

Friday 8th May

MARKET RASEN

2.10 MOLSON COORS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m125y (3330 Metres)

RACE 1 **(7) EDELAK | (2) FIDENDUM | (5) POPALOT**

2.45 LUCAS MACHINERY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m125y (3330 Metres)

RACE 2 **(5) LORD OF THE GLANCE | (1) MADE ALL | (9) ALLIBABA**

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RACE 3 **(1) JASMIN DE COTTE | (2) ISLE OF SARK | (3) EL MUCHACHO**

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RACE 4 **(4) BUMPY EVANS | (6) GIOVANNI CHANGE | (3) CLASSIC KING**

4.20 VICTOR LUCAS MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m7f16y (4640 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) COUMEENOOLE | (7) ESCAPOLOGIST | (8) TIGER ORCHID**

4.52 FIVER FRIDAY RACEDAY FRIDAY 12th JUNE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m139y (4150 Metres)

RACE 6 **(8) BLUE BEAR | (2) NOTTODAYBOBO | (1) DE DELI COUNTER**

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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MOLSON COORS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000
2m125y (3330 Metres)

RACE 1



Going: **Good**

Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 BERKS AND BUCKS (IRE) (54) t **82**
 57PP- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

Lucy Wadham **Tom Cannon**
 Didn't offer much in bumpers and pulled up both hurdle starts. Tongue strap goes on.

2 FIDENDUM (22) (BF) h+t **98**
 5432/R- 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

David Killahena & Graeme McPherson **Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)**
 Chased home now-useful Wellington Arch in a maiden here in March 2025, though looked a typically hard ride when running out on his return at Hereford last month. Capable but isn't one for maximum faith.

3 HEIGHTS LANE (IRE) **85**
 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Danny McMenamin**
 €35,000 3-y-o, Walk In The Park gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler/fairly useful chaser (stayed 2¼m) Publican. Newcomer hails from a useful yard and is worth noting for support.

4 KENOBI (FR) (39) **70**
 6PP- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Mrs C. Williams **Conor Ring**
 Hinted at ability on bumper debut but has made a discouraging start over hurdles.

5 POPALOT (24) **86**
 35- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Peter Niven **Peter Kavanagh**
 Finished behind a pair of subsequent improvers on bumper debut but couldn't advance his form when fifth of 8 in a similar event here last time. Yard has had success with this family, though, and the market should guide on hurdles bow.

6 CALIBOS (68) s+t **84**
 4- 4 10-12 | 68.9kg

Jo Davis **Gavin Sheehan**
 Fair 1¼m Flat winner who showed an aptitude for hurdling when (125/1) fourth of 8 on stable debut at Huntingdon in early-March, though he'll have a more realistic chance in handicaps.

7 EDELAK (IRE) (153) s **100**
 6- 4 10-12 | 68.9kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
 Progressive middle-distance performer on the Flat for Johnny Murtagh who was said to have a breathing problem when well held on hurdle debut in a listed juvenile at Aintree in December. Cheekpieces now added on the back of a breathing operation and worth another chance down markedly in grade.

8 PAPA OSCAR (34) h **70**
 P6- 4 10-12 | 68.9kg

Clare Hobson **Dylan Johnston**
 Limited on the Flat and only showed a bit more than on hurdling debut when sixth of 8 in a Huntingdon novice last time.

9 PINK WALLS (19) **65**
 P0- 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

Michael Mullineaux **Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)**
 Poor maiden handicapper on the Flat and has shown nothing in either start over hurdles for new yard.

10 POUR TOUT LE MONDE (24) h **75**
 750/7- 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

Andrew Crook **Oscar Palmer (7lb/3kg)**
 Poor in bumpers and was probably flattered to finish as close as she did when trailing the field on hurdles bow over C&D after a long absence.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Edelak, **15-8** Fidendum, **8-1** Popalot, **12-1** Heights Lane, **16-1** Calibos, **33-1** Berks And Bucks, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

EDELAK looks worth another chance on just his second start for the excellent Dan Skelton yard. Headstrong Fidendum has the ability to go close but remains a risky betting proposition.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EDELAK 2. FIDENDUM 3. POPALOT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Howth 6-11-4	10-3	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	6
2024	Ittack Blue 6-11-4	8-11f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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LUCAS MACHINERY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE
(5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £7,000 2m125y (3330 Metres)

RACE 2



Going: **Good**

Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 MADE ALL (92) t **66**

70P- 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Sam England *Jonathan England*
 Fair performer on the Flat who recorded a fourth win in that sphere at Wolverhampton in March. Made no impact in a trio of maiden hurdles prior to that but could well take off now handicapping in this sphere.

2 CHARACTER TESTING (84) t **94**

24/847F23- 5 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Mark Walford *Jamie Hamilton*
 Fair Flat winner who went very close to opening his hurdling account over C&D in January, edged out near finish. However, failed to repeat that effort in first-time cheekpieces at Fakenham and gave up the ghost rather tamely on his most recent Flat start.

3 KLAPTON BOY (FR) (41) t **95**

236/P56- 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Nick Kent *Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)*
 Has gone backwards from an encouraging start to his career, failing to come on for recent run when well held in race won by Lord of The Glance at Stratford latest. Tongue tie goes on.

4 BOUQUET DE PARIS (32) h **97**

65546- 4 11-6 | 72.6kg
 Rebecca Curtis *Sean Bowen*
 Lightly-raced 4-y-o showed plenty on Flat debut for Andrew Balding and shaped better than the result when fourth of 6 on handicap hurdle bow at Ffos Las in March. Too keen when failing to build on that at Hereford last time, though.

5 LORD OF THE GLANCE (19) (D) **96**

U7/08221U- 7 11-4 | 71.7kg
 Alex Hales *Bryan Carver*
 Showed improved form to get off the mark in 11-runner handicap at Stratford in March, going with plenty of enthusiasm and drawing clear on the run-in. Would have gone very close from a 9 lb higher mark at Plumpton but for parting company with his rider at the last. Remains of firm interest.

6 BUNKER BAY (IRE) (15) s+t **96**

6556/3328- 7 10-13 | 69.4kg
 Micky Hammond *Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)*
 Fair winner on the Flat. Yet to score over hurdles but produced best effort in this sphere when staying on for second in a C&D handicap on penultimate start. Had a breathing problem when finding good run of form coming to a halt at Perth on most recent outing. Bounce back needed.

7 BEORMA (IRE) (41) **86**

730589/P8- 7 10-12 | 68.9kg
 Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
 Just modest form at best in bumpers for Thomas Gallagher and has shown little over hurdles for Dan Skelton, including in a brace of handicaps.

8 GRANNY B (IRE) (32) h **95**

24395863- 6 10-6 | 66.2kg
 Michael Mullineaux *Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)*
 Maiden who was too keen to give herself a chance of lasting out on her return from 6 months off at Hereford (2m, good) 32 days ago. Will need to settle better here.

9 ALLIBABA (538) ★ **100**

07/ 8 10-5(10-4) | 65.8kg (65.3kg)
 Adrian Keatley *Danny McMenamin*
 No wins under Rules but showed promise in bumpers earlier in his career and is potentially interesting for new yard despite lengthy absence to overcome. Watch betting.

10 SUSIESPARKLE (IRE) (33) t **89**

75/P05P7P- 6 10-5(10-2) | 65.8kg (64.4kg)
 Mike Sowersby *William Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
 Dual winner on the Flat but remains with little form over hurdles, promising more than she delivered over C&D latest.

11 MACHO SUN (IRE) (33) b+t **85**

9/746P5F- 6 10-5(9-11) | 65.8kg (62.1kg)
 Mike Sowersby *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
 Poor maiden who was running respectably in first-time blinkers from 6 lb out of the weights when departing late in a C&D handicap last month, keeping on fifth at the time. Faces an even stiffer task from 8 lb out of the handicap this time, however.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Lord of The Glance, **15-2** Character Testing, **8-1** Bunker Bay, **9-1** Bouquet De Paris, **10-1** Made All, **14-1** Allibaba, **16-1** Granny B, **20-1** Klapton Boy, **25-1** Beorma, **33-1** Macho Sun, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LORD OF THE GLANCE would have gone very close to following up from Stratford but for parting company with his rider at the last at Plumpton and remains a low-level handicapper to keep firmly on the right side of. Made All added to his tally on the Flat at Wolverhampton in March and could well take off now entering handicaps in this sphere, while Allibaba is potentially interesting for a new yard despite having a lengthy absence to overcome.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LORD OF THE GLANCE 2. MADE ALL 3. ALLIBABA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Bluenose Belle 7-11-5	9-1	Richard Phillips	Finn Lambert	9
2024	Chicago Gal 5-11-11	13-2	Michael & David Easterby	Patrick Wadge	10
2023	Kingfast 8-11-9	11-2	Fergal O'Brien	J. Hogan (3)	12
2022	Gerard Mentor 6-11-7	17-2	Kim Bailey	K. Brogan	13
2021 ^I	Lady Babs 7-11-4	16-1	Andrew Crook	Charlie Todd	9
2021 ^{II}	Hats Off To Larry 7-11-12	17-2	Oliver Greenall	Fergus Gregory	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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TIFF AND ANG GO WEST STAKES HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-105) £7,250 2m5f89y (4310 Metres)












RACE 3



Going: **Good**

Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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|  | <p>1 JASMIN DE COTTE (FR) (41)
5/F709613- 7 12-0 76.2kg</p> | <p>t  100</p> |
| <p>Dan Skelton  Harry Skelton </p> <p>Fairly useful chase winner at his best in Ireland for Paul Nolan. Hasn't matched that level for Dan Skelton but scored at Uttoxeter (2½m) in March and backed it up with a solid third of 10 there (3m) last time. Tongue strap added and remains potentially well handicapped.</p> | | |
|  | <p>2 ISLE OF SARK (USA) (28) (D)
61243873- 8 11-12 75.3kg</p> | <p>b+t 94</p> |
| <p>Micky Hammond Jamie Hamilton</p> <p>Won over hurdles at Sedgefield in October for Mickey Bowen. Back on song for his new yard when third of 7 in handicap chase there (21f) 28 days ago. Not out of things eased 1 lb.</p> | | |
|  | <p>3 EL MUCHACHO (IRE) (38) (D)
0151F323- 9 11-7 73.0kg</p> | <p>t 95</p> |
| <p>Mike Sowersby William Maggs (31b/1kg)</p> <p>Has proved unreliable but he was a dual winner last season and posted a good third of 10 in handicap chase at Newcastle (2½m) last time. In the mix once more.</p> | | |
|  | <p>4 FORSA BAY (IRE) (33)
42P5/3P35- 6 11-3 71.2kg</p> | <p>s+t 95</p> |
| <p>L J Morgan Miss Ellie Callwood (71b/3kg)</p> <p>Maiden hurdler/chaser. Below-par fifth of 8 in handicap chase here (17f) under this rider 33 days ago. Tongue tied and fitted with cheekpieces for the first time now.</p> | | |
|  | <p>5 LET ME GO BOYS (IRE) (186) (BF)
448/37556- 6 11-0 69.9kg</p> | <p>t 89</p> |
| <p>Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Richie McLernon</p> <p>A fair maiden hurdler but failed to match that form in a couple of runs over fences, blinkered first time when sixth of 12 in handicap chase at Hereford (2m) 6 months ago. Longer trip will suit but needs to hit the ground running.</p> | | |
|  | <p>6 CLOUDY WEDNESDAY (IRE) (32) (CD, BF)
51/24123P- 10 10-13 69.4kg</p> | <p>s  97</p> |
| <p>Caroline Fryer Lewis Stones (31b/1kg)</p> <p>C&D winner last June but his form has regressed after 9 months off, pulled up in handicap chase at Fakenham (3m) 32 days ago. Has a bit to prove now.</p> | | |
|  | <p>7 LONE SOLDIER (15)
3P253U42- 8 10-2(9-11) 64.4kg (62.1kg)</p> | <p>91</p> |
| <p>Charles & Adam Pogson Sean Bowen</p> <p>Remains a maiden after 20 runs but he got back on track when second of 7 in handicap chase at Warwick (2m) 15 days ago, left poorly placed. Needs to back that up from 5 lb out of the weights here but longer trip fine and has Sean Bowen up.</p> | | |

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Isle of Sark, **4-1** El Muchacho, **13-2** Jasmin De Cotte, **13-2** Forsa Bay, **15-2** Cloudy Wednesday, **15-2** Lone Soldier, **8-1** Let Me Go Boys

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A few of these arrive with a question mark against them so this looks a good opportunity for JASMIN DE COTTE to bag a second win since joining Dan Skelton. Isle of Sark is feared most on the back of a resurgent third at Sedgefield.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JASMIN DE COTTE 2. ISLE OF SARK 3. EL MUCHACHO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Kayce Dutton 7-12-0	9-4	Charles & Adam Pogson	Charlie Todd	6
2024 The Electrician 8-9-12	10-1	Mike Sowersby	Aaron Anderson (5)	9
2023 Sageburg County 6-12-1	5-1	Warren Greatrex	Dylan Kitts (7)	8
2022 Seemingly So 9-12-1	15-2	L J Morgan	Adam Wedge	11
2021 Hurricane Vic 11-10-10	13-2	Richard Armson	Philip Armson (7)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4









**SUMMER PLATE LADIES DAY SATURDAY 18th JULY
HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-130) £20,000
2m7f191y (4800 Metres)**



Going: **Good**

Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Even**

1	COURTLAND (IRE) (34) (C)	s	99
	3232U24P- 11 12-2 77.1kg		
	Mickey Bowen 	Sean Bowen	
	Course winner. Largely in good form last season but he was pulled up in handicap chase at Haydock (2½m) 34 days ago. Has since had a breathing operation and cheekpieces also go on for the first time.		
2	ANNSAM (39) (D)		96
	3/4651FUP- 11 12-0 76.2kg		
	Mrs C. Williams	Ben Jones	
	Very useful chaser at his best. Scored at Ludlow in December but has failed to complete all 3 runs since, pulled up in 3m handicap chase back there 39 days ago.		
3	CLASSIC KING (IRE) (41) (BF)	s	99
	132/4640Z- 8 11-12 75.3kg		
	Emma Lavelle	Harry Cobden	
	A fairly useful hurdles/chase winner. Largely in good nick without scoring last season, cheekpieces on when second of 5 in handicap chase at Stratford (23f) 41 days ago. Can't be discounted off the same mark.		
4	BUMPY EVANS (IRE) (34) (D, BF)		100
	11/11F123- 8 11-8 73.5kg		
	Kerry Lee	Conor O'Farrell	
	Progressed well over fences last season (a three-time winner around 3m) and resumed from 6 months off with an encouraging third of 6 in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (21f) 34 days ago. Should strip sharper here so big shout.		
5	IRA HAYES (IRE) (18)	v	97
	6/0994301- 7 10-13 69.4kg		
	John McConnell, Ireland	Callum Pritchard	
	Irish challenger who got off the mark on just his second go in this sphere in 12-runner novice chase at Tramore (2¾m) 18 days ago, though he was held when left in front 2 out.		
6	GIOVANNI CHANGE (FR) (24) (CD, BF)		99
	143P3P13- 11 10-7 66.7kg		
	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	
	Course specialist who took this 12 months ago. Posted another solid effort here when third of 6 in handicap chase over C&D 24 days ago so he's a likely player once more.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Bumpy Evans, **9-4** Classic King, **6-1** Ira Hayes, **8-1** Giovanni Change, **14-1** Courtland, **14-1** Annsam

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BUMPY EVANS enjoyed a very good time of it last season and looks poised to strike again on the back of an encouraging Newton Abbot third after an absence. Veteran Giovanni Change captured this prize a year ago and is feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BUMPY EVANS 2. GIOVANNI CHANGE 3. CLASSIC KING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Giovanni Change	10-10-8	9-4	Mark Walford	Danny McMenamin	5
2023	Betty Baloo	7-11-1	9-4f	Tim Easterby	Jamie Hamilton	7
2022	Broken Quest	10-12-0	6-1	David Dennis	Jack Andrews (5)	7
2021	Forgot To Ask	9-11-5	9-2	Tom George	Ciaran Gethings	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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VICTOR LUCAS MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £17,500 2m7f16y (4640 Metres)

RACE 5



Going: **Good**

Right handed, sharp with minor undulations. Generally favours nippy types (though the ground can get testing), plenty of races being won by those who quicken best on the run to the first obstacle in the home straight. Easy fences, with the downhill third last catching out fewer than used to be the case.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 HUFFIN AN A PUFFIN (IRE) (23) s **99**
1P8- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Lucy Wadham **Tom Cannon**
Defied a near 2-year absence when making it 2-2 in a Doncaster handicap on stable debut in February. Ran poorly both starts since, the latest following a breathing operation at Haydock, but cannot totally be discounted upped in trip sporting first-time cheekpieces.

2 IDEFIX DE CIERGUES (FR) (41) (D) b **98**
P66/344P1- 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Rebecca Curtis **Oscar Palmer (7lb/3kg)**
Still looked tricky for the fitting of more severe headgear but ultimately bounced back to his best when successful under this conditional at Uttoxeter last time. However, a 5 lb rise may scupper his chances of following up.

3 PORTER IN THE PARK (IRE) (34) **97**
97333329- 9 11-11 | 74.8kg



Emma Lavelle **Cameron Johnstone-Baker (7lb/3kg)**
Four-time winner found her run of good form coming to a halt in a stronger handicap at Haydock last time, though is probably the type to bounce back quickly.

4 COUMEENOOLE (IRE) (38) (D) t **100**
F3789531- 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Returned to his Irish form when landing a gamble with ease at Bangor and while this is a stronger race, he could easily have more to offer now up and running for the Skeltons.

5 INTO THE PARK (IRE) (52) t **98**
29/24P347- 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Billy Aprahamian **Gavin Sheehan**
Went backwards following a promising start to the season, again hinting at temperament when well beaten on final start for the Hobbs & White yard in mid-March, and he has something to prove in a first-time tongue strap on stable debut.

6 CHAMPAGNE TWIST (IRE) (41) s **99**
09/3PPP5U- 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**
Won the EBF Final at Sandown in March 2024 but hasn't progressed as might have been expected since, ending a run of non-completions at Newbury in February before unseating at Uttoxeter the following month.

7 ESCAPOLOGIST (FR) (42) (CD, BF) **98**
24/944514- 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



James Owen **Jonathan Burke**
Seemed to benefit from the step back up in trip/switch to hold-up tactics when opening his account in handicaps over C&D and having run at least as well in defeat (despite hanging left) when fourth of 6 in a better race at Wetherby in late-March, he needs considering in his current vein of form.

8 TIGER ORCHID (IRE) (20) (D) s **98**
62F44222- 11 11-9 | 73.9kg



Stuart Edmunds **Charlie Hammond**
Veteran cemented a positive start for current yard when filling the runner-up spot for the third consecutive start at Bangor last time. That's probably solid form for the grade and he should go well upped in class.

9 EBONY WARRIOR (IRE) (157) t **98**
22231/UPS- 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson **David Bass**
Things haven't gone to plan for this dual winner since unseating (when running a fine race) this time last year at Worcester. Not out of the question he bounces back returning from 5 months off, though, having won fresh previously.

10 RYEBRIDGE (IRE) (34) (BF) **98**
0/324414- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Danny McMenamin**
Justified strong support when dead-heating at Carlisle (19f) in March and while his finishing effort was a little disappointing when fourth in a solid handicap over the same C&D subsequently, he's certainly worth a go over this longer trip.

11 DRAMATIC LICENSE (IRE) (38) **94**



4/347150P- 6 10-12 | 68.9kg

John Wainwright

Won a maiden hurdle in Ireland for Stuart Crawford last summer but has shown nothing in a pair of starts for his new yard.

Callum Bewley

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Coumeenoole, **9-2** Idefix De Ciergues, **6-1** Ryebridge, **7-1** Escapologist, **15-2** Tiger Orchid, **12-1** Huffin An A Puffin, **14-1** Into The Park, **16-1** Porter In The Park, **20-1** Champagne Twist, **33-1** Ebony Warrior, **250-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A competitive handicap but COUMEENOOLE won with plenty in hand to land a gamble last time and may defy a 9 lb rise. Escapologist is afforded plenty of respect in his bid to make it 2-2 over C&D, while Tiger Orchid arrives in fine heart and should be in the mix again.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COUMEENOOLE 2. ESCAPOLOGIST 3. TIGER ORCHID

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Letterston Lady 7-11-1	15-8f	Mickey Bowen	Sean Bowen	9
2024	Lihyan 6-11-3	10-1	Rebecca Menzies	William Maggs (7)	9
2023	Giovanni Change 8-11-13	5-1	Mark Walford	Tom Midgley (5)	9
2022	Pounding Poet 6-11-9	11-2	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	9
2021	Regarding Ruth 7-11-4	11-2	Lucy Wadham	Bryony Frost	8

SMART STATS:

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RACE 6

FIVER FRIDAY RACEDAY FRIDAY 12th JUNE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,750 2½m139y (4150 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 DE DELI COUNTER (33) (CD) s **97**
46PU2531- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Mark Walford *Tom Midgley*
Resumed his progress to get off the mark in a change of headgear over C&D last month, benefiting from being allowed to dictate. Could well get an easy lead again and much respected in his bid to follow-up from a 5 lb higher mark.

2 NOTTODAYBOBO (IRE) (38) t **99**
379P73- 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



Micky Hammond *Joshua Thompson (3lb/1kg)*
Irish maiden hurdle winner in 2023 and showed plenty of ability remains back from a lengthy absence when third on debut for this yard over C&D in July. Showed little next 4 outings but stopped the slide in a refitted tongue strap when third at Newcastle (17f) on latest start.

3 ASSORDA (FR) (24) **99**
6P11P/P66- 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



John Wainwright *Alan Doyle*
Dual winner in early 2025. Yet to fire for current yard, though did hint that she retains ability when sixth of 9 in handicap at this course (19f) on most recent outing.

4 BELOW THE BELT (IRE) (36) **92**
93805- 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Max Comley *Tom Broughton*
Finished third of 6 on the second of 2 starts in bumpers and fared better than previously in this sphere when fifth of 11 in 2m novice at Chepstow (good) 36 days ago. Opening mark looks no gift though and his pedigree raises doubts about the longer trip.

5 TOP FLIGHT CENTURY (FR) (37) (D) s **93**
543251P6- 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



David Thompson *Jack Power*
Justified support when making a successful start for this yard at Sedgfield on Boxing Day. However, has gone the wrong way since.

6 FOREST SPIRIT (IRE) (17) **98**
09753- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Mickey Bowen *Non Runner*
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7 MATOURY (127) (CD) t **95**
3138437P- 7 10-9 | 67.6kg



Mike Sowersby *William Maggs*
C&D winner who again ran poorly back up in trip at Catterick in January. Given a break since.

8 BLUE BEAR (33) h **100**
7/5744- 8 10-6 | 66.2kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith *Oscar Palmer (6lb/3kg)*
Shaped as if back in form reverting to hurdling when 14 lengths fourth of 10 to De Deli Counter in handicap hurdle at this C&D (good to soft, 9/1) 33 days ago, racing freely. Could well benefit from a first-time hood and is lurking on a dangerous mark.

9 BARGAIN HUNTER (IRE) (51) **65**
57890- 5 10-2 | 64.4kg



D. J. Jeffreys *Nick Slatter*
Placed on completed start in points. Yet to show much under Rules but does at least have a very lowly mark to work with now moving up in trip on handicap debut. Betting useful.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 De Deli Counter, **4-1** Nottodaybobo, **5-1** Blue Bear, **11-1** Matoury, **16-1** Top Flight Century, **18-1** Bargain Hunter, **20-1** Below The Belt, **22-1** Assorda

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BLUE BEAR failed to see his race out when behind the reopposing De Deli Counter over C&D on his most recent outing but he's well worth another chance from an attractive mark in the hope that a first-time hood helps him settle better. Nottodaybobo stopped the slide at Newcastle on his latest start and is well treated on old form if able to build on that effort, while the De Deli Counter has to be respected given he could get another uncontested lead.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BLUE BEAR 2. NOTTODAYBOBO 3. DE DELI COUNTER

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race