

Thursday 13th November

# MARKET RASEN



**12.10** TRACTOR DRIVERS GO FREE TODAY! MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m125y (3330 Metres)

RACE 1 **(4) JAPETUS | (3) IS THIS FOR REAL | (6) LOCK STOCK**

**12.40** BOOK BOXING DAY AT THE RACES 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m139y (4150 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES | (3) MOON OVER AMERICA | (5) WHITE RIOT**

**1.13** MELTON MOWBRAY MARKET NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f191y (4800 Metres)

RACE 3 **(6) ROE AND CO | (3) PIKE ROAD | (1) ISLE OF SARK**

**1.48** LINCOLNSHIRE RURAL SUPPORT NETWORK HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m5f89y (4310 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) PESCATORIUS | (1) I AM ROCCO | (5) CARO DES FLOS**

**2.23** NFU MUTUAL HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m139y (4150 Metres)

RACE 5 **(5) HEART OVER HEAD | (1) NAZARE | (2) BITSNBUCKLES**

**2.58** EQUISIGN TACK AND FEEDS HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f16y (4640 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) QUEEN OF STEEL | (1) SANDSCAPE | (8) EAST EAGLE**

**3.30** MEET, CONNECT, NETWORK ON AGRICULTURE RACEDAY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2¼m140y (3750 Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) JUST HER TYPE | (4) WHITE NOISE | (6) SPOT ON SOPH**

## 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.

**12.10**

**TRACTOR DRIVERS GO FREE TODAY! MAIDEN HURDLE (4)**  
**4yo+ £7,000 2m125y (3330 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places on Chase course)**

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

Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 A LAW TO HIMSELF (IRE) (14) 79**  
 0 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

Tom Ellis *Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)*  
 Third both starts in points but no short-term promise on 2m Stratford hurdle debut 14 days ago.

**2 BORN LIKE ME (FR) (7) 70**  
 5 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith *Jack Power (5lb/2kg)*  
 Well held in 2 AW Flat outings and a Sedgefield maiden hurdle.

**3 IS THIS FOR REAL (IRE) (236) (D) t 98**  
 51- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Fergal O'Brien *Jonathan Burke*  
 £80,000 point winner who struck at the second time of asking in bumpers at Kelso (soft) in March, quickening up well to lead close home. Should have a bright future over jumps.

**4 JAPETUS (213) (D) ★ 100**  
 211- 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

Nicky Richards *Danny McMenamin*  
 Dual bumper winner (good/good to soft) in the spring who rates a useful hurdle prospect for Nicky Richards.

**5 KINGS CHAMPION (FR) (210) 89**  
 3- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*  
 €175,000 purchase who showed promise amidst inexperience when third of 10 in Ffos Las bumper for Paul Nicholls in April. It'll be interesting to see how strong the betting vibes are now hurdling for Olly Murphy.

**6 LOCK STOCK (29) 96**  
 220-2 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Ben Pauling *Ben Jones*  
 Runner-up on 2 of 3 bumper starts and filled the same position on 2m Worcester hurdle debut/reappearance 4 weeks ago. The third from Worcester has won since and this Jack Hobbs gelding should have more to offer for in-form Ben Pauling.

**7 URBLEREAGH (FR) (283) t 75**  
 6- 8 11-4 | 71.7kg

Tom Gretton *Theo Gillard*  
 Sixth in a pair of maiden hurdles nearly 2 years apart. Off for a further 9 months ahead of reappearance. A likely type for low-grade handicaps after this

**8 LADY VELOUETTE (30) 79**  
 544 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

Olly Williams *Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)*   
 Modest form in a Hexham bumper and 2 course hurdles in recent months.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Japetus, **5-2** Is This For Real, **3-1** Lock Stock, **8-1** Kings Champion, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

An interesting opener. JAPETUS and Is This For Real both displayed significant promise in bumpers, with the former narrowly preferred. Lock Stock was an encouraging second on his recent hurdle debut and should also play a prominent role for in-form Ben Pauling.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. JAPETUS 2. IS THIS FOR REAL 3. LOCK STOCK**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Typhoon Flyer</b> 6-11-4	15-8f	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole	Sam Twiston-Davies	12
2023	<b>Norman Fletcher</b> 4-11-4	5-6f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	14
2022	<b>Chasing Fire</b> 5-11-4	2-7f	Olly Murphy	Aidan Coleman	11
2021	<b>Peejaybee</b> 5-11-4	7-2	Richard Spencer	James Bowen	13
2020	<b>Qualismart</b> 4-10-12	5-2f	Harry Whittington	David Bass	13

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.40**

**BOOK BOXING DAY AT THE RACES 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,000 2½m139y (4150 Metres)**

RACE 2



Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places on Chase course)**

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

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>CASTANEA BREEZE (IRE) (207)</b>	<b>81</b>
	63354- 5 11-4   71.7kg Lucy Wadham <i>Tom Cannon</i> Showed promise when placed in bumpers but he failed to build on that in a pair of maiden hurdles over C&D in the spring, jumping sketchily. Needs to take a big step forward on his return.	
<b>2</b>	<b>KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES (FR) (39)</b>	 <b>100</b>
	21-5 5 11-4   71.7kg Olly Murphy <i>Sean Bowen</i> A fairly useful bumper winner who made a promising start in this sphere when fifth of 9 in novice at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) 39 days ago, finishing well. Sure to do better, especially over this longer trip. Big shout.	
<b>3</b>	<b>MOON OVER AMERICA (IRE) (210)</b>	<b>95</b>
	2- 5 11-4   71.7kg Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies  <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i> Winning Irish pointer who shaped well when second of 9 in bumper at Ffos Las (15.8f, good to soft, 11/2) 7 months ago. Goes over hurdles now and he's not without interest.	
<b>4</b>	<b>WALK THE PLANK (IRE) (272)</b>	<b>75</b>
	064- 5 11-4   71.7kg Clare Hobson <i>Ben Poste</i> Beaten a long way sole start in Ireland for previous connections and only modest form in a pair of 2m4f maiden hurdles at Fakenham last winter. More is required after 9 months off.	
<b>5</b>	<b>WHITE RIOT (FR) (27)</b>	t <b>90</b>
	6/21-3 5 11-4   71.7kg Fergal O'Brien <i>Kielan Woods</i> Looked a good prospect when making all in bumper at Wetherby in March. 6/4, one-paced third of 8 in novice at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) on his hurdles bow 27 days ago. Tongue tied now and he remains with potential.	
<b>6</b>	<b>WINGS ON WHEELS (IRE)</b>	t <b>84</b>
	6 11-4   71.7kg Ian Williams <i>Charlie Todd</i> £30,000 5-y-o, Pour Moi gelding. Dam unraced. Runner-up on in an Irish point in January 2024 but the market can guide on his hurdling debut after a long absence.	
<b>7</b>	<b>DONTELLYAMUMJACK (17)</b>	<b>75</b>
	39-70 4 11-3   71.2kg Fergal O'Brien <i>Jonathan Burke</i> Shaped well when third in a Hereford bumper on his debut in February but looked in need of the experience when well held in a pair of 2m maiden hurdles at Uttoxeter and Bangor in October. Could be one for handicaps down the line.	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**6-4** Kefir D'oudairies, **9-4** Moon Over America, **4-1** White Riot, **12-1** Wings On Wheels, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Olly Murphy's KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES caught the eye when a running-on fifth at Uttoxeter on his hurdling bow and this fairly useful bumper scorer looks the way to go now his stamina is unlocked more. Hurdling newcomer Moon Over America rates a big threat though on the back of a promising Ffos Las bumper runner-up, while White Riot appeals as the pick of the rest for minor honours.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES 2. MOON OVER AMERICA 3. WHITE RIOT**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.13

**MELTON MOWBRAY MARKET NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4)  
4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £10,000 2m7f191y (4800 Metres)**

RACE 3



Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places on Chase course)**

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

Pace Information: **Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>ISLE OF SARK (USA) (12)</b>	v+t	<b>93</b>
	3-1436124 7 12-0   76.2kg Mickey Bowen <i>Sean Bowen</i> Reacted well to a visor when winning Sedgefield handicap hurdle in October on second outing for Mickey Bowen. Second over hurdles at Ffos Las next time and shaped as if still in good form when fourth of 12 back chasing at Ayr 12 days ago.		
<b>2</b>	<b>GOLD EMERY (FR) (292)</b>		<b>94</b>
	52P23/72- 9 11-13   75.7kg Donald McCain <i>Theo Gillard</i> Point/hurdles winner who has shown fair form over fences without winning. Off since his creditable second at Uttoxeter (3/4m, soft) in January.		
<b>3</b>	<b>PIKE ROAD (21)</b>	s	<b>96</b>
	F33-12F5U 6 11-11   74.8kg Martin Keighley <i>Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)</i> Fair hurdler, including Hexham maiden win in April. Only fifth in Southwell handicap on chase debut but may well have won but for unseating 3 out (still in front at time) at Ludlow since.		
<b>4</b>	<b>PADDY O'MAHLER (IRE) (229)</b> (D, BF)		<b>95</b>
	P6675145- 7 11-2   70.8kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith <i>Danny McMenamin</i>  Posted an improved effort when landing a 3m handicap hurdle at Wetherby in January. By no means disgraced in 2 subsequent starts. Has undergone wind surgery ahead of this chase debut/reappearance.		
<b>5</b>	<b>KLAPTON BOY (FR) (208)</b>		<b>95</b>
	236- 5 11-0   69.9kg Nick Kent <i>Charlie Hammond</i> Placed in pair of 2 1/2m Wetherby novice hurdles last winter. Could only manage sixth if 14 on Huntingdon handicap hurdle debut when last seen in April but a point background provides hope that he can make more of an impact now chasing.		
<b>6</b>	<b>ROE AND CO (IRE) (8)</b> (D)	s+t	 <b>100</b>
	P8-431 7 10-12   68.9kg Jamie Snowden  <i>Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)</i> Struck at the second time of asking over fences in 3m Chepstow conditional jockeys' handicap 8 days ago. Escapes a penalty and will be hard to beat if in the same form.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-11** Roe And Co, **11-2** Gold Emery, **6-1** Pike Road, **6-1** Isle of Sark, **18-1** Klapton Boy, **22-1** Paddy O'mahler

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The Jamie Snowden stable continues in excellent form and ROE AND CO should take plenty of stopping unpenalised for last week's Chepstow success. Pike Road may have won for departing 3 out at Ludlow last month and is taken to follow the selection home.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ROE AND CO 2. PIKE ROAD 3. ISLE OF SARK**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Montregard</b> 5-11-3	11-10f Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	3
2023	<b>Picks Lad</b> 7-11-4	6-4f Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	9
2022	<b>Harry du Berlais</b> 5-10-6	10-3 Nick Kent	Charlie Hammond	6
2021	<b>Hunny Moon</b> 7-11-4	3-1 Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	5
2020	<b>Cool Destination</b> 7-11-7	7-4f Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

**LINCOLNSHIRE RURAL SUPPORT NETWORK HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,500 2m5f89y (4310 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places on Chase course)**

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

Pace Information: **Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>I AM ROCCO (30)</b> 0975-3322 8 12-0   76.2kg	t	<b>98</b>
	Tom Ellis Remains a maiden after 21 runs but (tongue tied) in good form for his current yard, second of 8 in handicap chase here (19.2f, good) 30 days ago. Well in the mix again off an unchanged mark.	<b>Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY ADDAMS (204)</b> 40/267309- 6 11-10   74.4kg	t	<b>99</b>
	Ben Case Fairly useful in bumpers but failed to go on from a promising start to her hurdle career last season, well beaten in 2m4f handicaps in the spring. Needs to bounce back now sent chasing on her return.	<b>Jack Quinlan</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>PESCATORIUS (IRE) (36)</b> 2U5-45321 6 11-2   70.8kg	b+t	 <b>100</b>
	Olly Murphy On the up for his current yard and he jumped better than usual when bagging 4-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield (26.3f, good to firm) 36 days ago. Hiked up 7 lb but runner-up has gone in since so he's a big player.	<b>Sean Bowen</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>VALENCE D'AUMONT (FR) (13)</b> 5336153-0 11 10-13   69.4kg		<b>97</b>
	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Capitalised on a reduced mark with a game display at Catterick (19.2f) in January but not in the same form since, only 11th in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (20f, soft) 13 days ago. Others appeal more.	<b>Danny McMenamin</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>CARO DES FLOS (FR) (343) (CD)</b> 16/855531- 13 10-9   67.6kg		<b>96</b>
	Julian Smith Veteran who took this prize in 2023 but has been off the track since landing 2m3f handicap chase here 11 months ago. Still must enter calculations though.	<b>Harry Bannister</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>MR MAHLER (IRE) (17)</b> 0/00342-44 7 10-9   67.6kg		<b>99</b>
	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Still to get his head in front but he comes here in decent nick, fourth of 9 in handicap chase at Bangor (17.4f, good to soft) 17 days ago. Needs considering now back up in trip.	<b>Jack Power (5lb/2kg)</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>ULTRA VIERS (IRE) (182)</b> 2/6P5444-4 9 10-6   66.2kg	s+t	<b>98</b>
	Phillippa Taylor Remains a maiden after 20 runs but he posted a solid fourth of 8 in handicap chase at Fontwell (19.5f, good) when last seen out in May. Much respected on his return.	<b>Tom Bellamy</b>	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Pescatorius, **10-3** I Am Rocco, **11-2** Mr Mahler, **6-1** Ultra Viers, **7-1** Caro Des Flos, **18-1** Valence D'aumont, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

PESCATORIUS is thriving under the expert tutelage of Olly Murphy and is fancied to defy a 7 lb weights rise for his Sedgefield success (form been franked) at the chief expense of in-form I Am Rocco, who could have to settle for runner-up spot once more. Former winner Caro des Flos goes well round here and could also have a say despite an 11-month absence.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PESCATORIUS 2. I AM ROCCO 3. CARO DES FLOS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Eyed</b> 7-12-0	6-5f	Hughie Morrison	David Bass	10
2023	<b>Caro des Flos</b> 11-10-8	4-1f	Julian Smith	Harry Bannister	10
2022	<b>Radetzky March</b> 7-12-0	17-2	L J Morgan	Lewis Dobb (7)	8
2021	<b>Fresh New Dawn</b> 9-11-12	7-2	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory (3)	9
2020	<b>De Barley Basket</b> 7-11-4	16-5	Ben Pauling	David Bass	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.23**

**NFU MUTUAL HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105)  
£9,000 2½m139y (4150 Metres)**

RACE 5



Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places on Chase course)**

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

Pace Information: **Uncontested**

**1 NAZARE (FR) (21) 97**  
2123-4 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



James Owen

*Sam Twiston-Davies*

Fairly useful bumper winner and left his hurdling debut form well behind when fourth in an 8-runner maiden on return at Fontwell (19.1f) last month. Looks sure to improve for that experience and he's one to be interested sent handicapping by excellent stable.

**2 BITSNBUCKLES (IRE) (377) 100**  
986177/42- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Olly Murphy

*Sean Bowen*

Off the mark on handicap debut at Huntingdon (19.6f, soft) in January 2024 but hasn't stood much racing since. Well backed when fourth on reappearance on this track last season and as good as ever when second at Wetherby (21.2f) last November. Leading contender if ready to roll on return.

**3 TIMES A WASTIN (IRE) (27) 91**  
P73-34557 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Fergal O'Brien

*J. Hogan*

Maiden had fair bumper form in Ireland but hasn't matched that form in 3 runs over hurdles, including 2 starts over 2m for current connections. Interesting to see if the market expects better (yard also saddle Heart Over Head) stepping back up in trip on handicap bow.

**4 BANNISTER (FR) (13) (C) 96**  
2-4586628 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Nick Kent

*Charlie Hammond*

Went as close as he has this season when runner-up at this track (18.6f) in September and ran creditably but seemed stretched by longer trip at Wetherby (21.3f) last time. Racing from below last winning mark at a course he likes but wouldn't want too much rain over this extended 2½m.

**5 HEART OVER HEAD (IRE) (14) 93**  
2/P-747 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Fergal O'Brien

*Jonathan Burke*

Chased home a now useful sort when runner-up in a bumper at this course on debut. Easy to back over inadequate trips in novice/maiden hurdles but likely to be capable of better now upped in distance on first start in a handicap.

**6 WARNER'S CROSS (IRE) (453) (CD) 96**  
F/3412- 8 11-1 | 70.3kg



Clare Hobson

*Gavin Sheehan*

Built on earlier promise to belatedly get off the mark over C&D (good to firm) in June last year and continued in good heart when second on chase debut here last August. Has gone well fresh but likely to encounter much softer ground back over hurdles.

**7 WALK IN THE VALLEY (IRE) (273) 99**  
7P5398- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

*Danny McMenamin*

Stoutly bred sort wasn't disgraced in Points and was supported when well held third over an inadequate trip on handicap debut at Catterick (15.7f). Made more impact than previously at Newcastle (16.9f) last time and he makes appeal stepping back up in distance for capable yard.

**8 MATOURY (13) (CD) 98**  
6P/313843 6 10-6 | 66.2kg



Mike Sowersby

*Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)*

Off the mark over C&D in June. Largely remained in good form since, finishing behind a pair of in-form rivals at Wetherby (21.2f, good) last time. Softer ground would be an unknown.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1 Nazare, 9-2 Bitsnbuckles, 11-2 Heart Over Head, 6-1 Walk In The Valley, 8-1 Bannister, 12-1 Matoury, 14-1 Warner's Cross, 20-1 Times A Wastin**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A case can be made for plenty of these but it may pay to take a chance on HEART OVER HEAD who chased home a now useful sort on bumper debut and looks to have been campaigned with handicaps over this sort of trip in mind. He's narrowly preferred to fellow handicap debutant Nazare, while Bitsnbuckles could have said if ready to roll on return. Walk In The Valley is by no means a back number stepping back up in trip for a capable yard.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HEART OVER HEAD 2. NAZARE 3. BITSNBUCKLES**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Bread And Butter</b> 9-11-2	5-2	Olly Murphy	Lewis Saunders (7)	6
2023	<b>Charles St</b> 4-11-13	15-2	Fergal O'Brien	Tom Broughton (7)	10
2022	<b>Happy And Fine</b> 5-11-13	11-2	Alex Hales	Kielan Woods	10
2021	<b>Mister Sweets</b> 6-11-0	11-4	Neil Mulholland	Sean Bowen	6
2020 <sup>l</sup>	<b>Just So Cool</b> 9-11-9	10-3f	Tom Symonds	Brian Hughes	12
2020 <sup>h</sup>	<b>Envol de La Cour</b> 6-11-6	10-1	Michael Scudamore	Richard Patrick (3)	12

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.58**

**EQUISIGN TACK AND FEEDS HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000 2m7f16y (4640 Metres)**

RACE 6



Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places on Chase course)**

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

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Happy Index</b> 6-11-3	11-8f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	9
2023	<b>General Hubble</b> 5-10-9	15-8f	Kim Bailey	Ciaran Gethings	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1 SANDSCAPE (30) 98**  
4/752P8-42 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Henry Daly *Sam Twiston-Davies*  
Well supported and suited by the step up in trip when runner-up behind a subsequent winner in a C&D handicap last month, his best effort in handicaps to date. That form looks solid and he should give another good account.

**2 FINE BY HER (350) (D) 94**  
1PR/17P- 9 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Julian Smith *Ciaran Gethings*  
Enhanced fine hurdles record at Fakenham when winning following a break last year but disappointed when pulled up at Taunton in November. Steps back up in trip but has a bit to find if she's to make a winning return.

**3 SEAHOUSES (30) (C) 95**  
58/PP124-3 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Barry Brennan *Isabelle Ryder (71b/3kg)*  
Caused a surprise when scoring under an enterprising front-running ride here (20.6f) in February and has remained in good heart, picking up where he left off when third over C&D (good) on reappearance, proving he stays this trip. Not discounted in a race with little pace on paper.

**4 YOU DID (IRE) (41) 98**  
85561 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Brian Ellison *Danny McMenamin*  
Found improvement to get off the mark in an 11-runner novice handicap at Hexham (20.1f, soft) when well suited by the greater stamina test. Still low mileage and there could be more to come upped further in distance.

**5 QUEEN OF STEEL (230) 99**  
4/3767611- 5 11-3 | 71.2kg

 Fergal O'Brien *J. Hogan*  
Back to best with cheekpieces fitted over hurdles last season, winning at Ffos Las (2½m)/Wetherby (3m). Extended her winning sequence with 3 wins on the Flat and proved as good as ever when second on the level at Pontefract last time. May complete a hat-trick over hurdles with headgear back on.

**6 BELLADINOTTE (IRE) (13) (D) 97**  
7-2107722 6 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Sara Ender *Harry Bannister*  
Won a 23f Hexham handicap in June on only her second start for this yard and despite blowing hot and cold since, arrives following back-to-back seconds at Wetherby. Can be competitive off the same mark but softening ground would raise a question mark.

**7 ANNIES GOLD (203) 95**  
8/70653- 6 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Nick Kent *Tom Broughton (51b/2kg)*  
Best effort to date when a well held third in a 9-runner novice on qualifying run at Bangor (19.6f, soft) in April. That remains just poor form and he'll need to improve for the step up in trip on handicap debut.

**8 EAST EAGLE (IRE) (13) 100**  
PSP1-6P96 5 10-9 | 67.6kg

 Mike Sowersby *Aaron Anderson (51b/2kg)*  
Caused something of a surprise following a breathing operation when relishing step up to 3m at Southwell in April. In the doldrums subsequently but back to form over a trip shorter than his optimum when midfield at Wetherby last time. Merits respect back over a more suitable distance.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Queen of Steel, **7-2** You Did, **4-1** Sandscape, **8-1** Seahouses, **9-1** Belladinnotte, **10-1** East Eagle, **25-1** Annie's Gold, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

QUEEN OF STEEL landed back-to-back handicap hurdles last season and has been in fine heart on the Flat over the summer. She's fancied to complete a hat-trick over jumps with cheekpieces back on, Sandscape was only beaten by one at the top of her game when second over C&D last time and rates the main danger. Of the rest, East Eagle merits respect returning to a more suitable distance while there could be more to come from Hexham winner You Did over this longer trip.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. QUEEN OF STEEL 2. SANDSCAPE 3. EAST EAGLE**

**3.30**

RACE 7

**MEET, CONNECT, NETWORK ON AGRICULTURE RACEDAY  
MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares  
(Rated 0-115) £9,000 2¼m140y (3750 Metres)**



Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places on Chase course)**

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

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>LA MARQUISE (FR) (36)</b>	s	<b>95</b>
	1713/18-5 5 11-12   75.3kg		
	Jamie Snowden	<b>Gavin Sheehan</b>	
	Dual bumper winner who looked a good prospect when overcoming inexperience to make a successful hurdling debut at Ludlow (2m) last October. That makes her 2 subsequent efforts a little disappointing but still early days and the stable couldn't be in much better form. Cheekpieces are added.		
<b>2</b>	<b>LOOKING AS YOU ARE (259) (BF)</b>		<b>98</b>
	3113/6414- 6 11-12   75.3kg		
	Alex Hales	<b>Kielan Woods</b>	
	Third hurdle success when shading a tight finish in 21f Ludlow handicap in February. Respectable fourth back there later that month. Peak fitness has to be taken on trust after 8 months off.		
<b>3</b>	<b>LADY BABS (208) (C)</b>	s	<b>95</b>
	83511131- 11 11-7   73.0kg		
	Andrew Crook	<b>Conor Rabbitt (51b/2kg)</b>	
	This veteran was better than ever last season, winning 4 of her last 5 starts (including a 2m success here). Returns off a career-high mark but she has gone well fresh before.		
<b>4</b>	<b>WHITE NOISE (IRE) (22)</b>		<b>95</b>
	3-1 5 11-6   72.6kg		
	Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls	<b>Tom Bellamy</b>	
	Runner-up in an Irish point in February. Only a modest third on her Ffos Las hurdle debut in April but left that form behind to strike at Worcester (2m, good to soft) 6 months later. Totally unexposed and this slightly longer trip should suit now handicapping.		
<b>5</b>	<b>JUST HER TYPE (IRE) (16)</b>	t	<b>100</b>
	2P52-61 5 11-5   72.1kg		
	Max Comley	<b>Tom Broughton (51b/2kg)</b>	
	Much improved at the second time of asking in handicaps when scoring over 2½m at Ffos Las (good to soft) 16 days ago. Had enough in hand to think she can cope with a 6 lb rise.		
<b>6</b>	<b>SPOT ON SOPH (IRE) (17) (CD)</b>	t	<b>99</b>
	9-3224132 9 11-2   70.8kg		
	Sam England	<b>Tom Midgley (31b/1kg)</b>	
	Largely reliable sort who landed 2½m Sedgefield handicap in September. Below-par third there next time but quickly back on form when 4 lengths second of 8 at Bangor (19.5f, good to soft) 17 days ago.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Just Her Type, **11-4** White Noise, **5-1** Spot On Soph, **6-1** Lady Babs, **17-2** Looking As You Are, **22-1** La Marquise

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

JUST HER TYPE was a convincing winner at Ffos Las 16 days ago and can make light of a 6 lb rise. Fellow unexposed sort White Noise is second choice ahead of Sam England's Spot On Soph.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. JUST HER TYPE 2. WHITE NOISE 3. SPOT ON SOPH**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race