

12.40 BEST ODDS GUARANTEED WITH DRAGONBET EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 2m11y (3230 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(2) LAUGHING JOHN | (4) UHTRED RAGNARSON | (3) MAD MAXIOS**
1.10 DRAGONBET BORN FROM THE BETTING RING MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m11y (3230 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(1) TIMETOSHINE | (4) JACKIE DIAMOND | (3) CRAZY ABOUT HER**
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 RACE 3 **(2) LUCKY LUGGER | (3) JET OF DREAMS | (4) BOSTON JOE**
2.15 DRAGONBET THE INDEPENDENT BOOKMAKER HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)


 RACE 4 **(2) AWAYTHELAD | (3) NOTHIN TO ASK | (4) THOR DE CERISY**
2.50 DRAGONBET 8 PLACES IN THE NATIONAL MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)


 RACE 5 **(4) KEPPEL QUEEN | (1) PHILLAPA SUE | (2) SMUGGLERS HAVEN**
3.32 DRAGONBET REAL PEOPLE REAL BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m11y (3230 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(1) NINTH LOCH | (2) ZAMBEZI FIX | (3) ESTATE PLANNING**
4.38 DRAGONBET 'REMEMBERING JOHN LOVELL' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(10) VICTOR HAZE | (7) MARCO'S LIGHT | (8) HARVIE WALLBANGER**
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





BEST ODDS GUARANTEED WITH DRAGONBET EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 4yo £9,000 2m11y (3230 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	DEARKEITHANDKATY (FR) (27)	92
	34 4 11-0 69.9kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill 4/1, hinted at promise when fourth of 6 in juvenile at Carlisle (17f, good to soft) on his hurdles bow 27 days ago. Can take a step forward now.	Benjamin Macey (71b/3kg)
2	LAUGHING JOHN (41)	100
	32 4 11-0 69.9kg Nicky Henderson Postponed gelding has shaped well amidst inexperience when placed in juvenile hurdles at Newbury and Hereford, runner-up on latter occasion in February. Has more to offer and the one to beat.	Freddie Gordon (31b/1kg)
3	MAD MAXIOS (IRE) (20)	92
	42 4 11-0 69.9kg Harry Derham Maxios gelding took a step forward in a first-time tongue tie when second of 3 in juvenile hurdle at Market Rasen (16.6f, good) 20 days ago. Considered.	Harry Reed
4	UHTRED RAGNARSON (IRE) (26)	93
	9363 4 11-0 69.9kg Alan King 20/1, made a promising start in this sphere when third of 9 in juvenile at Taunton (16.5f, good) 26 days ago. Open to improvement and well in the mix.	Philip Armson (31b/1kg)

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-6 Laughing John, 9-2 Uhtred Ragnarson, 13-2 Mad Maxios, 8-1 Dearkeithandkaty

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LAUGHING JOHN holds the clear edge on form and with progress very much on the cards from this son of Postponed he earns a confident vote to get off the mark. Uhtred Ragnarson shaped well when a debut third at Taunton and can chase home Nicky Henderson's juvenile ahead of Mad Maxios.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LAUGHING JOHN 2. UHTRED RAGNARSON 3. MAD MAXIOS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Knight of Allen	4-11-0	5-6f	Mrs Jane Williams	David Noonan	7
2023	Imperial Jade	4-10-7	5-2f	Charlie Longsdon	Lilly Pinchin (3)	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

DRAGONBET BORN FROM THE BETTING RING MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £7,700 2m11y (3230 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1	TIMETOSHINE (FR) (21) (D)	100
	11 5 11-12 75.3kg	
	Nicky Henderson	Ben Bromley (5lb/2kg)
	Fairly useful on Flat in France, successful twice on AW in 2024. Sold out of Fabrice Chappet's yard for €30,000 and made it 2 from 2 over hurdles in taking fashion at Kempton (2m) 3 weeks ago. Likely to progress further and this looks an outstanding opportunity.	
2	CINQ DOUZAINÉ	55
	5 11-0 69.9kg	
	Chris Down	Ben Ffrench Davis (5lb/2kg)
	Well held in maiden on sole Flat start in 2022 for Mick Channon and not seen since.	
3	CRAZY ABOUT HER (IRE) (156)	56
	278 5 11-0 69.9kg	
	Jake Thomas Coulson	Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)
	Promising debut when second in a Worcester bumper (for Olly Murphy) in August but well below that level both outings for current yard. Has had a breathing operation ahead of hurdle debut.	
4	JACKIE DIAMOND (41)	56
	3 5 11-0 69.9kg	
	Dominic Ffrench Davis	Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)
	Modest maiden on Flat and achieved little when third of 6 on Hereford hurdling debut.	

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

1-12 Timetoshine, 18-1 Jackie Diamond, 25-1 Crazy About Her, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TIMETOSHINE has made a most encouraging start to her hurdling career and can maintain her unbeaten record in this sphere faced with what appears to be the simplest of tasks.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TIMETOSHINE 2. JACKIE DIAMOND 3. CRAZY ABOUT HER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Casa No Mento 6-11-12	10-11f Nigel Twiston-Davies	Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (7)	8
2023	Amoola Gold 10-11-9	3-1 Dan Skelton	Bridget Andrews	7
2022	Tarahumara 6-11-1	9-4 Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	14
2021	Brewers Project 7-11-7	2-5f Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3












ON COURSE VALUES ONLINE WITH DRAGONBET HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 2m11y (3230 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	SALAMANCA BAY (IRE) (26) (D)	t	95
	312-4P6P7 9 12-2 77.1kg Philip Hobbs & Johnson White  Callum Pritchard (5lb/2kg) In first-time hood, off the mark over fences for Lucinda Russell at Ayr last March. However, didn't offer much in 3 starts for Dan Skelton this season and (with hood/tongue tie left off) well held on stable debut last time. Revival needed but he's on a dangerous mark.		
2	LUCKY LUGGER (39) (D)	t 	98
	P-223F312 8 11-12 75.3kg Matt Sheppard Richard Patrick Runner-up at this C&D on first 2 starts over fences and deservedly gained a first victory when scoring easily at Uttoxeter in February. Again ran well when second of 4 at Leicester (15.9f, heavy) last time, so he's a likely contender once more.		
3	JET OF DREAMS (IRE) (21) (D)	t 	100
	32-113212 7 11-8 73.5kg Warren Greatrex  Brendan Powell Opened account at Hereford last spring and has won twice more since, cruising home in a match at Taunton in November. After 4 months off, found less than looked likely when second of 3 at Newcastle (16.3f, good) 3 weeks ago, but he could be thereabouts again.		
4	BOSTON JOE (IRE) (14) (D)	s+t	94
	5-1P812P5 9 11-5 72.1kg Rebecca Curtis Jamie Brace (5lb/2kg) Won a pair of handicap chases at Ffos Las in first of half of season and runner-up over hurdles at this course in November. Below form on his last 2 starts, back over fences at Bangor 2 weeks ago, but he's capable on a going day with cheekpieces added.		
5	DJ PETE (IRE) (20)		87
	255/3-73 7 10-13 69.4kg Sarah-Jayne Davies James Best Made the frame both starts in bumpers, but only modest form over hurdles and fared no better making chase debut when well-beaten third of 5 in handicap at this C&D (good) 20 days ago. Major improvement required.		
6	JACK SPARROW GREY (FR) (75)		87
	57-7P0 6 10-2(9-12) 64.4kg (62.6kg) Gary & Josh Moore  Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg) After nearly a year off, hinted at promise in a Plumpton novice hurdle in December but hasn't built on that effort in 2 starts since, down the field on handicap hurdle debut at Warwick (19f, good to soft) in January. Has work to do as he goes chasing.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Jet of Dreams, 11-4 Lucky Luggger, 4-1 Salamanca Bay, 9-2 Boston Joe, 18-1 Dj Pete, 22-1 Jack Sparrow Grey

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LUCKY LUGGER has shown improved form sent chasing this season, getting off the mark at Uttoxeter in February before travelling best at Leicester last time, so he is taken to continue his good run and resume winning ways. He can see off the challenge of Jet of Dreams, who has won 3 of his 6 starts this season, while Boston Joe could fare better with headgear applied.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LUCKY LUGGER 2. JET OF DREAMS 3. BOSTON JOE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

DRAGONBET THE INDEPENDENT BOOKMAKER HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	OLIVERS TRAVELS (IRE) (133)	s	96
	3311254P 7 11-12 75.3kg Peter & Michael Bowen Bumper/hurdles winner who improved significantly with cheekpieces fitted over fences last summer, landing back-to-back Worcester handicaps (23f). Held back by mistakes since and returns from 4 months off with a bit to prove.	<i>Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)</i>	
2	AWAYTHELAD (IRE) (33)	b	100
	1P7-34P21 8 11-10 74.4kg Ben Pauling Dual hurdles winner last winter and is really getting the hang of chasing now, opening his account in 7-runner handicap at Southwell (24.3f, good) last month, asserting early in the straight before being closed down late. Should remain competitive on the back of a 5 lb rise.	<i>Callum Pritchard (5lb/2kg)</i>	
3	NOTHIN TO ASK (IRE) (112) (C)	t	98
	P52-68732 10 11-6 72.6kg Fergal O'Brien Fairly useful handicap hurdler/winning chaser who isn't the force of old, but his handicap mark now reflects that and he was placed for the second successive start at Newcastle (23.4f, good to soft) back in December. Freshened up since so he'd be folly to ignore (has had a wind op).	<i>Liam Harrison</i>	
4	THOR DE CERISY (FR) (15) (C)	s+t	99
	11P-025P5 11 11-3 71.2kg Neil Mulholland Dual chase scorer last season and, although winless this term, shaped as if back in top form despite typically travelling better than he finished when 5¼ lengths fifth of 6 to The Boola Boss at Newbury (22.4f, good) just over 2 weeks ago. Interesting back down to his last winning mark.	<i>Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)</i>	
5	THE BOOLA BOSS (IRE) (15)	t	98
	52-130P31 9 11-2 70.8kg Rebecca Curtis Had his usual tongue tie reapplied and bounced back to his best to win for the second time this season in 6-runner handicap chase at Newbury (22.4f, good) just over a fortnight ago, responding well to a positive ride. Hasn't often strung good runs together, however.	<i>Jamie Brace (5lb/2kg)</i>	

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Awaythelad, 3-1 The Boola Boss, 9-2 Nothin To Ask, 13-2 Olivers Travels, 17-2 Thor De Cerisy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A tricky puzzle to solve despite the small field but the vote goes to AWAYTHELAD, who is really getting the hang of chasing now and Ben Pauling's 8-y-o can supplement his Southwell success last month from a 5 lb higher mark. Heading up the dangers is Nothin To Ask, who isn't the force of old but was placed for the second successive start when last seen at Newcastle in December. Down to his last winning mark, Thor de Cerisy completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AWAYTHELAD 2. NOTHIN TO ASK 3. THOR DE CERISY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Sublime Heights 8-11-11	4-1	Toby Lawes	K. Brogan	3
2023	Ballinsker 8-10-3	11-2	Evan Williams	Isabel Williams (3)	8
2022	Wayfinder 8-10-10	4-5f	Rebecca Curtis	Ben Jones	3
2021	Gleno 9-10-10	5-2jf	Gary Moore	Joshua Moore	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

DRAGONBET 8 PLACES IN THE NATIONAL MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-110) £7,700 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	PHILLAPA SUE (IRE) (27) (D)	t		99
	18-P72440 10 11-13 75.7kg			
	David Killahena & Graeme McPherson	Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)		
Been in good heart for most of the season, including on penultimate run when creditable fourth of 8 in handicap hurdle (9/1) at this course (23.6f, heavy) 28 days ago, when well-suited by the test of stamina. Unsited by sharper trip at Warwick last time and could bounce back over longer distance.				
2	SMUGGLERS HAVEN (IRE) (26)			98
	3P-4112 6 11-10 74.4kg			
	Sara Bradstock	Miss Lily Bradstock (7lb/3kg)		
Point winner showed improved form when landing a double in handicaps earlier this season. Lost little in defeat when runner-up (after 4 months off) at Plumpton (20.5f) last time and merits plenty of respect tackling this longer trip for the first time.				
3	HEREWEGOHONEY (IRE) (45) (C)			97
	310-0F4PP 9 11-8 73.5kg			
	Fergal O'Brien	J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)		
Doubled her tally over fences when winning a Market Rasen handicap in July 2023. However, she hasn't gone on from that effort since and was pulled up on her last two starts over fences.				
4	KEPPEL QUEEN (16)	s		100
	6U522F23 6 11-7 73.0kg			
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	Benjamin Macey (7lb/3kg)		
Still a maiden but placed on all 4 handicap hurdles, including twice over C&D. Looks an out and out stayer at this trip and should give another good account of herself at a course she likes.				
5	ALL INN HAND (29)	t		94
	3853049 5 11-2 70.8kg			
	Peter & Michael Bowen	Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)		
Left bumper efforts behind when third in a maiden at Stratford (22f) on hurdles bow and bounced back to form over an inadequate trip/under an inexperienced rider when rallying to finish fourth at Warwick (19f). Disappointed upped in trip on handicap debut and now tried in first-time tongue-tie.				

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
15-8 Smugglers Haven, 2-1 Keppel Queen, 15-2 All Inn Hand, 15-2 Herewegohoney, 8-1 Phillapa Sue

TIMEFORM VIEW:
A contest lacking in depth, and this looks a good opportunity for the consistent KEPPEL QUEEN to get her head in front, having been placed in her last four handicap hurdle starts. Phillapa Sue should be much better suited by this longer trip, while Smugglers Haven can give another good account on the back of her recent runner-up effort.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. KEPPEL QUEEN 2. PHILLAPA SUE 3. SMUGGLERS HAVEN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:						
2024	Pipers Cross	7-10-10	3-1	Robbie Llewellyn	Liam Harrison	7
2023	Chloe's Court	10-11-7	12-1	Robert Walford	Harry Kimber (3)	7

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6





DRAGONBET REAL PEOPLE REAL BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £7,700 2m11y (3230 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1	NINTH LOCH (IRE) (35) (D)	98
	1-P471438 6 12-0 76.2kg Harry Derham	<i>Harry Reed</i>
Bumper scorer for Willie Mullins prior to winning 3 times over hurdles in France. Plenty of encouragement first 2 starts for his new yard, well-backed when doing well to finish third at Taunton (16.5f, soft) having made a serious mistake 3 out. Disappointing at Newbury since but this is easier.		
2	ZAMBEZI FIX (FR) (42) (CD)	100
	1-6434642 10 11-11 74.8kg Bernard Llewellyn	<i>Sean Houlihan</i>
Tends to save his best for this track, usually ridden patiently and likes a good pace to aim at, which he got when second of 7 over C&D in February. Cheekpieces back on and he's been eased a further 1 lb.		
3	ESTATE PLANNING (IRE) (15)	97
	534R33 4 10-5 65.8kg Bernard Llewellyn	<i>Lee Edwards</i>
Made steady progress in his first 3 hurdles but blotted his copybook by refusing to race at Warwick in February. Cast that aside with a brace of third-place finishes since.		
4	DARTMAN (IRE) (80)	96
	95C360 5 10-2(10-0) 64.4kg (63.5kg) Sarah-Jayne Davies	<i>James Best</i>
Fair maiden handicapper on Flat but minor promise only over hurdles so far, weakening out of things on handicap debut in January. 2 lb out of the weights.		

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Zambezi Fix, 7-4 Ninth Loch, 7-2 Estate Planning, 18-1 Dartman

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NINTH LOCH must bounce back from a lesser effort at Newbury but he's certainly in the right hands to do so and he can make the most of a drop in class. Course-regular Zambezi Fix normally needs a good pace to show his best form, which is a worry here but he's still looks the main threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NINTH LOCH 2. ZAMBEZI FIX 3. ESTATE PLANNING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Zambezi Fix 9-12-1	13-2	Bernard Llewellyn	Robert Williams (3)	9
2023	Spirit d'Aunou 4-11-6	evsf	Gary Moore	Niall Houlihan (3)	8
2022	Coal Stock 7-10-9	3-1	Colin Tizzard	Fergus Gillard (3)	7
2021	Jersey Grey 4-10-4	14-1	Alexandra Dunn	Jamie Moore	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

DRAGONBET 'REMEMBERING JOHN LOVELL' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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BELLS OF UFFORD (IRE) (46)
75499 5 12-0 | 76.2kg
Tim Vaughan
Signs of promise in bumpers/maiden hurdles and now goes handicapping.

93

Alan Johns

2

IMPECUNIOUS (IRE) (60)
85-237500 6 11-13 | 75.7kg
Chris Down
Placed in maiden/novice hurdles last May but has struggled in handicaps since.

98

Callum Pritchard (5lb/2kg)

3

SNITTERFIELD (IRE) (17)
56665 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Jake Thomas Coulson
No better than mid-field in bumpers/novice hurdles and his opening handicap mark isn't obviously generous.

90

Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)

4

SONIC GOLD (28)
P/5PP 9 11-8 | 73.5kg
John O'Shea
Runner-up sole start in points but that was back in 2020 and he hasn't shown much in 6 runs under Rules, pulling up in both handicaps.

84

Brendan Powell

5

PRIVILEGE (10)
P/459P-PPP 7 11-8 | 73.5kg
John & Rhys Flint
Fair maiden hurdler in Ireland but pulled up on all 3 outings for Sheila Lewis and suffered the same fate on recent return for another new yard after 8 months off. Best watched unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.

95

Charlie Price (3lb/1kg)

6

TILLAWAY (IRE) (16)
4-3554F56 6 11-8 | 73.5kg
Tom George
Some promise in qualifying runs but comfortably held in both handicaps (C&D latterly).

97

Sean Houlihan

7

MARCO'S LIGHT (229)
8P96 6 10-12 | 68.9kg
Fergal O'Brien
Has shown only minor promise in a bumper and 3 hurdles but this Champs Elysees mare is in good hands and could take off in handicaps.

90

J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)

8

HARVIE WALLBANGER (IRE) (742)
326067P/ 9 10-7 | 66.7kg
John O'Shea
Irish point winner who ran to a fair level when placed in bumpers. Hard to get excited by his hurdle efforts this season but he has a very low opening mark judged on his bumper ability. One to note in the betting.

74

Ben Poste

9

JUNIOR DES MOTTES (FR) (37)
37/4-0700 6 10-5 | 65.8kg
David Brace
Fair form shown in bumpers back in 2023 but no promise gleaned in 4 maiden/novice hurdles this season. Handicaps provide him with a more realistic chance but would need to see market support to consider.

59

Liam Harrison

10

VICTOR HAZE (16)
85-062 8 10-4 | 65.3kg
Phillip Dando
First sign of ability when second of 5 over 2m here last month, shaping as if this return to a longer trip will suit. Gets the vote.

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Conor Ring

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Victor Haze, 4-1 Marco's Light, 8-1 Bells of Ufford, 9-1 Harvie Wallbanger, 10-1 Tillaway, 12-1 Privilege, 14-1 Impecunious, 14-1 Snitterfield, 14-1 Junior Des Mottes, 25-1 Sonic Gold

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A finale where worthwhile hurdle form is thin on the ground. The way in which VICTOR HAZE took second late on over 2m here recently suggests he may do better again back over further. There is some unexposed potential among the handicap newcomers and market moves for the likes of Marco's Light and/or Harvie Wallbanger could prove significant.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. VICTOR HAZE 2. MARCO'S LIGHT 3. HARVIE WALLBANGER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Love of Neymore	6-12-0	14-1	Robbie Llewellyn	Charlie Price (3)	13
2023	Mr Hailstone	7-11-8	9-1	Dr Richard Newland	Luke Scott (7)	10
2023	Cast's Tasha	6-11-7	11-2	Ben Clarke	Tom Bellamy	9
2022	Heron Creek	5-10-6	3-1jf	Dr Richard Newland	Charlie Hammond	12
2022	Benito	5-11-2	85-40f	Tom Lacey	Tom Bellamy	12
2021	Kilchreest Moon	10-10-2	5-2	Henry Oliver	Lee Edwards	12
2021	Megaudais Speed	9-11-10	6-1	Laura Young	Mitchell Bastyan (3)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS