

Thursday 12th February

## LEICESTER

1.30

JOIN RACING TV NOW NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m25y (4050 Metres)

RACE 1

**(1) GRANDAD'S CAP | (3) MOOR END | (4) OWL OF ATHENS**

2.05

KUBE - LEICESTER'S PREMIER EVENTS VENUE NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 1m7f201y (3200 Metres)

RACE 2

**(4) MON CHAMPION | (3) EPIC WEST | (2) MILAN TINO**

2.40

EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2¾m151y (4560 Metres)

RACE 3

**(3) A LITTLE SOMETHING | (1) FORTUNEFAVORSBOLD | (4) STAMINA CHOPE**

3.15

LEICESTER RACECOURSE - IDEAL SELF-HIRE WEDDING VENUE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 1m7f201y (3200 Metres)

RACE 4

**(1) CLASSICAL STING | (3) HAWK STONE | (5) URBLEREAGH**

3.50

STEVE HASTILOW - ONE LAST RACE HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m25y (4050 Metres)

RACE 5

**(5) ONE LAST GLANCE | (3) NO TACKLE | (1) ROSSCAHILL**

4.25

POINTING POINTERS DICK AND PAM SAUNDERS NOVICES' HUNTERS' CHASE (5) 2¾m151y (4560 Metres)

RACE 6

**(4) JUST LUCKY SIVOLA | (6) PAUL MARVEL | (1) ST CUTHBERT'S CAVE**

## 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.

1.30

JOIN RACING TV NOW NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+  
(Rated 0-100) £7,000 2½m25y (4050 Metres)

RACE 1

GBI RACING

## Going: Heavy

Right handed, rather undulating with a gradual uphill finish of around three furlongs. Hurdle races run on Flat course and invariably more testing as a result, that track having been watered during the summer, though races are often steadily run, resulting in fields still being well bunched early in the straight. There tends to be an advantage in taking a wide route on the hurdles course when the going is testing, whilst field sizes for chases are amongst the smallest in the country.

## Pace Information: Very Weak

**1 GRANDAD'S CAP (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (11)** h  100

5U6-431 6 12-5 | 78.5kg



L J Morgan

Has made a promising start to his chasing career, confirming debut promise when easily landing 5-runner handicap chase at Market Rasen (23.9f, soft, 15/8) 11 days ago. Open to further improvement and claims are crystal clear under a 7 lb penalty.

**2 ITALIAN SPIRIT (IRE) (14) (D)** s 75

3-85 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Harriet Dickin

Maiden hurdle winner for Olly Murphy back in 2021 but went with little promise fitted with first-time cheekpieces on his belated chasing debut at Wincanton recently.

**3 MOOR END (IRE) (46) (D)** t 88

P2567-132 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Emma-Jane Bishop

Made a winning start over fences at Uttoxeter (20f) on return and backed it up with a brace of placed efforts to end 2025, latterly over C&D. Obvious player from same mark in a first-time tongue strap.

**4 OWL OF ATHENS (IRE) (28) (D)** 76

6/0013-578 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Evan Williams

Landed a gamble over hurdles this time last year and whilst he's bred to make a chaser, it's been a low-key start for him in this sphere.

**5 THE BRICKY RANGER (IRE) (32)** 75

2/60-847 8 10-10 | 68.0kg



Seamus Mullins

Has no form outside of Irish points/hunters and now drops back in trip after failing to last home at Fontwell (26f) on most recent outing.

**6 HITTHEKETTLE (IRE) (120)** 74

OP6/6P-43P 10 10-2 | 64.4kg



Michael Gates

Winning Irish pointer but has shown nothing both starts over fences under Rules.

**7 VOLEUR DE TERRES (IRE) (21)** 74

708P-P64 8 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)



Claire Dyson

Dual winning Irish pointer but has offered little so far under Rules, including when fourth of 8 in handicap chase at Huntingdon (23.6f, soft) on latest start. Seems set for another struggle from 5 b out of the weights.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

## BETTING FORECAST:

5-6 Grandad's Cap, 9-4 Moor End, 16-1 Owl of Athens, 22-1 Italian Spirit, 22-1 The Brickey Ranger, 33-1 Hitthekettle, 50-1 bar

## TIMEFORM VIEW:

GRANDAD'S CAP and Moor End have both made promising starts to their chasing careers, with marginal preference for the former, who shouldn't be inconvenienced by the return to this trip given how strongly he travelled when taking apart a weak race at Market Rasen recently.

## TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GRANDAD'S CAP 2. MOOR END 3. OWL OF ATHENS

## WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	River Run Free	6-11-5	8-13f	David Pipe	Jack Tudor	8
2023	C'est Quelqu'un	6-11-2	12-1	Sean Curran	David Bass	7
2022	Radetzky March	7-10-6	10-11f	L J Morgan	Adam Wedge	6
2021	Ring The Moon	8-11-8	10-3	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	9

## SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.05**

RACE 2

**KUBE - LEICESTER'S PREMIER EVENTS VENUE NOVICES'  
LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-130)**  
**£14,000 1m7f201y (3200 Metres)**
**GBI RACING****Going: Heavy**

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**Pace Information: Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>LARGY BELTER (IRE) (35)</b>	<b>98</b>
2-5532	6 11-7   73.0kg	h+t
	Dan Skelton	<b>Tristan Durrell</b>
		Acquired by new connections for £85,000 after finishing runner-up sole outing in bumpers and shaped better than on his first 2 starts over fences when not beaten far in a small-field maiden at Haydock in December. However, again made mistakes/refused to settle at Ffos Las since.
<b>2</b>	<b>MILAN TINO (IRE) (19) (D)</b>	<b>97</b>
6/U63-4414	6 11-6   72.6kg	
	Tom George	<b>Jonathan Burke</b>
		Fairly useful ex-French hurdler who proved a different proposition to on chasing debut when landing a truly-run race at Ludlow (2m, soft) in tidy fashion in December. However, wasn't quite in the same form tackling better company at Doncaster since.
<b>3</b>	<b>EPIC WEST (IRE) (20) (D)</b>	<b>99</b>
112-02	7 11-3   71.2kg	
	Jamie Snowden 	<b>Gavin Sheehan</b>
		Irish point winner who was successful in two of his 3 starts in novice hurdles last winter. No impact pitched into a competitive race on return/chase debut at Kempton on Boxing Day but much more like it when a close second in 5-runner handicap at Warwick (16.2f) latest, despite going in snatches.
<b>4</b>	<b>MON CHAMPION (FR) (17) (D)</b>	<b>100</b>
222U-6261	6 11-2   70.8kg	
	Paul Nicholls 	<b>Freddie Gingell</b>
		Fairly useful French hurdles winner. Back to something like his best returned to more testing conditions, edging ahead on line to land a 5-runner 2m chase at Hereford (soft) just over a fortnight ago. Not yet fully exposed for top yard and merits obvious respect in follow-up bid.

**4 DECLARED RUNNERS****BETTING FORECAST:****11-8 Mon Champion, 5-2 Epic West, 9-2 Milan Tino, 6-1 Largy Belter****TIMEFORM VIEW:**

MON CHAMPION produced easily his best effort for current connections when edging ahead late on at Hereford recently and is a straightforward choice to follow up given he's still lightly raced for an in-form yard. Epic West could do with travelling a bit more fluently than on his previous outing at Warwick but is still considered the main threat.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. MON CHAMPION 2. EPIC WEST 3. MILAN TINO****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2025 **Classic Maestro** 7-11-10   10-3 **Jennie Candlish**   Luke Scott (5)   5**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.40**

RACE 3

**EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV** MARES' HANDICAP CHASE  
**(5) 5yo+ mares (Rated 0-100) £7,000 2¾m151y (4560 Metres)**
**GBI RACING****Going: Heavy**

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**Pace Information: Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD (IRE) (13) (BF)</b> 22343-23F 8 12-0   76.2kg	<b>s</b>	<b>100</b>
	Christian Williams		<b>Sean Bowen</b>
	Another who has hasn't hit the target for a while but she runs more good races than bad ones overall and it was a pair of progressive sorts that beat her at Uttoxeter (3m, soft) in December. Fell at the first at Catterick a fortnight ago but she can bounce back.		
<b>2</b>	<b>FLINTARA (42)</b> P434-3445 11 11-10   74.4kg	<b>v</b>	<b>90</b>
	Richard Bandey		<b>Harry Bannister</b>
	Temperamental veteran who showed signs of decline last season and well held all 3 starts upon return in November.		
<b>3</b>	<b>A LITTLE SOMETHING (281)</b> 7523672-3 7 11-9   73.9kg		<b>98</b>
	Emma Lavelle		<b>Rex Dingle</b>
	Yet to win a race of any description but placed twice in handicap hurdles at up to 20.5f during the spring. Switches to fences after 9 months off and this isn't a deep contest.		
<b>4</b>	<b>STAMINA CHOPE (FR) (7) (C)</b> 34221314 10 11-9   73.9kg		<b>98</b>
	Dave Roberts		<b>Lee Edwards</b>
	Has proved consistent since returning from over a year off last summer and successful 2 of last 4 starts, latterly a Ffos Las handicap back over fences (19.4f, heavy). Sound-enough effort from same mark over timber a week ago and she's expected to be in the shake up.		
<b>5</b>	<b>FAY CE QUE VOUDRAS (IRE) (13) (BF)</b> 6344-645F 10 10-13   69.4kg		<b>97</b>
	Kerry Lee		<b>Tom Cannon</b>
	Gained sole win over hurdles back in 2023 but essentially falling in the weights without looking ready to take advantage over both sets of obstacles. Fell in race won by Stamina Chope latest.		
<b>6</b>	<b>GINDERELLA (IRE) (35)</b> 426225/34 9 10-9   67.6kg	<b>s</b>	<b>97</b>
	Tim Vaughan		<b>Lorcan Murtagh</b>
	Maiden who shaped like a stayer over hurdles for Mitchell Hunt but made hard work of things when third on chase/stable debut at Uttoxeter and failed to build on that back over hurdles at Ffos Las last month. Headgear on.		
<b>7</b>	<b>IMPERIAL PRIDE (IRE) (28)</b> 63-PP4 10 10-9   67.6kg	<b>t</b>	<b>94</b>
	David Dennis		<b>Tom Bellamy</b>
	Multiple point winner in first half of 2024 but winless under Rules and has offered little in 3 runs back this winter after a lengthy absence.		

**7 DECLARED RUNNERS****BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Fortunefavorsdbold, **7-2** A Little Something, **5-1** Stamina Chope, **11-2** Fay Ce Que Voudras, **9-1** Ginderella, **9-1** Flintara, **14-1** Imperial Pride

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A LITTLE SOMETHING has yet to win but she makes her chase debut/reappearance in an ordinary race and representing an in-form yard, she could be the answer. Fortunefavorsdbold and Stamina Chope look the main dangers.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. A LITTLE SOMETHING 2. FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD 3. STAMINA CHOPE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>No Tackle</b> 8-11-11	8-1	Robbie Llewellyn	Liam Harrison	6
2023	<b>Flann</b> 8-12-0	11-10f	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (3)	4
2022	<b>Boughtbeforelunch</b> 9-11-7	15-2	Paul Webber	Richie McLernon	7
2021	<b>Overworkdunderpaid</b> 8-11-5	3-1	L J Morgan	Callum Bewley	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.15**

RACE 4

**LEICESTER RACECOURSE - IDEAL SELF-HIRE WEDDING VENUE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000**  
**1m7f201y (3200 Metres)**
**GBI RACING****Going: Heavy**

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**Pace Information: Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>CLASSICAL STING (46) (BF)</b>	388-12	h	 <b>100</b>
		6 12-0   76.2kg		
	L J Morgan			<b>Danny McMenamin</b>
				Didn't show a great deal in 3 maiden hurdles last winter but bred to be a chaser and a totally different proposition when making a winning handicap debut over fences at Kelso in November. Held back by a bad error when second of 4 at Catterick since but he retains potential at this level.
<b>2</b>	<b>LUCKY LUGGER (13) (D)</b>	12P-P46P4	s+t	<b>97</b>
		9 11-12   75.3kg		
	Matt Sheppard			<b>Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg)</b>
				Opened his account off 7 lb higher mark at Uttoxeter a year ago and having been out of sorts, he shaped better than result at Haydock in December. Unable to build on that twice since, latterly in first-time cheekpieces.
<b>3</b>	<b>HAWK STONE (IRE) (13) (D)</b>	1/896P-3P2	v	<b>96</b>
		7 11-8   73.5kg		
	Harriet Dickin			<b>Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)</b>
				Fair winning hurdler who failed to build on reappearance promise when pulling up on chase debut at Market Rasen (17.2f) 2 weeks ago. A chaser on looks and more like it in a change of headgear when second at Ffos Las a fortnight ago, albeit not always fluent.
<b>4</b>	<b>APPLICATIONOFCASH (IRE) (17)</b>	U9084/P-35		<b>93</b>
		8 11-5   72.1kg		
	David Brace			<b>Liam Harrison</b>
				Modest maiden hurdler in Ireland. Pulled up in Worcester handicap hurdle in July 2024 (only run for Robbie Llewellyn) but made promising return from absence for new yard when third in 2½m Huntingdon handicap chase in December. Ridden differently and could never land a blow at Plumpton.
<b>5</b>	<b>URBLEREAGH (FR) (55)</b>	6-74	t	<b>98</b>
		9 11-4   71.7kg		
	Tom Gretton			<b>Robert Dunne</b>
				Low mileage 9-y-o who didn't show much in 3 widely-spaced qualifying runs over hurdles but made more of an impact when fourth on handicap bow at Uttoxeter. Makes chase debut now.
<b>6</b>	<b>KITSILANO (IRE) (27)</b>	701/62343	s	<b>97</b>
		9 11-3   71.2kg		
	David Bridgwater			<b>Tom Cannon</b>
				Ex-Irish winning hurdler in 2023 and didn't shape badly sent chasing on second run following a lengthy absence/for this yard at Plumpton in December. However, it's fair to say that he hasn't kicked on from that in 3 subsequent runs and he's since had a breathing operation.
<b>7</b>	<b>LEECH (FR) (13) (D)</b>	P384-4393	s	<b>95</b>
		7 11-1   70.3kg		
	Evan Williams			<b>Conor Ring</b>
				Fairly useful bumper winner but unable to add to tally over hurdles. Showed aptitude for chasing when third at Ffos Las a fortnight ago and cheekpieces now on.
<b>8</b>	<b>NIGHT JET (7) (CD)</b>	32214-653	b	<b>87</b>
		9 10-12   68.9kg		
	Tom Symonds			<b>Ben Poste</b>
				Won this race a year ago and returned from a near three-month break with an encouraging fifth of 12 at Ludlow (20f, soft), left with a lot to do. Cheekpieces back on and he was outpaced at Huntingdon last week. More severe headgear now employed.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-4** Classical Sting, **11-2** Hawk Stone, **17-2** Leech, **10-1** Kitsilano, **10-1** Applicationofcash, **10-1** Night Jet, **12-1** Urblereagh, **14-1** Lucky Lugger

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CLASSICAL STING was unable to land the odds at Catterick in December but it was by no means a bad effort in second and given the impression he created prior to that, this mark should be well within range. He can get back on the up, with Hawk Stone and Urblereagh (on chase debut) perhaps the main opposition.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CLASSICAL STING 2. HAWK STONE 3. URBLEREAGH**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Night Jet</b>	8-10-5	7-1	Tom Symonds	Ben Poste	9
2023	<b>Sabbathical</b>	8-11-11	9-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	7
2022	<b>Here We Have It</b>	7-11-12	16-5	LJ Morgan	Lewis Dobb (10)	8
2021	<b>This Breac</b>	10-10-4	11-2	Jimmy Frost	Bryony Frost	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

**STEVE HASTILOW - ONE LAST RACE HANDICAP CHASE (4)**  
**5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £9,000 2½m25y (4050 Metres)****GBI RACING****Going: Heavy**

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**Pace Information: Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>ROSSCAHILL (IRE) (107)</b> (D, BF)	<b>95</b>
	114-P 7 12-0   76.2kg	
	Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies	<b>Toby McCain-Mitchell</b> (5lb/2kg)
	Easy winner sole start in points and won first two starts over hurdles but flopped badly on chasing debut after 10 months off, pulling up at Ffos Las (5/4f) 107 days ago. Surely can't have been right that day and too soon to dismiss on just his second start over fences.	
<b>2</b>	<b>MOMBASA (FR) (28)</b>	<b>92</b>
	4/4-4 7 11-10   74.4kg	
	Venetia Williams	<b>Ned Fox</b> (3lb/1kg)
	Fairly useful hurdler who returned from a further 15 months off and was well held on stable debut upped markedly in trip at Wincanton (22/1) 28 days ago. Entitled to come on for that but yard still not firing on all cylinders.	
<b>3</b>	<b>NO TACKLE (23)</b> (C)	<b>99</b>
	P817-7122 9 11-8   73.5kg	v
	Robbie Llewellyn	<b>Liam Harrison</b>
	In good form with a win and a second at Lingfield prior to finishing second of 7 in handicap chase at this course (5/1) 23 days ago, no answer to a well-treated rival. Sure to give another good account dropped in grade.	
<b>4</b>	<b>STORMIN CROSSGALES (IRE) (26)</b> (D)	<b>91</b>
	PP31-PPUP 9 11-7   73.0kg	s
	Max Young	<b>Miss Clara Brewitt</b> (7lb/3kg)
	Failed to complete in last four starts since winning a 2-runner claimer last April, tailed off when pulled up in handicap chase at Haydock (125/1, 10 ran) 26 days ago. Dropped 6 lb but plenty to prove with first-time cheekpieces applied.	
<b>5</b>	<b>ONE LAST GLANCE (24)</b>	<b>100</b>
	2142-6U24 9 10-3   64.9kg	s+t
	Tom Gretton	<b>Sean Bowen</b>
	Produced best effort to date when clear second of 9 in handicap chase at Wetherby in early December (solid form). Fourth of 8 in handicap chase at Lingfield (15/2) 24 days ago, in touch but made a few jumping errors. Sean Bowen aboard and capable of bouncing back if tidier over his fences.	

**5 DECLARED RUNNERS****BETTING FORECAST:**

**6-4** One Last Glance, **15-8** No Tackle, **4-1** Rosscahill, **12-1** Mombasa, **80-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ONE LAST GLANCE produced his best effort with a solid second at Wetherby in early December but made a few jumping errors at Lingfield last time. He can get back on track with Sean Bowen taking over in the saddle, while No Tackle is in good form and looks the danger, having finished second to a well-treated rival here 23 days ago. It's too early to write off point winner Rosscahill who clearly wasn't 100% when flopping on his chasing debut in October.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ONE LAST GLANCE 2. NO TACKLE 3. ROSSCAHILL**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>It's Easy</b> 7-11-2	11-4	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	4
2023	<b>Voice of Calm</b> 7-11-3	2-5f	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	2
2022	<b>Cut The Mustard</b> 10-11-12	3-1	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	5
2021	<b>The Bay Birch</b> 10-11-7	3-1	Matt Sheppard	Stan Sheppard	4

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.25

RACE 6

**POINTING POINTERS DICK AND PAM SAUNDERS NOVICES'  
HUNTERS' CHASE (5) 6yo+ £6,000 2¾m151y (4560  
Metres)**
**GBI RACING****Going: Heavy**

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**Pace Information: Weak**

**1 ST CUTHBERT'S CAVE (IRE) (28) (BF)**  **100**  
1-3232F1P 8 12-4 | 78.0kg

 **J. J. O'Shea** **Miss Ellie Callwood** (7lb/3kg)  
Fairly useful chaser made winning start for these connections at Uttoxeter last September and has since been successful in both point-to-point starts. Pulled up in hunter at Ludlow (6/4 fav) 28 days ago but found to have bled. Claims if he can bounce back.

**2 BEST MATE DAVE (457)** **71**  
25/4P365P- 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Oliver Edward Hayes** **Mr Charlie Case** (3lb/1kg)  
Just modest form on pick of his 3 efforts in handicap chases in 2024 and little impact on first run for over a year in point 7 weeks ago. Hard to fancy.

**3 IDEAL DU TABERT (FR) (731)** **93**  
3344424P/ 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Miss Laura Richardson** **Mr Huw Edwards** (3lb/1kg)  
Had shown fair form when second earlier in 2024 but pulled up in handicap chase at Catterick Bridge (11/4) 2 years ago, clearly not 100% in first-time cheekpieces. Landed back-to-back points for new yard since then but was well held in that sphere 3 weeks ago. Place claims on his best form.

**4 JUST LUCKY SIVOLA (FR) (376)** **89**  
16/2133- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Luca Morgan** **Mr James King**  
Won a novice hurdle in November 2024 and possible excuses final two starts over hurdles for Paul Nicholls. Third of 8 in 2½m handicap at Sandown last February, travelling well before weakening in very testing ground. Off since but bred for fences and looks interesting on chase/stable debut.

**5 LARGY SHARK (647)** **89**  
6P6P/5- 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **W. Easterby** **Mr Thomas Easterby** (5lb/2kg)  
Inconsistent under Rules, fifth of 12 in maiden at Down Royal (20/1) on chase debut in May 2024, went prominent but pecked 3 out and had no extra between last 2. Has won a point-to-point (March 2025) since and was pressed when fell last on return in December. Could be competitive back under Rules.

**6 PAUL MARVEL (FR) (20)** **95**  
45427/P-2 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **J. J. O'Shea** **Mr Henry Crow** (3lb/1kg)  
Fairly useful performer for Willie Mullins in 2023/24 and notched second success between the flags in November. Offered more than on hunter debut when second of 8 at Warwick (24f, soft) 20 days ago and can make presence felt with cheekpieces on first time (yard also saddle St Cuthbert's Cave).

**6 DECLARED RUNNERS****BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Paul Marvel, **3-1** Just Lucky Sivola, **9-2** St Cuthbert's Cave, **11-2** Largy Shark, **13-2** Ideal Du Tabert, **33-1** Best Mate Dave

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Bred for fences, it could be worth chancing the least exposed runner JUST LUCKY SIVOLA on stable/chase debut. Paul Marvel showed improvement when keeping on for second at Warwick and looks the main danger ahead of stablemate St Cuthbert's Cave, who won at Uttoxeter last September and was subsequently 2-2 in points prior to pulling up when found to have bled at Ludlow last month.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. JUST LUCKY SIVOLA 2. PAUL MARVEL 3. ST CUTHBERT'S CAVE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Givega	9-12-0	7-2	L. Morgan	Mr James King	10
2023	Time Leader	9-12-0	15-8f	J. J. O'Shea	Mr Henry Crow (5)	8
2022	Back Bar	10-11-12	7-2	Alan Hill	Mr James King	5

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race