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RACINGTV MEMBERS DAY EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) NO QUESTIONS ASKED | (5) JOHN BARBOUR | (6) TRACKING TREASURE**

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LUKE WATSON MEMORIAL MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m7f174y (4790 Metres)

RACE 2 **(5) PIKE ROAD | (1) BOLD RECRUIT | (2) DOCTOR MIDAS**

3.05

FINNEGAN AMBASSADOR MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 2½m11y (4030 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) REGAL RENAISSANCE | (1) SACRE COEUR | (7) CURRENT MOOD**

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MICHAEL LUMSDEN MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) MOON CHIME | (4) CHIEF SUNDAY | (6) THANKYOURLUCKYSTAR**

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f171y (4780 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) BALLYCAMUS | (4) KELCE | (3) CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY**

4.43

JOIN RACINGTV NOW NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 1m7f212y (3210 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) ELECTRIC JET | (3) GLIMPSE OF GLORY | (2) DUNSTALL RAMBLER**

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BEHIND THE SCENES RACEDAY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m5f55y (4270 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) SUPER SABRE SAM | (1) WHATSUPWITHYOU | (7) MIDNIGHT GINGER**

KEY TO SYMBOLS



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



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RACE 1














RACINGTV MEMBERS DAY EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4, 5, 6 and 7yo £8,000 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)



Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

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Pace Information: Very Weak

1	NO QUESTIONS ASKED (IRE) (13) (D)	100
	Ben Pauling  Point winner who showed useful form in bumpers last term and, save for his odds-on reverse at Doncaster in November, he's otherwise done nothing wrong in 4 starts in this sphere. Fine second in a listed novice at Huntingdon (19.6f, good to soft) last time and likely to prove very hard to beat here.	 Ben Jones
2	CAPTAIN TRIGGER (12)	60
	Robbie Llewellyn Charlie Price (3lb/1kg) Half-brother to 4 winners, including useful hurdler/chaser Captain Cattistock and fairly useful hurdler/chase winner King's Threshold. However, he hardly shaped like a ready-made future winner himself on debut in a Bangor novice hurdle.	
3	FALCAO (FR) (39)	67
	Evan Williams Adam Wedge Equipped with a tongue strap (discarded here), he trailed in a well-beaten last of 7 on debut in a Ffos Las bumper last month. Will need to leave that form well behind if he's to make an impact now switched to hurdles.	
4	FOLLOWING CHAPTER (45)	68
	Alastair Ralph Ciaran Gethings No real impact in a couple of spins at Chepstow so far and this 5-y-o is probably more one for handicaps further down the line.	
5	JOHN BARBOUR (48) (D)	76
	Fergal O'Brien  Winning start for new yard when, fitted with a first-time tongue strap, he accounted for 7 rivals in a Uttoxeter bumper in November. Too free when fourth of 12 at Huntingdon next time but, if settling better this time and jumping fluently, he could be a live each-way player on hurdles debut.	Jonathan Burke 
6	TRACKING TREASURE (IRE) (14)	71
	Matt Sheppard Stan Sheppard Unplaced both starts in points and failed to beat a rival in a bumper at Fairyhouse in November. Bettered hurdles/yard debut form when third in a 7-runner C&D novice a fortnight ago but the value of that form is questionable and another minor role is the most likely scenario.	
7	WELCHESTON WARRIER (10)	68
	Clive Boulton Richard Patrick Offered little sole start in bumpers and only minor promise when sixth of 11 in novice at Worcester on hurdles bow in October. Subsequently brought down at the final flight in a Chepstow novice recently (was well held at this time of his departure) and it's best to look elsewhere.	
8	AMBERELLI (253)	69
	Martin Keighley Sean Bowen Showed more spark than on her hurdles debut when fourth in a 14-runner Southwell maiden (20.4f, good) in June, shaping very much like a stayer. Dropping in trip here won't do her any favours but this is presumably a means to an end with handicaps in mind.	
9	KERSHAW COUNTY (50)	68
	Henry Daly Sam Twiston-Davies First form of a bumper winner, half-sister to fairly useful 21f hurdle winner Clarendon Street out of useful chaser (2¼m-2½m winner, stayed 2¾m) Carrigeen Kalmia. However, she shaped with little encouragement on debut in a Uttoxeter bumper.	

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THE DANCING LASS (26)
680 5 10-9 | 67.6kg
Mel Rowley
No show in a bumper nor 2 starts over hurdles to date.

60

Charlie Deutsch

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
1-2 No Questions Asked, 9-2 John Barbour, 12-1 Tracking Treasure, 25-1 Amberelli, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
A straightforward task awaits NO QUESTIONS ASKED, who split a couple of useful-looking novices when runner-up in listed company recently and a reproduction of that effort would be more than sufficient. Bumper winner John Barbour could be the one to follow him home if his jumping passes the test, while Tracking Treasure is taken to again finish third, having done so over this C&D two weeks ago.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. NO QUESTIONS ASKED 2. JOHN BARBOUR 3. TRACKING TREASURE

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

LUKE WATSON MEMORIAL MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 5yo+
£8,000 2m7f174y (4790 Metres)










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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1	BOLD RECRUIT (IRE) (65)	96
	2223 6 11-6 72.6kg Billy Aprahamian Placed both completed starts in points and has finished in the money on each of his 4 starts under Rules, too. Shaped as though this stiffer test would be right up his street when third upped to 20.5f at Plumpton last time and a bold show could be on the way.	Gavin Sheehan
2	DOCTOR MIDAS (FR) (69)	94
	55 5 11-6 72.6kg Nicky Henderson Only fifth of 11 when sent off favourite in Haydock bumper last spring and safely held on return/hurdles bow at Warwick (21f, soft). That said, he is in very good hands and it could be that this stiffer test will be just what he needs.	Nico de Boinville
3	KEEL STRAND (FR) (64)	83
	74 5 11-6 72.6kg Paul Nicholls Runner-up sole start in Irish points last spring and stepped up on his low-key Rules debut effort in a bumper when fourth of 13 starting out over hurdles at Wincanton (19.8f, soft) in December. Good deal more needed here but this step up in trip is well worth exploring.	Harry Cobden
4	LOCH FRISA (IRE) (23)	67
	74 5 11-6 72.6kg Ben Pauling Just minor promise in a Southwell bumper/Plumpton maiden hurdle to date and handicaps will presumably be on the agenda before long.	Ben Jones
5	PIKE ROAD (19)	100
	7225 6 11-6 72.6kg Martin Keighley Runner-up in a point and in maiden hurdles at Worcester and Uttoxeter before finishing fifth of 8 switched to handicap company at Catterick (25.3f, good to soft) last time. Solid claims back in a maiden and reunited with Sean Bowen.	Sean Bowen
6	QUEENSLAND BOY (IRE)	s
	5 11-6 72.6kg Ian Williams Won twice on the Flat and he's certainly bred for this game but it's been a struggle since he registered his latest win on the level at Nottingham last spring.	Charlie Todd
7	SWIFT JET (IRE) (26)	94
	9-5 7 11-6 72.6kg Richard Phillips Beaten a long way on Rules debut in an Exeter bumper last February but there was promise in his reappearance/hurdles debut fifth at Doncaster (19.4f, good to soft), particularly with staying handicaps in mind.	Sam Twiston-Davies

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Bold Recruit, 5-2 Pike Road, 11-2 Doctor Midas, 8-1 Keel Strand, 10-1 Swift Jet, 22-1 Loch Frisa, 25-1 Queensland Boy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's probably fair to say PIKE ROAD didn't improve on his maiden hurdle form when fifth on handicap debut at Catterick but that was still a decent effort and he shades preference ahead of Bold Recruit. Big-yard representatives Doctor Midas and Keel Strand may both step up on what they've shown so far now faced with a stiffer test, while Swift Jet could also have a part to play.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PIKE ROAD 2. BOLD RECRUIT 3. DOCTOR MIDAS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2024	Monks Meadow	6-11-6	evsf Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy 10
2023	Great Snow	6-10-13	11-10 Neil Mulholland	Danny McMenamin 5
2022	Pulling Stumps	5-11-6	11-10f Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien 7

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RACE 3

FINNEGAN AMBASSADOR MARES' HANDICAP CHASE
(Qualifier) (3) 5yo+ mares (Rated 0-130) £13,000
2½m11y (4030 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1	SACRE COEUR (FR) (25) (C, D) 46212P42 9 12-0 76.2kg	99
	Dan Skelton Three-time handicap chase winner last season and back to best when making all at Plumpton (25.7f, good to soft) in November. Gave it a good shot when second in a 4-runner handicap dropped to 2m at Uttoxeter last time and she's fully effective over this intermediate trip. Big player.	Harry Atkins (71lb/3kg)
2	GAME ON FOR GLORY (IRE) (33) (CD) s P2132-41U 9 11-9 73.9kg	97
	Lucy Wadham Opened chase account over C&D last term and left reappearance behind in reapplied headgear when winning a 13-runner handicap at Cheltenham (20.6f, good to soft) in December. However, a degree of caution is needed following an errant display at Windsor last time (refused and unseated rider).	Tom Cannon
3	HAPPY D'EX (FR) (432) (D) 12322/6P6- 8 11-0 69.9kg	92
	Sheila Lewis Bumper and dual hurdles winner for Gordon Elliott. Wasn't disgraced on debut for new yard at Cheltenham but that was back in December 2023 and subsequent absence is cause for concern.	Sean Houlihan
4	HEREWEGOHONEY (IRE) (55) 2310-0F4P 9 10-13 69.4kg	92
	Fergal O'Brien Doubled her tally over fences when winning a Market Rasen handicap in July 2023. However, she hasn't gone on from that effort since and was pulled up on her latest start on Boxing Day.	Tom Broughton (51lb/2kg)
5	REGAL RENAISSANCE (31) (C, D) ★ 312-24146 7 10-12 68.9kg	100
	Henry Daly Reliable mare who resumed winning ways in a 7-runner handicap chase at Warwick in November and followed that with a creditable fourth in the Cheltenham contest won by Game On For Glory. Underperformed at Fakenham last time but her consistent profile offers hope that she will bounce back quickly.	Sam Twiston-Davies
6	OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS (FR) (31) (C) h 555-21157 7 10-8 67.1kg	99
	Venetia Williams Positive start over fences, finishing second on debut in this sphere at Warwick in November before scoring here (2m) and at Taunton (2¼m) in December. However, she appears to have gone off the boil since and remains 6 lb above her latest winning mark.	Charlie Deutsch
7	CURRENT MOOD (14) (C) s 436-51324 10 10-2 64.4kg	99
	Evan Williams Better for return when capitalising on a much-reduced mark over fences at this course (23.8f, good to soft) in October. Creditable efforts in defeat back here the last twice and she will be a threat if the first-time cheekpieces help eke out a little more.	Adam Wedge
8	RIVER ROBE (IRE) (14) 73564457 6 10-2(8-11) 64.4kg (55.8kg)	87
	Sarah-Jayne Davies Winning start for Dan Skelton in a handicap hurdle at Market Rasen last summer but she's 0-9 for present yard and hasn't fired in 4 starts over fences to date. 19 lb 'wrong' at the weights.	James Best

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Sacre Coeur, 7-2 Regal Renaissance, 5-1 Current Mood, 11-2 Game On For Glory, 7-1 Ostrava Du Berlais, 33-1 Herewegohoney, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The change of tactics probably didn't help REGAL RENAISSANCE at Fakenham and it would be no surprise whatsoever to see this consistent 7-y-o get back on track in what should be a strongly-run race. She gets the nod ahead of Sacre Coeur, who lost little caste in defeat at Uttoxeter and a reproduction of that effort would put her firmly in the picture. Current Mood also enters calculations.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. REGAL RENAISSANCE 2. SACRE COEUR 3. CURRENT MOOD

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4












MICHAEL LUMSDEN MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4)
4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £9,000 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Strong**

1		THE HARDEST GEEZER (IRE) (42) (D) 17-451 6 12-0 76.2kg Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Advanced his form to get off the mark over hurdles in 12-runner novice at Taunton (16.5f, soft) 42 days ago. Should have more to offer now going into handicaps. A likely player.	h	93 <i>Sean Houlihan</i>
2		MOON CHIME (108) (D) 113311-4 7 11-12 75.3kg David Killahena & Graeme McPherson Useful dual bumper winner who boasts a largely progressive profile over hurdles, scoring twice last term. Shaped well on his return when fourth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft) in November and very much one to consider here on the back of a breathing op.		 100 <i>Tom Cannon</i>
3		HORS JEU (FR) (22) 4-124P 5 11-11 74.8kg Clive Boulthbee-Brooks A fairly useful 17f hurdles winner in France last spring but he's yet to fire in two runs here this winter, pulled up in Chepstow handicap last month. Has it to prove now.	t	99 <i>Richard Patrick</i>
4		CHIEF SUNDAY (FR) (35) (D) 78-4411 5 11-9 73.9kg Nigel Twiston-Davies Progressive type who made it 2-4 this season in 11-runner handicap hurdle at Hereford (16.2f, good to soft) 35 days ago, just holding on. Up 4 lb but not taken lightly in his hat-trick bid.		 97 <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>
5		LELOOPA (IRE) (99) (D) 43-564211 5 11-6 72.6kg Fergal O'Brien Irish import who has improved with each of her 4 starts since switched to hurdles for new yard, making all in mares' hurdles at Hereford and Huntingdon. Off for 99 days but remains very much one to consider on her handicap bow.	t	91 <i>Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)</i>
6		THANKYOUURLUCKYSTAR (35) (CD) P422-1366 9 11-4 71.7kg Alastair Ralph C&D winner who recorded a respectable sixth of 11 to Chief Sunday in handicap hurdle at Hereford (16.2f, good to soft) 35 days ago. Ought to be in the shake-up again eased 1 lb.		99 <i>Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)</i>
7		WASTHATOK (15) 451/526-8 7 11-3 71.2kg Kerry Lee A fairly useful ex-Irish 2m hurdles winner in 2023. Only twice raced for current yard since and a well-held eighth in 2m Taunton handicap 15 days ago. Needs to build on it.	h+t	98 <i>Liam Harrison</i>
8		RASCAL (265) 6/31927-6 7 11-1 70.3kg Tom George Fair winning 2m hurdler but he's been off for 8 months since a well-held sixth of 9 in 2m4f Ffos Las handicap. Needs to hit the ground running on his comeback.		92 <i>Jonathan Burke</i>
9		CONTINUANCE (64) 1PR 4 10-3 64.9kg Martin Keighley Fair Flat winner who struck at the first time of asking over hurdles at Sedgfield in October. Running well (still in front) when running out approaching 2 out in Catterick juvenile in December. Not ruled out on his handicap bow.	h	97 <i>Sean Bowen</i>

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Lelloopa, 9-2 Moon Chime, 5-1 The Hardest Geezer, 13-2 Continuance, 15-2 Chief Sunday, 8-1 Thankyourluckystar, 20-1 Rascal, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MOON CHIME returns from a break on a handy-looking mark and with his yard going well he is fancied to bag a third success in this sphere at the chief expense of hat-trick seeking Chief Sunday. C&D winner Thankyourluckystars and handicap debutants The Hardest Geezer and Continuance also need factoring into this competitive hurdle.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOON CHIME 2. CHIEF SUNDAY 3. THANKYOUURLUCKYSTAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Latin Verse 4-11-2	4-1jf	Syd Hosie	Harry Reed	11
2023	Patient Dream 5-11-3	7-4f	Donald McCain	William Maggs (10)	8
2022	Mr Grey Sky 8-11-6	11-8f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	8
2021	Eddiemaurice 10-11-6	8-1	John Flint	Robert Dunne	8
2020	Bean In Trouble 6-11-11	9-4f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5









HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-125)
£15,000 2m7f171y (4780 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	BALLYCAMUS (IRE) (33) (D)	99
	1222-531P 8 12-0 76.2kg Nigel Twiston-Davies  Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (3lb/1kg) Resumed winning ways in a 5-runner Windsor handicap (24.2f, good to soft) in December. Struggled back at the same course last month but the return to a small-field scenario may help and his rider boasts a good strike rate when partnering chasers.	
2	BACK ON THE LASH (28) (CD)	94
	P08-P03U3 11 11-11 74.8kg Martin Keighley Mr Freddie Keighley (7lb/3kg) Dual Cross-Country winner at Cheltenham who returned to form when third back there in November. However, his record is distinctly patchy and while he wasn't disgraced with cheekpieces refitted at Catterick last time, others make more appeal.	
3	CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY (IRE) (94)	98
	4253F-700 11 11-10 74.4kg Tom George Mr Tommie M. O'Brien Campaigned primarily in France in recent years. Well held in a trio of Auteuil handicap chases during the autumn but he's dangerous to discount returned to these shores on a potentially handy mark.	
4	KELCE (IRE) (55) (D, BF)	100
	7/08-P221F 7 11-7 73.0kg Neil Mulholland  Miss Gina Andrews Much improved switched to fences with cheekpieces applied, easily getting off the mark in handicap at Market Rasen (3m, soft) in December. Looked booked for second when falling at the last at same course last time and another bold show likely.	
5	SUPERVISOR (IRE) (9) (CD)	96
	212416-2U 11 11-7 73.0kg Venetia Williams Miss Lucy Turner Twice a winner last season, including over this C&D, and returned with a solid performance when runner-up in 4-runner event at Warwick (3m, soft) in December. Parted company with his rider at the first fence at Plumpton recently but will have a chance granted a clear round back here.	
6	BALKARDY (FR) (16) (D)	98
	59P-15377 8 11-3 71.2kg Evan Williams Miss Eleanor Williams (7lb/3kg) Landed handicap chase at Stratford in October but generally below par since and needs to bounce back.	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Kelce, 9-2 Champagne Mystery, 11-2 Supervisor, 13-2 Ballycamus, 7-1 Back On The Lash, 12-1 Balkardy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's easy to forgive the usually reliable BALLYCAMUS for a below-par display at Windsor last month and he can provide Toby McCain-Mitchell with another winning ride in this sphere. Kelce has done little wrong over fences this season and he rates the main danger ahead of Champagne Mystery.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BALLYCAMUS 2. KELCE 3. CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2024	Rockinastorm	7-10-7	13-8f Henry Daly	Miss Gina Andrews 6
2023	Seigneur des As	5-9-13	7-4f Milton Harris	Miss Gina Andrews 6
2022	Bobhopeornohope	7-11-9	4-1f Kim Bailey	Miss Gina Andrews 9
2020	One Style	10-11-11	11-4 Venetia Williams	Miss Lucy Turner (5) 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6











JOIN RACINGTV NOW NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+
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Pace Information: **Even**

1	ELECTRIC JET (IRE) (139)			89
	3F4-F385 6 12-0 76.2kg			
	Charlie Longsdon		Sam Twiston-Davies	
	Placed in an Irish point and made the frame on his first 3 completed starts over hurdles. Also shaped well on his chasing debut when fifth of 13 in handicap at Southwell (20.4f, good to firm) in October so needs considering after a break.			
2	DUNSTALL RAMBLER (IRE) (64) (D)			100
	PF2-7U351 7 11-11 74.8kg			
	Tom George		Jonathan Burke	
	Finally got off the mark in 8-runner handicap chase at Wincanton (15.7f, soft) in December. Scored readily there so he has to be taken seriously despite a 5 lb rise.			
3	GLIMPSE OF GLORY (78)		b	95
	32-2777 5 11-10 74.4kg			
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill 		Sean Bowen 	
	Fair maiden hurdler who wasn't disgraced when seventh of 16 in handicap at Southwell (20.4f, soft) 78 days ago. Goes chasing now with blinkers added. Likely to be in the mix.			
4	VOIX DE BOCELLI (15)		s	58
	P-48F4637 5 11-7 73.0kg			
	Henrietta C Knight		Brendan Powell	
	Fair form in France for Francois Nicolle but boasts a mixed record under various codes for present stable. Reverts to fences and others appeal more.			
5	HAZARD COLLONGES (FR) (19)		s	96
	4/P-442425 8 11-0 69.9kg			
	Gary Hanmer		James Davies	
	Still looking for first success but arrives in decent nick, fifth of 7 in handicap chase at Catterick (15.7f, good to soft) 19 days ago. Place claims from a 3 lb lower mark.			
6	SEREN Y TEIGR (IRE) (24)		b	89
	PS-026P8F 6 10-3 64.9kg			
	Evan Williams		Adam Wedge	
	Maiden hurdler but he was still in fourth when fell 2 out in handicap chase at Sedgfield (16.4f, soft) 24 days ago. Blinkers replace visor now. No forlorn hope.			
7	HAAFBACK (64) (CD)		h+t	98
	P992-01U7 7 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg)			
	Emma-Jane Bishop		James Best	
	C&D winner in November but only seventh of 8 to Dunstall Rambler in handicap chase at Wincanton (15.7f, soft) 64 days ago. Has since had a wind op and needs it to spark a resurgence.			

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Dunstall Rambler, 4-1 Electric Jet, 5-1 Glimpse of Glory, 11-2 Hazard Collonges, 12-1 Voix De Bocelli, 16-1 Seren Y Teigr, 18-1 Haafback

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Charlie Longsdon's ELECTRIC JET made a promising start in this sphere when fifth at Southwell and could prove the answer in a tricky-looking handicap. Chasing newcomer Glimpse of Glory could emerge as the main danger, with Wincanton scorer Dunstall Rambler and the consistent Hazard Collonges also firmly in the picture.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ELECTRIC JET 2. GLIMPSE OF GLORY 3. DUNSTALL RAMBLER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Thatza Dazzler 6-10-5	20-1	David Brace	Connor Brace	10
2023	Estate Italiana 6-10-2	7-2	Alexandra Dunn	Jamie Brace (7)	6
2022	Duneomeno 6-9-8	9-1	Christian Williams	Jack Tudor (3)	9
2021	Ben Brody 11-11-6	9-2	D. J. Jeffreys	Max Kendrick (3)	10
2020	Demopolis 6-11-10	5-2	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	10

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RACE 7

BEHIND THE SCENES RACEDAY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-120) £9,000 2m5f55y (4270 Metres)



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

Ludlow is a sharp, right-handed, oval track, with a nine-fence chase circuit about a mile and a half and a run-in of 250 yards, which requires riders to steer left after the last to avoid taking the wrong course. Probably on account of so may races being well run, the fences claim far more casualties than might be expected, Ludlow sitting comfortably inside the top half dozen courses for fallers and unseats. The hurdle course, which runs on the outside of the chase course, has easier turns. Whereas the chase course is flat, the hurdle course has slight undulations but they rarely provide difficulties for a long-striding horse.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1	WHATSUPWITHYOU (IRE) (16) (CD)	b+t	96
	9122-2903 11 12-0 76.2kg		
	Ben Pauling Elliott England (10lb/5kg)		
	C&D winner who was tried in different headgear when a solid third of 11 in handicap hurdle at Southwell (20.4f, soft) 16 days ago. Can go well again from an easing mark for his in-form yard.		
2	HALONDO (FR) (22)	t	95
	2214/243-P 8 11-13 75.7kg		
	Harriet Dickin Ben Poste		
	Fairly useful hurdler for Olly Murphy. Good third at Warwick for his new yard in April but had wind surgery/off 9 months before pulled up in 2m3f Chepstow handicap 22 days ago. Needs to take a big step forward.		
3	STONE'S THROW (32)		92
	1344 5 11-7 73.0kg		
	Billy Aprahamian Gavin Sheehan		
	Debut bumper winner for Paul Webber. Failed to progress from an encouraging hurdling debut when fourth in novices at Uttoxeter and Taunton but remains with potential now stepping up in trip on his handicap bow.		
4	SUPER SABRE SAM (31)	★	100
	6F6-183 6 11-6 72.6kg		
	Neil Mulholland Brendan Powell		
	Landed a 19f Fontwell maiden in October and posted a good third of 10 in handicap hurdle at Windsor (20f, good to soft) 31 days ago, despite needing a stiffer test. A likely player off an unchanged mark for yard among the winners.		
5	D'JO DELA BARRIERE (FR) (16)		97
	63-491458 6 11-4 71.7kg		
	Evan Williams Isabel Williams (3lb/1kg)		
	Got off the mark in novice hurdle at Hereford in November but failed to take to fences and only eighth of 11 back in this sphere in handicap at Southwell (20.4f, soft) 16 days ago. Needs to get back on track.		
6	ZACONY REBEL (IRE) (63) (C)	s	95
	P4/8U55-05 10 11-4 71.7kg		
	Sarah-Jayne Davies James Best		
	Dual hurdles/chase winner who was largely disappointing during a light 2023/24 campaign for Toby Lawes. Better effort for present yard when a fair fifth of 8 in handicap at Ludlow in December. Needs to build on that.		
7	MIDNIGHT GINGER (22)		97
	1343-3664 9 11-4 71.7kg		
	Andrew Martin Jay Tidball (5lb/2kg)		
	Chase winner last January and arrives in good nick in this sphere, fourth of 11 in handicap at Chepstow (19.4f, heavy) 22 days ago. Ought to be thereabouts.		
8	SAUNTON SURF (IRE) (39)		98
	12558-25F 6 11-2 70.8kg		
	Warren Greatrex D. P. Davis (7lb/3kg)		
	Bumper winner for Bradley Gibbs in 2023. Made a positive start to this season when runner-up at Lingfield (23f) and running well (in second) when fell last in 2m4f Ffos Las handicap last month. Considered.		

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Saunton Surf, 7-2 Super Sabre Sam, 9-2 Whatsupwithyou, 7-1 Stone's Throw, 15-2 Midnight Ginger, 12-1 Zacony Rebel, 33-1 D'jo Dela Barriere, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A case can be made for a few of these but SUPER SABRE SAM rates the pick of the weights and with this stiffer test of stamina also a plus he gets the vote. The reliable C&D scorer Whatsupwithyou heads the list of dangers, although Midnight Ginger and Saunton Surf can also have a say in this competitive handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SUPER SABRE SAM 2. WHATSUPWITHYOU 3. MIDNIGHT GINGER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Canty Bay	7-11-11	5-2	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	6
2023	Quoi de Neuf	9-12-0	6-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	8
2022	Judicial Law	5-11-8	10-1	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	11
2021	Frenchy du Large	6-11-6	7-2	Venetia Williams	Robert Dunne	11
2020	Star of Rory	6-11-7	8-1	John Groucott	Lee Edwards	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race