

Thursday 28th November

THURLES



12.05 THURLES RACECOURSE BEGINNERS CHASE 2¼m63y (3680 Metres)

RACE 1 **(5) MISTERGIF | (1) BOLDOG | (3) HO MY LORD**

12.40 RACING TV BLACK FRIDAY OFFER €14 PER MONTH CHASE (Thurles) (Listed) 2¾m79y (4500 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) APPRECIATE IT | (4) FIL DOR | (2) NICK ROCKETT**

1.15 RACING AGAIN TOMORROW HANDICAP CHASE 2¾m79y (4500 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) CAHIRDOWN BOY | (4) ROOM TO ROAM | (6) MALINAS GLORY**

1.50 KILLINAN MAIDEN HURDLE 2½m154y (4160 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) FISHERY LANE | (5) FOREVERWALKING | (1) COMMITTEE MEETING**

2.25 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MARES MAIDEN HURDLE 2m46y (3260 Metres)

RACE 5 **(8) KARAMOJA | (1) BABY KATE | (3) GLENS LULLABY**

3.00 www.thurlesraces.ie MAIDEN HURDLE 2m46y (3260 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) KARAFON | (6) PAUL COLLINS | (1) PARTY DRESS**

3.35 HORSE & JOCKEY HANDICAP HURDLE 2m46y (3260 Metres)

RACE 7 **(2) OAKLEY | (1) BRAVE TROOP | (3) BEECHFIELD**

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**THURLES RACECOURSE BEGINNERS CHASE 4yo+ €12,000**
2¼m63y (3680 Metres)

RACE 1

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good**

An undulating, right-handed track with a circuit of around a mile and a quarter. Sections of the track are uphill but there is a fairly steep descent to the 2f home straight and the track is very much sharp in character, favouring the handy type of horse. There are seven fences to a circuit of the chase course, with two in the home straight, and a run-in of around a furlong. Perhaps surprisingly, the chase course claims the highest proportion of casualties in Ireland, with the last 2 fences particularly tricky. Due to good drainage, very few meetings are lost due to adverse weather conditions.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

	1	BOLDOG (FR) (80)		99
		5541/15-F 6 11-12 75.3kg	h+t	
		Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland		D. E. Mullins
		Useful hurdler. Useful winner at 17f over hurdles. 9/2, fell in novice chase at Galway (18.2f, good to soft) on debut over fences 80 days ago. Remains of interest in this sphere.		
	2	FUTURUM REGEM (IRE) (11)		79
		F08/P-6300 8 11-12 75.3kg		
		Hugh P. Finegan, Ireland		B. W. Harvey
		Fair hurdler. 50/1 and cheekpieces on for 1st time in this code, twenty first of 23 in handicap hurdle at Navan (22.4f, good to soft) 11 days ago. Makes chase debut.		
	3	HO MY LORD (FR) (18)		93
		F19P/2U5-2 6 11-12 75.3kg		
		Padraig Roche, Ireland		J. S. McGarvey
		Fairly useful chaser. First run since leaving W. P. Mullins when second of 4 in novice chase at Naas (16f, good to soft, 7/4) 18 days ago. Solid claims.		
	4	JONNY MANSIE (IRE) (183)		70
		9P8080-7 5 11-12 75.3kg		
		Declan Queally, Ireland		S. Fitzgerald
		Poor hurdler. 12/1, below form seventh of 12 in handicap hurdle at Wexford (24f, good to soft). Off 6 months. Makes chase debut. Down in trip.		
	5	MISTERGIF (FR) (211) (BF)		100
		52/154-2 5 11-12 75.3kg		
		W. P. Mullins, Ireland		P. Townend
		Useful hurdler. Creditable second of 14 in minor event hurdle at Punchestown (19.3f, good to soft, evens). Off 7 months. Likely sort on first go over fences.		
	6	THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT (IRE) (7)	s	85
		11051373 6 11-12 75.3kg		
		P. J. Rothwell, Ireland		J. P. O'Sullivan
		Promising sort. 3 wins from 8 runs this season. Fair winner at 22f over hurdles. 22/1, third of 5 in novice chase at this course (22.4f, good) on debut over fences 7 days ago. Open to progress.		
	7	WESTERN DIEGO (IRE) (242)	h	93
		178/513- 7 11-12 75.3kg		
		W. P. Mullins, Ireland		B. Hayes
		Useful hurdler. Latest win in hurdle at Fairyhouse in January. Off 8 months. Notable chasing newcomer, particularly if the market speaks in his favour.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Mistergif, 11-4 Boldog, 9-2 Ho My Lord, 9-2 Western Diego, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MISTERGIF has shown a useful level of form as a hurdler and is very much the type to make a better chaser, so he gets the nod ahead of Boldog, who fell on chasing debut but can also make his presence felt based on hurdling form. Ho My Lord has the best form over fences to date, so he deserves some respect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MISTERGIF 2. BOLDOG 3. HO MY LORD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Il Etait Temps 5-11-12	8-15f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	10
2022	Glengouly 6-11-12	10-3	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	11
2021	Ciel de Neige 6-12-0	6-5f	W. P. Mullins	M. P. Walsh	8
2020	Franco de Port 5-12-0	8-15f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	13
2019	Royal Rendezvous 7-11-12	8-11f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

RACING TV BLACK FRIDAY OFFER €14 PER MONTH CHASE (Thurles) (Listed) 5yo+ €26,000 2¾m79y (4500 Metres)Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	EMBASSY GARDENS (212) (C)	90
	41P6/112-P 8 11-7 73.0kg	
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	B. Hayes
	Smart chaser. Latest win in chase at Naas in January. Also second in National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham. Pulled up in Champion Novices' Chase at Punchestown (25f, good to soft, 7/2) when last seen in April, folding tamely early in straight.	
2	NICK ROCKETT (IRE) (215) (C)	92
	111/41273- 7 11-4 71.7kg	
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	D. E. Mullins
	Smart chaser. Latest win in chase at Fairyhouse in January. Creditable third of 20 in handicap chase (7/1) at Sandown (28.7f, good). Off 7 months. Down in trip.	
3	APPRECIATE IT (IRE) (211)	100
	432/2532-5 10 11-0 69.9kg	t
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	P. Townsend
	High-class chaser. Good 5½ lengths fifth of 9 to Fastorslow in Punchestown Gold Cup at Punchestown (25f, good to soft, 33/1) when last seen in May. The one to beat on return.	
4	FIL DOR (FR) (21)	98
	06/2273-P2 6 11-0 69.9kg	s+t
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland	J. W. Kennedy
	Very smart chaser. Respectable 6½ lengths second of 6 to Saint Sam in Clonmel Oil Chase (11/2) at Clonmel (20.8f, good to soft) 21 days ago, left with too much to do. Cheekpieces back on. Should go well.	
5	HAZELHATCH LADY (IRE) (4)	77
	355P-P1P7 7 10-7 66.7kg	
	James Andrew Fahey, Ireland	D. J. O'Keeffe
	Fair chaser. Tailed-off last of 7 to Lot of Joy in listed mares event at Punchestown (18f, good to soft, 150/1) 4 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Up in trip. Outsider.	

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-10 Appreciate It, 11-4 Fil Dor, 11-2 Nick Rockett, 15-2 Embassy Gardens, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

APPRECIATE IT can provide Willie Mullins with a seventh success in this listed chase since 2015. Gordon Elliott's Fil Dor is the obvious danger on the back of his decent comeback run in the Clonmel Oil.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. APPRECIATE IT 2. FIL DOR 3. NICK ROCKETT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Classic Getaway 7-11-4	15-2	W. P. Mullins	D. E. Mullins	6
2022	Darasso 9-11-4	11-10f	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	M. P. Walsh	5
2021	Cilaos Emery 9-11-9	30-100f	W. P. Mullins	B. Hayes	4
2020	Presenting Percy 9-11-2	3-1	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	4
2019	Footpad 7-11-0	4-5f	W. P. Mullins	Daryl Jacob	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.15**RACING AGAIN TOMORROW HANDICAP CHASE 4yo+
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RACE 3

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 JACKSONS GOLD (IRE) (18) (C) 91
8P32-5606 10 11-12 | 75.3kg



Ms A. Curran, Ireland

Jack G. Gilligan (51b/2kg)

Twenty two runs since last win in 2021. Sixth of 10 in handicap chase (22/1) at Naas (20f, good to soft) 18 days ago. Not dismissed.

2 BRAVE ADAM (IRE) (23) t 97
8878-P019 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Thomas Cooper, Ireland

T. Joseph Kelly (71b/3kg)

Winner in chase at Killarney in October. Ninth of 10 in handicap chase (8/1) at Fairyhouse (24.6f, good) 23 days ago. Needs to bounce back.

3 CAHIRDOWN BOY (IRE) (39) (C, D) t 99
24/833-215 9 11-9 | 73.9kg



Eric McNamara, Ireland

C. P. McNamara

1 win from 3 runs this season. Latest win in chase at Listowel in September. Respectable fifth of 9 in handicap chase at Limerick (19.2f, good to soft, 9/2) 39 days ago. Looks the one to beat.

4 ROOM TO ROAM (IRE) (57) b 98
1P-047452 10 11-5 | 72.1kg



John McConnell, Ireland

B. W. Harvey

Two wins from 51 NH runs. Creditable second of 11 in handicap chase (17/2) at Sligo (21.1f, good) 57 days ago. Should be on the premises.

5 GETABELLE (IRE) (39) t 98
5211-P990 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Liam P. Cusack, Ireland

B. Hayes

12/1, tenth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Limerick (19.4f, good to soft) 39 days ago. Makes chase debut.

6 MALINAS GLORY (IRE) (9) ★ 100
3/7P2-5PF4 7 10-12 | 68.9kg



A. M. O'Grady, Ireland

D. J. O'Keeffe

Remains a maiden after 22 NH runs. 14/1, creditable fourth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Limerick (21f, soft) 9 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Shortlist material.

7 MUSTAMEET SECRET (IRE) (32) 65
747P4008 7 10-1 | 64.0kg



Hugh P. Finegan, Ireland

Gavin Peter Brouder (51b/2kg)

Eighth of 16 in handicap chase at Galway (22.5f, heavy, 16/1) on debut over fences 32 days ago. Others make more appeal.

8 LIKABLE CHANCER (IRE) (32) b+t 98
6P561326 10 10-0 | 63.5kg



Daniel John Howard, Ireland

D. King

Two wins from 53 NH runs. Latest win in chase at Ballinrobe in September. Below form sixth of 16 in handicap chase at Galway (22.5f, heavy, 8/1) 32 days ago. Blinkers back on.

9 PORT RASHID (IRE) (181) (C) t 94
5277409-4 13 10-0 | 63.5kg



Timothy Townend, Ireland

Miss J. Townend

Creditable fourth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Tramore (21.7f, good to soft, 14/1). Off 6 months. Switches from hurdles to chase.

10 THE EYE OF TULLA (IRE) (21) b 95
51-0PPBP0 8 10-0 | 63.5kg



Brian M. McMahon, Ireland

S. F. O'Keeffe

Thirteenth of 15 in handicap chase at Clonmel (20.8f, good to soft, 33/1) 21 days ago. Others preferred.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Cahirdown Boy, **9-2** Room To Roam, **13-2** Likable Chancer, **7-1** Malinas Glory, **15-2** Brave Adam, **16-1** Port Rashid, **22-1** Jacksons Gold, **22-1** Mustameet Secret, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having scored at Listowel in September, CAHIRDOWN BOY acquitted himself well in a better race at Limerick so, back down in grade, he's fancied to get back to winning ways at the possible expense of Room to Roam. Malinas Glory also makes plenty of appeal.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CAHIRDOWN BOY 2. ROOM TO ROAM 3. MALINAS GLORY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Reddys Island 6-11-0	6-4f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	9
2022	Arctic Ambition 7-10-8	6-4f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	14
2021	Pairc Na Ngael 7-10-9	3-1f	Charles Byrnes	M. P. Walsh	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

1.50**KILLINAN MAIDEN HURDLE 4yo+ €10,000 2½m154y
(4160 Metres)**

RACE 4

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 COMMITTEE MEETING (IRE) (13) 83
4 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **T. Power Roche (71b/3kg)**
Once-raced maiden. Fourth of 7 in novice hurdle (66/1) at Punchestown (20.2f, good to soft) on NH debut 13 days ago. This former point winner merits respect.

2 DERBY ROCK (IRE) (13) 79
56 5 11-12 | 75.3kg s+t



M. F. Morris, Ireland **Gavin Peter Brouder (51b/2kg)**
Twice-raced maiden. Sixth of 7 in novice hurdle (66/1) at Punchestown (20.2f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Cheekpieces on for 1st time.

3 FAMOUS SONNET (IRE) (33) 75
8-0 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Ms M. Flynn, Ireland **E. M. O'Sullivan (71b/3kg)**
Twice-raced maiden under Rules. 150/1, first run since leaving Charles Byrnes when eleventh of 12 in novice hurdle at Galway (16.4f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 33 days ago. Up in trip.

4 FISHERY LANE (FR) (209) (BF) 100
25-0 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**
Thrice-raced maiden. Tenth of 19 in bumper at Punchestown (18.8f, heavy, 15/8). Off 6 months ahead of this hurdles debut. Obvious claims for top yard.

5 FOREVERWALKING (IRE) (385) (BF) 95
P- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg t



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **S. F. O'Keefe**
Once-raced maiden. 4/6, reportedly suffered with a breathing problem when pulled up in bumper at Clonmel (16.4f, heavy) on Rules debut 12 months ago. Hurdles debut. Paul Townend prefers Fishery Lane.

6 HITTHEHAYSON (IRE) 79
5 11-12 | 75.3kg



P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **J. P. O'Sullivan**
Jukebox Jury gelding. Dam unraced. Yard saddles a more appealing candidate in Committee Meeting.

7 RABY MERE (FR) (109) 79
6-39 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Louise G. Lyons, Ireland **Ryan Treacy**
Thrice-raced maiden. 14/1, ninth of 11 in bumper at Downpatrick (18.8f, good) 109 days ago. Makes hurdles debut.

8 THERELBGUDDAYSYET (IRE) (7) 79
736 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Michael John O'Connor, Ireland **D. J. O'Keefe**
Thrice-raced maiden under Rules. Sixth of 7 in novice hurdle at this course (15.9f, good, 25/1) on hurdles bow 7 days ago. Significantly up in trip.

9 CYRUS FIELD (IRE) (19) 80
5 4 11-11 | 74.8kg



Cian Michael Collins, Ireland **B. W. Harvey**
Promising type. 25/1, fifth of 17 in novice hurdle at Gowran (16f, good to soft) on NH debut 19 days ago. Up in trip and he's open to improvement.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-5 Fishery Lane, **9-2** Foreverwalking, **8-1** Committee Meeting, **10-1** Cyrus Field, **33-1** Derby Rock, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FISHERY LANE was well beaten at Punchestown when last seen but he shaped well both starts prior to that, including when fifth in the 19-runner Champion Bumper at the Cheltenham Festival. The 5-y-o is likely to prove hard to beat now switched to hurdles in a race which, with all due respect to his rivals, probably won't take much winning. Stablemate Foreverwalking didn't show much on his Rules debut but is surely capable of better. Committee Meeting and Cyrus Field both have each-way claims.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FISHERY LANE 2. FOREVERWALKING 3. COMMITTEE MEETING

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MARES MAIDEN HURDLE 4yo+ fillies and mares €15,000 2m46y (3260 Metres)

RACE 5




Going: **Good**


An undulating, right-handed track with a circuit of around a mile and a quarter. Sections of the track are uphill but there is a fairly steep descent to the 2f home straight and the track is very much sharp in character, favouring the handy type of horse. There are seven fences to a circuit of the chase course, with two in the home straight, and a run-in of around a furlong. Perhaps surprisingly, the chase course claims the highest proportion of casualties in Ireland, with the last 2 fences particularly tricky. Due to good drainage, very few meetings are lost due to adverse weather conditions.

Pace Information: **Weak**


1 BABY KATE (IRE) (231) (D, BF) 88
110- 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

 W. P. Mullins, Ireland **B. Hayes**
Won first 2 bumpers, latterly a listed event at Cheltenham last November. Disappointing in Aintree Grade 2 in the spring but remains a good hurdle prospect for top yard.

2 BEAUFORTS STORM (IRE) (7) 77
145-06722 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Timothy Doyle, Ireland **Mr D. Doyle (7lb/3kg)**
Fair hurdler. Creditable second of 7 in novice hurdle at this course (15.9f, good, 4/1) 7 days ago, clear of rest.


3 GLENS LULLABY (IRE) (32) (D) 80
3246-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Peter Fahey, Ireland **Sam Ewing**
Fairly useful winner in bumpers, getting off the mark in 7-runner event at Wexford (16f, heavy, 10/11) on reappearance last month. Hurdle debut.


4 MILE END s 77
4 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Ciaran Murphy, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**
Fairly useful Flat winner. Seventeenth of 26 in handicap at the Curragh (7f, good to soft, 16/1) 25 days ago. Cheekpieces on for 1st time. Hurdle debut.


5 CNOC AN LOCHA (IRE) (11) 65
0 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Tom Dreaper, Ireland **Mr I. Ryan (7lb/3kg)**
Once-raced maiden. Eighteenth of 21 in novice hurdle at Navan (16f, good to soft, 200/1) on NH debut 11 days ago.

6 HASHTAG DOYEN (IRE) t 76
6 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Martin Brassil, Ireland **R. A. Doyle**
Doyen mare. Dam unraced. Wears tongue strap. The betting should guide to expectations.


7 I'LL TREAT YA (IRE) 60
5 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Philip M. Byrne, Ireland **M. J. M. O'Sullivan**
Gatewood mare. Dam unraced. Likely outsider on debut.


8 KARAMOJA (FR) (436) (BF) ★ 100
323- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

 W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**
Promising sort. Placed in 2 bumpers and a listed newcomers hurdle in France in 2023. Very interesting new recruit for Willie Mullins.


9 LAU AND SHAZ (IRE) (18) (BF) t 78
723 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**
Thrice-raced maiden. Third of 11 in bumper at Naas (16f, good to soft, 8/11) 18 days ago, finding less than looked likely. Makes hurdles debut. Tongue strap on for 1st time.


10 NUGENTSTOWN SUE (IRE) (23) 60
8 5 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Hugh P. Finegan, Ireland **B. W. Harvey**
Once-raced maiden. Eighth of 13 in novice hurdle at Fairyhouse (16f, good, 66/1) on NH debut 23 days ago.

11 PHILDANTE (IRE) (19) t 60
68-6P3307 7 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Eoin Doyle, Ireland **H. Morgan**
80/1, seventh of 14 in novice hurdle at Gowran (16f, good to soft) 19 days ago. Tongue strap on for 1st time.

12 PIPPA MO CHROI (IRE) (676) 60
7/ 6 10-13 | 69.4kg

 P. D. Fitzgerald, Ireland **Phillip Enright**
Once-raced maiden. 66/1, seventh of 10 in novice hurdle at this course (15.5f, soft) on NH debut. Off 22 months.

13 WATTY SHOW (IRE) (11) 65
0 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Gary McGill, Ireland **Philip Donovan (5lb/2kg)**
Once-raced maiden. 200/1, twelfth of 21 in novice hurdle at Navan (16f, good to soft) on NH debut 11 days ago.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens Karamoja, **11-4** Baby Kate, **9-1** Glens Lullaby, **18-1** Lau And Shaz, **20-1** Beauforts Storm, **25-1** Mile End, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This looks another Willie Mullins benefit, with French import KARAMOJA, the mount of Paul Townend, preferred to last season's dual bumper scorer Baby Kate. Recent Wexford bumper winner Glens Lullaby may prove best of the remainder.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KARAMOJA 2. BABY KATE 3. GLENS LULLABY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Fun Fun Fun 5-11-7	30-100f W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	13
2022	Liberty Dance 5-11-7	5-6f Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	15
2021	Braganza 6-11-1	10-1 W. P. Mullins	S. F. O'Keeffe	17
2020	Gauloise 4-11-6	4-5f W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**www.thurlesraces.ie MAIDEN HURDLE 4yo €10,000
2m46y (3260 Metres)**

RACE 6



Going: **Good**

An undulating, right-handed track with a circuit of around a mile and a quarter. Sections of the track are uphill but there is a fairly steep descent to the 2f home straight and the track is very much sharp in character, favouring the handy type of horse. There are seven fences to a circuit of the chase course, with two in the home straight, and a run-in of around a furlong. Perhaps surprisingly, the chase course claims the highest proportion of casualties in Ireland, with the last 2 fences particularly tricky. Due to good drainage, very few meetings are lost due to adverse weather conditions.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 PARTY DRESS (IRE) (16) 69
25 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



W. McCreery, Ireland **R. A. Doyle**
Fair Flat winner. Twice-raced maiden over hurdles. Fifth of 11 in novice hurdle (14/1) at Fairyhouse (20.2f, good) 16 days ago. Sizeable step forward needed from a win standpoint but she's certainly not without each-way hope.

2 ALL EYEZ ON ME 69
4 10-13 | 69.4kg



W. J. Bryson, Ireland **Sam Ewing**
£17,000 3-y-o, Jack Hobbs gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners on Flat, including French 9.5f/10.5f winner Miss Mome. Failed to complete all 3 starts between the flags.

3 BUSY BEING BUSY (IRE) h 68
4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Neil McKnight, Ireland **B. W. Harvey**
€1,500 3-y-o, Wings of Eagles gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including fair hurdle winner/fairly useful chaser Delight of Dubai and fairly useful hurdler Shanroe Tic Tec, stays 25f. Wears hood for this debut and he's probably best watched.

4 DON'TLETMEGO (IRE) (25) 68
P9 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



W. J. Burke, Ireland **M. P. O'Connor**
Twice-raced maiden. 300/1 and tongue strap on for 1st time, ninth of 15 in novice hurdle at Cork (16.3f, good to soft) 25 days ago. Readily passed over.

5 KARAFON (FR) (338) 100
35- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**
Fairly useful hurdler. 18/1, first run since leaving Y. Fouin when 5¾ lengths fifth of 12 to Kala Conti in Leopardstown Juvenile Hurdle at Leopardstown (16f, good to soft) on IRE NH debut. Probably head-and-shoulders above these rivals.

6 PAUL COLLINS (IRE) (32) 76
3 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**
Promising type. Third of 10 in novice hurdle at Wexford (20f, heavy, 7/2) on NH debut 32 days ago. Open to improvement.

7 SRIABIN (FR) (209) 68
P533-P 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Patrick Griffin, Ireland **M. M. McDonagh**
Modest maiden on the Flat. First run since leaving N. Bellanger when pulled up in novice hurdle at Punchestown (16.2f, heavy, 200/1) on IRE NH debut. Off 6 months.

8 ONLY YOU NORAH (IRE) (21) 67
8-67 4 10-6 | 66.2kg



Donal Commins, Ireland **Niall Moore (71b/3kg)**
Thrice-raced maiden under Rules. Seventh of 10 in novice hurdle at Clonmel (16.2f, good to soft, 150/1) on hurdles bow 21 days ago. Opposable.

9 SYLVIA'S SECRET (IRE) (9) 67
08 4 10-6 | 66.2kg



David Kenneth Budds, Ireland **D. J. O'Keeffe**
Twice-raced maiden. 200/1, eighth of 14 in novice hurdle at Limerick (16f, soft) 9 days ago. Readily passed over.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-11 Karafon, 4-1 Paul Collins, 22-1 Party Dress, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

French recruit KARAFON wasn't beaten at all far on debut for Willie Mullins in a strong Grade 2 contest at Leopardstown last December and it will be disappointing should he fail to deliver. Paul Collins made a promising start under Rules at Wexford and he is the clear pick for forecast purposes. Party Dress is best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KARAFON 2. PAUL COLLINS 3. PARTY DRESS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Lombron 4-10-13	2-1f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	16
2022	No Looking Back 4-11-7	14-1	Oliver McKiernan	Phillip Enright	15
2021	Vina Ardanza 4-11-9	5-4f	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	18
2020	Gua du Large 4-11-4	5-6f	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	13
2019	French Dynamite 4-11-2	6-1	M. F. Morris	Robbie Power	18

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.35

HORSE & JOCKEY HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ (Rated 80-95)
€10,000 2m46y (3260 Metres)











RACE 7











Going: **Good**



An undulating, right-handed track with a circuit of around a mile and a quarter. Sections of the track are uphill but there is a fairly steep descent to the 2f home straight and the track is very much sharp in character, favouring the handy type of horse. There are seven fences to a circuit of the chase course, with two in the home straight, and a run-in of around a furlong. Perhaps surprisingly, the chase course claims the highest proportion of casualties in Ireland, with the last 2 fences particularly tricky. Due to good drainage, very few meetings are lost due to adverse weather conditions.

Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1	BRAVE TROOP (IRE) (426)	94
	007/F- 5 12-0 76.2kg Charles Byrnes, Ireland <i>J. Smith (71lb/3kg)</i> Lightly-raced maiden over hurdles. Switches from Flat to hurdles. First run for yard after leaving A. McIntyre. Makes handicap hurdle debut and potentially on a good mark on Flat form.	
2	OAKLEY (GER) (197) (BF)	100
	007-5 6 12-0 76.2kg Anthony Mullins, Ireland <i>D. N. Cullinane (51lb/2kg)</i> Promising type. Fair winner at 15f on flat. 7/2, fifth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Tipperary (16f, good to soft). Off 6 months. Open to further progress.	
3	BEECHFIELD (IRE) (44)	99
	P9-94 6 11-13 75.7kg Donal Commins, Ireland <i>Mr R. W. Barron (51lb/2kg)</i> Lightly-raced maiden. Fourth of 17 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (20f, good, 16/1) 44 days ago, doing better under change of tactics. Tongue strap on 1st time. Merits consideration.	t
4	SESKIN FLASH (IRE) (33)	95
	58-0435 5 11-13 75.7kg Patrick Carey, Ireland <i>Liam Quinlan (31lb/1kg)</i> 20/1, bit below form fifth of 14 in novice hurdle at Galway (16.4f, good to soft) 33 days ago. Makes handicap hurdle debut.	
5	ITSALONGLONGROAD (49) (D)	95
	7-2U3F1P6 10 11-12 75.3kg Charles Coakley, Ireland <i>Gavin Peter Brouder (51lb/2kg)</i> Latest win in chase at Ballinrobe in September. Sixth of 8 in handicap chase at Tramore (15.5f, good to soft, 5/1) 49 days ago, doing too much too soon. Switches from chase to hurdles.	v
6	MALBAS (11)	95
	7/062-6380 8 11-12 75.3kg John McConnell, Ireland <i>Alex Harvey (51lb/2kg)</i> Remains a maiden after 21 NH runs. 33/1, nineteenth of 23 in handicap hurdle at Navan (16f, good to soft) 11 days ago.	
7	EVOLVING (19)	92
	0786F8 4 11-11 74.8kg Andrew Kinirons, Ireland <i>Keith Donoghue</i> 7/1, creditable eighth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Gowran (19.8f, good to soft) 19 days ago.	
8	NEWPORT (9)	83
	U080 4 11-9 73.9kg Eoin Doyle, Ireland <i>H. Morgan</i> Lightly-raced maiden. Tenth of 14 in novice hurdle at Limerick (16f, soft, 100/1) 9 days ago. Cheekpieces back on. Makes handicap hurdle debut.	s+t
9	MACIVER (IRE) (35)	98
	5/99595-PS 7 11-7 73.0kg A. M. O'Grady, Ireland <i>Phillip Enright</i> Slipped up in handicap chase (25/1) at Clonmel (17.2f, good to soft) 35 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles.	
10	PRINCE QUATTRO (IRE) (9) (D)	97
	9985-9381 5 11-6 72.6kg P. J. Rothwell, Ireland <i>T. Power Roche (71lb/3kg)</i> 6/1, career best when winning 11-runner handicap hurdle at Limerick (16f, soft) 9 days ago, always holding on. Not taken lightly.	s

11	VAIRUE (IRE) (11) (C)	97
	650F1/640 8 11-6 72.6kg Ms Helen P. Markham, Ireland <i>Cian Cullinan (71lb/3kg)</i> Course winner. 33/1, eighteenth of 23 in handicap hurdle at Navan (16f, good to soft) 11 days ago.	
12	A NOD TO GETAWAY (IRE) (40)	98
	14572829 7 11-5 72.1kg Paul O'Flynn, Ireland <i>D. J. O'Keefe</i> Below form ninth of 18 in handicap hurdle (7/1) at Limerick (21f, good to soft) 40 days ago. Back down in trip.	t
13	DREAM ESCAPE (13)	98
	0800-9037 5 11-5 72.1kg Thomas Mullins, Ireland <i>D. E. Mullins</i> 50/1, creditable seventh of 15 in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (16.4f, good to soft) 13 days ago.	h
14	KITTY OORU (IRE) (11)	66
	800 5 11-4 71.7kg Tom Dreaper, Ireland <i>B. W. Harvey</i> Thrice-raced maiden. Last of 21 in novice hurdle (150/1) at Navan (16f, good to soft) 11 days ago. Makes handicap hurdle debut.	
15	HOW DECC (IRE) (102)	95
	8P-6P93P0 6 11-3 71.2kg E. Seymour, Ireland <i>C. M. Quirke (51lb/2kg)</i> Remains a maiden after 18 NH runs. Tenth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Tramore (16.6f, good to soft, 17/2) 102 days ago. Tongue strap back on, cheekpieces back on.	s+t
16	OPERA POINT (IRE) (80)	70
	0000F 6 11-2 70.8kg A. M. O'Grady, Ireland <i>J. Aherne (71lb/3kg)</i> Lightly-raced maiden under NH rules. 200/1, fell in novice chase at Galway (18.2f, good to soft) on debut over fences 80 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles.	
17	I'VEDONEITALL (IRE) (9)	69
	PUP-8PP05 7 10-13 69.4kg E. Sheehy, Ireland <i>P. Hanlon (71lb/3kg)</i> Remains a maiden after 19 NH runs. Fifth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Limerick (16f, soft, 66/1) 9 days ago.	b
18	PERFECTWAY (IRE) (19)	93
	09P70-785 7 10-13 69.4kg Eoin Griffin, Ireland <i>E. M. O'Sullivan (71lb/3kg)</i> Creditable fifth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Gowran (19.8f, good to soft, 12/1) 19 days ago.	

RESERVES

19	THATS ALL (IRE) (7)	92
	47508066 7 11-7 73.0kg Timothy Doyle, Ireland <i>Reserve</i> Remains a maiden after 19 NH runs. Sixth of 8 in handicap hurdle (10/1) at this course (15.9f, good) 7 days ago. RESERVE.	t
20	FEAR THE DEERE (IRE) (6)	91
	0-06P0600 6 11-9 73.9kg Timothy Doyle, Ireland <i>Reserve</i> Fourteenth of 19 in handicap hurdle at Tipperary (16.5f, soft, 17/2) 6 days ago. RESERVE.	

18 DECLARED RUNNERS (2 RESERVES)

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Brave Troop, 8-1 Prince Quattro, 9-1 Seskin Flash, 10-1 Oakley, 11-1 Dream Escape, 14-1 Beechfield, 16-1 Itsalonglongroad, 20-1 A Nod To Getaway, 22-1 Opera Point, 22-1 Evolving, 40-1 bar

3.35**HORSE & JOCKEY HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ (Rated 80-95)
€10,000 2m46y (3260 Metres)**

RACE 7

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

OAKLEY would have been right in the mix but for a bad mistake 2 out on handicap bow at Tipperary in May and remains of interest off the same mark on return. Brave Troop is potentially well treated on his Flat form now switched to a handicap so is feared most ahead of Beechfield, who showed much more on his handicap debut at Punchestown last month.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. OAKLEY 2. BRAVE TROOP 3. BEECHFIELD****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Woodstream Lad	6-11-4	13-2	P. J. Rothwell	Miss P. Elvin (7)	17
2022	Derridae	7-11-6	50-1	Moses McCabe	Jordan Colin Gainford	15
2021	Peace Party	9-11-8	11-2	Desmond McDonogh	E. Walsh (5)	18
2020	Listenheretomejack	5-11-10	9-1	Eoin Doyle	Donagh Meyler	13
2019	Wolfofallstreets	5-10-8	12-1	P. J. Rothwell	J. P. O'Sullivan (7)	17

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race