

Thursday 2nd January

# HUNTINGDON



**12.25** ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS AT HUNTINGDON RACECOURSE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 1m7f171y (3170 Metres)

RACE 1 **(8) SERIOUS CHALLENGE | (11) VANDERPOEL | (1) BASELINE**

**12.55** HUNTINGDON RACECOURSE 2025 FIXTURES ON SALE NOW HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m104y (3310 Metres)

RACE 2 **(5) EXTRAORDINARY MAN | (3) SHUIL CEOIL | (4) ABAYA DU MATHAN**

**1.25** VISIT HUNTINGDON RACECOURSE FOR YOUR CONFERENCE HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m3f189y (4000 Metres)

RACE 3 **(8) ABINGWORTH | (2) ENVIOUS EDITOR | (4) SLIEVEGAR**

**2.00** ANNUAL BADGES ON SALE NOW NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2½m145y (4160 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) SIXMILEBRIDGE | (1) LAND AFAR | (2) SILVER THORN**

**2.35** JOIN THE 20 CLUB AT HUNTINGDON HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f129y (4740 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) HYSTERY BERE | (4) KAITUNA RIVER | (1) KING'S THRESHOLD**

**3.10** SEASON TICKETS ON SALE NOW MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m145y (4160 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) ASK ME ANOTHER | (3) ROCKOLA | (1) SPEIRIUIL**

**3.40** PURCHASE HOSPITALITY AT HUNTINGDON IN 2025 NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (CONDITIONAL & AMATEUR JOCKEYS) (5) 1m7f171y (3170 Metres)

RACE 7 **(6) NAZARE | (4) LOCK STOCK | (8) SPECTRE ONE**

## 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.

**12.25**

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS AT HUNTINGDON RACECOURSE**  
**MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £8,000 1m7f171y (3170**  
**Metres)**
















RACE 1











Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Even**

<b>1</b>	<b>BASELINE (FR) (30)</b> 4/2 7 11-8   73.5kg	h	<b>98</b>
	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White  Pulled up sole start between the flags but stepped forward from hurdling debut when runner-up in a novice at Southwell last time and that's probably not his limit.		<b>Sean Houlihan</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>CLASSICAL STING (30)</b> 38 5 11-8   73.5kg	h	<b>73</b>
	L J Morgan Bred to stay well and hasn't shown a great deal yet. Hooded now but he's probably more of a handicap type.		<b>Adam Wedge</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>EDUCATOR (17)</b> 5 6 11-8   73.5kg		<b>86</b>
	Henrietta C Knight Fairly useful at best on the Flat for Mick Appleby and showed a bit to work on making stable/hurdling debut in novice at Southwell. Needs to improve on that if he's to get involved, though.		<b>Brendan Powell</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>GEORGE'S LAD (IRE) (38)</b> 52 5 11-8   73.5kg		 <b>100</b>
	Emma Lavelle  Held every chance when falling at the last in a point in April and built on hurdling debut when runner-up in a novice at Kempton last time, finishing with running left. Open to further progress.		<b>Harry Cobden</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>HESTINA HILL (IRE) (30)</b> 8 5 11-8   73.5kg		
	Dan Skelton  Easy to back and well beaten on bumper debut at Southwell last month, hanging left and faltering early in straight. Switches to hurdles but others make more appeal.		<b>Kielan Woods</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>MALFOY MANOR (23)</b> 8-645 6 11-8   73.5kg		<b>90</b>
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Runner-up in a point and generally better than the result so far over hurdles, finishing with running left when fifth in a novice at Uttoxeter last time. May yet improve.		<b>Henry Brooke</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>RUBBER BALL (43)</b> 53 5 11-8   73.5kg		<b>97</b>
	Neil King Irish point winner who ran to a fair level when fifth of 14 in bumper at Cheltenham and showed some aptitude when third in a novice at Warwick on hurdling debut. Dropped in trip and open to improvement.		<b>Jack Quinlan</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>SERIOUS CHALLENGE (IRE)</b> 5 11-8   73.5kg		
	Fergal O'Brien Brother to fair hurdler Sheer Bravado (17f winner). Smart on Flat (stays 1¾m), in frame last 5 starts, not disgraced in listed event last time. Sold from J. S. Bolger 82,000 gns later in July and looks a potentially above-average recruit to hurdling.		<b>Jonathan Burke</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>SHARP DISTINCTION (17)</b> 6 6 11-8   73.5kg	t	<b>84</b>
	Amy Murphy Fair handicapper on the Flat but not enough promise in his hurdling debut to recommend him here.		<b>Charlie Todd</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>THEATRE TOM (IRE) (13)</b> 375 6 11-8   73.5kg	h	<b>94</b>
	Olly Murphy  Made frame both completed starts in Irish points and has shown fair form so far over hurdles, not having a hard time when fifth at Uttoxeter 13 days ago. Can do better with hood applied.		<b>Sean Bowen</b>

<b>11</b>	<b>VANDERPOEL (IRE)</b> 6 11-8   73.5kg		
	Ben Pauling  €38,000 3-y-o, £90,000 5-y-o. Dam unraced half-sister to fair hurdler/useful chaser (2m-2½m winner) Gentle Alice. Off mark in Irish points at second attempt (Nov 23). Clearly of interest.		<b>Ben Jones</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>ANOTHER PEARL (29)</b> 6-56 5 11-1   70.3kg		
	Georgina Nicholls Dam triple bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler. Signs of ability in bumpers but will probably be brought along gradually in this sphere.		<b>James Bowen</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>TILLAWAY (IRE) (17)</b> 4-3554 6 11-1   70.3kg	h	<b>92</b>
	Tom George Has shown ability in both bumpers and over hurdles but it will likely be in handicaps where she makes a bigger impact.		<b>Liam Harrison</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>VIVA VALENTINA (IRE) (413)</b> 8/2- 7 11-1   70.3kg		<b>97</b>
	Dan Skelton  Masked Marvel mare who left the form of her sole bumper outing well behind when second in a Market Rasen novice on hurdling debut. That was 13 months ago and not seen since, but remains with potential.		<b>Harry Skelton</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>VOLEUR DE TERRES (IRE) (169)</b> 7 7 11-1   70.3kg		
	Claire Dyson Dual winning Irish pointer but didn't offer much at Uttoxeter on Rules debut 5 months ago.		<b>David Noonan</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>FORESEEN</b> 4 10-9   67.6kg	h+t	
	Adam West Fairly useful on Flat (stays 9f), runner-up in Newmarket handicap last time. Interesting hurdling newcomer.		<b>Lee Edwards</b>

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Serious Challenge, **7-1** George's Lad, **7-1** Vanderpoel, **8-1** Baseline, **11-1** Rubber Ball, **12-1** Viva Valentina, **18-1** Theatre Tom, **18-1** Malfoy Manor, **25-1** Tillaway, **25-1** Foreseen, **28-1** Educator, **33-1** Hestina Hill, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SERIOUS CHALLENGE's Flat form is well above average and he's joined a shrewd stable, so he's worth a chance to make a winning start at the possible expense of Vanderpoel, a notable recruit from points. Baseline is the pick of those with hurdling experience.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SERIOUS CHALLENGE 2. VANDERPOEL 3. BASELINE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.55**

RACE 2

**HUNTINGDON RACECOURSE 2025 FIXTURES ON SALE  
NOW HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,500  
2m104y (3310 Metres)**Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1 ASCENSION DAY (IRE) (22)** t **88**  
932-22456 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Shaun Lycett

**Harrison Beswick**

Runner-up 3 times on the bounce over hurdles in the first half of this year. Might have needed the outing when below par back from 7 weeks off at Southwell on penultimate outing but was beaten a long way out on chasing debut at Hereford since.

**2 BROTHER BORIS (32)** s **90**  
54-675 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Lucy Wadham

**Tom Cannon**

Showed ability in a bumper and similar story in maiden hurdles. Is a chaser on and there was a little more encouragement than his chasing debut when fifth at Leicester a month ago. Cheekpieces need to have a positive effect. Engaged 2.00 Fakenham Wednesday.

**3 SHUIL CEOIL (IRE) (16)** s **94**  
P2-44P555 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Neil Mulholland

**Richie McLernon**

Fair winner at 22f over hurdles who left previous efforts over fences behind when fifth of 11 in handicap chase at Taunton on penultimate outing. Jumping let him down at Wincanton last time but there's a feeling that he still has more to offer in this sphere.

**4 ABAYA DU MATHAN (FR) (2) (D)** s+t **90**  
57544156 13 11-7 | 73.0kg



Gary Hanmer

**J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)**

Veteran who capitalised on some mercy from the assessor when winning 7-runner Southwell handicap in December. Failed to back it up at Warwick and has only been off a couple of days.

**5 EXTRAORDINARY MAN (FR) (30) (D)** s+h **100**  
44122P-42 9 11-5 | 72.1kg



David Bridgwater

**Brendan Powell**

One win from 21 NH runs. Respectable 7½ lengths second of 7 to Abaya Du Mathan in handicap chase (13/2) at Southwell (15.8f, soft) 30 days ago. Hood back on. Probably the one to beat in a very thin race.

**6 BEN BUIE (IRE) (30) (D)** b **86**  
P-3P8F63P 11 11-5 | 72.1kg



Martin Keighley

**Sean Bowen**

Unreliable sort who arrives on the back of a tame display and needs the refitting of blinkers to perk him up.

**7 J'HABITE EN FRANCE (FR) (2)** b+t **86**  
2U40-PP65 6 10-7 | 66.7kg



Ben Case

**Harry Bannister**

Regressive over hurdles and yet to offer much over fences. Doesn't make much appeal.

**8 FAST DEAL (75)** **85**  
31-24289P 8 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)



Michael Chapman

**James Best**

Struggling for form and out of the weights, so hard to make a case for.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Extraordinary Man, **7-2** Shuil Ceoil, **6-1** Abaya Du Mathan, **7-1** Brother Boris, **11-1** Ascension Day, **16-1** J'habite En France, **22-1** Ben Buie, **28-1** Fast Deal

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

EXTRAORDINARY MAN is the only one who arrives on the back of a solid effort and he's probably the one to side with in a poor affair. Shuil Ceoil likely has more to offer as a chaser and he's worthy of interest, while Abaya du Mathan isn't without hope if he takes his chance on the back of a quick turnaround.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. EXTRAORDINARY MAN 2. SHUIL CEOIL 3. ABAYA DU MATHAN**

**1.25**

RACE 3

**VISIT HUNTINGDON RACECOURSE FOR YOUR CONFERENCE  
HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £11,000  
2m3f189y (4000 Metres)**

**GBI RACING**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 PEARLY ISLAND (20) (CD)** v  **97**  
532132-26 9 11-11 | 74.8kg

Lucy Wadham **Tom Cannon**

Dual hurdles scorer who opened chase account in March. Ran up to his best on comeback at Warwick (20f) but didn't back that up when sixth of 8 in a handicap chase at Doncaster (20.5f, good to soft) 20 days ago. Engaged 2.35 Fakenham Wednesday.

**2 ENVIOUS EDITOR (IRE) (20)** **98**  
15225333 11 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gary Hanmer

**James Davies**

Back to winning ways in hunter at Stratford (21f) in May and essentially acquitted himself well in defeat for Gary Hanmer since, third of 8 at Doncaster last time. Should give another good account.

**3 FIRE DANCER (FR) (32) (D)** **98**  
PF/6520-24 9 11-7 | 73.0kg



Venetia Williams

**Charlie Deutsch**

Made a winning start for this yard on the back of a lengthy absence at Ludlow in January 2023. Proved inconsistent since, but has been given a chance by the handicapper and can't be ruled out.

**4 SLIEVEGAR (585)** t **98**  
P/21- 9 11-7 | 73.0kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies **Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (71b/3kg)**

Multiple point winner who bagged a small-field Kelso hunter on his latest start under Rules back in May 2023. Winless between the flags since but makes debut for new yard on a tempting mark and unlikely to be found wanting fitness-wise.

**5 HARJO (IRE) (16) (D)** b **92**  
31P2P-PPP 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Charlie Longsdon

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Won his second chase start but has completely lost his way and a drastic turnaround is needed in first-time blinkers.

**6 HEARD THAT (IRE) (21) (D, BF)** t **95**  
64242-P15 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**

Fair maiden over hurdles who dispelled his return/chase debut blip when winning 6-runner handicap chase at Warwick in November. Not disgraced there next time but his jumping needs to improve.

**7 GLOIRE D'ATHON (FR) (25) (CD)** v+t **93**  
5P7-56APP 9 11-4 | 71.7kg



Sarah Humphrey

**Jay Tidball (51b/2kg)**

Prolific early in his chasing career (winning 5 of his first 6 starts) but has lost his way over fences in the last year or so and was poor over hurdles last time.

**8 ABINGWORTH (18) (D)**  **100**  
1221U-U46 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



Gary &amp; Josh Moore

**Caolin Quinn**

A dual chase scorer (up to 2m4f) last term and, having slipped in the weights, took a step back in the right direction when sixth (travelled smoothly) at Windsor last time. Down another 3 lb and one to consider.

**9 KAYCE DUTTON (IRE) (17)** **65**  
06/14-65 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Charles &amp; Adam Pogson

**Charlie Todd**

No real impact in a couple of starts over hurdles for this yard and chasing debut at Southwell didn't contain a great deal of encouragement. Others preferred.

**10 MANINSANE (IRE) (37) (CD)** s+t **99**  
63P86-284 10 11-2 | 70.8kg



Charlie Longsdon

**Lilly Pinchin**

Dual winner in first campaign over fences (including over C&D) but not so consistent last term. Two of his three outings this season have been creditable and he's not one to rule out.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-1** Envious Editor, **11-2** Pearly Island, **13-2** Heard That, **15-2** Fire Dancer, **8-1** Abingworth, **9-1** Slievegar, **10-1** Maninsane, **16-1** Harjo, **20-1** Kayce Dutton, **22-1** Gloire D'athon

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The well-treated ABINGWORTH shaped as if back in form last time and is worth taking a chance on in an open race. Envious Editor is likely to give his running and Slievegar is one to monitor in the betting debuting for a new stable.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ABINGWORTH 2. ENVIOUS EDITOR 3. SLIEVEGAR**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.00****ANNUAL BADGES ON SALE NOW NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 5yo+  
£8,000 2½m145y (4160 Metres)**

RACE 4

Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 LAND AFAR (IRE) (29) 98**  
14/2-21 10 11-7 | 73.0kg



Kim Bailey &amp; Mat Nicholls

**Tom Bellamy**

Has clearly had his problems since showing fairly useful form in bumpers for Anthony McCann but retains plenty of ability based on what he's done over hurdles, scoring readily in a novice claiming event at Ludlow last month. May do better still.

**2 SILVER THORN (33) 97**  
42-15 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Emma Lavelle

**Harry Cobden**

Reached the frame in 2 bumpers and made a successful hurdle debut in a 2¾m Stratford maiden (heavy) in October. Ran to a similar level in defeat in a much stronger race at Newbury since and merits respect in calmer waters. Engaged 1.39 Southwell Wednesday.

**3 SIXMILEBRIDGE (IRE) (28) (D) 100**  
10-21 6 11-7 | 73.0kg t



Fergal O'Brien

**Kielan Woods**

£100,000 buy after finishing runner-up completed start in Irish points and looked above average in bumpers. Built on hurdling debut with impressive success in a novice at Leicester 28 days ago and worth a chance to follow up.

**4 TARBUCK (13) 84**  
42-97 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Claire Dyson

**David Noonan**

Fair in bumpers but yet to feature over hurdles and is probably more one for handicaps.

**5 WESTERN HARMONY (IRE) (45) 75**  
44-U 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Nicky Henderson

**Mr Ben Sutton (5lb/2kg)**

Cost £115,000 after winning his second of 2 starts in Irish points in the spring. Promise both starts in bumpers but wasn't really threatening when unseating at Leicester 45 days ago. Needs to build on that.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**evens Sixmilebridge, **5-2** Land Afar, **5-1** Silver Thorn, **16-1** Western Harmony, **100-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SIXMILEBRIDGE and Land Afar both had plenty to spare when scoring last time out but Sixmilebridge's form has more substance to it and he gets the narrow vote, with Silver Thorn also respected.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. SIXMILEBRIDGE 2. LAND AFAR 3. SILVER THORN****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.35****JOIN THE 20 CLUB AT HUNTINGDON HANDICAP CHASE (4)  
5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £11,000 2m7f129y (4740 Metres)****RACE 5****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 KING'S THRESHOLD (IRE) (27)** t **99**  
423214-65 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Emma Lavelle

**Ben Jones**

Hurdles winner who improved for switch to chasing, staying on to lead close home when off the mark in 11-runner handicap chase at Ascot (21f) in March. Not fired in 2 starts this winter but he comes here back on last winning mark and application of a tongue tie could help.

**2 SEEFIN (IRE) (13) (D)** **51**  
21121P0-5 8 11-13 | 75.7kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

A three-time hurdles winner last season, latterly in 7-runner handicap at Warwick 12 months ago. Below that level next 2 starts and never figured under a patient ride on return/chase debut at Uttoxeter (20f, heavy) 13 days ago. Type to do better.

**3 HYSTERY BERE (FR) (40)** v **100**  
2P3-3P352 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



Tom Symonds

**Jordan Nailor**

Fairly useful hurdle/chase winner who ran another solid race with blinkers refitted when runner-up in 5-runner handicap chase at this course (19.9f, soft) 6 weeks ago. Visor now the headgear of choice and he's worth a crack at this longer trip.

**4 KAITUNA RIVER (IRE) (30)** **98**  
6/31-32 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Alex Hales

**Kielan Woods**

Lightly-raced winning hurdler who made a solid start in this sphere when second in 10-runner handicap chase at Southwell (20.4f) 4 weeks ago, jumping well in the main. Feasible to think he can build on that.

**5 LASKALIN (FR) (12) (D)** s **87**  
564P2P-73 10 11-7 | 73.0kg



Venetia Williams

**Charlie Deutsch**

Useful at his best but more miss than hit last term and he could only run to a similar level as on return when well held third of 7 in handicap chase at Hereford (25.2f, soft) 12 days ago. Needs to step up despite tumbling mark.

**6 SWAPPED (FR) (91)** s **94**  
12PP-P4P4 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nick Kent

**Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)**

Three chase wins for other yards in the first half of last season but only one real effort of note for present yard during second half of last year and he ran badly over hurdles in October. 3-month break needs to have had positive effect now returned to larger obstacles.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Hystery Bere, **7-2** Kaituna River, **9-2** King's Threshold, **7-1** Seefin, **9-1** Swapped, **10-1** Laskalin

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

It could be worth siding with HYSTERY BERE who matched his previous best in this sphere when runner-up over shorter here 6 weeks ago and this longer trip is worth exploring on balance. Lightly raced 8-y-o Kaituna River ought to have more to offer and is feared along with top weight King's Threshold. Market confidence behind Seefin would also need to be viewed positively.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HYSTERY BERE 2. KAITUNA RIVER 3. KING'S THRESHOLD**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.10**

RACE 6

**SEASON TICKETS ON SALE NOW MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE**  
**(5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-100) £7,000**  
**2½m145y (4160 Metres)**



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 SPEIRIUIL (IRE) (35) 96**  
 3224-271 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
 Nigel Hawke **Lorcan Murtagh**  
 Resumed her progress to get off the mark in 7-runner handicap hurdle (5/1) at Lingfield (19.5f, good to soft) 35 days ago, staying on well. Respected in follow-up bid up 4 lb.

**2 ASK ME ANOTHER (268) 100**  
 5631- 5 11-13 | 75.7kg  
 Robbie Llewellyn **Charlie Price (31b/1kg)**  
 Took another step forward when opening her account in 8-runner juvenile hurdle at Hereford (16.2f, soft) by 7 lengths from Rockola, forging clear. Off 8 months but type to go on improving now upped in trip on handicap debut.

**3 ROCKOLA (IRE) (37) (D) 94**  
 33U2-41 5 11-13 | 75.7kg  
 Alan King **Tom Cannon**  
 Showed improved form to get off the mark in 6-runner handicap hurdle (5/4) at Southwell (20.4f, good) 37 days ago, forging clear. Nudged up 6 lb but open to further improvement.

**4 OUR PINK LADY (IRE) (16) (D) 93**  
 663114-57 7 11-13 | 75.7kg  
 James Owen **Mr Alex Chadwick (51b/2kg)**  
 Improved when landing back-to-back handicaps over 20.4f at Southwell in March. Has found life tougher off higher marks since but is entitled to sharpen up for her recent return at Catterick.

**5 NEAR DARK (IRE) (32) 91**  
 PP-32 9 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Michael Wigham **Mr Joshua Parker (71b/3kg)**  
 Point winner in April 2022 and left previous hurdling efforts behind when third in a novice at Uttoxeter on sole outing for Henry Daly. Ran to a similar level when second in a small-field handicap at Leicester on first start for this yard but needs more in a deeper race here.

**6 EZMERELDA (IRE) (52) 96**  
 5142F-45 5 11-11 | 74.8kg  
 Alan King **Tom Bellamy**  
 Fair maiden on the Flat who got off the mark in this sphere at Doncaster last December. Respectable fourth of 12 on Stratford reappearance but went backwards at Kempton last time. Up in trip.

**7 TALYSH (37) 89**  
 4-440P 5 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 Alex Hales **Kielan Woods**  
 Didn't achieve much when making the frame in a couple of mares maidens first 2 starts this season and has made a discouraging start to life in handicaps.

**8 NOBODY'S PERFECT (IRE) (51) 94**  
 4-74674 6 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 Billy Aprahamian **James Bowen**  
 Little to shout about in bumpers/over hurdles to date but not unduly punished on most recent outing and could make more impact now switched to a handicap over a significantly longer trip.

**9 CALL BLUE (45) 99**  
 323/22605 8 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
 Remains a maiden but held her form well over hurdles prior to disappointing on both starts over fences. Not dismissed.

**10 RAINCLOUD (7) 88**  
 P-426P248 5 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Michael Chapman **James Best**  
 Poor maiden who finished last of 8 in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (20.6f, good to soft, 33/1) last week. Hard to make a case for.

**11 DANA'S GEM (IRE) (57) 92**  
 3790/4-3P 7 10-9 | 67.6kg  
 Fergal O'Brien **J. Hogan (31b/1kg)**  
 Lightly-raced sort who shaped encouragingly on first outing since leaving Jonjo O'Neill (after 16 months off) when third in 11-runner handicap at Worcester (20f, good, 9/1) in September. However, proved to be a disappointment 7 weeks on at Chepstow.

**12 MISTING (201) 94**  
 00-657P 6 10-9 | 67.6kg  
 Neil King **Jack Quinlan**  
 Little promise in bumpers and similar story over hurdles so far, showing signs of temperament. Readily passed over. Engaged 1.25 Fakenham Wednesday.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Rockola, **9-2** Ask Me Another, **11-2** Speiriuil, **10-1** Our Pink Lady, **12-1** Ezmerelda, **12-1** Nobody's Perfect, **14-1** Call Blue, **14-1** Near Dark, **25-1** Dana's Gem, **33-1** Talysh, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A good-looking race for the grade. ASK ME ANOTHER was comfortably on top of Rockola when the pair met in a juvenile event at Hereford in April and, with Robbie Llewellyn's filly bred to go on improving now stepping up in trip, she's taken to confirm her superiority and come out on top. Rockola is open to further progress herself and has to be respected, along with fellow last-time-out winner Speiriuil.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ASK ME ANOTHER 2. ROCKOLA 3. SPEIRIUIL**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.40**

RACE 7

**PURCHASE HOSPITALITY AT HUNTINGDON IN 2025  
NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (CONDITIONAL & AMATEUR JOCKEYS)  
(5) 4, 5 and 6yo £4,000 1m7f171y (3170 Metres)**




Going: **Good to Soft**

The course is a right-handed oval with easy bends, and is a flat, fast track about one and a half miles in length. There are nine fences to a circuit, some of them rather tricky, and the water jump was filled in during summer 2008, astroturf replacing the water. Huntingdon favours horses with speed over stamina, sluggards seen to best advantage only under extremely testing conditions.

Pace Information: **Even**


**1 JOHN BARBOUR (47) (D)** **95**  
31 **6** 12-1 | 76.7kg t

 **Fergal O'Brien** **Fern O'Brien (71lb/3kg)**  
Promise when third in a C&D bumper for Tom George last spring and, with a tongue tie added, he duly built on that to make a winning debut for new yard in 8-runner Uttoxeter bumper 7 weeks ago, staying on to lead final 100 yds. This looks tougher.



**2 CASTANEA BREEZE (IRE)** **92**  
5 **11-8** | 73.5kg

 **Lucy Wadham**  **Mr Joshua Parker (71lb/3kg)**  
€14,000 3-y-o, Diamond Boy gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Sporting Mike, stays 23f. Dam unraced half-sister to smart hurdler (stayed 21f) In Contrast. Yard boasts a 15% record with their runners in this code in last 5 seasons.

**3 DRACO MALFOY (IRE) (47) (BF)** **94**  
4 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls** **Nathan Andrews (71lb/3kg)**  
€140,000 4-y-o, Harzand gelding. Successful on second of 2 outings in Irish points (Apr 28) and showed ability without being able to justify favouritism when fourth behind re-opposing John Barbour in bumper at Uttoxeter (15.8f) 7 weeks ago. Entitled to do better.


**4 LOCK STOCK (54)** **97**  
2 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Ben Pauling**  **Callum Pritchard (71lb/3kg)**  
Jack Hobbs gelding. Fifth sole start in point bumpers (Apr 20) and promise amidst obvious signs of inexperience when second in 4-runner bumper at Wincanton (15.2f) 54 days ago, headed dying strides. Worth considering with his rider taking off a handy 7 lb.


**5 MONEY TO BURN (IRE) (538)** **92**  
4- **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Clare Ellam** **Caolin Quinn**  
Valirann gelding who showed promise when fourth of 14 in bumper at Cork (16.9f, good to soft) on sole start for Shark Hanlon in summer 2023. Absent since though, and percentage call is to look elsewhere.



**6 NAZARE (FR) (30)** **100**   
2 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **James Owen** **Mr Alex Chadwick (51lb/2kg)**  
Masterstroke who showed plenty of ability, powering home in the style of a sure-fire improver when second of 9 in bumper at Southwell (15.8f, soft) on NH debut 30 days ago, clear of rest. Worth considering with prospect of more to come.


**7 ROYAL HOPE (IRE)** **90**  
5 **11-8** | 73.5kg

 **Max Young** **Mr Billy Marshall (71lb/3kg)**  
€10,000 3-y-o, Imperial Monarch gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including fairly useful hurdle winner/unreliable but useful chaser Hold The Note. Fifth sole start in point bumpers (May 2024). Yard 1-21 with their runners in this sphere.


**8 SPECTRE ONE (IRE)** **96**  
5 **11-8** | 73.5kg

 **Dan Skelton**  **Tristan Durrell (31lb/1kg)**  
€60,000 3-y-o, Kingston Hill gelding. Half-brother to useful hurdler/chase winner Magnor Glory and bumper winner/useful hurdler Black Bamboo, stays 3m. Dam 19f/2½m hurdle/chase winner. Likely type on paper for top stable. Had wind op.


**9 THREE PIKES** **93**  
5 **11-8** | 73.5kg

 **Tom George** **J. Hogan (31lb/1kg)**  
Jack Hobbs gelding. Dam ran twice over hurdles, closely related to smart hurdle/chase winner (stays 21f) My Drogo out of useful hurdler/chaser My Petra (stayed 21f). Betting can prove a useful guide as to expectations on debut.


**10 APIECEOVFORTUNE (17)** **79**  
0 **5** 11-1 | 70.3kg

 **Pam Sly** **Miss Gina Andrews**  
Yard have enjoyed plenty of success with this family but she looked one for later on when tenth of 13 in bumper at Southwell (15.8f, good to soft, 25/1) on debut 17 days ago.

**11 CAP RICOCHET (26)** **91**  
4 **4** 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **Paul Collins** **Mr Paddy Barlow (71lb/3kg)**  
Capri gelding. Dam no form in bumpers. 12/1, showed ability whilst shaping as if better for the run when fourth of 9 in bumper at Wetherby (16f, heavy) on NH debut 26 days ago, fading. Can do better but others appeal more on this occasion.

**12 LITTLE MUKKA** **79**  
4 **10-9** | 67.6kg

 **Barry Brennan** **Mr Harry Brown (71lb/3kg)**  
Mukhadram gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including modest hurdler Just Once. Dam 7f winner. Yard 0-23 with their representatives in this sphere in last 5 seasons and he's a likely outsider on racecourse bow.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2 Nazare, 5-1 Lock Stock, 6-1 Spectre One, 7-1 John Barbour, 8-1 Draco Malfoy, 11-1 Three Pikes, 14-1 Castanea Breeze, 18-1 Money To Burn, 22-1 Cap Ricochet, 40-1 bar**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

NAZARE produced a promising first effort, powering home in the style of a sure-fire improver when second at Southwell 4 weeks ago and he earns the vote to confirm the promise of that run and go one place better. Lock Stock, who also finished runner-up on his debut is also fancied to feature. Newcomers Spectre One and Three Pikes are others to note, along with Draco Malfoy.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. NAZARE 2. LOCK STOCK 3. SPECTRE ONE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race