

Friday 27th March

WETHERBY



2.20	#WEARAHATDAY SUPPORTING BRAIN TUMOUR AWARENESS MONTH MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)
RACE 1	(8) OUR GUIDE (9) PIONEER PETE (15) KING ESOTERIC
2.50	WATCH THE GRAND NATIONAL ON RACINGTV HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m45y (4870 Metres)
RACE 2	(5) SLANEY OPERA (9) MIXEDWAVE (2) GIOVANNI CHANGE
3.20	ALBERT BARTLETT TRIPLE CROWN SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE QUALIFIER (4) 2m5f56y (4280 Metres)
RACE 3	(6) BRAS D'OR (13) JUST CALL ME LUCY (15) MANDARB
3.50	BULLOUGHES CLEANING SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (4) 1m7f36y (3050 Metres)
RACE 4	(3) GAELIC RAMBLER (5) SINGAPORE TRIP (4) ZERO TOLERANCE
4.20	WATCH RACING TV IN STUNNING HD HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3m26y (4850 Metres)
RACE 5	(3) JUPITER DES MOTTES (6) ESCAPOLOGIST (4) KENT DE THAIX
4.50	MALTON MARQUEES HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m26y (4850 Metres)
RACE 6	(4) FARMER JIMMY (14) YUMMY (6) CK O'MARA
5.22	THANK YOU ALL WETHERBY GROUNDSTAFF #GROUNDSWEEK OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m (3220 Metres)
RACE 7	(1) A SIGHT TO SEA (5) MATADOR ST GEORGES (6) NOBLE WAY

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.

2.20**#WEARAHATDAY SUPPORTING BRAIN TUMOUR AWARENESS
MONTH MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2m (3220
Metres)**

RACE 1

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Even****1 ASTA LA VISTA (27) 87**

448 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Charlie Longsdon

Daire McConville (7lb/3kg)

Showed ability when fourth of 7 in a Worcester bumper in September but has looked one for the longer term in 2 maiden hurdles, tailed off at Doncaster (19f, soft) a month ago.

2 BETTER YOUTHANME (IRE) (21) 75

0 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



R. Mike Smith

Toby Wynne

Unpromising in Irish points and was always behind on Rules debut when tenth of 12 in maiden hurdle at Ayr 3 weeks ago.

3 COLLANISI (IRE) (25) 89

3-995 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Shaped well when third in a Ffos Las bumper on debut but has failed to see his race out in 3 starts this season, having his second run over hurdles when well-beaten fifth of 9 in maiden at Southwell 25 days ago. Yard has good record at this course, though.

4 DOUBLE TIGER (37) 88

8-5 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Warren Greatrex

James Bowen

From an excellent jumping family but lightly raced so far, shaping as if needing the outing after 10 months off when fifth of 13 in maiden at Southwell (2½m) on hurdling/stable debut in February. This run should reveal more.

5 EMERALD TIME (31) 89

4-2F7 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Dominic Elsworth

Tom Bellamy

Runner-up on second of 2 starts in bumpers and, after 9 months off, was in the process of showing an aptitude for hurdling when departing 2 out in novice at Ludlow in February. However, was well held in a Catterick maiden last time.

6 FINBARR (24) 89

4P 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Ruth Jefferson

Ryan Mania

Some promise when fourth of 15 in a Newcastle bumper on debut, but failed to build on that switched to hurdles when pulled up in 2½m novice at the same course early this month.

7 MILLFORD HILL (IRE) (8) 75

04 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Rebecca Menzies

Ross Chapman

Point winner but little encouragement in 2 novice hurdles, tailed off at Sedgefield on latest outing 8 days ago.

8 OUR GUIDE (IRE) (153) (D) 100

1 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Jamie Snowden

Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)

Related to several winners and made a winning debut in a Galway bumper in October for J. Conheady. Subsequently sold for £82,000 and he's an interesting recruit to hurdling with new yard continuing to go well.

9 PIONEER PETE (85) 97

23-2243 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Placed in a pair of bumpers and fair form when making the frame first 3 starts over hurdles. Lesser effort when third of 6 in novice at Catterick (19f, good) on New Year's Day, but no surprise to see him bounce back following a break.

10 PRINCE OF CLOVA (50) 75

5P 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Peter Niven

Peter Kavanagh

Looked a hard ride on sole bumper outing and jumped ponderously before pulling up in maiden at Doncaster on hurdles bow in February. Hood now reached for.

11 PRINCE PHIL (42) 87

5 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Sam England

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Jonathan England

In hood for debut, made little impression when fifth in 9-runner bumper at Kelso last month. Now sent hurdling but is probably one for further down the line.

12 HASHTAG QUEEN (FR) (101) 87

347 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Micky Hammond

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Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)

Shaped better than on debut when fourth of 5 in a Sedgefield bumper in October, her 5-month absence seeming to tell, but went backwards from that effort when last of 7 at Catterick in December. Hood applied for hurdles bow.

13 CHICO MAGNIFICA (IRE) (19) 88

68 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Fairly useful form when winning twice from 4 starts on the level (raced at 11/12f) for Karl Burke in 2025. However, has made little impact in 2 starts over hurdles only 7 days apart and needs another run for a handicap mark.

14 HELLION (IRE) (56) 87

9 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Donald McCain

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Theo Gillard

Some promise when third in 2 novices (both at around 1¼m) on the Flat last year for Brian Meehan. However, looked badly in need of the experience sent hurdling when tailed off in juvenile event at Catterick in January. Tongue strap added.

15 KING ESOTERIC (50) 92

P 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Fair form when mid-field in newcomers race at Saint-Cloud on the Flat last spring. After 10 months off/left Andre Fabre, found heavy ground too much when pulled up at Doncaster on hurdling debut in February, so he could fare better under less testing conditions.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Our Guide, **7-2** Pioneer Pete, **13-2** King Esoteric, **14-1** Finbarr, **14-1** Collanisi, **16-1** Emerald Time, **18-1** Double Tiger, **22-1** Chico Magnifica, **28-1** Hellion, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This could go the way of OUR GUIDE, who made a successful start in a Galway bumper and has since joined a trainer capable of readying a hurdling newcomer. He gets the vote ahead of Pioneer Pete, who sets the standard of those with previous experience in this sphere, while King Esoteric is one to note for his leading yard.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. OUR GUIDE 2. PIONEER PETE 3. KING ESOTERIC****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Sir Galahad 4-10-10	12-1	Olly Murphy	Lewis Stones (3)	12
2024	Goldwyn 7-11-6	5-6f	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	15
2023	Resplendent Grey 5-11-6	15-8f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	13
2022	Spiritofthenorth 5-11-6	5-2	Kevin Ryan	Brian Hughes	9
2021	Fete Champetre 6-11-4	3-1	Rose Dobbin	Sean Quinlan	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 HOLESHOT (IRE) (34) 98
115-75FP4 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Tim Vaughan

Mr Edward Vaughan (71b/3kg)

Back-to-back hurdles winner last season and there were positives to glean from his chase debut fifth at Bangor in October. However jumping has let him down since and will need to brush up in that department if he's to get his head in front in this sphere.

2 GIOVANNI CHANGE (FR) (70) (D) 99
21-143P3P 11 11-11 | 74.8kg



Mark Walford

Jamie Hamilton

Creditable third back from a break at Musselburgh in December and while his subsequent no-show served as a reminder of his inconsistency, he went close in this race last year prior to back-to-back victories at Market Rasen. Will be a danger to all if on a going day.

3 ITHAKA (IRE) (12) 96
382-321PP 10 11-10 | 74.4kg s+t



Ryan Potter

Conor Ring

Matched hurdles form when off the mark over fences at Hereford in January but he has followed that with a couple of non-completions. Hopes pinned on the first-time cheekpieces sparking a return to form.

4 THE CLONMEL KID (IRE) (89) 98
23P2-P377 7 11-7 | 73.0kg s



Philip Kirby

Joe Williamson

Fair maiden hurdler but below par so far this season and improvement needed now moving back up in trip for this chase debut in first-time cheekpieces.

5 SLANEY OPERA (IRE) (42) (BF) 100
P1-381P 8 11-5 | 72.1kg t



Ruth Jefferson

Danny McMenamin

Winner of a Kelso hunter last spring and showed much improved form on second start for this yard when landing an 11-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield in January. That effort is bookmarked by a couple of dismal runs but he will have a serious chance off this mark if on-song.

6 CARDAMON HILL (IRE) (404) (CD, BF) 97
76341135- 9 11-5 | 72.1kg



Anna Slack

Charlie Maggs (31b/1kg)

Successful twice within space of 12 days in November 2024, including over C&D. However, he hasn't been seen out since turning in a below par display at Musselburgh 13 months ago and is probably best watched on debut for new yard.

7 THE GREAT ESCAPE (IRE) (22) 98
8-3232887 6 11-4 | 71.7kg s



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Placed 3 times over hurdles at Worcester last summer, including off 5 lb lower on handicap debut in July. Hasn't fired so far this season but it could be that the switch to fences and fitting of cheekpieces will prove to be an uplifting combination for this low-mileage 6-y-o.

8 YOUDECIDE (IRE) (53) (BF) 97
3612-F444 6 11-1 | 70.3kg v



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Point/hurdles winner who has shown an aptitude for this game the last twice, latterly coming home a creditable fourth of 10 upped to 3m at Kempton. Open to improvement in this sphere and first-time visor replaces cheekpieces but would be of greater interest back over a shorter trip.

9 MIXEDWAVE (IRE) (16) (CD) 96
5P1-37423 9 11-0 | 69.9kg



Pam Sly

Paul O'Brien

Signed off last season with a narrow verdict over Giovanni Change in this race and posted just about his effort of the present campaign when third at Huntingdon last time. On the same mark as when winning this 12 months ago and has to enter calculations.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Youdecide, 9-2 Mixedwave, 6-1 Slaney Opera, 7-1 Cardamon Hill, 8-1 Giovanni Change, 10-1 The Great Escape, 12-1 Holeshoot, 25-1 Ithaka, 28-1 The Clonmel Kid

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SLANEY OPERA may have found the race coming too soon at Kelso last month but he's had more of a recovery time ahead of this assignment and is appealing off a mark just 2 lb higher than when winning at Sedgefield in January. Last year's 1-2 Mixedwave and Giovanni Change may both be in the thick of things once again, while The Great Escape is worth a second look now switched to fences.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SLANEY OPERA 2. MIXEDWAVE 3. GIOVANNI CHANGE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Mixedwave	8-10-13	5-1	Pam Sly	Paul O'Brien	6
2024	Imperial Alex	7-11-11	4-7f	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	6
2023	East Street	7-11-8	3-1	Sue Smith	Brian Hughes	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

ALBERT BARTLETT TRIPLE CROWN SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE QUALIFIER (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 2m5f56y (4280 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good**

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 Strong**

1 NO ORDINARY JOE (IRE) (20) s+t **98**
90P09050 **10** 12-2 | 77.1kg



Faye Bramley **Benjamin Macey (5lb/2kg)**
Useful on his day for Nicky Henderson and took a step back in the right direction with cheekpieces enlisted for the first time at Ascot last month, finishing fifth of 15 in a Class 2 handicap. However, it's otherwise been a struggle for present connections and he misfired at Sandown last time.

2 FRESHERS WEEK (IRE) (22) **96**
1233 **5** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Charlie Longsdon **Lilly Pinchin**
Successful sole start in Irish points and followed up on Rules/hurdles debut at Market Rasen in October. Put in a good shift when third behind a progressive pair upped to around 3m at Haydock on recent handicap bow and this drop back in trip looks a good move.

3 DUNKERQUE (DEN) (36) **96**
4-3014552 **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Jennie Candlish **Sean Quinlan**
Maiden hurdle winner last summer for Gavin Cromwell and similar form in defeat since, clear of the rest when chasing home the odds-on winner on second run for present yard in a 2½m Sedgefield novice. Will need to find something extra if he's to get back on the scoresheet here, though.

4 KING OF THE ROAD (IRE) (71) s **98**
126-43029 **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Ben Pauling **Kielan Woods**
Won over 19f at Taunton last November and back on track in first-time cheekpieces when second of 10 in a Kempton handicap (21f) on Boxing Day. Wasn't in the same form with the headgear omitted next time but cheekpieces return here and he's one to consider. Yard also runs *Duel Au Soleil*.

5 DUEL AU SOLEIL (FR) (97) (CD) s+t **95**
46-522132 **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Ben Pauling **Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)**
Runner-up in back-to-back Stratford novices last summer and went one better in first-time cheekpieces on return/handicap debut over C&D in October. Just lost out to a subsequent winner at Ascot on latest start in December and will be a threat if ready to roll following a break.

6 BRAS D'OR (FR) (73) t **100** ★
2-523 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg



David Pipe **Jack Tudor**
Runner-up sole start in bumpers and has shown promise in 3 runs in maiden/novice company, most recently finishing third of 10 at Ayr in January. That form is good (second, fourth and fifth have all won since) and he's of strong interest upped in trip (first-time tongue tie) for this handicap bow.

7 IONIAN (IRE) (19) **98**
6243 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Nicky Henderson **Nico de Boinville**
Has been placed twice from 4 starts in this sphere, giving it a good shot from the front when third in a 10-runner Warwick novice (2m, good to soft) 19 days ago. This trip will probably be within his range and possibilities now pitched into a handicap.

8 DAYLATEDOLLARSHORT (IRE) (91) (CD) **98**
241 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
Successful sole start in Irish points and made it third time lucky over hurdles when narrowly prevailing on handicap bow over C&D on Boxing Day. Impressed with his willingness on that occasion and there should be better to come.

9 MISS CYNTHIA (68) **97**
2212P-71 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Useful stayer on Flat for Sir Mark Prescott and scored over hurdles for Lucy Wadham last term. Fortunate winner on second run for this yard at Fakenham (2½m, soft) in January (left clear at the final flight) but she merits respect nonetheless having gone up just 1 lb.

10 DIRTY DEN (30) h **95**
23228317 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Syd Hosie **Paddy Hanlon (5lb/2kg)**
Got his head back in front with a decisive display at Plumpton. Wasn't seen to best effect in a race where nothing really got involved from behind at Wincanton last time but others make more appeal here all the same.

11 JHENTONG ENKI (FR) (89) **98**
54/5-F8011 **7** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**
Point winner who showed clear signs of ability over hurdles for Paul Nolan in Ireland. Very much on the up for new yard this season, leaving disappointing reappearance well behind with back-to-back victories in handicaps at Lingfield and Leicester, and he's high on the shortlist.

12 ASSERTIVE WALK (IRE) (21) **92**
3-236 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**
Displayed promise amidst greenness first 2 starts over hurdles but improvement wasn't forthcoming on handicap bow at Ayr 3 weeks ago.

13 JUST CALL ME LUCY (29) (C) **99**
312P-4251 **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg



Mark Walford **Jamie Hamilton**
Enhanced her good course record when notching 22nd win over 2½m here in a mares handicap last time (placed in her 2 additional starts at this course). 5 lb rise fair enough and it's not hard to envisage this 8-y-o giving another good account of herself.

14 KENO BLACK (FR) (50) h **97**
6091 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Neil Mulholland **Conor O'Farrell**
Placed in an Irish point and left first 3 runs in maiden hurdles miles behind when winning one equipped with a first-time hood at Lingfield (2m, heavy) last month, landing a gamble in the process. Shapes as though moving up in trip for this handicap debut will be in his favour.

15 MANDARB (FR) (119) h **98**
65-71 **5** 11-1 | 70.3kg



Micky Hammond **Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)**
Fair ex-French Flat winner who was much improved on his handicap hurdle debut when scoring readily at Doncaster in November. Absent since and now finds himself 12 lb higher in a stronger race but he remains unexposed in this sphere.

16 FOREST BLAZE (21) s **96**
714-52325 **7** 10-10 | 68.0kg



Mark Walford **Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)**
Generally reliable and bagged a couple of 2½m handicaps at Hexham last season. Placed on a few occasions this time round but latest effort at Ayr wasn't one of his better ones and some of the others could prove to be better treated. Visored the last twice but cheekpieces now refitted.

17 CELESTIAL REIGN (IRE) (39) s+t **98**
B4-12460 **5** 10-9 | 67.6kg



Micky Hammond **Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)**
Won maiden at Sedgefield last spring but hasn't troubled the judge since switched to handicaps in this sphere, going in snatches when well held at Carlisle last time.

18 SPEAKASYOUFFIND (IRE) (71) s **98**
5888780P **5** 10-2 | 64.4kg



P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **Ciaran Gethings**
Runner-up sole start between the flags but hasn't shown much under Rules and hopes now pinned on the addition of cheekpieces giving him a much-needed lift. Irish yard 1-24 with raiders on these shores in recent seasons.

18 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-2 Jhentong Enki, **8-1** Bras D'or, **10-1** Mandarb, **11-1** Daylatedollarshort, **12-1** Just Call Me Lucy, **12-1** Miss Cynthia, **14-1** King of The Road, **14-1** Ionian, **14-1** Keno Black, **16-1** Duel Au Soleil, **22-1** No Ordinary Joe, **25-1** Dunkerque, **28-1** Forest Blaze, **28-1** Freshers Week, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The testing conditions were perhaps against BRAS D'OR at Ayr but he still performed with credit in a race that is working out well and better is expected now he goes handicapping upped markedly in trip. Just Call Me Lucy enhanced her good record at this course last month and she looks pretty solid, while Mandarb is third choice ahead of a clutch of similarly unexposed types, namely Daylatedollarshort, Ionian and Keno Black. The hat-trick seeking Jhentong Enki also enters calculations.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BRAS D'OR 2. JUST CALL ME LUCY 3. MANDARB

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RACE 3

**ALBERT BARTLETT TRIPLE CROWN SERIES HANDICAP
HURDLE RACE QUALIFIER (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000
2m5f56y (4280 Metres)****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Blue Hop	8-11-10	6-1	B. F. Brookhouse	Jack Quinlan	13
2024	Montregard	5-10-12	13-2	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	11
2023	City Derby	7-10-8	14-1	Lizzie Quinlan	Thomas Dowson	9
2022	Jet of Magic	6-11-5	4-1	Oliver Greenall	Craig Nichol	7
2021	Roxboro Road	8-10-10	11-8f	Ben Haslam	Alain Cawley	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.50**BULLOUGH'S CLEANING SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 1m7f36y (3050 Metres)**

RACE 4

Going: **Good**

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 PARRAMOUNT (28)** s+t **99**

PP0/7-266 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Charlie Longsdon

Sean Bowen

Shaped well (having first jumps start for 13 months) when runner-up under a positive ride in a Doncaster handicap hurdle in November. He's failed to beat a rival home on each of his last 3 starts, though and hopes now pinned on the switch to fences helping to reignite his spark.

2 KOAPEY (FR) (119) t **98**

2221-2P 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Warren Greatrex

James Bowen

Made up into a fairly useful hurdler last term, signing off on a winning note in a Southwell maiden. Promising second in 2m Utttoxeter handicap on chase debut/return in October but pulled up at Newbury the following month (since undergone another breathing operation). Tongue strap applied.

3 GAELIC RAMBLER (IRE) (18) (BF) s+t **100**

32-U32 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Runner-up both starts in points and produced his best effort yet under Rules when second in an 8-runner Stratford handicap chase (17f, soft) 18 days ago, 1 lb nudge fair enough and may well go one better here, provided that he responds positively to the first-time cheekpieces.

4 ZERO TOLERANCE (GER) (56) **99**

8/2243-233 9 10-12 | 68.9kg



Mrs C. Williams

Conor Ring

Still a maiden but plenty of placed efforts to his name over fences. Didn't see his race out over 19f on soft ground at Catterick last time and better expected back down in trip here with conditions likely to be more suitable.

5 SINGAPORE TRIP (FR) (24) (C, BF) t **97**

91334734 8 10-7 | 66.7kg



Micky Hammond

Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)

Scored over hurdles here in October and largely consistent since, for all that he finished weakly (not for the first time) when fourth at Newcastle (2½m, good to soft) earlier this month. 3 lb lower now and couldn't rule out with this drop in trip a potentially good move.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Gaelic Rambler, **4-1** Singapore Trip, **9-2** Zero Tolerance, **5-1** Koapey, **17-2** Parramount

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This represents a good opportunity for GAELIC RAMBLER, who took another step forward when runner-up at Stratford recently and his best days are surely still ahead of him. With the drop in trip expected to be in his favour, Singapore Trip rates the main danger ahead of Zero Tolerance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GAELIC RAMBLER 2. SINGAPORE TRIP 3. ZERO TOLERANCE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Rumoursareflying 7-11-11	10-3	Pam Sly	Paul O'Brien	6
2024	Royal Mer 6-11-13	9-4f	David Pipe	Jack Tudor	7
2023	Sword of Fate 10-10-13	22-1	Leonard Kerr	Derek Fox	8
2022	Rose Sea Has 7-11-12	evsf	Dr Richard Newland	Charlie Hammond	5
2021	Gouet des Bruyeres 5-10-5	4-1	Oliver Greenall	Henry Brooke	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 AMERICAN MIKE (IRE) (34) (D) t **89**
56349-739 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**

Smart Grade 2-winning chaser at his best for Gordon Elliott who was given a considerate return from 7 months off for new yard when third over fences at Newbury (2½m). However, well held following breathing operation back over hurdles at Chepstow last month.

2 THANK YOU MA'AM (13) (D) b+t **94**
1312-73P0 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Georgina Nicholls

Miss Olive Nicholls (5lb/2kg)

Gradually progressive over hurdles last season, winning twice at around 3m. Not in the same form switched to fences on return last month but hindered his chance with a significant early error back over hurdles at Uttoxeter (23f) 2 weeks ago. Blinkers return in place of cheekpieces.

3 JUPITER DES MOTTES (FR) (41) (C) **96**
1/126-9P 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Nicky Richards

Danny McMenamin

Bumper/hurdles winner who disappointed on return/chase debut in November but shaped much better than being pulled up suggests back with this yard over hurdles at Haydock (3m) 6 weeks ago, badly hampered 2 out. Remains low-mileage and expected to take a step forward.

4 KENT DE THAIX (FR) (42) **98**
051P5 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Sam England

Jonathan England 

Progressed with each start in novice/maiden hurdles, off the mark at third attempt at Carlisle (19.3f) in December. Struggled in Grade 2 next time but quickly back on track when fifth on handicap debut at Kelso (23f) 6 weeks ago. Possibilities starting out for new yard.

5 JALISCO STAR (IRE) (28) (D) t  **100**
2-6P12214 8 10-11 | 68.5kg



Laura Horsfall

K. Brogan

Much better over hurdles than fences, adding to her tally in small-field handicap at Chepstow (23.6f) on penultimate start. Gave another good account when fourth in a much deeper race at Newbury (3m) and she commands respect with her consistency a real asset.

6 ESCAPOLOGIST (FR) (7lb/3kg ex) (12) **96**
224-94451 7 10-11 | 68.5kg



James Owen

Jonathan Burke

Seemed to benefit from the step back up in trip/switch to hold-up tactics when opening his account in handicaps at Market Rasen (23f) 12 days ago, arguably value for extra too. That wasn't a strong race but he's still unexposed at 3m+.

7 BALLYGEARY (IRE) (14) t **99**
84-396673 9 10-3 | 64.9kg



Mike Sowersby

William Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Winless since June 2024 but he did at least post one of his better efforts from easing mark when keeping on for third at Doncaster (21f) a couple of weeks ago. Stamina to prove but clearly handicapped to go close.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Escapologist, **4-1** Jupiter Des Mottes, **9-2** Kent De Thaix, **8-1** Jalisco Star, **8-1** Ballygeary, **9-1** American Mike, **16-1** Thank You Ma'am

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JUPITER DES MOTTES shaped much better than being pulled up suggests having rejoined his former yard at Haydock 6 weeks ago and, with that run likely to have brought him on, he could be worth chancing with his sights lowered. Market Rasen scorer Escapologist remains unexposed over 3m+ and he's feared, with Kent de Thaix and likeable mare Jalisco Star others meriting respect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JUPITER DES MOTTES 2. ESCAPOLOGIST 3. KENT DE THAIX

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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MALTON MARQUEES HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,000 3m26y (4850 Metres)

RACE 6



Going: **Good**

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 JONQUILLA (FR) (96) 90
 4-22 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Sarah Humphrey **Sean Bowen**
 Fetched €95,000 as a 3-y-o and was an encouraging fourth on bumper debut last February. Runner-up both starts since switched to hurdles, but she will need to take a significant step forward in order to go one better now handicapping.

2 JETEYE (IRE) (468) 89 s+t
 19742235- 9 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Sam England **Jonathan England**
 Developed into a consistent sort last season, hitting the frame several times. Ended the campaign with a rare poor effort though, so will need to be on his A-game returning from 15 months off.

3 BODYGROOVE (85) (C) 92 h
 2P/61U5-P6 6 11-9 | 73.9kg
 Micky Hammond **Conor O'Farrell**
 A fair Flat winner who made a successful handicap hurdle debut here 12 months ago. Largely below par since, so he's hard to enthuse over returning from a 3-month break in a reapplied hood (also unproven over trip).

4 FARMER JIMMY (37) (C) 100 ★
 53-724P76 6 11-8 | 73.5kg
 Mark Walford **Mr Paddy Barlow (71lb/3kg)**
 Shaped as if back in form at Southwell latest (running on over 2½m) and now 1 lb lower than when successful on handicap debut at this venue (under this claimer) last February.

5 EIRE STREET (IRE) (34) 94
 2/06-PP5PP 9 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Jackie Stephen **Joshua Thompson (51lb/2kg)**
 Dual winner of handicap hurdles during early-2024 but has been pulled up on 4 of his 5 outings this season.

6 CK O'MARA (IRE) (20) (D) 95
 09541 5 11-3 | 71.2kg
 R. Mike Smith **Danny McMenamin**
 Was well backed and left previous efforts behind upped markedly in trip when winning 6-runner handicap at Ayr earlier in the month, staying on to lead last. Unexposed as a stayer and remains of interest from a 5 lb higher mark.

7 WILD NEPHIN (147) 92 t
 1-6565840 7 11-3 | 71.2kg
 Ryan Potter **Conor Ring**
 Notched a first success under Rules in 2m Newcastle handicap hurdle a year ago but has struggled for form since, making little impact in 4 starts over fences including on his last 2 outings. Tongue strap back on.

8 RAPID MISSION (18) 98
 5679-6585 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Syd Hosie **Paddy Hanlon (51lb/2kg)**
 Showed a good deal more than previously over hurdles when sixth of 15 at Chepstow in October but comfortably held all 3 starts since, the latest back from a 3-month break. Step up in trip could elicit further improvement.

9 STEADY THE SHIP (IRE) (40) 95
 P/647-PPP 10 10-13 | 69.4kg
 Steph Cameron **Ben Poste**
 Not scored for over 3 years and yet to complete in 3 starts for his new yard this winter. Back hurdling but makes minimal appeal.

10 GETAWAY GLORY (16) 88
 32372-8PP 7 10-12 | 68.9kg
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Toby Wynne**
 Used to be a consistent performer but has offered next to nothing on all 3 starts this season after 16 months off. Needs a return to hurdles to spark him back to life.

11 REBEL INTENTIONS (IRE) (31) 95 s+t
 467P32P6 9 10-12 | 68.9kg
 Annabelle Sowray **Nathan Moscrop**
 Placed twice at Catterick around the turn of the year but last couple of efforts have left plenty to be desired.

12 TWOPACESATONETIME (IRE) (85) 96 s
 P7158-585 8 10-12 | 68.9kg
 Rebecca Menzies **Mr Philip Thomas (71lb/3kg)**
 Left previous handicap efforts behind in first-time cheekpieces when opening account at Hexham in November 2024. Hasn't gone on from that since, though, seemingly stretched by the 25f trip at Catterick the last twice. Drop back to 3m likely to prove beneficial.

13 KING CASEY (IRE) (51) 99 s
 PP-648435 6 10-10 | 68.0kg
 Joanne Foster **Jamie Hamilton**
 Without a win but back to best for current yard when third of 9 over C&D in January, testing conditions just seeming to take their toll. Not so good tried in cheekpieces at Sedgefield since, but better showing anticipated returned to this venue.

14 YUMMY (IRE) (27) 95
 60074 5 10-9 | 67.6kg
 Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
 Never dangerous in bumper/qualifying runs over hurdles and found the drop back to 2m an inadequate test when fourth of 7 on handicap debut at Doncaster last month. Remains with potential now upped markedly in trip (Harry Skelton also on board for first time).

15 MOVEONBUY (23) 96 s
 71402566 6 10-6 | 66.2kg
 Andrew Crook **William Maggs (31lb/1kg)**
 Opened her account at Cartmel last summer but she's not proved easy to catch right subsequently, first-time cheekpieces failing to spark a revival at Catterick earlier this month.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Ck O'mara, 6-1 Jonquilla, 13-2 Yummy, 9-1 Jeteve, 10-1 Getaway Glory, 12-1 Farmer Jimmy, 16-1 Rapid Mission, 20-1 King Casey, 20-1 Twoplacesatonetime, 33-1 Eire Street, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Cases can be made for any number of these, but preference is for FARMER JIMMY, whose sole success came at this track last February and Mark Walford's 6-y-o was patently unsuited by the drop back to 2½m at Southwell last month. Yummy found the trip inadequate on handicap debut last time and he remains capable of better, with Ck O'Mara and Twoplacesatonetime not out of things, either.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FARMER JIMMY 2. YUMMY 3. CK O'MARA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 ^I Aazza 9-11-3	2-1f Paul Robson	Craig Nichol	7
2025 ^{II} Queen of Steel 5-10-9	11-8f Fergal O'Brien	J. Hogan (3)	8
2024 Kinder Kid 6-11-12	11-8f Tina Jackson	Ross Chapman	9
2023 Dillarchie 6-11-4	5-1 Joanne Foster	Emma Smith-Chaston (3)	14
2022 ^I The Questioner 6-10-9	13-8f Oliver Greenall	Craig Nichol	8
2022 ^{II} Veshenskaya 7-10-10	7-2 Andrew Crook	John Kington	8
2021 Bridey's Lettuce 9-10-10	10-1 Charles & Adam Pogson	C. M. Leonard (7)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

THANK YOU ALL WETHERBY GROUNDSTAFF
#GROUNDWEEK OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4, 5 and
6yo £4,999 2m (3220 Metres)

Going: **Good**

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**

1 A SIGHT TO SEA (IRE) **100**
 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
 £190,000 purchase after running out a comfortable winner of sole start in Irish points (Nov 2025). In top hands and highly respected on Rules debut.

2 CRICKET HILL DENIS (IRE) (10) **83**
 7 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Mark Walford *Jamie Hamilton*
 Hillstar gelding who didn't get the chance to show what he could do on his recent C&D debut having been badly hampered on the home turn, though an SP of 66/1 hardly spoke of high expectations.

3 MIDDLECLIFFE (26) **75**
 0 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Peter Winks *Conor Rabbitt (3lb/1kg)*
 Looked more unguine than green when tailed off at Huntingdon on debut at the beginning of the month.

4 CAPE WARRIOR **86**
 4 10-6 | 66.2kg



Micky Hammond *Joshua Thompson (5lb/2kg)*
 £8,000 3-y-o, Ulysses gelding. Closely related to fair 2 hurdle winner George Ridsdale and half-brother to a winner on Flat. Dam, 1½m-1¾m winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdle winner (stayed 2½m) Fennell Bay.

5 MATADOR ST GEORGES (FR) **95**
 4 10-6 | 66.2kg



Ben Pauling *Ben Jones*
 €84,000 3-y-o, No Risk At All gelding. Brother to French hurdler Aterisk, and half-brother to 3 winners, including French hurdler/chaser Albares. Newcomers from yard often fancied.

6 NOBLE WAY (FR) (27) **96**
 3 4 10-6 | 66.2kg



David O'Meara *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
 Galiway gelding who made an encouraging start to his career for his Flat-oriented yard when third in 8-runner bumper at Doncaster (16.6f, soft) last month. That form has already been franked by the fourth, so it's reasonable to believe he can improve.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 A Sight To Sea, **5-2** Noble Way, **11-4** Matador St Georges, **12-1** Cape Warrior, **33-1** Cricket Hill Denis, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A SIGHT TO SEA has joined a top stable after winning his sole outing in Irish points in comfortable fashion, so he makes plenty of appeal on this switch to Rules. Matador St Georges is another newcomer to note in the betting for a yard that does very well in this sphere, while Noble Way's Doncaster form received a boost at Southwell earlier in the week.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. A SIGHT TO SEA 2. MATADOR ST GEORGES 3. NOBLE WAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Wandering Ego 5-11-2	4-7f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	10
2024	Jupiter des Mottes 5-11-2	7-1	Nicky Richards	Danny McMenamin	13
2023 ¹	Support Act 5-11-2	2-1f	Toby Lawes	Harry Bannister	8
2023 ¹	Coco Mademoiselle 5-10-9	5-2	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race