

Saturday 21st March

BANGOR



1.07	ALFA AGGREGATES PRODUCTS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)
RACE 1	(8) MOSSY FEN COOLIO (9) TOMMY PICKLES (3) DOUBLE INDEMNITY
1.37	WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)
RACE 2	(7) KARMA POLICE (5) FRENCH EMPEROR (3) GENTLEMAN BILL
2.15	VIRGIN BET HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m30y (4860 Metres)
RACE 3	(1) JOYEUX MACHIN (5) BO CRUZ (2) VAL DANCER
2.45	WREXHAM LAGER NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)
RACE 4	(5) AN BUACHAILL RUA (2) KASTELLION (8) JUNIOR DES MOTTES
3.20	VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)
RACE 5	(8) IN THE AGE (6) NORMAN FLETCHER (2) AURIGNY MILL
3.55	OVERTON HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m1f77y (3490 Metres)
RACE 6	(3) DISGUISEDLIMIT (5) DJ PETE (1) PADDYS POLICY
4.30	TOM JONES LIVE AT CHESTER RACECOURSE HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)
RACE 7	(9) AYYADIEH (6) FANNY MOON (8) NOBLE GEORGE

KEY TO SYMBOLS

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

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

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

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

1.07

**ALFA AGGREGATES PRODUCTS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+
£10,000 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Hurdle course)**

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Weak**

- 1 ANNUAL INVITATION (IRE)** **96**
 5 11-7 | 73.0kg *Kielan Woods*
 Christian Williams
 €58,000 3-y-o, Walk In The Park gelding. Placed both starts in Irish points, runner-up last time (Jan 11).
- 2 DONALD JUMP (36)** **h+t**
 340 5 11-7 | 73.0kg *Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg)*
 Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies
 Shaped well in 2 bumpers at Bangor last summer but showed nothing minus the tongue strap worn then (refitted here) when tailed off on return/hurdles bow at Chepstow last month. This promises to reveal more up in trip.
- 3 DOUBLE INDEMNITY (IRE) (46)** **96**
 62 6 11-7 | 73.0kg *Theo Gillard*
 Donald McCain
 Point winner who finished well held in Aintree bumper but fared much better switched to hurdles when runner-up in novice at Carlisle last month. That form has received some knocks but step up in trip will suit.
- 4 GIMARIAS (IRE) (14)** **81**
 85-F7 6 11-7 | 73.0kg *Charlie Deutsch*
 Mel Rowley
 Well held in 2 bumpers and completed start over hurdles.
- 5 GOOD BOY GRIFF (24)** **86**
 67955 5 11-7 | 73.0kg *Benjamin Macey (5lb/2kg)*
 Gary Hanmer
 Only hinted at ability in bumpers/over hurdles. Looks one for the longer term.
- 6 JORAH D'ALMA (FR) (58)** **t**
 1-0P 7 11-7 | 73.0kg *Ben Sutton (5lb/2kg)*
 Fergal O'Brien
 Irish point winner who came from off the pace to win a Ludlow bumper in last April. However, well held switched to hurdles both starts this season. Tongue strap on for 1st time.
- 7 MCELHATTAN (IRE) (33)** **69**
 55 5 11-7 | 73.0kg *William Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
 Donald McCain
 Point winner but well held in bumper/novice hurdle.
- 8 MOSSY FEN COOLIO (51)** **100**
 4 6 11-7 | 73.0kg *K. Brogan*
 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill
 €80,000 3-y-o, Kayf Tara gelding. Dam 21f hurdle winner out of smart 2m-3m hurdle winner Whiteoak. Easy winner of Irish point who made encouraging debut under Rules when fourth of 17 in novice hurdle (2/1) at Wincanton in January. That form is working out well so looks a big player.
- 9 TOMMY PICKLES (IRE) (27) (BF)** **99**
 322 6 11-7 | 73.0kg *Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)*
 Jamie Snowden
 Cost £80,000 after winning second start Irish points and built on a promising hurdle debut when runner-up in maidens at Ffos Las and Hereford. Should be in the mix again.
- 10 DRAKARIS (IRE) (27)** **73**
 2378 5 11-0 | 69.9kg *Charlie Todd*
 Dan Skelton
 Promise when runner-up on first of 2 starts in bumpers but was never involved both starts over hurdles.

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Mossy Fen Coolio, **11-4** Tommy Pickles, **5-1** Double Indemnity, **12-1** Annual Invitation, **22-1** Donald Jump, **28-1** Drakarís, **33-1** Mcelhattan, **33-1** Jorah D'alma, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MOSSY FEN COOLIO showed plenty when fourth in a decent novice at Wincanton and looks the one to beat. Tommy Pickles and Double Indemnity are others to consider in a thin maiden.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOSSY FEN COOLIO 2. TOMMY PICKLES 3. DOUBLE INDEMNITY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Ki Woo 5-11-7	13-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Toby Wynne (3)	6
2024	Grand Albert 6-11-7	5-6f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	5
2023	Ed Keeper 5-11-7	5-6f	Sam Thomas	David Bass	14
2022	Bridge North 6-11-12	9-4	Henry Daly	Richard Patrick	3

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.37**WEATHERBYS nhstallions.co.uk HANDICAP HURDLE (3)
4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £15,000 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)**

RACE 2

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Hurdle course)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 BENIGN DICTATOR (IRE) (22) (D) b **98**
3142/0147 **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Olly Murphy

K. Brogan

All the better for belated comeback (off 22 months) when winning at Warwick on New Year's Eve, coming off the bridle a long way out before finding plenty. Failed to repeat that effort in 2 subsequent outings, though, and needs first-time blinkers to remotivate him.

2 LORD SNOOTIE (IRE) (62) **96**
P2P2/87-0P **9** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Christian Williams

Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Promising sort in 2023/24 and looked the type capable of landing a top-end staying handicap on soft ground. Clearly hasn't been the easiest to train since, though, and will take a leap in faith to support him based on what he's shown in 2 starts since returning from 14 months off.

3 GENTLEMAN BILL (IRE) (35) (C) s **98**
206-353F8 **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)

Bumper/dual 2m hurdles winner who made a good start over fences at Aintree in October before losing his way. Returns to hurdling on an attractive mark as a result and has a success at this track to his name. Upped in trip.

4 PINOT ROUGE (IRE) (23) (D) b **98**
P-3144PF5 **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Susan Corbett

Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)

Successful in handicap hurdle at Hexham in June but has gone off the boil last 3 starts. Below last winning mark as a result but is hard to fancy unless another switch of headgear sparks a revival.

5 FRENCH EMPEROR (FR) (15) (BF) **99**
337-11738 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Nicky Martin

James Best

Improved when starting season with back-to-back wins in handicap hurdles at Worcester and Cheltenham. Not kicked on since then, but remains less exposed than most of these and could figure if coping with step up in trip.

6 GWENNIE MAY STAR (FR) (35) (C) **96**
1P-35141P **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Christian Williams

Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg)

Made it 2 wins from first 3 starts for Olly Murphy in handicap hurdle at Warwick (25f, soft) in January. Relatively unexposed as a stayer, but latest run was discouraging and called his temperament into question so he's best treated with an element of caution starting out for another new yard.

7 KARMA POLICE (FR) (22) (BF) **100**
2-3632 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg



Harry Derham

Ben Sutton (5lb/2kg)

Bought for £105,000 after winning a point and he's showed plenty of promise when placed last 2 outings, including when runner-up to extremely well-treated winner in handicap hurdle at Newbury last time. Races from same mark here and looks the likeliest winner if seeing out the longer trip.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Karma Police, **7-2** French Emperor, **9-2** Gwennie May Star, **7-1** Benign Dictator, **10-1** Gentleman Bill, **10-1** Lord Snootie, **18-1** Pinot Rouge

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KARMA POLICE chased home a well-treated winner last time and has fewer miles on the clock than most of these so looks the one to back upped in trip. French Emperor is another going up in distance and can't be ruled out, while Gentleman Bill needs keeping an eye on given the mark he returns to hurdling on.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KARMA POLICE 2. FRENCH EMPEROR 3. GENTLEMAN BILL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Andy Amo** 6-11-9 7-2 Rebecca Curtis Jamie Brace (5) 5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.15**VIRGIN BET HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-130)
£20,000 3m30y (4860 Metres)**

RACE 3

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 JOYEUX MACHIN (FR) (35) (D) s+t **98**
322-784F9 9 12-2 | 77.1kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Atkins (71b/3kg)

Below par so far this season but it's worth noting that he's been contesting stronger handicaps than this and that his mark has slipped to an attractive level. Dangerous to discount.

2 VAL DANCER (IRE) (28) (C,D) s **100**
3/112-9344 9 11-12 | 75.3kg



Mel Rowley

Charlie Hammond

Straightforward type who landed the 2024 Welsh National at Chepstow. Below par on return in November but has followed that with a series of creditable efforts and a bold show is anticipated here.

3 CASTLE ROBIN (IRE) (543) (D) s+t **94**
567/5- 11 11-5 | 72.1kg



Charlie Longsdon

Lilly Pinchin

Given a chance by the handicapper but wasn't at his best when last seen back in September 2024. Bit to prove at present.

4 NO TACKLE (37) v **97**
817-71222 9 10-11 | 68.5kg



Robbie Llewellyn

Toby McCain-Mitchell (51b/2kg)

Left reappearance run behind when scoring in decisive fashion at Lingfield in November and has found just one too good on each of his 3 subsequent starts. Can be expected to run his race but, at the same time, he could be a shade too high in the weights.

5 BO CRUZ (IRE) (23) (D) **99**
543-44311 7 10-8 | 67.1kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Winless over hurdles but made it 2-4 in this sphere when accounting for 7 rivals in a Wetherby handicap last month. Hit with a hefty rise (up 10 lb) but he's unexposed as a chaser and should make his presence felt.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Bo Cruz, 10-3 Val Dancer, 4-1 Joyeux Machin, 9-2 No Tackle, 10-1 Castle Robin

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Though JOYEUX MACHIN was ultimately well held at Ascot last month, he was still bang there turning for home in that valuable handicap and is worth chancing now in calmer waters. Bo Cruz has proved progressive since switched to fences and is greatly respected in his hat-trick bid, while Val Dancer is also likely to have a big say.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JOYEUX MACHIN 2. BO CRUZ 3. VAL DANCER

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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WREXHAM LAGER NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)

RACE 4




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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 MAGGIES BOY (IRE) (22) s **95**
292-32358 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Jennie Candlish** *William Shanahan (51b/2kg)*
While a reproduction of something akin to his best form would give him a fighting chance, he has a bit to prove following a heavy defeat when returning from a break at Doncaster last month. Cheekpieces refitted.


2 KASTELLION (FR) (31) (BF) **99**
6463 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Mel Rowley** *Charlie Hammond*
Second on sole start in Irish points last spring and duly stepped up on maiden/novice exploits when third of 11 pitched into a handicap a Southwell last time. This stiffer test could help and he's a player off the same mark.


3 GREEDY SMITH (IRE) (57) **88**
4-777P 6 11-13 | 75.7kg

 **Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill** *Kielan Woods*
In good hands but improvement was not forthcoming on handicap debut at Doncaster in January.


4 DIAMAND DE VINDECY (FR) (20) **96**
730/6P-42R 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

 **Robert Bevis** *Toby McCain-Mitchell (51b/2kg)*
Fair winning stayer on the Flat and fairly encouraging start over fences when runner-up at Catterick in January. However, he refused next time and is not particularly appealing now returned to hurdles (0-9 in this sphere).


5 AN BUACHAILL RUA (IRE) (23) ★ **100**
33-05651 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Sheila Lewis** *Harry Atkins (71b/3kg)*
Point winner who found some improvement when opening his hurdles account at the seventh attempt at Ludlow (21f, good to soft) last time. 6 lb rise fair and this stiffer test should be in his favour.


6 MOOSERWIRT (IRE) (28) t **95**
6074 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

 **Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** *Toby Wynne*
Successful between the flags last February and handicap debut fourth of 15 at Newcastle last time was a step in the right direction. Wouldn't be without each-way hope if able to build on that now upped in trip and equipped with a first-time tongue strap.


7 DUBLIN CITY (IRE) (14) **75**
5-89 6 11-1 | 70.3kg

 **Julian Smith** *Rex Dingle*
Placed on last of 3 starts in points but very little to shout about in a trio of maiden hurdles.


8 JUNIOR DES MOTTES (FR) (7) (D, BF) b **95**
0P-3P1132 7 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Nick Scholfield** *Harry Reed*
Back-to-back winner of handicaps at Fakenham and Plumpton last month and, though turned over at odds on the last twice, he will be a danger to all if responding well to the first-time blinkers.


9 THEREYARE (IRE) (92) h+t **58**
878 5 10-13 | 69.4kg

 **Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** *Charlie Todd*
Runner-up sole start in Irish points and while he hasn't shown that much over hurdles to this point, it would be no surprise to see this 5-y-o take raise his game.

10 ROCKVALE (IRE) (458) h **98**
7069- 7 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Sam Allwood** *Stan Sheppard*
Placed on each of his three starts in points but yet to trouble the judge under Rules, finishing well held on chase/handicap debut at Ludlow when last seen in December 2024. Now tried in a hood.

11 JO ARENGEOT BEY AA (FR) (23) s **94**
73/0P8P-64 7 10-5 | 65.8kg

 **Donald McCain** *William Maggs (31b/1kg)*
Point winner but he hasn't pulled up many trees since embarking on a career under Rules.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 An Buachaill Rua, **4-1** Kastellion, **9-2** Junior Des Mottes, **12-1** Diamand De Vindecy, **14-1** Mooserwirt, **16-1** Thereyare, **20-1** Greedy Smith, **25-1** Maggies Boy, **25-1** Jo Arengeot Bey Aa, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This step up in trip promises to suit AN BUACHAILL RUA, who opened his account at Ludlow last time and a 6 lb rise may not be enough to prevent him from going in again. Kastellion is another who may benefit from moving up in distance and he looks sure to be involved in the finish. Junior des Mottes is best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AN BUACHAILL RUA 2. KASTELLION 3. JUNIOR DES MOTTES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Kuzco 5-12-0	14-1	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Ben Smith (7)	8
2024	Jalisco Star 6-11-9	11-1	Laura Horsfall	Brian Hughes	8
2023	William Ewart 6-10-9	4-1	Christian Williams	Nick Scholfield	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(2) 4yo+ £30,000 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)

RACE 5



Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Hurdle course)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	The Four Sixes 7-11-2	9-2	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	7
2024	Uncle Bert 7-11-6	5-2f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	James Turner (7)	8
2023	Jungle Jack 7-11-3	9-4jf	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 KNICKERBOCKERGLORY (IRE) (64) 97

5P1354-20 **10** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Dan Skelton **Harry Atkins (71b/3kg)**
 Likeable front runner proved as good as ever (under ideal conditions) when second to Go Dante at Sandown (soft) in December. Posted a rare poor effort at Windsor the following month, though he has been freshened up for this.

2 AURIGNY MILL (FR) (37) 99

6128-4F31 **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Robert Walford **Harry Kimber**
 Back up in grade having looked as good as ever when notching a third course success at Taunton last time, but he should find this run to suit and can at least be competitive off 3 lb higher.

3 THE FOUR SIXES (IRE) (7) (CD) 97

11-161P60 **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Olly Murphy **K. Brogan**
 Made all in corresponding race in 2025 and while 3 lb lower than his latest hurdle success (not been seen to best effect at Kempton last time), he's unlikely to get his own way in front this time around.

4 MAGISTRATO (FR) (141) (C, D) 95

24-251114 **8** 10-13 | 69.4kg
 Deborah Cole **Charlie Deutsch**
 Much improved when dominating a trio of small-field chases last year and while best not judged on his run in listed handicap at Wetherby in October, he has plenty to find at the weights back over hurdles.

5 STATIC (FR) (16) 98

B70-F3391 **5** 10-11 | 68.5kg
 Donald McCain **Charlie Maggs (31b/1kg)**
 Capitalised on falling mark under more positive ride at Haydock earlier this month, though he's tactically versatile and should hold his own back up in grade

6 NORMAN FLETCHER (92) 100

P906-5P98 **7** 10-8 | 67.1kg
 Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies **James Turner (51b/2kg)**
 Returns from a break having been out of sorts this season, finishing midfield in a competitive 0-120 at Ascot in December. However, he's well worth another go over this sort of trip and is potentially well-treated if back on song.

7 NOWMELAD (IRE) (54) (BF) 98

249-46222 **7** 10-7 | 66.7kg
 Henry Oliver **Lee Edwards**
 Free-going sort (often ridden prominently) found only one too good for the third consecutive start at Hereford (2m) in January, but he's in deeper waters here. Engaged 3.00 Newbury Friday.

8 IN THE AGE (FR) (56) (D, BF) 97

13-5312 **6** 10-5 | 65.8kg
 Dan Skelton **Charlie Todd**
 £100,000 pointer (also fairly useful in bumpers) who was well suited by return to less testing conditions when opening hurdle account at Catterick on New Year's Day. Only matched that form on soft ground when second on handicap bow at Uttoxeter but remains open to progress for excellent yard.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 In The Age, **9-2** Static, **5-1** Aurigny Mill, **11-2** The Four Sixes, **7-1** Knickerbockerglory, **9-1** Norman Fletcher, **14-1** Nowmelad, **25-1** Magistrato

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A relatively valuable pot can go the way of Dan Skelton's IN THE AGE, who has more improvement in him and is likely to be well placed in a race stacked with pace. Norman Fletcher and Aurigny Mill should also find this run to suit, the former unexposed over the trip.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IN THE AGE 2. NORMAN FLETCHER 3. AURIGNY MILL

3.55**OVERTON HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-110)
£8,000 2m1f77y (3490 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places on Hurdle course)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 PADDYS POLICY (IRE) (49) 98
314F-2737 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Back on track when creditable third of 10 in handicap hurdle at Doncaster in December. Not in same form at Musselburgh since but must enter calculations on chase debut here.

2 EPINEPHRINE (FR) (13) 97
4416-6324 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Got off the mark in 2m handicap hurdle at Kempton early last year and posted best effort in this sphere when fourth of 6 in handicap chase at Warwick (2m, good to soft) 13 days ago. Respected.

3 DISGUISEDLIMIT (IRE) (31) 100
232-2253P 7 11-13 | 75.7kg s+t



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne

Promise when placing in 3 of his first 4 starts switched to fences this winter before disappointing at Southwell last month. However, ought to have ground conditions to suit here and looks a likely player.

4 JIAIR MADRIK (FR) (24) 96
2342/8P2F 7 11-3 | 71.2kg t



Donald McCain

Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Fair winner of a conditions hurdle in France in 2023 who posted best effort for this yard when second on chase debut at Catterick in January. Looked beaten when falling over C&D since, however, and others make more appeal.

5 DJ PETE (IRE) (20) (BF) 97
3F25P415 8 11-2 | 70.8kg s



Sarah-Jayne Davies

James Best

Showed a game attitude to get off the mark (by a head) at fifteenth attempt in 2m handicap chase as Fos Las last month and may have found race coming too soon when below par at same course since. Not ruled out.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Dj Pete, 10-3 Disguisedlimit, 7-2 Paddys Policy, 4-1 Epinephrine, 15-2 Jiair Madrik

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DISGUISEDLIMIT may have overdone the front-running tactics when below par at Southwell last month and remains fairly treated. He gets the nod. Dj Pete is feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DISGUISEDLIMIT 2. DJ PETE 3. PADDYS POLICY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Orbys River 7-10-6	6-1	Sam Allwood	Toby Wynne (3)	8
2024	Hunter Legend 7-11-9	13-8jf	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	4
2023	Blueberry Wine 7-11-9	7-1	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	10
2022	Antunes 8-12-3	13-2	Milton Harris	Harry Reed	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.30

RACE 7

TOM JONES LIVE AT CHESTER RACECOURSE HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £8,000 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1 TITANIUM RING (IRE) (31) 94
2F56 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Henry Daly *Stan Sheppard*
Produced a promising first effort when second of 11 in a Hexham bumper in November. Still finding in second when falling 2 out on Uttoxeter hurdling debut but rather underwhelming both starts since. Step up in trip should at least suit now handicapping.

2 SUPREME YEATS (IRE) (13) 99
45485580 10 11-13 | 75.7kg



Dan Skelton *Charlie Todd*
Successful over 23f at Uttoxeter last summer but out of sorts lately. Back on a handy mark and any market support would be of note stepping back up to a more suitable trip.

3 ROCK HURLEY (FR) (33) (CD) 90
34241-800 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



Donald McCain *William Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
Took advantage of a much-reduced mark when opening account for current connections at Bangor in April. Hasn't offered much in 3 starts since, though, so now has something to prove.

4 LOVE ME (FR) (71) 92
310PD-43P 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Jo Davis *Kielan Woods*
Fair winner on handicap debut at Navan prior to losing her way for Henry De Bromhead. Ran one of her better races when fourth over hurdles on stable debut and wasn't seen to best effect at Uttoxeter next time, though has to bounce back from a lacklustre effort over fences when last seen in January.

5 GOLDEN IDENTITY (96) 96
4/565-5235 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Tim Vaughan *James Davies*
Found improvement on the back of another breathing operation when second in a 2½m Ffos Las handicap in October (form worked out well) and backed it up with a solid third at Hereford (19.7f, good) the following month. Not in same form at Plumpton last time and returns here after 3-month absence.

6 FANNY MOON (FR) (45) 92
9-7674 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Mel Rowley *Charlie Deutsch*
Down the field in 2 bumpers but bettered his previous efforts over hurdles when fourth of 11 at Ludlow (15.8f, soft) last month. Appeals as a likely improver now handicapping.

7 JOEYBOTTLES (IRE) (31) 95
3-745 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Toby Wynne*
Showed promise on debut in bumper at Perth last spring but hasn't seen his race out across 3 starts over hurdles, most recently when fifth of 12 at Ludlow (2m, soft) last month. Has had breathing operation ahead of handicap debut.

8 NOBLE GEORGE (IRE) (31) 91
225-3576 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Jennie Candlish *Luke Scott (3lb/1kg)*
Runner-up first 2 starts in bumpers and caught the eye under considerate handling when fifth at Newcastle second time up over hurdles. Not figured on either outing since but he still should improve now handicapping with cheekpieces reached for.

9 AYYADIEH (IRE) (24) 100
364 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Donald McCain *Theo Gillard*
Placed on the first of 2 outings in points and has very much looked one for handicaps over longer distances in novice/maiden hurdles around 2m. Type to improve markedly now faced with this sort of test.

10 ERIC CARMEN (IRE) (15) (C, D) 98
165-13112 10 10-12 | 68.9kg



Gary Hanmer *Benjamin Macey (5lb/2kg)*
Front runner who has turned over a new leaf this season, again dominating faced with testing ground when making it 3 wins from last 4 starts over fences at Market Rasen (19.1f) in February. Clear of the rest when second of 5 in a handicap chase at Leicester since and he's respected back hurdling.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Golden Identity, **5-1** Ayyadieh, **13-2** Eric Carmen, **15-2** Joeybottles, **15-2** Titanium Ring, **9-1** Fanny Moon, **10-1** Noble George, **16-1** Supreme Yeats, **20-1** Rock Hurley, **25-1** Love Me

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AYYADIEH is a stoutly-bred sort that has seemingly been brought along with this kind of test in mind and he's fancied to making a successful switch to handicap company. Fellow handicap newcomers Fanny Moon and Noble George are also expected to step forward and also make the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AYYADIEH 2. FANNY MOON 3. NOBLE GEORGE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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SMART STATS:

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