

Tuesday 11th November

# LINGFIELD



**12.42** SHARON KNAPP MEMORIAL CUP 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 2m3f110y (3920 Metres)

RACE 1 **(8) MINELLA MARATHON | (1) CALVINO | (5) PURPLE OWL**

**1.17** GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH [raceday-ready.com](https://www.raceday-ready.com) HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m7f110y (4730 Metres)

RACE 2 **(6) KING OF THIEVES | (4) I'M YOUR BUCKAROO | (9) THE BIG REVEAL**

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RACE 3 **(5) SPIKE JONES | (3) IKARAK | (2) GIT MAKER**

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RACE 4 **(8) HARRY JUNIOR | (1) GOLDEN AMBITION | (2) JOLIE BAIE**

**3.02** PETER BLACK 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 5 **(7) CAPTAIN BOUDET | (5) FOLLOWCATO | (4) AVIATION**


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RACE 6 **(6) PRINCESS KERI | (2) EVEREST | (3) SEA THRIFT**

## 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.

**12.42****SHARON KNAPP MEMORIAL CUP 'NATIONAL HUNT'  
NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 4, 5 and 6yo £10,700  
2m3f110y (3920 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Hurdle: Good to Soft (Good in places; Chase: Good)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****1 CALVINO (IRE) (24) 98**

461-2 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Paul Nicholls

**Harry Cobden**

Made it third time lucky in bumpers when landing the odds at Taunton during the spring, despite again not looking entirely straightforward. No quirks in evidence when going close on last month's return/hurdles debut at Newton Abbot (16.8f, good to soft) and ought to make a bold bid to go one better.

**2 KORKORAN (FR) (275) (BF) 85**

6- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Harry Derham

**Paul O'Brien**

Cost £240,000 after winning sole start in Irish points and while his Rules debut in an Exeter bumper (16.7f, soft) ended in disappointment (sent off 7/4 favourite), he is almost certainly capable of a good deal better. Has undergone a wind op ahead of this hurdles bow.

**3 LES'S DESTINY STAR (IRE) (247) 86**

12/0- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Ben Pauling

**Ben Jones**

From a useful jumping family and made a successful debut in a bumper at Doncaster in January 2024. Backed that up when finding just one too good at Warwick next time, but he was disappointing back from a year off at the same course in March and needs to get back on track now switched to hurdles.

**4 LUWDVIG (FR) (255) 79**

03/46- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Neil King

**Sean Bowen**

Showed ability in bumpers, but beaten a fair way starting out over hurdles at Doncaster (19.4f, good) when last seen in March and he's probably more one for handicaps later on.

**5 PURPLE OWL (IRE) (25) 87**

5-2 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

David Pipe

**Jack Tudor**

Bought for £60,000 after winning last of 3 starts in points and, though brushed aside in a Taunton bumper on Rules debut in February, there was much more to like about his clear second to a potentially useful type on first run over hurdles at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft). Open to improvement.

**6 CAN YOU HEAR ME (IRE) (27) 83**

64-F 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Philip Hobbs &amp; Johnson White

**Callum Pritchard (5lb/2kg)**

Fair form in a pair of bumpers and his departure on last month's hurdles debut at Worcester (2m, good to soft) was too far out (fourth-last) to say what he might have done with a clear round. The percentage call is to look elsewhere nonetheless.

**7 LAURIER DES OBEAUX (FR) (206) 84**

4- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Gary &amp; Josh Moore

**Caolin Quinn**

€42,000 half-brother to French 1½m bumper winner Hermine des Obeaux. Offered something to work on when fourth in an 8-runner Huntingdon bumper (15.8f, good to soft) during the spring and he can be expected to step up on that in due course.

**8 MINELLA MARATHON 100**

4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

This half-brother to bumper winner I'd Go Maniac fetched £200,000 after winning his sole start between the flags and he has to be of major interest on this Rules debut for powerful connections, particularly if strong in the betting.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-4** Minella Marathon, **2-1** Calvino, **8-1** Purple Owl, **12-1** Les's Destiny Star, **14-1** Korkoran, **22-1** Laurier Des Obeaux, **33-1** Can You Hear Me, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

It will look significant if there's confidence behind MINELLA MARATHON in the betting and the hint should probably be taken if that proves to be the case. Indeed, he won a maiden point pretty decisively during the spring and subsequently fetched £200,000. Calvino had a couple of previous hurdles winners behind when going close on his debut in this sphere at Newton Abbot and, with the promise of better to come, he rates the clear main danger ahead of Purple Owl.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. MINELLA MARATHON 2. CALVINO 3. PURPLE OWL****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>It's Hard To Know</b> 5-11-0	11-8f	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones	6
2023	<b>Theyseekhimthere</b> 5-11-0	125-1	Warren Greatrex	Sean Bowen	10
2022	<b>Mister Who</b> 5-11-0	15-8	Toby Lawes	Tom O'Brien	8
2021	<b>Milan Bridge</b> 5-10-12	13-2	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6
2020	<b>Take Your Time</b> 5-10-12	11-8f	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	12

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

**GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH [raceday-ready.com](https://www.raceday-ready.com)**  
**HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150**  
**2m7f110y (4730 Metres)**

**GBI RACING**

Going: **Hurdle: Good to Soft (Good in places; Chase: Good)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 GALWAY MAHLER (IRE) (328) (CD) s+t 97**  
 P3P111P/P- 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Karen Jewell

**Ben Jones**

Uninspiring record over hurdles and while he won 3 on the bounce in this sphere during the first quarter of 2024, he has been absent since failing to complete over this C&D on his sole appearance last season.

**2 WESEEKHERTHERE (IRE) (552) s 98**  
 341P027/5- 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

**Callum Pritchard (5lb/2kg)**

Winner of a bumper and maiden hurdle for Gordon Elliott in Ireland, and she was runner-up on her second start for this yard in a Hereford handicap hurdle in November 2023. However, seen out just twice since (well held on each occasion) and probably best watched sent chasing following 18 months off.

**3 EXPRESS SURPRISE (IRE) (234) (D, BF) t 98**  
 37/253143- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Clive Boulton-Brooks

**Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)**

Reacted well to a tongue tie when placed on 2 of his last 3 starts in handicap hurdles and progressed further when running out a convincing winner on chase debut at Huntingdon (23.6f, heavy) in January. However, mistakes have proved costly both starts since and a more assured round is needed.

**4 I'M YOUR BUCKAROO (16) b+t 100**  
 P56233-13 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Gary & Josh Moore

**Caolin Quinn**

Modest hurdler, but managed to get his head in front at Plumpton in May (despite hanging badly left) and shaped well when third in a 6-runner handicap on recent chase debut at Fontwell (21.6f, good). Blinkers refitted and he's a big player off the same mark with improvement likely.

**5 BALLINTARA (IRE) (19) b 95**  
 P1-31P 13 11-1 | 70.3kg



Diana Grissell

**Marc Goldstein**

Veteran who returned to form from out of the blue when scoring twice from 3 starts during the spring. However, he's never been the most reliable of propositions and wasn't on a going day when returning to action at Fontwell.

**6 KING OF THIEVES (IRE) (16) 98**  
 2/85-6 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



Evan Williams

**Harry Cobden**

Runner-up sole outing in Irish points and shaped well when occupying same spot in a bumper at Ffos Las in March 2024. Hasn't pulled up any trees in 3 runs over hurdles, but Harry Cobden again booked and this 5-y-o may well be seen in a better light now upped in trip for this chase/handicap bow.

**7 STEAL THE MOVES (IRE) (204) 98**  
 073P- 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



Emma-Jane Bishop

**Liam Harrison**

Successful on second of 2 starts in point bumpers (May 2024), but has hasn't show much in a bumper/3 starts over hurdles and a big step forward is needed now switched to fences.

**8 GRAND SABRE (19) (D) 96**  
 7/0PPP-145 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Nick Gifford

**Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)**

Maiden hurdler who left his inauspicious chase debut behind when taking a 5-runner handicap at Warwick (3m, good), jumping far with greater proficiency. However, he has followed that with a couple of low-key efforts and others make greater appeal.

**9 THE BIG REVEAL (IRE) (256) s 95**  
 P57454- 7 10-9 | 67.6kg



Grace Harris

**Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)**

Modest maiden hurdler/chaser. Addition of a tongue strap (discarded here) failed to help eke out any improvement when fourth of 7 at Ffos Las when last seen in February, but he has edged down to a plausible mark and is not without each-way hope.

**10 DAMEKAP (FR) (13) 89**  
 9007-63 6 10-2(9-8) | 64.4kg (60.8kg)



Seamus Mullins

**Benjamin Macey (7lb/3kg)**

Runner-up sole outing in points and stepped up on very low-key bumper/hurdles form when third in a 5-runner Fakenham handicap (24.2f, good to soft) on chase debut last month. Again 'wrong' at the weights and while she's not a forlorn hope, it's likely that she'll again find one or two too good.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** King of Thieves, **10-3** I'm Your Buckaroo, **13-2** Express Surprise, **8-1** The Big Reveal, **17-2** Damekap, **14-1** Grand Sabre, **16-1** Ballintara, **28-1** Wesseekherthere, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

If there's one of these who is holding secrets from the handicapper it's surely KING OF THIEVES, who didn't show much over hurdles but the fact that he was runner-up on his sole start between the flags augurs well ahead of this step up in trip/switch to fences. Furthermore, the 5-y-o again has the services of Harry Cobden and looks well-handicapped judged on his effort in a Ffos Las bumper last year. I'm Your Buckaroo shaped well on his chase debut and is feared most ahead of The Big Reveal.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KING OF THIEVES 2. I'M YOUR BUCKAROO 3. THE BIG REVEAL**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Vision de Maine</b> 5-12-0	evsf	David Pipe	Jack Tudor	8
2023	<b>Dysania</b> 8-9-12	11-2	Peter Bowen	Sean Bowen	5
2022	<b>Ozzie Man</b> 6-12-0	10-11f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	4
2021	<b>Movethechains</b> 7-10-8	2-5f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	6
2020	<b>Hang Tough</b> 6-10-8	10-3	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

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**HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130)**  
**£10,700 2m7f (4630 Metres)**

**GBI RACING**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 SAINT PALAIS (FR) (209) (D) 95**  
 6156- 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Richard Bandey

**Harry Bannister**

Belatedly opened account in this sphere when taking a Uttoxeter novice (23.3f, heavy) in February, on what was his second run back from a lengthy absence. Not so good in a couple of handicaps since, though, and he looks vulnerable.

**2 GIT MAKER (FR) (243) (C, D) 97**  
 1623/030- 9 11-13 | 75.7kg



Jamie Snowden

**Joe Anderson (31b/1kg)**

Improved with big efforts in major handicap chases on final 2 starts of 2023/24 campaign, finishing second in the Kim Muir at the Cheltenham Festival and then third of 26 in the Scottish National. Below par in light campaign last season, but on a good mark back hurdling and yard is in cracking form.

**3 IKARAK (FR) (201) (D, BF) 99**  
 168/1P152- 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Olly Murphy

**Sean Bowen**

Bagged a couple of 25f Warwick handicaps last term and signed that campaign off with a creditable second to Doyen Quest (winner twice again since) back at the aforementioned course in April. Good record when fresh and he's a key player.

**4 KRUGER PARK (FR) (206) 99**  
 212/334PP- 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Paul Nicholls

**Freddie Gingell**

Progressive switched to handicaps during second-half of 2023/24 season and made the frame twice off similar marks to this last term. On the downside, he was pulled up on final 2 starts and resumes here with a point to prove (has undergone a second win op since latest start in April).

**5 SPIKE JONES (296) (CD) 100**  
 P45/136- 8 11-1 | 70.3kg



Samuel Drinkwater

**Benjamin Macey (71b/3kg)**

Dual Fontwell winner in 2022/23 season and back on the scoresheet following 11 months off when landing this race in first-time cheekpieces last November. Far from disgraced in a pretty valuable event at Windsor on latest start in January and he'll be a danger to all if again fully tuned-up.

**6 WHIZZ KID (GER) (12) (BF) 97**  
 3-3305634 9 10-12 | 68.9kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

**Ben Jones**

Over 2 years since he last got his head in front and though dangerous to discount having slipped to an attractive mark, this 9-y-o has proved rather expensive to follow in handicap chases of late and was safely held on latest hurdles start in August.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### BETTING FORECAST:

**2-1** Ikarak, **9-2** Whizz Kid, **5-1** Spike Jones, **11-2** Git Maker, **7-1** Saint Palais, **10-1** Kruger Park

#### TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's not hard to construct a compelling case for SPIKE JONES, who landed this prize 12 months ago on the back of a similar absence and he's 1 lb lower this time round. If Ikarak resumes in top form he will be a big threat, while Git Maker, who returns to this sphere on a potentially very handy mark, is also accorded respect.

#### TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

**1. SPIKE JONES 2. IKARAK 3. GIT MAKER**

#### WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Spike Jones</b> 7-11-5	15-2	Samuel Drinkwater	Ned Fox (5)	4
2023	<b>Whydah Gally</b> 7-11-3	8-1	Joe Tizzard	Freddie Gingell (7)	5
2022	<b>Lynwood Gold</b> 7-11-7	22-1	Brian Barr	Thomas Doggrell (7)	11
2021	<b>Khan</b> 7-10-1	15-8f	Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	7
2020	<b>Storm Arising</b> 6-11-10	10-3	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	7

#### SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

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**Pace Information: Strong**
**1 GOLDEN AMBITION (IRE) (25) (CD) b 99**  
 129-43393 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

**Ben Pauling**
**Callum Pritchard (51b/2kg)**

Placed first 2 starts over fences this summer and quickly put previous run behind him when third at Uttoxeter last month. Big shout back over hurdles (won this last year).

**2 JOLIE BAIE (FR) (250) (CD) t 97**  
 21/19P213- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

**Jo Davis**
**Isabelle Ryder (71b/3kg)**

Won over C&D last winter before ending the campaign with good third at Wincanton. Not taken lightly on return.

**3 PIPERS CROSS (IRE) (210) s 97**  
 14/533313- 8 11-12 | 75.3kg

**Emma Lavelle**
**Cameron Johnstone-Baker (101b/5kg)**

Dual winner in the spring of 2024 for Robbie Llewellyn and got the done at the fifth attempt for present yard at Fontwell in March. Decent third at Southwell final start but may find this a bit sharp on return.

**4 EASTER ICON (27) 96**  
 6U/8913U-0 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

**Gary Brown**
**Benjamin Macey (71b/3kg)**

Good winner on handicap debut in this sphere at Fontwell in August last summer and won back-to-back AW handicaps on the Flat earlier this year. Shaped as if needing return last month and better expected now (should stay).

**5 MY CULLEN (IRE) (20) 98**  
 639552-5 5 11-8 | 73.5kg

**Henrietta C Knight**
**Paul O'Brien**

Advanced his form on his handicap debut when second at Fontwell final start last season and went a long way to backing that up when fifth at Worcester on return. Should come on for that and one to consider up in trip.

**6 MAX'S CHAMP (FR) (175) (D, BF) b+t 98**  
 0P60/5-13 9 11-8 | 73.5kg

**Samuel Drinkwater**
**Mr Sam Burton (71b/3kg)**

Got off the mark under Rules after 7 months off in 11-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter in May. Might have found next run coming too soon and can clearly go well fresh.

**7 GETUPTHEYARD (IRE) (35) 97**  
 772-226FF 6 10-12 | 68.9kg

**Nigel Hawke**
**Bryan Carver**

Still a maiden but largely run with credit over hurdles this year, finishing runner-up 3 times. Chase career has been quickly aborted having fallen both starts in that sphere in recent months.

**8 HARRY JUNIOR (IRE) (20) t ★ 100**  
 58P-92 5 10-6 | 66.2kg

**David Pipe**
**Jack Tudor**

Closely related to useful hurdler Harry Senior and left previous efforts behind when runner-up at Worcester on handicap bow 3 weeks ago, finding only a thriving one too good. Needs considering up in trip again.

**9 ENDERSEN (IRE) (19) 96**  
 9PP/56P-32 8 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

**Richard Rowe**
**Harry Kimber**

Low-mileage maiden who confirmed himself in better form when second at Fontwell on return 19 days ago. Player if backing that up quickly.

**10 INSPECTOR LYNLEY (24) s 96**  
 1P36-4273 8 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)

**Neil Mulholland**
**Sean Bowen**

Just the one win from 21 NH runs and latest third at Stratford was rather lacklustre. Others make more appeal.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Harry Junior, **6-1** Golden Ambition, **7-1** Endersen, **15-2** Jolie Baie, **9-1** My Cullen, **11-1** Inspector Lynley, **12-1** Max's Champ, **12-1** Pipers Cross, **14-1** Easter Icon, **18-1** Getuptheyard

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The unexposed HARRY JUNIOR was beaten only by a thriving sort on his handicap bow at Worcester 3 weeks ago and shades the vote over last year's clear-cut winner Golden Ambition. Jolie Baie ended last season in top form and is another to consider.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HARRY JUNIOR 2. GOLDEN AMBITION 3. JOLIE BAIE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Golden Ambition</b>	5-11-11	7-4f	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	8
2023	<b>Shewearsthebellies</b>	6-10-9	4-1	Lawney Hill	David Bass	8
2022	<b>Shot Boii</b>	5-11-0	13-8f	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

**PETER BLACK 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 2½m (4020 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Hurdle: Good to Soft (Good in places; Chase: Good)**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 GOLD IN THE RIVERS (IRE) (235) s 92**

421/244P4- 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



David Pipe

**Jack Tudor**

Fairly useful hurdle winner for Gordon Elliott. Promising signs early last season and took a step back in the right direction on second start following a breathing operation when fourth in a 6-runner handicap at Newbury. Could have more to offer with headgear retained for chase debut.

**2 SILVER THORN (248) 93**

42/1532P- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Emma Lavelle

**Harry Cobden**

Made a successful hurdling debut in a 2¾m Stratford maiden (heavy) last October. Pitched into the deep end on handicap debut when running no sort of race in a competitive EBF novice final. Had wind surgery since (tongue tie now removed) and may be capable of better now tackling fences.

**3 BATWOMEN (IRE) (16) t 91**

2/212331-3 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Neil Mulholland

**Conor O'Farrell**

Place in Points. Twice a winner at Fontwell, running to a fairly useful level when last successful in April. Needed the run on reappearance at that track last month and not discounted on chasing bow given Pointing background.

**4 AVIATION (IRE) (229) (D) s 94**

43221P2- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Lucy Wadham

**Tom Cannon**

Strong in the betting when making it fourth time lucky over hurdles in 2½m Fakenham novice (good) in February. Didn't run much of a race in EBF Final (Handicap) at Sandown but straight back to form when runner-up at Warwick last time. May be better to come in first-time headgear on chase debut.

**5 FOLLOWCATO (IRE) (219) 94**

3/45373- 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Ben Pauling

**Ben Jones**

Runner-up sole start Irish Points. Fair form in maiden/novice hurdles (never landed a blow on sole handicap start when well held seventh in EBF final at Sandown), his finishing effort again somewhat lacking when third in a Ffos Las novice last time. Could make a better chaser this season.

**6 DANGEROUS TOUCH (IRE) (271) (D) 96**

47/67413- 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Olly Murphy

**Sean Bowen**

Irish point runner-up. Improved to score over 2m4f on handicap debut at Ffos Las (heavy) in January and signing off with a creditable third at Sandown (19.8f, soft) following month. Interesting chase debutant for excellent yard.

**7 CAPTAIN BOUDET (FR) (249) s+t 100**

396/361P1- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Jeremy Scott

**Lorcan Williams**

Made a successful debut over fences at Hereford last season and made it 2 from 3 over fences returned to better ground when beating a couple of next time out winners at Exeter in March. Has experience on his side and may make a winning return in a change of headgear.

**8 KALIF D'AIRY (FR) (228) s+t 91**

3/7722242- 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gary &amp; Josh Moore

**Caolin Quinn**

Runner-up four times last season, most recently when edged out in 17.7f maiden at Fontwell, pulling nicely clear of the rest on that occasion. Pedigree offers plenty of hope now sent chasing and market should prove informative on first start over fences.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Captain Boudet, **5-1** Dangerous Touch, **13-2** Followcato, **13-2** Aviation, **8-1** Silver Thorn, **9-1** Gold In The Rivers, **12-1** Kalif D'airy, **12-1** Batwomen

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CAPTAIN BOUDET is the only runner to have raced over fences to date, improving to make it 2 wins from 3 as a chaser when beating a couple of subsequent winners at Exeter in March, and he looks the most solid option. Plenty of the remainder make appeal on their respective chase debuts, Point runner-up Followcato heading the list ahead of Aviation.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. CAPTAIN BOUDET 2. FOLLOWCATO 3. AVIATION****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Hurlerontheditch</b> 8-11-6	16-5	Kim Bailey	Tom Bellamy	11
2023	<b>Oxygen</b> 5-10-11	6-5f	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	9
2022	<b>Walk In The Wild</b> 6-10-12	28-1	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	10
2021	<b>Clondaw Promise</b> 7-11-11	15-8f	Jonjo O'Neill	K. Brogan (3)	8
2020	<b>Avoir de Soins</b> 6-11-5	17-2	Anthony Honeyball	Rex Dingle (3)	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.37**

RACE 6

**DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m (3220 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Hurdle: Good to Soft (Good in places; Chase: Good)****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

Left handed, undulating. Sharp in character on anything other than soft/heavy ground (though testing conditions do often prevail, and the track suffers more abandonments per meeting than any other jumps course), a handy position into the straight often paying dividends, especially over fences. Straightforward fences which tend to have a low casualty rate. Bumper races usually run on the all-weather track nowadays; these are nearly always falsely-run affairs which count against stoutly-bred NH types.

Pace Information: **Weak****1 BASILETTE (IRE) (13) (D) 95**

7-4283211 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Seamus Mullins

**Daniel Sansom (31b/1kg)**

Consistent sort who got in the winning habit last month, striking at Stratford and Fakenham. A further 6 lb rise means more will be needed to complete a hat-trick but she can't be discounted in her current mood.

**2 EVEREST (19) s+t 99**

7056-3374 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Gary &amp; Josh Moore

**Caolin Quinn**

Modest maiden who has reached the frame on 3 of her 4 starts this season and ought to be very competitive again.

**3 SEA THRIFT (IRE) (12) 97**

5-97231 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Daisy Hitchins

**Robbie David (71b/3kg)**

Placed in both handicaps and built on those efforts when landing a Stratford seller (19f, good to soft) under Robbie David 12 days ago. Shorter trip now but still respected.

**4 CONNIEMAK (32) 93**

378-8 4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Tim Vaughan

**Sean Bowen**

Poor form, finishing eight of 10 on last month's Chepstow handicap debut/reappearance. Interesting that Sean Bowen takes the ride again but she needs improvement.

**5 INION TIOGAIR (IRE) (227) (D) b 95**

5PP6/9784- 8 10-10 | 68.0kg



Grace Harris

**Joe Anderson (31b/1kg)**

Bumper winner but has yet to reach that level over hurdles, with fourth the best she's managed in 6 handicaps. Has first outing for 7 months.

**6 PRINCESS KERI (IRE) (32) ★ 100**

805513-42 5 10-8 | 67.1kg



Evan Williams

**Harry Cobden** 

Chase winner in March and went close to a hurdle success back from a break at Chepstow (2m) last month. That form has been boosted and a 2 lb nudge from the handicapper may not prevent her going one better now.

**7 MASONBROOK MEADOW (IRE) (21) s 98**

P2-837971 4 10-6 | 66.2kg



Seamus Mullins

**Ellis Collier (51b/2kg)**

Finally got off the mark in 17f Exeter handicap 3 weeks ago. Raised only 2 lb but doesn't obviously have the profile of one likely to follow up.

**8 MACMOLLY (74) 79**

960/47P-P 6 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Benjamin Macey (71b/3kg)**

Pulled up in 2 handicap starts a year apart and arrives with something to prove.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4 Princess Keri, 9-2 Basilette, 5-1 Everest, 6-1 Masonbrook Meadow, 6-1 Sea Thrift, 11-1 Conniemak, 25-1 Inion Tiogair, 50-1 bar**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

PRINCESS KERI has had the form of last month's Chepstow second franked and can come good with Harry Cobden taking the reins. Everest is second choice ahead of last month's Stratford selling winner Sea Thrift.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PRINCESS KERI 2. EVEREST 3. SEA THRIFT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024 **No No Fizz** 6-11-11 9-4 Fergal O'Brien Jonathan Burke 6