

Thursday 26th December

# FONTWELL



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CHECK OUR PRICES AT BETMGM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)

RACE 1 **(7) MOTAZZEN | (5) GETOVERTHATHILL | (2) COCO BRAVE**

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STAY SAFE PLAYERS AT BETMGM NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m1f162y (3570 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) KALIUM | (2) HORS JEU | (4) ANDASHAN**

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DAILY OFFERS WITH BETMGM HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 2m1f165y (3570 Metres)

RACE 3 **(7) GORCOMBE MOONSHINE | (3) KOENIGSSTERN | (5) COUP DE GOLD**

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£40 IN FREE BETS WITH BETMGM JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m1f162y (3570 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) GALACTIC CHARM | (6) ROI DE BAVIERE | (2) EL GAVILAN**

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GOLDEN ERA OF BETTING: BETMGM HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3m1f166y (5180 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) HIDDEN HISTORY | (1) SPIKE JONES | (7) GATA BAN**

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BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT BETMGM HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f210y (5220 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) CAPTAIN CLAUDE | (3) INSTANT GAMBLER | (1) RIVER TYNE**

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BETMGM: IT'S SHOWTIME OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m1f162y (3570 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) EDWARD SEXTON | (5) GENTLEMAN TOBOOT | (2) CHIVALROUS GEORGE**

## 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.

**11.57**

RACE 1

**CHECK OUR PRICES AT BETMGM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **N/A**

**1 KALIF D'AIRY (FR) (66)** t **100**  
933-77 4 12-0 | 76.2kg

Gary & Josh Moore **Caoilin Quinn (3lb/1kg)**   
Third in a pair of 2m juvenile hurdles at Newbury and Hereford last winter but well held in 2 handicaps fitted with a tongue tie this time around. Mark is dipping. 1 of 2 runners for top local yard.

**2 COCO BRAVE (IRE) (30)** t **96**  
83F5-3 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

Anthony Honeyball **Chad Bament (10lb/5kg)**  
Shaped as if better for the run switched to a handicap after 8 months off at Southwell, leading until the home straight, and should have more to offer at this sort of trip. Tongue tie goes on and 10 lb conditional been going well. One to consider.

**3 ALIOSKI (38)** t **93**  
493/200-1dU 7 11-13 | 75.7kg

Gary Brown **Isabelle Ryder (10lb/5kg)**  
Sole hurdles success came in 2m Worcester maiden in 2022 but largely acquitted himself well after and notched third win on the Flat at Ffos Las in August. In rear when unseating fifth at Leicester back over hurdles last month. Wouldn't rule out.

**4 RUNAWAY TRAIN (IRE) (30)** **96**  
9-765F62 4 11-10 | 74.4kg

James Owen **Tom Buckley**  
Has run much better the last twice, second on handicap debut at Southwell (2m) 4 weeks ago, faring best of the trio who ensured a brisk early gallop. Got to be respected up in trip.

**5 GETOVERTHATHILL (IRE) (39) (C)** **99**  
761 7 11-6 | 72.6kg

Chris Gordon **Bradley Harris**  
Proved a different proposition sent handicapping after 7 weeks off when landing 22f novice contest here 6 weeks ago, travelling well and drawing clear. More to come up 9 lb.

**6 TARA ITI (10) (C)** s **98**  
4P-376222 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Gary & Josh Moore **Rob Hargreaves (8lb/4kg)**  
His last 2 wins have come here but he's struggled to add to his tally for a while, failing to put it to bed after getting to the front at Plumpton recently. 1 of 2 runners for the yard.

**7 MOTAZZEN (IRE) (16) (C)** s **97**  
P-7256041 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

Henrietta C Knight **Philip Armonson**  
Became his trainer's first jumps winner since renewing her licence here a fortnight ago. Did it decisively, suggesting this longer trip should suit, and he could follow up after a 7 lb rise.

**8 KARAKOY (184)** t **91**  
0786-943 4 10-10 | 68.0kg

Robbie Llewellyn **Charlie Price**  
Fair winner on the Flat who showed plenty more over hurdles last 2 starts in June. Might find this a bit tougher back up in trip after 6 months off.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Getoverthathill, **7-2** Motazzen, **7-1** Tara Iti, **15-2** Runaway Train, **9-1** Coco Brave, **12-1** Kalif D'airy, **20-1** Karakoy, **33-1** Alioski

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Quite a competitive opener, with MOTAZZEN taken to follow up his recent course success. He proved really strong at the finish then and his revised mark should be within reach. The lightly-raced Getoverthathill also won well here last time and is an obvious danger. Coco Brave is another to note.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. MOTAZZEN 2. GETOVERTHATHILL 3. COCO BRAVE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Naturally High</b> 8-11-9	11-8f	Gary Moore	Caoilin Quinn (3)	9
	<b>Hobb's Delight</b> 7-11-0	15-2	Neil Mulholland	Harry Kimber	9
2022	<b>Blue Shark</b> 5-11-2	5-2f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jamie Brace (6)	10
2021	<b>Legal Rights</b> 4-11-4	6-5f	Gary Moore	Niall Houlihan (3)	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.32**

**STAY SAFE PLAYERS AT BETMGM NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 2m1f162y (3570 Metres)**

RACE 2




Going: **Soft**


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Pace Information: **N/A**


**1 DANCE AND GLANCE (28) (D)** t **94**  
0-113 4 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Anthony Honeyball** *Jack Tudor*  
Plumpton bumper winner who took a thin 2m maiden hurdle at Southwell last month and ran well in a much stronger event at Taunton next time, seeming to hit the line quite well even if unable to go with the promising first 2 in the latter stages. More to come as his jumping improves.

**2 HORS JEU (FR) (221) (D)** t **96**  
4-12 4 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Clive Boulbee-Brooks** *Richard Patrick*  
Fairly useful form over hurdles in France in May, winning at Moulins and second at Auteuil. Sets a good standard for a novice like this and seems sure to go well if ready to roll.

**3 KALIUM (FR) (40)** ★ **100**  
121 4 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Tim Vaughan** *Alan Johns*  
Winning debut in a Killarney bumper in May and has made a good start over hurdles for new yard, chasing home promising one at Ludlow before getting the job done in good style at Wetherby. Can improve further.


**4 ANDASHAN (IRE) (10) (BF)** **96**  
13-U 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Chris Gordon** *Rex Dingle*  
Made a winning bumper debut at Kempton in February and bettered that form when third of 20 in a valuable event at Newbury 6 weeks later. Well backed but got no further than the first on last week's hurdles debut at Plumpton. Clearly retains potential.


**5 BALLELA BLAZE (IRE) (10)** **60**  
7-0 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Thomas Gallagher** *Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)*  
Easy winner sole start in Irish points in March 2023 but just modest form in a bumper 4 months later and offered little sent hurdling at Southwell on comeback last week.


**6 BEAULD AS BRASS** **90**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **George Baker** *James Davies*  
Fair handicapper on Flat (stays 11f), good second last week despite losing many lengths at start. Has plenty of quirks so hard to predict how he'll take to hurdling.

**7 MALINIFICENT (IRE) (21)** **94**  
3 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Warren Greatrex** *D. P. Davis (7lb/3kg)*  
£52,000 buy, runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points (May 5). Showed promise on hurdles debut in a 6-runner 2m Leicester novice earlier this month that should throw up winners. Bred to stay well.


**8 PEARL'S PIRATE (273)** **91**  
3- 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Gary & Josh Moore** *Caolin Quinn*  
Offered something to work on despite looking badly in need of experience in March bumper here that the yard has farmed over the years. One to note now hurdling.


**9 SANITISER (37) (BF)** **92**  
43-232213 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Gary & Josh Moore** *Rob Hargreaves (7lb/3kg)*  
A fairly useful handicapper on the Flat and having finished a good second over C&D he readily opened his hurdling account in 5-runner handicap at Kempton (2m) last month. Not in the same form at Fakenham a week later, however.

**10 POLLY PI (IRE) (35)** **70**  
6400 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **Evan Williams** *Conor Ring*  
Shaped with promise in both bumper starts but looks a longer-term project over hurdles.

**11 XYLE ENKI (FR) (844)** **94**  
1214/ 6 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **Robert Walford** *Harry Kimber*  
Fair hurdler/chaser, successful on 2 of her 3 starts over fences early in 2022/23. Long absence to overcome but in-form yard can ready one and she's worth a look returning over hurdles on these terms.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Kalium, **11-2** Hors Jeu, **6-1** Andashan, **15-2** Malinificent, **8-1** Dance And Glance, **8-1** Xyle Enki, **12-1** Sanitiser, **16-1** Pearl's Pirate, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Quite a deep-looking novice, with KALIUM fancied to take another step forward and make it 2-3 over hurdles. He showed a good attitude for a lightly-raced hurdler when scoring at Wetherby and seems sure to win more races. French recruit Hors Jeu sets a decent standard if ready to roll, while Andashan remains with potential despite his Plumpton mishap.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KALIUM 2. HORS JEU 3. ANDASHAN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>The Good Doctor</b> 4-11-9	5-2f	Ben Pauling	Beau Morgan (5)	11
2022	<b>Givega</b> 6-11-7	4-9f	Gary Moore	Niall Houlihan (3)	13
2021	<b>Hecouldbetheone</b> 4-10-12	16-5	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	8
2019	<b>Neff</b> 4-11-5	1-3f	Gary Moore	Joshua Moore	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**DAILY OFFERS WITH BETMGM HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier)**  
**(5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m1f165y (3570 Metres)**

RACE 3



Going: **Soft**

**SMART STATS:**

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Pace Information: **N/A**

<b>1</b>	<b>JOLYJUMP (FR) (22)</b>		<b>99</b>
	8P1-24413 5 12-0   76.2kg		
	Gary & Josh Moore	<b>Caolin Quinn</b>	
	Quickly off the mark over fences in 4-runner 2m novice handicap at Southwell last month but not in the same form up 9 lb at Ludlow next time, jumping left. Retains potential.		
<b>2</b>	<b>GREENROCK ABBEY (IRE) (33)</b>	s	<b>97</b>
	233/2325-5 8 11-13   75.7kg		
	Kerry Lee	<b>Richard Patrick</b>	
	Dual winner over fences at Hereford during 2022/23 and placed twice last season. Might have needed his return at Huntingdon last month although his tame finish wasn't anything new.		
<b>3</b>	<b>KOENIGSSTERN (IRE) (38)</b> (BF)		<b>100</b>
	44336-22 7 11-13   75.7kg		
	Nick Gifford	<b>James Davies</b>	
	Dual winning pointer (also successful 3 times on the Flat) and has shown plenty for all that he's yet to strike over hurdles/fences. Runner-up both starts switched to this sphere since returning to action in October and he has to enter calculations.		
<b>4</b>	<b>CHOSEN HERO (IRE) (15)</b>	s	<b>99</b>
	2391P3-3P 6 11-12   75.3kg		
	Archie Watson	<b>Ben Poste</b>	
	Winning hurdler who ran well on her return at Sedgefield but shaped as if amiss making chasing debut after 9 weeks off at Hexham. Bit to prove.		
<b>5</b>	<b>COUP DE GOLD (IRE) (29)</b>		<b>97</b>
	4-F39423F 8 10-6   66.2kg		
	Evan Williams	<b>Conor Ring</b>	
	Dual winner over hurdles and offered something to work on before departing late making a belated chase debut at Hereford 4 weeks ago. Wouldn't rule out.		
<b>6</b>	<b>VALIRANN GOLD (IRE) (16)</b> (C, BF)	s+t	<b>98</b>
	714323-36 7 10-5   65.8kg		
	Harriet Brown	<b>Ned Fox (31b/1kg)</b>	
	Second to Gorcombe Moonshine in this 12 months ago and struck back here in February, going on from faltering leader. Poor here a fortnight ago after a promising return, though.		
<b>7</b>	<b>GORCOMBE MOONSHINE (184)</b> (CD, BF)	s	<b>96</b>
	3U4F-3438 7 10-2(10-0)   64.4kg (63.5kg)		
	Robert Walford	<b>Harry Kimber</b>	
	Fair runs over hurdles in the summer and won this last year on first go over fences. No surprise to see him go well back chasing after 6 months off.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Koenigsstern, **9-2** Jolyjump, **5-1** Gorcombe Moonshine, **6-1** Greenrock Abbey, **13-2** Valirann Gold, **9-1** Coup De Gold, **16-1** Chosen Hero

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

GORCOMBE MOONSHINE won this on his return last year and could repeat the feat. Koenigsstern has made a good start over fences and is a big player. Coup de Gold might go well if none the worse after his Hereford spill.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GORCOMBE MOONSHINE 2. KOENIGSSTERN 3. COUP DE GOLD**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Gorcombe Moonshine</b> 6-10-1	10-3	Robert Walford	Harry Kimber (3)	7
2022	<b>Rose Sea Has</b> 7-11-10	7-2	Dr Richard Newland	Charlie Hammond	6
2021	<b>Hasankey</b> 5-12-2	4-1	L J Morgan	Lewis Dobb (10)	5
2019	<b>Flaminger</b> 4-12-4	4-6f	Gary Moore	Joshua Moore	7

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RACE 4




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Pace Information: **N/A**

**1 CANDLE WAX (BF)** t **65**  
 3 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Gary Brown **James Davies**  
 Modest and disappointing maiden on the Flat for William Haggas. Been off another 7 months and some hope for him being from the family of fairly useful hurdler Shadagann. Tongue tie goes on.



**2 EL GAVILAN (FR) (14) (BF)** **71**  
 2-495 3 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Clive Boulton-Brooks **Richard Patrick**  
 Fair form over hurdles in France and runner-up to subsequent listed winner Sauvignon on debut, but proved disappointing on first go in this country at Warwick (9/4) recently, finding little.


**3 GALACTIC CHARM (20)** ★ **100**  
 2 3 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Gary & Josh Moore **Caolin Quinn**  
 Fairly useful staying handicapper on Flat for Michael Bell (47,000 gns buy for new connections). Made a promising start over hurdles at Sandown 3 weeks ago, sticking to his task despite his inexperience showing over the last 2 flights. Sure to go well for top local yard with good record in this.

**4 RAPID MISSION (39)** **65**  
 567 3 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Anthony Charlton **Bradley Harris (3lb/1kg)**   
 Fairly useful handicapper on Flat (stays 12.5f) but has shown little in 3 starts over hurdles this term.

**5 RED CLOUD (IRE) (31)** t **66**  
 6 3 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Gary & Josh Moore **Marc Goldstein**  
 Modest performer successful twice at up to 1½m on the Flat in 2024 and probably needed the run with a tongue strap retained for his hurdling debut after 7 weeks off at Kempton. Has enough about him physically to suggest he'll do better in this sphere at some stage.

**6 ROI DE BAVIERE (FR) (25)** **71**  
 32 3 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Fergal O'Brien **Fern O'Brien (7lb/3kg)**  
 Fair maiden on Flat in France who improved on hurdling debut form when second to promising sort from the Venetia Williams' yard at Leicester (2m). Can do better again.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-5** Galactic Charm, **13-2** Roi De Baviere, **7-1** El Gavilan, **33-1** Red Cloud, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Hard to see past GALACTIC CHARM after his promising Sandown run and he can give the Moore stable another win in this contest. Roi de Baviere looks the one for the forecast.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GALACTIC CHARM 2. ROI DE BAVIERE 3. EL GAVILAN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Bridge</b> 3-11-2	3-1	Gary Moore	Caolin Quinn (3)	5
2022	<b>Polyphonic</b> 3-11-2	3-1	Milton Harris	Mitchell Bastyan	8
2021	<b>Yorksea</b> 3-10-12	4-6f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	6
2019	<b>Manucci</b> 3-10-12	7-4	Amanda Perrett	Joshua Moore	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**3yo+ (Rated 0-120) £7,700 3m1f166y (5180 Metres)**

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Pace Information: **N/A**

- 1 SPIKE JONES (44)** (CD) s+t **97**

1412/P45-1 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

Samuel Drinkwater **Ned Fox (3lb/1kg)**

Dual C&D winner in 2022/23 season (including this race) and successful return after 11 months off in 23f Lingfield handicap fitted with cheekpieces, pulling it out of the fire late. One to consider up just 2 lb.
- 2 HIDDEN HISTORY (34)** **99**

31-7 6 11-13 | 75.7kg

Chris Gordon **Rex Dingle**

£45,000 Irish point winner who struck in heavy-ground Lingfield maiden hurdle in February. Offered more than enough to think he can make an impact from this sort of mark on return/handicap debut at Chepstow last month, not knocked about. Upped markedly in trip and capable of better.
- 3 NO BUT I WILL (62)** s **92**

21/715PP-0 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Robbie Llewellyn **Charlie Price (3lb/1kg)**

Winning hurdler/chaser who probably needed his October run for new yard. They've been among the winners and he scored second time up last season (over fences) so he's not discounted down in class.
- 4 HEAVEN SMART (FR) (31)** b **95**

351UU-436 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Gary & Josh Moore **Caolin Quinn**

Fairly useful 3m chase winner back over hurdles this autumn, well beaten at Kempton latest but running well on return over C&D before that. Can't be dismissed back here.
- 5 SHUTUPSHIRLEY (756)** t **89**

511/ 7 11-2 | 70.8kg

Robert Walford **Harry Kimber**

Improving in handicap hurdles when last seen at the end of 2022, scoring at Exeter and Wincanton. Can progress further if all is well. Tongue tie goes on.
- 6 SAN PEDRO (IRE) (31)** (CD) **98**

31417-685 7 11-0 | 69.9kg

Chris Gordon **Marc Goldstein**

C&D winner who has been quiet but is back on his last successful mark and a revival wouldn't be a complete surprise.
- 7 GATA BAN (IRE) (50)**  **100**

2381/86 7 10-6 | 66.2kg

Neil Mulholland **Jack Tudor**

Made a winning handicap debut at Taunton (19f) in December 2022 and is seemingly working her way back to fitness, more like it when sixth of 17 at Chepstow 7 weeks ago. Handicapper drops her another 3 lb and she's one to consider upped further in trip.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Spike Jones, **7-2** Hidden History, **11-2** Shutupshirley, **7-1** Heaven Smart, **15-2** Gata Ban, **10-1** No But I Will, **20-1** San Pedro

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

HIDDEN HISTORY made an encouraging comeback/handicap debut at Chepstow in a race that is working out and he could be set for a big run if his stamina holds out upped markedly in trip. 2022-winner Spike Jones made a successful return at Lingfield and can go well again. Gata Ban is another to consider.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HIDDEN HISTORY 2. SPIKE JONES 3. GATA BAN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Lanspark 8-10-12	11-2	Robbie Llewellyn	Rex Dingle	5
2022	Spike Jones 5-11-1	7-2	Samuel Drinkwater	Danny Burton (5)	9
2021	Not At Present 6-12-0	9-2	Ben Pauling	Niall Houlihan (5)	7



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RACE 6



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Pace Information: **N/A**

**1 RIVER TYNE (39) (CD) 95**  
PP223-118 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

Nick Gifford **James Davies**  
Back on the up with wins over C&D and Plumpton before finding the Southern National here last month too hot, the trip possibly stretching her. This is easier.

**2 CAPTAIN CLAUDE (IRE) (16) (CD) b+t ★ 100**  
2/311323-3 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Anthony Honeyball **Chad Bament (10lb/5kg)**  
Good record here and took this last year. Will be better for his recent return and a big run looks on the cards back up in trip.

**3 INSTANT GAMBLER (IRE) (57) (CD, BF) ✓ 96**  
0P9/11113 8 11-10 | 74.4kg

Alexandra Dunn **Jack Tudor**  
Much improved chasing this season, his 4-timer including 3 wins over C&D (unbeaten here), while he wasn't ideally placed as his losing run came to an end at Fakenham 8 weeks ago. Good chance he has more to offer.

**4 RECORD HIGH (IRE) (29) (C) 65**  
3/65-8P 7 11-9 | 73.9kg

Suzy Smith **Harry Bannister**  
Bumper winner here in February 2022 but presumably been hard to train since and has shown little in 2 runs over fences this term.

**5 UALLRIGHTHARRY (IRE) (28) (CD) s 95**  
P97P1P-8P 12 11-3 | 71.2kg

Karen Jewell **Caolin Quinn**  
Took advantage of a big drop in the weights when taking C&D handicap in March but quickly back into his shell since, fading and well beaten on return at Lingfield 4 weeks ago.

**6 DYSANIA (IRE) (17) s 97**  
PP0/164P-6 9 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

Peter & Michael Bowen **Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)**  
Finally off the mark in novices' handicap chase at Lingfield on comeback 13 months ago and fair return there recently. Doesn't appeal as the likely winner here, though.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-8** Instant Gambler, **7-2** Captain Claude, **4-1** River Tyne, **11-1** Record High, **16-1** Dysania, **25-1** Uallrightharry

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Last year's winner CAPTAIN CLAUDE will be all the better for his recent return here and can strike again back up at a more suitable trip. Instant Gambler defends an unbeaten record at Fontwell (3-3) and should get back on track after a break. River Tyne is also in the mix.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CAPTAIN CLAUDE 2. INSTANT GAMBLER 3. RIVER TYNE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Captain Claude</b>	6-10-12	2-1jf	Anthony Honeyball	Ben Godfrey (3)	6
2022	<b>Coolvalla</b>	6-11-10	13-8f	Chris Gordon	Rex Dingle	9
2021	<b>Percussion</b>	6-11-12	11-2	L J Morgan	Harry Reed	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.27**

**BETMGM: IT'S SHOWTIME OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 2m1f162y (3570 Metres)**

RACE 7



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: **N/A**

**1 BY GEORGE (IRE) 78**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lawney Hill *Richard Patrick*  
£25,000 3-y-o, Order of St George gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners on Flat. Dam useful 1¼m winner. Well bred starting out in a bumper and worth a look.

**2 CHIVALROUS GEORGE (IRE) 80**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Suzy Smith *Harry Bannister*  
Order of St George gelding. Dam bumper winner, sister to useful hurdler (stayed 2½m) Hunters Hoof and fair hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 25f) Anightinlambourn. Appealing sort on paper.

**3 DESERT GUEST (IRE) (44) (BF) 81**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Archie Watson *Miss Brodie Hampson (3lb/1kg)*  
Couldn't justify support but offered something to work on nevertheless in Hereford bumper 6 weeks ago, not unduly punished. Ought to be capable of better.

**4 EDWARD SEXTON (IRE) (46) 100**  
2 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gary & Josh Moore *Mr David Dunsdon*  
Made a promising start when second at Sandown (18/1) 7 weeks ago under this rider, edged out only by a stable-companion with pointing experience. Sets the standard and the one to beat.

**5 GENTLEMAN TOBOOT (IRE) (57) 90**  
3 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



David Pipe *Jack Tudor*  
€46,000 buy from points and he showed plenty when third of 10 in bumper at Newton Abbot in October, his inexperience under pressure proving his undoing. The second won next time and he's open to improvement now fitted with tongue tie.

**6 GRAEME THE GREY 77**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nick Gifford *James Davies*  
£9,000 3-y-o, Kingston Hill gelding out of fairly useful 17f-2½m chase winner, half-sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser (17f-2¾m winner) Jubilatoire and useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 3¼m) Jatiluwih.

**7 KEVANO BREEZE (17) 75**  
P4 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Michael Madgwick *Marc Goldstein*  
Still in need of the experience but showed more than on debut 7 months earlier when fourth at Lingfield recently. Looks vulnerable back here.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-10** Edward Sexton, **5-2** Gentleman Toboot, **9-1** Desert Guest, **11-1** Chivalrous George, **25-1** By George, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

EDWARD SEXTON made a very promising start behind a stablemate at Sandown 7 weeks ago and is the one to beat. Gentleman Toboot likewise shaped well first time up at Newton Abbot, form that is working out nicely, and he's feared most. Chivalrous George might be the pick of the 3 newcomers.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. EDWARD SEXTON 2. GENTLEMAN TOBOOT 3. CHIVALROUS GEORGE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race