

Wednesday 15th April

HAYDOCK



1.30	WATCH UNIBET RACING POSTCAST NOVICES' HURDLE (2) 2m5f50y (4270 Metres)
RACE 1	(4) MATTY'S GETAWAY (2) LE BEAU MADRIK (3) LEGENDARY LUKE
2.05	UNIBET ABRAM MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 2m5f50y (4270 Metres)
RACE 2	(1) WHITE NOISE (7) TORPILLE DAGROSTIS (3) GIRL FRIDAY
2.40	UNIBET SILVER TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (LIMITED HANDICAP) (Grade 2) (1) 2m3f203y (4010 Metres)
RACE 3	(4) RISKINTHEGROUND (5) ZURICH (7) THE BLUESMAN
3.15	TRY UNIBETS SMARTVIEW RACECARDS HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m5f50y (4270 Metres)
RACE 4	(11) LE TIEP'S SACRE (9) BELOW THE RADAR (8) MASKED DANCE
3.50	TRY UNIBETS NEW RACING BETBUILDER HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3½m97y (5720 Metres)
RACE 5	(1) KI WOO (5) HOLOKEA (7) SOME SCOPE
4.25	READ NICKY HENDERSONS UNIBET BLOG HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 3m58y (4880 Metres)
RACE 6	(6) KILWAUGHTER (9) SMOKERINGINTHEDARK (10) LORD SNOOTIE
5.00	UNIBET HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3m1f125y (5140 Metres)
RACE 7	(4) GRAND GESTE (1) HANG IN THERE (8) HOLD YOUR FORT
5.35	UNIBET PONY RACING AUTHORITY GRADUATES HANDICAP HURDLE (Conditional Jockeys & Amateur Riders) (3) 1m7f144y (3150 Metres)
RACE 8	(3) ACROSS EARTH (1) COUNT OF VENDOME (4) BRENDAS ASKING

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.









1.30**WATCH UNIBET RACING POSTCAST NOVICES' HURDLE (2)**
4yo+ £20,000 2m5f50y (4270 Metres)

RACE 1

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

	1	INTOSOMETHINGGOOD (32) (D)		100
		215284P1 5 11-10 74.4kg		
		Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies		Non Runner
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	2	LE BEAU MADRIK (FR) (46)		96
		2-211P 5 11-10 74.4kg		
		Dan Skelton 		Harry Skelton
		Runner-up in both bumpers and impressed when winning his first 2 starts over hurdles at up to 2½m at Newcastle. Lost his unbeaten record with a bit of a whimper in Grade 2 at Kelso but is worth another chance.		
	3	LEGENDARY LUKE (IRE) (60)		94
		2114 6 11-10 74.4kg		
		Jamie Snowden		Gavin Sheehan
		£100,000 Irish point winner who finished an encouraging second in a Worcester bumper in October. Quickened nicely to go one place better switched to hurdling a month later and showed a good attitude to follow up at Fontwell. Didn't look out of place in Grade 2 here latest and warrants respect.		
	4	MATTY'S GETAWAY (IRE) (138) (D)	t	95
		341 7 11-7 73.0kg		
		Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls 		Tom Bellamy
		Successful on completed start in Irish points and built on previous promise under Rules in a first-time tongue strap when ready winner of 21f Doncaster maiden in November. Had a breathing operation since but appeals as the type to go on improving.		
	5	PADRE ARTHUR (72)		91
		662 5 11-2 70.8kg		
		Nicky Henderson		Nico de Boinville
		Well-bred individual who improved on his hurdling debut form when second of 15 in 21f novice at Kempton in February, not knocked about. Open to further progress.		

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Matty's Getaway, 11-4 Le Beau Madrik, 4-1 Padre Arthur, 9-2 Legendary Luke

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's a little concerning MATTY'S GETAWAY hasn't been seen since his Doncaster success in November but he readily accounted for a subsequent Grade 2 winner that day and appeals as the type to go on to better things. Le Beau Madrik is well worth another chance having created an excellent impression prior to disappointing up in grade at Kelso.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MATTY'S GETAWAY 2. LE BEAU MADRIK 3. LEGENDARY LUKE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Jax Junior 6-11-10	2-1f	Lucy Wadham	Tom Cannon	7
2024	Peaky Boy 6-11-10	5-6f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	7
2023	The Friday Man 6-11-6	9-2	Gordon Elliott	Sean Bowen	9
2022	Pull Again Green 6-11-7	15-8f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	8
2021	Faivoir 6-11-8	4-6f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.05**UNIBET ABRAM MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed) (1)**
4yo+ fillies and mares £45,000 2m5f50y (4270 Metres)


RACE 2

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Strong****1 WHITE NOISE (IRE) (34)** t  **100**

3-11121 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls **Tom Bellamy**

Has enjoyed a fine campaign, making it 4 wins from 5 starts this season when landing the 22-runner Dawn Run Mares' Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham last month. The one to beat as she drops back down in grade.

2 DREAM SHADOW (IRE) (46) (BF) **91**

132-21142 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

Bumper winner who created a good impression when recording back-to-back novice hurdle victories at Warwick and Ayr. Good fourth in Grade 2 at Warwick (White Noise ahead in second) in February, before seeming stretched by the step up to 3m at Doncaster last time.

3 GIRL FRIDAY (IRE) (29) **86**

1 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Michael & David Easterby

Patrick Wadge

Winner of her sole outing in Irish points and also made a successful start over hurdles in 6-runner maiden at Wetherby, well on top at the finish. Interesting contender with improvement to come.

4 GREAT DANCE (FR) (37) t **84**

193 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Chester Williams

Lorcan Williams

Won a Newton Abbot bumper on debut before possibly unsuited by soft ground in listed event at Huntingdon next time. Well clear of the rest when third of 12 in a Taunton maiden on hurdles bow last month, but has something to find with tongue strap added.

5 JUST A GLANCE (20) **82**

211 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ian Chanin

Ciaran Gethings

Showed plenty in an Aintree bumper last spring and has looked a good prospect over hurdles, winning a Hereford maiden in February before making all in novice at Chepstow 20 days ago. Up in grade but she's open to further progress.

6 LIVINGONAPRAYER (46) (D) **89**

5-11P 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Jamie Snowden

Gavin Sheehan

Went the right in each of her first 3 starts, winning novices at Huntingdon in November and at Wincanton (battled well) a month later. However, failed to give her running when pulled up in listed event at Doncaster in February.

7 TORPILLE DAGROSTIS (FR) (43) (D) s **87**

2-238221 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Sean Bowen

Runner-up twice from 4 outings in bumpers and found only one too good on her first 2 starts in maiden hurdles, before landing the odds at Leopardstown 6 weeks ago (the second won next time). Respected now that she's up and running.

8 MILLADY (21) **73**

6053 4 10-6 | 66.2kg



Mel Rowley

Toby Wynne

Little impact in a pair of bumpers but better signs sent hurdling when a running-on fifth of 7 in junior event at Wetherby in February. Improved again when third in maiden at Hereford 3 weeks ago, though plenty more needed in this race.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 White Noise, **9-2** Torpille Dagrostis, **7-1** Girl Friday, **8-1** Livingonapraye, **9-1** Dream Shadow, **11-1** Just A Glance, **16-1** Great Dance, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WHITE NOISE took her form up another notch when staying on well for success in the Dawn Run at Cheltenham and she looks to hold leading claims of adding to her tally. Irish raider Torpille Dagrostis could be the main danger having opened her account last time, with Girl Friday one to note following her successful hurdling debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WHITE NOISE 2. TORPILLE DAGROSTIS 3. GIRL FRIDAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Jubilee Alpha 6-11-7	4-1	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	10
2024	Golden Ace 6-11-7	4-9f	Jeremy Scott	Lorcan Williams	9
2023	Ahorsewithaname 8-11-2	7-2	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	8
2022	Theatre Glory 5-11-0	4-9f	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	5
2021	Martello Sky 5-11-0	10-11f	Lucy Wadham	Aidan Coleman	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.40

RACE 3

UNIBET SILVER TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (LIMITED HANDICAP) (Grade 2) (1) 5yo+ £80,000 2m3f203y (4010 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 TOMMY'S OSCAR (IRE) (38) (C) s **95**
33-355421 11 11-12 | 75.3kg



Ann Hamilton *Danny McMenamin*
Readily ended a losing run in small-field veterans handicap chase at Carlisle (3m) 38 days ago. Up 5 lb now and this is much tougher.

2 OUTLAW PETER (IRE) (11) (CD) s+t **97**
2/95-38421 10 11-8 | 73.5kg



Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*
Back to winning ways in first-time cheekpieces in 17-runner handicap chase over C&D 11 days ago. Up 6 lb but jumped really well there so can't be ruled out with headgear retained.

3 JOUR D'EVASION (FR) (35) (D) t **96**
215-5111P 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Henry Daly *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Winning hurdler who has made up into an even better chaser this season, defying a further 10 lb rise when bringing up the hat-trick at Warwick in January. Pulled up in Grand Annual at the Cheltenham Festival last time but he's the sort to bounce back.

4 RISKINTHEGROUND (IRE) (36) (D) t **100**
41960490 9 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
Took this 12 months ago (when at Cheltenham) and he caught the eye when in mid-field in the Plate at the Cheltenham Festival last month, hampered last but still faring best of those held up. Interesting off a reduced mark for yard firmly among the winners.

5 ZURICH (FR) (36) (D) **97**
4530-1135 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland *D. J. O'Keeffe*
Progressive sort who bagged a pair of handicap chases at Killarney and Cheltenham in October. Returned from a break with a very good fifth of 23 in the Plate at the Cheltenham Festival last time. That form is working out well so this Irish raider is a player off the same mark here.

6 FUGITIF (FR) (11) (D) v+t **97**
608-5542U 11 11-2 | 70.8kg



Richard Hobson *Tom Bellamy*
December Gold Cup winner at Cheltenham in 2023. Winless since but his mark has dropped significantly and back in good form of late, running well (in first-time visor) when unseated rider 3 out over C&D 11 days ago. Visor retained.

7 THE BLUESMAN (FR) (34) (CD) t **96**
31/13-1217 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
Much improved over fences this season for his current yard, readily going in over C&D in February before a good seventh of 18 in Jack Richards at the Cheltenham Festival when set a lot to do. Capable of better still.

8 TRIPLE TRADE (11) (D) **97**
24-13134U 10 10-11 | 68.5kg



Joe Tizzard *Brendan Powell*
Winner of 2 of his first 3 starts of this season prior to finishing a good third in a valuable Cheltenham handicap in January. Unseated rider first over C&D last time.

9 MOON D'ORANGE (FR) (36) v **99**
20056703 8 10-10 | 68.0kg



John McConnell, Ireland *Callum Pritchard (3lb/1kg)*
Twelve runs since his last win in 2025 but he excelled himself in a first-time visor when third of 23 in the Plate at the Cheltenham Festival last time. In the mix if the headgear works the oracle again.

10 MOUSEY BROWN (IRE) (81) (D) s+t **94**
03547455 9 10-9 | 67.6kg



Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland *Patrick Michael O'Brien (5lb/2kg)*
Without a win since June 2024 and he reverts to chasing having faced stiff tasks over hurdles at Leopardstown and Doncaster on her last 2 runs. Cheekpieces go on for the first time.

11 BLEU D'ENFER (FR) (15) (D) s+t **97**
P1-057482 8 10-7 | 66.7kg



Donald McCain *Theo Gillard*
Signed off for Stuart Crawford with breakthrough chase win at Carlisle last spring and best run this season (after a breathing operation) when a clear second of 9 in handicap chase at Bangor 15 days ago.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Zurich, 11-2 Outlaw Peter, 6-1 Moon D'orange, 15-2 Tommy's Oscar, 10-1 Bleu D'enfer, 10-1 The Bluesman, 11-1 Triple Trade, 16-1 Fugitif, 20-1 Riskintheground, 22-1 Jour D'evasion, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Dan Skelton continues to bang in the winners and his handily-weighted RISKINTHEGROUND, who took this event a year ago, looks the way to go having caught the eye when not enjoying the rub of the green in the Plate at the Festival last time. Irish challenger Zurich also comes here on the back of a good Festival effort in the Jack Richards and heads the list of dangers. The Bluesman, Outlaw Peter and Jour d'Evasion also need factoring into this cracking handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RISKINTHEGROUND 2. ZURICH 3. THE BLUESMAN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Riskintheground 8-10-1	15-2	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	10
2024	In Excelsis Deo 6-10-12	3-1f	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	12
2023	Caribbean Boy 9-11-12	28-1	Nicky Henderson	Daryl Jacob	12
2022	Stolen Silver 7-10-13	11-5f	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	7
2021	Manofthemountain 8-10-4	8-1	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15

TRY UNIBETS SMARTVIEW RACECARDS HANDICAP HURDLE
(2) 4yo+ £25,000 2m5f50y (4270 Metres)

RACE 4



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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1 ROYAL INFANTRY (IRE) (32) (C) s+t **97**
52-343529 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Course winner who is largely running well without winning this season, though he didn't find as much as seemed likely when ninth of 13 in 21f handicap hurdle at Kempton 32 days ago. Cheekpieces go on now.

2 IDY WOOD (FR) (34) (D) **96**
241-14100 **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Jamie Snowden **Gavin Sheehan**
Likeable sort who bagged handicaps at Uttoxeter in September and Kempton (21f) in November. Well held in Pertemps at Cheltenham Festival last time but he's the sort to bounce back.

3 LA PINSONNIERE (FR) (32) s **99**
2/21222-33 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Nicky Henderson **Nico de Boinville**
Useful form in France and posted best effort so far for current yard when third of 13 in 21f handicap at Kempton last month. Possibilities off the same mark.

4 GEORGE'S LAD (IRE) (110) **97**
221F-3425 **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Emma Lavelle **Jonathan Burke**
Doncaster maiden hurdle winner last season and running well in defeat in handicaps this term until a below-par fifth at Kempton on Boxing Day. Returns after a breathing operation.

5 IRANDANDO HAS (FR) (32) **99**
121 **7** 10-13 | 69.4kg

Sam Allwood **Toby Wynne**
French recruit who made it 2-3 for his current handler in 9-runner novice hurdle at Newcastle (17f) last month. Goes up in trip for his handicap debut and needs considering.

6 JOHNSON'S BLUE (IRE) (32) (C) **99**
0/02P8733 **9** 10-13 | 69.4kg

Mark Walford **Jamie Hamilton**
Course winner who jumped none too fluently when third of 4 in 23f handicap chase at Newcastle 32 days ago. Return to hurdling will suit him.

7 HUFFIN AN A PUFFIN (IRE) (46) (BF) **97**
1/1P **7** 10-12 | 68.9kg

Lucy Wadham **Tom Cannon**
Won on his hurdling debut at Newbury (for Harry Derham) and defied a near 2-year absence when following up for his new yard in 19f Doncaster handicap in February. Pulled up in Newbury handicap last time though and has since undergone a breathing operation.

8 MASKED DANCE (FR) (48) (D, BF) **97**
0P-225122 **8** 10-11 | 68.5kg

Mel Rowley **Charlie Hammond**
Resumed winning ways at Ludlow in December and has bettered that form with very good second placings there since, latterly in 3m handicap 48 days ago. Can go well again nudged up 1 lb.

9 BELOW THE RADAR (IRE) (32) ★ **100**
742-3F233 **8** 10-11 | 68.5kg

Paul Nicholls **Harry Cobden**
Winless since March 2024 but in very good nick this season, third of 14 in handicap at Uttoxeter last month. Another bold showing is on the cards at these weights.

10 ANALIESE (31) **99**
44-P21121 **5** 10-9 | 67.6kg

Mel Rowley **Charlie Deutsch**
Likeable front-runner who landed 2½m handicaps at Uttoxeter and Aintree either side of Christmas. Notched again in 19f handicap at Chepstow last month and he must enter calculations despite a 3 lb rise.

11 LE TIEP'S SACRE (FR) (32) **98**
2331-5 **5** 10-7 | 66.7kg

Gary & Josh Moore **Caolin Quinn**
French recruit who got off the mark for his current yard in Fontwell maiden last March. Returned from 12 months off with an encouraging fifth of 13 in 21f Kempton handicap 32 days ago. Still low-mileage and very much one to consider off an unchanged mark.

12 NORMAN FLETCHER (25) s **99**
906-5P983 **7** 10-5 | 65.8kg

Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**
Winless since 2024 but he took a step back in the right direction when third of 7 in handicap hurdle at Bangor 25 days ago. Cheekpieces go on now.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 La Pinsonniere, **11-2** Analiese, **7-1** Below The Radar, **8-1** Le Tiep's Sacre, **10-1** George's Lad, **11-1** Irlandando Has, **11-1** Masked Dance, **14-1** Norman Fletcher, **16-1** Royal Infantry, **16-1** Huffin An A Puffin, **22-1** Johnson's Blue, **28-1** Idy Wood

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LE TIEP'S SACRE made a promising return from a year off when fifth at Kempton and can build on it to gain a second win for his current yard. Below The Radar figures on a handy-looking mark and heads the list of dangers, although Masked Dance and Analiese are appealing too in this highly competitive handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LE TIEP'S SACRE 2. BELOW THE RADAR 3. MASKED DANCE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	East India Express	6-11-12	11-4f	Nicky Henderson	Freddie Gordon (3)	14
2024	Doyen Quest	6-10-7	4-1f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	15
2023	Willaston	7-10-12	33-1	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	13
2022	Bold Plan	8-11-0	6-1	Evan Williams	Isabel Williams (3)	9
2021	Proschema	6-11-1	7-2jf	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

**TRY UNIBETS NEW RACING BETBUILDER HANDICAP CHASE
(3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-125) £20,000 3½m97y (5720
Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 KI WOO (FR) (41) (CD)** s+t **96**

411-662P1 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero**Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg)**

Got back on the up with victory in 5-runner handicap chase over C&D last month, quickening clear after 2 out. Open to more improvement. Likely player.

2 FORTUNEDEFORTUNATA (IRE) (11) s **88**


15-BPOUPF 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Patrick Morris**Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)**

Ended his time with Gordon Elliott out of sorts and fell twelfth in 25f handicap here for his new yard 11 days ago. Headgear back on and others appeal more.

3 RED DELTA (24) s **96**

F-2152130 7 11-13 | 75.7kg

 Fiona Needham**Danny McMenamin**

Added another win to his tally at Market Rasen on Boxing Day. Excellent third in Eider Chase at Newcastle (33f) after and latest run at Carlisle is best ignored given he was badly hampered early.

4 FIERCE WARRIOR (IRE) (24) s **98**

3021-21P2 7 11-13 | 75.7kg

 Nicky Henderson**James Bowen**

Got off the mark over fences at Doncaster in November. Pulled up there a month later but back on track in refitted cheekpieces when second in 3m handicap at Carlisle 24 days ago.

5 HOLOKEA (IRE) (36) ★ **100**


2-21222P8 7 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Mickey Bowen**Sean Bowen**

Got off the mark over fences at Ffos Las in October and largely in good nick since, eighth of 17 in National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham Festival last time. Weighted to go close off a 2 lb lower mark.

6 REGARDE (IRE) (144) (CD) s+t **97**

2/13P12-35 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Jamie Snowden**Gavin Sheehan**

C&D winner who comes here on the back of a respectable fifth of 12 in 29f handicap chase at Ascot in November. Has gone well off a break.

7 SOME SCOPE (25) (C) v+t **99**



5-3551022 8 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Richard Hobson**Rian Corcoran (5lb/2kg)**

Revitalised by visor when scoring at Doncaster in December and posted a good second of 7 in 23f handicap at Newbury last time. Winner has gone in since so needs considering off the same mark.

8 YES DAY (IRE) (20) s **96**

P-PF63068 8 11-1 | 70.3kg

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Scored readily over fences at Hereford and Exeter last spring. Mixed record since, however, coming in last of 8 at Warwick 20 days ago.

9 BODHISATTVA (IRE) (17) v **89**



76P-73P50 9 10-13 | 69.4kg

 John McConnell, Ireland**Callum Pritchard (3lb/1kg)**

Twenty runs since last win in 2023. Third in the Edinburgh National at Musselburgh in February and run best excused (badly hampered ninth) at Downpatrick last time. Has a change of headgear.

10 GOLD EMERY (FR) (20) s **97**

72-334223 10 10-9 | 67.6kg

 Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**

Sole win under Rules came on debut 4 years ago but plenty of placed efforts since, including when creditable third of 9 in 31f handicap chase at Chepstow last month. Merits consideration again.

11 THE GREY MAN (29) **95**

66-47UP11 7 10-8 | 67.1kg



Harriet Dickin

James Best

Has brushed up his jumping and is thriving as a result, winning small-field events (around 3m) at Ffos Las and Wetherby last month. Steps up markedly in trip here.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**7-2** Ki Woo, **9-2** Fierce Warrior, **11-2** Some Scope, **8-1** Holokea, **17-2** Gold Emery, **10-1** Regarde, **14-1** The Grey Man, **25-1** Yes Day, **33-1** Red Delta, **40-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Lots with chances. KI WOO resumed his progress when scoring over C&D last time and can defy a 6 lb rise at the chief expense of the handily-weighted Holokea who rates a big threat. In-form duo Some Scope and Gold Emery can also have a say in this competitive event.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. KI WOO 2. HOLOKEA 3. SOME SCOPE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Ask Brewster 6-11-1	10-3f	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	14
2024	Hymac 8-11-12	11-2	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	16
2023	Madera Mist 9-10-5	14-1	Tim Vaughan	Alan Johns	20

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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READ NICKY HENDERSONS UNIBET BLOG HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-145) £25,000 3m58y (4880 Metres)

RACE 6

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

Left handed, flat. Conditions are often gruelling during winter, placing emphasis on stamina. Conversely, conditions at the Swinton Meeting in May usually place the emphasis on speed, with a tendency to favour those ridden prominently as a result. Formerly held an undeserved reputation as one of the hardest courses to jump around, something not backed up by statistics, though perversely the data suggests that the chase course nowadays is a more demanding test, that possibly on account of more races being well run.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 RED RISK (FR) (32) (D) s **98**
7/6310-018 11 12-0 | 76.2kg



Paul Nicholls **Paddy Hanlon (51lb/2kg)**

Veteran who bounced back to form with a bang to land another nice pot at Musselburgh (3m, good to soft) in February. Shaped as if still in good form at Uttoxeter subsequently but remains vulnerable to better treated sorts.

2 DARTAN (180) (D) v+t **90**
208-02032 9 11-7 | 73.0kg



Sarah Humphrey **Sean Bowen**

Useful hurdler but below that level over fences, turned over in a match on first start for this yard at Uttoxeter in October. Reverts to hurdling now with enough to prove. Has had a breathing operation.

3 MOON ROCKET (IRE) (34) (D) t **95**
122P-126P 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls **Tom Bellamy**

Quick to get off the mark sent chasing this season, easily taking 3m handicap at Doncaster in November. Hasn't progressed in 3 starts since though, and now reverts to hurdling.

4 RED DIRT ROAD (IRE) (34) **99**
2/511P-P40 9 11-3 | 71.2kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Relished the step up in trip when bagging a major pot at Sandown last season. Back on track after a couple of disappointing efforts when fourth of 13 over C&D in February but was let down by his jumping in the Pertemps Final at the Cheltenham Festival latest.

5 SERIOUS CHAT (IRE) (46) s **99**
31-215172 7 10-13 | 69.4kg



Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**

Posted a career best when resuming winning ways at Doncaster in November and quickly returned to form when second of 5 back there (3m, soft) in February. This is tougher, though.

6 KILWAUGHTER (IRE) (46) **100**
16-37421 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Mr Jack Stenhouse (71lb/3kg)**

Useful bumper winner who has really got his act together over hurdles of late, posting an excellent second of 13 in 19f Taunton novice prior to going one better with an improved performance on handicap debut at Newbury (2½m). Open to further progress, especially now tackling a still longer trip.

7 KING OF THE LAKE (32) t **97**
11-341F40 8 10-11 | 68.5kg



Jeremy Scott **Chad Bament (71lb/3kg)**

Back to winning ways at Chepstow (3m) in December and showed himself none the worse for a fall in the Lanzarote at Kempton when fourth of 11 back at Chepstow (3m, soft) in February. However, needs to bounce back from a lesser effort at Uttoxeter last time.

8 FIRESTREAM (32) s **99**
13-P5 9 10-10 | 68.0kg



Chester Williams **Sam Twiston-Davies**

Shaped as if retaining all his ability on his second start for current yard in first-time cheekpieces when fifth in 14-runner handicap at Uttoxeter (40/1) last month. Stamina still to prove back at 3m, though.

9 SMOKERINGINTHEDARK (IRE) (15) **98**
143-27251 6 10-7 | 66.7kg



Nicky Richards **Danny McMenamin**

Well suited by a return to less testing ground when registering a first handicap success in 6-runner event at Newcastle (20.3f, good) 15 days ago, bit in hand. Step back up to 3m should suit under speed-favouring conditions and he's fresher than most.

10 LORD SNOOTIE (IRE) (25) **97**
2P2/87-0P2 9 10-7 | 66.7kg



Christian Williams **Jack Tudor**

Last win came in 2022 but he stopped the slide when second in 6-runner handicap at Bangor (23.2f, good) last month, despite needing a stiffer test. Task is to now build on that.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Kilwaughter, **9-2** Smokeringinthedark, **7-1** Serious Chat, **9-1** Lord Snootie, **10-1** Red Dirt Road, **14-1** Red Risk, **16-1** Firestream, **16-1** Moon Rocket, **22-1** King of The Lake, **22-1** Dartan

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KILWAUGHTER has really got his act together over hurdles and promises to improve again now that his stamina is drawn out further, so he's a straightforward choice to follow up his Newbury win. Smokeringinthedark should be suited by the return to 3m under speed-favouring conditions and is an interesting contender, with Lord Snootie taken to fill the places having stopped the slide at Bangor on his most recent outing.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KILWAUGHTER 2. SMOKERINGINTHEDARK 3. LORD SNOOTIE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Long Draw 6-10-11	11-4f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	9
2024	Zain Nights 5-10-1	9-2	Lucy Wadham	Bryony Frost	14
2023	Broadway Boy 5-10-13	3-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	11
2022	Wbee 7-10-6	16-1	Gary Hamner	Sean Bowen	11
2021	Ask Dillon 8-11-12	5-1	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (7)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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UNIBET HANDICAP CHASE (2) 5yo+ (Rated 0-150)

£30,000 3m1f125y (5140 Metres)

RACE 7



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

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| 1 | <p>HANG IN THERE (IRE) (46) (D) ★ 100</p> <p>9-4277153 12 12-1 76.7kg</p> <p> Emma Lavelle Rian Corcoran (5lb/2kg)</p> <p>Resumed winning ways at Chepstow in October and not discredited when third of 9 in 26f handicap chase at Newbury 46 days ago. Weighted to go well eased 1 lb.</p> | s |
| 2 | <p>IRON BRIDGE (IRE) (24) (CD) ✔ 98</p> <p>8/3PP-2P23 10 10-13 69.4kg</p> <p> Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</p> <p>Winless since scoring over C&D in 2022 but comes here in decent nick, third of 6 in 30f handicap at Exeter 24 days ago. Capable of having a say.</p> | s |
| 3 | <p>MINELLA CROONER (IRE) (35) 96</p> <p>1P65P-8PP 10 10-13 69.4kg</p> <p> Sarah Humphrey James Best</p> <p>Smart Irish chaser at best for Gordon Elliott but he has been pulled up at Newcastle and Cheltenham both runs for his current yard this season.</p> | s |
| 4 | <p>GRAND GESTE (IRE) (36) (CD) ✔ 99</p> <p>4P-221P1P 7 10-12 68.9kg</p> <p> Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Danny McMenamin</p> <p>Has proved a different proposition switched to fences this season, landing Grand National Trial here in February having earlier taken the Tommy Whittle over C&D. Pulled up in National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham last time but well worth another chance back here.</p> | s |
| 5 | <p>BHALOO (IRE) (137) 99</p> <p>PP13-63PP 8 10-12 68.9kg</p> <p> Nicky Henderson Nico de Boinville</p> <p>A dual winner (at up to 2m4f) last season but arrives under a cloud, pulled up in 22f handicap chase at Newbury when last seen out in November.</p> | s |
| 6 | <p>MILLFORCE (IRE) (171) 97</p> <p>431-P0421 7 10-12 68.9kg</p> <p> Henry Oliver Richie McLernon</p> <p>Signed off for Gavin Cromwell with success in 9-runner handicap chase at Galway (22f) in October. The market can prove a good guide on his return for new yard.</p> | s |
| 7 | <p>EGBERT (24) (CD) ✔ 97</p> <p>2P/51P-1P 9 10-9 67.6kg</p> <p> Christian Williams Jack Tudor</p> <p>Made a winning start for Christian Williams over 28f here just after Christmas but not one to rely on and he was pulled up in 30f handicap chase at Exeter 24 days ago. This C&D scorer is not out of things though if back on his A-game here.</p> | s |
| 8 | <p>HOLD YOUR FORT (IRE) (17) (D) 97</p> <p>3F3314U1 10 10-5 65.8kg</p> <p> Debra Hamer Callum Pritchard (3lb/1kg)</p> <p>Gained a third win of the season in 3-runner handicap chase at Ascot (3m) 17 days ago. Up 5 lb but this likeable veteran can't be dismissed.</p> | s |

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Hang In There, **9-2** Iron Bridge, **9-2** Millforce, **5-1** Hold Your Fort, **8-1** Grand Geste, **10-1** Egbert, **14-1** Bhaloo, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GRAND GESTE found the National Hunt Chase at the Cheltenham Festival too tough an ask but goes really well round here and is fancied to bounce back in style and bag a third win here. Veterans Hang In There and Hold Your Fort arrive in good nick and could prove the main dangers, although both Iron Bridge and Egbert are also capable of having a say if in the mood.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GRAND GESTE 2. HANG IN THERE 3. HOLD YOUR FORT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Manothepeople	10-11-0	10-3	Fergal O'Brien	Jonathan Burke	6
2024	Manothepeople	9-10-13	9-1	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	14
2023	Captain Cattistock	10-11-1	9-2f	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (3)	11
2022	Captain Cattistock	9-10-8	15-2	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (3)	7
2021	Domaine de L'Isle	8-11-6	6-1	Sean Curran	Brian Hughes	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 8

UNIBET PONY RACING AUTHORITY GRADUATES HANDICAP HURDLE (Conditional Jockeys & Amateur Riders) (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £20,000 1m7f144y (3150 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even****1** **COUNT OF VENDOME (IRE) (33)** (D) **97**131-2121 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Donald McCain

William Maggs (31b/1kg)

Dual bumper winner who made amends for a costly late error on hurdles debut when readily landing a Doncaster maiden in February. Similar form in defeat under a penalty at Bangor behind promising one before resuming winning ways back at Doncaster. This mark looks fair and has to be of interest.

2 **VOCITO (IRE) (147)** (D) **96**33158362 **8** 11-13 | 75.7kg

Olly Murphy

Tom Hutsby (10lb/5kg)

In good form last summer, winning at Uttoxeter. Quickly returned to form when second at Warwick (19f) on final outing in October but remains vulnerable to anything remotely progressive.

3 **ACROSS EARTH (IRE) (26)** (D) **100**234-13123 **5** 11-12 | 75.3kg

Gary & Josh Moore

Jude Fernandes (10lb/5kg)

Returned an improved model this season, resuming winning ways in cosy fashion in 2m handicap at Sandown in December, ridden more patiently than usual. Beat all bar the one who'd had an easy lead at Huntingdon prior to finishing a good third at Newbury. Should go well again.

4 **BRENDAS ASKING (IRE) (357)** (D) **99**2/P132501- **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg

Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Aamilah Aswat (10lb/5kg)

Stood out on form and made the most of a good opportunity in emphatic fashion in 6-runner novice Ludlow (2m, 4/7) last April. Off since but capable fresh and must enter the reckoning.

5 **COURAGEOUS STRIKE (71)** (D) **98**21-15236 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg

Paul Nicholls

Non Runner

NON RUNNER.

6 **SCINTILLANTE (185)** (D) **95**31421228 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Alastair Ralph

Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg)

In top form at Worcester last summer, winning twice and runner-up 3 times. Out of the handicap when well held in Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow when last seen in October and back off his correct mark now.

7 **LIVELY CITIZEN (IRE) (72)** (D) **98**1430-12PP **11** 11-6 | 72.6kg

D. J. Jeffreys

Harry Atkins (7lb/3kg)

Back in the groove when scoring in decisive fashion over fences at Ffos Las last May. Solid second over hurdles at Aintree later that month but has been pulled up both chase starts since and others more persuasive on this return to hurdling.

8 **INNAMORATO (FR) (47)** (D) **95**438413 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Paul Nicholls

Tristan Durrell

French recruit who got off the mark at the third time of asking for Paul Nicholls in a novice at Taunton (19f) in February and backed it up with a solid third under a penalty in 2m Newbury juvenile. Steps into handicap company now but needs more.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Count of Vendome, **10-3** Across Earth, **4-1** Brendas Asking, **13-2** Innamorato, **12-1** Vocito, **12-1** Scintillante, **28-1** Lively Citizen

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ACROSS EARTH has had a good season and looks capable of winning more races judged on his latest third at Newbury. Count of Vendome looks on a fair mark now handicapping and he's feared most ahead of the returning Brendas Asking.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ACROSS EARTH 2. COUNT OF VENDOME 3. BRENDAS ASKING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	King William Rufus 8-10-13	7-2f	Chris Gordon	Charlie Maggs (5)	16
2024	Tintintin 5-11-2	11-1	Fergal O'Brien	Tom Broughton (5)	18
2023	Black Poppy 7-11-5	10-3jf	Kerry Lee	Luca Morgan	13
2022	Koi Dodville 4-9-12	5-1	David Pipe	Jack Tudor	7
2021	Hooper 5-10-11	7-2	Nicky Henderson	Ben Ffrench Davis (7)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race