

Monday 2nd February

SOUTHWELL



1.02	EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY 5th APRIL HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)
RACE 1	(2) ABINGWORTH (4) ROGER RAREBIT (7) LINE OF DESCENT
1.37	JOIN SOUTHWELL GOLF CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)
RACE 2	(3) DAYTIME DREAMING (5) BENMORE (6) DROMLAC JURY
2.12	BOOK THE BISTRO IN SEASONS RESTAURANT MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)
RACE 3	(9) TREAD CAREFULLY (10) WILSTAR (7) MYRIGHTHANDMAN
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3.17	DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP MARES' NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)
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RACE 6	(8) BITSNBUCKLES (5) FIRM BUT FAIR (3) PIKE ROAD
4.27	LADIES DAY ON SUNDAY 16th AUGUST HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m60y (4880 Metres)
RACE 7	(4) LA HIGUERA (7) MOVEONBUY (2) BOBALOT

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.

1.02**EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY 5th APRIL HANDICAP CHASE (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 2½m88y (4100 Metres)**

RACE 1

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **SALLEY GARDENS (IRE) (107)** (CD) s+t **95**
51-1P7543 10 11-12 | 75.3kg



Jake Thomas Coulson

Lewis Saunders (5lb/2kg)

Won a pair of small-field chases for Olly Murphy last spring. Hasn't reached those heights in a handful of runs for this yard but has dipped 2 lb below his last winning mark.

2 **ABINGWORTH (65)** (D) h **96**
311-U214P 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



James Owen

Sam Twiston-Davies

Decent strike rate over fences but below par last 2 starts in this sphere and ran poorly back on the Flat last month. However, back down in class now and more than capable in this sort of company.

3 **DUNSTALL RAMBLER (IRE) (62)** **95**
51124-16F 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



Tom George

Kielan Woods

Looked an improved model when routing the opposition on his reappearance at Worcester in October but never involved in better company at Aintree after and fell heavily 11th at Southwell (2m4f) last time. Needs to get back on track.

4 **ROGER RAREBIT (33)** (D) v+t  **100**
1P3P/24P-1 9 11-9 | 73.9kg



Tom Lacey

Stan Sheppard

Best fresh and looked better than ever when making a winning seasonal return at Warwick on New Year's Eve. 5 lb rise looks fair but not sure to be in same form this time.

5 **WHATSYOURPROBLEM (IRE) (80)** **94**
434251-73 8 11-8 | 73.5kg



Fergal O'Brien

J. Hogan

Consistent rather than progressive over hurdles and made the most of a good opportunity in a maiden at Huntingdon in April. Left chase debut/return behind when third at Southwell, though once again didn't convince with his jumping. More needed again.

6 **DUHALLOW TOMMY (IRE) (49)** (BF) **98**
3225-3644 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



Toby Lawes

K. Brogan

Successful at Plumpton on first 3 chase starts in 2023/24 and still in good heart last season despite not winning. Hasn't returned in the same form this campaign, though, including back over hurdles last time. Has subsequently had a breathing operation.

7 **LINE OF DESCENT (IRE) (616)** (CD, BF) t **97**
213U253/5- 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Warren Greatrex

Richard Patrick

C&D winner who's potentially well handicapped, but this is his first outing in 20 months so market may prove best guide.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Roger Rarebit, **11-2** Whatsyourproblem, **6-1** Dunstall Rambler, **13-2** Abingworth, **15-2** Salley Gardens, **17-2** Duhallow Tommy, **10-1** Line of Descent

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ABINGWORTH has disappointed of late but could be worth chancing back down in class. Roger Rarebit looked better than ever when making a winning return at Warwick but isn't an obvious type to follow up looking at his profile. Line of Descent is potentially well handicapped but is returning from a long absence.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ABINGWORTH 2. ROGER RAREBIT 3. LINE OF DESCENT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Ideallko 7-10-3	9-4f	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	7
2024	Star Flyer 7-11-12	15-2	Warren Greatrex	James Bowen	12
2023	Who Is That 7-10-13	5-1	Chris Gordon	Gavin Sheehan	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.37**JOIN SOUTHWELL GOLF CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+
(Rated 0-120) £8,900 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****1 OSTEND (IRE) (285) 95**

57/7PF31P- 8 12-1 | 76.7kg



Alastair Ralph

Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg)

Maiden hurdle winner in Ireland who capitalised on a falling mark and the run of the race when opening his account over fences at Market Rasen in March. Pulled up at Perth the following month, however, and off since (has had wind surgery).

2 LIVELY CITIZEN (IRE) (45) (D) s 95

71430-12P 11 11-12 | 75.3kg



D. J. Jeffreys

Jack Tudor

Back in the groove when scoring in decisive fashion at Ffos Las in May. Solid second over hurdles at Aintree later that month and likely to have needed comeback run at Uttoxeter 6 weeks ago. Does look high enough in the weights, though.

3 DAYTIME DREAMING (IRE) (80) (C, D, BF) 97

41-4 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Tom Ellis

Jack Andrews

Runner-up on sole outing in points and confirmed hurdles debut promise when landing the odds here 14 months ago. Caught the eye (looked the likeliest winner at one point) when fourth on belated return/chase debut over further here in November and sure to build on that.

4 MR GREY SKY (IRE) (16) (D) s 96

1P43/531-7 12 11-10 | 74.4kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

**Kielan Woods**

Back-to-back winner of handicap chases in November 2023 and bagged another at Leicester (2m, heavy) a year ago. Might have needed the run after 11 months off (left behind from 3 out) at Haydock 16 days ago.

5 BENMORE (IRE) (38) (D) s 99

22341-712 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



L J Morgan

Danny McMenamin

Winning hurdler who is going the right way as a chaser, all the better for return when winning at Leicester before good second at Market Rasen. Needs considering.

6 DROMLAC JURY (IRE) (75) (D, BF) ★ 100

1/22733-34 7 10-4 | 65.3kg



Tom Symonds

Ben Poste

Without a win so far over fences but has shown better form than over hurdles, shaping as if still in good form at Warwick in November. Respected.

7 FLASH IN THE PARK (IRE) (15) (CD, BF) ✓ 97

3-P246815 8 10-3 | 64.9kg



Charles & Adam Pogson

Robert Dunne

More miss than hit overall, often finding little. However, he was on a going day when emerging on top over C&D in December and not disgraced off revised mark at Fakenham since.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Benmore, **3-1** Daytime Dreaming, **5-1** Dromlac Jury, **10-1** Flash In The Park, **12-1** Mr Grey Sky, **12-1** Lively Citizen, **12-1** Ostend

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DAYTIME DREAMING shaped well sent chasing until his 12-month absence told here in November and he can find the required improvement. Benmore is improving as a chaser and looks the obvious threat with Dromlac Jury best of the others.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DAYTIME DREAMING 2. BENMORE 3. DROMLAC JURY

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.12**BOOK THE BISTRO IN SEASONS RESTAURANT MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 4yo+ £10,000 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**

RACE 3

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 DINO MOON (FR) (11) 70**

670 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Evan Williams

Conor Ring

Well held in bumper/maiden hurdles.

2 GOLLY GOSH (IRE) (57) 75

0-7 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Billy Aprahamian

Jack Andrews

Well held in a Warwick bumper and Huntingdon maiden hurdle 8 months apart.

3 GOOD BOY GRIFF (37) 79

679 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Gary Hanmer

Joe Anderson (31b/1kg)

Hinted at ability in bumpers but not enough to make him of interest on hurdles bow.

4 HOBNAIL (10) 70

8P 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Claire Dyson

Lee Edwards

Well held in bumper/novice hurdle.

5 JOEYBOTTLES (IRE) (48) 83

3-7 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Craig Nichol

Encouraging debut third of 13 in bumper at Perth in April but low-key start over hurdles at Catterick on return. Tongue strap on for 1st time.

6 LAWSKY (15) 75

00/45 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



James Owen

Alex Chadwick (31b/1kg)

No impact in a brace of bumpers during the spring of 2024 and similar story both starts over hurdles for new yard.

7 MYRIGHTHANDMAN (IRE) (79) 85

5 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Tom Lacey

Stan Sheppard

£35,000 4-y-o, Walk In The Park gelding. Half-brother to 5 winners, including useful hurdler/chaser Westerner Lady. Won only outing in Irish points but shaped like a long-term prospect on hurdles debut at Wetherby (16f, soft) 79 days ago. Subsequently had breathing operation.

8 PROMETHEAN (FR) 84

5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Sam England

Jonathan England

Fair performer on Flat (stays 1½m) but below form last 4 starts in 2025.

9 TREAD CAREFULLY (IRE) (60) 97

2-725 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Runner-up in a Uttoxeter bumper in March and duly built on reappearance/hurdles debut promise when splitting pair of subsequent winners in 2m Sandown maiden. Pulled too hard on heavy ground at Leicester since and well worth another chance.

10 WILSTAR (IRE) (31) (D,BF) 100

31-82 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Olly Murphy

**K. Brogan**

Successful at Perth on second start in bumpers during the spring and clearly wasn't right on hurdles debut at Newbury in November. Duly left that behind in a tongue strap when second at Ayr and good chance of going one better.

BETTING FORECAST:**6-4** Wilstar, **2-1** Tread Carefully, **10-1** Myrighthandman, **12-1** Prometheus, **16-1** Joeybottles, **50-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

TREAD CAREFULLY is well worth another chance to confirm his strong Sandown form having pulled hard on heavy ground at Leicester subsequently. Wilstar left his hurdles debut well behind when second at Ayr and is the obvious threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. TREAD CAREFULLY 2. WILSTAR 3. MYRIGHTHANDMAN****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 ^I	Karton Plein 5-11-7	13-8	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	10
2025 ^{II}	Rule Me In 6-11-7	12-1	Christian Williams	Jack Tudor	9
2024	Teorie 4-10-11	10-3	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	11
2023	Strong Leader 6-12-0	2-7f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

BOOK THE BISTRO IN SEASONS RESTAURANT MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 4yo+ £10,000 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 DESERTMORE NEWS (IRE) 91
6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Tom Ellis *Jack Andrews*
€10,000 3-y-o, Elusive Pimpernel gelding. Half-brother to modest chaser O Mio Babbino, stayed 25f. Dam fair 19f/2½m hurdle winner. Third in an Irish point in November and starts Rules career at an ordinary level.

2 FOURONEOHFEVER (IRE) (30) 97
F 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Ben Pauling *Kielan Woods*
Fairly useful on the Flat with a win at Catterick last October but on the retreat when falling heavily at last in 4-runner maiden hurdle at Sandown (6/1) 30 days ago. Still finding his feet over hurdles but open to progress if casting that experience aside.

3 GEORDIE BAY (36) 75
P6 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Claire Dyson *Lee Edwards*
Shown little in 2 starts, latterly in first-time tongue strap.

4 HERBYGOESBANANAS (22) (D) 94
1-46 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Henrietta C Knight *Lorcan Williams*
Flat-bred gelding who overcame inexperience to make a winning bumper debut at Huntingdon in November 2024, beating a fair sort. Offered little on Flat debut at Chelmsford 5 months later and yet to fully fire over hurdles for current yard, albeit showing a bit more at Fontwell (19.1f) 3 weeks ago.

5 MOYGANNY PHIL (IRE) (62) (BF) 100
4 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Olly Murphy *Robert Dunne*
£72,000 4-y-o, second foal, dam unraced. Runner-up both starts in Irish points (latest Nov 2024). Failed to meet market expectations when fourth on December's C&D hurdles debut but he's in very good hands and is expected to take a step forward.

6 MR JUKEBOX (IRE) (69) 93
3-6 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Warren Greatrex *Richard Patrick*
Similar form in bumpers 8 months apart, sixth of 14 at Hereford in November. That isn't form to be getting carried away with but this isn't a strong contest and he's bred to do better over obstacles.

7 QUINTA BRIGADA (IRE) (12) 70
6-858 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Evan Williams *Conor Ring*
Yet to show much over hurdles, eighth of 13 in novice hurdle at Catterick (200/1) 12 days ago, tailed off.

8 RIVER GLANCE (62) 65
76-8P 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Emma-Jane Bishop *Lilly Pinchin*
Yet to show any ability. First run after a breathing operation.

9 STUNG BY TARIFFS (46) 90
646 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Henry Daly *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Showed ability on hurdling debut at Carlisle but not in the same form when sixth of 12 in hurdle maiden at Exeter 46 days ago, well beaten after being prominent early.

10 ROSE OF THE SHIRES (IRE) (33) 65
00P 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alex Hales *J. Hogan*
Yet to show much in 3 runs.

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Moyganny Phil, **10-3** Fouroneohfever, **5-1** Herbygoesbananas, **6-1** Mr Jukebox, **8-1** Desertmore News, **12-1** Stung By Tariffs, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Not a strong maiden hurdle so MOYGANNY PHIL could well be the answer given he's expected to improve on the form he displayed when fourth over C&D in December. Fouroneohfever took a heavy fall when tiring on his hurdles debut but is a big threat if over that, with Mr Jukebox also of some interest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOYGANNY PHIL 2. FOURONEOHFEVER 3. MR JUKEBOX

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP MARES' NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-95) £6,150 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 BY THE GRACE (338) (BF) 92
3847P/P24- 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Nicky Henderson **Mr Daniel Williams (7lb/3kg)**
Resumed from 8 months off with an improved second at Hereford (16.2f) last winter, just failing. Not quite in same form at Doncaster in March and off since. Can go well fresh so not taken lightly.

2 KUPKA VALLIS (FR) (54) 91
8U4-35 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Clive Boulton-Brooks **Richard Patrick**
Strong in the betting on handicap bow/return but only third of 6 at Leicester. Below par at Hereford since.

3 GETAROSE (IRE) (25) 85
4206 5 11-9 | 73.9kg



Evan Williams **Conor Ring**
Hinted at promise when reaching the frame in maiden hurdles at Ffos Las (15.8f) and Hereford (19.5f) but made little impact from a tough-looking opening mark on handicap bow at Taunton last month.

4 KELLEBELLE (FR) (69) 74
6860 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



D. J. Jeffreys **Robert Dunne**
Well held in bumper/novice hurdles. Tongue strap on for 1st time on handicap debut.

5 SOMEBODYCOMEGETHER (10) 94
6435214 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Jessica Bedi **Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)**
Staying handicapper on the Flat who opened her account over hurdles when making all in handicap at Catterick in December. Backed that up when fourth at Doncaster though without suggesting she's got much in hand off her revised mark.

6 SNAPAUDACIAHEROS (IRE) (88) 94
423875-74 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Rebecca Menzies **Nathan Moscrop**
Made the frame all 3 starts in bumpers and showed a bit of promise over hurdles, though she went backwards from return when remote fourth at Sedgefield in November.

7 TIME WAS (IRE) (21) 92
288-36P24 9 10-13 | 69.4kg



Philip Kirby **Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)**
Yet to win in this sphere and just a respectable fourth of 13 in handicap hurdle (8/1) at Hereford (19.7f, soft) 3 weeks ago. Others are more convincing.

8 LITTLE LADY LUCY (IRE) (238) 92
P784P-559 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Neil Mulholland **Harriet Tucker (7lb/3kg)**
Fair on the Flat for Joseph O'Brien and showed more than previously over hurdles when fifth at Fontwell in May. Failed to build on that next 2 starts, though, running poorly at Southwell when last seen in June.

9 LILOO D'ORES (FR) (45) 91
P-65356P6 9 10-6 | 66.2kg



Gary Hanmer **Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)**
Winless in 22 career runs and arrives on the back of a poor effort at Uttoxeter 45 days ago.

10 PARISH STAR (IRE) (6) (D) 100
675/458-31 6 10-5 | 65.8kg



Adam Nicol **Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)**
Modest on the Flat in Ireland and largely struggled to make an impact over hurdles for Nigel Hawke. However, much better for yard debut/return when narrow winner at Newcastle last week and unpenalised here.

11 RAINCLOUD (50) 86
5-725P99P 6 10-5(10-3) | 65.8kg (64.9kg)
Michael Chapman **Miss Ellie Holder (7lb/3kg)**
Long-standing maiden on Flat/over hurdles and she looks set for another struggle.



11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Parish Star, **7-2** By The Grace, **7-1** Somebodycomegether, **15-2** Time Was, **10-1** Kupka Vallis, **18-1** Little Lady Lucy, **20-1** Snapaudaciaheros, **28-1** Lilloo D'ores, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PARISH STAR produced a career-best effort to belatedly get off the mark at Newcastle last week on just her second start for this yard and has obvious claims going unpenalised for that. By The Grace can go well fresh so may emerge as the biggest threat ahead of Somebodycomegether.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PARISH STAR 2. BY THE GRACE 3. SOMEBODYCOMEGETHER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Lyle View** 5-10-12 15-8f Neil Mulholland Richie McLernon 14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.52**GOLF AND GALLOP PACKAGE HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-120) £7,700 2½m88y (4100 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **PRINCE IMPERIAL (USA) (33)** (D) **94**
11-24630P **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Jake Thomas Coulson

Sean Grantham (10lb/5kg)

Won 4 times over hurdles in 2024/25 and signed off for Olly Murphy with a creditable third at Bangor (23.2f) in September. Heavy defeats both starts for this yard and lots to prove minus headgear.

2 **BEAU QUALI (FR) (52)** (D) **98**
F26-21525 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Christian Williams

Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg)

Won a "match" on chase debut in October and wasted no time getting back on track reverting to hurdling when good second over C&D a month later, pulling clear of rest with an unexposed stable-switcher. Heavy defeat at Doncaster since and he's left Dan Skelton, Cheekpieces removed.

3 **PIKE ROAD (32)** **97**
12F5U145 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Martin Keighley

Freddie Keighley (7lb/3kg)

Looked likely winner when unseating on second chase start at Ludlow and quickly made amends under a well-judged ride to win 7-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (23.3f, soft) in November. Shaped as though still in form both starts at Cheltenham since and he's back on his correct mark down in trip.

4 **THANKYOUURLUCKYSTAR (35)** (D) **98**
66433-1P9 **10** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Alastair Ralph

J. Hogan

Won at Worcester in May but has struggled both starts since, pulling up at Warwick before running ninth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Newbury (33/1) 35 days ago, going with no zest and labouring.

5 **FIRM BUT FAIR (IRE) (33)** **96**
23 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Harry Derham

Sam Twiston-Davies

£60,000 purchase after finishing third in an Irish point in April. Showed promise on hurdling debut despite greenness, then third of 4 in maiden hurdle at Uttoxeter 33 days ago, still in need of experience. Makes handicap debut and remains capable of better, though this trip may not be ideal.

6 **EUREKA CREEK (IRE) (76)** (D) **98**
3322/56-39 **10** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Sarah Humphrey

Jack Andrews

Winless since 2022 but she started out for new yard (formerly with Emma Lavelle) with a good third of 8 in handicap hurdle at Bangor (19.6f, good to soft) in October. Ridden with much more restraint when making no impact over fences a month later.

7 **JACKPOT CASH (FR) (36)** (CD, BF) **95**
1-21U6634 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg



James Owen

Alex Chadwick (3lb/1kg)

Had a purple patch in the spring but has been below that form since, fourth of 6 in handicap chase at Leicester (11/4) 36 days ago. Tongue strap removed returned to hurdling and he's back on a tempting mark.

8 **BITSNBUCKLES (IRE) (34)** **100**
177/42-433 **8** 10-13 | 69.4kg



Olly Murphy

Lewis Saunders (5lb/2kg)

Has returned to form after needing the run following 13 months off at Market Rasen in November, third of 9 in handicap hurdle at Taunton (9/2) 34 days ago on first try over 23.9f. Drop back in distance won't inconvenience and he needs taking very seriously.

9 **MOTAZZEN (IRE) (22)** (C) **99**
111-228U3 **8** 10-9 | 67.6kg



Henrietta C Knight

Robert Dunne

Has 3 placed efforts from 4 completed starts since completing a hurdles hat-trick last winter, most recently third of 14 at Fontwell (14/1) 22 days ago despite meeting trouble. Can remain competitive.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Pike Road, **9-2** Bitsnbuckles, **5-1** Firm But Fair, **11-2** Motazzen, **6-1** Beau Quali, **10-1** Jackpot Cash, **16-1** Eureka Creek, **28-1** Thankyouluckystar, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BITSNBUCKLES has run right up to form both starts since fitted with a tongue tie, latterly at Taunton a month ago and with the return to this distance no negative, he could be the answer. Firm But Fair has looked a stayer so far so this drop in trip for handicap debut is a slight concern but he's certainly open to progress, with Pike Road another to consider down in class.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. BITSNBUCKLES 2. FIRM BUT FAIR 3. PIKE ROAD****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2025 **Shantwopointfive** 7-11-0 4-1 Warren Greatrex James Bowen 11**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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LADIES DAY ON SUNDAY 16th AUGUST HANDICAP HURDLE
(5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 3m60y (4880 Metres)

RACE 7

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

Left handed, tight. A course whose character changes dramatically depending on underfoot conditions, the emphasis being very much on speed on firmish ground yet completely the opposite on heavy ground, long-distance races under such conditions often resulting in very few finishers. The fences are of the portable variety yet offer more of a test than plenty of courses that attract a similar standard of runner. The brush-type hurdles penalise less-fluent jumping more than the traditional variety.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	SWEET MAGIC (IRE) (38)	49
	F/7252-47 8 12-0 76.2kg Alastair Ralph Toby McCain-Mitchell (51b/2kg) Yet to win a race and went backwards last time, finishing seventh of 7 in handicap at Aintree (9/2) 38 days ago when carrying tail awkwardly. Cheekpieces removed for this step up in trip.	
2	BOBALOT (22)	99
	331-54333 9 11-11 74.8kg Laura Horsfall Mr Sean O'Connor (71b/3kg) Finished third in his last 3 starts, most recently at Fontwell (9/1) 22 days ago, seemingly going best when caught on the inner before being outstayed by the front 2. Capable of being very competitive having been eased 1 lb.	s+t
3	CHECK THE SCORE (IRE) (363) (D)	100
	4/381- 8 11-11 74.8kg Fergal O'Brien J. Hogan Successful on second of 2 starts in Irish points and made a winning Rules debut in a 17-runner Warwick bumper in April 2023. Lightly raced and low-key start over hurdles before making winning handicap/chase debut fitted with cheekpieces a year ago. Off since and he's back over the smaller obstacles.	s
4	LA HIGUERA (IRE) (11) (D)	96
	4/54-43231 7 11-10 74.4kg Toby Lawes K. Brogan Placed in Irish points and off the mark over hurdles at Wetherby 11 days ago having been placed on all 3 previous handicap starts, edging ahead in dying strides. Unexposed stayer and 3 lb rise may not be enough to prevent the follow up.	s
5	BOMBAY PETE (25)	98
	500767 5 11-4 71.7kg Christian Williams Jack Tudor Yet to win and failed to improve for switch to handicaps despite attracting support on each occasion. Step back up in trip will suit and he may have a bigger performance in him.	
6	HOBB'S DELIGHT (33) (CD)	96
	84263-PP6 10 11-0 69.9kg Neil Mulholland Bradley Harris (31b/1kg) Winner over C&D in February 2024 but into the veteran stage of his career now and recent efforts over both sets of obstacles have lacked spark. Tongue tie added.	v+t
7	MOVEONBUY (11)	97
	64-471402 6 10-11 68.5kg Andrew Crook William Maggs (51b/2kg) Much improved when winning handicap at Cartmel (22f, heavy) in June and right back to her best when edged out by La Higuera at Wetherby 11 days ago. Shouldn't be much between the pair again.	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 La Higuera, **4-1** Moveonbuy, **6-1** Check The Score, **13-2** Bobalot, **9-1** Bombay Pete, **12-1** Sweet Magic, **28-1** Hobb's Delight

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LA HIGUERA showed a willing attitude when seeing off Moveonbuy at Wetherby 11 days ago and boasting the more likeable profile of the pair, he is taken to uphold that form. Of the rest, Bobalot seems sure to give another good account of himself.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LA HIGUERA 2. MOVEONBUY 3. BOBALOT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Edgewell 7-11-6	7-1	Rebecca Menzies	Conor O'Farrell	11
2024	Globe Player 5-11-11	10-3	Stuart Edmunds	Ciaran Gethings	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race