GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Saturday 14th November

CHELTENHAM

12.35	CITIPOST AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m1f (5030 Metres)
RACE 1	(4) LITTLE LEDGEND | (1) HERAKLES WESTWOOD | (2) TRANSMISSION
1.10	JCB TRIUMPH TRIAL JUVENILE HURDLE (Prestbury) (Grade 2) (1) 2m87y (3300 Metres)
RACE 2	(3) CHARLES DARNAY | (2) ATOMIC CITY | (1) ADMIRAL WILL BROWN
1.45	PADDY POWER ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY TRIAL NOVICES' CHASE (November) (Grade 2) (1) 1m7f199y (3200 Metres)
RACE 3	(3) OLD PARK STAR | (1) KABRAL DU MATHAN | (6) WORKAHEAD
2.20	PADDY POWER GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (William Holman) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 2½m44y (4060 Metres)
RACE 4	(5) BLUEKING D'OROUX | (2) MADARA | (3) MEETMEBYTHESEA
2.55	FROM THE HORSES MOUTH PODCAST HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m7f208y (4820 Metres)
RACE 5	(8) IFIWEREARICHMAN | (1) ACE OF SPADES | (3) RAMBO T
3.30	PADDY POWER INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m5f (4220 Metres)
RACE 6	(2) MONEYGARROW | (1) DAYLATEDOLLARSHORT | (10) SUNNY SOUTH WEST
4.00	KARNDEAN DESIGNFLOORING MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Dorothy Paget) (Listed) (1) 2m87y (3300 Metres)
RACE 7	(3) ELEGANTEMENTE | (15) SOLERETTA | (7) MISS MASTER

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.

12.35 RACE 1

CITIPOST AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £25,000 3m1f (5030 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 HERAKLES WESTWOOD (FR) (210) (CD) **100**
37/52410P- **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Warren Greatrex — ***Miss Gina Andrews***
Successful over 25f at Cheltenham on New Year's Day before finding the spring festivals a shade too competitive. Runner-up in this race 12 months ago and leading amateur rider booked. Has to be of interest.

2 TRANSMISSION (IRE) (14) (CD) s **99**
088137-50 **9** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Neil Mulholland — ***Mr J. W. Hendrick*** (3lb/1kg)
Back to form with a bang during the spring, winning Edinburgh National and solid efforts in Sussex National/Bet365 Gold Cup. Always on the back foot following an early mistake returned to chasing at Ascot 2 weeks ago and better expected in a change of headgear. Won this from 2 lb lower in 2024.

3 SOUND AND FURY (IRE) (252) (D) s **97**
517/16815- **9** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Ben Pauling — ***Mr Freddie Robson*** (7lb/3kg)
Lightly raced for his age and enhanced good strike rate over fences in 7-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (25f) in February, staying on well. Could manage only fifth at Sandown a month later and mark looks about right (sixth in last year's renewal).

4 LITTLE LEDGEND (IRE) (22) (BF) b+t **98**
223-22113 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Olly Murphy — ***Mr James King***
Has quickly made up into a better chaser than hurdler, winning a pair of Worcester handicaps in August/September. Lost his unbeaten record but shaped well when third over C&D under this rider 3 weeks ago and in a change of headgear, he remains of interest.

5 KARNAVAL POINT (FR) (21) b+t **99**
31635623 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
David Pipe — ***Mr Lucas Murphy*** (5lb/2kg)
Quick off the mark for new yard when winning at Worcester and at Uttoxeter earlier this season. Kept busy since and got back on track after a couple of subdued efforts when placed the last twice, latterly over C&D 3 weeks ago fitted with a tongue tie for the first time.

6 OUR SOLDIER (IRE) (13) (D) **96**
392/11-732 **7** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Denis Hogan, Ireland — ***Mr D. Doyle***
Won 3m handicap hurdles at Wexford and Bellewstown in 2025. Has made a promising start over fences for Denis Hogan, not always fluent but still finished runner-up in the Cork National (3½m) 2 weeks ago, Unexposed as a stayer.

7 DINOLAND (FR) (14) (BF) v+t **97**
2/PPP-1152 **8** 10-13 | 69.4kg
W. R. Crawford, Ireland — ***Mr O. McGill***
Much improved for his current yard when landing handicap chases at Downpatrick (3m) and Tramore (2¾m) in May. Failed to complete the hat-trick switched to hurdling after a break but confirmed he's still in top form over the larger obstacles when second at Down Royal 2 weeks ago.

8 BRUCEJACK (IRE) (14) **95**
6P851-783 **9** 10-11 | 68.5kg
P. A. Fahy, Ireland — ***Mr D. J. O'Sullivan*** (7lb/3kg)
Thorough stayer who finally got off the mark in 10-runner handicap chase at Down Royal (3¼m, good to soft) in May. Brushed aside over hurdles on return from a break but much more like it when third at Down Royal 2 weeks ago, 5 lengths behind Dinoland.

9 TOP GUY (IRE) (18) (D) **73**
120216-35 **6** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Dan Skelton — ***Miss Heidi Palin***
Irish point winner who scored twice in staying handicap hurdles last season and was going the right way in the spring. Should make his mark over fences at some point but both starts last month fairly low key. Could hardly be in better hands though as he goes back up in distance.

10 JACCOURS (FR) (31) **98**
423/41P6-2 **7** 10-5 | 65.8kg
Robbie Llewellyn — ***Mr B. M. Coonan*** (5lb/2kg)
Has never stood much racing but having left Olly Murphy for £16,000 in May, he showed much more than previous 2 attempts over fences when second of 7 at Ffos Las a month ago (3½m). This is a deeper race, though.

11 AWAYTHELAD (IRE) (38) **96**
P214/P7P-5 **9** 10-5 | 65.8kg
Ben Pauling — ***Mr Samuel Scott*** (7lb/3kg)
Won 3m Southwell handicap chase in March 2025. Didn't fire in 3 runs last season and again folded alarmingly on last month's reappearance.

12 LADIES WELL (IRE) (14) t **98**
2U121414 **6** 10-3 | 64.9kg
A. Slattery, Ireland — ***Mr A. P. Ryan***
Has taken well to chasing this season, winning 23f handicaps at Killarney in July and August before finding another jolt of improvement for latest success at Roscommon. Shaped as though still in form when fourth at Down Royal 2 weeks ago, though was behind 2 re-opposing rivals.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Herakles Westwood, **6-1** Little Ledgend, **7-1** Transmission, **8-1** Karnaval Point, **10-1** Dinoland, **11-1** Our Soldier, **14-1** Jaccours, **14-1** Brucejack, **16-1** Ladies Well, **16-1** Sound And Fury, **20-1** Top Guy, **28-1** Awaythelad

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Despite losing his unbeaten record over fences, LITTLE LEDGEND emerged with plenty of credit when third in a similar amateur riders' handicap over C&D 3 weeks ago. In a change of headgear he's marginally preferred to Herakles Westwood and Transmission, both of whom have previous in this race.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LITTLE LEDGEND 2. HERAKLES WESTWOOD 3. TRANSMISSION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Hung Jury** 10-11-4	22-1	Martin Keighley	Mr James King	16
2024	**Transmission** 7-11-9	11-4f	Neil Mulholland	Mr P. W. Mullins	11
2023	**Hascoeur Clermont** 6-10-6	12-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Mr N. McParlan	16
2022	**Anightinlambourn** 8-11-1	5-1	Ben Pauling	Jack Andrews	10
2021	**Strictlyadancer** 7-10-1	9-4f	Christian Williams	Ben Bromley (5)	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.10 RACE 2 — JCB TRIUMPH TRIAL JUVENILE HURDLE (Prestbury) (Grade 2) (1) 3yo £80,000 2m87y (3300 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **ADMIRAL WILL BROWN (14)** (D) t **98**
1 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Patrick Magee, Ireland — *Josh Williamson*
Flat winner for this yard and made a winning start over hurdles in good style fitted with a tongue strap at Down Royal (a race won by subsequent Grade 1 winners Wodhooh and Mange Tout in recent years) 2 weeks ago, leading on bridle between 3 and 2 out. Needs considering.

2 **ATOMIC CITY (IRE) (34)** **99**
1 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland — *J. J. Slevin*
Flat maiden winner on heavy ground in the spring and looked potentially useful when making a successful hurdling debut with a fair amount in hand in Cork maiden 5 weeks ago. On the shortlist.

3 **CHARLES DARNAY (15)** (D) ★ **100**
1 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
James Owen — *Harry Cobden*
Progressive winner on the Flat and overcame inexperience (took time to warm to his task) to make a successful start in this sphere in listed event at Wetherby 2 weeks ago. That is just about the best form on offer and he rates an exciting prospect.

4 **CONFUSED (IRE) (15)** s **94**
64 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Faye Bramley — *Richie McLernon*
Maiden winner on the Flat in Ireland for Jessica Harrington. Progressed as expected from his gentle introduction to hurdling when 5¾ lengths fourth to Charles Darnay in listed event at Wetherby but has work to do to turn around the form with that one. Headgear on (well held when tried on Flat).

5 **DON DANDY (IRE) (20)** (D, BF) s **96**
421-2 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Olly Murphy — *Sean Bowen*
Progressive form in the spring for Mme M. Pineda, winning at Compiegne on third start. Changed hands for €150,000 after and only just failed to make a winning start for this yard at Market Rasen 3 weeks ago, an error 2 out and his awkwardness under pressure costing him. Headgear now applied.

6 **ELECTRICAL**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Brian Toomey — *D. J. O'Keeffe*
Flat winner who's out of a half-sister to very smart hurdler/smart chase winner (2m-19f winner) Grey Shot, but this looks a very tall order on hurdles bow.

7 **MAGNETUDE (31)** (D) **94**
1 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
James Owen — *Jonathan Burke*
Useful stayer on the Flat but will need to jump with a lot more confidence in order to reach similar heights over hurdles given the manner of his hurdles debut win at Wetherby last month, rallying to lead close home after some iffy jumps. Yard also saddles Charles Darnay.

8 **MIX MATCH (FR) (143)** (D) t **97**
1 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Jamie Snowden — *Gavin Sheehan*
Magic Dream gelding. Dam, winner on Flat in Norway, half-sister to smart hurdler/useful chaser Colonel Mustard. Showed ability sole run on Flat before winning newcomer hurdle event at Clairefontaine in June, staying on well to lead late on. Sold from Mathieu Pitart for €155,000 soon after.

9 **TINY RIOT (IRE) (125)** (D) **84**
122 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Max Young — *Tristan Durrell*
Modest form on the Flat before making a winning hurdling debut at Hexham in June. Hasn't progressed since, though, and looks out of his depth starting out for a new yard (sold from Dan Skelton for £5,500).

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Charles Darnay, **7-2** Atomic City, **13-2** Admiral Will Brown, **8-1** Magnetude, **11-1** Mix Match, **11-1** Don Dandy, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

James Owen has won 2 of the last 3 renewals and has a good chance of adding to that tally with CHARLES DARNAY, who looks another very useful juvenile for connections after his listed win at Wetherby. Irish challengers Atomic City and Admiral Will Brown were both impressive when making winning debuts in this sphere so rate as serious threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CHARLES DARNAY 2. ATOMIC CITY 3. ADMIRAL WILL BROWN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**One Horse Town** 3-11-0	10-3	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	8
2024	**East India Dock** 3-11-0	4-5f	James Owen	Sam Twiston-Davies	10
2023	**Burdett Road** 3-11-0	9-4	James Owen	Harry Cobden	11
2022	**Scriptwriter** 3-11-0	4-1	Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	8
2021	**Knight Salute** 3-10-12	9-2	Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.45 RACE 3

PADDY POWER ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY TRIAL NOVICES' CHASE (November) (Grade 2) (1) 4yo+ £80,000
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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **KABRAL DU MATHAN (FR) (30)** (C, D) t ★ **100**
1222/114-1 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Smart 6-y-o who looked right at home at the top level before his stamina gave way in the Stayers Hurdle in March. Jumped impeccably when easily making a winning start over fences at Perth on return. More success to come this season and could well make this a stern opening test for Old Park Star.

2 **NEWTOWN RAMBLER (IRE) (21)** (D) s+t **91**
81P-111P1 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Adrian Keatley — ***Oakley Brown***
Enthusiastic front runner. Highly progressive when landing a chase hat-trick at Uttoxeter (2m) in June. Forgivable effort in the Summer Hurdle prior to capitalising on a soft lead in a 4-runner event at Kelso last time. Tall order to extend his winning sequence over fences in this company.

3 **OLD PARK STAR (IRE) (249)** (C, D)
323/1111- **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Nicky Henderson — ***Nico de Boinville***
Highly impressive over hurdles last season. Touch of Altior about the performance when making it 4-4 in the Supreme Novice, leaving the impression we've yet to see the best of him. Most exciting chasing prospect, for all his yard has a comparatively poor record in this race (2 wins in 48 years).

4 **PASSING DIAMOND (IRE) (22)** (D) **90**
3-1131112 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Ben Haslam — ***Richie McLernon***
Progressive front runner. Jumped impeccably when completing a hat-trick in another small field at Hexham last month. Progressed again when losing his unbeaten chase record to a once-smart hurdler over C&D latest. Tough ask up in class, especially with competition for the lead this time.

5 **PUTAPOUNDINTHEJAR (IRE) (45)** (D) **92**
60-531121 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
A. J. Martin, Ireland — ***Daniel King***
Useful sort. Strong-travelling display when completing a double in Galway Hurdle this summer. Off the mark over fences at second time of asking in workmanlike style at Sligo in September (had a spin of Flat since). Stronger pace should suit here, though has plenty to find on bare form.

6 **WORKAHEAD (IRE) (159)** (D, BF) **95**
310/429-12 **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Henry de Bromhead, Ireland — ***D. J. O'Keeffe***
Flying too high in the Champion Hurdle last season. Supported the notion he'll be better over fences when scoring easily on chasing debut. Jumping again looked an asset when turned over at Roscommon (soft) in June. Back on more suitable ground and likely best of the rest behind the market leaders.

7 **FOLIE GOLITH (FR) (29)** (D) **92**
9642262-1 **4** 10-3 | 64.9kg
Faye Bramley — ***Sean Bowen***
Fairly useful filly. Steadily improved over fences in France. Created a positive impression when decisively winning a 3-runner event on stable debut/return, the runner-up franking the form earlier this week. Stiff task against Kabral Du Mathan/Old Park Star, even in receipt of 15 lbs.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-11 Old Park Star, **11-8** Kabral Du Mathan, **25-1** Workahead, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

An exciting early-season clash. The mightily impressive OLD PARK STAR looks the one to beat if reproducing the pick of his hurdling form, with the potential for even better to come over fences. Kabral Du Mathan's only defeat since joining Dan Skelton came when a blatant non-stayer in the Stayers' Hurdle. He's a most worthy adversary with last month's impressive chasing debut success under his belt.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OLD PARK STAR 2. KABRAL DU MATHAN 3. WORKAHEAD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**July Flower** 6-10-11	6-5f	Henry de Bromhead	D. J. O'Keeffe	6
2024	**L'Eau du Sud** 6-11-4	10-11f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8
2023	**Homme Public** 6-11-4	13-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	4
2022	**Banbridge** 6-11-4	11-8f	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	J. J. Slevin	6
2021	**Third Time Lucki** 6-11-5	2-5f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.20 RACE 4

PADDY POWER GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (William Holman) (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 4yo+ £160,000 2½m44y (4060 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 MATATA (IRE) (210) (CD) **96**
733155PF- **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — ***J. J. Slevin***
Bounced back to best under a more patient ride when winning a premier handicap over C&D on New Year's Day. Has failed by a long way to back that up in 4 subsequent starts, tailed off when falling 3 out at Ayr (2m, heavy) back in April. Solid record fresh and handicapper given him a squeak, however.

2 MADARA (FR) (13) (CD) s **97**
842/5213-3 **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Dan Skelton — ***Tristan Durrell***
Smart chaser who won the Plate over C&D at the Festival prior to a typically strong-travelling display when third in the Topham in April. Shaped with plenty of encouragement on his recent comeback outing over hurdles at Carlisle and he makes plenty of appeal with cheekpieces back on.

3 MEETMEBYTHESEA (IRE) (247) (CD) **96**
1113/1161- **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Ben Pauling — ***Harry Cobden***
Continued his improvement switched to fences when scoring at Wetherby and Ayr either side of last Christmas before taking his record in this sphere to 3-4 when powering clear to win the 18-runner Golden Miller (21f) at the Festival. That form worked out well and type to progress further this season.

4 JOHNNYWHO (IRE) (217) (C, D) t **94**
325/53514- **9** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — ***Jonjo O'Neill Jr.***
Several good efforts in top handicap chases, returning from a breathing operation to land the Ultima at the Festival (25f, good to soft) in March. Emerged with credit when fourth in the Grand National last time but returns from a 7-month break over a trip short of his optimum.

5 BLUEKING D'OROUX (FR) (219) (C, D) s **100**
341/21522- **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Smart hurdler who took a step forward over fences when just denied in handicap at Kempton in March and signed off last season with a good second in the Manifesto Novices' Chase at Aintree (2½m). Run style should suit this test and he holds strong claims on first start for Dan Skelton.

6 RISKINTHEGROUND (IRE) (14) (CD) t **96**
901-21363 **9** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Atkins*** (5lb/2kg)
Smart handicap chaser who rather picked up the pieces when staying on into third in the Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby (3m, good) 14 days ago. Work to be done from this mark, though.

7 JULY FLOWER (FR) (200) (C, D) **97**
15/51135-4 **7** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Henry de Bromhead, Ireland — ***D. J. O'Keeffe***
Made a winning chase bow at Limerick before producing a smart effort to follow up in 2m Grade 2 at this meeting 12 months ago. Shaped quite well until her stamina gave way when fourth of 9 in Champion Novices' Chase at Punchestown (25f) in April and her opening looks workable with O'Keeffe aboard.

8 QUEBECOIS (FR) (28) (BF) t **97**
1/24223P-2 **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***
Took well to chasing last year despite failing to get his head in front, finishing a very good third of 22 in the Ultima at Cheltenham (25f, good to soft). Failed to capitalise on what looked a good opportunity at Newton Abbot 4 weeks ago (hit 1.03 in running) but yard has fine record in this race.

9 O'MOORE PARK (IRE) (21) (CD) **96**
05067-931 **9** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Martin Keighley — ***Freddie Keighley*** (5lb/2kg)
Posted plenty of solid efforts for Willie Mullins last season, including when sixth in the Plate over C&D in March. Finally shed his maiden tag over fences second time out for this yard when winning a 9-runner handicap chase over C&D (good) 3 weeks ago but more needed to take this after 4 lb rise.

10 GUARD YOUR DREAMS (31) (C, D, BF) t **95**
74F/21B4-P **10** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — ***Toby McCain-Mitchell*** (3lb/1kg)
Enhanced his excellent record fresh when winning at Warwick (2½m, soft) in February. Brought down early at the Cheltenham Festival next time before respectable fourth of 17 in the Veterans' Final at Haydock, though proved disappointing on this season's comeback run at Ffos Las last month.

11 ZURICH (FR) (27) (CD) t **95**
30/11352-5 **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Henry de Bromhead, Ireland — ***Sean Bowen***
Bagged a pair of handicap chases at Killarney and over C&D last October. Turned in some good efforts in defeat after, including fifth of 23 in the Plate at the Festival and he should be sharper for his recent comeback run at Limerick, though mark looks about right and O'Keeffe prefers July Flower.

12 NORN IRON (IRE) (197) (D) t **98**
421/2311-2 **8** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Harry Derham — ***Paul O'Brien***
Progressive chaser who won a pair of small-field Sandown handicaps (soft) last season. Only denied a hat-trick by a smart one in a big-field listed handicap at the Punchestown Festival and he can continue on his upward curve returning from a 6-month break.

13 RELEASE THE BEAST (IRE) (198) t **96**
3166/224-U **7** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Paul Nolan, Ireland — ***Sean Flanagan***
Hard to knock his form in handicaps last season, finishing fourth in the Grand Annual at the Festival. Rare jumping lapse saw him unseat early at Punchestown last time but others look better treated after 6 months off.

14 TORNEO (FR) (31) **95**
2242461-1 **6** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Jamie Snowden — ***Gavin Sheehan***
Held his form well last season and gained reward when winning 3-runner event at Chepstow on final start, albeit in a race that fell apart in front of him. Proved he's still on the up when winning 8-runner handicap chase at Ffos Las (19f, soft) 31 days ago but this is tougher again after 5 lb rise.

15 DUNKERQUE (DEN) (53) (D, BF) s **95**
1-1112123 **6** 10-5 | 65.8kg
Jennie Candlish — ***Sean Quinlan***
Has thrived over fences this summer, scoring 4 times in small-field contests at up to 23f. Last 2 defeats shouldn't necessarily be taken to suggest that the handicapper has caught up with him, things not panning out ideally at Warwick last time, but this would require a clear career best.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Meetmebythesea, **13-2** Blueking D'oroux, **17-2** Madara, **10-1** Quebecois, **10-1** O'moore Park, **12-1** Norn Iron, **12-1** Torneo, **12-1** Zurich, **14-1** July Flower, **22-1** Johnnywho, **33-1** Release The Beast, **33-1** Matata, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A typically competitive renewal of the Paddy Power with preference going to BLUEKING D'OROUX, who improved since being fitted with headgear for Paul Nicholls and makes his debut for Dan Skelton over a track and trip that should suit his prominent-racing style. Madara was a revelation when winning the Plate at the Festival and has to be respected after a spin over hurdles, whilst fellow Festival winner Meetmebythesea remains unexposed and can continue to improve in his second season over fences.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BLUEKING D'OROUX 2. MADARA 3. MEETMEBYTHESEA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Panic Attack** 9-11-1	6-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	12
2024	**Il Ridoto** 7-9-13	10-1	Paul Nicholls	Freddie Gingell (3)	15
2023	**Stage Star** 7-11-7	4-1f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	14
2022	**Ga Law** 6-11-0	5-1	Jamie Snowden	Jonathan Burke	14
2021	**Midnight Shadow** 8-11-5	9-1	Sue Smith	Ryan Mania	19

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.55 RACE 5

FROM THE HORSES MOUTH PODCAST HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+ £35,000 2m7f208y (4820 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **ACE OF SPADES (FR) (21)** (C) **99**
2/142108-0 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Showed improved form last season, winning twice including a Pertemps qualifier at Huntingdon (25f) in January. Found things tougher at the Festival and at Aintree, but shaped as if he would step forward from the run when mid-field over this C&D 3 weeks ago. Respected.

2 **SIR GALAHAD (IRE) (105)** s **98**
14260-210 **5** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Olly Murphy — ***Lewis Saunders*** (5lb/2kg)
Recorded a 4-timer in first half of 2025 and added to his tally at Uttoxeter (2½m) in May, though was seen to good effect in a soundly-run race. Failed to repeat that effort in listed handicap (2¾m) at the Galway festival and has stamina to prove upped further in trip.

3 **RAMBO T (IRE) (35)** **99**
198000-65 **9** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Olly Murphy — ***Sean Bowen***
Winner of the Silver Trophy at Chepstow (19f) last year but didn't kick on from that effort the remainder of the campaign. After 5 months off, ran well when fifth of 17 in a stronger renewal of the Chepstow race in October and he's now 4 lb below his last winning mark. Merits consideration.

4 **HORACES PEARL (FR) (357)** **97**
1153/5- **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Fergal O'Brien — ***Tom Broughton*** (3lb/1kg)
Won his first 5 starts (3 bumpers, 2 hurdles) and bounced back from a below-par run in Grade 1 novice at Aintree in spring 2025 when third in listed event at Perth. Gave his running after 7 months off when fifth of 17 on handicap debut at Haydock, but has been absent almost a year since.

5 **LUCKY LYREEN (IRE) (173)** (D) v **91**
5/905105-P **8** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Martin Keighley — ***Freddie Keighley*** (5lb/2kg)
Useful hurdler who didn't quite match that level over fences last season, though did win a Down Royal handicap in January. Mixed form in 3 subsequent outings, pulled up at Ballinrobe when last seen in May. Reverts to hurdles and switches to a visor on first run since leaving Gordon Elliott.

6 **WONDERFUL EAGLE (GER) (624)** (D) s **96**
1331/ **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Philip Hobbs & Johnson White — ***Tom Bellamy***
Fairly useful stayer on the Flat who made it 4 wins from 9 starts over hurdles when scoring in handicap at Newbury in February last year. Also made the frame at this venue on 3 occasions and yard has won this race twice in the last 5 years, though has 20-month absence to overcome.

7 **BLIZZARD OF OZ (IRE) (21)** **88**
P0P1P-580 **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Faye Bramley — ***Richie McLernon***
Landed a listed chase for Willie Mullins last season before losing his way over fences. Got back on track reverted to hurdles when winning minor event at Thurles in March, but ran poorly the next twice and well held in a pair of handicaps for this yard, the latest over C&D 3 weeks ago.

8 **IFIWEREARICHMAN (IRE) (49)** s **100**
1F/3P-3686 **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Paul Nolan, Ireland — ***Eoin Staples*** (5lb/2kg)
Useful winner over fences and has been shaping well from his lower mark over hurdles this season, meeting trouble in running when sixth of 14 in handicap at Listowel (2½m) 7 weeks ago. Yard has been going well and he makes plenty of appeal up in trip.

9 **MARGARET'S LEGACY (FR) (198)** h **96**
11/2460-0 **9** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Warren Greatrex — ***Richard Upton*** (10lb/5kg)
Won handicap chases at around 2½m on first 2 starts for current yard in 2024/25. However, his form went the wrong way last season and fared no better back over hurdles when mid-field in handicap at Punchestown (23f) in April. Hood reapplied after 6 months off.

10 **GOLD FOR ALEC (FR) (21)** **97**
PP31-76F2 **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Tom Symonds — ***Gavin Sheehan***
Ready winner at Hereford (3¼m) in April and has returned to form the last twice, taking second close home in 19-runner contest over this C&D 3 weeks ago. Has now placed on both visits to this track and he can give another good account.

11 **GEEZER ROCKSTAR (IRE) (182)** s+t **96**
5PP2/871-1 **7** 10-13 | 69.4kg
Harry Fry — ***Bryan Carver***
Gained a first handicap success over hurdles when scoring comfortably at Wincanton (21f) in April. Again travelled well when following up at Uttoxeter (23f), so task is now to pick up where he left off after 6-month break in this tougher race.

12 **HARTUR D'ARC (FR) (222)** **98**
22/0P0P8P- **9** 10-11 | 68.5kg
John McConnell, Ireland — ***C. D. Smithers*** (7lb/3kg)
Began the year in fine form for Gavin Gromwell, runner-up on first 2 outings (over fences on the second occasion). However, has struggled for form over both hurdles/fences for present stable, pulled up in the Irish Grand National when last seen 7 months ago.

13 **BLACK BAMBOO (IRE) (13)** b **98**
8/04009-02 **9** 10-9 | 67.6kg
John Joseph Murphy, Ireland — ***M. J. Kenneally*** (3lb/1kg)
Losing run is mounting up but in first-time blinkers he ran better than for a while when second of 14 in handicap at Cork (2½m) 13 days ago, though was held when left second at the last. Task is now to build on his latest run back up in trip.

14 **AIMERIC (38)** **97**
4-44211 **7** 10-6 | 66.2kg
Jennie Candlish — ***William Shanahan*** (5lb/2kg)
Smart at best on the Flat (stays 1¾m) and has been getting the hang of things over hurdles, making it back-to-back handicap wins at Sedgefield when getting the better of William Yeats over 21f last month. Up in grade but could still have more to offer given his ability on the level.

15 **MOON MISSION (31)** **97**
643-015P4 **5** 10-6 | 66.2kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland — ***Mr Alan O'Sullivan*** (5lb/2kg)
Opened his account in novice at Cork (17f) in May but hasn't managed to reproduce that form since, beaten 16¼ lengths when fourth of 13 in handicap at Punchestown (2½m) last month. Engaged 1.10 at this course on Friday.

16 **WILLIAM YEATS (9)** (D) t **97**
5633-1221 **5** 10-5 | 65.8kg
Sam England — ***Jonathan England***
After 5 months off, made second start for this trainer a winning one in handicap at Sedgefield (2½m) in August. Progressed again when runner-up to Aimeric at the same course next 2 starts, before overcoming the run of the race when scoring at Newcastle (3m) 9 days ago.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Ace of Spades, **13-2** Rambo T, **13-2** Gold For Alec, **8-1** Geezer Rockstar, **10-1** Horaces Pearl, **14-1** Ifiwerearichman, **14-1** William Yeats, **16-1** Wonderful Eagle, **18-1** Aimeric, **22-1** Sir Galahad, **22-1** Black Bamboo, **22-1** Lucky Lyreen, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for IFIWEREARICHMAN, who has looked in good form over hurdles this season without being seen to best effect. He could be ready to open his account for the campaign racing from 8 lb below his mark over fences, though Ace of Spades isn't taken lightly for the Skeltons with his reappearance run behind him. Rambo T could also be in the mix.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IFIWEREARICHMAN 2. ACE OF SPADES 3. RAMBO T

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Kikijo** 5-10-2	11-2	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Sean Houlihan	8
2024	**Doyen Quest** 6-10-10	5-4f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	12
2023	**Buddy One** 6-12-0	9-4f	Paul John Gilligan	Jack G. Gilligan (7)	15
2022	**Annual Invictus** 7-11-5	12-1	Chris Gordon	Tom Cannon	12
2021	**Sporting John** 6-11-12	9-2	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.30 RACE 6

PADDY POWER INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-140) £27,500 2m5f (4220 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

1 **DAYLATEDOLLARSHORT (IRE) (35)** (D) **99**
2411-21 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Olly Murphy — ***Sean Bowen***
Most progressive as a 4-y-o last season, only denied a hat-trick by a useful improver at Punchestown in April. Picked up where he left off when winning a strong renewal of the Silver Trophy at Chepstow (19f) on return. Further progress to come back up in trip and no surprise to see him follow up.

2 **MONEYGARROW (IRE) (246)** (D) **100**
122/35118- **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Well-related point/bumper winner. Progressed to win back-to-back races (solid form) at Warwick/Windsor last winter. Promised even better for a long way when 16½ lengths eighth of 22 in Grade 1 Albert Bartlett here (3m) in March. Drop back in trip no issue and looks very interesting on handicap bow.

3 **OPEN SECRET (223)** t **96**
4214200- **5** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland — ***Josh Williamson*** (3lb/1kg)
Fairly useful type. Backed up his breakthrough hurdle success at Naas with creditable efforts in graded company last season. Well held in the Martin Pipe at the Festival subsequently. Likely to again find his British mark beyond him, even with a recent pipe-opener under his belt.

4 **A KING OF MAGIC (FR) (205)** t **99**
3/45121- **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Freddie Keighley*** (5lb/2kg)
Low-mileage 5-y-o. Very much on the up at the close of last season. Relished the step up to 2½m (travelled with much more purpose) when comprehensively beating a couple of last-time-out winners at Perth in April. Open to further improvement for top yard, for all this is a step up in class.

5 **SEAMOON STORY (IRE) (29)** **96**
4551-1 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Charlie Longsdon — ***Daire McConville*** (7lb/3kg)
Well-related sort who chased home Ballyfad (now very useful) in a point. Decisively off the mark with sound-jumping display at Hereford in March. Progressed again to follow up (2-2 under this claimer) on return/handicap bow at Uttoxeter (2½m). Hat-trick may prove beyond him in a deeper event.

6 **GRAND CONQUEROR (IRE) (24)** (D) h **96**
051122-31 **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Neil Mulholland — ***Richie McLernon***
Won back-to-back small-field events last December. Strong form when placing on third straight handicap start at Fakenham in May. Back on the up to some tune when easily winning on return at Fontwell (19f). Type who'll go on improving for a good yard, however, this demands a fair bit more.

7 **LUCK BETWEEN US (IRE) (49)** **97**
3607-1211 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland — ***D. J. O'Keeffe***
Developed into a fairly useful hurdler since returning to handicaps. Smoothly made it 3 wins from his last 4 starts at Listowel (2½m) on final start for Donncha Duggan in September. Eye-catching jockey booking on stable debut, but an 8 lb rise probably prevents a hat-trick. Engaged 3.30 here Friday.

8 **CASPARI (236)** (D) **95**
011- **5** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Harry Fry — ***Bryan Carver***
Cracksman gelding. Half-brother to smart hurdler Luccia. Aided by the favourite failing to keep straight when narrowly defying a penalty at Kempton (2m) on third and final start for Nicky Henderson. Likely needs a chunk of improvement to complete a hat-trick on handicap/stable debut.

9 **HILLBERRY HILL (IRE) (235)** **99**
611- **5** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls — ***Tom Bellamy***
Chasing type who won a maiden at the second attempt for Ms Margaret Mullins last winter. Changed hands for £70,000 prior to easily defying a penalty in a weak Southwell novice (2½m) on stable debut in March. Likely to progress further and opening mark potentially lenient as he bids for a hat-trick.

10 **SUNNY SOUTH WEST (IRE) (22)** (BF) h **99**
1/511462-4 **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Edward F. Power, Ireland — ***M. J. Kenneally*** (3lb/1kg)
Useful bumper scorer. Off the mark on the Flat prior to shaping second best (took time to warm to task) when 4¼ lengths fourth of 11 at this course (2½m) latest. Could be better to come on just his third handicap start, with top Irish claimer again taking the ride.

11 **EMERALD BREEZE (223)** (D) **97**
44/3231- **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg
Ryan Hatch — ***Toby McCain-Mitchell*** (3lb/1kg)
Lightly-raced 6-y-o. Settled better/looked more the finished article when opening his account in style in Market Rasen maiden (21f) in April, the runner-up since franking the form. Needs more again up in class on handicap bow/return, though is still unexposed at the trip.

12 **GUCHEN (FR) (36)** (D) t **99**
8584116-8 **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg
Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls — ***Aamilah Aswat*** (7lb/3kg)
Saw off Grand Conqueror before progressing again to land a double in smooth style at Newbury in February. Better than he showed on both subsequent starts, latterly on comeback at Chepstow. Usual promising claimer on and entitled to be closer to form in a stronger handicap than previously contested.

13 **GIVE HIM A CHANCE (IRE) (49)** **98**
2591S7-54 **7** 10-12 | 68.9kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland — ***Mr Alan O'Sullivan*** (5lb/2kg)
Runner-up in last year's renewal of this race. Progressed again to notch a third handicap hurdle success at Naas (2m, heavy) in February. Encouraging comeback when 3½ lengths behind new stablemate Luck Between Us latest. Respected off higher British mark with talented 5-lb claimer taking over.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Moneygarrow, **6-1** Daylatedollarshort, **7-1** Hillberry Hill, **10-1** A King of Magic, **12-1** Sunny South West, **14-1** Emerald Breeze, **16-1** Grand Conqueror, **20-1** Seamoon Story, **25-1** Give Him A Chance, **25-1** Caspari, **33-1** Guchen, **33-1** Luck Between Us, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MONEYGARROW hardly damaged his stock when eighth in the Albert Bartlett here in March and looks very interesting tackling handicap company for the first time. He gets the nod over Daylatedollarshort, whose Silver Trophy form is proving strong, with Sunny South West, Hillberry Hill and A King Of Magic all lurking on potentially handy marks.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MONEYGARROW 2. DAYLATEDOLLARSHORT 3. SUNNY SOUTH WEST

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Lavender Hill Mob** 4-10-8	33-1	James Owen	Sam Twiston-Davies	10
2024	**Hamsiyann** 4-10-2	2-1f	A. J. Martin	D. King	10
2023	**Springwell Bay** 6-12-0	85-40f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	9
2022	**Unanswered** 5-10-5	2-1f	A. J. Martin	Peter Carberry	10
2021	**Gowel Road** 5-11-10	13-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.00 RACE 7

KARNDEAN DESIGNFLOORING MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Dorothy Paget) (Listed) (1) 4 and 5yo £20,000 2m87y (3300 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

1 CLOVELLY CHARM (IRE) (78) **95**
513 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
P. A. Fahy, Ireland — *Sean Flanagan*
Built on a promising start at Sligo when awarded similar race there in July (second past the post but subsequently promoted having suffered interference). Backed up that form when third under a penalty at Down Royal but may find this test too sharp.

2 EASTERN WHISPER (32) (D) **94**
1 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
S. G. Carey, Ireland — *Harry Cobden*
Sea The Stars mare who made a successful debut in 14-runner bumper (5/2) at Punchestown (2m, good to soft) on NH debut 32 days ago, suited by emphasis on speed. More on her plate tackling better company but still warrants respect with conditions likely to suit once again.

3 ELEGANTEMENTE (FR) (82) (D) **100**
1 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Henry de Bromhead, Ireland — *D. J. O'Keeffe*
No Risk At All filly who looked a useful prospect when winning 11-runner bumper at Ballinrobe (2m) on debut in August, by 6 lengths from She Was The One, forging clear. Looks sure to go on to better things and is the form pick.

4 GYPSY SKY (40) (D) **93**
1 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
David Killahena & Graeme McPherson — *Richie McLernon*
Well-bred Jack Hobbs filly who overcame inexperience and the run of the race to make a winning debut in quite taking fashion in 8-runner bumper at Stratford (2m) last month. That form has since been franked by the placed horses and she seems sure to progress.

5 ISLAND JETAWAY (IRE) (183) **84**
2 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Billy Aprahamian — *Gavin Sheehan*
Jet Away filly who won sole start in point bumpers and offered something to work on switched to Rules when 9½ lengths second of 14 in bumper at Aintree in May. Subsequently sold out of Myles Osborne's yard for £45,000 but needs a big step forward in this grade.

6 KSHIRA SAGARA (IRE) t
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
John McConnell, Ireland — *Alex Harvey*
Mastercraftsman filly from a smart Flat family and well worth a look in the betting for a yard which has done well with its runners in Britain over the years. Wears tongue strap.

7 MISS MASTER
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Olly Murphy — *Sean Bowen*
£48,000 4-y-o, Masterstroke filly. Dam (b84), ran once in bumper, half-sister to high-class hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 3m) Dedigout. Won sole outing in points by 4 lengths from reopposing She Was The One, so warrants respect on Rules debut having joined promising yard.

8 MISS SPEC (17) **83**
4 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Fergal O'Brien — *Tom Broughton*
Passing Glance mare who dead-heated for first sole outing in point bumpers but was outpaced from the home turn in a steadily-run bumper at Newton Abbot on recent Rules debut. Looks one for longer trips later on.

9 NORTHERN SINGER (IRE) (35) (D) h **97**
1 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Dan Skelton — *Tristan Durrell*
£54,000 purchase after running out easy winner of her second Irish point in April and, fitted with a hood, showed plenty of speed when following up in 8-runner bumper at Chepstow last month. Rates a useful prospect, but Harry Skelton does desert her for Soleretta.

10 ORDERANDOUT (IRE)
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Neil King — *Jack Quinlan*
Order of St George filly who was bought for €80,000 after finishing runner-up on sole outing in Irish points in March. That form has already been franked by the winner, so shouldn't be completely overlooked.

11 PETHER'S ANGEL
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls — *Tom Bellamy*
Pether's Moon filly. Dam unraced half-sister to French hurdlers/chasers (15f-2¾m winner) Saint Goustan Blue and (17f-19f winner) Viola St Goustan. Yard's newcomers warrant respect, but this is a tough starting point all the same.

12 QUEEN ALICE (222) **93**
3- **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Harry Derham — *Paul O'Brien*
Walk In The Park mare. Half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser Queens Gamble, stays 2½m, and bumper winner Brosna Queen. Produced a promising first effort when 12¼ lengths third of 12 to a smart sort at Fairyhouse on sole outing for Mrs Lorna Fowler in April. Open to improvement for new yard.

13 SARAH'S SISTER (IRE)
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Nick Scholfield — *Jonathan Burke*
£22,000 3-y-o, Order of St George filly. Easy winner of sole start in Irish points and is a half-sister to bumper winner/useful hurdler My Sister Sarah, so shouldn't be overlooked, for all that this represents no easy assignment on her Rules debut.

14 SHE WAS THE ONE (IRE) (50) (D) **96**
321 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Denis Hogan, Ireland — *Daniel King*
Placed on second of 2 outings in points and improved to get off the mark at the third time of asking in bumpers when making all in 14-runner event at Listowel (2m) in late-September. Well worth her place in this better company.

15 SOLERETTA (IRE)
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*
£145,000 Maxios filly. Dam sister to fairly useful hurdler Gold In The Rivers and half-sister to useful hurdler/chase winner Wait For Me. Sure to have won when fell last only start in Irish points in March and it could be significant Harry Skelton has elected to ride her instead of Northern Singer.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Elegantemente, **7-1** Soleretta, **8-1** Northern Singer, **9-1** Eastern Whisper, **10-1** Miss Master, **12-1** She Was The One, **14-1** Gypsy Sky, **16-1** Clovelly Charm, **16-1** Queen Alice, **22-1** Kshira Sagara, **25-1** Sarah's Sister, **33-1** Pether's Angel, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

An excellent renewal of this listed bumper. ELEGANTEMENTE created a fine impression when forging 6 lengths clear of the reopposing She Was The One on her debut at Ballinrobe in August and, with much better to come, is taken to maintain her unbeaten record up in grade. Soleretta must be held in some regard by her yard for Harry Skelton to side with her over Northern Singer, who landed a recent Chepstow bumper in good style. Miss Master and impressive Stratford winner Gypsy Sky are also feared.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ELEGANTEMENTE 2. SOLERETTA 3. MISS MASTER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Celestial Tune** 4-11-2	9-4f	Thomas Cooper	Sean Bowen	12
2024	**Seo Linn** 4-11-2	5-2	P. Twomey	William James Lee	12
2023	**Baby Kate** 4-11-2	7-2	W. P. Mullins	B. Hayes	15
2022	**Queens Gamble** 4-11-0	9-4f	Oliver Sherwood	Jonathan Burke	16
2021	**Bonttay** 4-11-0	2-1f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race