

Thursday 30th January

WINCANTON



12.55	ITM EBF MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m5f82y (4300 Metres)
RACE 1	(3) CHIQUE ANGEL (2) BOBBI WITH AN I (8) SPRINGTIME LEGEND
1.25	VISIT IRISH BLOODSTOCK SALES WITH ITM NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m35y (4060 Metres)
RACE 2	(1) DIAMOND DICE (3) CAPTAIN BOUDET (6) FILANDERER
1.55	IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)
RACE 3	(2) DON'T MIND IF I DO (1) AMBION VIEW (6) KAP BOY
2.25	EXPERIENCE IRISH RACING WITH ITM HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f179y (3990 Metres)
RACE 4	(1) OUR BILL'S AUNT (7) OLIVIA KATE (3) GENTLEMAN JACQUES
2.55	BUY AT IRISH BLOODSTOCK SALES HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)
RACE 5	(6) PEDLEY WOOD (4) MONTGOMERY (3) IOUPY COLLONGES
3.25	IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING STEWART TORY MEMORIAL OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (5) 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)
RACE 6	(4) MR GLASS (5) UPTON ROAD (6) VIVA LAVILLA
3.55	START YOUR IRISH RACING JOURNEY MARES' OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) (D.I) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)
RACE 7	(7) THERE RUNS MARY (1) BEAUTY IN THE PARK (4) HILL IN BRAZIL
4.25	START YOUR IRISH RACING JOURNEY MARES' OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) (D.II) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)
RACE 8	(5) GHINA DI TACCO (4) FRESH AS A DAISY (1) BABY THYME

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.

12.55**ITM EBF MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £7,000 2m5f82y (4300 Metres)**

RACE 1

GBI RACINGGoing: **Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 EBSELYSEES (41) 96
4-816 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Noel Williams

James Davies

Promise on first of 2 outings in bumpers and made a successful start over hurdles in mares' novice at Huntingdon (19.6f, good) in November. Found it tougher under a penalty at Uttoxeter last time, but she can give her running again.

2 BOBBI WITH AN I (FR) 99
6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

€35,000 3-y-o, £75,000 5-y-o, Kapparde mare. Sister to 19f chase winner in France Adelykap, and half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chase winner Lord of Cheshire. Irish point winner at second attempt (easily beat sole other finisher, Nov 24). One to note.

3 CHIQUE ANGEL (IRE) (45) 100
4-3 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Twice-raced in bumpers, improving from debut 13 months earlier when third of 10 at Plumpton (17.8f, good to soft) 45 days ago. Yard boasts good record in this race and she's a likely type upped in trip for her hurdles bow.

4 DAMEKAP (FR) (30) 65
900 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Seamus Mullins

Micheal Nolan

Runner-up sole outing in points but has offered little in a bumper and 2 starts over hurdles so far, well-beaten twelfth of 16 in mares' novice at Warwick (21f, soft) 30 days ago. Looks to be up against it.

5 ENGLISH WILLOW (41) 96
83 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Tom Bellamy

Yard knows this family well and, having never threatened on debut, she took a step forward when third in mares' novice at Uttoxeter (22.2f, heavy) in December, though promised more for a long way. Could do better again over this shorter trip.

6 LYNESS DANCER (12) 60
848 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Dominic Ffrench Davis

Ben Ffrench Davis (5lb/2kg)

Behind both starts in point bumpers and it has been a similar story under Rules, beaten a long way in maiden hurdle at Taunton (19f, good to soft) 12 days ago. Best watched.

7 ONLY GOSSIP (17) 70
p9 8 11-3 | 71.2kg



Polly Gundry

Charlie Deutsch

Winning pointer but hasn't gone with much encouragement in 2 starts over hurdles, ninth of 14 in maiden at Exeter (16.7f, heavy) 17 days ago. Goes back up in trip with hood now reached for.

8 SPRINGTIME LEGEND (56) 94
456 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Neil Mulholland

Sam Twiston-Davies

Some encouragement both starts in bumpers and, despite needing the experience, was noted keeping on for sixth in 13-runner C&D mares' novice (heavy) on hurdling debut in December. Merits consideration with hood added.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Chique Angel, **3-1** Bobbi With An I, **9-2** English Willow, **11-2** Ebselysees, **8-1** Springtime Legend, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having been off 13 months, CHIQUE ANGEL improved from her debut when third in a Plumpton bumper in December and she can build on that run to make a successful start over hurdles, her trainer having won this race 3 times in the last 5 renewals. Point winner Bobbi With An I is next on the list, ahead of Springtime Legend.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CHIQUE ANGEL 2. BOBBI WITH AN I 3. SPRINGTIME LEGEND

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Larchmont Lass 6-11-2	13-8f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	14
2023	Lime Avenue 6-11-2	4-1	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	10
2022	Plenty of Time 6-11-0	5-4f	Harriet Brown	Tom Scudamore	8
2021	Rose of Arcadia 6-11-0	5-6f	Colin Tizzard	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	14
2020	Cill Anna 5-11-6	5-2	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

VISIT IRISH BLOODSTOCK SALES WITH ITM NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £10,000 2½m35y (4060 Metres)

Going: **Heavy**

Right handed, flat and essentially sharp in character. One of the sharpest tests in the country when the ground is firmer than good, hold-up tactics usually counter-productive, but on very testing going the course can provide a surprisingly thorough test, often resulting in strung-out fields and a low percentage of completions, especially on the hurdles course, perhaps a cause of its fundamentally tight nature ensuring races are well run regardless of conditions, front runners often overdoing things. The fences are stiff and claim plenty of casualties, with the three in the home straight coming so close together that it often proves difficult to come from behind.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 DIAMOND DICE (IRE) (35) 95
6130-36F2 6 12-1 | 76.7kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Winner of a Ludlow maiden hurdle last February and best effort since when finding just one too strong in a handicap at Market Rasen (18.6f, good to soft) on Boxing Day. Bang there when falling at the last on sole start in points and he's of strong interest now switched to fences.

2 BERTIE WOOSTER (IRE) (49) 91
23421-556 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Gained reward for consistency over hurdles when opening his account in handicap at Taunton (19f, good) last spring. However, he has failed to make an impact in 2 starts in this sphere to date and it's best to look elsewhere.

3 CAPTAIN BOUDET (FR) (15) 99
4396-361 6 11-9 | 73.9kg s+t



Jeremy Scott

David Noonan

Showed ability without managing to get his head in front over hurdles and delivered at the first time of asking in this sphere when recently accounting for 5 rivals in a Hereford handicap (21f, good to soft). 5 lb rise no great hardship and he should have more to offer as a chaser.

4 SHILLANAVOGY (IRE) (51) (D) 98
0681-42P1 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Warren Greatrex

James Bowen

Hurdles winner at Hereford last spring and firmly back on track when making it third time lucky over fences at Fontwell (21.6f, soft) in December. 6 lb higher mark to contend with and this a stronger race but still has low mileage and should make his presence felt.

5 PASSING KATE (17) (C) 97
31323-181 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



Matt Sheppard

Stan Sheppard

Three-time hurdle winner who added to her good record on testing ground when making a successful chase debut over 17.5f at Exeter earlier this month. This 4 lb higher mark doesn't look insurmountable and she needs considering, for all that this is a tougher assignment.

6 FILANDERER (107) 100
4/40225-U1 9 11-1 | 70.3kg



Hughie Morrison

Jonathan Burke

Bumper winner who bettered hurdles exploits at first attempt in this sphere when second in handicap chase here in December 2023. Failed to build on that next 2 completed starts but improved when opening account over fences at Market Rasen (19.2f, good) during the autumn and 5 lb rise very fair.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Filanderer, **4-1** Captain Boudet, **4-1** Shillanavogy, **9-2** Diamond Dice, **11-2** Passing Kate, **14-1** Bertie Wooster

TIMEFORM VIEW:

He's the only one of these without experience over fences but DIAMOND DICE has the look of a chaser and may well prove equal to the task, granted a clean round of jumping. The prospect of testing conditions is a plus for the 6-y-o (hurdles win was on heavy ground) and his latest effort in a Market Rasen handicap hurdle was arguably his best yet. Four of his five rivals are last-time-out winners, namely Captain Boudet, Filanderer, Shillanavogy and Passing Kate, and they all merit respect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DIAMOND DICE 2. CAPTAIN BOUDET 3. FILANDERER

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.55**IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING NOVICES' HURDLE
(Qualifier) (3) 4yo+ £9,100 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)**

RACE 3

Going: **Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **AMBION VIEW (FR) (70)** (BF) **93**
633-1F 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Modest form when third in a pair of bumpers last winter but has looked a different proposition switched to hurdles the last twice, scoring on debut in this sphere at Exeter (18.5f, good to soft) before falling 3 out (travelling well at the time) here in November. Remains open to improvement.

2 **DON'T MIND IF I DO (IRE) (44)** (CD) **100**
2-21 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Alan King

Tom Cannon

£75,000 half-brother to 3 winners and very promising start to his career when runner-up in a big-field Newbury bumper last spring. Also found just one too good on return/hurdles bow at Warwick prior to landing the odds in a C&D maiden (soft) last month and he's clearly a decent prospect.

3 **CHAMPAGNE CHIC (IRE) (22)** **87**
6 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Jeremy Scott

Lorcan Williams

Very cheap purchase given his pedigree but there were encouraging signs when sixth of 13 on debut in a 19f Taunton novice (soft) earlier this month. Entitled to come on for that run and should do better in time.

4 **COPPER JACK (IRE) (12)** **86**
745 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Anthony Charlton

Jonathan Burke

Irish point winner who has shown ability in a couple of 21.6f novice events at Ascot since switched to hurdles. Dropping in trip looks a good move but he appeals as the type who will be seen in a better light when making his way down the handicap route.

5 **HARRY JUNIOR (IRE) (71)** **87**
58 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



David Pipe

Jack Tudor

Closely related to useful hurdler Harry Senior but hasn't shown much in a bumper/maiden hurdle so far and he's another who will be of greater interest when handicapping in due course.

6 **KAP BOY (FR) (33)** **94**
13-P4 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Plenty of promise in bumpers last season, scoring on debut at Chepstow before finishing third in a good-quality contest at Newbury. Left inauspicious hurdles bow (shaped as though amiss) behind when fourth of 11 back at Newbury (16.3f, good to soft) last month and should make his presence felt.

7 **BRADMAN (31)** **55**
6 4 10-3 | 64.9kg



Kevin Bishop

James Best

Dual winner of 1½m AW handicaps on the Flat for Charlie Fellowes last winter but there were very few positives to glean from his hurdles debut at Taunton.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Don't Mind if I Do, **5-2** Ambion View, **4-1** Kap Boy, **16-1** Champagne Chic, **25-1** Copper Jack, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The promising DON'T MIND IF I DO opened his account with minimum fuss over C&D last month and he looks destined for better things. Ambion View would probably be 2-2 in this sphere but for his tumble at the third-last here in November and he is feared most ahead of Kap Boy.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DON'T MIND IF I DO 2. AMBION VIEW 3. KAP BOY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 ^l	Steel Ally 6-11-2	7-4f	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	9
2024 ^l	Fire Flyer 6-11-2	2-13f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	8
2023	Celtic Art 6-11-8	10-3	Jeremy Scott	Rex Dingle	18
2022 ^l	Honneur d'Ajanc 5-11-12	5-6f	Mrs Jane Williams	Chester Williams (3)	11
2022 ^l	Frere d'Armes 5-11-8	2-9f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	11
2021	Lucky One 6-11-8	5-4jf	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	18
2020	Calva d'Auge 5-11-8	8-13f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	17

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race











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RACE 4

**EXPERIENCE IRISH RACING WITH ITM HANDICAP HURDLE
(5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000 2m3f179y (3990
Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1	OUR BILL'S AUNT (IRE) (9) (D)	t	★	100
	3326-2331 9 12-0 76.2kg			
	Alex Hales		Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (71lb/3kg)	
	At least as good as ever when winning 11-runner handicap hurdle under this rider at Leicester (20.5f, heavy) 9 days ago. Turned out again quickly but goes unpenalised for that success and has to be on the shortlist.			
2	DUKE OF MORAVIA (IRE) (64) (C)	s		95
	33/5P31-PP 7 12-0 76.2kg			
	Alexander Gibbons		James Turner (51lb/2kg)	
	Signed off last term with 2m5f hurdling success at Wincanton but has produced two disconcerting efforts over fences this season, looking moody at Market Rasen last time. Something to prove back over the smaller obstacles having left Henry Daly.			
3	GENTLEMAN JACQUES (IRE) (29)	v+t		98
	4467-P442 6 11-12 75.3kg			
	Emma Lavelle		Harry Cobden	
	Made a low-key start for current connections but his recent second in an 11-runner handicap hurdle at Exeter (21.6f, heavy) 29 days ago was more like it and he's not ruled out if able to build on that.			
4	MOORLAND RAMBLER (42)	s		96
	445P-7427 7 11-11 74.8kg			
	Mrs Jane Williams		David Noonan	
	Back to form returned to hurdling when second in a 10-runner contest at Exeter early in December. Perhaps found his next start coming too soon less than a fortnight on and he's not ruled out with cheekpieces on for the first time.			
5	LADY WILBERRY (437)	t	✓	92
	533342/2U- 8 11-7 73.0kg			
	Keiran Burke		Tom Bellamy	
	Placed twice over fences in spring 2023 and was running well returned to hurdling when unseating late on in November of that year. Absent since and has rejoined her former yard, so betting check likely advised.			
6	WHAT U WANNA DO IS (IRE) (17)			89
	59644 5 11-6 72.6kg			
	Ben Lund		Nick Scholfield	
	Showed her first form under Rules when a never-nearer fourth of 14 in novice hurdle at Exeter (16.7f, heavy) 17 days ago. Opening mark takes no chances but she's less exposed than most.			
7	OLIVIA KATE (17)	s		96
	40085172 6 11-3 71.2kg			
	Matt Sheppard		Stan Sheppard	
	Advanced her form when easily getting off the mark at Ludlow in November and got back on the up when runner-up in a 15-runner contest at Exeter (21.6f, heavy) 17 days ago. Should go well again.			
8	BROOMFIELD GALE (IRE) (12)			94
	7658377R 7 11-2 70.8kg			
	Daisy Hitchens		Mr Robbie David (71lb/3kg)	
	Modest hurdler at best in Ireland for Robert Murphy. Placed on her debut for this yard back in November but no better than mid-field subsequently and refused to race at Taunton 12 days ago. Others more persuasive.			
9	DEMILION (IRE) (17)	t		96
	9-44550P 5 11-0 69.9kg			
	Alexandra Dunn		Richie McLernon	
	Fairly useful handicapper at best on Flat (stays 12.5f) for Charlie Johnston but hasn't yet gone on from a reasonably encouraging start in this sphere. Others preferred.			
10	STAGE SHOW (17)			95
	7864460 5 10-7 66.7kg			
	Alexandra Dunn		Gavin Sheehan	
	Fair maiden on Flat and more like it over hurdles with a brace of fourth-place finishes in handicaps around 17f in the autumn. Little impact in 2 starts since, though, so bounce back is called for.			

11	ALKHATTAAF (12)	s		95
	642/68-PP 7 10-6 66.2kg			
	Chris Down		Ben French Davis (51lb/2kg)	
	Maiden hurdler has pulled up both outings since returning from a 17-month absence, so rates as particularly difficult to fancy.			
12	BENVILLE BRIDGE (42)	s		56
	707-PP 8 10-4 65.3kg			
	Fiona Shaw		James Best	
	Poor form over hurdles last spring and has pulled up on both outings over fences this season. Cheekpieces now go on.			
13	HI RIKO (FR) (17)	h		94
	P475-P690 8 10-3 64.9kg			
	Carroll Gray		Non Runner	
	NON RUNNER.			
14	BELLAMY'S GREY (267)	t		95
	40/62444-P 13 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg)			
	Carroll Gray		Harriet Tucker (71lb/3kg)	
	It's now over 3 years since this veteran's sole career success and he rates as difficult to fancy returning from 8 months off in a first-time tongue strap.			
15	GIDDY UP (255)			96
	05-P 6 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg)			
	Kevin Bishop		Sean Houlihan	
	No show in novice/maiden hurdles in the spring for Mitchell Hunt and has since pulled up in a point. Plenty more needed now handicapping.			
16	LADY IRONSIDE (IRE) (22)	s		86
	0062/5P 8 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg)			
	Carroll Gray		James Davies	
	Long-standing maiden on level and over hurdles. Well beaten both outings this season since returning from a near 2-year absence. Easy to look elsewhere.			
17	THE WIRE FLYER (260)	b+t		82
	0PP7P/P 10 10-2(9-11) 64.4kg (62.1kg)			
	Alison Thorpe		Brendan Powell	
	Nearly 4 years since his sole win, and after 15 months off, showed nothing at Ffos Las on a sole start for Christian Williams back in May. Changed hands during another 8 months off and rates as difficult to fancy.			

17 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Our Bill's Aunt, **9-2** Olivia Kate, **8-1** Moorland Rambler, **17-2** Gentleman Jacques, **12-1** Duke of Moravia, **14-1** Lady Wilberry, **18-1** What U Wanna Do Is, **25-1** Broomfield Gale, **33-1** Stage Show, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

OUR BILL'S AUNT was to back to her best when scoring in a conditionals/amateurs event at Leicester last week and escapes a penalty for that win, so is fancied to follow up at the chief expense of Olivia Kate, who got herself right back to form when runner-up at Exeter earlier in the month. Gentleman Jacques can complete the placings in a contest seemingly containing plenty of dead wood.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OUR BILL'S AUNT 2. OLIVIA KATE 3. GENTLEMAN JACQUES

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.55**BUY AT IRISH BLOODSTOCK SALES HANDICAP CHASE (3)
5yo+ (Rated 0-135) £25,000 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)**

RACE 5

Going: **Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 GOOD BOY BOBBY (IRE) (35) s **99**
7350-3323 12 12-0 | 76.2kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Back-to-back winner in 3m veterans' handicap chases last season and arrives on back of creditable third of 7 in Rowland Meyrick at Wetherby (24.2f, soft) 35 days ago. Should give another good account.

2 BILL BAXTER (IRE) (12) **95**
486U-P25U 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Warren Greatrex

James Bowen

Winner of the Topham at Aintree in 2023. Lost his way over fences subsequently but better signs back hurdling this winter, fifth in 3m Chepstow handicap last month. Got no further than second back over the larger obstacles at Haydock latest, though.

3 IOUPY COLLONGES (FR) (35) (CD) s **96**
121/P31-21 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Dual hurdles scorer who got off the mark in this sphere at Perth (20f) in April and added to that success when taking 5-runner handicap chase over C&D (soft, 5/2) 35 days ago, suited by emphasis on stamina. Just 3 lb higher now and addition of cheekpieces looks a good move.

4 MONTGOMERY (IRE) (31) (BF) ★ **100**
4/41119-5P 8 11-8 | 73.5kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Scored 3 times sent chasing for Venetia Williams last term and resumed with a solid fifth in handicap at Sandown (28.7f). May have found race coming too soon when disappointing at Haydock latest and remains of interest.

5 SHELDON (IRE) (33) (C) **97**
F6P1317-7 9 11-5 | 72.1kg



Seamus Mullins

Micheal Nolan

Dual winner here (both 20.2f) last term who may have needed outing when seventh of 8 in handicap chase at Leicester (20.1f, soft) on return 33 days ago. Yet to prove himself over this longer trip. however.

6 PEDLEY WOOD (IRE) (35) (C, D) t **99**
7/11225-51 8 10-5 | 65.8kg



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Started last season over fences with a bang, winning at Hereford (25.2f) and Taunton (26.3f). Back on the scoreboard at this course (20.2f, soft) last month and return to this stiffer test of stamina looks sure to suit.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Ioupy Collonges, **7-2** Montgomery, **4-1** Pedley Wood, **5-1** Good Boy Bobby, **8-1** Bill Baxter, **20-1** Sheldon

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PEDLEY WOOD proved better than ever when scoring over a shorter trip here last month and remains feasibly treated. He can follow up. Montgomery is much better than he showed at Haydock last time and is feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PEDLEY WOOD 2. MONTGOMERY 3. IOUPY COLLONGES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Quick Draw 8-12-0	11-1	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	7
2023	Certainly Red 9-12-0	11-4f	Lydia Richards	Marc Goldstein	14
2022	Rapper 8-11-12	13-2	Henry Daly	Tom O'Brien	6
2021	Time To Get Up 8-11-2	10-1	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	14
2020	Worthy Farm 7-11-4	3-1jf	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

**IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING STEWART TORY
MEMORIAL OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (5) 5yo+ £6,500
3m1f30y (5060 Metres)**Going: **Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 QUINTIN'S MAN (272) (CD) s **86**
2/1513P-5 8 12-6 | 78.9kg



J. Heard

Mr Darren Andrews (3lb/1kg)

Multiple point winner who scored twice in hunters last season. Disappointed under Rules the last twice, however, and finished well held on return between the flags. Others more appealing.

2 GO SACRE GO (FR) (995) **80**
3/ 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Mrs S. Alner

Miss Natalie Parker

Fair hurdler for Nicky Henderson and broke his duck in points for current yard in January 2023. Not seen since, though, and market should prove best guide to claims on return/chase debut.

3 KING ORRY (IRE) (244) s **79**
3/35 10 11-12 | 75.3kg



J. Shaw

Mr James Shaw (7lb/3kg)

Placed in a couple of small-field points this season but is winless after 14 attempts under Rules and looks to have plenty on his plate here.

4 MR GLASS (IRE) (808) (BF) t **100**
2/ 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Will Biddick

Mr William Biddick

Fairly useful hurdler for Paul Nicholls who was given a considerate introduction over the larger obstacles when second in Exeter handicap (24.2f) in November 2022. Won both his starts in points for new connections last year and remains with potential.

5 UPTON ROAD (IRE) (669) **86**
7P2252/ 11 11-12 | 75.3kg



T. G. Scudamore

Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (3lb/1kg)

Fairly useful chaser who made the frame in 3 of his 6 starts during 2022/23. Not seen for 22 months but he has the assistance of a useful amateur and is worth monitoring in the market.

6 VIVA LAVILLA (IRE) (630) **83**
4F33/5- 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Anthony Ward-Thomas

Mr Martin McIntyre (3lb/1kg)

Fairly-useful performer under Rules for Dan Skelton who finished well held, back from 13 months off, in point 12 days ago. Entitled to come on from that, however, and not ruled out.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Mr Glass, **9-2** Upton Road, **11-2** Quintin's Man, **7-1** Viva Lavilla, **12-1** Go Sacre Go, **25-1** King Orry

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MR GLASS is in good hands and boasts an unbeaten record in points. Still relatively unexposed, he can make a successful debut in hunters. Upton Road hasn't been seen for some time but may provide the chief threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MR GLASS 2. UPTON ROAD 3. VIVA LAVILLA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Quintin's Man 7-12-2	12-1	J. Heard	Mr Darren Andrews (5)	7
2023	Famous Clermont 8-12-0	4-5f	C. R. Barber	Mr William Biddick	4
2022	West Approach 12-11-12	6-4	Colin Tizzard	Freddie Gingell (7)	2
2021	Sametegal 12-11-2	6-5f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	16
2020	Virak 11-12-6	5-4f	Mrs Rose Loxton	Miss Natalie Parker (3)	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.55

RACE 7

START YOUR IRISH RACING JOURNEY MARES' OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) (D.I) 4, 5 and 6yo fillies and mares £4,000 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Heavy**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 BEAUTY IN THE PARK (IRE) (70)  **100**
4 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*
€95,000 half-sister to useful hurdler Thirtyfourstitches and fair hurdler Kelly's Birr. 10/3, too green to get seriously involved but showed obvious ability on debut at Warwick in November. Given time and can improve for last year's winning yard.

2 DELLAHAY (81) **91**
7 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Rebecca Curtis *James Bowen*
Not much to go on pedigree wise and she didn't feature at Ffos Las (28/1) on debut a couple of months ago. Others are more persuasive.

3 GAME ON BABE (IRE) **93**
6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Fergal O'Brien *Fern O'Brien (71lb/3kg)*
€26,000 3-y-o, half-sister to 4 winners, notably useful hurdler/top-class chaser Somersby. Maiden Irish pointer, made frame last 2 starts in spring 2024.

4 HILL IN BRAZIL **94**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Blue Bresil mare. Sister to fair hurdler Thank You Blue, stays 2½m. Highly respected on debut.

5 MISS TINKERBELL **94**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Hughie Morrison *Jonathan Burke*
Dunaden mare. Dam debut bumper/2m hurdle winner (barely stayed 19f). Wears blinkers. One to note on debut.

6 THAT'S ALL FOLKS (IRE) (113) **90**
6-8 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Seamus Mullins *Micheal Nolan*
Down the field in bumpers 7 months apart and sold from John Joseph Hanlon €9,000 in October. Hood goes on.

7 THERE RUNS MARY (IRE) **99**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
€105,000 3-y-o, Flemensfirth mare. Sister to fairly useful 2m hurdle winner She's A Fine Wine out of classy bumper/2¼m hurdle winner. Makes plenty of appeal on paper.

8 WILLOW EDGE **94**
6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Richard Phillips *Finn Lambert (31lb/1kg)*
Jack Hobbs mare out of 2m hurdle/chase winner, half-sister to fair hurdle winner/useful chaser (stayed 3m) Stoney's Treasure and fairly useful hurdler (stays 2¾m) Real Stone.

9 ADAAY DANCING (56) **75**
9 4 10-3 | 64.9kg



Stuart Kittow *David Noonan*
By no means certain to stay the trip on pedigree and gave herself little chance of doing so in any case as she pulled hard and finished well beaten in C&D bumper (100/1) 8 weeks ago. Hood goes on now.

10 ORACLE PARK **96**
4 10-3 | 64.9kg



Nicky Henderson *Nico de Boinville*
Frammassone filly. Sister to modest hurdler Cawthorne Cracker and poor chaser Cowboy Cooper. Dam unraced out of useful 2½m-3m hurdle winner Catch Ball. Trainer's newcomers command respect.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 There Runs Mary, **4-1** Beauty In The Park, **5-1** Oracle Park, **15-2** Miss Tinkerbell, **15-2** Hill In Brazil, **14-1** Game On Babe, **16-1** Willow Edge, **25-1** Dellahay, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THERE RUNS MARY makes plenty of appeal on paper and might be able to make a successful debut. Beauty In The Park can improve on her debut effort at Warwick, while Hill In Brazil and Oracle Park are also respected first time up.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THERE RUNS MARY 2. BEAUTY IN THE PARK 3. HILL IN BRAZIL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Jubilee Alpha 5-11-2	13-8f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	14
2023	Goodtimecrew 5-11-2	11-4f	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	18

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 8

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 BABY THYME (FR) 93

5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Alan King

Tom Cannon

No Risk At All mare. Half-sister to bumper winner/fair 2¼m hurdle winner Baby Sage and fair 2m hurdle winner Windsurfer. One for shortlist on debut.

2 DREAM COUNTY 92

5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Pether's Moon mare. Dam, useful hurdle/chase winner up to 29f, half-sister to smart chaser (stayed 3m) Fistral Beach.

3 EBARANA 90

6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Noel Williams

James Davies

Champs Elysees mare. Dam unraced half-sister to very smart hurdler (stayed 3m) Ebadiyan. Stable can get one ready and she's worth a market check.

4 FRESH AS A DAISY (53) 100

5 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Henderson

Nico de Boinville

Related to a useful sort in bumpers and was pitched into listed company for her debut at Huntingdon last month, finishing a promising fifth at 14/1. Open to improvement and can make her presence felt.

5 GHINA DI TACCO (30) 98

3 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

Soldier of Fortune filly. Dam unraced half-sister to smart chaser (stayed 21f) Easter Meteor. 33/1, promising start when third of 13 in Uttoxeter bumper 4 weeks ago, staying on. Entitled to improve and leading claims.

6 MUSTANG BETTY (IRE) (45) 94

3-4 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Toby Lawes

K. Brogan

Shaped quite nicely having been a long way back early when third at Warwick on debut in November 2023, but failed to progress 13 months on at Plumpton, proving a real handful both saddling and at the start. Looks vulnerable.

7 NEVER TOLD ME 90

6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Polly Gundry

Charlie Deutsch

Blue Bresil mare. Half-sister to fair 3m chase winner So They Say. Dam 2½m hurdle winner (stayed 3m).

8 SEVENTEENTHREE (IRE) (29) 92

4 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Kayley Woollacott

Ben Godfrey

Walk In The Park filly. Dam, 6f 2-y-o winner in Sweden, sister to smart hurdler/very smart chaser (stayed 25f) Lalor. 33/1, offered something to work on first time up at Exeter on New Year's Day and should have a future.

9 GAELIC SAINT 90

4 10-3 | 64.9kg



Tom Symonds

Ben Poste

Saint des Saints filly. Dam, French hurdler (19f winner), half-sister to French hurdler/chase winner (17f/2¼m winner) Gaelic Ocean. Not discounted on debut.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Fresh As A Daisy, **4-1** Ghina Di Tacco, **5-1** Baby Thyme, **15-2** Dream County, **14-1** Mustang Betty, **16-1** Gaelic Saint, **20-1** Seventeenothree, **22-1** Ebarana, **25-1** Never Told Me

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GHINA DI TACCO made a promising start at Uttoxeter 4 weeks ago and looks the way to go with improvement likely. Fresh As A Daisy likewise shaped well in a listed Huntingdon contest first time up and should progress. Baby Thyme heads up some interesting newcomers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GHINA DI TACCO 2. FRESH AS A DAISY 3. BABY THYME

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race