

Thursday 7th May

# HUNTINGDON



1.15	VIRGIN BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m145y (4160 Metres)
RACE 1	<b>(2) LORIKO   (1) KATARCICE</b>
1.45	VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m3f189y (4000 Metres)
RACE 2	<b>(4) PEP TALKING   (1) WILLIAM CODY   (3) ICE IN THE VEINS</b>
2.15	VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m7f129y (4740 Metres)
RACE 3	<b>(2) ANOTHER DAY OUT   (1) CATWALK GIRL   (4) KIT'S COTY</b>
2.45	VIRGIN BET MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f137y (3950 Metres)
RACE 4	<b>(2) NOTNOWLINDA   (4) MARY   (3) MERMAIDS CAVE</b>
3.15	VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m1f10y (5040 Metres)
RACE 5	<b>(1) GREEDY SMITH   (3) RABY MERE   (6) BRAGANZA BAY</b>
3.50	VIRGIN BET OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f171y (3170 Metres)
RACE 6	<b>(2) ISLAND GETAWAY   (3) MELI MELO D'ANGOS   (4) ST JULIE</b>

## 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****VIRGIN BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2½m145y (4160 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

The course is a right-handed oval with easy bends, and is a flat, fast track about one and a half miles in length. There are nine fences to a circuit, some of them rather tricky, and the water jump was filled in during summer 2008, astroturf replacing the water. Huntingdon favours horses with speed over stamina, sluggards seen to best advantage only under extremely testing conditions.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 KATARCICE (FR) (33)** t **88**  
32- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Fergal O'Brien

*J. Hogan*

Runner-up last 2 starts in Irish points and having shaped encouragingly when placed sole start in bumpers, there was plenty of promise to glean from his hurdles debut second here (2m) 33 days ago. Step up in trip likely to suit on that evidence.

**2 LORIKO (FR) (31)** (BF) ★ **100**  
232/33262- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dan Skelton

*Harry Skelton*

Ran to a fairly useful level in Cheltenham/Ascot hurdles back in the autumn but missed a golden opportunity when second in a weak Plumpton maiden last time. However, he's still the one to beat if back to his best.

2 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

4-7 Loriko, 11-8 Katarcice

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

LORIKO missed a golden opportunity at Plumpton 4 weeks ago but still rates the one to beat if bouncing back to the form he displayed at Cheltenham/Ascot in the autumn. However, Katarcice has certainly showed enough in 2 starts to think he can take advantage if the selection fails to fire.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. LORIKO 2. KATARCICE

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.45****VIRGIN BET DAILY EXTRA PLACES HANDICAP CHASE (4)  
5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £13,000 2m3f189y (4000 Metres)**

RACE 2

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 WILLIAM CODY (51) (CD)**  **98**

634/32322- 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Pam Sly

**Paul O'Brien**

Three-time C&D winner who arrives here in good form, albeit adding another frustrating short-odds in-running defeat to his record when second at Wetherby (19.4f) in March, travelling best but collared close home. Cheekpieces discarded now but he often flatters to deceive.

**2 HURRICANE BAY (23) (C, D)** s+t **96**

P125PP55- 10 11-11 | 74.8kg



Lucy Wadham

**Tom Cannon**

Dual hurdles winner who improved over fences when bagging 2 handicaps in the first half of last year. Second in small field at Doncaster in November on the back of a breathing operation but has gone the wrong way since, not for the first time finishing weakly at Market Rasen last time.

**3 ICE IN THE VEINS (IRE) (33) (BF)** h **99**

12411749- 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**

Won back-to-back small-field novice hurdles in November. Run below that level in trio of handicaps since but easy to overlook his latest effort having had little chance from his position. Mark has eased further ahead of switch to chasing and market confidence would look significant.

**4 PEP TALKING (26) (C, D)** s  **100**

11/221P21- 8 11-8 | 73.5kg



Billy Aprahamian

**Gavin Sheehan**

Built up a very healthy strike rate over fences, putting in an assured round of jumping when adding to his tally at Chepstow (2m) 4 weeks ago. Easy to envisage this likeable type playing a lead role again from 7 lb higher mark back up in trip.

**5 KOAPEY (FR) (26)** **92**

2221/2PPF- 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Warren Greatrex

**Sean Bowen**

Maiden winner over hurdles and bettered that form when second at Uttoxeter on handicap/chase debut in October. However, he's failed to complete on all 3 runs since, (looked set for remote second at best) when falling 2 out in race won by Pep Talking at Chepstow latest. Steps up in trip now.

**6 BIG BOY BARNEY (IRE) (36) (CD)** t **98**

4/2353613- 7 11-2 | 70.8kg

Fergal O'Brien **J. Hogan**

Point winner who opened his Rules account on second chase start over C&D in March. Similar form from revised mark when third at Southwell (20.5f) 5 weeks ago, though again showing a suspect attitude under pressure. Others preferred for win purposes.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Pep Talking, **11-4** William Cody, **9-2** Ice In The Veins, **8-1** Big Boy Barney, **12-1** Koapey, **12-1** Hurricane Bay

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

PEP TALKING enhanced his already healthy strike rate over fences at Chepstow 4 weeks ago, his sound jumping proving too much for his rivals. He looks sure to give another good account and may prove too strong for capable but frustrating top weight William Cody. Market confidence behind chase debutant Ice In The Veins would certainly put a different slant on things, however.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PEP TALKING 2. WILLIAM CODY 3. ICE IN THE VEINS**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.15****VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ mares (Rated 0-110) £7,300 2m7f129y (4740 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

The course is a right-handed oval with easy bends, and is a flat, fast track about one and a half miles in length. There are nine fences to a circuit, some of them rather tricky, and the water jump was filled in during summer 2008, astroturf replacing the water. Huntingdon favours horses with speed over stamina, sluggards seen to best advantage only under extremely testing conditions.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 CATWALK GIRL (IRE) (15) 91**  
353F- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Max Comley

**Mr James King (31b/1kg)**

Point winner who was placed on 2 of her 3 starts in mares novice/maiden hurdles. Fell 4 out on handicap debut at Ludlow (3m) on latest outing 2 weeks ago but certainly too soon to be writing her off now attentions switch to larger obstacles.

**2 ANOTHER DAY OUT (IRE) (50) (CD) s ★ 100**  
7/324F5P1- 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Martin Keighley

**Sean Bowen**

Front runner who took advantage of the favourite's idling when capitalising on lower hurdles mark here (25f) in March. Remains on a handy mark back over fences with Sean Bowen retaining the ride and she looks to hold sound claims.

**3 LADY JAGO (IRE) (19) 84**  
43380785- 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Donald McCain

**Theo Gillard**

Bagged 3 chase wins for Dan Skelton this time last year but hasn't offered much for new yard thus far, never travelling/jumping with much fluency at Bangor last month. Has it to prove at present.

**4 KIT'S COTY (IRE) (38) (D) s 91**  
586/13433- 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Emma Lavelle

**Jonathan Burke**

Justified support to make a winning return following a breathing operation at Ludlow (3m) in October. Proved rather hit and miss in 4 subsequent runs but has now fallen 2 lb below last winning mark if fitting of cheekpieces has positive effect.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

11-8 Another Day Out, 3-1 Kit's Coty, 3-1 Catwalk Girl, 8-1 Lady Jago

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ANOTHER DAY OUT capitalised on a lower hurdles mark when scoring over further here in March and, with Sean Bowen retaining the ride, she can make another bold bid returned to the larger obstacles. Chase debutante Catwalk Girl may offer chief resistance.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. ANOTHER DAY OUT 2. CATWALK GIRL 3. KIT'S COTY

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2025 **Ann d'Arbie** 6-10-9 11-10f Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Benjamin Macey (7) 4**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.45****VIRGIN BET MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £8,750 2m3f137y (3950 Metres)**

RACE 4

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 HOPE RISING (IRE) (208) 97**  
7121212R- 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Jamie Snowden

**Gavin Sheehan**

Three-time winner finished ahead of a next-time-out scorer when runner-up off this mark at Newton Abbot (17f) in September, though blotted her copybook when refusing to race at Chepstow the following month.

**2 NOTNOWLINDA (IRE) (40) s ★ 100**  
22/0953- 9 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Showed herself to be right back to form when third of 7 at Uttoxeter last time (fifth a winner subsequently) and may well capitalise on her falling mark with Harry Skelton returning to the saddle.

**3 MERMAIDS CAVE (IRE) (31) (CD, BF) s 98**  
109F82P5- 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



James Owen

**Jonathan Burke**

Has won twice at this track since joining James Owen, and while it's been a hit-and-miss season, she wasn't disgraced when a well-backed fifth of 7 at Fakenham last time.

**4 MARY (IRE) (18) t 99**  
3F0/35145- 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ian Williams

**Charlie Todd**

Ended a losing run when making all at Warwick in September. Respectable return at Stratford presumably a pipe-opener given contrasting tactics, and she's expected to make more impact here.

**5 NO NO FIZZ (IRE) (40) (CD) 96**  
524/3981P- 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Fergal O'Brien

**Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)**

Resumed winning ways down in grade when making all in a C&D handicap in March but underlined her inconsistency when well beaten at Uttoxeter subsequently.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

7-4 Notnowlinda, 4-1 Mermaids Cave, 4-1 Hope Rising, 9-2 Mary, 8-1 No No Fizz

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

NOTNOWLINDA looks to be building up to something and is fancied to take advantage of a handy mark. Mary is entitled to step forward from her return at Stratford, and she can fight it out for the places with two-time course winner Mermaids Cave.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. NOTNOWLINDA 2. MARY 3. MERMAIDS CAVE

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 Mermaids Cave 6-11-12 5-2 James Owen Alex Chadwick (5) 6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.15****VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP HURDLE  
(5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,750 3m1f10y (5040 Metres)**

RACE 5

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 GREEDY SMITH (IRE) (30)** s **97**  
4/777P92- 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Richie McLernon**

Lightly-raced 6-y-o who showed much more fitted with cheekpieces when runner-up at Exeter last time, pulling clear of the rest, and makes plenty of appeal to go one better in a weak race for the grade.

**2 ROE AND CO (IRE) (18)** b+t **89**  
8/43111PP- 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Jamie Snowden

**Gavin Sheehan**

Landed a hat-trick in handicap chases last winter, though his subsequent two runs over fences raise some question marks, and now tried in more severe headgear for this handicap hurdle debut.

**3 RABY MERE (FR) (24)** s **96**  
12454414- 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Caroline Fryer

**Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)**

Revitalised by the fitting of cheekpieces when notching a third win of his career at Southwell in March, and he needs considering, having backed that up when fourth in a competitive Fakenham handicap last time.

**4 MOVIDDY (IRE) (24)** (C, D) s+t **95**  
6/57P332P- 10 11-11 | 74.8kg



Noel Williams

**J. Hogan**

Winner on her sole previous run here, though she was pulled up on latest hurdle start in December and ran a shocker in first-time blinkers over fences at Fakenham last time.

**5 INDIAN SUNBIRD (IRE) (186)** (CD) **95**  
5P/515615- 9 11-8 | 73.5kg



Sara Ender

**Harry Bannister**

Seen to best effect when notching a third career success in a C&D handicap last October and was seemingly undone by a rise in the weights when well-held fifth of 16 here the following month.

**6 BRAGANZA BAY (31)** (CD) b **100**  
PP1/044P- 9 11-2 | 70.8kg



Henry Daly

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

On a going day when bagging a second C&D success in November 2024 and while he's thrown in some typically moody performances this season, it's hard to discount him off a career-low hurdle mark.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Greedy Smith, **5-1** Braganza Bay, **5-1** Raby Mere, **11-2** Indian Sunbird, **13-2** Roe And Co, **9-1** Moviddy

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A much-improved second at Exeter last time, this looks a good opportunity for GREEDY SMITH to open his account. Raby Mere has bounced back to form since the addition of cheekpieces and may prove next best in a race where several have plenty to prove.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GREEDY SMITH 2. RABY MERE 3. BRAGANZA BAY**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025 **Lyness Dancer** 6-10-8 7-2 Tom Ellis Jack Andrews (3) 8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.50****VIRGIN BET OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,000 1m7f171y (3170 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 AS YOU WERE (IRE) 87**  
4 10-12 | 68.9kg



Sam Allwood

**Toby Wynne**

£22,000 3-y-o, Maxios gelding. Dam lightly raced over jumps. Market check advised on debut.

**2 ISLAND GETAWAY (IRE) (33) 100**  
5- 4 10-12 | 68.9kg



Warren Greatrex

**Sean Bowen**

Getaway gelding who hinted at ability but was found wanting for know-how when fifth of 8 in bumper over C&D (good to soft) on debut last month. Likely to improve with that under his belt and lots to like with Sean Bowen taking over in the plate.

**3 MELI MELO D'ANGOS (FR) (31) 95**  
8- 4 10-12 | 68.9kg



Tom Weston

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Joshua Tree gelding who offered little when eighth of 11 in bumper (11/1) at Hereford (2m, good) last month. Will need to leave that initial effort well behind but that's possible.

**4 ST JULIE (IRE) 95**  
4 10-5 | 65.8kg



Nick Scholfield

**Jack Quinlan**

Blue Bresil filly. Half-sister to bumper winner/fairly useful hurdle winner around 2m St Irene. Emerging yard already had success with this family so worth monitoring.

**5 ST ZOE (IRE) 92**  
4 10-5 | 65.8kg



Nick Scholfield

**Harry Reed**

Blue Bresil filly. Half-sister to a point winner. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (2m-21f winner) Carrigmartin and useful hurdler (stayed 2½m) City Slicker. 1 of 2 for this yard.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

2-1 Island Getaway, 10-3 Meli Melo D'angos, 10-3 St Julie, 5-1 St Zoe, 12-1 As You Were

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Preference is for ISLAND GETAWAY, who was found wanting for know-how when fifth in a recent C&D bumper but he should've derived plenty from that initial effort. Similar comments can be made about Meli Melo d'Angos, so he's put forward as the main threat ahead of debutante St Julie, whose emerging yard has already tasted success with this family.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. ISLAND GETAWAY 2. MELI MELO D'ANGOS 3. ST JULIE

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Big Wigg</b> 5-11-4	2-1	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	7
2024 <sup>1</sup>	<b>The Long Point</b> 5-11-4	3-1	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	8
2024 <sup>1</sup>	<b>King Ulanda</b> 4-10-12	4-1	Tom Weston	Ben Jones	9
2023	<b>Whatawit</b> 5-11-4	7-1	Sir Mark Prescott Bt	Sean Bowen	16

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race