

**12.25** WILLIAM HILL PROPER PRICES JUVENILE HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(6) NARRAGANSETT | (4) MELON | (2) CRUDEN**
**12.55** WILLIAM HILL BETTING DONE PROPERLY EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(1) CHART TOPPER | (3) PESO | (5) GET THE BEAT**
**1.30** WILLIAM HILL B.O.G. IS BACK HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(2) SHAN BLUE | (5) NO RISK DES FLOS | (6) EATON COLLINA**
**2.05** WILLIAM HILL BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)


 RACE 4 **(7) FOREST BLAZE | (11) AIRE SPRAY | (3) MAXIBOY DAGROSTIS**
**2.40** WILLIAM HILL MORE TOP PRICES MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)


 RACE 5 **(5) HEVA ROSE | (1) DISCO ANNIE | (6) LARGY FORCE**
**3.15** WILLIAM HILL CHELTENHAM NON-RUNNER MONEY BACK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) (D.I) 3m26y (4850 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(10) LADY'S PRESENT | (1) ATREIDES | (6) THE BIG BREAC**
**3.50** WILLIAM HILL CHELTENHAM NON-RUNNER MONEY BACK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) (D.II) 3m26y (4850 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(4) PADDY O'MAHLER | (2) SNOWROCCO | (1) ADVERAM**
**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

**WILLIAM HILL PROPER PRICES JUVENILE HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo £7,000 2m (3220 Metres)**



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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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**BUST A MOVE (FR) (37)** (D)  
1 4 11-7 | 73.0kg  
Michael & David Easterby **Jamie Hamilton**  
Didn't kick on in the expected manner on the Flat as a 3-y-o but looked a good prospect in making a successful hurdles debut in a juvenile at Catterick (15.7f) 37 days ago, quickening clear. Looks sure to progress.

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**CRUDEN (27)** (D) t   
12 4 11-7 | 73.0kg  
James Ewart **Ryan Mania**  
Fairly useful on Flat (stays 11.5f) and ended time with Jessica Harrington in juvenile maiden at Cork (2m) in October. Changed hands for 25,000 gns and showed improved form when second of 11 in a C&D juvenile 4 weeks ago. A repeat gives him sound claims of being involved.

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**INAPPROPRIATE (IRE) (27)** (D)  
15 4 11-7 | 73.0kg  
Jedd O'Keeffe **Conor O'Farrell**  
Fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¼m) and fair form when winning 4-runner Newcastle juvenile hurdle on yard debut in November. Couldn't build on that under a penalty when fifth at Kempton (2m) last month but it remains early days.

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**MELON (GER) (27)**  
16 4 11-7 | 73.0kg  
Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**  
Lightly raced improver on Flat (14f winner) and had fair bit in hand when taking 7-runner juvenile on hurdles bow at Doncaster (16.6f) in December. Found graded company too much at Chepstow next time but he remains with potential back in calmer waters.

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**LIVANO BELLO (FR) (27)**  
36 4 11-0 | 69.9kg  
Micky Hammond **Brian Hughes**  
Showed fair form when third in a French claimer in September. Joined new yard for €30,600 and may have needed the run when sixth of 11 in a C&D juvenile on UK debut 4 weeks ago, weakening home turn. Should do better.

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**NARRAGANSETT (49)**  
2 4 11-0 | 69.9kg  
Neil Mulholland **Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)**  
Fairly useful (and lightly-raced) winner on the Flat and showed plenty to work on sent hurdling when runner-up at Market Rasen 7 weeks ago, pulling long way clear of the rest. Should improve.

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**RUKAANA (36)**  
35 4 11-0 | 69.9kg  
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill   
**Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**  
Fairly useful 1m scorer on Flat for Charles Hills this summer. Sold for 46,000 gns and some promise (modest form) in pair of juvenile hurdles during second half of last year. Appeals as the type to do better, particularly in handicaps.

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**SCOTLAND THE BRAVE (27)** h+t  
5 4 11-0 | 69.9kg  
Tristan Davidson **Harry Reed**  
Fair form at best in trio of starts on Flat but labouring badly from an early stage when well-beaten fifth on C&D hurdles debut over Christmas. Passed over.

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8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

3-1 Narragansett, 7-2 Melon, 9-2 Cruden, 11-2 Bust A Move, 11-2 Inappropriate, 18-1 Livano Bello, 22-1 Rukaana, 66-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Plenty of these boast potential including NARRAGANSETT. A lightly-raced winner on the level, he shaped with definite promise when runner-up in a Market Rasen juvenile 7 weeks ago (pulled clear of the remainder) and he's very much the type to improve. Melon, Cruden and Bust A Move are others who can play their part.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. NARRAGANSETT 2. MELON 3. CRUDEN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Torneo 4-11-0	8-13f	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	6
2023	Shared 4-11-0	25-1	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	11
2022	Graystone 4-11-5	9-4	Lucy Wadham	Bryony Frost	5
2020	Tavus 4-11-4	2-1	Jedd O'Keeffe	Joe Collier	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2














**WILLIAM HILL BETTING DONE PROPERLY EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4, 5, 6 and 7yo**  
**£7,000 2m (3220 Metres)**



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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1	<b>CHART TOPPER (FR) (150)</b>	100
	5331 6 11-8   73.5kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland  Some promise in bumpers but proved a different proposition sent hurdling when winning 13-runner maiden at Downpatrick (17.8f, good) when last seen 5 months ago. That form is nothing special, but he did the job with the minimum of fuss and is clearly a decent prospect.	<i>Mr P. W. Mullins</i>
2	<b>GALIDAM (FR) (124)</b>	91
	246-751 5 11-8   73.5kg Micky Hammond Fair hurdler in France who opened his account in 10-runner claimer at Moulins (17.4f, good to soft, by 14 lengths from Hargnar) back in September. Claimed from A. Chaille-Chaille after for €18,106 and interesting to see what the market makes of him on his British debut.	<i>Brian Hughes</i>
3	<b>PESO (IRE) (26) (D)</b>	97
	41 6 11-8   73.5kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill  Third sole start in Irish points and was much improved from his hurdling debut after 11 weeks off when winning 11-runner introductory event at Newbury (16.3f, good to soft) last month, really strong in the closing stages and promising more to come. Sure to be in the mix.	<i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i>
4	<b>BIG STORM BREWING (27)</b>	73
	8966 6 11-2   70.8kg Tristan Davidson Failed to beat a rival only start in bumpers and well held in 3 novice hurdles last month. He'll be of more appeal in handicaps.	<i>Harry Reed</i>
5	<b>GET THE BEAT (IRE) (34) (BF)</b>	91
	2-532 5 11-2   70.8kg Dan Skelton  Is being brought along steadily, caught out by the drop back in trip when second of 14 in maiden hurdle at Uttoxeter (15.8f, heavy) just under 5 weeks ago, taking time to hit full stride. He will benefit from a return to at least 2½m but is open to further improvement, nonetheless.	<i>Harry Skelton</i>
6	<b>HE'S BRESILIAN (57)</b>	
	45 5 11-2   70.8kg Jedd O'Keeffe Failed to complete in 2 points but has shaped with a little more encouragement in a couple of bumpers, latest when fifth of 8 at Market Rasen (16.6f, soft) just over 8 weeks ago. This looks a stiff task on hurdles bow with some powerful yards in opposition.	<i>Conor O'Farrell</i>
7	<b>JERSEY STREAM (FR) (39)</b>	73
	0-5 6 11-2   70.8kg Rebecca Menzies Well held only start in bumpers but hinted at ability following 9 months when fifth of 12 in novice hurdle (250/1) at Carlisle (17f, soft) on hurdles bow just under 6 weeks ago. Still, he's probably a longer-term project.	<i>Nathan Moscrop</i>
8	<b>MIDNIGHT PHANTOM (FR) (28)</b>	69
	0/F5 6 11-2   70.8kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith No show in a bumper on debut in February 2023 and was already beating a retreat when falling at the fifth flight sent hurdling on the back of a lengthy absence at Newcastle last month. Well beaten at Market Rasen since and looks one for handicaps after this.	<i>Nick Scholfield</i>
9	<b>MONTICELLO (FR) (64)</b>	
	7 5 11-2   70.8kg Clive Boulton-Brooks Offered little when last of 7 in a Ffos Las bumper (15.8f, heavy) just over 9 weeks ago. Watching brief advised sent hurdling unless the betting suggests otherwise.	<i>Richard Patrick</i>
10	<b>RUMOURSAREFLYING (47)</b>	93
	44224-252 7 11-2   70.8kg Pam Sly Fair maiden hurdler who made the frame on 4 occasions last season and has already hit the crossbar twice this term, running as well as could've been expected behind an unexposed one at this C&D (heavy) last month. Each-way claims once again but chasing may well prove his game.	<i>Henry Brooke</i>

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

**13-8** Chart Topper, **9-4** Peso, **13-2** Get The Beat, **14-1** Rumoursareflying, **18-1** Galidam, **20-1** He's Bresilian, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CHART TOPPER couldn't have been any more impressive when making a winning hurdling debut at Downpatrick 5 months ago and, with further progress on the cards, he can give Willie Mullins a first winner at this track with just his second runner. Peso stepped up markedly on his debut effort when scoring at Newbury recently, so he can provide most resistance, with Get The Beat taken to edge out the consistent Rumoursareflying for third.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

**1. CHART TOPPER 2. PESO 3. GET THE BEAT**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Asta La Pasta</b> 6-11-12	10-11f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	9
2023	<b>Etalon</b> 6-11-2	2-5f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	17
2022 <sup>I</sup>	<b>Limetree Boy</b> 6-11-2	11-4	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	11
2022 <sup>II</sup>	<b>Sholokjack</b> 6-11-8	6-4f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	12
2020	<b>Stimulating Song</b> 5-11-2	5-2	Milton Harris	Sean Quinlan	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3










WILLIAM HILL B.O.G. IS BACK HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+  
(Rated 0-140) £15,000 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	<b>INTO OVERDRIVE (251)</b> (CD) 121P/P6-P 10 12-0   76.2kg	90
	<b>Tim Easterby</b> Five-time winner in 2022 (including the Rowland Meyrick at this course) but lightly raced since and has gone the wrong way, pulled up after a further 4 months off at Aintree when last seen in May. First run for yard after leaving Mark Walford.	<b>Mr Thomas Easterby (71b/3kg)</b>
2	<b>SHAN BLUE (IRE) (41)</b> (CD, BF) P/PP33-47 11 12-0   76.2kg	100
	<b>Dan Skelton</b> Very smart chaser at best and, though winless since landing Kauto Star Novices' Chase at Kempton in 2020, he shaped well when fourth at Bangor (24.1f, soft) on return. Below-par effort at Cheltenham last time, but he's a major player dropped in grade.	<b>Harry Skelton</b>
3	<b>MACKENBERG (GER) (55)</b> (D) P/627UP-93 10 11-11   74.8kg	96
	<b>Donald McCain</b> Without a win since November 2022, but after 5 months off he shaped better than for a while when third at Doncaster (19.1f, good) 55 days ago, left with a lot to do. Has eased further in the weights, so he's on a handy mark if building on latest effort.	<b>Brian Hughes</b>
4	<b>GENOIS (FR) (54)</b> (CD) 25-337316 9 11-10   74.4kg	97
	<b>Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill</b> Useful chaser who opened account in this sphere on second start for current yard in 4-runner handicap at this C&D (good) in November, despite having not always been fluent. Lesser effort next time, but he's capable of getting involved back down in grade.	<b>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</b>
5	<b>NO RISK DES FLOS (FR) (38)</b> (CD, BF) P3445-92U 10 11-3   71.2kg	99
	<b>Olly Murphy</b> After 5 months off (had wind op), shaped as if as good as ever when second behind the exciting L'Eau du Sud at Stratford (19.4f, good to soft) in October. Unseated at the fifth at Southwell last time, but he's respected back at this venue (last 4 wins here).	<b>K. Brogan</b>
6	<b>EATON COLLINA (IRE) (38)</b> (CD) 2/P3511-53 10 11-1   70.3kg	98
	<b>Kerry Lee</b> Likeable sort who showed improved form when recording back-to-back wins at this C&D last season. Has returned in decent heart, chasing a strong pace when third at Southwell (20.4f, good to soft) on latest outing, and he can make his present felt back here.	<b>Richard Patrick</b>
7	<b>CERENDIPITY (IRE) (33)</b> (C, D) 3PF351-62 8 10-13   69.4kg	98
	<b>Joel Parkinson &amp; Sue Smith</b> Produced a better round of jumping when doubling his tally over fences at Bangor on final outing in 2023/24. Stepped up on this season's reappearance when second at Haydock (16.3f, heavy) in December and he could be in the mix back up in trip.	<b>Nick Scholfield</b>
8	<b>ARTHUR'S QUAY (IRE) (82)</b> (D) 11P-4P675 11 10-12   68.9kg	93
	<b>Ben Haslam</b> Successful in back-to-back handicaps in 2023 but struggled for form at the end of last year, faring no better dropped in grade when fifth of 7 at this C&D (good) in November. Mark continues to slide, though he has enough to prove at present.	<b>Jamie Hamilton</b>
9	<b>GERYVILLE (FR) (47)</b> (CD) 4P5312-64 9 10-8   67.1kg	96
	<b>Micky Hammond</b> With blinkers refitted, ended a lengthy losing run at Carlisle last March and ran well when second at Perth the following month. Took a step forward from return when fourth of 7 at this course (24.2f, heavy) in December, though will need to find more again.	<b>Conor O'Farrell</b>

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 No Risk Des Flos, 4-1 Shan Blue, 6-1 Eaton Collina, 13-2 Cerendipity, 7-1 Genois, 9-1 Mackenberg, 16-1 Geryville, 22-1 Arthur's Quay, 28-1 Into Overdrive

TIMEFORM VIEW:

After a promising reappearance, SHAN BLUE wasn't in the same form at Cheltenham last time, but he's well worth another chance as he drops in grade. He could be ready to take advantage of his reduced mark, though the 2023 winner of this race No Risk des Flos isn't taken lightly as he bids for a fifth course success, with Eaton Collina also considered.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHAN BLUE 2. NO RISK DES FLOS 3. EATON COLLINA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Docpickedme</b>	8-11-7	11-1	Richard Hobson	Lee Edwards	8
2023	<b>No Risk des Flos</b>	8-11-11	5-1	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	5
2022	<b>Mr Whipped</b>	9-11-4	6-1	Brian Ellison	Nathan Moscrop (3)	6
2020	<b>Charmant</b>	8-11-9	16-1	James Ewart	Brian Hughes	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4











**WILLIAM HILL BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,000 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)**










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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Even**

<b>1</b>	<b>BALKING (FR) (50)</b>	<b>92</b>
4-059	7 12-0   76.2kg	
	Dianne Sayer	<b>Henry Brooke</b>
Showed ability when fourth only start in bumpers and there have been signs of encouragement over hurdles, albeit without suggesting that he'll be up to making a winning handicap debut off this mark. Has undergone a wind op since latest start.		
<b>2</b>	<b>MANOWEST (IRE) (41)</b>	<b>98</b>
253044	7 12-0   76.2kg	
	Olly Murphy	<b>Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)</b>
Winning pointer and shaped pretty well in a trio of maiden hurdles last summer. Hasn't kicked on since venturing down the handicap route but his mark is on the slide as a result and he represents an up-and-coming yard in fine form.		
<b>3</b>	<b>MAXIBOY DAGROSTIS (FR) (40)</b>	<b>97</b>
073	6 12-0   76.2kg	
	Richard Hobson	<b>Danny McMenamin</b>
Placed both starts between the flags and posted much his best effort yet under Rules when a 66/1-third of 8 in novice hurdle at Doncaster (19.4f, good to soft) last time. Needs considering now going into handicaps.		
<b>4</b>	<b>LONE STAR (26) (D)</b>	<b>97</b>
F-7476856	8 12-0   76.2kg	t
	Philip Kirby	<b>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</b>
Five-time winner over hurdles but the most recent of those victories was gained back in March 2023 and she's probably worth taking on once more, for all that her mark is now an attractive one.		
<b>5</b>	<b>POTTERSJETAMAY (IRE) (38)</b>	<b>96</b>
6/0033-652	6 11-13   75.7kg	t
	Matt Crawley	<b>Brian Hughes</b>
Signs of ability in maiden/novice hurdles for Charlie Longsdon last spring and left his handicap/yard debut form well behind when finding just one too good at Southwell (20.4f, good to soft) in December. 2 lb rise fair enough and should be in the mix if able to build on that.		
<b>6</b>	<b>ELLE EST BEAU (IRE) (23) (BF)</b>	<b>98</b>
033f66-24	7 11-11   74.8kg	s
	Dan Skelton	<b>Harry Skelton</b>
Maiden who looked set to win when falling at the last at Sandown last January and reappearance second in first-time cheekpieces at Southwell (20.4f, good) was a creditable effort. However, she proved disappointing when sent off favourite (not for the first time) at Warwick subsequently.		
<b>7</b>	<b>FOREST BLAZE (43) (D)</b>	<b>100</b>
40-5931	6 11-10   74.4kg	
	Mark Walford	<b>Jamie Hamilton</b>
Improved for step up to 2½m when making second handicap start a winning one at Hexham last month. 6 lb rise easy to swallow and this 6-y-o is high on the shortlist with further progress entirely possible.		
<b>8</b>	<b>DUBLIN TO MILAN (IRE) (56)</b>	<b>98</b>
U770	6 11-9   73.9kg	
	Clive Boulton-Brooks	<b>Richard Patrick</b>
Hasn't cut much ice 4 novice hurdles at around 2m but he appeals as the type to do better now moving up in trip for this handicap debut. Interesting to see how he shapes up in the betting.		
<b>9</b>	<b>GOOD BYE (GER) (27) (D)</b>	<b>94</b>
341/8P7P0	10 11-8   73.5kg	b
	Sara Ender	<b>Harry Bannister</b>
Proved a model of consistency during 2022/23 campaign for this yard but hasn't shown much spark in 4 starts since returning from a 17-month absence in June. Easy enough to look elsewhere.		
<b>10</b>	<b>RIOJA ALTA (IRE) (47)</b>	<b>96</b>
33-7	5 11-8   73.5kg	
	Micky Hammond	<b>Conor O'Farrell</b>
Fair maiden on the Flat for Gavin Cromwell and showed aptitude for hurdling for this yard when placed in novice company last season. Considerately handled and likely needed the run on handicap debut in this sphere following a break in December, so he's worth another chance.		

<b>11</b>	<b>AIRE SPRAY (IRE) (39) (D)</b>	<b>99</b>
42F3-81	5 11-6   72.6kg	
	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith	<b>Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)</b>
Took his form up a notch when making a winning handicap debut upped to 19.3f at Carlisle last month. Has to take a 6 lb rise on the chin but that looks manageable, particularly given that, as a low-mileage 5-y-o, he may well have more to offer.		
<b>12</b>	<b>MONTANA GOLDEN (IRE) (27)</b>	<b>74</b>
25P68	6 11-4   71.7kg	
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	<b>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</b>
Promising start to his career when second in a Worcester bumper last summer. Hasn't come close to matching that level of form in 3 starts since switched to hurdles but he wouldn't be the first from his respected yard to take a significant step forward now pitched into a handicap.		
<b>13</b>	<b>ISMAEL (FR) (22) (D)</b>	<b>91</b>
413P-6F5P	7 11-2   70.8kg	b
	Kevin Frost	<b>Lee Edwards</b>
Got the job done at Uttoxeter last January and has slipped back to that winning mark, albeit with good reason having offered little in half-a-dozen subsequent starts (in this sphere and over fences). Hopes now pinned on the first-time blinkers helping to spark a return to form.		
<b>14</b>	<b>PASSENGERONTHESHIP (IRE) (426)</b>	<b>73</b>
879-	6 10-12   68.9kg	
	Sam England	<b>Jonathan England</b>
Placed in an Irish point but low-key start under Rules in maiden/novice hurdles during October/November. Big step forward needed now handicapping.		
<b>15</b>	<b>MONKLAW (IRE) (46)</b>	<b>83</b>
00/0	8 10-11   68.5kg	t
	Stuart Coltherd	<b>Ross Chapman</b>
Fell both starts in points and yet to show much over hurdles. Tongue tied now but hard to make a strong case for this 8-y-o on handicap debut.		
<b>16</b>	<b>GOLD RING (43)</b>	<b>94</b>
0608-P	8 10-10   68.0kg	s
	Neil Mechie	<b>William Maggs (5lb/2kg)</b>
Lost his way on the Flat last year and hasn't shown much spark over hurdles so far.		
<b>17</b>	<b>SWIFT REPLY (55)</b>	<b>96</b>
20-072P66	9 10-2(10-1)   64.4kg (64.0kg)	s
	Simon Waugh	<b>Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)</b>
Poor maiden who continues below his best, failing by a long way to match the form of his good Kelso second in October in 3 subsequent appearances. Others preferred.		

17 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

4-1 Forest Blaze, 11-2 Aire Spray, 8-1 Elle Est Beau, 10-1 Maxiboy Dagrostis, 11-1 Pottersjetamay, 12-1 Manowest, 14-1 Montana Golden, 14-1 Lone Star, 16-1 Rioja Alta, 28-1 Ismael, 33-1 Dublin To Milan, 40-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Last-time-out winners FOREST BLAZE and Aire Spray may have more to offer and could be the pair to concentrate on. Marginal preference is for the former, who did the job well enough when opening his account at Hexham to suggest that this 6 lb higher mark should be within reach. Maxiboy Dagrostis and Pottersjetamay should both be on the premises if able to build on their latest efforts, while Montana Golden is a potential improver now that his attention is turned to handicap company.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. FOREST BLAZE 2. AIRE SPRAY 3. MAXIBOY DAGROSTIS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2024	<b>Goguenard</b> 8-9-5	40-1	D. J. Jeffreys	Harry Atkins (7)	9
2023	<b>Blue Shark</b> 6-11-12	10-3	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	16
2022	<b>Son of The Somme</b> 7-11-11	11-4f	Brian Ellison	Henry Brooke	15
2020	<b>Pola Chance</b> 4-10-7	7-1	Nigel Hawke	David Noonan	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race



2.40

RACE 5

**WILLIAM HILL MORE TOP PRICES MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ mares (Rated 0-110) £9,000 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)**



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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Even**

1	<b>DISCO ANNIE (IRE) (39)</b> 7-6271162 7 12-2   77.1kg Rebecca Menzies Latest win in hurdle at Carlisle in November. Second of 7 in handicap chase (11/2) at Carlisle (15.9f, soft) on debut over fences 39 days ago. Back up in trip. Should go well again.	h+t	97
2	<b>TRAPISTA (FR) (40) (D)</b> 601-1125F 8 12-1   76.7kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Completed a hat-trick at Ludlow (20f) in May but off 4 months before beating only one in 2m4f Kempton handicap chase on penultimate outing and fell at Cheltenham last time. Others preferred.		98
3	<b>MILLIE SUPREME (IRE) (33)</b> 224 7 12-0   76.2kg Donald McCain £30,000 purchase after winning 3 of 6 starts in Irish points. Found only one too good first two starts over hurdles then faced a stiff task in listed event at Haydock last time. Should take to this discipline and warrants consideration.		98
4	<b>MICKS JET (IRE) (22) (D, BF)</b> 431P-P462 7 11-9   73.9kg Phillip Kirby Bumper/hurdles winner who took to chasing when runner-up at Fakenham last time. Cheekpieces could eke out a bit more, so she's not one to rule out.	s	97
5	<b>HEVA ROSE (FR) (404)</b> 4079/121- 8 11-8   73.5kg Venetia Williams Back on track following a second wind op, scoring on return at Lingfield last winter. Good second back there next time and best effort yet on these shores when resuming winning ways at Hereford (25.2f) 13 months ago. Absent since but fact she's gone well fresh previously bodes well.		99
6	<b>LARGY FORCE (IRE) (15)</b> 2223-33 7 11-8   73.5kg Warren Greatrex Point winner. Placed in bumper/hurdles last season and has made a mildly encouraging start to chasing career, again third at Taunton last time. Longer trip should pose no issue, so one to note.	★	100
7	<b>IT'S MAISY (IRE) (50) (D)</b> 911221-63 7 11-3   71.2kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith Landed a trio of handicap hurdles last season, signing off with victory at Uttoxeter in April. Better for return when good third at Haydock last time and no reason why she won't make a chaser.		98
8	<b>FAY CE QUE VOUDRAS (IRE) (33)</b> 2165/66 9 11-0   69.9kg Kerry Lee Fair hurdler who was off 21 months prior to return and hasn't really taken to chasing, so something to prove.		74
9	<b>CELESTIAL FASHION (28) (D)</b> 2215-7122 7 10-7   66.7kg Ian Duncan Likeable type who has made a solid start to chasing, posting another good effort when second over C&D last month. That form has been let down by the winner but she's still of interest.		97

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

3-1 Heva Rose, 11-2 Disco Annie, 6-1 Largy Force, 15-2 Micks Jet, 9-1 It's Maisy, 10-1 Celestial Fashion, 10-1 Millie Supreme, 18-1 Trapista, 33-1 Fay Ce Que Voudras

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

HEVA ROSE hasn't been seen since scoring at Hereford over a year ago but that form has worked out well and her stable's excellent season continues, so she gets the nod over Disco Annie, who arrives on the back of a promising chasing debut. Largy Force is also considered.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HEVA ROSE 2. DISCO ANNIE 3. LARGY FORCE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	<b>Lincoln Lyn</b> 8-10-6	11-8f	Tom Gretton	Brian Hughes	5
2023	<b>Midnight Mary</b> 7-11-6	11-4jf	Lucy Wadham	Bryony Frost	6
2022	<b>Maid O'Malley</b> 9-11-5	11-2	Stuart Coltherd	Sam Coltherd	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15

RACE 6

**WILLIAM HILL CHELTENHAM NON-RUNNER MONEY BACK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) (D.I) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,000 3m26y (4850 Metres)**



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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Even**

<div>1</div> <div></div>	<div><b>ATREIDES (IRE) (41)</b> (BF)</div> <div>533-42324 7 12-0   76.2kg</div> <div>Neil Mulholland</div> <div>Remains a maiden but ran a career-best when second at Ffos Las in November, followed up with creditable fourth of 8 in a handicap hurdle at Bangor (19.6f, heavy) 41 days ago (made a few jumping errors). Proving quite difficult to win with but step up in trip could prove the key.</div>	<div>s+t</div> <div>99</div> <div>Conor O'Farrell</div>
<div>2</div> <div></div>	<div><b>ENTITY OF SUBSTANZ (49)</b></div> <div>75-652 6 11-12   75.3kg</div> <div>Dan Skelton </div> <div>Lightly-raced sort ran best race so far under a positive ride in first-time cheekpieces, second of 8 in a handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (23.1f, soft) 49 days ago, albeit it was a pretty modest contest. Extra furlong should help and one to consider.</div>	<div>s</div> <div>94</div> <div>Harry Skelton</div>
<div>3</div> <div></div>	<div><b>ALLTALKNOACTION (IRE) (28)</b></div> <div>P43 5 11-10   74.4kg</div> <div>Tim Easterby</div> <div>Not achieved a great deal in maiden hurdles, although he was tenderly handled when third of 6 in a novice at Sedgefield (19.8f, good to soft) 28 days ago. Better expected now up in trip on handicap debut.</div>	<div></div> <div>91</div> <div>Mr William Easterby (3lb/1kg)</div>
<div>4</div> <div></div>	<div><b>WEARELONGTERM (IRE) (45)</b></div> <div>4635/44-P7 8 11-7   73.0kg</div> <div>Dianne Sayer</div> <div>Winning pointer who showed ability on chase bow and over hurdles after. Given a considerate return after 18 months off on just his second outing over fences at Carlisle and possibly still needed the run at Musselburgh last month. Returns to hurdling and not ruled out.</div>	<div></div> <div>91</div> <div>Henry Brooke</div>
<div>5</div> <div></div>	<div><b>GLORY HIGHTS (40)</b> (D)</div> <div>52324-512 9 11-6   72.6kg</div> <div>Chris Grant</div> <div>Off the mark in 3m Carlisle handicap in November and backed it up with a good second of 16 in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (20.3f, good to soft) 40 days ago. Should give another good account of himself back at 3m.</div>	<div></div> <div>97</div> <div>Danny McMenamin</div>
<div>6</div> <div></div>	<div><b>THE BIG BREAC (IRE) (27)</b> (CD)</div> <div>96721 8 11-4   71.7kg</div> <div>Joel Parkinson &amp; Sue Smith</div> <div>Lightly-raced and off the mark over hurdles last month, winning 16-runner C&amp;D handicap, looking all stamina, dropped to third between final flights before rallying to lead late on (form has been boosted, close 4th won at Fakenham on Sunday). Could easily improve again.</div>	<div></div> <div>100</div> <div>Jack Power (7lb/3kg)</div>
<div>7</div> <div></div>	<div><b>BOOLAMORE CLASSIC (IRE) (17)</b></div> <div>48U-0051 6 10-12   68.9kg</div> <div>N. W. Alexander</div> <div>Well-supported when off the mark over hurdles, first-time visor seemingly doing the trick when winning a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Ayr (21.4f, heavy) 17 days ago. Should stay 3m and not discounted on his first attempt at this trip, although worth noting he did have a tough race last time.</div>	<div>v</div> <div>98</div> <div>Bruce Lynn</div>
<div>8</div> <div></div>	<div><b>MOLLY MASON (IRE) (38)</b></div> <div>689 5 10-11   68.5kg</div> <div>Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill </div> <div>Related to winners but she hasn't offered any short-term encouragement so far. Cheekpieces added for first try at 3m on handicap debut and although stable continue in good form, she could only be of interest if market support comes her way.</div>	<div>s</div> <div>71</div> <div>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</div>
<div>9</div> <div></div>	<div><b>GETAWAY WITH YOU (12)</b></div> <div>3-2628232 7 10-9   67.6kg</div> <div>Billy Aprahamian</div> <div>Still to win (well-supported on a few occasions) but remains in decent nick albeit has been making hard work of it of late, rallied into second late on when second of 9 in a handicap hurdle at Ffos Las (20f, heavy) 12 days ago. Back up in trip which looks the way to go.</div>	<div>v</div> <div>96</div> <div>K. Brogan</div>
<div>10</div> <div></div>	<div><b>LADY'S PRESENT (IRE) (22)</b></div> <div>03/P42 8 10-7   66.7kg</div> <div>Philip Kirby</div> <div>Shaped better than the beaten distance when second of 7 in a handicap hurdle at Fakenham (23.4f, soft) 22 days ago, made a fast-forward move on final circuit and paid the price for those efforts late on. Should be a decent pace on here and she can run well with the benefit of a more patient ride.</div>	<div>h</div> <div>98</div> <div>Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)</div>

<div>11</div> <div></div>	<div><b>TEDDY MAC (17)</b></div> <div>P45-54754 6 10-2(10-0)   64.4kg (63.5kg)</div> <div>Ian Duncan</div> <div>Still a maiden and has been a bit in and out this season. Recorded a creditable fifth of 16 at Hexham last month but failed to build on that when 16 lengths fourth to Boolamore Classic at Ayr (21.4f, heavy) 17 days ago. Place claims if on a going day despite lining up from 2 lb out of the handicap.</div>	<div>97</div> <div>Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)</div>
<div>12</div> <div></div>	<div><b>WALK MY WAY (IRE) (49)</b></div> <div>P6562-P 7 10-2(9-11)   64.4kg (62.1kg)</div> <div>Micky Hammond</div> <div>Should have won when second in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Hexham (20.1f heavy) in March, in lead when lost momentum last. Pulled up on reappearance, likely needing the run after 9-months off. Should come on for that and no surprise to see a better effort here.</div>	<div>94</div> <div>Emma Smith-Chaston (3lb/1kg)</div>

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**  
5-1 The Big Breac, 11-2 Entity of Substanz, 7-1 Atreides, 8-1 Glory Hights, 9-1 Getaway With You, 10-1 Lady's Present, 10-1 Boolamore Classic, 16-1 Teddy Mac, 16-1 Walk My Way, 33-1 Alltalknoaction, 33-1 Molly Mason, 33-1 Wearelongterm

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**  
This looks competitive and with a few forward-goers in here, it could set-up nicely for LADY'S PRESENT. She shaped much better than beaten distance suggests last-time out and looks capable of taking this with a more patient ride. Atreides will also be taking his time on his first try at 3m and can hit the frame again along with the lightly-raced The Big Breac, who scored over C&D last month.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:				
1. LADY'S PRESENT 2. ATREIDES 3. THE BIG BREAC				
WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2024	Tune In A Box	5-11-10	5-4f Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard 10
2023	The Imposter	6-11-9	5-2f Nigel Hawke	Tom Buckley (3) 15
2022	Malinas Island	7-11-4	5-2f Neil Mulholland	K. Brogan (3) 18
2020	Jobsonfire	8-11-2	4-6f Sam Allwood	Charlie Price (5) 12

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

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RACE 7













**WILLIAM HILL CHELTENHAM NON-RUNNER MONEY BACK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) (D.II) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,000 3m26y (4850 Metres)**




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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<div>1</div> <div></div>	<div><b>ADVERAM (21)</b></div> <div>2633-1423 6 12-0   76.2kg</div> <div>Ian Duncan</div> <div>Ran well in a higher grade last-time when third of 10 in a handicap hurdle at Ayr (24.3f, soft) 21 days ago, running from out of the handicap. Back down in grade to a 0-100 event here and merits serious consideration.</div>	<div>s</div> <div><b>99</b></div> <div>Brian Hughes</div>
<div>2</div> <div></div>	<div><b>SNOWROCCO (IRE) (21)</b></div> <div>43-84 6 11-10   74.4kg</div> <div>Adam Nicol</div> <div>Placed in an Irish point and back to form when creditable fourth of 18 in handicap hurdle at Ayr (20.4f, soft) 21 days ago, led 2 out and one pace late on. Lightly-raced contender has to be of interest now tackling 3m for the first time.</div>	<div></div> <div><b>98</b></div> <div>Theo Gillard</div>
<div>3</div> <div></div>	<div><b>THE QUESTIONER (IRE) (27)</b> (CD)</div> <div>211343/2-0 9 11-7   73.0kg</div> <div>Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero</div> <div>C&amp;D winner who shaped well when second at Huntingdon (25f) 14 months ago. Easy to back and probably needed the run when down the field over C&amp;D (raced without headgear) 27 days ago. Would be a player on last season's form and interesting if market speaks in his favour with cheekpieces back on.</div>	<div>s</div> <div><b>95</b></div> <div>Henry Brooke</div>
<div>4</div> <div></div>	<div><b>PADDY O'MAHLER (IRE) (27)</b></div> <div>F43-P6675 7 11-6   72.6kg</div> <div>Joel Parkinson &amp; Sue Smith</div> <div>Still a maiden but ran well over C&amp;D in cheekpieces last month, unfortunate to be hampered 4 out and finishing fifth of 16. Fourth-placed horse has given the form a boost (won at Fakenham on Sunday) and should go well again, racing without headgear today,</div>	<div></div> <div><b>100</b></div> <div>Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)</div>
<div>5</div> <div></div>	<div><b>DEXPERADO (FR) (28)</b> (BF)</div> <div>6/60922-75 6 11-5   72.1kg</div> <div>Nick Kent</div> <div>Runner-up at Market Rasen on final 2 starts of last season, chasing home decent sorts. Quieter start to this campaign, sent off favourite when fifth of 8 at Market Rasen (went without headgear), possibly still finding his fitness. Cheekpieces on for first try at 3m and should strip fitter here.</div>	<div>s</div> <div><b>96</b></div> <div>Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)</div>
<div>6</div> <div></div>	<div><b>BALLYDANGAN (IRE) (38)</b></div> <div>773P0056 8 10-13   69.4kg</div> <div>Dan Skelton </div> <div>Maiden who hasn't shown an immediate benefit for the switch to the Dan Skelton yard, prominent in the betting but disappointing when sixth of 11 at Southwell (20.4f, good to soft) 38 days ago. Up in trip again but no surprise to see stable get a better tune out of him sooner rather than later.</div>	<div></div> <div><b>96</b></div> <div>Harry Skelton</div>
<div>7</div> <div></div>	<div><b>WESTERDALE (43)</b></div> <div>556 6 10-12   68.9kg</div> <div>Mark Walford</div> <div>Out of a winning pointer and minor promise to glean from all 3 runs over hurdles. Could up her game now handicapping and isn't without hope.</div>	<div></div> <div><b>93</b></div> <div>Jamie Hamilton</div>
<div>8</div> <div></div>	<div><b>STRESS REACTION (IRE) (28)</b></div> <div>0-P76 5 10-10   68.0kg</div> <div>Tim Easterby</div> <div>Runner-up sole outing in point bumpers but has offered little in a Wetherby bumper and 3 maiden hurdles and tough to fancy up in trip on handicap debut.</div>	<div></div> <div><b>85</b></div> <div>Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)</div>
<div>9</div> <div></div>	<div><b>TAKE A HIKE (IRE) (34)</b></div> <div>5-593 7 10-7   66.7kg</div> <div>D. J. Jeffreys</div> <div>Runner-up both completed starts in Irish points. Tongue-tie on and up in trip when producing better effort on fourth hurdles start, third of 12 in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (19.9f, heavy) 34 days ago, plugged on. No surprise to see her stepped up in distance again today.</div>	<div>t</div> <div><b>92</b></div> <div>Sean Houlihan</div>
<div>10</div> <div></div>	<div><b>SO LADYLIKE (IRE) (236)</b></div> <div>246/8P66-1 11 10-5   65.8kg</div> <div>N. W. Alexander</div> <div>Off the mark under Rules from bottom weight in a poor race on second start for this yard, winning 6-runner handicap hurdle at Hexham (23.3f, soft). Returns from 7-month absence and this is a tougher race.</div>	<div></div> <div><b>93</b></div> <div>Miss Natasha Cookson (7lb/3kg)</div>

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**ROYLE STEEL (FR) (27)**

1945-6857 7 10-2 | 64.4kg

Micky Hammond

Yet to fire this term, finishing a well-held seventh of 16 in handicap hurdle at this C&D (soft) 27 days ago. Not easy to make a case for.

93

Joshua Thompson (7lb/3kg)

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

3-1 Adveram, 9-2 Snowrocco, 13-2 Paddy O'mahler, 8-1 Dexperado, 9-1 Ballydangan, 10-1 The Questioner, 14-1 So Ladylike, 22-1 Take A Hike, 28-1 Westerdale, 80-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

It wasn't the smoothest of passages for PADDY O'MAHLER when a close fifth over C&D last month and a repeat of that effort might be enough to take this. The lightly-raced Snowrocco has shown enough to suggest she can go close in a race of this nature while Adveram is very much respected having run well in a higher grade on his last two starts.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. PADDY O'MAHLER 2. SNOWROCCO 3. ADVERAM

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race