

Wednesday 16th October

1.50 BETVICTOR MAIDEN HURDLE 2m59y (3270 Metres)

RACE 1 **(10) THE MEDIATOR | (3) CAPPUCINO | (9) SILAS MARNER**

2.20 PUNCHESTOWN PREMIERE WEEKEND 23rd & 24th NOVEMBER MARES HANDICAP HURDLE 2m59y (3270 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) FIRST DARE | (6) TA NA LA | (4) HASTEN SLOWLY**

2.50 2025 MEMBERSHIP ON SALE SOON HANDICAP HURDLE 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) PRAY TELL | (5) PARK OF KINGS | (1) BARRY LYNDON**

3.20 BETVICTOR NOVICE CHASE (Grade 3) 2¼m75y (3690 Metres)

RACE 4 **(7) PINK IN THE PARK | (1) JORDANS | (2) MONBEG PARK**

3.50 BETVICTOR CHASE (Carvill's Hill) (Grade 3) 2m7f39y (4660 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) CONFLATED | (3) MINELLA INDO | (1) HEWICK**

4.20 MORELL SUITE AT PUNCHESTOWN (Q.R.) HANDICAP CHASE 2m7f39y (4660 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) READ TO RETURN | (5) DECIMATION | (9) CAFE DEL MAR**

4.55 PUNCHESTOWN RACECOURSE BEGINNERS CHASE 2m136y (3340 Metres)

RACE 7 **(11) NINE GRACES | (3) HYPOTENUS | (9) TOUCH ME NOT**

5.30 BETVICTOR I.N.H. FLAT 2m59y (3270 Metres)

RACE 8 **(2) JERRY FROM KERRY | (5) WHINNEY HILL | (1) FRIARY ROAD**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

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

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

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

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

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BETVICTOR MAIDEN HURDLE 5yo+ €12,500 2m59y
(3270 Metres)

RACE 1




Going: **Good (Good to Yielding in places)**


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Pace Information: **Even**


1 ANOTHER GLENDAARS (IRE) (122) 84

 **8** 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Aidan Anthony Howard, Ireland *S. D. Torrens*
11/1, shaped as if in need of the experience when eighth of 11 in maiden hurdle at Downpatrick (18.8f, good) on debut 4 months ago. First run for yard after leaving James Andrew Fahey.


2 BARNEY VAN WINKLE (IRE) (51) t 75

 00/00 9 11-12 | 75.3kg
John G. Carr, Ireland *J. Kearney (5lb/2kg)*
No impact in bumpers/maiden hurdles.


3 CAPPUCINO (IRE) (24) (D) 100

 324/236-1 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Ireland *Sean Flanagan*
7/2, got off the mark back in a bumper after 7 months off in 13-runner event at Listowel (16f, good) 24 days ago, having run of race. Big shout back hurdling.

4 COLONEL NELSON (IRE) (165) 85

 9 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Ms Margaret Mullins, Ireland *D. E. Mullins*
Second on his only point start but ran to just a poor level when ninth of 14 in bumper at this course (16f, soft, 8/1) on debut back in May. Makes hurdles debut.


5 DARCYS SONG (IRE) 82

 8 11-12 | 75.3kg
V. T. O'Brien, Ireland *A. M. King (7lb/3kg)*
Doyen gelding. Dam unraced. Likely outsider on debut.


6 HURRICANE JOEY (IRE) (9) 79

 OPO 8 11-12 | 75.3kg
Charles P. Keegan, Ireland *S. Fitzgerald*
No impact in 4 maiden hurdles (latest after 4 months off). Can only be watched.


7 NELSON MUNTZ (IRE) (121) 84

 0/77-30 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
David Harry Kelly, Ireland *Ryan Treacy*
13/2, returned to form when second of 6 in maiden at Killarney (11.2f, heavy) 9 days ago. A fair bumper performer, he could have a say on hurdles debut.


8 ROYAL NOBLE (IRE) (506) 60

 70- 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Michael G. Cleary, Ireland *Jack Foley*
Down the field in 2 bumpers in May 2023. Has since left Thomas Coyle and best watched now hurdling.

9 SILAS MARNER (IRE) (12) t 86

 6/66-F4 7 11-12 | 75.3kg
Charles O'Brien, Ireland *Gavin Peter Brouder (5lb/2kg)*
Fared better than previously over hurdles when fourth of 15 in maiden hurdle at Gowran (16f, good to soft, 66/1) 12 days ago, running on late. Each-way shout.

10 THE MEDIATOR (IRE) (12) b 96

 274-33422 7 11-12 | 75.3kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland *J. W. Kennedy*
Fairly useful hurdler. In frame last 5 starts, latest when respectable second of 15 in maiden hurdle (3/1) at Gowran (16f, good to soft) 12 days ago. Every chance he can go one better reunited with Jack Kennedy.

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 The Mediator, **5-2** Cappucino, **7-1** Silas Marner, **12-1** Nelson Muntz, **14-1** Another Glendaars, **16-1** Colonel Nelson, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THE MEDIATOR is running consistently well, and this looks a golden opportunity for Gordon Elliott's 7-y-o to belatedly open his account at the expense of Cappucino, who was allowed the run of the race when getting off the mark on reappearance in a Listowel bumper recently and now has another crack over obstacles. Silas Marner and Nelson Muntz are another couple of interest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THE MEDIATOR 2. CAPPUCINO 3. SILAS MARNER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Fascile Mode 5-11-12	1-2f	Thomas Mullins	M. J. M. O'Sullivan	15
2022	Marine Nationale 5-11-12	4-9f	Barry Connell	M. J. M. O'Sullivan (5)	12
2021	My Mate Mozzie 5-12-0	11-8	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Sean Flanagan	15
2020	Eskylane 6-12-0	8-11f	Gordon Elliott	Keith Donoghue	18
2019	Beacon Edge 5-11-12	4-6f	Noel Meade	Rachael Blackmore	19

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

PUNCHESTOWN PREMIERE WEEKEND 23rd & 24th NOVEMBER MARES HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ fillies and mares €14,500 2m59y (3270 Metres)




Going: **Good (Good to Yielding in places)**

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**

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FIRST DARE (IRE) (28) (D)

442122-51 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg

Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Ireland **T. P. Harney (7lb/3kg)**

Steadily progressive mare who posted a career best when winning 13-runner handicap hurdle at Tramore (16.6f, good) 28 days ago, by 5 lengths from Ta Na La. Assessor applies further pressure but she could yet have more to offer.

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SADDLE HER UP (IRE) (220)

24168- **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Declan Queally, Ireland **S. Fitzgerald**

Fair hurdles winner, off the mark in mares' maiden at Fairyhouse (18.2f, soft) in January. Struggled at listed/Grade 3 level thereafter but switch to handicaps a definite plus now starting out for new yard/after 7 months off. Market can guide.

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TIMELESS PIECE (IRE) (138)

74514-F0 **4** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**

Winner in hurdle at Down Royal (17f, heavy) in January. 12/1, last of 11 in handicap hurdle at Tramore (2m) in May, beaten early final circuit. Needs to hit the ground running back from a break.

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HASTEN SLOWLY (IRE) (62) (D)

621 **4** 11-5 | 72.1kg

John McConnell, Ireland **Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)**

Fair Flat winner who displayed similar form when off the mark in a Tramore maiden hurdle (2m) in August. Below best on the level at Naas later that month but she remains open to improvement now handicapping in this sphere.

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OPTIONAL MIX (IRE) (66)

00U-62186 **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Eoin Doyle, Ireland **H. Morgan**

Latest win in chase at Kilbeggan in June. 12/1, sixth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Downpatrick (21.8f, good) 66 days ago. Down in trip.

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TA NA LA (USA) (6) (BF)

345-31824 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg

T. M. Walsh, Ireland **Shane O'Callaghan (5lb/2kg)**

Winner in hurdle at Bellewstown in July. Creditable fourth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Tramore (20.3f, good to soft, 5/2) 6 days ago, paying for a big move into contention. Not taken lightly back down in trip.

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VISCHIO (IRE) (10) (D, BF)

0244-384P **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg

R. Donohoe, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**

Unreliable sort. 3/1, pulled up in handicap hurdle at Tipperary (16.2f, good to soft) 10 days ago, racing well off pace and pulled up soon after the second (saddle slipped). Far from the easiest to predict.

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CASH THE CHEQUE (IRE) (13) (D)

2360-1545 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg

Brendan Maurice Walsh, Ireland **D. J. O'Keeffe**

Latest win in hurdle at Tipperary in May. 8/1, respectable fifth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Clonmel (19.9f, good) 13 days ago. Drop back in her favour on that evidence.

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BETTY DUTTON (IRE) (72)

377-64265 **6** 10-7 | 66.7kg

E. J. O'Grady, Ireland **M. M. McDonagh**

22/1, fourth of 6 in maiden at Killarney (11.2f, heavy) 9 days ago. Switches from Flat to hurdles now but her losing run now stretches back over 2 years.

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9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 First Dare, **5-1** Ta Na La, **6-1** Hasten Slowly, **8-1** Cash The Cheque, **10-1** Betty Dutton, **10-1** Saddle Her Up, **12-1** Vischio, **14-1** Timeless Piece, **16-1** Optional Mix

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FIRST DARE took another step forward on the back of a break when a ready winner at Tramore 4 weeks ago and she may well be up to defying the assessor again on that evidence. Ta Na La, who chased home the selection that day is a threat once more on these revised terms. Hasten Slowly and Cash The Cheque are others fancied to be in the mix.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FIRST DARE 2. TA NA LA 3. HASTEN SLOWLY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Banntown Girl	8-11-12	3-1	Stephen Gerard Carey	Mr R. James (7)	10
2022	Well Funded	6-10-8	8-1	Eoin Christopher McCarthy	Richard Deegan	10
2021	Mighty Meggsie	5-10-9	6-4f	Mrs J. Harrington	Robbie Power	9
2020	Gotthenod	6-11-4	16-1	Mrs D. A. Love	S. D. Torrens (5)	17
2019	Shumaker	7-10-8	11-8f	Paul Traynor	D. J. McNerney	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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2025 MEMBERSHIP ON SALE SOON HANDICAP HURDLE
4yo+ €16,000 2½m (4020 Metres)


RACE 3





Going: **Good (Good to Yielding in places)**


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Pace Information: **Even**


1 BARRY LYNDON (IRE) (49) (C, D) **98**
 25F4-6501 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg
 **Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland** *L. A. McKenna (5lb/2kg)*
 Course winner. 8/1 and cheekpieces on for 1st time, career best when winning 15-runner handicap hurdle at Bellewstown (20.5f, good) 49 days ago. Up 8 lb but he's clearly in excellent order.


2 MOONOVERCLOON (IRE) (18) (BF) **98**
 3223U27U **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg
 **Matthew J. Smith, Ireland** *Keith Donoghue*
 Twelve runs since last win in 2023. 9/2, running creditably when unseated rider in handicap chase at Listowel (22f, soft) 18 days ago would have finished in frame. Switches from chase to hurdles.


3 BALTIC BIRD (74) **97**
 1250-7140 **5** 11-10 | 74.4kg
 **William Durkan, Ireland** *Oakley Brown (5lb/2kg)*
 Creditable fourth of 13 in handicap at Bellewstown (17.5f, good to soft, 4/1) 50 days ago. Switches from Flat to hurdles. Hood back on and this slight drop in trip will help his cause.


4 PRAY TELL (IRE) (20) (D) **100**
 63/2-23011 **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg
 **Desmond Kenneally, Ireland** *J. Smith (7lb/3kg)*
 2 wins from 5 runs this season. Career best when winning 14-runner handicap hurdle at Listowel (20f, soft, 4/1) 20 days ago, readily. Expected to be bang there in hat-trick bid, even after 10 lb rise.


5 PARK OF KINGS (IRE) (12) (C, D) **99**
 1335-0061 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
 **Paul Nolan, Ireland** *M. P. Walsh*
 Course winner. Career best when winning 15-runner handicap hurdle at Gowran (20.2f, good to soft, 11/2) 12 days ago, readily. Switch to more positive tactics clearly in his favour and he can go well again.


6 D ART D ART (FR) (169) **98**
 10/71240-0 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
 **Thomas Cooper, Ireland** *Donagh Meyler*
 6/1, fourth of 12 in minor event at Listowel (14f, soft) on flat debut 19 days ago, left with lot to do. Switches from Flat to hurdles. Fairly useful hurdler, below form on last hurdles run at this venue.


7 SIR BOB (IRE) (165) (C, D) **95**
 01P4621-P **12** 11-2 | 70.8kg
 **Robert Tyner, Ireland** *S. D. Torrens*
 Pulled up in handicap chase (12/1) at this course (31.3f, soft) 165 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Significantly down in trip.

8 CALL THE TUNE (IRE) (318) (BF) **99**
 6222P- **10** 10-11 | 68.5kg
 **Barry Connell, Ireland** *M. J. M. O'Sullivan*
 7/2, pulled up in handicap chase at Fairyhouse (29.6f, soft), pulled up before last. Off 10 months. Switches from chase to hurdles. Significantly down in trip.

9 SEQUOIASPIRIT (IRE) (12) **99**
 350-22694 **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg
 **Ray Hackett, Ireland** *Liam Quinlan (3lb/1kg)*
 Remains a maiden after 17 NH runs. 20/1, creditable 5 lengths fourth of 15 to Park of Kings in handicap hurdle at Gowran (20.2f, good to soft) 12 days ago, shaping quite well from an unpromising early position.

10 WHATSAVAILABLE (IRE) (20) (D) **92**
 79235-900 **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg
 **M. F. Morris, Ireland** *D. J. O'Keefe*
 Twelve runs since last win in 2022. 21½ lengths twelfth of 14 to Pray Tell in handicap hurdle (33/1) at Listowel (20f, soft) 20 days ago. Uphill task.

11 LEADING LION (IRE) (37) (D, BF) **97**
 0077-17 **4** 10-5 | 65.8kg
 **Gordon Elliott, Ireland** *Sam Ewing*
 1 win from 2 runs this season. Winner in hurdle at Bellewstown in August. 9/4, seventh of 8 in handicap hurdle at Perth (16.2f, good to soft) 37 days ago. Back up in trip.

12 MISSUS BEETON (IRE) (12) **98**
 61280823 **6** 10-2 | 64.4kg
 **Shane Nolan, Ireland** *C. M. Quirke (5lb/2kg)*
 Creditable 4¼ lengths third of 15 to Park of Kings in handicap hurdle (9/1) at Gowran (20.2f, good to soft) 12 days ago, needing stronger gallop.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Pray Tell, **11-2** Park of Kings, **7-1** Barry Lyndon, **10-1** Sequoiaspirit, **11-1** Call The Tune, **11-1** Moonovercloon, **12-1** Missus Beeton, **12-1** Baltic Bird, **14-1** Leading Lion, **22-1** Sir Bob, **25-1** D Art D Art, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PRAY TELL turned a competitive-looking handicap at Listowel into a rout 3 weeks ago and while the assessor has reacted with a 10 lb rise it may not be enough to prevent the hat-trick. Park of Kings and Barry Lyndon also arrive on the up so head the opposition.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PRAY TELL 2. PARK OF KINGS 3. BARRY LYNDON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Dancing Jeremy 8-10-7	14-1	James Andrew Fahey	Donagh Meyler	17
2022	King Kal 6-10-1	7-2f	Colm A. Murphy	B. Hayes	15
2021	Aldo The Apache 5-10-6	10-1	Colm A. Murphy	E. Walsh (5)	10
2020	Red Gerry 4-10-11	11-4	Noel Meade	Sean Flanagan	10
2019	Conron 5-11-1	7-1	Mrs J. Harrington	Robbie Power	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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BETVICTOR NOVICE CHASE (Grade 3) 4yo+ €28,500
2¼m75y (3690 Metres)

RACE 4




Going: **Good (Good to Yielding in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 JORDANS (FR) (24) (D, BF) h 99
 1144265-2 5 11-1 | 70.3kg

 Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland  **Richard Deegan**
 Promising sort. First run since leaving Mlle D. Mele when second of 6 in novice chase (2/1) at Listowel (17.7f, good) on IRE debut 24 days ago. Should continue to give a good account.


2 MONBEG PARK (IRE) (47) (C) s+t 97
 445-05142 7 11-1 | 70.3kg

 Sean Thomas Doyle, Ireland **Jordan Colin Gainford**
 Useful hurdler. Latest win in chase at Wexford in July. 5/1, creditable second of 6 in novice chase at Wexford (19.4f, good to soft) 47 days ago. That puts him in the mix.


3 RAINBOW TRAIL (FR) (11) 93
 1721-51 6 11-1 | 70.3kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**
 Fairly useful hurdler who matched that form when winning 5-runner novice chase at Gowran (20f, good to firm, 8/1) on debut over fences 11 days ago, driven out. Open to progress.


4 AIR DROP (IRE) (24) 93
 521PP-733 6 10-8 | 67.1kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Sam Ewing**
 Fairly useful chaser. Good third of 6 in novice chase (9/1) at Listowel (17.7f, good) 24 days ago. Getting better with each recent run over the larger obstacles but this is a tough ask.



5 BROOMFIELD BIJOU (IRE) (21) (C) 99
 11/238-01P 6 10-8 | 67.1kg

 J. P. Dempsey, Ireland **Donagh Meyler**
 Fairly useful winner at 17f over hurdles. Made a winning chase debut but possibly amiss when pulled up in novice chase (5/2) at Listowel (19.4f, soft) 21 days ago, folding soon after 4 out.

6 MUST BE DREAMING (IRE) (28) s+t 83
 44704591 7 10-8 | 67.1kg

 G. Ahern, Ireland **J. P. Shinnick**
 Fair chaser. 13/2, improved to win 9-runner handicap chase at Tramore (16f, good) 28 days ago, cruising clear. Very hard to make a case for at this level.

7 PINK IN THE PARK (IRE) (21) (C) ★ 100
 2485-0142 7 10-8 | 67.1kg

 W. P. Mullins, Ireland  **D. E. Mullins**
 Fairly useful winner at 19f over hurdles. 9/2, creditable second of 5 in novice chase at Listowel (19.4f, soft) 21 days ago, no match for winner. Major player on these terms.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Jordans, **10-3** Pink In The Park, **9-2** Monbeg Park, **11-2** Rainbow Trail, **7-1** Broomfield Bijou, **14-1** Air Drop, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Not the strongest of graded contests, with PINK IN THE PARK just about the pick having got back on track when runner-up at Listowel 3 weeks ago. Jordans and Monbeg Park are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PINK IN THE PARK 2. JORDANS 3. MONBEG PARK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Hercule du Seuil 6-11-10	4-11f	W. P. Mullins	M. P. Walsh	6
2022	Adamantly Chosen 5-11-1	5-6f	W. P. Mullins	D. E. Mullins	6
2021	Embittered 7-11-3	5-4f	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	B. J. Cooper	6
2020	Zarkareva 4-10-1	5-1	Henry de Bromhead	D. Robinson	5
2019	Jan Maat 6-11-1	2-1	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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BETVICTOR CHASE (Carvill's Hill) (Grade 3) 5yo+ €28,500
2m7f39y (4660 Metres)

RACE 5



Going: **Good (Good to Yielding in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 HEWICK (IRE) (151) (D) b **93**
 F1/4016-32 **9** 11-12 | 75.3kg
John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland *Jordan Colin Gainford*
 Top-class chaser. 88/10, creditable 1½ lengths second of 14 to Losange Bleu in Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil at Auteuil (25.4f, soft) 151 days ago, staying on well. Switches from hurdles to chase. Big player on return.

2 VISIONARIAN (IRE) (11) **88**
 05112-P01 **9** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland *Keith Donoghue*
 Smart chaser. 1 win from 3 runs this season. Didn't need to improve to win 3-runner PWC Champion Chase at Gowran (20f, good to firm, 10/3) 11 days ago by 4 lengths from French Dynamite, driven clear.

3 MINELLA INDO (IRE) (186) (CD) **94**
 P1P/1443- **11** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Henry de Bromhead, Ireland *D. J. O'Keefe*
 High-class chaser. C&D winner. Eight wins from 24 NH runs. Good third of 32 in handicap chase (28/1) at Aintree (34.3f, soft). Off 6 months. Significantly down in trip. Won this on his comeback last year.

4 CONFLATED (IRE) (168) s **100**
 P/53UU32-6 **10** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland *J. W. Kennedy*
 Top-class chaser. 25/1, 9½ lengths sixth of 9 to Fastorslow in Punchestown Gold Cup at this course (25f, good to soft) 168 days ago. Clear pick on form, though was well held in this last year on his return.

5 DESERTMORE HOUSE (IRE) (21) s+t **86**
 1711843-P **9** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Martin Brassil, Ireland *R. A. Doyle*
 Useful chaser. Pulled up in handicap chase (25/1) at Listowel (23.8f, soft) 21 days ago. Plenty to find on form.

6 ESPANITO BELLO (FR) (198) v **82**
 1P/1PU3UP- **10** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Barry Connell, Ireland *M. J. M. O'Sullivan*
 Useful hurdler. Pulled up in Fairyhouse Chase (33/1) at Fairyhouse (19.7f, heavy) won by Journey With Me, losing touch from ninth. Off 6 months. Easy to look elsewhere.

7 FRENCH DYNAMITE (FR) (11) (C, D) s+t **87**
 4/34-24702 **9** 11-0 | 69.9kg
M. F. Morris, Ireland *M. P. Walsh*
 Useful chaser. Course winner. Twelve runs since last win in 2022. 4 lengths second of 3 to Visionarian in PWC Champion Chase (5/2) at Gowran (20f, good to firm) 11 days ago.

8 MINELLA CROONER (IRE) (165) (C, D) s **88**
 P/1P33PP-1 **8** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland *D. J. Gilligan*
 Smart chaser. Six wins from 18 NH runs. 1 win from 1 run this season. 25/1, career best when winning 12-runner handicap chase at this course (24.5f, soft) 165 days ago.

9 HURRICANE GEORGIE (IRE) (21) s **87**
 PP-1F6718 **7** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland *Sam Ewing*
 Useful chaser. 2 wins from 6 runs this season. Cheekpieces on for 1st time, below form eighth of 17 in handicap chase at Listowel (23.8f, soft, 28/1) 21 days ago.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
2-1 Conflated, **7-2** Hewick, **5-1** Minella Indo, **10-1** Visionarian, **14-1** Minella Crooner, **16-1** French Dynamite, **25-1** Desertmore House, **25-1** Espanito Bello, **28-1** Hurricane Georgie

TIMEFORM VIEW:
 CONFLATED needed the run when well held in this last year but will take some stopping on these terms if anywhere near his best this time around. Fellow Grade 1 winners Minella Indo and Hewick are the obvious threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CONFLATED 2. MINELLA INDO 3. HEWICK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Minella Indo	10-11-6	15-8f	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	5
2022	Galvin	8-11-12	11-10f	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	5
2021	Galvin	7-11-10	evsf	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	5
2020	The Storyteller	9-11-2	2-1f	Gordon Elliott	Keith Donoghue	8
2019	Jett	8-11-8	22-1	Mrs J. Harrington	Robbie Power	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.20

MORELL SUITE AT PUNCHESTOWN (Q.R.) HANDICAP CHASE
Syo+ €11,500 2m7f39y (4660 Metres)

RACE 6



Going: **Good (Good to Yielding in places)**

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**

1 JOYEUX VIVO (FR) (19) 97
 26-33468F 5 12-4 | 78.0kg
 John E. & Thomas Kiely, Ireland **Mr J. L. Gleeson (3lb/1kg)**
 Struggling for form at present and was still well off the pace when falling 5 out at Listowel (19.4f, soft) 19 days ago.



2 READ TO RETURN (IRE) (165) (D) 100
 1543865-9 7 12-4 | 78.0kg
 Mrs C. O'Leary, Ireland **Mr D. O'Connor**
 In good form early last season, scoring at Killarney (23f) and making the frame in 3 other starts. Form rather tailed off in latter part of campaign but he could be interesting with Derek O'Connor booked for his return.



3 POLITICISE (IRE) (159) 94
 7363841-0 8 12-2 | 77.1kg
 Cian Michael Collins, Ireland **Mr C. A. Bowman (7lb/3kg)**
 Tenth of 13 in handicap (18/1) at Clonmel (16.6f, good) 41 days ago. Switches from Flat to chase. Won on last chase outing at Down Royal (20f) in April and will be dangerous if back to that sort of form here.



4 THE DABBLER (IRE) (65) (D) 99
 PP330-514 11 12-1 | 76.7kg
 Liam P. Cusack, Ireland **Mr P. W. Gleeson (7lb/3kg)**
 Unreliable type. 1 win from 3 runs this season. 11/2, fourth of 5 in handicap hurdle at Ballinrobe (25.8f, good to soft) 65 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Others preferred.



5 DECIMATION (IRE) (18) 95
 4/258-0542 9 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Eric McNamara, Ireland **Mr R. W. Barron (5lb/2kg)**
 Posted his best effort for some time when second of 10 in handicap chase at Listowel (23.8f, soft) 18 days ago. Just 1 lb higher now and holds solid claims.



6 NOWINITTOWINIT (IRE) (60) 97
 1/15P-P444 8 11-8 | 73.5kg
 Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Mr S. Connor (7lb/3kg)**
 Very good fourth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Perth (23.9f, good, 11/1) 60 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Merits consideration.



7 PEBBLE BLEU (IRE) (14) 97
 0082-P545 5 11-8 | 73.5kg
 Colin Motherway, Ireland **Mr M. J. Kenneally (7lb/3kg)**
 66/1, fifth of 7 in novice chase at Sligo (17.6f, good) 14 days ago. Significantly up in trip. Work to do on handicap chase debut.



8 ARDAGHS CHOICE (IRE) (47) 94
 28/6-P6443 9 11-1 | 70.3kg
 E. Sheehy, Ireland **Mr T. Walsh (7lb/3kg)**
 Arrives in good form, latest when good third of 15 in handicap chase (6/1) at Wexford (25f, good to soft) 47 days ago, rallying. Remains fairly treated and must enter calculations.



9 CAFE DEL MAR (IRE) (13) (D) 94
 63/0-42283 8 10-11 | 68.5kg
 David J. Phelan **Mr H. C. Swan (3lb/1kg)**
 Consistent performer who made the frame again when good third of 15 in handicap hurdle at Clonmel (24.7f, good) 13 days ago. Feasibly treated, back over the larger obstacles, and must enter calculations.



10 KNOCKNACONNERY (IRE) (19) 80
 709P-0807 8 10-7 | 66.7kg
 S. Curling, Ireland **Mr J. C. Canavan (7lb/3kg)**
 50/1 and blinkered for 1st time, seventh of 16 in handicap chase at Listowel (19.4f, soft) 19 days ago. Others look better treated.



11 MASTERMIND (IRE) (53) 95
 707/856-68 10 10-7 | 66.7kg
 Alan Fleming, Ireland **Miss Georgie Benson (7lb/3kg)**
 Twenty nine runs since last win in 2018. Respectable eighth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Killarney (20.2f, good to soft, 16/1) 53 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Improvement required on handicap chase debut.



12 GREENWAY MACHINE (IRE) (5) (D) 91
 5-4173224 12 10-7 | 66.7kg
 Ms Helen P. Markham, Ireland **Mr R. M. McParland (7lb/3kg)**
 Latest win in chase at Tramore in June. Below form fourth of 9 in handicap chase (11/2) at Downpatrick (23.7f, good to soft) 5 days ago. Work to do.



13 LAND JET (IRE) (89) 90
 P907-8529 8 10-7 | 66.7kg
 Peter Maher, Ireland **Mr D. Doyle (7lb/3kg)**
 Remains a maiden after 18 NH runs. 16/1, below form ninth of 15 in handicap chase at Killarney (23f, good) 89 days ago. Booking of Doyle a plus. Plenty to find on form.



13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Decimation, **6-1** Ardagh's Choice, **9-1** Politicise, **10-1** Read To Return, **10-1** Nowinittoinit, **10-1** Cafe Del Mar, **12-1** Joyeux Vivo, **16-1** The Dabblers, **16-1** Pebble Bleu, **18-1** Greenway Machine, **22-1** Mastermind, **28-1** Knocknacunnery, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

In an open race, it could be worth chancing READ TO RETURN, who figures off a handy mark and has the assistance of Derek O'Connor. Decimation and Cafe del Mar head the list of dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. READ TO RETURN 2. DECIMATION 3. CAFE DEL MAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Hardwired 7-11-7	9-1	T. M. Walsh	Mr D. O'Connor	10
2022	Menindee 6-11-6	4-1	David Christie	B. W. Harvey (7)	13
2021	Direct Image 8-10-7	5-2jf	Robert Tyrner	M. J. M. O'Sullivan (7)	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.55

PUNCHESTOWN RACECOURSE BEGINNERS CHASE 4yo+ €12,500 2m136y (3340 Metres)


RACE 7





Going: **Good (Good to Yielding in places)**


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 CLONSHIRE RIVER (IRE) (42) t **90**
 90/02-F722 7 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Eddie & Patrick Harty, Ireland **K. E. Buckley**
 Fair hurdler. 4/1, creditable second of 14 in novice hurdle at Kilbeggan (16f, good to soft) 42 days ago. Much respected on his chase debut.


2 FASCILE MODE (IRE) (55) (C, D) **93**
 85-603108 6 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Thomas Mullins, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**
 Useful hurdler. Latest win in hurdle here in June. 11/2, eighth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Killarney (17f, soft) 55 days ago. Makes chase debut. One to consider.


3 HYPOTENUS (14) ★ **100**
 261636-42 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
 Promising individual. Fairly useful winner at 16f over hurdles. 3/1, very good second of 7 in novice chase at Sligo (17.6f, good) 14 days ago, going off too hard. Likely to improve.


4 LAZER WOLF (IRE) (169) (D) h **91**
 3240221-8 6 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **S. Fitzgerald**
 Fairly useful hurdler. Winner in hurdle at Limerick in March. 14/1, below form eighth of 24 in handicap hurdle at this course (19.4f, good to soft) 169 days ago, finding little. Makes chase debut.


5 MOON D'ORANGE (FR) (182) (BF) **93**
 15U23310- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg
 John McConnell, Ireland **B. W. Harvey**
 Fairly useful hurdler. 4/1, thirteenth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (24f, good). Off 6 months. Makes chase debut. Significantly down in trip. Rejoined yard after leaving Fergal O'Brien.


6 QUORNOFAMONDAY (IRE) (220) h **79**
 00/032291- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg
 J. P. Dempsey, Ireland **E. Walsh**
 Fair hurdler. 4/1, career best when winning 19-runner handicap hurdle at Naas (15.5f, heavy), comfortably. Off 7 months. Makes chase debut. Hooded for 1st time. Merits consideration.


7 SAM MAGEE (IRE) (70) t **92**
 0/8751-9P4 7 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **D. J. O'Keeffe**
 Fairly useful chaser. Winner in hurdle at Wexford in April. Good fourth of 8 in novice chase at Wexford (19.6f, good to soft, 9/1) 70 days ago. Can make presence felt.

8 TOTO TOO (IRE) (18) (D) **93**
 151-0BP34 7 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**
 Useful hurdler. Latest win in hurdle at Naas in April. Cheekpieces on for 1st time, respectable fourth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Listowel (20f, soft, 9/2) 18 days ago. Makes chase debut. Not ruled out.

9 TOUCH ME NOT (IRE) (177) (D) **92**
 3441- 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**
 Much improved when getting off the mark over hurdles in 2m Tramore maiden in April. Off since but still needs considering on his chase debut.

10 WANDERING ROCKS (14) (D) s+t **93**
 387-14003 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
 William Durkan, Ireland **Oakley Brown (5lb/2kg)**
 Fairly useful winner at 17f over hurdles. Cheekpieces on for 1st time, encouraging third of 7 in novice chase (22/1) at Sligo (17.6f, good) on debut over fences 14 days ago. Can build on it now.

11 NINE GRACES (160) (C) t ★ **100**
 11/53305-3 7 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Barry Connell, Ireland **M. J. M. O'Sullivan**
 Useful winner at 22f over hurdles. Has shown promise both runs over fences, set plenty to do when third of 7 in novice chase at Tipperary (23.4f, good to soft, 2/1) 160 days ago. The form pick.

12 MACINAMILLION (IRE) (20) **90**
 7851-6254 4 11-3 | 71.2kg
 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **K. C. Sexton**
 Fairly useful hurdler. Winner in hurdle at Cork in April. Creditable fourth of 12 in handicap hurdle (22/1) at Listowel (16f, soft) 20 days ago. Makes chase debut. Can't be dismissed.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Nine Graces, **7-2** Hypotenus, **10-1** Fascile Mode, **10-1** Toto Too, **11-1** Moon D'orange, **12-1** Wandering Rocks, **14-1** Touch Me Not, **16-1** Sam Magee, **22-1** Lazer Wolf, **33-1** Macinamillion, **33-1** Clonshire River, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A few of these offer potential but NINE GRACES has some useful winning form to her name over hurdles and has shaped well on both her runs over fences to date too so looks the way to go. Hypotenus also enters the equation on the back of his very good Sligo second, with chase debutants Touch Me Not, Fascile Mode and Moon d'Orange also worthy of consideration.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NINE GRACES 2. HYPOTENUS 3. TOUCH ME NOT

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.30**BETVICTOR I.N.H. FLAT 4yo €11,500 2m59y (3270 Metres)**

RACE 8

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Yielding in places)**

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: **Very Weak**

1 FRIARY ROAD (IRE) (20) (D) 86
51 4 11-10 | 74.4kg



T. M. Walsh, Ireland

Mr J. H. Williamson (7lb/3kg)

Twice-raced winner in bumpers. 1 win from 2 runs this season. 11/1, won 12-runner bumper at Listowel (16f, soft) 20 days ago. Easy enough to take on under a penalty.

2 JERRY FROM KERRY (IRE) (33) (D) 100
21 4 11-10 | 74.4kg



Emmet Mullins, Ireland

Mr M. J. O'Neill (7lb/3kg)

Twice-raced winner in bumpers. 1 win from 2 runs this season. 6/4, won 8-runner bumper at Ballinrobe (16.2f, good to soft) 33 days ago. Sets the bar pretty high.

3 COULDNTMAKEITUP (IRE) (18) 81
96 4 11-3 | 71.2kg



James A. Nash, Ireland

Mr D. O'Connor

Twice-raced maiden. 16/1, sixth of 7 in bumper at Listowel (16f, soft) 18 days ago.

4 FEELING GAME BALL (IRE) (163) 80
0 4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Ireland

Mr J. W. Hendrick (7lb/3kg)

Once-raced maiden. 14/1, eleventh of 12 in bumper at Down Royal (16.8f, good to soft) on NH debut 163 days ago.

5 WHINNEY HILL 96
4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Mr H. C. Swan (3lb/1kg)

£40,000 3-y-o, £140,000 4-y-o, Jack Hobbs gelding. Half-brother to fair 17f hurdle winner Rascal. Dam (h106), maiden hurdler, sister to smart hurdler/top-class chaser (stayed 29f) Bellshill. Runner-up sole start in points (Feb 24). Likely-looking newcomer.

6 HARLEY'S PRIDE (IRE) 81
4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Christopher David Timmons, Ireland

Mr J. L. Gleeson (3lb/1kg)

€3,500 3-y-o, Jet Away filly. Half-sister to 3 winners on Flat, including 1m-16.5f winner Sophar Sogood. Dam unraced.

7 MORELL RIVER (IRE) (12) 70
07 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Peter Maher, Ireland

Mr D. Doyle (7lb/3kg)

Twice-raced maiden. 200/1, seventh of 18 in novice hurdle at Gowran (16f, good to soft) 12 days ago. Makes bumpers debut.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Jerry From Kerry, **15-8** Whinney Hill, **15-2** Friary Road, **20-1** Harley's Pride, **25-1** Couldntmakeitup, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JERRY FROM KERRY confirmed debut promise when beating a subsequent winner at Ballinrobe and he can defy a penalty at the main expense of likely newcomer Whinney Hill.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JERRY FROM KERRY 2. WHINNEY HILL 3. FRIARY ROAD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	My Great Mate 4-11-10	10-11f W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	11
2022	But What 4-11-0	7-1 A. Slattery	Mr A. P. Ryan (7)	10
2021	Hey Johnny 4-11-9	9-2 Thomas Mullins	Mr Charlie Mullins (7)	4
2020	Any Givin Sunday 4-11-2	11-2 Tom J. Taaffe	Miss A. B. O'Connor (5)	7
2019	Fantasio d'Alene 4-11-10	8-15f Gordon Elliott	Ms Lisa O'Neill	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race