

Thursday 26th December

WINCANTON



12.53 RHINO.BET FOR BOXING DAY PRICE BOOSTS MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) WALKADINA | (6) JENA D'OUDAIRIES | (2) BLAZEON FIVE**

1.28 DOWNLOAD THE RHINO.BET APP EBF MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m35y (4060 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) SAINTE DOCTOR | (2) MIGHTY MOTH | (5) MA BELLE NOIRE**

2.03 DOWNLOAD THE RACING APP NOW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) VISION DE MAINE | (1) IOUPY COLLONGES | (2) PASSING WELL**

2.38 PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (2) 3m150y (4970 Metres)

RACE 4 **(6) LONG DRAW | (7) LORD ACCORD | (9) FIRESTREAM**

3.13 MAKE RHINO.BET YOUR BOOKIE FOR 2025 HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m35y (4060 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) PADDY IN THE CADDY | (2) KING ARISE | (3) BENTLEY'S RETURN**

3.45 LONGMAN CHEESE HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) SUNNINGHILL | (2) BYZANTIUM | (1) WALK ON HIGH**

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

RHINO.BET FOR BOXING DAY PRICE BOOSTS MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £6,500 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 WALKADINA (FR) (26) t  **100**
22-14 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



David Pipe

David Noonan

Runner-up both starts in bumpers during the spring and perfect start in this sphere when winning 8-runner mares' maiden at Uttoxeter (15.7f) in November. Gave best only late on when fourth in Newbury listed contest 26 days ago and she's a player back in calmer waters.

2 BLAZEON FIVE (BF) **92**
6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alan King

Brendan Powell

6-y-o mare who developed into a useful handicapper on Flat (stays 2¼m) bagging second success of 2023 at Ascot (2m) in July. Related to hurdle winners and feasible to think she can make her mark in this sphere now starting out for Alan King.

3 BLUEY (IRE) (26) **89**
1-4 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Emma Lavelle **Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)**

Point winner who made all only start in bumpers at Plumpton (17.7f) in April and back from 7 months off, offered something to work on when fourth of 8 in mares' novice hurdle at Doncaster (19.4f) 26 days ago. Expected to build on that.

4 EVEREST (40) **86**
270 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Niall Houlihan

Ran to a fair level when second on debut in a Southwell bumper (15.8f) in June. Struggled to make an impact in stronger company at Cheltenham in 2 starts following a break and she's one to note in the betting now attentions switch to hurdling.

5 HELLO CELLO (IRE) (35) t **88**
6-42 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Harry Fry

Bryan Carver

Promise in a couple of bumpers 6 months apart and encouraging start in this sphere when second of 7 in a C&D mares' maiden 5 weeks ago, sticking on well. Looks sure to progress.

6 JENA D'OUDAIRIES (FR) (259) **94**
331- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Paul Nicholls **Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)**

Nicely-bred mare who matched previous best when making third start in bumpers a winning one at Taunton (16.5f) in April, leading final 100 yds. Good prospect now hurdling/following wind surgery for her leading stable.

7 KINGSTON JOY (IRE) (48) **75**
P 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Kevin Bishop

Sean Houlihan

Modest handicapper on Flat (stays 1½m) who never figured on yard/hurdles debut in an Exeter novice (16.7f) 7 weeks ago, left behind in back straight. Can only be watched on the back of that.

8 LOUD AND PROUD (IRE) (35) **85**
6 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

Shirocco mare. Placed on her 2 last starts in points but low-key start on Rules debut for new yard when sixth of 7 in a C&D mares' maiden 5 weeks ago. Possible she'll be brought along with handicaps in mind.

9 LUSSO MILAN (IRE) (21) t **79**
24-58 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Richie McLernon

Encouraging start when runner-up in bumper at Plumpton a year ago but below that level next time and she's not threatened either start in mares' novice hurdles this winter. Could be more of a handicap project.

10 NORTHERN SYMPHONIE (20) h **75**
279-8 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Keiran Burke

Ben Godfrey

Solid start when second in a bumper at Newbury this time last year but well held both starts thereafter in that discipline. Too free starting out for new yard when eighth of 13 in novice hurdle at Exeter (16.7f, heavy) on hurdles bow 20 days ago. Hood goes on now.

11 SOLID SILVER (28) **79**
523-5 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)

Fair bumper performer who showed similar form on the Flat without winning for Sir Mark Prescott. Not real short-term promise to glean from her yard/hurdles debut fifth in a Lingfield mares' maiden 4 weeks ago and others more appealing here.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Walkadina, **7-2** Jena D'oudairies, **9-2** Blazeon Five, **8-1** Bluey, **9-1** Hello Cello, **22-1** Everest, **33-1** Loud And Proud, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Easy Uttoxeter scorer WALKADINA was far from disgraced when fourth in listed company at Newbury 26 days ago and, returned to calmer waters, she's fancied to make a bold bid to concede weight all round. Jena D'oudairies and Blazeon Five are a couple of interesting hurdling debutantes to consider, with Hello Cello another likely improver.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WALKADINA 2. JENA D'OUDAIRIES 3. BLAZEON FIVE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Party Vibes 5-11-0	85-40f Henry Daly	Richard Patrick	10
2022	Endless Escape 6-11-7	17-2 Ben Clarke	Ben Jones	13
2021	Petticoat Lucy 5-10-12	7-2 Jeremy Scott	Lorcan Williams	15
2020	Belle de Manech 4-10-10	5-1 Anthony Honeyball	Rex Dingle (3)	16
2019	Whitehotchillifili 5-10-10	3-1 Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

DOWNLOAD THE RHINO.BET APP EBF MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £10,250 2½m35y (4060 Metres)Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 **ENDLESS ESCAPE (IRE) (12)** (C, D) s+t **100**
542223-50 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

Ben Clarke **Freddie Gingell** (31b/1kg)

Four-time hurdle winner who underwhelmed over fences at the start of last season. Only tenth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (20.2f, good to soft) 12 days ago so has a bit to prove back chasing.

2 **MIGHTY MOTH (IRE) (45)** **97**
32/3512-8U 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

Noel Williams **Paul O'Brien**

Fair 2m winner over hurdles but she unseated her rider at the first in handicap chase at Kempton (20.5f, good to soft) on her debut over fences 45 days ago. Worth another chance.

3 **SAINTE DOCTOR (FR) (23)** (D) s+t **99**
P84211/35 8 11-9 | 73.9kg

Neil Mulholland **Richie McLernon**

Scored at Chepstow and Ludlow in April, 2023. Off 18 months and better effort on return when a creditable fifth of 10 in handicap chase at Southwell (20.4f, soft) 23 days ago. May do better still so she's a likely player.

4 **ANOTHER DAY OUT (IRE) (31)** h **98**
54-8152R1 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Martin Keighley **James Best**

Refitted with a hood (refused to race previous run) when back to winning ways in 7-runner handicap chase at Ludlow (23.8f, soft) 31 days ago. Needs to back it up now with headgear again sported.

5 **MA BELLE NOIRE (33)** (D) b+t **72**
213115-6P 7 11-1 | 70.3kg

Harry Fry **Bryan Carver**

Tail flasher but won 3 times over hurdles in 2023. Failed to match that form sent chasing at Hereford in May and pulled up returned to hurdling at Ascot last month. Back over fences with more needed.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Another Day Out, **4-1** Endless Escape, **4-1** Sainte Doctor, **9-2** Mighty Moth, **8-1** Ma Belle Noire

TIMEFORM VIEW:

None of the quintet can be ruled out but the vote goes to **SAINTE DOCTOR** who is fancied to build on her recent Southwell fifth and capitalise on an easing mark. **Mighty Moth** is worth forgiving her early mishap at Kempton and could emerge as the main danger ahead of **Ma Belle Noire** and **Another Day Out**.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SAINTE DOCTOR 2. MIGHTY MOTH 3. MA BELLE NOIRE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

DOWNLOAD THE RACING APP NOW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £18,500 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 IOUPY COLLONGES (FR) (27) 97
2121/P31-2 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Paul Nicholls

Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)

Dual hurdles scorer who got off the mark in this sphere at Perth (20f) in April. Resumed from 7 months off with a solid second of 3 in handicap chase at Doncaster (24f, good) 27 days ago. Can go well off the same mark.

2 PASSING WELL (FR) (20) 96
4/21354-22 7 12-0 | 76.2kg s+t



Jamie Snowden

Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)

Arrives in good nick, runner-up in 3m handicap chase at Sandown 20 days ago. In the mix once more off an unchanged mark with cheekpieces now added.

3 STANS THE MAN (IRE) (26) 96
42314U11 7 11-6 | 72.6kg b+t



Ella Pickard

Ben Godfrey

Blinkered and arrives on a hat-trick after handicap chase successes at Exeter (3m) and Doncaster (26f) last month. Up another 3 lb but he's not taken lightly in his current mood.

4 VISION DE MAINE (FR) (28) (BF) 100
2707-112 5 11-1 | 70.3kg t



David Pipe

David Noonan

Irish point winner who has made an excellent start (at around 3m) in this sphere, scoring at Uttoxeter and Lingfield before an excellent second of 8 back at Lingfield four weeks ago. That form has been franked so he's a big player.

5 WHYDAH GALLY (20) (C) 96
64148-235 8 10-13 | 69.4kg b+t



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Hit the target twice in handicaps chases at Lingfield last season but yet to hit top form this term, coming in a well-held fifth in 30f Exeter handicap 20 days ago. Needs to take a big step forward.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Vision De Maine, **3-1** Ioupy Collonges, **7-2** Passing Well, **5-1** Stans The Man, **14-1** Whydah Gally

TIMEFORM VIEW:

VISION DE MAINE has started life really well over fences and is fancied to quickly resume winning ways on the back of his excellent Lingfield second (winner gone in again). Doncaster runner-up Ioupy Collonges should ensure David Pipe's upwardly-mobile 5-y-o doesn't have things all his own way though ahead of Passing Well and Stans The Man.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. VISION DE MAINE 2. IOUPY COLLONGES 3. PASSING WELL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Stellar Magic 8-12-2	12-1	Billy Arahamian	Alice Stevens (5)	7
2022	No Hubs No Hooobs 6-10-1	16-1	Joe Tizzard	Freddie Gingell (7)	11
2021	Favori de Sivola 6-11-3	11-2	Nick Williams	David Noonan	10
2020	Nearly Perfect 6-12-3	15-8f	Neil King	Mr Jack Andrews (7)	8
2019	Worthy Farm 6-11-12	6-1	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.38**PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (2)**
4yo+ £20,000 3m150y (4970 Metres)

RACE 4

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Pace Information: *N/A*

1 STAY AWAY FAY (IRE) (250) (D) t **96**
214/113PP- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

Paul Nicholls **Freddie Gingell (31b/1kg)**

Won Albert Bartlett in 2023. Better still over fences last term, winning twice, but he was pulled up on his final two runs at Cheltenham and Ayr. Still can't be discounted returning over hurdles here after breathing surgery.

2 GELINO BELLO (FR) (698) (D) **92**
11FP/ 8 11-9 | 73.9kg

Paul Nicholls **Jay Tidball (51b/2kg)**

Smart form when winning 2 novice chases at the end of 2022 but not seen since pulling up in the Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham in January 2023. Has had wind surgery. Betting perhaps the best guide to expectations given the length of absence.

3 THOMAS MOR (IRE) (650) (C) **99**
11P16/ 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Sean Houlihan**

Lightly-raced sort but he made up into a useful hurdler in 2022/23, scoring 3 times for David Pipe. Off 21 months but still can't be discounted for his in-form new yard who have a good record in this.

4 IKE SPORT (FR) (19) s+t **99**
11R1-34F5 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Neil Mulholland **Oisin Murphy**

Developed into a useful hurdler last season, winning 3 times at around 20f. Unsuccessfully tried chasing but not disgraced back over the smaller obstacles when fifth at Sandown (23f) 19 days ago. Considered.

5 LARGY POET (IRE) (27) (C) s **98**
42112-6 5 10-13 | 69.4kg

Paul Nicholls **Ben Bromley (51b/2kg)**

Course winner who looked rusty after 6 months off when only sixth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Newbury (24.2f, good to soft) 27 days ago. Can take a step forward now and enters calculations with few miles still on the clock.

6 LONG DRAW (IRE) (13) ★ **100**
44-122221 5 10-8 | 67.1kg

Olly Murphy **Beau Morgan (51b/2kg)**

Resumed his progress with a deserved win in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (24f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Up 7 lb but he merits serious consideration once again.

7 LORD ACCORD (IRE) (47) (C, D, BF) s+t **97**
P56-43112 9 10-6 | 66.2kg

Neil Mulholland **Richie McLernon**

A fairly useful hurdles/chase winner this autumn and he arrives on the back of a solid second of 10 in handicap chase here (25.1f, good) 47 days ago. Much respected back in this sphere.

8 DARTMOOR PIRATE (20) (C) **99**
7/712242-6 5 10-2 | 64.4kg

Anthony Honeyball **Ben Godfrey**

Course winner who beat only one on his chasing debut in handicap chase at Exeter (17.5f, heavy) 20 days ago. Possibilities back hurdling though and also stepped up in trip.

9 FIRESTREAM (697) t **99**
124/ 7 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

Anthony Honeyball **Brendan Powell**

A fairly useful hurdles winner over 19f in 2022 but he has been off the track for 23 months. Yard going well however so he's worth a market check on his comeback/handicap debut.

10 FIRST LORD DE CUET (FR) (35) (C) s+t **96**
UP24433-4 10 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

David Pipe **David Noonan**

Course winner who returned with a below-par fourth of 6 in handicap chase at Warwick (24f, soft) 35 days ago. It's now 16 runs since his last success in 2021.

11 RIVERS CORNER (27) (CD) **90**
6841132-R 6 10-2(9-5) | 64.4kg (59.4kg)



Anthony Charlton

Luke Scott (51b/2kg)

Improver last season, winning a pair of 3m handicaps in February, and even better form when narrowly denied at Exeter in April. However, ran out at the seventh on his return at Doncaster last month. Well worth another chance, despite being 11 lb out of the handicap.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Long Draw, **8-1** Lord Accord, **8-1** Rivers Corner, **17-2** Largy Poet, **10-1** Firestream, **10-1** Ike Sport, **12-1** Gelino Bello, **16-1** Dartmoor Pirate, **16-1** Thomas Mor, **16-1** Stay Away Fay, **33-1** First Lord De Cuet

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This could go the way of Olly Murphy's reliable LONG DRAW, who is taken to defy a 7 lb rise for his recent Cheltenham success. Lord Accord has been in winning form over both hurdles and fences this term and is next on the list, although the returning trio Firestream, Thomas Mor and Stay Away Fay all warrant respect too in a very open contest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. LONG DRAW 2. LORD ACCORD 3. FIRESTREAM****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Goshhowposh 6-11-5	11-4	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Micheal Nolan	8
2022	Steal A March 7-11-3	4-1f	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	11
2021	Orbys Legend 5-11-3	7-2jf	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

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Pace Information: **N/A**

1 BONZA BOY (46) s **95**
4/472112-0 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Jeremy Scott

Lorcan Williams

A dual 19f chase winner last term. Looked rusty after 7 months off when tenth of 13 in handicap chase at Ffos Las (23.8f, good to soft) 46 days ago. Can take a step forward so he's no forlorn hope.

2 KING ARISE (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (9) (CD) **98**
4-21 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)

Won sole point and has started out really well over fences, easily taking 9-runner handicap chase over C&D (soft) 9 days ago. Still unexposed and a player under a 7 lb penalty.

3 BENTLEY'S RETURN (IRE) (24) **93**
5423/334-2 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Chris Gordon

Harry Reed

Low-mileage hurdler who made an encouraging start in this sphere when second of 6 in handicap at Plumpton (19.8f, soft) 24 days ago. Should have more to offer. Considered.

4 PADDY IN THE CADDY (IRE) (5) (D, BF) ★ **100**
6715-7112 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Sean Houlihan

Has advanced his form switched to fences this winter, making all at Warwick and Hereford. Posted an excellent neck second of 8 in 2m Hereford handicap 5 days ago. Leading claims off an unchanged mark.

5 PEDLEY WOOD (IRE) (46) t **95**
37/11225-5 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Started last season over fences with a bang, winning at Hereford and Taunton. Resumed with a solid fifth in 3m Ffos Las handicap chase last month so he's in the mix eased 2 lb.

6 DOYEN FOR MONEY (IRE) (41) (C, D) t **95**
54661/71-P 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Anthony Honeyball

Ben Godfrey

A fair winner at 21f over hurdles. Off a year before pulled up in handicap chase at Southwell (20.4f) on his debut over fences 41 days ago. Lots more is required.

7 HATOS (FR) (35) (C) s+t **96**
411244-33 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Joe Tizzard

Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)

Course winner who got back on track retired in headgear when third of 6 in 2m handicap chase here 35 days ago. Back up in trip and in the picture again.

8 BRING THE ACTION (IRE) (202) b+t **93**
924661-P7 8 10-7 | 66.7kg



Nigel Hawke

Bryan Carver

Had wind op/blinkered when resuming winning ways at Hereford (21f) in April. However, well held both starts since so something to prove after 6 months off.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Paddy In The Caddy, **5-2** King Arise, **6-1** Bentley's Return, **17-2** Pedley Wood, **9-1** Hatos, **22-1** Bonza Boy, **28-1** Bring The Action, **33-1** Doyen For Money

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A few with chances but PADDY IN THE CADDY can race off the same mark as when an excellent recent second at Hereford so edges the vote from easy C&D scorer King Arise who rates a major threat under a 7 lb penalty. Bentley's Return can also have a say if, as expected, building on his encouraging Plumpton second with Joe Tizzard's pair Pedley Wood and Hatos in the mix too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PADDY IN THE CADDY 2. KING ARISE 3. BENTLEY'S RETURN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Sheldon 7-11-12	9-1	Seamus Mullins	Micheal Nolan	7
2022	Harlem Soul 4-11-1	12-1	Syd Hosie	Gearoid Harney (7)	12
2021	Native Robin 11-11-6	11-1	Jeremy Scott	Rex Dingle	8
2020	Ouro Branco 7-11-9	11-1	Nigel Hawke	K. E. Buckley (7)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.45**LONGMAN CHEESE HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-110) £9,000 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)**


RACE 6

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



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Pace Information: **N/A**


1 WALK ON HIGH (9) h+t  **98**
74/F-32 7 12-2 | 77.1kg

 Harry Fry **Bryan Carver**
7-y-o who hasn't stood much racing posted his best effort yet when second of 8 on C&D handicap debut 9 days ago, without looking the easiest of rides. Still, likely he can feature with a repeat.



2 BYZANTIUM (FR) (14) h+t **94**
2-24 4 11-13 | 75.7kg

 Paul Nicholls  **Lorcan Murtagh**
Won on his only Flat start in France in autumn 2023 and fair form at best in trio of hurdle runs for present yard. Too free on qualifying run when fourth at Taunton 2 weeks ago but application of a hood/tongue tie can help and considered on handicap bow.


3 LUMI PLUGIN (232) **98**
5362-2 5 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Gary & Josh Moore **Niall Houlihan**
Showed ability in bumpers and built on debut promise in this sphere when again finding only one too good in a Fontwell maiden (21.7f) 7 months ago, likely to have gone very close without a bad mistake 2 out. Remains unexposed and likely there's better to come now handicapping.

4 SUNNINGHILL (21) h **99**
4325 5 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Philip Hobbs & Johnson White  **Sean Houlihan**
Fair form in light Flat campaign and similar form over hurdles, best effort yet when runner-up on handicap debut at Exeter (16.7f) 3 weeks ago. Stamina run dry having briefly looked a threat when fifth of 9 in a C&D handicap 21 days ago and he remains of interest from this mark.


5 DOUBLE DRAGON (21) **92**
40-314 4 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Anthony Honeyball **Ben Godfrey**
Stepped up on hurdle debut third when taking a 2m Ffos Las maiden (good) in May. 11/1, may of needed the run after 6 months off when fourth of 9 on C&D handicap hurdle debut 3 weeks ago and he remains unexposed.


6 VOIX DE BOCELLI (24) **92**
833P-48F4 4 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Henrietta C Knight **Brendan Powell**
Fair form in France for Francois Nicolle but boasts a mixed record under various codes for present stable. Needs to step up again making handicap hurdle debut.


7 GOLDEN DOVE (35) h **97**
725 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Simon Earle **James Best**
Fair on the Flat (stays 1½m) and promise on second of 3 starts in maiden/novice hurdles at Kempton (2m) last month. Never figured in a C&D maiden 5 weeks ago but this switch to handicaps in her favour now.


8 AFTA PARTY (IRE) (9) **92**
8-6719505 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Mark Gillard **Lorcan Williams**
Returned to winning ways at Worcester (2m) in July. However, below form in both codes since, left behind approaching the last when fifth of 8 in handicap hurdle at this C&D (soft) 9 days ago. Others stronger.


9 JOHN BETJEMAN (16) **98**
7333-4843 8 11-1 | 70.3kg

 Mark Gillard **Luke Scott (51b/2kg)**
Comes here on a long losing run but with usual blinkers discarded, ran best race for some time when third of 9 in handicap hurdle (7/1) at Fontwell (17.7f, soft) 16 days ago. Well treated if he can build on that now.


10 ELLERTON (FR) (20)  **100**
7326-3276 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

 Anthony Charlton **Paul O'Brien**
Fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¾m) and went close without winning over hurdles for Syd Hosie. Excuses on account of the ground starting out for new yard/after 5 months off when last of 6 in handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m, soft) 20 days ago and he's not one to write off.

11 DOYEN MAGIC (IRE) (29) **96**

645-3677 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Richie McLernon**
Down the field sole start in bumpers and only modest form at best so far over hurdles. Checked out quickly when seventh of 8 in handicap hurdle at Hereford (16.2f, good to soft) on yard debut 29 days ago and she needs to step up a good deal on that.

12 UGO BINGO (FR) (14) t **97**
P-65341U 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

 Anthony Charlton **Miss Anna Johnston (71b/3kg)**
Stepped up in trip and duly showed improved form to get off the mark over hurdles at Taunton (19f) in November. Unseated at sixth in follow-up bid at that venue (23.9f) 2 weeks back and he takes a marked step back in trip now.


13 PENNA ROSSA (IRE) (5) (BF) **98**
3082P529 5 10-8 | 67.1kg

 Keiran Burke **Joe Anderson (31b/1kg)**
Not won since 2022 but promising first effort for new yard when runner-up at Exeter in November. Exploits mixed since however, finishing only ninth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Hereford (16.2f, good to soft, 4/1) 5 days ago.

14 RYDER'S ROCK (24) b+t **97**
936153U4 6 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

 Joe Tizzard  **Freddie Gingell (31b/1kg)**
Newton Abbot winner in September and bounced back to her best with blinkers refitted when fourth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (20.5f, soft, 15/2) 24 days ago. Each way possibilities back down in trip.

15 PRINCE RHINEGOLD (IRE) (35) **91**
1S/050-0P3 6 10-2(9-8) | 64.4kg (60.8kg)

 Linda Blackford **David Noonan**
Exeter novice winner (16.7f) early last year who dispelled several lesser displays after 6 months off when third of 7 in a C&D handicap 5 weeks ago. Whether he'll be in the same form here though is questionable, operating from 8 lb out of the weights.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Walk On High, **13-2** Byzantium, **8-1** Lumi Plugin, **9-1** Sunninghill, **11-1** John Betjeman, **14-1** Ryder's Rock, **14-1** Ugo Bingo, **14-1** Double Dragon, **16-1** Ellerton, **18-1** Penna Rossa, **22-1** Golden Dove, **25-1** Voix De Bocelli, **28-1** Doyen Magic, **28-1** Prince Rhinegold, **28-1** Afta Party

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SUNNINGHILL shaped much better than the bare result before testing conditions seemed to find him out when fifth in a C&D handicap 3 weeks ago. Appealing as being on a handy mark, a return to this sounder surface is firmly in his favour and he's given the narrow vote to confirm earlier promise. Byzantium, on handicap debut and Walk On High are a couple of the likelier threats, with Lumi Plugin and Ellerton a couple of others making appeal.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SUNNINGHILL 2. BYZANTIUM 3. WALK ON HIGH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Black Hawk Eagle	5-12-1	5-1	Kerry Lee	Richard Patrick	10
2022	No No Tonic	8-11-8	11-1	Mark Gillard	Tom Bellamy	16
2021	Galore Desances	5-11-9	11-2	Nigel Hawke	K. E. Buckley (5)	14
2020	Chinwag	5-11-3	11-2jf	Neil Mulholland	Harry Reed (3)	16
2019	Lightly Squeeze	5-11-12	11-8f	Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race