

Wednesday 27th November

HEREFORD



12.15 BRIGHTWELLS LTD NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m3f147y (3960 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) EBONY WARRIOR | (4) JUST LUCKY SIVOLA | (6) TOM DONIPHON**

12.50 WYE VALLEY METALS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m8y (3230 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) PADDY IN THE CADDY | (7) WELLWILLYA | (5) COUP DE GOLD**

1.25 LAYTON FAMILY NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) MOSSY FEN ROAD | (1) NOWMELAD | (4) NOT SO SOBERS**

2.00 ALPHA AGGREGATES HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m1f44y (5070 Metres)

RACE 4 **(7) HARRYS HOPE | (9) FADED FANTASY | (2) ULTRA BEAT**

2.35 HCD LTD HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f147y (3960 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) ANY BISCUITS | (2) DON RAFAEL | (6) LIMERICK LEADER**

3.10 KELTRUCK SCANIA MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) BILLAMS LEGACY | (1) IRISH CHORUS | (3) SAISSANTE**

3.45 SIGERIC PROPERTY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES | (8) SANGPOURSANGAMOI | (6) MY CULLEN**

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.

12.15

BRIGHTWELLS LTD NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700
2m3f147y (3960 Metres)

RACE 1



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

Hereford's right-handed circuit of about a mile and a half is almost square and has nine fences, of which the first after the winning post is taken on a turn. The home turn, which is on falling ground, is pretty sharp but the other bends are easy. Races have a tendency to be well run and the ground can get very testing in midwinter. The course restarted racing in October 2016 after a four-year hiatus.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 EBONY WARRIOR (IRE) (42) (BF) 100
 85-31222 6 11-7 | 73.0kg t

David Killahena & Graeme McPherson **Nick Slatter (31b/1kg)**
 Fairly useful winner at Worcester in July and in very good form since, second of 13 in novice hurdle at Wetherby (19.7f, good to soft) 42 days ago, going with enthusiasm. Leading form claims.

2 HUGO ALKO (FR) (432) 60
 P- 7 11-0 | 69.9kg

Helen Nelmes **Paul O'Brien**
 Pulled up in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (21.6f, heavy, 125/1) on NH debut. Off 14 months.

3 JAUNTY GALAXY (45) 60
 08 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Brian Eckley **Conor Ring**
 Twice-raced maiden under NH rules. 200/1, eighth of 10 in novice hurdle at Ffos Las (21.9f, soft) on hurdles bow 45 days ago.

4 JUST LUCKY SIVOLA (FR) (23) 95
 16-2 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Paul Nicholls **Harry Cobden**
 Promising individual who came in second of 5 in novice hurdle at Plumpton (20.5f, good to soft, 10/3) on hurdles bow 23 days ago. Should progress. Well in the mix.

5 PRESENTING STAR (IRE) 86
 6 11-0 | 69.9kg h

Peter & Michael Bowen **Shane Fenelon (51b/2kg)**
 £25,000 3-y-o: second foal: dam, fair maiden hurdler, is a half-sister to fairly useful hurdle winner/very smart chaser who became temperamental Herecomesthetruth. Presenting gelding can't be discounted on his hurdling bow.

6 TOM DONIPHON (FR) (36) 92
 120-3 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Sean Houlihan**
 Useful winner at 18f in bumpers. 4/1, encouraging third of 11 in novice hurdle at Exeter (18.5f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 36 days ago. Should improve.

7 FALSTAFF (IRE) (19) 70
 0-7 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Henrietta C Knight **Brendan Powell**
 Twice-raced maiden under NH rules. Seventh of 14 in novice hurdle (150/1) at Fontwell (17.7f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 19 days ago, not knocked about. May still do better.

8 KNEAD A WIN (FR) 93
 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Sam Thomas **Dylan Johnston (31b/1kg)**
 Authorized gelding. Dam, 17f hurdle winner in France, sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 29f) Baie des Iles. Worth a market check.

9 TIKITI DINO (FR) (23) 86
 0-3 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Alan King **Philip Armson (31b/1kg)**
 Twice-raced maiden under NH rules, better effort when third of 6 in novice hurdle (7/2) at this C&D (good) on hurdles bow 23 days ago. Can take another step forward.

10 TOM TAGGLE (IRE) (17) 70
 0-06 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Evan Williams **Adam Wedge**
 Thrice-raced maiden under NH rules. 125/1, sixth of 10 in novice hurdle at Ffos Las (15.8f, good to soft) 17 days ago. Back up in trip with more required.

11 DAMZON (165) 86
 6-25 5 10-7 | 66.7kg b

James Evans **Ben Poste**
 Fair form in bumpers, fifth of 7 at Uttoxeter (15.8f, soft) 165 days ago. Makes hurdles debut up in trip. Blinkered for 1st time too.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

85-40 Ebony Warrior, **7-2** Just Lucky Sivola, **9-2** Knead A Win, **11-2** Tom Doniphon, **20-1** Tikiti Dino, **20-1** Damzon, **28-1** Presenting Star, **150-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

EBONY WARRIOR possesses the best form on offer so is fancied to gain a deserved success after a run of three very good runner-up placings. Both Just Lucky Sivola and Tom Doniphon are in good hands and capable of better so can chase home the selection in that order.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EBONY WARRIOR 2. JUST LUCKY SIVOLA 3. TOM DONIPHON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Magic Seven 5-11-7	4-11f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	8
2022	Theatre Man 6-11-0	11-4	Richard Bandey	David Bass	13
2021	Le Chiffre d'Or 5-11-5	2-11f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6
2020 ^I	Optimise Prime 4-10-12	50-1	Ben Pauling	David Bass	13
2020 ^{II}	Fancy Foundations 6-11-4	9-4	Gordon Elliott	Robbie Power	13
2019	Dhowin 5-10-12	12-1	Jonjo O'Neill	Richie McLernon	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.50

WYE VALLEY METALS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m8y (3230 Metres)

RACE 2



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

Hereford's right-handed circuit of about a mile and a half is almost square and has nine fences, of which the first after the winning post is taken on a turn. The home turn, which is on falling ground, is pretty sharp but the other bends are easy. Races have a tendency to be well run and the ground can get very testing in midwinter. The course restarted racing in October 2016 after a four-year hiatus.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Johnny Mac 8-9-10	11-2	Matt Sheppard	Lee Edwards	10
2022	Greenrock Abbey 6-11-8	2-1f	Kerry Lee	Richard Patrick	7
2021	Ben Buie 7-10-8	6-1	Martin Keighley	Sean Bowen	7
2020	Delface 7-11-12	4-1	David Pipe	Fergus Gillard (7)	11
2019	Templier 6-10-9	25-1	Katie Stephens	Dave Crosse	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 PADDY IN THE CADDY (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (7) (D) **100**
06715-71 5 12-1 | 76.7kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Sean Houlihan**
Advanced his form under a change of tactics when landing 8-runner handicap chase at Warwick (16.2f, soft) 7 days ago, making all. The one to beat under a 7 lb penalty.

2 IRON D'EX (FR) (29) s **94**
0625PP-17 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Sheila Lewis **Callum Pritchard** (7lb/3kg)
Scored on his chasing bow at Ludlow but only seventh of 10 in handicap chase at Bangor (20.3f, heavy) next time. Cheekpieces back on.

3 FLAMELCO (FR) (64) h+t **99**
F3P255-F6 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

Sarah Humphrey **Jay Tidball** (5lb/2kg)
It's now 13 runs since his last win in 2022 but he shaped well for his new yard after 4 months off (formerly with Gary & Josh Moore) when a fading sixth of 8 in handicap chase at Fontwell (19.5f, good) 64 days ago. In the mix with hood/tongue strap back on.

4 DUNSTALL RAMBLER (IRE) (20) h **98**
07PF2-7U3 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

Tom George **J. Hogan** (3lb/1kg)
Remains winless but he posted a creditable third of 7 in handicap chase at Ludlow (16f, good to soft) 20 days ago. Needs considering.

5 COUP DE GOLD (IRE) (15) **96**
44-F39423 8 11-0 | 69.9kg

Evan Williams **Conor Ring**
Arrives in good nick over hurdles, third of 6 in 2m handicap here 15 days ago. Much respected on his chase debut.

6 SMART CASUAL (204) (BF) t **96**
56/P24B2-3 6 10-13 | 69.4kg

Anthony Honeyball **Richie McLernon**
Yet to register a victory but he recorded a respectable third of 13 in handicap hurdle at Ffos Las (15.8f, good to soft) in May. Resumes for his first go over fences and can't be discounted.

7 WELLWILLYA (36) **94**
63565-PP1 6 10-8 | 67.1kg

Helen Nelmes **Lorcan Murtagh**
Took form up a notch when getting off the mark on fencing bow in 12-runner handicap chase at Exeter (17.5f, good to soft) 36 days ago. Well on top at the finish there so not taken lightly despite a 4 lb rise.

8 THE BIG MAN (IRE) (23) t **80**
50677-40 5 10-3 | 64.9kg

Evan Williams **Adam Wedge**
Failed to build on his chasing debut promise when tenth of 12 in handicap chase over C&D 23 days ago. Still low mileage so may still do better.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Paddy In The Caddy, **9-2** Wellwillya, **7-1** Dunstall Rambler, **8-1** Smart Casual, **10-1** Flamelco, **11-1** Coup De Gold, **14-1** Iron D'ex, **20-1** The Big Man

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PADDY IN THE CADDY took his form up a level on just his second run over fences when an all-the-way winner at Warwick and can make light of a 7 lb penalty now connections have discovered the key for this son of Doyen. Comfortable Exeter scorer Wellwillya appeals as the one to chase him home ahead of chasing newcomers Coup de Gold and Smart Casual and the handily-weighted Flamelco.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PADDY IN THE CADDY 2. WELLWILLYA 3. COUP DE GOLD

1.25**LAYTON FAMILY NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700
2m53y (3270 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 NOWMELAD (IRE) (27) (D) 99
54-2213 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Lee Edwards

Made it third time lucky over hurdles when making all at Uttoxeter last month. Found out under a penalty but still emerged with credit when third of 14 in novice at Stratford (16.3f, good to soft) just under 4 weeks ago and fancied to be bang there once again.

2 BOBBY'S FORTUNE (IRE) (380) (D) 88
316- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Evan Williams

Adam Wedge

Bought out of Tjade Collier's yard for just £3,000 and made a winning start in a Ludlow bumper (15.8f, soft) in October 2023. Safely held on hurdles debut at Kempton the following month, though, and it's easy enough to look elsewhere having not been seen since.

3 MOSSY FEN ROAD (IRE) 100
4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

€75,000 3-y-o, Flemensfirth gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including smart hurdler/high-class chaser Fury Road and unbeaten bumper winner/useful hurdler Monbeg Worldwide, stayed 3m. Won sole start in Irish points (Mar 2024). Likely type for an excellent yard.

4 NOT SO SOBERS (32) (D) 93
2-14 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson

Richie McLernon

Fairly useful bumper winner who arrives fit from a good fourth at Cheltenham (16.4f, good) last month, ridden too far back to make much impact. One to consider on hurdle debut.

5 ON THE GO 88
4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Charlie Longsdon

David Bass

£38,000 3-y-o, Linda's Lad gelding. Dam (h112), bumper/2¼m hurdle winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (winner around 2¼m in France) Dourakine. Certainly worth a second look on debut.

6 WILD NEPHIN 89
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Ryan Potter

Conor Ring

€55,000 3-y-o, Walk In The Park gelding. Dam, unraced, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 3m) Tweed Skirt out of useful 2m-2¼m hurdle winner Theatre Girl. Off mark in Irish points at seventh attempt (Oct 27).

7 INDIAN EASTER 86
4 10-7 | 66.7kg



Ryan Potter

Ben Poste

Jack Hobbs filly. Dam, placed over hurdles, out of useful winner over hurdles/fences up to 2¼m Easter Legend.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Mossy Fen Road, **5-2** Nowmelad, **5-1** Not So Sobers, **10-1** Wild Nephin, **12-1** On The Go, **16-1** Bobby's Fortune, **28-1** Indian Easter

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Harry Derham continues to impress in the training ranks and his winning Irish pointer **MOSSY FEN ROAD** is selected to make the perfect start under Rules at the chief expense of Nowmelad, who made it third time lucky in this sphere at Uttoxeter last month and has since performed with credit under a penalty. Not So Sobers and Wild Nephin can fight out minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOSSY FEN ROAD 2. NOWMELAD 3. NOT SO SOBERS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Casa No Mento 5-11-0	1-2f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Finn Lambert (5)	11
2022	Beau Balko 4-11-0	1-2f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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ALPHA AGGREGATES HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 3m1f44y (5070 Metres)

RACE 4



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 HERMES DU GOUET (FR) (254) (BF) 94
64137/562- 7 12-1 | 76.7kg

Venetia Williams **Charlie Deutsch**
Point/hurdles winner and best effort over fences last season when second of 4 in handicap chase at Fontwell (26f, heavy), though went with little fluency. Off 8 months.

2 ULTRA BEAT (IRE) (29) 98
3/PSP-32 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Henry Daly **David Bass**
Placed sole run between the flags and bettered previous hurdles form by some way when third in a 14-runner novice at Ffos Las in May. Backed that up switched to fences when second at Bangor on handicap bow/return last month and entitled to progress.

3 FACE D'MUSIC (IRE) (9) (C, D) 66
U37-21U83 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

Katy Price **Shane Quinlan (31b/1kg)**
Placed on only start in points and off the mark over hurdles at Hereford in May. However, let down by jumping both starts over fences this term.

4 EAST STREET (IRE) (29) 93
12PFS6-P 8 11-11 | 74.8kg

James Owen **Mr Alex Chadwick (51b/2kg)**
Benefited from pace collapse when scoring at Wetherby (3m, heavy) a year ago and almost followed up at Newcastle next time. Very little to shout about thereafter, including on return/debut for this yard at Bangor last month when tight in the betting. Change of headgear. Also engaged 2.45 Wetherby.

5 SHOT BOII (IRE) (17) (CD) 98
612342P-8 7 11-9 | 73.9kg

David Pipe **Harry Cobden**
Won C&D handicap at the start of the year and a couple of good seconds after. Not disgraced at Ffos Las on return and entitled to come on for that.

6 AIRTOTHETHRONE (IRE) (47) 96
2F/4F232-4 8 11-8 | 73.5kg

Tim Vaughan **Alan Johns**
Fair winning handicap chaser who bounced back to his best in first-time cheekpieces when second at Taunton (26.3f, good) in April. Respectable return at Chepstow and should be in the mix again.

7 HARRYS HOPE (IRE) (27) 100
04P34-111 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**
Irish point winner who has left her hurdles exploits well behind sent chasing last month, completing a quickfire hat-trick at Stratford with a bit in hand. Further 7 lb rise is fair enough and she's the one to beat again.

8 NO REMATCH (IRE) (125) 93
3/70622-44 10 11-2 | 70.8kg

John & Rhys Flint **Miss Imogen Mathias (71b/3kg)**
Denied only by an unexposed type in 15-runner handicap hurdle at Exeter (21.6f, heavy) on final outing for Evan Williams in December. Not seen to best effect both starts for this yard in the summer but record over fences not as good.

9 FADED FANTASY (IRE) (15) 99
82075742 5 10-12 | 68.9kg

Christian Williams **James Turner (71b/3kg)**
On a losing run over hurdles but came close to getting off the mark at the first attempt over fences over C&D 2 weeks ago, closing all the way to the line. Headgear goes on now and he needs considering.

10 KAPAMAZOV (27) 96
0647-4357 7 10-11 | 68.5kg

James Evans **Ben Poste**
Running respectably in the summer without shaping like he's ahead of his mark, though might have needed the run on second start over fences at Stratford last month.

11 PAWPAW (19) (C) 97
3U6P3P51 7 10-6 | 66.2kg

D. J. Jeffreys **Caoilin Quinn**
Unreliable sort but this course scorer resumed winning ways in 7-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (26f, good to soft) 19 days ago. Needs to back it up now up 6 lb.

12 PUDDLESINTHEPARK (IRE) (17) 96
32-268660 6 10-4 | 65.3kg

Evan Williams **Adam Wedge**
Only win came at Ffos Las over hurdles. Appears to have lost his form, however, eleventh of 13 in handicap chase (7/1) at Ffos Las (23.8f, good to soft) 17 days ago.

13 UNSPEAKABLE (IRE) (50) 94
6PP7-2863 6 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

Christian Williams **Ellis Collier (71b/3kg)**
Hurdles winner who ran well back in this sphere when third at Huntingdon last month. Remains with potential over fences.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Harrys Hope, **13-2** Ultra Beat, **8-1** Faded Fantasy, **10-1** Pawpaw, **10-1** Hermes Du Gouet, **14-1** Unspeakable, **16-1** East Street, **18-1** Shot Boii, **18-1** Airtothethrone, **18-1** Puddlesinthepark, **22-1** Kapamazov, **25-1** No Rematch, **28-1** Face D'music

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Chasing has clearly been the making of HARRYS HOPE and she looks up to completing the 4-timer over this longer trip. Faded Fantasy and Ultra Beat both made a positive start to their chasing careers when runner-up over C&D and Bangor respectively and they head the dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HARRYS HOPE 2. FADED FANTASY 3. ULTRA BEAT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Hipop des Ongrais 6-12-0	9-4f	Robert Walford	Harry Kimber (3)	9
2022	Party Fuzz 7-12-2	18-1	Kim Bailey	David Bass	12
2021	Wick Green 8-11-12	12-1	Jennifer Mason	Mr Peter Mason (7)	4
2020	Cuban Pete 8-11-10	4-1	Venetia Williams	Robert Dunne	11
2019	Hard To Forget 6-11-10	4-1	Henry Oliver	Dave Crosse	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**HCD LTD HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105)
£6,150 2m3f147y (3960 Metres)**

RACE 5



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 JUST GO FOR IT (204) (C) t 96
P354130-6 11 12-0 | 76.2kg

Kevin Bishop *Sean Houlihan*
At the veteran stage and wasn't at her best when last seen 6 months ago. Has left Mitchell Hunt and rejoined former yard, but there's a fair bit to prove.

2 DON RAFAEL (IRE) (23) 98
06-621323 4 11-12 | 75.3kg

Martin Keighley *Daire McConville (7lb/3kg)*
Winner at Stratford in July. Creditable third of 7 in handicap hurdle at this C&D (good, 3/1) 23 days ago. Has been in good order for a while and another solid showing is on the cards.

3 ANY BISCUITS (IRE) (39) (BF) t 100
8911/2 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

Harry Derham *Paul O'Brien*
Much improved in spring of 2023 with 2m2f handicap wins at Market Rasen and Exeter. Hit the ground running back from 18 months off with an excellent second at Stratford 39 days ago and is worth a chance to resume winning ways.

4 IKIGAI STAR (IRE) (16) s 96
4-615213 4 11-12 | 75.3kg

Charlie Longsdon *David Bass*
Won a 2m Huntingdon maiden in May and even better form in handicaps this autumn, getting his head back in front at Southwell last month. Not in same form last time but cheekpieces on/up in trip now.

5 TO BE SURE (369) (C) 94
P4710/255- 9 11-9 | 73.9kg

Evan Williams *Ellis Collier (7lb/3kg)*
Back to form from out of the blue when taking advantage of a reduced mark in a Ffos Las handicap chase (3m, soft) in April 2023. Out of sorts when last seen a year ago and others are more persuasive.

6 LIMERICK LEADER (FR) (63) (D) 97
7826-4P41 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Alison Thorpe *Harry Cobden*
Improved to win 10-runner handicap hurdle at Perth (20.2f, soft, 7/4) 63 days ago, forging clear. Left Olly Murphy for £17,000 since and remains feasibly treated.

7 MACTAVISH (50) (C, D) s 99
2-241P346 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Matt Sheppard *Stan Sheppard*
Recorded back-to-back wins here (both at 21.7f) last year and back on the scoresheet with cheekpieces refitted at Worcester (20f) in June. Exploits mixed subsequently but needs respecting at this track after a break.

8 LEAVE HER TO ME (22) 96
910/81369 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

David Killahena & Graeme McPherson *Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)*
Bumper winner in 2022 and came good at the second time of asking over hurdles back from an absence at Uttoxeter in July. Not quite in the same form since.

9 GILLESPIE ROAD (IRE) (21) 83
808 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Christian Williams *Lee Edwards*
Successful on sole outing in Irish points. Down the field so far over hurdles but now upped in trip for handicap debut, so well worth a market check.

10 GREAT THREAT (FR) (387) 95
67P/309- 5 10-13 | 69.4kg

Evan Williams *Adam Wedge*
Showed fair form at best in 2 hurdle/chase starts in France, but well beaten in a hurdle/chase in Britain when last seen. Off 12 months and hard to fancy.

11 EAGLE COURT (IRE) (15) 95
97805 7 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)

Michael Blake *Harry Reed*
Fair performer on Flat but no real impact over hurdles, including in handicaps. Up against it.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

85-40 Any Biscuits, **11-2** Limerick Leader, **6-1** Don Rafael, **15-2** Ikigai Star, **12-1** Mactavish, **14-1** Leave Her To Me, **16-1** Gillespie Road, **33-1** To Be Sure, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ANY BISCUITS is in excellent hands and boasts an upwardly mobile profile, so he gets the nod over the in-form Don Rafael. Limerick Leader was an impressive winner on his final outing for Olly Murphy and shouldn't be ruled out on debut for a smaller yard.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ANY BISCUITS 2. DON RAFAEL 3. LIMERICK LEADER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Great Ocean** 7-12-0 4-1 Neil Mulholland Joe Anderson (5) 13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

KELTRUCK SCANIA MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m53y (3270 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 IRISH CHORUS (26) 94

3/705-23 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Alan King

Brendan Powell

Just modest form at best in 3 bumper outings but promise over hurdles, shaping quite encouragingly after 6 months off when third of 8 in novice at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) earlier in the month. Remains with potential now handicapping so she's high on the shortlist.

2 BILLAMS LEGACY (133) (D) 98

22/22-221 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Fergal O'Brien

Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)

Hard to knock her consistency over hurdles and ended a sequence of seconds of rare length (seven) when getting off the mark in 7-runner novice at Uttoxeter (15.8f, soft) back in July. Freshened up since and every chance she can kick on now up and running back in a handicap.

3 SAISSANTE (IRE) (362) (D) 100

713- 4 11-13 | 75.7kg



Noel Williams

James Davies

Fairly useful Flat winner at up to 1¼m in France. Refitted with blinkers/tongue tie combination when landing juvenile hurdle at Ludlow (15.8f, soft) in November 2023 and ran to a similar level when third at Newbury the following month. Makes return/handicap hurdle debut with headgear discarded.

4 STRONG BELLE (18) (D) 96

2PF21-P50 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

James Turner (7lb/3kg)

Bagged 2m mares' maiden at Bangor in February and failed to meet expectations after 5 months off when fifth of 6 at Stratford last month. Far too free returned to a longer trip when well held at Wincanton (21.4f, good) since so needs to get back on track.

5 DOYEN MAGIC (IRE) (110) 93

645-367 5 11-9 | 73.9kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Richie McLernon

Down the field sole start in bumpers and only modest form at best so far over hurdles, always around the same position in mid-division on handicap debut at Wexford (16.7f, good to soft) back in August. Has since left Paul Nolan and she'll need to take a step forward to feature.

6 GRANNY B (IRE) (15) 87

663 4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Michael Mullineaux

Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)

Fair winner on the Flat and while she has done the majority of her racing over sprint distances, stamina didn't appear to be an issue when sixth in a Ludlow novice (15.8f, good to soft) last month. Backed that up when third at Huntingdon since but more required now handicapping.

7 CULLIGRAN (IRE) (142) 97

44-233 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



John O'Shea

Adam Wedge

Fair maiden who comes here on the back of a good third of 12 in handicap hurdle at Worcester (16f, good) when last seen in July. Needs considering provided she's fully tuned up.

8 MISSY MOLE (IRE) (21) 71

807 5 10-6 | 66.2kg



David Pipe

Lee Edwards

Runner-up completed start in Irish points but little to shout about all 3 outings over hurdles (hooded on latest). Likely to make more impact now tackling low-grade handicaps.

9 SIMPLY BELLE (35) 89

433765-7 4 10-3 | 64.9kg



David Dennis

Richard Patrick

Reached the frame 3 times in bumpers but the form is only modest and she's made little impact over hurdles in a handful of starts, latest after 7 months off at Southwell (15.8f, good) 5 weeks ago. Could have something to offer now handicapping, however.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Billams Legacy, **5-1** Irish Chorus, **6-1** Culligran, **13-2** Saisissante, **10-1** Doyen Magic, **14-1** Strong Belle, **20-1** Missy Mole, **20-1** Granny B, **33-1** Simply Belle

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having finished runner-up on seven consecutive starts, BILLAMS LEGACY gained a deserved first win over hurdles at Uttoxeter in July and now up and running, Fergal O'Brien's 9-y-o can follow up returned to handicap company. The main threat may emerge from Irish Chorus, who shaped quite encouragingly after 6 months off last time and is open to improvement now handicapping, with Saisissante and Culligran rounding off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BILLAMS LEGACY 2. IRISH CHORUS 3. SAISSANTE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES 2. SANGPOURSANGAMOI 3. MY CULLEN


WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Jackpot des Bordes 4-11-2	4-5f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	8
2022	loupy Collonges 4-11-2	5-2	Paul Nicholls	Ben Bromley (7)	10
2021	Lallygag 4-11-0	2-7f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6


SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


1 BORIS BIRDBROOK 88
5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Kevin Bishop *James Best*
Dam modest 2m-2¼m hurdle/chase winner. Has undergone breathing operation.


2 COMMANDER TEDDY 88
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Katy Price *Shane Quinlan (3lb/1kg)*
Dam placed in bumpers/over hurdles. Last of 5 finishers sole start in point bumpers.


3 DESTINATION DUBAI (IRE) 90
5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Alastair Ralph *David Bass*
€40,000 3-y-o, Sandmason gelding from successful NH family. Made frame completed start in Irish points (Oct 6).


4 KASHMIR DE CORTON (FR) (380) (BF) 95
8- 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Tom George *Harry Cobden*
From the family of useful hurdler/high-class chaser Black Corton. Fancied in the betting but finished 18 lengths eighth of 11 in maiden bumper at Le Mans a year ago. Hard to weigh up.


5 KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES (FR) 100
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Olly Murphy *Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)*
€47,000 3-y-o, Seahenge gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to French hurdler/chaser (17f-2¼m winner) Callia d'Oudairies and French hurdle/chase winner (17f-19f winner) l'icone d'Oudairies. Plenty to like on paper.


6 MY CULLEN (IRE) (31) 91
6 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Henrietta C Knight *Brendan Powell*
Jet Away half-brother to bumper winner Major Robinson. 33/1, hinted at ability on debut at Wincanton last month, just running out of steam late on. Entitled to improve.


7 OLDERFLEET 88
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Matt Sheppard *Stan Sheppard*
Geordieland gelding out of unraced dam out of sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 3¼m) Hell's Bay, from family of Champion Chase winners Viking Flagship and Flagship Uberalles.

8 SANGPOURSANGAMOI (FR) 98
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Sam Thomas *Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)*
€20,000 3-y-o, Planteur gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/fairly useful chaser in France Hurkhan and fair French hurdler Artemidor. One to take seriously on debut for in-form yard.

9 OUR ROSIE (IRE) (12) 75
7/5 5 10-9 | 67.6kg

 Michael Mullineaux *Charlie Deutsch*
Down the field in bumpers 19 months apart.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Kefir D'oudairies, **3-1** Sangpoursangamoi, **5-1** Kashmir De Corton, **15-2** My Cullen, **12-1** Destination Dubai, **16-1** Olderfleet, **25-1** Boris Birdbrook, **33-1** Commander Teddy, **500-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Newcomers KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES and Sangpoursangamoi make most appeal before market clues, with Olly Murphy's charge narrowly preferred.