

Wednesday 12th November

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12.30 CREST ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 25th ANNIVERSARY NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) IN THE AGE | (5) FIRM BUT FAIR | (4) SKUNA BAY**

1.00 PAUL FERGUSON JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m72y (4090 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) REALLYNTRUTHFULLY | (7) FINE CASTING | (10) MOONSHINE MAN**

1.30 YORTON MARES' NOVICES' CHASE (Listed) (1) 2m1f77y (3490 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) QUEENS GAMBLE | (4) JOYEUSE | (2) DIVA LUNA**

2.00 WEATHERBYS AND BIRDIE CALENDARS HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3m30y (4860 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) RICHMOND LAKE | (3) THE DOYEN CHIEF | (6) PULL AGAIN GREEN**

2.30 CREST ASBESTOS SOLUTIONS CELEBRATION EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 2m145y (3350 Metres)

RACE 5 **(7) PLAYFUL FOX | (4) NETWORK GOLD | (5) NETWORK RGB**

3.00 CHRISTOPHER SHINTON MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.I) 2m145y (3350 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) FILIBUSTERING | (2) SHABALKO D'HERM | (9) DIAMONDS GALORE**

3.30 CHRISTOPHER SHINTON MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.II) 2m145y (3350 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) FRESH AS A DAISY | (7) ORDEROFTHE DAY | (1) SPARTAN TIMES**

4.00 GREENHOUS DAF HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)

RACE 8 **(11) DISCO DAVIS | (4) HONKY TONK HIGHWAY | (5) LAWRENNY**

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.

12.30

RACE 1

**CREST ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 25th ANNIVERSARY
NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £9,000 2m7f32y (4660
Metres)**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **IN THE AGE (FR) (17)** (BF) **100**
13-5 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

£100,000 Irish point recruit who made a winning start for new connections in Southwell bumper last winter. Off 8 months, held up in a race not run to suit such tactics when fifth on 2½m Aintree hurdle debut 17 days ago. Up in trip. Sure to progress for leading yard.

2 **JACKS PARROT (FR) (201)** s+t **88**
411/72435- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Ben Smith (71b/3kg)

Only modest form in 2 hurdle outings in France at the start of his career but has shown fairly useful winning form over fences since coming to Britain. First outing for 6 months.

3 **PRAGNELL (IRE) (205)** (BF) **99**
424- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Charlie Longsdon

David Bass

Point winner who showed fair form when reaching the frame in 2½m maiden hurdles on his first 2 outings under Rules. Beaten before stamina was an issue when distant fourth in 3m Chepstow maiden hurdle in April. Off since.

4 **SKUNA BAY (IRE) (284)** **98**
342- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Placed in points and reached the frame in 3 maiden hurdles last season, posting best effort when 3 lengths second at Wetherby (2½m, soft) on final start. Likely to stay 3m.

5 **FIRM BUT FAIR (IRE)** **99**
4 10-12 | 68.9kg



Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

£60,000 purchase after finishing third in an Irish point in April. Could have a big say now hurdling for a new yard in flying form.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 In The Age, 3-1 Firm But Fair, 5-1 Skuna Bay, 11-2 Pragnell, 9-1 Jacks Parrot

TIMEFORM VIEW:

IN THE AGE is better than he could show on last month's Aintree hurdle debut and can come good at the second time of asking in this sphere, perhaps at the expense of Harry Derham point recruit Firm But Fair.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IN THE AGE 2. FIRM BUT FAIR 3. SKUNA BAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Beaufort Scale	5-11-7	2-1	Gordon Elliott	James Bowen	8
2022	Maximilian	6-11-6	5-2	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.00

RACE 2

PAUL FERGUSON JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP CHASE
(3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £15,000 2½m72y (4090 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even****1 REALLYNTRUTHFULLY (IRE) (40) (D)**  **100**

4/315219-1 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Tom Bellamy

Dual hurdles winner who made a successful start to his chase career in 19.5f Fontwell handicap on reappearance in October. Raised 7 lb but there's more to come from him over fences.

2 MARGARET'S LEGACY (FR) (298) (D) **95**

5412/11- 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Warren Greatrex

Harry Bannister

Reacted well to a hood and more positive tactics when winning handicap chases at Southwell (good to soft) and Haydock (soft) on joining Warren Greatrex last winter. Goes well fresh and no surprise were he to make a bold for the hat-trick on return.

3 NEW ORDER (IRE) (249) (D) **95**

2/5861711- 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Charlie Longsdon

David Bass

Won 3 of 4 starts after wind surgery last season. This prominent racer is likely to have a say if fully primed after 8 months off.

4 IL VA DE SOI (FR) (215) (D) **93**

7211/5284- 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

Fairly useful dual hurdle winner. Switches to fences for the first time on return with the Harry Derham stable in very good form.

5 DON'T TELL SU (IRE) (249) **94**

3212/2234- 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Henderson

Nico de Boinville

Pretty useful bumper/hurdle winner for Paul Nicholls. Left that yard after making an underwhelming start to his chase career when remote fourth at Sandown in March. Betting should guide now setting out for Nicky Henderson after 8 months off.

6 THEFORMISMIGHTY (14) (D) **90**

17253-P46 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Hurdles winner who opened chase account in good style at Southwell (20.5f, soft) last December. Mixed bag since, though, with his 3 efforts this season disappointing. Back on a good mark but need to see more before lending support.

7 FINE CASTING (IRE) (171) **94**

P2/60274-2 9 11-1 | 70.3kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Placed off higher marks on 4 of 5 chase starts in 2023/24 season. Campaigned without success over hurdles since but was a creditable second in Uttoxeter handicap when last seen in May. Reverts to fences back from 6 months off with his yard in very good form.

8 HEARD THAT (IRE) (201) (D) **93**

2/P1512R1- 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Ollly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Three wins in his first season over fences, including at Perth (3m) when last seen in April. Another who has to enter the reckoning.

9 KAHAVARI (FR) (202) **91**

18F22U2- 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne

Fair hurdle winner in France and similar form when runner-up in novices on both completed starts for new stable last season. Switches to fences on return for a yard which won this last year with the very smart Jagwar. Check the betting.

10 MOONSHINE MAN (IRE) (43) (BF) **94**

72593P-12 6 10-8 | 67.1kg



Henrietta C Knight

Brendan Powell

Off the mark in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Hereford in May. Bettered that form when second on 21f Sedgfield chase debut 5 months later. Open to further progress.

11 RULE ME IN (IRE) (32) **90**

12-8 6 10-4 | 65.3kg



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

Runner-up in a point before finishing first and second in maiden/novice hurdles in February. Shaped as if better for run when well held in 3m Chepstow handicap hurdle on reappearance. Retains potential now switching to fences over a shorter trip.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Reallynruthfully, **15-2** Margaret's Legacy, **15-2** New Order, **17-2** Don't Tell Su, **9-1** Fine Casting, **9-1** Moonshine Man, **11-1** Heard That, **12-1** Il Va De Soi, **20-1** Kahavari, **33-1** Theformismighty, **33-1** Rule Me In

TIMEFORM VIEW:

An interesting handicap chase in which it's difficult to rule out many. There was plenty to like about the way REALLYNTRUTHFULLY went about things on last month's Fontwell chase debut and he's selected to give the weight away and make it 2-2 over fences. Ben Pauling has his team in good form so Fine Casting has to be of interest off a good mark based on his exploits when last seen over fences in the 2023/24 season. Moonshine Man and Margaret's Legacy also make the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. REALLYNTRUTHFULLY 2. FINE CASTING 3. MOONSHINE MAN****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Jagwar 5-11-7	5-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	15
2022	Garincha 6-10-13	4-1	Neil Mulholland	Adam Wedge	9
2021	Yggdrasil 4-10-11	11-4f	Nick Williams	David Noonan	11
2020	Maypole Class 6-11-12	13-8f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.30**YORTON MARES' NOVICES' CHASE (Listed) (1) 4yo+ fillies and mares £40,000 2m1f77y (3490 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	ALL THE GLORY (17)	s	91
	116360-26 8 11-2 70.8kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Useful hurdler who didn't shape too badly in a match at Chepstow on chase debut/return but soon detached (jumped ponderously) in a more competitive event at Aintree 17 days ago. Cheekpieces back on.		<i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i>
2	DIVA LUNA (IRE) (222) (D)		96
	11/21237- 6 11-2 70.8kg Ben Pauling Won both starts in bumpers, notably a Grade 2 at Aintree. Generally progressive over hurdles last term, best effort when third in Dawn Run at Cheltenham Festival. Interesting chasing newcomer (runner-up in Irish point).		<i>Ben Jones</i>
3	FINEST VIEW (38) (CD)		95
	5-1112224 8 11-2 70.8kg Alan King Completed hat-trick over fences at Stratford this summer and better form when runner-up next 3 starts. Only fourth of 5 at Kelso last time but chase experience an advantage here.		<i>Tom Cannon</i>
4	JOYEUSE (FR) (204)	★	100
	1/32169- 6 11-2 70.8kg Nicky Henderson Ex-French bumper winner who developed into a useful hurdler last season, the highlight coming when winning the William Hurdle at Newbury. Type to do well over fences but seems best in a well-run race.		<i>Nico de Boenville</i>
5	QUEENS GAMBLE (IRE) (246)		97
	111/269- 7 11-2 70.8kg Harry Derham Listed bumper winner for Oliver Sherwood who was 3-3 in novice/maiden hurdles in 2023/24, latest in listed company at Taunton. Off 11 months after but useful form in defeat last season. Must be respected on chase bow for in-form yard.		<i>Jonathan Burke</i>
6	WYENOT (193)		92
	13/14133-6 6 11-2 70.8kg Henry Daly Likeable mare with a good strike rate over hurdles, recording her fifth success in Doncaster listed race in December. Ended the season on a low note but type to bounce back. Makes chase debut.		<i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Joyeuse, **4-1** Queens Gamble, **9-2** Diva Luna, **5-1** Finest View, **8-1** Wyenot, **12-1** All The Glory

TIMEFORM VIEW:

QUEENS GAMBLE and Joyeuse were the best of these over hurdles with the former shading the vote in what is likely to be a tactical affair. Diva Luna is another likely type who needs to be considered.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. QUEENS GAMBLE 2. JOYEUSE 3. DIVA LUNA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Shecouldbeanything	7-11-7	7-2	Gordon Elliott	Sean Bowen	6
2022	Galia des Liteaux	6-11-2	15-8	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8
2021	The Glancing Queen	7-11-0	5-4f	Alan King	Tom Cannon	8
2020	Zambella	5-11-0	13-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Daryl Jacob	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.00

WEATHERBYS AND BIRDIE CALENDARS HANDICAP CHASE (2)
4yo+ (Rated 0-150) £40,000 3m30y (4860 Metres)

RACE 4



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Celebre d'Allen	12-11-12	15-2	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Callum Pritchard (7)	10
2022	Le Milos	7-11-9	3-1f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	12
2021	Snow Leopardess	9-11-0	5-1jf	Charlie Longsdon	Aidan Coleman	14
2020	Notachance	6-10-9	6-1	Alan King	Tom Cannon	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 LE MILOS (17) (CD, BF) **97**
 431674-15 **10** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
 Bounced back to form to win 5-runner veterans event at Fakenham (24.2f, good) in May. Probably needed the run at Aintree on return last month but needs things to go his way these days. Usual headgear left off.

2 RICHMOND LAKE (IRE) (221) (C) **100**
 F0/4232P8- **9** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Donald McCain *Brian Hughes*
 Plenty of good efforts in defeat last season before finding the Ultima too competitive. Shaped as if amiss at Aintree final start but has had a breathing operation since and starts the new campaign off a tempting mark.

3 THE DOYEN CHIEF (IRE) (230) (D) **97**
 1U1/33211- **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Alan King *Tom Bellamy*
 Off the mark at fourth time of asking over fences at Kempton in March and defied a 5-lb rise with a bit more authority than the result suggests at Warwick later that month. Not handicapped out of things yet and must be respected on return for in-form yard.

4 DEEP CAVE (IRE) (221) **90**
 51055461- **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Christian Williams *Jack Tudor*
 Did well over hurdles for this yard last season, ending the campaign with a big win at Aintree in April. Was a lightly-raced winning chaser in France but had jumping issues. Likely to need this return with stable going through a quiet spell.

5 DOCTOR KEN (FR) (202) **98**
 24- **9** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
 Took well to fences in 2022/23, winning 2 of his 3 starts. After 21 months off, shaped promisingly when second at Kempton a year ago but went backwards at Perth 5 months later. Seems best away from testing ground.

6 PULL AGAIN GREEN (IRE) (32) (CD) **96**
 284-01125 **9** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Fergal O'Brien *Liam Harrison*
 Capitalised on a reduced mark when scoring at Worcester in June and followed up at Market Rasen following month. Good second over C&D next time before excuses at Chepstow last month. Not taken lightly.

7 SOME SCOPE (193) (D) **97**
 4/P41PP5-3 **7** 10-10 | 68.0kg



Richard Hobson *Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)*
 Won 3m Rowland Meyrick at Wetherby on Boxing Day but went downhill for the rest of the season. However, big step back in the right direction fitted with cheekpieces when third at Uttoxeter when last seen in May. Back on a winning mark now but headgear left off for this return.

8 HOLD THAT TAUGHT (292) (CD) **89**
 11P/64- **10** 10-9 | 67.6kg



Venetia Williams *Charlie Deutsch*
 Low-mileage 10-y-o who failed to fire in 2 runs last winter after 11 months off. Given a chance by the handicapper but returns with something to prove.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 The Doyen Chief, **9-2** Le Milos, **7-1** Richmond Lake, **15-2** Some Scope, **8-1** Doctor Ken, **10-1** Pull Again Green, **12-1** Deep Cave, **16-1** Hold That Taught

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RICHMOND LAKE starts the new season potentially well handicapped so could be the answer having had a breathing operation since his last run at Aintree (folded tamely after looking a major threat early in the straight). The Doyen Chief is still on the up given how he ended last season so must be respected for his in-form yard, with the race-fit Pull Again Green completing the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RICHMOND LAKE 2. THE DOYEN CHIEF 3. PULL AGAIN GREEN

2.30

RACE 5

**CREST ASBESTOS SOLUTIONS CELEBRATION EBF JUNIOR
'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 3yo £9,000 2m145y (3350
Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Insufficient Data****1 DIAMOND JIM (IRE) 93**

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne

32,000 gns 3-y-o, Teofilo gelding. Half-brother to 1¼m-2m Flat winner Senor Cortez. Dam 1¼m-1¾m winner. Considered newcomer.

2 HERE'S RODNEY s 91

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jennie Candlish

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Rajasinghe gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners on Flat, including 9f winner in Spain Darraas. Dam lightly raced on Flat. Wears cheekpieces and can't be discounted on his hurdling debut.

3 MILOU DU CHENET (FR) 93

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Warren Greatrex

James Bowen

Choeur Du Nord gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful French hurdler Lorenzo du Chenet. Dam French hurdler (2¼m-2½m winner). The market can guide.

4 NETWORK GOLD 96

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Olly Murphy

Gavin Sheehan

Dartmouth gelding. Brother to fair hurdler Pertemps Diamond. Trainer's newcomers always command respect so he's very much one to consider.

5 NETWORK RGB 97

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Telescope gelding. Dam useful 23f/25f hurdle winner. Noteworthy debutant for leading yard so he's a likely player.

6 ON SUBS (FR) 92

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

Beaume De Houelle gelding. Brother to French hurdler Atypique d'Oroux. The betting can prove an accurate indicator.

7 PLAYFUL FOX (FR) ★ 100

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Hunter's Light gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including useful hurdler/smart chaser Unexpected Party and Manorie. Dam smart 1m-1½m winner. Interesting newcomer for top yard.

8 ROI DES DIAMANTS (FR) s 91

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Deborah Cole

Charlie Deutsch

Honolulu gelding. Dam, French hurdler/chaser (19f winner), half-sister to French 17f-19f hurdle winner Thenac. Wears cheekpieces.

9 SIXTY'S ROCK (IRE) 96

3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alan King

Tom Bellamy

Shirocco gelding. Brother to useful hurdler/smart chaser Cheddleton, and half-brother to 2 winners, including fairly useful hurdler Sixty's Belle. One for shortlist on his debut given connections.

10 TAILS OF GOLD (22) 93

5 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Christian Williams

Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)

Nathaniel gelding who hinted at promise when fifth of 7 in bumper (5/1) at Exeter (13.2f, good) on NH debut 22 days ago, unsuited by emphasis on speed. Goes up in trip for his hurdles bow and not ruled out.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Playful Fox, **11-2** Network Rgb, **6-1** Network Gold, **13-2** Sixty's Rock, **10-1** Milou Du Chenet, **12-1** Tails of Gold, **12-1** Diamond Jim, **16-1** On Subs, **22-1** Roi Des Diamants, **22-1** Here's Rodney

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The market should prove highly informative with very little form to go on but the vote goes to PLAYFUL FOX, who hails from a family full of winners and represents the in-form Dan Skelton yard. The Olly Murphy-trained duo Network Gold (second choice) and Network RGB also appeal on paper and could emerge as the main dangers. Alan King's Shirocco newcomer Sixty's Rock completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. PLAYFUL FOX 2. NETWORK GOLD 3. NETWORK RGB****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Do It Again 3-11-0	10-11f N. George & A. Zetterholm	M. J. M. O'Sullivan	7
2022	Javert Allen 3-11-0	2-1 Mrs Jane Williams	David Noonan	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

3.00**CHRISTOPHER SHINTON MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4)
(D.I) 4yo+ £9,000 2m145y (3350 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **FILIBUSTERING (223)** (D) **100**
16- **4** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Harry Derham

★ **100****Paul O'Brien**

Fair 14f Flat winner who was most impressive when scoring on his hurdles debut at Kelso in March, jumping really well. Well held in sixth in the Anniversary at Aintree following month but remains a bright prospect.

2 **SHABALKO D'HERM (FR) (26)** **99**
2-1 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

£140,000 purchase after easily winning an Irish point and he made a successful start in this sphere (on the back of wind surgery) in 8-runner novice at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft, evens) 26 days ago, forging clear from 2 out. A player with more to come.

3 **BOMBAY PETE (13)** **70**
500 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

Is being brought along steadily, tenth of 14 in novice hurdle at Stratford (16.3f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Can do better in due course.

4 **BROOKSIDE LA (IRE) (18)** **88**
45-5 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Fair form in bumpers. Had a breathing op before catching the eye under a patient ride when fifth of 14 in novice at Kelso (16.2f, good to soft, 16/1) on his hurdles bow 18 days ago. Should have a fair bit more to offer. Very much one to consider.

5 **COUNT OF VENDOME (IRE) (275)** (D) **93**
131- **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Donald McCain

Brian Hughes

A fairly useful bumper winner who went 2-3 in 5-runner event at Catterick (15.7f, good to soft) in February. Much respected now starting out over hurdles.

6 **MISTER URSUS (IRE)** **91**
4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

A fair 12f scorer on the Flat in France when last seen in March. Hood enlisted for this hurdles debut and he needs considering for his in-form stable.

7 **SAINT POLO (FR) (16)** **60**
67 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jennie Candlish

I. J. Power

Unplaced both starts in points but given a considerate introduction to hurdling in 2m novices at Sedgefield and over C&D this autumn. Sort to do better once qualified for handicaps.

8 **SWEEPER SYSTEM (IRE)** **75**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Sam Allwood

Tom Bellamy

€26,000 3-y-o, Doyen gelding. Brother to fair hurdler Mister Marbles, and half-brother to fairly useful 2½m hurdle winner Bally Rone. Placed on last of 4 starts in Irish points this spring. Likely to be one for the longer-term.

9 **DIAMONDS GALORE (21)** **93**
623P-2 **5** 10-7 | 66.7kg



Nicky Henderson

Nico de Boinville

Took a step forward on the back of a wind op when second of 8 in novice hurdle at Worcester (16f, good to soft, 6/1) 21 days ago. Holds solid form claims.

10 **URBAN RHYTHM (21)** **60**
78P **5** 10-7 | 66.7kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne

Cityscape mare who has shown little in a trio of runs over hurdles, pulled up at Worcester 21 days ago. Hard to warm to.

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Filibustering, **11-4** Shabalko D'herm, **6-1** Diamonds Galore, **6-1** Count of Vendome, **8-1** Mister Ursus, **18-1** Brookside La, **80-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FILIBUSTERING created a fine impression when going in on his hurdling bow at Kelso and is well worth another chance to confirm that promise having found Aintree's Anniversary Hurdle too tall an order later last spring. Shabalko D'Herme looked a good prospect when scoring at Uttoxeter and should ensure Harry Derham's Flat winner doesn't have things all his own way. Both Diamonds Galore and Brookside La have better days ahead of them too and also need factoring into this most intriguing maiden.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FILIBUSTERING 2. SHABALKO D'HERM 3. DIAMONDS GALORE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**CHRISTOPHER SHINTON MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4)
(D.II) 4yo+ £9,000 2m145y (3350 Metres)**

RACE 7



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

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 SPARTAN TIMES (158) 85

51 4 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Jennie Candlish *William Shanahan (5lb/2kg)*
 Opened account over hurdles at the second attempt in good style at Worcester in June and has remained in top form on Flat since, May have more to offer in this sphere so warrants respect.

2 ALBIE LITTLEWOOD (IRE) (17) 82

8/86 6 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
 Offered more than on hurdles debut when sixth of 10 in novice at Fontwell (17.7f, good, 66/1) 17 days ago. Likely capable of better yet but will be seen in a better light when sent handicapping.

3 BOHEMOND ANTIOCH (212) 83

2443- 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Donald McCain *Theo Gillard*
 Just modest form in bumpers and no immediate improvement on switch to hurdling at Hexham in April. Had wind operation since and is likely best watched on return.

4 FRESH AS A DAISY (171) 100

52-1 6 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Nicky Henderson *James Bowen*
 Posted fair form in bumpers and opened account at first time of asking in this discipline when taking 6-runner novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (19.9f, good to soft) in May. Likely more to come yet and looks the one to beat.

5 KOALYS DUBREAU (FR) 84

5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Christian Williams *Jack Tudor*
 €65,000 3-y-o, Brave Mansonnien gelding. Dam unraced. Placed both starts in Irish points and is worth monitoring in market on NH debut.

6 NEW INVENTION (IRE) (16) 82

4-0 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Robert Dunne*
 Ran with promise on hurdles bow in February but failed to repeat that form on return here 16 days ago and is likely to need more time. Tongue strap on first time/had wind operation.

7 ORDEROFTHE DAY (IRE) (284) 94

22- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
 £125,000 half-brother to 4 winners. Successful in points and acquitted himself well in both bumper outings last term, finishing runner-up at Market Rasen and Wetherby. Switches to hurdling now and must be of interest.

8 THESOLDIERSMINIT (IRE) (28) 75

7 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Sam Allwood *Tom Bellamy*
 Went with little promise in Worcester bumper on NH debut 28 days ago and looks up against it on first crack at hurdling here. Hood on first time.

9 PEARL SMOKE (131) 79

7-63 4 10-7 | 66.7kg
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Toby Wynne*
 No real impact in bumpers and left behind on hurdles bow here in July. Looks one for the longer term.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Fresh As A Daisy, **5-2** Orderoftheday, **17-2** Spartan Times, **12-1** Koalys Dubreau, **18-1** Bohemond Antioch, **20-1** Albie Littlewood, **28-1** New Invention, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FRESH AS A DAISY should have learnt plenty from her winning hurdles debut at Uttoxeter and can score again. Orderoftheday was a fair performer in bumpers and looks the obvious danger on his first start in this sphere, whilst Spartan Times is fit from a good flat campaign and is also respected.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FRESH AS A DAISY 2. ORDEROFTHE DAY 3. SPARTAN TIMES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 ^I	Junker d'Allier 5-11-7	4-6f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	11
2024 ^{II}	Gentleman Bill 6-11-0	13-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	10
2022	Kellahen 5-11-0	12-1	Tom Symonds	Ben Poste	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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GREENHOUS DAF HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 3yo+ (Rated 0-145) £25,000 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)

RACE 8



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

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Strong**

1 DELLA CASA LUNGA (IRE) (202) t **98**

11/P52157- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Clive Boulton-Brooks **Richard Patrick**
 Proved better than ever when scoring readily (on back of a wind op) in a Kempton handicap (24.5f) in December. Underperformed in Grade 2 company at Doncaster and ran poorly away from her own sex at Perth 13 weeks later. Needs to get back on track after 6 months off.

2 LAC DE CONSTANCE (FR) (390) **97**

53/F- 9 11-9 | 73.9kg
 Dan Skelton **Liam Harrison**
 Useful over hurdles and was in the process of making an encouraging return from 11 months off when falling at the last at Uttoxeter (19.9f, good to soft) in October (still upsides runner-up at the time). Seemingly third string on jockey bookings but can't be taken lightly.

3 GO DANTE (249) (C) t **99**

15/59P071- 9 11-9 | 73.9kg
 Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
 Course winner who landed 17-runner Imperial Cup (Handicap) at Sandown (2m) for a second year running in March, sustaining run well to lead close home. Warrants respect reappearing from a 4 lb higher mark.

4 HONKY TONK HIGHWAY (IRE) (299) ★ **100**

10/212- 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Dan Skelton **Tristan Durrell (31b/1kg)**
 Listed bumper winner who didn't need to improve on her opening effort over hurdles when making all in 2m listed event at Sandown in December. Much improved when narrowly denied in a valuable novice at Windsor on final outing and likely to progress further now handicapping.

5 LAWRENNY (232) **97**

421/51221- 6 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Jennie Candlish **Luke Scott (31b/1kg)**
 Progressive winner in bumpers and did well over hurdles last season, taking 2m novice at Wetherby before good seconds at Newcastle and Sandown. Resumed winning ways on handicap debut at Hexham (16.2f) on final outing and respected reappearing from a 7 lb higher mark.

6 KEPLER'S LAW (249) **93**

3318- 6 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Christian Williams **Jack Tudor**
 Irish point winner who built on his previous promise over hurdles when opening his account in emphatic fashion in 20.5f Leicester novice (heavy) in January. Keener than ideal when well held in 16-runner EBF at Sandown on final outing and has since left L J Morgan. Remains unexposed.

7 WEST TO THE BRIDGE (IRE) (32) (C, D) **92**

451-44P50 12 11-3 | 71.2kg
 Dan Skelton **Miss Heidi Palin (71b/3kg)**
 Veteran who scored for the first time in almost 2 years at Wetherby (19.7f) in February. Unsited by the marked step back in trip minus his usual cheekpieces after 3 months off at Newton Abbot (16.8f) in September but well held in the Silver Trophy at Chepstow last time.

8 LUD'OR (FR) (257) (D) **95**

52/23212- 5 11-1 | 70.3kg
 Tom Symonds **Caoilin Quinn**
 French recruit who overcame mistakes to land the odds in a 14-runner Wetherby maiden (19.7f, soft) in February. No disgrace in being outclassed by a useful rival at Newbury on final outing and of interest now going handicapping.

9 PARTY VIBES (IRE) (209) **98**

68/31P314- 7 10-12 | 68.9kg
 Henry Daly **Sam Twiston-Davies** 🇬🇧
 Dual winner over hurdles who was liberated by the return to a mares event when doubling her tally over fences in 6-runner handicap at Leicester (20.1f) in March. Failed to meet expectations at Cheltenham on final outing but could well get back on track now returning to hurdling after 6 months off.

10 MALICASH (IRE) (214) (D) **93**

28/254112- 6 10-10 | 68.0kg
 Donald McCain **Brian Hughes**
 Fairly useful in bumpers for Ewan Whillans and belatedly built on a promising hurdling debut to get off the mark in 8-runner novice at Carlisle (19.3f) in February. Followed up at Kelso (20.9f) but found a double penalty beyond him at this course on final outing. Into handicaps now and needs more.

11 DISCO DAVIS (FR) (26) **99**

5FF5126-4 6 10-7 | 66.7kg
 Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
 Seemed to relish a return to front-running when getting off the mark in 2m Lingfield maiden (soft) in January. Outstayed by a strong galloper at Warwick next time prior to a creditable sixth in the EBF Final at Sandown. Shaped encouragingly on Uttoxeter reappearance and one to be interested in.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Honky Tonk Highway, **11-2** Disco Davis, **13-2** Go Dante, **8-1** Lawrenny, **10-1** Lud'or, **12-1** Party Vibes, **12-1** Lac De Constance, **14-1** Malicash, **14-1** Kepler's Law, **22-1** Della Casa Lunga, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Dan Skelton saddles a trio of interesting runners in DISCO DAVIS, Honky Tonk Highway and Go Dante, with the first named receiving the vote following an encouraging reappearance at Uttoxeter last month. The form of Lawrenny's Hexham win in March has worked out well and he's another to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DISCO DAVIS 2. HONKY TONK HIGHWAY 3. LAWRENNY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **Aston Martini** 5-10-10 5-1 Nicky Henderson Nico de Boinville 11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race