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ENTERTAIN IN STYLE AT WETHERBY RACECOURSE MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4)
2m3f154y (3960 Metres)

RACE 1 **(7) SALLYVILLE LADY | (4) JOAN'S CHOICE | (1) BIGLESISBACK**

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RACE 2 **(4) WILLIAM CODY | (1) GERYVILLE | (2) NO BUT I WILL**

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RACE 4 **(1) KALHANDRION | (2) EATON ANNE | (4) THE GREY MAN**

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ratingtv.com HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3m26y (4850 Metres)

RACE 5 **(6) HAWTHORN STREET | (5) LIBRE DE CHOEUR | (8) TIGER ORCHID**

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JUMPS FINALE - FRIDAY 27th MARCH NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Conditional Jockeys & Amateur Riders) (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) MINELLA PREMIER | (7) STATIC CHARM | (4) L'UNIQUE ALLEN**

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

ENTERTAIN IN STYLE AT WETHERBY RACECOURSE MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £10,000 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	BIGLESISBACK (35)	90
	93222P 6 11-6 72.6kg Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore  Derek Fox Well-related mare who has been runner-up 3 times over hurdles (2 novice, 1 handicap) this winter. Pulled up at Ayr last time but her stable's good form in recent weeks provides hope that she can shrug that off now.	
2	GIRL FRIDAY (IRE)	89
	5 11-6 72.6kg Michael & David Easterby Patrick Wadge £45,000 purchase after winning sole start in Irish points (Oct 2025). Doesn't have too high a standard to aim at on hurdle debut so market support would be interesting.	
3	I HEARD A RUMOUR (IRE) (24)	84
	U7 5 11-6 72.6kg Dan Skelton  Charlie Todd Related to winners but no more than hinted at ability in 2 outings at Chepstow last month. Sallyville Lady is the Skelton first string unless the betting suggests otherwise.	
4	JOAN'S CHOICE (IRE) (92)	92
	321 h 6 11-6 72.6kg Neil Mulholland Bradley Harris (31b/1kg) Just failed to get up in a course bumper in November and went one better at Plumpton (good to soft) just before Christmas. Should be up to making her presence felt in a race like this now hurdling.	
5	KHALEESI QUEEN (14)	79
	0995 6 11-6 72.6kg Micky Hammond Joshua Thompson (51b/2kg) First form when 22 lengths fifth of 12 in 2½m Newcastle novice hurdle 14 days ago. More will be needed to go close here and probably more one for staying handicaps later on.	
6	ROYAL MAGGS (14)	75
	8P8 h 6 11-6 72.6kg Mark Walford Jamie Hamilton Dual point winner but hasn't offered much in a bumper and 2 hurdles this winter.	
7	SALLYVILLE LADY (IRE) (41)	100
	323  6 11-6 72.6kg Dan Skelton  Tristan Durrell Irish point winner who has shown fair form when placed on all 3 outings over hurdles. Reported to have bled from the nose when third of 10 in 21f Ludlow handicap last time but still the one to beat for a top stable with an excellent Wetherby record.	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Sallyville Lady, **7-2** Joan's Choice, **9-2** Biglesisback, **11-2** Girl Friday, **14-1** I Heard A Rumour, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SALLYVILLE LADY sets the form standard and gets the vote for Dan Skelton. Bumper winner Joan's Choice could pose the chief threat if taking to this new discipline. Biglesisback and Irish point scorer Girl Friday are others who could have a say.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SALLYVILLE LADY 2. JOAN'S CHOICE 3. BIGLESISBACK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Audacious Annie** 6-11-6 6-4f Jamie Snowden Gavin Sheehan 12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.37**racings.com HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120)
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RACE 2

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 GERVILLE (FR) (54) (CD) b **99**
725-52651 10 12-2 | 77.1kg



Micky Hammond

Conor O'Farrell

Not the easiest to predict but was second in this last year and he made all in 9-runner C&D handicap (heavy) in January. Up 6 lb but still firmly in the mix if on his A-game again.

2 NO BUT I WILL (86) (C) v **98**
2P-232131 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Julian Smith

Liam Harrison

Not straightforward but largely in good form this season, winning at Cartmel (17f) in August and Fakenham (21f) in December. Only 2 lb higher here.

3 ARTHUR'S QUAY (IRE) (106) (D) t **98**
1-2554233 12 11-10 | 74.4kg



Ben Haslam

Richie McLernon

Veteran who won at Newcastle in February 2025. Went close to another victory there in October but has performed no more than respectably when third on both outings since.

4 WILLIAM CODY (27) (D) s **100**
4634-3232 9 11-9 | 73.9kg



Pam Sly

Jack Andrews

Four-time chase winner who was as good as ever when runner-up at Southwell (soft) 4 weeks ago. Cheekpieces go back on. Sometimes finds less than looks likely, but has a fair bit going for him here.

5 RATH GAUL HILL (IRE) (18) b+t **96**
11/16-83P4 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Samuel Drinkwater

Sean Bowen

Three-time chase winner but has been largely disappointing this season, finishing remote last of 4 at Newbury 18 days ago. First-time blinkers (which replace cheekpieces) need to help spark a revival.

6 CLONAKILTY (IRE) (52) s+t **92**
16/P432-0P 9 11-1 | 70.3kg



Lizzie Quinlan

Sean Quinlan

A fairly useful chase scorer for Olly Murphy but he has offered little in 2 outings for new yard this winter.

7 EMPTY NEST (IRE) (19) (CD) t **98**
316-75226 8 10-2 | 64.4kg



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

C&D winner who was back on form when runner-up at Newcastle and Doncaster in recent months but needs to shrug off a lesser effort here since.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Geryville, **3-1** William Cody, **6-1** No But I Will, **8-1** Rath Gaul Hill, **9-1** Arthur's Quay, **10-1** Empty Nest, **33-1** Clonakilty

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WILLIAM CODY was clear of the rest when second at Southwell last time and might be able to go one better now, perhaps at the expense of last-time-out C&D scorer Geryville.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WILLIAM CODY 2. GERVILLE 3. NO BUT I WILL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Do Your Job 11-11-2	10-1	Charlie Longsdon	Lilly Pinchin	5
2024	Carrigeen Castle 8-11-4	8-15f	Micky Hammond	Brian Hughes	5
2023	Gallic Geordie 10-11-3	11-2	Samuel Drinkwater	Robert Dunne	6
2022	Ecume Atlantique 8-11-12	4-1	Richard Bandy	Harry Bannister	8
2021	Roxboro Road 8-11-5	7-2jf	Ben Haslam	Alain Cawley	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

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HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000 2m
(3220 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 SWEEPER SYSTEM (IRE) (54) 88
 653P 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Sam Allwood **Tom Bellamy**
 Progressive in 3 qualifying runs at the end of 2025 but pulled up on his 2½m course handicap debut in January. Back down in trip.

2 JUSTUS (IRE) (24) (D) 93
 012P/64P8 8 11-10 | 74.4kg b



Micky Hammond **Joshua Thompson (51b/2kg)**
 Hurdle/dual Flat winner in 2024 but has failed to trouble the judge since, failing to see his race out again when eighth of 15 over 2½m at Newcastle in first-time blinkers (retained) 24 days ago. It remains to be seen whether a drop back in trip makes a difference.

3 ROLAND GARROS (15) 94
 6772 5 11-10 | 74.4kg t



Hayley Burton **Jack Quinlan**
 Fair maiden on the Flat. Modest form over hurdles, finishing 15 lengths second in 2m Southwell maiden 15 days ago. Handicap hurdle debut.

4 GOLDEN MILLIE (24) (D) 97
 5677 8 11-7 | 73.0kg h



Dan Horsford **Jonathan Burke**
 Bumper winner. Yet to better modest form over hurdles but was entitled to need last month's handicap debut for a new yard after an absence. Could last longer now.

5 MYSTICAL MARTIKA (IRE) (97) 88
 55P-475 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Derek Fox**
 Poor maiden under Rules. Reportedly bled when last of 5 in a 2m Hexham novice in December. Off since. Stable back in form of late.

6 CAWTHORNE BANKER (IRE) (75) (D) 98
 9P21316d7 8 11-3 | 71.2kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**
 Winner of handicaps at Fontwell in August and Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft) in October. Below par back from 11 weeks off at Catterick on New Year's Day but returns from a similar length of break with his stable in form.

7 KOPA KILANA (IRE) (109) (D) 88
 334228P0 9 11-2 | 70.8kg t



Samantha & Jacqueline Coward **Sean Bowen**
 Long-standing maiden over hurdles but was runner-up off higher marks at Perth last autumn. Given a break since running poorly on his first start for this yard at Doncaster in November and Sean Bowen booked on return. Also refitted with a tongue tie.

8 BERRY EDGE (IRE) (19) (CD) 100
 5-569531 8 11-0 | 69.9kg s+t ★



David Thompson **Sean Quinlan**
 Multiple winner on the Flat who came good for the first time over hurdles when seeing off 7 rivals in a C&D handicap (soft) 19 days ago. Had a bit in hand and should remain very competitive off 8 lb higher.

9 ASHDOWN FOREST (IRE) (54) 95
 677 4 10-11 | 68.5kg



Jedd O'Keeffe **Craig Nichol**
 Fair maiden on the Flat for Ed Walker. Has yet to translate that ability to hurdles but possible he could fare better now handicapping after a breathing operation.

10 BIG LOVE (21) 99
 44P46 4 10-8 | 67.1kg



Michael & David Easterby **Jamie Hamilton**
 Fourth in a bumper and 2 juveniles from his 5 career starts and appeals as a potential improver now handicapping for the first time. On the shortlist.

11 ICE JET (IRE) (121) 77
 797 4 10-5 | 65.8kg t



Dan Skelton **Tristan Durrell**
 Fair maiden on Flat (stays 1½m) in Ireland. Beaten a long way in 3 juvenile hurdles for Dan Skelton but could easily prove a different proposition now handicapping after 4 months off (has had breathing operation). Very interesting, particularly if backed.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Berry Edge, 5-1 Ice Jet, 9-1 Big Love, 9-1 Roland Garros, 10-1 Cawthorne Banker, 11-1 Ashdown Forest, 12-1 Mystical Martika, 14-1 Golden Millie, 16-1 Kopa Kilana, 33-1 Sweeper System, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The vote goes to Dan Skelton handicap newcomer ICE JET back from a breathing operation, with confidence in his chance increased should the betting vibes be strong. Big Love is another who rates a potential improver on his first start in the handicap ranks and is second choice ahead of last month's C&D scorer Berry Edge.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ICE JET 2. BIG LOVE 3. BERRY EDGE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 KALHANDRION (FR) (25) (D) s+t **100**
658-132U1 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Richard Hobson

Charlie Maggs (31b/1kg)

Has improved for the switch to chasing this term, scoring on his debut at Huntingdon (19.9f) in November and gained compensation for an unseat when doubling tally in 4-runner contest at Exeter 3 weeks ago. Tongue tie back on and this likeable front runner seems sure to go well.

2 EATON ANNE (IRE) (32) s **92**
41175-475 8 11-8 | 73.5kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Won back-to-back handicap hurdles (at up to 19.5f) last winter but progress has rather stalled since, never really landing a blow switched to fences at Chepstow last month. This is easier, though with cheekpieces now on.

3 JACK TO BAT (24) s **43**
344-5 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Fetches £130,000 after finishing second in an Irish point and made the frame all 3 starts in maiden hurdles at around 2½m last season. Can be expected to step up on those exploits over fences and while opening effort wasn't that encouraging, he may have needed the run. Cheekpieces reached for.

4 THE GREY MAN (16) (D) **98**
366-47UP1 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Harriet Dickin

James Best

Jumped much better than previously over fences when landing 3-runner chase at Ffos Las a fortnight ago. That isn't a solid piece of form, so even a 4 lb rise may prevent the follow up.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**13-8** Kalhandrion, **11-4** The Grey Man, **7-2** Eaton Anne, **5-1** Jack To Bat**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

KALHANDRION is an uncomplicated and likeable chaser who looks to have been found another good opportunity to dominate a small field. With The Grey Man an unlikely follow-up candidate, Eaton Anne is feared most fitted with cheekpieces.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. KALHANDRION 2. EATON ANNE 3. THE GREY MAN****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Kelce 7-10-12	13-8	Neil Mulholland	Conor O'Farrell	3
2024	Top of The Bill 8-11-10	11-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jordan Nailor	6
2023	Famous Bridge 7-11-3	6-5f	Nicky Richards	Sean Quinlan	5
2022	Castle Robin 7-11-4	11-8f	Charlie Longsdon	Paul O'Brien	3

SMART STATS:

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 IMPERIAL MERLIN (IRE) (53) (D) s 93
17-42745P 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



John & Sean Quinn *Sean Quinlan*
Fairly useful hurdler who clearly wasn't right at Warwick on January, left behind in the straight and pulled up. Given time to recover from that and he's now dipped below his last winning mark with cheekpieces back on.

2 KAPAL LAYAR (IRE) (38) t 96
44211-09P 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
Won back-to-back races last season but has made an underwhelming start to this campaign, including post breathing operation when pulled up with headgear fitted at Newbury last month.

3 INTO THE PARK (IRE) (21) b 98
029-24P34 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White *Callum Pritchard (31b/1kg)*
Pulled up on chase debut in January but put that behind him (without being at best) when third of 7 in 2m Taunton handicap hurdle last month. Shade disappointing that he didn't build on that at Catterick since and blinkers now replace cheekpieces.

4 HEART OVER HEAD (IRE) (31) t 93
P-7473110 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Fergal O'Brien *Jonathan Burke*
Closely related to the same connections' useful Alaphilippe and readily off the mark in 4-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter. Followed up in good style at Market Rasen (23.1f) and perhaps best to excuse latest Ascot run in a better race, on the back foot after an early mistake.

5 LIBRE DE CHOEUR (FR) (25) (D) 94
33-5261 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Clive Boulton-Brooks *Richard Patrick*
Cast aside a lesser effort at Warwick when staying on well to land 3m handicap at Ffos Las 3 weeks ago and he's not yet exposed.

6 HAWTHORN STREET (IRE) (36) ★ 100
4-41 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
£155,000 point winner from the family of Irish National winner Thunder And Roses. Confirmed debut promise at the second attempt when landing 7-runner maiden at Catterick last time by ¾ length from Solid Performer. Should have even more to offer for yard going pretty well now.

7 DRAMATIC LICENSE (IRE) (150) 95
324-34715 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



John Wainwright *Callum Bewley*
Off the mark in 6-runner maiden hurdle at Downpatrick (21.8f; good to firm) in August. Fared as well as could be expected in listed company 2 months later on final start for Stuart Crawford. Mark looks on the high side.

8 TIGER ORCHID (IRE) (23) (D) s 99
4-562F442 11 11-6 | 72.6kg



Stuart Edmunds *Charlie Hammond*
Three-time winner over fences at Worcester but he's not the most fluent of jumpers and losing run is mounting up. Did make a positive start for Stuart Edmunds when second at Hereford and he figures on a tempting hurdles mark.

9 BUZZ ICECLEAR (IRE) (47) (CD, BF) 95
367-1138 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Mark Walford *Jamie Hamilton*
Won first 2 handicaps (second one over C&D) prior to an excellent third of 9 off a 10 lb higher mark at Ascot in December. Fitted with cheekpieces and failed to continue the good work at Ayr in January.

10 LADRONNE (FR) (18) (C, D) t 95
11-612412 12 11-4 | 71.7kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith *Oscar Palmer (71b/3kg)*
Managed to win 4 handicaps over fences since February 2025 despite his advancing years. Really good second at Doncaster 18 days ago and has a fine record here, but hard to know what he's capable of over hurdles these days.

11 RIOJA ALTA (IRE) (46) b 95
912-31763 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Micky Hammond *Conor O'Farrell*
Better than ever when notching second victory of 2025 at Cartmel in July. Confirmed stamina for 25.3f when third at Catterick in January and he can remain competitive.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Hawthorn Street, **11-2** Libre De Choeur, **8-1** Heart Over Head, **9-1** Into The Park, **11-1** Tiger Orchid, **12-1** Kapal Layar, **14-1** Rioja Alta, **14-1** Imperial Merlin, **16-1** Ladronne, **16-1** Buzz Iceclear, **33-1** Dramatic License

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HAWTHORN STREET advanced his form when making his third start over hurdles a winning one at Catterick a month ago. The second that day would have paid a handsome compliment to that form had he stood up at Haydock last time and there's a good case for him from a handicapping perspective. Libre de Choeur and Tiger Orchid head the dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAWTHORN STREET 2. LIBRE DE CHOEUR 3. TIGER ORCHID

SMART STATS:

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 MINELLA PREMIER (IRE) (23) t  **100**
1 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Richard Hobson **Charlie Maggs** (31b/1kg)
£400,000 purchase after an Irish point win and made a successful start under Rules in 4-runner Fontwell bumper 3 weeks ago, overcoming inexperience (easy to back in tongue tie). Can improve and fancied to remain unbeaten under penalty.

2 CRICKET HILL DENIS (IRE) **82**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Mark Walford **William Maggs** (31b/1kg)
Hillstar gelding. Closely related to useful hurdler Broomfields Jeremy. Dam (h103) bumper/2½m hurdle winner.

3 JOHNS LEGACY (FR) **79**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Andrew Crook **Conor Rabbitt** (31b/1kg)
£6,000 3-y-o, Jeu St Eloi gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful chaser (stayed 3m) Dog of War.

4 L'UNIQUE ALLEN (FR) **86**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Olly Murphy **Lewis Saunders** (51b/2kg)
€100,000 3-y-o, Beaumec De Houelle gelding. Half-brother to smart hurdler/chase winner Hermes Allen, stayed 3m. Dam (h129) French 17f-19f hurdle/chase winner. 1 of 2 interesting newcomers for the yard.

5 MR MAXIMILLIAN (IRE) **83**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Olly Murphy **Mr James King** (31b/1kg)
€40,000 3-y-o, Maxios gelding. Half-brother to useful hurdler/chaser Bois de Clamart and useful French 2m hurdle winner Megalypos. Dam French 17f-21f hurdle/chase winner. 1 of 2 interesting newcomers for the stable.

6 PEACE BELLE (14) (D) **86**
13 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Jennie Candlish **Luke Scott** (31b/1kg)
Successful debut at Hexham last summer in a race that favoured speed. Found things tougher under a penalty 6 months on at Newcastle and she'll need to find more to take this now up against the males.

7 STATIC CHARM (FR) (80) **87**
34 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Micky Hammond **Joshua Thompson** (51b/2kg)
Showed more than first time up when fourth of 15 over C&D at Christmas. That has the look of a good bumper and he's up to winning races on that showing.

8 ZAINS HOPE (IRE) **81**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nick Kent **Tom Midgley** (31b/1kg)
€16,000 3-y-o, Youmzain gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including fairly useful hurdle winner/unreliable but useful chaser Hold The Note.

9 RIP IT UP **82**
4 10-6 | 66.2kg



John Dawson **Tristan Durrell**
Frontiersman gelding. Dam 1m-12.4f winner.

10 SUPERIOR QUEEN (28) **84**
42 4 10-2 | 64.4kg



Gary Hanmer **Benjamin Macey** (51b/2kg)
Built on her debut when second of 5 at Market Rasen 4 weeks ago, staying on well under mainly hands-and-heels riding. This is tougher. Longer trips sure to suit when jumping.

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Minella Premier, **13-2** Static Charm, **7-1** Peace Belle, **8-1** L'unique Allen, **11-1** Superior Queen, **14-1** Mr Maximillian, **22-1** Cricket Hill Denis, **28-1** Rip It Up, **33-1** Zains Hope, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MINELLA PREMIER overcame inexperience when scoring at Fontwell 3 weeks ago, and while that was a thin event he seems sure to improve and can remain unbeaten. Static Charm ran well in a strong race here at Christmas and could make his presence felt. L'Unique Allen might be the pick of the newcomers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MINELLA PREMIER 2. STATIC CHARM 3. L'UNIQUE ALLEN

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race