

Friday 27th December

LEOPARDSTOWN

12.05 PADDY POWER I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT DAY IT IS 3-Y-O MAIDEN HURDLE 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 1 **(11) GALILEO DAME | (9) WENDROCK | (6) LAST KINGDOM**

12.35 PADDY POWER FROM THE HORSES MOUTH PODCAST BEGINNERS CHASE 2m1f (3420 Metres)

RACE 2 **(14) BIRDIE OR BUST | (13) NURBURGRING | (3) IT'S FOR ME**

1.10 PADDY'S REWARDS CLUB CHASE (Bohernabreena) (Grade 1) 2m1f (3420 Metres)

RACE 3 **(10) DINOBLUE | (4) GAELIC WARRIOR | (3) FOUND A FIFTY**

1.45 PADDY POWER FUTURE CHAMPIONS NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 1) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 4 **(5) KARNIQUET | (6) ROMEO COOLIO | (1) BLEU DE VASSY**

2.20 SPINAL INJURIES IRELAND HANDICAP HURDLE 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 5 **(15) WEE CHARLIE | (20) DIAMOND NORA | (4) ETHICAL DIAMOND**

3.00 PADDY POWER CHASE (EXTENDED HANDICAP) (Clonskeagh) (Listed) 3m100y (4920 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) THREE CARD BRAG | (15) HGRANCA DE THAIX | (14) PERCEVAL LEGALLOIS**

3.30 PADDY POWER THE FLAT ONE I.N.H. FLAT 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) ECLIPSE CHASER | (1) AMERICAN JUKEBOX | (6) LEAKY CAULDRON**

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.

12.05**PADDY POWER I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT DAY IT IS 3-Y-O MAIDEN HURDLE 3yo €15,000 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 1

GBI RACINGGoing: **Chase course: Good to Yielding (Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Yielding (Good to Yielding in places)**

The Leopardstown course is a wide, left-handed oval track, about a mile and three quarters in length. The course is fairly level with easy turns except for a slight rise from the last bend. Leopardstown provides a fair test, although three of the fences in the back straight are close together and occasionally catch out the less-accomplished chaser, and the finishing straight is relatively short. The inner hurdles course, used occasionally, is rather sharper in character than the chase track and tends to provide a significant test of tactical speed.

Pace Information: **Weakly Contested****1 ASWELLASABENTLEY (IRE)**

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Liam Lennon, Ireland

Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)

Walk In The Park gelding. Dam, bumper/2m-3m hurdle winner, half-sister to very smart hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 3m) Sam Spinner. Doesn't have the look of a probable first-time-out winner on paper.

2 AUTUMN TWIST (IRE)

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Denis Hogan, Ireland

D. King

Fairly useful maiden on the Flat for Andre Fabre in France. Second of 8 in minor event at Chantilly (9f, good, 64/10) when last seen 14 months ago. Gelded ahead of this hurdles/stable debut and he's one to note in the betting.

3 BABICH (IRE) (13)

4U9 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

K. E. Buckley

Fairly useful maiden on the Flat. Thrice-raced maiden in this sphere. 28/1, ninth of 14 in juvenile hurdle at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Others preferred.

4 HUDSON (FR) (BF)

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Ellmarie Holden, Ireland

D. J. O'Keefe

Fair maiden on the Flat, making GB/IRE jumps debut. Sixth of 10 in maiden (21/10) at Le Touquet (13.4f, soft). First run for yard after leaving Christophe Ferland and the market should point the way.

5 KING OF THE BRONX (IRE) (19)

U00 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Sean Flanagan

Fair Flat winner. Thrice-raced maiden over hurdles. 250/1, twelfth of 20 in juvenile hurdle at Cork (15.7f, soft) 19 days ago. Big step forward needed.

6 LAST KINGDOM (FR) (145)

1 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

M. P. Walsh

Won 7-runner bumper on sole start for previous connections at Le Lion-d'Angers (11.9f, good to soft, 33/10) 145 days ago. Since joined top yard ahead of this hurdle debut and he could be a very nice prospect.

7 RAYDAMANN (FR)

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

D. J. Gilligan

Hooded for 1st time, sixth of 14 in maiden at Dundalk (10.7f, 10/3) 63 days ago. First run for yard after leaving John Patrick Murtagh. Wendrock is clearly the stable No 1.

8 ROCKYS FAVOURITE (IRE)

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



P. Mulligan, Ireland

S. F. O'Keefe

200/1 and tongue strap on for 1st time, tenth of 12 in maiden on the Flat at Dundalk (12f) 9 days ago. Best watched on hurdles debut.

9 WENDROCK (FR) (40)

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Sam Ewing

Promising type. First run since leaving Lucinda Russell when third of 11 in juvenile hurdle (9/2) at Navan (16f, good to soft) on NH debut 40 days ago, not knocked about. Should progress with that run under his belt and he's a big player.

10 BELLA COLOMBIA (IRE)

3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Shane Kieran Ryder, Ireland

M. J. M. O'Sullivan

Fair Flat winner. 16/1, last of 7 in handicap on the level at Dundalk (8f) 51 days ago. First run for yard after leaving W. McCreery and probably best watched on hurdles debut.

11 GALILEO DAME (IRE)

3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

J. J. Slevin

Useful Flat winner. 5 lengths second of 17 to Hamish in listed race (6/1) at the Curragh (12f, good to soft) 54 days ago. Potentially exciting recruit to this sphere and she will be a serious contender if jumping fluently (bound to have been well-schooled by her top yard).

12 MISS GITANA (IRE) (19)

7F0 3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

*J. S. McGarvey*

Fair Flat winner. Thrice-raced maiden over hurdles. Eleventh of 20 in juvenile hurdle (100/1) at Cork (15.7f, soft) 19 days ago. Yard saddles a stronger candidate in Wendrock.

13 MONEY DANCER (IRE)

3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Noel Meade, Ireland

Donagh Meyler

Fairly useful Flat winner, making GB/IRE jumps debut. May well make her mark in this sphere but there will be far easier opportunities than this.

14 PEPPER NOIR (IRE)

3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

B. W. Harvey

Fairly useful Flat winner. Won 12-runner handicap at Dundalk (12f, 7/4) 14 days ago, cosily. Likely to win races over hurdles (provided of course that she takes to this game), but this is a tough starting point.

15 PROMO QUEEN (IRE) (40)

88 3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Christopher David Timmons, Ireland

R. A. Doyle

Modest Flat winner. Twice-raced maiden over hurdles. Eighth of 11 in juvenile hurdle (150/1) at Navan (16f, good to soft) 40 days ago. Readily passed over.

16 RUN AWAY MERIDA (IRE) (1)

00F 3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Mark McNiff, Ireland

A. M. King (7lb/3kg)

Twice-raced maiden. Eleventh of 14 in juvenile hurdle at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good to soft, 250/1) 13 days ago. Looks up against it. Engaged 12.25 Limerick Thursday.

17 STILTELLINEMNUTTIN (IRE) (34)

5 3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Michael Mulvany, Ireland

M. M. McDonagh

Once-raced maiden. Slipped up in juvenile hurdle (100/1) at Punchestown (16.7f, soft) on NH debut 34 days ago. Hard to fancy.

17 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Galileo Dame, 3-1 Last Kingdom, 10-3 Wendrock, 28-1 Raydamann, 28-1 Pepper Noir, 33-1 Autumn Twist, 33-1 Money Dancer, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GALILEO DAME is taken to follow in the footsteps of stablemate Intellotto, who made a winning hurdles debut in this 12 months ago. The Galileo Gold filly ended her Flat campaign by chasing home smart performers in 1½m listed events at Naas and the Curragh during the autumn and, if she takes to this game, she could be a real force in the juvenile hurdle division. Wendrock shaped very well indeed on his debut in this sphere at Navan and is feared most ahead of French bumper winner Last Kingdom.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GALILEO DAME 2. WENDROCK 3. LAST KINGDOM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Intellotto 3-11-0	10-1 Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Daryl Jacob	19
2022	Tekao 3-11-0	10-11f W. P. Mullins	M. P. Walsh	18
2021	Icare Allen 3-11-2	13-8f W. P. Mullins	M. P. Walsh	18
2020	French Aseel 3-11-2	7-2f Ellmarie Holden	Denis O'Regan	18
2019	Leagan Gaeilge 3-10-7	33-1 Brendan Duke	Sean Flanagan	22

SMART STATS:4 W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **LAST KINGDOM**)2 Joseph Patrick O'Brien's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **GALILEO DAME**)22% W. P. Mullins's strike rate at LEOPARDSTOWN since the start of the 2020/21 season (saddles: **LAST KINGDOM**)

12.35**PADDY POWER FROM THE HORSES MOUTH PODCAST
BEGINNERS CHASE 4yo+ €17,500 2m1f (3420 Metres)**

RACE 2

Going: **Chase course: Good to Yielding (Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Yielding (Good to Yielding in places)**

The Leopardstown course is a wide, left-handed oval track, about a mile and three quarters in length. The course is fairly level with easy turns except for a slight rise from the last bend. Leopardstown provides a fair test, although three of the fences in the back straight are close together and occasionally catch out the less-accomplished chaser, and the finishing straight is relatively short. The inner hurdles course, used occasionally, is rather sharper in character than the chase track and tends to provide a significant test of tactical speed.

Pace Information: **Weakly Contested****1 BACKTONORMAL (IRE) (20) (D)**

31/233-159 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Keith Donoghue

Useful chaser. 1 win from 3 runs this season. Below form ninth of 18 in novice chase at Navan (20.7f, soft, 12/1) 20 days ago. Looks vulnerable in a field consisting of some potentially smart novices.

2 DOCTOR GLIDE (FR) (13)

4032-P5 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Tom Dreaper, Ireland

B. W. Harvey

Fair hurdler. 150/1, fifth of 10 in novice chase at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good to soft) 13 days ago, not knocked about. Easy enough to look elsewhere.

3 IT'S FOR ME (FR) (407)

155/1- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

Daryl Jacob

Lightly-raced winner under Rules. Form of the maiden hurdle he won at Punchestown (16.5f, soft) when last seen in November 2023 looks strong (second has since won a Grade 1) and he looks the pick of the 4 Willie Mullins-trained representatives, a yard which has won this race 3 times since 2019.

4 JEANNOT LAPIN (FR)

5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gearoid O'Loughlin, Ireland

R. A. Doyle

€3,000 5-y-o, Doctor Dino gelding. Dam, placed over fences in France, half-sister to Champion Hurdle winner Epatante. Placed both completed starts between the flags but best watched on this Rules debut.

5 LISNAGAR FORTUNE (IRE) (348) (D)

12/321- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

D. E. Mullins

Lightly-raced winner under Rules. Useful hurdler. Career best when winning 22-runner maiden hurdle at Punchestown (16.7f, soft, 10/11) on latest start in January. The runner-up in that maiden has since won twice over fences and this 6-y-o appeals as the type to also make his mark as a chaser.

6 MINT BOY (IRE) (13)

9/15217-37 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Sean Flanagan

Useful hurdler. 4/1, seventh of 9 in novice chase at Fairyhouse (21f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Should have more to offer, albeit he may well come into his own in handicaps later on.

7 NO FLIES ON HIM (IRE) (20) (C)

127-P60 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



E. J. O'Grady, Ireland

M. M. McDonagh

Useful hurdler. 50/1, thirteenth of 18 in novice chase at Navan (20.7f, soft) 20 days ago. Perhaps better judged on his encouraging chase debut sixth at the same course last month, albeit he has plenty to find with Nurburging and Birdie Or Bust on that evidence. Still, there is potential there.

8 SHANBALLY KID (IRE) (11) (D)

418/483-8 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

M. J. M. O'Sullivan

Useful hurdler. 16/1, eighth of 12 in novice chase at Naas (20.1f, good to soft) 11 days ago. May well do better in time but, of the yard's 4 runners in this contest, he is perhaps the one with the least scope for improvement.

9 THE BIG DOYEN (IRE) (178)

9/1123P-44 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Peter Fahey, Ireland

D. J. O'Keeffe

Useful hurdler. Hooded for 1st time, respectable fourth of 12 in novice chase at Tipperary (17.3f, good to soft, 10/3) 178 days ago. Should win races in this sphere but unlikely that he will prove good enough on this occasion.

10 WESTERN DIEGO (IRE) (271)

178/513- 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

S. F. O'Keeffe

Useful hurdler. Latest win at Fairyhouse in January. Off 9 months ahead of this chase debut. Winner of sole start between the flags, which augurs well ahead of this switch to the larger obstacles. Interesting to see how he shapes up in the betting, particularly in relation to his 3 stablemates.

11 WHAT'S UP DARLING (IRE) (20)

215264-24 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Sam Ewing

Promising individual. Useful 2m winner over hurdles. 11/2, fourth of 18 in novice chase at Navan (20.7f, soft) on debut over fences 20 days ago. Open to progress in this sphere and he's a strong each-way candidate.

12 IN THE TRENCHES (13)

23222338 4 11-6 | 72.6kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

K. E. Buckley

Fair hurdler. Eighth of 10 in novice chase at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good to soft, 80/1) on debut over fences 13 days ago. Readily passed over.

13 NURBURGRING (IRE) (33) (D)

1d134-3133 4 11-6 | 72.6kg



Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

J. J. Slevin

Promising individual. Useful 13f winner on the Flat and smart novice over hurdles last season, winning 3 of his 7 starts in that sphere. Creditable 8¼ lengths third of 8 to Touch Me Not in Craddockstown Novices' Chase at Punchestown (16.3f, good to soft, 3/1) 33 days ago. Big player.

14 BIRDIE OR BUST (IRE) (41)

22/13513-4 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

Rachael Blackmore

Promising sort. Fourth of 9 in novice chase (11/2) at Navan (17f, good to soft) on debut over fences 41 days ago, not knocked about. Yard has won this twice in recent years and she's a strong candidate.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 It's For Me, **4-1** Nurburging, **5-1** Birdie Or Bust, **10-1** Lisnagar Fortune, **11-1** What's Up Darling, **14-1** Western Diego, **18-1** Mint Boy, **22-1** Backtonormal, **25-1** No Flies On Him, **28-1** Shanbally Kid, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This has the makings of an informative race and BIRDIE OR BUST could be the answer. She signed off her novice hurdle campaign by finishing third in a Grade 2 at the Cheltenham Festival and wasn't far behind Nurburging, who had race-fitness on his side, when fourth on chase debut at Navan. Nurburging is a much-respected main danger, while It's For Me, who took the notable scalp of Caldwell Potter on his sole hurdles start 13 months ago, is a fascinating chasing debutant.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. BIRDIE OR BUST 2. NURBURGRING 3. IT'S FOR ME****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Marine Nationale 6-11-12	1-2f	Barry Connell	M. J. M. O'Sullivan	8
2022	Dysart Dynamo 6-11-12	2-5f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	4
2021	Haut En Couleurs 4-11-8	1-3f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	7
2020	January Jets 6-12-0	7-2	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	9
2019	Melon 7-11-12	5-4f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	8

SMART STATS:

2 Henry de Bromhead's number of winners in past 7 runnings. (saddles: **BIRDIE OR BUST**)

3 W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 7 runnings. (amongst 4 runners saddles: **SHANBALLY KID**)

22% W. P. Mullins's strike rate at LEOPARDSTOWN since the start of the 2020/21 season (saddles: **SHANBALLY KID, IT'S FOR ME, LISNAGAR FORTUNE and WESTERN DIEGO**)

1.10**PADDY'S REWARDS CLUB CHASE (Bohernabreena) (Grade 1) 5yo+ €125,000 2m1f (3420 Metres)**

RACE 3



Going: **Chase course: Good to Yielding (Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Yielding (Good to Yielding in places)**

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Pace Information: **Contested**

1 BLUE LORD (FR) (19) (CD) t **90**
111283/4-4 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Daryl Jacob**
Smart chaser. C&D winner. Seven wins from 17 NH runs. 10/1, below form 28 lengths fourth of 8 to Energumene in Hilly Way Chase at Cork (16.7f, good to soft) 19 days ago, finishing some way adrift of re-opposing stable companion Dinoblue. Arguably the most unlikely winner of the 4 Mullins runners.

2 CAPTAIN GUINNESS (IRE) (41) **96**
22/1P31-2P 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Rachael Blackmore**
High-class chaser, notably winning the Champion Chase at the Cheltenham Festival in March. 5/2, pulled up in Fortria Chase at Navan (16f, good to soft) won by Found A Fifty 41 days ago, tailed off when pulled up 3 out. May well bounce back with a bold show but he looks vulnerable nonetheless.

3 FOUND A FIFTY (IRE) (41) (CD) **97**
121221-11 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Sam Ewing**
High-class chaser. C&D winner. Didn't need to be at best when taking the Fortria Chase at Navan (16f, good to soft, 11/8) 41 days ago by neck from Solness. Held by Gaelic Warrior judged on their clash at the Cheltenham Festival but he's a solid, reliable type and can be expected to run a big race.

4 GAELIC WARRIOR (GER) (239) (C, D, BF) h **100**
121/11U1-2 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Mr P. W. Mullins**
Top-class chaser. 2¼ lengths second of 4 to Il Etait Temps in Barberstown Castle Novices' Chase (Colliers) (1/3) at Punchestown (16.3f, good to soft) on final start of last season. Beat Found A Fifty by 8½ lengths in the Arkle at the Cheltenham Festival on his penultimate start. Sets the standard.

5 GENTLEMAN DE MEE (FR) (41) (CD) t **90**
14/242-U35 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**
Smart chaser. C&D winner. Five wins from 19 NH runs. 11/1, well-beaten fifth of 6 to Found A Fifty in Fortria Chase at Navan (16f, good to soft) 41 days ago. Clearly has work to do.

6 MARINE NATIONALE (IRE) (47) (CD, BF) t **90**
11111/15-2 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Barry Connell, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
Smart chaser. C&D winner. 8/11, respectable 7½ lengths second of 5 to Quilixios in Poplar Square Chase at Naas (16f, good to soft) last time. Yet to scale the heights he did as a hurdler (winner of Supreme Novices' Hurdle at the 2023 Cheltenham Festival) but certainly not one to write off just yet.

7 SENECIA (IRE) (41) (D) b **86**
244PU4U3 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Vincent Laurence Halley, Ireland **Mr B. O'Neill**
Useful chaser. Blinkered for 1st time, excellent 1¼ lengths third of 6 to Found A Fifty in Fortria Chase (200/1) at Navan (16f, good to soft) 41 days ago. Uphill task.

8 SOLNESS (FR) (20) (CD) s+t **90**
0-4011324 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland **J. J. Slevin**
Smart chaser. C&D winner. Five wins from 17 NH runs. Latest win in hurdle at Sligo in October. 18/1, 25¼ lengths fourth of 6 to Jonbon in Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown (15.4f, soft) 20 days ago. Not without an each-way squeak.

9 VISIONARIAN (IRE) (27) (D) s **90**
112-P014P 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**
Smart chaser. Seven wins from 25 NH runs. Pulled up in handicap chase (10/1) at Fairyhouse (17f, good) 27 days ago, tailed off when pulled up early in straight. Cheekpieces on 1st time.

10 DINOBLUE (FR) (19) (CD) t **97**
11/1122-32 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **M. P. Walsh**
Very smart chaser. Creditable 10 lengths second to Energumene in Hilly Way Chase at Cork (16.7f, good to soft, 5/2) recently. Winner of this 12 months ago and while her task is tougher this time round with Gaelic Warrior in opposition, she may well rise to the challenge. Tongue strap on 1st time.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Gaelic Warrior, **9-2** Found A Fifty, **7-1** Marine Nationale, **15-2** Dinoblue, **14-1** Captain Guinness, **25-1** Solness, **33-1** Gentleman De Mee, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DINOBLUE was the Willie Mullins first-string when winning this race last year and while that won't be the case this time round with Gaelic Warrior on the prowl, she has race-fitness on her side having chasing home another classy stablemate in Energumene on her recent reappearance at Cork and will be spot-on for this assignment. Gaelic Warrior was so impressive when brushing Found A Fifty aside in the Arkle and, if able to deliver a performance akin to that, he will obviously be a big threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DINOBLUE 2. GAELIC WARRIOR 3. FOUND A FIFTY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Dinoblue	6-11-5	9-4	W. P. Mullins	M. P. Walsh	5
2022	Blue Lord	7-11-12	2-1	W. P. Mullins	Daryl Jacob	7
2021	Envoi Allen	7-12-0	2-5f	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	3
2020	Chacun Pour Soi	8-12-0	4-7f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	6
2019	A Plus Tard	5-11-12	4-1	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	8

SMART STATS:

- 5** W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 4 runners saddles: **GAELIC WARRIOR**)
- 2** Henry de Bromhead's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **CAPTAIN GUINNESS**)
- 22%** W. P. Mullins's strike rate at LEOPARDSTOWN since the start of the 2020/21 season (saddles: **GAELIC WARRIOR, DINOBLUE, GENTLEMAN DE MEE and BLUE LORD**)

1.45**PADDY POWER FUTURE CHAMPIONS NOVICE HURDLE**
(Grade 1) 4yo+ €100,000 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 4



Going: **Chase course: Good to Yielding (Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Yielding (Good to Yielding in places)**

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Pace Information: **Contested**

1 BLEU DE VASSY (FR) (41) (D) 100
2241-11 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

*D. J. Gilligan*

Promising sort. Career best when winning 7-runner For Auction Novices' Hurdle (4/6) at Navan (16.2f, good to soft) 41 days ago by 5 lengths from Mr Percy, pushed out. Strong contender for the yard (also represented by Romeo Coolio) that has won 3 of the last 5 renewals of this contest.

2 COURT OF APPEAL (IRE) h
7 11-12 | 75.3kg



N. Hynds, Ireland

D. J. O'Keefe

Fair Flat winner. Fourteenth of 16 in handicap (22/1) at Gowran (8f, good). Off 15 months ahead of this hurdles bow and sports a first-time hood. Faces a very tall order.

3 EASTERN LEGEND (IRE) (11) s+t 87
8-5422 4 11-12 | 75.3kg



J. S. Bolger, Ireland

Keith Donoghue

Lightly-raced maiden over hurdles. Useful Flat winner. Very good second of 18 in novice hurdle at Naas (19.5f, good to soft, 7/1) 11 days ago. Cheekpieces back on. Will surely get his head in front over hurdles before long but probably biting off more than he can chew here.

4 KARAFON (FR) (24) 93
35-1 4 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

*Daryl Jacob*

Fair maiden on the Flat. Fairly useful hurdler. Won 18-runner novice hurdle at Clonmel (19.4f, soft, 7/4) 24 days ago, cosily. Yard saddles a more appealing candidate in Karniquet.

5 KARNIQUET (FR) (31) (D) 94
22-1 4 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

*Mr P. W. Mullins*

Useful hurdler. First run since leaving Mme I. Pacault when winning 15-runner novice hurdle at Tramore (16.2f, heavy, 4/5) on debut for new yard 31 days ago, forging clear. Open to improvement and he shouldn't be underestimated.

6 ROMEO COOLIO (26) (D, BF) 99
12-512 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

*Sam Ewing*

Promising type. 1/2, good 2½ lengths second of 8 to Tounsivator in Royal Bond Novices' Hurdle at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good) 26 days ago. Probably capable of better still and he's a leading contender.

7 SEA OF SANDS (GER) (26) (D) 97
13 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

*D. E. Mullins*

Twice-raced winner over hurdles. 5¼ lengths third of 8 to Tounsivator in Royal Bond Novices' Hurdle at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good, 11/1) 26 days ago. The betting should help point to where he sits in the pecking order, being one of 3 from the Willie Mullins yard.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Romeo Coolio, **5-2** Bleu De Vassy, **4-1** Karniquet, **13-2** Karafon, **10-1** Sea of Sands, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Though this represents a big step up in class, KARNIQUET may well take it in his stride having looked a fine prospect when making a winning start for his powerful new connections in a Tramore maiden last month. Gordon Elliott fields two strong candidates in Romeo Coolio and Bleu de Vassy, with the former marginally preferred of the duo, despite failing to land the odds in the Royal Bond last time. The selection's stablemates Karafon and Sea of Sands should also make their presence felt.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KARNIQUET 2. ROMEO COOLIO 3. BLEU DE VASSY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Caldwell Potter 5-11-12	6-1	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	9
2022	Facile Vega 5-11-12	2-9f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	6
2021	Mighty Potter 4-11-12	5-2	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	6
2020	Appreciate It 6-11-12	7-4f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	9
2019	Abacadabras 5-11-10	10-11f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	4

SMART STATS:

3	Gordon Elliott's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: BLEU DE VASSY)
6	W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 3 runners saddles: SEA OF SANDS)
22%	W. P. Mullins's strike rate at LEOPARDSTOWN since the start of the 2020/21 season (saddles: SEA OF SANDS, KARNIQUET and KARAFON)











2.20**SPINAL INJURIES IRELAND HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+**
€30,000 2m (3220 Metres)












RACE 5

GBI RACINGGoing: **Chase course: Good to Yielding (Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Yielding (Good to Yielding in places)**

The Leopardstown course is a wide, left-handed oval track, about a mile and three quarters in length. The course is fairly level with easy turns except for a slight rise from the last bend. Leopardstown provides a fair test, although three of the fences in the back straight are close together and occasionally catch out the less-accomplished chaser, and the finishing straight is relatively short. The inner hurdles course, used occasionally, is rather sharper in character than the chase track and tends to provide a significant test of tactical speed.

Pace Information: **Weakly Contested**

1	BEST YEARS YET (17)		83
	32/1-7 5 11-12 75.3kg Martin Brassil, Ireland 20/1 and hooded, first run since leaving A. Chaille-Chaille when seventh of 8 in minor event hurdle at Punchestown (16.6f, soft) on Irish debut 17 days ago. Big step forward needed on this handicap bow.	R. A. Doyle	
2	SUPRISE PACKAGE (26) (D)		97
	1-U4 8 11-6 72.6kg Peter Fahey, Ireland Very good fourth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good, 25/1) 26 days ago. Not without each-way hope.	Sam Ewing	
3	ENNISKERRY (IRE) (26) (D)		98
	011P/7-362 10 11-5 72.1kg Barry Connell, Ireland Good second of 13 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good, 13/2) 26 days ago. One to consider.	Sean Flanagan	
4	ETHICAL DIAMOND (IRE) (287) (BF)		99
	060- 4 11-3 71.2kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland Thrice-raced maiden over hurdles. Useful winner on the Flat. Fourth of 19 in handicap (7/4) at Royal Ascot (12f, good to firm). Switches from Flat to hurdles and very much of interest on his handicap debut in this sphere.	M. J. M. O'Sullivan	
5	GAUCHER (26) (D)		94
	4-214216 5 11-3 71.2kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland 22/1, 9½ lengths sixth of 8 to Tounsivator in Royal Bond Novices' Hurdle at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good) 26 days ago. More needed now pitched into a handicap.	D. E. Mullins	
6	GLAN (IRE) (26) (D)		96
	0/51P0-006 9 11-3 71.2kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland Good sixth of 13 in handicap hurdle (20/1) at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good) 26 days ago, left poorly placed. Cheekpieces on 1st time over jumps. Needs to raise her game a touch.	C. P. Millar (5lb/2kg)	
7	PINOT GRIS (IRE) (47) (D)		95
	3431-21 4 11-3 71.2kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland Blinkered for 1st time, career best when winning 4-runner novice hurdle at Naas (16f, good to soft, 2/1) 47 days ago, hard held. Should have more to offer.	Keith Donoghue	
8	BATMAN GIRAC (FR) (237) (D)		96
	61/7405-6 4 11-1 70.3kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland 40/1, bit below form 9¼ lengths sixth of 10 to Kargese in Champion Juvenile Hurdle at Punchestown (16f, soft). Off 7 months but he could have a part to play if on-song and fully tuned-up for this.	Daryl Jacob	
9	LARK IN THE MORNING (GER) (230) (D, BF)		96
	2631-5 4 11-1 70.3kg Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland Lightly-raced winner over hurdles. Successful at the Cheltenham Festival in March. 9/4, respectable fifth of 17 in handicap hurdle at Haydock (15.6f, good to firm), going in snatches. Off 7 months. Merits respect.	J. J. Slevin	
10	AEROS LUCK (IRE) (27) (D)		97
	2216-8320 5 10-12 68.9kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland Seventeenth of 24 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20.2f, good, 11/1) 27 days ago. Back down in trip. Others more persuasive.	J. Kearney (3lb/1kg)	

11	LITTLE MIXUP (IRE) (6) (D)		93
	P-60UURP0 7 10-10 68.0kg Denis Hogan, Ireland 50/1, respectable tenth of 18 in handicap hurdle at Thurles (16.1f, good) 6 days ago. Hood on 1st time. Very hard to make a case for.	D. King	
12	SPECIAL CADEAU (27)		97
	848/442-42 6 10-10 68.0kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland Creditable second of 25 in novice hurdle (12/1) at Fairyhouse (16f, good) 27 days ago, running on. Stable having good spell and each-way claims on this handicap debut. Yard also saddles Lieber Nicc.	D. J. O'Keefe	
13	BALLYSTONE (IRE) (384) (D)		96
	382/155- 6 10-8 67.1kg John McConnell, Ireland Well-beaten last of 5 to Slade Steel in Navan Novices' Hurdle (80/1) at Navan (20f, heavy). Off 12 months ahead of this debut for new yard/handicap bow.	B. W. Harvey	
14	INDIANA JONES (FR) (127) (D)		87
	3/640-9079 8 10-8 67.1kg M. F. Morris, Ireland 22/1, ninth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Killarney (17f, soft) 127 days ago. Others preferred.	Gavin Peter Brouder (3lb/1kg)	
15	WEE CHARLIE (IRE) (6)		100
	F4-001122 7 10-8 67.1kg G. O'Leary, Ireland 2 wins from last 4 runs. Latest success at Galway in October. 8/1, good second of 18 in handicap hurdle at Thurles (16.1f, good) 6 days ago and he's a strong candidate off the same mark.	A. P. Kelly (5lb/2kg)	
16	CAPPUCINO (IRE) (26) (D)		93
	24/236-110 5 10-5 65.8kg Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Ireland Two wins from 3 runs this season. Twelfth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (16.5f, good, 8/1) 26 days ago. Hood and tongue strap on 1st time. Uphill task.	S. F. O'Keefe	
17	LIEBER NICC (IRE) (55)		96
	883-3125 5 10-4 65.3kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland Respectable fifth of 18 in handicap hurdle at Down Royal (16.9f, good to soft, 11/2) 55 days ago. Still early days for this 5-y-o and he has to enter calculations.	Rachael Blackmore	
18	CLARENS (IRE) (41) (D)		98
	2/75-7551 7 10-3 64.9kg J. P. Flavin, Ireland 9/1, career best when winning 15-runner handicap hurdle at Navan (16.2f, good to soft) 41 days ago. This is more demanding up 7 lb but he's a player all the same.	Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)	
19	JACOVEC CAVERN (40)		99
	60686/8 5 10-3 64.9kg Emmet Mullins, Ireland Respectable eighth of 15 in handicap hurdle (22/1) at Cheltenham (16.4f, good to soft) 40 days ago. Worth a look.	Conor Clarke (7lb/3kg)	
20	DIAMOND NORA (IRE) (38) (D)		99
	001-81 5 10-2 64.4kg Declan Queally, Ireland Lightly-raced winner over hurdles. Career best when winning 9-runner handicap hurdle at Limerick (16f, soft, 20/1) 38 days ago, conceding first run but leading on line. Solid claims.	Philip Donovan (5lb/2kg)	
21	METAMORPHEUS (IRE) (41) (D)		96
	31569/9-58 5 10-1 64.0kg Paul Nolan, Ireland Tongue strap on for 1st time, below form 2¼ lengths eighth of 15 to Clarens in handicap hurdle (11/1) at Navan (16.2f, good to soft) 41 days ago. Blinkers on 1st time and needs to bounce back.	C. M. Quirke (5lb/2kg)	

21 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-1 Ethical Diamond, 10-1 Wee Charlie, 11-1 Clarens, 12-1 Enniskerry, 12-1 Lieber Nicc, 14-1 Diamond Nora, 14-1 Lark In The Mornin, 14-1 Pinot Gris, 16-1 Jacovec Cavern, 16-1 Special Cadeau, 20-1 Surprise Package, 22-1 Aeros Luck, 22-1 Batman Girac, 28-1 Glan, 33-1 Gaucher, 40-1 bar

2.20**SPINAL INJURIES IRELAND HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+
€30,000 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 5

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Cases can be made for any number of these but few arrive here in better form than WEE CHARLIE, who has sprouted wings since joining this yard and the way he went through the race when runner-up at Thurles recently strongly suggested that he is still ahead of his mark. Unexposed trio Diamond Nora, Ethical Diamond and Pinot Gris are all feared (in that order of preference), while Enniskerry and Lieber Nicc are also appealing. Jacovec Cavern hails from a shrewd yard and needs a second look, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. WEE CHARLIE 2. DIAMOND NORA 3. ETHICAL DIAMOND****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	One Last Tango 6-10-6	4-1	Eoin Griffin	M. P. Walsh	13
2022	Winter Fog 8-11-8	11-2	W. P. Mullins	Kieran Callaghan (7)	14
2021	Brides Hill 4-10-5	16-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	L. P. Dempsey	18
2020	Master McShee 6-11-7	5-1	P. Corkery	I. J. Power	20
2019	The Moyglass Flyer 5-10-9	4-1jf	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	M. P. Walsh	25

SMART STATS:

- 22%** W. P. Mullins's strike rate at LEOPARDSTOWN since the start of the 2020/21 season (saddles: **ETHICAL DIAMOND, BATMAN GIRAC and GAUCHER**)
- 27%** W. P. Mullins's strike rate with hurdlers at up to 2m2f (saddles: **ETHICAL DIAMOND, BATMAN GIRAC and GAUCHER**)
- 25%** W. P. Mullins's strike rate in early season (saddles: **ETHICAL DIAMOND, BATMAN GIRAC and GAUCHER**)

3.00

RACE 6

**PADDY POWER CHASE (EXTENDED HANDICAP) (Clonskeagh)
(Listed) 5yo+ (Rated 0-150) €200,000 3m100y (4920
Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Chase course: Good to Yielding (Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Yielding (Good to Yielding in places)**

The Leopardstown course is a wide, left-handed oval track, about a mile and three quarters in length. The course is fairly level with easy turns except for a slight rise from the last bend. Leopardstown provides a fair test, although three of the fences in the back straight are close together and occasionally catch out the less-accomplished chaser, and the finishing straight is relatively short. The inner hurdles course, used occasionally, is rather sharper in character than the chase track and tends to provide a significant test of tactical speed.

Pace Information: **Contested****1 NICK ROCKETT (IRE) (244) 96**
111/41273- 7 11-12 | 75.3kgW. P. Mullins, Ireland **S. Cleary-Farrell (71b/3kg)**

Creditable third of 20 in handicap chase (7/1) at Sandown (28.7f, good) when last seen in April. One of 10 representatives from the Willie Mullins yard. Strong each-way chance.

2 MEETINGOFTHEWATERS (IRE) (258) (CD) h 97
6/4311U37- 7 11-11 | 74.8kgW. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. T. Smithers (71b/3kg)**

Creditable seventh of 32 in the Grand National at Aintree (34.3f, soft, 11/1) on final run of last season. Dropping back in trip will help and, though 19 lb higher in the weights compared to when winning this 12 months ago, he has to be high on the shortlist.

3 JANIDIL (FR) (41) b+t 92
F/230P-F37 10 11-10 | 74.4kgW. P. Mullins, Ireland **A. P. Kelly (51b/2kg)**

Blinkered for 1st time, bit below form seventh of 15 in handicap chase (40/1) at Cheltenham (20.2f, good) 41 days ago. Back up in trip. Yard saddles several candidates with more appealing claims.

4 THREE CARD BRAG (IRE) (24) b 100
2156/22-33 7 11-10 | 74.4kgGordon Elliott, Ireland **C. P. Millar (51b/2kg)**

5/2, third of 4 in minor event hurdle at Clonmel (24f, soft) 24 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase and sports first-time blinkers on 1st time. One of 5 from the Gordon Elliott yard and he's of strong interest on this handicap debut.

5 HORANTZAU D'AIRY (FR) (27) (C) t 95
11-23F229 7 11-9 | 73.9kgW. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Hanlon (71b/3kg)**

Course winner. Ninth of 13 in handicap chase at Newbury (26f, good to soft, 14/1) 27 days ago. Place possibilities.

6 PINKERTON (IRE) (55) t 96
0/3351-112 8 11-9 | 73.9kgNoel Meade, Ireland **Mr R. James (71b/3kg)**

2 wins from 3 runs this season. Latest win in chase at Galway in July. Good 2¼ lengths second of 5 to Found A Fifty in Skymas Chase at Down Royal (19.6f, good to soft, 5/4) 55 days ago. Up in trip and should make his presence felt.

7 ADAMANTLY CHOSEN (IRE) (20) 95
P/40710-79 7 11-8 | 73.5kgW. P. Mullins, Ireland **C. G. O'Dwyer (51b/2kg)**

Below form ninth of 19 in handicap chase at Navan (20.7f, soft, 16/1) 20 days ago. Doesn't appear to be towards the top of the Mullins pecking order in this race.

8 LUCID DREAMS (IRE) (20) 96
232-33426 9 11-7 | 73.0kgJohn Patrick Ryan, Ireland **D. King**

Twelve runs since last win in 2023. Creditable sixth of 19 in handicap chase (9/1) at Navan (20.7f, soft) 20 days ago. Can give a good account without posing serious threat to principals.

9 FAVORI DE CHAMPDOU (FR) (252) (D) s 96
P4/2154F1- 9 11-6 | 72.6kgGordon Elliott, Ireland **Mr J. H. Williamson (71b/3kg)**

8/13, didn't need to be at best when winning 5-runner Grade 3 chase at Limerick (24.6f, heavy) by neck from Donacheady Gale, all out. Off 8 months and cheekpieces on 1st time. Likely to find a few too good.

10 DESERTMORE HOUSE (IRE) (33) (D) s+t 95
11843-P43 9 11-5 | 72.1kgMartin Brassil, Ireland **R. A. Doyle**

8/1, good third of 15 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (24.1f, good to soft) 33 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase and likely to find this too competitive.

11 LIFE IN THE PARK (IRE) (40) t 96
30504P-40 7 11-5 | 72.1kgHenry de Bromhead, Ireland **Rachael Blackmore**

Twelfth of 18 in handicap chase at Navan (24.2f, good to soft, 11/1) 40 days ago. Trainer going well and he's capable of playing a part if on-song.

12 PANDA BOY (IRE) (68) (C, D) s 96
F5/44240-7 8 11-5 | 72.1kgMartin Brassil, Ireland **J. J. Slevin**

11/1, respectable seventh of 12 in handicap chase at Limerick (24f, good to soft) 68 days ago. Cheekpieces back on and likely to give another good account in a race in which he finished fourth last year and third in 2022 (also a winner over hurdles at this meeting in 2021). Respected.

13 MACDERMOTT (FR) (20) (D) 95
1/682F11-P 6 11-4 | 71.7kgW. P. Mullins, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**

Pulled up in handicap chase (33/1) at Navan (20.7f, soft) 20 days ago and, all in all, his top yard saddles stronger contenders.

14 PERCEVAL LEGALLOIS (FR) (40) (C, D) 99
1F5F-2864 7 11-4 | 71.7kgGavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **M. P. Walsh**

10/1, creditable fourth of 18 in handicap chase at Navan (24.2f, good to soft) 40 days ago. Mark Walsh's pick of the JP McManus-owned contingent and this 7-y-o has to be high on the shortlist.

15 HGRANCA DE THAIX (FR) (62) (BF) 98
13/3531-14 7 11-3 | 71.2kgBarry Connell, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**

Promising individual. 2/1, bit below form fourth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Galway (21.9f, good to soft) 62 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Remains open to improvement in this sphere and he merits consideration.

16 SPANISH HARLEM (FR) (237) t 95
22P/3336-P 6 11-0 | 69.9kgW. P. Mullins, Ireland **S. F. O'Keefe**

Pulled up in handicap chase at Punchestown (24.5f, soft, 11/1), behind when pulled up 5 out. Off 7 months and entitled to come on for the run.

17 HARTUR D'ARC (FR) (6) (D) 98
323110-9U 7 10-13 | 69.4kgGavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**

Unseated rider in handicap chase (18/1) at Ascot (23.8f, soft) 6 days ago too far out to suggest outcome. Others look stronger.

18 AIME DESJY (FR) (20) 96
352158-7P 9 10-11 | 68.5kgW. P. Mullins, Ireland **Kieran Callaghan (51b/2kg)**

14/1, pulled up in handicap chase at Navan (20.7f, soft) 20 days ago, pulled up soon after. Can give a good account without posing serious threat to principals.

19 TOSS AGAIN (IRE) (76) s+t 95
1124-84PP 7 10-11 | 68.5kgHenry de Bromhead, Ireland **D. J. O'Keefe**

Pulled up in handicap chase at Chepstow (23.6f, good, 11/2) 76 days ago, folding from end of back straight. Cheekpieces on 1st time. Has work to do.

20 FAKIR D'ALENE (FR) (40) b 92
38PP-9 9 10-10 | 68.0kgGordon Elliott, Ireland **J. S. McGarvey**

33/1, ninth of 18 in handicap chase at Navan (24.2f, good to soft) 40 days ago. Brought down in this race 12 months ago. Continues to edge down the weights but he has a fair bit to prove at present.

21 MARS HARPER (20) s+t 99
0-5378P52 8 10-8 | 67.1kgGordon Elliott, Ireland **D. J. Gilligan**

Eleven runs since last win in 2023. 18/1, excellent second of 19 in handicap chase at Navan (20.7f, soft) 20 days ago. Can make his presence felt off the same mark here, provided he gets home (slight question mark remains over the suitability of this trip).

22 CHAVEZ (IRE) (288) 94
U1/55FP- 8 10-7 | 66.7kgW. P. Mullins, Ireland **M. J. M. O'Sullivan**

20/1, pulled up in handicap chase at Cheltenham (26f, soft) when last seen 9 months ago and he's hard to warm to on this occasion.

3.00

RACE 6

PADDY POWER CHASE (EXTENDED HANDICAP) (Clonskeagh) (Listed) 5yo+ (Rated 0-150) €200,000 3m100y (4920 Metres)**GBI RACING****23 KLARC KENT (FR) (20) 96**
6/3F324-P0 8 10-6 | 66.2kgW. P. Mullins, Ireland **Anna McGuinness (7lb/3kg)**
50/1, below form tenth of 19 in handicap chase at Navan (20.7f, soft) 20 days ago, not knocked about. Risky proposition at present.**24 HISTORY OF FASHION (IRE) (26) (D) s 95**
2P85-PP11 10 10-5 | 65.8kgP. A. Fahy, Ireland **H. E. Sexton (7lb/3kg)**
2 wins from 4 runs this season. 10/1, improved to win 13-runner handicap chase at Fairyhouse (29.7f, good) 26 days ago. Much more on his plate as he goes in search of the hat-trick off 7 lb higher in this much tougher race.**25 POSITIVE THINKER (IRE) (54) (D) 95**
322324-32 7 10-5 | 65.8kgMichael J. McDonagh, Ireland **C. M. Quirke (5lb/2kg)**
Creditable second of 10 in handicap chase at Cork (28f, good, 11/2) 54 days ago. Looks vulnerable.**26 MIDNIGHT OUR FRED (IRE) (83) (D) t 98**
650222-31 7 10-4 | 65.3kgJ. P. Flavin, Ireland **Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)**
Career best when winning 6-runner handicap chase at Gowran (20f, good to firm, 2/1) 83 days ago, going clear. Back up in trip and he's in with an each-way shout.**27 WILL DO (IRE) (45) (BF) b 99**
1696-4332 7 10-2 | 64.4kgGordon Elliott, Ireland **Sam Ewing**
Cheekpieces on for 1st time, very good second of 7 in novice chase at Fairyhouse (20f, good, 6/5) 45 days ago. Blinkers on 1st time and, on a fair mark for his handicap debut in this sphere (fourth off the same mark in a strong handicap hurdle at Punchestown in May), he's one to consider.**28 GALON DE VAUZELLE (FR) (48) (C) b 96**
156-PP710 8 10-0 | 63.5kgP. J. Rothwell, Ireland **C. M. Hogan (7lb/3kg)**
Course winner. Twelfth of 13 in handicap chase at Aintree (21.1f, good, 40/1) 48 days ago. Looks set for another struggle.

28 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**17-2** Three Card Brag, **10-1** Meetingofthewaters, **12-1** Hgranca De Thaix, **14-1** Panda Boy, **16-1** Will Do, **16-1** Pinkerton, **16-1** Nick Rockett, **18-1** Midnight Our Fred, **20-1** Perceval Legallois, **22-1** Mars Harper, **28-1** Favori De Champdou, **28-1** History of Fashion, **28-1** Horantzau D'airy, **33-1** Life In The Park, **33-1** Desertmore House, **40-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

THREE CARD BRAG is armed with an appealing profile having shaped well on each of his three starts over fences last season, including when third to Spillane's Tower in a Punchestown Grade 1 during the spring. On that evidence he is starting off in a handicap on a fair mark and a recent spin over hurdles will have teed him up nicely for this. There could be more to come from Hgranca de Thaix this season and he is second choice ahead of Perceval Legallois and last year's winner Meetingofthewaters.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. THREE CARD BRAG 2. HGRANCA DE THAIX 3. PERCEVAL LEGALLOIS****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Meetingofthewaters 6-10-7	6-1	W. P. Mullins	D. E. Mullins	27
2022	Real Steel 9-10-8	33-1	Eric McNamara	C. P. McNamara	28
2021	School Boy Hours 8-10-8	12-1	Noel Meade	Sean Flanagan	28
2020	Castlebawn West 7-11-10	13-2	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	22
2019	Roaring Bull 6-10-9	16-1	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	27

SMART STATS:

- 2** Gordon Elliott's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 5 runners saddles: **THREE CARD BRAG**)
- 2** W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 10 runners saddles: **MEETINGOFTEWATERS**)
- 22%** W. P. Mullins's strike rate at LEOPARDSTOWN since the start of the 2020/21 season (saddles: **MEETINGOFTEWATERS, KLARC KENT, AIME DESJY, NICK ROCKETT, ADAMANTLY CHOSEN, HORANTZAU D'AIRY, MACDERMOTT, SPANISH HARLEM, CHAVEZ and JANIDIL**)



3.30**PADDY POWER THE FLAT ONE I.N.H. FLAT 4yo+ €12,000**
2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 7


GBI RACINGGoing: **Chase course: Good to Yielding (Yielding in places), Hurdles course: Yielding (Good to Yielding in places)**

The Leopardstown course is a wide, left-handed oval track, about a mile and three quarters in length. The course is fairly level with easy turns except for a slight rise from the last bend. Leopardstown provides a fair test, although three of the fences in the back straight are close together and occasionally catch out the less-accomplished chaser, and the finishing straight is relatively short. The inner hurdles course, used occasionally, is rather sharper in character than the chase track and tends to provide a significant test of tactical speed.



Pace Information: **Weakly Contested****1 AMERICAN JUKEBOX (IRE) (45)**

4 4 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Gordon Elliott, Ireland  **Mr H. C. Swan**
 Promising type. Fourth of 7 in bumper at Fairyhouse (16f, good, 5/1) on NH debut 45 days ago, needing stiffer test. Up in trip and he's open to improvement.


2 COOLBERRIN HILL (IRE)

5 12-0 | 76.2kg
 N. Hynds, Ireland **Mr E. P. O'Brien (51b/2kg)**
 €24,000 3-y-o, Court Cave gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to smart hurdler/high-class chaser (stayed 25f) Mount Benbulbin. Made it third time lucky in points when last seen in May.


3 ECLIPSE CHASER (IRE)

4 12-0 | 76.2kg
 W. P. Mullins, Ireland  **Mr P. W. Mullins**
 Jet Away gelding. Brother to fairly useful 2m hurdler winner Jet Powered, and half-brother to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/chaser Westerner Lady. In the lead when falling 2 out on sole point start. Top yard also saddles Leaky Cauldron.



4 GOD HELP ME (FR)

5 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Stuart Crawford, Ireland **Mr S. Connor (71b/3kg)**
 Joshua Tree gelding. Half-brother to useful 9f/9.5f winner in France Ironwithers. Dam unraced. Second in a maiden point in February and he's one to note in the betting.


5 KARATE KID (IRE) (81)

2 4 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Colm Ryan, Ireland **Mr R. W. Barron (51b/2kg)**
 Once-raced maiden. 6/1, second of 8 in bumper at Fairyhouse (16f, good) on NH debut 81 days ago. Up in trip on debut for new yard. More will be needed if he's to go one better here.


6 LEAKY CAULDRON (IRE)

5 12-0 | 76.2kg
 W. P. Mullins, Ireland  **Mr Elliot Ohgren (51b/2kg)**
 €42,000 3-y-o, Well Chosen gelding. Dam 2½m hurdle/chase winner. Did the job well when winning sole point start and it'll be interesting to see how he shapes up in the betting, particularly in relation to stable companion Eclipse Chaser.

7 MATTER OF OPINION (IRE) (80)

0343 4 12-0 | 76.2kg t
 William Harvey **Ms L. A. Byrne (71b/3kg)**
 Lightly-raced maiden under Rules. Respectable third of 8 in bumper at Galway (16.6f, good to soft, 6/1) 80 days ago. Back up in trip and he looks vulnerable.

8 KATIE'S WORLD (IRE) (84)

0 4 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Kevin F. O'Donnell, Ireland **Mr A. W. O'Donnell (71b/3kg)**
 Once-raced maiden. 100/1, 109 lengths last of 13 to Aruntothequeen in listed bumper at Gowran (16f, good to soft) on NH debut 84 days ago. Up in trip.

9 MEETMEINSTLOUIS (IRE) (20)

0 5 11-7 | 73.0kg
 M. F. Morris, Ireland **Mr J. H. Williamson (71b/3kg)**
 Once-raced maiden. 33/1, tenth of 25 in novice hurdle at Navan (16f, soft) on NH debut 20 days ago. Makes bumpers debut and steps up in trip.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Eclipse Chaser, **4-1** American Jukebox, **9-2** Leaky Cauldron, **13-2** Karate Kid, **7-1** God Help Me, **16-1** Matter of Opinion, **25-1** Coolberrin Hill, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Jockey bookings suggest that ECLIPSE CHASER is the Willie Mullins first-string and he is taken to make a winning Rules debut. The 4-y-o appeared to be holding all the aces when coming down at the second-last on his sole start between the flags in March. American Jukebox should come on for his spin at Fairyhouse last month and, with this stiffer test likely to be in his favour, he is feared most ahead of Eclipse Chaser's stablemate Leaky Cauldron. God Help Me is also shortlisted.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. ECLIPSE CHASER 2. AMERICAN JUKEBOX 3. LEAKY CAULDRON****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Joystick 4-12-0	11-8f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	8
2022	Fact To File 5-12-0	8-13f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	10
2021	Embassy Gardens 5-12-2	4-6f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	12
2020	Ballycairn 5-12-2	13-2	Gordon Elliott	Mr J. J. Codd	10
2019	Appreciate It 5-12-0	11-10f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	9

SMART STATS:

- 6** W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: **ECLIPSE CHASER**)
- £73.37** Stuart Crawford's profit to a £1 level stake with only one runner on the card (bumpers) (saddles: **GOD HELP ME**)
- 22%** W. P. Mullins's strike rate at LEOPARDSTOWN since the start of the 2020/21 season (saddles: **ECLIPSE CHASER and LEAKY CAULDRON**)