

Thursday 12th March

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1.05	ogledigital.co.uk ACCOUNTANT SAID CHELTENHAM'S TOO EXPENSIVE MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m48y (3260 Metres)
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RACE 2	(1) MY MY MY DELILAH (6) ROCK N ROLL CHAMP (9) BLENDED STEALTH
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RACE 3	(2) FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD (6) DIDNTGOTWENTY (4) PARK RULES
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RACE 4	(4) PLANNED PARADISE (1) DE LEGISLATOR (2) BREEZE OF WIND
3.42	DAVEY LIDDLE 80th BIRTHDAY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2½m28y (4050 Metres)
RACE 5	(5) GARDENER (3) MILAN PARK (2) KELVIN FORLONGE
4.22	mybettingsites.com /FIND & COMPARE IRISH BOOKIES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m41y (4870 Metres)
RACE 6	(2) EXPRESS SURPRISE (3) COURT AT SLIP (4) STREAMSFORTH LAD
5.00	ANGELA YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND. CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2m7f63y (4680 Metres)
RACE 7	(3) ANOTHER HIGH FIVE (2) COLONIAL EMPIRE (6) DO YE WANNA

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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RACE 1

ogledigital.co.uk ACCOUNTANT SAID CHELTENHAM'S TOO EXPENSIVE MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2m48y (3260 Metres)



Going: **Heavy (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 C'MON SO (IRE) (17) 80
 64 5 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Gregor Walkingshaw (10lb/5kg)**
 Hurdle debutant who finished runner-up in a point and showed a bit more second time up over hurdles at Ayr last month. Looks the yard second string

2 COLONEL JACK (56) 60
 PP 5 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Mark Walford **Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)**
 Pulled up both starts to date.

3 COUNTRYMAN JOE (IRE) (27) 60
 68 6 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Jane Walton **Peter Kavanagh**
 Has shown nothing in pair of bumpers.

4 MCELHATTAN (IRE) (24) 81
 55 5 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Donald McCain  **Theo Gillard**
 Point winner should benefit from the addition of cheekpieces but shaped as though one for handicaps over further on hurdle debut last month.

5 MELBOURNE GHOST (IRE) (19) 70
 70 5 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Donald Whillans **Craig Nichol**
 Maiden pointer who offered little on bumper/hurdle debut.

6 MILLFORD HILL (IRE) (9) 75
 0 8 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Rebecca Menzies **Ross Chapman**
 Went the wrong way in points and shaped with little encouragement on hurdles bow (200/1) earlier this month.

7 MISTER R (27) 94
 4 5 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Nicky Richards **Danny McMenamin**
 Considerately handled when fourth in Kelso novice on debut (useful pair pulled well clear) but yard have had success with this family and he's likely to improve.

8 PRINCE PHIL (27) 82
 5 5 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Sam England **Jonathan England**
 Hooded for debut when fifth in 9-runner bumper at Kelso last month. Now sent hurdling but is probably one for the longer-term.

9 VALTTERI ITS JAMES (IRE) (19) 80
 066 5 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Conner McCann (7lb/3kg)**
 Point winner took a small step forward when midfield in Newcastle maiden (100/1) last time but is seemingly being brought along with handicaps in mind.

10 BIGLESISBACK (30) 100
 93222P 6 10-12 | 68.9kg
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Derek Fox**
 Well-related mare who posted consecutive solid efforts in novices (including clear second over C&D) and was well-backed runner-up on handicap bow at Musselburgh (3m) on New Year's Day. Forgiven latest run when yard was out of sorts and she could be difficult to peg back in a weak 2m maiden.

11 DANCING DIANA (44) 80
 5 5 10-12 | 68.9kg
 Mark Walford **Jamie Hamilton**
 Wasn't given a hard time on bumper debut at Newcastle in January and looks the type to flourish at a later stage.

12 STRATHCATCHA (30) 60
 7777P 6 10-12 | 68.9kg
 Gary Rutherford **Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)**
 Yet to show any ability.

13 BOWLING SHANE (IRE) (13) 83
 8 4 10-9 | 67.6kg
 Clive Boulton-Brooks  **Richard Patrick**
 Fair Flat maiden who finished well held on final start for Kevin Philippart de Foy (changed hands for £28,000) and similar story on stable/hurdle debut last month. Does at least contest a much weaker race this time and worth a glance in the market with yard in good form.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Biglesisback, **9-4** Mister R, **12-1** Bowling Shane, **14-1** Prince Phil, **20-1** Mcelhattan, **33-1** Valtteri Its James, **33-1** C'mon So, **33-1** Dancing Diana, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

With her yard in much better form, standard-setter BIGLESISBACK can bounce back to open her account. Mister R looks the clear danger following an encouraging debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BIGLESISBACK 2. MISTER R 3. BOWLING SHANE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Benmore 5-11-5	4-9f	L J Morgan	Danny McMenamin	7
2024	Dollar Collar 6-10-13	7-1	Lucinda Russell	Stephen Mulqueen	5
2023	Miss Lamb 7-10-13	evsf	Jedd O'Keefe	Billy Garrity	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.42

RACE 2

mybettingsites.com NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £9,100 2m48y (3260 Metres)



Going: Heavy (Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Weak**

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|  | <p>1 MY MY MY DELILAH (19) t 96
422-6534U 6 11-12 75.3kg
Stuart Coltherd <i>Sean Quinlan</i>
Fair bumper performer who showed an aptitude for hurdling in maidens and though disappointing in pair of handicaps, she could bounce back dropped into a very modest race in first-time tongue strap.</p> |
|  | <p>2 UPTHEREFORTHINKING (IRE) (74) v 90
F/047465-5 7 11-9 73.9kg
Jake Thomas Coulson <i>Sean Grantham (10lb/5kg)</i>
Showed nothing after 14 months off in a Leicester seller in December and fitting of more severe headgear hardly a sign of confidence.</p> |
|  | <p>3 ELLISTRIN BAY (27) b+t 90
3-PPP7 7 11-8 73.5kg
Donald Whillans <i>Jamie Hamilton</i>
Green when third in a weak bumper on debut last April and completed for the first time over hurdles when seventh of 11 in novice hurdle at Kelso 27 days ago. Makes handicap hurdle debut from lowly base.</p> |
|  | <p>4 KNOCKERANNA ROSE (IRE) (24) 97
5-426684 6 11-7 73.0kg
Susan Corbett <i>Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)</i>
Steadily improved in bumpers and best effort over hurdles when fourth on handicap bow at Carlisle last month. Shaped like a stayer that day, though, so drop back in trip might not be in his favour.</p> |
|  | <p>5 JUNKYARD DOG (IRE) (24) b+t 91
34506 4 11-1 70.3kg
Iain Jardine <i>Danny McMenamin</i>
Yet to recapture form shown when modest third on hurdle debut for Joseph O'Brien last August, though first-time blinkers a plus given how he went through the race at Carlisle last time.</p> |
|  | <p>6 ROCK N ROLL CHAMP (IRE) (21) s  100
5-4P85434 8 10-8 67.1kg
Sandy Forster <i>Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)</i>
Ran best race when fourth in this contest last season and had been running respectably over hurdles this campaign prior to another poor chase effort last time. Clearly better suited to hurdling and could make a bold bid.</p> |
|  | <p>7 GOLD RING (24) (D) 95
608/POP-07 9 10-7 66.7kg
Neil Mechie <i>Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)</i>
Likely still working his way to fitness at Carlisle (19f, soft) last time, hanging in there longer than some in a test of stamina, though he's yet to get close to breaking his duck in this sphere.</p> |
|  | <p>8 BRAY DALE (6) s 93
753-05P8P 9 10-7 66.7kg
Catch Bissett <i>Bruce Lynn</i>
Arrives with little recent form.</p> |
|  | <p>9 BLENDED STEALTH (50) (CD) s 99
9652F54P 9 10-6 66.2kg
Lizzie Quinlan <i>Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)</i>
Temperamental sort underlined he's not a chaser at Catterick last time, though is now 4 lb lower than when successful under a positive ride over C&D in May.</p> |

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Knockerranna Rose, **4-1** Rock N Roll Champ, **9-2** Blended Stealth, **6-1** My My My Delilah, **10-1** Junkyard Dog, **12-1** Ellistrin Bay, **25-1** Gold Ring, **33-1** Upthereforthinking, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Fair bumper performer MY MY MY DELILAH is given another chance now eased in grade and she may provide a welcome winner for the yard. Rock N Roll Champ and Blended Stealth are both likely to be ridden positively back over hurdles and could set it up for the selection.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MY MY MY DELILAH 2. ROCK N ROLL CHAMP 3. BLENDED STEALTH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Dickens 7-11-8	4-1	Alan King	Philip Armson (3)	13
2024	Raffles Wonder 7-11-5	5-2jf	Rebecca Menzies	Aaron Anderson (5)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

PAXTON'S ARE CASE IH'S N01 DEALER HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £10,000 2½m15y (4040 Metres)



Going: **Heavy (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 BAPTISM OF FIRE (IRE) (24) (D) s **70**
P-PPPP 11 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Kevin Hunter** *Jonathon Bewley*
One-time fairly useful hurdler/winning chaser for Henry de Bromhead, but no recent form and increasingly looks one to avoid.

2 FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD (IRE) (28) (BF) s **97**
2343-23F2 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Christian Williams** *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
Hasn't hit the target for a while but she runs more good races than bad ones overall and thwarted only by one who had slipped a long way in the weights at Leicester on most recent outing. Big chance, especially with the assistance of a promising 3-lb conditional.

3 KING OF CONG (IRE) (74) b **84**
760P2430 8 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Sam England** *Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)*
Posted his best effort over fences when second here in November but form has been regressive since. Blinkers replace cheekpieces.

4 PARK RULES (IRE) (68) **85**
6500-0009 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Iain Jardine** *Danny McMenamin* 
Disappointing so far under Rules but hails from good family (out of half-sister to dam of Douvan and Jonbon), so any market support could be significant on debut for new connections.

5 QUICKASICAN (IRE) (23) s+t **75**
P-8P 9 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Jessica Bedi** *Theo Gillard*
Placed first 3 starts over hurdles in 2022/23 for Rebecca Menzies but very lightly raced and little impact since, including on chasing debut in this headgear latest.

6 DIDNTGOTWENTY (IRE) (25) (D) s  **100**
747-35521 7 10-12 | 68.9kg

 **Martin Todhunter** *Sean Quinlan*
Confirmed promise of previous run when winning 6-runner handicap chase (11/10) at Musselburgh 25 days ago, jumping fluently and drawing clear from 3 out. Can go well again despite a 9 lb hike in the weights.

7 RELIANCE KID (FR) (56) **84**
7-990 7 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Andrew Wilson** *Peter Kavanagh*
Well held in bumper for Gordon Elliott and has shown little in novice/handicap hurdles, though did finish runner-up on the second of 2 outings in points earlier in his career, so could fare better now going chasing after a breathing operation.

8 STOWAWAY JOHN (IRE) (92) (CD) t **85**
6471/470-U 12 10-10 | 68.0kg

 **Sandy Forster** *Craig Nichol*
C&D winner who failed to complete (unseated rider 5 out) on his return here in December.

9 RIGHTBACKATYOU (IRE) (30) **79**
4/65-687FP 8 10-10 | 68.0kg

 **Stuart Coltherd** *Derek Fox*
Poor maiden hurdler who made an unpromising start over fences at Ayr last month. Hard to fancy on the back of that.

10 LEWA HOUSE (30) (C, D) s **84**
6282-5606 10 10-8 | 67.1kg

 **Catch Bissett** *Bruce Lynn*
Best effort over fences when second of 6 in a handicap here in late 2024/25 but has struggled since. including back over hurdles.

11 CAVE HILL (21) (CD) s+t **86**
5-1653693 7 10-7 | 66.7kg

 **Ian Duncan** *Callum Bewley*
C&D winner who was let down by his jumping when third in 5-runner handicap chase (9/2) at Sedgefield (21.1f, soft) 3 weeks ago. Eased a further 2 lb in the weights.

12 KINGSTON ROCK (IRE) (30) s **79**
55836-PPP 8 10-3 | 64.9kg

 **Gary Rutherford** *Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)*
Pulled up all 3 starts this season, including over fences, and easily passed over.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Didntgotwenty, **9-4** Fortunefavorsdbold, **12-1** Cave Hill, **16-1** Stowaway John, **16-1** Park Rules, **18-1** King of Cong, **22-1** Lewa House, **25-1** Reliance Kid, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD hasn't won for a long time, but she was thwarted only by one who had slipped a long way in the weights at Leicester on her most recent outing and this could be her day. Didntgotwenty has been hiked up 9 lb for his Musselburgh success but has to be respected in another handicap lacking depth, while Park Rules is worth a look in the betting setting out for new connections.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD 2. DIDNTGOTWENTY 3. PARK RULES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Divas Doyen 8-10-11	9-1	Sandy Forster	Miss Heidi Palin (7)	11
2024	Largy Train 7-12-0	10-3	Henry Hogarth	Danny McMenamin	5
2023	Ex S'elance 9-10-5	11-2	Victor Thompson	Thomas Dowson	11
2022	Croagh Patrick 7-10-12	11-8f	Sam England	Jonathan England	13
2021	Cash Again 9-12-1	9-2	Ben Haslam	William Marshall (7)	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.02**BK RACING HEXHAM MARATHON HANDICAP CHASE (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £14,500 3m7f199y (6420 Metres)**

RACE 4

GBI RACINGGoing: **Heavy (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Uncontested****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 DE LEGISLATOR (IRE) (15) (C) 95

51-130P 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Jack Power (5lb/2kg)**

Point scorer who made a winning return at Ayr (3m) in November. Followed it with a good third in Borders National at Kelso but well below par both runs since at Windsor and Bangor. Could bounce back with yard going really well. Usual headgear left off.

2 BREEZE OF WIND (IRE) (15) (CD) t  94

44514-52P 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Stuart Coltherd **Sean Quinlan**

Excellent second in Borders National at Kelso in December but pulled up in similar event at Bangor 15 days ago. Took this prize in 2024 and no surprise to see a revival.

3 PRESIDENT SCOTTIE (IRE) (24) 97

333P-4866 8 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Nicky Richards **Danny McMenamin**

Has become disappointing, again well held in 3m handicap chase at Carlisle 24 days ago. Needs a big step forward despite his tumbling mark.

4 PLANNED PARADISE (IRE) (15)  100

23054361 10 11-6 | 72.6kg

 Christian Williams **Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)**

Capitalised on a reduced mark in 11-runner handicap chase at Bangor (29.6f, soft) 15 days ago, drawing clear from last. Back up 9 lb but still handily weighted and the one to beat in his current mood.

5 SHIGHNESS (21) s 92

4P2P-5663 9 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Micky Hammond **Callum Bewley**

Out of form over fences but showed better signs on a rare start back hurdling when third of 7 in handicap at Sedgefield (27f, soft) 21 days ago. Needs to back it up now reverted to fences.

6 ROB ROY MACGREGOR (IRE) (17) s 91

P3-487242 8 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)

 Sandy Thomson  **William Maggs (5lb/2kg)**

It's now 16 runs since his last win in 2023 but he comes here in good form, second of 6 in 3m handicap chase at Ayr 17 days ago. Should stay this markedly longer trip.

7 DON BROCCO (27) t 81

6P1P3-P8P 10 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)

 Gary Rutherford **Bruce Lynn**

Scored over 3m at Carlisle last February and posted a good third in this 12 months ago. Has struggled this season though, undergoing breathing surgery before pulled up in handicap chase at Kelso 27 days ago. Hard to fancy from out of the weights.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Planned Paradise, **5-1** President Scottie, **6-1** Breeze of Wind, **7-1** De Legislator, **7-1** Rob Roy Macgregor, **18-1** Shighness, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PLANNED PARADISE hasn't always been the easiest to catch right but he looked in fine fettle off a reduced mark when scoring emphatically at Bangor recently and can make light of a 9 lb rise. De Legislator could emerge as the main threat for a red-hot yard, with 2024 victor Breeze of Wind also in the picture if shrugging off a lesser effort behind the selection at Bangor.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. PLANNED PARADISE 2. DE LEGISLATOR 3. BREEZE OF WIND****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Betterforeveryone	8-11-12	9-2	Alan King	Sean Quinlan	10
2024	Breeze of Wind	7-11-5	5-6f	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	5
2023	Prince Dundee	10-11-12	13-2	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge (5)	7
2022	Dubai Devils	11-11-12	9-1	Paul Stafford	Peter Kavanagh (5)	10
2021	Gangster	11-11-7	20-1	Warren Greatrex	Danny McMenamin	7

3.42**DAVEY LITTLE 80th BIRTHDAY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+
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RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****1 MICKS JET (IRE) (326) (D)** s **89**

46212333- 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Philip Kirby

Joe Williamson

Bumper/hurdles winner who completed the set in heavy-ground Wetherby handicap chase in January 2025 and good efforts in defeat next 3 starts. Not seen over hurdles in 18 months and market may prove best guide on return.

2 KELVIN FORLONGE (FR) (58) (BF) **98**

354-5513 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore

Jack Power (5lb/2kg)

Promise in bumpers and maiden/novice hurdles prior to taking a sizeable step forward on handicap debut when scoring at Ayr (3m) in December. Better form in defeat when third over same C&D the following month but very much looks as if stamina is his strong suit and drops in trip now.

3 MILAN PARK (IRE) (27) t **99**

53-24443 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Chris Grant

Ross Chapman

Improved for the switch to handicapping when fourth at Wetherby on Boxing Day. Seemed stretched by step up to 3m at Doncaster next time but back on track dropped back in trip when third of 8 in handicap hurdle at Kelso (heavy, 14/1) 27 days ago. Respected.

4 ROCK HURLEY (FR) (24) t **91**

34241-800 8 11-9 | 73.9kg

Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**

Took advantage of a much-reduced mark when opening account for current connections at Bangor in April. Hasn't offered much in 3 starts since, though, so now has something to prove.

5 GARDENER (FR) (16) t  **100**

345-U0333 10 11-5 | 72.1kg



Mike Sowersby

Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Disappointing 2024/25 campaign for Olly Murphy but has shown he's back in better form for his new yard with a trio of third-placed efforts at Catterick in recent months, the latest coming 16 days ago. Interesting now racing from career-low mark.

6 MORNINGTON BEACH (IRE) (125) **93**

5P72P 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



George Bewley

Jonathon Bewley

Gave a fairly useful winner a scare in a 2m novice hurdle here in October. Shaped better than the result when pulled up over C&D on handicap debut when last seen following month, though she seemed wanting for stamina and might be better off going back over shorter trips.

7 REDEEMING LOVE (IRE) (23) t **93**

7-667 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

Cost £78,000 after finishing third in an Irish point but she's only shaped with minor promise under Rules so far, reportedly returning with a breathing issue at Market Rasen 3 weeks ago. Has tongue strap applied making handicap debut over longer trip and she is at least bred to be better than this.

8 BERWICK LAW (FR) (42) h **62**

5785 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Iain Jardine

Danny McMenamin

Out of a winning chaser and has very much looked one for the longer term in a bumper and maiden/novice hurdles. Makes handicap debut with longer trip likely to see her in a better light.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Gardener, **4-1** Kelvin Forlonge, **5-1** Milan Park, **6-1** Micks Jet, **12-1** Redeeming Love, **14-1** Rock Hurley, **16-1** Mornington Beach, **16-1** Berwick Law

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GARDENER has been holding his form well since switching to Mike Sowersby's yard and he can take advantage of the drop in grade here. Milan Park is still low mileage in handicaps and is also shortlisted after a sound effort at Kelso, while Kelvin Forlonge arrives on an upward curve and would be of interest if proving as effective over this shorter trip.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. GARDENER 2. MILAN PARK 3. KELVIN FORLONGE****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

mybettingsites.com / FIND & COMPARE IRISH BOOKIES'
HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-105) £10,000
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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 ALWAYS BUSY (IRE) (40) (D) 97

PP-144F35 8 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Christian Williams *Mr J. J. Murphy-Knight (7lb/3kg)*
 Thorough stayer twice successful in the first half of 2025, latterly taking a 4-runner Southwell handicap in May. Struggled for consistency since and he jumped badly out to his left at Musselburgh last time, but he drops markedly in grade here and should be better suited by this track.

2 EXPRESS SURPRISE (IRE) (53) (D) t 98

3143-3114 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Clive Boulton-Brooks *Richard Patrick*
 Winner of 3m soft-ground handicaps at Wetherby and Uttoxeter in December. Continued in good form when fourth of 16 at Windsor (29f, soft) 53 days ago and he holds leading claims faced with a less competitive scenario now.

3 COURT AT SLIP (IRE) (14) (D) b 96

54-523322 9 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Tim Easterby *Mr Thomas Easterby (7lb/3kg)*
 More than 2 years have passed since his last success but he's dropped to a mark he can compete from and arrives on the back of 5 consecutive placed efforts, running creditably when second of 8 in 3m handicap chase (5/1) at Wetherby 14 days ago. Respected again.

4 STREAMSFORTH LAD (IRE) (3) s+t ★ 100

63533UUF 8 11-3 | 71.2kg
 Gary Hanmer *Alan Doyle (3lb/1kg)*
 Placed twice in handicap hurdles in the autumn and though he's yet to complete in 4 starts over fences so far, he looked set to go close when falling 2 out at Stratford on Monday. Turned out quickly and he's interesting if none the worse for that tumble.

5 RACEVIEW ROAD (IRE) (37) 93

2P5PP-647 8 11-2 | 70.8kg
 George Bewley *Jonathon Bewley*
 Encouragement when fourth of 19 in a handicap hurdle at Ayr in January but failed to build on that when only mid-field back over fences at Carlisle last month. A while since he's threatened to win a chase and others are preferred.

6 SWALLOWS SONG (30) (BF) b+t 93

474-74464 8 10-13 | 69.4kg
 Iain Jardine *Danny McMenamin*
 Bumper winner on debut but has looked a weak finisher in 16 winless attempts over hurdles/fences, failing to justify market support after a breathing operation when fourth of 11 in handicap chase at Ayr 30 days ago. Finished tired there and others make more appeal.

7 BALLYDANGAN (IRE) (21) (CD) 95

3-31314P4 9 10-3 | 64.9kg
 Hugh Burns *Peter Kavanagh*
 Had a productive summer/autumn, winning twice over C&D, but seemingly gone off the boil of late and was well beaten at Sedgfield 3 weeks ago.

8 EVEQUE (FR) (46) (CD) 95

0/788-15P9 12 10-3 | 64.9kg
 Jane Walton *William Maggs (5lb/2kg)*
 Veteran capitalised on a reduced mark when springing a surprise over C&D in November but little to shout about in 3 starts since.

9 GIBBERWELL (IRE) (37) (CD) b 94

2P15-F5PP 10 10-3 | 64.9kg
 Jake Thomas Coulson *Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)*
 Hard to catch right but did at least win this race last year. Has ran poorly on 3 of his 4 starts this season and return to Hexham needs to work the oracle.

10 WEST LAWN (31) (C) 87

P-5645632 10 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)
 James Walton *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
 Both of her hurdles wins came here back in 2022 and though she's a long-standing maiden over fences, she came as close as she ever has done to shedding that tag when second of 4 at Catterick (25f, soft) last month. Out of the weights again.

11 EX S'ELANCE (FR) (14) (C) s 69

87/F68P-PP 12 10-2(9-4) | 64.4kg (59.0kg)
 Victor Thompson *Miss Pippa Brown (7lb/3kg)*
 Little recent form under Rules.



11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Express Surprise, **9-2** Always Busy, **9-2** Court At Slip, **6-1** Streamsforth Lad, **13-2** Swallows Song, **16-1** Raceview Road, **16-1** West Lawn, **33-1** Ballydangan, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

EXPRESS SURPRISE landed back-to-back wins in December prior to acquitting himself really well in a stronger race than this at Windsor. He's fancied to take advantage of the drop back into 0-105 company and notch a third win of the season. Court At Slip is holding his form well and looks a reliable each-way proposition, whilst Streamsforth Lad looked set to go close when falling late at Stratford earlier in the week.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EXPRESS SURPRISE 2. COURT AT SLIP 3. STREAMSFORTH LAD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Gibberwell 9-10-0	16-1	Jake Thomas Coulson	Philip Armson (3)	12
2024	Heritier de Sivola 7-11-5	10-3	Philip Kirby	Joe Williamson (5)	5
2023	Kildrum 10-10-4	10-1	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (3)	13
2022	Cudgel 9-10-10	4-1	James Walton	Jamie Hamilton	6
2021	Real Armani 9-10-2	4-1	Jane Walton	Ross Chapman	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

ANGELA YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND. CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £9,100 2m7f63y (4680 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Heavy (Soft in places)**

Left handed, undulating, with a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the finish. Races over hurdles are generally steadily run, but be wary of horses kicked for home a long way out, the testing finish regularly catching out those who look to be moving comfortably before meeting the uphill section. Fences are rightly regarded as easy, though casualty numbers are still higher than such as Sandown, Ascot and Warwick, probably on account of the standard of runner being low.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 SHOESHINE BOY (IRE) (30) (CD) t  **96**
9-832F113 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Donald Whillans **Charlie Maggs**
C&D winner who finished well held third when bidding to make it a hat-trick in 3m handicaps at Ayr last time, though he may prove more competitive having been given more time between races.

2 COLONIAL EMPIRE (41) v **99**
7/567-5P22 9 11-13 | 75.7kg



Tim Vaughan **Jay Tidball**
Promising start over staying distances, beaten by a well-backed one at Taunton before bumping into a 3-time course winner at Catterick in late-January. Similar performance should see him in the mix again.

3 ANOTHER HIGH FIVE (IRE) (27)  **100**
5-232 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Alan Doyle**
Runner-up in an Irish point and continues to go the right way over hurdles, much improved second on handicap debut at Kelso (22.7f) last month, despite a less-than-ideal position. Makes appeal to go one better for yard among the winners.

4 BETTER BE DEFINITE (9) (CD) **95**
1/210-441P 8 11-4 | 71.7kg



N. W. Alexander **Dominic Hislop (10lb/5kg)**
Looked better than ever when resuming winning ways at Ayr last month but ran no sort of race (despite having won on good ground) in less testing conditions at Newcastle last time. Reasonable to think this C&D winner can bounce back in calmer waters.

5 PURE SIRLOIN (IRE) (42) v **94**
46P3-P367 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Sandy Forster **Murray Dodd (3lb/1kg)**
Ran as well as could be expected from out of the handicap when 18¼ lengths seventh of 13 to Shoeshine Boy at Ayr last month but isn't one to be going overboard about.

6 DO YE WANNA (IRE) (24) **96**
00/P77-P3 8 10-3 | 64.9kg



George Bewley **Edward Austin**
Lightly raced for age and showed first worthwhile form when third at Carlisle (19.3f) on reappearance/handicap debut last month. That form has merit and he looks well worth another try over this trip.

7 COMMUNITY REBEL (IRE) (8) s **88**
58P6UP34 10 10-2 | 64.4kg



Micky Hammond **Joshua Thompson (3lb/1kg)**
Arrives out of sorts, faring little better for the return to hurdles when remote fourth of 8 in handicap at Catterick 8 days ago.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Another High Five, **4-1** Colonial Empire, **5-1** Shoeshine Boy, **11-2** Do Ye Wanna, **8-1** Better Be Definite, **25-1** Pure Sirloin, **25-1** Community Rebel

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Unexposed ANOTHER HIGH FIVE looks the one they all have to beat. Colonial Empire has been knocking on the door and is feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ANOTHER HIGH FIVE 2. COLONIAL EMPIRE 3. DO YE WANNA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Uokhun** 7-11-6 12-1 Tim Easterby William Maggs 15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race