

Saturday 7th March

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1.15 BETFAIR RACING PODCASTS JUVENILE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)

RACE 1 **(8) KNIGHTON | (7) SUPERKAP | (5) ONLY ONE BLUE**

1.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS' FUND BETFAIR 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE FINAL (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 2m3f178y (3980 Metres)

RACE 2 **(6) KAKA'S COUSIN | (3) SCORPIO RISING | (12) UNKNOWN ENTITY**

2.27 BETFAIR IMPERIAL CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)

RACE 3 **(17) MONDO MAN | (14) WRECKLESS ERIC | (4) GO DANTE**

3.00 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF MARES' STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Listed) (1) 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)

RACE 4 **(9) LUNE BRILLANTE | (3) BURDS OF A FEATHER | (12) THE FLAGGY SHORE**

3.35 BEST ODDS ON THE BETFAIR EXCHANGE HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 3m42y (4870 Metres)

RACE 5 **(6) CALIMYSTIC | (3) SOUND AND FURY | (8) TUNE IN A BOX**

4.10 BETFAIR EXCHANGE NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m15y (4040 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) JUST OVER LAND | (5) SOLDIEROFTHESTORM | (1) MR HOPE STREET**

4.45 betting.betfair.com HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m15y (4040 Metres)

RACE 7 **(2) NORN IRON | (3) TOOTHLESS | (1) HERE COMES GEORGIE**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

1.15**BETFAIR RACING PODCASTS JUVENILE HANDICAP HURDLE
(3) 4yo (Rated 0-125) £20,000 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Good in places**

Right handed, galloping. Regarded as the one of the best jumping tests for chasers in the country, thanks chiefly to the seven fences in the back straight, the last three of which are situated close together, though fallers in the home straight are very rare and, in actual fact, the course has long since been one of the lowest in Britain and Ireland in terms of the proportion of casualties. Hurdles course usually more testing than chase one during winter months, with gruelling conditions often the order of the day. Front runners more favoured on the chase track, where it can regularly prove hard to make up ground when conditions place the emphasis on speed.

Pace Information: **Strong**

1 BIBE MUS (FR) (40) (D, BF) **97**
1322 **4** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Steadily improved over hurdles for Ross O'Sullivan, finishing second in listed hurdle at Aintree before running his best race when second in a juvenile hurdle at Punchestown last time. No surprise to see another step forward on first start for leading stable.

2 TURENNE (FR) (36) (D, BF) **97**
53-152F3 **4** 11-13 | 75.7kg **h+t**



David Pipe

Jack Tudor

Fairly useful hurdler in France who was narrowly denied by a next-time-out winner on stable debut and looked in control when falling at Fontwell in December. Didn't settle fully when turned over at odds on subsequently but first-time hood looks a positive addition.

3 GALACTIQUE (FR) (112) **96**
2117 **4** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Caoilin Quinn

Landed a double when putting his experience to good use over hurdle debutant Winston Junior (now useful) in October but off since flop in Grade 2 at Cheltenham following month. Hard to believe he gave his running that day and looks the pick of the Moore pair on jockey bookings.

4 THE BELLHOP (IRE) (89) **97**
141 **4** 11-9 | 73.9kg **s**



Gary & Josh Moore

Freddie Mitchell (31b/1kg)

Has proved a different proposition over hurdles, winning a pair of Fontwell juveniles (fortunate last time) either side of finishing well held fourth in Wensleydale at Doncaster. Stamina looks his strong suit and he may find a couple too speedy.

5 ONLY ONE BLUE (IRE) (39) **99**
1233 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg **s**



Max Comley

Tom Broughton (51b/2kg)

Sole filly who finished third behind Bibe Mus is listed juvenile at Aintree prior to splitting a pair of subsequent winners at Chepstow in January. Form looks solid and entitled to be in the mix.

6 DIAMOND JIM (IRE) (43) (D) **98**
2714 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg **s**



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Craig Nichol

Forged clear to justify strong support at Haydock in December and while only running respectably when fourth at Warwick the following month, he looks the type to benefit from first-time headgear. Yard also saddle Knighton.

7 SUPERKAP (FR) (24) **98**
4-22 **4** 10-13 | 69.4kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Definite merit to the form he showed on two starts in France and shaped well (just as his new stable were starting to turn a corner) behind an odds-on shot on reappearance/U.K. debut at Hereford last month. May be capable of better.

8 KNIGHTON (18) **100**
844 **4** 10-8 | 67.1kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne

Steadily progressing over hurdles and having not been beaten far behind the market principals at Market Rasen (25/1) on qualifying run, he looks to have been let off lightly by the handicapper.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Bibe Mus, **11-2** Only One Blue, **11-2** Superkap, **13-2** Galactique, **8-1** Diamond Jim, **8-1** Turenne, **9-1** The Bellhop, **12-1** Knighton

TIMEFORM VIEW:

An interesting opener with all bar the top weight making their handicap debuts and it could pay to take a chance on steadily improving KNIGHTON whose opening mark looks a fair one. Ex-French recruit Superkap makes appeal following an encouraging stable debut, while Only One Blue split a couple of subsequent winners on her latest start.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. KNIGHTON 2. SUPERKAP 3. ONLY ONE BLUE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Narragansett 4-11-7	85-40f Neil Mulholland	Conor O'Farrell	7
2024	Spiced Rum 4-11-3	13-2 Stuart Kittow	Robert Dunne	8
2023	Spirit d'Aunou 4-11-12	5-6f Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	6
2022	Hasty Parisian 4-11-4	13-8f Milton Harris	Kevin Jones	4
2021	Hudson de Grugy 4-11-12	4-5f Gary Moore	Joshua Moore	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.50

RACE 2

EUROPEAN BREEDERS' FUND BETFAIR 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE FINAL (PREMIER HANDICAP)
(1) 4, 5, 6 and 7yo £80,000 2m3f178y (3980 Metres)
GBI RACING
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Pace Information: Extreme
1 GENTLEMAN TOBOOT (IRE) (69) (BF) t 97
 312-113 6 12-0 | 76.2kg


David Pipe

Jack Tudor

Very much on the up when making it 2-2 over hurdles at Exeter in December, beating subsequent Grade 2 winner Klub de Reve, but proved a major disappointment (possibly amiss) on handicap debut at Leicester later that month. Way too soon to write him off.

2 GET ON GEORGE (IRE) (42) (D) 95
 24141P 6 11-11 | 74.8kg


Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Danny McMenamin

Looked a useful staying novice in the making when landing a second hurdle success at Doncaster in December but a lack of stamina surely wasn't the issue when disappointing upped in trip/class in Grade 2 River Don last time.

3 SCORPIO RISING (IRE) (48) (D) 99
 33-111 6 11-11 | 74.8kg


Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Improving in leaps and bounds, overcoming a less-than-ideal position to land the hat-trick at Windsor in January. That was a strong race for the grade and he likely remains capable of better.

4 LAGUNA BEACH (FR) (49) (D, BF) 94
 5312 5 11-11 | 74.8kg


Nicky Henderson



Nico de Boinville

Improved from hurdle debut when seeing off a pair of subsequent winners at Hereford and would have finished an ever closer second barring a late mistake in a qualifier for this race at Ascot last time. Will need to progress again, but that's not out of the question now sent handicapping.

5 JURY'S IN (IRE) (22) (D) 97
 431 6 11-10 | 74.4kg


Stuart Edmunds

Charlie Hammond

Winner of sole point start who's improved with each run over hurdles, markedly so when having too many gears for still green The Boss Bear at Ffos Las last month. In much deeper waters this time but further progress cannot be ruled out.

6 KAKA'S COUSIN (IRE) (22) ★ 100
 121 6 11-9 | 73.9kg


Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Expensive pointer has made a very promising start over hurdles, his only defeat so far coming at the hands of Starmount (disappointed last weekend). Improved a chunk when decisive winner over 2m at Kelso latest, however, and makes plenty of appeal with this greater test of stamina bound to suit.

7 DRACO MALFOY (IRE) (40) 96
 435-121 6 11-8 | 73.5kg


Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Jonathan Burke

Handicap debutant won at Huntingdon/Hereford either side of being outstayed by Get On George at Doncaster in December but is likely to fall short in better company.

8 CINQUENTA (FR) (34) 96
 333-221 6 11-8 | 73.5kg


Jamie Snowden



Gavin Sheehan

Fairly useful performance when quickening clear of Gee Force Flyer to get off the mark at Market Rasen last month but this would require a much-improved handicap debut performance, à la his stablemate Laurens Bay in this race 12 months ago.

9 RATHKENNY (IRE) (15) (D) 94
 1312 6 11-8 | 73.5kg


Neil Mulholland

Conor O'Farrell

Debut bumper winner posted solid form when making all/jumping well to open his hurdle account at Doncaster but no match for a good prospect at Ffos Las last time. Handicapper hasn't done him any favours and likely we'll see the best of him as a chaser.

10 TENNESSEE TANGO (IRE) (26) t 98
 182-6331 6 11-5 | 72.1kg


Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Fairly useful bumper winner finished third behind useful prospects at Exeter/Chepstow before making the most of a good opportunity at Plumpton last month and could improve again for the step up in trip on handicap debut.

11 RACE TO BASE (IRE) (54) t 94
 421-5134 6 11-3 | 71.2kg


Nick Scholfield

Harry Cobden

Fairly useful novice winner was no match for Taurus Bay/Captain Hugo at Aintree before finishing fourth in a competitive Hereford maiden on final start for Twiston-Davies stable. Switch to handicap/longer trip opens more possibilities for new yard. First-time tongue tie.

12 UNKNOWN ENTITY (IRE) (51) 96
 432-32 6 11-3 | 71.2kg


Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Maiden looks a different model for new yard (formerly with Willie Mullins), building on a promising debut when running a useful, subsequent winner close at Wincanton in January. In excellent hands and remains with potential now tackling handicaps over a longer trip.

13 FOUR SPRINGS (IRE) (15) s 99
 132 5 11-1 | 70.3kg


Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Easy point/hurdle debut winner who wasn't given a hard time behind odds-on winner at Warwick on first start following breathing operation latest. Opening mark doesn't look beyond him and looks interesting (in first-time headgear) for yard who saddled the 1-2 in 2024 renewal of this race.

14 PRECIOUS METAL (FR) (35) 95
 217-2213 5 11-1 | 70.3kg


Henrietta C Knight

Craig Nichol

Listed bumper winner who improved to get the better of Cinquenta at Lingfield in December but didn't pack the same punch in the finish (raced freely) when third over C&D on handicap debut the following month. Reasonable to think bigger field/stronger pace will suit, for all this is much tougher.

15 WOLF WALKER (IRE) (51) (BF) t 95
 5-222 7 11-0 | 69.9kg


Clive Boulbee-Brooks



Richard Patrick

Three-time point winner who made it a hat-trick of second place finishes over hurdles in a Wincanton novice last time. Something to find on the bare form, though it's likely he'll appreciate this greater test of stamina on handicap bow.

16 GEE FORCE FLYER (IRE) (34) 95
 322 6 10-13 | 69.4kg


Olly Murphy

Kielan Woods

Makes first handicap start having shaped with promise in 2½m maiden/novice hurdles, but he was no match for Cinquenta at Market Rasen, and Scorpio Rising looks the stable's leading hope.

17 ROI DU RISK (FR) (34) 96
 015-213 5 10-13 | 69.4kg


Henrietta C Knight

Paul O'Brien

Showed a good attitude to grind out victory over 2m on heavy ground at Leicester but went with little fluency under a penalty behind Cinquenta last time and probably lacks the class to win a handicap of this nature.

18 THE BOSS BEAR (IRE) (13) s 95
 2-112P 6 10-12 | 68.9kg


Gary & Josh Moore

Tom Cannon

Looked a good prospect when following up bumper success on hurdle debut at Plumpton and unlikely we've seen the best of him since, shaping as though amiss at Fontwell late last month. May outrun long odds if back on song in first-time cheekpieces.

18 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-2 Scorpio Rising, **13-2** Unknown Entity, **8-1** Kaka's Cousin, **11-1** Four Springs, **12-1** Laguna Beach, **14-1** Gentleman Toboot, **16-1** Tennessee Tango, **16-1** Wolf Walker, **20-1** Jury's In, **22-1** Cinquenta, **22-1** Draco Malfoy, **25-1** Gee Force Flyer, **28-1** Precious Metal, **28-1** Rathkenny, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KAKA'S COUSIN could be on a very handy mark for his handicap bow and he gets the nod in a typically competitive renewal. Scorpio Rising is most-progressive and has to enter calculations following an impressive hat-trick success at Windsor, while Dan Skelton's Unknown Entity makes plenty of appeal on the back of his much-improved Wincanton form.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. KAKA'S COUSIN 2. SCORPIO RISING 3. UNKNOWN ENTITY

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RACE 2

**EUROPEAN BREEDERS' FUND BETFAIR 'NATIONAL HUNT'
NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE FINAL (PREMIER HANDICAP)
(1) 4, 5, 6 and 7yo £80,000 2m3f178y (3980 Metres)****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Laurens Bay 6-11-8	33-1	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	16
2024	Champagne Twist 6-11-11	11-2	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones	17
2023	Crambo 6-11-5	15-2	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace	16
2022	Complete Unknown 6-11-3	11-1	Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams	17
2021	Beauport 5-11-1	28-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jordan Nailor (3)	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.27**BETFAIR IMPERIAL CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+**
£100,000 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)

RACE 3

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Pace Information: **Extreme**

1 FINGLE BRIDGE (IRE) (28) (D, BF) 98
111-2132 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ollly Murphy

Gavin Sheehan

Went 3-3 over hurdles last season, including a listed novice. Best of the rest behind Lulamba on Exeter chase debut/reappearance and came home alone at Uttoxeter next time. Held back by jumping at Ayr but lot to like about strong-travelling second on handicap debut back over timber latest.

2 KNICKERBOCKERGLORY (IRE) (50) (CD) 95
5P/1354-20 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Atkins (71lb/3kg)

C&D winner in December 2024 and stuck to his task pretty well when fifth in this race from the same mark a year ago. Has charted a similar route this season albeit January's Windsor run wasn't nearly as encouraging.

3 GIBBS ISLAND (35) (D) 96
11P8-1057 5 11-9 | 73.9kg



Tom Lacey

Stan Sheppard

Victor Ludorum winner at Haydock last winter and returned to make a successful start to his handicap hurdle career at Chepstow (2m, good to firm) in October. Three lesser efforts have followed, though and this isn't an easy race to bounce back in with a hood back on.

4 GO DANTE (28) (CD) 95
P071-610P 10 11-7 | 73.0kg



Ollly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Has won the last 2 renewals of this, latterly from 5 lb lower a year ago. Enhanced his excellent record at this venue with another victory in December and while a couple of heavy defeats have followed, it would come as no surprise were he to revive post breathing op with cheekpieces back on.

5 OOH BETTY (IRE) (49) (CD) 96
1303-0001 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Ben Clarke

Ben Jones

Likeable mare who has been a credit to connections, showing a really willing attitude when landing valuable Grade 2 at Ascot in January. Down the field in this race a year ago from the same mark and career best needed to land this.

6 TOP JIMMY (48) (D) 97
44-1132 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

On the up since joining current yard, landing a pair of novice hurdles at Uttoxeter in October and continued theme of race-by-race progress over obstacles when runner-up at Windsor (20f) in January. Drop back to 2m (albeit likely to be a well-run race) isn't sure to suit.

7 RUBBER BALL (7) (D) 99
119-047P1 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Neil King

Jack Quinlan

Marked drop back in trip seemed to help a lot and he got his career back on track in no uncertain terms when landing 7-runner handicap at Newbury a week ago. Up 8 lb in a better race but he's lightly raced and represents an in-form yard.

8 BUBBLE DUBI (FR) (28) (D) 99
3331/78 9 11-3 | 71.2kg



Stuart Edmunds

Charlie Hammond

Strong traveller who posted a useful effort to make light of a long absence in 17f Aintree handicap in November. That was an unconvincing race and he seemed anchored by a 9 lb rise at Newbury last month.

9 MESSERSCHMITT (IRE) (126) (D) 97
U1355-380 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Noel Meade, Ireland

Danny McMenamin

Juvenile hurdle winner who shaped very well on second handicap start when third in a big-field contest at Galway in August. Excellent second on the level later that month but subsequent hurdles efforts during the autumn were ordinary at best. Tongue tie removed back from a break.

10 NARDARAN (FR) (63) (CD) 97
4618-11P6 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



Paul Nicholls

s+t

Harry Cobden

€135,000 purchase who resumed progress following wind surgery this season, scoring at Plumpton and over this C&D during the autumn. Hasn't been plain sailing since but fifth-place finish in high-profile AW novice a fortnight ago should have teed him up nicely for this.

11 GOOLOOGONG (IRE) (33) (D) 97
8/31-1 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



George Baker

Tom Cannon

Fairly useful Flat performer at best. Opened his account in this sphere when winning Fontwell novice (17.7f, good) in November 2024. In good heart in staying handicaps on the AW last spring and no fluke about 50/1 rout on last month's return to hurdling. 10 lb rise understandable.

12 SPIRITS BAY (23) (D) 98
3370-1347 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Nico de Boinville

Returned with success over hurdles at Newton Abbot (2m) in October and posted a good fourth of 10 on just his second chasing run in 2m3f Exeter handicap in January. Better was expected returned to timber/2m at Taunton but he was disappointing, albeit a wide trip wasn't much help.

13 JACK HYDE (IRE) (23) (D, BF) 98
114-15522 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Fergal O'Brien

Tom Broughton (51b/2kg)

Landed the odds in 2m Newton Abbot novice in September and has advanced his form since, tongue tie refitted when a very good second in handicaps at Cheltenham in November and Taunton last month. Better than result too in latter race and he's an interesting contender.

14 WRECKLESS ERIC (28) (D) 99
12620-796 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Kielan Woods

Won strong novice handicap at Cheltenham and ran another cracker when narrowly denied by Go Dante in this a year ago. Hasn't hit the same heights in 3 outings this term but yard going a bit better now and he's 3 lb lower with this ground more suitable than Newbury. Cheekpieces also on.

15 MR M'CLOUGHLAN (65) (D) 95
02-311817 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Jack Jones

Lorcan Williams

Won back-to-back novice/maiden hurdles earlier this season before finding Grade 2 company too hot at Cheltenham. Back on track to resume winning ways on handicap debut at Huntingdon in November. Fit from warm AW novice but needs to raise his game.

16 NO ORDINARY JOE (IRE) (21) (C, D) 99
0-90P0905 10 10-12 | 68.9kg



Faye Bramley

Benjamin Macey (51b/2kg)

Useful on his day for Nicky Henderson but winless since 2022. Few obvious positives to take from his first 6 outings for new connections but fitted with cheekpieces he offered a lot more when fifth at Ascot last month. Dangerous if building on that.

17 MONDO MAN (12) (D) 100
239-241 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Caolin Quinn

Smart on the Flat in France (purchased for €520,000 last October) and very well treated on that level over hurdles. Well backed when only fourth at Ascot in December (race not run to suit) but has since landed the odds at Plumpton and looks to hold leading claims.

18 WE'RE RED AND BLUE (56) (D) 97
1P187-012 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Free-going sort early in his career but looked more professional when gaining handicap breakthrough at Huntingdon in December. Ran at least as well when second at Kempton a month later and he seems likely to give it another good go.

19 STAR OF GUITING (IRE) (35) (D) 98
314-3U211 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Ewan Whillans

Craig Nichol

Dual juvenile winner for Nigel Twiston-Davies last season and his strong-travelling style proved well suited to Musselburgh this winter, winning back-to-back handicaps. Value for extra last time, so his limit has not yet been reached.

20 GAME COLOURS (IRE) (15) (D) 96
3132-3321 8 10-11 | 68.5kg



Ben Clarke

Rex Dingle

Gained reward for her consistency when landing the odds in 4-runner heavy-ground handicap at Exeter 15 days ago, forging clear. Likeable type but far deeper race and 3 lb rise may anchor her.

2.27**BETFAIR IMPERIAL CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+
£100,000 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)**

RACE 3

**21 AFADIL (FR) (35) (D)**  **97**
230P-7342 7 10-10 | 68.0kg

Paul Nicholls

Freddie Keighley (51lb/2kg)

Another good Musselburgh effort when second again to reopposing Star of Guiting a month ago. Third in this race from 1 lb higher a year ago so a bold bid could be forthcoming.

22 GENERAL BRIAR (IRE) (52) (D) **96**
26-F311 7 10-10 | 68.0kg

Chris Gordon

Freddie Gordon

Very strong at the line back at 2m when opening his account at Plumpton in December and improved again when following up in a Newbury handicap a month later. Jumping and attitude both look assets so much depends on how he copes with the hurly-burly of a race like this.

RESERVES**23 BRACE FOR LANDING (IRE) (63)** **98**
42-355 5 10-7 | 66.7kg

Dan Skelton

Reserve

Made the frame both starts in France and easily best effort for this yard with cheekpieces when fifth over C&D in January. In top hands and not yet exposed but he needs to raise his game. RESERVE.

24 LE TIEP'S SACRE (FR) (366) **93**
2331- 5 10-7 | 66.7kg

Gary & Josh Moore

Reserve 

Fairly useful form in France for David Cottin in October. Changed hands for €150,000 and confirmed the promise of his C&D British debut in February 2025 when successful at Fontwell a month later. Off the track since but he's open to progress. RESERVE.

22 DECLARED RUNNERS (2 RESERVES)

BETTING FORECAST:**7-2** Mondo Man, **9-1** Wreckless Eric, **12-1** Go Dante, **14-1** Rubber Ball, **14-1** General Briar, **16-1** Knickerbockerglory, **18-1** Jack Hyde, **20-1** Star of Guiting, **22-1** Afadil, **25-1** Fingle Bridge, **25-1** Ooh Betty, **28-1** Gooloogong, **28-1** Top Jimmy, **33-1** Nardaran, **40-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A big-field handicap but the eye is firmly drawn towards MONDO MAN. He failed to justify support on handicap debut at Ascot in December but he's since outclassed inferior opposition at Plumpton and based on his Flat form, he can confirm his mark to be lenient this time. Wreckless Eric was runner-up in this a year ago and looks interesting with cheekpieces on, while Go Dante demands consideration chasing an Imperial Cup hat-trick.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. MONDO MAN 2. WRECKLESS ERIC 3. GO DANTE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Go Dante 9-10-8	6-1	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	17
2024	Go Dante 8-11-4	5-1jf	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	16
2023	Iceo 5-11-3	5-1	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	16
2022	Suprise Package 6-11-1	20-1	Peter Fahey	James Bowen	22
2021	Langer Dan 5-10-10	5-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	9

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RACE 4

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF MARES' STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Listed) (1) 4, 5 and 6yo fillies and mares £30,000 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Good in places**

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Pace Information: **Very Strong****1 TI'MAMZEL (FR) (48) (D) 94**
12 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Gary & Josh Moore

Caoilin Quinn

€105,000 No Risk At All filly who lowered the colours of a host of previous winners when landing 14-runner listed bumper at Huntingdon on debut in December. Lost little in defeat against the geldings at Windsor subsequently and has to be respected despite having to concede weight all round.

2 BABS (90) (D) 93
17 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Henry Oliver

Kielan Woods

Created a good impression when belying odds of 22/1 on her Stratford debut in October, showing far too much speed for her 5 rivals. Seemed to be found out in better company encountering much softer conditions when only seventh of 14 to reopposing Ti'mamzel at Huntingdon, though.

3 BURDS OF A FEATHER (IRE) (15) (D) 100
1 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Max Comley

David Bass

Successful pointer who showed all that ability and more fitted with a tongue strap when running out a most dominant winner of 8-runner bumper at Warwick (2m) just over a fortnight ago. Did plenty wrong there but she's clearly promising.

4 CAPRICCIOSE (IRE) (83) 91
31 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Dan Skelton

Charlie Todd

Confirmed debut promise with victory in 6-runner bumper at Carlisle (17f, soft) in December, showing bundles of stamina once more. Since left John Dawson and the stiff nature of this track should suit now stepping up in grade.

5 GIDGE (90) 91
2-54 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

Promising second of 12 on Uttoxeter debut in March and returned to a similar level when 3½ lengths fourth of 14 to reopposing Ti'mamzel in listed bumper at Huntingdon (15.8f, soft) in December, albeit with the benefit of an enterprising ride. Looks vulnerable again.

6 JOAN'S CHOICE (IRE) (82) 90
321 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Neil Mulholland

Conor O'Farrell

Didn't need to improve on her luckless Wetherby run to get off the mark in 12-runner bumper (9/4) at Plumpton (17.8f, good to soft) in December. Faces a much stiffer task in this grade.

7 KAMILLE AU KANADA (FR) 91
6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Anthony Honeyball

Sam Twiston-Davies

£72,000 Tiger Groom mare. Dam unraced sister to fair hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 31f) Christmas In April. Won both starts in Irish points in 2025 (disqualified on first occasion due to banned substance). Pitched in quite deep on Rules debut. Wears tongue tie.

8 LENNON GROVE (IRE) (77) (D) 90
521 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Harry Cobden

Point winner who improved again to get off the mark at the third time of asking in this sphere in 16-runner event at Thurles (16.1f, soft) in December. Needs a lot more at this level but does have the assistance of Harry Cobden.

9 LUNE BRILLANTE (IRE) (90) 96
16 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

£105,000 Walk In The Park filly who looked a bright prospect when overcoming inexperience on Carlisle debut (soft) in November. Shaped much better than the bare result (snatched up home turn) behind the reopposing Ti'mamzel at Huntingdon since and remains open to improvement.

10 MILLSTATT ABBEY (IRE) (66) (D) 93
1 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Noel Williams

Gavin Sheehan

Bought for €100,000 after finishing runner-up sole start in Irish points and went one better in clear-cut fashion when making all in a bumper at Uttoxeter in December. More needed now upped in class but that's certainly possible.

11 ORESTINA (39) (D) 88
1 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Paul Robson

Ryan Mania

Masar mare who overcame inexperience to make a successful debut in 8-runner AW bumper at Newcastle (16.2f) last month. Has much more on her plate in this grade, however.

12 THE FLAGGY SHORE (IRE) (50) (D, BF) 99
12 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Ben Clarke

Ben Jones

Easily won sole start in Irish points and looked potentially when following up in impressive fashion on her Warwick bumper debut. Built on that effort when finding only one too good up in grade at Market Rasen since and further improvement possible.

13 WESTERN CHARM (37) 95
61 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Anthony Honeyball

Ben Godfrey

Frontiersman filly who left behind her Plumpton debut form (when behind reopposing Joan's Choice) to get off the mark in 10-runner event at Wincanton (15.2f, heavy) last month, quickening clear 2f out. Well worth her place at this level.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Burds of A Feather, **11-2** The Flaggy Shore, **15-2** Lune Brillante, **17-2** Ti'mamzel, **9-1** Millstatt Abbey, **10-1** Western Charm, **16-1** Capriccioso, **16-1** Lennon Grove, **22-1** Kamille Au Kanada, **25-1** Joan's Choice, **28-1** Gidge, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

An interesting renewal of this listed bumper with the vote going to LUNE BRILLANTE, who is well worth another chance following a luckless effort behind the reopposing Ti'mamzel at Huntingdon in December, especially having created such a fine impression on her Carlisle debut. Burds of A Feather did plenty wrong yet still ran out a most dominant winner on her Rules debut at Warwick so must be taken seriously, along with The Flaggy Shore, who's unlikely shown her all, and the penalised Ti'mamzel.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. LUNE BRILLANTE 2. BURDS OF A FEATHER 3. THE FLAGGY SHORE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Charisma Cat 5-11-2	7-4f	Alan King	Tom Cannon	9
2024	Honky Tonk Highway 5-11-2	3-1f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	11
2023	Larchmont Lass 5-11-2	9-2	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	8
2022	Luccia 4-10-4	7-2	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	12
2021	Flirtatious Girl 5-11-0	13-2	Kim Bailey	David Bass	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

BEST ODDS ON THE BETFAIR EXCHANGE HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-135) £25,000 3m42y (4870 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Good in places**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **CERTAINLY RED (455)** (CD) s  **99**
52P34/21P- **12** 12-2 | 77.1kg



Lydia Richards

Marc Goldstein

Enhanced good record here when winning 4-runner veterans event over this trip in November 2024 but pulled up here following month and not seen since.

2 **WELCOM TO CARTRIES (FR) (49)** (CD) t **97**
28/442-61P **8** 11-13 | 75.7kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Useful hurdler and similar standard over larger obstacles, leaving reappearance behind when prevailing in a narrow finish over C&D in December. However, shaped as if amiss following month and needs to bounce back.

3 **SOUND AND FURY (IRE) (19)** (D) s **97**
1517-1681 **9** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Lightly-raced for his age and enhanced good strike rate over fences in 7-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (24.5f, good to soft, 11/2) 19 days ago, staying on well. Yard remains in good form so respected despite career-high mark.

4 **INVINCIBLE NAO (FR) (21)** (C) h **96**
211P-1436 **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Caolin Quinn

Recorded back-to-back wins at Plumpton early last year and made a successful return over a trip short of his optimum here (20f) in November. Creditable efforts next 2 starts before stiff task at Ascot latest. Can bounce back.

5 **BUCKSY DES EPEIRES (FR) (17)** (D) s **99**
125P-44U1 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Made a successful chase debut in 4-runner handicap at Ascot on last season's return and recorded first win since when making most fitted with this headgear at Ludlow 17 days ago. Not the most straightforward but player up 3 lb.

6 **CALIMYSTIC (IRE) (68)**  **100**
221P-1 **7** 11-1 | 70.3kg



Nicky Henderson

**Nico de Boinville**

Left hurdles form behind to make a winning debut over fences in handicap at Newbury on return over Christmas, travelling/jumping well. Had nothing to spare at the finish that day but entitled to improve.

7 **IMPERIAL ALEX (IRE) (112)** (D) s **98**
198P2-210 **9** 10-11 | 68.5kg



Tom Lacey

Jonathan Burke

In good form this summer, resuming winning ways at Perth. Looked fit returning from 5 months off but struggled at Cheltenham in November and off again since.

8 **TUNE IN A BOX (IRE) (28)** (D) s **93**
250-25573 **7** 10-10 | 68.0kg



Tom Lacey

Stan Sheppard

Hurdles winner who has been struggling over fences this season but took a step back in the right direction when third off reduced mark at Newbury and remains potentially well treated on hurdles form.

9 **YES DAY (IRE) (48)** s **97**
11P-PF630 **8** 10-10 | 68.0kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Scored readily over fences at Hereford and Exeter in the spring. Mixed record since, however, running poorly at Windsor latest. Headgear now reached for.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Bucky Des Epeires, **9-2** Calimystic, **5-1** Sound And Fury, **8-1** Welcom To Cartries, **9-1** Invincible Nao, **9-1** Tune In A Box, **12-1** Yes Day, **22-1** Imperial Alex, **25-1** Certainly Red

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CALIMYSTIC had nothing to spare when making a winning chase debut at Newbury on return over Christmas but it was still a big step up on his hurdles form so this lightly-raced sort gets the vote in an ordinary race for the grade. Sound And Fury enhanced his good strike rate over fences at Carlisle and is another to consider along with Tune In A Box, who remains potentially well treated on hurdles form.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CALIMYSTIC 2. SOUND AND FURY 3. TUNE IN A BOX

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Hoe Joly Smoke 7-11-2	9-4f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	6
2024	Rose of Arcadia 9-11-5	9-2	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	10
2023	Mucho Mas 7-11-4	4-1	Ben Pauling	Luca Morgan	9
2022	Musical Slave 9-11-0	7-2	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	4
2021	Fortescue 7-11-5	8-1	Henry Daly	Richard Johnson	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.10**BETFAIR EXCHANGE NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3)
5yo+ (Rated 0-130) £20,000 2½m15y (4040 Metres)**

RACE 6

GBI RACINGGoing: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Good in places**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	MR HOPE STREET (IRE) (105) (D)	98
	121123-63 8 11-11 74.8kg	
	Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i>	
	Progressive over hurdles last term. Left chase bow behind when third of 5 in graduation event at Haydock last time. Might have been flattered by proximity to the front 2 that day but remains with potential back in a handicap.	
2	FOLLOWCATO (IRE) (40) (D)	92
	373-U5111 7 11-7 73.0kg	
	Ben Pauling <i>Kielan Woods</i>	
	Runner-up in an Irish point and on the up over fences since the cheekpieces went on, not needing to improve when readily bringing up the hat-trick at Hereford (20.9f, soft) 6 weeks ago. Assessor applies further pressure. Engaged 2.30 Leicester Friday.	
3	JUST OVER LAND (FR) (65)	100
	254P4-114 7 11-3 71.2kg	
	Sam Thomas <i>Mr Harvey Barfoot-Saunt (71b/3kg)</i>	
	Has returned better than ever, winning at Fontwell before following up at Chepstow. Not disgraced in premier handicap at Cheltenham since and will find this less demanding. Player.	
4	CAPTAIN BELLAMY (28) (BF)	99
	03/21d2-526 7 11-1 70.3kg	
	Paul Nicholls <i>Harry Cobden</i>	
	Bumper winner and first past the post over hurdles. Left chase bow behind when just failing at Newbury (22.4f) in December. Reportedly suffered leg wound when well held there next time so worth another chance.	
5	SOLDIEROFTHESTORM (IRE) (54) (D)	99
	3/3884-012 8 10-13 69.4kg	
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill <i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i>	
	Landed a gamble in handicap hurdle at Catterick on return and advanced his form first time up over fences when clear second at Hereford (20.9f, soft), albeit suited by the way the race developed. Entitled to build on that.	
6	AKIMOS (IRE) (49) (D, BF)	97
	5P1-25P 6 10-10 68.0kg	
	Nicky Henderson <i>Nico de Boinville</i>	
	Left first 2 efforts behind when winning a Ffos Las maiden hurdle last spring and resumed with a handicap debut near-miss here in November. Disappointed next 2 starts, however, so bit to prove now chasing.	
7	GLEN ROAD (IRE) (16)	81
	61-311464 7 10-9 67.6kg	
	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith <i>Danny McMenamin</i>	
	Progressive over hurdles, winning 4 times, including twice this season. Hasn't taken to chasing so far, however.	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Just Over Land, **4-1** Soldierofthestorm, **5-1** Mr Hope Street, **5-1** Followcato, **11-2** Captain Bellamy, **12-1** Akimos, **33-1** Glen Road

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JUST OVER LAND has looked a different horse this season and can quickly resume winning ways back down in class. Soldierofthestorm pulled clear of the rest when beaten only by a next-time-out winner at Hereford on chase bow in January so rates the main threat ahead of Mr Hope Street, who might have flattered by his proximity at Haydock.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JUST OVER LAND 2. SOLDIEROFTHESTORM 3. MR HOPE STREET

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **New Order** 7-10-13 7-1 Charlie Longsdon David Bass 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.45**betting.betfair.com HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-130) £20,000 2½m15y (4040 Metres)**

RACE 7

Going: **Hurdle: Soft-Good to Soft in places; Chase: Good to Soft-Good in places**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **HERE COMES GEORGIE (19)** t **97**
83-136263 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Dylan Cunha

Lee Edwards

Hurdle/chase winner for Patrick Neville and good effort on second start for current yard when going close in handicap chase at Doncaster in November. Quickly put poor Ascot run behind him back from a break when third at Carlisle and return to further will suit.

2 **NORN IRON (IRE) (35)** (CD) t **100**
22421-231 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

Built on chase bow/return at the second attempt when winning over C&D in fine style 5 weeks ago, sporting a first-time tongue strap. Open to further improvement so good chance he can defy 8 lb rise.

3 **TOOTHLESS (FR) (31)** (D) s+t **99**
P2227/1-512 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Paul Nicholls

Jay Tidball (5lb/2kg)

All the better for belated return (missed 19 months) when accounting for 6 rivals at Windsor (20.2f, good) on New Year's Day. Backed that up with an excellent second at Ludlow and style of racing should prove an asset around here (good jumper who can front run).

4 **FIRST ANGEL (FR) (413)** s **97**
1231/41- 10 10-9 | 67.6kg



Martin Keighley

Sean Bowen

Won twice (at Stratford) from 4 starts in 2023/24 for this yard and showed benefit of reappearance run when scoring at Taunton when last seen 13 months ago. Profile suggests he'll likely need this outing.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Norn Iron, 7-4 Toothless, 6-1 Here Comes Georgie, 12-1 First Angel

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NORN IRON had a couple of subsequent winners in behind when scoring over C&D in good style 5 weeks ago so shades the vote over Toothless, who has been making up for lost time this season and this track should suit his style.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NORN IRON 2. TOOTHLESS 3. HERE COMES GEORGIE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race