). Returns on a career-high mark but is entitled to plenty of respect.

2 BOLLINGERANDKRUG (IRE) (14) (CD) 90
111566-95 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

Showed improved form switched to front-running tactics last season, landing a hat-trick over C&D between May and November. Below form since but has dropped to a tempting mark and could be dangerous if able to dominate here.

3 GOLD DES BOIS (FR) (14) (CD) 100
29482-672 10 11-12 | 75.3kg



Sandy Thomson

Ryan Mania

Hasn't got his head in front since back-to-back wins here in 2022 but the handicapper has relented and he returned to form when second of 6 in C&D handicap (good to soft) on yard debut 14 days ago. Likely contender.

4 CHASE A FORTUNE (39) 98
83135-3F2 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Chris Grant

Danny McMenamin

Made a winning chase debut following a wind up at Catterick (15.7f, soft) in February and back to that sort of form when creditable second of 5 in handicap chase at Sedgefield (17f, good to soft, 5/2) 39 days ago. Enters calculations.

5 FIA FUINIDH (IRE) (23) 98
5/422456-2 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Martin Todhunter

Sean Quinlan

Hurdles winner who made a bright start over fences during the winter and posted an encouraging return to the track when second of 7 in Carlisle handicap chase (15.9f, good to soft) last month. Can race off same mark and is not taken lightly.

6 TAKE CENTRE STAGE (IRE) (182) 98
P/436125-6 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Rebecca Menzies

Ross Chapman

Far from straightforward but showed improved form, with the aid of a visor, to win at Newcastle (16.3f) in February. However, ran poorly when last seen at Hexham in May and others are more convincing.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Gold Des Bois, **10-3** Fia Fuinidh, **4-1** Chase A Fortune, **11-2** Trac, **15-2** Bollingerandkrug, **14-1** Take Centre Stage

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GOLD DES BOIS did enough on his first start for Sandy Thomson here a fortnight ago to suggest a race of this nature is well within his compass. Fia Fuinidh ran well on his reappearance at Carlisle last month and is feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GOLD DES BOIS 2. FIA FUINIDH 3. CHASE A FORTUNE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Bollingerandkrug 8-12-1	2-1f	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox	6
2022	Wheelbahri 8-11-9	9-2	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	5
2021	Brelan d'As 10-11-7	11-4	Ben Haslam	Richie McLernon	6
2020	Cedar Hill 6-10-11	evsf	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	8
2019	Ubaltique 11-11-5	22-1	Donald McCain	William Kennedy	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.07**WILLIAM HILL BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+
(Rated 0-125) £15,000 2½m189y (4200 Metres)**

RACE 3

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 CLEAR WHITE LIGHT (182) t **95**
1319/145-P 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ewan Whillans

Craig Nichol

Multiple winner over hurdles/on Flat for Adrian Keatley but out of sorts in latter sphere upon joining present stable, well-beaten in handicap at Newcastle (16.2f) in September. Return to hurdling on back of a wind op needs to spark a revival.

2 BOIS GUILLBERT (FR) (45) (C) **97**
13/13644-3 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Lucinda Russell

Patrick Wadge (31b/1kg)

3-time winner over hurdles who ended last season with a respectable third at Ayr (2m) in March and saw out the longer trip after 7 months off when third of 9 in handicap hurdle at Perth (20.2f, soft) 45 days ago.

3 VELASCO (IRE) (9) s+t **95**
4711P1-4S 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Susan Corbett

Nathan Mascrop

Thrived towards the end of last season, winning three times at up to 3m. Shaped as if needing the run after 6 months off when fourth at Hexham (23.3 in October, prior to slipping up a circuit out at Newcastle (23.7f) 9 days ago. Present mark demands that little bit more.

4 LUCKIE SEVEN (IRE) (61) ★ **100**
212/11 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Progressive bumper winner who belied a 15-month lay-off to make a successful debut over hurdles at Perth (20.2f) in July. Followed up despite still showing signs of inexperience back there (16.2f) in September and has scope for plenty more improvement now handicapping.

5 ROMEO BROWN (16) (CD) **99**
4RF/55PP-7 10 11-4 | 71.7kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Tom Midgley (31b/1kg)

C&D winner who last scored at Aintree in December 2022 but did shape as if better for the run after 7 months off when seventh of 11 in handicap at Carlisle (17.2f) 16 days ago. Return to further in his favour and likely to be much closer to form here.

6 HARPER VALLEY (IRE) (20) v ✓ **98**
143130-53 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



Rebecca Menzies

Ross Chapman

Scored three times last season at around 20f and returned from 6 months off with a credible third of 5 in handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (19.8f) 3 weeks ago. Needs to pull out a little more to defy this mark but that isn't out of the question with a visor now enlisted.

7 I AM MAX (IRE) (24) **98**
11-3F 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Sandy Thomson

Ryan Mania

Bumper winner on debut in February and followed up on hurdles bow at Ayr (2m) later that month. Much improved when third on handicap debut in that sphere at Hexham in May (20f) prior to falling on chase debut at Wetherby (21.3f) 24 days ago. Retains untapped potential back over timber.

8 FORGED WELL (IRE) (16) ✓ **97**
13P26-3 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



Martin Todhunter

Sean Quinlan

Point recruit who tasted success on hurdles debut at Carlisle (19.3f) last December. Similar form in defeat since, off 6 months prior to a good third of 11 in handicap back at that venue (17f) 16 days ago. Return to this 2½m trip could well bring about further progress this campaign.

9 THE NAVIGATOR (20) (CD) ✓ **96**
3R60-1911 9 10-9 | 67.6kg



Dianne Sayer

William Maggs (51b/2kg)

Hit a real purple patch of late, displaying plenty of resolve when following up his C&D success at Sedgefield (19.8f) 20 days ago. Should go well again with his rider's claim more than off-setting his latest rise in weights.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Luckie Seven, **11-2** The Navigator, **6-1** I Am Max, **7-1** Bois Guillbert, **15-2** Forged Well, **8-1** Harper Valley, **12-1** Romeo Brown, **16-1** Velasco, **18-1** Clear White Light

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Progressive in bumpers, LUCKIE SEVEN made it 2-2 over hurdles despite still showing signs of inexperience in a Perth novice in September. Very much the type to progress further now handicapping, he looks up to playing a lead role from his opening mark. The Navigator has thrived of late and should be in the mix again. Forged Well, back at 2½m, and low-mileage I Am Max complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LUCKIE SEVEN 2. THE NAVIGATOR 3. FORGED WELL

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

PAXTONS FOR KVERNELAND MACHINERY & GENUINE SPARES WISHING WELL HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £20,000 2m5f133y (4350 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

- 1 CHOOSE A COPPER (IRE) (28)** t **100**
13262-1 6 12-0 | 76.2kg
Lucinda Russell **Derek Fox**
 Had a wind up before signing off for last term with a very good second in a Perth handicap hurdle in April. Improved when making a winning reappearance/chase debut at Hexham (2½m, soft) and this 4 lb higher mark should be within his reach.
- 2 CHARLIE UBERALLES (23) (D)** s **97**
3P6-21754 8 11-13 | 75.7kg
Dianne Sayer **William Maggs (5lb/2kg)**
 Fairly useful chaser who was as good as ever when scoring at Cartmel in June. It's been a struggle in 3 subsequent starts, though, and he needs to get back on track now tried in cheekpieces.
- 3 HALF SHOT (IRE) (24) (CD)** b **95**
P4-746812 10 11-12 | 75.3kg
Iain Jardine **Conor Rabbitt (5lb/2kg)**
 Perked up by application of blinkers as he capitalised on reduced mark in 10-runner C&D handicap chase in September, rallying to edge back ahead final 50 yds. Collared close home in his follow-up bid at Wetherby and this 10-y-o is not without each-way hope.
- 4 FIVE DOLLAR FINE (IRE) (23)** **97**
542P1-131 9 11-11 | 74.8kg
Ann Hamilton **Danny McMenamin**
 Winner of 3 of his last 4 starts, including on his seasonal reappearance at Carlisle (2m, good to soft). Moving back up in trip is unlikely to be an issue and 6 lb rise fair enough, so he's one to consider.
- 5 NED TANNER (IRE) (224) (C, BF)** **97**
2/52U3F32- 8 11-9 | 73.9kg
N. W. Alexander **Sean Quinlan**
 Dual winner here during 2022/23 campaign and creditable placed efforts both completed starts at this venue last term. However, he was left behind by the winner when second in a 4-runner event at Carlisle on latest start in March (sincer undergone a wind op) and his record when fresh isn't the best.
- 6 RED HAPPY (FR) (245) (CD)** t **98**
52111353- 7 11-8 | 73.5kg
George Bewley **Jonathon Bewley**
 Winner of this race on debut for George Bewley 12 months ago. Followed up at Carlisle next time and while he was a shade below par on final 2 starts of last season, this 7-y-o will have a fighting chance if he puts his best foot forward.
- 7 ARTIC ROW (28)** t **95**
3P1F115-U 7 11-8 | 73.5kg
N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**
 Successful 3 times last season but ended that campaign on a downer at Perth and got no further than the first fence on return at Hexham. Others preferred.
- 8 GANAPATHI (FR) (16)** s+t **98**
3330-7576 8 11-7 | 73.0kg
Sandy Thomson **Ryan Mania**
 Useful hurdle/chase winner for Willie Mullins but losing run stretches back to June 2022 and he hasn't set the world alight in 4 starts for present yard.
- 9 BREAKDANCE KID (20)** s **99**
41P-71552 6 11-5 | 72.1kg
Stuart Coltherd **Sam Coltherd**
 Ran away with a Hexham handicap in June and put in a good shift when finding just one too good at Sedgefield (26.3f, good to soft) last month. While this drop back in trip may not be ideal, he is one for the shortlist all the same.
- 10 CHAPEL GREEN (IRE) (44) (CD)** s **95**
15F34-515 7 11-5 | 72.1kg
Lucinda Russell **Patrick Wadge (3lb/1kg)**
 Got right back on track under more forceful tactics when readily making all in 7-runner C&D handicap (good to soft) in May. Likely to come on for his spin at Perth (first run for 4 months) but yard saddles a more appealing candidate in Choose A Copper.

11 CRACKING DESTINY (IRE) (32) t **94**
43-67U043 11 11-1 | 70.3kg
Ewan Whillans **Craig Nichol**
 More miss than hit since latest success at Musselburgh last November but, on the upside, he's now 8 lb below that winning mark. Couldn't rule out.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Choose A Copper, **7-1** Breakdance Kid, **7-1** Five Dollar Fine, **15-2** Half Shot, **12-1** Red Happy, **12-1** Cracking Destiny, **14-1** Ned Tanner, **14-1** Charlie Uberalles, **16-1** Artic Row, **18-1** Ganapathi, **22-1** Chapel Green

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The vote goes to unexposed 6-y-o CHOOSE A COPPER, who made the perfect start to his chase career at Hexham where, save for a scare at the first fence, he put in a good round of jumping. There should be more to come from Lucinda Russell's charge in this sphere. Breakdance Kid is just about second choice ahead of Five Dollar Fine and Half Shot.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CHOOSE A COPPER 2. BREAKDANCE KID 3. FIVE DOLLAR FINE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Red Happy	6-10-11	11-2	George Bewley	Jonathon Bewley	7
2022	Sirwilliamwallace	9-11-9	4-1jf	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	8
2021	Calipso Collonges	9-11-10	13-2	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory (3)	7
2020	Almazhar Garde	5-11-12	11-2	Charlie Longsdon	Paul O'Brien (3)	11
2019	Well Above Par	7-10-9	8-1	Lucinda Russell	Thomas Willmott (5)	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**GRAEME TODD MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier)
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RACE 5




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Pace Information: **Very Weak**


1 WATCH LAW (IRE) (167) 97
8/3-4 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Jess Mckie** *Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)*
Hit the target twice between the flags in the early part of last year and showed more than previously under Rules despite a few mistakes when fourth in a hunter at Kelso (26.2f) in May. Down in trip returned to timber.

2 MAILLOT BLANC (16) t 98
132632/5-7 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **N. W. Alexander** *Dominic Hislop (10lb/5kg)*
Looked rusty after 11 months off on his first run since leaving Sophie Leech when fifth of 8 in handicap at Carlisle in March. Off further 7 months and never really looked like justifying market support back at that venue a fortnight ago. Tongue tie on and not without hope.


3 MARTY MCFLY (IRE) (153) 96
43/7287-41 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Sandy Thomson** *Ryan Mania*
Confirmed positive start for new yard when landing 10-runner handicap at Perth (16.2f) in June. 6 lb rise fair and isn't yet exposed so major player of seeing this new trip out on the back of a breathing operation.


4 LUCKY SOLDIER (IRE) (197) 96
469/55530- 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **N. W. Alexander** *Bruce Lynn*
Encouraging second in a bumper at Ayr on debut and showed more than previously over hurdles when third in a C&D maiden, finishing with running left. Failed to repeat that on handicap debut a month later and could do with brushing up his jumping. Has had a breathing operation.


5 LOOKING SPLENDID (34) 95
500/58-5P 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Gary Rutherford** *Craig Nichol*
Little in the way of solid form so far, brushed aside on handicap debut over C&D a month ago.

6 GONFALONIER (FR) (853) (BF) 93
913/ 8 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Nicky Richards** *Danny McMenamin*
Made second start for this yard a winning one at Perth in June 2022. Third at that venue a month later but off the track since so well-being taken on trust, for all he's in very capable hands.


7 STARLYTE (IRE) (34) (C, D) s+t 100
9532PPP2 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Lucinda Russell** *Patrick Wadge (3lb/1kg)*
Pulled up 3 times in a row but stopped the slide when finding only one too good over C&D last month, running on. Same mark so a repeat of that will see her bang there.


8 SANTA CLARITA (FR) (12) 96
282-P1365 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **William Young Jnr** *Sam Coltherd*
Made a winning start for Dan Skelton at Worcester in September. Up in the weights and left that yard after 2 more runs but made a reasonable fist of things for new connections when fifth at Ayr.


9 THE ROC HOPPER (IRE) (166) h 85
70U-9P 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Jackie Stephen** *Sean Quinlan*
Little in the way of worthwhile form.

10 LE FOU'S KEEP (IRE) (139) t 95
6P7/63P-80 9 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

 **Hugh Burns** *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*
Poor maiden hurdler who continues to make limited appeal.

11 LUMINARIES (IRE) (34) t 89
06/77P-697 7 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)

 **Ewan Whillans** *Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)*
Little impact in various events over hurdles, though last month's stable debut over C&D wasn't totally devoid of promise. Tongue strap on.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Marty Mcfly, **9-2** Starlyte, **5-1** Maillot Blanc, **13-2** Gonfalonier, **9-1** Santa Clarita, **16-1** Looking Splendid, **16-1** Watch Law, **22-1** Lucky Soldier, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MARTY MCFLY has to prove his stamina for this far but made a sound start for his new yard during the middle of 2024 and is taken to pick up where he left off. Starlyte must enter the reckoning on her runner-up effort over C&D recently with her mark unchanged, while the market will help assess Gonfalonier on his return from a long time off the track.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MARTY MCFLY 2. STARLYTE 3. GONFALONIER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 ^I	Eloi du Puy 5-11-11	7-2f	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (3)	12
2023 ^{II}	Secret Secret 7-10-12	5-2jf	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones (3)	11
2022	Pavlik 5-11-13	12-1	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania	13
2021	Foster'sisland 6-11-12	16-1	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (7)	14
2020 ^I	Leostar 6-11-9	11-8f	Alistair Whillans	Billy Garrity (5)	12
2020 ^{II}	Old Jewry 6-11-0	13-2	Daragh Bourke	Ross Chapman	8
2019	Spirit of Kayf 8-12-1	4-1	N. W. Alexander	Bruce Lynn (7)	9

SMART STATS:

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RACE 6



Going: **Good to Soft**

Left handed, generally flat, with the hurdles course separate to the chase one and around a furlong shorter in length. The position of the final obstacle on both tracks was placed closer to the winning post from October 2012, negating the previous 2f run to the line, ensuring there is less emphasis on stamina than previously. It's true to say that conditions can get gruelling in midwinter, but on anything other than soft/heavy ground it's a track which is essentially sharp in character. Casualty rates on the chase course have decreased in recent years, for no obvious reason other than the fences presumably aren't quite so stiff as used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Union Avenue 4-11-2	2-1f	James Moffatt	Charlotte Jones (3)	13
2022	Kingston Bridge 4-11-0	22-1	Ewan Whillans	Craig Nichol	12
2021	Donny Boy 5-11-0	7-4f	N. W. Alexander	Conor O'Farrell	10
2020	Fete Champetre 5-11-0	5-2f	Rose Dobbin	Sean Quinlan	12
2019	Le Cheval Noir 5-11-0	7-2	Rose Dobbin	Craig Nichol	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 BEYOND THE VERGE (52) (CD) **100**
1 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

Susan Corbett **Nathan Mascrop**
Has an ordinary pedigree but belied odds of 18/1 and looked potentially above average when scoring over C&D first time out. More to come and should go well again.

2 BURNING IT UP (IRE) **91**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

N. W. Alexander **Bruce Lynn**
€25,000 3-y-o, £35,000 4-y-o, Milan gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to bumper winner Gaillimh A Chroi out of 2½m hurdle winner (stayed 3m) Burnt Out. Third on only outing in Irish points (Apr 28).

3 GONNINO (IRE) **88**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Gary Rutherford **Lewis Dobb (7lb/3kg)**
Doyen gelding. Dam (c100/h100), bumper/17f hurdle winner (stayed 2¾m), half-sister to useful hurdler (stayed 3m) Hello George.

4 HUMBLE JUMBLE (IRE) **93**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Lucinda Russell **Patrick Wadge (3lb/1kg)**
£30,000 3-y-o, Jet Away gelding. Dam (b89) placed in bumpers out of hurdler/chaser (2½m-2¾m winner) Sunami Storm. Interesting newcomer.

5 KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES (FR) **98**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Olly Murphy **K. Brogan**
€47,000 3-y-o, Seahenge gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to French hurdler/chaser (17f-2¼m winner) Callia d'Oudairies and French hurdle/chase winner (17f-19f winner) Icone d'Oudairies. Worth a chance to make a winning start.

6 KING GOLD BOY (FR) **87**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Jean McGregor **Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)**
Brave Mansonnien gelding. Dam maiden hurdler. Doesn't make much appeal on paper.

7 SMART BUCKS **89**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Philip Kirby **Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)**
Buck's Boum gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 21f) Lady Buttons. Worth monitoring in the betting for all that he'll probably come into his own further down the line.

8 JOTO (31) (BF) **92**
6 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

Paul Collins **Mr Paddy Barlow (7lb/3kg)**
Out of a bumper winner but only sixth at Sedgefield on debut. May have learned from that, so step up isn't out of the question.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Beyond The Verge, **3-1** Kefir D'oudairies, **6-1** Humble Jumble, **15-2** Joto, **17-2** Burning It Up, **16-1** Smart Bucks, **22-1** Gonnino, **28-1** King Gold Boy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KEFI D'OUDAIRIES is from quite a good French family and should be sufficiently tuned up by a trainer that does well in this sphere, so he gets the nod over Beyond The Verge, who caused an upset when successful first time out. Humble Jumble is another one to be interested in first-time out.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES 2. BEYOND THE VERGE 3. HUMBLE JUMBLE