

**1.45** EBC GROUP MANIFESTO NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 1) (1) 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(5) IMPAIRE ET PASSE | (6) JANGO BAIE | (4) GIDLEIGH PARK**
**2.20** BOODLES ANNIVERSARY 4-Y-O JUVENILE HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 2m209y (3410 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(9) PUTURHANDSTOGETHER | (3) FILIBUSTERING | (6) LIVE CONTI**
**2.55** BROOKLANDS GOLDEN MILLER CHRONOGRAPH BOWL CHASE (Grade 1) (1) 3m210y (5020 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(5) GREY DAWNING | (6) SPILLANE'S TOWER | (1) AHoy SENOR**
**3.30** WILLIAM HILL AINTREE HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 2½m (4020 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(1) CONSTITUTION HILL | (5) LOSSIEMOUTH | (7) WODHOOH**
**4.05** RANDOX FOXHUNTERS' OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (2) 2m5f19y (4240 Metres) (Nat.)

 RACE 5 **(28) WILLITGOAHEAD | (17) LIFETIME AMBITION | (20) MY DROGO**
**4.40** CLOSE BROTHERS RED RUM HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 1m7f176y (3180 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(6) CALICO | (3) MY MATE MOZZIE | (9) SANS BRUIT**
**5.15** GOFFS NICKEL COIN MARES' STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Grade 2) (1) 2m209y (3410 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(16) SEO LINN | (8) JACKIE HOBBS | (2) BETTY'S DAISY**
**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












EBC GROUP MANIFESTO NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 1) (1) 5yo+  
£120,000 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1	<b>BOOMBAWN (IRE) (40)</b> (C, D)	91
	13203152 8 11-7   73.0kg Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i> Useful hurdler and even better over fences, bagging the Grade 2 Rising Stars at Wincanton in November. Made a mistake at a crucial stage when well held in John Francome at Newbury later that month but soon back on track when runner-up to the reopposing Rubaud in the Pendil at Kempton in February.	
2	<b>CROKE PARK (IRE) (60)</b> (D)	97
	117P-1112 7 11-7   73.0kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>Sam Ewing</i> Has made a cracking start over fences this term, taking his record to 3-3 - the latest pair at Grade 1 level - when edging out Better Days Ahead in the Fort Leney at Leopardstown (24.4f, good to soft) over Christmas. Unable to live with Ballyburn at the DRF but should be bang there again.	
3	<b>FASCILE MODE (IRE) (33)</b>	87
	1081F6PF 7 11-7   73.0kg Thomas Mullins, Ireland <i>D. E. Mullins</i> Made a winning start in this sphere at Punchestown in October but it's fair to say things haven't gone as planned since, failing to complete on 3 of his next 4 starts. Huge outsider at this level.	
4	<b>GIDLEIGH PARK (76)</b> (D)	98
	1/1116-P1 7 11-7   73.0kg Harry Fry  <i>Bryan Carver</i> Useful winner of 3 of his 4 starts over hurdles last season. Bombed out on return at Kempton (had irregular heartbeat) but got his career firmly back on track when making all in Grade 2 at Windsor (16.2f) in January, beating subsequent Cheltenham Festival winner Caldwell Potter. Better to come.	
5	<b>IMPAIRE ET PASSE (FR) (60)</b> (C, D)	97
	22311-113 7 11-7   73.0kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <i>P. Townend</i> High-class winner over hurdles, including Grade 1 at this meeting 12 months ago, and has made a smooth transition to chasing, scoring again at the top level in 7-runner Faugheen Novice Chase at Limerick. Had winning run ended when third at the DRF and now first-time headgear is applied.	
6	<b>JANGO BAIE (FR) (23)</b> (C)	100
	11222-121 6 11-7   73.0kg Nicky Henderson <i>Nico de Boinville</i> Smart novice hurdler and has quickly made up into a better chaser, winning at Cheltenham on first attempt. Narrowly denied next time but conjured a remarkable run to get up close home in 5-runner Arkle last month (traded 300.00 in-running). Return to 2½m a big plus, but he did have a tough race.	
7	<b>MARK OF GOLD (27)</b> (D)	91
	10P-21331 8 11-7   73.0kg Gary & Josh Moore  <i>Caolin Quinn</i> Prolific hurdler who made the perfect start in this sphere when landing a 19f Ascot Grade 2 just before Christmas (shade fortunate). Third in Graded events next 2 outings before resuming winning ways courtesy of a good round of jumping on handicap bow at Exeter last month. Faces a stiff task here.	
8	<b>RUBAUD (FR) (40)</b>	94
	456-11F21 7 11-7   73.0kg Paul Nicholls <i>Harry Cobden</i> Smart hurdler, winning first 2 starts this season. Quickly reached same level over fences when length second to L'eau du Sud in Warwick Grade 2 in February and went one better with a gutsy display from the front in the Pendil at Kempton (20.5f, soft) since. Will need to step up to feature.	
9	<b>THE KALOOKI KID (61)</b> (D)	88
	11485-211 7 11-7   73.0kg Nicky Richards <i>Danny McMenamin</i> Dual hurdles winner last season and already proved himself a better chaser this term, confirming promise of reappearance second when readily going one better in a 19f Doncaster handicap in December. Followed up from 7 lb higher at Musselburgh last time but this demands significantly more.	

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Jango Baie, 10-3 Impaire Et Passe, 4-1 Croke Park, 5-1 Gidleigh Park, 12-1 Rubaud, 28-1 Boombawn, 28-1 The Kalooki Kid, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A mouth-watering start to the Grand National Festival 2025 with the suggestion being IMPAIRE ET PASSE, who edged a 3-way photo in the Aintree Hurdle on this card 12 months ago and Willie Mullins' 7-y-o can get back on the up in first-time headgear returned to this track following a break. This return to 2½m will suit Jango Baie, so he heads up the opposition having found an extra gear to take the Arkle last month, with Gidleigh Park and Croke Park another couple worth considering, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IMPAIRE ET PASSE 2. JANGO BAIE 3. GIDLEIGH PARK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Il Etait Temps</b> 6-11-7	3-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	5
2023	<b>Banbridge</b> 7-11-7	2-1	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	J. J. Slevin	5
2022	<b>Millers Bank</b> 8-11-4	7-1	Alex Hales	Kielan Woods	6
2021	<b>Protektorat</b> 6-11-4	17-2	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

BOODLES ANNIVERSARY 4-Y-O JUVENILE HURDLE (Grade 1)












(1) 4yo £110,000 2m209y (3410 Metres)







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Pace Information: **Strong**

1	<b>AVIEMORE (32)</b>	311	4	11-2	70.8kg	90
	Harry Derham	Harry Cobden				
Fairly useful 10f winner on Flat and has progressed with each run over hurdles, supplementing his Warwick success in 9-runner juvenile at Huntingdon (15.8f), forging clear. Has appreciably more on his plate here, however.						
2	<b>COCONUT GROVE (FR)</b>		4	11-2	70.8kg	
	Harry Fry		Bryan Carver			
Half-brother to useful hurdler/chaser Adjali. Showed fair form when winning 1½m event only outing on Flat in France for Luciano Vitabile but is very much pitched in the deep end on hurdling debut.						
3	<b>FILIBUSTERING (33)</b>	1	4	11-2	70.8kg	87
	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien				
Fairly useful handicapper on the Flat (stays 16.5f) and looked one of the most natural juvenile hurdlers seen in Britain all season when impressive winner of 6-runner juvenile at Kelso (16.2f), jumping impeccably in front and quickening right away. Sure to go on to better things.						
4	<b>GIBBS ISLAND (20) (D)</b>	11P	4	11-2	70.8kg	92
	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard				
Fairly useful Flat winner for Andrew Oliver in Ireland and made an excellent start over hurdles, bagging maiden at Sedgfield and Victor Ludorum at Haydock for his new handler. However, raced too freely when pulled up in the Triumph Hurdle last time. Hood goes on.						
5	<b>GIVE IT TO ME OJ (34)</b>	321	4	11-2	70.8kg	89
	Gary & Josh Moore		Caolin Quinn			
Fairly useful maiden on the Flat who made it third time lucky over hurdles in fine style in 8-runner event at Newbury (16.3f), travelling powerfully to lead 2 out. Remains with potential but needs plenty more now upped markedly in grade.						
6	<b>LIVE CONTI (FR) (50)</b>	11	4	11-2	70.8kg	91
	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton				
Winner of a 17-runner juvenile hurdle (strong form) at Auteuil (2¼m, soft) on debut in October and maintained his unbeaten record faced with a golden opportunity at Wetherby (2m, heavy) 4 months on. Remains open to plenty of improvement.						
7	<b>MAMBONUMBERFIVE (FR) (40)</b>	35-2P1	4	11-2	70.8kg	94
	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones				
Fairly useful form over hurdles in France prior to changing hands for €450,000 last summer. Too keen to do himself justice on debut for new yard in Cheltenham Grade 2 but much more like it when running out a decisive winner in 5-runner Adonis at Kempton (2m) last time. Scope to do better again.						
8	<b>NATURALLY NIMBLE (GER) (98) (D)</b>	714	4	11-2	70.8kg	98
	Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	J. J. Slevin				
Fairly useful winner at 10f on Flat who proved a different proposition to on his hurdling debut when readily winning Grade 3 event at Fairyhouse (16.5f) in December. Showed that to be no fluke when fourth in Grade 2 at Leopardstown next time and remains with potential.						
9	<b>PUTURHANDSTOGETHER (IRE) (23)</b>	3121	4	11-2	70.8kg	100
	Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	M. P. Walsh				
Fairly useful Flat winner proving very progressive over hurdles, turning a competitive, big-field handicap into a rout in 22-runner Fred Winter at the Cheltenham Festival, quickening clear. Open to further improvement and solid claims up in grade.						

10	<b>TERRORISE</b>	4	11-2	70.8kg		
	Brian Ellison	Craig Nichol				
Fair handicapper on Flat (stays 1¾m), successful once in 2024. Faces a very stiff task on hurdle debut and will surely come up short.						
11	<b>WENDROCK (FR) (23)</b>	3176	4	11-2	70.8kg	97
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland	Sam Ewing				
Confirmed hurdling debut promise when landing 2m Leopardstown maiden over Christmas. Seemingly not good enough in Spring Juvenile but improved from a stiff-looking mark when sixth of 22 to Puturhandstogether in Fred Winter at Cheltenham. Has each-way claims.						
12	<b>WILLY DE HOUELLE (FR) (20)</b>	12-2640	4	11-2	70.8kg	97
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Rachael Blackmore				
A very useful winning hurdler in France who got back on track when fourth of 8 in Spring Juvenile at Leopardstown in February. However, easy to back and flopped badly in the Triumph Hurdle on most recent outing.						
13	<b>MURCIA (FR) (23) (D)</b>	3-331828	4	10-9	67.6kg	99
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	P. Townend				
Signed off in France with a win in a listed event and much better effort on second start for current yard when just failing at Naas (15.7f) in February. Ran well when eighth to Puturhandstogether in Fred Winter and in with a fighting chance of reversing the form on more favourable terms here.						

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Puturhandstogether, 5-1 Live Conti, 6-1 Naturally Nimble, 10-1 Murcia, 11-1 Mambonumberfive, 12-1 Wendrock, 12-1 Filibustering, 20-1 Gibbs Island, 22-1 Willy De Houelle, 33-1 Aviemore, 33-1 Give It To Me Oj, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It was very hard not to be impressed with the way PUTURHANDSTOGETHER routed a competitive field in the Fred Winter at the Cheltenham Festival, so he's fancied to take the step up in grade in his stride and follow up. Filibustering was notably quick over his hurdles when making a successful debut in this sphere in impression fashion at Kelso and is open to oodles of improvement, as is the unbeaten Live Conti.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PUTURHANDSTOGETHER 2. FILIBUSTERING 3. LIVE CONTI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Sir Gino</b> 4-11-2	11-10f Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	5
2023	<b>Zenta</b> 4-10-9	5-4f W. P. Mullins	M. P. Walsh	11
2022	<b>Knight Salute</b> 4-11-0	14-1 Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	9
2021	<b>Monmiral</b> 4-11-0	10-11f Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

BROOKLANDS GOLDEN MILLER CHRONOGRAPH BOWL CHASE (Grade 1) (1) 5yo+ £250,000 3m210y (5020 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1	<b>AHOY SENOR (IRE) (20)</b> (CD)		<b>99</b>
	4362-3PPF 10 11-10   74.4kg		
	<div> </div> <div> <b>Lucinda Russell</b>                      C&amp;D winner who isn't a fluent jumper but is top-class on his day, finishing runner-up in this race for second consecutive season 12 months ago. Resumed with a solid third in Old Roan in October and, despite failing to complete all 3 starts since, a return to this venue makes him of real interest.                 </div>	<b>Patrick Wadge</b>	
2	<b>DJELO (FR) (21)</b> (C)		<b>97</b>
	238-21217 7 11-10   74.4kg		
	<div> </div> <div> <b>Venetia Williams</b>                      Course winner who very much caught the eye when second on return at Exeter in November and built on that to score twice in Grade 2 company, latterly the Denman Chase at Newbury (23.4f) in February. Didn't fire in last month's Ryanair at Cheltenham though, and others make more appeal now.                 </div>	<b>Charlie Deutsch</b>	
3	<b>EMBASSY GARDENS (61)</b> (D)		<b>96</b>
	P6/112-P16 9 11-10   74.4kg		
	<div> </div> <div> <b>W. P. Mullins, Ireland</b>                      Very smart chaser who made a winning reappearance in Grade 3 company at Tramore (22.7f) on New Year's Day and gave a good account of himself when sixth behind Galopin des Champs in Irish Gold Cup the following month. Each-way possibilities.                 </div>	<b>P. Townend</b>	
4	<b>GAELIC WARRIOR (GER) (60)</b> (BF)	h+t	<b>96</b>
	1/11U1-223 7 11-10   74.4kg		
	<div> </div> <div> <b>W. P. Mullins, Ireland</b>                      Top-class chaser who ran out an impressive winner of last season's Arkle at Cheltenham and resumed with a creditable second at Leopardstown over Christmas. Never threatened when third in Dublin Chase in February but comes here fresh having missed the Festival and he's unexposed at this sort of trip.                 </div>	<b>Mr P. W. Mullins</b>	
5	<b>GREY DAWNING (IRE) (33)</b>		<b>99</b>
	12113-2P1 8 11-10   74.4kg		
	<div> </div> <div> <b>Dan Skelton</b>                      Took really well to fences last term, winning the Turners at Cheltenham. Excellent second in Betfair Chase on return and quick to prove his King George running all wrong when a most impressive winner from the front in Premier Chase at Kelso (23.4f) last month. Big player back at Grade 1 level.                 </div>	<b>Harry Skelton</b>	
6	<b>SPILLANE'S TOWER (IRE) (98)</b> (D, BF)		<b>100</b>
	41121-125 7 11-10   74.4kg		
	<div> </div> <div> <b>James Joseph Mangan, Ireland</b>                      Won a pair of Grade 1 novice chases last spring and posted a career-best after 7 months off when ½-length second behind Fact To File in the John Durkan at Punchestown in November. Undone by mistakes when fifth in King George but freshened up ahead of this and he remains low mileage at 3m+                 </div>	<b>M. P. Walsh</b>	
7	<b>STAGE STAR (IRE) (68)</b>		<b>98</b>
	15/1P5-472 9 11-10   74.4kg		
	<div> </div> <div> <b>Paul Nicholls</b>                      Top class chaser (Grade 1 winner as a novice) who posted his best effort since landing last season's Paddy Power Gold Cup when runner-up in Gr. 2 Cotswold Chase (25.2f) in January. Marked longer trip posed no problem then and respected for a yard boasting an excellent record in this race.                 </div>	<b>Harry Cobden</b>	
8	<b>THE REAL WHACKER (IRE) (20)</b> (D)	t	<b>94</b>
	42P5-U145 9 11-10   74.4kg		
	<div> </div> <div> <b>Patrick Neville</b>                      Grade 1 winner as a novice at the 2023 Cheltenham Festival and back to that sort of level when making all in the Charlie Hall at Wetherby (3m, good) in November. Respectable fourth in King George next time but found the going too tough when fifth in last month's Gold Cup. Others preferred.                 </div>	<b>Brian Hughes</b>	

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Grey Dawning, 7-2 Spillane's Tower, 6-1 Gaelic Warrior, 13-2 Ahoy Senior, 7-1 Stage Star, 12-1 Embassy Gardens, 22-1 The Real Whacker, 28-1 Djelo

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GREY DAWNING was straight back to his zestful best on his first start since the King George when registering a smooth success in listed company at Kelso in March and, with this on his radar for some time, Dan Skelton's charge is fancied to make a bold bid to land a second Grade 1. Irish raider Spillane's Tower has been given a break since Christmas and he heads up the dangers. Ahoy Senior, twice a runner-up in this race, and Stage Star can also feature.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GREY DAWNING 2. SPILLANE'S TOWER 3. AHOY SENOR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Gerri Colombe</b>	8-11-10	9-4f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	7
2023	<b>Shishkin</b>	9-11-10	7-4f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	5
2022	<b>Clan des Obeaux</b>	10-11-7	13-2	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9
2021	<b>Clan des Obeaux</b>	9-11-7	5-2f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**WILLIAM HILL AINTREE HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 4yo+ £250,000 2½m (4020 Metres)**

RACE 4



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1	<div> <div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> </div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<b>CONSTITUTION HILL (23)</b> (CD, BF) 1111/1-11F 8 11-10   74.4kg Nicky Henderson Exceptional hurdler who missed 2024 Cheltenham Festival after a couple of setbacks but confirmed he's still very much the one to beat in this division with wins in the Christmas Hurdle and International. Lost unbeaten record when falling in the Champion Hurdle but can make amends. Won this in 2023.	<div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<b>100</b>
2	<div> <div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> </div>	<b>SALVER (FR) (39)</b> (BF) 1113-4F23 5 11-10   74.4kg Gary & Josh Moore Won 4 times last season and has continued on the up this winter, running well when falling last in Grade 2 Relkeel at Cheltenham before coming in an excellent ½-length second of 5 to Nemean Lion in conditions event at Windsor. Not in same form at Fontwell and he's right against it at this level.	<div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<b>85</b>
3	<div> <div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> </div>	<b>TELLHERTHENAME (IRE) (33)</b> 21P10-4P 6 11-10   74.4kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Useful novice hurdler for Ben Pauling last season. Pitched in at the deep end in Fighting Fifth at Newcastle on reappearance for new yard and ran well in fourth. Shaped as though amiss in the Morebattle last month and this a very tough race to bounce back in trying a new trip.	<div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<b>79</b>
4	<div> <div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> </div>	<b>BREAK MY SOUL (IRE) (47)</b> 231-12422 6 11-3   71.2kg Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland Matched pick of form for Nicky Henderson when second of 6 (first time tongue tie) in Grade 3 Red Mills Hurdle starting out for new yard in February. Isn't really crying out for this trip and this looks a tall order, regardless.	<div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<b>81</b>
5	<div> <div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> </div>	<b>LOSSIEMOUTH (FR) (23)</b> (D) 1/11-112F1 6 11-3   71.2kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland Underlined what a top-class mare she is when bagging Hatton's Grace on Fairyhouse return but Constitution Hill was too strong for her in the Christmas Hurdle. Fell heavily 4 out in Irish Champion at Leopardstown but right back on her game when thrashing the opposition in the Mares' Hurdle.	<div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<b>94</b>
6	<div> <div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> </div>	<b>TAKE NO CHANCES (IRE) (23)</b> (D) 14315313 7 11-3   71.2kg Dan Skelton Useful mare who bagged a 2m Wetherby listed race in November. Found the Grade 1 Fighting Fifth at Newcastle too hot but quickly back to best, proving willing, when resuming winning ways in Mares' Grade 2 at Ascot in January. Fared as well as could be expected when third in Mares' Hurdle.	<div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<b>84</b>
7	<div> <div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> </div>	<b>WODHOOH (FR) (20)</b> (D) 11111-11 5 11-3   71.2kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland Unbeaten in 7 runs over hurdles since joining this yard, making light of an 11-month absence as she came clear readily in a Cheltenham handicap in December. Found another jolt of improvement when impressive scorer of the Martin Pipe 3 weeks ago and her limit may not yet have been reached.	<div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<b>89</b>

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-11 Constitution Hill, 9-4 Lossiemouth, 9-1 Wodhooh, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CONSTITUTION HILL lost his unbeaten record in dramatic fashion in the Champion Hurdle but reportedly none the worse for that fall, he can supplement his 2023 success in this race. Lossiemouth has 2½ lengths to find with the selection on their running in the Christmas Hurdle but a facile win in the Mares' Hurdle confirms she's arriving in top form. Wodhooh is absolutely thriving, too, and looks the other credible threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CONSTITUTION HILL 2. LOSSIEMOUTH 3. WODHOOH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Impaire Et Passe</b>	6-11-10	evsf	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	8
2023	<b>Constitution Hill</b>	6-11-10	2-15f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	6
2022	<b>Epatante</b>	8-11-0	2-1	Nicky Henderson	Aidan Coleman	7
2021	<b>Abacadabras</b>	7-11-7	5-1	Mrs Denise Foster	J. W. Kennedy	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race













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RACE 5

**RANDOX FOXHUNTERS' OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (2) 6yo+  
£50,000 2m5f19y (4240 Metres) (Nat.)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places), National: Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Extreme**

<b>1</b>	<b>A JET OF OUR OWN (IRE) (27)</b>	s+t	<b>86</b>
	1P2 8 12-0   76.2kg		
	Matt Sheppard	<b>Mr Frederick Philipson-Stow</b>	
	Prolific winner in points who started Rules career in same vein when winning hunter at Cheltenham (16.3f) last May. Second of 6 to Joker De Mai in hunter chase at Leicester (15.9f, good to soft) 27 days ago and a point winner since so one to consider.		
<b>2</b>	<b>ANNAMIX (FR) (26)</b>	s+t	<b>92</b>
	P/1P13-667 12 12-0   76.2kg		
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	<b>Mr P. W. Mullins</b>	
	Fairly useful chaser. 4/1, back with former yard when below form seventh of 13 in hunter chase at Gowran (25f, heavy) 26 days ago. Third last year and cheekpieces now go on.		
<b>3</b>	<b>AUTONOMOUS CLOUD (IRE) (37)</b>	t	<b>89</b>
	P40-3P432 9 12-0   76.2kg		
	Fergal O'Brien	<b>Mr P. A. King</b>	
	Fairly useful chaser. Respectable 8½ lengths second of 7 to Bennys King in hunter chase at Leicester (22.7f, heavy) 37 days ago. Shortlisted.		
<b>4</b>	<b>BARDENSTOWN LAD (20)</b>	b	<b>94</b>
	6-611P510 10 12-0   76.2kg		
	David Loughnane	<b>Mr E. Mahon</b>	
	Useful hurdler/chaser but he came in a below form eleventh of 24 in Foxhunters at Cheltenham (66/1) 20 days ago. Blinkers replace cheekpieces with more needed.		
<b>5</b>	<b>BENNYS KING (IRE) (37) (D)</b>	s	<b>94</b>
	212-UPP21 14 12-0   76.2kg		
	Dan Skelton	<b>Mr Sean O'Connor</b>	
	Veteran resumed winning ways in 7-runner hunter chase at Leicester (22.7f, heavy) 37 days ago by 8½ lengths from Autonomous Cloud. Runner-up in this for the last 2 years.		
<b>6</b>	<b>BOTHWELL BRIDGE (IRE) (37)</b>	s+t	<b>83</b>
	556/585-33 10 12-0   76.2kg		
	Kelly Morgan	<b>Miss Ellie Callwood</b>	
	Fair chaser. Creditable third of 7 to Bennys King in hunter chase at Leicester (22.7f, heavy) 37 days ago. Twelve runs since last win in 2021.		
<b>7</b>	<b>CAPTAIN TOMMY (IRE) (2) (D)</b>	s+t	<b>92</b>
	P119-P112 11 12-0   76.2kg		
	Fred Timmis	<b>Mr Henry Crow</b>	
	Bagged hunter chases at Catterick (25f) and Ludlow (2½m) last month but a below-par second at Kempton (2m4f) two days ago. Sort to bounce back though.		
<b>8</b>	<b>DORKING COCK (IRE) (26) (D)</b>	s+t	<b>91</b>
	P0/1U4-3P3 11 12-0   76.2kg		
	Stuart Crawford, Ireland	<b>Mr S. Connor</b>	
	Fairly useful chaser who came in a respectable third of 13 in hunter chase at Gowran (25f, heavy) 26 days ago. Cheekpieces back on and no forlorn hope.		
<b>9</b>	<b>EVA'S OSKAR (IRE) (29) (D)</b>	v+t	<b>88</b>
	164U/4-612 11 12-0   76.2kg		
	Tim Vaughan	<b>Mr Edward Vaughan</b>	
	Likeable chaser who landed 3m hunter chase at Bangor in February. Backed it up with a good second in similar company at Catterick since so he's in the mix.		
<b>10</b>	<b>FAMOUS CLERMONT (FR) (307) (CD)</b>	t	<b>99</b>
	P1161/2-71 10 12-0   76.2kg		
	C. R. Barber	<b>Mr James King</b>	
	Took this in 2023 and last seen under Rules when bagging 5-runner hunter chase at Stratford (22.6f, good to soft) 10 months ago. Scored in a point 19 days ago so he must enter calculations.		









<b>11</b>	<b>FIX AT ALL (FR) (25) (D)</b>		<b>87</b>
	842-180P4 9 12-0   76.2kg		
	Callum Bickers-Price	<b>Mr Troy Walsh</b>	
	Fairly useful chaser at his best but on his first run since leaving Neil Mulholland he came in a below-form fourth of 6 in hunter chase at Carlisle (20.9f, good) 25 days ago. More is required.		
<b>12</b>	<b>FRERE D'ARMES (FR) (14) (D, BF)</b>	s	<b>94</b>
	2571P123 8 12-0   76.2kg		
	Dan Skelton	<b>Miss Heidi Palin</b>	
	Back to winning ways in hunter chase at Ludlow in February. Let down by jumping when an odds-on third of 6 to Captain Tommy in hunter at Ludlow (20f, good) 14 days ago. Still needs considering.		
<b>13</b>	<b>GO GO GERONIMO (20) (BF)</b>	v+t	<b>89</b>
	22P/32 10 12-0   76.2kg		
	Kelly Morgan	<b>Mr Tom Chatfield-Roberts</b>	
	Prolific points winner who was ridden too aggressively in a first-time visor when second of 4 in hunter chase (8/13) at Fakenham (24.2f, good to soft) 20 days ago. Not ruled out.		
<b>14</b>	<b>GRACCHUS DE BALME (FR) (37) (BF)</b>		<b>95</b>
	F/123-062P 9 12-0   76.2kg		
	J. J. O'Shea	<b>Mr Huw Edwards</b>	
	Useful ex-Irish hurdler/chaser for Joseph O'Brien. Good second in hunter chase at Haydock (22.2f) in February but pulled up there since. Needs to get back on track.		
<b>15</b>	<b>JET PLANE (IRE) (47) (D, BF)</b>	t	<b>94</b>
	11P-3U713 9 12-0   76.2kg		
	Dan Skelton	<b>Mr Jack Andrews</b>	
	Scored in hunter chase at Wetherby in February and followed it with a solid 6 lengths third of 6 to My Drogo in hunter chase at Haydock (22.2f, good to soft) 47 days ago. In the picture again.		
<b>16</b>	<b>JOKER DE MAI (FR) (27)</b>		<b>97</b>
	412222-31 6 12-0   76.2kg		
	Harry Derham	<b>Mr David Maxwell</b>	
	Useful chaser in France and has held his form well for his new yard, easily landing the odds in 2m hunter chase at Leicester last month. Very much one to consider.		
<b>17</b>	<b>LIFETIME AMBITION (IRE) (335)</b>	★	<b>100</b>
	343U/041-2 10 12-0   76.2kg		
	P. M. J. Doyle, Ireland	<b>Mr R. James</b>	
	Smart Irish hurdler/chaser who posted a very good second of 14 in hunter chase at Punchestown when last seen under Rules 11 months ago. A dual winning pointer recently so he's a likely player.		
<b>18</b>	<b>MASTER TEMPLAR (IRE) (31)</b>	b+t	<b>85</b>
	245 10 12-0   76.2kg		
	Mrs G. Andrews	<b>Miss Gina Andrews</b>	
	Excellent point record and not seen to best effect when fifth of 7 in hunter chase at Southwell (24.3f, good) 31 days ago, finishing well. Not discounted with blinkers added.		
<b>19</b>	<b>MILAN FORTH (IRE) (17)</b>	t	<b>92</b>
	11 6 12-0   76.2kg		
	Adrian Murray, Ireland	<b>Mr Kevin Healy</b>	
	Went 2-2 under Rules on his yard debut in 8-runner hunter chase at Down Royal (19.6f, good) 17 days ago. Can progress further so this Irish challenger is well in the mix.		
<b>20</b>	<b>MY DROGO (47) (C)</b>		<b>98</b>
	9P-1 10 12-0   76.2kg		
	Edward William Walker	<b>Mr William Biddick</b>	
	One-time smart winning chaser for Dan Skelton. Easily bagged a point before an impressive scorer in 2m6f Haydock hunter chase in February. Holds good claims.		
<b>21</b>	<b>ONTHEROPES (IRE) (20) (D)</b>		<b>89</b>
	P75-80F28 11 12-0   76.2kg		
	Thomas Mullins, Ireland	<b>Mr Charlie Mullins</b>	
	Smart handicap chaser at best for Willie Mullins and having won a point, he stuck to his task pretty well when runner-up on hunter debut at Naas and when eighth in Foxhunters at Cheltenham since. One for the shortlist.		
<b>22</b>	<b>PERCUSSION (31) (BF)</b>	s+t	<b>87</b>
	42-427533 10 12-0   76.2kg		
	L J Morgan	<b>Mr Daniel Cherriman</b>	
	It's now 18 runs his since last win in 2022 but he recorded a respectable third of 7 in hunter chase (2/1) at Southwell (24.3f, good) 31 days ago. This isn't easy but he has been placed 4 times over these fences.		

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**RANDOX FOXHUNTERS' OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (2) 6yo+ £50,000 2m5f19y (4240 Metres) (Nat.)**

RACE 5



<div> <div>23</div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <b>PRESENTANDCOUNTING (IRE) (29)</b> (D, BF)                     <div> 4544P133 11 12-0 76.2kg </div> </div> <div> <b>Donald McCain</b> <i>Mr D. O'Connor</i> </div> <div>                     Useful chaser who arrives in good nick, third of 5 to Captain Tommy in hunter chase at Catterick (25.2f, good to firm, 8/11) 29 days ago. Can't be totally dismissed.                 </div>	<div> 90 </div>
<div> <div>24</div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <b>PYLEIGH COURT (37)</b> <div> 3-31 10 12-0 76.2kg </div> </div> <div> <b>R. C. Pudd</b> <i>Miss Ella Herbison</i> </div> <div>                     Multiple point winner who landed 4-runner hunter chase at Leicester (20.1f, heavy) 37 days ago. This is much more demanding however.                 </div>	<div> 82 </div>
<div> <div>25</div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <b>RAMILLIES (IRE) (26)</b> <div> 5434P-42P 10 12-0 76.2kg </div> </div> <div> <b>David Christie, Ireland</b> <i>Mr B. O'Neill</i> </div> <div>                     On a losing run and he was pulled up in hunter chase (16/1) at Gowran (25f, heavy) 26 days ago. Hard to warm to.                 </div>	<div> 89 </div>
<div> <div>26</div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <b>SENIOR CITIZEN (366)</b> (D)                     <div> 0716/63- 12 12-0 76.2kg </div> </div> <div> <b>Alan Hill</b> <i>Mr Joshua Newman</i> </div> <div>                     Fairly useful chaser who came in just a fair third of 5 in hunter chase at Ludlow (20f, soft) 12 months ago on his final run for Alan King. Landed a point 53 days ago and has undergone breathing surgery since so can't be ruled out.                 </div>	<div> 87 </div>
<div> <div>27</div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <b>WILLEWONGA (31)</b> (D)                     <div> P-122 9 12-0 76.2kg </div> </div> <div> <b>J. J. O'Shea</b> <i>Mr William Easterby</i> </div> <div>                     Lightly-raced sort who comes here on the back of a good second of 7 in hunter chase at Southwell (24.3f, good) 31 days ago. Needs to take a step forward to figure here though.                 </div>	<div> 90 </div>
<div> <div>28</div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <b>WILLITGOAHEAD (IRE) (20)</b> <div> 213 7 12-0 76.2kg </div> </div> <div> <b>Gordon Elliott, Ireland</b> <i>Mr J. L. Scallan</i> </div> <div>                     Multiple point winner and plenty to like about his switch to Rules, readily going in at Thurles in January for Sean Doyle before an excellent third of 24 in Foxhunters at Cheltenham for his new stable. Looks to have more to offer. Big shout.                 </div>	<div> 97 </div>
<div> <div>29</div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <b>YCCS PORTOCERVO (FR) (27)</b> (D)                     <div> 63P1-110P 10 12-0 76.2kg </div> </div> <div> <b>Dr Richard Newland &amp; Jamie Insole</b> <i>Mr John Dawson</i> </div> <div>                     Useful chaser who landed a pair of hunters last spring. Off 8 months before pulled up in 2m Leicester hunter chase last time though so he needs to get back on track.                 </div>	<div> 96 </div>
<div> <div>30</div> <div>  </div> </div>	<div> <b>YIPPEE KI YAY (IRE) (14)</b> <div> 12-2165 7 12-0 76.2kg </div> </div> <div> <b>Matt Sheppard</b> <i>Mr Ivor Herbert</i> </div> <div>                     Fairly useful chaser who bagged 3m2f hunter at Kelso last May. Only fifth of 6 in handicap chase at Sedgefield (26.3f, good to soft) 14 days ago. Easy to look elsewhere.                 </div>	<div> 83 </div>

30 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Willitgoahead, 15-2 Lifetime Ambition, 8-1 My Drogo, 9-1 Famous Clermont, 12-1 Joker De Mai, 18-1 Milan Forth, 20-1 Bennys King, 25-1 Gracchus De Balme, 28-1 Jet Plane, 33-1 Annamix, 33-1 Presentandcounting, 33-1 Ontheropes, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This is wide open but WILLITGOAHEAD made a promising start for Gordon Elliott when third in the Foxhunters at Cheltenham and is fancied to build on it here and land this prestigious prize. Fellow Irish raider Lifetime Ambition rates a big threat though, while My Drogo, Famous Clermont, Milan Forth and Joker de Mai also command plenty of respect. Annamix, Ontheropes and Presentandcounting need factoring into this highly competitive hunter chase too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WILLITGOAHEAD 2. LIFETIME AMBITION 3. MY DROGO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Its On The Line</b> 7-12-0	3-1f	Emmet Mullins	Mr D. O'Connor	22
2023	<b>Famous Clermont</b> 8-12-0	9-2	C. R. Barber	Mr William Biddick	27
2022	<b>Latenightpass</b> 9-12-0	7-2	Tom Ellis	Miss Gina Andrews	23
2021	<b>Cousin Pascal</b> 9-12-0	66-1	J. J. O'Shea	Mr James King	21

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

CLOSE BROTHERS RED RUM HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 5yo+ £100,000 1m7f176y (3180 Metres)









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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	<b>TOMMY'S OSCAR (IRE) (33)</b> (D)	47441-334	10	12-0	76.2kg			
	Ann Hamilton	<i>Danny McMenamin</i>						
Very smart chaser who was successful from this mark at Ayr (16.5f) on final outing of last season. Respectable efforts in trio of starts this time around, off 11 weeks prior to finishing fourth of 9 in handicap chase at Doncaster (16.4f) 33 days ago. Still, others appeal more.								
2	<b>HUNTERS YARN (IRE) (82)</b> (D, BF)	102/F15-6P	8	12-0	76.2kg	t		96
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	<i>J. J. Slevin</i>						
Multiple bumper/dual hurdles winner who was successful on second of his 3 chase starts during 2023/24. Jumping didn't come up to scratch in 2 starts earlier this season though, and that has to be a concern ahead of this assignment. Tongue strap back on.								
3	<b>MY MATE MOZZIE (IRE) (22)</b> (D)	32126-324	9	11-13	75.7kg	s+t		98
	Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland	<i>Keith Donoghue</i>						
Useful on Flat/smart over hurdles and shaping up well in this sphere of late, runner-up at Leopardstown (17f) in February before a smooth travelling fourth in last month's Grand Annual at the Festival. Has a prize like this within his grasp and shortlisted with cheekpieces back on.								
4	<b>GUNSIGHT RIDGE (61)</b> (CD)	5/F231-FP1	10	11-7	73.0kg	s+t		95
	Olly Murphy	<i>Sean Bowen</i>						
10-y-o who bounced back to form in refitted cheekpieces when landing 6-runner handicap chase at Sandown (15.5f) in February, by ½ length from Dr T J Eckleburg. All of his career victories have come in small fields however, and this undoubtedly tougher.								
5	<b>GENERAL MEDRANO (IRE) (22)</b> (D)	437-21428	8	11-5	72.1kg			96
	Emma Lavelle	<i>Ben Jones</i>						
Mightily impressive when opening his account for the season at Newbury (16.4f) and ran another cracker when runner-up at Doncaster in January. Went well for a long way when eighth in last month's Grand Annual and return to this sharper test at this trip looks firmly in his favour.								
6	<b>CALICO (GER) (33)</b> (D)	204-P1343	9	11-2	70.8kg	s+t		100
	Dan Skelton	<i>Harry Skelton</i>						
Useful handicap chaser who defied a 2 lb lower mark at Cheltenham (15.9f) in the autumn and having shaped better than bare result on penultimate start, he ran creditably when third of 9 in handicap chase at Doncaster (16.3f) 33 days ago. Good showing anticipated.								
7	<b>THE FOLKES TIARA (IRE) (98)</b>	1918P-012	9	11-0	69.9kg	t		96
	Henry de Bromhead, Ireland	<i>Rachael Blackmore</i>						
Irish raider who bounced back to best following 7 months off when scoring at Fairyhouse (17f) in November prior to chasing home a subsequent winner at Leopardstown (17f) over Christmas. Career-high mark to defy but he arrives fresh and respected for yard who have landed this twice since 2019.								
8	<b>DR T J ECKLEBURG (IRE) (40)</b> (D)	34-312321	7	10-6	66.2kg			96
	Evan Williams	<i>Adam Wedge</i>						
Better than ever this season, winning twice, including narrowly at Chepstow in February, all out to hold on. 5 lb higher mark to contend with in this stronger race, but each-way claims nevertheless.								
9	<b>SANS BRUIT (FR) (40)</b> (CD)	13-33P5P4	7	10-6	66.2kg	t		99
	Paul Nicholls	<i>Harry Cobden</i>						
Fine winner of this race 12 months ago (his jumping slick). Has struggled for any sort of consistency in 6 starts so far this season but steadily fallen back down to last winning mark and may well enjoy his own way up front again back here.								

10	<b>PRIMOZ (IRE) (22)</b> (D)	41-14F310	7	10-6	66.2kg	t	97
	Lucinda Russell	<i>Patrick Wadge</i>					
Very much a chaser on looks and impressive when scoring on return/debut over fences at Wetherby (15f) in October. Hasn't really built on that since but successful in a match at Kelso prior to not being seen to best effect when down the field in Grand Annual 3 weeks ago. Not discounted.							
11	<b>PETIT TONNERRE (FR) (33)</b> (BF)	7-792661B	7	10-6	66.2kg	s	97
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	<i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i>					
Ended a losing run stretching back 3 years when registering first chase victory at Doncaster (16.3f) in January, well suited by the strong gallop. Brought down through no fault of his own back there 33 days ago and no doubting he has the ability to play a part.							
12	<b>GALUNGGUNG (FR) (59)</b> (D)	2/11-16321	9	10-5	65.8kg		95
	Donald McCain	<i>Brian Hughes</i>					
Dual hurdles winner and even better form over fences, doubling his tally in this sphere in 6-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (15.9f, soft) 59 days ago, looking set to score more decisively than the bare margins imply. This tougher but he remains relatively unexposed.							
13	<b>INEDIT STAR (FR) (69)</b>	5/1222-235	7	10-5	65.8kg		96
	Nick Kent	<i>Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)</i> 					
Dual bumper/hurdles winner in France who ran well when finishing a close up last of 3 in a C&D handicap in December. However, he reportedly bled when fifth of 7 in handicap chase at Sandown a month later and this is his toughest assignment yet over fences.							
14	<b>RATH GAUL HILL (IRE) (34)</b> (D)	5/54P211-1	7	10-2(9-13)	64.4kg (63.0kg)	t	95
	Samuel Drinkwater	<i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>					
Much-improved over fences this time last year, landing handicaps at Newbury/ Ayr and picked up where he left off when bringing up the hat-trick on return at first-named venue 5 weeks ago. Should be well suited by demands of this race (strong traveller) for all he's operating from out of the weights.							

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Primoz, 6-1 My Mate Mozzie, 7-1 Sans Bruit, 10-1 Petit Tonnerre, 10-1 The Folkes Tiara, 12-1 General Medrano, 14-1 Calico, 14-1 Rath Gaul Hill, 16-1 Hunters Yarn, 18-1 Gunsight Ridge, 18-1 Tommy's Oscar, 22-1 Dr T J Eckleburg, 33-1 Galunggung, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A whole host arrive with claims and it could be worth chancing one at forecast longer odds in the shape of CALICO. A winner at Cheltenham back in the autumn, Dan Skelton's 9-y-o has returned from a break in good order and appeals as being on a workable mark. My Mate Mozzie has been shaping up well himself and is feared along with last year's winner Sans Bruit, who is on an attractive mark if bouncing back. The Folkes Tiara, Primoz and Petit Tonnerre complete a lengthy shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CALICO 2. MY MATE MOZZIE 3. SANS BRUIT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Sans Bruit</b>	6-10-0	5-1	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	15
2023	<b>Dancing On My Own</b>	9-11-10	15-2	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	13
2022	<b>The Last Day</b>	10-10-6	12-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	16
2021	<b>Editeur du Gite</b>	7-10-9	9-1	Gary Moore	Joshua Moore	18

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race



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RACE 7

# GOFFS NICKEL COIN MARES' STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Grade 2) (1) 4, 5 and 6yo fillies and mares £50,000 2m209y (3410 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

<b>1</b>	<b>AMELIA'S STAR (IRE) (65)</b>	<b>85</b>
21	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	David Killahena & Graeme McPherson <b>Nick Slatter</b>	
	Solid start when runner-up at Wetherby in November and didn't need to improve on that form when going one better at Newcastle in January. Will need to advance her form considerably to play a prominent role here, though.	
<b>2</b>	<b>BETTY'S DAISY (41)</b>	<b>98</b>
1	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	Ben Pauling <b>Ben Jones</b>	
	Jack Hobbs mare from a good family who looked a useful prospect when winning a Warwick bumper on debut (heavy) in February. Respected for last year's winning yard.	
<b>3</b>	<b>BLUE BETTY (65)</b>	<b>89</b>
1	5 11-2   70.8kg	t
	Fergal O'Brien <b>Kielan Woods</b>	
	Blue Bresil mare who struck on her soft-ground Newcastle debut in January. That was an ordinary race but she did it in the style of one who can go on to better things. Tongue tie added now.	
<b>4</b>	<b>CELESTRON STAR (26)</b>	<b>89</b>
61	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole <b>Luke Scott</b>	
	Only midfield on Wincanton debut in January but much sharper when winning a 12-runner event at Hereford 7 weeks later. A fair bit more improvement will be required if she's to follow up here.	
<b>5</b>	<b>CHARISMA CAT (26)</b>	<b>99</b>
1121	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	Alan King <b>Tom Cannon</b>	
	Made it 3-4 in bumpers when seeing off 9 rivals in a Sandown listed race (good to soft) last month. This is harder but she should be in the mix again for a yard no stranger to success in this.	
<b>6</b>	<b>GETAWHISKY (76) (D)</b>	<b>94</b>
14	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	Dan Skelton <b>Harry Skelton</b>	
	Sister to useful hurdler/smart chase winner One For Rosie and made a successful start to her career at Carlisle in November. Beaten 3¼ lengths into fourth by Kingston Queen in Market Rasen listed event since but was better than the result having been forced wide on the home bend.	
<b>7</b>	<b>HIGHLAND HAVEN (54)</b>	<b>98</b>
162	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	Fergal O'Brien <b>Liam Harrison</b>	
	Easy to back but barely came off the bridle when making a winning start in a Ffos Las bumper in November. Testing conditions perhaps to blame for low-key display next time and duly got back on track when narrowly denied by reopposing stablemate Strong Run at Warwick (soft) in February.	
<b>8</b>	<b>JACKIE HOBBS (47)</b>	<b>97</b>
11	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	Harry Derham <b>Paul O'Brien</b>	
	Fetched £130,000 after winning her only start in points and has looked a good prospect when going 2-2 in bumpers, drawing clear late to score by 3 lengths at Ascot (good) latterly. Likely there's more to come and on the shortlist.	
<b>9</b>	<b>KAPABILITY (FR) (116) (CD, BF)</b>	<b>95</b>
14	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	Anthony Honeyball <b>Harry Cobden</b>	
	Made a winning debut over C&D (good to soft) in October. Beaten favourite for Huntingdon listed event on more testing ground in December but given time since and could bounce back faced with a sounder surface.	
<b>10</b>	<b>KINGSTON QUEEN (IRE) (76) (D)</b>	<b>98</b>
3211	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	David Pipe <b>Jack Tudor</b>	
	£80,000 point winner who has made good progress in bumpers, winning at Sedgefield on Boxing Day and following up in Market Rasen listed race in January.	

<b>11</b>	<b>LA CONQUIERE (FR) (103)</b>	<b>89</b>
2	6 11-2   70.8kg	
	Jamie Snowden <b>Gavin Sheehan</b>	
	80/1, promising first effort when giving a Willie Mullins odds-on shot a fright at Thurles (good) in December. That was for Denis Leahy and now under the care of Jamie Snowden.	
<b>12</b>	<b>LA ZOUBIDA (FR) (58) (D)</b>	<b>87</b>
21	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	Nicky Richards <b>Sean Quinlan</b>	
	Chased home Kingston Queen on her Sedgefield debut before going one better at Market Rasen (good to soft) 6 weeks later. May do better again.	
<b>13</b>	<b>OLDSCHOOL OUTLAW (IRE) (31)</b>	<b>88</b>
2	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	Garry Bernard Caldwell, Ireland <b>Mr H. C. Swan</b>	
	Walk In The Park mare who was placed in points prior to finishing second of 14 in Leopardstown bumper last month, collared only near the finish.	
<b>14</b>	<b>QUEEN KATE (20) (D)</b>	<b>84</b>
1	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	Peter & Michael Bowen <b>James Bowen</b>	
	Frontiersman mare who made a successful start to her career in a 7-runner Doncaster bumper 3 weeks ago but the form she achieved on that occasion is well short of the required standard here.	
<b>15</b>	<b>ROSES ALL THE WAY (IRE) (54)</b>	<b>93</b>
223	6 11-2   70.8kg	
	Donald McCain <b>Brian Hughes</b>	
	Second on sole start between the flags and fair form when placed on all three starts in this sphere, third of 13 to Strong Run and Highland Haven at Warwick on latest occasion. Likely vulnerable here.	
<b>16</b>	<b>SEO LINN (IRE) (138)</b>	<b>100</b>
2141	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	P. Twomey, Ireland <b>William James Lee</b>	
	Second bumper success when bagging a Cheltenham listed event under Billy Lee in November. Seemingly kept fresh for this since. Should go well for a good Flat stable.	
<b>17</b>	<b>ST IRENE (IRE) (116)</b>	<b>88</b>
163	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	B. F. Brookhouse <b>Jack Quinlan</b>	
	Well prepared for debut when scoring at Southwell last May but her limitations having seemingly been exposed in a couple of listed bumpers since.	
<b>18</b>	<b>ST JESSICA (IRE) (56)</b>	<b>83</b>
2	5 11-2   70.8kg	
	B. F. Brookhouse <b>Rachael Blackmore</b>	
	10/1, shaped well when second of 12 on Huntingdon debut 8 weeks ago but this is a jump in class for this daughter of Malinas.	
<b>19</b>	<b>STRONG RUN (54)</b>	<b>94</b>
231	6 11-2   70.8kg	
	Fergal O'Brien <b>Jonathan Burke</b>	
	Sister to useful bumper winner/very smart hurdler Strong Leader. Placed first 2 starts (including listed event) before edging out reopposing stable-companion Highland Haven at Warwick (soft) in February. Her yard knows what it takes to win this.	
<b>20</b>	<b>SLACK ALICE (70)</b>	<b>86</b>
842	4 10-8   67.1kg	
	Patrick Owens <b>Sean Bowen</b>	
	Has progressed with each start, finishing second of 8 at Huntingdon on the latest 10 weeks ago. A good chunk of improvement will be needed to get heavily involved here, though.	

20 DECLARED RUNNERS

## BETTING FORECAST:

**5-1** Seo Linn, **13-2** Jackie Hobbs, **9-1** Charisma Cat, **9-1** Betty's Daisy, **12-1** Strong Run, **14-1** Kingston Queen, **14-1** Getawhisky, **14-1** Blue Betty, **16-1** Kapability, **18-1** Highland Haven, **40-1** bar

## TIMEFORM VIEW:

It looks as if Paddy Twomey has saved SEO LINN for this since her comfortable Cheltenham listed success in November and this daughter of Order of St George can strike again under Billy Lee. The unbeaten Jackie Hobbs heads the many dangers along with Betty's Daisy, for last year's winning stable, and October's C&D scorer Kapability.

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RACE 7

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£50,000 2m209y (3410 Metres)



TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SEO LINN 2. JACKIE HOBBS 3. BETTY'S DAISY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Diva Luna</b>	5-11-2	13-2	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	16
2023	<b>Dysart Enos</b>	5-11-2	13-2	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	20
2022	<b>Ashroe Diamond</b>	5-11-0	9-4f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	20
2021	<b>Me Too Please</b>	5-11-0	14-1	A. L. T. Moore	Rachael Blackmore	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race