

Friday 11th October

DOWNPATRICK



2.15	TOALS BOOKMAKERS MAIDEN HURDLE 2m1f65y (3480 Metres)
RACE 1	(2) IMPERO (6) IN THE TRENCHES (10) WHISPERING HOPES
2.50	NORTHERN IRELAND ON COURSE BOOKMAKERS ASSOCIATION NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE 2m1f65y (3480 Metres)
RACE 2	(1) HEY SUNSHINE (4) TELL NOBODY NOTHIN (6) ROCKVIEW ROMAN
3.20	PRO SOLAR NI, SAM DOWNEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE 2m1f65y (3480 Metres)
RACE 3	(1) PORTNACOO (3) SANDYMAN (4) THREE PLATOON
3.55	I.N.H. STALLION OWNERS EBF MAIDEN HURDLE 2m5f180y (4390 Metres)
RACE 4	(6) MARIE'S MARCH (4) PRENDS GARDE A TOI (3) MY FRIEND YEATS
4.30	DENIS MACAULEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE 2m5f180y (4390 Metres)
RACE 5	(5) MRS BIDDLE (6) BISHBASHBOSH (7) FASSBENDER
5.05	DENVIR'S OF DOWNPATRICK BEGINNERS CHASE 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)
RACE 6	(9) HARDY DIAMOND (7) MISTER WILSON (10) RED BALL OF FIRE
5.35	REBECCA MENZIES RACING 40 WINNERS AND COUNTING FOR JOHN WADE HANDICAP CHASE 2m7f150y (4760 Metres)
RACE 7	(6) EDGEWELL (7) AGIRLCALLEDCHLOE (1) MULLAGHMORE WAVE

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.

2.15**TOALS BOOKMAKERS MAIDEN HURDLE 4yo+ €10,000
2m1f65y (3480 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Chase course: Good (Good to Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Good to Yielding**

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Pace Information: **Even****1 BOSTON BEACH (IRE) (14) 96**403 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**
Showed much more than previously when third of 16 in maiden hurdle (125/1) at Listowel (18f, soft) 2 weeks ago, no extra from 2 out as move from further back than front pair possibly told. 1 of 2 for this yard. Each-way claims.**2 IMPERO (IRE) (16) s ★ 100**270/2 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Cian Michael Collins, Ireland **Jordan Colin Gainford**
11/1 and cheekpieces on for 1st time in this code, fared better than previously over hurdles on first run since leaving Michael G. Cleary when good second of 15 in handicap at Listowel (18f, soft) 16 days ago. Every chance of going one better.**3 KINGSTON NARCISSUS (FR) (2) h 83**542 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Rebecca Menzies **Ross Chapman**
Fair and consistent maiden on Flat in France (stays 15f) for E. Libaud (sold €30,000 last November). Gambled on and produced best effort over hurdles when second of 10 in maiden (11/4) at Sedgfield (16.8f, good to soft) 2 days ago. Quick turnaround/travel makes him opposable.**4 HANGRY (IRE) (7) U 74.8kg**John McConnell, Ireland **B. W. Harvey**
Fair maiden on the Flat up to 13f but got no further than the first on hurdling bow after 5 months off at Gowran (16f, good to soft) last week.**5 HIJO DE LA LUNA (GER) (21) 80**5 4 11-11 | 74.8kg
S. McConville, Ireland **C. L. Walsh (71b/3kg)**
15/2 and cheekpieces on for 1st time, third of 11 in handicap at Down Royal (7.1f, soft) 11 days ago. Went with little promise sent hurdling on penultimate start so best watched.**6 IN THE TRENCHES (11) (BF) s 99**22-232223 4 11-11 | 74.8kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**
Remained in form when third of 16 in maiden hurdle (13/8) at Roscommon (15.6f, soft) 11 days ago, doing too much too soon. Now 0-11 over hurdles and beaten favourite on 5 of his last 7 starts but he's a strong contender all the same.**7 PURRRFECT TIMING (IRE) 4 11-11 | 74.8kg**Christopher David Timmons, Ireland **K. E. Buckley**
Well held in 3 maiden events on Flat. Best watched on hurdles bow.**8 RAVELLI (IRE) (46) 9 4 11-11 | 74.8kg**John McConnell, Ireland **Alex Harvey (51b/2kg)**
Showed a bit in a Flat maiden for G. M. Lyons but was well held sent hurdling after 14 months off at Downpatrick in August. Well held back on the level since and can only be watched.**9 WALK THE PLANK (IRE) (143) 0 4 11-11 | 74.8kg**John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland **P. Hanlon (71b/3kg)**
80/1, never-dangerous fourteenth of 16 in maiden hurdle at Punchestown (20f, good to soft) on debut back in May. Easy to look elsewhere.**10 WHISPERING HOPES (IRE) (7) 4 11-4 | 71.7kg**Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Sam Ewing**
Fair maiden on the Flat. 40/1, made an encouraging start to life over hurdles when fourth of 18 in maiden at Gowran (16f, good to soft) last week. 1 of 2 for the yard and should go close.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**7-4** In The Trenches, **4-1** Whispering Hopes, **5-1** Impero, **15-2** Boston Beach, **16-1** Kingston Narcissus, **16-1** Hijo De La Luna, **40-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

IMPERO fared better than previously over hurdles on first start for this yard when runner-up at Listowel last month and provided the cheekpieces have the same effect second time, Cian Collins' 5-y-o gets the nod at the expense of In The Trenches, who has been a beaten favourite on 5 of his last 7 starts but remains a strong contender. Gordon Elliott's pair Whispering Hopes and Boston Beach can fight out third.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. IMPERO 2. IN THE TRENCHES 3. WHISPERING HOPES****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Yeats Star 4-11-11	2-1f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	9
2022	Rodney Bay 5-11-12	15-8f	Joseph Anthony Murray	J. J. Slevin	14
2021	Boothan Boy 4-11-13	4-5f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	9
2020	Farceur du Large 5-12-0	13-8	Noel Meade	Sean Flanagan	12
2019	Definite Plan 7-11-12	16-1	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.50

RACE 2

**NORTHERN IRELAND ON COURSE BOOKMAKERS
ASSOCIATION NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ €11,000
2m1f65y (3480 Metres)**Going: **Chase course: Good (Good to Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Good to Yielding**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 HEY SUNSHINE (IRE) (35)** **100**
231 5 12-3 | 77.6kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland

P. Townend

Promising sort. Won 14-runner maiden hurdle at Kilbeggan (16f, good to soft, 11/4) on hurdles bow 35 days ago, staying on well. Makes handicap hurdle debut. Solid claims with further progress likely.

2 DISCO DANCER (IRE) (13) (D) **98**
31234334 5 12-0 | 76.2kg t

Gordon Elliott, Ireland

J. W. Kennedy

Fairly useful hurdler. Below-form fourth of 5 in novice hurdle at Listowel (20f, soft, 10/1) 13 days ago. Bounce back needed.

3 TELL ME THIS (IRE) (28) **96**
83-5BU10 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland

T. P. Harney (71b/3kg)

Winner in hurdle at Ballinrobe in August. Eleventh of 16 in handicap hurdle (11/2) at Ballinrobe (22f, good) 28 days ago. Down in trip. Has work to do.

4 TELL NOBODY NOTHIN (IRE) (21) (CD) **98**
3-1 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Noel Meade, Ireland

Sam Ewing

Twice-raced winner over hurdles. Won 10-runner maiden at this course (17.8f, good to soft) 21 days ago, going clear. Makes handicap hurdle debut. May well do better.

5 MERCURY MISSION (85) **99**
38350-480 5 11-1 | 70.3kg

P. J. Rothwell, Ireland

C. Owens (71b/3kg)

11/1, thirteenth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Killarney (20.4f, good) 85 days ago. First run for yard after leaving Michael John O'Connor.

6 ROCKVIEW ROMAN (IRE) (44) **99**
00/625-44 8 10-8 | 67.1kg s

John McConnell, Ireland

B. W. Harvey

Last of 15 in Flat handicap at Galway (12f, good, 16/1) 31 days ago but had been in reasonable form over hurdles prior to that.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**7-4** Hey Sunshine, **85-40** Tell Nobody Nothin, **13-2** Tell Me This, **8-1** Disco Dancer, **14-1** Rockview Roman, **18-1** Mercury Mission**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

There should be more to come from last month's Kilbeggan maiden winner HEY SUNSHINE, who can make a successful handicap debut at the expense of recent course scorer Tell Nobody Nothin.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. HEY SUNSHINE 2. TELL NOBODY NOTHIN 3. ROCKVIEW ROMAN****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2023 **Bukhill** 5-11-1 11-4 Peter Fahey E. A. Fitzgerald (7) 6**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

PRO SOLAR NI, SAM DOWNEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ (Rated 80-102) €10,000 2m1f65y (3480 Metres)Going: **Chase course: Good (Good to Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Good to Yielding**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 PORTNACOO (IRE) (21) (CD)** **100**

PP79-6511 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Harry Smyth, Ireland

D. J. O'Keefe

Upwardly mobile from a low base in recent weeks, following up his victory over 22f here with another comfortable success over 17.8f back here 3 weeks ago. Of interest again in hat-trick bid despite career-high mark to contend with.

2 BREAGAGH (IRE) (146) s **99**

352PP3-52 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

S. Michael Millar, Ireland

P. Hanlon (71b/3kg)

Remains a maiden after 20 NH runs but he was a good second when last seen in this sphere at Wexford (17.2f) in May. Entitled to be sharper for a spin on the Flat at Navan (14f) in August and he's fancied to be thereabouts.

3 SANDYMAN (7) t **99**

008/4-565 8 11-5 | 72.1kg

John McConnell, Ireland

Alex Harvey (51b/2kg)

Back on track with a tongue strap refitted when respectable fifth of 14 in handicap hurdle (9/1) at Gowran (16f, good to soft) 7 days ago. Has caught the eye on occasions in this sphere and one to note, particularly if strong in the betting.

4 THREE PLATOON (401) v+t **98**

34347/P- 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Rebecca Menzies

Ross Chapman

Showed ability over hurdles in 2022 and he comes here in rude health from the Flat, comfortably landing back-to-back Newcastle handicaps (10.2f) in recent weeks. Intriguing contender from the Rebecca Menzies yard. Visor replaces blinkers.

5 BRINGSTY (21) t **94**

0008 6 10-13 | 69.4kg

Noel C. Kelly, Ireland

S. D. Torrens

Fair on Flat but has shown little all 4 outings in maiden hurdles. Big jump forward required now attentions switch to handicaps.

6 NAKASSAMA (IRE) (11) **75**

9-0080 4 10-12 | 68.9kg

Noel C. Kelly, Ireland

J. S. McGarvey

Lightly-raced maiden. 33/1, thirteenth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Roscommon (15.6f, soft) 11 days ago, tailed off before 4 out. Others arrive with much more pressing claims.

7 CHANCER DANCER (IRE) (4) s+t **97**

043-60747 7 10-6 | 66.2kg

Noel C. Kelly, Ireland

Mr M. E. McCrory (71b/3kg)

Remains a maiden after 16 NH runs. Blinkered for 1st time, below form seventh of 12 in handicap hurdle (5/1) at Fairyhouse (16f, good) 4 days ago. Cheekpieces back on.

8 FIRE CORAL (11) t **98**

8-49U4748 5 10-6 | 66.2kg

C. W. J. Farrell, Ireland

Philip Donovan (51b/2kg)

Below form eighth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Roscommon (20.3f, soft, 17/2) 11 days ago, weakening when headed approaching 3 out. Drop in trip could help but others hold more compelling claims.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Portnacoo, **9-2** Breagagh, **5-1** Three Platoon, **13-2** Sandyman, **10-1** Chancer Dancer, **12-1** Fire Coral, **14-1** Bringsty, **33-1** Nakassama

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PORTNACOO arrives here on an upward curve following back-to-back course handicaps in recent months and he's narrowly selected to defy the handicapper again and complete the hat-trick. Sandyman leaves the impression he has a bigger effort in his locker and is feared, along with Rebecca Menzies' Three Platoon, who returns to hurdling following a successful stint on the Flat of late.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PORTNACOO 2. SANDYMAN 3. THREE PLATOON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Sea The Sunset 4-10-13	12-1	J. Morrison	S. Fitzgerald	8
2022	Willyouwalkwithme 7-11-13	12-1	Harry Smyth	Shane O'Callaghan (7)	14
2021	Fassbender 5-11-10	7-2	Mark McNiff	M. P. O'Connor (5)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.55**I.N.H. STALLION OWNERS EBF MAIDEN HURDLE 5yo+
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RACE 4



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 AUGUSTA GEORGE (IRE) (35) (C) 82

6-8528618 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

W. J. Bryson, Ireland

Mr N. Gault (7lb/3kg)

Winner in bumper here in August. Eighth of 16 in novice hurdle (16/1) at Kilbeggan (19f, good to soft) 35 days ago.



2 FELLOWSHALL (154) h 75

F/U 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

R. K. Watson, Ireland

Donagh Meyler

Twice-raced maiden. 125/1, unseated rider 2nd in novice hurdle at this C&D (good) 154 days ago. Hooded for 1st time.



3 MY FRIEND YEATS (IRE) (10) 97

625 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

Rebecca Menzies

Ross Chapman

Thrice-raced maiden. 3/1, good fifth of 11 in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (19.8f, good to soft) 10 days ago. Solid form claims.



4 PRENDS GARDE A TOI (FR) (290) ★ 100

24- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland

J. W. Kennedy

Twice-raced maiden. Fourth of 12 in bumper (6/1) at Leopardstown (16f, good to soft). Off 9 months. Makes hurdles debut. Significantly up in trip. Player for top yard.



5 ZILLIONAIRE (35) 81

7 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland

P. Hanlon (7lb/3kg)

Once-raced maiden. Seventh of 15 in bumper (16/1) at Kilbeggan (20f, good to soft) on NH debut 35 days ago. Makes hurdles debut.



6 MARIE'S MARCH (IRE) (35) 86

95 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland

P. Townend

Promising type. Fifth of 14 in novice hurdle (25/1) at Kilbeggan (16f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 35 days ago. Significantly up in trip. Big shout.



6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Prends Garde A Toi, **7-4** My Friend Yeats, **13-2** Marie's March, **14-1** Augusta George, **25-1** Zillionaire, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MARIE'S MARCH is fancied to build on her Kilbeggan debut fifth now stepping up in trip so gets the vote from Gordon Elliott's newcomer Prends Garde A Toi who showed some fairly useful form in bumpers. My Friend Yeats also has the form to have a say.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MARIE'S MARCH 2. PRENDS GARDE A TOI 3. MY FRIEND YEATS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Nt Field Minnesota 5-10-11	3-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	7
2022	Inclusion 5-10-11	9-4jf	W. P. Mullins	Kieran Callaghan (7)	8
2021	Kingston Retreat 6-10-13	40-1	James M. Barcoe	C. A. Landers	6
2020	Tullybeg 5-12-0	evsf	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	10
2019	Bay Ambition 6-10-11	8-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Jonathan Moore	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**DENIS MACAULEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+
(Rated 80-95) €10,000 2m5f180y (4390 Metres)**

RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 SCHIEHALLION (IRE) (23) 98
600-85P7 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland **Patrick Michael O'Brien (71lb/3kg)**
Respectable seventh of 14 in novice hurdle (9/1) at Tramore (21.4f, good) 23 days ago. Others more persuasive.



2 GAYE WINNIE (IRE) (61) (C) 99
315978-7P 6 11-12 | 75.3kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland **C. P. Millar (71lb/3kg)**
Course winner. 17/2, pulled up in handicap hurdle at this C&D (good) 61 days ago, tailing off some way out. Can make presence felt if back on her A-game.



3 CULLENWAINE (IRE) (9) (CD, BF) 94
0-5215U50 6 11-11 | 74.8kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **C. Owens (71lb/3kg)**
C&D winner. Winner in hurdle here in June. Tenth of 11 in handicap chase (4/1) at Sligo (21.1f, good) 9 days ago, going in snatches. Switches from chase to hurdles. Blinkers on 1st time.



4 IL SILENZIO (125) 86
08/00-7 7 11-10 | 74.4kg
Martin Brassil, Ireland **J. P. Shinnick (51lb/2kg)**
Lightly-raced maiden. 11/1 and tongue strap/cheekpieces on for 1st time, good seventh of 17 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (19.4f, good) 125 days ago. More is needed here though.



5 MRS BIDDLE (IRE) (23) 100
73-0P25P3 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
Garrett James Power, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
Good third of 16 in handicap hurdle at Tramore (21.4f, good, 9/1) 23 days ago. Expected to be bang there.



6 BISHBASHBOSH (IRE) (42) 93
753 5 11-6 | 72.6kg
Harry Smyth, Ireland **D. J. O'Keeffe**
Thrice-raced maiden. Third of 8 in novice hurdle at Down Royal (16.9f, good, 33/1) 42 days ago. Up in trip. Makes handicap hurdle debut. Open to improvement.



7 FASSBENDER (IRE) (11) (CD) 97
3970-8503 8 11-6 | 72.6kg
Mark McNiff, Ireland **C. M. Quirke (51lb/2kg)**
C&D winner. Sixteen runs since last win in 2022. Creditable third of 15 in handicap hurdle (20/1) at Roscommon (20.3f, soft) 11 days ago. Needs considering.



8 JETAWAY TO GETAWAY (IRE) (37) 69
8470-0 6 11-5 | 72.1kg
Cian Michael Collins, Ireland **D. J. Gilligan**
Lightly-raced maiden. Thirteenth of 14 in handicap hurdle (20/1) at Killbeggan (16f, good to soft) 37 days ago. Significantly up in trip. Cheekpieces on for 1st time.



9 JIMLI'S CAVE (IRE) (42) 98
0000-2527 6 11-5 | 72.1kg
R. K. Watson, Ireland **Donagh Meyler**
Respectable seventh of 19 in handicap hurdle (12/1) at Down Royal (24f, good) 42 days ago. Blinkers on 1st time.



10 RENARD DE NOIR (IRE) (11) 98
00-094000 6 11-4 | 71.7kg
James Black, Ireland **Richard Deegan**
Below form tenth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Roscommon (15.6f, soft, 100/1) 11 days ago. Significantly back up in trip. Tough to assess at present.



11 GEORGIA CELENA (IRE) (63) 97
9000P-645 6 11-3 | 71.2kg
John McConnell, Ireland **B. W. Harvey**
6/1, creditable fifth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Wexford (24f, good to soft) 63 days ago. In the picture.



12 GETAWAY ERIN (IRE) (180) 82
04300- 5 11-3 | 71.2kg
John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland **P. Hanlon (71lb/3kg)**
Lightly-raced maiden. 80/1, thirteenth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Down Royal (22f, soft) 180 days ago.



13 YOU SOME GIRL (IRE) (7) (BF) 99
7F7662-33 7 10-13 | 69.4kg
Rebecca Menzies **Ross Chapman**
Thirteen runs since last win in 2022. Creditable third of 7 in handicap hurdle at Hexham (20.1f, good, 5/2) 7 days ago. Merits consideration.



13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 You Some Girl, **11-2** Mrs Biddle, **9-1** Jimli's Cave, **9-1** Fassbender, **11-1** Georgia Celena, **11-1** Cullenwaine, **12-1** Bishbashbosh, **14-1** Schiehallion, **16-1** Gaye Winnie, **16-1** Il Silenzio, **28-1** Jetaway To Getaway, **125-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A few with chances but MRS BIDDLE looks the way to go here on the back of her good Tramore third. Bishbashbosh appeals as a likely improver now going handicapping so is next on the list ahead of Fassbender and Georgia Celena.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MRS BIDDLE 2. BISHBASHBOSH 3. FASSBENDER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Moneynabane 5-11-9	9-2	Neill McCluskey	P. Byrnes (5)	10
2022	Appian Way 6-11-6	4-1	Charles O'Brien	Jack Foley	9
2021	Ask The Leader 5-11-3	11-2	David Christie	Jack Foley (7)	15
2020	Laughing Trix 7-11-3	13-2	Dermot Anthony McLoughlin	C. D. Maxwell	12
2019	Balgowlah 4-10-12	7-1	Colin A. McBratney	Sean Flanagan	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.05**DENVIR'S OF DOWNPATRICK BEGINNERS CHASE 4yo+
(Rated 0-109) €11,000 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Chase course: Good (Good to Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Good to Yielding**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****1 ANDYS FLAME (46) (C, BF) t 96**

07/335-84 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

John McConnell, Ireland

Alex Harvey (51b/2kg)

Fair hurdler. 3/1, below form fourth of 9 in handicap hurdle at this course (21.8f, good) 46 days ago. Makes chase debut. Possibilities.

**2 BOOMSLANG (10) 97**

3PP-22152 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Rebecca Menzies

Ross Chapman

Fair hurdler. Winner at Cartmel in June. 13/2, good second of 7 in handicap hurdle at Sedgfield (19.8f, good to soft) 10 days ago. Much respected on his chase debut.

**3 ECO PETE (IRE) (21) (C) s 92**

4/03P2-460 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

P. J. Rothwell, Ireland

S. D. Torrens

Fair hurdler. Fourteen runs since last win in 2021. Last of 11 in novice chase (22/1) at this course (17.8f, good to soft) on debut over fences 21 days ago.

**4 GINO DRUMMER BOY (IRE) (8) s 93**

26336724 8 11-12 | 75.3kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Jordan Colin Gainford

Fair hurdler. Respectable fourth of 8 in claiming hurdle at Clonmel (19.9f, good, 6/1) 8 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Remains a maiden after 19 NH runs.

**5 HIGH CITY ROLLER (IRE) (8) s+t 95**

233/25-534 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Ireland

Sean Flanagan

Fair hurdler. 7/1, fourth of 7 in novice hurdle at Clonmel (19.9f, good) 8 days ago. Makes chase debut. Cheekpieces on for 1st time. No forlorn hope.

**6 MEPHISTO (IRE) (9) v 92**

47F/0F-20F 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Gerard Keane, Ireland

S. Fitzgerald

Modest hurdler. Fair winner at 16f on flat. 40/1, well held when fell 2 out in novice chase at Sligo (21.1f, good) on debut over fences 9 days ago.

**7 MISTER WILSON (IRE) (8) h 98**

5-2823673 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Keith Donoghue

Fair chaser. Thirteen runs since last win in 2023. 12/1, creditable third of 8 in claiming hurdle at Clonmel (19.9f, good) 8 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. The form pick.

**8 POETS COTTAGE (IRE) (15) 94**

346/3605-5 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

Noel Meade, Ireland

Sam Ewing

Fair hurdler. 7/1, below form fifth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Listowel (16f, soft) 15 days ago. Makes chase debut. Back up in trip.

**9 HARDY DIAMOND (IRE) (7) 96**

1547 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland

J. W. Kennedy

Fair winner at 19f over hurdles. 28/1, good seventh of 18 in handicap hurdle at Gowran (20.2f, good to soft) 7 days ago. Likely player on her first go over fences now.

**10 RED BALL OF FIRE (IRE) (9) b ★ 100**

2167-5345 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Mark McNiff, Ireland

C. M. Quirke (51b/2kg)

Fairly useful winner at 18f over hurdles. Fair fifth of 8 in handicap chase at Sligo (17.6f, good, 11/1) 9 days ago. Enters calculations.

**BETTING FORECAST:****4-1** Red Ball of Fire, **11-2** Mister Wilson, **11-2** Boomslang, **8-1** Andys Flame, **17-2** Hardy Diamond, **10-1** High City Roller, **12-1** Poets Cottage, **16-1** Gino Drummer Boy, **22-1** Eco Pete, **25-1** Mephisto**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

HARDY DIAMOND has some fair form over hurdles to her name and is taken to make a winning start in this sphere for her top yard. Mister Wilson rates the pick of those with chasing experience and is next on the list ahead of Red Ball of Fire and Boomslang.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. HARDY DIAMOND 2. MISTER WILSON 3. RED BALL OF FIRE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Jenny Flex 6-11-5	9-2	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	12
2022	Clonbury Bridge 6-11-12	5-2f	J. P. Dempsey	L. P. Dempsey	8
2021	Gelee Blanche 5-11-7	11-2	W. P. Mullins	Jack Foley (7)	9
2020	Fag An Bealach 6-11-7	5-1	A. L. T. Moore	Donagh Meyler	12
2019	Stylish Moment 6-11-12	20-1	Eoin Doyle	Phillip Enright	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

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RACE 7

REBECCA MENZIES RACING 40 WINNERS AND COUNTING FOR JOHN WADE HANDICAP CHASE 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) €10,000 2m7f150y (4760 Metres)Going: **Chase course: Good (Good to Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Good to Yielding**

Downpatrick is a narrow, right-handed track with a circuit of around eleven furlongs. This is not a track for a long-striding horse, given the numerous undulations and turns. There are six fences to a circuit of the chase course, with the last two close together before the uphill home straight of over a furlong.

Pace Information: **Strong****1 MULLAGHMORE WAVE (IRE) (21) (C) s+t 97**

03/9-6P5P3 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

John McConnell, Ireland

Alex Harvey (51b/2kg)

Third of 9 in handicap chase (12/1) at this course (23.5f, good to soft) 21 days ago, clear of rest. Should give it a good go from the same mark.

2 SMITTY BACALL (IRE) (23) s+t 98

P-P1P0333 13 11-8 | 73.5kg

J. P. Flavin, Ireland

D. J. O'Keeffe

Latest win in hurdle at Roscommon in July. 13/2, creditable third of 11 in handicap chase at Tramore (22.8f, good) 23 days ago. Looks competitive on form.

3 BEARWITHMENOW (IRE) (9) b+t 97

FF-4P0286 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

J. P. Flavin, Ireland

H. Morgan

One win from 23 NH runs. Fourteen runs since last win in 2022. 12/1, creditable sixth of 10 in handicap chase at Sligo (25.8f, good) 9 days ago. Blinkers back on. Others more persuasive (can make mistakes).

4 GREENWAY MACHINE (IRE) (23) (CD) 96

55-417322 12 11-1 | 70.3kg

Ms Helen P. Markham, Ireland

Cian Cullinan (71b/3kg)

C&D winner. Latest win in chase at Tramore in June. Good second of 11 in handicap chase at Tramore (22.8f, good, 10/1) 23 days ago, keeping the errors at bay.

5 OCODANGO BOY (IRE) (9) s 95

08/44U644 7 11-0 | 69.9kg

Peter McCreery, Ireland

Gavin Peter Brouder (51b/2kg)

Remains a maiden after 17 NH runs. Creditable fourth of 10 in handicap chase at Sligo (25.8f, good, 6/1) 9 days ago.

6 EDGEWELL (IRE) (23) s 98

557P-4696 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

Rebecca Menzies

Ross Chapman

Promising sort. 9/1 and visored for 1st time, shaped better than the result when sixth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Kelso (18.1f, good) 23 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Cheekpieces back on. Likely to improve over fences.

7 AGIRLCALLEDCHLOE (IRE) (28) b ★ 100

242P-P393 7 10-8 | 67.1kg

P. J. Rothwell, Ireland

S. D. Torrens

Remains a maiden after 26 NH runs. Creditable third of 15 in handicap chase (11/1) at Ballinrobe (23.4f, good to soft) 28 days ago, rallying. Shortlist material.

8 RUDY CATRAIL (IRE) (23) (D) s 95

28FUP-866 13 10-6 | 66.2kg

E. Sheehy, Ireland

Mr H. E. Sexton (71b/3kg)

Sixth of 11 in handicap chase (10/1) at Tramore (22.8f, good) 23 days ago.

9 FR GILLIGANSVOYGE (9) b+t 94

54PP9528 11 10-2 | 64.4kg

John G. Carr, Ireland

C. Stone-Walsh

One win from 57 NH runs. Fifteen runs since last win in 2023. Eighth of 10 in handicap chase at Sligo (25.8f, good, 12/1) 9 days ago. Blinkers back on. Has work to do.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**9-2 Greenway Machine, 5-1 Mullaghmore Wave, 6-1 Edgewell, 13-2 Smitty Bacall, 7-1 Agirlcalledchloe, 7-1 Ocodango Boy, 14-1 Rudy Catrail, 18-1 Bearwithmenow, 18-1 Fr Gilligansvoyge****TIMEFORM VIEW:**

EDGEWELL has been shaping up quite well in British handicaps and representing the race sponsors, a very bold bid seems forthcoming. Agirlcalledchloe and Mullaghmore Wave are a couple of potential threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. EDGEWELL 2. AGIRLCALLEDCHLOE 3. MULLAGHMORE WAVE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Greenway Machine	11-10-0	17-2	Ms Helen P. Markham	Cian Cullinan (7)	9
2022	Sanibel Island	10-10-13	10-3	M. Hourigan	D. J. O'Keeffe	13
2021	Carnet de Stage	6-12-0	5-1	Eugene M. O'Sullivan	Jack Foley (7)	12
2020	Rubiana	7-11-6	7-2f	Mrs Caroline McCaldin	J. J. Slevin	10
2019	Tara Mia	6-11-9	7-2jf	T. Gibney	D. J. O'Keeffe (3)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race