

Tuesday 3rd June

SOUTHWELL



2.30 RCA SUMMER JUMPS CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAP CHASE (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) HAREL DU MARAIS | (4) DELPOTRO | (6) JAITROPLACLASSE**

3.00 GRACE & DOTTY FEDORA'S AND FEATHERS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m60y (4880 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) JIMMY THE DIGGER | (2) MONTREGARD | (1) BECTIVE ABBEY**

3.30 JOIN SOUTHWELL GOLF CLUB MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 3 **(8) LADIES DAY | (2) HARD MARKET | (3) ROSIE BALOO**

4.00 FREE TIPS DAILY ON attheraces.com HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) WASTHATOK | (2) ZUCAYAN | (5) ZENATO**

4.30 GOLF AND GALLOP PACKAGE 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) DELGANY BOBBY BLUE | (9) BUILT BY ROSSIES | (3) DON VIRGINIA**

5.00 attheraces.com/marketmovers HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m60y (4880 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) AAZZA | (2) CHAMPETRE | (3) ZARHANYA**

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








RCA SUMMER JUMPS CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAP CHASE (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	 HAREL DU MARAIS (FR) (14) (CD) 463114-22 8 11-12 75.3kg Charles & Adam Pogson Revitalised upon joining this yard, recording back-to-back C&D wins in March. Did well to finish so close to the enterprisingly-ridden winner back here 2 weeks ago and remains of interest.	 100 <i>Charlie Todd</i>
2	 BENY NAHAR ROAD (IRE) (24) 2/2753F1-3 6 11-11 74.8kg Henry Hogarth Failed to get his head in front on Flat/over hurdles for Richard Hughes/Paul Nicholls but belatedly off the mark in 5-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield for present yard in April, holding on gamely. Outpaced at a vital stage back down to this trip at Hexham since, however.	h+t 95 <i>Jamie Hamilton</i>
3	 GOWER PRINCE (28) (D) 61/2327F-P 7 11-10 74.4kg Matt Sheppard Chase debut winner at Wincanton last spring but has failed to add to that tally since, dropping away tamely at Ffos Las 4 weeks ago.	98 <i>Stan Sheppard</i>
4	 DELPOTRO (FR) (21) 1654P32-1 5 11-8 73.5kg Charlie Longsdon Successful 2 out of his 3 starts over fences in France for Gabriel Leenders and back to best when off the mark for this yard at Sedgefield 3 weeks ago, making all under this rider. Should go well again.	h+t 99 <i>Sean Bowen</i>
5	 NEIGH BOTHA (IRE) (51) (CD) P3431P25- 8 11-2 70.8kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Scored over hurdles at Southwell in November but in and out in 3 starts since, only fifth of 6 in handicap hurdle at Stratford 51 days ago. Usual tongue strap left off.	s 97 <i>Henry Brooke</i>
6	 JAITROPLACASSE (FR) (17) 466/034-2 6 11-2 70.8kg Robbie Llewellyn Lightly raced for Nicky Henderson. Placed twice in 4 handicap chases for this yard, including when second at Bangor last time, no match for a subsequent winner. Not taken lightly.	t 97 <i>Charlie Price (3lb/1kg)</i>

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Delpotro, 3-1 Harel Du Marais, 11-2 Jaitroplacasse, 13-2 Beny Nahar Road, 8-1 Neigh Botha, 14-1 Gower Prince

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HAREL DU MARAIS did well to finish so close to the enterprisingly-ridden winner over this C&D 2 weeks ago and can enhance his excellent record around here. Sean Bowen got a good tune out of Delpotro when making all at Sedgefield 3 weeks ago and looks the obvious threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAREL DU MARAIS 2. DELPOTRO 3. JAITROPLACASSE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:						
2024	Legendary Day	6-11-11	11-1	Adrian Keatley	Brian Hughes	14
2023	Captain Ivan	9-11-13	7-1	L J Morgan	Patrick Cowley (3)	6
2022	Atlantic Storm	10-11-4	7-4f	Rob Summers	Charlie Hammond	4
2021	Siannes Star	8-11-3	14-1	Charles & Adam Pogson	Brian Hughes	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.00

RACE 2






GRACE & DOTTY FEDORA'S AND FEATHERS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 3m60y (4880 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1	BECTIVE ABBEY (IRE) (48)	98
	91/P1- 7 12-0 76.2kg Nicky Henderson <i>Robert Dunne</i> Has followed 2 disappointing efforts with 2 wins, most recently bouncing back from a tame handicap bow at Ascot when, on his first start following a wind op, landing a 9-runner Ffos Las handicap (2½m, soft). This former point winner is of strong interest moving back up in trip for this chase debut.	
2	MONTREGARD (FR) (28) (D)	100
	1/3613PP-1 6 11-11 74.8kg Tom Lacey <i>Non Runner</i> Dual hurdles winner who notched second success in this sphere in a first-time visor at Worcester (23f, good to soft), pulling clear of the rest with the runner-up. 6 lb rise fair enough and while he has already blotted his copybook a couple of times over fences, he holds strong claims.	
3	JIMMY THE DIGGER (41)	99
	5P/727U62- 12 11-10 74.4kg Henry Daly <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i> Bounced back from a couple of below par hunter displays when second in one at Ludlow (23.8f, good) in April. On a good mark back in handicap company with Sam Twiston-Davies booked and he could be a threat, particularly if plenty of use is made of him in the absence of no confirmed front-runner.	
4	DO NO WRONG (IRE) (230) (CD)	98
	P/12203F2- 9 11-8 73.5kg Justin Landy <i>Brian Hughes</i> Fairly useful chaser who registered his latest success under Rules when readily seeing off 5 rivals in this race 12 months ago. 7 lb higher this time round, but hasn't done a great deal wrong since and won't be found wanting fitness-wise following a clear-cut success between the flags last month.	
5	ALI STAR BERT (28) (CD)	97
	2P2P321-P 9 10-10 68.0kg Shaun Harris <i>Jack Quinlan</i> Form figures in handicap chases here read 2121222321, albeit he was seemingly flattered when gaining latest success at this course in March, a race which rather fell apart with 2 of the first 3 in the betting failing to complete. Pulled up at Fakenham since and he's probably worth taking on.	

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Bective Abbey, 11-4 Montregard, 11-2 Do No Wrong, 6-1 Jimmy The Digger, 15-2 Ali Star Bert

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It could be worth chancing the veteran JIMMY THE DIGGER, who returned to form last time and a reproduction of his fine second in a competitive Cheltenham amateurs' handicap during the autumn would give him every chance. Though not a habitual front-runner, it's a role that he has performed in the past and he could prove hard to peg back round here, if allowed to stride on. In truth, cases can be made for all of these, with Montregard and chase debutant Bective Abbey being the main dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JIMMY THE DIGGER 2. MONTREGARD 3. BECTIVE ABBEY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Do No Wrong	8-11-0	14-1	Justin Landy	Callum Bewley	6
2023	Jaytee	8-11-2	8-11f	Ian Williams	Brian Hughes	3

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3











JOIN SOUTHWELL GOLF CLUB MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	GEORGIE'S MALT (24)	4	5	11-2	70.8kg	91
	Ewan Whillans					Conor O'Farrell
	Order of St George mare. Half-sister to 3 winners, including useful hurdler Master Malt and bumper winner Echo Springs. Some paper appeal but bred for stamina and shaled that way starting out at Hexham 3 weeks ago.					
2	HARD MARKET (58)	4-	5	11-2	70.8kg	93
	Fergal O'Brien					Jonathan Burke
	Telescope mare. Half-sister to 3 winners, including bumper winner/fair hurdler Sand Fly and bumper winner/fair 2m hurdle winner All Clenched Up. In good hands but shaped like a stayer when fourth of 9 on debut at Plumpton in April. Tongue tie fitted.					
3	ROSIE BALOO	5	11-2	70.8kg		90
	Tim Easterby					Jamie Hamilton
	Jack Hobbs mare. Half-sister to 4 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/chaser Betty Baloo and fair hurdler/chaser Milly Baloo.					
4	TAKE A GLANCE	5	11-2	70.8kg	s+t	87
	Chris Grant					Danny McMenamin
	First foal of an unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler (stayed 19f) Itwasfate and half-sister to fairly useful hurdle winner/smart chaser (winner around 2m) Gunsight Ridge. Maiden pointer, third last time (May 17). Headgear on for Rules debut.					
5	BURLINGTON PLACE	4	10-11	68.5kg		88
	Christine Dunnett					Lilly Pinchin
	Intello filly. Dam maiden on Flat (stayed 8.5f).					
6	DYADORAS DESTINY	4	10-11	68.5kg		87
	Max Young					David Noonan
	Telescope filly. Sister to a winner, and half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Choice of Words and fairly useful 2½m hurdle winner Itseemslikeit.					
7	FOR LOVE OF BEAUTY (43)	5-	4	10-11	68.5kg	90
	David Killahena & Graeme McPherson					Nick Slatter (5lb/2kg)
	Ulysses filly. Dam 7f winner. Wears tongue strap. Cheap purchase and tongue tied, she plugged on for fifth on April's Fakenham debut.					
8	LADIES DAY (IRE) (24)	3	4	10-11	68.5kg	 100
	Tom Ellis					Mr Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)
	Sister to fair hurdler Mary (2m winner), and half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/ useful chaser Give Me A Moment (2m-19f winner), from successful jumping family. Won sole start in point bumpers and showed plenty to work on when third of 5 at Warwick 3 weeks ago. One to beat.					
9	SERENARELLA (IRE)	4	10-11	68.5kg		87
	Andrew Crook					Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)
	€3,000 3-y-o, Vadamos filly. Closely related to poor 2m hurdle winner Marshella.					

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Ladies Day, 5-1 Hard Market, 13-2 Georgie's Malt, 15-2 For Love of Beauty, 9-1 Rosie Baloo, 16-1 Burlington Place, 20-1 Dyadoras Destiny, 22-1 Serenarella, 22-1 Take A Glance

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Most of these are bred to need longer trips over obstacles, which is true of LADIES DAY, but she displayed enough when third at Warwick to think she can win a bumper against her own sex. Hard Market is a threat, while Rosie Baloo won't have to be out of the ordinary to figure on debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LADIES DAY 2. HARD MARKET 3. ROSIE BALOO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 ^I	Charisma Cat	4-10-11	16-5f	Alan King	Tom Cannon	11
2024 ^{II}	Letterston Lily	4-10-11	11-8f	Peter & Mickey Bowen	Sean Bowen	9
2023	Aston Martini	4-10-11	5-4f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	MAX OF STARS (FR) (57) (D)		94
	427/24664- 5 12-0 76.2kg Ollie Pears <i>Brian Hughes</i> Took very well to hurdling in 2023/24 winning 4 times, and back to that sort of form when second at Fakenham a year ago. Disappointing in both codes since and doesn't look totally straightforward these days.		
2	ZUCAYAN (FR) (23) (D)	t	99
	4/F63326-1 8 11-13 75.7kg Fergal O'Brien <i>Nick Slatter (5lb/2kg)</i> Enhanced excellent Ludlow record and better than ever in the process when winning 8-runner handicap 3 weeks ago, proving 3½ lengths too good for Wasthatok. 5 lb rise won't prevent bold follow-up bid.		
3	ZAFaan (IRE) (81)		97
	335- 5 11-12 75.3kg Charlie Clover <i>Harry Bannister</i> Modest handicapper on Flat (stays 1m) who very much exceeded expectations when third of 13 over C&D on hurdles/stable. Expensive to follow in both disciplines since but this is his handicap debut over hurdles.		
4	WASTHATOK (23)	t	100
	526/8635-2 7 11-11 74.8kg Kerry Lee <i>Liam Harrison</i> Yet to really recapture the form he showed in Ireland but much more like it when second of 8 to Zucayan 3 weeks ago. Weighted to just about reverse form with that rival.		
5	ZENATO (IRE) (43) (D)	t	96
	3441- 4 11-6 72.6kg Fergal O'Brien <i>Jonathan Burke</i> Winner on Flat at Nottingham (1¼m) for Ed Dunlop in October and upped his game when making fourth hurdles start a winning one at Fakenham in April. One to consider back in a handicap.		
6	PLAY PRETEND (IRE) (180)		94
	1F353- 4 11-4 71.7kg Dave Roberts <i>Lee Edwards</i> Overcame inexperience to make a winning hurdles debut a year ago. Excellent third at Wetherby (2m) in October before suffering a brace of heavy defeats to end the year. May bounce back returned from a break switched to a handicap.		
7	KNIGHT OF MAGIC (IRE) (132)	h+t	92
	0/P8560- 6 10-11 68.5kg Chris Grant <i>William Maggs (5lb/2kg)</i> Maiden on the Flat and hasn't made much impact in 5 starts over hurdles so far.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Zucayan, 4-1 Wasthatok, 4-1 Zenato, 11-2 Play Pretend, 9-1 Zafaan, 12-1 Max of Stars, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WASTHATOK bounced back to form when second to Zucayan at Ludlow 3 weeks ago and from 5 lb better terms, he can turn the tables this time. Zenato and Play Pretend are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WASTHATOK 2. ZUCAYAN 3. ZENATO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2024	Mostly Sunny	5-11-13	5-4f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton 10
2023	Allbetsoff	7-11-8	5-1	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton 9
2022	Ten Past Midnight	6-11-5	11-4	Martin Keighley	Sean Bowen 12
2021	Phoebus Lescriviaa	9-11-3	11-1	Robin Dickinson	Lorcan Murtagh (3) 15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5











GOLF AND GALLOP PACKAGE 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ £7,700 2½m88y (4100 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1		CHIEF O'HARA (IRE) (221) 5UPOP- 5 11-4 71.7kg Christian Williams Showed a bit sole outing in bumpers but no form in maiden hurdles. Won sole start in points last month ahead of stable debut (formerly trained by John McConnell).	51 <i>Jack Tudor</i>
2		DELGANY BOBBY BLUE (507) 2333/ 7 11-4 71.7kg Dan Skelton Runner-up on the first of 2 starts in bumpers and shaped well on more than one occasion over hurdles in 2023/24, finding test too much at Wetherby (24.1f, heavy) on final outing. Absent since but yard's runner rarely lack for fitness.	100 <i>Harry Skelton</i>
3		DON VIRGINIA (FR) (25) 2/32472-2 5 11-4 71.7kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Remains a maiden after 7 hurdle runs but turned in another respectable effort when second of 5 in novice hurdle (15/8) at Hereford (19.7f, good) 25 days ago. Likely to be competitive once more.	95 <i>Richie McLernon</i>
4		IDAMIX (FR) (131) 0- 7 11-4 71.7kg Mel Rowley Showed a bit in a bumper at Taunton for Kim Bailey in spring 2023 but was well held on hurdling/stable debut at Huntingdon 21 months later.	 <i>Charlie Deutsch</i>
5		ITAINTEBABE (IRE) (8) 5-4 6 11-4 71.7kg Sarah Humphrey Runner-up on second of starts in Irish points but well held in bumper and maiden hurdle 12 weeks apart.	40 <i>Jamie Gambin (10lb/5kg)</i>
6		MAGGIES BOY (IRE) (10) (BF) 855292-32 6 11-4 71.7kg Jennie Candlish Fair hurdler who is getting closer to a first win, keeping on well when second of 8 in maiden at Cartmel (22.1f, good, 11/4) 10 days ago. Drop back in trip not sure to suit but respected all the same.	91 <i>Sean Quinlan</i>
7		TCHOUPINMINZAC (FR) (40) (C) 2/33P6- 8 11-4 71.7kg Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole Has yet to reproduce his hurdling debut form since returning from 21-month absence, finishing only sixth of 11 in handicap at Bangor (23.2f, soft) 40 days ago. Has work to do.	83 <i>Sean Bowen</i>
8		WISTMANS PRINCE (66) 0/P6- 5 11-4 71.7kg Kerry Lee Little promise in bumper and maiden and novice over hurdles.	72 <i>Richard Patrick</i>
9		BUILT BY ROSSIES (IRE) (239) 6476- 6 10-11 68.5kg Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole Has shown fair form in Ireland for T. Gibney, including when sixth of 10 in 3m handicap at Fairyhouse (good) in October. Successful on second outing in points subsequently. Interesting recruit for new yard.	98 <i>Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)</i>
10		DARTMOUTH STAR (14) 6-96 4 10-5 65.8kg Mark Walford Tailed off in bumper/both starts over hurdles.	 <i>Jamie Hamilton</i>

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Built By Rossies, **7-2** Delgany Bobby Blue, **4-1** Don Virginia, **4-1** Maggies Boy, **12-1** Tchoupinminzac, **25-1** Chief O'hara, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DELGANY BOBBY BLUE shaped well on more than one occasion over hurdles in 2023/24 and, with fitness unlikely to be an issue given the stable he represents, he makes a fair amount of appeal with the drop back to 2½m looking in his favour. Built By Rossies has shown a fair level of form in Ireland and is an interesting recruit for her new yard having won a point earlier in the year. Don Virginia ought to make his presence felt once more.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DELGANY BOBBY BLUE 2. BUILT BY ROSSIES 3. DON VIRGINIA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Hell Hound	5-11-4	2-1	Neil Mulholland	Jonathan Burke	11
2023	Delta Run	6-11-4	9-2	Richard Bandey	Harry Bannister	8

SMART STATS:

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RACE 6













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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	AAZZA (IRE) (17) (CD)	s	★	100
	7938211-2 9 12-0 76.2kg Paul Robson		Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)	
Arrives on the up, landing 3m handicaps at Wetherby and over C&D before a very good second of 5 at Bangor (23.2f, good to firm) 17 days ago. Merits serious consideration despite a further 3 lb weights rise.				
2	CHAMPETRE (IRE) (28)	v		95
	P/843423-4 7 12-0 76.2kg Oliver Signy		Gavin Sheehan	
Yet to score but he's a consistent sort and wasn't disgraced after 7 months off when fourth of 6 in handicap hurdle at Ffos Las (23.9f, good) 28 days ago, fading from 2 out. Not taken lightly off a 2 lb lower mark with that run under his belt..				
3	ZARHANYA (42)	t		91
	7/3765- 7 11-7 73.0kg Martin Keighley		Sean Bowen	
Lightly-raced maiden hurdler. Off 3 months/had wind up before posting a creditable fifth of 7 on his handicap debut at Hereford (19.7f, good) 42 days ago. No forlorn hope now stepping up in trip with tongue strap back on.				
4	ZOFFALEE (FR) (26)	t		89
	33/6 10 11-5 72.1kg Mike Sowersby		William Maggs (5lb/2kg)	
It's now 25 five runs since his last win in 2019 and he came in only sixth of 8 in handicap hurdle (66/1) at Huntingdon (25f, good) 26 days ago. Others appeal more.				
5	GLOBAL ASSEMBLY (50)	b+t		79
	233/P6PP- 8 11-4 71.7kg Jessica Bedi		Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)	
Visored for 1st time when pulled up in handicap chase at Hexham (24.2f, good) 50 days ago. Goes over hurdles now with something to prove in his bid for a maiden success.				
6	HORIZON D'OR (FR) (155) (D)	t		90
	1717/4208- 8 11-4 71.7kg Brett Johnson		James Bowen	
Successful twice over hurdles in 2023 but lightly raced since and a well-held eighth of 10 at Taunton on his chasing debut/final run for Adam West in December. Needs to hit the ground running for his new handler.				
7	BIG BEE HIVE (IRE) (10) (C, BF)	b+t		94
	P45P454-7 8 11-2 70.8kg Sam England		Jonathan England	
On a losing run and he was tried blinkered when a below-form seventh of 12 in handicap chase at Cartmel (25.5f, good to soft) 10 days ago. Reverts to hurdles with more required.				
8	RUBIES OR GOLD (IRE) (29) (BF)	t		99
	5696603-3 6 10-11 68.5kg Christian Williams		Jack Tudor	
Remains winless but not disgraced when third of 5 in handicap hurdle at Warwick (25f, good) 29 days ago. Needs considering off an easing mark.				
9	FANTOMAS (FR) (43) (D)	v+t		91
	135/3P000- 9 10-4 65.3kg Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies		Sam Twiston-Davies	
Scored at Hereford last spring but that's his sole success over hurdles and he hasn't shown much in 3 appearances since returning from a break in December. Handily weighted though if back on his A-game.				
10	EVEN BREAK (IRE) (17)	b+t		75
	7/PP-6 7 10-2 64.4kg Rosemary Gasson		Ben Poste	
Unplaced sole start in Irish points and little to shout about under Rules so far, last of 6 in 2m5f Utttoxeter handicap chase 17 days ago. Tongue tied and blinkered with plenty to prove back in this sphere.				

11	BELLADINOTTE (IRE) (354)	75
	95/P57- 6 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg) Sara Ender	Harry Bannister
Poor maiden hurdler who came in only seventh of 9 in handicap at Market Rasen (23f) 11 months ago on his final run for Mark Walford. Arrives fit from pointing but others are preferred.		
12	STRIPE OF HONOUR (IRE) (14)	t 75
	7/2506P0-5 12 10-2(9-12) 64.4kg (62.6kg) Anthony Day	Harriet Tucker (7lb/3kg)
Eleven runs since last win in 2023 and he offered little after 7 months off when a remote fifth of 9 in handicap hurdle over C&D 14 days ago. Hard to warm to.		
13	TOP DRAWER (IRE) (23)	s 70
	F9/0U-3 11 10-2(9-8) 64.4kg (60.8kg) Tracey Leeson	Mr Joseph Stevenson (7lb/3kg)
Remains a maiden after 22 runs and he came in a well-held third of 4 in handicap hurdle at Ludlow (23.8f, good to firm) 23 days ago. 8 lb "wrong" in the weights too.		

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Aazza, 7-2 Rubies Or Gold, 11-2 Champetre, 7-1 Big Bee Hive, 12-1 Fantomas, 12-1 Zarhanya, 18-1 Horizon D'or, 33-1 Zoffalee, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A number of these arrive with a question mark against them and the thriving AAZZA is fancied to quickly resume winning ways on the back of a very good recent Bangor second. The reliable Champetre is feared most if, as expected, building on his Ffos Las fourth after an absence, while Zarhanya, Rubies Or Gold and Fantomas need factoring in too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AAZZA 2. CHAMPETRE 3. ZARHANYA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Malago Rose	6-11-5	9-2	Simon Earle	James Best	12
2023	Tommydan	8-12-0	10-1	Jennie Candlish	Sean Quinlan	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race