

Tuesday 10th December

**11.50** PUNCHESTOWN CHRISTMAS GIFTS RATED NOVICE CHASE 2m98y (3310 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) FASCILE MODE | (1) JASKO DES DAMES | (7) IFIWEREARICHMAN**

**12.20** IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF BEGINNERS CHASE 2m7f70y (4690 Metres)

RACE 2 **(6) DANCING CITY | (11) SHANNON ROYALE | (9) MOSSY FEN PARK**

**12.50** PUNCHESTOWN FESTIVAL 2025 TICKETS ON SALE MAIDEN HURDLE 2m3f15y (3840 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) FORTY COATS | (6) JAMES'S GATE | (7) JOYSTICK**

**1.20** BUY YOUR PUNCHESTOWN CHRISTMAS GIFT MARES NOVICE HURDLE (Voler La Vedette) (Listed) 2m3f15y (3840 Metres)

RACE 4 **(6) HEY SUNSHINE | (2) COOL PARK | (8) REINA DEL MAR**

**1.50** IRISH STALLION OWNERS EBF MAIDEN HURDLE 2m122y (3330 Metres)

RACE 5 **(12) FRENCH HILL | (6) PORT JOULAIN | (11) YOU OUGHTA KNOW**

**2.20** MEMBERS CLUB 2025 HURDLE 2m122y (3330 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) COLONEL MUSTARD | (5) KITZBUHEL | (10) GOT GLORY**

**2.50** SEE YOU ON NEW YEARS EVE HANDICAP HURDLE (D.I) 2m7f182y (4790 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) NOT MY PROBLEM | (11) DOONBEG DON | (12) GAYE WINNIE**

**3.20** SEE YOU ON NEW YEARS EVE HANDICAP HURDLE (D.II) 2m7f182y (4790 Metres)

RACE 8 **(13) BALLAGH STAR | (9) HE FITZ IN | (12) HATFIELD HAMMER**

## 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.

**11.50**

**PUNCHESTOWN CHRISTMAS GIFTS RATED NOVICE CHASE**  
**4yo+ €16,500 2m98y (3310 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Yielding (Yielding to Soft in places chase course)**


A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

Pace Information: **Weak**


**1 JASKO DES DAMES (FR) (25) (CD) t 93**  
 325-05311 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 Henry de Bromhead, Ireland  **D. J. O'Keefe**  
 Promising individual. Career best when winning 10-runner novice chase at this course (16.6f, good, 9/2) 25 days ago, driven clear. More to come.


**2 FASCILE MODE (IRE) (16) (CD) ★ 100**  
 6031081F 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Thomas Mullins, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**  
 Promising type. C&D winner. Latest win in chase here in October. Fell in Grade 2 at this course (16.3f, good to soft) 16 days ago. Leading claims.

**3 AN EPIC SONG (FR) (17) (C, D) 85**  
 0029/57-6 7 11-5 | 71.2kg

 Martin Brassil, Ireland **R. A. Doyle**  
 Highly promising type. Useful winner at 19f over hurdles. 50/1, sixth of 12 in novice chase at this course (18.9f, soft) 17 days ago. Has plenty of scope to improve.

**4 BRAZIL (IRE) (63) (D) t 72**  
 20/P00-976 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Pdraig Roche, Ireland **M. P. Walsh**  
 Useful hurdler. Fairly useful winner at 12f on flat. 25/1, sixth of 9 in novice chase at Galway (18.2f, good to soft) 63 days ago.


**5 CANAL END (IRE) (24) 73**  
 31/537-957 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Peter Fahey, Ireland **S. D. Torrens**  
 Fairly useful hurdler. Seventh of 9 in novice chase at Navan (17f, good to soft, 66/1) 24 days ago. Open to improvement.


**6 CONYERS HILL (IRE) (18) (D) 89**  
 13502-356 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Paul Nolan, Ireland **Jordan Colin Gainford**  
 Useful hurdler. Useful winner at 17f over hurdles. 10/1, sixth of 8 in novice chase at Tipperary (16.4f, soft) 18 days ago.

**7 IFIWEREARICHMAN (IRE) (43) (D) h 91**  
 246/441P-3 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Paul Nolan, Ireland **S. F. O'Keefe**  
 Promising sort. Fairly useful winner at 17f over hurdles. Third of 13 in novice chase at Wexford (16f, heavy, 80/1) on debut over fences 43 days ago. Likely to improve.



**8 LISTENTILLITELLYEA (IRE) (25) (D) 82**  
 C/000261-7 8 11-5 | 72.1kg

 T. Gibney, Ireland **K. E. Buckley**  
 Fairly useful hurdler. Fairly useful winner at 17f over hurdles. 13½ lengths seventh of 10 to Jasko Des Dames in novice chase (40/1) at this course (16.6f, good) on debut over fences 25 days ago.


**9 NAS NA RIOGH (IRE) (18) 63**  
 42231-15 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Henry de Bromhead, Ireland  **M. P. O'Connor**  
 Fairly useful hurdler. 1 win from 2 runs this season. Fifth of 6 in novice chase (6/1) at Tipperary (23.5f, soft) on debut over fences 18 days ago. Down in trip. Should progress but Jasko des Dames is likely the stable first string.

**10 ZURICH (FR) (345) 1-**  
 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Henry de Bromhead, Ireland  **B. Hayes**  
 Fair form when winning a 17-runner claiming hurdle at Pau just under a year ago. One of 3 runners for his leading stable and a watching brief is advised unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.

**11 SOMEONE'S WISH (IRE) (19) (BF) s 86**  
 45613282 4 11-3 | 71.2kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland  **Sam Ewing**  
 Fair chaser. Winner in chase at Downpatrick in September. Cheekpieces on for 1st time, good second of 8 in handicap chase at Thurles (16.6f, good, 2/1) 19 days ago. This demands more.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Fascile Mode, **4-1** Jasko Des Dames, **9-1** Ifiwerearichman, **10-1** Nas Na Riogh, **12-1** Someone's Wish, **16-1** Zurich, **20-1** An Epic Song, **25-1** Conyers Hill, **28-1** Canal End, **28-1** Brazil, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Although FASCILE MODE fell in a C&D Grade 2 last time the winner of that race had finished behind him in a C&D maiden prior to that so his form looks strong assuming he's none the worse for that tumble. Jasko des Dames has taken really well to fences and is feared most ahead of Paul Nolan's Ifiwerearichman.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. FASCILE MODE 2. JASKO DES DAMES 3. IFIWEREARICHMAN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023 **Spillane's Tower** 5-11-5 9-4f James Joseph Mangan M. P. Walsh 5

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.20**

**IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF BEGINNERS CHASE 4yo+  
€15,500 2m7f70y (4690 Metres)**

RACE 2



Going: **Yielding (Yielding to Soft in places chase course)**

A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 BILLERICAY DICKIE (IRE) (18) (C)** **80**  
15-PP3F3 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **S. F. O'Keefe**  
Useful chaser. Third of 6 in novice chase (22/1) at Tipperary (23.5f, soft) 18 days ago. Dancing City looks connections' main hope.

**2 BUACHAILLBOCHT (25) (C, D)** **70**  
00/13112-8 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

T. M. Walsh, Ireland **M. P. Walsh**  
Fairly useful hurdler. Fairly useful winner at 23f over hurdles. Eighth of 10 in novice chase at this course (16.6f, good, 10/1) on debut over fences 25 days ago. Tongue strap on for 1st time.

**3 CASTLE FIELD BOY (IRE) (10)** **75**  
21/1PP20-6 8 11-12 | 75.3kg

Patrick T. Foley, Ireland **M. J. M. O'Sullivan**  
Fairly useful hurdler. Fairly useful winner at 24f over hurdles. Sixth of 13 in novice chase at Fairyhouse (21.5f, good, 50/1) on debut over fences 10 days ago. Should progress.

**4 CLEATUS POOLAW (18)** **81**  
222129-4F 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland **D. J. Gilligan**  
Useful hurdler. 9/2, fell in novice chase at Tipperary (23.5f, soft) on debut over fences 18 days ago. Open to progress.

**5 COSMO RENFRO (IRE) (31)** **70**  
1332321-F 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Shane Nolan, Ireland **K. E. Buckley**  
Fair hurdler. Fair winner at 24f over hurdles. Fell in novice chase (33/1) at Gowran (20f, good) on debut over fences 31 days ago.

**6 DANCING CITY (FR) (223) (C)** **100**  
12/51131-1 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**  
Winner of Grade 1 novice hurdles over 3m at Aintree and Punchestown in the spring. Successful in a point at the start of his career and rates a top chase prospect.

**7 DORANS LAW (IRE) (10)** **65**  
43153500 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **J. P. O'Sullivan**  
Fairly useful hurdler. 125/1, tenth of 13 in novice chase at Fairyhouse (21.5f, good) on debut over fences 10 days ago.

**8 FUTURUM REGEM (IRE) (23)** **65**  
F08/P-6300 8 11-12 | 75.3kg

Hugh P. Finegan, Ireland **B. W. Harvey**  
Fair hurdler. 50/1 and cheekpieces on for 1st time in this code, twenty first of 23 in handicap hurdle at Navan (22.4f, good to soft) 23 days ago. Makes chase debut.

**9 MOSSY FEN PARK (IRE) (39)** **83**  
212-2 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **D. J. O'Keefe**  
Quickly developed into a useful hurdler and made a promising start over fences when chasing home Firefox at Down Royal last month. Open to improvement.

**10 OLYMPIC MAN (FR) (220)** **78**  
3212-P 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**  
Useful hurdler. 15/2, pulled up in handicap hurdle at this course (20.5f, soft) when last seen in May. Makes chase debut.

**11 SHANNON ROYALE (IRE) (18) (C, D)** **86**  
2318215-2 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Sam Ewing**  
Promising type. Second of 6 in maiden at Tipperary (23.5f, soft, 10/1) on debut over fences 18 days ago. Might give Dancing City most to do.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-10** Dancing City, **4-1** Shannon Royale, **13-2** Mossy Fen Park, **10-1** Cleatus Poolaw, **14-1** Billericay Dickie, **33-1** Olympic Man, **80-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

DANCING CITY was one of the top staying novice hurdlers last season and this point winner is also likely to take high rank in novice chases this time round. Shannon Royale and Mossy Fen Park made very promising starts to their chase careers last month and can give the selection most to do in a strong maiden.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. DANCING CITY 2. SHANNON ROYALE 3. MOSSY FEN PARK**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Embassy Gardens</b>	7-11-12	8-11f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	6
2022	<b>Ramillies</b>	7-11-12	6-4	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	7
2021	<b>Stratum</b>	8-12-0	2-5f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	8
2020	<b>Escaria Ten</b>	6-12-0	6-5f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**PUNCHESTOWN FESTIVAL 2025 TICKETS ON SALE MAIDEN HURDLE 5yo+ €12,500 2m3f15y (3840 Metres)**

RACE 3




Going: **Yielding (Yielding to Soft in places chase course)**


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Pace Information: **Strong**


**1 BALLY SAX HANK (IRE) (56) 96**  
208-52122 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Brendan Duke, Ireland** *Keith Donoghue*  
Fairly useful hurdler. Winner in bumper at Cork in August. Good second of 8 in novice hurdle (11/10) at this course (20f, good) 56 days ago, clear of rest.


**2 CARRICKTRISS (IRE) (18) t 65**  
P0 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Eoin Doyle, Ireland** *H. Morgan*  
Tenth of 20 in novice hurdle (200/1) at Tipperary (20.4f, soft) 18 days ago.


**3 CHARDONAY (IRE) 70**  
5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Liam Casey, Ireland** *Ryan Treacy*  
Elusive Pimpernel gelding. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stays 21f) Grey Skies. Pulled up both starts in points.


**4 FORTY COATS (IRE) (24) ★ 100**  
1-2 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Henry de Bromhead, Ireland** *D. J. O'Keefe*  
Promising individual. Second of 11 in novice hurdle (7/4) at Navan (20.2f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 24 days ago, running on. Represents leading yard and there should be plenty more to come.

**5 GOODY FOUR SHOES (IRE) (25) 70**  
75 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **T. Gibney, Ireland** *D. King*  
Twice-raced maiden. Fifth of 18 in novice hurdle (125/1) at this course (15.5f, good to soft) 25 days ago. Up in trip.


**6 JAMES'S GATE (IRE) (331) (C) t 96**  
4/43- 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Martin Brassil, Ireland** *R. A. Doyle*  
Promising individual. 5/1 and tongue strap on for 1st time, 24 lengths third of 4 to Mystical Power in Moscow Flyer Novices' Hurdle at this course (16.7f, soft). Off 11 months. Open to improvement, particularly down in class.

**7 JOYSTICK (FR) (311) 93**  
17- 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **W. P. Mullins, Ireland** *P. Townend*  
Fairly useful winner at 20f in bumpers. 18/1, 16¼ lengths seventh of 10 to Jeroboam Machin in Gr 2 bumper at Leopardstown (16f, soft). Makes hurdles debut and sure to be well prepared for this.

**8 MCLAUREY (IRE) (18) 94**  
0-2 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Emmet Mullins, Ireland** *M. P. Walsh*  
Promising type. Second of 20 in novice hurdle at Tipperary (20.4f, soft, 11/4) 18 days ago. Trainer going well. Should progress.

**9 MIDNIGHT EUGENE (IRE) 70**  
7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Timothy Doyle, Ireland** *Mr D. Doyle (7lb/3kg)*  
Barely A Moment gelding. Dam unraced. Pulled up all 3 starts in points.


**10 MINELLA POST (24) 79**  
33 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **T. Gibney, Ireland** *K. E. Buckley*  
Twice-raced maiden. 4/1, first run since leaving John Nallen when third of 11 in bumper at Navan (16.2f, good to soft) 24 days ago. Makes hurdles debut.

**11 OURGINGERNUT (IRE) (7) 65**  
00 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **P. A. Fahy, Ireland** *H. E. Sexton (7lb/3kg)*  
Fourteenth of 18 in novice hurdle (200/1) at Clonmel (19.4f, soft) 7 days ago.


**12 ROC MY HAARTH (IRE) (18) 65**  
97 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Ray Hackett, Ireland** *Liam Quinlan (3lb/1kg)*  
Seventh of 20 in novice hurdle (200/1) at Tipperary (20.4f, soft) 18 days ago.

**13 SILAS MARNER (IRE) (21) t 60**  
6/66-F464 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Charles O'Brien, Ireland** *Gavin Peter Brouder (5lb/2kg)*  
Modest hurdler. Respectable fourth of 14 in novice hurdle (28/1) at Limerick (16f, soft) 21 days ago.


**14 SUPREME RULER (FR) (46) 91**  
3-33 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Barry Connell, Ireland** *Sean Flanagan*  
Thrice-raced maiden under NH rules. Third of 5 in bumper (9/2) at Sligo (18.3f, soft) 46 days ago. Switches from bumpers to hurdles. Trainer going well. Should improve.


**15 SYRACUS DU HOUX (FR) (24) s 79**  
2567-7245 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Oliver McKiernan, Ireland** *Phillip Enright*  
Fairly useful hurdler. Below form fifth of 11 in novice hurdle (9/1) at Navan (20.2f, good to soft) 24 days ago. Cheekpieces back on.


**16 TAG MASTER (IRE) 70**  
6 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **T. Gibney, Ireland** *Anna McGuinness (7lb/3kg)*  
Masterofthehorse gelding. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler (stayed 2½m) Tagula Blue.


**17 TUMUCH (FR) (25) 90**  
5-3 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Gordon Elliott, Ireland** *Sam Ewing*  
Promising individual. Third of 18 in novice hurdle at this course (15.5f, good to soft, 11/2) on hurdles bow 25 days ago. Up in trip, which is sure to suit so there should be more to come.

**18 LADY'S SLIPPER (IRE) 75**  
6 11-5 | 72.1kg

 **Damian Murphy, Ireland** *D. E. Mullins*  
Soldier of Fortune mare. Half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser Pistol Whipped and fair hurdler Rock The House.

**19 MILLIE B (IRE) (14) 60**  
0 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

 **Miss Elizabeth Anne Lalor, Ireland** *C. M. Quirke (5lb/2kg)*  
Tenth of 13 in novice hurdle at Tramore (21f, heavy, 10/1) on NH debut 14 days ago. Multiple point winner.

19 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

9-4 Forty Coats, 11-2 Joystick, 6-1 James's Gate, 15-2 Ballysax Hank, 8-1 McLaurey, 16-1 Tumuch, 16-1 Supreme Ruler, 40-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This looks a warm maiden hurdle with FORTY COATS the suggestion having made a smart prospect work pretty hard for it at Navan 3 weeks ago. James's Gate contested a Grade 2 contest last time and really should be a factor, with Joystick another of firm interest on hurdles debut.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. FORTY COATS 2. JAMES'S GATE 3. JOYSTICK

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023 **Blizzard of Oz** 5-11-12 5-4f W. P. Mullins P. Townend 9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

**BUY YOUR PUNCHESTOWN CHRISTMAS GIFT MARES NOVICE HURDLE (Voler La Vedette) (Listed) 4yo+ fillies and mares €24,000 2m3f15y (3840 Metres)**



Going: **Yielding (Yielding to Soft in places chase course)**

A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 ROCKSTOWN GIRL (IRE) (25) (D) t 89**  
 7/26-1431F 6 11-11 | 70.3kg  
 Anthony McCann, Ireland *M. J. M. O'Sullivan*  
 Fairly useful hurdler. 2 wins from 5 runs this season. 40/1, yet to be asked for her effort when fell 3 out in Hyde Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (21f, good to soft) 25 days ago. Possibilities.

**2 COOL PARK (IRE) (28) 95**  
 P-321 5 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 W. P. Mullins, Ireland *B. Hayes*  
 Career best when winning 11-runner novice hurdle at Fairyhouse (20.2f, good, 6/4) 28 days ago, going with enthusiasm. Open to improvement. Firmly in the picture.

**3 COTTESLOE SUNSHINE (IRE) (21) 93**  
 39-38U1 5 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland *Oakley Brown*  
 Fairly useful hurdler. 10/3, landed 14-runner novice hurdle at Limerick (16f, soft) 21 days ago, responding well. No forlorn hope.

**4 DISCO DANCER (IRE) (10) t 96**  
 34334325 5 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Gordon Elliott, Ireland *Sam Ewing*  
 Fairly useful hurdler. Respectable fifth of 12 in novice hurdle at Fairyhouse (20.2f, good, 10/1) 10 days ago. Not ruled out with stable having good spell.

**5 FEMME MAGNIFIQUE (IRE) (110) (D) t 96**  
 105-5134 6 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 W. P. Mullins, Ireland *D. E. Mullins*  
 Fairly useful hurdler. Fourth of 7 in novice hurdle (4/1) at Killarney (22.8f, soft) 110 days ago, needing stronger gallop. Trainer going well. Others more persuasive.

**6 HEY SUNSHINE (IRE) (60) ★ 100**  
 2311 5 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 W. P. Mullins, Ireland *P. Townend*  
 Promising sort who went 2-2 in this sphere in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Downpatrick (17.3f, good to soft, 7/2) 60 days ago. Leading contender.

**7 PASTORALE (FR) (303) 98**  
 P1/532- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Henry de Bromhead, Ireland *M. P. O'Connor*  
 Fairly useful hurdler. 16/1, 12 lengths second of 6 to Brighterdaysahead in listed hurdle at Navan (21f, heavy). Off 10 months. Stable having good spell so she must enter calculations.

**8 REINA DEL MAR (IRE) (19) t 91**  
 25 6 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland *Richard Deegan*  
 Twice-raced maiden over hurdles. Fairly useful winner at 12f on flat. 4/1, encouraging fifth of 10 in novice hurdle at Thurles (22.9f, good) 19 days ago, unable to recover from bad mistake last. Should improve. Considered.

**9 TAREZE (IRE) (47) (D) ✓ 94**  
 22P-1 5 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Henry de Bromhead, Ireland *D. J. O'Keefe*  
 Lightly-raced winner over hurdles. Career best when winning 15-runner novice hurdle at Clonmel (19.5f, good to soft, 8/11) 47 days ago, kept up to work. Stable in good form so one for the shortlist.

**10 THE GREAT NUDIE (IRE) (14) 91**  
 341 4 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Colin Bowe, Ireland *Sean Flanagan*  
 Thrice-raced winner under NH rules. 1 win from 3 runs this season. 8/1, won 13-runner novice hurdle at Tramore (21f, heavy) on hurdles bow 14 days ago. This demands much more though.

**11 WHIMSY (23) 92**  
 232722-23 5 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Anthony McCann, Ireland *Jordan Colin Gainford*  
 Fairly useful hurdler. 6/4, third of 4 in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (16.4f, good to soft) 23 days ago, unsuited by way race developed. Can't be totally dismissed.



11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Hey Sunshine, **5-1** Cool Park, **15-2** Tareze, **8-1** Pastorale, **12-1** The Great Nudie, **16-1** Cottesloe Sunshine, **18-1** Reina Del Mar, **20-1** Femme Magnifique, **22-1** Disco Dancer, **25-1** Whimsy, **33-1** Rockstown Girl

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Willie Mullins looks to hold a strong hand and his improving mare HEY SUNSHINE is taken to build on her Downpatrick handicap success and go 3-3 over hurdles. Stablemate Cool Park also has better days ahead of her and could emerge as the main danger with Reina del Mar, Pastorale, Disco Dancer and The Great Nudie all in the mix too in this intriguing Listed event.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HEY SUNSHINE 2. COOL PARK 3. REINA DEL MAR**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Jetara</b> 5-10-11	2-1jf	Mrs J. Harrington	S. F. O'Keefe	6
2022	<b>Saylavee</b> 5-10-11	5-2	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	7
2021	<b>Party Central</b> 5-10-13	3-1	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	9
2020	<b>Skyace</b> 5-11-6	28-1	John Joseph Hanlon	J. S. McGarvey	8
2019	<b>Minella Melody</b> 5-10-11	4-9f	Henry de Bromhead	Robbie Power	5

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**IRISH STALLION OWNERS EBF MAIDEN HURDLE 5yo+  
€14,999 2m122y (3330 Metres)**

RACE 5



Going: **Yielding (Yielding to Soft in places chase course)**

A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 BAYRANN (IRE) (11) 87**  
 345545 5 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Timothy Doyle, Ireland *Mr D. Doyle (7lb/3kg)*  
 Fair hurdler. Very good fifth of 10 in novice hurdle at Thurles (15.9f, good to soft, 12/1) 11 days ago.

**2 BRAVE BRIGADIER 79**  
 5 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 T. Gibney, Ireland *K. E. Buckley*  
 Lauro gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to fair hurdler (17f winner) Vayland. Probably best watched on debut.

**3 GARDE MY FORTUNE (IRE) (16) 60**  
 8P 5 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Karl Thornton, Ireland *B. W. Harvey*  
 Twice-raced maiden. Pulled up in novice hurdle at this course (21.7f, good to soft, 250/1) 16 days ago. Back down in trip.

**4 GLENASHLING (IRE) 91**  
 5 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland *Keith Donoghue*  
 Walk In The Park gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including Queen Mother Champion Chase winner Special Tiara and fairly useful hurdler Accidental Rebel. Dam unraced. Yard also saddles French Hill.

**5 GRINGO D'AINAY (FR) (18) 75**  
 20853/0 8 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 John Queally, Ireland *B. Hayes*  
 Remains a maiden after 11 hurdle runs. Below form eleventh of 20 in novice hurdle (50/1) at Tipperary (20.4f, soft) 18 days ago.

**6 PORT JOULAIN (FR) (222) (BF) 100**  
 1-0 5 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 W. P. Mullins, Ireland *P. Townend*  
 Twice-raced winner in bumpers. Useful winner at 18f in bumpers. 5/2, last of 10 in bumper at this course (16.4f, good to soft). Off 7 months. Makes hurdles debut. Yard in good form.

**7 ROYAL NOBLE (IRE) (30) h 65**  
 70-78 5 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Michael G. Cleary, Ireland *P. Cleary (7lb/3kg)*  
 Lightly-raced maiden under Rules. Eighth of 11 in novice hurdle (150/1) at Naas (16f, good to soft) 30 days ago, pulling hard. Hooded for 1st time.

**8 SHANROE NANCY (IRE) (24) 60**  
 78 5 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Karl Thornton, Ireland *Donagh Meyler*  
 Twice-raced maiden. Eighth of 11 in novice hurdle at Navan (20.2f, good to soft, 150/1) 24 days ago. Easy to look elsewhere.

**9 UPPERTOWN HILL (IRE) (14) 60**  
 0 5 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 P. J. Rothwell, Ireland *T. Power Roche (7lb/3kg)*  
 Once-raced maiden. Twelfth of 15 in novice hurdle at Tramore (16.2f, heavy, 150/1) on NH debut 14 days ago. Hard to fancy.

**10 WITHABITFLUK (230) (D) 95**  
 1- 5 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Henry de Bromhead, Ireland *D. J. O'Keefe*  
 Won 8-runner bumper at Bellewstown (17f, good to soft, 7/2) on NH debut, bit in hand. Off 7 months ahead of this hurdles bow. Yard in good form and he has to be considered.

**11 YOU OUGHTA KNOW (IRE) (223) t 100**  
 1120-0 6 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 W. P. Mullins, Ireland *D. E. Mullins*  
 Lightly-raced bumper winner. Off 7 months ahead of this hurdles debut and tongue strap on for 1st time. Paul Townend prefers Port Joulain but he merits respect nonetheless.

**12 FRENCH HILL (IRE) (18) (BF) 90**  
 7880-2 5 11-5 | 72.1kg  
 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland *S. Fitzgerald*  
 Promising sort. First run since leaving Denis Hogan when second of 13 in novice hurdle (2/1) at Tipperary (16.5f, soft) 18 days ago, travelling best. Should have more to offer.

**13 MILLBROOK QUEEN (IRE) (217) 70**  
 0 5 11-5 | 72.1kg  
 A. J. Martin, Ireland *D. King*  
 Once-raced maiden. 50/1, twelfth of 15 in novice hurdle at Ballinrobe (16.8f, good) on NH debut. Off 7 months.

**14 RESTLESS LADY (IRE) (21) 60**  
 00-07 6 11-5 | 72.1kg  
 Norman Lee, Ireland *G. B. Noonan (5lb/2kg)*  
 Lightly-raced maiden. 200/1, seventh of 14 in novice hurdle at Limerick (18.7f, soft) 21 days ago.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Port Joulain, **7-2** You Oughta Know, **9-2** Withabitofluk, **5-1** French Hill, **10-1** Bayrann, **12-1** Glenashling, **125-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

In truth, FRENCH HILL probably doesn't possess the potential of bumpers winners Port Joulain, You Oughta Know and Withabitofluk (in order of preference) but it could be that her race-fitness will prove decisive. The 5-y-o left the form she achieved in a handful of runs for Denis Hogan well behind when going close on debut for this yard at Tipperary and there could be more to come now that she is seemingly on the right path.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. FRENCH HILL 2. PORT JOULAIN 3. YOU OUGHTA KNOW**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race















**2.20****MEMBERS CLUB 2025 HURDLE 4yo+ €14,000 2m122y  
(3330 Metres)**

RACE 6

**GBI RACING****Going: Yielding (Yielding to Soft in places chase course)**

A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

**Pace Information: Even**

<b>1</b>	<b>BECKETT ROCK (IRE) (395)</b>	<b>88</b>
	1- 5 11-12   75.3kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland  <i>D. J. O'Keefe</i> 10/1, won 15-runner novice hurdle at Gowran (16f, heavy) on NH debut, easily. Off 13 months but represents leading yard and there should be plenty more to come.	
<b>2</b>	<b>BEST YEARS YET (569)</b>	<b>84</b>
	32/1- 5 11-12   75.3kg Martin Brassil, Ireland <i>R. A. Doyle</i> Fairly useful on the Flat and over hurdles. Won 17-runner juvenile hurdle at Auteuil (17.9f, soft, 65/10). Off 18 months. First run for yard after leaving A. Chaille-Chaille. Wears hood.	
<b>3</b>	<b>COLONEL MUSTARD (FR) (17)</b> (C, D)	<b>100</b>
	3/2525-323 9 11-12   75.3kg Mrs Lorna Fowler, Ireland <i>Keith Donoghue</i> Smart hurdler. Sixteen runs since last win in 2021. 10/1, 1¼ lengths third of 5 to Lucky Place in Howden Ascot Hurdle at Ascot (19.3f, good to soft) 17 days ago. Regular in better company than this and he's a big player on the figures.	
<b>4</b>	<b>JIGORO (FR) (19)</b> (BF)	<b>94</b>
	2/2123P-02 5 11-12   75.3kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland  <i>Sam Ewing</i> Useful hurdler. 4/9, second of 5 in novice chase at Thurles (22.4f, good) on debut over fences 19 days ago, finding less than looked likely. Switches from chase to hurdles and he's dropped markedly in trip.	
<b>5</b>	<b>KITZBUHEL (FR) (238)</b>	<b>87</b>
	612- 4 11-12   75.3kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland  <i>P. Townend</i> Fairly useful hurdler. 69/10, second of 11 in juvenile hurdle at Auteuil (17.9f, soft). Off 7 months. First run for yard after leaving D. Sourdeau De Beauregard. Should have plenty more to offer having transferred to Willie Mullins.	
<b>6</b>	<b>MEET AND GREET (IRE) (593)</b>	<b>99</b>
	3034247/ 8 11-12   75.3kg Oliver McKiernan, Ireland <i>Phillip Enright</i> Useful hurdler. 10/1, 9¾ lengths seventh of 9 to Klassical Dream in Champion Stayers' Hurdle at this course (23.6f, good to soft). Off 19 months. Down in trip.	
<b>7</b>	<b>BUT WHAT (IRE) (31)</b> (C)	<b>88</b>
	21/3-1 6 11-9   73.9kg A. Slattery, Ireland <i>C. M. Quirke (51b/2kg)</i> Lightly-raced winner under NH rules. 1 win from 1 run this season. Career best when winning 14-runner novice hurdle (10/3) at Gowran (16f, good to soft) 31 days ago, always holding on. Should improve.	
<b>8</b>	<b>ON THE STEEL (IRE) (131)</b>	<b>79</b>
	341-P0 5 11-9   73.9kg Conor O'Dwyer, Ireland <i>C. G. O'Dwyer (51b/2kg)</i> Winner over hurdles at Ballinrobe in April. Last of 12 in novice hurdle at Galway (20.7f, good to soft, 125/1) 131 days ago. Down in trip. Uphill task.	
<b>9</b>	<b>ROCKYMOUNTAINBLEU (IRE) (25)</b> (C)	<b>83</b>
	1 6 11-9   73.9kg P. J. Rothwell, Ireland <i>T. Power Roche (71b/3kg)</i> Won 7-runner novice hurdle at this course (20.2f, good to soft, 40/1) on NH debut 25 days ago, staying on well. Drop in trip far from certain to suit and this is a tough ask.	
<b>10</b>	<b>GOT GLORY (FR) (222)</b>	<b>94</b>
	P/1-2 6 11-2   70.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland  <i>D. E. Mullins</i> Fairly useful Flat winner. Promising type. 1¾ lengths second of 16 to Casa No Mento in listed hurdle at this course (16.4f, good to soft, 5/1). Off 7 months. Isn't yet the finished article and there should be plenty more to come.	

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Colonel Mustard, **11-2** Kitzbuhel, **13-2** Got Glory, **8-1** Meet And Greet, **8-1** Jigoro, **8-1** Beckett Rock, **14-1** Best Years Yet, **16-1** But What, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

COLONEL MUSTARD has just the one hurdles win to his name but he's a regular in good company and down in class, he can finally double his tally. Willie Mullins pair Kitzbuhel and Got Glory may give the selection most to think about.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. COLONEL MUSTARD 2. KITZBUHEL 3. GOT GLORY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.50**

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RACE 7



Going: **Yielding (Yielding to Soft in places chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

<b>1</b>	<b>JOYA DEL MAR (IRE) (158)</b> 4238-4447 6 12-0   76.2kg Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland <i>Patrick Michael O'Brien (7lb/3kg)</i> 20/1, creditable seventh of 15 in handicap hurdle at Cork (20f, good to soft) 158 days ago, needing stronger gallop. One to consider.	<b>97</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>SAMMY SMART (39)</b> 870-20038 8 11-13   75.7kg T. Gibney, Ireland <i>D. J. O'Keefe</i> Tongue strap on for 1st time, respectable eighth of 13 in handicap hurdle (10/1) at Down Royal (24.1f, good to soft) 39 days ago. Can make presence felt.	<b>98</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>MUST GO NOW (IRE) (196)</b> h 600/3F-5 7 11-12   75.3kg Edward Cawley, Ireland <i>E. Walsh</i> Creditable fifth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Ballinrobe (16.3f, good to soft, 8/1). Off 6 months. Significantly up in trip. Hood on 1st time. Not taken lightly.	<b>98</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>NOT MY PROBLEM (25)</b> s 099-P2 5 11-12   75.3kg Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland <i>T. P. Harney (7lb/3kg)</i> Lightly-raced maiden. Cheekpieces on for 1st time, very good second of 18 in handicap hurdle at this course (20.2f, good to soft, 20/1) 25 days ago. Leading player with headgear again sported.	<b>99</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>SCHIEHALLION (IRE) (39)</b> s 00-85P7F2 7 11-10   74.4kg Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland <i>Patrick O'Hanlon</i> 16/1, good second of 13 in handicap hurdle at Down Royal (24.1f, good to soft) 39 days ago, going in snatches. Cheekpieces on 1st time and in the picture.	<b>97</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>WHATSYOURSTATUS (IRE) (389) (D)</b> t 090/1697- 11 11-10   74.4kg Gearoid O'Loughlin, Ireland <i>A. P. Kelly (5lb/2kg)</i> Latest win in chase at Clonmel in June 2023. 66/1, good seventh of 13 in handicap chase at Cheltenham (29.2f, good to soft). Off 12 months. Switches from chase to hurdles.	<b>97</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>BRAVE ADAM (IRE) (35) (D)</b> t 8878-P019 6 11-9   73.9kg Thomas Cooper, Ireland <i>T. Joseph Kelly (7lb/3kg)</i> Winner in chase at Killarney in October. 8/1, ninth of 10 in handicap chase at Fairyhouse (24.6f, good) 35 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Makes handicap debut. Should progress.	<b>68</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>JOHN STOREY (IRE) (21)</b> 799PSU 6 11-6   72.6kg Liam P. Cusack, Ireland <i>R. A. Berry (7lb/3kg)</i> 8/1, unseated rider 7th in handicap hurdle at Limerick (24.4f, soft) 21 days ago. Can bounce back.	<b>94</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>CARRIG CAROL (IRE) (14)</b> 5PP70-966 7 11-5   72.1kg Peter Croke, Ireland <i>Jordan Colin Gainford</i> One win from 23 NH runs. Sixteen runs since last win in 2022. 7/1, creditable sixth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Tramore (21f, heavy) 14 days ago. Needs considering.	<b>96</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>COMEONARCHIE (IRE) (25)</b> t 6/74-68486 7 11-4   71.7kg F. G. Hand, Ireland <i>D. J. Gilligan</i> 16/1, good sixth of 18 in handicap hurdle at this course (20.2f, good to soft) 25 days ago. Not ruled out.	<b>91</b>

<b>11</b>	<b>DOONBEG DON (IRE) (44)</b> 7/6449-031 6 11-4   71.7kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland <i>M. P. O'Connor</i> 11/2, career best when winning 16-runner handicap chase at Galway (22.5f, heavy) on debut over fences 44 days ago. Switches to hurdles and should continue to give a good account.	<b>100</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>GAYE WINNIE (IRE) (18)</b> 5978-7P54 6 11-4   71.7kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>C. P. Millar (5lb/2kg)</i> Creditable fourth of 18 in handicap hurdle (9/1) at Tipperary (24.7f, soft) 18 days ago. Stable having good spell. Solid each-way chance.	<b>97</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>PERFECT PUPIL (IRE) (23)</b> 59U18-069 6 11-3   71.2kg S. McConville, Ireland <i>Anna McGuinness (7lb/3kg)</i> Ninth of 23 in handicap hurdle (14/1) at Navan (16f, good to soft) 23 days ago, unsuited by drop in trip. Significantly up in trip. No forlorn hope.	<b>97</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>ANOTHER NIGHTMARE (IRE) (21) (D)</b> s 1FPOP-078 6 10-12   68.9kg Miss Tara Lee Cogan, Ireland <i>P. Hanlon (7lb/3kg)</i> Blinkered for 1st time, eighth of 11 in handicap hurdle (16/1) at Limerick (24.4f, soft) 21 days ago. First run for yard after leaving John Joseph Hanlon. Cheekpieces back on.	<b>95</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>FRENCH MILAN (IRE) (35)</b> t 573P-0850 6 10-12   68.9kg Aidan Anthony Howard, Ireland <i>S. D. Torrens</i> 20/1, eleventh of 14 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20.5f, good) 35 days ago. Has work to do.	<b>95</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>IMPORTANT MESSAGE (23)</b> P23330/9-0 12 10-12   68.9kg G. A. Kingston, Ireland <i>J. Kearney (3lb/1kg)</i> Fourteen runs since last win in 2020. 100/1, first run since leaving John G. Carr when seventeenth of 23 in handicap hurdle at Navan (16f, good to soft) 23 days ago. Significantly up in trip.	<b>95</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>ELLE DORADO ROCK (IRE) (240)</b> t 0098P/P04- 6 10-9   67.6kg A. J. Martin, Ireland <i>D. King</i> Fair fourth of 15 in handicap hurdle (12/1) at Down Royal (22f, soft). Off 8 months. Needs considering.	<b>96</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>NATIVE SONG (IRE) (253)</b> 0/9806- 7 10-8   67.1kg P. Kiely, Ireland <i>T. Power Roche (7lb/3kg)</i> Lightly-raced maiden under NH rules. Sixth of 11 in hunter chase (5/1) at Cork (24f, heavy) on debut over fences. Off 8 months. Switches from chase to hurdles. Very hard to make a case for.	<b>89</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>COUNTY CHAMPS (IRE) (11)</b> s 0-0789844 5 10-6   66.2kg Brian M. McMahon, Ireland <i>Phillip Enright</i> 16/1, creditable fourth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Thurles (20.2f, good to soft) 11 days ago. Shortlisted.	<b>93</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>LAND JET (IRE) (16)</b> 7-8529FP0 8 10-6   66.2kg Peter Maher, Ireland <i>S. F. O'Keefe</i> Remains a maiden after 21 NH runs. Tenth of 13 in minor event chase at this course (24f, good to soft, 250/1) 16 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Needs a couple of these to falter.	<b>96</b>

20 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Doonbeg Don, **13-2** Schiehallion, **7-1** Not My Problem, **11-1** Gaye Winnie, **12-1** Brave Adam, **16-1** Must Go Now, **22-1** Native Song, **25-1** Carrig Carol, **25-1** County Champs, **28-1** Sammy Smart, **28-1** Joya Del Mar, **28-1** Elle Dorado Rock, **33-1** Land Jet, **33-1** Comeonarchie, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

NOT MY PROBLEM took a big step forward in cheekpieces when second in a big-field handicap here last time out and can now go one better with the headgear retained. Doonbeg Don is next on the list on the back of his chasing Galway victory, although a solid case can also be made for Gaye Winnie, Schiehallion, Joya del Mar and Sammy Smart.



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(Rated 80-102) €10,500 2m7f182y (4790 Metres)**

RACE 7



**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. NOT MY PROBLEM 2. DOONBEG DON 3. GAYE WINNIE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Duffys Getaway</b>	6-11-1	11-2f	P.J. Rothwell	S.D. Torrens	22
2022	<b>Old Soul</b>	5-10-12	22-1	Miss Elizabeth Doyle	S.F. O'Keeffe	18

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 8













Going: **Yielding (Yielding to Soft in places chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

	<b>1 MILANAWAY (IRE) (18)</b> 24-4P8232 6 12-0   76.2kg Denis Hogan, Ireland Remains a maiden after 17 NH runs. 14/1, good second of 18 in handicap hurdle at Tipperary (24.7f, soft) 18 days ago, rallying. Should be in the mix.	t	<b>97</b>	<i>T. Power Roche (7lb/3kg)</i>
	<b>2 MIDDLETON RARE (IRE) (51)</b> 6241-0920 6 11-11   74.8kg Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland Fair bumper winner. 25/1, sixteenth of 17 in handicap hurdle at Limerick (24f, good to soft) 51 days ago. Opposable.		<b>86</b>	<i>Mr J. P. Sutton (7lb/3kg)</i>
	<b>3 AUREA FORTUNA (IRE) (61)</b> 099-08654 5 11-9   73.9kg A. J. Martin, Ireland Excellent fourth of 10 in novice chase (16/1) at Tramore (20.4f, good to soft) 61 days ago. Well held 3 previous starts in this sphere.		<b>64</b>	<i>D. King</i>
	<b>4 APPLES IN WINTER (IRE) (538)</b> 62485/838- 7 11-7   73.0kg Liam Casey, Ireland 9/2, below form eighth of 13 in novice hurdle at Wexford (20.4f, good) when last seen under Rules 17 months ago. Efforts between the flags this year haven't been inspiring. Cheekpieces on 1st time.	s	<b>98</b>	<i>Sean Flanagan</i>
	<b>5 LE MALIN (FR) (25)</b> 29/0087-3 10 11-7   73.0kg Sean McParlan, Ireland Third of 13 in handicap chase at this course (24.3f, good, 33/1) 25 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles (handicap debut in this sphere) and he's not discounted.		<b>94</b>	<i>Mr N. McParlan</i>
	<b>6 RAGIN CAJUN (IRE) (19) (D)</b> 10-07F007 11 11-7   73.0kg Matthew J. Smith, Ireland Seventh of 9 in handicap hurdle (15/2) at Thurles (20.2f, good) 19 days ago. Readily passed over.	s+t	<b>97</b>	<i>D. J. Gilligan</i>
	<b>7 HILL ROCKET (IRE) (18)</b> 8-7043258 6 11-6   72.6kg Cian Michael Collins, Ireland 10/1 and blinkered for 1st time, respectable eighth of 18 in handicap hurdle at Tipperary (24.7f, soft) 18 days ago. Cheekpieces back on. Others look stronger.	s	<b>97</b>	<i>C. P. Millar (5lb/2kg)</i>
	<b>8 SHANTOU PRINCESS (IRE) (18)</b> 47-6B38 5 11-6   72.6kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland Respectable eighth of 19 in handicap hurdle (16/1) at Tipperary (16.5f, soft) 18 days ago. Significantly up in trip and needs to raise her game.		<b>86</b>	<i>Keith Donoghue</i>
	<b>9 HE FITZ IN (IRE) (14)</b> 04-F00P62 8 11-3   71.2kg D. E. Fitzgerald, Ireland Very good second of 14 in handicap hurdle (8/1) at Tramore (21f, heavy) 14 days ago. Looks competitive on form.	b	<b>97</b>	<i>D. E. Mullins</i>
	<b>10 BARRYROE MADAM (FR) (18) (BF)</b> 606-08F36 5 11-2   70.8kg Brian M. McMahon, Ireland Creditable sixth of 18 in handicap hurdle (7/2) at Tipperary (24.7f, soft) 18 days ago. Each-way chance.	h	<b>97</b>	<i>M. J. M. O'Sullivan</i>

	<b>11 NOT BEFORE TIME (IRE) (18)</b> 6450-0 6 11-2   70.8kg Aidan Anthony Howard, Ireland Lightly-raced maiden. Blinkered for 1st time, below form tenth of 19 in handicap hurdle at Tipperary (16.5f, soft, 20/1) 18 days ago. Significantly up in trip and improvement is not out of the question.	b	<b>97</b>	<i>S. D. Torrens</i>
	<b>12 HATFIELD HAMMER (IRE) (35)</b> 0-062P522 5 11-1   70.3kg Paul Nolan, Ireland Good second of 16 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20.5f, good, 9/1) 35 days ago. Not taken lightly.	s	<b>99</b>	<i>C. Stone-Walsh (5lb/2kg)</i>
	<b>13 BALLAGH STAR (IRE) (35) (BF)</b> 2P-664417 6 10-13   69.4kg Mrs Yvonne Dunleavy, Ireland Chase winner at Sligo in October. 9/2, seventh of 10 in handicap chase at Fairyhouse (24.6f, good) 35 days ago, finishing with running left. Switches from chase to hurdles. Shortlist material.	s+t	<b>100</b>	<i>S. Fitzgerald</i>
	<b>14 MR MCWHINNY (IRE) (21)</b> 0608772P 6 10-13   69.4kg Paul John Gilligan, Ireland 5/1, pulled up in handicap hurdle at Limerick (24.4f, soft) 21 days ago, pulled up before 2 out. Others more persuasive.	t	<b>97</b>	<i>Jack G. Gilligan (5lb/2kg)</i>
	<b>15 RIDEAU CANAL (IRE) (56)</b> 45/4-00836 9 10-13   69.4kg Mrs Denise Foster, Ireland Respectable sixth of 17 in handicap hurdle at this course (20f, good, 10/1) 56 days ago. Others preferred.	s+t	<b>93</b>	<i>D. J. O'Keefe</i>
	<b>16 WILL IT BE YOU (IRE) (35)</b> 828PP-140 7 10-13   69.4kg Liam P. Cusack, Ireland Winner at Ballinrobe in May. Below form tenth of 16 in handicap hurdle (5/1) at Fairyhouse (23.8f, good) 35 days ago. Needs a couple of these to falter.		<b>97</b>	<i>Richard Deegan</i>
	<b>17 LARIAT (35)</b> 0U/69000-2 8 10-12   68.9kg John McConnell, Ireland Remains a maiden after 17 NH runs. Second of 14 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20.5f, good, 8/1) 35 days ago. Enters calculations.	s	<b>98</b>	<i>B. W. Harvey</i>
	<b>18 DOWN THE PARK (IRE) (14)</b> 7S058785 6 10-8   67.1kg Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland Creditable fifth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Tramore (21f, heavy, 10/1) 14 days ago, left poorly placed. Looks vulnerable for win purposes.	t	<b>93</b>	<i>Patrick O'Hanlon</i>
	<b>19 GETACLAN (IRE) (600)</b> FP04680P/ 9 10-6   66.2kg D. McNamara, Ireland Remains a maiden after 20 NH runs. 18/1, pulled up in handicap hurdle at Kilbeggan (23.3f, good to soft), pulled up 4 out. Off 20 months. Hard to warm to.	h	<b>95</b>	<i>Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)</i>
	<b>20 ME AND MRS LEE (IRE) (18)</b> 0-59000 6 10-6   66.2kg Norman Lee, Ireland Creditable tenth of 18 in handicap hurdle at Tipperary (24.7f, soft, 80/1) 18 days ago. Big step forward needed.		<b>90</b>	<i>G. B. Noonan (5lb/2kg)</i>

20 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

7-1 He Fitz In, 15-2 Ballagh Star, 17-2 Lariat, 10-1 Hatfield Hammer, 11-1 Barryroe Madam, 11-1 Milanaway, 12-1 Le Malin, 16-1 Hill Rocket, 20-1 Aurea Fortuna, 22-1 Not Before Time, 28-1 Rideau Canal, 33-1 Mr Mcwhinny, 33-1 Will It Be You, 33-1 Shantou Princess, 40-1 bar

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RACE 8

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BALLAGH STAR made a winning chase debut in a Sligo handicap in October and subsequently shaped far better than his finishing position would suggest at Fairyhouse. He is of interest back hurdling (off the same mark as when scoring at Sligo) and gets the nod ahead of He Fitz In, who posted his best effort for a while when second at Tramore recently. Hatfield Hammer and Milanaway have both been knocking on the door and also enter calculations, along with Le Malin.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. BALLAGH STAR 2. HE FITZ IN 3. HATFIELD HAMMER****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race