

Tuesday 24th March

SOUTHWELL



2.00	LADIES DAY SUNDAY 16th AUGUST HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m1f185y (5200 Metres)
RACE 1	(4) SMURFETTE (3) COPSHILL LAD (1) ICAQUE DE L'ISLE
2.30	BOOK YOUR PARTY AT SOUTHWELL RACECOURSE NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)
RACE 2	(4) SHADOWFAX OF ROHAN (3) CLASSICAL STING (1) CATCHIM
3.00	SOUTHWELL OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)
RACE 3	(3) TANDY'S BRIDGE (1) INDULTO ROUGE (2) L'AMALRIC
3.30	FREE BETS ON attheraces.com CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m60y (4880 Metres)
RACE 4	(6) PECKFORTON HILLS (5) JACK THE SAVAGE (1) BRODERICK
4.00	EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY FUN DAY NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)
RACE 5	(1) HILLBERRY HILL (4) THE FLIER BEGLEY (5) TOMBEREAU
4.30	JOIN SOUTHWELL GOLF CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)
RACE 6	(9) MOAB (11) KARTON PLEIN (7) CODETALKER
5.00	VISIT THE BISTRO IN SEASONS RESTAURANT NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)
RACE 7	(13) PARISH STAR (3) EVER READY (4) FEET ON THE GROUND

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.

2.00**LADIES DAY SUNDAY 16th AUGUST HANDICAP CHASE (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 3m1f185y (5200 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	ICAQUE DE L'ISLE (FR) (32)	97
	531-3551P 8 11-13 75.7kg Richard Bandey <i>Harry Bannister</i> Produced a performance in keeping with pick of his French form when registering a first chase success on these shores at Lingfield (23.5f) in January. Found himself stretched by marathon trip/stronger company when pulled up at Exeter since and this rates more suitable.	
2	LILTING VERSE (IRE) (22)	95
	5225-2574 9 11-13 75.7kg Fergal O'Brien <i>Fern O'Brien (5lb/2kg)</i> Hurdles/chase winner who resumed from 6 months off/breathing operation with a good second at Ffos Las (25f) in October and dispelled a pair of lesser displays when fourth behind Smurfette here (3m) 3 weeks ago. However, consistency not her strong point nowadays.	t
3	COPSHILL LAD (IRE) (88)	98
	55535-135 8 11-11 74.8kg Harry Derham <i>Paul O'Brien</i> Made winning return chase debut at Hereford (25f) in November and similar form when third from 2 lb higher mark over same C&D later that month. Jumping failed to pass muster when fifth in Lincolnshire National latest but return to calmer waters can see him to better effect.	s
4	SMURFETTE (22) (C)	100
	62131-231 8 11-9 73.9kg Tom Ellis <i>Miss Gina Andrews</i> Scored twice over fences in 2024 and returned from a spell on the sidelines better than ever, placed on first 2 starts this winter prior to resuming winning ways in smooth style over 3m here 3 weeks ago. Big player nudged up 3 lb.	 
5	I AM ROCCO (131)	96
	975-3322P 9 11-2 70.8kg Caroline Fryer <i>Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)</i> Remains a maiden after 22 runs but he ran well in finishing placed on first 4 starts for Tom Ellis during second half of last year. Pulled up on final start for that yard at Market Rasen (21f) in November and return to this longer trip may not suit ideally back from 4 months off.	

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Smurfette, 3-1 Icaque De L'isle, 9-2 Copshill Lad, 5-1 Lilting Verse, 10-1 I Am Rocco

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SMURFETTE showed a good attitude when resuming winning ways over 3m here 3 weeks ago and a 3-lb rise on the back of that shouldn't prevent her going well again. Copshill Lad and Icaque de L'isle will each find this less demanding than their most recent assignment and can provide chief resistance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SMURFETTE 2. COPSHILL LAD 3. ICAQUE DE L'ISLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Ali Star Bert 9-11-2 7-2 Shaun Harris Craig Nichol 5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.30

RACE 2

BOOK YOUR PARTY AT SOUTHWELL RACECOURSE NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150
1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 CATCHIM (IRE) (92) (C) 98

3543225P 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Charles & Adam Pogson

Charlie Todd

Fair maiden chaser who ran right up to his best when runner-up over C&D in November. Given a break following a pair of lesser efforts in December and no surprise to see him bounce back for stable who landed this race 12 months ago.

2 KNOWN WARRIOR (FR) (29) 94

4-848642 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Richard Bandey

Harry Bannister

Modest form at best in handful of starts over hurdles and similar form sent chasing, albeit getting closer than previously when second in 5-runner handicap at Plumpton (17f) 4 weeks ago, holding every chance under a patient ride. Not forlorn hope.

3 CLASSICAL STING (22) s 95

388-12P2 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



L J Morgan

Danny McMenamin

Different proposition sent chasing this term, successful on reappearance at Kelso (17f) and runner-up on 2 of his 3 starts since, latterly in 7-runner C&D handicap hurdle 3 weeks ago. Cheekpieces worn then are retained and he commands respect back over larger obstacles.

4 SHADOWFAX OF ROHAN (IRE) (20) (D, BF) h+t ★ 100

953-79P12 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Patrick Neville

Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Proved a different model sent chasing for his new yard after breathing surgery when readily making all at Catterick (15.7f) in February. Found only an upwardly mobile sort too good back there latest and big shout here from same mark.

5 FERANDO (IRE) (8) t 83

PP4-F5 6 10-7 | 66.7kg



Barry Murphy

Tom Cannon

Pulled up sole outing for Nicky Henderson and fared little better in 3 starts over hurdles/fences for Alison Thorpe. Similar story following 6 months off/starting out for another new yard when well held fifth at Ffos Las 8 days ago. Passed over down in trip.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Shadowfax of Rohan, **11-4** Classical Sting, **9-2** Known Warrior, **11-2** Catchim, **11-1** Ferando

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SHADOWFAX OF ROHAN found only one who continues to progress too strong on his most recent start at Catterick 3 weeks ago and, still very much unexposed as a chaser, he makes plenty of appeal from the same mark. Classical Sting can emerge as the lead danger, ahead of Catchim, who has been given a break ahead of this.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHADOWFAX OF ROHAN 2. CLASSICAL STING 3. CATCHIM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Harel du Marais 8-12-0	5-4f	Charles & Adam Pogson	Sean Bowen	5
2024	Fiston de Becon 9-12-0	8-11f	Olylly Murphy	Sean Bowen	4
2023	Maninsane 8-11-9	10-1	Charlie Longsdon	Lilly Pinchin (3)	8
2022	Clear The Runway 6-11-6	10-3	L J Morgan	Adam Wedge	5
2021	Commis d'Office 9-11-1	5-4f	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.00**SOUTHWELL OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4, 5 and 6yo £4,500 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**

RACE 3

Going: **Good****SMART STATS:**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 INDULTO ROUGE (FR) (95)** t **95**

30 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



David Pipe

Jack Tudor

Won his sole start in Irish points in May and showed plenty to work on fitted with a tongue strip when third at Hereford on debut in November. Stiff task when down the field in listed race at Ascot following month and has since had a breathing operation.

2 L'AMALRIC (FR)

5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Olly Murphy

**Sean Bowen**

Muhtathir gelding. Half-brother to French bumper winner Derby de Thaix. Failed to complete all 4 starts in Irish points, pulled up latest (Nov 2025), but still merits respect having joined a good yard.

3 TANDY'S BRIDGE (IRE) (103) (BF) ★ **100**

20 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Tom Ellis

Miss Gina Andrews

€25,000 Poet's Word gelding who made a promising start to his career when second of 13 in bumper (7/1) at Killarney (17f, good to soft) on debut/sole outing for John Joseph Murphy in July. Proved a total let-down at Warwick 5 months later but worth another chance.

4 TELEPIECES (361) **57**

57- 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Pam Sly

Paul O'Brien

From a good family for the yard but was well held in a pair of bumpers last season.

5 ANCHOR

4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Clare Hobson

Ben Poste

3,000 gns 3-y-o, Kingman gelding. Dam unraced sister of very smart 7f to 10.5f performer Proviso and half-sister to high-class 1¼m performer Byword, from excellent Flat family. A cheap purchase given his pedigree.

6 MUSIC SONG (FR) (24) **84**

4 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Tom Weston

Danny McMenamin

Prince Gibraltar gelding who was well backed when shaping as is better for the run at Doncaster on debut last month. Entitled to do better.

7 SCAREDOFNOTHING (IRE) (68) **87**

4 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Philip Kirby

Joe Williamson

Shaped with some encouragement when fourth of 10 in bumper (11/2) at Wincanton (15.2f, heavy) on debut in January. Since left Tom Weston.

8 SCOTT'S LEGACY (IRE) (94) (BF) **79**

5 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Vadamos gelding who showed a bit when fifth of 12 in Hereford bumper on debut in December and ought to do better somewhere down the line.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Indulto Rouge, **7-2** Tandy's Bridge, **9-2** Scott's Legacy, **6-1** Music Song, **6-1** L'Amalric, **17-2** Scaredofnothing, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TANDY'S BRIDGE proved a major let-down on first outing for Tom Ellis at Warwick in December but is well worth another chance based on the strength of his debut form. Indulto Rouge will find this more suitable back down in grade, while L'Amalric is an interesting Rules newcomer on pedigree, for all that he's not exactly pulled up any trees in points.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TANDY'S BRIDGE 2. INDULTO ROUGE 3. L'AMALRIC

3.30

RACE 4

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GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 BRODERICK (IRE) (21) s **96**

1223-594P 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Jennie Candlish
William Shanahan

Disappointed at Newcastle on most recent outing but had appeared to be building up to something prior to that, finishing with running left under a hands-and-heels ride at Ludlow in February. Cheekpieces refitted and not one to write off completely dropped further in grade.

2 BIG BERT (IRE) (17) t **88**

2952-BP 6 11-13 | 75.7kg

 James Owen
Alex Chadwick

Fair form shown in bumpers and again when runner-up in 2½m Huntingdon maiden hurdle last spring. Brought down at the first on his return in 2m3f Fontwell novice in October but was well held after 4 months off at Hereford recently. Tongue strap applied for handicap debut.

3 REDEEMING LOVE (IRE) (35) t **97**

7-667 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Mark Walford
Tom Midgley

Cost £78,000 after finishing third in an Irish point but she's only shaped with minor promise under Rules so far, reportedly returning with a breathing issue at Market Rasen latest. Has tongue strap applied making handicap debut over longer trip and she is at least bred to be better than this.

4 RABY MERE (FR) (11) s **90**

13124544 7 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Caroline Fryer
Lewis Stones

Dual winner for Olly Murphy but well held both starts for current yard. Back up in trip.

5 JACK THE SAVAGE (17) s+t **99**

2-4655441 9 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Laura Horsfall
Isabelle Ryder

Ended a long losing run from a career-low mark in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Hereford (25.5f, good to soft, 3/1) recently, just holding on. Not an obvious type to follow up but remains well treated on old form.

6 PECKFORTON HILLS (IRE) (25) (BF) s+t  **100**

518-06732 6 11-3 | 71.2kg

 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero
Tristan Durrell

Winner of a Carlisle bumper and predictably stepped up on low-key novice form when third of 7 on handicap bow at Sedgefield (19.8f, soft) in February. Ran another solid race when second at Doncaster since and there could be more to come now stepping up to 3m.

7 HONNEUR DE SIVOLA (FR) (61) **96**

5375-366P 9 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)

 Clare Hobson
Dylan Johnston

Poor maiden who has lost his form completely and makes little appeal reverting to hurdling from 4 lb out of the weights.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Peckforton Hills, **11-4** Jack The Savage, **11-2** Broderick, **15-2** Big Bert, **10-1** Redeeming Love, **18-1** Raby Mere, **28-1** Honneur De Sivola

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PECKFORTON HILLS has improved since switching to handicap company and his bumper form provides hope for better still now stepping up to 3m for the first time, so he appeals as the most persuasive option. Jack The Savage remains well treated on old form after ending a long losing spell at Hereford recently, while Broderick shouldn't be written off completely for all that he disappointed on most recent outing.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PECKFORTON HILLS 2. JACK THE SAVAGE 3. BRODERICK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Lizzie Rey** 8-10-9 33-1 Richard Phillips Finn Lambert 9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.00**EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY FUN DAY NOVICES' HURDLE (4)**
4yo+ £10,000 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 HILLBERRY HILL (IRE) (65) (D) **100**
61 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Tom Bellamy

Left debut display behind when landing an 11-runner maiden upped to 2½m at Thurles when last seen in January. Changed hands since and, with plenty of scope for further improvement, he makes plenty of appeal here for his new yard.

2 DANGER NAP (IRE) (60) **83**
250-6P 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Fair form first 2 starts in bumpers but looks more one for handicaps in this sphere judged on his very low-key efforts in maidens at Aintree and Doncaster.

3 SEA OF FORTUNE (IRE) (139) **t**
0 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Ciaran Gethings

Failed to make any sort of an impact on his introduction in a Chepstow bumper in November, despite his prominence in the betting, and it's probably safe to assume that Hillberry Hill is the stable No 1.

4 THE FLIER BEGLEY (IRE) (67) (D) **99**
32131-1P7 11 11-5 | 72.1kg



Gary Hanmer

Benjamin Macey (5lb/2kg)

Healthy strike rate over fences (6-22) and, though he failed to fire back from a break at Market Rasen in January and is 0-8 in this sphere, this 11-y-o should make his presence felt.

5 TOMBREAU (IRE) (34) **87**
P4 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Stuart Edmunds

Charlie Hammond

Maiden pointer who showed a bit more than on Rules debut when fourth of 13 in a C&D maiden hurdle last month. Could be in line for minor place money.

6 KARLITA DESBOIS (FR) (56) **60**
68-66 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Mel Rowley

Charlie Deutsch

Limited promise in bumpers/over hurdles so far and it's easy enough to look elsewhere.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-13 Hillberry Hill, **10-3** The Flier Begley, **12-1** Sea of Fortune, **16-1** Tombereau, **28-1** Danger Nap, **125-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's hard to look beyond HILLBERRY HILL, who was successful in the second of his 2 starts for Margaret Mullins in Ireland and looks sure to progress for his new yard. The Flier Begley isn't getting any younger but he's the conceivable danger to the selection, for all that Tombereau showed some promise over C&D last time.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HILLBERRY HILL 2. THE FLIER BEGLEY 3. TOMBREAU

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Jack Hyde 7-11-12	11-10f Fergal O'Brien	Tom Broughton (5)	7
2024	Fortunate Man 5-11-9	13-8 Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.30**JOIN SOUTHWELL GOLF CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-115) £7,700 2½m88y (4100 Metres)**

RACE 6

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 FINE CASTING (IRE) (61) (D) 98
0274-21P4 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Pauling

Elliott England (71b/3kg)

Gained deserved breakthrough chasing victory at Bangor in November and recorded a solid fourth of 9 in 19f Wetherby handicap chase on latest start in January. Pretty reliable on the whole and should make his presence felt back hurdling off a handy mark.

2 MENAGGIO (IRE) (43) v+t 96
P2F-P7P44 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Billy Aprahamian

Gavin Sheehan

Winner of a novice hurdle in January 2024 and a couple of small-field handicap chases for Alan King early last season. Latest fourth at Catterick was his best effort since joining this yard but that was still some way below his best. Has undergone a breathing operation.

3 ISLE OF SARK (USA) (120) b+t 96
43612438 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



Micky Hammond

Joshua Thompson (51b/2kg)

Reacted well to a visor when winning Sedgefield handicap hurdle in October on second outing for Mickey Bowen. Good second at Ffos Las next time but form has dipped since and he was nearer last than first on debut for new yard in a handicap on the Flat at Southwell last month.

4 NAZARE (FR) (61) (CD) s 95
123-411F9 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



James Owen

Sam Twiston-Davies

Bumper winner last January and landed back-to-back handicap hurdles at Market Rasen and Southwell (both at around 20.5f) in November. Not at his best at Huntingdon last time, though, he'll need to improve in first-time cheekpieces here in order to resume winning ways.

5 SUMMERGROUNDS (51) (D) 97
211-52225 10 11-9 | 73.9kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Notched third success in this sphere at Ayr last spring and hasn't done much wrong since, most recently finishing fifth of 12 at Musselburgh (2½m, good to soft). 2 lb lower now and this appears to be his time of year, so there are reasons to be optimistic.

6 SUTHERLAND (IRE) (24) s 98
936-5203 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Tom Ellis

Finn Lambert (31b/1kg)

Fair form in bumpers for Nicky Henderson and left hurdles/yard debut form behind when second in a 14-runner Southwell maiden (2m, good to soft) in December. Third on handicap debut at Newbury last time and he's interesting here with this step up in trip likely to work in his favour.

7 CODETALKER (32) s 97
426133 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Stuart Edmunds

Charlie Hammond

Maiden pointer who opened Rules account when staying on well to land a 6-runner handicap hurdle at Fakenham (2m, soft) just before Christmas. Subsequent efforts at Uttoxeter (over this trip) and Warwick where he sported first-time cheekpieces (retained) have been creditable and he merits respect.

8 HEARD THAT (IRE) (19) (D) 91
12R1-PP36 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Olly Murphy

Aidan Weaver (71b/3kg)

Successful 3 times over fences at up to 3m last term but hasn't fired so far this season, including when reverting to this sphere at Haydock recently. Yard saddles a stronger candidate in Karton Plein.

9 MOAB (IRE) (18) ★ 100
843-25022 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Henrietta C Knight

Paul O'Brien

Fair winner on the Flat and while this 6-y-o has yet to get his head in front over hurdles, he was runner-up for the third time in this sphere in a handicap at Exeter earlier this month. Stepping back up in trip here no bad thing and he has to enter calculations.

10 PURPLE OWL (IRE) (68) t 94
5-2530 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



David Pipe

Jack Tudor

Point winner who was placed twice from 3 starts in maiden/novice company but he was soon beaten on handicap bow at Wincanton in January (since undergone a breathing operation).

11 KARTON PLEIN (FR) (64) (C, BF) 99
541-62P3 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Left hurdles debut form behind when taking a Southwell maiden last February. Hasn't gone on from that in the way one might've hoped but latest third at Lingfield (19.5f, soft) was creditable and he will be a threat if able to build on that.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Moab, 11-2 Karton Plein, 6-1 Fine Casting, 13-2 Codetalker, 7-1 Sutherland, 17-2 Summergrounds, 12-1 Nazare, 18-1 Menaggio, 22-1 Purple Owl, 33-1 Heard That, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MOAB performed with credit, despite the drop back to around 17f counting against him, at Exeter recently and he is taken to deservedly open his hurdles account. Next on the list is Karton Plein, who arguably produced his best effort yet when third at Lingfield and he's lurking on a fairly appealing mark. Codetalker, Fine Casting and Sutherland all have claims, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOAB 2. KARTON PLEIN 3. CODETALKER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Thank You Blue 8-11-4	20-1	Jennie Candlish	Lewis Stones (3)	7
2024	Hostile Hotelier 6-11-10	5-2jf	Jennie Candlish	Sean Quinlan	6
2023	White Rhino 7-10-11	evsf	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	10
2022	Niblawi 10-11-13	16-1	Adam West	Lee Edwards	12
2021	Pounding Poet 5-11-12	9-1	Tom Lacey	Robert Dunne	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.00

RACE 7

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 LITTLE BIG KEV (IRE) (118) t **95**
 3/46554-53 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Richard Phillips **Sam Twiston-Davies**
 Maiden but offered something to work on when third at Market Rasen on return in November. Tongue strap back on.

2 FINE AS WINE (IRE) (27) **90**
 6665 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gary Hanmer **Benjamin Macey (5lb/2kg)**
 Finished in the frame on all 4 starts in Irish points and easily best effort over hurdles when fifth in maiden at Bangor 4 weeks ago. Return to further will suit but opening mark looks harsh.

3 EVER READY (13) **98**
 58/58624 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Pam Sly **Paul O'Brien**
 Maiden who improved for the step up in trip when finding only a progressive one too good over C&D last month. Not disgraced in a better race than this at Huntingdon since and she's a player.

4 FEET ON THE GROUND (IRE) (31) t ★ **100**
 342-022P0 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**
 Keen-going maiden who ran her best race when runner-up over C&D under similar conditions but disappointed next 2 starts, tried in a tongue strap last time. Could bounce back returned to this venue.

5 COOL MASTER (36) **69**
 994 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Craig Nichol**
 Well held in maiden/novice hurdles, though showed more than previously latest.

6 WE GOT YOUR BACK (9) s **89**
 3331245U 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



L J Morgan **Miss Ellie Callwood (7lb/3kg)**
 Winner over fences at Hexham in October. Not as good over hurdles, however, and ran poorly on belated return to this sphere on penultimate start.

7 KEEP KALMAND KARRYON (IRE) (420) t **87**
 9/666- 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson **Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)**
 Little impact in bumper and novice/maiden hurdles. Off 14 months.

8 MY FORTUNE (IRE) (48) t **94**
 0-65F47 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**
 Yet to offer much in a bumper and over hurdles, failing badly to justify support on handicap bow at Ludlow last time. Tongue strap now applied.

9 BRAVETHE WAVES (25) (C, D) s+t **95**
 P-7791471 9 11-2 | 70.8kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Toby Wynne**
 Two standout efforts this season came when making the running, winning over fences here in November and at Doncaster last time. Out of form when last seen over hurdles.

10 TROOP SHIP (67) t **93**
 54-037 8 11-0 | 69.9kg



Mel Rowley **Charlie Deutsch**
 Down the field all 5 starts over hurdles, including in handicaps. Tongue strap on 1st time.

11 CHER MONSIEUR (FR) (68) (D) s **96**
 9090-3541 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Neil Mulholland **Conor O'Farrell**
 Produced a determined display to get off the mark in a 16-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle 10 weeks ago. Up 4 lb and enters calculations again now in first-time headgear.

12 DARTMOUTH ROSE (23) (D) s **98**
 4-2321434 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Matt Crawley **Jack Quinlan**
 Confirmed previous promise in handicaps when opening her account at Fakenham on return from a break in October. However, has failed to build on that in 3 subsequent starts and headgear now given a whirl.

13 PARISH STAR (IRE) (36) (CD, BF) h+t **99**
 5/458-3115 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Adam Nicol **Ryan Mania**
 Improved for current yard, winning at Newcastle before following up over C&D in good style. Disappointed when bidding for a quick-fire hat-trick at Carlisle but worth another chance back from a short break with hood/tongue strap back on.

14 KYLENOE DANCER (321) **90**
 633/3-1 8 10-10 | 68.0kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls **Tom Bellamy**
 Has evidently had her problems but made second start for this yard a winning one at Fontwell in May. Off since, however, and 6 lb higher now.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Parish Star, **13-2** Cher Monsieur, **8-1** Bravethewaves, **11-1** Ever Ready, **12-1** Feet On The Ground, **12-1** Dartmouth Rose, **12-1** Kyleneoe Dancer, **14-1** Little Big Kev, **14-1** My Fortune, **16-1** Fine As Wine, **22-1** We Got Your Back, **33-1** Cool Master, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PARISH STAR disappointed on her hat-trick attempt at Carlisle but was a stylish winner over C&D the time before so is worth another chance back from a short break. Ever Ready and Feet On The Ground head the dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PARISH STAR 2. EVER READY 3. FEET ON THE GROUND

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 ^I	Ivane 7-11-3	5-4f	James Owen	Gavin Sheehan	6
2025 ^{II}	Faded Fantasy 6-10-12	9-4f	Christian Williams	Jack Tudor	7
2024	Uno Mas 10-11-3	12-1	Christian Williams	Jack Tudor	7
2023	The Bandit 8-10-4	11-1	Neil King	Bryony Frost	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race