

Thursday 19th February

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1.32 RACING AGAIN 5th MARCH HANDICAP CHASE 2¼m (3620 Metres)

RACE 1 **(9) CAPPUCINO | (4) THE ELECTRICAL KID | (6) ROCKBROOK**

2.07 CAREY GLASS IRISH EBF COLREEVY MARES NOVICE CHASE (Listed) 2m5f132y (4350 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) KARIA DES BLAISES | (4) THE GREAT NUDIE | (3) TAREZE**

2.42 BOYLE SPORTS (Q.R.) HANDICAP CHASE 2m5f132y (4350 Metres)

RACE 3 **(11) PLAIN OR BATTERED | (8) NOLANS ROCCO | (4) ONEFORGONZO**

3.17 BOYLE SPORTS MICHAEL PURCELL MEMORIAL NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 3) 2½m175y (4180 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) OPEN SECRET | (1) TIMELESS TREATY | (4) PARNELL STREET**

3.52 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MAIDEN HURDLE 2¾m187y (4600 Metres)

RACE 5 **(6) RUSTY HARKNESS | (1) BARNAHASH MASON | (3) HAVEANOTHERTRY**

4.23 CONNOLLY'S RED MILLS LADIES HANDICAP HURDLE 2m109y (3320 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) HESGONETHATWAY | (8) DUKE OTTO | (14) I'M FLATTERED**

4.53 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MARES I.N.H. FLAT 2m109y (3320 Metres)

RACE 7 **(6) MARY O'G | (3) C'EST ELLE | (1) BELLADABALL**

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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**RACING AGAIN 5th MARCH HANDICAP CHASE 5yo+
€16,000 2¼m (3620 Metres)**

RACE 1



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

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1	MAIDENSTREETPRINCE (IRE) (67)	92
	433-F533F 9 11-12 75.3kg Charles Byrnes, Ireland <i>S. Fitzgerald</i> One win from 24 NH runs. Eighteen runs since last win in 2022. 10/1, fell in handicap hurdle at Navan (16f, heavy) 67 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase.	
2	PRIDE OF PLACE (IRE) (18)	96
	31U22199 7 11-12 75.3kg Enda Bolger, Ireland <i>C. G. O'Dwyer (5lb/2kg)</i> Latest win in chase at Listowel in September. 25/1 and cheekpieces on for 1st time, below form ninth of 23 in handicap chase at Leopardstown (21.5f, soft) 18 days ago. Others more persuasive.	
3	BROOMFIELD BIJOU (IRE) (293)	89
	P326027-P 8 11-11 74.8kg James William Hannon, Ireland <i>Donagh Meyler</i> Pulled up in Gr 2 chase at Punchestown (20.2f, good, 28/1, tailed off when pulled up 4 out. Off 9 months. First run for yard after leaving J. P. Dempsey.	
4	THE ELECTRICAL KID (IRE) (132) (BF)	99
	364/323 9 11-11 74.8kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland <i>D. J. O'Keefe</i> Possibly unsuited by a return to further when third of 7 in novice chase (8/11) at Downpatrick (19.4f, good to soft) in October. Drops back in trip and well worth another chance to build on earlier promise.	
5	DANCING JEREMY (IRE) (53) (C)	96
	2312/U1F-5 11 11-10 74.4kg James Andrew Fahey, Ireland <i>Philip Donovan (3lb/1kg)</i> Course winner. Has gone well fresh in the past but was notably easy to back and turned in a rare below-par effort after 10 months off at Limerick (19.4f, heavy) 53 days ago.	
6	ROCKBROOK (IRE) (41)	95
	1187-7311 9 11-8 73.5kg P. J. Rothwell, Ireland <i>Tiernan Power Roche (3lb/1kg)</i> Improving as a chaser and followed up Tramore win at Naas 6 weeks ago. Respected.	
7	GLENASHLING (IRE) (55) (BF)	94
	15-634255 7 11-5 72.1kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland <i>Keith Donoghue</i> Fairly useful winner at 17f over hurdles. Respectable fifth of 12 in novice chase at Down Royal (20.6f, good to soft, 4/1) 55 days ago. Makes handicap chase debut.	
8	WEST CORK WILDWAY (IRE) (28) (C)	96
	4-7047137 12 11-5 72.1kg Paul O'Flynn, Ireland <i>Mr A. Burke-Ott (7lb/3kg)</i> Won a hurdle handicap at Cork in November after a losing run stretching back to 2021. Never been one to hold his form for long and turned in one of this season's lesser races at Gowran 4 weeks ago.	
9	CAPPUCINO (IRE) (49)	100
	566-085B2 7 11-0 69.9kg Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Ireland <i>Sean Flanagan</i> Promising sort. Very good ¾-length second of 9 to Rockbrook in novice chase at Tramore (15.8f, soft, 7/2) 49 days ago. Tongue strap back on. Makes handicap chase debut. Has to be taken seriously.	
10	FREDDIE ROBDAL (IRE) (55)	92
	71-546220 9 11-0 69.9kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland <i>Dylan Whelan (7lb/3kg)</i> Seventeenth of 18 in handicap hurdle at Leopardstown (16f, good, 25/1) 55 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Uphill task.	

11	IN THE TRENCHES (67)	98
	23-22F228 6 11-0 69.9kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland <i>C. Stone-Walsh</i> Remains a maiden after 24 NH runs. Eighth of 12 in handicap chase (16/1) at Navan (16f, heavy) 67 days ago.	
12	SPLASHING OUT (IRE) (30)	97
	P9256-1P7 8 11-0 69.9kg Eoin Griffin, Ireland <i>M. J. Kenneally (5lb/2kg)</i> Hasn't gone on from a successful reappearance, finishing last of 7 in first-time blinkers at Down Royal on most recent outing.	
13	THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT (IRE) (32) (CD)	93
	121-843P0 8 10-11 68.5kg P. J. Rothwell, Ireland <i>Dylan Robinson</i> C&D winner. Tenth of 14 in handicap chase (20/1) at this course (20.9f, good to soft) 32 days ago.	
14	RIVER VALE (IRE) (14) (C)	96
	44130182d 10 10-10 68.0kg Michael Winters, Ireland <i>Niall Moore (5lb/2kg)</i> Course winner. 17/2, eleventh of 16 in handicap chase at this C&D (heavy) 14 days ago, second past the post but subsequently disqualified (rider weighed in 1.3 lb light).	
15	PRINCE OF AIR (FR) (137) (CD)	97
	33233261d 9 10-9 67.6kg David O'Sullivan, Ireland <i>Shane O'Callaghan (5lb/2kg)</i> C&D winner. First past the post but subsequently disqualified in handicap chase at Killarney (17f, good to soft) 137 days ago, hung badly right run-in. First run for yard after leaving Charles Coakley.	

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Cappucino, 13-2 Rockbrook, 15-2 The Electrical Kid, 9-1 Prince of Air, 12-1 Glenashling, 14-1 Maidenstreetprince, 18-1 Dancing Jeremy, 18-1 Broomfield Bijou, 22-1 West Cork Wildway, 22-1 Pride of Place, 25-1 In The Trenches, 25-1 River Vale, 28-1 Freddie Robdal, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CAPPUCINO went as close as he has over fences at Tramore 7 weeks ago and remains capable of better judged on his hurdling exploits. The free-going The Electrical Kid is worth another chance back down in trip, with hat-trick seeking Rockbrook another to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CAPPUCINO 2. THE ELECTRICAL KID 3. ROCKBROOK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Dancing Jeremy	9-10-3	9-2	James Andrew Fahey	Donagh Meyler	8
2023	Union Park	7-10-2	2-1f	P. J. Rothwell	D. J. O'Keefe	9
2022	Espion du Chenet	8-11-2	17-2	Louise G. Lyons	Ryan Treacy	9
2021	Cusp of Carabelli	8-11-1	9-2	David M. O'Brien	Sean Flanagan	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.07**CAREY GLASS IRISH EBF COLREEVY MARES NOVICE CHASE**
(Listed) 5yo+ mares €30,000 2m5f132y (4350 Metres)

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 COTTESLOE SUNSHINE (IRE) (32) (C) 91
310-14563 7 10-9 | 67.6kg



Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

D. E. Mullins

Useful hurdler but hasn't come close to matching that form in 3 starts in this sphere.

2 KARIA DES BLAISES (FR) (53) 100
7P/53222-F 6 10-9 | 67.6kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

P. Townend

Useful chaser. Was running well on return from 10 months off at Limerick (11/1, 8 ran) 53 days ago until falling heavily last. Can make presence felt if jumping improves.

3 TAREZE (IRE) (32) 97
21F4-2432 7 10-9 | 67.6kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

D. J. O'Keefe

Second of 6 in a Grade 2 at Thurles (6/1) 32 days ago but was put firmly in her place by a far superior rival. Doesn't face anything of that calibre here so player back down in class.

4 THE GREAT NUDIE (IRE) (25) 99
265-24314 6 10-9 | 67.6kg



Colin Bowe, Ireland

Sean Flanagan

Won maiden chase at Naas, making all to score by 12 lengths. Fourth of 8 in Grade 3 at the same course (11/2) 25 days ago, failed to stay 24f. Back against own sex and shorter trip should suit.

5 SHELLRUNFORBRIGGS (IRE) (14) 84
896164 5 10-5 | 65.8kg



Michael Winters, Ireland

Eoin Walsh

Made an encouraging chase debut when fourth of 10 in a maiden at Thurles (66/1) 14 days ago, jumping fine and plugging on. Plenty to find at this level, though.

6 TAHAA (FR) (74) 86
1-F 5 10-5 | 65.8kg



Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

J. J. Slevin

Won sole hurdles start in France. Fell in Grade 2 chase at Cork (25/1) on yard/chase debut 74 days ago but was in the process of showing something when departing, though not always fluent. Steps up in trip and can improve.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Karia Des Blaises, **3-1** The Great Nudie, **9-2** Tareze, **11-2** Cottesloe Sunshine, **10-1** Tahaa, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KARIA DES BLAISES was running well on return from 10 months off before falling heavily at the last at Limerick and has a good chance on these terms if none the worse. The Great Nudie bolted up in a maiden chase by 12 lengths at Naas and is feared most, with the return to her own sex over this shorter trip set to suit having failed to stay in Grade 3 there last time. Tareze completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KARIA DES BLAISES 2. THE GREAT NUDIE 3. TAREZE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Marsh Wren 8-10-9	9-4	Stuart Edmunds	Ciaran Gethings	6
2023	Brides Hill 6-10-9	7-2	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	L. P. Dempsey	5
2022	Jeremys Flame 8-11-4	11-4	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Keith Donoghue	6
2021	Minx Tiara 6-11-1	evsf	David M. O'Brien	Sean Flanagan	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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BOYLE SPORTS (Q.R.) HANDICAP CHASE 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) €10,000 2m5f132y (4350 Metres)

RACE 3



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	ALEISH LASS (IRE) (211) 0803/130-0 7 12-4 78.0kg	t	94
	Michael Winters, Ireland Point winner finished third on chase debut and won a handicap hurdle in March last year. Gambled on but ran no sort of race reverted to fences after 3 months off in handicap at Wexford (7/1) in July and hasn't been seen since. Worth a market check in first-time tongue strap.	Mr A. Burke-Ott (71lb/3kg)	
2	RODNEY BAY (IRE) (138) 40/0788-98 9 12-4 78.0kg		94
	R. J. Tumilty, Ireland Attracted support when hampered on stable debut/reappearance last year but below form when eighth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Gowran Park (22/1) last October. Stamina to prove now sent chasing over this 21f+ trip but one to keep an eye on in the betting.	Mr D. McGill (71lb/3kg)	
3	MATTER OF OPINION (IRE) (49) 80-96P579 6 12-3 77.6kg	t	94
	William Harvey, Ireland Showed little in points and hasn't won in 13 runs in bumpers/hurdles under Rules, most recently ninth of 17 in a handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (18/1) 49 days ago, tailed off and struggling early final circuit. Cheekpieces removed but hard to fancy with any conviction on chase debut.	Ms L. A. Byrne (71lb/3kg)	
4	ONEFORGONZO (IRE) (30) P4-6F5825 8 12-1 76.7kg	s	100
	Sean Aherne, Ireland Went with more zest in first-time cheekpieces when second at Fairyhouse (18/1) 49 days ago, and shaped as if in good form from his lower chase mark when 5th of 11 at Down Royal (9/2) 30 days ago. Could be capable of better over fences.	Mr D. O'Connor	
5	ISLAND MCCOO (IRE) (14) (D) 716-F79P8 9 11-11 74.8kg	t	93
	Donncha Duggan, Ireland Has lost way and was never involved when eighth of 17 in a handicap hurdle at Thurles (28/1) 14 days ago, tailed off. Tongue strap back on but hard to fancy reverted to chasing.	Mr E. P. O'Brien (51lb/2kg)	
6	MR EASTWOOD (IRE) (93) 7P-73800 9 11-11 74.8kg	t	92
	Ray Hackett, Ireland Remains with one standout effort, 10th of 14 in handicap hurdle at Limerick (50/1) last November, tried in blinkers and tailed-off. Blinkers removed, tongue strap back on but hard to fancy.	Mr L. Hackett (71lb/3kg)	
7	BARROW RANGER (IRE) (131) 3-757894 5 11-9 73.9kg		93
	John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland Tailed off fourth of 4 in maiden chase at Fairyhouse last October, slow first and struggling when not fluent/lost touch. Won point-to-point earlier this month but remains to be seen if he can build on that back under Rules.	Mr C. J. Shine (71lb/3kg)	
8	NOLANS ROCCO (IRE) (15) 0-48074P 7 11-9 73.9kg		97
	Padraig Butler, Ireland Winning pointer bounced back to form when fourth of 14 in chase handicap at Tramore but pulled up in maiden hurdle at Punchestown (40/1) 15 days ago, running no sort of race making hurdling bow. Better expected on return to chasing.	Mr Alan O'Sullivan (71lb/3kg)	
9	VOLEZ VOUS (IRE) (49) P011-26P0 7 11-7 73.0kg	s+t	92
	D. Deacon, Ireland Has struggled since switching to chasing, tenth of 14, tailed off, in handicap chase (50/1) 49 days ago in first-time blinkers, led 3 out but folded tamely, finishing effort leaving a lot to be desired. Cheekpieces back on but hard to be confident on the back of recent performances.	Mr J. W. Hendrick (71lb/3kg)	
10	LISTENHERETOMEJACK (IRE) (66) (C) 7003/25-05 11 11-5 72.1kg		95
	Eoin Doyle, Ireland Was 12th at Thurles on reappearance last November and shaped as if retaining ability when fifth of 10 at Naas (12/1) 66 days ago. Back up significantly in trip and returns to a course where successful before. Claims if backing up latest effort.	Mr J. M. Halford (71lb/3kg)	

11	PLAIN OR BATTERED (IRE) (33) 53P40-393 9 11-5 72.1kg	s	100
	P. J. Rothwell, Ireland Bounced back to form when third of 12 in a handicap chase at Navan on Heavy ground (5/1) 33 days ago, disputed lead until early final circuit and remained prominent until no threat from 2 out. Could be the pace-angle back down in trip. Solid claims.	Miss P. Elvin (71lb/3kg)	
12	ARDAGHS CHOICE (IRE) (49) (D) 6443P-U88 11 11-4 71.7kg	b	92
	E. Sheehy, Ireland Out of sorts prior to eighth of 14 at Tramore (50/1) in 22.8f handicap chase 49 days ago, had excuses with bad mistake 5 out and badly hampered 4 out after 11-week break. Difficult to fancy.	Mr D. M. Moylan (71lb/3kg)	
13	JUST FOR YUSE (IRE) (39) P6706/92 8 10-11 68.5kg		95
	Paul Stafford, Ireland Without a win in 23 starts, got back on track when second of 11 at Punchestown (50/1) 39 days ago but beaten 22 lengths, plugged on without laying a glove on the winner. Would need to take another step forward.	Mr H. C. Swan	
14	CULLENWAINE (IRE) (49) (C, D) 87-457505 8 10-10 68.0kg	s	95
	David O'Sullivan, Ireland Fifth of 14 in handicap chase at Tramore (28/1) 49 days ago on reappearance/first run after leaving P. J. Rothwell, returned to form but no extra approaching last. May come on for that and races off his latest winning mark. One to consider.	Mr B. M. Coonan (71lb/3kg)	
15	MASTERMIND (IRE) (39) 5656-9063 12 10-7 66.7kg		94
	Ms Helen P. Markham, Ireland Hasn't won in 56 runs. Third of 11 in handicap chase at Punchestown (33/1) 39 days ago, ran better than for a while but well held and merely plugged on. Remains opposable.	Mr L. P. Shanahan (71lb/3kg)	
16	RIDEAU CANAL (IRE) (35) 00-5U0595 11 10-7 66.7kg	s+t	93
	Mrs Denise Foster, Ireland Yet to win in 25 starts, fifth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (28/1) 35 days ago, having merely passed beaten horses. Cheekpieces back on for return to fences but has plenty to find.	Miss Georgie Benson (71lb/3kg)	

RESERVES

17	TULLABRACK LAD (IRE) (39) 000/9000-P 7 10-7 66.7kg		60
	F. Flood, Ireland Never won in 11 starts and pulled up at Punchestown (100/1) 39 days ago, raced off the pace and tailed off before 4 out after 17 months off. Hard to fancy.	RESERVE	
18	FEAST (IRE) (39) 85066P4P 9 10-7 66.7kg	b	60
	Stephanie Ocsko-Moore, Ireland Wasn't disgraced when fourth at Down Royal on first start for new trainer but pulled up at Punchestown 39 days ago, labouring from 4 out. First-time blinkers.	RESERVE	

16 DECLARED RUNNERS (2 RESERVES)

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Plain Or Battered, **11-2** Oneforgonzo, **6-1** Nolans Rocco, **8-1** Cullenwaine, **9-1** Listenheretomejack, **10-1** Just For Yuse, **16-1** Barrow Ranger, **20-1** Rodney Bay, **25-1** Aleish Lass, **33-1** Matter of Opinion, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PLAIN OR BATTERED bounced back to form when third at Navan last month and can make a bold bid back down in distance. Nolans Rocco looks a danger back over fences, while Oneforgonzo remains in good form and merits consideration from his lower chase mark. Chase debutant Rodney Bay is one to keep an eye on in the betting.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PLAIN OR BATTERED 2. NOLANS ROCCO 3. ONEFORGONZO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Pana To Milan 6-11-5	12-1	Michael Winters	Mr L. Burke-Ott (7)	12
2023	O Mio Babbino 7-11-2	12-1	Patrick Cronin	Mr A. Burke-Ott (7)	17
2022	Balkito 7-12-3	12-1	Barry Connell	Mr J. W. Hendrick (7)	17

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

BOYLE SPORTS MICHAEL PURCELL MEMORIAL NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 3) 5yo+ €30,000 2½m175y (4180 Metres)Going: **Soft (Soft to Heavy in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 TIMELESS TREATY (IRE) (14) (CD) 98
115U5851 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

J. W. Kennedy

Started career 2-2 over hurdles and having shaped better than the results in handicaps, was much improved in form terms when decisive winner of 6-runner C&D novice a fortnight ago, coping best with testing conditions. Gets the nod from Jack Kennedy and merits respect under a penalty.

2 BON VIVEUR (IRE) (33) t 92
3-17 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

**P. Townend**

Third in a bumper with depth on debut and had plenty left in the tank when successful on hurdles debut at Tramore (16.2f, soft) in November. Possibly amiss at Navan last month but he's in excellent hands and this step up in trip is bred to suit. Cannot be discounted if back on song.

3 OPEN SECRET (26) t ★ 100
4214 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Jordan Colin Gainford

Fairly useful Flat winner for Charlie Johnston and has progressed with each start over hurdles. Opened his account in commanding fashion at Naas and travelled well when fourth in 2½m Grade 2 at Cheltenham on Trials Day. That looks the strongest form on offer and he could be the one to beat.

4 PARNELL STREET (IRE) (24) 97
2-4132132 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



A. Slattery, Ireland

C. M. Quirke

Beat a pair of now useful sorts to get off the mark at Clonmel in December and has underlined his consistency since, failed to settle and unable to go with the winner when second in 5-runner Punchestown novice (19f, heavy) latest. Should give his running if settling better upped in grade.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Timeless Treaty, 11-4 Open Secret, 10-3 Bon Viveur, 4-1 Parnell Street

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It may pay to focus on the Gordon Elliott pair and following a solid fourth in a Grade 2 at Cheltenham last time, improving OPEN SECRET is taken to get the better of stablemate Timeless Treaty, who gets the vote of confidence from Jack Kennedy but has a 6 lb penalty to defy for his recent C&D win.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OPEN SECRET 2. TIMELESS TREATY 3. PARNELL STREET

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Largy Hill 7-11-0	10-3	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	6
2023	Sa Fureur 6-11-3	5-6f	Gordon Elliott	Jordan Colin Gainford	8
2022	The Goffer 5-11-0	5-2	Gordon Elliott	Jordan Colin Gainford	6
2021	Grand Paradis 5-11-0	7-2	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.52**IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MAIDEN HURDLE 5yo+**
€15,000 2¾m187y (4600 Metres)

RACE 5

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 BARNASH MASON (IRE) (54) 89
51 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Jonathan Sweeney, Ireland

Philip Donovan (31b/1kg)

Caught the eye in a maiden hurdle at this C&D last October before showing fair form when winning a bumper at Leopardstown (9 runners, 11/1) in December, quickening to lead early in the straight. Returns to hurdles and is open to improvement.

2 DE JOUR EN JOUR (IRE) (52) 85
34 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



William O'Doherty, Ireland

P. Byrnes

Showed something like hurdling debut form when fourth of 9 at Limerick (14/1) in December. Handicaps after this outing are probably where his future lies.

3 HAVEANOTHERTRY (IRE) (24) 88
43 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

J. W. Kennedy

Mid-field in a Limerick bumper and ran to a similar level when a well-beaten third of 4 in maiden hurdle at Punchestown (28/1) 24 days ago, looking more of a longer-term prospect.

4 HOW'S THE HEAD (IRE) (21) 85
65249 7 11-4 | 71.7kg h+t



Timothy Townend, Ireland

Miss J. Townend

Maiden pointer but showed ability in bumpers and has made an encouraging start over hurdles, fourth of 14 in maiden at Tramore in November. Sent off a big price and ran accordingly at this track 3 weeks ago but this step up in trip could elicit some improvement.

5 LARKFIELD LIBERTY (IRE) (84) 70
600 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



R. P. Rath, Ireland

C. Stone-Walsh

No impact in 2 bumpers and made an unpromising start to his hurdling career here in November. Can only be watched.

6 RUSTY HARKNESS (52) 100
43 6 11-4 | 71.7kg h+t 



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

D. J. O'Keefe

Left hurdling debut effort behind when third of 11 in maiden at Leopardstown (40/1) in December, appearing to find even 2½m an inadequate test. Open to further progress as his stamina is drawn out and a first-time hood is added to the usual tongue tie.

7 ABORAS MAHLER (IRE) (93) 75
800 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



James Andrew Fahey, Ireland

K. C. Sexton

Well held in bumpers/maiden hurdle. Upped in trip but hard to enthuse over.

8 BLACK ROCK (IRE) (176) 82
9 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



E. Seymour, Ireland

C. M. Hogan (71b/3kg)

Pulled up sole outing in points and went with little encouragement in a Bellewstown bumper (17.2f, good) on Rules debut in August.

9 LAKEWOOD ROSE (IRE) (267) 83
4-47 8 10-11 | 68.5kg



Miss Niamh Carol Hennessy, Ireland

Miss N. C. Hennessy (71b/3kg)

Winning pointer (pulled up last 2 starts) and just modest form in bumpers. Makes hurdles debut.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's hard to look beyond RUSTY HARKNESS, who appeared to find even 2½m an inadequate test at Leopardstown in December and is open to further improvement as his stamina is drawn out. Having caught the eye on hurdling debut, Barnahash Mason made a winning switch to a bumper at Leopardstown over Christmas and he's interesting returning to hurdles, with Haveanothertry taken to fill out third.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. RUSTY HARKNESS 2. BARNASH MASON 3. HAVEANOTHERTRY****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Rushmount 7-11-4	10-11f	Jonathan Sweeney	M. J. M. O'Sullivan	6
2023	Franciscan Rock 6-11-4	11-8	M. F. Morris	R. A. Doyle	11
2022	Rajsald 6-11-4	4-1	Conor O'Dwyer	C. G. O'Dwyer (7)	12
2021	Ain't That A Shame 7-11-6	5-4	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Rusty Harkness, **5-2** Haveanothertry, **15-2** De Jour En Jour, **10-1** How's The Head, **10-1** Barnahash Mason, **25-1** Lakewood Rose, **100-1** bar

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**CONNOLLY'S RED MILLS LADIES HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+
€11,500 2m109y (3320 Metres)**

RACE 6



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

An undulating, right-handed track with a circuit of around a mile and a quarter. Sections of the track are uphill but there is a fairly steep descent to the 2f home straight and the track is very much sharp in character, favouring the handy type of horse. There are seven fences to a circuit of the chase course, with two in the home straight, and a run-in of around a furlong. Perhaps surprisingly, the chase course claims the highest proportion of casualties in Ireland, with the last 2 fences particularly tricky. Due to good drainage, very few meetings are lost due to adverse weather conditions.

Pace Information: **Even**

1	THE BANGER DOYLE (IRE) (103) (D)	97
	2224U866 10 11-13 75.7kg John Queally, Ireland <i>Miss O. M. Queally (71lb/3kg)</i> Out of sorts over fences when last seen in the autumn and needs return to hurdling to provide a major spark.	
2	HESGONETHATWAY (IRE) (12)	100
	00681 5 11-11 74.8kg P. J. Rothwell, Ireland <i>Miss P. Elvin (41lb/2kg)</i> Proved a different proposition when running out a convincing winner of 12-runner handicap hurdle at Naas (15.7f, heavy) recently. Hit with 9 lb rise but that may not be enough to halt him with the slightly longer trip sure to be in his favour.	
3	CAMPBELL BLACK (IRE) (32)	90
	3534 6 11-10 74.4kg William Harvey, Ireland <i>Ms L. A. Byrne (71lb/3kg)</i> Matched previous form when fourth of 11 in maiden at this course (20f, good to soft, 12/1) last month. Into handicaps now and improvement needed.	
4	OAKS SOLDIER (IRE) (52)	90
	3-458 6 11-10 74.4kg Eamon Courtney, Ireland <i>Ms A. T. O'Reilly (71lb/3kg)</i> Proved to be a disappointment when last of 8 in novice hurdle at Limerick (19f, heavy, 9/2) on most recent outing but worth another chance to build on earlier promise now handicapping.	
5	A NOD TO GETAWAY (IRE) (21) (C)	96
	15413154 9 11-7 73.0kg Paul O'Flynn, Ireland <i>Miss M. O'Sullivan</i> Latest win in chase here in October and shaped as if still in good form when fourth of 10 in handicap hurdle at this course (22.6f, heavy, 14/1) 21 days ago. Back down in trip with blinkers refitted.	
6	KOMTESA (FR) (416)	92
	0PP13P34- 6 11-6 72.6kg Eoin Christopher McCarthy, Ireland <i>Elizabeth Gale (21lb/1kg)</i> Landed a claiming chase at Nimes in November 2024. In the frame on last 2 hurdle starts but the form is no better than modest. First run for yard after leaving M. Seror.	
7	SHUDAWUDACUDDAGH (IRE) (68)	95
	6-2170 6 11-6 72.6kg James Andrew Fahey, Ireland <i>Miss H. Heffernan (71lb/3kg)</i> Made a successful hurdling debut at Sligo in June but well beaten both starts in handicaps since.	
8	DUKE OTTO (IRE) (49) (CD)	98
	351-368P4 8 11-5 72.1kg Patrick J. Flynn, Ireland <i>Caragh Monaghan (41lb/2kg)</i> C&D winner who wasn't at his best when fourth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Tramore (16.8f, soft) latest. Can make presence felt from this mark if recapturing pick of his form.	
9	HAPPY ME (IRE) (52)	94
	423-00483 6 11-5 72.1kg W. J. Burke, Ireland <i>Miss N. C. Hennessy (71lb/3kg)</i> Fair maiden hurdler who ran about as well as could be expected when third of 9 in novice hurdle at Limerick (19f, heavy, 13/2) on most recent outing. Needs to back that up now returning to handicap company.	
10	LIVE YOUR DREAMS (FR) (15)	85
	908 5 11-4 71.7kg William Durkan, Ireland <i>Ms K M Ryan (71lb/3kg)</i> Showed his first form when eighth of 15 in maiden hurdle (200/1) at Punchestown (16f, heavy) 15 days ago, better placed than most. Makes handicap debut from what looks a stiff opening mark.	

11	THE GUINNESS BOYS (IRE) (16)	92
	040F7POP 7 11-3 71.2kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland <i>Miss C. O. O'Brien (71lb/3kg)</i> Has lost his way, pulling up in handicap at Fairyhouse latest.	
12	CROHAN LADY (IRE) (61)	83
	3-64409 8 11-2 70.8kg John Gerard Lonergan, Ireland <i>Ms H. Phillips (71lb/3kg)</i> Faced a very stiff task when last of 9 in listed hurdle at this course (16.1f, good to soft, 200/1) on most recent outing. Into handicap now and improvement required.	
13	MR DEVLIN (IRE) (41)	84
	900 5 11-2 70.8kg Conor David Maxwell, Ireland <i>Miss Georgie Benson (41lb/2kg)</i> Well held in a trio of maiden hurdles and major step forward required now handicapping.	
14	I'M FLATTERED (IRE) (50) (D)	99
	80-717866 6 10-11 68.5kg Padraig Roche, Ireland <i>Miss A. B. O'Connor</i> Winner at Kilbeggan in August and shaped better than the distance beaten suggests when sixth of 18 in handicap hurdle (11/2) at Punchestown (16.5f, good to soft) in January. Merits consideration.	
15	UNCLE GERHARD (IRE) (55) (D)	96
	P/086 11 10-4 65.3kg Gearoid O'Loughlin, Ireland <i>A. McGuinness (41lb/2kg)</i> Not disgraced when sixth of 20 in handicap hurdle at Down Royal (17.2f, soft, 10/1) 55 days ago. Cheekpieces on for 1st time.	
16	NOT SO PROPER (IRE) (35)	94
	P 9 10-0(9-11) 63.5kg (62.1kg) Charles Byrnes, Ireland <i>Sarah Kavanagh (41lb/2kg)</i> Went with no encouragement returning from a huge absence (44 months) in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (20f, heavy) in January.	
17	ORLANDO SPIRIT (FR) (41)	59
	050-0 6 10-0(9-10) 63.5kg (61.7kg) Paul Power, Ireland <i>Ms J. I. Stokes (71lb/3kg)</i> Has finished tailed off in 4 maiden hurdles.	
18	PORT RASHID (IRE) (79) (CD)	86
	7409/4P-79 15 10-0(9-4) 63.5kg (59.0kg) Timothy Townend, Ireland <i>Miss J. Townend</i> Veteran without a win since 2023 and went backwards from reappearance when only ninth of 16 in handicap hurdle at Clonmel (19.4f, heavy) in December. Opposable from well out of the weights.	

18 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Hesgonethatway, **9-1** I'm Flattered, **10-1** Happy Me, **12-1** A Nod To Getaway, **14-1** Campbell Black, **16-1** Duke Otto, **16-1** Uncle Gerhard, **18-1** The Banger Doyle, **20-1** Oaks Soldier, **22-1** Komtesa, **33-1** The Guinness Boys, **33-1** Live Your Dreams, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HESGONETHATWAY took a major step forward when running out a convincing winner on his second handicap start at Naas recently and even a 9 lb rise may not be enough to prevent the follow up with this slightly longer trip promising to suit. Duke Otto has claims from his current mark if recapturing something like the pick of his form, with I'm Flattered completing the shortlist having shaped better than the distance beaten suggests at Punchestown on her most recent outing.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HESGONETHATWAY 2. DUKE OTTO 3. I'M FLATTERED

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Smallcraftwarning 7-11-0	40-1	Miss Evanna McCutcheon	Miss T. Quail (7)	14
2023	Port Rashid 12-11-0	14-1	Timothy Townend	Miss J. Townend	18
2022	Danegeld 10-10-13	14-1	J. Morrison	Miss R. Murphy (7)	17
2021	Fighting Fit 6-12-0	6-5f	J. P. Dempsey	Miss A. B. O'Connor (5)	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.53**IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF MARES I.N.H. FLAT 4yo+ fillies and mares €11,000 2m109y (3320 Metres)**

RACE 7

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

An undulating, right-handed track with a circuit of around a mile and a quarter. Sections of the track are uphill but there is a fairly steep descent to the 2f home straight and the track is very much sharp in character, favouring the handy type of horse. There are seven fences to a circuit of the chase course, with two in the home straight, and a run-in of around a furlong. Perhaps surprisingly, the chase course claims the highest proportion of casualties in Ireland, with the last 2 fences particularly tricky. Due to good drainage, very few meetings are lost due to adverse weather conditions.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 BELLADABALL (IRE) (68) t **85**
3 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Mr D. G. Lavery

Bred to stay well and showed plenty to work on starting out in a tongue tie when third of 17 in maiden bumper at Fairyhouse (9/2) 10 weeks ago. Can build on that initial effort.

2 CERTOSA (IRE) (68) **70**
786 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



William O'Doherty, Ireland

Miss S. E. Leahy (71b/3kg)

Well beaten in maiden hurdle/bumpers, leaving Laura Hourigan prior to latest. Best watched.

3 C'EST ELLE **95**
5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Mr H. C. Swan

€35,000 3-y-o, €55,000 4-y-o. Second foal: dam (c122/h112), 2½m/21f hurdle/chase winner, closely related to fair hurdler (stayed 21f) Blue Beach. Runner-up on second of 2 starts in points (Dec 7). Plenty to like on paper.

4 DLIGHTOFDSUN (IRE) (14) **75**
684 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Brendan Maurice Walsh, Ireland

Mr M. J. Walsh (71b/3kg)

Well held in 3 bumpers. Easily passed over.

5 KILTYBO (IRE) (61) **87**
5 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Conor Houlihan, Ireland

Mr B. T. Stone (71b/3kg)

Unpromising in points but showed something under an enterprising ride when fifth of 16 in bumper at this C&D (20/1) a couple of months ago.

6 MARY O'G (FR) (47) ★ **100**
3 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

Mr J. L. Gleeson

Made plenty of appeal on pedigree and duly showed plenty when third of 9 in bumper at Cork (10/3) 7 weeks ago, pulling clear of remainder. Fancied to go a couple of places better here.

7 MOYNEARD (IRE) (649) **85**
4- 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Timothy Doyle, Ireland

Mr D. Doyle (71b/3kg)

Affinisea mare who offered something to work on when fourth of 17 in 16f bumper at Cork (22/1) back in May 2024. Cleary had her issues to not have been seen since so watching brief advised.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Mary O'g, 10-3 Belladaball, 7-2 C'est Elle, 7-1 Kiltybo, 25-1 Moyneard, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for MARY O'G, who pulled clear of the remainder when third in a steadily-run bumper at Cork last month and with improvement on the cards, Henry de Bromhead's mare could well prove a tough nut to crack. C'est Elle can give her most to think about having finished runner-up on her second of 2 starts in points, with Belladaball taken to edge out Kiltybo for minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MARY O'G 2. C'EST ELLE 3. BELLADABALL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Madge A Chroi	6-11-11	14-1	Charles Byrnes	Mr R. W. Barron (5)	9
2023	West End Victory	5-11-11	11-10f	W. P. Mullins	Miss J. Townend (3)	15
2022	Mitiva	4-10-13	14-1	Miss Elizabeth Doyle	Miss J. Townend (5)	12
2021	Mollys Glory	6-11-11	6-4f	M. C. Grassick	Mr J. J. Codd	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race