

11.48 DAILY BET BOOSTS AT WILLIAM HILL NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 2m209y (3410 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) CAPTAIN HUGO | (3) TAURUS BAY | (2) RACE TO BASE**
12.24 WILLIAM HILL EACH WAY EXTRA NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3m149y (4960 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) GLANCE OF GLORY | (4) DIXIE MAFIA | (6) SANDSCAPE**
12.58 WILLIAM HILL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) PLEASINGTON | (3) KDEUX SAINT FRAY | (6) IT'S HARD TO KNOW**
1.30 WILLIAM HILL RACING WINNINGS BOOST HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) MARGARET'S LEGACY | (1) THE KALOOKI KID | (2) RICHMOND LAKE**
2.05 WILLIAM HILL BEST ODDS GUARANTEED WIRRAL JUVENILE HURDLE (Listed) (1) 2m209y (3410 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) EDELAK | (6) TREASURE PLANET | (5) SCARLET MOON**
2.40 WILLIAM HILL HALF A MILL BECHER HANDICAP CHASE (Premier Handicap) (1) 3m1f188y (5200 Metres)

RACE 6 **(7) WHITE RHINO | (13) GABORIOT | (1) MR VANGO**
3.15 NEW WILLIAM HILL RACING BET BUILDER HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) ACT OF AUTHORITY | (9) BEAR MARKET | (2) RAMBO T**

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.

11.48

DAILY BET BOOSTS AT WILLIAM HILL NOVICES' HURDLE
(Qualifier) (3) 4yo+ £17,500 2m209y (3410 Metres)

RACE 1



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

The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. Inside is the Mildmay course which has birch fences. A major feature of the Mildmay course is its sharpness, though the fences are stiff and it's a tough jumping test. The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time around and fourteen the second. Alterations to the fences in recent times have had the effect of making it a less severe test of jumping than used to be case. Since 2013, the run to the first fence in the Grand National was reduced in a bid to also improve safety, resulting in the overall race distance shortening from the usual 4½m, though the run-in is still 494 yards long and includes an elbow.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1	<div> <div>CAPTAIN HUGO (IRE) (30)</div> <div> <div>2-11</div> <div>5</div> <div>11-6</div> <div>72.6kg</div> </div> </div> <div> <div>Philip Hobbs & Johnson White</div> <div> <div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> </div> <div> <div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>★</div> <div>100</div> </div> <div> <div>Sean Houlihan</div> </div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>
2	<div> <div>RACE TO BASE (IRE) (25)</div> <div> <div>421-51</div> <div>5</div> <div>11-6</div> <div>72.6kg</div> </div> </div> <div> <div>Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies</div> <div> <div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> </div> <div> <div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>92</div> </div> <div> <div>Sam Twiston-Davies</div> </div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>
3	<div> <div>TAURUS BAY (IRE) (37)</div> <div> <div>1</div> <div>4</div> <div>11-6</div> <div>72.6kg</div> </div> </div> <div> <div>Ben Pauling</div> <div> <div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> </div> <div> <div> <div> </div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>99</div> </div> <div> <div>Ben Jones</div> </div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div> <div> <div> </div> <div> </div> </div>

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-13 Captain Hugo, **7-2** Taurus Bay, **9-2** Race To Base

TIMEFORM VIEW:

None of the trio can be ruled out but CAPTAIN HUGO looked an excellent prospect when going in at Newbury last month and can improve sufficiently to thwart Ben Pauling's stylish Stratford scorer Taurus Bay who also has better days ahead of him. Hereford victor Race To Base can't be discounted either in an intriguing contest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CAPTAIN HUGO 2. TAURUS BAY 3. RACE TO BASE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Norman Fletcher 4-11-6	11-4	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	11
2022	Strong Leader 5-11-6	2-1	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	9
2021	North Lodge 4-10-12	14-1	Alan King	A. P. Heskin	8
2020	Straw Fan Jack 5-11-4	15-2	Sheila Lewis	Richard Johnson	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.24

RACE 2











WILLIAM HILL EACH WAY EXTRA NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £17,500 3m149y (4960 Metres)



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

The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. Inside is the Mildmay course which has birch fences. A major feature of the Mildmay course is its sharpness, though the fences are stiff and it's a tough jumping test. The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time around and fourteen the second. Alterations to the fences in recent times have had the effect of making it a less severe test of jumping than used to be case. Since 2013, the run to the first fence in the Grand National was reduced in a bid to also improve safety, resulting in the overall race distance shortening from the usual 4½m, though the run-in is still 494 yards long and includes an elbow.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1	GLANCE OF GLORY (45)				97
	3-11 5 12-0 76.2kg Martin Keighley Progressive Passing Glance gelding who went 2-2 this term on his handicap bow at Worcester (20f, good to soft) 45 days ago, doing well to get up given he blundered 3 out. Big shout in his hat-trick bid with this step up to 3m also a likely positive.			James Best	
2	THE CLONMEL KID (IRE) (52)				97
	23P2-P3 6 11-11 74.8kg Philip Kirby Fair maiden hurdler who wasn't disgraced when third of 4 in novice at Wetherby (19.7f, good to firm) 52 days ago. Back up in trip and not discounted.			Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)	
3	THE GREAT ESCAPE (IRE) (32)				96
	8-32328 5 11-9 73.9kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill In good form without winning until coming in last of 8 in handicap hurdle at Warwick (21f, good) 32 days ago. Needs to get back on track.			Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	
4	DIXIE MAFIA (IRE) (27)		t		100
	64-85 6 11-9 73.9kg Christian Williams Winning Irish pointer who made a promising start for his current yard when fourth in 2m novice at Warwick. Failed to build on it twice since at Ffos Las but not written off now going into handicaps upped markedly in distance.			Jack Tudor	
5	TOP GUY (IRE) (22)				96
	554-502 5 11-3 71.2kg Dan Skelton Point winner who showed his form in handicaps when second of 8 at Southwell (20.4f, soft) 22 days ago, just failing. Steps up in trip and not ruled out despite taking a 3 lb weights rise.			Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)	
6	SANDSCAPE (23) (BF)		v		98
	752P8-423 5 11-2 70.8kg Henry Daly Still a maiden but he comes here in good nick, third of 7 in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (23.1f, good to soft) 23 days ago. Ought to be thereabouts again with a visor added.			Sam Twiston-Davies	
7	PRINCESSE MILANIA (IRE) (15) (D)				99
	36809113 5 11-1 70.3kg Mark Walford  Signed off for Olly Murphy wth Plumpton win and followed up for his new trainer at Wetherby later in October. Recorded a good third of 7 (off 6 lb higher mark) in 25f Catterick handicap 15 days ago so must enter calculations.			Jamie Hamilton	
8	BOMBAY PETE (24)				82
	5007 4 10-12 68.9kg Christian Williams Has been brought along steadily, seventh of 9 in novice hurdle at Bangor (16.7f, heavy) 24 days ago. Significantly up in trip for his handicap bow and no forlorn hope.			Mr J. J. Murphy-Knight (7lb/3kg)	

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Glance of Glory, 7-2 Sandscape, 5-1 Top Guy, 11-2 Princesse Milania, 12-1 Dixie Mafia, 14-1 The Great Escape, 20-1 The Clonmel Kid, 25-1 Bombay Pete

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Plenty are in with a shout but the improving GLANCE OF GLORY did well to maintain his unbeaten record for the season at Worcester after a late blunder and can complete a hat-trick on his first attempt at 3m now. Christian Williams' handicap debutant Dixie Mafia appeals as a likely improver and could emerge as the chief threat, although in-form pair Sandscape and Princesse Milania can both have a say too. Top Guy completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GLANCE OF GLORY 2. DIXIE MAFIA 3. SANDSCAPE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Kyntara	7-12-0	10-3	Mel Rowley	Charlie Deutsch	7
2022	Broadway Boy	4-12-0	5-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	5
2021	My Bobby Dazzler	6-11-12	7-2jf	Mel Rowley	Alex Edwards (3)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.58

WILLIAM HILL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3)

4yo+ £20,000 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)

RACE 3



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

The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. Inside is the Mildmay course which has birch fences. A major feature of the Mildmay course is its sharpness, though the fences are stiff and it's a tough jumping test. The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time around and fourteen the second. Alterations to the fences in recent times have had the effect of making it a less severe test of jumping than used to be case. Since 2013, the run to the first fence in the Grand National was reduced in a bid to also improve safety, resulting in the overall race distance shortening from the usual 4½m, though the run-in is still 494 yards long and includes an elbow.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	PLEASINGTON (IRE) (21)	h		100
	65/117-3 7 11-8 73.5kg			
	Olly Murphy		James Bowen	
	A useful winning 2m hurdler who made a promising start in this sphere after 8 months off when third of 5 in handicap at Wetherby (15.2f, soft) 21 days ago. Can build on it now, especially stepped up in trip. Likely player.			
2	INEDIT STAR (FR) (36)			93
	22/23533-2 7 11-8 73.5kg			
	Nick Kent		Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)	
	A dual bumper/hurdles winner in France. Yet to score over fences, but he's proving reliable and returned with a good second of 6 in handicap chase at Wetherby (19.4f, good) 36 days ago. Ought to be in the shake-up once more.			
3	KDEUX SAINT FRAY (FR) (20) (D)	t		97
	1152-F1 5 11-5 72.1kg			
	Anthony Honeyball		Jonathan Burke	
	A fairly useful 2m3f winning hurdler who left his chasing debut well behind when bagging 6-runner handicap at Cheltenham (20.2f, soft) 20 days ago. Should improve further so not taken lightly.			
4	GUARD THE MOON (225)			90
	2/11228PF- 7 11-5 72.1kg			
	Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies		Sam Twiston-Davies	
	Made up into a fairly useful hurdler last term, leading when fell 2 out in handicap at Perth (26.6f, soft) in April. Also scored on his seasonal return so much respected now going chasing.			
5	CAPTAIN BUTLER (IRE) (24) (BF)			92
	1/15-2 7 11-2 70.8kg			
	Ruth Jefferson		Craig Nichol	
	Point and bumper winner (for Pauline Robson) who made an encouraging debut for his new yard when second of 11 in 2m4f handicap hurdle at Ayr last month. Very much one to consider now starting out over fences.			
6	IT'S HARD TO KNOW (IRE) (273) (D)			93
	1160- 6 11-2 70.8kg			
	Ben Pauling		Ben Jones	
	Irish point scorer who landed 2m4f novice hurdles at Lingfield/Market Rasen last winter. Well held in stronger company twice after but he brings plenty of potential on his chasing bow. Not without interest for in-form yard.			

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Pleasington, 7-2 Kdeux Saint Fray, 11-2 Inedit Star, 11-2 It's Hard To Know, 13-2 Captain Butler, 12-1 Guard The Moon

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Olly Murphy's PLEASINGTON shaped well on his recent chasing bow when third at Wetherby and with this step up in trip a likely plus too he can come out on top in a fascinating novice handicap chase. Kdeux Saint Fray heads the list of dangers on the back of his Cheltenham victory, although the three fencing newcomers all bring lots of potential, not least It's Hard To Know and Captain Butler.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PLEASINGTON 2. KDEUX SAINT FRAY 3. IT'S HARD TO KNOW

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.30
RACE 4

WILLIAM HILL RACING WINNINGS BOOST HANDICAP CHASE
(2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-145) £35,000 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)



Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. Inside is the Mildmay course which has birch fences. A major feature of the Mildmay course is its sharpness, though the fences are stiff and it's a tough jumping test. The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time around and fourteen the second. Alterations to the fences in recent times have had the effect of making it a less severe test of jumping than used to be case. Since 2013, the run to the first fence in the Grand National was reduced in a bid to also improve safety, resulting in the overall race distance shortening from the usual 4½m, though the run-in is still 494 yards long and includes an elbow.

Pace Information: Weak

1	<div> <div> THE KALOOKI KID (34) (D) </div> <div> 485/2118-4 7 12-0 76.2kg </div> </div>	99
<div> </div>	<div> <div> Nicky Richards </div> <div> Improved switched to fences last season, jumping well to land handicaps at Doncaster (19.1f) and Musselburgh (20.3f). Made a satisfactory return at Carlisle last month and looks a likely player here. </div> </div>	<div> <div> Danny McMenamin </div> </div>
2	<div> <div> RICHMOND LAKE (IRE) (24) (CD) </div> <div> 0/4232P8-3 9 11-10 74.4kg </div> </div>	97
<div> </div>	<div> <div> Donald McCain </div> <div> Won this event in 2023 and plenty of good efforts in defeat last season, including when runner-up (off 7 lb higher) over C&D 12 months ago. Failed to get home over longer trip at Bangor on return last month and must enter calculations. </div> </div>	<div> <div> Theo Gillard </div> </div>
3	<div> <div> UNCLE BERT (267) (D) </div> <div> 7/3P23159- 8 11-7 73.0kg </div> </div>	95
<div> </div>	<div> <div> Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies </div> <div> Useful hurdler who has done his winning on soft/heavy ground. including over 3m at Haydock in January. Fairly handicapped, back over the larger obstacles on his return, but has yet to fully convince in this discipline. </div> </div>	<div> <div> Sam Twiston-Davies </div> </div>
4	<div> <div> MARGARET'S LEGACY (FR) (24) (D, BF) </div> <div> 5412/11-2 8 11-3 71.2kg </div> </div>	100
<div> </div>	<div> <div> Warren Greatrex </div> <div> Made positive start for Warren Greatrex last term, winning both his starts at this sort of trip. Improved on that when good second of 9 in handicap chase (9/2) at Bangor (20.3f, heavy) on return 24 days ago and is only 2 lb higher here. </div> </div>	<div> <div> James Bowen </div> </div>
5	<div> <div> BLEU D'ENFER (FR) (28) (D) </div> <div> 42422P1-0 7 11-2 70.8kg </div> </div>	95
<div> </div>	<div> <div> Donald McCain </div> <div> Ayr maiden hurdle winner who responded well to the fitting of cheekpieces when belatedly off the mark in handicap chase at Carlisle (20f) in April. However, no impact on debut for new yard in Grand Sefton here last month and has something to prove now. </div> </div>	<div> <div> Brian Hughes </div> </div>
6	<div> <div> GAELIC ARC (IRE) (27) (D) </div> <div> 120P0484 9 10-13 69.4kg </div> </div>	97
<div> </div>	<div> <div> John Patrick Ryan, Ireland </div> <div> Not the most reliable and arrives on back of poor efforts in Ireland in recent months. Likely best watched. </div> </div>	<div> <div> C. M. Quirke (3lb/1kg) </div> </div>
7	<div> <div> NED TANNER (IRE) (28) (D) </div> <div> 4512214-7 9 10-9 67.6kg </div> </div>	96
<div> </div>	<div> <div> N. W. Alexander </div> <div> Won 2 of his 7 starts over this sort of trip last term and likely needed the run when last of 7 on his return at Kelso 28 days ago. Not out of things. </div> </div>	<div> <div> Sean Quinlan </div> </div>

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 The Kalooki Kid, 3-1 Margaret's Legacy, 11-2 Richmond Lake, 8-1 Ned Tanner, 10-1 Uncle Bert, 14-1 Bleu D'enfer, 25-1 Gaelic Arc

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MARGARET'S LEGACY pulled clear of the remainder when second to a well-handicapped sort at Bangor last month and remains feasibly treated. He can return to winning ways. The Kalooki Kid and Richmond Lake are also of interest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MARGARET'S LEGACY 2. THE KALOOKI KID 3. RICHMOND LAKE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Richmond Lake	7-11-11	4-1	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	9
2022	Brave Seasca	7-12-1	12-1	Venetia Williams	Gavin Sheehan	13
2021	Clan Legend	11-11-1	12-1	N. W. Alexander	Danny McMenamin	10
2020	Clan Legend	10-11-2	12-1	N. W. Alexander	Danny McMenamin (3)	13

2.40
RACE 6

WILLIAM HILL HALF A MILL BECHER HANDICAP CHASE
(Premier Handicap) (1) 6yo+ £150,000 3m1f188y (5200 Metres)



Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. Inside is the Mildmay course which has birch fences. A major feature of the Mildmay course is its sharpness, though the fences are stiff and it's a tough jumping test. The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time around and fourteen the second. Alterations to the fences in recent times have had the effect of making it a less severe test of jumping than used to be case. Since 2013, the run to the first fence in the Grand National was reduced in a bid to also improve safety, resulting in the overall race distance shortening from the usual 4½m, though the run-in is still 494 yards long and includes an elbow.

Pace Information: Even

1	MR VANGO (IRE) (266) (D)	s+t	★	100
	313P/111- 9 12-0 76.2kg			
	Sara Bradstock	Jack Tudor		
	Made up into a smart chaser last term, winning at Sandown on return last December, before following up with a game success in the Peter Marsh at Haydock. Completed the hat-trick in the 4¼m Midlands National when last seen in March and appeals as the type who will take to these unique fences.			
2	BIOLUMINESCENCE (IRE) (30)			98
	11P/122P-3 7 11-9 73.9kg			
	Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland	Keith Donoghue		
	Grade 2 chase winner at Limerick last December who followed up with good runner-up efforts in Grade 3 and Listed company. Wasn't knocked about when third on return in a mares' listed contest at Clonmel, but she's on a tough-looking mark now returned to handicap company.			
3	MONBEG GENIUS (IRE) (224)	s+t		96
	35P/241P6- 9 11-6 72.6kg			
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.		
	Smart staying chaser who ended a 2-year losing run at Uttoxeter in February. Far from disgraced when sixth of 19 in a major Sandown handicap (28.7f, good to firm) on final run of last term, but looks vulnerable back from a 7-month break.			
4	TWIG (27) (D)	s		98
	25/2P770-1 10 11-5 72.1kg			
	Ben Pauling	Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)		
	Runner-up off this mark in the Ultima at the 2024 Cheltenham Festival. Largely below par last term, including when out with the washing in the Grand National, but did at least prove his wellbeing when landing a small-field veterans' handicap on return at Sandown. Cheekpieces refitted.			
5	BILL BAXTER (IRE) (30) (C)			98
	U/P25U4-12 9 11-1 70.3kg			
	Warren Greatrex	Sam Twiston-Davies		
	Took advantage of a much-reduced mark when landing a 12-runner listed handicap chase at Punchestown (24.5f, good to soft) in May. Good start to this season when runner-up over hurdles at Newbury and, having landed the Topham over these fences in April 2023, he has to enter calculations.			
6	ROI MAGE (FR) (90) (D)			95
	9/21576-21 13 11-0 69.9kg			
	Patrick Griffin, Ireland	James Reveley		
	Won a listed Cross Country chase in France on latest start in September. Completed in the 2023 and 2024 runnings of the Grand National, so his ability to negotiate these obstacles is not in doubt, but he's at the veteran stage now and others make more appeal for win purposes.			
7	WHITE RHINO (IRE) (28)			98
	134/11UP-9 9 10-13 69.4kg			
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Craig Nichol		
	Progressive over hurdles and further steps forward over fences last winter, landing brace of handicaps at around 21f on first 2 starts. Ended that campaign on a downer, but wasn't seen to best effect in the Grand Sefton on return here last month and may yet resume his progress.			
8	GALIA DES LITEAUX (FR) (34)	s+t		97
	48/2754P-5 9 10-10 68.0kg			
	Dan Skelton	Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)		
	Form dipped following an encouraging reappearance second in listed mares' event at Carlisle last term, pulled up in the Midlands National won by Mr Vango on final run of that campaign. On the upside, she has slipped to an attractive mark and completed this course when eighth in the 2024 National.			
9	MAHONS GLORY (IRE) (28) (C)			99
	P7112-224 9 10-10 68.0kg			
	Dylan Cunha	Lee Edwards		
	Ended time with Patrick Neville out of sorts, but won 2 of his 3 starts for new yard last term and has started this campaign well, too, most recently putting in a good round of jumping over these fences when fourth of 17 in the 21f Grand Sefton. However, this trip will probably stretch him.			

10	EXCELLO (FR) (28)	s		99
	P/223740-3 6 10-9 67.6kg			
	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen		
	French import who looked good when winning a small-field graduation chase at Ascot in 2023/24. Winless since, but has edged down to a workable mark and negotiated these obstacles with aplomb when third on return in the Grand Sefton. Solid each-way claims off just 1 lb higher.			
11	WESTERNINTHEPARK (IRE) (34) (BF)			98
	15/12320-4 7 10-6 66.2kg			
	Olly Murphy	Brian Hughes		
	Bumper/dual-hurdles winner who made a successful start in this sphere at Stratford last season. Largely creditable efforts in defeat thereafter, including when fourth of 9 on return at Carlisle (3¼m, good to soft), but there won't be any hanging about here and his stamina will be put to the test.			
12	VAL DANCER (IRE) (34) (D)	s		98
	1133/112-9 8 10-6 66.2kg			
	Mel Rowley	Charlie Hammond		
	Scaled new heights last term, scoring on return at Carlisle before winning the Welsh National at Chepstow. Ran another cracker when third (subsequently promoted to second) in the Grand National Trial at Haydock, but trailed in last of 9 on return this time round back at Carlisle.			
13	GABORIOT (FR) (28) (D)	b		99
	U/11363P-2 9 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg)			
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Robert Dunne		
	Unseated rider on first experience over these fences in the 2024 Foxhunters', but he was third in the the Grand Sefton last November and moved up a placing when second in this season's renewal of that big handicap last month. Remains on a fair mark up 2 lb and he's a major player.			

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Mr Vango, 13-2 Gaboriot, 7-1 Galia Des Liteaux, 8-1 White Rhino, 9-1 Bioluminescence, 10-1 Westerninthepark, 12-1 Excello, 12-1 Bill Baxter, 18-1 Monbeg Genius, 20-1 Val Dancer, 28-1 Twig, 33-1 Mahons Glory, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The Greenall/Guerriero yard saddle two strong contenders here in WHITE RHINO and Gaboriot. The latter fared much the best of them in the Grand Sefton last month, but White Rhino was always on the back foot after being hampered at the third fence and is now 4 lb lower in the weights. Mr Vango was progressive last term and is greatly respected, along with Excello and Galia des Liteaux, while Westerninthepark shaped well on return at Carlisle but a strongly-run race at this trip may stretch him.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WHITE RHINO 2. GABORIOT 3. MR VANGO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Chambard	11-10-6	18-1	Venetia Williams	Miss Lucy Turner (5)	12
2022	Ashtown Lad	8-11-5	5-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	22
2021	Snow Leopardess	9-10-4	4-1f	Charlie Longsdon	Aidan Coleman	21
2020	Vieux Lion Rouge	11-10-7	12-1	David Pipe	Conor O'Farrell	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15

RACE 7













NEW WILLIAM HILL RACING BET BUILDER HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+ £30,000 2½m (4020 Metres)




Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. Inside is the Mildmay course which has birch fences. A major feature of the Mildmay course is its sharpness, though the fences are stiff and it's a tough jumping test. The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time around and fourteen the second. Alterations to the fences in recent times have had the effect of making it a less severe test of jumping than used to be case. Since 2013, the run to the first fence in the Grand National was reduced in a bid to also improve safety, resulting in the overall race distance shortening from the usual 4½m, though the run-in is still 494 yards long and includes an elbow.

Pace Information: Strong

1	BREWIN'UPASTORM (IRE) (588) (CD)	t	95
	Olly Murphy  Smart and likeable hurdler who showed himself to be every bit as good as ever when landing the 4-runner Ballybin Hurdle in game style at Fairyhouse in April 2024. Off since next start and probably worth watching on return now aged 12.	Brian Hughes	
2	RAMBO T (IRE) (56) (D)		99
	Olly Murphy  8-y-o who boasts a good strike rate and proved himself better than ever when winning 14-runner handicap hurdle (12/1) at Chepstow (19.4f, good to firm) 56 days ago. 6 lb higher here but should go well again.	James Bowen	
3	CRACKING RHAPSODY (IRE) (20)		99
	Ewan Whillans 6-y-o enjoyed a fine 2024/25 season, winning 3 times including the Morebattle at Kelso and Scottish Champion Hurdle on final start at Ayr (2m) in April. Perhaps rusty when down the field in the Greatwood last time and market may prove best guide here.	Craig Nichol	
4	ACT OF AUTHORITY (FR) (30) (D)	★	100
	Olly Murphy  Dual winner last autumn and proved as good as ever when runner-up in the Martin Pipe. Shaped as if retaining all ability when fourth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Newbury (24.3f, good to soft) 30 days ago. Shortlist material.	Lewis Saunders (5lb/2kg)	
5	WELLINGTON ARCH (217) (CD)		99
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Progressive last season and made his second start in handicaps a winning one when taking 20-runner race at Aintree (20f). Placed in another big-field handicap at Punchestown next time (despite late mistake) and it's hard to know where his ceiling lies returning from 7 months off.	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	
6	STREAM OF STARS (19)		99
	Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies Resumed winning ways in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Bangor in May and not far off that level when third from 4 lb higher at Newton Abbot 3 weeks later. Career best when runner-up at Plumpton (20.5f, good, 16/1) 19 days ago and is respected despite his advanced years.	Sam Twiston-Davies	
7	RUBBER BALL (20)		97
	Neil King Irish point winner who progressed when completing a soft ground-double in a Newbury novice in February. Out of depth in Grade 1 next time and down the field in the Greatwood on his return, so needs step up in trip to get him back on track.	Jack Quinlan	
8	KEPLER'S LAW (7) (D)		97
	Christian Williams Quick to make into a fairly useful 2m4f hurdles winner for Laura Morgan last season. Caught the eye under a patient ride for his new yard when fourth at Bangor on return but never looked like building on that promise when down the field at Newbury last week.	Jack Tudor	
9	BEAR MARKET (IRE) (22) (C,D)	t	97
	Mel Rowley Unbeaten in bumpers and got back on track in a first-time tongue tie when winning a 17f Aintree novice on final start for Nicky Henderson in May. Game when making winning return in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Southwell (20.4f, soft) 22 days ago and should be in the mix again.	Toby Wynne	

10

SUNRAY SHADOW (30) (CD)
1313-5 6 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)
Dan Skelton


98

Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)
Looked a good prospect when landing 2m4f Aintree maiden hurdle last October. Went off at long odds and seemingly given a considerate reappearance after an 11-month absence when fifth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Newbury (16.3f, good to soft) last month. This should reveal more up in trip.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Wellington Arch, 9-2 Rambo T, 5-1 Bear Market, 13-2 Act of Authority, 7-1 Stream of Stars, 11-1 Rubber Ball, 18-1 Kepler's Law, 22-1 Cracking Rhapsody, 22-1 Sunray Shadow, 22-1 Brewin'upastorm

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ACT OF AUTHORITY was runner-up at the Cheltenham Festival last season and made an encouraging return at Newbury last month, so gets the verdict over the hat-trick seeking Bear Market. Recent Chepstow winner Rambo T and the returning Wellington Arch are also considered.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ACT OF AUTHORITY 2. BEAR MARKET 3. RAMBO T

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2023	Sonigino 6-12-0	10-3f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden 10
2022	Romeo Brown 8-10-8	50-1	Sue Smith	Thomas Willmott (3) 13
2021	Tamar Bridge 6-11-0	2-1f	Olly Murphy	A. P. Heskin 13
2020	Kateson 7-11-1	5-1	Tom Lacey	Tom Scudamore 11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race