

Thursday 26th December

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11.52 WATCH WILLIAM HILL INSIDE TRACK MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)

RACE 1 **(7) JUST CALL ME LUCY | (1) BELLAS BRIDGE | (9) PARISIAN FASHION**

12.27 WILLIAM HILL OFFERS TOP PRICE GUARANTEES NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) HAWKSEYE VIEW | (3) CELESTIAL FASHION | (5) FIADH**

1.00 WILLIAM HILL PROPER PRICES NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) MARLACOO | (1) JAZZ KING | (10) JUST CHASING MAY**

1.35 WILLIAM HILL ROWLAND MEYRICK HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 3m45y (4870 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) CRUZ CONTROL | (2) TAHMURAS | (6) YOUNG BUSTER**

2.10 WILLIAM HILL COMMITTED TO TOP PRICES HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) MYRETOWN | (3) GLORY AND HONOUR | (1) GRAIN D'OUDAIRIES**

2.45 WILLIAM HILL EXTRA PLACE RACES DAILY HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m5f56y (4280 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) AMERICAN SNIPER | (8) EIRE STREET | (9) NORTH PARADE**

3.20 WILLIAM HILL BETTING DONE PROPERLY HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 7 **(2) DOUBLE OBAN | (8) MISTER SMARTY | (5) LAHIRE**

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

WATCH WILLIAM HILL INSIDE TRACK MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £7,000 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **N/A**

1 BELLAS BRIDGE (64) (BF) **98**
315-3 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jamie Snowden

Jonathan Burke

Successful sole outing in Irish points and built on encouraging Rules debut when landing a 9-runner event at Ludlow in January. Sound fifth in listed company 2 months later but just modest form on hurdles debut fitted with a tongue tie at Southwell in October. Since had a wind op and can improve.

2 GENIES GIRL (IRE) (29) **79**
686 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Mark Walford

Mr Paddy Barlow (7lb/3kg)

Half-sister to bumper winner/fair 23f hurdle winner Olivers Travels. Signs of ability in bumpers but sent off a huge price and showed very little on last month's hurdles debut over 2m at this track.

3 I AM THE MOON (22) **95**
54 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg)

Pether's Moon mare. Dam (h142) bumper/2m-21f hurdle winner. Stuck to her task pretty well in a brace of bumpers and step up in trip should suit now hurdling.

4 ISABEL DE CLARE (29) **91**
5-6 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Micky Hammond

Joshua Thompson (7lb/3kg)

£28,000 3-y-o, Passing Glance filly. Half-sister to fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser Pique Rock and fair hurdler Blue Beach. Minor promise in bumpers 10 months apart.

5 JESSIE JUMP JET (26) **79**
438 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Tom Lacey

Stan Sheppard

Fourth of 9 in a bumper on debut at Huntingdon in May and also offered something to work on when third in a Uttoxeter maiden hurdle (15.8f, good to soft) at the beginning of last month. Backward step at Doncaster since.

6 JOLIE MARESCA (FR) (25) **75**
8 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Micky Hammond

Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)

€42,000 3-y-o, £25,000 5-y-o, Spanish Moon mare. Half-sister to fairly useful hurdler Via Maresca. Dam fairly useful 2¼m hurdle winner. Second of 3 finishers sole Irish point run in March but little short-term promise on Rules debut.

7 JUST CALL ME LUCY (19) **100**
4178-33 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

Related to a point winner and bolted up on second bumper start at Carlisle (17f, soft) a year ago. Fared as well as could be expected when mid-field in Grade 2 company at Aintree but sent off odds-on, she failed to deliver on last month's hurdles bow. Showed more over 2m here last time.

8 KALO ATHENA (IRE) (45) **92**
6 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg



James Moffatt

Nick Scholfield

£38,000 5-y-o, Soldier of Fortune mare. Half-sister to fairly useful 17f hurdle winner Wasp. Dual-point winner who shaped like a stayer in her bumper last month.

9 PARISIAN FASHION (IRE) (22) **98**
4 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Rebecca Menzies

Nathan Moscrop

€40,000 5-y-o, Champs Elysees mare. Sister to point bumper/bumper winner Phantom Gold. Dam, multiple bumper winner, also useful 2m/17f hurdle winner. Successful on last of 4 starts in Irish points and pitched in quite deep, she showed something to work on at Haydock 3 weeks ago.

10 PEPITE DE SAPHIR (42) **96**
8-4 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Derek Fox

Showed a bit when mid-field in a mares' bumper at Newbury a year and also displayed promise when fourth on hurdles debut at Market Rasen. That puts her in the mix.

11 WENDYWILLDO (26) **92**
41-5 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Danny Brooke

Ryan Mania

Bit of promise when making the frame in a Catterick bumper on debut and stepped forward from that effort when winning at Sedgefield (16.8f, heavy) in March. Could never land a blow on hurdles debut over 2m but this trip more suitable.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Just Call Me Lucy, **9-2** Parisian Fashion, **9-2** Bellas Bridge, **13-2** Pepite De Saphir, **7-1** I Am The Moon, **14-1** Wendywilldo, **14-1** Kalo Athena, **25-1** Isabel De Clare, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JUST CALL ME LUCY hasn't yet come close to her bumper form over hurdles but she'll know more this time and she really should be a big factor at this level. Bellas Bridge and Parisian Fashion are also likely improvers so are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JUST CALL ME LUCY 2. BELLAS BRIDGE 3. PARISIAN FASHION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Lady In The Park 5-11-0	10-3	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (3)	7
2022	Nell's Bells 6-11-0	9-2	Donald McCain	Sean Quinlan	8
2021	Galia des Liteaux 5-10-12	15-8f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8
2020	Ballycallan Fame 5-10-12	125-1	Nick Kent	Charlie Hammond (3)	11
2019	Clondaw Caitlin 4-10-12	11-4	Ruth Jefferson	Henry Brooke	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

**WILLIAM HILL OFFERS TOP PRICE GUARANTEES NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000
2m3f85y (3900 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 SAMAZUL (21) b **96**
80537-164 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Pauling

Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)

Bumper winner who failed to score over hurdles but has the build for chasing and duly improved when opening account on return/debut over fences at Fontwell. Couple of heavy defeats since raise concerns and he's now fitted with blinkers.

2 HAWKSEYE VIEW (26) ★ **100**
26405-762 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Nick Scholfield

Point winner who improved when finishing second on third run over fences in a 9-runner Newcastle handicap (2½m, good) last month. May well have won granted a better jump at the final fence that day and this 5-y-o will have every chance if able to back that up here.

3 CELESTIAL FASHION (15) (D) h **96**
42215-712 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ian Duncan

Ryan Mania

Opened her account in 17f conditionals handicap at Newcastle in March and caused a 28/1 surprise after 6 months off in 13-runner handicap at Ayr (19.5f, good to soft) in October. Switched to fences and continued the good work when runner-up at Hexham. Step back up in trip will suit.

4 EMPTY NEST (IRE) (30) t **95**
4333-PP46 **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

Remains a maiden and merely closed up late over 21.1f at Sedgefield a month ago. Tongue strap on for first time.

5 FIADH (IRE) (19) (CD) s **97**
PP9-02641 **8** 10-11 | 68.5kg



Chris Grant

Charlie Maggs (71b/3kg)

Modest 3m hurdles winner but has the size for chasing and made second start over the larger obstacles a winning one over C&D 3 weeks ago. Can be a factor again.

6 ELUSIVE SHINE (IRE) (29) **95**
953 **4** 10-11 | 68.5kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Made frame all 3 starts in Irish points and more like it when third in a novice hurdle at Market Rasen a month ago. Potential improver now handicapping over fences.

7 BRAVETHE WAVES (12) t **97**
430/999 **7** 10-6 | 66.2kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Jack Quinlan

Disappointing maiden over hurdles so hopes rest on switch to fences.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Hawkseye View, **10-3** Celestial Fashion, **5-1** Fiadh, **9-1** Empty Nest, **10-1** Samazul, **10-1** Elusive Shine, **20-1** Bravethewaves

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HAWKSEYE VIEW may well have opened his account without a final-fence mistake at Newcastle a month ago and with that in mind, a 2 lb rise looks very fair. Celestial Fashion and Fiadh also arrive in form, while Elusive Shine warrants a market check on chase/handicap debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAWKSEYE VIEW 2. CELESTIAL FASHION 3. FIADH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Tom Cody** 7-12-0 13-8f Rebecca Menzies Ross Chapman 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

WILLIAM HILL PROPER PRICES NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,500 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **N/A**

1 JAZZ KING (FR) (44) (D) 96
P1/PP-521 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Alastair Ralph *Murray Dodd (71lb/3kg)*
Looked a useful prospect when making a winning chase debut at Ludlow on final outing for Sam Thomas. Pulled up both starts over fences for new yard last season but showed ability remains back hurdling at the start of the summer and cashed in on a career-low mark at Hereford latest.

2 CHASINGOUTTHEBLUES (IRE) (25) (D) 95
517 5 11-13 | 75.7kg



Mark Walford *Jamie Hamilton*
£22,000 purchase having finished placed all 4 starts in Irish points. Improved plenty for stiffer test of stamina when making second hurdles start a winning one at Hexham 6 weeks ago (20.1f). Well held under a penalty at Carlisle and now goes handicapping.

3 MARLACOO (IRE) (54) 100
132 4 11-12 | 75.3kg



Tom Lacey *Stan Sheppard*
Got off to a winning start in clear-cut fashion in a Down Royal bumper in May. Changed hands for £85,000 soon after and made a promising start to hurdling career when third in 2m novice at Warwick last month. Hooded and looked a shade awkward when second here last month. Handicap debut.

4 DIAMOND DEALER (IRE) (55) (D, BF) t 98
R/445-15 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



B. F. Brookhouse *Jack Quinlan*
Tongue tied when opening his account at Uttoxeter in October. Below-par fifth under a penalty there last month but not written off going into handicap company for the first time on what looks a workable mark. Hood removed.

5 HORSESMEHARRY (25) (D, BF) s 93
P66-17 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Charlie Maggs (71lb/3kg)*
Fitted with cheekpieces and a different proposition on handicap debut/reappearance when successful at Carlisle last month. Short-price to follow up back at that venue but proved to be a major disappointment.

6 BRIDGE COURT (IRE) (37) t 89
0-43 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Sandy Thomson *Ryan Mania*
Continued theme of race-by-race progress when third in a Carlisle novice last month. In good handicaps ahead this handicap debut but mark does ask for more.

7 GLEN ROAD (IRE) (19) 92
98-P603 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith *Peter Kavanagh (31lb/1kg)*
First worthwhile form when third of 8 on heavy-ground 2m novice here 3 weeks ago. Back up in trip and opening mark has suffered as a result.

8 JOIE MORE (IRE) (18) 99
662-585 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Jackie Stephen *Nick Scholfield*
Made the frame in points and has shown promise over hurdles, effort flattening out over 22.7f at Kelso 18 days ago. This could be his ideal trip.

9 LOOKING SPLENDID (27) 97
00/58-5P42 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gary Rutherford *Bruce Lynn*
Still looking for first success but just about his best effort yet when second of 11 at Market Rasen a month ago. Claims with a repeat.

10 JUST CHASING MAY (28) (D) 96
474-F1223 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Ben Pauling *Callum Pritchard (71lb/3kg)*
Looked one to follow in opening his account in thoroughly dominant fashion at Uttoxeter (2½m, good to soft) in June. Followed that with a trio of placed efforts at up to 23f and he's likely to give his running again.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Marlacoo, **5-1** Jazz King, **6-1** Diamond Dealer, **7-1** Just Chasing May, **8-1** Looking Splendid, **9-1** Horseshemarry, **12-1** Bridge Court, **18-1** Glen Road, **20-1** Joie More, **25-1** Chasingouttheblues

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MARLACOO didn't look totally straightforward in a 2m novice here last time but there's definite scope from this mark based on his bumper win in Ireland, so he gets the tentative vote. Jazz King got the job done last time so he's a threat, along with Just Chasing Mary.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MARLACOO 2. JAZZ KING 3. JUST CHASING MAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Elogio 4-12-0	11-4f	Tom Lacey	Cameron Iles (7)	12
2022	Santos Blue 5-11-3	10-1	Dan Skelton	Mr Ben Sutton (7)	11
2021	Garincha 5-11-9	14-1	Neil Mulholland	Adam Wedge	14
2020	Loughermore 6-11-7	5-1	Simon Waugh	Amie Waugh (5)	14
2019	Theflickeringlight 5-11-11	11-8f	Philip Kirby	Thomas Dowson	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.35**WILLIAM HILL ROWLAND MEYRICK HANDICAP CHASE
(PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 4yo+ £50,000 3m45y (4870
Metres)**

RACE 4

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

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 MR INCREDIBLE (IRE) (222) **96**
B23U/2UR-P 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Sandy Thomson

Ryan Mania

Is quirky but no doubting his ability, placing in another good handicap in the Midlands National at Uttoxeter in March. In rear (lost several lengths at start) when unseating halfway in Grand National and wasn't on a "going" day finally start for Willie Mullins in May.

2 TAHMURAS (FR) (33) **99**
107/3122-5 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Paul Nicholls

Nick Scholfield

Created a good impression when winning his first 3 starts over hurdles, including the Grade 1 Tolworth at Sandown. Cast aside a tame chase debut when scoring in first-time cheekpieces at Aintree on Boxing Day and similar form when runner-up next 2 starts. Expected to step up on reappearance.

3 CRUZ CONTROL (FR) (60) (C) **98**
122511-47 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Tom Lacey

Stan Sheppard

Ended last term with 3m chase win here and shaped well when fourth of 12 in handicap chase at Punchestown (24.5f, soft) a month later under an attacking ride. Spin over hurdles in October should have put him spot on for this so he's a major player.

4 KINONDO KWETU (12) (D) **98**
PP112P55 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Back on-song when bagging handicaps at Uttoxeter and Worcester during the summer. Followed that with a solid second at Perth in September and by no means disgraced in the Rehearsal Chase at Newcastle (23.4f, good). Added another sound run to his CV at Doncaster since.

5 SINE NOMINE (29) (CD) **95**
31/2111-U 8 10-11 | 68.5kg



Fiona Needham

James Turner (5lb/2kg)

Has a likeable profile both in points and under Rules, making it 4 wins from 6 starts in hunter chases when landing the Festival Challenge Cup at Cheltenham (26.3f, heavy). Strong traveller but jumping failed the test on last month's reappearance under this rider.

6 YOUNG BUSTER (IRE) (61) (BF) **100**
4/1113P-25 8 10-10 | 68.0kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

Much improved sent chasing last term, completing hat-trick in a handicap at Kelso (22.3f) a year ago. Back to that sort of form both starts this term 5 months apart and eased 1 lb since. Cheekpieces back on.

7 GOOD BOY BOBBY (IRE) (22) (CD) **99**
17350-332 11 10-9 | 67.6kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Jamie Brace (7lb/3kg)

Back-to-back winner in 3m veterans' handicap chases this time last year and went with more zest than at Sandown when second of 7 at Haydock (25.6f). Slight step back in trip will help but he could be vulnerable to younger legs.

8 SOME SCOPE (26) (D) **98**
P51124-P4 6 10-2 | 64.4kg



Richard Hobson

Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)

Had a good first season over fences, winning on 2 of his 5 starts and ending campaign with creditable fourth of 14 in handicap chase at Cheltenham in April. Looked rusty there on return but had a breathing operation after and much more like it when fourth in the Rehearsal Chase.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Cruz Control, 5-1 Tahmuras, 11-2 Some Scope, 7-1 Young Buster, 7-1 Good Boy Bobby, 10-1 Sine Nomine, 18-1 Kinondo Kwetu, 25-1 Mr Incredible

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CRUZ CONTROL had a really good first season over fences and with a spin over hurdles under his belt, he's taken to regain the winning thread. Tahmuras is also expected to run much closer to form this time, with Young Buster completing the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CRUZ CONTROL 2. TAHMURAS 3. YOUNG BUSTER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Fontaine Collonges 8-10-6	10-3	Venetia Williams	Shane Quinlan (3)	6
2022	Into Overdrive 7-10-11	4-1	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	11
2021	Good Boy Bobby 8-11-8	4-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	9
2020	Canelo 7-11-6	9-2	Alan King	Tom Bellamy	8
2019	Top Ville Ben 7-11-11	3-1f	Philip Kirby	Thomas Dowson	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

WILLIAM HILL COMMITTED TO TOP PRICES HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £12,500 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **N/A**

1 **GRAIN D'OUDAIRES (FR) (27)** t **99**
5413-3331 8 11-8 | 73.5kg



Donald McCain

Jonathan Burke

Scored at Market Rasen in March and gained reward for consistency in 6-runner contest at Doncaster fitted with a tongue tie for the first time. Up 6 lb but likely to give it another good go.

2 **MYRETOWN (IRE) (27)** **90**
4/2F1-5 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

£135,000 buy after winning an Irish point in April 2022. Made amends for his Ayr spill in February (race at his mercy) when running out an impressive winner of a Kelso maiden (20.9f) a month later. Built for chasing and shaped quite nicely on reappearance/handicap debut.

3 **GLORY AND HONOUR (IRE) (26) (D)** t **100**
3-3657P31 8 11-4 | 71.7kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Improved over fences for current yard last season and also scored on the Flat at Pontefract in October. Usually held up but raced in mid-field when regaining the winning thread at Newcastle 4 weeks ago.

4 **RICH SPIRIT (29) (D)** **81**
3512FP-F4 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)

Has some fairly useful winning hurdles form to his name but not at that level completed start over fences this autumn.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Myretown, 5-2 Glory And Honour, 5-2 Grain D'oudairies, 12-1 Rich Spirit

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MYRETOWN is built to excel over fences and sure to improve a lot for last month's reappearance/chase bow, he could be the answer. Glory And Honour and Grain D'oudairies are solid rivals.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MYRETOWN 2. GLORY AND HONOUR 3. GRAIN D'OUDAIRES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Do Your Job 9-11-10	10-3	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (3)	5
2022	The Paddy Pie 9-9-10	18-1	Sue Smith	Ross Chapman	10
2021	Schiehallion Munro 8-11-12	3-1jf	Micky Hammond	Conor O'Farrell	8
2020	Twotwothree 7-10-4	9-2	Oliver Greenall	Sean Quinlan	9
2019	Beau Bay 8-11-7	5-1	Dr Richard Newland	Charlie Hammond (3)	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

WILLIAM HILL EXTRA PLACE RACES DAILY HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £10,500 2m5f56y (4280 Metres)Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 AMERICAN SNIPER (IRE) (41) (D) s+t **100**
1477-0916 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



David Pipe

Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)

Bounced back to best with cheekpieces refitted when gamely landing 4-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury (24.2f) at the start of November. Raced enthusiastically in a competitive Cheltenham handicap (21f) 41 days ago. This looks an easier race and he could be dangerous if getting his own way in front.

2 GROZNI (FR) (19) (D) v **98**
3122665-P 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



James Owen

Mr Alex Chadwick (51b/2kg)

Three-time hurdles winner for Charles Byrnes who ran well on first 2 starts over fences for new yard. Ran below form at Kempton on final outing and struggled when back hurdling from a 7-month break (pulled up Sandown 19 days ago). Needs to leave that run well behind and visor applied for first time.

3 FOSTER'S ISLAND (41) (D) **98**
542543-20 9 11-13 | 75.7kg



Micky Hammond

Emma Smith-Chaston (31b/1kg)

Winless last season but signed off with a good third at Ayr (21.4f) in the spring and similar form after 7 months off when second of 6 in handicap hurdle here (19.7f) last month. Found out in a better race at Cheltenham last month and this looks a more realistic assignment.

4 WILLASTON (IRE) (29) s+t **98**
1402-0344 8 11-13 | 75.7kg



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

A three-time hurdle winner since joining Mark Walford but proving hit and miss of late, a well-held fourth in 3m Aintree handicap and a below-par fourth of 7 at Market Rasen 29 days ago. Needs more to take this.

5 CASTEL GANDOLFO (IRE) (62) b+t **96**
96-831679 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

Enhanced superb record at Market Rasen when landing the valuable Summer Hurdle in July. Hard to find excuses for his last two runs. Generally seems to be a better horse in the summer but has gone well fresh in the past (returns from 62-day break here) and not ruled out if staying this longer trip.

6 LIFFEYDALE DREAMER (IRE) (16) t **90**
138111/P 9 11-9 | 73.9kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Completed hat-trick in game fashion at Cartmel in August 2022. Off the track for 28 months so no real surprise she didn't show a great deal at Uttoxeter 16 days ago. Looks up against it here.

7 BOIS GUILLBERT (FR) (47) (C) **95**
3/13644-3P 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Lucinda Russell

Derek Fox

3-time winner over hurdles (including here) who saw out the longer trip after 7 months off when third of 9 at Perth (20.2f, soft) in September. Backward step when pulled up at Kelso 47 days ago, folding tamely (jockey felt something was amiss) and market should indicate what's expected here.

8 EIRE STREET (IRE) (63) **99**
3/987112-0 7 10-13 | 69.4kg



Jackie Stephen

Charlie Maggs (71b/3kg)

Much improved for new yard at the beginning of 2024, easily winning heavy-ground handicaps over C&D and Ayr (20.5f) in February. Good second of 16 at Kelso on final start last season. Shaped as if needing the run on comeback in October (63 days ago) and should be more at home back up in trip.

9 NORTH PARADE (IRE) (32) **97**
11320-945 9 10-11 | 68.5kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Peter Kavanagh (31b/1kg)

A three-time 2m4f scorer at Newcastle last term and showed benefit of reappearance when fourth at Uttoxeter last month. Disappointing upped to 23.3f last time but yard has turned a corner in recent weeks. A better showing expected here and can be in the mix if his jumping holds up.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AMERICAN SNIPER was far from disgraced when sixth in a better race at Cheltenham last month, showing plenty of verve from the front that day and he can score with a top conditional rider in the plate. Eire Street can leave his comeback run behind and back up in trip, he could be dangerous if in the same form as when second at Kelso in April. North Parade is better than he showed last time and could be in the mix with a cleaner round of jumping.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. AMERICAN SNIPER 2. EIRE STREET 3. NORTH PARADE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	The Four Sixes 5-11-6	7-2	Olly Murphy	Lewis Stones (3)	6
2022	Rafferty's Return 7-11-11	9-2	Rebecca Menzies	Sean Quinlan	9
2021	The Brimming Water 6-11-7	8-1	Samuel Drinkwater	Sam Twiston-Davies	10
2020	Mint Condition 6-11-9	6-4f	Jennie Candlish	Lilly Pinchin (5)	13
2019	Young Bull 5-11-11	9-4f	Harry Whittington	Leighton Aspell	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 American Sniper, **11-2** Eire Street, **6-1** Bois Guillbert, **13-2** North Parade, **10-1** Grozni, **10-1** Willaston, **12-1** Castel Gandolfo, **16-1** Foster's Island, **50-1** bar

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RACE 7

WILLIAM HILL BETTING DONE PROPERLY HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,500 2m (3220 Metres)




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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **N/A**

1 VOCAL DUKE (IRE) (63) (D) s **98**
 55-376377 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **James Moffatt** **Callum Pritchard (71lb/3kg)**
 Losing run mounting up and while he was placed on 3 lb higher at Cartmel in August, he followed that a brace of heavy defeats. Hopes rest on drop in trip.


2 DOUBLE OBAN (170) (D) ★ **100**
 431 **4** 11-13 | 75.7kg

 **Olly Murphy** **Lewis Stones (31lb/1kg)**
 Fair on the Flat at up to 14.5f for Hugo Palmer and continued theme of major race-by-race progress when making a winning handicap debut at Uttoxeter in July. Could have more to offer for leading yard.


3 LET'S SAIL AWAY (23) s **87**
 54-59 **5** 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Tom Lacey** **Stan Sheppard**
 Winner of sole start between the flags a year ago. Best effort of his 4 under Rules so far was when fourth of 13 in a Uttoxeter maiden (15.7f, heavy) in April but back over 2m having been brushed aside on handicap debut (made mistakes).

4 OPERA KING (44) s **95**
 4537-3257 **4** 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Nigel Twiston-Davies** **Jamie Brace (71lb/3kg)**
 Posted best effort in this sphere when creditable second of 9 at Market Rasen (18.5f, good to firm) in September. Has followed that with a couple of low-key efforts over longer trips but perhaps this return to shorter will help him get back on track.


5 LAHIRE (FR) (30) (BF) **98**
 P1765-64F **4** 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Donald McCain** **Charlie Maggs (71lb/3kg)**
 Down in the weights and set to produced most encouraging effort yet in handicaps when falling late at Sedgefield a month ago. Probably booked for second that day so one to consider.


6 KELLIE'S DREAM (IRE) (198) (D) **95**
 564474-57 **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg

 **Daragh Bourke** **Bruce Lynn**
 Dual handicap hurdle winner for Andrew Slattery in Ireland and showed a bit when making the frame at Carlisle on her stable debut in February. Just fair efforts since from falling mark, though.

7 LILLISTAR (273) **89**
 587- **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Micky Hammond** **Emma Smith-Chaston (31lb/1kg)**
 Fair maiden on Flat (stays 1¼m) for Harry & Roger Charlton but well held over hurdles and efforts on the level for this yard hardly encouraging, either.

8 MISTER SMARTY (12) **99**
 870/6094-1 **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Tina Jackson** **Jamie Hamilton**
 Caught the eye when fourth in a race at Newcastle that worked out well and belied 10-month absence when successful over the same C&D 12 days ago. May well have more to offer.


9 TREASURED COMPANY (IRE) (86) (D, BF) **96**
 03-940815 **8** 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith** **Peter Kavanagh (31lb/1kg)**
 Back-to-back winner in 2021. Hasn't stood much racing since but cashed in on falling mark in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Cartmel in August. Never really looked like following up at Sedgefield.

10 NUT WOOD (IRE) (26) h **83**
 7P-57 **5** 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Michael Mullineaux** **Jack Quinlan**
 Looks limited on early evidence. Handicap debut.

11 MILAJESS (IRE) (51) v+t **96**
 0347-9274 **7** 10-8 | 67.1kg

 **Micky Hammond** **Joshua Thompson (71lb/3kg)**
 Still a maiden but produced best effort yet for current yard when runner-up at Uttoxeter (15.8f) in June. Fitter for return when fourth at Sedgefield a month ago.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Double Oban, **5-1** Mister Smarty, **5-1** Lahire, **6-1** Treasured Company, **12-1** Let's Sail Away, **16-1** Opera King, **16-1** Kellie's Dream, **18-1** Vocal Duke, **22-1** Milajess, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DOUBLE OBAN was much improved on what was a quick switch to handicap company when successful at Uttoxeter this summer and is fancied to pick up where he left off for his excellent yard. Mister Smarty is also going the right way so he commands respect, along with Lahire.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DOUBLE OBAN 2. MISTER SMARTY 3. LAHIRE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Royal Rhythm 7-11-7	11-2	Jonjo O'Neill	J. Hogan (3)	9
2022	Dancewiththewind 7-11-11	25-1	Harriet Graham & Gary Rutherford	Edward Austin (5)	14
2021	Demi Sang 8-11-2	10-1	Sara Ender	Jamie Hamilton	10
2020	Orkan 6-11-4	6-1	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	11
2019	Flamboyant Joyaux 4-11-1	7-2jf	Sue Smith	Danny Cook	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race