

Thursday 26th December

DOWN ROYAL



11.40 I.N.H. STALLION OWNERS EBF MAIDEN HURDLE 2½m15y (4040 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) BALLYBOW | (2) AIR OF ENTITLEMENT | (11) SYRACUS DU HOUX**

12.13 CONNOLLY'S RED MILLS IRISH EBF AUCTION MAIDEN HURDLE 2m1f53y (3470 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) DOWNMEXICOWAY | (1) BATTLEOFTHEBOYNE | (8) BUSY BEING BUSY**

12.48 ADARE MANOR OPPORTUNITY HANDICAP HURDLE 2m1f53y (3470 Metres)

RACE 3 **(8) ST DENIS'S WELL | (1) JINXS LINK | (12) BACKFROMTHERACES**

1.23 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF BEGINNERS CHASE 2½m130y (4140 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) EL CHAMPO | (4) LIGHTKEEPER | (7) PRINCE PALACE**

1.58 METCOLLECT HANDICAP CHASE 2½m130y (4140 Metres)

RACE 5 **(13) CULLENWAIN | (3) ROOM TO ROAM | (1) ONE NIGHT STANDARD**

2.33 METCOLLECT OIL RECYCLING HUNTERS CHASE 3m (4830 Metres)

RACE 6 **(13) ANGELS DAWN | (7) ITS ON THE LINE | (2) BIG INTEREST**

3.08 METCOLLECT METAL RECYCLING (PRO/AM) I.N.H. FLAT 2m1f53y (3470 Metres)

RACE 7 **(13) THEFLYINGKING | (11) STRONG LINK | (2) BECTIVE THUNDER**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

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

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

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

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

11.40**I.N.H. STALLION OWNERS EBF MAIDEN HURDLE 4yo+
€15,000 2½m15y (4040 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

Down Royal is a right-handed, undulating, square-shaped track with a circuit of one mile and seven furlongs. The narrower Hurdle Course, which also stages chases, sits on the outside of the General Track. There are ten fences to a circuit with four fences in the final four furlongs and a run-in of less than a furlong. The run-in for hurdle races is over a furlong and a half.

Pace Information: **N/A**

1 BALLYBOW (IRE) (26) **100**
10 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland **C. P. Millar (5lb/2kg)**
Highly promising type. Useful winner at 18f in bumpers. 12/1, badly hampered 3 out when fifteenth of 25 in novice hurdle at Fairyhouse (16f, good) on hurdles bow 26 days ago (reportedly finished lame). Remains open to significant improvement.

2 AIR OF ENTITLEMENT (IRE) (239) **99**
1-7 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
Fairly useful bumper winner at Cork in April. Off 7 months ahead of her hurdles debut. Up in trip. Yard having good spell. Very much one to consider.

3 FISHERMAN'S FRIEND (IRE) **92**
5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland **Caragh Monaghan (7lb/3kg)**
Leading Light gelding. Dam little form over hurdles. Market can guide.

4 HE'S GORGEOUS (IRE) (13) **96**
89-063 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

P. A. Fahy, Ireland **H. E. Sexton (7lb/3kg)**
Promising type. Third of 18 in novice hurdle at Cork (16.2f, soft, 80/1) on hurdles bow 13 days ago. Up in trip. May well do better.

5 INSTINCT D'AINAY (FR) **93** h+t
6 11-4 | 71.7kg

Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Liam Quinlan (3lb/1kg)**
€140,000 3-y-o. Authorized gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser Eclair d'Ainay and useful hurdler Arrivederci. Wears tongue strap. Betting can prove a good indicator.

6 IVYBROOK (FR) (26) **98**
5-26 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland **Patrick Michael O'Brien (7lb/3kg)**
Thrice-raced maiden under NH rules. 25/1, very good sixth of 25 in novice hurdle at Fairyhouse (16f, good) 26 days ago. Up in trip. In the mix.

7 RETREAT ARCHIE (IRE) (12) **79**
8 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Jamie Albert Sloan **L. A. McKenna (5lb/2kg)**
Once-raced maiden. 28/1 and tongue strap on, eighth of 10 in bumper at Newcastle (16.9f, good to soft) on NH debut 12 days ago. Makes hurdles debut.

8 SAVANT DU MESNIL (FR) (240) **93** t
0 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)**
Once-raced maiden. Tongue strap on, twentieth of 25 in bumper at Punchestown (16.7f, good to soft, 50/1) on NH debut. Off 8 months. Makes hurdles debut. Up in trip.

9 SMOOTH SCOTCH (IRE) (239) **94** t
F 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Patrick O'Hanlon**
Lightly-raced maiden. 80/1, close up when fell in 2 out handicap hurdle at Punchestown (19.3f, good to soft). Off 7 months and not dismissed.

10 STRANGFORD (IRE) **93** t
6 11-4 | 71.7kg

Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Mr S. Connor (7lb/3kg)**
Getaway gelding. Brother to modest hurdler/chaser Henry Box Brown, and half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Island Mahee. Wears tongue strap. Respected newcomer.

11 SYRACUS DU HOUX (FR) (16) **96** s
567-7245U 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

Oliver McKiernan, Ireland **Phillip Enright**
Fairly useful hurdler. 28/1, unseated rider 1st in novice hurdle at Punchestown (19.1f, soft) 16 days ago. Worth another chance.

12 VICTOR TANGO (IRE) (234) **79**
5 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

Noel C. Kelly, Ireland **P. Hanlon (7lb/3kg)**
Once-raced maiden. 11/1, fifth of 12 in hunter chase at this course (23.2f, good to soft) on NH debut. Off 7 months. Makes hurdles debut.

13 NASTYA (IRE) (30) **95**
4 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Richard Condon (5lb/2kg)**
Promising sort. 3/1, fourth of 13 in novice hurdle at Tramore (21f, heavy) on NH debut 30 days ago. Trainer going well. Should progress.

14 SAGA DES AIGLES (IRE) **79**
4 10-11 | 68.5kg

C. W. J. Farrell, Ireland **Philip Donovan (5lb/2kg)**
Fair maiden on the Flat, ninth of 11 in handicap (33/1) at Dundalk (10.7f) 15 days ago. Possibilities on her hurdling debut.

15 TELNOBODY (IRE) (19) **92**
00 4 10-11 | 68.5kg

Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland **T. P. Harney (7lb/3kg)**
Twice-raced maiden. 80/1, tenth of 19 in novice hurdle at Navan (16f, soft) 19 days ago. Up in trip with more needed.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Ballybow, **11-2** Air of Entitlement, **13-2** Ivybrook, **17-2** He's Gorgeous, **9-1** Syracus Du Houx, **12-1** Nastya, **14-1** Smooth Scotch, **22-1** Strangford, **22-1** Savant Du Mesnil, **28-1** Instinct D'ainay, **33-1** Fisherman's Friend, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BALLYBOW didn't enjoy the rub of the green when down the field on his hurdling debut at Fairyhouse and this useful bumper scorer remains one to be interested in. Henry de Bromhead's hurdling newcomer Air of Entitlement could prove the biggest danger to Gordon Elliott's 5-y-o ahead of form picks Syracus du Houx and Ivybrook.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BALLYBOW 2. AIR OF ENTITLEMENT 3. SYRACUS DU HOUX

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Mossy Fen Park 4-11-4	6-4f	Henry de Bromhead	D. J. O'Keeffe	12
2022	Eye Van 8-11-4	2-1f	R. P. Cody	Niall Moore (7)	16
2021	Gerri Colombe 5-12-0	2-5f	Gordon Elliott	Denis O'Regan	15
2020	Battle of Actium 5-11-6	2-1	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Donagh Meyler	13
2019	Opposites Attract 5-11-4	15-8f	Dermot Anthony McLoughlin	C. D. Maxwell	18

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.13**CONNOLLY'S RED MILLS IRISH EBF AUCTION MAIDEN HURDLE 4yo+ €20,000 2m1f53y (3470 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 BATTLEOFTHEBOYNE (IRE) 88
4 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **C. Stone-Walsh (5lb/2kg)**
€30,000 3-y-o, Soldier of Fortune gelding. Half-brother to useful hurdler/chaser Hollow Games and fair hurdler Moyode Gold. Interesting newcomer from in-form yard.

2 DOWNMEXICOWAY (IRE) (30) 100
9/22 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
Point winner who has shaped with promise on both his runs over hurdles, second of 15 in novice at Tramore (16.2f, heavy) on latter occasion 30 days ago. Holds leading form claims.

3 KNOCKRAHA EAGLE (IRE) (19) 70
300 4 11-8 | 73.5kg



Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland **Patrick O'Hanlon**
Thrice-raced maiden under NH rules. Tongue strap on for 1st time, eleventh of 19 in novice hurdle (150/1) at Navan (16f, soft) 19 days ago.

4 OUR SOLDIER (IRE) (291) 80
57- 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



E. J. O'Grady, Ireland **Phillip Enright**
Twice-raced maiden. 16/5, seventh of 8 in bumper at Limerick (16.2f, heavy). Off 9 months. Makes hurdles debut.

5 SCALPNAGOON (IRE) (19) 81
7 4 11-6 | 72.6kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **C. P. Millar (5lb/2kg)**
Once-raced maiden. 25/1, seventh of 16 in novice hurdle at Navan (16f, soft) on NH debut 19 days ago. Can take a step forward.

6 DOLLYMOUNT (IRE) (19) 75
960 4 11-5 | 72.1kg



C. W. J. Farrell, Ireland **Philip Donovan (5lb/2kg)**
Thrice-raced maiden under NH rules. Thirteenth of 19 in novice hurdle at Navan (16f, soft, 125/1) on hurdles bow 19 days ago.

7 BRUNO FROM MARS (IRE) (271) 70
8800- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Mrs Sarah Dawson, Ireland **T. P. Harney (7lb/3kg)**
Lightly-raced maiden under NH rules. Fourteenth of 18 in novice hurdle at Fairyhouse (19.6f, heavy, 200/1). Off 9 months.

8 BUSY BEING BUSY (IRE) (28) 83
3 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Neil McKnight, Ireland **Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)**
Promising type. 40/1 and hooded, third of 8 in novice hurdle at Thurles (16.2f, good) on NH debut 28 days ago, best work finish. Open to improvement.

9 HARRY'S DREAM (IRE) (23) 82
235-829 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **Miss P. Elvin (7lb/3kg)**
Fair hurdler. 6/1, below form ninth of 18 in novice hurdle at Clonmel (19.4f, soft) 23 days ago. Needs to bounce back.

10 WALK IN THE SEA (IRE) (46) 79
7 4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland **J. Smith (7lb/3kg)**
Once-raced maiden. 33/1 and tongue strap on, seventh of 11 in bumper at Naas (16f, good to soft) on NH debut 46 days ago. Makes hurdles debut. Hooded for 1st time.

11 WRITTEN IN MY SOUL (IRE)

4 10-11 | 68.5kg

81

E. D. Delany, Ireland **H. E. Sexton (7lb/3kg)**
€5,000 3-y-o, €20,000 4-y-o, Pillar Coral filly. Dam, fair bumper/21f hurdle winner, half-sister to bumper winner/useful hurdler (winner around 2m) Knight In Purple. Second in a point last month. Market can guide.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Downmexicoway, **4-1** Battleoftheboyne, **9-1** Busy Being Busy, **10-1** Harry's Dream, **16-1** Scalpnagoon, **16-1** Written In My Soul, **22-1** Our Soldier, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DOWNMEXICOWAY has shaped well on both his starts in this sphere to date and looks to have been found a very good opportunity to get off the mark here. Gordon Elliott's Battleoftheboyne rates an interesting debutant and is next on the list, with Busy Being Busy and Scalpnagoon appealing as the pick of the rest in the battle for minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DOWNMEXICOWAY 2. BATTLEOFTHEBOYNE 3. BUSY BEING BUSY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	The Other Mozzie 4-11-12	4-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	K. E. Buckley (3)	9
2022	Ifwearerichman 4-11-10	10-1	Paul Nolan	J. P. O'Sullivan (5)	7
2021	O'Toole 5-11-12	4-9f	Stuart Crawford	J. J. Slevin	10
2020	Feelgood Island 5-11-10	11-4	Miss Elizabeth Doyle	S. F. O'Keefe	12
2019	Russian Diamond 5-11-10	5-4f	Emmet Mullins	M. P. Fogarty	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.48**ADARE MANOR OPPORTUNITY HANDICAP HURDLE 3yo+
(Rated 80-102) €12,500 2m1f53y (3470 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 JINXS LINK (IRE) (79) (CD) 97
21506-612 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



M. M. Rice, Ireland **D. P. Maxwell (21lb/1kg)**
C&D winner. 1 win from 3 runs this season. Creditable fourth of 11 in handicap (11/2) at Dundalk (16f) 29 days ago, having run of race. Switches from Flat to hurdles. Fancied to be in the mix.

2 GLADIATORIAL (IRE) (40) (D) t 95
55-69618P 9 11-13 | 75.7kg



Noel C. Kelly, Ireland **T. P. Harney (41lb/2kg)**
40/1, behind when pulled up entering straight in handicap hurdle at Navan (20.2f, good to soft) 40 days ago. Needs to leave that well behind.

3 DARKENED (IRE) (97) b+t 93
05/468-968 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Noel C. Kelly, Ireland **P. Hanlon (41lb/2kg)**
33/1, took a step back in the right direction when fourth of 14 in handicap at Dundalk (12f) 6 days ago. Switches from Flat to hurdles.

4 KINBARA HILLS (IRE) (193) 94
6U6408-46 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Liam Quinlan**
Well held returned to handicap company when sixth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Downpatrick (17.8f, good, 10/1) when last seen 6 months ago. Tough to fancy.

5 NATHANIEL'S DREAM (11) t 97
517/0 9 11-7 | 73.0kg



A. J. Martin, Ireland **C. Owens (41lb/2kg)**
Offered little running over an inadequate trip after 25 months off when tailed-off last of 13 in handicap hurdle (66/1) at Navan (16f, good to soft) 11 days ago. This should reveal more.

6 SILENT DAWN (IRE) (125) 95
00-300 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Adrian Murray, Ireland **Eoin G. Kelly (41lb/2kg)**
Lightly-raced maiden under NH rules. Tailed-off twelfth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Kilbeggan (18.6f, good, 100/1) 4 months ago. Remains with one standout effort, so others more persuasive.

7 L'UN DEUX TROIS (IRE) (41) b+t 90
36/9080 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Oliver McKiernan, Ireland **J. I. Duggan (41lb/2kg)**
Blinkered for 1st time, fared no better when tailed-off thirteenth of 18 in handicap hurdle (20/1) at Punchestown (20.2f, good to soft) 41 days ago.

8 ST DENIS'S WELL (IRE) (26) (C) b+t 100
16-584022 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland **J. Smith (41lb/2kg)**
9/1, went like the best horse at the weights when second of 10 in handicap chase at Fairyhouse (21.5f, good) 26 days ago, going with enthusiasm. Switches from chase to hurdles. Blinkers on 1st time. Has to be taken seriously.

9 ALBATALA (IRE) (12) t 87
00-65R 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



John McConnell, Ireland **Alex Harvey (21lb/1kg)**
Lightly-raced maiden. 12/1, run best excused when ran out 4 out in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good to soft) 12 days ago, close up when rein snapped.

10 FORT RANDALL (IRE) (130) 99
700-80363 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Noel C. Kelly, Ireland **L. A. McKenna (21lb/1kg)**
Remains a maiden after 16 NH runs. Got back on the up when third of 16 in handicap hurdle (10/1) at Tramore (16.6f, good to soft) back in August. First run for yard after leaving John Joseph Hanlon.

11 PRALOGNAN (FR) (284) t 91
000/F- 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



A. J. Martin, Ireland **M. J. Molloy (41lb/2kg)**
Lightly-raced maiden. Creditable fourth of 12 in handicap at Dundalk (12f, 7/2) 13 days ago. Switches from Flat to hurdles and remains open to improvement in this sphere.

12 BACKFROMTHERACES (IRE) (10) 97
988-23 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **T. Power Roche (41lb/2kg)**
Lightly-raced maiden. 13/2, improved again when third of 19 in handicap hurdle at Naas (16.2f, good to soft) 10 days ago. Enters calculations.

13 COWPER HALL (IRE) (138) 73
9P0 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Liam Lennon, Ireland **C. Stone-Walsh**
No impact in 3 maiden hurdles back in the summer. Huge step forward required on handicap debut.

14 GILDED MOON (72) 95
083690 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alan Fleming, Ireland **C. Smithers (41lb/2kg)**
10/1, better than result when tenth of 17 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (20f, good) just over 10 weeks ago, yet to be asked for effort when badly hampered 2 out. Can give another good account.

15 ADARE BEAUTY (IRE) (334) s+t 98
566- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Thomas Dowling, Ireland **C. P. Millar (21lb/1kg)**
Blinkered for 1st time, ran respectably after 8 months off when fourth of 14 in handicap (15/2) at Dundalk (8f) 20 days ago. Switches from Flat to hurdles. Tongue strap back on. Makes handicap hurdle debut.

16 MAXIOS PRIME (IRE) (18) 73
000 3 10-4 | 65.3kg



P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **H. E. Sexton (41lb/2kg)**
No show in juvenile maiden hurdles but could do better now handicapping.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 St Denis's Well, **9-2** Backfromtheraces, **9-2** Jinxs Link, **14-1** Pralognan, **14-1** Albatala, **14-1** Nathaniel's Dream, **16-1** Fort Randall, **25-1** Gilded Moon, **33-1** Adare Beauty, **33-1** Gladiatorial, **33-1** Kinbara Hills, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A host in with chances but it could pay to side with ST DENIS'S WELL, who went like the best horse at the weights when runner-up over fences at Fairyhouse last month. Already a winner from just 3 hurdles outings this season, Jinxs Link heads up the dangers, with Backfromtheraces, Pralognan and Maxios Prime just a handful of others worth considering, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ST DENIS'S WELL 2. JINXS LINK 3. BACKFROMTHERACES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Gamigin 5-11-5	9-2jf	Noel C. Kelly	Gavin Peter Brouder (2)	19
2022	Kalanisi Dubh 6-10-11	20-1	Seamus Fahey	Niall Moore (4)	16
2021	Ben Thomson 5-11-8	5-1f	Noel Meade	N. J. Ryan (4)	15
2020	You Say Nothing 5-11-5	6-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	C. P. McNamara	12
2019	Magic Sea 4-11-7	9-1	Mrs Sarah Dawson	E. Walsh (4)	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.23**IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF BEGINNERS CHASE 4yo+**
(Rated 0-116) €15,000 2½m130y (4140 Metres)

RACE 4

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 BEAU WALKING (IRE) (13) s **89**
33333-485 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland **C. Smithers (71b/3kg)**
Fair hurdler. 17/2, got back on track when fifth of 12 in novice chase at Cork (21.2f, soft) on debut over fences 13 days ago. Cheekpieces on 1st time and needs considering.

2 EL CHAMPO (IRE) (13) (BF) s **97**
39-322242 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **T. Power Roche (71b/3kg)**
Fairly useful and reliable chaser who posted a good second of 12 in novice chase (5/2) at Cork (21.2f, soft) 13 days ago. Player in his bid for a deserved breakthrough victory.

3 GLOBAL EXPORT (IRE) (23) ★ **100**
99-305585 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **C. Stone-Walsh (51b/2kg)**
Fairly useful winner at 16f over hurdles. Excellent fifth of 15 in novice chase at Clonmel (17.3f, soft, 40/1) 23 days ago. One to consider.

4 LIGHTKEEPER (IRE) (13) (D) s+t **93**
5-3821P44 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **C. P. Millar (51b/2kg)**
Fairly useful winner at 21f over hurdles. Encouraging fourth of 12 in novice chase at Cork (21.2f, soft, 4/1) on his debut over fences 13 days ago. Stable in good form. Well in the mix.

5 MAKE THE PLAN (IRE) (10) h **42**
0850/20-P0 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Oliver McKiernan, Ireland **Phillip Enright**
250/1, tenth of 12 in novice chase at Naas (20.1f, good to soft) on debut over fences 10 days ago. Hooded for 1st time with lots more required.

6 ON LOVERS WALK (IRE) (13) t **54**
2392-0257 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland **T. P. Harney (71b/3kg)**
Fair hurdler. Made mistakes when a well-held seventh of 12 in novice chase (18/1) at Cork (21.2f, soft) on his debut over fences 13 days ago. Needs to take a step forward.

7 PRINCE PALACE (FR) (26) **96**
23792-465 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



P. A. Fahy, Ireland **H. E. Sexton (71b/3kg)**
Fairly useful chaser. Excellent fifth of 13 in novice chase (200/1) at Fairyhouse (21.5f, good) 26 days ago. Can make presence felt.

8 STEP OUT (IRE) (43) t **94**
22U21252 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Liam Quinlan (31b/1kg)**
Winner in hurdle at Downpatrick in August. Good second of 3 in handicap chase (3/1) at Ayr (20.5f, good to soft) on his debut over fences 43 days ago. Can go well.

9 BANPRIONSA (IRE) (26) (D) t **94**
21P0-0 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
Lightly-raced winner over hurdles. Creditable tenth of 24 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20.2f, good, 20/1) 26 days ago. Much respected on her chase debut.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 El Champo, **5-1** Lightkeeper, **13-2** Prince Palace, **13-2** Step Out, **10-1** Global Export, **11-1** Beau Walking, **11-1** Banprionsa, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A few are in with a shout but EL CHAMPO is taken to gain a deserved first success in this sphere on the back of some very solid placed efforts. Lightkeeper shaped with promise on his recent chasing bow when fourth at Cork and is next on the list ahead of in-form duo Prince Palace and Global Export.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. EL CHAMPO 2. LIGHTKEEPER 3. PRINCE PALACE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Ask Anything 5-11-12	15-8f	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	K. E. Buckley (3)	13
2022	Innovated 7-11-12	16-1	Henry de Bromhead	C. Brassil (5)	10
2021	Fakir d'Alene 6-12-0	2-1f	Gordon Elliott	Denis O'Regan	15
2020	Arahecan 7-12-0	4-1	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	13
2019	Isle of Destiny 6-11-5	11-1	Gordon Elliott	Keith Donoghue	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.58**METCOLLECT HANDICAP CHASE 4yo+ (Rated 0-102)**
€10,000 2½m130y (4140 Metres)

RACE 5

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

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 ONE NIGHT STANDARD (IRE) (12) 98
13715667 5 12-0 | 76.2kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **C. Stone-Walsh (51b/2kg)**
Latest win in hurdle at Listowel in September. Seventh of 10 in novice chase at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good to soft, 100/1) 12 days ago. Back up in trip. Makes handicap chase debut. Open to progress.

2 TANKARDSTOWN DIVA (IRE) (34) (C) 95
77213-570 5 12-0 | 76.2kg
Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland **J. Smith (71b/3kg)**
5/1, sixteenth of 18 in handicap hurdle at Tipperary (24.7f, soft) 34 days ago. Makes chase debut. Makes handicap chase debut.

3 ROOM TO ROAM (IRE) (11) b 97
04745246 10 11-13 | 75.7kg
John McConnell, Ireland **Alex Harvey (51b/2kg)**
Two wins from 53 NH runs. Sixth of 12 in handicap chase (20/1) at Navan (20.6f, good to soft) 11 days ago, going off too hard. Not taken lightly.

4 EAGLE TERRACE (97) (C) s+t 95
5441P-657 6 11-11 | 74.8kg
Noel C. Kelly, Ireland **Mr O. McGill (71b/3kg)**
Course winner. 7/1 and blinkers on for 1st time in this code, seventh of 9 in handicap chase at Downpatrick (23.5f, good to soft) 97 days ago. Cheekpieces back on.

5 FINNIANS ROW (IRE) (63) v+t 98
95-824216 8 11-11 | 74.8kg
Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland **Patrick Michael O'Brien (71b/3kg)**
Latest win in chase at Gowran in October. Bit below form sixth of 13 in handicap chase (7/1) at Clonmel (17.2f, good to soft) 63 days ago.

6 O'FAOLAINS GLORY (IRE) (10) (C, BF) v 95
1359F030 7 11-9 | 73.9kg
Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland **C. P. Millar (51b/2kg)**
4/1, below form eleventh of 19 in handicap hurdle at Naas (16.2f, good to soft) 10 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Back up in trip. Visor back on.

7 LE MALIN (FR) (16) 95
29/0087-35 10 11-7 | 73.0kg
Sean McParlan, Ireland **Mr N. McParlan**
16/1, fifth of 19 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (23.8f, soft) on hurdles bow 16 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase.

8 PERFECT PUPIL (IRE) (16) (C) 96
9U18-0699 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
S. McConville, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
Respectable ninth of 17 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (23.8f, soft, 16/1) 16 days ago, unable to sustain effort. Switches from hurdles to chase. Makes handicap chase debut.

9 ON THE TIDE (IRE) (125) 79
0P6-PU05P 6 11-3 | 71.2kg
Seamus Neville, Ireland **Philip Donovan (51b/2kg)**
Remains a maiden after 16 NH runs. 20/1, pulled up in handicap chase at Kilbeggan (25.4f, good to soft) 125 days ago, folding after 4 out.

10 MAIMIE'S MAGIC (IRE) (45) t 97
62/58437-F 7 11-2 | 70.8kg
Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Liam Quinlan (31b/1kg)**
Modest winner at 18f over hurdles. Fell in handicap chase (14/1) at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) on debut over fences 45 days ago.

11 IVAR THE BONELESS (IRE) (54) s+t 95
07566-795 6 10-13 | 69.4kg
R. K. Watson, Ireland **D. Robinson**
250/1, tailed-off last of 5 to Found A Fifty in Skymas Chase at this course (19.6f, good to soft) 54 days ago. Cheekpieces on 1st time.

12 ROSE OF KALANISI (IRE) (142) 94
6P84/P-00P 7 10-13 | 69.4kg
Paul Stafford, Ireland **Patrick O'Hanlon**
28/1, pulled up in handicap chase at Roscommon (25f, soft) 142 days ago, pulled up before last.

13 CULLENWAINE (IRE) (71b/3kg ex) (5) s ★ 100
5U500851 6 10-8 | 67.1kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **P. Hanlon (71b/3kg)**
15/2, career best when winning 14-runner handicap chase at Thurles (25.1f, good) 5 days ago, forging clear. Carries penalty. Merits consideration.

14 SCHOOL LANE (IRE) (297) (C, D) 94
153/0P008- 11 10-7 | 66.7kg
Liam Lennon, Ireland **Caragh Monaghan (71b/3kg)**
Course winner. Last of 8 in handicap chase at Leopardstown (21.5f, heavy, 25/1). Off 9 months.

15 WITHOUT EXCEPTION (IRE) (30) s 96
0000P35-7 5 10-7 | 66.7kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **T. Power Roche (71b/3kg)**
22/1, seventh of 13 in handicap chase at Tramore (21.4f, heavy) on debut over fences 30 days ago. Cheekpieces on 1st time. Open to improvement.

16 MASTERMIND (IRE) (41) h+v 95
7/856-6856 10 10-4 | 65.3kg
Alan Fleming, Ireland **Phillip Enright**
Thirty one runs since last win in 2018. Creditable sixth of 13 in handicap chase (20/1) at Punchestown (24.3f, good) 41 days ago. Hood back on, visor on 1st time.

RESERVES

17 TOM KELLY (IRE) (12) 60
P/3447P-P9 7 11-5 | 72.1kg
Kevin Michael Smith, Ireland **Reserve**
Cheekpieces on for 1st time, first run since leaving Mrs Jayne Hearne when ninth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20f, good to soft, 25/1) 12 days ago. RESERVE.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS (1 RESERVE)

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Cullenwaine, 9-1 One Night Standard, 9-1 Finnians Row, 11-1 Room To Roam, 12-1 Maimie's Magic, 14-1 Perfect Pupil, 16-1 Without Exception, 18-1 Eagle Terrace, 18-1 O'faolains Glory, 18-1 Mastermind, 18-1 Ivar The Boneless, 18-1 Tankardstown Diva, 20-1 Le Malin, 33-1 Rose of Kalanisi, 33-1 School Lane, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CULLENWAINE improved on previous chase form to finally take advantage of a lower mark in this sphere at Thurles on Saturday and the way he forged clear gives reason he can defy a penalty. Room To Roam went off too hard at Navan so is worth another chance, while One Night Standard remains capable of better in this sphere.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. CULLENWAINE 2. ROOM TO ROAM 3. ONE NIGHT STANDARD****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Eagle Terrace 5-11-9	6-1	Noel C. Kelly	Mr D. McGill (7)	13
2022	Highstreetfashion 7-10-3	7-1	Patrick Rooney	Patrick Michael O'Brien (7)	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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METCOLLECT OIL RECYCLING HUNTERS CHASE 5yo+
€10,000 3m (4830 Metres)

RACE 6

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

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 ASK D'MAN (IRE) (44) t **78**
1/57-2 10 12-0 | 76.2kg
David Christie, Ireland **Mr B Finn (71b/3kg)**
Fair chaser. Respectable second of 6 in hunter chase (15/2) at Fairyhouse (24.3f, good) 44 days ago. Others have achieved more.



2 BIG INTEREST (IRE) t
5 12-0 | 76.2kg
David Christie, Ireland **Mr B. O'Neill**
€45,000 3-y-o, €60,000 5-y-o, Soldier of Fortune gelding. Half-brother to a point winner. Wears tongue strap. Off mark in points at second attempt (Mar 2024). Major player for stable with excellent record in this discipline.



3 BOLD FURY (IRE) (234) h+t **72**
3 5 12-0 | 76.2kg
Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Mr T. C. Kileff (71b/3kg)**
Winning pointer. 14/1 and hooded tongue strap on, third of 12 in hunter chase at this course (23.2f, good to soft) on NH debut. Off 7 months. Needs to find improvement.



4 DORKING COCK (IRE) (234) (C) t **84**
32P0/1U4-3 10 12-0 | 76.2kg
Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Mr S. Connor (71b/3kg)**
Fairly useful chaser. Course winner. Latest win in hurdle at Navan in November 2023. 17/2, good third of 8 in handicap chase at this course (26.2f, good to soft). Off 7 months. Respected.



5 GO ANOTHER ONE (IRE) (563) (C, D) t **87**
57/17- 12 12-0 | 76.2kg
John McConnell, Ireland **Mr B. T. Stone (71b/3kg)**
Useful hurdler/chaser who hasn't been seen under Rules for 18 months. Maiden pointer, unseated rider last time (Dec 1)



6 HUDSON DUSTER (IRE) (564)
75- 6 12-0 | 76.2kg
Liam Lennon, Ireland **Mr E. P. Powell (71b/3kg)**
Twice-raced maiden under Rules. Fifth of 14 in novice hurdle (66/1) at Punchestown (23.6f, good) 18 months ago. Winning pointer, unplaced last time (Dec 8).



7 ITS ON THE LINE (IRE) (237) (CD) **94**
2F1/1121-1 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
Emmet Mullins, Ireland **Miss M. O'Sullivan (51b/2kg)**
Useful chaser. C&D winner. 6/4, career best when winning 14-runner hunter chase at Punchestown (24.7f, soft), suited by emphasis on stamina. Hugely likeable sort who won this on reappearance last year, so a typically bold bid is expected.



8 MY PRISONER (IRE)
5 12-0 | 76.2kg
Holly Curran, Ireland **Mr J. P. Collins**
Libertarian gelding. Dam unraced. Maiden pointer, last of 4 finishers last time (Nov 17).



9 PRIORY PARK (IRE) (380) **77**
272/93PP0- 8 12-0 | 76.2kg
E. J. O'Grady, Ireland **Mr E. Staples (71b/3kg)**
Below form when last seen under Rules a year ago but has won all 4 starts in points since and is worthy of interest having his first try in a hunter.



10 RAMILLIES (IRE) (286) (D) s **86**
1dP9/5434P- 9 12-0 | 76.2kg
David Christie, Ireland **Mr D. McGill (71b/3kg)**
Useful hurdler/chaser who has tasted success in points. Out of sorts when last seen under Rules but ran with credit between the flags recently.



11 VINA ARDANZA (IRE) (213) **88**
2047/14-88 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
Colin A. McBratney, Ireland **Mr D. G. Lavery**
Fairly useful chaser. 25/1, creditable eighth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Ballinrobe 7 months ago. Left Gordon Elliott and gamely won sole start in points (3 runners, Nov 16) since.



12 WELSH SAINT (FR) (167) (D) s **71**
0994-24PP 10 12-0 | 76.2kg
Colin A. McBratney, Ireland **Mr O. McGill (71b/3kg)**
Fair chaser. Twenty four runs since last win in 2020. Pulled up in novice chase at Kilbeggan (25.4f, good to soft, 80/1) 167 days ago. Maiden pointer, fourth last time (Nov 24).



13 ANGELS DAWN (IRE) (287) (CD) **100**
1U16/273F- 9 11-7 | 73.0kg
S. Curling, Ireland **Mr P. A. King (51b/2kg)**
Useful chaser. C&D winner. Fell 2 out in handicap chase (14/1) at Cheltenham (26f, soft) 9 months ago, in second and still finding at the time. Has easily won a point since and holds excellent claims on hunter debut.



13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Its On The Line, **11-4** Angels Dawn, **17-2** Big Interest, **10-1** Priory Park, **16-1** Vina Ardanza, **16-1** Dorking Cock, **18-1** Ramillies, **25-1** Ask D'man, **33-1** Go Another One, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ANGELS DAWN was running a cracker prior to falling in the Kim Muir at Cheltenham and she's opened her account in points since, so she gets the marginal vote to beat last year's winner Its On The Line, who concedes weight to her. Big Interest is another one to note having his first go under Rules (impressive winner between the flags).

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ANGELS DAWN 2. ITS ON THE LINE 3. BIG INTEREST

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Its On The Line 6-12-0	11-2	Emmet Mullins	Mr Charlie Mullins (7)	10
2022	Vaucelet 7-12-0	2-1	David Christie	Mr B. O'Neill	8
2021	Dorking Cock 7-12-2	22-1	Stuart Crawford	Mr S. Connor (7)	11
2020	Billaway 8-12-2	5-4f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	10
2019	Dylrow 9-12-0	25-1	David Christie	Jordan Colin Gainford (7)	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


3.08**METCOLLECT METAL RECYCLING (PRO/AM) I.N.H. FLAT 4yo+
€10,000 2m1f53y (3470 Metres)**

RACE 7


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

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Pace Information: **N/A****1 BALOVALE (IRE) (254) 70**
00U- 4 12-0 | 76.2kg

 E. J. O'Grady, Ireland **Mr E. Staples (71lb/3kg)**
Thrice-raced maiden under NH rules. Unseated rider in novice hurdle at Naas (16.5f, soft, 200/1). Off 8 months. Switches from hurdles to bumpers.


2 BECTIVE THUNDER (IRE) 92
5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **F. Brickley (71lb/3kg)**
Mount Nelson gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/very smart chase winner Grangeclare West and fair chaser who became unreliable Stockburn. Makes plenty of appeal on pedigree.


3 BOLD PASSION (IRE) (27) 90
24 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Peter Fahey, Ireland **Mr O. McGill (71lb/3kg)**
Twice-raced maiden under NH rules. 10/1, fourth of 10 in novice hurdle at Thurles (15.9f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 27 days ago. Switches from hurdles to bumpers.

4 COMANCHE MAGIC (IRE) 88
4 12-0 | 76.2kg

 P. A. Fahy, Ireland **H. E. Sexton (71lb/3kg)**
Westerner gelding. Dam fair maiden hurdler (stayed 3m). Not an obvious sort on paper.


5 FULL CONTACT (IRE) (10) 75
B 4 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Peter John Flood, Ireland **Miss Georgie Benson (71lb/3kg)**
Once-raced maiden. Brought down in bumper at Naas (16.2f, good to soft, 50/1) on NH debut 10 days ago.


6 KILWAUGHTER (IRE) 89
4 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Mr S. Connor (71lb/3kg)**
€30,000 3-y-o, Milan gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Top of The Bill. Not one to rule out and is worth monitoring in the betting.


7 LARGY SPIRIT (IRE) 88
5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Mr N. McParlan**
Milan gelding. Brother to fair 19f hurdle winner Milcree and fair staying chaser Camp Belan, and half-brother to fairly useful chaser Clonmeen. Wears tongue strap. Fifth sole start in points (Apr 27).

8 MOUNT MASON (IRE) (263) 90
2- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Oliver McKiernan, Ireland **Mr J. C. Barry**
Once-raced maiden. 7/2, second of 8 in bumper at Exeter (16.7f, heavy) on NH debut, clear of rest. Off 8 months. First run for yard after leaving J. Newman. Tongue strap on 1st time.


9 PEEKACHOO (IRE) 88
5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Adrian Murray, Ireland **Eoin G. Kelly (71lb/3kg)**
Let The Lion Roar gelding. Dam modest hurdler (19f winner). Wears hood. Slipped up sole start in points (Dec 8).


10 POLEPATRICK (IRE) (234) (BF) 94
2 4 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland **Mr D. McGill (71lb/3kg)**
Once-raced maiden. 5/2, second of 12 in bumper at this course (16.8f, good to soft) on NH debut, pulling hard. Off 7 months.


11 STRONG LINK (IRE) (40) 95
2 4 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland **T. P. Harney (71lb/3kg)**
Once-raced maiden. 17/2, second of 11 in bumper at Navan (16.2f, good to soft) on NH debut 40 days ago, running on. Makes the most appeal of those with bumper experience.


12 TAKENASRED (IRE) (383) 79
86- 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Stuart Crawford, Ireland **C. Smithers (71lb/3kg)**
Twice-raced maiden. 80/1 and hooded for 1st time, sixth of 10 in bumper at Navan (16f, heavy). Off 12 months. First run for yard after leaving Jamie Albert Sloan.

13 THEFLYINGKING (IRE) 100
4 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Mr B. O'Neill**
€105,000 3-y-o, Jukebox Jury gelding. Won sole start in points (Apr 27). Has joined a top outfit and is capable of making a successful start under Rules.

14 BOLDPLAY (IRE) 89
4 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Mr D. G. Lavery**
€14,500 3-y-o, Malinas filly. Dam failed to complete both starts in points. Not much appeal on pedigree.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Theflyingking, **6-1** Strong Link, **9-1** Bective Thunder, **11-1** Polepatrick, **14-1** Bold Passion, **16-1** Mount Mason, **22-1** Kilwaughter, **22-1** Boldplay, **28-1** Peekachoo, **33-1** Largy Spirit, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THEFLYINGKING was an expensive store and subsequently won his only start in points, so he's the one to beat having his first go under Rules. Strong Link sets a reasonable standard based on his second at Navan, while Bective Thunder, a stablemate of the selection, is noteworthy on pedigree.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. THEFLYINGKING 2. STRONG LINK 3. BECTIVE THUNDER****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Mongibello 5-11-7	13-8f	Stuart Crawford	Mr S. Connor (7)	9
2022	Lucky Lyreen 4-12-0	11-2	Gordon Elliott	Mr J. J. Codd	11
2021	Pinkerton 5-12-2	12-1	Noel Meade	N. J. Ryan (7)	14
2020	Dixie Flyer 4-11-13	14-1	Stuart Crawford	Mr B. G. Crawford (7)	13
2019	Farouk d'Alene 4-11-11	4-6f	Gordon Elliott	Mr J. J. Codd	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race