

Sunday 29th December

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WATCH UNBRIDLED ON [attheraces.com](http://attheraces.com) FILLIES' JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4)  
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RACE 1 **(1) BELFRINA | (4) IRISANTE | (6) MATWANA**

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RACE 2 **(1) INSURRECTION | (4) HURLERONTHEDITCH | (2) IDY WOOD**

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SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 BRITISH EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4)  
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RACE 3 **(3) ETERNAL ANGEL | (2) JORDANS CROSS | (6) MONTY BODKIN**

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RACE 4 **(1) BRIDES HILL | (2) FANTASTIC LADY | (4) LA RENOMMEE**

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[attheraces.com/marketmovers](http://attheraces.com/marketmovers) HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f214y (4820 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) CHEMICAL WARFARE | (7) FINN LOUGH | (1) ONEMOREFORTHROAD**

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SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 535 HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3m84y (4900 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) PYFFO | (6) SUPER SURVIVOR | (1) BUGISE SEAGULL**

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[attheraces.com/marketmovers](http://attheraces.com/marketmovers) HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m128y (3340 Metres)

RACE 7 **(6) WILLIE SHAKE HANDS | (4) NO NO FIZZ | (3) LADY D'ARBANVILLE**

## KEY TO SYMBOLS

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

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

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

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

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RACE 1

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places hurdles course)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 BELFRINA (IRE) (16)**  **100**  
2 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



David Pipe **Jack Tudor**  
Fairly useful form on Flat (stays 1¼m), much improved when successful in big-field maiden at the Curragh in September. Sound hurdles debut when second over C&D 16 days ago and she's open to plenty of progress.

**2 BLOSSOM TEA (11)** **80**  
66 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**  
Limited short-term promise both starts.

**3 CHEVELLE (FR) (81)** **81**  
9 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**  
Showed a fair level of ability on the Flat in France. Joined a shrewd outfit ahead of hurdling debut but didn't show much at Ludlow.

**4 IRISANTE (GER) (43)** **90**  
83-437 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



D. J. Jeffreys **Kielan Woods**  
Fairly useful at up to 1m on the Flat and similar form over hurdles, including when third in 6-runner Group 3 at Auteuil in May. Left Hugo Merienne (€80,000 in July) but sent off a big price and never a factor in Grade 2 company at Cheltenham. This much more suitable.

**5 LITTLE LADY LUCY (IRE) (24)** **80**  
P 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Neil Mulholland **James Bowen**  
Fair on Flat (should stay at least 11f), successful penultimate start but below form on final start for Joseph O'Brien at Gowran (11.8f). Disappointing hurdles debut at Market Rasen and cheekpieces are on.

**6 MATWANA (FR) (30)** **89**  
24 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Harry Derham **Paul O'Brien**  
Promise both starts over hurdles last month, second of 4 at Hereford and fourth in a warm race at Newbury. That puts her right in the mix.

**7 SOPHIE POWER (FR) (63)** **75**  
P 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Harriet Dickin **Ben Poste**  
Won a 1½m conditions event on soft ground for Henri Devin on her sole Flat start in France. Tame finishing effort on hurdles debut at Wincanton. Hood/tongue tie on.

**8 URBAN HYDRANGEA (17)** **79**  
6 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Fergal O'Brien **J. Hogan (31b/1kg)**  
Dam 17f chase winner (stayed 2½m), also 1¼m winner on Flat, Down the field in varied events on Flat for John Gallagher and always behind switched to timber.

**9 VOLAKES** **81**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Stuart Edmunds **Ciaran Gethings**  
Mid-division at best in maiden/minor events on Flat. Sold from William Haggas 6,500 gns in November.

**10 WHITE COCO** **75**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Sarah-Jayne Davies **James Best**  
Dam fair 2m hurdle winner, also 7f-1¼m winner who stayed 1¼m on Flat. Poor maiden handicapper on Flat, sold from David Simcock 1,200 gns.

**11 WHITELEY WAY** **79**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gary Brown **Isabelle Ryder (71b/3kg)**  
Fair maiden handicapper on Flat (stays only 6f), down the field last 2 starts: has left Roger Teal. Stamina a major query for hurdling.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-8** Belfrina, **10-3** Irisante, **4-1** Matwana, **22-1** Volakes, **25-1** Chevelle, **33-1** Blossom Tea, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BELFRINA bumped into a useful prospect on C&D debut a fortnight ago but it was still a promising start and she's fancied to go one place better with that experience behind her. IRISANTE will find this a lot easier than the Grade 2 she contested last time so she should be a factor, with MATWANA expected to be on the premises.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BELFRINA 2. IRISANTE 3. MATWANA**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Ezmerelda</b> 3-11-0	5-2 Alan King	Tom Cannon	10
2022	<b>Arflight</b> 3-11-0	6-4f Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boerville	9
2021	<b>Galah</b> 3-10-12	evsf Milton Harris	Mitchell Bastyan (3)	9
2020	<b>Progressive</b> 3-10-12	5-4f Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boerville	9
2019	<b>Fantastic Ms Fox</b> 3-10-12	13-2 Noel Williams	Leighton Aspell	13

**SMART STATS:**

<b>£23.74</b>	Harriet Dickin's profit to a £1 level stake when having only one runner on the card (hurdles) (saddles: <b>SOPHIE POWER</b> )
<b>25%</b>	Harry Derham's strike rate with hurdlers at up to 2m2f (saddles: <b>MATWANA</b> )
<b>21%</b>	Harry Derham's strike rate in early season (saddles: <b>MATWANA</b> )

**12.27**

RACE 2

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 INSURRECTION (IRE) (50)** t **100**  
4/12331-23 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Paul Nicholls

**Harry Cobden**

Dual winner over hurdles who made an encouraging start to chasing career when second of 5 in listed novice at Chepstow (19.4f, good) in October. Sustained a wounded leg when well held at Wincanton since and remains with potential in this discipline.

**2 IDY WOOD (FR) (30) (D)** **99**  
132137-18 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jamie Snowden

**Gavin Sheehan**

Consistent in the main over hurdles last term and made a winning start in this sphere when landing 6-runner novice handicap at Kempton (18f, good to soft) in October. However, ran no sort of race at Newbury last time, so bounce back now called for.

**3 EQUINUS (IRE) (50)** **99**  
U/155344-F 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Sarah-Jayne Davies

**Non Runner**

C&D hurdles winner on last year's reappearance but exploits mixed thereafter for Nigel Twiston-Davies. Starts out for new yard here and appeals as the type to make a chaser but those with experience in this sphere appeal more. NON RUNNER.

**4 HURLERONTHEDITCH (IRE) (47)** t **99**  
F4655-221 8 10-6 | 66.2kg



Kim Bailey

**Tom Bellamy**

Bumper winner who, following another wind op, recorded a first success over obstacles when scoring in handicap chase at Lingfield (20f, good) last month, jumping accurately before all out to hold off the runner-up. Can give another good account.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

4-5 Insurrection, 7-4 Hurlerontheditch, 13-2 Idy Wood

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

INSURRECTION bettered his hurdles form at the first time of asking sent chasing, runner-up in a listed novice at Chepstow on return, and having had excuses last time he is taken to open his account in this sphere. The biggest threat looks to be Hurlerontheditch, who gained a deserved first win over fences on his latest outing.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. INSURRECTION 2. HURLERONTHEDITCH 3. IDY WOOD

**SMART STATS:**

**24%** Paul Nicholls's strike rate with handicap chase debutants (saddles: **INSURRECTION**)

**23%** Paul Nicholls's strike rate with chasers running between 19f and up to 3m (saddles: **INSURRECTION**)

**20%** Paul Nicholls's strike rate in early season (saddles: **INSURRECTION**)

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RACE 3

**SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 BRITISH EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4, 5 and 6yo**  
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Pace Information: **Weak****1 BARRABOOKA (IRE) (22) 89**

31 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Donald McCain

*Theo Gillard*

Confirmed promise of hurdling debut when winning 8-runner novice at Wetherby (16f, heavy) just over 3 weeks ago, jumping on 3 out and in command before last. That didn't look the strongest of races, but he may well progress again now upped in trip.

**2 JORDANS CROSS (IRE) (26) t 89**

21 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

Anthony Honeyball

*Ben Godfrey*

Won Irish point in March and ran to a high figure for one beaten in a bumper when second at Chepstow last month. Went one better with his attentions quickly turned to hurdling in 9-runner novice at Southwell (15.8f, soft) earlier this month and fancied to improve again.

**3 ETERNAL ANGEL (FR) (21) ★ 100**

23 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

Nicky Henderson

*Nico de Boinville*

€140,000 3-y-o, Authorized gelding who was well backed and showed plenty when second of 6 in a bumper at Ascot last month. Also produced a promising first effort in this sphere when third in novice at Huntingdon (15.8f, heavy) 3 weeks ago and will progress. Yard won 2 of last 3 renewals.

**4 GROOVY BLUE (34) 87**

8-16 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Ben Pauling

*Ben Jones*

Well held in Newbury bumper for Emma Lavelle but a different proposition for new stable when winning a similar race at Fontwell in May. Shaped better than the bare result making his hurdling debut after 6 months off when sixth at Kempton (16f, good to soft) recently but others have more potential.

**5 JUS DE CITRON (FR) t**

5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Harry Derham

*Paul O'Brien*

€115,000 3-y-o. Brother to 2 winners, including smart hurdler Elfie (2m-2½m winner), and half-brother to 2 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Diligent (2m-2¾m winner). Made frame both starts in Irish points. One to note with tongue strap on.

**6 MONTY BODKIN (IRE) (40) (C) t 90**

261-6 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

*Kielan Woods*

Expensive as a store (out of Grade 1 winning mare) and improved when winning Doncaster bumper in February. Switched yards and shaped better than the distance beaten suggests sent hurdling after 9 months off when sixth at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) just under 6 weeks ago. Has had a wind op since.

**7 UNLEASH THE BEAST (IRE) (19) 85**

565 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Fergal O'Brien

*Jonathan Burke*

Malinas gelding who is bred to stay very well and has shaped that way in a bumper/2 maiden hurdles so far. Worth a second look now upped in distance but handicaps more likely his bag further down the line.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Eternal Angel, **4-1** Jordans Cross, **9-2** Barrabooka, **11-2** Monty Bodkin, **12-1** Jus De Citron, **16-1** Groovy Blue, **16-1** Unleash The Beast

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ETERNAL ANGEL has produced a couple of promising efforts under Rules so far and, with further improvement on the cards, Nicky Henderson's 4-y-o can build on his hurdling debut third now stepping up in trip at the expense of Jordans Cross, who made a winning start in this sphere at Southwell recently and should also have plenty more to offer. Monty Bodkin, who has had a wind op since last seen, can edge out Barrabooka for minor honours.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ETERNAL ANGEL 2. JORDANS CROSS 3. MONTY BODKIN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Bhaloo</b> 5-11-0	5-6f	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	11
2022	<b>Moon Hunter</b> 5-11-6	4-1	Henry Daly	Tom O'Brien	15
2021	<b>Surrey Quest</b> 4-11-4	11-1	Nicky Henderson	Mr Nathan Brennan (7)	10
2020	<b>Sometimes Always</b> 5-10-12	8-13f	Ian Williams	Charlie Todd (5)	8
2019	<b>One Touch</b> 5-10-12	9-2	Ben Pauling	David Bass	11

**SMART STATS:**

<b>2</b>	Nicky Henderson's number of winners in past 6 runnings. (saddles: <b>ETERNAL ANGEL</b> )
<b>£50.79</b>	Ben Pauling's profit to a £1 level stake when having only one runner on the card (hurdles) (saddles: <b>GROOVY BLUE</b> )
<b>42%</b>	Nico de Boinville's strike rate on hurdling favourites (rides: <b>ETERNAL ANGEL</b> )

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RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 BRIDES HILL (IRE) (240) (D) 100**



21PF/111-1 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland



100

**Sean Flanagan**

Smart chaser who arrives in search of a five-timer having produced another career best to land a Grade 2 at Punchestown 8 months ago. Leading claims despite the absence.

**2 FANTASTIC LADY (FR) (32) (C, D) 98**



023/SP61-4 9 11-8 | 73.5kg

Nicky Henderson

**Nico de Boinville**

Better than ever when landing Grade 2 Oaksey Chase at Sandown (22.8f, good) on final start last season. Sub-par showing in listed event at Market Rasen last time but may come on for it.

**3 EFFERNOCK FIZZ (IRE) (28) (D) 90**



9310-0649 9 11-2 | 70.8kg

Cian Michael Collins, Ireland

s+t

**Sean Bowen**

Fairly useful chaser who hasn't been on her game this season and would only have a chance if allowed a soft lead.

**4 LA RENOMMEE (FR) (32) (D) 96**



2261-41P3 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

**Charlie Hammond**

Has improved since upped in trip, winning mares handicap at Cheltenham in April before building on a run over hurdles to also score in a Ludlow handicap (23.8f, good) in October. However, bounce back called for after a couple of lesser efforts.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### BETTING FORECAST:

**4-6** Brides Hill, **7-2** Fantastic Lady, **6-1** La Renommee, **18-1** Effernock Fizz

#### TIMEFORM VIEW:

BRIDES HILL was really thriving and getting better when last seen and, while that was 8 months ago, she's still the obvious one to side with. Fantastic Lady and La Renommee can both compete with the selection in terms of form but have sub-par efforts to put behind them.

#### TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

**1. BRIDES HILL 2. FANTASTIC LADY 3. LA RENOMMEE**

#### WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	<b>Limerick Lace</b> 6-11-4	13-8f	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	8
2022	<b>Zambella</b> 7-11-6	8-11f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Daryl Jacob	5
2021	<b>Zambella</b> 6-11-2	evsf	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	6
2020	<b>Annie Mc</b> 6-10-12	11-4f	Jonjo O'Neill	Richie McLernon	7
2019	<b>Lady Buttons</b> 9-11-2	11-4	Philip Kirby	Thomas Dowson	7

#### SMART STATS:

**24%** Nicky Henderson's strike rate in early season (saddles: **FANTASTIC LADY**)

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RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 ONEMOREFORTHROAD (30) (C)** s **99**  
26932352 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Neil King

**Jack Quinlan**

Returned to something like best form when creditable second of 7 in handicap chase here (19.1f, good) 30 days ago. Remains fairly treated and can make presence felt again if seeing out longer trip.

**2 MOFASA (50) (D)** s+t **99**  
30/2155P-P 8 11-13 | 75.7kg



Paul Nicholls

**Harry Cobden**

Made a positive start over fences for this yard last term, building on debut promise in this sphere when landing a 3m Huntingdon handicap off 3 lb higher last November. Well held in 4 subsequent starts, however, including on return, and headgear now applied.

**3 BODHISATTVA (IRE) (35) (D)** s **95**  
53U43-6P8 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



John McConnell, Ireland

**Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)**

Fairly useful handicap chaser but hasn't fired so far this season so easy enough to look elsewhere.

**4 CHEMICAL WARFARE (IRE) (15)** t **100**  
12411141 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



David Pipe

**Jack Tudor**

Most progressive for this yard this season, winning for the 6th time at Newcastle 2 weeks ago in impressive fashion. Still looks on the right side of the handicapper after a 6 lb rise.

**5 YES DAY (IRE) (26) (BF)** **99**  
135237-36 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Fairly useful 2m4f winner at 20f over hurdles. Made a promising start in this sphere when third at Warwick on return but disappointed at Southwell this month. Still early days in this sphere.

**6 MAGNA SAM (211) (D)** **96**  
P15/7P-PP 10 11-1 | 70.3kg



Alastair Ralph

**Jonathan Burke**

Better than ever when making a winning start for this yard at Musselburgh (31.5f) in February 2023 and good fifth in Scottish National at Ayr next time. However, has completely lost his form since.

**7 FINN LOUGH (IRE) (29) (BF)** s+t **96**  
452-26222 5 10-8 | 67.1kg



Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

**Henry Brooke**

Shaped well on several occasions over hurdles and runner-up last 3 starts over fences. Bit more needed to get his head in front but headgear may help.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Chemical Warfare, **9-2** Finn Lough, **5-1** Onemorefortheroad, **11-2** Yes Day, **6-1** Mofasa, **16-1** Bodhisattva, **33-1** Magna Sam

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CHEMICAL WARFARE has been one of the success stories of 2024/25 and the way in which he won at Newcastle 2 weeks ago suggests his winning run isn't over. Finn Lough has been knocking on the door of late and may emerge as the biggest threat in first-time headgear.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CHEMICAL WARFARE 2. FINN LOUGH 3. ONEMOREFORTHROAD**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Erne River</b> 8-11-8	10-1	Nick Kent	Charlie Hammond	6
2022	<b>Senior Citizen</b> 9-11-6	12-1	Alan King	A. P. Heskin	9
2021	<b>Kalooki</b> 7-11-12	9-2	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	7
2020	<b>Truckin Away</b> 7-11-4	3-1f	Philip Hobbs	Micheal Nolan	9
2019	<b>Boldmere</b> 6-11-10	11-4f	Caroline Bailey	Sean Bowen	9

**2.47****SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 535 HANDICAP HURDLE (3)  
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RACE 6

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 BUGISE SEAGULL (IRE) (30) 96**  
1133-2P 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Charlie Longsdon

**Sean Bowen**

Irish point recruit who won first 2 starts over hurdles last term and ended campaign with good third in Aintree Grade 1 novice. Encouraging second of 3 to Johnnywho at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) on chasing bow but ran poorly upped in grade on second chase start. Not ruled out back over hurdles.

**2 ERNE RIVER (IRE) (15) (C, D) b 98**  
0P15P-PPU 9 11-4 | 71.7kg



Nick Kent

**Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)**

Responded well to the first-time cheekpieces when scoring over C&D last December before fifth of 18 in the Great Yorkshire Handicap back here. Pulled up all 3 starts after before unseating rider in first-time blinkers 15 days ago. Failed to complete on last 4 starts and back over hurdles now.

**3 QUICK DRAW (IRE) (43) s 96**  
P3/1P1-P69 8 11-3 | 71.2kg



Nicky Henderson

**Nico de Boinville**

Has an all-or-nothing profile but made it 4 wins over fences for his current yard at Wincanton in February. Ran poorly on both chase starts this term though and dropped away quite quickly when asked for effort at Cheltenham (back over hurdles) 43 days ago. Cheekpieces back on.

**4 PYFFO (IRE) (38) 99**  
812-21143 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Harry Derham

**Paul O'Brien**

Career-best display when landing 13-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (23.3f) in June when trained by Jonjo & A J O'Neill but disappointing on first start for new yard/after a break finishing distant third at Wincanton (19.8f). Yard not had many runners of late, but better expected now up in trip.

**5 BRIDGE NORTH (IRE) (63) v 99**  
PP4PF3U-4 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Henry Daly

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Not one to rely on but went with much more zest after the fitting of a visor/return to hurdling before taking a late fall at Doncaster (3m) in February when looking set to win. Failed to complete at Perth on final run of last season and lacklustre display on return after 6 months off when last seen.

**6 SUPER SURVIVOR (IRE) (22) (C) s ★ 100**  
213/2P82-3 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Jamie Snowden

**Gavin Sheehan**

Won novice hurdle here in early 2022. Mixed bag since, struggled on his latest chase start and ended his campaign by finishing second by default back over hurdles at Newbury. Should strip fitter for recent comeback (third of 9, Sandown, 23.4f, heavy) and has a chance with cheekpieces back on.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Pyffo, **3-1** Super Survivor, **7-2** Bugise Seagull, **7-1** Quick Draw, **11-1** Bridge North, **14-1** Erne River

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Difficult to make a strong case for any of these. We almost certainly didn't see the best of PYFFO on stable debut, for a yard that usually does so well with new recruits. Back up in trip today, he can take this race. Super Survivor encountered very testing ground on his comeback run 22 days ago, and assuming that hasn't left a mark, he looks the standout danger with cheekpieces back on. Bugise Seagull has some smart form as a novice hurdler and is respected back over the smaller obstacles.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PYFFO 2. SUPER SURVIVOR 3. BUGISE SEAGULL**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Fabuleux du Clos</b>	8-11-0	11-4	Simon West	Jack Quinlan	3
2022	<b>Silver Flyer</b>	6-10-10	10-3	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	9
2021	<b>Sultans Pride</b>	9-10-13	22-1	Gillian Boanas	Theo Gillard (5)	8

**SMART STATS:**

**21%** Harry Derham's strike rate in early season (saddles: **PYFFO**)  
**22%** Nicky Henderson's strike rate in early season (saddles: **QUICK DRAW**)

**3.22**

RACE 7

**attheraces.com/marketmovers HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-110) £7,700 2m128y (3340 Metres)**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places hurdles course)**

Left handed, essentially flat and most galloping in nature. It's an extremely well-draining course, underfoot conditions often less testing than at many other courses in midwinter. Surprisingly for such a galloping track, plenty of chases are well run, though the opposite tends to be true of races on the hurdles course, things often starting in earnest only approaching the third last.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 KOUROSH (GER) (36) 97**  
1F35P-P6 4 12-2 | 77.1kg



Henry Oliver

**Sean Bowen**

Fair winner on the Flat in Germany who bolted up on his Wetherby hurdle debut last November. No real progress thereafter, leaving Dan Skelton after finishing sixth of 9 in 2m Huntingdon handicap 36 days ago.

**2 ACTIVIST (FR) (28) 96**  
6211P-P16 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



David Pipe

**Jack Tudor**

Fairly useful on Flat in France and already tasted success 3 times over hurdles for new yard, including a Leicester handicap last month. Not in the same form when sixth back there since and now has cheekpieces refitted in place of cheekpieces.

**3 LADY D'ARBANVILLE (24) 100**  
2/124-7 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Nicky Henderson

**James Bowen**

Looked potentially useful when winning bumper at Plumpton last December. Hasn't progressed over hurdles since an opening second at Exeter in January but no surprise were that to change now handicapping for a leading stable in a good vein of form. Market confidence could prove significant.

**4 NO NO FIZZ (IRE) (20) 95**  
P652P-411 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Fergal O'Brien

**Jonathan Burke**

On a hat-trick for new trainer after 2m handicaps wins at Lingfield and Musselburgh in recent weeks. A further 8 lb rise shouldn't prevent him making another bold bid.

**5 BOOK OF TALES (493) 98**  
1- 4 11-8 | 73.5kg



Charlie Longsdon

**Lilly Pinchin**

Fair Flat winner (for Charlie Johnston) who made a successful start over hurdles at Fontwell in August 2023. Poor run back on the level 3 weeks later and not seen since. Betting perhaps the best guide to expectations after such a long time off.

**6 WILLIE SHAKE HANDS (IRE) (16) 99**  
3-P643 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Sam England

**Jonathan England**

Lightly-raced maiden. Made a positive start to his handicap career when third of 8 over 19.5f here 16 days ago, impressing with how he moved through the race before getting outstayed. The drop back to 2m looks ideal.

**7 LEGENDARY DAY (20) (D) 93**  
123/6-147 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Barry Brennan

**James Best**

Made winning start over fences in 14-runner handicap at Southwell (2m, good to soft) in June for Adrian Keatley in June but below par on the Flat and in a handicap hurdle since joining Barry Brennan.

**8 GRANNY B (IRE) (18) 92**  
6637 4 10-8 | 67.1kg



Michael Mullineaux

**Charlie Todd**

Fair winning sprinter on the Flat. Modest form at best over hurdles, including well held on Hereford handicap debut 18 days ago.

**9 CUBAN COURT (IRE) (30) 98**  
P28-75637 6 10-2 | 64.4kg



Neil King

**Jack Quinlan**

Bumper winner who ran one of his better races in this sphere when third of 7 at Uttoxeter in November but failed to back it up here (19.5f) a fortnight later.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** No No Fizz, **3-1** Lady D'arbanville, **6-1** Willie Shake Hands, **9-1** Activist, **10-1** Book of Tales, **14-1** Cuban Court, **16-1** Kourosh, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

There was plenty to like about the way WILLIE SHAKE HANDS travelled when third on his 19.5f course handicap debut earlier in the month and he can show he's on a good mark back at 2m. The hat-trick seeking No No Fizz rates an obvious danger, while it would also be no surprise to see Lady d'Arbanville get her career back on track now handicapping.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. WILLIE SHAKE HANDS 2. NO NO FIZZ 3. LADY D'ARBANVILLE**

**SMART STATS:**

**17%** Nicky Henderson's strike rate with handicap hurdling debutants (saddles: **LADY D'ARBANVILLE**)

**26%** Nicky Henderson's strike rate with hurdlers at up to 2m2f (saddles: **LADY D'ARBANVILLE**)

**22%** Nicky Henderson's strike rate in early season (saddles: **LADY D'ARBANVILLE**)