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# UTTOXETER

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BROOKLYN PILSNER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5)  
1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 1 **(3) REINADO | (2) FEET ON THE GROUND | (1) KABUKI**

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CARLSBERG BRITVIC MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f207y (4010 Metres)

RACE 2 **(6) QUEENOFTHEJUKEBOX | (5) HARMONY HEIGHTS | (8) ROSIE MAHLER**

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BIRRIFICIO ANGELO PORETTI HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3¼m13y (5240 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) AWORKINPROGRESS | (5) GOLD CLERMONT | (3) BROOMFIELDS CAVE**

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EATON HALL SHOOTING GROUND MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 1m7f214y (3210 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) LIME DROP | (5) PASSING KATE | (4) BLACKSAMSENORITA**

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CHRIS, SUE AND GAIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 5 **(7) JASMINE D'AIRY | (4) CHOICE RUNNER | (2) BRIXSON**

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QUINNBET HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f207y (4010 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) DRAYTON FLYER | (4) THANK YOU BLUE | (2) HILLSIN**

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1664 BIERE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) RATHKENNY | (2) EASTERN FIRE | (3) LARAKTAR**

## KEY TO SYMBOLS



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



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



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



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

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RACE 1

**BROOKLYN PILSNER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-95)**  
**£6,150 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)**



Going: **Soft**

Left handed, sharp. Although tight in nature, the track has a reputation for gruelling conditions during the winter, ability to see out the trip being of paramount importance. When the going is on the firm side it often pays to race prominently, especially on the chase course. Fences below average in terms of numbers of fallers/unseats.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1	<b>KABUKI (FR) (221)</b> 15/43742- 5 11-12   75.3kg Donald McCain <i>William Maggs (3lb/1kg)</i> Debut bumper winner in 2023 but failed to kick on over hurdles in 2024/35 and this summer's Flat efforts hardly brimming with promise, either.	h	96
2	<b>FEET ON THE GROUND (IRE) (15)</b> 83342-0 7 11-12   75.3kg Fergal O'Brien <i>Tom Broughton</i> Free-going maiden hurdler who found only one too good on second handicap start in March. Again proved too exuberant on reappearance and she needs to settle down to progress.		98
3	<b>REINADO (IRE) (18)</b> 4880-656F 5 11-10   74.4kg Neil Mulholland <i>Bradley Harris</i> Still looking for first success but was in the process of showing improved form on second start for this yard when falling at the final flight at Ffos Las 3 weeks ago. Major claims from the same mark.		100
4	<b>MISS KASSIOPi (24)</b> 3252-6866 6 11-9   73.9kg Richard Bandey <i>Freddie Gordon</i> Maiden hurdler who came in last of 6 for his new yard (formerly with Danni O'Neill) in handicap at Fontwell and didn't so much better at Worcester 3 weeks ago. Tongue strap applied.	s+t	93
5	<b>HUXLEY (IRE) (40)</b> 656 4 11-6   72.6kg Michael Attwater <i>Shane Fenelon</i> Disappointing maiden on Flat (stays 1m) and unable to build on minor promise shown on hurdles bow in 2 subsequent runs over timber during the autumn. Stamina for this game isn't assured. Handicap debut.	b	83
6	<b>NOBODY TOLD ME (261)</b> 698/4PU- 5 11-2   70.8kg Thomas Faulkner <i>Charlie Price</i> Fair Flat winner for Jedd O'Keeffe who made more impact than previously over hurdles when fourth on handicap debut at Stratford (18.7f) last spring. Unseated rider (unlucky, running creditably) at Taunton when last seen in the sphere in February and he's fit from a trio of Flat runs.	s	99
7	<b>TALAP (366)</b> 0P9/3- 8 10-5(10-4)   65.8kg (65.3kg) Gordon Edwards <i>Ben Bromley</i> Fairly-useful Flat winner for David Pipe but no impact all 4 starts over hurdles for this yard.		63
8	<b>BATTLE STRIDE (USA) (11)</b> 840 3 10-5(10-2)   65.8kg (64.4kg) Richard Armson <i>Philip Armson</i> Modest at best on Flat for Michael Bell. Better effort over hurdles for new yard when fourth at Stratford last month but reportedly had a breathing problem when well held latest. Handicap debut.	h+t	92

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**  
**6-4** Reinado, **7-2** Feet On The Ground, **11-2** Kabuki, **9-1** Miss Kassiopi, **18-1** Talap, **25-1** Battle Stride, **25-1** Huxley, **33-1** Nobody Told Me

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**  
REINADO would likely have been placed had he negotiated the last successfully at Ffos Las 3 weeks ago and on the back of that encouraging effort, he looks the way to go. Feet on The Ground needs to settle down but she should be a factor from this sort of mark.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**  
**1. REINADO 2. FEET ON THE GROUND 3. KABUKI**

**SMART STATS:**  
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2










CARLSBERG BRITVIC MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4, 5 and 6yo fillies and mares £7,700 2m3f207y (4010 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	<b>AUNTIE SCARLET</b>	82
	<div><div>6 11-4   71.7kg</div><div>Katy Price</div><div>Shane Quinlan (31b/1kg)</div><div>€25,000 3-y-o, sixth foal, half-sister to poor chaser Goodoldbill (23f winner). Dam (c123/h136), 2m-21f hurdle/chase winner, out of unraced half-sister to Champion Bumper winner/useful hurdler (2½m winner) Wither Or Which.</div></div>	
2	<b>BRIERY ROSE (319)</b>	83
	<div><div>5 11-4   71.7kg</div><div>Henry Daly</div><div>David Bass</div><div>Sent off 22/1 when fifth of 13 in bumper at this course (15.8f, heavy) on debut in December. Up in trip switched to hurdles on return for in-form yard.</div></div>	
3	<b>COOL BRISE (451) (BF)</b>	83
	<div><div>6 11-4   71.7kg</div><div>Emma Lavelle</div><div>Rex Dingle</div><div>Half-sister to bumper winner/fair 3m hurdle winner Walk In The Brise. Dam (h109), maiden hurdler, half-sister to very smart hurdler/chaser (stayed 3m) Vroum Vroum Mag. Too free to show much in a bumper at Sligo on sole run for Willie Mullins. Hood fitted for stable/hurdles debut.</div></div>	
4	<b>GOWER SPIRIT (14)</b>	81
	<div><div>93-P4 5 11-4   71.7kg</div><div>Matt Sheppard</div><div>Richard Patrick</div><div>Third in a Hereford bumper for Henrietta Knight but looks a handicap project over obstacles.</div></div>	
5	<b>HARMONY HEIGHTS (IRE) (34)</b>	89
	<div><div>454-3 6 11-4   71.7kg</div><div>Fergal O'Brien</div><div>Tom Broughton (51b/2kg)</div><div>Made the frame on both point outings and some promise in 2 of her 3 starts in bumpers last season. Stuck to her task when third of 5 on hurdles debut over 19.5f and there should be more to come from her.</div></div>	
6	<b>QUEENOFTHEJUKEBOX (IRE) (245) (C)</b>	100
	<div><div>4151- 5 11-4   71.7kg</div><div>Noel Williams</div><div>Brendan Powell</div><div>Second in a point and built on promising start at Aintree when easily winning at Wetherby (soft) a year ago. Doubled tally here in March and she has to be of major interest on this hurdles debut.</div></div>	
7	<b>RENE'S WALK (280)</b>	87
	<div><div>44- 5 11-4   71.7kg</div><div>Dan Skelton</div><div>Liam Harrison</div><div>Out of a 2½m-3m hurdle/chase winner and stepped up on her bumper debut form when fourth in 13-runner event at Warwick (2m) in February. Will surely make a jumper and this trip can only help her cause, too.</div></div>	
8	<b>ROSIE MAHLER (IRE)</b>	86
	<div><div>5 11-4   71.7kg</div><div>Harry Derham</div><div>Harry Reed</div><div>€31,000 3-y-o, Mahler mare. Closely related to dual bumper winner/useful hurdler Favour And Fortune, and half-sister to 2 winners, including useful hurdler/chaser Dreal Deal.</div></div>	
9	<b>SHESSONNET (IRE) (29)</b>	75
	<div><div>58 4 11-3   71.2kg</div><div>Ben Case</div><div>Jack Quinlan</div><div>Merely hinted at ability in bumpers.</div></div>	

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

6-4 Queenofthejukebox, 9-2 Harmony Heights, 6-1 Rene's Walk, 7-1 Rosie Mahler, 16-1 Cool Brise, 16-1 Briery Rose, 25-1 Auntie Scarlet, 40-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

QUEENOFTHEJUKEBOX was talented enough to win 2 bumpers last season and taking on her own sex, this looks a good starting point for her over hurdles. Harmony Heights may offer most resistance unless Rosie Mahler is backed on debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. QUEENOFTHEJUKEBOX 2. HARMONY HEIGHTS 3. ROSIE MAHLER

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3






**BIRRIFICIO ANGELO PORETTI HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 3¼m13y (5240 Metres)**



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	<b>AWORKINPROGRESS (IRE) (277)</b>	96
	9861/1111- 6 12-1   76.7kg Nick Gifford <i>James Davies</i> From a low initial base, made seamless progress in handicaps, opening his account over hurdles prior to registering a quartet of further wins over fences last season. Had plenty to spare at Lingfield when last seen in February and a 7 lb rise should see him competitive again back from 9 months off.	
2	<b>BRETNEY (IRE) (20) (C)</b>	88
	P1/71PP-PP 10 12-0   76.2kg Henry Daly <i>David Bass</i> Resumed winning ways in the Borders National at Kelso last December but pulled up on all 4 outings since, a 6-month break failing to spark a revival when losing his place completely following a minor mistake at Fontwell (26f) 3 weeks ago. Best watched for now.	
3	<b>BROOMFIELDS CAVE (IRE) (519) (C, D)</b>	95
	1F5212/21- 8 11-11   74.8kg Neil Mulholland <i>Conor O'Farrell</i> Dual hurdles winner (including here) who despite room for improvement in his jumping, made it second time lucky in novices' handicap chase at Newton Abbot (25.7f) in June 2024. Subsequent 17-month absence suggests all hasn't been plain sailing with him but this 8-y-o is certainly not dismissed.	
4	<b>GOLD EMERY (FR) (294)</b>	95
	52P23/72- 9 11-3   71.2kg Donald McCain <i>Theo Gillard</i> Point/hurdles winner who has shown fair form over fences without winning. Off since his creditable second over this C&D back in January but likely he has a race of this nature in him this term.	
5	<b>GOLD CLERMONT (FR) (267) (D)</b>	100
	46/64PP35- 9 11-2   70.8kg Olly Murphy <i>Lewis Saunders (51lb/2kg)</i> Won a couple of staying chases at Fakenham and Fontwell in 2023/24. More miss than hit last season but more encouraging signs with cheekpieces added on final 2 starts at Bangor/Exeter and she's made a very interesting yard switch ahead of return. Very much one to note following wind surgery.	

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**6-4** Aworkinprogress, **3-1** Gold Clermont, **4-1** Broomfields Cave, **5-1** Gold Emery, **33-1** Bretney

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

AWORKINPROGRESS found another chunk of improvement when bringing up a chase 4-timer at Lingfield when last seen 9 months ago and, with a 7 lb rise for that success looking fair, he makes plenty of appeal in his bid to maintain his 100% record in this sphere. Gold Clermont is a very intriguing runner on debut for Olly Murphy and confidence behind her in the betting would look most significant. Broomfields Cave on belated return completes the shortlist.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. AWORKINPROGRESS 2. GOLD CLERMONT 3. BROOMFIELDS CAVE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Ajp Kingdom</b> 7-11-8	7-4f	Fergal O'Brien	Tom Broughton (5)	5
2022	<b>Tea For Free</b> 7-12-0	evsf	Charlie Longsdon	Lilly Pinchin (3)	10
2021	<b>Sandy Boy</b> 7-10-12	7-2	Philip Hobbs	Ben Jones	6
2020	<b>Just Your Type</b> 8-11-9	11-2	Charlie Longsdon	William Kennedy	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4









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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1	<b>LIME DROP (FR) (29)</b> (CD) 1321516-F 9 12-0   76.2kg  Henry Daly <i>David Bass</i> 3-time winner in small field chases last season (including this race) and in process of running well after 6 months off prior to falling 2 out over C&D 29 days ago (might have been placed). Well worthy of consideration provided that hasn't left a mark.	  100
2	<b>LUNAR DISCOVERY (17)</b> (D) 0322P-345 8 12-0   76.2kg  Robbie Llewellyn <i>Charlie Price (31b/1kg)</i> Dual bumper/hurdles winner for Jimmy Moffatt. 0-7 over fences but made decent start for this yard prior to an underwhelming fifth of 6 with cheekpieces fitted (retained here) when fifth of 6 in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (16.3f, soft) 17 days ago. Still, not one to write off.	s 99
3	<b>BRUCIO (34)</b> (D) 80/30534-3 7 11-13   75.7kg  Tom Ellis <i>Jack Andrews (31b/1kg)</i> Dual winning hurdler who has yet to scale same heights over larger obstacles, albeit returning from 6 months/for new yard when well held third in 4-runner listed chase at Chepstow (19.5f) 5 weeks ago. Return to handicaps rates more suitable and this promises to reveal more.	t 63
4	<b>BLACKSAMSSENORITA (226)</b> (BF) 30/732212- 6 11-3   71.2kg  Joe Tizzard  <i>Brendan Powell</i> Fair hurdler who got off the mark in 5-runner maiden at Exeter (16.7f, good to firm) in March. 11-day turnaround may have caught her out when runner-up in mares' novice hurdle at Plumpton in April but interesting to see what the market makes of her now handicapping over larger obstacles.	98
5	<b>PASSING KATE (266)</b> (D) 323/181P1- 8 11-1   70.3kg  Matt Sheppard <i>Richard Patrick</i> Three-time hurdle winner who has improved further sent chasing faced with testing ground, gaining a second success from 3 starts in 5-runner handicap chase at Chepstow (19.4f, soft) in February. Certainly commands respect on return with any further rain likely to aid her cause.	96

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Lime Drop, 3-1 Passing Kate, 9-2 Blacksamssenorita, 5-1 Lunar Discovery, 11-2 Brucio

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Last year's winner LIME DROP was shaping up encouragingly prior to falling 2 out on her return over C&D 4 weeks ago and is given the narrow vote to come out on top. Passing Katie and chase debutante Blacksamssenorita are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LIME DROP 2. PASSING KATE 3. BLACKSAMSSENORITA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Lime Drop</b>	8-11-4	7-2	Henry Daly	Alice Stevens (5)	6
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SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

CHRIS, SUE AND GAIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)







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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	<b>BERKENSHTAAAP (IRE) (212)</b>	538-5	11-0	69.9kg		Olly Murphy	<i>Lewis Saunders (5lb/2kg)</i>
Winning Irish pointer and placed on the second of his 2 starts bumpers. However, proved a let-down on hurdling debut at Ffos Las (15.8f, good to soft) when last seen in April and sizeable step forward needed here. One of 4 runners for the yard responsible for the winners of this in 2022 and 2023.							
2	<b>BRIXSON (IRE) (14)</b>	43f-2	5	11-0	69.9kg		<i>Theo Gillard</i>
Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Made the frame both starts in bumpers and while he didn't get very far on hurdles debut at Huntingdon last December, the obstacles didn't get in the way when second to a promising type on recent reappearance at Wetherby (2m, good). Open to improvement.							
3	<b>CHEESY ICON (19)</b>	439-4	5	11-0	69.9kg		<i>Shane Quinlan (3lb/1kg)</i>
Mel Rowley Showed ability on the first 2 of his 3 starts in bumpers and wasn't seen to best effect in a first-time hood (retained) on return/hurdling bow at Bangor (16.7f, good to soft). Can be expected to step up on that in due course, but his domain will probably be handicaps.							
4	<b>CHOICE RUNNER (IRE) (245)</b>	55f-	5	11-0	69.9kg		<i>Liam Harrison</i>
Dan Skelton Modest form in bumpers, but shaped with greater promise starting out over hurdles here (2½m, soft) during the spring, still in contention when departing at the second-last. Yard has won this race a couple of times in the past and he's a player with improvement on the cards. Has undergone a wind op.							
5	<b>FAST WORK (IRE) (16)</b>	7306-0	5	11-0	69.9kg		<i>Callum Bewley</i>
Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Modest at best in bumpers and he hasn't shown much in a couple of spins over hurdles. Yard saddles a far more appealing candidate in Brixson.							
6	<b>IN THE PURPLE (IRE) (10)</b>	8	4	11-0	69.9kg		<i>Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)</i>
Olly Murphy Sent off at a big price and was never in the hunt on recent debut in a Chepstow maiden hurdle.							
7	<b>JASMINE D'AIRY (FR) (209)</b>	145221-	6	11-0	69.9kg		<i>Mr Ben Sutton (5lb/2kg)</i>
Harry Derham £120,000 purchase on the back of success in a Tipperary bumper last May and opened account in this sphere when landing a 5-runner Plumpton mares' maiden (20.5f, good) in April. Returns from a break with yard in good form and she has to be high on the shortlist.							
8	<b>KENZOKO (FR) (16)</b>	0-0	5	11-0	69.9kg		<i>Robert Dunne</i>
Olly Murphy Unplaced sole start in Irish points and efforts under Rules so far have lacked spark.							
9	<b>MONSIEUR JACO (FR) (16)</b>	8	5	11-0	69.9kg		<i>Conor O'Farrell</i>
Neil Mulholland Off the mark at third attempt between the flags during the spring, but recent Rules debut in a Stratford novice hurdle was pretty low-key and he's probably more one for handicaps later on.							
10	<b>PEACE IN THE PARK (FR) (19)</b>	3-0	5	11-0	69.9kg		<i>Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg)</i>
D. J. Jeffreys Runner-up in a point and showed a bit when third in a Stratford bumper on Rules debut in July 2024. However, he was beaten a long way on first run in this sphere at Bangor 19 days ago.							

11	<b>THE HUSTLER (IRE) (130)</b> (BF)	
	37 4 11-0   69.9kg Olly Murphy <i>K. Brogan</i> Showed signs of inexperience when third of 8 in bumper at Southwell (15.8f, good) on debut in May. Rather disappointing here next time, but he's worth another chance now switched to hurdles on first run for new yard in view of that initial promise.	
12	<b>U S MARSHALL (IRE)</b>	
	5 11-0   69.9kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero <i>Toby Wynne</i> Fetched £55,000 after winning the second of his 2 starts in Irish maiden points. Interesting to see how he shapes up in the betting ahead of this Rules debut.	
13	<b>MERRY SHUIL (IRE) (219)</b>	h 87
	0/44- 7 10-7   66.7kg Jennie Candlish <i>I. J. Power</i> No show sole bumper start in Ireland before an encouraging hurdles/stable back from 13 months off at Carlisle (19.3f, good to soft) in February. However, subsequent Newton Abbot display left much to be desired.	
14	<b>MISS GALIWAY (FR) (24)</b>	49
	5P6 4 10-7   66.7kg Matt Sheppard <i>Richard Patrick</i> Modest maiden on the Flat for Harry Eustace and little to shout about in a handful of appearances in this sphere.	

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Jasmine D'airy, 5-1 Brixson, 11-2 Choice Runner, 10-1 U S Marshall, 16-1 The Hustler, 22-1 Merry Shuil, 25-1 Berkenshtaaap, 33-1 Cheesy Icon, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

While a couple of these arguably possess greater long-term potential, JASMINE D'AIRY is the most accomplished as things stand and she will prove a tough nut to crack. The form of the 20.5f Plumpton mares' maiden she won during the spring looks all the better in light of the runner-up's subsequent winning spree and this drop back in trip is unlikely to pose a problem. Choice Runner and Brixson are feared most in that order of preference, while point winner U S Marshall also needs a second look.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JASMINE D'AIRY 2. CHOICE RUNNER 3. BRIXSON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Either Way	5-10-7	9-2	Nicky Henderson	David Bass	8
2023	Booster Bob	5-11-7	4-6f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	8
2022	Strong Leader	5-11-0	4-6f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	7
2021	Iontach Cheval	5-10-12	10-1	Alastair Ralph	Nick Scholfield	8
2020	Press Your Luck	5-11-5	11-10f	Chris Gordon	Joshua Moore	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race



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RACE 6











**QUINNBET HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105)**  
**£6,150 2m3f207y (4010 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Even**

<div>1</div> <div></div>	<div><b>DRAYTON FLYER (IRE) (268)</b></div> <div>224- 6 12-0   76.2kg</div> <div><b>Olly Murphy</b></div> <div>Runner-up on debut in a bumper and showed clear promise when making the frame in a couple of Lingfield maiden hurdles over 2m/19.5f (both on soft ground) last winter. Mark for this handicap bow looks manageable and he's a key player.</div>	<div></div> <div><b>K. Brogan</b></div> <div>100</div>
<div>2</div> <div></div>	<div><b>HILLSIN (IRE) (25) (D)</b></div> <div>1227P-3F1 7 11-13   75.7kg</div> <div><b>Alan Jones</b></div> <div>Was still going well when falling 3 out at Stratford on final run for Richard Hawker in May and, having since rejoined his former yard, he gained compensation on last month's reappearance at Exeter (18.5f, good). 3 lb nudge fair enough and he's one to consider.</div>	<div><b>James Turner (51lb/2kg)</b></div> <div>97</div>
<div>3</div> <div></div>	<div><b>TARBUCK (259) (CD)</b></div> <div>42/97414- 7 11-13   75.7kg</div> <div><b>Claire Dyson</b></div> <div>Fair in bumpers and opened hurdles account at the fourth attempt in a C&amp;D handicap in February. Wasn't in the same form at Newbury (16.3f, soft) the following month, but the drop in trip there counted against him and he's not without each-way hope now back up in distance.</div>	<div><b>Alice Stevens (51lb/2kg)</b></div> <div>97</div>
<div>4</div> <div></div>	<div><b>THANK YOU BLUE (15) (D, BF)</b></div> <div>5-4P55554 8 11-12   75.3kg</div> <div><b>Jennie Candlish</b></div> <div>Bagged pair of handicaps at Southwell and Kempton during the spring, the latter gained off a mark 7 lb higher than this. Not in the same form since, but wasn't beaten far when fourth of 12 at Wetherby (21.2f, good) recently and he's one to consider on the back of that effort.</div>	<div><b>Lewis Stones (31lb/1kg)</b></div> <div>99</div>
<div>5</div> <div></div>	<div><b>IRISANTE (GER) (24)</b></div> <div>437237-36 4 11-10   74.4kg</div> <div><b>D. J. Jeffreys</b></div> <div>Fairly useful form over hurdles for Hugo Merienne in France, but hasn't got near that level on these shores and it's probably best to look elsewhere.</div>	<div><b>Jamie Brace (51lb/2kg)</b></div> <div>98</div>
<div>6</div> <div></div>	<div><b>SHUIL CEOIL (IRE) (36)</b></div> <div>5554125-0 7 11-10   74.4kg</div> <div><b>Neil Mulholland</b></div> <div>Took advantage of reduced mark when striking back in this sphere at Fontwell (21.8f, soft) in January. Decent second at the same course next time, but Chepstow reappearance was very low-key, even allowing for that fact that the run was probably needed.</div>	<div><b>Conor O'Farrell</b></div> <div>96</div>
<div>7</div> <div></div>	<div><b>LITTLE DIPPER (44)</b></div> <div>4/43734-37 5 11-6   72.6kg</div> <div><b>Mel Rowley</b></div> <div>Made the frame both starts in bumpers and positive start in this sphere when third in 9-runner Southwell maiden in February. However, it's fair to say that he has failed to build on that since and others are more appealing.</div>	<div><b>Shane Quinlan (31lb/1kg)</b></div> <div>96</div>
<div>8</div> <div></div>	<div><b>JUST GO FOR IT (250)</b></div> <div>30/6385F5- 12 11-0   69.9kg</div> <div><b>Kevin Bishop</b></div> <div>Veteran performer who landed a Taunton handicap off a 5 lb higher mark for Mitchell Hunt in February 2024. Hasn't managed to trouble the judge in 5 starts for this yard, though, and she looks vulnerable once more.</div>	<div><b>James Best</b></div> <div>96</div>
<div>9</div> <div></div>	<div><b>MY GRANNY LILY (253)</b></div> <div>1354/6PP4- 7 10-2(9-10)   64.4kg (61.7kg)</div> <div><b>Nigel Hawke</b></div> <div>Got off the mark in 2m handicap hurdle at Ffos Las in February 2024 and ended that season in good form. Best effort of last term when fourth of 10 at Exeter (18.5f, good to soft) in March, but she's 6 lb 'wrong' at the weights and has an 8-month absence to overcome.</div>	<div><b>James Davies</b></div> <div>93</div>

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

11-4 Drayton Flyer, 4-1 Hillsin, 5-1 Thank You Blue, 13-2 Tarbuck, 12-1 Little Dipper, 14-1 Just Go For It, 20-1 My Granny Lily, 25-1 Shuil Ceoil, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The interesting one is DRAYTON FLYER, who showed more than enough in a bumper and two maiden hurdles last season to suggest that his mark for this handicap bow is a workable one. Thank You Blue will be a threat if able to build on his latest effort and he is second choice ahead of Hillsin and Tarbuck.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DRAYTON FLYER 2. THANK YOU BLUE 3. HILLSIN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Court Cian</b>	6-11-7	9-4f	Stuart Edmunds	Charlie Hammond	7
2023	<b>James Jet</b>	6-12-0	5-1	Warren Greatrex	James Bowen	7
2022	<b>Pardon Me</b>	9-11-9	6-1	Michael & David Easterby	Conor O'Farrell	10
2021	<b>Akkapenko</b>	7-10-7	13-2	Dai Burchell	Ben Jones	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7








1664 BIERE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo  
£4,500 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)



Going: **Soft**

Left handed, sharp. Although tight in nature, the track has a reputation for gruelling conditions during the winter, ability to see out the trip being of paramount importance. When the going is on the firm side it often pays to race prominently, especially on the chase course. Fences below average in terms of numbers of fallers/unseats.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	<b>CRYSTAL FORCE (IRE) (242)</b>	87
	4- 4 11-2   70.8kg Tom Weston Beaten a fair way when fourth of 6 in a Wetherby bumper (2m, good) on debut in March, but he should be all the better for the experience.	<i>Brendan Powell</i>
2	<b>EASTERN FIRE (IRE)</b>	98
	4 11-2   70.8kg Dan Skelton  Poet's Word gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including bumper winner Darling Daughter and fair hurdler Present Fair. Very much of interest for powerful yard and confidence behind him in the betting would look significant.	<i>Liam Harrison</i>
3	<b>LARAKTAR (FR)</b>	 100
	4 11-2   70.8kg Olly Murphy €88,000 half-brother to fair chaser Feuille de Lune. Dam unraced out of fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser in France (stayed 29f) Harmonie Tresor. Interesting newcomer for yard that does very well in bumpers.	<i>Robert Dunne</i>
4	<b>MAXIMUM BENEFIT (IRE) (143)</b>	85
	5 4 11-2   70.8kg Jo Davis Failed to land a blow on debut at Worcester during the summer and he's probably more one for the longer-term.	<i>Lilly Pinchin</i>
5	<b>RATHKENNY (IRE)</b>	99
	5 11-2   70.8kg Neil Mulholland Just touched off by one who has since won twice under Rules on debut in a maiden point last October. Duly went one better during the spring and he has the look of a strong candidate.	<i>Conor O'Farrell</i>

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Laraktar, 9-4 Rathkenny, 5-2 Eastern Fire, 14-1 Crystal Force, 28-1 Maximum Benefit

TIMEFORM VIEW:

There's substance to RATHKENNY'S form between the flags and he is taken to make a winning start under Rules, though confidence behind either of the newcomers, Eastern Fire and Laraktar, would be noteworthy given the stables they represent.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RATHKENNY 2. EASTERN FIRE 3. LARAKTAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	John Barbour	5-11-2	9-2	Fergal O'Brien	J. Hogan (3)	8
2023	Gamesters Guy	4-11-2	15-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	8
2022	Bowenspark	4-11-2	7-1	Henry Daly	Charlie Deutsch	11
2021	Benign Dictator	4-11-0	12-1	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory (3)	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race