

Saturday 28th February

DONCASTER



1.25	VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 3m84y (4900 Metres)
RACE 1	(3) COOLANNA (7) LIVINGONAPRAYER (1) BARRA RUA
1.55	VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m78y (3290 Metres)
RACE 2	(3) MIGHTY BANDIT (4) QUEENS GAMBLE (2) BROOKIE
2.30	VIRGIN BET GRIMTHORPE HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3¼m1y (5230 Metres)
RACE 3	(7) NEW ORDER (4) DARTMOOR PIRATE (2) DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE
3.05	VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK MAIDEN HURDLE (3) 2m3f88y (3900 Metres)
RACE 4	(4) DROPEMATTHESTATION (9) WHO'S GLEN (5) KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES
3.40	VIRGIN BET NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m128y (3340 Metres)
RACE 5	(1) TILEHURST (2) THE RESDEV TYKE (3) CHEVINGTON
4.15	VIRGIN BET HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 3m84y (4900 Metres)
RACE 6	(7) DOCPICKEDME (2) KAMSINAS (8) PORTER IN THE PARK
4.50	VIRGIN BET "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m128y (3340 Metres)
RACE 7	(3) IVOR BEAR (1) COTTON SOCKS (2) FRIENDLY GLANCE

KEY TO SYMBOLS

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

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

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

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

1.25**VIRGIN BET A GOOD BET MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed)**
(1) 5yo+ mares £45,000 3m84y (4900 Metres)

RACE 1

Going: **Chase: Good-Good to Soft in places; Hurdle: Good to Soft-Good in places**

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Pace Information: **Even****1 BARRA RUA (IRE) (26) 99**

43131344 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Emmet Mullins, Ireland

Donagh Meyler

Irish mare was quick to get off the mark over hurdles at Tramore in November and she has continued in excellent form, posting an admirable fourth of 21 on her handicap debut at Leopardstown (24.1f, heavy) 26 days ago. Holds solid form claims.

2 BROOMFIELD ADERRA (IRE) (64) (BF) 96

3-2313 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dan Skelton

Tristan Durrell

Winning pointer who readily opened her account in this sphere in mares' maiden at Lingfield (19.5f) in November. Built on that switched to handicap company when third of 7 at Aintree (2m4f) on Boxing Day and she's very much one to consider now stepped up in trip.

3 COOLANNA (IRE) (30) 100

11 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Tom Bellamy

Runner-up both starts in Irish points before landing 2m6f novice at Uttoxeter on her hurdling bow in December. Looked a strong staying type when following up in 2m5f Wincanton novice following month so she's a big player now upped to 3m,

4 DREAM SHADOW (IRE) (21) 99

3/132-2114 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Fergal O'Brien

Kielan Woods

Useful bumper winner who has been quick to make her mark over hurdles this term, bagging a pair of novices (around 2m4f) at Warwick and Ayr. Advanced her form when fourth of 9 in Grade 2 at Warwick (2m3f) three weeks ago and firmly in the picture encountering 3m for the first time now.

5 EASY LOVE (IRE) (21) 97

413-13P16 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Anthony Honeyball

Rex Dingle

Fairly useful bumper winner who has matched that form sent hurdling, bagging 2m5f Fontwell novice in May and 2m4f Windsor handicap in January. Not disgraced upped in grade when sixth of 9 in Warwick Grade 2 last time and proven over 3m so she's no forlorn hope.

6 LIMERICK LASS (IRE) (48) 94

41-21 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Anthony Honeyball

Ben Godfrey

Soldier Of Fortune mare looked a good prospect when landing a Chepstow bumper and again when an excellent second on her hurdling bow at Wincanton (21.4f) before Christmas. Easily completed a simple task in 2m1f Fontwell novice last month and shouldn't be underestimated despite the step up in grade.

7 LIVINGONAPRAYER (86) 99

5-11 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jamie Snowden

Joe Anderson

Dartmouth mare who has improved a chunk with each of her three runs, going 2-3 and posting a useful effort under a penalty when landing 2m5f novice at Wincanton in December. Capable of further progress after a break and very much one to consider.

8 PARK PRINCESS (IRE) (21) 97

149/1217 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Anthony Honeyball

Sam Twiston-Davies

Has made up into a fairly useful hurdler this winter, scoring at Ludlow in November and again at Fontwell (2m2f) in January. Not at her best when seventh of 9 in Warwick Grade 2 last time but she's the sort to bounce back stepping up in trip.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Coolanna, **11-2** Livingonapraye, **13-2** Barra Rua, **7-1** Limerick Lass, **15-2** Broomfield Aderra, **17-2** Dream Shadow, **11-1** Park Princess, **16-1** Easy Love

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A cracking mares' listed event in which marginal preference is for COOLANNA who shaped as though this step up to 3m would really suit when going 2-2 over hurdles at Wincanton last month. The upwardly-mobile Livingonapraye rates a big threat though in her bid to bring up the hat-trick, while Irish challenger Barra Rua and the progressive Dream Shadow can also have a say.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. COOLANNA 2. LIVINGONAPRAYER 3. BARRA RUA****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	World of Fortunes 7-11-5	6-5f	Liam Kenny	Brian Hughes	8
2024	Pinot Rouge 6-11-0	20-1	Susan Corbett	Edward Austin	10
2023	Apple Away 6-11-0	9-4	Lucinda Russell	Patrick Wadge	5
2022	Fonzerelli 6-11-1	18-1	Rebecca Menzies	Nathan Moscrop	9
2021	Dragon Bones 6-10-12	40-1	Ian Williams	Robert Dunne	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.55

VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP CHASE
(2) 5yo+ £40,000 2m78y (3290 Metres)

RACE 2

Going: Chase: Good-Good to Soft in places; Hurdle: Good to Soft-Good in places

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Pace Information: Very Weak
1 HERCULE DU SEUIL (FR) (41) (D) h+t **98**
 4/33P-13P5 9 12-0 | 76.2kg


Neil Mulholland

Richie McLernon

Smart chaser for Willie Mullins, including a Killarney Grade 2 success in May. Disappointing in Graded events on his last 2 outings in Ireland and betting is perhaps the best guide to expectations now switching to handicap company on his first start for Neil Mulholland.

2 BROOKIE (IRE) (98) (CD) t **99**
 17312-43P 9 11-12 | 75.3kg


Anthony Honeyball

Sam Twiston-Davies

Won this race last season. Better form in defeat since, including third in 2m Cheltenham handicap in October. Freshened up since a poor run at Ascot in November. Capable of bouncing back.

3 MIGHTY BANDIT (IRE) (35) (CD) **98**
 19P/0P-211 6 11-6 | 72.6kg


Warren Greatrex

James Bowen

Fairly useful hurdles winner for Gordon Elliott who has made a positive start over fences for his current yard, winning handicaps at Newbury and over C&D in recent months. Even a further 8 lb rise may not stop him.

4 QUEENS GAMBLE (IRE) (14) (D) **100**
 11/269-331 8 10-10 | 68.0kg


Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

Listed mares' bumper/hurdle winner and completed the set when seeing off 4 rivals in a 2m Wincanton listed mares' chase a fortnight ago, looking well suited by the return to 2m. Should go well back in a handicap.

5 HOMME PUBLIC (FR) (35) (CD) v+t **92**
 6222-6660 9 10-8 | 67.1kg


Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne

Three-time chase winner during 2023/24 campaign and back on the scoresheet over hurdles here (19.5f) last winter. Runner-up on final 3 runs last season but has been operating below his best so far this winter. A first-time visor needs to help spark a revival.

6 GABRIEL'S GETAWAY (IRE) (35) (CD) b+t **99**
 5-P224U43 9 10-4 | 65.3kg


Anthony Honeyball

Rex Dingle

C&D winner. In good form in the autumn but not at best of late, beaten 16 lengths when third to the reopposing Mighty Bandit over C&D 5 weeks ago.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
5-4 Mighty Bandit, **10-3** Queens Gamble, **8-1** Brookie, **10-1** Gabriel's Getaway, **10-1** Hercule Du Seuil, **14-1** Homme Public

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MIGHTY BANDIT can defy the handicapper again and complete a hat-trick. Queens Gamble impressed at Wincanton a fortnight ago and gets the nod for the forecast spot ahead of last year's winner Brookie.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. MIGHTY BANDIT 2. QUEENS GAMBLE 3. BROOKIE
WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Brookie 8-10-3	11-2	Anthony Honeyball	Ben Godfrey	9
2024	Homme Public 7-10-12	3-1	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	5
2023	Calico 7-11-9	11-4jf	Dan Skelton	Bridget Andrews	5
2022	Bun Doran 11-10-9	11-2	Tom George	Ciaran Gethings	6
2021	Getaway Trump 8-11-12	11-2	Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams (3)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.30

VIRGIN BET GRIMTHORPE HANDICAP CHASE (2) 5yo+ £70,000 3¼m1y (5230 Metres)

RACE 3



Going: **Chase: Good-Good to Soft in places; Hurdle: Good to Soft-Good in places**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 KING'S THRESHOLD (IRE) (61) (D) t **97**
5111P-041 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

Emma Lavelle *James Bowen*
Better than ever when back to winning ways over this trip at Newbury just after Christmas. That form has been franked and he's capable of going well again.

2 DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE (44) v **100**
2522-9323 8 11-11 | 74.8kg

Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls *Tom Bellamy*
Hasn't added to last season's Chepstow chase debut success in 8 subsequent starts in this sphere but placed on several occasions, including at Wincanton in a first-time visor (retained) last month. Considered for a stable no stranger to success in this.

3 KING TURGEON (FR) (78) (D) s+t **97**
1113PP-66 8 11-10 | 74.4kg

David Pipe *Jack Tudor*
Took his form to a new level last season, winning first 3 starts of the campaign. Not at his best at Aintree (National fences) and Cheltenham before Christmas but back on his last win mark if reviving after a break.

4 DARTMOOR PIRATE (35) (C) t **97**
2/6250-511 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

Anthony Honeyball *Rex Dingle*
Has struck twice over fences since fitted with a tongue tie, latterly seeing off the reopposing New Order by 3¼ lengths in the valuable Great Yorkshire Chase over 3m here. Respected.

5 LORD ACCORD (IRE) (98) (D) b+t **97**
3P-062412 11 11-4 | 71.7kg

Neil Mulholland *Robert Dunne*
Pretty useful hurdler/chaser who has gradually worked his way back to top form this season, making all over this trip at Fontwell in October. Good second in 29f Berkshire National at Ascot since. Off 3 months.

6 JASMIN DE GRUGY (FR) (58) (BF) s+t **98**
11113-24F 7 11-3 | 71.2kg

Anthony Honeyball *Richie McLernon*
Very progressive last season, bagging a handicap 5-timer (3 hurdle, 2 chase). Second at the Punchestown Festival in May and returned with a respectable fourth in Rehearsal at Newcastle (3m) in November. Fell at Cheltenham since. Has first-time cheekpieces added to usual tongue tie.

7 NEW ORDER (IRE) (35) t **99**
1711-5232 8 11-2 | 70.8kg

Charlie Longsdon *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Three-time chase winner (at up to 3m) following a wind op last season. Even better form when placing 3 times this winter, latterly 3¼ lengths second of 8 to Dartmoor Pirate in the Great Yorkshire Chase over 3m here. Should go well off unchanged mark.

8 KELCE (IRE) (28) s **97**
1F21-4721 8 11-2 | 70.8kg

Neil Mulholland *Conor O'Farrell*
Reliable sort who was back to winning ways in 3m Musselburgh handicap (good to soft) 4 weeks ago. 7 lb higher in a more competitive race now.

9 JUBILANT (FR) (75) (D) **97**
5-1313351 7 11-1 | 70.3kg

James Owen *Ciaran Gethings*
Third win of a productive campaign when seeing off 4 rivals at Plumpton in December. Freshened up. All his chase wins have come in small fields so does need to prove he can adapt to this more competitive scenario.

10 SOME SCOPE (35) (C) v+t **97**
PP5-35510 8 10-13 | 69.4kg

Richard Hobson *Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)*
Took the Rowland Meyrick at Wetherby last term and back to winning ways when making all over 3m here just after Christmas. Didn't take to the cross-country fences at Cheltenham since. Had wind surgery since.

11 BROOMFIELDS CAVE (IRE) (64) (D) s **97**
5212/21-31 9 10-11 | 68.5kg

Neil Mulholland *Bradley Harris (3lb/1kg)*
Better than ever on second outing back from a long absence when winning 25f Wincanton handicap on Boxing Day. Will need more to defy a 5 lb higher mark in this deeper race. One of 3 for Neil Mulholland.

12 MORODER (IRE) (61) (CD) b **92**
1P-01d6PP3 12 10-11 | 68.5kg

Seamus Mullins *James Best*
Big-priced winner of this race in 2023 and 2025. First sign of life this season when 12 lengths third of 7 at Some Scope over 3m here at the end of December. His record in this makes him a dangerous one to discount.

13 THEFORMISMIGHTY (32) s+t **99**
253-P46P1 9 10-9 | 67.6kg

Dan Skelton *Tristan Durrell*
Back to form with a bang when just holding on at Newcastle (23.5f, heavy) last month. Still feasibly treated off 3 lb higher but he hasn't often strung good runs together.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-2 Dartmoor Pirate, **8-1** King's Threshold, **9-1** Theformismighty, **9-1** New Order, **10-1** Jasmin De Grugy, **14-1** Destroytheevidence, **14-1** Lord Accord, **14-1** Jubilant, **14-1** Broomfields Cave, **14-1** Kelce, **16-1** Some Scope, **16-1** King Turgeon, **20-1** Moroder

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NEW ORDER raced closer to the strong pace than Dartmoor Pirate when denied by him in the Great Yorkshire here at the end of January and is taken to turn the tables on 5 lb better terms. Destroytheevidence and King's Threshold also make the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NEW ORDER 2. DARTMOOR PIRATE 3. DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Moroder	11-10-7	33-1	Seamus Mullins	James Best	12
2024	Does He Know	9-12-0	20-1	Kim Bailey	David Bass	10
2023	Moroder	9-10-1	18-1	Seamus Mullins	James Best	7
2022	Undersupervision	6-10-11	9-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	7
2021	Red Infantry	11-10-2	8-1	Ian Williams	Charlie Todd (5)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.05**VIRGIN BET EVERY SATURDAY MONEY BACK MAIDEN HURDLE (3) 4yo+ £15,000 2m3f88y (3900 Metres)**

RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 ASTA LA VISTA (128) 39
44 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Charlie Longsdon **Paul O'Brien**
Well below bumper form when fourth of 11 in novice (12/1) at Fontwell (19.1f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 128 days ago. Likely one for longer term.

2 BERKS AND BUCKS (IRE) (36)
57P 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Lucy Wadham **Jack Tudor**
Only mid-division in 2 bumpers and went with little encouragement on hurdles bow here in January.

3 BOBBARELLI (302) h+t
P 9 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies **Miss Amber Jackson-Fennell (71b/3kg)**
Dual point winner who shaped as if amiss in hunter chase at Cheltenham on NH debut last May. Likely best watched on hurdles bow for new yard.

4 DROPEMATTHESTATION (23) t **99**
443 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Ben Pauling **Kielan Woods**
Promising sort who has made the frame both starts over hurdles, shaping bit better than distance beaten suggests when third of 6 in maiden at Lingfield (19.5f, heavy) 23 days ago. Tongue strap on first time and he appeals as the type to do better.

5 KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES (FR) (86) t **100**
21-524 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Olly Murphy **James Bowen**
Bumper scorer who built on promising start in this sphere when close second at Market Rasen (20.6f) in November. Not quite in same form latest but remains with potential. Tongue strap on first time.

6 LEADER CRIK (FR) (127) **98**
6 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**
Very tall gelding who finished runner-up sole start in Irish points last May. Shaped as if in need of the experience when sixth of 7 in novice at Cheltenham (19.9f, good) on hurdles bow in October. Had a breathing operation subsequently and is likely to improve.

7 LIGHTFINGERED JACK (79) **94**
20 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Alan King **Tom Bellamy**
Shaped with a good deal of promise when runner-up on debut in 2½m Aintree novice hurdle in November. Couldn't build on that at Warwick the following month but it remains early days.

8 TAMARIND BAY (IRE) (101) **98**
27-33P423 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Mickey Bowen **Shane Fenelon (51b/2kg)**
Fair hurdler. Below best when third of 4 in novice at Ffos Las (20f, soft) in November. Had a break since, however, and could be a player here.

9 WHO'S GLEN (FR) (44) **97**
33 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**
Useful Flat winner at his best for Andrew Balding who has made the frame in both starts over timber for new yard, latest when third of 12 in novice hurdle (11/2) at Newcastle (16.9f, good to soft) 44 days ago, unsuited by drop in trip. May well do better.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Dropematthestation, **10-3** Kefir D'oudairies, **9-2** Who's Glen, **15-2** Leader Crik, **8-1** Tamarind Bay, **12-1** Lightfingered Jack, **33-1** Asta La Vista, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DROPEMATTHESTATION may have been unsuited by the testing conditions at Lingfield last time and remains open to improvement. He gets the nod. Who's Glen and Kefir D'oudairies rate the principal dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DROPEMATTHESTATION 2. WHO'S GLEN 3. KEFIR D'OUDAIRIES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Queensbury Boy** 6-11-7 4-9f Harry Derham Mr David Maxwell 12
2024 **To Chase A Dream** 5-11-7 11-10f Paul Collins Mr John Dawson (3) 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.40**VIRGIN BET NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £8,200 2m128y (3340 Metres)**

RACE 5

GBI RACINGGoing: **Chase: Good-Good to Soft in places; Hurdle: Good to Soft-Good in places**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 TILEHURST (175) (D, BF) 97
18-233 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Neil Mulholland

Conor O'Farrell

Bumper scorer who made a positive start over hurdles at Worcester last summer. Below form when third of 12 in novice at Stratford (16.3f, good) in September but has been given a break since and must enter calculations on handicap debut.

2 THE RESDEV TYKE (43) (D) 100
33-9611 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Michael & David Easterby

Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)

Improved at the third time of asking in handicaps when justifying market support at Wetherby (16f) on Boxing Day and showed a good attitude when following up at Market Rasen (16.6f, good to soft) 43 days ago. Not taken lightly.

3 CHEVINGTON (70) 96
8648/2-2 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Alastair Ralph

Ciaran Gethings

Back from 20 months off when creditable second of 15 in handicap hurdle at Hereford (16.2f, soft) 70 days ago. Just 2 lb higher now and must enter calculations.

4 CAPTAIN COOL (IRE) (28) (D) 99
432134 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Jennie Candlish

Luke Scott (3lb/1kg)

Irish point winner who opened account over timber at Sedgefield (16.8f) in October and got back to that sort of form, in first-time cheekpieces, when creditable fourth of 9 in handicap hurdle (12/1) at Musselburgh (15.6f, good to soft) 28 days ago. Can make presence felt.

5 CAMELO RAPIDO (IRE) (37) 96
60428-596 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Mark Walford

James Bowen

Remains a maiden and arrives on back of poor effort at Wetherby in January. Work to do.

6 ANIMATO (24) 98
445347 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Multiple winner on Flat (stays 17f) but hasn't bettered modest form over hurdles, well beaten at Sedgefield latest.

7 PRIZED JET (IRE) (24) 95
438UF66 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Jennie Candlish

I. J. Power

Lightly-raced maiden under NH rules who looked set to make a winning chase debut when coming down 4 out at Sedgefield in October. Not in same form for new yard since, however, including in this sphere last time.

8 NEW INVENTION (IRE) (23) 96
4-0P8P 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne

Ran with promise at Newcastle on hurdles bow in February of last year but failed to progress in 4 starts since. Returns to minimum trip now but is hard to fancy.

9 ROMANCIER (FR) (38) 96
85-575P 5 10-9 | 67.6kg



Donald McCain

Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Found a little improvement when fifth at Musselburgh in December but ran badly at Catterick last time and has subsequently had a breathing operation. Cheekpieces on first time. Bit to prove at present.

10 YUMMY (IRE) (43) 70
6007 5 10-5 | 65.8kg



Dan Skelton

Tristan Durrell

Never dangerous in bumper and 3 starts over hurdles and remains to be seen if switch to handicapping brings about improvement.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 The Resdev Tyke, **5-1** Tilehurst, **13-2** Chevington, **17-2** Captain Cool, **14-1** Yummy, **16-1** Animato, **20-1** Romancier, **20-1** Caramelo Rapido, **22-1** Prized Jet, **25-1** New Invention

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TILEHURST is low mileage and could well have more to offer now he is switched to handicapping. He can get off the mark over hurdles. The Resdev Tyke and Chevington are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TILEHURST 2. THE RESDEV TYKE 3. CHEVINGTON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Aotano** 4-11-1 28-1 Donald McCain Charlie Maggs (5) 14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

4.15**VIRGIN BET HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-145)
£25,000 3m84y (4900 Metres)**

RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 MINELLA RESCUE (IRE) (134) 96
42320-128 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Gary Hanmer

James Bowen

Resumed winning ways in 23.3f handicap at Uttoxeter in May prior to finishing second in a stronger race over same C&D the following month. Below par over shorter trip when last seen in autumn but can't be ruled out here.

2 KAMSINAS (FR) (35) t ★ 100
4820-2255 9 11-11 | 74.8kg



Fergal O'Brien

Fern O'Brien (51b/2kg)

Matched useful hurdles form switched to fences this season and wasn't disgraced in a couple of starts back over the smaller obstacles in graded company at Cheltenham in recent outings. Fairly treated, back handicapping, and must enter calculations.

3 INTOSOMETHINGGOOD (35) 92
1215284P 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Tom Bellamy

Won 3 times during the summer and returned to form when fourth in Grade 2 company at Cheltenham (24f) in December. Struggled here last time, however, and looks on a stiff mark back in handicap company.

4 IKE SPORT (FR) (33) h 96
54-205266 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Neil Mulholland

Richie McLernon

Disappointed at Plumpton latest but had run creditably in Lanzarote Hurdle at Kempton previously and remains on a workable mark. Respected.

5 BIG TICKET (23) 93
22P1 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Point winner who got off the mark at fourth attempt over timber when taking 6-runner novice hurdle (11/8) at Lingfield (19.5f, heavy) 23 days ago, keeping on well. This longer trip should suit and he looks a likely player on handicap debut.

6 SERIOUS CHAT (IRE) (58) (C) s 97
231-21517 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Disappointed at Musselburgh latest but has posted a personal best when scoring here (19.4f) previously and can't be ruled out.

7 DOCPICKEDME (IRE) (35) (CD) s+t 99
321P-5314 10 10-10 | 68.0kg



Richard Hobson

Charlie Maggs (31b/1kg)

Enhanced his fine record here when scoring over fences (24f) in December and arrives on back of respectable fourth of 8 in handicap chase at this course (24f, soft, 15/2) 35 days ago. 10 lb lower over hurdles and must be taken seriously.

8 PORTER IN THE PARK (IRE) (63) 99
1-0973333 9 10-8 | 67.1kg



Emma Lavelle

Cameron Johnstone-Baker (101b/5kg)

Consistent sort who made the frame again when creditable third of 10 in handicap hurdle at Kempton (24.6f, good, 9/1) 63 days ago. Races off same mark here and looks sure to give another good account.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Big Ticket, **5-1** Porter In The Park, **6-1** Ike Sport, **13-2** Kamsinas, **13-2** Docpickedme, **15-2** Minella Rescue, **12-1** Serious Chat, **16-1** Intosomethinggood

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DOCPICKEDME goes particularly well here and looks attractively handicapped back over the smaller obstacles. He makes fair appeal. Kamsinas and Porter In The Park may provide the chief threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DOCPICKEDME 2. KAMSINAS 3. PORTER IN THE PARK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Patriotik 6-10-4	9-4f	Evan Williams	Isabel Williams (3)	7
2024	Curley Finger 7-10-5	2-1f	Rebecca Menzies	Nathan Moscrop	8
2023	Sweet Will 6-11-6	10-3	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	C. P. McNamara	7
2022	Sultans Pride 10-11-9	10-3	Gillian Boanas	Theo Gillard (3)	6
2021	Small Present 6-10-11	3-1jf	Sue Smith	Richard Johnson	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.50**VIRGIN BET "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4yo
£4,500 2m128y (3340 Metres)**

RACE 7

GBI RACINGGoing: **Chase: Good-Good to Soft in places; Hurdle: Good to Soft-Good in places**

Left handed, essentially flat and most galloping in nature. It's an extremely well-draining 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: **Even**

1 COTTON SOCKS (84) (BF) h **81**
23 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lucy Wadham

Jack Tudor

Placed in bumpers at Huntingdon in November and Wetherby following month, still looking a bit rough around the edges when third to a subsequent winner last time. Should be thereabouts again.

2 FRIENDLY GLANCE **82**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Alan King

Tom Bellamy

Passing Glance gelding. Brother to numerous winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser *Finest View*. Dam, 2m-2¼m hurdle/chase winner, sister to bumper winner/useful hurdler *Call Me A Star*. Yard has good record in bumpers (saddled winning newcomer at Ascot earlier this month).

3 IVOR BEAR (IRE) (58) ★ **100**
4 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Soldier of Fortune gelding. Dam, 2m-19f hurdle/chase winner. Highly tried on debut but shaped with plenty of encouragement when fourth of 16 in listed bumper at Cheltenham 8 weeks ago, impressing with the way he got into the race. More to come and clearly the one to beat down in class.

4 MOSCOW STAR (FR) (40) t **77**
5 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Oliver Signy

James Davies

Cloth of Stars gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including multiple bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler *Coquelicot*. Seemed unsuited by test of speed when fifth of 6 in AW bumper last month and needs to leave that effort behind.

5 MUSIC SONG (FR) **79**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Tom Weston

Robert Dunne

Prince Gibraltar gelding. Half-brother to French 17f/2¼m chase winner *Lavriot Star*. Dam, maiden on Flat in France, half-sister to fairly useful chaser (stays 3¼m) *Georges Saint*. Stable had well-backed winning debutant in bumper at Market Rasen earlier this month.

6 NOBLE WAY (FR) **79**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



David O'Meara

Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)

Galiway gelding. Dam lightly raced on Flat in France, from family of useful miler *Mousse Au Chocolat*. Rare runner in this sphere for Flat-oriented yard. Market can guide.

7 WINSTON'S OATH (IRE) (68) s **76**
56 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dylan Cunha

Lee Edwards

Down the field in bumpers at Wetherby (junior) and Huntingdon (maiden). Headgear now applied.

8 ZOTAY NZURI **78**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Stuart Edmunds

Charlie Hammond

Nathaniel gelding. Dam, lightly raced over hurdles (2m winner on Flat), out of sister to high-class 1m/1¼m performer *Haafhd* and from excellent Flat family. Yard get occasional winners in bumpers.

9 EBONY EBBS (26) **65**
0 4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Andrew Martin

Kielan Woods

Frammassone filly who was beaten a long way out in bumper at Kempton earlier this month.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens Ivor Bear, **6-1** Friendly Glance, **8-1** Cotton Socks, **12-1** Noble Way, **12-1** Music Song, **16-1** Zotay Nzuri, **22-1** Moscow Star, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

IVOR BEAR is sure to progress and win races given the promise he showed in a listed bumper at Cheltenham and can start the ball rolling in this. Cotton Socks can make the frame again, while Friendly Glance looks the pick of the newcomers before market clues.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IVOR BEAR 2. COTTON SOCKS 3. FRIENDLY GLANCE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:2025 **At The Oche** 4-11-2 13-2 Nigel Twiston-Davies James Turner (5) 12**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race