

Thursday 14th November

MARKET RASEN



12.20 NUNNS ISUZU SUBARU AND GRIMSBY MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m125y (3330 Metres)

RACE 1 **(10) SPIRIT OF KINSALE | (13) TYPHOON FLYER | (8) KINGSLEY**

12.55 BOOK BOXING AT THE RACES EBF MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m139y (4150 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) RULA BULA | (2) NATUS VINCERE | (5) ZARHANYA**

1.30 EXPLORE SHARED OWNERSHIP AT inthepaddock.co.uk NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f191y (4800 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) KELCE | (3) MONTREGARD | (2) MOON HUNTER**

2.05 LUCAS MACHINERY HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m5f89y (4310 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) EYED | (1) KANKIN | (5) ZMIINYI**

2.40 IN LOVING MEMORY OF EILEEN BROUGH HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2½m139y (4150 Metres)

RACE 5 **(7) BREAD AND BUTTER | (1) TRIBAL GLORY | (6) KOSASIEMPRE**

3.15 ENJOY YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE RACES HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f16y (4640 Metres)

RACE 6 **(8) HAPPY INDEX | (9) NO WORRIES | (7) WESTERN GLEN**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

12.20

NUNNS ISUZU SUBARU AND GRIMSBY MAIDEN HURDLE (4)
4yo+ £6,500 2m125y (3330 Metres)

RACE 1




Going: **Good**


Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **ACHILLE DES ROCS (FR)** **91**
 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 L J Morgan **Adam Wedge**
 €80,000 3-y-o, Coastal Path gelding. Dam 2¼m hurdle/chase winner. Placed 3 times from 5 starts in maiden points and it'll be interesting to see which way he goes in the betting.


2 **CHANTILLY MOON (30)** **65**
 45-PP 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Peter Niven **Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)**
 Made frame on first of 2 starts in bumpers but pulled up both appearances over hurdles to date. Hooded on debut in this sphere prior to also tried in a tongue strap last time but goes without headgear this time.


3 **CHILLED OUT (IRE) (460)** **75**
 000/000- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Michael Wigham **Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)**
 Winner of back-to-back 1¼m handicaps on first 2 runs for this yard during the spring. However, form has nosedived pretty badly since and, having offered little in half-a-dozen hurdles starts in Ireland, he is opposable back in this sphere.


4 **DARK MIX (306) (C, D)** **92**
 16- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Pam Sly **Paul O'Brien**
 Narrowly prevailed in a 5-runner bumper on debut here last December, despite being sent off the outsider of the quintet. Struggled at Warwick the following month but that was in a significantly stronger race (also wasn't helped by taking a circuitous route) and he's of interest now hurdling.



5 **INISHNABRO (IRE)** **90**
 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Henry Oliver **Lee Edwards**
 Half-brother to a couple of winning hurdlers and won by a wide margin on the second of his 2 runs between the flags. Yard's strike rate over hurdles is pretty modest (stable enjoys more success over the larger obstacles) but he's one to note in the betting nonetheless.


6 **JACK HOOLA (27)** **75**
 8 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Tom Lacey **Stan Sheppard**
 Bought for £58,000 after finishing runner-up sole start in Irish points but sent off at 66/1 and was never really in the hunt on Rules debut in a Uttoxeter novice last month.


7 **JINGLE JANGLE JET (28)** **60**
 45-U6 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Philip Kirby **Kielan Woods** 
 Showed modest form in a couple of bumpers but there have been no positives at all to take from his efforts over hurdles so far.


8 **KINGSLEY (FR) (29)** **90**
 8 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**
 €86,000 half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Fest Deiz and fair hurdler/chase winner Gerard Mentor. Nearer last than first on his introduction in a Worcester bumper but he nevertheless offered something to work on and, in good hands, may well leave that behind now switched to hurdles.


9 **ROCHESTER BRINKS (IRE) (13)** **79**
 R 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Martin Keighley **Fergus Gillard**
 Pulled up sole start in Irish points and it would be an understatement to say that he looked somewhat recalcitrant on Rules debut in a Uttoxeter bumper (pulled very hard and ran out before the halfway point). Hood worn that day is retained for this hurdles bow.

10 **SPIRIT OF KINSALE** **100**
 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
 €115,000 3-y-o. Half-brother to 4 winners, including Welsh Grand National winner The Two Amigos, and fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser De Forgotten One. Obvious appeal on paper for in-form yard and confidence behind him in the betting would look highly significant.


11 **SUN ART (FR) (29)** **91**
 6 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**
 Hooded on debut (retained here) when coming home an encouraging enough sixth of 12 in a 2m Worcester bumper. Entitled to come on for that and he's well worth a second look now switched to hurdles.

12 **TONY'S TIPPLE (IRE) (9)** **60**
 6 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Tom Ellis **Miss Gina Andrews**
 Offered little both starts in maiden points and didn't fare any better sent hurdling on recent Rules debut at Warwick.

13 **TYPHOON FLYER (IRE) (48)** **95**
 322-33 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole **Sam Twiston-Davies**
 Fairly useful form when placed all 3 starts in bumpers and shaped well on hurdles debut when third of 14 in a Ffos Las maiden (2½m, good) in May. Not at the same level back from a break at Worcester but he probably needed that and this drop in trip could prove to be a good thing.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Spirit of Kinsale, **4-1** Typhoon Flyer, **15-2** Dark Mix, **17-2** Kingsley, **10-1** Achille Des Rocs, **10-1** Sun Art, **12-1** Inishnabro, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

As a half-brother to a Welsh Grand National winner it could be that SPIRIT OF KINSALE will also be at his best when eventually tackling the larger obstacles and faced with a stiffer test. Still, there is enough in his pedigree to suggest that there will be races to be won with him over hurdles in the meantime and the hint should be taken if the market speaks in his favour. Typhoon Flyer is feared most, while Kingsley and Sun Art can both be expected to leave their debut form well behind in time.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SPIRIT OF KINSALE 2. TYPHOON FLYER 3. KINGSLEY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Norman Fletcher 4-11-4	5-6f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	14
2022	Chasing Fire 5-11-4	2-7f	Olly Murphy	Aidan Coleman	11
2021	Peejaybee 5-11-4	7-2	Richard Spencer	James Bowen	13
2020	Qualismart 4-10-12	5-2f	Harry Whittington	David Bass	13
2019	Timetochill 6-10-5	15-8	Kelly Morgan	Adam Wedge	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

BOOK BOXING AT THE RACES EBF MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £6,500 2½m139y (4150 Metres)



Going: **Good**

Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**


WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Southern Babylon	5-11-2	4-1	Ruth Jefferson	Richie McLernon	13
2022	Lets Go To Vegas	4-11-1	9-1	Alastair Ralph	Jonathan Burke	10
2021	Fairfield Ferrata	5-10-12	15-8	Jedd O'Keefe	Conor O'Farrell	5
2020	Ballingers Corner	5-10-12	2-1f	Nicky Henderson	Jeremiah McGrath	8
2019	Crossgalesfamegame	5-10-12	4-1	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	8


SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


1 AFTER MIDNIGHT (170) 65
79/UP-7 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Julian Smith *Harry Bannister*
Has looked decidedly limited in a couple of bumpers and 3 starts in this sphere.


2 NATUS VINCERE (IRE) 78
5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 L J Morgan *Adam Wedge*
Half-sister to 3 winners, including French hurdler/chaser Here I Am and modest chaser Khairagash. Decisive winner of her sole start between the flags in May and she's an intriguing prospect now embarking on a career under Rules.

3 RHIANNON RING (IRE) (261) 60
747- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Declan Carroll *Robert Dunne*
From a good jumping family and finished runner-up sole start in Irish points last year. However, she hasn't shown much at all in 3 runs under Rules to date.


4 RULA BULA (IRE) (250) 100
6142- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
From a good family and left her debut well behind when landing a mares' Warwick bumper last November. By no means disgraced in a couple of listed events since and she could prove to be a useful recruit to the hurdling ranks.


5 ZARHANYA (210) 77
7- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Martin Keighley *Sean Bowen*
Related to winners and showed a bit when seventh of 18 in a Cheltenham bumper in April, doing her best work late in a style which suggests this trip could suit now hurdling.

6 FIREBALL FRENZY (IRE) (34) 73
P 4 11-3 | 71.2kg

 Stuart Edmunds *Ciaran Gethings*
Half-sister to 4 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Cyclop. Won sole start in Irish points during the spring but shaped as though amiss when pulled up on last month's hurdles debut at Chepstow.

7 PEPITE DE SAPHIR (330) 72
8- 4 11-3 | 71.2kg

 Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole *Charlie Hammond*
Probably more of long-term project judged on what she showed starting out in a mares' bumper at Newbury last December.

8 TRES BIEN (44) 60
35PP 4 11-3 | 71.2kg

 Philip Kirby *Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)*
Showed a bit when third in a Newton Abbot bumper on debut but has gone sharply downhill since, pulled up switched to hurdles the last twice. Has undergone a wind op.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-13 Rula Bula, 4-1 Natus Vincere, 15-2 Zarhanya, 14-1 Fireball Frenzy, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Given the level of ability she showed in bumpers, RULA BULA will likely prove hard to beat now upped in trip for this hurdles debut, provided of course that her jumping passes the test. Natus Vincere was a clear-cut winner of an Irish maiden point and she is respected given her status as that of an unknown quantity, while Zarhanya showed definite signs of ability in a Cheltenham bumper during the spring and she could be seen in a better light now hurdling and faced with a stiffer test.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RULA BULA 2. NATUS VINCERE 3. ZARHANYA

1.30

RACE 3

EXPLORE SHARED OWNERSHIP AT inthepaddock.co.uk
NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120)
£10,000 2m7f191y (4800 Metres)

Going: **Good**

Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 INOUI MACHIN (FR) (21) s **57**
 332413-13 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Neil Mulholland

Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)

Dual bumper winner who scored twice over hurdles last season, namely a Hereford maiden in March and a Kempton handicap 2 months later. Certainly built to make a chaser but he didn't take particularly well to fences upped to 3m on debut in this sphere at Ludlow 3 weeks ago. Yard also runs Kelce.

2 MOON HUNTER (34) s **93**
 P20/485F-4 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Henry Daly

Sam Twiston-Davies

Winning pointer who was 2-5 over hurdles and didn't shape at all badly on chase debut at Cheltenham last October. However, he has looked rather laboured since, including on return at Chepstow. Hopes here pinned on the first-time cheekpieces giving him a lift, which is not an impossibility.

3 MONTREGARD (FR) (29) (BF) s **91**
 31/61-36 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Tom Lacey

Stan Sheppard

Just second handicap when winning 11-runner contest in first-time cheekpieces at Wetherby in March. Followed that with a good effort at the Punchestown Festival and while he failed to land a blow on debut in this sphere back at Wetherby last month, this 5-y-o remains of interest.

4 KELCE (IRE) (6) (BF) s **100**
 687/08-P22 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Neil Mulholland

Sean Bowen

Didn't show much over hurdles but has looked a different proposition switched to fences with cheekpieces enlisted the last twice, latterly pulling well clear of the rest when second to a well-treated rival at Hexham (24.2f, good to soft) 6 days ago. Very much the one to beat.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Kelce, 9-4 Montregard, 5-1 Moon Hunter, 17-2 Inoui Machin

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KELCE has produced two bold front-running performances since tackling the larger obstacles and he is taken to make it third time lucky in this sphere. Forget Montregard's chase debut display at Wetherby, as this half-brother to top-class performer Protektorat will likely leave that form well behind here and he is the clear main danger. Moon Hunter has the ability to feature if responding well to the first-time headgear but Inoui Machin's debut effort over fences was somewhat inauspicious.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KELCE 2. MONTREGARD 3. MOON HUNTER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Picks Lad 7-11-4	6-4f	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	9
2022	Harry du Berlais 5-10-6	10-3	Nick Kent	Charlie Hammond	6
2021	Hunny Moon 7-11-4	3-1	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	5
2020	Cool Destination 7-11-7	7-4f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	8
2019	Sojourn 6-11-10	3-1	Anthony Honeyball	Rex Dingle (5)	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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LUCAS MACHINERY HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,500 2m5f89y (4310 Metres)

RACE 4




Going: **Good**


Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 KANKIN (24) (D) 16453-152 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg **97**

 **Alex Hales** *Kielan Woods*
Modest chaser who edged ahead close home to double his tally at Fakenham in May. Resumed with a good second off this mark at Plumpton (19.8f, good to soft) and should make his presence felt here, too.


2 EYED (18) (BF) 3/84624-42 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg **100**

 **Hughie Morrison** *David Bass*
Fair hurdler/chaser for Paul Webber and, on the back of another round of wind surgery, he made a positive start for this yard when chasing home Camino Rocio at Wincanton (20.2f, good). The winner gave that form a boost when winning again on Tuesday and this 7-y-o is very high on the shortlist.


3 UNWANTED ATTENTION (IRE) (34) (CD) P-3123PU8 **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg **98**

 **Ryan Potter** *Conor Ring*
Opened chase account over C&D in June, following which he was placed at Cartmel and Stratford. Went off too hard at Chepstow (23.6f, good to soft) under a conditional rider last time and interesting back down in trip in this slightly lower-grade handicap.


4 THE ELECTRICIAN (IRE) (47) (CD) 3P64-1573 **8** 10-12 | 68.9kg **96**

 **Mike Sowersby** *Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)*
Notched third success over fences when winning by a wide margin over C&D during the spring. Didn't run at all badly when third of 10 back from a break returned to this course in September and he's an each-way player off the same mark.

5 ZMIINYI (IRE) (23) (BF) 94-76 **6** 10-10 | 68.0kg **96**

 **Kim Bailey** *Tom Bellamy*
Went close on second of his 2 starts between the flags and, though it's been all rather low-key over hurdles so far, there was some promise in his latest handicap debut sixth at Exeter. May do better now switched to the larger obstacles.


6 JUMBO VESTE VERTE (FR) (26) 6/943368-5 **5** 10-8 | 67.1kg **96**

 **Tom Gretton** *Robert Dunne*
Still looking for his first success (0-8 over hurdles) and will need to raise his game in order to make a winning chase debut.


7 CARO DES FLOS (FR) (21) (CD) 3116-8555 **12** 10-7 | 66.7kg **95**

 **Julian Smith** *Harry Bannister*
Veteran who registered the first leg of a Market Rasen double last winter in this corresponding race. Not disgraced by any means when fifth of 10 back from a 4-month break at Ludlow and, down another 3 lb, he's dangerous to discount back at his old stomping ground.


8 HEY DAY BABY (IRE) (51) (CD) 9PP-4P1PP **6** 10-5 | 65.8kg **96**

 **Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill** *Benjamin Macey (10lb/5kg)*
Former point winner looked a different proposition on second chase start when cruising home over this C&D in August. However, her overall profile is hardly convincing and she has been pulled up both subsequent starts.

9 IRONHILL (IRE) (12) P072/P31-P **8** 10-4 | 65.3kg **86**

 **Tim Reed** *Harry Reed*
Bumper winner who was just poor under Rules and, though successful on final outing for Michael Scudamore at Worcester in August 2023, there were no positives to glean from his debut for this yard at Ayr recently.

10 SCOTSDALE (42) (C) P/7P-5433P **11** 10-2(9-8) | 64.4kg (60.8kg) **83**

 **Peter Winks** *Ben Ffrench Davis (5lb/2kg)*
Remains winless following 19 attempts in this sphere and looks set for another struggle from 8 lb out of the weights.

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Eyed, **10-3** Kankin, **13-2** The Electrician, **8-1** Unwanted Attention, **10-1** Zmiinyi, **12-1** Caro Des Flos, **18-1** Hey Day Baby, **33-1** Jumbo Veste Verte, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

EYED couldn't match strides with Camino Rocio on debut for Hughie Morrison at Wincanton but, with the winner going in again off a 7 lb higher mark at Huntingdon this week, that form looks solid. The 7-y-o is taken to go one better here. Kankin did little wrong when runner-up at Plumpton last time and he should go well. Zmiinyi is interesting now switched to fences and merits respect, along with each-way players Caro des Flos, The Electrician and Unwanted Attention.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EYED 2. KANKIN 3. ZMIINYI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Caro des Flos	11-10-8	4-1f	Julian Smith	Harry Bannister	10
2022	Radetzky March	7-12-0	17-2	L J Morgan	Lewis Dobb (7)	8
2021	Fresh New Dawn	9-11-12	7-2	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory (3)	9
2020	De Barley Basket	7-11-4	16-5	Ben Pauling	David Bass	11
2019	Tanrudy	5-11-8	9-4f	Nigel Hawke	Danny Cook	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

IN LOVING MEMORY OF EILEEN BROUGH HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-110) £9,000 2½m139y (4150 Metres)



Going: **Good**

Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

	1	TRIBAL GLORY (IRE) (55) (BF)	94
		21-22 6 11-12 75.3kg	
		Fergal O'Brien Mr Ben Sutton (5lb/2kg)	
		Point winner who landed a Worcester bumper last summer. Has filled the runner-up spot in a pair of Newton Abbot maidens switched to hurdles in recent months. Should go well on handicap debut.	
	2	GILBERTINA (175) (CD)	97
		3P/74210-8 7 11-7 73.0kg	
		Nick Kent Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)	
		Has often gone well here and bagged a second course success when just clinging on in a C&D handicap in February. Not in same form twice after, though. Back from 175 days off.	
	3	PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL (IRE) (364) (D)	96
		2234/6P67- 7 11-6 72.6kg	
		Mark Walford Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)	
		Struggling for form when last seen in this sphere and ran poorly on the Flat last time, so arrives with something to prove for all that he's on a handy mark.	
	4	MR SUNDANCER (45)	96
		6-P463148 6 11-6 72.6kg	
		Mark Walford Jamie Hamilton	
		Latest win in hurdle at Downpatrick in August. Below form eighth of 16 in handicap hurdle (12/1) at Roscommon (15.6f, soft) 34 days ago. First run for yard after leaving John Joseph Hanlon. Worth monitoring in the betting.	
	5	KAZONTERAZZ (87)	99
		U/44323-00 8 11-4 71.7kg	
		Martin Keighley Sean Bowen	
		Fair hurdler who recorded a trio of encouraging efforts since wind surgery, latterly at Newbury (24.2f) in January. Yet to fire this season but may have been building up her fitness.	
	6	KOSASIEMPRE (FR) (42) (CD)	96
		48PP-1152 6 11-2 70.8kg	
		Stuart Edmunds Ciaran Gethings	
		Dual 2m4f winner over C&D early this summer. Back on track when second at Southwell last time and boasts solid claims under ideal conditions.	
	7	BREAD AND BUTTER (IRE) (10)	100
		80593-401 9 11-2 70.8kg	
		Olly Murphy Lewis Saunders (7lb/3kg)	
		Back on track to capitalise on a reduced mark with something in hand at Hereford 10 days ago. Able to race off the same mark now and boasts obvious claims.	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Bread And Butter, **11-4** Tribal Glory, **13-2** Kosasiempre, **12-1** Kazontherazz, **14-1** Punxsutawney Phil, **18-1** Mr Sundancer, **22-1** Gilbertina

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BREAD AND BUTTER capitalised on a falling mark with something to spare in a conditionals race at Hereford 10 days ago and, having escaped a penalty, he's worth a chance to go in again under the same rider. Tribal Glory and Kosasiempre look the main dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BREAD AND BUTTER 2. TRIBAL GLORY 3. KOSASIEMPRE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Charles St 4-11-13	15-2	Fergal O'Brien	Tom Broughton (7)	10
2022	Happy And Fine 5-11-13	11-2	Alex Hales	Kielan Woods	10
2021	Mister Sweets 6-11-0	11-4	Neil Mulholland	Sean Bowen	6
2020	Just So Cool 9-11-9	10-3f	Tom Symonds	Brian Hughes	12
2020	Envol de La Cour 6-11-6	10-1	Michael Scudamore	Richard Patrick (3)	12
2019	Pride of Lecale 8-12-0	6-4f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

ENJOY YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE RACES HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000 2m7f16y (4640 Metres)



Going: **Good**

Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1 NATCHEZ TRACE (115) 97
436 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Declan Carroll **Robert Dunne**
Fair winner at 12f on Flat who has just run to a modest level at best in this sphere and was below form at Cartmel in July. Poor efforts on the Flat lately and others make more appeal.

2 GEORDIE NIGHT (194) 100
80/9457-5 5 11-9 | 73.9kg



Nick Kent **Charlie Hammond**
Unexposed 5-y-o who was unsuited by steady gallop when seventh of 14 on handicap debut at Market Rasen (18.6f, good to soft) in March. Failed to back that up next time and might need this after 6 months off.

3 I GOT STUNG (21) 93
65/540PF-8 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Kim Bailey **Tom Bellamy**
Offered a bit more than previously when fourth of 15 in a Ludlow novice in October but hasn't fired in handicaps since. Might strip fitter for his return at Ludlow, though.

4 ITHAKA (IRE) (49) 97
0PP39-753 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Ryan Potter **Conor Ring**
Slipping in the weights and there was a glimmer of encouragement when a distant third at Perth last time. Riffed with tongue strap and worth a market check.

5 G'DAY AUSSIE (2) (C) 95
71792-45 11 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dave Roberts **Lee Edwards**
Veteran now but has shaped as if retaining ability both starts this season, albeit his latest effort came only 2 days ago. Others make more appeal.

6 EAST EAGLE (IRE) (30) 96
5-548552 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Mike Sowersby **Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)**
Creditable second of 12 in handicap hurdle at this C&D (good, 40/1) 30 days ago, running on. Lightly raced and could build on that, so capable of making his presence felt.

7 WESTERN GLEN (IRE) (30) 96
40P6322F 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Gillian Boanas **Nathan Moscrop**
Remains winless following 13 attempts over hurdles but she has been knocking on the door, set for second when falling over C&D last time. One to consider.

8 HAPPY INDEX (50) 99
2P8455-21 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
Confirmed promise of yard debut when winning 11-runner handicap hurdle at Perth in September. Up 9 lb for that but remains of firm interest up in trip.

9 NO WORRIES (37) 98
689P-4621 10 10-12 | 68.9kg



Neil Mulholland **Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)**
8/1, improved to win 11-runner handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (19.6f, good) 37 days ago. That was impressive and he deserves respect after a rise.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 No Worries, **10-3** Happy Index, **5-1** Western Glen, **9-1** East Eagle, **11-1** I Got Stung, **12-1** Geordie Night, **20-1** Ithaka, **28-1** G'day Aussie, **33-1** Natchez Trace

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Last-time-out winners HAPPY INDEX and No Worries could dominate this, with preference for the former, who is the less exposed of the pair. Western Glen has been holding her form well and should make her presence felt if none the worse for a recent fall here.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAPPY INDEX 2. NO WORRIES 3. WESTERN GLEN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race