

Wednesday 23rd October

# FONTWELL



1.55	WIN £1M WITH BETMGM'S GOLDEN GOALS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)
RACE 1	<b>(3) FRENCH SYMPHONY   (13) LAGERTHA   (8) TOMMY THE TANK</b>
2.30	BETMGM: IT'S SHOWTIME HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m5f164y (4370 Metres)
RACE 2	<b>(4) GOLDEN AMBITION   (2) EASTER ICON   (10) WHAT'S MY LINE</b>
3.05	GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 2m1f165y (3570 Metres)
RACE 3	<b>(7) MUTUAL RESPECT   (1) CALL OFF THE DOGS   (3) KOENIGSSTERN</b>
3.40	WEEKLY FREE BETS WITH BETMGM EXTRA HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)
RACE 4	<b>(4) INCA DE LAFAYETTE   (6) JUNKANOO   (1) OSCARS MOONSHINE</b>
4.15	BOOST YOUR ACCA AT BETMGM HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f210y (5220 Metres)
RACE 5	<b>(6) INSTANT GAMBLER   (7) EURKASH   (3) SAMOURAI ONE</b>
4.45	BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT BETMGM MARES' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)
RACE 6	<b>(1) DRUMLEE SPUD   (3) TUSCAN ROSE   (5) MISS POPALONG</b>

## 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.

**1.55**

**WIN £1M WITH BETMGM'S GOLDEN GOALS MAIDEN HURDLE**  
**(4) 4yo+ £7,700 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 ALMUHIT (IRE) (42) 89**  
 2660/07-57 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Gary Brown *Isabelle Ryder (71b/3kg)*  
 Fairly useful maiden hurdler at his best but he proved to be a disappointment on debut for new yard here in September and didn't run much better at Worcester only 3 days later.

**2 DRUMHELLER (IRE) (315) 89**  
 34- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Nick Gifford *Non Runner*  
 NON RUNNER.

**3 FRENCH SYMPHONY (IRE) (224) (BF) 100**  
 335- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Ben Pauling *Ben Jones*  
 Winning pointer who shaped with plenty of promise when placed first 2 starts in bumpers. Not quite in same form at Huntingdon on final outing but will be suited by this step up on trip on hurdle debut and reappears with his yard amongst the winners.

**4 JUST LUCKY SIVOLA (FR) (205) 93**  
 16- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*  
 From a good family and made a successful debut in a Southwell bumper last November. Disappointed under a penalty at Huntingdon but bred to have a future over hurdles.

**5 LA HIGUERA (IRE) (187) 91**  
 4- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Toby Lawes *K. Brogan*  
 €90,000 3-y-o, half-brother to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/smart chaser Robin des Foret. Placed on 2 of 3 starts in Irish points and shaped like a stayer when fourth of 8 sole outing in bumpers at Exeter 6 months ago. Longer trip a plus now hurdling.

**6 SUMMER IN MILAN (IRE) (19) 89**  
 4-7 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Chris Gordon *Freddie Gordon (51b/2kg)*  
 Showed ability on his only start in Irish bumpers (for P. M. J. Doyle) having earlier won a point but made a low-key hurdling debut after 6 months off at this course 19 days ago.

**7 SUPER SABRE SAM (260) 89**  
 6f6- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Neil Mulholland *Brendan Powell*  
 In the process of shaping better than he had in his sole bumper when falling at the last (held at time) on Taunton hurdle debut in December. Made little impression in a similar event there in February and needs this run for a handicap mark.

**8 TOMMY THE TANK (IRE) 92**  
 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole *Charlie Hammond*  
 €10,000 3-y-o, Getaway gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Audacious Plan and fairly useful hurdler Savoy Court. Comfortable winner sole start in points (Apr 2023). Interesting Rules debutant.

**9 CHER MONSIEUR (FR) (19) 70**  
 9 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Neil Mulholland *Conor O'Farrell*  
 Placed in Irish points but made an unpromising start to his career under Rules in a novice here 19 days ago.

**10 TORRE DEL ORO (IRE) 89**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Chris Gordon *Rex Dingle*  
 Fairly useful on Flat for Andrew Balding (stays 1½m), but ran no sort of race on first outing for this yard after 13 months off Salisbury recently. Makes hurdle debut.

**11 WALDEN (FR) (167) 91**  
 55-3 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Tom Lacey *Stan Sheppard*  
 Just minor promise in a trio of bumpers for Tom Weston. Changed hands for £22,000 in May.

**12 BOLLYWOLLYWOTSIT (210) 70**  
 P80- 7 10-11 | 68.5kg

Ella Pickard *Ben Godfrey*  
 Looks of no account at this stage.

**13 LAGERTHA (FR) (188) 94**  
 64- 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

Katy Price *Shane Quinlan (31b/1kg)*  
 Shaped with encouragement both starts in bumpers last season and shouldn't be taken lightly on this switch to hurdling, especially with the step up in trip promising to suit.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** French Symphony, **6-1** Lagertha, **13-2** Just Lucky Sivola, **8-1** Tommy The Tank, **10-1** La Higuera, **12-1** Walden, **18-1** Almuhit, **22-1** Summer In Milan, **25-1** Super Sabre Sam, **25-1** Torre Del Oro, **150-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FRENCH SYMPHONY showed plenty in bumpers last season and, with the longer trip bound to suit now going hurdling, he makes plenty of appeal, especially with his yard very much amongst the winners. Lagertha is another who shaped with encouragement in bumpers and shouldn't be taken lightly, with successful-pointer Tommy The Tank completing the shortlist.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. FRENCH SYMPHONY 2. LAGERTHA 3. TOMMY THE TANK**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022 <sup>1</sup>	<b>Montgomery</b> 5-11-4	7-1	Christian Williams	Jack Tudor	7
2022 <sup>1</sup>	<b>Time Flies By</b> 7-11-4	2-9f	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	6
2021	<b>Universal Dave</b> 5-11-4	6-1	Alan King	Tom Cannon	14
2020 <sup>1</sup>	<b>Lord Accord</b> 5-11-2	11-4jf	Neil Mulholland	Brendan Powell	11
2020 <sup>1</sup>	<b>Rookie Trainer</b> 6-11-2	3-1	Neil Mulholland	Robert Dunne	9
2019	<b>I K Brunel</b> 5-11-2	13-8	Olly Murphy	A. P. Heskin	14

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.30**

**BETMGM: IT'S SHOWTIME HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m5f164y (4370 Metres)**












RACE 2



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

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|    | <p><b>1 JUST FOUR FAME (IRE) (20)</b> t <b>91</b><br/>3/5-45 7 12-0   76.2kg<br/>David Dennis <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i><br/>Third in an Aintree bumper in May 2022 then not seen again until last of 5 in maiden hurdle at Wincanton in February. Bit more like it when fifth at Warwick 3 weeks ago, albeit well positioned. Tongue tie goes on for hurdles debut.</p>   |
|    | <p><b>2 EASTER ICON (54) (CD)</b> <b>92</b><br/>6U-891 5 11-12   75.3kg<br/>Gary Brown <i>Isabelle Ryder (7lb/3kg)</i><br/>Fair handicapper on the Flat and left his qualifying form over hurdles well behind when landing 12-runner handicap over C&amp;D in August. Up 7 lb but there could be more to come.</p>  |
|   | <p><b>3 DEFI NONANTAIS (FR) (187)</b> t <b>94</b><br/>843355- 5 11-11   74.8kg<br/>Joe Tizzard <i>Brendan Powell</i><br/>Steady improvement in 3 novice hurdles but only a respectable effort on his handicap bow at Wincanton in February. Bit better in cheekpieces/tongue strap following a wind up when fifth of 10 at Plumpton (20.5f, good to soft) before failing to see out 23.1f final start.</p>            |
|  | <p><b>4 GOLDEN AMBITION (IRE) (19) (BF)</b> b  <b>100</b><br/>055P05-U2 5 11-11   74.8kg<br/>Ben Pauling <i>Kielan Woods</i><br/>Heavily supported down in trip with blinkers refitted and found only one too good over 19.1f here 3 weeks ago. Stuck to his task and well clear of the rest so has to be of serious interest.</p> |
|  | <p><b>5 CHANCELLORSTOWN (IRE) (212)</b> <b>97</b><br/>4007- 6 11-6   72.6kg<br/>Toby Lawes <i>K. Brogan</i><br/>No impact in 3 runs over hurdles (contested good races at Newbury twice). Placed twice in points but failed to take to chasing at the first attempt at Huntingdon in March. Returns from 7 months off with yard in reasonable nick.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>6 ENDERSEN (IRE) (192)</b> <b>97</b><br/>6P24/9PP- 7 11-3   71.2kg<br/>Richard Rowe <i>Niall Houlihan</i><br/>Lightly-raced sort who failed to give his running all 3 starts last season. Back from 6 months off with lots to prove.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>7 FOOTLOOSE MAN (19) (C, BF)</b> t <b>99</b><br/>448-73144 5 11-1   70.3kg<br/>Richard Hobson <i>Charlie Deutsch</i><br/>Placed in bumpers and left previous hurdling efforts behind when opening his account in a 9-runner conditional jockeys' event over 17.8f here in August. Held back by mistakes both starts since and now goes up in trip.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>8 LITTLE TALKS (IRE) (143)</b> t <b>97</b><br/>334PP-263 5 10-12   68.9kg<br/>Neil King <i>Jack Quinlan</i><br/>Remains a maiden following 10 starts but she returned to something like her best when third of 6 in novices' handicap hurdle at Fakenham (23.4f) in June. Looks a thorough stayer so this trip may not be ideal on return.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>9 STAGE SHOW (13)</b> <b>94</b><br/>78644 4 10-11   68.5kg<br/>Alexandra Dunn <i>Adam Wedge</i><br/>Fair maiden on Flat and more like it over hurdles with a brace of fourth-place finishes in handicaps around 17f this autumn. Stamina for this far taken on trust.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>10 WHAT'S MY LINE (19) (CD)</b> s <b>95</b><br/>0/144230-8 7 10-8   67.1kg<br/>Michael Madgwick <i>Harry Kimber</i><br/>C&amp;D winner who was in good form last term until only tenth of 15 in handicap here (17.7f, good to firm) in April, going in snatches. Likely he needed the run on reappearance 19 days ago and better expected here.</p>   |

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Golden Ambition, **11-2** Easter Icon, **13-2** Footloose Man, **9-1** Little Talks, **10-1** Chancellorstown, **10-1** Stage Show, **14-1** What's My Line, **16-1** Defi Nonantais, **16-1** Just Four Fame, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Despite failing to land heavy support here 19 days ago, GOLDEN AMBITION didn't do a lot wrong in pulling a long way clear with a handicap debutant and he can go one place better this time. Easter Icon is second choice, with What's My Line expected to step up on his reappearance run when well behind the selection.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GOLDEN AMBITION 2. EASTER ICON 3. WHAT'S MY LINE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022 <b>What's My Line</b> 5-10-1	12-1 Michael Madgwick	Marc Goldstein	14
2021 <sup>1</sup> <b>Thirtyfourstitches</b> 6-11-10	7-2jf Dr Richard Newland	C. M. Leonard (5)	9
2021 <sup>11</sup> <b>Black Lightning</b> 8-10-9	16-1 Georgie Howell	Tabitha Worsley (5)	11
2020 <b>Good News</b> 8-11-9	11-1 Lydia Richards	Rex Dingle (3)	12
2019 <b>Good News</b> 7-11-6	16-1 Lydia Richards	Marc Goldstein	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.05**

**GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m1f165y (3570 Metres)**

RACE 3




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Pace Information: **Weak**


**1 CALL OFF THE DOGS (IRE) (29) (CD) b  98**  
PP44-1121 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Gary & Josh Moore **Caoilin Quinn (31b/1kg)**  
More consistent than most at this level and resumed winning ways after 3 months off in gritty fashion here (19.5f) last month. Likely to go well again.



**2 CELTIC NED (IRE) (251) (BF) 93**  
P/62477- 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Gary & Josh Moore **Niall Houlihan**  
Improved again when runner-up in a 2m Lingfield novice hurdle in late November but failed to kick on after. Off 8 months. Has the size to make a chaser at least.

**3 KOENIGSSTERN (IRE) (229) 93**  
44336- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Nick Gifford **James Davies**  
Dual winning pointer who showed promise when reaching the frame over hurdles last winter. Ground might have been too testing final start and is an interesting chasing debutant on return.


**4 HATOS (FR) (198) t 97**  
5/7411244- 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 Joe Tizzard **Brendan Powell **  
Off the mark in this sphere at Ffos Las (16f) in February and improved when following up in 4-runner handicap at Wincanton. Best effort since when fourth of 5 in handicap chase at Wincanton when last seen in April. First run for yard after leaving Anthony Honeyball.


**5 WILL STING (IRE) (170) 95**  
P/542423-4 9 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Lucy Wadham **Harry Cobden **  
Often thereabouts and was a respectable fourth of 7 in handicap chase at Warwick (20f, good to soft) when last seen in May. Career-low mark eases further so not taken lightly.


**6 SAMAZUL (182) 92**  
714/80537- 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**  
Bumper winner last season and bettered what he showed on first 2 hurdles starts when fifth in a big-field Newbury novice (16.3f, soft) in January. Unable to confirm that form in handicaps next 2 starts, however. Has the size to make a chaser.

**7 MUTUAL RESPECT (IRE) (26) s+t  100**  
256123-81 8 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Billy Aprahamian **K. Brogan**  
All the better for return when narrow winner at Worcester last month, albeit needed some luck. Racing off same mark in weaker race so obvious claims.

**8 RAY'S THE ONE (31) (C, D) v+t 79**  
6/0849-856 7 10-2 | 64.4kg

 Mark Pattinson **Ben Poste**  
Little recent show over hurdles and well held switched to fences last 2 starts. Difficult to fancy.

**9 ONNAROLL (FR) (29) h+t 90**  
54P368-7F 6 10-2(9-6) | 64.4kg (59.9kg)

 Cynthia Woods **Philip Armson (31b/1kg)**  
Poor maiden who's easy to oppose from out of the handicap.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Mutual Respect, **4-1** Call Off The Dogs, **6-1** Koenigsstern, **13-2** Will Sting, **7-1** Hatos, **11-1** Celtic Ned, **12-1** Samazul, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

MUTUAL RESPECT needed some luck when winning off this mark at Worcester last month but he finished clear with a subsequent winner that day and this is a weaker race. The likeable Call Off The Dogs must be respected, while Koenigsstern is a potential improver now chasing.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. MUTUAL RESPECT 2. CALL OFF THE DOGS 3. KOENIGSSTERN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022	<b>Blaze A Trail</b> 8-11-7	8-15f	John Flint	Connor Brace	3
2021	<b>Darebin</b> 9-11-12	11-2	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	5
2020	<b>Bad Boy du Pouldu</b> 9-11-5	2-1f	Gary Moore	Joshua Moore	9
2019	<b>Way Out West</b> 6-11-0	10-11f	Robert Walford	Stan Sheppard (3)	3

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.40**

RACE 4








**WEEKLY FREE BETS WITH BETMGM EXTRA HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-130) £10,700 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)**



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

	<b>1 OSCARS MOONSHINE (IRE) (360)</b> 56651/11- 9 12-1   76.7kg Georgina Nicholls <i>Miss Olive Nicholls (7lb/3kg)</i> 9-y-o who resumed progress with cheekpieces fitted last year, completing the hat-trick all under this rider at Wincanton (21.3f) when last seen 12 months ago (final start for Paul Nicholls). Good record fresh and he's respected.	s	<b>98</b>
	<b>2 COLOURS ON CANVAS (FR) (206)</b> 4/18211P- 5 11-12   75.3kg Jim & Suzi Best <i>Sean Bowen</i> Largely progressive as a novice upon joining this yard, bagging a second handicap success with ease at Plumpton (20.5f) in March. Pulled up final start later that month though and he'll need to leave behind a low-key effort on the Flat in September. Visor replaces cheekpieces.	v	<b>95</b>
	<b>3 WHATSUPWITHYOU (IRE) (189)</b> 24/349122- 10 11-10   74.4kg Ben Pauling <i>Ben Jones</i> Back to best when winning at Ludlow (21.2f, soft) in December and just as good in defeat both starts after, finding only an unexposed sort too strong in 15-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (20.2f) in April. Has often needed first run of campaign to put him spot on, however.	t	<b>99</b>
	<b>4 INCA DE LAFAYETTE (FR) (246) (D)</b> 6P4/1P12- 6 11-5   72.1kg Paul Nicholls <i>Harry Cobden</i> Fairly useful handicap hurdler last season, successful twice at up to 19f (including on return) and ended the campaign with a good second at Taunton (16.5f) in February. Respected on seasonal bow.	t	 <b>100</b>
	<b>5 CLASSIC LORD (GER) (179) (C)</b> 7311526F- 6 11-3   71.2kg Tim Vaughan <i>Alan Johns</i> Useful on Flat and came good over hurdles for his new yard last winter, winning twice including here (17.7f). Exploits proved mixed in 4 starts thereafter, falling at Sandown when last seen in the spring. Possible he'll be better for the run after 6 months off.		<b>98</b>
	<b>6 JUNKANOO (31)</b> 2221P8-5 7 11-2   70.8kg Gary & Josh Moore <i>Caoilin Quinn (3lb/1kg)</i> Fairly useful handicapper on Flat and similar form over hurdles last winter, off the mark at Plumpton (15.9f) in January. Lightly raced since and shaped as if he'd come on for his latest fifth of 8 in handicap back at Plumpton 31 days ago. Mark looks workable up in trip.	s	<b>99</b>

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Inca De Lafayette, **3-1** Oscars Moonshine, **5-1** Whatsupwithyou, **6-1** Junkanoo, **8-1** Colours On Canvas, **10-1** Classic Lord

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The betting should prove useful with a number making their seasonal return but INCA DE LAFAYETTE made a successful reappearance 12 months ago and, having ended the campaign in good order, he's narrowly selected to continue the good work. Junkanoo appeals as being on a handy mark and is respected provided the trip doesn't stretch him. Oscars Moonshine completes the shortlist.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. INCA DE LAFAYETTE 2. JUNKANOO 3. OSCARS MOONSHINE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022	<b>Flash The Steel</b>	10-12-0	6-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8
2021	<b>Haddex des Obeaux</b>	4-10-12	9-4f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	10
2020	<b>Chirico Vallis</b>	8-11-10	9-2jf	Neil Mulholland	Richie McLernon	10
2019	<b>Hygrove Percy</b>	6-11-5	16-1	Neil Mulholland	Millie Wonnacott (7)	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.15**

**BOOST YOUR ACCA AT BETMGM HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 3m1f210y (5220 Metres)**

RACE 5



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**


**1 LANGLEY HUNDRED (IRE) (33)** s+t **97**  
2545-2275 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Philip Hobbs & Johnson White  **Michael Nolan**  
Not the easiest to win with and made only limited late headway even allowing for a troubled passage at Newton Abbot (25.8f, good) last month. Others look stronger.


**2 BLAME THE GAME (IRE) (192) (CD)** **83**  
U4/497P6P- 9 11-13 | 75.7kg

 Chris Gordon **Rex Dingle**  
Three-time winner in 2022/23 (including over C&D) but failed to play a significant role last season. Dropped another 2 lb ahead of his return but has enough to prove at present.


**3 SAMOURAI ONE (FR) (181)** s **94**  
7/75541PP- 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Lucy Wadham **Harry Cobden**  
Left his hurdling exploits behind when scoring easily on his Market Rasen chase debut in February. That was decent form (had 3 next-time winners in behind) but pulled up on both subsequent starts that season. Cobden booked and can hit the ground running on reappearance.


**4 DELGANY MONARCH (IRE) (192) (D)** **94**  
4321/6U37- 9 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Richard Rowe **Niall Houlihan**  
Sole success came in 3-runner handicap at Plumpton back in spring 2023. Back to that sort of form when 10 lengths third of 7 to Born At Midnight at same course in March and run best excused back there a month later (left with too much to do). Others look better treated, though.


**5 CAERULEUM (186)** t **92**  
76/624522- 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Robert Walford **Harry Kimber**  
Bounced back to form shown on chase debut after a handful of lesser efforts when runner-up at Bangor (24.1f, soft) 6 months ago, edged out close home. 3 lb higher for that near miss but should be bang there again if ready to roll.


**6 INSTANT GAMBLER (IRE) (19) (CD)**   **100**  
80P9/111 8 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Alexandra Dunn **Adam Wedge**  
Has proved a revelation since switched over the larger obstacles and completed his hat-trick in the style of one who'll go on to even better things at Hexham (24.2f, good) 19 days ago, taking over early in straight and asserting from last. Big shout up another 7 lb back at this track.


**7 EURKASH (FR) (16)** s **98**  
244P6-024 10 10-6 | 66.2kg

 James Owen **Sean Bowen**  
On a losing run but he posted a very good second of 10 for his new yard over C&D on penultimate start, going with enthusiasm. Shaped quite well again back over hurdles at Stratford (22f, good to soft) just over a fortnight ago and fancied to be in the shake-up returned to fences.

**8 NO DRAMA (IRE) (1117)** **94**  
9 10-3 | 64.9kg

 Richard Bandey **Harry Bannister**  
Made frame in Irish points and hinted at encouragement in novice hurdles. Left opening effort in handicaps well behind when second of 9 at Plumpton in May 2021 but failed to build on that later in the year and not seen since. Has switched yards ahead of his chase debut.

**9 FOX WALLACE (IRE) (9)** h **94**  
8009-PP 6 10-2(9-5) | 64.4kg (59.4kg)

 Ella Pickard **Ben Godfrey**  
Tailed off in a bumper and 3 hurdles last season. Showed nothing hiked up in trip on return/handicap debut (hooded and had a wind op) in July and similar comments applied switched to fences at Hereford recently. Can only be watched from well out of the weights.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Instant Gambler, **9-2** Caeruleum, **5-1** Eurkash, **10-1** Langley Hundred, **10-1** Blame The Game, **12-1** Samourai One, **12-1** Delgany Monarch, **16-1** No Drama, **300-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

INSTANT GAMBLER made it 3-3 over the larger obstacles at Hexham earlier this month and with further improvement on the cards, Alexandra Dunn's 8-y-o is fancied to remain unbeaten in this sphere at the expense of old-rival Eurkash, who shaped quite well over timber when fourth at Stratford recently and is of more interest returned to fences. Samourai One has Harry Cobden on board for the first time and he can edge out Caeruleum for third spot.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. INSTANT GAMBLER 2. EURKASH 3. SAMOURAI ONE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022	<b>Blame The Game</b>	7-11-7	6-4f	Chris Gordon	Jamie Moore	4
2021	<b>Nessfield Blue</b>	7-10-6	6-1	Pat Murphy	Gavin Sheehan	7
2020	<b>Danseur du Large</b>	7-11-12	16-1	Polly Gundry	Nick Scholfield	10
2019	<b>Sutter's Mill</b>	8-11-7	8-1	Evan Williams	Mitchell Bastyan (5)	5

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race



**4.45**

RACE 6

**BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT BETMGM MARES' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)**



Going: **Soft**

Left handed, sharp; the chase course is a figure of eight circuit, whilst the hurdles track is oval. The fences are easy but, given the nature of the track, course specialists abound. On the chase course, the lead rarely changes hands on the run in but often looks as though it might. The paddock exit is situated halfway up the run-in on the hurdles course and can lead to horses idling/ducking out on seeing it. Flights on the hurdles course differ in terms of their location, from inner to outer, though those who race wide on testing going are at an advantage regardless of the layout. As of August 2017, a 330-yard stretch of turf on the shared home turn was replaced by fibresand.

Pace Information: **Weak**

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**









**1. DRUMLEE SPUD 2. TUSCAN ROSE 3. MISS POPALONG**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022 **Leading Theatre** 6-12-0 4-1 Fergal O'Brien Max Kendrick 7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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| <p><b>1</b></p>    | <p><b>DRUMLEE SPUD (IRE) (214)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>100</b></span><br/>                 22F37- <b>6</b> 12-0   76.2kg<br/>                 Ben Pauling <span style="float: right;"><i>Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)</i></span><br/>                 Made promising start under Rules last season, in front when falling at the last in mares' maiden hurdle at Stratford (22f, heavy) in November. Only seventh in handicap at Newbury (20.5f, good to soft) in March, but she's a leading contender returning on softer ground.</p>      |
| <p><b>2</b></p>    | <p><b>PENNSYLVANIE (FR) (19)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>90</b></span><br/>                 45/5P258-9 <b>5</b> 10-12   68.9kg<br/>                 Gary &amp; Josh Moore <span style="float: right;"><i>Caoilin Quinn (3lb/1kg)</i></span><br/>                 Fair form over hurdles in France. Largely struggled for Alexandra Dunn subsequently, but was runner-up at this course (21.8f) last September. However, after 12 months off she was well held over C&amp;D on stable debut 19 days ago. Cheekpieces now reached for.</p> |
| <p><b>3</b></p>   | <p><b>TUSCAN ROSE (IRE) (211)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>96</b></span><br/>                 065F/7531- <b>6</b> 10-4   65.3kg<br/>                 Neil Mulholland <span style="float: right;"><i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i></span><br/>                 Went the right way upped in trip in handicaps last season, improving further when getting off the mark in mares' race at Taunton (23.9f, soft) in March. Back down in distance for her return, but she's respected with her yard going well.</p>                                   |
| <p><b>4</b></p>  | <p><b>OUR FRIEND MO (IRE) (134)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>92</b></span><br/>                 26F5PP-44 <b>6</b> 10-3   64.9kg<br/>                 Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill <span style="float: right;"><i>K. Brogan</i></span><br/>                 Didn't kick on from a promising start over fences last season, but fared better back hurdling when fourth of 13 in mares' handicap at Warwick (21f, good to soft) in May. Not in the same form at Southwell next time, though she's not dismissed from her current mark.</p>      |
| <p><b>5</b></p>  | <p><b>MISS POPALONG (168)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>93</b></span><br/>                 08PF-3 <b>5</b> 10-3   64.9kg<br/>                 Philip Hobbs &amp; Johnson White <span style="float: right;"><i>Ben Jones</i></span><br/>                 Didn't show much in a bumper and novice hurdles last season, but in first-time hood she took a step forward on handicap debut when third of 9 at this C&amp;D (good) in May. Remains lightly raced so she could still have more to offer.</p>                                      |
| <p><b>6</b></p>  | <p><b>MUTLEY CREW (FR) (19)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>88</b></span><br/>                 938 <b>8</b> 10-2(10-1)   64.4kg (64.0kg)<br/>                 Robert Walford <span style="float: right;"><i>Harry Kimber</i></span><br/>                 Showed more than on debut when third of 14 in maiden hurdle at Newton Abbot (18.5f, good) in August, but failed to repeat that effort when well beaten at this course (17.7f, good to soft) 19 days ago. Improvement required as she goes handicapping.</p>                         |
| <p><b>7</b></p>  | <p><b>JAUNTY BELLE (45)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>88</b></span><br/>                 0P585-P04 <b>6</b> 10-2(10-0)   64.4kg (63.5kg)<br/>                 David Rees <span style="float: right;"><i>Conor Ring</i></span><br/>                 Still a maiden and, in first-time blinkers, she ultimately finished well held despite making the frame when fourth of 9 in mares' handicap hurdle at this course (21.8f, good) 45 days ago. Has work to do with cheekpieces back on.</p>  |
| <p><b>8</b></p>  | <p><b>LADY SALVADOR (IRE) (45)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>90</b></span><br/>                 745/2-73 <b>8</b> 10-2(9-9)   64.4kg (61.2kg)<br/>                 Jim &amp; Suzi Best <span style="float: right;"><i>Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)</i></span><br/>                 Runner-up here on handicap debut last November but seen just twice since, not disgraced after a further 4 months off when third of 9 in mares' race at this course (21.8f, good) in September. Could do with brushing up her jumping, though.</p>         |

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Tuscan Rose, **11-4** Drumlee Spud, **6-1** Miss Popalong, **9-1** Our Friend Mo, **10-1** Lady Salvador, **12-1** Pennsylvanie, **22-1** Mutley Crew, **28-1** Jaunty Belle

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

After making a promising start to her career, DRUMLEE SPUD finished well held in a Grade 2 contest at Newbury on handicap debut when last seen in March, but back on softer ground she can take advantage of this drop in grade. Tuscan Rose showed improved form in handicaps last season and is feared most, ahead of Miss Popalong.