



Saturday 25th January **DONCASTER**

12.20	LIVESCORE BET FILLIES' JUVENILE HURDLE (Listed) (1) 2m128y (3340 Metres)
RACE 1	(2) BELFRINA (6) MORNING AIR (5) MATWANA
12.55	DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f214y (4820 Metres)
RACE 2	(4) GRAND ALBERT (1) THOMAS MOR (6) PRESIDENT SCOTTIE
1.30	VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m78y (3290 Metres)
RACE 3	(1) NELLS SON (6) STORMIN CROSSGALES (2) CALICO
2.05	PERTEMPS NETWORK RIVER DON NOVICES' HURDLE (Grade 2) (1) 3m84y (4900 Metres)
RACE 4	(1) WESTERN KNIGHT (5) MA SHANTOU (4) JIG'S FORGE
2.40	VIRGIN BET YORKSHIRE ROSE MARES' HURDLE (Grade 2) (1) 3m84y (4900 Metres)
RACE 5	(2) KATEIRA (1) JETARA (3) WYENOT
3.15	VIRGIN BET GREAT YORKSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 2m7f214y (4820 Metres)
RACE 6	(6) THE CHANGING MAN (3) TIGHTENOURBELTS (5) FORWARD PLAN
3.50	DONCASTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m3f88y (3900 Metres)

KEY TO SYMBOLS



RACE 7

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

(2) PUNCTUATION | (4) TO CHASE A DREAM | (5) CLASSIC KING



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.



LIVESCORE BET FILLIES' JUVENILE HURDLE (Listed) (1) 4yo fillies £40,000 2m128y (3340 Metres)



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Pace Information: Weak

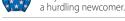
ANALIESE

4 11-0 69.9kg



Mel Rowley

£18,000 3-y-o, Harzand filly. Dam, 11/2m-13/4m winner, half-sister to useful hurdler/ fairly useful chaser in France (17f-19f winner) Angel's Share. Tricky assignment for



BELFRINA (IRE) (27) (BF)

4 11-0 69.9kg



Shane Ouinlan

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David Pipe

Fairly useful form on Flat (stays 11/4m) and shaped well when second on hurdling debut (form was boosted on Thursday). Unseated next time but makes plenty of appeal.

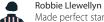


BLUE MOON LADY (38)

94



Charlie Price



Made perfect start to her career in 6-runner contest at Ludlow four weeks ago. Penalty to carry but a likely player with improvement forthcoming.



INSPIRE HOPE (IRE) (27) (D)

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4 11-0 | 69.9kg





Won a juvenile hurdle for Joseph O'Brien in July. Respectable efforts so far for new yard but there are others with more potential.



MATWANA (FR) (27) (CD)

Harry Derham

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4 11-0 69.9kg



Paul O'Brien

Confirmed previous promise when won 8-runner juvenile hurdle at this C&D (good to soft) 27 days ago, running on. May have more to offer, so count be discounted.



MORNING AIR (FR) (55)

90

4 11-0 69.9kg

Ned Fox



Venetia Williams Fairly useful Flat winner in the mud in France and made a successful hurdle debut at Leicester 35 days ago in the style of one who could have plenty more to offer. Sure to leave bare form behind.

NANCY P (IRE)

4 11-0 69.9kg



Fair handicapper on Flat (stays 11/2m), won once in 2024, well held on stable debut last time. Not a likely type on hurdling debut.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Belfrina, 7-2 Matwana, 4-1 Morning Air, 10-1 Inspire Hope, 10-1 Blue Moon Lady, 28-1 Analiese, 33-1 Nancy P

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BELFRINA's form received a boost from Melon on Thursday and she's fancied to get off the mark here for all that Morning Air looked highly promising first time over hurdles. Matwana is also of interest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BELFRINA 2. MORNING AIR 3. MATWANA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:								
2024	Wodhooh 4-11-5	1-2f	Gordon Elliott	M. P. Walsh	10			
2023	Greyval 4-11-0	11-4	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	9			
2022	Six Feet Apart 4-10-12	6-1	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	J. J. Slevin	6			
2021	Her Indoors 4-10-12	11-2	Alan King	A. P. Heskin	7			
2020	Fantastic Ms Fox 4-10-12	5-1	Noel Williams	Leighton Aspell	9			

SMART STATS:



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Pace Information: Very Weak

THOMAS MOR (IRE) (30) (D) 99 8 11-10 74.4kg

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Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Sean Hou
First run since leaving David Pipe when 12/1, career best when winning

Sean Houlihan

10-runner handicap hurdle at Wincanton (24.7f, soft) 30 days ago, staying on well. Stable is going well and looks the sort to take to chasing.

ROCK MY WAY (IRE) (28) (CD) 98 56232-314

Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell



Grade 2 winner over hurdles in 2023 who was placed all 3 starts over fences earlier this year for Syd Hosie. Stepped up on reappearance/stable debut when landing 3-runner handicap chase here in November and not disgraced when fourth at Newbury last time. Has switched yards again and deserves respect

WHAT PATH (FR) (20) (D) 93

40-033338 **8** 10-12 | 68.9kg

Keiran Burke

Useful hurdler. Ridden too aggressively on chase bow/final start for Willie Mullins. Decent effort sole start for Sophie Leech when third in maiden chase at Galway

GRAND ALBERT (IRE) (29) (D)

7 10-10 68.0kg

in August but hasn't fired yet for current yard.

97

Donald McCain

Brian Hughes



Winning Irish pointer who improved with each start over hurdles last term and built on an encouraging chasing debut when scoring cosily at Wetherby last

time. Makes most appeal.

WEVEALLBEENCAUGHT (IRE) (29) 8 10-8 67.1kg

100



Nigel Twiston-Davies



PRESIDENT SCOTTIE (IRE) (23) (D, BF) 97

Danny McMenamin



Ended last term on the up over hurdles, including a 20.5f win at Ayr. Two promising runs over fences to date and may have more to offer.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Grand Albert, 3-1 Thomas Mor, 4-1 President Scottie, 6-1 Rock My Way, 15-2 Weveallbeencaught, 22-1 What Path

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GRAND ALBERT has taken well to chasing and looks open to further improvement, so he's preferred to Thomas Mor, who was successful over hurdles last time. A bigger effort from President Scottie can't be ruled out, so he's also considered.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GRAND ALBERT 2. THOMAS MOR 3. PRESIDENT SCOTTIE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Egbert 7-10-6 Alan King Tom Cannon

SMART STATS:

RACE 3

VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK HANDICAP CHASE (2) 5yo+ (Rated 0-150) £50,000 2m78y (3290 **Metres**)



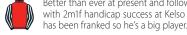
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Pace Information: Very Weak

1	NELLS SO	(48) (D)		s 99
	134217-11	10 12-0 7	'6.2kg	
	Nicky Richa	rds		Danny McMenamin
	Better than	ever at presen	at and followed up his win in Carlisle	e graduation event

with 2m1f handicap success at Kelso last month. Up another 5 lb but that form



CALICO (GER) (69) (CD) **9** 11-7 73.0kg

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C&D winner but he turned in a poor effort when a remote third of 4 in handicap chase at Cheltenham (15.9f, good to soft) 69 days ago. The sort to bounce back with cheekpieces refitted.

GENERAL MEDRANO (IRE) (38) (D, BF)

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8 11-6 72.6kg

Ben Jones



Resumed winning ways at Newbury (2m) in November but he beat only one in 5-runner handicap chase there 38 days ago. Needs to get back on track.

THIRD TIME LUCKI (IRE) (42) (CD) 10 11-3 71.2kg

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Fergal O'Brien





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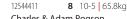
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Toby Wynne (3lb/1kg) Useful handicap hurdler/chaser but lightly raced in recent seasons. Yet to fire in two runs this term after 19 months off so others appeal more on this occasion.

STORMIN CROSSGALES (IRE) (24) (CD)

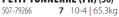


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Arrives on a hat-trick after scoring over C&D and in 4-runner handicap chase at Southwell (20.4f) 24 days ago. Up another 5 lb but he can go well again.

PETIT TONNERRE (FR) (56) (D)



99 Richie McLernon



It's now 17 runs since his last win in 2022 and he came in only sixth of 9 to General Medrano in handicap chase at Newbury (16.4f, good to soft) 56 days ago. Cheekpieces go back on with more required.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Calico, 3-1 Nells Son, 9-2 General Medrano, 11-2 Stormin Crossgales, 10-1 Petit Tonnerre, 16-1 Third Time Lucki, 18-1 Herbiers

Nicky Richards' NELLS SON comes here at the top of his game and is fancied to make it 3-3 this term at the chief expense of fellow hat-trick seeker Stormin Crossgales. C&D winner Calico could also have a say if bouncing back from a poor Cheltenham third last

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NELLS SON 2. STORMIN CROSSGALES 3. CALICO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: 2024 Gabriel's Getaway 7-9-9 Anthony Honeyball Ben Godfrey (3) 12-1 2023 Malvstic 9-12-0 Danny McMenamin 12-1 Peter Niven 11 2022 Funambule Sivola 7-11-12 5-4f Venetia Williams Charlie Deutsch 2021 Ibleo 8-11-12 6-5f Venetia Williams Charlie Deutsch 2020 **Western Miller** 9-10-11 16-1 Charlie Longsdon Paul O'Brien (3)

SMART STATS: No Smart Stats available for this race



PERTEMPS NETWORK RIVER DON NOVICES' HURDLE (Grade 2) (1) 5yo+ £75,000 3m84y (4900 Metres)



Daryl Jacob

Tom Scudamore

RACE 4

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Pace Information: Weak

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1	WESTERN KNIGHT (IRE) (42)			

2/7-112 **6** 11-3 71.2kg Joe Tizzard

Overcame inexperience to win novice hurdles at Uttoxeter and Ascot before an excellent second of 6 in Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham (3m) last month. Has more to offer and merits serious consideration.

84

11-0 69.9kg

Patrick Neville

Successful on sole outing in points and shaped well after 10 months off when a debut third of 10 in 2m3f Catterick novice hurdle four weeks ago. This is much tougher but he's sure to build on that initial effort.

GAMESTERS GUY (55)

6 11-0 69.9kg

 \bigstar **Toby Wynne**

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Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Useful bumper scorer who has made a highly promising start in this sphere, very easily landing 12-runner novice at Carlisle (19.3f, soft) last month. This demands more but he's a major player nonetheless. First preference Cheltenham 4.10

JIG'S FORGE (IRE) (66) 94

6 11-0 69.9kg

Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**



Winning Irish pointer who made a successful start in this sphere in 12-runner novice at Ffos Las (20f, heavy) 66 days ago. Can build on that, especially now stepped up in trip. Considered.

MA SHANTOU (IRE) (41) 96

6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Emma Lavelle 🚴 **Rex Dingle** Progessive sort who bids for a hat-trick after landing novice hurdles (around

2m4f) at Warwick and Windsor this winter. Open to further improvement now stepped up to 3m. In the mix.

MOON ROCKET (IRE) (24) (C, D) 95

5 11-0 69.9kg Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Bought for £92,000 after easily getting off the mark in Irish points and he has

looked a useful prospect in bagging a maiden here in November and 3m novice at Southwell 24 days ago. Can't be discounted with more progress on the cards.

YELLOW CAR (IRE) (42) 95 7 11-0 69.9kg

David Killahena & Graeme McPherson

Nick Slatter Point winner who looked quite useful when winning 2 of his first 3 starts over hurdles at Newton Abbot and Fontwell. Posted a good third of 6 in Grade 2 at

Cheltenham (3m) last time so can't be dismissed.

SUNSET HILL (IRE) (24) 95

6 10-7 | 66.7kg

Susan Corbett

Improving type who opened her hurdling account in 2m5f novice at Kelso in December before posting an excellent second of 7 in 2m4f Southwell handicap 24 days ago. This is tougher but she can't be ruled out on her first go over 3m.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Western Knight, 7-2 Ma Shantou, 9-2 Moon Rocket, 5-1 Gamesters Guy, 8-1 Jig's Forge, 18-1 Yellow Car, 22-1 Sunset Hill, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

None of these can be ruled out in a cracking River Don but the vote goes to WESTERN KNIGHT who still looked a work in progress when an excellent second in a Cheltenham Grade 2 last time out and can quickly resume winning ways here. Ma Shantou could emerge as the chief threat on his first go over 3m, although Jig's Force, Yellow Car, Moon Rocket and Gamesters Guy all need factoring in too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WESTERN KNIGHT 2. MA SHANTOU 3. JIG'S FORGE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: Kerryhill 6-11-0 Brian Hughes Maximilian 7-11-0 Donald McCair Brian Hughes Mahler Mission 6-10-12 John McConnell

Ben Pauling

David Pipe

25-1

SMART STATS:

The Cob 7-10-12

Ramses de Teillee 8-11-1

2022

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Brendan Powell



VIRGIN BET YORKSHIRE ROSE MARES' HURDLE (Grade 2) (1) 4yo+ fillies and mares £60,000 3m84y (4900 Metres)



RACE 5

Going: Chase: Good to Soft (Good in places), Hurdles: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

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Pace Information: Weak

99 1 JETARA (IRE) (27) 7 11-6 72.6kg 1133-2153

Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland

Useful mare who added to her tally in mares' listed hurdle on return in October and followed up on Flat at the Curragh (12f) a month later. Weakened tamely next time but confirmed she's back in form when third in Leopardstown Grade 3 4 weeks ago. Respected up in trip with cheekpieces enlisted.

100 KATEIRA (35) **8** 11-6 72.6kg

up on her reappearance effort in November when winning 5-runner listed mares' hurdle at Kempton (21f) later that month. Far from disgraced when fifth in Grade 1 Long Walk latest and lead claims back against her own sex.

WYENOT (42) (CD) 92 11P13-141 **6** 11-6 72.6kg

Henry Daly Progressive mare with a good strike rate, her fifth success from 8 hurdle runs coming in C&D listed event 6 weeks ago, jumping well and drawing clear before 2 out. Looks sure to give another good account of herself.

PINOT ROUGE (IRE) (23) (CD) 88 314-36P4 7 11-4 71.7kg

Susan Corbett **Nathan Moscrop** Point winner who took well to hurdling last season, winning C&D listed novice before a good fourth in Aintree Grade 1. Not without promise on 2 of her 3 starts over fences late last year and she ran well when fourth on handicap hurdle debut

at Ayr (24.3f) 23 days ago. Still, this tougher. DELLA CASA LUNGA (IRE) (29) (D) 98

Clive Boultbee-Brooks Better than ever all of a sudden, finishing second behind Kateira in a Kempton

listed race before scoring readily (on back of a wind op) in a handicap there 8 days ago. Likely she'll need to pull out even more if she's to get the better of her old rival here, though.

SALSADA (IRE) (30) 8 11-2 70.8kg 0-U662P11

Brian Ellison **Danny McMenamin** Useful Flat winner who has put it all together in winning back-to-back Sedgefield handicaps (at 19.8f) in recent months. Clearly right at the top of her game at present but she has plenty on her plate now stepped up markedly in class.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2811-P621

7 11-2 70.8kg

13-8 Kateira, 11-4 Jetara, 7-2 Wyenot, 15-2 Della Casa Lunga, 33-1 Salsada, 33-1 Pinot Rouge

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A winner at Kempton in November, KATEIRA ran another solid race when fifth in the Long Walk at Ascot on her latest outing 5 weeks ago and she looks to hold prime claims of getting back to winning ways returned to calmer waters. Irish-raider Jetara and Wyenot can give Dan Skelton's mare most to think about.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KATEIRA 2. JETARA 3. WYENOT

SMART STATS:

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Danny McMenamin

Richie McLernon

VIRGIN BET GREAT YORKSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 5yo+ £100,000 2m7f214y (4820 Metres)



RACE 6

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Pace Information: Very Strong

RAFFLE TICKET (43) (C)

11 12-0 76.2kg Mel Rowley

Shane Quinlan (3lb/1kg)

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Low mileage 11-y-o who looked better than ever when landing a Aintree handicap in May. Never involved at Cheltenham since, however, and opposable off top weight

ARIZONA CARDINAL (43) (D) 1PP111-P8 9 11-12 75.3kg

> Stuart Edmunds Ciaran Gethings



Admirable sort who signed off last term with victory in Topham Handicap Chase at Aintree. Looked rusty when pulled up at Chepstow on October's return and fared better on first go in a cross country at Cheltenham. Does look high enough in the handicap, though.

TIGHTENOURBELTS (IRE) (38) (D) 4P46-3611

8 11-11 74.8kg Emma Lavelle **Rex Dingle**



Failed to kick on over fences last season but seems to have got his act together now, impressing with his jumping when winning at Exeter and Ludlow last 2 starts. Worth a shot in a valuable event like this.

SURE TOUCH (42) 97

9 11-10 74.4kg



Olly Murphy James Bowen Had a productive 2022 over hurdles, winning 4 times, and further progress over fences last season, completing 4-timer in Summer Plate at Market Rasen.

Winning run came to an end in Grand Sefton at Aintree, however, and struggled at Cheltenham last month. Ø

FORWARD PLAN (IRE) (42) (CD) 2/61213-43 **9** 11-9 73.9kg

> Chad Bament (10lb/5kg) Anthony Honeyball



Likeable chaser who only just failed in this last season. Follows the exact same route this time around (much better for return when good third over C&D 6 weeks ago) and another very bold show could be on the way.

THE CHANGING MAN (IRE) (35)

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8 11-8 73.5kg Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell Progressive over hurdles but mixed record over fences last season. However,



back to best when runner-up in Rehearsal Chase (behind Frero Banbou) at Newcastle and Silver Cup at Ascot last 2 starts and should go well again.

FAMOUS BRIDGE (IRE) (35) (D, BF) 97

411PU4-23 **9** 11-7 73.0kg Nicky Richards

Sean Quinlan Dual winner at Haydock last season before respectable fourth in Ultima



Handicap at Cheltenham in March. Decent placed efforts both starts this term

but did disappoint in this 12 months ago. Headgear applied.



Venetia Williams



Took advantage of reduced mark in Rehearsal Chase at Newcastle (by 1¼ lengths from The Changing Man), jumping well over the longest trip he's faced. Beaten only by an unexposed one at Kempton since and remains unexposed at this distance. Player.

SINE NOMINE (30) (D) 95 **9** 11-4 71.7kg



Brian Hughes

Confirmed herself one of the best hunters around when landing the Festival Challenge Cup at Cheltenham Festival (26.3f, heavy) last season. Let down by jumping both starts this term but remains an interesting runner with Brian Hughes taking over.

YOUNG BUSTER (IRE) (91) (BF) 9 11-3 71.2kg

Fergal O'Brien J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)



Much improved sent chasing last term, completing hat-trick in a handicap at Kelso (22.3f) over a year ago. Just respectable efforts both starts this term 5 months apart but has been eased 1 lb. Not taken lightly.

BOWTOGREATNESS (IRE) (24)

530-651P3 **9** 11-2 70.8kg

Ben Pauling



Took advantage of career-low mark when finally off the mark over fences at Newbury, jumping boldly at the head of affairs. Added to patchy record when running poorly at Newcastle 3 weeks later but didn't run too badly at Cheltenham on New Year's Day. Headgear now applied.

ERNE RIVER (IRE) (27) (CD) 12 P15P-PPU4 **10** 11-2 70.8kg

Nick Kent Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)

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Responded well to first-time headgear when scoring over C&D 13 months ago before good fifth in this off 6 lb higher following month. Struggled over fences since but did at least show he retains ability back hurdling here last month. On a workable mark if building on that.

DOCPICKEDME (IRE) (42) (C, D) 13

9 11-0 69.9kg

Richard Hobson Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)



Not the most consistent but ran best race for a while when close second of 14 to Charlie Uberalles over C&D 6 weeks ago and another good-value claimer takes over.

IDALKO BIHOUE (FR) (26) 14

7 10-13 69.4kg P5/F165-85

Nigel Twiston-Davies

Lightly raced since opening account over fences at Cheltenham and hindered by jumping errors when well-held in Grand Sefton at Aintree on return. However ran better at Haydock since and return to further could suit. Yard has good record in this (3 wins, notably Young Hustler and Beau).

15 **SNIPE (IRE) (83)** (D, BF) 8 10-13 69.4kg

Dan Skelton

Took well to fences last term, winning handicaps around 3m at Southwell and Aintree. Solid runner-up efforts both starts this season, beaten only by a subsequent winner at Carlisle last time, so warrants respect.

16 CHARLIE UBERALLES (42) (CD)

6-2175421 9 10-12 68.9kg

Dianne Sayer Ran a cracker when placed in this last year at huge odds and arrives at the top

give another good account.

of his game having held off Docpickedme by a neck over C&D 6 weeks ago. Can

WALKING ON AIR (IRE) (38)

159/2P-P63 Gary Brown

Dual-winning hurdler for Nicky Henderson and posted a career best when runner-up on chase debut at Newbury last December off much higher mark. Disappointing since, though, offering little in 3 starts for present connections.

17 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-2 The Changing Man, 7-1 Forward Plan, 11-1 Idalko Bihoue, 11-1 Tightenourbelts, 12-1 Frero Banbou, 14-1 Snipe, 16-1 Bowtogreatness, 16-1 Sine Nomine, 18-1 Young Buster, 20-1 Famous Bridge, 20-1 Charlie Uberalles, 22-1 Arizona Cardinal, 25-1 Docpickedme, 25-1 Erne River, 33-1 Sure Touch, 33-1 Walking On Air, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's surely just a matter of time before THE CHANGING MAN opens his account over fences and this could be it after excellent runner-up efforts in similar events at Newcastle and Ascot. This is typically competitive, though, with hat-trick seeking Tightenourbelts and last year's runner-up Forward Plan heading the dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THE CHANGING MAN 2. TIGHTENOURBELTS 3. FORWARD PLAN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Annual Invictus 9-11-3 16-1 Chris Gordon Freddie Gordon (5) 2023 Cooper's Cross 8-10-6 Stuart Coltherd 16-1 Sam Coltherd Windsor Avenue 10-11-1 40-1 Brian Ellison Sean Ouinlan 2022 16 Takingrisks 12-11-2 40-1 Nicky Richards 2021 Sean Quinlan 2020 Ok Corral 10-11-12 9-1 Nicky Henderson Mr D. O'Connor

SMART STATS:



DONCASTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4vo+ (Rated 0-145) £30,000 2m3f88y (3900 Metres)



Going: Chase: Good to Soft (Good in places), Hurdles: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

Left handed, essentially flat and most galloping in nature. It's an extremely welldraining course, underfoot conditions often less testing than at many other courses in midwinter. Surprisingly for such a galloping track, plenty of chases are well run, though the opposite tends to be true of races on the hurdles course, things often starting in earnest only approaching the third last.

Pace Information: Strong

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HOMME PUBLIC (FR) (43) (CD)

8 12-0 76.2ka

s+t

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne (3lb/1kg) Multiple winner over hurdles and very useful form over fences last season, including a Grade 2 win. Lost his way over fences at his season but capitalised on

falling mark over hurdles when winning over C&D last month (2-2 here including fences). 4 lb hike makes life tougher but much respected.

PUNCTUATION (329)

8 11-7 73.0kg

Nicky Henderson

7-time winner for Fergal O'Brien, 5 times in this sphere but also decent on the

Flat (landed a handicap at Goodwood when last seen in May), Handicapper has given him a chance after a few guieter runs over hurdles and he looks to have leading claims on debut for his excellent and in-form yard.

COLOURS ON CANVAS (FR) (94) (D)

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6 11-4 71.7kg

Jim & Suzi Best

Landed a double at Plumpton last spring and below-par on final run of last season and first run of this term, he bounced back to land a 5-runner handicap at Fontwell (19.1f, soft, wore first-time visor), making all and enhancing record to 3 wins from last 4 in this sphere. Can be competitive again.

TO CHASE A DREAM (43) (CD) **6** 11-3 71.2kg

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Paul Collins

C&D winner landed a pair of 17f Carlisle handicaps this season and enhanced his reputation when fourth of 14 in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (16.8f, good to soft) 43 days ago, having been held up in a race where winner was given too much rope from the front. Leading contender now up in trip.

CLASSIC KING (IRE) (42) (C, D) 97



Emma Lavelle Fairly useful novice hurdler last season and scored over fences here in November

before unseating early on latest start. Often threatened to deliver more than he did over hurdles and no surprise if there's a race to be won with him back in this sphere with yard in great form at present.

THE LORD MAID (IRE) (65) 95

7 11-0 69.9kg Tom Lacev

Stan Sheppard



Made a successful hurdles debut in maiden at Clonmel in February (for Josh Halley) and followed up for new yard in 20.5f Southwell novice in April. Solid

return from 7 months off when second in 6-runner mares' handicap at Warwick (21f, soft) and she's still low mileage.

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YOUR HONOR (IRE) (25)

Gavin Peter Brouder (3lb/1kg)



James A. Nash, Ireland Quiet couple of runs this year (Flat and hurdles) and likely building up his fitness. Should be no excuses on that front today and worth keeping an eye on this Irish raider in the betting having been well-backed the last twice he's collected.

BOLD REACTION (FR) (24)

26/220-353 8 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg) Charles & Adam Pogson

Bumper winner who was fair over hurdles for Nicky Henderson but hasn't set the world alight on three starts for new yard over fences and he looks up against it here back over hurdles from 3 lb out of the handicap.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Punctuation, 7-2 To Chase A Dream, 6-1 Homme Public, 15-2 Colours On Canvas, 8-1 The Lord Maid, 9-1 Classic King, 18-1 Your Honor, 33-1 Bold Reaction

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Nicky Henderson could hardly have his string in better shape and PUNCTUATION can make a winning start for new connections having been given a chance by the handicapper following a few quieter runs in this sphere last season. To Chase A Dream wasn't ideally placed when fourth at Cheltenham last month and he should benefit from stepping up in trip, while Classic King always looked fairly useful over hurdles and he can run well back over the smaller obstacles with his yard among the winners.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PUNCTUATION 2. TO CHASE A DREAM 3. CLASSIC KING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

Donald McCain 2024 Geromino 8-11-1 Charlie Maggs (10)

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