

Wednesday 29th April

**2.30** ADARE MANOR OPPORTUNITY SERIES FINAL HANDICAP HURDLE 2m3f58y (3880 Metres)

RACE 1 **(8) RADIATOR SPRINGS | (6) STRAIGHT JOHN | (10) TOLL STONE**

**3.05** CONNOLLY'S RED MILLS IRISH EBF AUCTION HURDLE SERIES FINAL 2m3f58y (3880 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) L'EVANGELISTE | (3) VITORIO PIEL | (15) SIMPLY NATURAL**

**3.40** LOUIS FITZGERALD HOTEL HURDLE 2m3f58y (3880 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) SOIR DE GARDE | (1) BUNTING | (6) BEGORRA MAN**

**4.15** CHANNOR REAL ESTATE GROUP NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 1) 2m7f190y (4800 Metres)

RACE 4 **(5) FRUIT DE MER | (13) THE PASSING WIFE | (14) ZANOOSH**

**4.50** RACE & STAY AT PUNCHESTOWN CHAMPION I.N.H. I.N.H. FLAT (Grade 1) 2m132y (3340 Metres)

RACE 5 **(8) THE MOURNE RAMBLER | (3) DROMARD | (9) THE WAGER**

**5.25** COLM QUINN BMW HANDICAP CHASE (Grade 3) 2½m80y (4100 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) KING ALEXANDER | (10) NOUVOTIC | (4) DEE CAPO**

**6.05** LADBROKES PUNCHESTOWN GOLD CUP (Grade 1) 3m213y (5020 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) GAELIC WARRIOR | (2) FACT TO FILE | (4) GRANGECLARE WEST**

**6.35** WEATHERBYS GENERAL STUD BOOK IRISH EBF MARES I.N.H. FLAT (Grade 3) 2m132y (3340 Metres)

RACE 8 **(6) GLENS ANTHEM | (9) LATOSCA DU HOUX | (5) EVEN THO**

## 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.

**2.30****ADARE MANOR OPPORTUNITY SERIES FINAL HANDICAP  
HURDLE 4yo+ €30,000 2m3f58y (3880 Metres)****RACE 1****GBI RACING**Going: **Yielding**

A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

Pace Information: **Very Strong**

**1 AGUELLID (FR) (63)** h **97**  
4/3221- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Philip Hobbs & Johnson White  **A. P. Kelly**  
Posted a career-best when winning 18-runner maiden hurdle at Wincanton (15f, soft) 63 days ago. Had a bit left up his sleeve that day and while more is needed now handicapping, this low-mileage 5-y-o needs considering.


**2 SIR ALLEN (486) (C)** **98**  
730/ 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 A. Slattery, Ireland **S. Coen (2lb/1kg)**  
Winner of a 12-runner handicap on the Flat at Navan (1¾m, heavy) 30 days ago but looks vulnerable back in this sphere.


**3 GOD OF THUNDER (IRE) (206)** s+t **96**  
68310/0R6- 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 Denis Hogan, Ireland **Philip Donovan**  
None too reliable and trailed in last of 20 in handicap on the level at Navan (13f, good) 4 days ago. Failed to fire on latest start in this sphere, too.


**4 HITAK (FR) (130)** **93**  
651/P3574- 9 11-12 | 75.3kg

 John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland **A. Leahy (4lb/2kg)**  
Sported first-time cheekpieces when a respectable fourth of 14 in handicap chase at Thurles (2¾m, good to soft) 130 days ago. Likely to come up short back in this sphere.


**5 MISS MANZOR (410)** **97**  
864P/ 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **P. Cleary (4lb/2kg)**  
First run since leaving Willie Mullins when last of 20 in handicap at the Curragh (1¾m, good) on the Flat last May. That proved to his sole run for the Noel Kelly yard and now in the care of Gordon Elliott.

**6 STRAIGHT JOHN (FR) (56) (C, BF)** t **96**  
6213- 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. H. Williamson (2lb/1kg)**  
Made it third time lucky in maiden hurdles here in February. Creditable third of 7 in novice hurdle at Naas (2m, soft) next time and should have more to offer now moving up in trip for this handicap debut.


**7 LONG BRANCH (IRE) (19)** s **98**  
345413U2- 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Seamus Neville, Ireland **S. Cleary-Farrell (4lb/2kg)**  
Successful at Thurles in December and latest second of 5 in novice hurdle at Wexford (3m, soft) was creditable. Cheekpieces now enlisted and he's not without each-way hope.


**8 RADIATOR SPRINGS (IRE) (23)** ★ **100**  
312- 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **Patrick Michael O'Brien (2lb/1kg)**  
Promising type. Second of 21 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (2m, soft) 23 days ago, leaving the strong impression that this stiffer test will be right up her street. Needs considering.

**9 THANKSFORTHEHELP (FR) (46) (CD)** b+t **97**  
43/177559- 9 11-11 | 74.8kg

 David Pipe **Rian Corcoran (4lb/2kg)**  
Only ninth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2½m, soft) 46 days ago. However, blinkers now refitted and couldn't rule out off a mark 3 lb higher compared to when winning this 12 months ago.


**10 TOLL STONE (IRE) (270) (BF)** **99**  
7/52- 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Emmet Mullins, Ireland **Elizabeth Gale (2lb/1kg)**  
Good second of 15 in handicap hurdle at Galway (17f, good to soft) in August, going with enthusiasm. Absent since but it's likely that his shrewd handler will have him spot-on for this assignment.

**11 MINELLA SUPREME (IRE) (57) (D)** s **87**  
3/21U16P6- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 John McConnell, Ireland **P. Hanlon (2lb/1kg)**  
Below par sixth of 12 in novice hurdle at Newcastle (2½m, good to soft) 57 days ago and opposable on this handicap debut. Cheekpieces applied.


**12 CLOONAINRA (IRE) (43) (D, BF)** s **96**  
51/515984- 7 11-9 | 73.9kg

 John McConnell, Ireland **D. A. Kidd (4lb/2kg)**  
Fairly useful winner at 19f in chases. Cheekpieces on for 1st time, fourth of 7 in novice chase (7/2) at Down Royal (2½m, good to soft) 43 days ago. Switches from chase to hurdles.

**13 KAMINO BELLO (FR) (116)** **93**  
6/156- 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **E. Staples (2lb/1kg)**  
Finished sixth of 7 in a novice hurdle at Cork (17f, good to soft) when last seen in January. Improvement needed now handicapping.


**14 JOLIE JEWEL (FR) (122) (D)** h **96**  
2/2530010- 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Brian M. McMahon, Ireland **C. M. Hogan (2lb/1kg)**  
Hit the target at Thurles in November but was below par when nearer last than first at Leopardstown (21f, good) the following month. Absent since and it's probably best to look elsewhere.


**15 MINELLA POST (450)** **98**  
33554/ 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

 T. Gibney, Ireland **James Smith**  
Failed to progress when fourth of 11 in maiden hurdle at this course (23f, soft) last February. Likely to do better in handicaps but this is a tall order following a 15-month absence.


**16 RYAN'S SON (IRE) (58)** h **94**  
016- 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Ireland **C. G. O'Dwyer**  
Equipped with a first-time tongue strap when last of 6 in novice hurdle at Leopardstown (2m) 58 days ago. Hood enlisted now upped in trip for this handicap debut and needs to raise his game.


**17 FALCON EIGHT (IRE) (430)** s **92**  
70/ 11 11-6 | 72.6kg

 D. K. Weld, Ireland **H. J. Horgan**  
Finished sixth of 7 in minor event on the Flat at the Curragh (1¾m, heavy) 26 days ago. Latest display over hurdles was poor and this 11-y-o is probably worth taking on.


**18 GARRYBELLO (FR) (101)** t **97**  
P3/0- 8 11-6 | 72.6kg

 Thomas Cooper, Ireland **L. A. McKenna**  
Twelfth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Thurles (2m, good to soft) 101 days ago and needs to take a step forward now upped in trip with the tongue strap refitted.


**19 KALANISI FLASH (IRE) (187)** s+t **95**  
1/3P- 9 11-6 | 72.6kg

 John McConnell, Ireland **S. J. Fitzsimons (4lb/2kg)**  
Pulled up in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (25f, good) when last seen in October. Bagged a Downpatrick maiden on latest start in this sphere but that was 2 years ago and he's opposable.

**20 KATIE DANIELS (IRE) (24)** s+t **97**  
0/431P571- 7 11-6 | 72.6kg

 Cian Michael Collins, Ireland **C. P. Millar (2lb/1kg)**  
Fitted with a first-time tongue strap (retained) when winning a 20-runner handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (2½m, soft) 24 days ago. That represented a clear career-best and a 7 lb rise looks manageable.

**21 CLAUDE (IRE) (184)** t **98**  
451367- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Sarah Joanna Connell, Ireland **P. T. Smithers (4lb/2kg)**  
Successful at Wexford last summer but finished last of 7 in a novice hurdle at the same course (2m, soft) when last seen in October.

**22 SOPELANA (39) (C)** s+t **93**  
41581742- 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Cian Michael Collins, Ireland **Kevin Healy (4lb/2kg)**  
Course winner. Good second of 12 in handicap hurdle at Navan (2m, soft) 39 days ago but better will be needed if she's to go one better back now back up in trip.

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RACE 1

**23 BETTER TIMES (IRE) (15) 99**

44055714- 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



S. G. Carey, Ireland

**M. J. Kenneally (21b/1kg)**

Scored at Downpatrick last month and good fourth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Clonmel (23f, good to soft) recently. Can make his presence felt off the same mark.

**24 AUREA FORTUNA (IRE) (25) (C) t 96**

4/7131059- 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



A. J. Martin, Ireland

**H. E. Sexton (41b/2kg)**

Below form when ninth of 17 in handicap chase at Fairyhouse (21f, soft) 25 days ago. Tongue strap refitted now returned to hurdles and he's opposable on balance.

**25 JACOVEC CAVERN (74) s 96**

32761300- 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Paul Hennessy, Ireland

**R. J. Condon (21b/1kg)**

Struck over fences at Gowran in November but could finish only tenth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Gowran (2½m, heavy) last time. Others preferred.

**RESERVES****26 MI LUCKY CAILIN (IRE) (24) 96**

8370214P- 8 11-1 | 70.3kg



William J. McLernon, Ireland

**Reserve**

Latest win at Thurles in January. Pulled up in the Fairyhouse handicap hurdle won by Katie Daniels last time. Easy enough to look elsewhere. RESERVE.

**27 MOON MISSION (108) 96**

86383643- 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



P. J. Rothwell, Ireland

**Reserve**

Very good third of 15 in handicap hurdle at this course (21f, heavy) when last seen in January. Engaged 3.05 here Tuesday. RESERVE.

**28 EL CHAMPO (IRE) (23) (D) s 96**

411543PP- 8 11-1 | 70.3kg



P. J. Rothwell, Ireland

**Reserve**

Latest win over fences at Listowel in September. Pulled up in a handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (21f, soft) 23 days ago, weakening quickly. Hard to warm to. RESERVE.

25 DECLARED RUNNERS (3 RESERVES)

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**15-2** Radiator Springs, **8-1** Aguellid, **8-1** Straight John, **11-1** Katie Daniels, **12-1** Toll Stone, **14-1** Better Times, **16-1** Thanksforthehelp, **22-1** Long Branch, **22-1** Sopelana, **28-1** Miss Manzor, **33-1** Sir Allen, **33-1** Minella Post, **33-1** Aurea Fortuna, **33-1** Cloonainra, **33-1** Kamino Bello, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The vote goes to RADIATOR SPRINGS, who belied her inexperience when a clear second on handicap debut at Fairyhouse and this step up in trip looks a good move. Straight John is another unexposed type and is feared most ahead of Toll Stone, who will be particularly interesting if the market speaks in his favour. Leading owner JP McManus has a good record in this race and is represented by respected British raiders Thanksforthehelp (winner of this last year) and Aguellid.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. RADIATOR SPRINGS 2. STRAIGHT JOHN 3. TOLL STONE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Thanksforthehelp</b> 8-11-8	14-1	David Pipe	Gearoid Patrick Brouder	25
2024	<b>Harsh</b> 4-11-5	17-2	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Danny Gilligan	23
2023	<b>Ballybawn Belter</b> 5-11-5	17-2	Miss Elizabeth Doyle	C. G. O'Dwyer (4)	25
2022	<b>Life In The Park</b> 5-11-10	9-2	Henry de Bromhead	M. P. O'Connor (2)	24
2021	<b>Guiri</b> 6-11-4	9-1	Mrs J. Harrington	S. D. Torrens	25

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.05**

**CONNOLLY'S RED MILLS IRISH EBF AUCTION HURDLE SERIES  
FINAL 4yo+ €75,000 2m3f58y (3880 Metres)**











RACE 2








Going: **Yielding**

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Pace Information: **Extreme**

<b>1</b>	<b>L' EVANGELISTE (FR) (151)</b>	<b>99</b>
	31/7211- 6 11-12   75.3kg Eric McNamara, Ireland <i>Sean Flanagan</i> Promising star who produced a career best when following up his Galway victory in 6-runner novice hurdle at Fairyhouse (2½m, soft) in November, always holding on. Should progress further and returns with strong claims in a valuable event.	
<b>2</b>	<b>LOS BLANCO (FR) (124)</b>	<b>94</b>
	34/231- 7 11-12   75.3kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland <i>D. J. O'Keefe</i> Equipped with a first-time tongue strap (retained) when off the mark at the fifth attempt in maiden hurdle at Down Royal in December. Off since and returns in a much deeper contest, though the step up in trip should suit him.	
<b>3</b>	<b>VITORIO PIEL (FR) (25) (C)</b>	<b>100</b>
	162312- 6 11-12   75.3kg Emmet Mullins, Ireland <i>Donagh Meyler</i> Useful hurdler boasting 2 wins from 6 career outings and produced a very good second of 20 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (3m, soft) 25 days ago. Progressing well and the drop back in trip will prove no hindrance so he should be in the mix once more.	
<b>4</b>	<b>IFALLGOESWELL (IRE) (19)</b>	<b>91</b>
	47422351- 6 11-8   73.5kg Charles Byrnes, Ireland <i>P. Byrnes</i> Fairly useful hurdler who didn't need to improve to win 8-runner novice at Wexford (2½m, soft) 19 days ago, by neck from reopposing De Jour En Jour. Hails from a yard in good form but this demands plenty of progress in first-time cheekpieces.	
<b>5</b>	<b>GREEN ANGEL (IRE) (12)</b>	<b>86</b>
	443- 5 11-7   73.0kg Stuart Crawford, Ireland <i>J. J. Slevin</i> Lightly-raced maiden who posted best effort to date when third of 8 in maiden hurdle at Ayr (2m, soft) 12 days ago, rallying. This looks a stiff task but step back up in trip could unlock further progress.	
<b>6</b>	<b>EAGLE'S QUEST (67)</b>	<b>90</b>
	463/34621- 6 11-6   72.6kg Ms Margaret Mullins, Ireland <i>D. E. Mullins</i> Fair hurdler who got off the mark in maiden hurdle at Fairyhouse (16.5f) in February but he's twice been well beaten on the Flat since and has work to do upped in grade back in this sphere.	
<b>7</b>	<b>GREY JUDE (IRE) (58) (BF)</b>	<b>96</b>
	6/332122- 5 11-6   72.6kg Connor King, Ireland <i>D. King</i> Fairly useful hurdler who won maiden hurdle at Cork in November. Runner-up last 2 starts, but was turned over at odds on at Leopardstown on latter occasion and needs the step up in trip to bring about progress in this deeper contest.	
<b>8</b>	<b>RAISE YOU UP (IRE) (56) (D)</b>	<b>96</b>
	42114- 5 11-6   72.6kg Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland <i>Danny Gilligan</i> Looked promising when recording back-to-back wins in December/February and, though only fourth of 7 in novice hurdle at Naas (2m, soft) last time, the return to a longer trip looks sure to suit and he could resume progress.	
<b>9</b>	<b>GREEN CHEF (IRE) (60)</b>	<b>79</b>
	093- 5 11-3   71.2kg W. R. Crawford, Ireland <i>Sam Ewing</i> Better effort in maiden hurdles when third of 6 at Navan (2¾m, heavy) 2 months ago. Major progress required if he's to land any sort of blow in this company, however.	
<b>10</b>	<b>DE JOUR EN JOUR (IRE) (19)</b>	<b>91</b>
	3432- 6 11-1   70.3kg Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland <i>E. Staples (5lb/2kg)</i> Improved on first run since leaving William O'Doherty when very good neck second of 8 to Ifallgoeswell in maiden hurdle at Wexford (2½m, soft) 19 days ago, but would need another similar step forward to continue his run of in-the-frame efforts here.	

<b>11</b>	<b>ALL NIGHT REVIVAL (IRE) (19)</b>	<b>87</b>
	2444- 6 10-13   69.4kg P. J. Rothwell, Ireland <i>Mr R. Sugrue (7lb/3kg)</i> Fair hurdler who finished a creditable ¼ lengths fourth of 8 to Ifallgoeswell in maiden hurdle at Wexford (2½m, soft) 19 days ago. Open to improvement, yet that looks likely to come in handicaps.	
<b>12</b>	<b>DUNLEER CRYSTAL (IRE) (19) (BF)</b>	<b>90</b>
	70233- 5 10-13   69.4kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <i>J. W. Kennedy</i> Yet to win a race but looked unlucky when ¾ lengths third of 8 to Ifallgoeswell in maiden hurdle at Wexford (2½m, soft) 19 days ago, given the saddle slipped on the home turn and his rider had to ride a finish without irons. Further progress required but that's not ruled out given connections.	
<b>13</b>	<b>STRANGE CURRENCY (IRE) (15)</b>	<b>89</b>
	6367U- 6 10-13   69.4kg Gearoid O'Loughlin, Ireland <i>R. A. Doyle</i> Lightly-raced maiden who wasn't going well in first-time cheekpieces when unseated rider in handicap hurdle at Clonmel (2½m, good to soft) 15 days ago. Goes without the headgear this time but not easy to make a case for.	
<b>14</b>	<b>THE FIRST TURN (IRE) (19)</b>	<b>83</b>
	177- 5 10-13   69.4kg S. Curling, Ireland <i>Phillip Enright</i> Bumper winner but there was nothing in his recent hurdling debut to suggest he'll be up to this task. Tried in first-time tongue strap.	
<b>15</b>	<b>SIMPLY NATURAL (25)</b>	<b>99</b>
	5/42622- 6 10-6   66.2kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland <i>C. Stone-Walsh</i> Plenty of promise when runner-up at Fairyhouse both starts over hurdles, latterly in 16-runner mares maiden 25 days ago. Has shaped as though this longer trip should suit and she's one to take very seriously on these terms.	

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

9-2 L'Evangeliste, 11-2 Vitorio Piel, 13-2 Simply Natural, 8-1 Grey Jude, 10-1 Raise You Up, 12-1 Los Blanco, 16-1 Dunleer Crystal, 20-1 Eagle's Quest, 20-1 Green Angel, 22-1 Ifallgoeswell, 28-1 De Jour En Jour, 40-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

L'EVANGELISTE is progressing well and can complete the hat-trick in this valuable prize if fit and firing on return from 5 months off. Vitorio Piel and Simply Natural come here in good order and can prove big threats.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. L' EVANGELISTE 2. VITORIO PIEL 3. SIMPLY NATURAL

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Thisistheway</b> 6-10-13	9-1	Yvonne Latta	J. P. Shinnick (5)	15
2024	<b>Backtonormal</b> 6-11-5	7-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Sean Flanagan	17
2023	<b>Sandor Clegane</b> 6-11-10	15-8f	Paul Nolan	S. F. O'Keefe	12
2022	<b>Ambitious Fellow</b> 6-11-5	40-1	Peter Fahey	Sam Ewing	12
2021	<b>Surprise Package</b> 5-11-5	14-1	Peter Fahey	D. J. O'Keefe	18

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.40**

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RACE 3



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Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 BUNTING (FR) (49)** **100**  
 92P60/499- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**  
 Returned to hurdling with good fourth in listed handicap at Leopardstown over Christmas. Failed to build on that in 2 outings since, albeit caught too far back when ninth of 24 to Jinko Blue in BetMGM Cup at Cheltenham last time. Sets the standard but Townend prefers Soir De Garde.

**2 LE GRAND PEINTURE (IRE) (66)** **94**  
 0418/P- 9 11-12 | 75.3kg

Mrs Lorna Fowler, Ireland **Jack Gilligan (5lb/2kg)**  
 Solid form when winning Navan maiden prior to finishing midfield in listed handicap at Fairyhouse on final outing of 2024/25 campaign. Probably needed the run when pulled on return in February but others look to have more potential.

**3 MISTER PESSIMISTIC (IRE) (87)** t **88**  
 1169- 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **D. J. O'Keefe**  
 Point winner who also scored on first 2 starts under Rules, a bumper at Listowel before landing the odds in maiden hurdle at Cork in November. Found out in top novice company both outings since, but remains a useful prospect and step up in trip looks a positive move.

**4 RISKAWAY (FR) (49)** **98**  
 2/421240- 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**  
 Made a successful start over hurdles at Thurles in November and bettered that form when in frame next 2 starts, latterly Grade 1 event at Leopardstown. Needs to bounce back from poor Cheltenham effort last month, though.

**5 SOIR DE GARDE (FR) (24)** h **90**  
 231/2F- 8 11-12 | 75.3kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**  
 Lightly-raced sort who chased home El Fabiolo in small-field minor event at Leopardstown on return and then looked booked for third behind Ndaawi and Absurde when crashing out last in similar event at Cork. Remains open to progress and looks stable first-string on jockey bookings. Hood back on.

**6 BEGORRA MAN (IRE) (39)** **91**  
 52/22- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**  
 Runner-up twice in bumpers before chasing home Kilgame in 23-runner maiden at Navan on return to hurdling last month. Step up in trip will suit and remains open to improvement.

**7 MILAN FORTH (IRE) (53)** (D, BF) t **89**  
 117/P187- 7 11-6 | 72.6kg

S. Cavanagh, Ireland **Kevin Healy (7lb/3kg)**  
 Fairly useful 3-time winner over fences who was fortunate when landing a handicap at Cork (2½m) in January. Struggled in more competitive events over short trips last 2 starts. Makes hurdling debut.

**8 TINTO DE VERANO (IRE) (19)** h+t **52**  
 4463- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Yvonne Latta, Ireland **C. M. Quirke**  
 Ran to a fair level in bumpers prior to finishing well-held third of 12 to Le Moulin Rouge in maiden hurdle at Wexford 19 days ago. Type to do better at some stage but this looks a very stiff task.

**9 MINELLA BOSS (IRE) (53)** t **89**  
 7421- 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

Oliver McKiernan, Ireland **Phillip Enright**  
 Continued theme of race-by-race progress over hurdles when making all in maiden at Gowran (2m) a month ago, always holding on. Dominating this field an entirely different undertaking, however.

**10 QUINTA DO LAGO (FR) (50)** (C) s **94**  
 11635- 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland **Donagh Meyler**  
 Won first 2 starts over hurdles and ran well when fifth of 22 to Saratoga in Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap at Cheltenham last month. Cheekpieces worn that day are retained and receives allowances from most of his rivals, but further improvement still likely needed.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Soir De Garde, **4-1** Bunting, **5-1** Riskaway, **11-2** Begorra Man, **12-1** Mister Pessimistic, **14-1** Quinta Do Lago, **25-1** Le Grand Peinture, **25-1** Minella Boss, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SOIR DE GARDE still has more than an air of untapped potential about him and is taken to justify Paul Townend's decision to ride him over Bunting, who may prove the biggest threat in a trappy contest.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SOIR DE GARDE 2. BUNTING 3. BEGORRA MAN**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Kaid d'Authie</b> 5-11-12	9-4f	W. P. Mullins	M. P. Walsh	10
2024	<b>Gorgeous Tom</b> 6-11-12	4-1	Henry de Bromhead	D. J. O'Keefe	14
2023	<b>Grangeclare West</b> 7-11-12	6-4f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	9
2022	<b>Crosshill</b> 7-11-10	15-2	Mrs J. Harrington	Robbie Power	9
2021	<b>Lifetime Ambition</b> 6-12-0	13-2	Mrs J. Harrington	Robbie Power	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.15

**CHANNOR REAL ESTATE GROUP NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 1)**  
4yo+ €125,000 2m7f190y (4800 Metres)

RACE 4



Going: **Yielding**


A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

Pace Information: **Strong**



**1 DOCTOR STEINBERG (IRE) (47) (BF)** h **97**  
2/15111P- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 W. P. Mullins, Ireland  **P. Townend**  
Useful bumper winner who won first 3 starts over hurdles, building on Navan Grade 2 when impressively landing Leopardstown Grade 1 (Kazansky second). However, pulled too hard in the Albert Bartlett at Cheltenham since and connections now reach for a hood. Has the ability to be a big player.


**2 DREAM ON MICK (IRE) (25)** **78**  
1- 5 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Philip Kirby **Joe Williamson**  
Won his second start in Irish points in January and made a winning debut under Rules in Carlisle maiden 25 days ago but this looks hugely ambitious.


**3 ESPRESSO MILAN (IRE) (47) (C)** **93**  
42/7110- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 W. P. Mullins, Ireland  **D. E. Mullins**  
Just fair form in bumpers for Fergal O'Brien and made a very bright starts over hurdles for this yard, winning maiden/novice first 2 starts. However, pulled away his chance in the Albert Bartlett after and needs to settle down if he's to make an impact at this level.


**4 FRANKIE JOHN (IRE) (19)** **97**  
12231554- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Denis Hogan, Ireland **D. King**  
Bumper/maiden hurdle winner. Highly tried this year but took a big step forward in first-time headgear when 4½ lengths fourth of 12 in Grade 1 Sefton Hurdle at Aintree 19 days ago, looking well served by the increased test of stamina. Not taken lightly on that form but cheekpieces left off here.

**5 FRUIT DE MER (IRE) (47)** **96**  
1d/132- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **D. J. O'Keeffe**  
Point winner. First past the post (subsequently demoted) in bumper last season. Made a successful start over hurdles in maiden at Naas and most progressive in Grade 1 events since, running a cracker over this longer distance when second of 22 in Albert Bartlett at Cheltenham. High on shortlist.



**6 GENEROUS RISK (FR) (24)** **90**  
3/23612- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Sam Ewing**  
Expensive point recruit who settled better than in bumpers when making a successful hurdle debut at Leopardstown. Beaten only by the hugely exciting He's On Fire in Grade 2 at Fairyhouse since but that form still a long way short of what is required.


**7 HIPOP DE LOIRE (FR) (24)** s **87**  
2/1PP- 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

 W. P. Mullins, Ireland  **S. F. O'Keeffe**  
Useful stayer on Flat who found the demands of an Albert Bartlett too much on just his third start over hurdles. Excuses at Fairyhouse since but firmly up against it back at this level.



**8 I STARTED A JOKE (IRE) (24) (C)** s **93**  
60/434123- 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Charles Byrnes, Ireland  **P. Byrnes**  
Progressive sort who readily landed the odds in maiden here (2m). Good second on handicap debut at Leopardstown next time before better than bare result when third in Fairyhouse Grade 2 (rider lost irons briefly after mistake at the first). Capable of better still but stamina an unknown.



**9 KAZANSKY (IRE) (47)** **92**  
B112P- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Danny Gilligan**  
Brought down on hurdles bow but won next 2 starts, including Limerick Grade 2 (23f, heavy) over Christmas. However, proved no match for Doctor Steinberg in Leopardstown Grade 1 and struggled in the Albert Bartlett since.


**10 LE FRIMEUR (FR) (40)** **91**  
11- 5 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Harry Derham  **J. J. Slevin**  
Irish point winner who is 2 from 2 under Rules, responding well when defying a penalty in Newbury novice 6 weeks ago. That form has been boosted since but this represents a big step up in class.


**11 LOVE ME TENDER (FR) (24)** **96**  
111334- 5 11-10 | 74.4kg

 W. P. Mullins, Ireland  **M. P. Walsh**  
Highly impressive when making it 3-3 in Grade 3 at Tipperary. Progress has rather stalled in better company since but step up in trip could suit if settling.


**12 SPINNINGAYARN (IRE) (47) (C)** **92**  
14/3115- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**  
Bumper winner who built on hurdles bow/return to win Fairyhouse maiden and novice here (19f) in January. Acquitted himself well upped significantly in class when 10 lengths fifth of 22 in Albert Bartlett at Cheltenham since but more needed if he's to go close here.

**13 THE PASSING WIFE (47) (C)** **96**  
311/33513- 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**  
Useful bumper winner. Has only a maiden win to his name over hurdles but that won't be for long judged on his excellent third in the Albert Bartlett at Cheltenham, looking well suited by the step up in trip. Needs considering.

**14 ZANOOSH (IRE) (24) (C)** t **100**  
47311111- 6 11-3 | 71.2kg

 Colm A. Murphy, Ireland **B. Hayes**  
Thriving mare who took the step up in class in her stride when making it 5 on the bounce in Grade 1 (for mares) at Fairyhouse earlier this month, getting to the front courtesy of another swift leap at the last. Big chance back against the males if proving as effective on faster ground.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

9-2 The Passing Wife, 5-1 Doctor Steinberg, 5-1 Fruit De Mer, 6-1 Zanoosh, 16-1 Espresso Milan, 16-1 Spinningayarn, 20-1 Love Me Tender, 20-1 I Started A Joke, 20-1 Le Frimeur, 33-1 Frankie John, 33-1 Kazansky, 33-1 Generous Risk, 100-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A race with a tremendous roll of honour with Galopin des Champs and Gaelic Warrior among the recent winners. There wasn't much between FRUIT DE MER and The Passing Wife when placed in the Albert Bartlett at the Cheltenham Festival with narrow preference for the former after just 4 career outings. Thriving mare Zanoosh is another to consider.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. FRUIT DE MER 2. THE PASSING WIFE 3. ZANOOSH

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Jasmin de Vaux</b>	6-11-10	13-8f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	8
2024	<b>Dancing City</b>	7-11-10	7-4f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	7
2023	<b>Gaelic Warrior</b>	5-11-10	4-5f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	9
2022	<b>The Nice Guy</b>	7-11-10	15-8f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	11
2021	<b>Galopin des Champs</b>	5-11-11	13-8f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.50**

RACE 5

**RACE & STAY AT PUNCHESTOWN CHAMPION I.N.H. I.N.H. FLAT (Grade 1) 4, 5 and 6yo €100,000 2m132y (3340 Metres)**



Going: **Yielding**

A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

Pace Information: **Very Strong**

**1 BARNHASH PRINCE (IRE) (24) 86**

1- 6 12-0 | 76.2kg  
Jonathan Sweeney, Ireland **Mr Alan O'Sullivan**  
Yeats gelding who made a winning start in 16-runner bumper at Cork (19f, good to soft) earlier in the month, showing an encouraging amount of speed given his pedigree. This represents a big step up in class.

**2 BOYCETOWN (IRE) (49) t 97**

214- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Mr D. O'Connor**  
Produced a promising first effort under Rules when second at Punchestown and easily went one better at Down Royal on Boxing Day. Improved again stepped up in grade and fitted with a first-time tongue strap when 3 lengths fourth of 21 to The Mourne Rambler in Champion Bumper at Cheltenham. Respected.

**3 DROMARD (FR) (53) 97**

1- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Mr P. W. Mullins**  
Doctor Dino gelding who looked a smart prospect when impressive winner of 9-runner bumper at Gowran (2¼m, heavy) on debut in March, going with enthusiasm. Seems sure to go on to better things and is a fascinating contender up in grade.

**4 LOVE SIGN D'AUNOU (FR) (49) (BF) 96**

10- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Mr J. L. Gleeson**  
Won sole point last spring and made all with ease in a heavy-ground Naas bumper on his Rules debut in January. Found the Champion Bumper a completely different kettle of fish but remains an exciting prospect, not least when returned to softer ground.

**5 LOW KICK (FR) (66) 85**

321- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Mr H. C. Swan**  
Third sole outing in points and built on previous promise in this sphere when impressive winner of 6-runner event at Naas (15f, heavy) in February. Needs a lot more now hiked in grade but has unlikely shown his all.

**6 OF LAND AND SEA (IRE) (49) h 82**

4510- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
Paul Hennessy, Ireland **Mr O. McGill**  
Crystal Ocean gelding who made it third time lucky in bumpers when seeing off 6 rivals at Limerick (heavy) in February but outclassed in the Champion Bumper since and is set for another struggle.

**7 THE IRISH AVATAR (IRE) (49) 91**

10- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Mr R. James**  
Bought for £200,000 after finishing runner-up only outing in points and comfortably landed short odds in a Navan bumper (heavy) on Rules debut in January. Proved to be something of a disappointment in the Champion Bumper 8 weeks later, though.

**8 THE MOURNE RAMBLER (IRE) (49) (D) ★ 100**

11- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
Noel Meade, Ireland **Mr D. G. Lavery**  
Second in a point before making a winning start to his Rules career in a Leopardstown bumper (good) over Christmas. Suited by emphasis on speed when following up in Champion Bumper at the Cheltenham Festival 11 weeks later and has to be considered the one to beat.

**9 THE WAGER (IRE) (49) 98**

2/17- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Miss J. Townend**  
Confirmed debut second for P. M. J. Doyle when going one place better for new trainer Willie Mullins at Fairyhouse in January. Took a big step forward when a never-nearer seventh to The Mourne Rambler in Champion Bumper on latest start and entitled to finish closer to that rival here.

**10 WITH NOLIMIT (FR) (49) 94**

4129- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Mr B. O'Neill**  
£250,000 purchase after winning sole start in points. Confirmed Rules debut promise when making all at Fairyhouse on New Year's Day and has shown better form in defeat subsequently, including when behind The Mourne Rambler in Champion Bumper latest. Needs more to reverse that form, though.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** The Mourne Rambler, **4-1** Dromard, **13-2** Boycetown, **15-2** The Wager, **9-1** Love Sign D'aunou, **16-1** Low Kick, **20-1** With Nolimit, **22-1** The Irish Avatar, **25-1** Barnahash Prince, **150-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

THE MOURNE RAMBLER was well suited by how the Champion Bumper unfolded, but he still quickened clear in good style and has to be considered the one to beat, especially faced with similarly speed-favouring conditions. Dromard is a fascinating contender following his impressive debut success at Gowran in early March, while his stablemate The Wager is expected to finish closer to the selection this time after not enjoying the smoothest of runs in the Champion Bumper.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. THE MOURNE RAMBLER 2. DROMARD 3. THE WAGER**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Bambino Fever</b> 5-11-7	11-8f	W. P. Mullins	Miss J. Townend	6
2024	<b>Redemption Day</b> 7-12-0	9-2	W. P. Mullins	Miss J. Townend	12
2023	<b>A Dream To Share</b> 5-12-0	8-11f	John E. Kiely	Mr J. L. Gleeson	8
2022	<b>Facile Vega</b> 5-12-0	8-15f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	9
2021	<b>Kilcruit</b> 6-12-2	11-8	W. P. Mullins	Mr D. O'Connor	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.25

**COLM QUINN BMW HANDICAP CHASE (Grade 3) 5yo+  
€100,000 2½m80y (4100 Metres)**

RACE 6



Going: **Yielding**

A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 DOWN MEMORY LANE (IRE) (23) (D) s 97**

1324/01P5- 8 11-12 | 75.3kg  
Gordon Elliott, Ireland **M. P. Walsh**  
Very smart chaser who scored at Navan in December but he came in a well-held fifth of 6 in Fairyhouse Chase (2½m) 23 days ago. Cheekpieces go on now.

**2 JESSE EVANS (IRE) (206) t 96**

3/3311222- 10 11-12 | 75.3kg  
Noel Meade, Ireland **Donagh Meyler**  
Consistent sort who reverted to hurdles with a good second in Horse & Jockey Hotel Hurdle at Tipperary (2m) in October. Not out of things back chasing after a break.

**3 CLASSIC GETAWAY (IRE) (24) (C, D) 96**

2166/4733- 10 11-10 | 74.4kg  
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**  
Winner of the Red Mills Chase at Gowran in 2024/25 though hasn't fully fired this season, last of 3 in Grade 3 at Cork 24 days ago.

**4 DEE CAPO (FR) (27) (C) 98**

140/1U402- 7 11-10 | 74.4kg  
Gordon Elliott, Ireland **J. W. Kennedy**  
Course winner who wasn't discredited when second of 5 in conditions event at Clonmel (2½m) 27 days ago, conceding first run. In the mix back in handicap company.

**5 KING ALEXANDER (IRE) (48) (D) ★ 100**

1903/2314- 8 11-2 | 70.8kg  
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**  
A useful and versatile hurdler who has made a positive start in this sphere, comfortably landing the odds in 2m3f novice at Gowran. Very good fourth of 18 in Jack Richards Handicap at Cheltenham last time. Big shout.

**6 RIAAN (IRE) (210) (D) s 97**

046/2UP01- 9 10-13 | 69.4kg  
Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Danny Gilligan**  
Very useful hurdler/chaser who bounced back to form with win in 5-runner conditions chase at Sligo in October. Needs to hit the ground running after 7 months off here.

**7 KARIA DES BLAISES (FR) (23) 96**

53222/F1P- 6 10-11 | 68.5kg  
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Harry Cobden**  
Gained an overdue first success over fences in Thurles listed mares' novice in February. Hood refitted but made mistakes when pulled up in Irish National at Fairyhouse since. Headgear is dispensed with.

**8 CONYERS HILL (IRE) (97) h 98**

7162/24F5- 8 10-9 | 67.6kg  
Paul Nolan, Ireland **Sean Flanagan**  
Winless this season but in good nick, failing to stay when fifth of 18 in Thyestes at Gowran (25f) in January. Could bounce back after a break returned to a shorter trip here.

**9 MIDNIGHT IT IS (50) 92**

1383/0970- 10 10-7 | 66.7kg  
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **C. Stone-Walsh**  
Successful at Navan (2m) in 2024/25 but yet to hit top form this season, tenth of 23 in the Plate at Cheltenham last month.

**10 NOUVOTIC (FR) (185) (D) h 99**

41/43161- 7 10-6 | 66.2kg  
Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **D. J. O'Keefe**  
Got back on the up with success in 11-runner handicap chase at Wexford (2½m) in October. Freshened up since and he's not taken lightly with better still to come.

**11 WHERE'S MY JET (IRE) (48) (D) 95**

2/U47F060- 7 10-6 | 66.2kg  
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **B. Hayes**  
Useful winning hurdler. Yet to score in this sphere and only fifteenth of 18 in Jack Richards at Cheltenham last month. More is required.

**12 DREAL DEAL (IRE) (25) (C, D) t 96**

61246003- 11 10-4 | 65.3kg  
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland **S. D. Torrens**  
Scored over fences at Killarney last summer and back in good form of late, third of 17 in handicap chase at Haydock (2½m) 25 days ago. This demands more, however.

**13 KILBARRY SAINT (FR) (25) (D, BF) t 98**

45/245312- 7 10-2 | 64.4kg  
Con O'Keefe, Ireland **Patrick Michael O'Brien (51lb/2kg)**  
Gained a belated first win over fences in maiden at Clonmel (2½m) in March and backed it up with a solid second of 10 in handicap chase at Fairyhouse 25 days ago.

**14 MAGIC MCCOLGAN (IRE) (39) (C) 99**

103/P622P- 7 10-0 | 63.5kg  
W. P. Mullins, Ireland **S. F. O'Keefe**  
Looked on the up over fences until pulled up in handicap chase at Navan (3m) last month but he wasn't knocked about after being denied a run on the home turn. Well worth another chance to gain a maiden chase success.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

9-2 Nouvotic, 8-1 King Alexander, 9-1 Dee Capo, 10-1 Kilbarry Saint, 11-1 Down Memory Lane, 11-1 Classic Getaway, 12-1 Riaan, 12-1 Jesse Evans, 14-1 Magic McColgan, 18-1 Dreal Deal, 20-1 Karia Des Blaies, 33-1 Where's My Jet, 33-1 Midnight It Is, 40-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Preference is for KING ALEXANDER who was a very good fourth in the Jack Richards at the Cheltenham Festival and remains with scope for further progress after just 4 runs in this sphere. Nouvotic also looks to have more to offer and is next on the list back from a break. Dee Capo, Magic McColgan and Conyers Hill can all have a say too in this highly-competitive handicap.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. KING ALEXANDER 2. NOUVOTIC 3. DEE CAPO

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	James du Berlais	9-11-11	7-1	W. P. Mullins	J. J. Slevin	14
2024	Lets Go Champ	9-10-5	11-4f	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	17
2023	Hereditary Rule	8-10-0	14-1	John McConnell	Shane O'Callaghan (7)	9
2022	Royal Rendezvous	10-11-12	12-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	13
2021	Foxy Jacks	7-9-13	25-1	M. F. Morris	Jonathan Moore	24

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**6.05****LADBROKES PUNCHESTOWN GOLD CUP (Grade 1) 5yo+  
€300,000 3m213y (5020 Metres)**

RACE 7

Going: **Yielding**

A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

Pace Information: **Uncontested**

**1 CHAMP KIELY (IRE) (18) (CD) 90**  
13/125578- 10 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **D. E. Mullins**  
Very smart chaser who wasn't disgraced when eighth of 34 in Grand National at Aintree 18 days ago. This C&D scorer faces a very stiff task here.

**2 FACT TO FILE (FR) (86) (C, D) 100**  
1231/4261- 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **M. P. Walsh**  
Top-class chaser. Things didn't go to plan in the King George on Boxing Day but he put that right when landing the Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown (3m) in February, beating Gaelic Warrior by 5 lengths. Major player.

**3 GAELIC WARRIOR (GER) (47) (C, D) 99**  
2311/1321- 8 11-10 | 74.4kg h+t



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **P. Townend**  
Outstanding chaser who landed the John Durkan here on his return and enjoyed his finest hour when an emphatic victor in Cheltenham Gold Cup last month, strolling 8 lengths clear of Jango Baie. Big shout.

**4 GRANGECLARE WEST (IRE) (18) (C) 94**  
535/8481U- 10 11-10 | 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland **B. Hayes**  
High-class chaser. Landed the Bobbyjo at Fairyhouse in February but unseated rider first in Grand National at Aintree since. This demands a clear personal best.

**5 INOTHEWAYURTHINKIN (IRE) (47) (D) 95**  
7541/59F3- 8 11-10 | 74.4kg s+t



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Keith Donoghue**  
2025 Cheltenham Gold Cup hero. Very slow to find his form this term but easily his best run in first-time cheekpieces when 10 lengths third of 10 to Gaelic Warrior in Cheltenham Gold Cup at Cheltenham. Headgear is retained.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-8** Gaelic Warrior, **6-4** Fact To File, **8-1** Inothewayurthinkin, **11-1** Grangeclare West, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

GAELIC WARRIOR turned on the style when a most impressive winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup and in that sort of form can turn the tables on his Irish Gold Cup conqueror Fact To File in what promises to be a race to savour. His top-class stablemate rates a massive threat, though, having bypassed Cheltenham.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GAELIC WARRIOR 2. FACT TO FILE 3. GRANGECLARE WEST**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	<b>Galopin des Champs</b>	9-11-10	5-6f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	4
2024	<b>Fastorslow</b>	8-11-10	7-2	Martin Brassil	J. J. Slevin	9
2023	<b>Fastorslow</b>	7-11-10	20-1	Martin Brassil	J. J. Slevin	5
2022	<b>Allaho</b>	8-11-10	6-5f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	9
2021	<b>Clan des Obeaux</b>	9-11-12	10-3	Paul Nicholls	Sam Twiston-Davies	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**6.35**

RACE 8

**WEATHERBYS GENERAL STUD BOOK IRISH EBF MARES  
I.N.H. FLAT (Grade 3) 4, 5 and 6yo fillies and mares  
€55,000 2m132y (3340 Metres)**



Going: **Yielding**

A right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. It is a very fair test of a jumper; there are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to sound jumpers. The cross-country course is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper.

Pace Information: **Very Strong**

<b>1</b>	<b>AL ARRIVEE (FR) (269)</b> (BF)	<b>94</b>
	2/12- 6 11-11   74.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <b>Mr D. O'Connor</b> Confirmed the promise of her Rules debut when making a winning reappearance in 15-runner bumper at Sligo in June, produced to lead early in straight and soon clear. Cemented a sound start to her career when runner-up at Galway in August. Tackles better company now after 8 months off.	
<b>2</b>	<b>BELLADABALL (IRE) (25)</b>	<b>93</b>
	341- 5 11-11   74.8kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland <b>Mr N. McParlan</b> Improved another chunk to get off the mark in 8-runner listed bumper at Fairyhouse (2m, soft, 9/1) 25 days ago, by 3 lengths from Wonderful Everyday. That wasn't the strongest renewal of that race but there could still be more to come from her.	
<b>3</b>	<b>BORN BELIEVING (IRE) (23)</b>	<b>89</b>
	1- 5 11-11   74.8kg Ms Claire O'Connell, Ireland <b>Mr J. C. Barry</b> Court Cave mare. Sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Born Famous. Successful sole outing in points (Feb 1) and belied appreciable market weakness fitted with a tongue strap in 8-runner bumper at Cork (2m) earlier in the month, edging ahead on line. Worth a shot at this higher level.	
<b>4</b>	<b>CELESTIAL TUNE (IRE) (87)</b> (D)	<b>94</b>
	4/211P- 5 11-11   74.8kg Thomas Cooper, Ireland <b>Mr R. James</b> Improved again to follow up her Listowel success in 12-runner listed bumper at Cheltenham (2m, soft) with something in hand at the November meeting. Pulled up in Grade 2 at Leopardstown only outing since but was possibly unsuited by the testing conditions.	
<b>5</b>	<b>EVEN THO (IRE) (29)</b>	<b>97</b>
	1- 5 11-11   74.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <b>Miss J. Townend</b> Crystal Ocean mare who was clear and going well when falling last on sole start in points and gained quick compensation when justifying support on her Limerick Rules debut, picking up the standard-setter strikingly well under a hands-and-heels ride. Sure to improve.	
<b>6</b>	<b>GLENS ANTHEM (IRE) (39)</b>	<b>100</b>
	1- 5 11-11   74.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <b>Mr P. W. Mullins</b> Harzand mare. Half-sister to bumper winners Shantou's Melody and Glens Lullaby and looked an excellent prospect herself when running out a comfortable winner of a truly-run affair at Navan (2m) last month. That performance is supported by the timefigure and she seems sure to go on to better things.	
<b>7</b>	<b>GOULMICHETTE (FR) (78)</b> (BF)	<b>83</b>
	3- 6 11-11   74.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <b>Mr B. O'Neill</b> €170,000 No Risk At All mare. Easy winner of sole start in Irish points but raced too freely when failing to land cramped odds in race won by Latosca Du Houx in bumper at Ayr (2m, heavy) on Rules debut in February. Capable of better.	
<b>8</b>	<b>KILTYBO (IRE) (20)</b> (D)	<b>93</b>
	5117- 5 11-11   74.8kg Conor Houlihan, Ireland <b>Mr B. T. Stone</b> Benefited from a less forceful ride than on Rules debut when making all in 6-runner bumper at Thurles in February and defied a penalty with minimum fuss at Naas. Ran to a similar level away from the mud when seventh in the Nickel Coin at Aintree since.	
<b>9</b>	<b>LATOSCA DU HOUX (FR) (78)</b>	<b>98</b>
	1- 5 11-11   74.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <b>Miss A. B. O'Connor</b> Gris De Gris mare who looked a good prospect when winning 7-runner bumper at Ayr (2m, heavy) on debut (for Nicky Richards) in February, quickening clear. Looks sure to build on that on first start for Willie Mullins.	

<b>10</b>	<b>MAXIMILLIAN LADY (IRE) (208)</b> (D)	<b>92</b>
	212- 5 11-11   74.8kg Paul Hennessy, Ireland <b>Mr O. McGill</b> Pulled-up sole start in points but has proved a different proposition under Rules, forging clear to win a weak bumper in good style at Galway (17f) in September. Ran at least as well in defeat in splitting a Mullins-trained pair in a Gowran listed event since. Has left W. J. Farrell.	
<b>11</b>	<b>SOME PRETENDER (25)</b> (D)	<b>87</b>
	1333- 6 11-11   74.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <b>Mr Elliot Ohgren</b> Great Pretender mare who knew her job when making a winning start in a 15-runner bumper at Galway. Has been placed all 3 starts in listed company subsequently but remains vulnerable in this grade.	
<b>12</b>	<b>TINTARA (IRE) (23)</b>	<b>88</b>
	2- 5 11-11   74.8kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland <b>Mr H. C. Swan</b> Runner-up completed start in points and lost out only on the nod to Born Believing in bumper (9/4) at Cork (2m, soft) on recent Rules debut, albeit having the run of race. More needed.	
<b>13</b>	<b>TREADONMYDREAMS (IRE) (52)</b>	<b>67</b>
	4- 6 11-11   74.8kg Ciaran Murphy, Ireland <b>Mr D. McGill</b> Dead-heated for first in a point back in May 2024 and was held back by inexperience on Rules debut when fourth of 6 in bumper at Naas in March. Needs a huge step forward upped in grade, however.	
<b>14</b>	<b>WONDERFUL EVERYDAY (IRE) (25)</b> (CD, BF)	<b>90</b>
	1072- 5 11-11   74.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <b>Mr J. L. Gleeson</b> Impressed when making a winning debut in a valuable big-field bumper at this meeting last April. Disappointing next 2 outings but got back on track when second to Belladaball in listed event at Fairyhouse (2m, soft) on latest start, albeit no match for that rival.	
<b>15</b>	<b>COOLE CAFE (IRE) (38)</b> (D)	<b>92</b>
	1711- 4 11-3   71.2kg Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland <b>Mr D. G. Lavery</b> Academy hurdle winner who left behind a disappointing first run in bumpers in a first-time hood when scoring at Naas in February. Followed up in listed event at Limerick (2m) since and should have no problem with these less testing conditions given her pedigree.	
<b>16</b>	<b>SAPPHIRE JEWEL (IRE) (29)</b>	<b>72</b>
	3- 4 11-3   71.2kg Colin Motherway, Ireland <b>Mr P. W. Gleeson</b> Walk In The Park filly. Sister to bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler Frankie John, and half-sister to 2 winners, including useful hurdler/chaser Shearer. Showed a bit behind Even Tho on last month's debut at Limerick but this is a big ask.	

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

7-2 Glens Anthem, 13-2 Even Tho, 7-1 Latosca Du Houx, 11-1 Belladaball, 12-1 Al Arrivee, 14-1 Coole Cafe, 16-1 Born Believing, 18-1 Kiltybo, 22-1 Goulmichette, 25-1 Celestial Tune, 25-1 Maximillian Lady, 25-1 Tintara, 28-1 Wonderful Everyday, 33-1 Some Pretender, 125-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A strong-looking renewal of this Grade 3 bumper. Glens Anthem impressed with the way she pulled clear of a well-backed favourite in a truly-run contest at Navan on her debut in March and looks sure to go on to better things. The main dangers appear to be stablemates Latosca du Houx and Even Tho, who both look very promising, too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. GLENS ANTHEM 2. LATOSCA DU HOUX 3. EVEN THO

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Carrigmoonaspruce	5-11-11	11-2	Declan Queally	Mr D. L. Queally	12
2024	Familiar Dreams	5-11-11	4-1	Anthony McCann	Miss A. B. O'Connor	14
2023	Junta Marvel	5-11-11	4-1	W. P. Mullins	Miss J. Townend	13
2022	The Model Kingdom	5-11-11	9-2	Noel Meade	Mr Pat Taaffe	11
2021	Grangee	5-11-11	5-6f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins	14

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race