



Saturday 28th December

# **LEOPARDSTOWN**

12.20	SAVILLS MAIDEN HURDLE 2½m (4020 Metres)
RACE 1	(6) KAID D'AUTHIE   (10) SERMANDZARAK   (7) KALIX DELABARRIERE
12.50	MERCEDES BENZ SOUTH DUBLIN HANDICAP HURDLE 2½m (4020 Metres)
RACE 2	(15) LADY ROSE HACKETT   (6) HIS NIBS   (13) PORTARLINGTON
1.20	BALLYMALOE RELISH RISING STARS BEGINNERS CHASE 2m5f70y (4290 Metres)
RACE 3	(7) QUAI DE BOURBON (6) DEE CAPO (4) CAPTAIN CODY
2.00	SAVILLS HURDLE (Christmas) (Grade 1) 2m7f80y (4700 Metres)
RACE 4	(5) HOME BY THE LEE   (1) ASTERION FORLONGE   (3) BOB OLINGER
2.35	SAVILLS CHASE (Leopardstown Christmas) (Grade 1) 3m100y (4920 Metres)
RACE 5	(2) FACT TO FILE   (3) GALOPIN DES CHAMPS   (8) INOTHEWAYURTHINKIN
3.05	PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE 2m7f80y (4700 Metres)
RACE 6	(10) FORTUNEDEFORTUNATA   (20) TRANQUIL SEA   (7) BINGE WORTHY
3.40	MIDLAND LEGAL SOLICITORS I.N.H. FLAT 2m34y (3250 Metres)

## **KEY TO SYMBOLS**



RACE 7

**Top Rated:** The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

(3) KOVANIS | (5) SOIR DE GARDE | (2) KILWAUGHTER



**Horses For Courses:** A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.



**Jockey Uplift:** The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts



**Trainer Form:** A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

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# SAVILLS MAIDEN HURDLE 4yo €15,000 2½m (4020



RACE 1

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

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Pace Information: Even

**ANOTHER CHALLENGE (IRE)** (15)

4 11-7 73.0kg

Oliver McKiernan, Ireland

Twice-raced maiden. 125/1, fourteenth of 19 in novice hurdle at Cork (16.2f, soft) 15 days ago. Up in trip.

**BUTCHERS BILL (272)** 

88 4 11-7 73.0kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland Once-raced maiden. Ninth of 14 in bumper (17/2) at Fairyhouse (16f, heavy) on NH debut. Off 9 months. Makes hurdles debut. Up in trip.

**CHANCEAWETMORNING (IRE)** (12)

**75** 4 11-7 73.0kg



Noel C. Kelly, Ireland Lightly-raced maiden under NH rules. 50/1, first run since leaving John Joseph Hanlon when thirteenth of 18 in novice hurdle at Naas (19.5f, good to soft) 12

**COLORADO CHARLIE (IRE)** (144)

75 **4** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Josh Halley, Ireland Mr M. J. Kenneally (7lb/3kg) Once-raced maiden. Offered something to work on when fifth of 15 in maiden hurdle at Roscommon (20.2f, soft, 40/1) on NH debut 144 days ago.

FOUND A DIAMOND (IRE) (35) 4 11-7 73.0kg

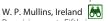


Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland **T. P. Harney** (7lb/3kg) Once-raced maiden. 50/1, sixth of 14 in maiden hurdle at Punchestown (19.4f, soft) on debut 35 days ago.

KAID D'AUTHIE (FR) (21) (BF)

4 11-7 73.0kg

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Promising sort. Fifth in a newcomers race in France at Auteuil in spring 2023. Backed as if defeat was out of the question (went off 1/3) but fell fifth in Navan maiden hurdle for new connections 20 months later. Evidently well regarded.

KALIX DELABARRIERE (FR) (215) 95



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

4/5, won 10-runner bumper at Ballinrobe (16.6f, good) on debut in May. It'll be very interesting to see how he compares in the betting to stablemate Kaid d'Authie

KOKTAIL DIVIN (FR) (271) 89



**4** 11-7 73.0kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland Rachael Blackmore Dual bumper winner in France for Alain Couetil. Switched to a top yard for hurdle

debut. Betting informative.

KRAK (FR)

4 11-7 73.0kg

Stuart Crawford, Ireland J. J. Slevin €90,000 Muhtathir gelding. The betting should help guide to expectations with



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SERMANDZARAK (FR) (35) (BF) **4** 11-7 73.0kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland D. J. Gilliaan



Won both bumpers earlier in the year, the latter a valuable event at the Punchestown Festival in April. Promising second on hurdle debut there (19.4f, soft) 35 days ago, rallying. Likely to improve and go well.

### VAN DEMON (IRE) (15)



Noel Meade, Ireland Fairly useful winner at 12f on flat. Little better than modest form in 2 hurdles but should have more to offer at some stage.

#### 12 **NATIVE GLORY (IRE)**

**4** 11-0 69.9kg



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Phillip Enright

Jordan Colin Gainford

J. S. McGarvev

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M. P. Walsh

Colm A. Murphy, Ireland L. A. McKenna (5lb/2kg) €65,000 3-y-o, Getaway filly. Sister to fairly useful 2m hurdle winner Theatre Native, and half-sister to smart hurdler Theatre Glory and useful hurdler Ambitious Fellow. The betting should help guide to expectations.

#### 12 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

9-4 Kaid D'authie, 11-4 Sermandzarak, 4-1 Kalix Delabarriere, 10-1 Koktail Divin, 14-1 Butchers Bill, 25-1 Krak, 50-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The strength behind KAID D'AUTHIE in the betting at Navan suggests he'd been giving the right signals at Closutton so he's taken to gain compensation, with confidence increased should the market speak in his favour again, Gordon Elliott's Sermandzarak made a promising start to his hurdle career at Punchestown and is second choice ahead of the other Willie Mullins runner Kalix Delabarriere.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. KAID D'AUTHIE 2. SERMANDZARAK 3. KALIX DELABARRIERE

## **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Jade de Grugy 4-11-0	5-4f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	16
2022	<b>Deep Cave</b> 4-11-7	11-4	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	20
2021	Howyabud 4-11-9	25-1	Mary E Doyle	Jack Foley (5)	17
2020	Gaillard du Mesnil 4-11-9	11-8f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	20
2019	The Bosses Oscar 4-11-7	4-1	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	17

#### **SMART STATS:**

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## MERCEDES BENZ SOUTH DUBLIN HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ (Rated 80-116) €15,000 2½m (4020 Metres)

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Mr O. McGill (7lb/3kg)

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S. F. O'Keeffe



RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: Strong

CAVE COURT (IRE) (94) (D)

7 12-0 76.2kg

Noel C. Kelly, Ireland

1 win from 3 runs this season. Latest win in hurdle at Ballinrobe in July. 6/1, last of 7 in handicap hurdle at Perth (16.2f, soft) 94 days ago. Back up in trip. Merits

HELIKO CONTI (FR) (28)

**7** 11-13 75.7kg

Paul Nolan, Ireland

Eleven runs since last win in 2023. 16/1, below form eleventh of 24 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20.2f, good) 28 days ago. Looks competitive on form.

STARMAN (FR) (13) (D) 5343-4657 8 11-11 74.8kg

Anthony McCann, Ireland

M. J. M. O'Sullivan

33/1, seventh of 10 in handicap chase at Navan (16f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Back up in trip. Others more persuasive.

**PAX (IRE)** (35)

5 11-10 74.4ka

Colm A. Murphy, Ireland

Lightly-raced maiden. Pulled up in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (19.4f, soft, 16/1) 35 days ago, pulled up before last. Tongue strap on 1st time.

**GRAPPA NONINO (IRE)** (35) 0015/00 **5** 11-8 73.5kg

D. K. Weld, Ireland

Jordan Colin Gainford Thirteenth of 19 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (19.4f, soft, 22/1) 35 days ago. Others have achieved more.

**HIS NIBS (IRE)** (15)

**5** 11-8 73.5kg

Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Below form fifth of 18 in novice hurdle (4/1) at Cork (16.2f, soft) 15 days ago, unable to sustain effort. Up in trip. Makes handicap hurdle debut. Should

JOLIE JEWEL (FR) (42)

98 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg Brian M. McMahon, Ireland

Winner in hurdle at Cork in May. Creditable third of 19 in handicap hurdle (14/1) at Navan (20.2f, good to soft) 42 days ago, running on.

PENNY JAR (IRE) (41) (D) s+t8 11-7 73.0kg 3/34F-5720

Patrick Michael O'Brien (7lb/3kg) Patrick Downey, Ireland 14/1, below form fifteenth of 23 in handicap hurdle at Navan (22.4f, good to

soft) 41 days ago.

SWELLTIME (IRE) (94) (D) 95 8 11-6 72.6kg

William O'Doherty, Ireland C. P. Millar (5lb/2kg) Latest win in hurdle at Killarney in August. Sixteenth of 19 in handicap at the Curragh (14f, good to soft, 125/1) 72 days ago. Switches from Flat to hurdles. Poor on last hurdle run.

WINDING RIVER (IRE) (29) 98 b+t

7 11-6 72.6ka

Oliver McKiernan, Ireland Latest win in chase at Clonmel in October. Good second of 13 in handicap chase (10/1) at Thurles (18.3f, good to soft) 29 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles.



**COZONE (13)** (D) 7 11-5 72.1kg

Matthew J. Smith, Ireland 25/1, tenth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Navan (16f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Back up in trip.

DOWN AROUND (IRE) (29) (D) 97 65-P69021 **7** 11-5 72.1kg

T. Power Roche (7lb/3kg) P. J. Rothwell, Ireland 7/2, career best when winning 15-runner handicap hurdle at Thurles (20.2f, good to soft) 29 days ago, always holding on. Should remain competitive up 7 lb.

PORTARLINGTON (IRE) (14) (D) 13

5 11-5 72.1kd Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland Mr J. H. Williamson (7lb/3kg)

3 wins from 8 runs this season. 6/5, career best when winning 12-runner handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20f, good to soft) 14 days ago, kept up to work. Can make presence felt.

STAY GOLD (IRE) (35)

**5** 11-5 72.1kg Colm A. Murphy, Ireland

L. A. McKenna (5lb/2kg) Lightly-raced maiden. Good fifth of 19 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (19.4f, soft, 8/1) 35 days ago. Should have more to offer.

**LADY ROSE HACKETT (25)** 93 h+t **5** 11-4 71.7kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland Rachael Blackmore Lightly-raced maiden under NH rules. 13/2 and hooded for 1st time, creditable fourth of 18 in maiden hurdle at Clonmel (19.4f, soft) 25 days ago. Tongue strap

on 1st time. Makes handicap hurdle debut. Interesting runner. **VOICE OF REASON (IRE)** (20) 7-4605300 **4** 11-4 71.7kg

P. Cleary (7lb/3kg) Gordon Elliott, Ireland 28/1 and cheekpieces on for 1st time, last of 18 in handicap hurdle at Cork (20f, soft) 20 days ago. Trainer going well.

ARCH ENEMY (IRE) (2) 17

73445/616 **5** 11-3 71.2kg Patrick Magee, Ireland F. Walsh

1 win from 3 runs this season. Winner in hurdle at Fairyhouse in December. 17/2, creditable sixth of 19 in handicap hurdle at this course (16f, good to soft) 2 days 

18 GIANT HAYSTACKS (IRE) (25) (BF) **5** 11-3 71.2kg

**USETA LOVER (IRE)** (46)

99-086542

Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland

Lightly-raced maiden. 4/6, creditable second of 14 in novice hurdle at Clonmel (16.4f, soft) 25 days ago, running on. Up in trip.

**5** 11-0 69.9kg 0-670 Colm A. Murphy, Ireland S. Fitzaerald

Lightly-raced maiden. 14/1, 19 lengths eleventh of 14 to Portarlington in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20.2f, good) 46 days ago, unsuited by way race developed.

**AUREA FORTUNA (IRE)** (18) 20

Fair maiden hurdler/chaser. Good second of 19 in handicap hurdle at

**5** 10-12 68.9kg

Punchestown (23.8f, soft, 9/2) 18 days ago, no match for winner.

FREDDIE ROBDAL (IRE) (37) 21 7 10-12 68.9kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

17/2, creditable fourth of 8 in handicap chase at Thurles (16.6f, good) 37 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Up in trip. Should continue to give a good

account.

WHATSYOURSTATUS (IRE) (13) (D) 22 **11** 10-10 68.0kg 090/1697-5

Gearoid O'Loughlin, Ireland Respectable fifth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Navan (20f, good to soft, 80/1) 13 days ago. Engaged 12.52 Limerick Friday.



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# MERCEDES BENZ SOUTH DUBLIN HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ (Rated 80-116) €15,000 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 2



#### 23 DOYEN FOR A DRINK (IRE) (79)

**7** 10-8 67.1kg G. O'Leary, Ireland



T. E. O'Connor (7lb/3kg) 1 win from 3 runs this season. 5/1, fifth of 10 in novice chase at Tramore (20.4f, good to soft) on debut over fences 79 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles.

Would enter calculations if turning out. Engaged 2.36 Limerick Friday. DRAGON'S PASS (IRE) (14) (D)

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8 10-7 66.7kg 780799-97

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Mrs Denise Foster, Ireland

D. J. Gilligan

Bit below form 25 lengths seventh of 12 to Portarlington in handicap hurdle (14/1) at Fairyhouse (20f, good to soft) 14 days ago. Blinkers back on.

**LADIAM (IRE)** (14) 2/225-70P3

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**7** 10-7 66.7kg Norman Lee, Ireland



50/1, good 12½ lengths third of 12 to Portarlington in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20f, good to soft) 14 days ago.

CRUISIN SUSAN (IRE) (32) (D)

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**7** 10-4 65.3kg 11963508





Below form eighth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Tramore (21f, heavy, 28/1) 32 days ago. Others more persuasive.

### RIDEAU CANAL (IRE) (18)

93



Mr J. P. Berry (7lb/3kg)



Remains a maiden after 16 NH runs. 9/1, thirteenth of 19 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (23.8f, soft) 18 days ago. Something to find on form.

#### 27 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### BETTING FORECAST:

7-1 Portarlington, 11-1 Down Around, 12-1 Aurea Fortuna, 12-1 Lady Rose Hackett, 14-1 Arch Enemy, 14-1 Giant Haystacks, 16-1 Stay Gold, 20-1 Winding River, 20-1 His Nibs, **25-1** Freddie Robdal, **25-1** Doyen For A Drink, **25-1** Jolie Jewel, **28-1** Ladiam, **33-1** Cave Court, 33-1 Dragon's Pass, 33-1 Useta Lover, 40-1 bar

## **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A chance is taken on handicap newcomer LADY ROSE HACKETT for last year's winning trainer/jockey combination of Henry de Bromhead and Rachael Blackmore. His Nibbs is another who appeals as a likely improver in handicaps and also makes the shortlist along with the thriving Portarlington and the other de Bromhead runner Freddie Robdal

#### TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

## 1. LADY ROSE HACKETT 2. HIS NIBS 3. PORTARLINGTON

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:** 2023 Music of Tara 6-11-13 7-2f Henry de Bromhead Rachael Blackmore 2022 Sam's Choice 6-12-0 Gordon Elliott 19 J. W. Kennedy 2021 **Priory Park** 5-11-10 9-2jf E. J. O'Grady M. P. Walsh 28 2020 Burlesque Queen 6-11-6 Miss Elizabeth Doyle J. P. O'Sullivan (7) 8-1 20 2019 Dalton Highway 6-11-7 9-2f D. K. Weld J. W. Kennedy 23

#### SMART STATS:



## **BALLYMALOE RELISH RISING STARS BEGINNERS CHASE** 4yo+ €17,500 2m5f70y (4290 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: Very Weak

AN TOBAR (328) 7 11-12 75.3kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

Lightly-raced winner over hurdles. Sixteenth of 21 in handicap hurdle at this course (16f, soft, 8/1). Off 10 months ahead of this chase debut.

ANYWAY (GER) (34)

89

6 11-12 75.3kg David Kenneth Budds, Ireland

D. J. O'Keeffe

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Useful hurdler. 20¾ lengths fifth of 8 to Touch Me Not in Craddockstown Novices' Chase (100/1) at Punchestown (16.3f, good to soft) 34 days ago. Looks

BLACK BAMBOO (IRE) (162) (BF) 516666-32



7 11-12 75.3kg John Joseph Murphy, Ireland

Useful hurdler. Good second of 10 in handicap hurdle (85/40) at Killarney (22.8f, good) 162 days ago. Will need to improve for the switch to fences in order to make a winning debut in this sphere.

CAPTAIN CODY (IRE) (36)

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6 11-12 75.3kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland



CHAPEAU DE SOLEIL (IRE) (238) (D)

6 11-12 75.3kg

S. F. O'Keeffe



W. P. Mullins, Ireland Useful hurdler. Career best when winning 23-runner handicap hurdle (16/1) at

Punchestown (20.5f, soft) when last seen 7 months ago. Interesting to see how he shapes up in the betting ahead of this chase debut.

**DEE CAPO (FR) (21)** (C)

92



**5** 11-12 75.3kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland

D. J. Gilliaan



Useful hurdler. 18/1, running creditably when falling 2 out in novice chase at Navan (20.7f, soft) 21 days ago. Likely he will have a role to play if able to avoid any mishaps this time.

QUAI DE BOURBON (FR) (252) 98



**5** 11-12 75.3kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland



Useful hurdler. 8/11, career best when winning 6-runner novice hurdle at Ayr (20.4f, good to soft) on latest start in April. Paul Townend's pick of the Mullins trio and he's of significant interest swictehd to fences

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

11-8 Quai De Bourbon, 5-1 Captain Cody, 11-2 Chapeau De Soleil, 7-1 Dee Capo, 12-1 Black Bamboo, 16-1 An Tobar, 22-1 Anyway

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

QUAI DE BOURBON's sole defeat from four starts over hurdles last season came in the Martin Pipe at the Cheltenham Festival, a race in which he finished a very solid third. The 5-v-o is armed with sky-high potential now tackling the larger obstacles and, granted a clear round, he will prove hard to beat. Dee Capo, who was still firmly in contention when falling two out at Navan three weeks ago, is feared most ahead of the selection's stablemates Captain Cody and Chapeau de Soleil.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. QUAI DE BOURBON 2. DEE CAPO 3. CAPTAIN CODY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS	YEA	ARS:		
2023 <b>Fact To File</b> 6-11-12	4-6f	W. P. Mullins	M. P. Walsh	5
2022 Gentlemansgame 6-11-12	2-1	M. F. Morris	D. J. O'Keeffe	6
2021 Galopin des Champs 5-12-0	4-7f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	8
2020 The Big Getaway 6-12-0	4-5f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	7
2019 Easy Game 5-11-12	9-2	W. P. Mullins	D. E. Mullins	10

#### **SMART STATS:**



## SAVILLS HURDLE (Christmas) (Grade 1) 4yo+ €150,000 2m7f80y (4700 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: Strong

ASTERION	FORLONGE (FR) (240)	(C)	t	98
12/05261-2	10 11-10 74.4kg	( - /		



W. P. Mullins, Ireland Very smart chaser. 13/2, creditable 6½ lengths second of 11 to Teahupoo in Champion Stayers' Hurdle at Punchestown (23.5f, good to soft), going with enthusiasm. Capable of taking a hand in the finish, provided he is ready to roll following an 8-month absence

BEACON EDGE (IRE) (27) (D) 94 **10** 11-10 74.4kg



Hurdle at Fairyhouse (20f, good) 27 days ago. Cheekpieces back on and he looks vulnerable from a win point of view.

BOB OLINGER (IRE) (42) (BF) 253/1122-2 **9** 11-10 74.4kg



Rachael Blackmore

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland High-class chaser. Creditable 3½ lengths second of 8 to Home By The Lee in Lismullen Hurdle (11/8) at Navan (20.2f, good to soft) 42 days ago. 5 lb better off with that rival now but couldn't be sure that this step back up in trip is what

he wants. HEWICK (IRE) (56) (D)



**9** 11-10 74.4kg Miss Tara Lee Cogan, Ireland

**Jordan Colin Gainford** 

Top-class chaser. Winner of 4 of his 23 starts in this sphere. Good second in the Champion Chase at Down Royal (3m, good to soft) last month. One to consider on debut for new yard.

HOME BY THE LEE (IRE) (42) (C) 5P/353-361 **9** 11-10 74.4kg

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Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

J. J. Slevin



Very smart hurdler. Course winner. 7/1, didn't need to improve to win 8-runner Lismullen Hurdle at Navan (20.2f, good to soft) 42 days ago by 3½ lengths from Bob Olinger, driven out. Blinkers back on and another bold show on the cards.

NOBLE YEATS (IRE) (259) (D)



**9** 11-10 74.4kg



Emmet Mullins, Ireland

High-class chaser. Below form nineteenth of 32 in handicap chase (12/1) at Aintree (34.3f, soft), never travelling well. Off 8 months. Switches from chase to hurdles. Hood back on.

ROCKY'S DIAMOND (IRE) (84) 4 11-10 74.4kg



Declan Queally, Ireland

S. Fitzaerald

Lightly-raced winner over hurdles. 12/1, career best when winning 11-runner handicap hurdle at Gowran (24f, good) 84 days ago. Probably capable of better still but he's biting off more than he can chew here.

SANDOR CLEGANE (IRE) (25) (BF) 89

31/4224-42 **7** 11-10 74.4kg Paul Nolan, Ireland



Smart chaser. Second of 4 in minor event hurdle (7/4) at Clonmel (24f, soft) 25 days ago. Will need to improve for the fitting of blinkers if he's to play a leading

**8 DECLARED RUNNERS** 

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

9-4 Home By The Lee, 5-2 Bob Olinger, 11-2 Hewick, 7-1 Asterion Forlonge, 10-1 Noble Yeats, 22-1 Sandor Clegane, 33-1 Beacon Edge, 66-1 bar

#### TIMEFORM VIEW:

HOME BY THE LEE was safely held in this race 12 months ago but he landed the 2022 edition and looks the way to go on the back of his reappearance success in the Lismullen Hurdle at Navan where he proved too strong for Bob Olinger and six others. The latter renews rivalry on 5 lb better terms but the jury remains out as to whether he stays this far and a bigger threat may be posed by Asterion Forlonge, who was runner-up in this 12 months ago and was also second in a Punchestown Grade 1 in April.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. HOME BY THE LEE 2. ASTERION FORLONGE 3. BOB OLINGER

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Irish Point 5-11-10	evsf	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	6
2022	Home By The Lee 7-11-10	7-1	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	J. J. Slevin	11
2021	Klassical Dream 7-11-12	7-4f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	11
2020	Flooring Porter 5-11-12	11-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Jonathan Moore	7
2019	Apple's Jade 7-11-3	6-4if	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	7

#### **SMART STATS:**



## SAVILLS CHASE (Leopardstown Christmas) (Grade 1) 5yo+ €175,000 3m100y (4920 Metres)



RACE 5

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

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Pace Information: Even

1	CONFLATED	(IRE	<b>)</b> (43)	(CD)
	UU32-6U58	10	11-10	74.4ka



Gordon Elliott, Ireland Took this in 2022 but it's now 12 runs since his last win and he came in only eighth of 9 in handicap chase at Cheltenham (29.2f, good to soft) 43 days ago. Stable in good form though so could bounce back.

FACT TO FILE (FR) (34) (C, D) 7 11-10 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland Top-class chaser who extended his winning run to four with sparkling reappeance victory in John Durkan Chase at Punchestown last month, showing speed to go with his stamina. Has a fair bit more to offer so leading claims.

GALOPIN DES CHAMPS (FR) (34) (CD)

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12/3111-23 8 11-10 74.4kg





W. P. Mullins, Ireland P. Townend Outstanding staying chaser who recorded his ninth Grade 1 success when winning his second Cheltenham Gold Cup in March. Resumed with a good 2¾ lengths third of 8 to Fact To File in John Durkan Memorial at Punchestown and last year's winner is a player once more.

GENTLEMANSGAME (241) (C, D) 8 11-10 74.4kg

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M. F. Morris, Ireland High-class chaser. Good 5 lengths fourth of 9 to Fastorslow in Punchestown Gold Cup at Punchestown (25f, good to soft, 40/1). Off 8 months. Cheekpieces back on and this course winner can't be ruled out.

GRANGECLARE WEST (IRE) (34) (CD) 8 11-10 74.4ka

88



W. P. Mullins, Ireland M. J. M. O'Sullivan Rapidly developed into smart chaser at this time last year, winning a Nass maiden

before following up in a 3m Grade 1 novice at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting. Off 11 months before pulled up in John Durkan Chase at Punchestown on his return. Worth another chance.

**HEART WOOD (FR) (27)** (C) 6 11-10 74.4kg 87



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland



Very smart chaser. Respectable neck second of 5 to Croke Park in Drinmore Novices' Chase (2/1) at Fairyhouse (20f, good) 27 days ago. Back up in trip. Stable having good spell. Uphill task here however.

I AM MAXIMUS (FR) (259) 94

8 11-10 74.4ka 441/14311-



W. P. Mullins, Ireland Top-class chaser who signed off last term with a career-best win in Grand National at Aintree, storming clear. Off 8 months and needs to hit the ground

INOTHEWAYURTHINKIN (IRE) (34) (D) 90

running back down in trip.

**6** 11-10 74.4kg

MINELLA COCOONER (IRE) (34) (C, D)



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland High-class chaser. Well-held seventh of 8 to Fact To File in John Durkan Memorial Punchestown Chase at Punchestown (19.7f, good to soft) 34 days ago. Back up in

trip. Can take a step forward.

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8 11-10 74.4kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland



Very smart chaser. 24½ lengths fifth of 8 to Fact To File in John Durkan Memorial Punchestown Chase at Punchestown (19.7f, good to soft, 66/1) 34 days ago. Stable in good form but this is a difficult ask.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

6-5 Fact To File, 85-40 Galopin Des Champs, 9-1 I Am Maximus, 18-1 Gentlemansgame, 33-1 Grangeclare West, 40-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FACT TO FILE wasted no time in announcing himself at chasing's top table when lowering the colours of Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Galopin Des Champs no less in the John Durkan at Punchestown last month and can confirm himself the leading chaser around by again proving too strong for his stablemate in a thrilling Savills Chase. Inothewayurthinkin and Conflated appeal as the pick of the rest in the battle for minor honours

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. FACT TO FILE 2. GALOPIN DES CHAMPS 3. INOTHEWAYURTHINKIN

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:** Galopin des Champs 7-11-10 Conflated 8-11-10 2022 2-1f Gordon Elliott J. W. Kennedy Galvin 7-11-12 2021 Gordon Elliott Davy Russell 2020 A Plus Tard 6-11-12 Henry de Bromhead D. J. O'Keeffe 2019 **Delta Work** 6-11-10 11-2 Gordon Elliott J. W. Kennedy

#### **SMART STATS:**

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Patrick O'Hanlon

J. Coen (3lb/1kg)

Gavin Peter Brouder (3lb/1kg)

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## PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ €30,000 **2m7f80y (4700 Metres)**



RACE 6

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

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Pace Information: Strong

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SALVADOR ZIGGY (IRE) (169) (D)

8 11-12 75.3kg

Barry Connell, Ireland

Eight wins from 21 NH runs. Thirteenth of 14 in handicap chase at Kilbeggan (25.4f, good to soft, 12/1) 169 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. First run

for yard after leaving Gordon Elliott.

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT (IRE) (12)

**6** 11-9 73.9kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland

C. P. Millar (5lb/2kg) Respectable sixth of 12 in novice chase at Naas (20.1f, good to soft, 8/1) 12 days

debut. Something to find on form.

ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Yard in good form. Makes handicap hurdle

FINEST EVERMORE (IRE) (240)

8 11-2 70.8kg

Paul Hennessy, Ireland

N. T. Prendergast (7lb/3kg) 125/1, pulled up in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (23.5f, good to soft). Off 8 months and needs to hit the ground running.

GOOD TIME JONNY (IRE) (21) (C)

**9** 11-2 70.8kg

J. Smith (7lb/3kg) A. J. Martin, Ireland

Course winner. Seventeenth of 20 in handicap hurdle (18/1) at Navan (25.2f, soft) 21 days ago. Needs to get back on track.

VELVET ELVIS (IRE) (325) (D)

8 11-1 70.3kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

First run since leaving T. Gibney when career best when winning 4-runner minor

event chase at Fairyhouse (24.2f, heavy, 7/1), kept up to work. Off 10 months. Switches from chase to hurdles.

FEET OF A DANCER (FR) (34) 1/1013-133

**5** 10-13 | 69.4kg Paul Nolan, Ireland

1 win from 3 runs this season. 7/2, respectable 5¾ lengths third of 7 to Lot of Joy

in listed mares event at Punchestown (18f, good to soft) 34 days ago. Up in trip. Ought to be in the shake-up.

BINGE WORTHY (IRE) (35)

**6** 10-11 | 68.5kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland 1 win from 2 runs this season. 17/2, career best when winning 19-runner handicap hurdle at Punchestown (19.4f, soft) 35 days ago. Up in trip. Stable in good form. Another bold show likely.

**OPEN TO QUESTION (USA) (21)** 

4 10-10 68.0kg **Donagh Meyler** 

Noel Meade, Ireland

1 win from 3 runs this season. 100/1, respectable eighth of 20 in handicap hurdle at Navan (25.2f, soft) 21 days ago. Can give a good account.

RUSHMOUNT (IRE) (272) (D)

**7** 10-10 68.0kg

M. J. M. O'Sullivan Jonathan Sweeney, Ireland

Thrice-raced winner over hurdles. Pulled up in Easter Festival Novices' Hurdle (10/1) at Fairyhouse (20f, heavy) in March. Makes handicap hurdle debut.

FORTUNEDEFORTUNATA (IRE) (21)

**7** 10-9 67.6kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland D. J. Gilligan

Good fifth of 20 in handicap hurdle at Navan (25.2f, soft, 40/1) 21 days ago, faring best of those held up. One to keep on right side.

**GOLDEN TEMPLE (IRE)** (201)

**4** 10-9 67.6kg Noel Meade, Ireland

Creditable fifth of 9 in handicap (14/1) at Dundalk (10.7f) 8 days ago. Switches from Flat to hurdles. Tongue strap back on. Can give a good account.

12 KING ALEXANDER (IRE) (225)

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Keith Donoghue

**Jordan Colin Gainford** 

621/1F17-8 **6** 10-9 67.6kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland 8/1, eighth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Aintree (20f, good to soft). Off 7 months.

First run for yard after leaving Nicky Henderson. Stable in good form so he needs considering.

GOLD BULLION (FR) (201) (BF) 13 8 10-8 67.1kg 3/1335-33

Eamon Courtney, Ireland

Peter Fahev, Ireland

M. F. Morris, Ireland

6324-1002

TRANQUIL SEA (IRE) (51)

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland Creditable third of 16 in handicap chase (4/1) at Roscommon (25.2f, good). Off

6 months. Switches from chase to hurdles and respected making his handicap

14 WIN SOME LOSE SOME (IRE) (48) **5** 10-8 67.1kg 9/7-131014

Padraig Roche, Ireland M. P. Walsh 3 wins from 6 runs this season. Latest win in hurdle at Clonmel in October. 4/1,

good fourth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Naas (20f, good to soft) 48 days ago, running on late. Not taken lightly.

MAXI MAC GOLD (FR) (41) b+t 233-14304 **5** 10-7 | 66.7kg

T. Power Roche (7lb/3kg) Paul Nolan, Ireland Winner in hurdle at Cork in May. 66/1, good fourth of 23 in handicap hurdle at Navan (22.4f, good to soft) 41 days ago. Blinkers on 1st time. Should go well.

**ARION SOLDIER (IRE)** (62) 16 **6** 10-6 | 66.2kg

Lightly-raced winner under NH rules. Last of 12 in novice chase at Galway (22.5f,

soft, 28/1) on debut over fences 62 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles. Makes handicap hurdle debut.

KOORI STAR (IRE) (42) 17 97 **6** 10-2 64.4kg

Lightly-raced winner over hurdles. Respectable fifth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Chelténham (21f, good, 33/1) 42 days ago. Can make his presence felt.

18 WEST IS AWAKE (IRE) (28)

Edward Cawley, Ireland 200/1, eighth of 13 in novice chase at Fairyhouse (21.5f, good) 28 days ago.

Switches from chase to hurdles.

19 WHATSAVAILABLE (IRE) (34) (D) 35-900610 **7** 10-1 64.0kg

Latest win in hurdle at Fairyhouse in November. 7/1, tenth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (24.1f, good to soft) 34 days ago. Merits consideration if

shrugging off latest effort.

502212-32 **4** 10-0 | 63.5kg

**5** 10-0 63.5kg

5/1, good second of 8 in handicap hurdle at Clonmel (24f, good to soft) 51 days

ago. Not taken lightly.

WILL WILDE (FR) (34)

Miss Flizabeth Dovle, Ireland Kieran Callaghan (5lb/2kg)

11/1, pulled up in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (24.1f, good to soft) 34 days ago. Has work to do.

TOOR KHOV (IRE) (13) 22

Ms M. Flynn, Ireland E. M. O'Sullivan (7lb/3kg) Good second of 18 in handicap hurdle (18/1) at Navan (25f, good to soft) 13 days





# PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ €30,000 **2m7f80y (4700 Metres)**



**JUNIOR RATTLER (IRE)** (20)

**9** 10-0 63.5kg

Phillip Enright

97

23

Oliver McKiernan, Ireland Good second of 18 in handicap hurdle at Cork (20f, soft, 22/1) 20 days ago. Needs considering once more.

#### 23 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### BETTING FORECAST:

9-1 Binge Worthy, 10-1 Win Some Lose Some, 12-1 King Alexander, 14-1 Toor Khov, 16-1 Maxi Mac Gold, 16-1 Feet of A Dancer, 16-1 Golden Temple, 16-1 Tranquil Sea, 20-1 Velvet Elvis, 22-1 Whatsavailable, 22-1 Junior Rattler, 22-1 Staffordshire Knot, 25-1 Good Time Jonny, 25-1 Salvador Ziggy, 28-1 Fortunedefortunata, 28-1 Gold Bullion, **33-1** Koori Star, **33-1** Rushmount, **40-1** bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A few with chances but FORTUNEDEFORTUNATA can race off the same mark as when a very good Navan fourth last time out so looks the way to go. Tranquil Sea heads the list of dangers on the back of his good Clonmel second, although a solid case can also be made for Binge Worthy, Golden Temple and Win Some Lose Some.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. FORTUNEDEFORTUNATA 2. TRANQUIL SEA 3. BINGE WORTHY

W	INNERS IN PREVIOUS	SYEA	RS:		
2023	Gaoth Chuil 5-10-4	5-1	T. M. Walsh	Shane O'Callaghan (5)	11
2022	<b>Maxxum</b> 5-10-5	11-4f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	27
2021	Panda Boy 5-10-9	16-1	Martin Brassil	J. J. Slevin	27
2020	<b>Dandy Mag</b> 7-10-13	16-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	20
2019	Treacysenniscorthy 7-9-12	7-1	Robert Widger	K. J. Brouder (3)	25

#### **SMART STATS:**

# MIDLAND LEGAL SOLICITORS I.N.H. FLAT 4yo+ €12,000 2m34y (3250 Metres)



RACE 7

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

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Pace Information: Very Weak

#### GLOBAL SUBMISSION

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4 12-0 76.2kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

Mr J. L. Gleeson (3lb/1kg)

£5,000 3-y-o, Telescope gelding. Half-brother to useful hurdler/chaser Global Jackpot. Dam (h89), maiden hurdler (stayed 3½m), useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 3m) Mon Villez. Third in a point and looks an interesting Rules newcomer.

KILWAUGHTER (IRE) (2)

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1 **4** 12-0 76.2kg Stuart Crawford, Ireland

Mr S. Connor (7lb/3kg)



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Half-brother to numerous winners. 12/1, won 14-runner bumper at Down Royal (17.2f, good to soft) on NH debut 2 days ago. Looks a player if taking part.

KOVANIS (FR)

96

4 12-0 76.2kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Mr H. C. Swan



£50,000 3-y-o, £330,000 4-y-o, Tunis gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/fair chaser Tchico Alco and fairly useful hurdler Santo Bello. Easy winner sole start in points (Oct 12). Very much the one to beat.

4 PRINCE INGER (FR)

86

**4** 12-0 76.2kg

Miss P. Elvin (7lb/3kg)



P. J. Rothwell, Ireland

Wiss P. Elvin (/lb/3kg)

Racinger gelding. Dam 2m hurdle winner. Not an obvious sort on paper.

SOIR DE GARDE (FR) (34)

**★** 100



Mr P. W. Mullins



Promising type. 5/2 and hooded, second of 9 in bumper at Punchestown (16.8f, good to soft) on NH debut 34 days ago, clear of rest. Should progress and is an

obvious player.



**STRONG LINK (IRE) (2)**23 **4** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland *Mr L. P. Shanahan* (7lb/3 Twice-raced maiden. 14¾ lengths third of 14 to Kilwaughter in bumper at Down Royal (17.2f, good to soft, 10/3) 2 days ago. One to consider.

TROOPER LEWIS (IRE) (42)

79

96

20 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg Ms M. Dowdall Blake, Ireland

L. J. Carberry (7lb/3kg)



Twice-raced maiden. Last of 11 in bumper at Navan (16.2f, good to soft, 28/1) 42 days ago, going in snatches.

## 7 DECLARED RUNNERS

## BETTING FORECAST:

**7-4** Kovanis, **3-1** Soir De Garde, **4-1** Kilwaughter, **9-1** Strong Link, **10-1** Global Submission, **33-1** Prince Inger, **66-1** bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

KOVANIS has joined top connections for a hefty sum after an easy point win and he's the obvious one to side with having his first go under Rules. Soir De Garde should improve on his debut and, in the unlikely even that Kilwaughter participates 2 days on from his winning debut, he'd be a live danger.

### TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

#### 1. KOVANIS 2. SOIR DE GARDE 3. KILWAUGHTER

#### WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: 2023 Patter Merchant 4-12-0 1-2f Mr H. C. Swan (5) Gordon Elliott 4-7f 2022 Ile Atlantique 4-12-0 W. P. Mullins Mr P. W. Mullins 2021 Redemption Day 4-12-2 8-11f W. P. Mullins Mr P. W. Mullins 2020 Ramillies 5-12-2 15-8f W. P. Mullins Mr P. W. Mullins 2019 Forged In Fire 4-11-11 Joseph Patrick O'Brien Mr N. Bashford (7) 9-1 10

#### **SMART STATS:**