

Wednesday 1st April

SEDGEFIELD



2.40 SEDGEFIELD RACECOURSE SUPPORTS AUTISM IN RACING HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m178y (3380 Metres)

RACE 1 **(5) BELAYA RIVER | (1) CAPTAIN COOL | (2) MAPLE**

3.10 PLAY LIKE A STOCKTON ROCKET HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3¼m59y (5280 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) REALISATION | (1) MOUNTAIN MIKE | (3) STRATAGEM**

3.40 JAYNE AND GREG COMPLETE ALL THE RACECOURSES HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m77y (3290 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) DIXIE COWBOY | (3) BEEP BEEP BECKY | (5) CLEAN GETAWAY**

4.10 MW CIVILS & GROUNDWORKS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) PHANTOM GOLD | (1) BRIGHT LEGEND | (5) WHO'S GLEN**

4.40 MOWDEN PARK RFC HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)


RACE 5 **(3) COSMIC SOUL | (9) LADDIE COOPER MIA | (7) KNACKER TRAPPER**


5.10 PAXTONS NO1 CASEIH DEALER IN UK&IRELAND OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m178y (3380 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) THE GEM STATE | (7) MORDS LAVIE SPIGAO | (1) CONNELLS CROSS**

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

**SEDGEFIELD RACECOURSE SUPPORTS AUTISM IN RACING
HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £7,700
2m178y (3380 Metres)**



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

Left handed, undulating. In theory, an uphill finish should dictate that plenty of races change complexion late in the day but, in practice, that isn't the case, the run-in being short on both courses and plenty of those in front having a tendency to pick up again when challenged.

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

Pace Information: **Even**

1 CAPTAIN COOL (IRE) (22) (CD, BF) s+t **97**
432134U2 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Jennie Candlish **Sean Quinlan**
Irish point winner who opened hurdles account over C&D in October. Lost little caste in defeat when chasing home a progressive type in Cosmic Soul (since completed the hat-trick), in turn pulling clear of the rest, and another bold show is on the cards.

2 MAPLE (100) **97**
2432-10P7 5 11-10 | 74.4kg

Ruth Jefferson **Theo Gillard**
Little impact all 3 starts over hurdles this season but the handicapper has been quick to offer sympathy (now 2 lb lower than when scoring at Uttoxeter last spring) and he's finished runner-up on the Flat the last twice. Couldn't rule out.

3 DIAMOND JIM (IRE) (68) s **98**
2714 4 11-10 | 74.4kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Toby Wynne**
Forged clear to justify strong support at Haydock in December and while only running respectably when fourth at Warwick the following month, he looks the type to benefit from first-time headgear (sports first-time cheekpieces) and it's still early days for this 4-y-o.

4 BLACKWATER LILLY (22) (D) s **96**
422233-14 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

Brian Ellison **Danny McMenamin**
Gained a deserved success in 2m Bangor maiden hurdle last May but finished well adrift of second-placed Captain Cool when fourth of 9 on latest start in this sphere over C&D last month. Respectable sixth in a big-field handicap on the Flat at Doncaster on Saturday.

5 BELAYA RIVER (FR) (32) **99**
5412 4 11-7 | 73.0kg

Harry Derham **Harry Reed**
Placed a few times on the Flat for Charlie Fellowes and made it third time lucky over hurdles when making all in 2m Catterick juvenile event in January. Put in his place when chasing home a hurdling debutant at Kelso since but pulled clear of the rest and is interesting on this handicap debut.

6 FINE POINT (IRE) (250) **100**
5461P-460 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Adam Nicol **Ryan Mania**
Opened his account off this mark in 2m Kempton handicap hurdle for Nigel Hawke last spring. Fair fourth at Worcester the following month but has otherwise proved disappointing since Kempton and needs to get back on track on debut for new yard following an 8-month absence.

7 AMBASSADOR (IRE) (122) (D) **88**
3316776P 9 10-11 | 68.5kg

Micky Hammond **Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)**
Resumed winning ways when making all at Cartmel last summer but it's been downhill all the way since, pulled up at Carlisle on latest appearance in November.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Belaya River, **10-3** Captain Cool, **9-2** Maple, **11-2** Diamond Jim, **12-1** Blackwater Lilly, **16-1** Fine Point, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The one who appeals most is BELAYA RIVER, who has been handed a fair-looking mark for his handicap debut in this sphere. Captain Cool was a clear second in a C&D handicap (form figures at this track read 212) last time and he won't go down without a fight, while Maple and Diamond Jim are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BELAYA RIVER 2. CAPTAIN COOL 3. MAPLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Milajess 8-10-7	4-1	Micky Hammond	Joshua Thompson (7)	10
2023	Killane 8-10-5	11-1	Donald McCain	William Maggs (10)	10
2022	Hey Bob 10-10-13	10-1	Ollly Murphy	Mr James King (3)	11
2021	Getaway Jewel 7-11-12	9-4	Micky Hammond	Brian Hughes	11

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PLAY LIKE A STOCKTON ROCKET HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 3¼m59y (5280 Metres)








RACE 2



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	MOUNTAIN MIKE (IRE) (25) 221-32 7 12-0 76.2kg	98
	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole Luke Scott (3lb/1kg) Ffos Las novice hurdle winner on heavy ground last season. Matched that level of form when runner-up on second chase start at Hereford last time and he needs considering off 1 lb lower here.	
2	REALISATION (FR) (22) (CD) t   100 2853-4331 8 11-8 73.5kg	
	Charlie Longsdon Richie McLernon Made the frame first 3 starts this season following a second breathing operation. Always to the fore when opening chase account over C&D back from an 11-week break last month and remains on a feasible mark having gone up 6 lb for that.	
3	STRATAGEM (FR) (33) s+t 97 44/4P-46P3 10 11-4 71.7kg	
	Mickey Bowen Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg) Regressed for Paul Nicholls and similar story for new connections this season, prior to finishing third in a 9-runner Doncaster handicap (3m, good to soft) in February (first run following another breathing operation). Wouldn't be without hope if able to build on that here.	
4	AILT AN CHORRAIN (IRE) (36) b+t 98 217-P8623 7 11-3 71.2kg	
	Patrick Neville Joe Williamson Dual hurdles winner who left previous efforts in this sphere behind when going close with first-time blinkers enlisted at Catterick in January. However, he didn't appear enamoured with the step up in trip at the same course next time, so this further increase in distance has to be a worry.	
5	MARY STANFORD (IRE) (64) t 98 2P-56 7 11-2 70.8kg	
	Patrick Neville Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg) Shaped well when runner-up in a mares maiden hurdle on Rules debut at Hexham in October 2024. Has failed to build on that subsequently but she was a wide-margin winner of her sole start between the flags, which is worth bearing in mind now that she's switched to fences.	

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Realisation, **10-3** Mountain Mike, **4-1** Stratagem, **13-2** Ailt An Chorrain, **10-1** Mary Stanford

TIMEFORM VIEW:

REALISATION firmly dispelled any question marks regarding her stamina over C&D last month and a 6 lb rise for that decisive victory looks manageable. She may have most to fear from Mountain Mike, who bettered his chase debut effort when second at Hereford and is probably capable of better in this sphere. Stratagem is best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. REALISATION 2. MOUNTAIN MIKE 3. STRATAGEM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Chemical Warfare** 8-11-9 7-1 David Pipe Jack Tudor 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

**JAYNE AND GREG COMPLETE ALL THE RACECOURSES
HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m77y
(3290 Metres)**



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Royal Max** 7-10-2 13-2 Charles & Adam Pogson Sean Quinlan 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 DIXIE COWBOY (IRE) (17) (CD) s **100**
6-9122562 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

Sam England *Jonathan England*
Stepped up on hurdles exploits when making a successful chase debut over C&D in November. Runner-up on 3 of his 5 subsequent starts in this sphere, including with cheekpieces on for the first time (retained) at Market Rasen recently. Strong candidate.

2 NONBINDING (IRE) (355) (D) s **79**
0P/PP- 9 11-12 | 75.3kg

Victor Thompson *Jack Power (5lb/2kg)*
Won twice over hurdles for Gordon Elliott in 2022 but has shown nothing in 5 starts for present connections, the latest of which was over C&D last spring.

3 BEEP BEEP BECKY (IRE) (28) t **84**
6607 5 11-10 | 74.4kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Toby Wynne*
Runner-up in an Irish point and while she failed to pull up any trees in a handful of runs over hurdles, this 5-y-o is worth a second look in the betting now switched to fences with a first-time tongue strap enlisted.

4 NATURAL ABILITY (IRE) (28) (CD) s+t **82**
4P15F-453 8 11-8 | 73.5kg

Chris Grant *Danny McMenamin*
Finally got off the mark over C&D in November 2024 but hasn't come close to matching that level of form in 4 subsequent completions.

5 CLEAN GETAWAY (IRE) (22) (CD) s **85**
P6742245 9 11-8 | 73.5kg

Philip Kirby *Joe Williamson*
Won 4 on the bounce (2 over hurdles and 2 in this sphere) in October/November 2024. Returned to form when runner-up back here during the autumn and, entitled to come on for last month's C&D spin (first run for 3 months), he could have a part to play having slipped to a potentially handy mark.

6 RESTANDBETHANKFUL (96) (C, D) s+t **80**
364604P5 10 11-3 | 71.2kg

Lizzie Quinlan *Sean Quinlan*
Irresolute performer who was pulled up in handicap chase at in November and again failed to fire when a well-held fifth over C&D on Boxing Day. Absent since and it's probably best to look elsewhere.

7 ELUSIVE WARRIOR (IRE) (18) h+t **79**
70-7034P 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Sandy Thomson *Patrick Wadge*
Little to shout about in bumpers/over hurdles, pulled up in a first-time hood at Newcastle on latest start 18 days ago. Hood retained and tongue strap now given a whirl, too.

8 MYFAVOURITESISTER (IRE) (188) s+t **86**
P55-20U43 7 10-12 | 68.9kg

Patrick Neville *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
Remains a maiden following a dozen starts in bumpers/over hurdles but, on the upside, he posted one of his better efforts when third of 9 in a Perth handicap hurdle (2½m, good to soft) in September. Possibilities if fully tuned-up/jumping passes the test now tackling fences.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Dixie Cowboy, **5-1** Myfavouritesister, **11-2** Clean Getaway, **7-1** Beep Beep Becky, **12-1** Natural Ability, **20-1** Restandbethankful, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The most solid option is DIXIE COWBOY, who has largely acquitted himself well since scoring on his C&D chase debut and he remains on a plausible mark. Beep Beep Becky's form over hurdles leaves much to be desired but the fact that she was runner-up on her sole start between the flags augurs well ahead of this switch to the larger obstacles. She is second choice ahead of the down-in-the-weights Clean Getaway.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DIXIE COWBOY 2. BEEP BEEP BECKY 3. CLEAN GETAWAY

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MW CIVILS & GROUNDWORKS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)

RACE 4



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	BRIGHT LEGEND (IRE) (35) P6463353 6 11-5 72.1kg	t	100
	Faye Bramley Winner on the Flat and though yet to hit the target following 19 attempts over jumps, he has posted several solid efforts in defeat. Latest third in a 15-runner Wincanton handicap (2½m, soft) was among his best jumps form and he has strong claims back in maiden company.		Richie McLernon
2	FEARLESS DRAGON (22) 5-53U 5 11-5 72.1kg	s	90
	Patrick Neville Well beaten in a bumper on debut early last year and just glimmers of ability in a handful of runs over hurdles. Will likely be better off in handicaps further down the line.		Joe Williamson
3	HAY MAX (IRE) (31) 2-35 5 11-5 72.1kg		
	Charlie Longsdon Shaped like a ready-made future winner when second in a bumper at Bangor on debut last spring. However, failed to build on that in 2 subsequent starts and step forward needed now switched to hurdles.		Danny McMenamin
4	PHANTOM GOLD (IRE) (975) 1/ 8 11-5 72.1kg	h	
	Jennie Candlish Won sole start in point bumpers in February 2023 and followed up in a first-time hood (retained) in a Newton Abbot on Rules debut in July of that year. Looked useful that day and, though absent since, it'll be interesting to see how he shapes up in the betting ahead of this hurdles/stable debut.		Sean Quinlan
5	WHO'S GLEN (FR) (12) 3373 5 11-5 72.1kg		96
	Donald McCain Useful handicapper on the Flat for Andrew Balding and placed on 3 of his 4 starts since switched to hurdles, most recently finishing third of 10 on handicap bow in this sphere at Musselburgh (2½m, good). Major player.		Theo Gillard
6	MONARK WOOD (FR) (31) 027 4 10-9 67.6kg	h+t	89
	Max Comley Runner-up in a claimer at Fontainebleau in November on his second and final start for David Cottin. Subsequently changed hands for €16,696 and well held starting out for this yard last month. Now tried in a hood (also tongue strap refitted).		David Bass

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Bright Legend, **5-2** Phantom Gold, **4-1** Who's Glen, **12-1** Hay Max, **28-1** Monark Wood, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's been the thick end of 3 years since PHANTOM GOLD was last seen on a racecourse but, provided that the market vibes surrounding this 8-y-o are upbeat, he may nevertheless prove too good for these. Bright Legend and Who's Glen both put in good shifts in handicaps last time and will likely fight out the finish if Phantom Gold isn't fit enough to do himself justice.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PHANTOM GOLD 2. BRIGHT LEGEND 3. WHO'S GLEN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Rehill Relic 6-11-6	2-1	Sam Allwood	Toby Wynne (3)	8
2023	It's Maisy 5-10-12	16-1	Sue Smith	Ross Chapman	5
2022	Not What It Seems 6-11-3	7-1	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (5)	7
2021	Bellaney Gem 8-10-7	5-4f	Stuart Crawford	Brian Hughes	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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MOWDEN PARK RFC HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m3f188y (3990 Metres)

RACE 5



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **ACHNAMARA (61)** (CD) s **89**
 171U-4FP6 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Philip Kirby **I. J. Power**
 C&D winner who was successful twice during 2024/25, including from a 5 lb higher mark at Catterick. Not kicked on in this sphere subsequently though, and merely ticking over on the Flat in recent months.

2 **BYRON HILL (IRE) (13)** s+t **96**
 5-4P63434 **9** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Patrick Neville **Joe Williamson**
 Sole hurdles success came at Carlisle in October 2024 but he's not been disgraced in recent months, finding the return to a speed-favouring test barely enough of a test when fourth over here 2 weeks ago. This rates more suitable from further reduced mark.

3 **COSMIC SOUL (IRE) (13)** (CD) t **97**
 750/211 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Patrick Neville **William Maggs (3lb/1kg)**
 Doubled his tally on Flat at Southwell in January and continued good work over hurdles last month, supplementing his breakthrough victory over here when cosily following up over C&D 2 weeks ago, by 7½ lengths from Laddie Cooper Mia. 10 lb higher now but big shout again.

4 **SWINGFORTHEFENCE (IRE) (22)** s **94**
 3-7976 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Jennie Candlish **Sean Quinlan**
 Made no impact in maiden/novice hurdles and fitting of cheekpieces/switch to handicaps failed to bring about any improvement when sixth in a C&D event 3 weeks ago. Too soon to be writing him off but would need to see market support.

5 **TOP FLIGHT CENTURY (FR) (39)** (CD) **93**
 2543251P **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg



David Thompson **Danny McMenamin**
 Opened his account at Perth (2½m) in July and made a successful debut over C&D on Boxing Day. However, ran poorly when pulled up at Newcastle 39 days ago and bounce back called for.

6 **SEEYAINTHESUNINN (139)** s **96**
 789655-P8 **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg



Micky Hammond **Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)**
 Down the field in bumpers and has fared little better over hurdles, failing to come on for his reappearance/handicap debut when well held eighth over C&D in November. Cheekpieces now reached for following a break.

7 **KNACKER TRAPPER (IRE) (18)** **98**
 577P5-573 **8** 10-12 | 68.9kg



Andrew Crook **Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)**
 On a losing sequence but he posted a good third of 15 in handicap hurdle over extended 2½m at Newcastle 18 days ago. Up to playing his part from present mark if arriving in same form.

8 **KOPA KILANA (IRE) (15)** t **93**
 34228P09 **9** 10-11 | 68.5kg



Samantha & Jacqueline Coward **Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)**
 Long-standing maiden over hurdles who has offered little either start over hurdles 4 months apart for present stable.

9 **LADDIE COOPER MIA (IRE) (13)** s **100**
 6587-4662 **6** 10-4 | 65.3kg



Adam Nicol **Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)**
 Made promising return at this course in November and posted best effort since when chasing home Cosmic Soul over C&D 2 weeks ago, albeit doing a fair bit wrong once hitting the front. Possible she needs delivering as late as possible but she's capable of defying this basement mark.

10 **DEAUVILLE LADY (48)** **85**
 6-076 **5** 10-4 | 65.3kg



Nigel Hawke **James Davies**
 Well held only start in bumpers and similar story in trio of soft ground maiden hurdles at around 2m upon returning this winter. Better ground may help now handicapping up in trip and she's one to monitor in the betting for positive vibes.

11 **MR GLOBALIST (IRE) (13)** s **94**
 P5565565 **7** 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)



Lizzie Quinlan **Peter Kavanagh**
 Long-standing maiden though did shape as though he may sharpen up following a 12-week break when fifth behind Cosmic Soul over C&D 2 weeks ago. Each-way possibilities despite operating from out of the weights.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Cosmic Soul, **5-1** Laddie Cooper Mia, **8-1** Knacker Trapper, **11-1** Byron Hill, **14-1** Achnamara, **14-1** Deauville Lady, **16-1** SwingfortheFence, **22-1** Mr Globalist, **22-1** Top Flight Century, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having resumed winning ways on the Flat at Southwell in January, COSMIC SOUL has continued the good work over hurdles more recently, running out a good winner over C&D 2 weeks ago. He's 10 lb higher in his bid to complete a hurdles hat-trick but may be up to it with his yard continuing in form. Laddie Cooper Mia finished runner-up behind the selection latest and ought to be thereabouts again. Knacker Trapper and Byron Hill also make each-way appeal.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COSMIC SOUL 2. LADDIE COOPER MIA 3. KNACKER TRAPPER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Feach Amach** 5-10-13 9-2 Adam Nicol Joshua Thompson (7) 9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.10 **PAXTONS NO1 CASEIH DEALER IN UK&IRELAND OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4, 5 and 6yo £4,500 2m178y (3380 Metres)**
RACE 6



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

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


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Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**


1 CONNELLS CROSS (IRE) (22) (CD) 88
 21 5 11-3 | 71.2kg

 **Jennie Candlish** *Sean Quinlan*
 Conformed debut promise for Fergal O'Brien 10 months earlier with victory in 4-runner bumper over C&D (good to soft) last month, best suited by the test of speed. Merits respect under a penalty.


2 HILLSTEELS BLUE (IRE) 78
 6 11-3 | 71.2kg

 **Max Young** *Charlie Hammond*
 Califet gelding. Dam 17f hurdle winner in France out of French hurdler/chaser (winner up to 21f) Salsa Melody.


3 SCOPIC 79
 5 11-3 | 71.2kg

 **Ben Haslam** *Richie McLernon*
 Telescope gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdle winner around 2m Tedtwo. Market for clues.

4 THE GEM STATE (IRE) 100
 5 11-3 | 71.2kg

 **Paul Nicholls** *Freddie Gingell*
 £75,000 4-y-o, Idaho gelding. Dam unraced. Dam unraced daughter of half-sister to useful chaser up to 3m Sraid Padraig, family of top-class 2m/3¼m chaser Strong Promise. Runner-up sole outing in Irish points (Nov 2025) and makes plenty of appeal for top southern stable.


5 DATSTHEHOLYALLOFIT (IRE) (22) 80
 4 5 10-10 | 68.0kg

 **Patrick Neville** *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
 Seemed unsuited by emphasis on speed when 12¼ lengths last of 4 to Connells Cross in bumper over C&D (good to soft, 10/1) on last month's debut. Needs a sizeable step forward.


6 DOLLY DIOR 80
 5 10-10 | 68.0kg

 **Patrick Neville** *Jack Power (5lb/2kg)*
 £1,000 4-y-o, Sir Percy mare. Half-sister to 2 winners on Flat, including 1m winner Vondelpark. Dam unraced.

7 MORDS LAVIE SPIGAO (FR) 85
 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **L J Morgan** *Danny McMenamin*
 €32,000 3-y-o, Tunis gelding. Dam, French maiden hurdler, 1½m winner on Flat, half-sister to useful hurdler (winner around 2m) Khrisma. Makes some appeal on paper and one to watch closely in the betting.

8 SMART ORDER 80
 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **Philip Kirby** *Joe Williamson*
 Order of St George gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 21f) Lady Buttons. Yard knows this family well.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 The Gem State, **7-2** Connells Cross, **11-2** Mords Lavie Spigao, **16-1** Smart Order, **18-1** Datstheholyallofit, **20-1** Dolly Dior, **22-1** Scopic, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THE GEM STATE makes obvious appeal having joined a top stable after finishing second on his sole outing in Irish points, so he's taken to add to his trainer's excellent record at this track by making a winning start under Rules. Mords Lavie Spigao is another likely type on paper and one to watch closely in the betting, while recent C&D winner Connells Cross merits consideration under a penalty, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THE GEM STATE 2. MORDS LAVIE SPIGAO 3. CONNELLS CROSS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Swingingontheheel** 5-11-10 8-15f Rebecca Menzies Nathan Moscrop 5