

Thursday 26th December

MARKET RASEN



12.08 RAND FARM PARK STOCKING FILLER THRILLER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m125y (3330 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) WE'LLHAVEWAN | (2) MAGNETIC NORTH | (4) STRAITOUTTACOMPTON**

12.40 RAND FARM PARK ALL WEATHER ATTRACTION NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m7f191y (4800 Metres)

RACE 2 **(6) SOME BRO | (5) RONNIES REFLECTION | (2) ASA**

1.15 FSC TONY FIATA MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m125y (3330 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) INDEEVAR BLEU | (4) JACKPOT D'AINAY | (3) DIAMOND KODA**

1.47 PALLINC LINCOLNSHIRE NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m3f123y (5540 Metres)

RACE 4 **(7) KELCE | (5) O'CONNELL | (8) BALLYDISCO**

2.22 CASPIAN GROUP NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m1f43y (3460 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) DAMARTA | (1) GALUNGGUNG | (2) DENEMETHY**

2.57 RAND FARM PARK FAMILY DAYS OUT NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m139y (4150 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) DEXPERADO | (1) REHILL RELIC | (2) TRAVELING SOLDIER**

3.32 RAND FARM PARK CHRISTMAS NEIGHTIVITY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2¼m140y (3750 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) GILBERTINA | (7) INISHNABRO | (4) DIAMOND DICE**

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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RACE 1

RAND FARM PARK STOCKING FILLER THRILLER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ £7,000 2m125y (3330 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

Pace Information: **N/A**

1 WE'LLHAVEWAN (IRE) (32) (D) s+t **100**
126U-05P6 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

Rebecca Menzies **Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)**
Useful hurdler for Willie Mullins who went off 13/2 for the Irish Grand National in April. Failed to progress over fences and although has a fair bit to prove following 3 low key starts for new yard this is significantly easier.

2 MAGNETIC NORTH (IRE) (504) s **68**
0000/P0- 9 10-2(9-6) | 64.4kg (59.9kg)

Rebecca Menzies **Ellis Collier (7lb/3kg)**
Bagged back-to-back claimers on the Flat in Ireland during the summer but hasn't made much of an impact in 4 runs on the Flat for this yard. Showed little over hurdles for previous connections so would need stablemate to underperform significantly to score here.

3 TIO MIO (IRE) (89) **61**
P3P0/6-P 6 10-2(8-11) | 64.4kg (55.8kg)

Michael Chapman **Harriet Tucker (7lb/3kg)**
Fair Flat winner at his best but this year's efforts in that sphere have lacked spark and he went out like a light back hurdling here in September when sent off 150/1.

4 STRAITOUTTACOMPTON (68) **62**
00/6-7 8 10-2(7-5) | 64.4kg (46.7kg)

Michael Chapman **Ben Ffrench Davis (5lb/2kg)**
Poor on Flat nowadays and has offered little in 4 starts over hurdles, including on handicap debut in this sphere at Stratford in October.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

1-4 We'llhavewan, **11-2** Magnetic North, **25-1** Straitouttacompton, **33-1** Tio Mio

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WE'LLHAVEWAN was sent off 13/2 for this year's Irish National for Willie Mullins and although has disappointed for new connections in 3 starts, this is significantly easier. Stablemate Magnetic North is a tentative selection to follow him home.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WE'LLHAVEWAN 2. MAGNETIC NORTH 3. STRAITOUTTACOMPTON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Believe Jack 6-11-9	6-1	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory	7
2022	Weebill 10-12-0	8-1	Olly Murphy	D. P. Davis (7)	9
2021	Presuming Ed 6-11-1	evsf	Adam West	Lee Edwards	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

RAND FARM PARK ALL WEATHER ATTRACTION NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,250 2m7f191y (4800 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

Pace Information: **N/A**

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 STUTI (64) 96
14/373-33P 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Hugie Morrison **K. Brogan**
Bumper winner and placed a few times over hurdles. Ran no sort of race after 4 months off at Southwell in October but she got loose beforehand that day and she's worth a market check on chasing debut.

2 ASA (FR) (29) 94
P-231245P 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Philip Kirby **Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)**
Off the mark in 10-runner Cartmel handicap hurdle (2¾m, good) in June and made quite an eye-catching start to chasing career when fifth at Kelso in October. Shaped as though amiss at Wetherby since and she's not one to write off.

3 DUNWORLEY (IRE) (29) 92
2P5P7-34 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nick Kent **Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)**
Maiden pointer and 0-7 under Rules. Wasn't disgraced when fourth of 10 on his seasonal reappearance here (21.4f, soft) last month but will need to find improvement from somewhere if he's to open his account.

4 ABBEYHILL (IRE) (28) 62
40121-P56 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Neil Mulholland **Conor O'Farrell**
Irish point scorer who ended last term on the up, going in at Plumpton and Catterick, both at around 25f. However, his efforts so far this season have left much to be desired. Cheekpieces added to tongue tie.

5 RONNIES REFLECTION (21) 92
995-P3 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Ben Case **Patrick Wadge**
Little to shout about over hurdles but showed more following a second wind op when third on return/chase debut in an 8-runner handicap at Leicester (22.7f, soft) where he was ½-length adrift of runner-up Everyonesacritic. Solid claims.

6 SOME BRO (IRE) (29) 100
0-45P 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Mark Walford **Dougie Costello**
Placed a couple of times between the flags and while he didn't show much in 3 runs over hurdles, he was in the process of showing vastly improved form before a bad mistake 3 out ended his race on chase debut here (21.4f, soft) last month. One to be interested in.

7 LADY PACIFICO (249) 88
35/683765- 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Georgie Howell **Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)**
Flat/hurdles winner who made a decent start for this stable when third at Leicester on chase bow last November. Not so good next 2 starts but signed off with a creditable fifth at Stratford (27.5f, good to soft) during the spring and she's by no means a forlorn hope.

8 SCOTTSDALE (42) (C) 87
7P-5433P5 11 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)



Peter Winks **Ben Ffrench Davis (5lb/2kg)**
Remains winless over fences and looks set for another struggle.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Asa, 9-2 Some Bro, 5-1 Ronnies Reflection, 6-1 Dunworley, 13-2 Lady Pacifico, 9-1 Stuti, 16-1 Abbeyhill, 33-1 Scottsdale

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SOME BRO was shaping like he was in with a big shout when making a chance-ending error 3 out here a month ago and he's worth a chance to confirm that promise. Another solid showing from Ronnies Reflection is on the cards and Asa needs respecting based on the way he shaped on his penultimate start.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SOME BRO 2. RONNIES REFLECTION 3. ASA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Benny Baloo** 6-10-10 3-1 Tim Easterby Charlie Hammond 7

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**FSC TONY FIATA MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+
£6,500 2m125y (3330 Metres)**

RACE 3



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 INDEEVAR BLEU (FR) (25) **100**



1/4-1 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Olly Murphy

Lewis Saunders (71b/3kg)

Above-average bumper performer who shaped with plenty of promise when fourth at Ayr on hurdles debut last November. Won on the bridle when long odds-on for a 7-runner Leicester novice (15.5f, heavy) back from 13 months off and he's an exciting prospect.

2 BLAZER TWO **t**



6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Lucinda Russell

Patrick Wadge

Modest handicapper on Flat, finishing last of 12 at Newcastle on latest start in October. Switch to jumps might unlock some improvement but this could be a tough race to begin hurdling career. Has had a breathing op/also tongue tied first time.

3 DIAMOND KODA (IRE) (45) (BF) **95**



2222U2-3 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Nick Kent

Tom Broughton (51b/2kg)

Fairly useful form when runner-up all 3 starts in bumpers and hasn't done much wrong since switched to hurdles, finishing third of 10 on return/handicap bow at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft). Should pick up a race soon enough but he probably lacks the scope of some of these rivals.

4 JACKPOT D'AINAY (FR) (46) **h** **99**



42-3F 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Olly Murphy

K. Brogan

Bred to stay well and having made the frame both starts in bumpers, he shaped well when third of 8 on return/hurdles debut at Uttoxeter in October. Had just lost second when falling at the last in a first-time hood at Ffos Las next time and he remains with potential.

5 MIDNIGHT PHANTOM (FR) (12)



0/F 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Theo Gillard

No show in a bumper on debut in February 2023 and was already beating a retreat when falling at the fifth flight sent hurdling on the back of a lengthy absence at Newcastle 12 days ago. Probably one for the longer term and opposable here.

6 MUZAFFAR (369) **t** **90**



3- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Adrian Keatley

James Robottom (101b/5kg)

Made a highly encouraging start to hurdling career at Newcastle last December, having previously been useful on the flat for Richard Fahey. Can resume progress after a year off the track.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-6 Indeevar Bleu, **5-1** Jackpot D'ainay, **13-2** Diamond Koda, **17-2** Muzaffar, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

INDEEVAR BLEU returned to win easily at Leicester, having been a novice hurdler to look out for prior to his 13-month absence. He looks a class apart here, though his stablemate Jackpot d'Ainay may give him most to think about. Diamond Koda has been unlucky not to have a win to his name and will likely give another good account.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. INDEEVAR BLEU 2. JACKPOT D'AINAY 3. DIAMOND KODA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Asta La Pasta 5-11-7	11-8f	Dan Skelton	Fergus Gillard	8
2022	Chasing Fire 5-11-7	4-9f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	10
2021	Lydford 4-11-5	9-4	Dan Skelton	Bridget Andrews	8
2020	Across The Line 5-11-4	6-5f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	11
2019	Millers Bank 5-11-4	6-4jf	Alex Hales	Kielan Woods	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.47

**PALLINC LINCOLNSHIRE NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (3)
4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £22,000 3m3f123y (5540 Metres)**

RACE 4



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

Pace Information: **N/A**

1 INIS OIRR (IRE) (33) (BF) **100**
4251F-33P **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Lucinda Russell **Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)**
Improved for the first-time visor and an increased stamina test when bolting up in the 4m Edinburgh National at Musselburgh in February. Placed both completed starts since but pulled up after a bad mistake at Ascot last time and he's 7 lb higher than when finishing fifth in this race last year.

2 CROSSPARK (25) **98**
PP33/126-6 **14** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Nick Kent **Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)**
Been a cracking servant over the years and ended a long losing run when landing a veterans' event at Huntingdon on return last season. Followed that with a near-miss in this race 12 months ago and, likely to come on for his reappearance spin behind O'Connell at Carlisle, he's hard to discount.

3 HEREWEGOHONEY (IRE) (56) (CD) **96**
P/2310-0F4 **8** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Fergal O'Brien **J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)**
C&D winner. 22/1, fourth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (23.7f, good) 56 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Can give a good account without posing serious threat to principals.

4 CONCETTO (FR) (34) (C) **96**
461515-58 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Fergus Gillard**
Won twice last term but he was beaten fair and square off a lower mark in this race 12 months ago, and his efforts at Kempton and Ascot this season have lacked spark.

5 O'CONNELL (IRE) (25) (C) **98**
214224-81 **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Theo Gillard**
Winning Irish pointer who got off the mark in handicap chase here last December before finishing a creditable fourth in the 2023 renewal of this race. Back on the up with a game success at Carlisle (24.5f, soft) last time (Illico de Cotte around 4½ lengths back in third) and he has to be respected.

6 SENOR LOMBARDY (IRE) (29) **96**
2 **11** 10-13 | 69.4kg



Nicky Richards **K. Brogan**
Multiple point winner who performed with credit for new yard when second of 9 in a 24.2f Wetherby handicap chase on first run under Rules since March 2022. That form looks solid (winner has scored twice again since) and he's not without each-way hope off the same mark here.

7 KELCE (IRE) (21) (C) **99**
87/08-P221 **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg



Neil Mulholland **Conor O'Farrell**
Didn't show much over hurdles but has looked a different animal sent chasing with cheekpieces enlisted on last 3 starts, finding just one too good twice before opening his account in an 8-runner handicap here (3m, soft). 7 lb rise fair and this stamina test should be right up his street.

8 BALLYDISCO (IRE) (40) **99**
44P75-2F2 **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg



Lucinda Russell **Patrick Wadge**
Twice successful over hurdles and, though 0-7 in this sphere, he has gone close on a couple of occasions in handicap chases, including when just held in a 4-runner affair at Wetherby (24.2f, good) last month. Not discounted.

9 THE WREKIN (IRE) (40) (C) **96**
632/U21-44 **8** 10-8 | 67.1kg



Henry Daly **Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)**
Off the mark over fences at fourth attempt when taking 5-runner handicap here (3m, good) in August of last year. However, he hasn't made much of an impact in a couple of runs at Uttoxeter since returning from a 15-month absence. Blinkers replace cheekpieces.

10 GIOVANNI CHANGE (FR) (29) (C) **96**
P22-3PP85 **9** 10-8 | 67.1kg



Mark Walford **Dougie Costello**
Runner-up in 21.4f novices' handicap chase on this card last year and placed over hurdles here either side of that. It's been a struggle since but he has fallen a long way in the weights.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Kelce, 4-1 Ballydisco, 4-1 O'Connell, 6-1 Senior Lombardy, 17-2 Inis Oirr, 20-1 Crosspark, 22-1 The Wrekin, 28-1 Concetto, 33-1 Giovanni Change, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KELCE has benefited from positive tactics lately and had plenty in hand at Hereford last time, so he's fancied to go in again in a race where he should be able to grab the initiative early. O'Connell, Ballydisco and Senior Lombardy all arrive on the back of good efforts in defeat, and that trio are all lively dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KELCE 2. O'CONNELL 3. BALLYDISCO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Landen Calling 7-11-13	22-1	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison	10
2022	Bangers And Cash 6-11-9	7-2f	Ben Pauling	Luca Morgan (3)	15
2021	Sidi Ismael 7-11-12	9-2	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	10
2020	Who's In The Box 6-10-7	7-1	Nick Kent	Charlie Hammond (3)	14
2019	Hugo 'N Taz 8-10-10	5-1	David Pipe	David Noonan	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.22**CASPIAN GROUP NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-120) £10,000 2m1f43y (3460 Metres)**

RACE 5

Going: **Good to Soft**

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

Pace Information: **N/A**

1 GALUNGGUNG (FR) (33) 99
2/11-16 8 12-2 | 77.1kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Progressive, dual winner over hurdles who made perfect start in this sphere when winning 4-runner handicap at Perth (2m, good to soft) in May. Looked in need of the run when checking out rather tamely back from a 6-month break at Haydock and it'd be no surprise were he to get back on track.

2 DENEMETHY (IRE) (20) t 91
2716-4 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Fergal O'Brien

J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)

Irish point winner who made it third time lucky under Rules when landing a Wincanton maiden hurdle in March. Given a considerate introduction to chasing after 8 months off at Exeter (17.5f, heavy) earlier this month and he's open to improvement in this sphere.

3 DAMARTA (FR) (14) t ★ 100
733132-44 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Olly Murphy

K. Brogan

Comfortable winner over hurdles at Southwell in January and backed it up with solid performances next 2 starts. Failed to build on encouraging reappearance/chase debut when only fourth at Warwick a fortnight ago but he's capable of better and worth another chance.

4 KUZCO (FR) (25) t 95
0/5246-54 4 10-4 | 65.3kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)

Ran to a fair level in bumpers in France for Emmanuel Clayeux and has shown ability without troubling the judge in a handful of appearances over hurdles. Interesting to see what the market makes of him ahead of this chase debut getting plenty of weight.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Damarta, 11-4 Galungung, 3-1 Denemethy, 9-2 Kuzco

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DAMARTA shaped well on his chasing debut and, although his jumping lacked fluency again when failing to build on it at Warwick, there was plenty of pressure applied and this looks a more suitable scenario. He's narrowly preferred to Galungung, while a case can be made for the remaining duo.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DAMARTA 2. GALUNGGUNG 3. DENEMETHY

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

RAND FARM PARK FAMILY DAYS OUT NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,250 2½m139y (4150 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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

Pace Information: **N/A**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Major Fortune 5-10-7	13-8f	Dan Skelton	Liam Harrison	11
2022	Accidental Legend 5-11-9	3-1f	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace	12
2021	Fever Roque 6-11-12	2-1f	Rebecca Menzies	Fergus Gregory	10
2020	Golden Emblem 6-11-8	8-1	Neil Mulholland	Sam Twiston-Davies	12
2019	Bells of Peterboro 4-11-11	3-1f	Tim Vaughan	Charlie Price (5)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 REHILL RELIC (IRE) (27) 97
26442-053 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Sam Allwood *Charlie Todd*
Point winner who showed promise in bumpers/novice hurdles last season. Safely held first 2 starts of present campaign but latest third of 13 at Doncaster (19.4f, good) represented a step back in the right direction and he has to enter calculations.

2 TRAVELING SOLDIER (IRE) (29) 91
4-2693 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Olly Murphy *K. Brogan*
Runner-up sole outing in Irish points and showed a fair bit when second in 7-runner maiden hurdle at Perth on second start under Rules in May. Failed to make the anticipated improvement on handicap debut but may yet do so back up in trip here.

3 DINO BELLAGIO (21) (BF) 99
010/P0-484 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Donald McCain *Theo Gillard*
Fairly useful dual bumper winner and produced his best effort since switched to hurdles when fourth in 5-runner handicap here (16.6f, soft) 3 weeks ago, only beaten around 3 lengths. Step up in trip could suit provided he settles well again.

4 DEXPERADO (FR) (38) 100
6/60922-7 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Nick Kent *Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)*
Left low-key maiden/novice form behind upped to this trip/switched to handicaps when runner-up over C&D on final 2 starts of last season. Both of those races have worked out well and is probably the one to beat if bouncing back from an underwhelming return last month.

5 JINGLE JANGLE JET (12) 94
45-U665 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Philip Kirby *Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)*
Showed little in a couple of bumpers and a trio of maiden hurdles but revealed more when upped in trip when fifth of 16 on handicap debut at Newcastle. Each-way chance if able to build on that in first-time cheekpieces here.

6 ALRIGHT DAI (IRE) (198) (BF) 96
42/26736-9 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Neil Mulholland *Conor O'Farrell*
Made the frame in a trio of bumpers for Dan Skelton but yet to better poor form over hurdles, failing to justify strong market support when last seen at Southwell in June on the back of a 6-month break. Could feature if ready to go after another break in first-time cheekpieces.

7 RAINCLOUD (72) 98
P-426P24 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Michael Chapman *Harriet Tucker (7lb/3kg)*
Runner-up in a Cartmel maiden hurdle during the summer but that is a standout effort (in terms of both jumps and Flat form) and she continues to look vulnerable from a win point of view.

8 RHODIA (IRE) (249) 86
64/656556- 8 10-12 | 68.9kg



Sarah Hollinshead *J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)*
Placed in bumpers and not disgraced on back of wind surgery over hurdles last season, finishing sixth of 12 at Stratford (18.7f, good to soft) when last seen during the spring. Likely to find one or two too good once more.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Dexperado, **9-2** Rehill Relic, **5-1** Traveling Soldier, **11-2** Dino Bellagio, **10-1** Alright Dai, **14-1** Jingle Jangle Jet, **14-1** Rhodia, **25-1** Raincloud

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DEXPERADO twice came second over course and distance in the spring to horses who have gone on to frank the form. Forgiven an underwhelming return last month, he is fancied to gain a first career success. In a competitive handicap, Rehill Relic will go close if replicating his Doncaster effort and Traveling Soldier looks the type to show improvement at some stage this season.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DEXPERADO 2. REHILL RELIC 3. TRAVELING SOLDIER

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RACE 7

RAND FARM PARK CHRISTMAS NEIGHTIVITY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-115) £9,000 2¼m140y (3750 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **N/A**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Welsh Charger 5-11-8	4-1f	Alastair Ralph	David Noonan	9
2022	Gilbertina 5-11-4	40-1	Nick Kent	Charlie Todd	13
2021	Russian Service 9-10-8	12-1	Samuel Drinkwater	Danny Burton (5)	9
2020	Gortroe Joe 8-11-12	9-2	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (7)	9
2019	Hometown Boy 4-11-12	13-8f	Stuart Edmunds	Ciaran Gethings	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 HOMME D'UN SOIR (FR) (21) (C) v+t 96
3246-4231 8 11-13 | 75.7kg

Billy Aprahamian *Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)*
Largely creditable efforts since joining this yard, deservedly opened his account for the stable when seeing off 4 rivals back from a break here (16.6f, soft) 3 weeks ago. Nudged up just 3 lb and it would be no surprise to see him involved in the finish.

2 SALLEY GARDENS (IRE) (38) t 98
312P/335-2 8 11-12 | 75.3kg

Olly Murphy *Lewis Saunders (7lb/3kg)*
Successful off this mark over fences in 2022 and solid reappearance display following 17 months off when a close second in a Leicester handicap hurdle (15.5f, good to soft). Reproduction of that effort would put him in the picture.

3 GILBERTINA (42) (CD) 100
P/74210-82 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

Nick Kent *Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)*
Runs well here and has finished first and second in the past two renewals of this race. Runner up to the in-form Bread And Butter here last month suggests she is primed to go close again today.

4 DIAMOND DICE (IRE) (18) 96
66130-36F 5 11-10 | 74.4kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *K. Brogan*
Ludlow maiden winner in February and was still in contention when falling 2 out in a Huntingdon handicap (20.7f, heavy) won by Bread And Butter earlier this month. He should make his presence felt granted a clear round.

5 QUARESOME (IRE) (51) s 93
2428-2567 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Donald McCain *Theo Gillard*
Yet to add to Musselburgh maiden hurdle success back in March 2023 but he has posted some decent efforts in defeat since, not least when runner-up here during the summer. Below par the last twice (latterly over fences) but his mark is on the slide. Cheekpieces back on.

6 BELVEDERE BLAST (IRE) (19) (C) 99
1P64P773 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Adrian Keatley *James Robottom (10lb/5kg)*
Scored at Hexham in June and posted his best effort since when third in an 8-runner handicap at Wetherby (2m, heavy) where he finished strongly. This step back up in trip will be in his favour and he's one to consider off the same mark.

7 INISHNABRO (IRE) (23) 92
24 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Henry Oliver *Lee Edwards*
Half-brother to a couple of winning hurdlers and won by a wide margin on the second of his 2 runs between the flags. Has shaped fairly well both starts over hurdles, namely maidens here and at Southwell (both at around 2m), and he could do better now upped in trip for this handicap debut.

8 CAWTHORNE BANKER (IRE) (17) 89
1-2147450 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)*
Fairly useful bumper performer who doubled his tally over hurdles at Fontwell (17.7f, good) in May. Well beaten on 2 of his 3 subsequent starts switched to fences and suffered another heavy defeat back hurdling at Lingfield recently. Opposable.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Gilbertina, **5-1** Inishnabro, **11-2** Diamond Dice, **13-2** Homme D'un Soir, **15-2** Belvedere Blast, **8-1** Salley Gardens, **8-1** Quaresome, **33-1** Cawthorne Banker

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GILBERTINA has finished first and second in the last 2 renewals of this race and will likely be involved again this year. Inishnabro is interesting up in trip now quickly switched to handicaps, with Diamond Dice another player if none for the worse after a recent fall.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GILBERTINA 2. INISHNABRO 3. DIAMOND DICE