



Thursday 16th March

CHELTENHAM

1.30	TURNERS NOVICES' CHASE (Golden Miller) (Grade 1) (1) 2m3f168y (3980 Metres)
RACE 1	(6) MIGHTY POTTER (FR) (1) APPRECIATE IT (IRE) (3) BANBRIDGE (IRE)
2.10	PERTEMPS NETWORK FINAL HANDICAP HURDLE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)
RACE 2	(3) MAXXUM (IRE) (18) THANKSFORTHEHELP (FR) (2) THE BOSSES OSCAR (IRE)
2.50	RYANAIR CHASE (Festival Trophy) (Grade 1) (1) 21/2 m127y (4140 Metres)
RACE 3	(9) SHISHKIN (IRE) (5) FURY ROAD (IRE) (1) BLUE LORD (FR)
3.30	PADDY POWER STAYERS' HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)
RACE 4	(11) TEAHUPOO (FR) (4) FLOORING PORTER (IRE) (5) GOLD TWEET (FR)
4.10	MAGNERS PLATE HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 2½m127y (4140 Metres)
RACE 5	(12) SO SCOTTISH (FR) (4) MIDNIGHT RIVER (8) DATSALRIGHTGINO (GER)
4.50	JACK DE BROMHEAD MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Dawn Run) (Grade 2) (1) 2m179y (3380 Metres)
RACE 6	(1) LUCCIA (2) MAGICAL ZOE (IRE) (9) HALKA DU TABERT (FR)
5.30	FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (Sponsored by The JRL Group) (2) 31/4m (5230 Metres)
RACE 7	(18) ANIGHTINLAMBOURN (IRE) (22) ANGELS DAWN (IRE) (1) MR INCREDIBLE (IRE)

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.

TURNERS NOVICES' CHASE (Golden Miller) (Grade 1) (1) 5yo+ £175,000 2m3f168y (3980 Metres)



RACE 1

Going: Soft (Good to Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: Even

APPRECIATE IT (IRE) (40) (C, D, BF) **9** 11-7

95

W. P. Mullins, Ireland

2021 Supreme Hurdle winner who scored easily on his first two runs over fences at Punchestown and Naas before posting very good third to El Fabiolo in Irish Arkle at Leopardstown (17f) 40 days ago. Still has few miles on the clock so well in the mix with this longer trip a likely plus.

BALCO COASTAL (FR) (40)

Nicky Henderson

Two-time novice hurdle winner who has improved a chunk with each of his three starts over fences, easily scoring at Kempton before runner-up to Gerri Colombe in Scilly Isles at Sandown (20f) 40 days ago. Much respected.

BANBRIDGE (IRE) (40) (C, D) **7** 11-7 73.0kg

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Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

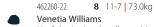
J. J. Slevin



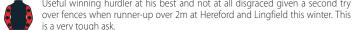
Landed the Martin Pipe at last year's Festival and has quickly made up into an even better chaser, including a C&D Grade 2 win in November. Ran creditably

CHRISTOPHER WOOD (IRE) (44)

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Harry Bannister



Useful winning hurdler at his best and not at all disgraced given a second try

JAMES DU BERLAIS (FR) (39) (D) 91 7 11-7 73.0kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland



Smart hurdler who real impressed when winning 21f novice chase at Fairyhouse on his debut over fences in January. Came in last of 6 to Mighty Potter in Scalp Chase at Leopardstown since however so has it to prove now.

MIGHTY POTTER (FR) (39) (D)



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Dual Grade 1-winning hurdler who has looked an outstanding prospect over fences this term, storming clear from the last when completing his hat-trick in Scalp Novices' Chase at Leopardstown (21.2f) by 8½ lengths. The one to beat with further progress anticipated.

NOTLONGTILLMAY (40)

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7 11-7 73.0kg L J Morgan Adam Wedge

Fairly useful hurdles winner for Chris Gordon last term and immediate improvement switched to fences for new yard, making it 3-3 in this sphere with a dominant display in 2m4f Musselburgh handicap last month. This demands a

STAGE STAR (IRE) (47) (C, D)

11-7 73.0kg Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Challow Hurdle winner last season who made it 3-4 over fences when impressively defying top weight in 2m4f handicap here in January. This is tougher but ought to be in the shake-up with further progress on the cards.

UNEXPECTED PARTY (FR) (47) (D)

88

221P-2323 **8** 11-7 73.0kg Dan Skelton



Progressive hurdler last season who has performed well in this sphere without winning, third of 11 to Stage Star in 2m4f handicap here in January. Very hard to make a case for in this grade, however.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Mighty Potter, 4-1 Appreciate It, 11-2 Banbridge, 12-1 Balco Coastal, 12-1 Stage Star, 20-1 James Du Berlais, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MIGHTY POTTER has been hugely impressive in winning his first three chase outings, powering away to land the Scalp Novices' Chase at Leopardstown last time, and with more to come he's the obvious way to go. Appreciate It hasn't achieved as much over fences but his hurdling class brings him into the reckoning, while another solid performance is expected from Bainbridge.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MIGHTY POTTER (FR) 2. APPRECIATE IT (IRE) 3. BANBRIDGE (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: 2022 **Bob Olinger** 7-11-4 6-5 Henry de Bromhead Rachael Blackmore 2021 Chantry House 7-11-4 9-1 Nicky Henderson Nico de Boinville 2020 Samcro 8-11-4 4-1 Gordon Elliott Davy Russell 12 2019 Defi du Seuil 6-11-4 3-1f Philip Hobbs Barry Geraghty 10 2018 Shattered Love 7-10-11 4-1 Gordon Elliott J. W. Kennedy

SMART STATS:

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PERTEMPS NETWORK FINAL HANDICAP HURDLE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 5yo+ £100,000 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)



RACE 2

Going: Soft (Good to Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: Very Strong

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SALVADOR ZIGGY (IRE) (145) (D)

7 12-0 76.2kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland

A. P. Kelly (7lb/3kg) Most progressive since joining Gordon Elliott and completed a four-timer in 3m

Down Royal conditions hurdle in August. Off the track since posting an excellent fourth in 3m handicap here in October but remains with potential and shouldn't be underestimated despite top weight.

THE BOSSES OSCAR (IRE) (39) 8 11-12 75.3kg PPP-42143

Gordon Elliott, Ireland

B. W. Harvey (5lb/2kg)

Smart hurdler/chaser who landed Limerick conditions hurdle in July before resuming from 6 months off with very good third in 3m handicap at Musselburgh. Runner-up in this event in 2021 and well in the mix again.

MAXXUM (IRE) (40) (D, BF) 16-542110

6 11-12 75.3kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland Very much on the up since joining current yard, readily landing big-field 3m

handicaps at Navan and Leopardstown in late 2022. Badly hampered home turn when twelfth back at Leopardstown last time and remains open to progress for stable which has excellent record in this event.

ITCHY FEET (FR) (26) 96

9 11-10 74.4kg 24PP-4612 Olly Murphy

Rejuvenated by a return to hurdles of late, winning 25f Huntingdon handicap

before runner-up to Wakool in Rendlesham at Haydock 26 days ago. This demands more.

GOOD TIME JONNY (IRE) (39) (D) 99

119-P4030 **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg

Nicky Henderson

A. J. Martin, Ireland Three-time winner last term who got back on track after an unsuccessful L. A. McKenna (5lb/2kg) stint chasing when third of 27 to Maxxum in 3m Leopardstown handicap in December. Unsuited by drop to 2m back at Leopardstown since. Weighted to

WAKOOL (FR) (26) (D)

123-17241 **7** 11-9 73.9kg N. W. Alexander Conor O'Farrell

Has made really good strides since stepped up to 3m, gaining his fifth success in the Rendlesham at Haydock 26 days ago by 1¾ lengths from Itchy Feet. Has proved vulnerable from marks in the 140s previously, though.

CAPTAIN MORGS (IRE) (97) (CD) 96 1285-2321 7 11-8 73.5kg

Unreliable type but he showed the benefit of cheekpieces (retained) when winning handicap over C&D in December. Others remain more persuasive,

COLTOR (IRE) (39) **6** 11-6 72.6kg

Roger Fell K. Brogan

Fairly useful on the Flat and over hurdles for Dermot Weld. Has made a solid start for his new stable and came in a good second to Brandy McQueen in handicap at Musselburgh (3m) 39 days ago. Not entirely dismissed.

GREEN BOOK (FR) (26) 97 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg U1459-615

Venetia Williams **Charlie Deutsch**

On the up last season and resumed his progression when landing 3m Sandown handicap last month. Possibly found run coming too quickly when beating only one at Haydock last time and no surprise to see him bounce back.

AN TAILLIUR (FR) (145) (D)

Enjoyed a superb time of it last season when winning a remarkable 7 times. Off 5 months, very good third of 15 in 3m handicap here in October. Resumes after another break now but still can't be ruled out.

MILL GREEN (26)

11 11-5 72.1kg

Low-mileage 11-y-o who came in third in this contest 12 months ago. Returned from 10 months off with encouraging third in 3m Haydock handicap last month

96 2/1P-341 **6** 11-5 72.1kg

Nicky Henderson

Low-mileage 6-y-o who took his form up a notch when comfortably bagging 23f handicap hurdle at Exeter 32 days ago by 31/4 lengths. Up 5 lb but one to consider given he could have more to offer.

13 96 317-32211 **7** 11-4 71.7kg

Charlie Longsdon

Likeable mare who scored at Kempton (24.5f) over Christmas and she again proved tenacious when following up at Warwick (25f). Further 5 lb rise demands

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Had a fine season as a novice hurdler in 2020/21, winning 3 times. Off 20 months before failing to take to fences but he got back on track in first-time cheekpieces

(retained) when fourth of 15 to Thanksforthehelp in 3m handicap hurdle at Chepstow 19 days ago. No forlorn hope off a 3 lb lower mark.

Charlie Longsdon

fourth to Itchy Feet at Huntingdon (25f) later in January. Still lightly raced so may do better still.

11-01223U 7 10-10 68.0kg Paul Nicholls Harry Cobden

Has returned an improved model for new yard this season, following his Hereford success with a string of solid placed efforts over 3m. Unseated rider

early at Wincanton last time but very much the sort to bounce back. Has firsttime tongue tie added to his regular cheekpieces. THE CHANGING MAN (IRE) (26) (BF) 17

551-11222 **6** 10-9 67.6kg Joe Tizzard **Brendan Powell**

Completed a handicap hat-trick when easily scoring at Uttoxeter (23f) in November and has progressed further in filling the runner-up spot all 3 starts

since, staying on after final-flight error at Haydock last time. Can go well again.

18 THANKSFORTHEHELP (FR) (19) (D) 4322-341 **6** 10-9 67.6kg

Had wind op and cheekpieces on when much improved to get off the mark in 3m handicap hurdle at Chepstow 19 days ago, coming home hard held. Hit with 11 lb rise in the weights but he's still low mileage and rates a big player with more to offer.

19 **LEVEL NEVERENDING (IRE)** (61) 96

224-13423 **6** 10-7 | 66.7kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Unreliable type who turned in one of his better efforts when third to Glimpse of Gala in handicap at Warwick (25f) in January. First-time blinkers replace cheekpieces. Yard has stronger claims elsewhere.

20 BURROWS PARK (FR) (32) (D)

641-72134 **11** 10-7 66.7kg Venetia Williams Ned Fox (7lb/3kg)

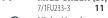
Returned to winning ways in 23f handicap hurdle at Exeter and not disgraced off a 6 lb higher mark when in the frame at Plumpton and Exeter since. Plenty

more needed here.

RISK AND ROLL (FR) (33) 21 13d53-2386 **9** 10-6 66.2kg

Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg) James Evans Temperamental sort but not disgraced when sixth of 12 in 3m handicap chase at

Uttoxeter 33 days ago. Back hurdling with more required though if he's to gain a first win of the season. Has cheekpieces refitted.



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Sean Bowen

Sam Twiston-Davies

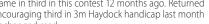
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David Pipe

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Nicky Henderson



so not discounted off an unchanged mark.

WALKING ON AIR (IRE) (32)

Nico de Boinville

GLIMPSE OF GALA (61) (D)

another big career best, though. Cheekpieces on first time.

BEAR GHYLLS (IRE) (19) 1114/3744 **8** 11-3 71.2kg

Nicky Martin Jamie Moore







PERTEMPS NETWORK FINAL HANDICAP HURDLE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 5yo+ £100,000 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)



RACE 2

MOKA DE VASSY (FR) (32)

5 10-6 | 66.2kg Mrs Jane Williams

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Fairly useful hurdler who arrives in good nick, cheekpieces on when third of 7 to Walking On Air on his handicap debut at Exeter last month. Has few miles on the clock but this is a whole different test.

TAKARENGO (IRE) (19) 97

7 10-5 65.8kg 7-3472658

Thomas Mullins, Ireland

D. E. Mullins



handicap at Fairyhouse (21/2m) 19 days ago. Easy to look elsewhere.

Winless since 2021 and arrives below par too, tried blinkered when eighth in

BRANDY MCQUEEN (IRE) (26) (D) 6 10-2 64.4kg

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Harriet Graham & Gary Rutherford

Edward Austin (5lb/2kg)



Has thrived in staying handicaps this term, gaining fourth success at Musselburgh in February. Rare poor effort when only seventh at Haydock last time but this likeable type can bounce back if jumping better.

24 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Thanksforthehelp, 13-2 Maxxum, 10-1 Walking On Air, 14-1 The Bosses Oscar, 18-1 Good Time Jonny, 18-1 Hector Javilex, 20-1 Salvador Ziggy, 20-1 An Tailliur, 25-1 Jet of Magic, 25-1 Mill Green, 25-1 Captain Morgs, 28-1 Bear Ghylls, 28-1 The Changing Man, 28-1 Wakool, 28-1 Glimpse of Gala, 28-1 Itchy Feet, 28-1 Coltor, 33-1 Green Book, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Gordon Elliott has his usual strong hand, with MAXXUM taken to provide him with a fourth win since 2018. This 6-y-o looked firmly on the up with 2 wins at the end of last year and it's easy to forgive his latest run at Leopardstown as he was badly hampered on the home turn. Thanksforthehelp scored with any amount in hand at Chepstow on his recent return after wind surgery and rates a major threat. The Bosses Oscar, runnerup in 2021, and Walking On Air complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MAXXUM (IRE) 2. THANKSFORTHEHELP (FR) 3. THE BOSSES OSCAR (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Third Wind 8-10-11	25-1	Hughie Morrison	Tom O'Brien	22
2021	Mrs Milner 6-10-9	12-1	Paul Nolan	B. J. Cooper	22
2020	Sire du Berlais 8-11-12	10-1	Gordon Elliott	Barry Geraghty	24
2019	Sire du Berlais 7-11-9	4-1f	Gordon Elliott	Barry Geraghty	24
2018	Delta Work 5-10-10	6-1	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	23

SMART STATS:

RYANAIR CHASE (Festival Trophy) (Grade 1) (1) 5yo+ £375,000 2½m127y (4140 Metres)



RACE 3

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Pace Information: Weak

1	BLUE LOR	D (FR) (39) (D, BF)	t
	1113-1112	8 11-10 74.4kg	



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

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Has made up into a top-class chaser (including victory over this trip) and met with defeat for only the second time from 8 starts over fences in the Dublin Chase at Leopardstown, never looking like getting to stablemate Gentlemen de Mee, who jumped better. Solid place claims

CHACUN POUR SOI (FR) (53) 93 **11** 11-10 74.4kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

Top-class chaser at his best, notching up a sixth Grade 1 success at Leopardstown in February 2022 before unseating ninth in the Champion Chase here. Hasn't looked the same force since, folding in the straight at Thurles 7 weeks ago. Suspect his chance of Festival glory has passed him by.

ENVOI ALLEN (FR) (80) (C, D)

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9 11-10 74.4kg

Rachael Blackmore

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland 2019 Champion Bumper and 2020 Ballymore winner who has become a bit of an enigma since his highly-promising novice chase campaign. Was back to winning ways impressively in the Down Royal Champion Chase in November but bombed out again in the King George. Tons of class but clearly risky.

FRENCH DYNAMITE (FR) (53) (D)

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8 11-10 74.4kg M. F. Morris, Ireland

Dual chase winner who scored over hurdles at Thurles (23f) in October and has held his own in some good races over fences since, going close behind Ga Law in the Paddy Power Gold Cup here and chasing home Fakir d'Oudairies over this trip back at Thurles last time. This looks too tough though.

FURY ROAD (IRE) (40)

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9 11-10 74.4kg



Went close in the 2020 Albert Bartlett and has made up into a top-class chaser, scoring again on his return at Down Royal in November. Fine run behind a couple of Gold Cup contenders in the Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown and this race could be tailor-made for him.

GA LAW (FR) (47) (CD, BF) 11132/31F **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg 87





Jamie Snowden

Has improved this term after a long absence, finding plenty to see off French Dynamite, who fluffed the last, in the Paddy Power Gold Cup here. The final fence proved to be his own undoing in the Sky Bet Chase 7 weeks ago and he might have won. Remains potentially a high-class chaser.

HITMAN (FR) (33) (BF) 89 2232-21P2 7 11-10 74.4kg



Easy winner of 21.5f Haydock graduation event in November and back to form after King George flop (reportedly bled) when runner-up in the Denman Chase at Newbury, faring best of those ridden prominently. First run at Cheltenham and goes in first-time cheekpieces. Probably just place claims at best.

JANIDIL (FR) (26)



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9 11-10 74.4kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland



SHISHKIN (IRE) (26) (C, D)

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Nicky Henderson

Big disappointment in the Queen Mother last year but that was his first defeat at the Festival having won the 2020 Supreme and 2021 Arkle and he was right back to his stunning best 2 runs on in the Ascot Chase last month, relishing the step up in trip tongue tied/after a wind op. The one to beat.

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Law, **40-1** bar

BETTING FORECAST:

SHISHKIN regained his place back among the chasing elite when scoring impressively at Ascot last month, relishing the longer trip in a first-time tongue tie. He won the 2020 Supreme and 2021 Arkle and can atone for last year's Queen Mother disappointment with a third Festival victory. Fury Road, who went close in the 2020 Albert Bartlett, has been holding his own in 3m Grade 1s and looks the biggest danger ahead of Blue Lord and Paddy Power Gold Cup winner Ga Law.

8-11 Shishkin, 11-2 Blue Lord, 10-1 Fury Road, 14-1 Janidil, 20-1 Envoi Allen, 33-1 Ga

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHISHKIN (IRE) 2. FURY ROAD (IRE) 3. BLUE LORD (FR)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

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2022	Allaho 8-11-10	4-7f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	7
2021	Allaho 7-11-10	3-1f	W. P. Mullins	Rachael Blackmore	11
2020	Min 9-11-10	2-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	8
2019	Frodon 7-11-10	9-2	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	12
2018	Balko des Flos 7-11-10	8-1	Henry de Bromhead	Davy Russell	6

SMART STATS:

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PADDY POWER STAYERS' HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 4yo+ £351,334 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)



RACE 4

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Pace Information: Strong

ASHDALE BOB (IRE) (78)

7323-2342 8 11-10 74.4kg

Smart hurdler who was a gallant third under top weight in the Coral Cup at last



year's Festival and bounced back to his best when 3 lengths second to Home By . The Lee in Christmas Hurdle at Leopardstown (24f, soft) 78 days ago. However, unlikely he'll be ending his losing run in this.

BLAZING KHAL (IRE) (32) (CD) **7** 11-10 74.4kg 541/111-1

Charles Byrnes, Ireland P. Byrnes

Took very well to hurdling last season, winning all 3 of his starts, notably a couple of Grade 2s at this track, and picked up where he left off after an absence (14 months) when defying a penalty in Boyne Hurdle at Navan (21f) 32 days ago. More needed here but has the most potential in the field.

DASHEL DRASHER (47) (C)

10 11-10 74.4kg 312P-1222 Jeremy Scott

wanting again.

Tough and likeable sort who resumed with a 2½m win over hurdles at Aintree in November. Runner-up in Relkeel Hurdle and Cleeve Hurdle here last 2 starts but proved a sitting duck for Gold Tweet in latter event and likely to be found

FLOORING PORTER (IRE) (78) (CD) 8 11-10 74.4ka 1/PF212-44

> Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland D. E. Mullins

All-the-way winner of this race for the last 2 years. Excuses both starts this term, shaping as if needing run at Navan on return before not making it enough of a

test when fourth in Christmas Hurdle at Leopardstown. Big run expected now. GOLD TWEET (FR) (47) (CD)

4433-3121 **6** 11-10 74.4kg

Gabriel Leenders, France

Useful performer in France but took form to another level (smart) when impressive winner of the Cleeve Hurdle over this C&D 47 days ago, clearly well served by the extra distance. Up against the Irish now but remains unexposed at 3m so not to be underestimated.

HENRI LE FARCEUR (FR) (103) 93

4-1561351 6 11-10 74.4ka

Hugo Merienne, France Felix de Giles French hurdler who arrives on the back of a career-best win in 5-runner Group 2 Prix Leon Olry Roederer at Auteuil (21.4f, heavy, 48/10) in December. However,

well held both starts at this sort of trip (in Group 1s) so easy enough to look elsewhere

HOME BY THE LEE (IRE) (78) (D) 97 8 11-10 74.4kg

Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland J. J. Slevin Seemed to excel himself when sixth in this last year but has kicked on again this

season, winning Grade 2 at Navan before making the breakthrough at this level in Christmas Hurdle at Leopardstown, finding extra to beat Ashdale Bob by 3 lengths. Must be respected.

KLASSICAL DREAM (FR) (102) (C, D) 99

1145-122 **9** 11-10 | 74.4kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland

High-class hurdler who won a second-successive Champion Stayers' Hurdle at Punchestown and failed only narrowly in bid for a seventh Grade 1 victory when neck second to Teahupoo in Hatton's Grace at Fairyhouse after 7 months off. Not seen to best effect when fifth in this last year. Player.

PAISLEY PARK (IRE) (47) (CD, BF) 3313-5213 11 11-10 74.4kg Emma Lavelle Aidan Coleman

Unbeatable in 2018/19, completing the 5-timer in this race. Not quite at that level since but still picked up 2 Grade 1s and 3 Grade 2s, including his second Long Walk on Boxing Day. Respectable third under a penalty in Cleeve Hurdle next time and could run into the frame (third last 2 renewals).

10 SIRE DU BERLAIS (FR) (32) (CD)

11 11-10 74.4kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Excellent record at this meeting, winning 2 Pertemps Finals and also second to Flooring Porter in this 2 years ago. Ended last season with Grade 1 win at Aintree but signs of decline this campaign.

TEAHUPOO (FR) (49) (D)

2/1110-611 6 11-10 74.4kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland Davv Russell

High-class hurdler who posted a career best when winning Grade 1 Hatton's Grace at Fairyhouse (19.6f, heavy) in December by neck from Klassical Dream. Defied a 9 lb penalty with flying colours in Grade 2 at Gowran (24.4f) next time, the longer trip no issue. Bold bid expected.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Blazing Khal, 9-2 Teahupoo, 13-2 Flooring Porter, 13-2 Home By The Lee, 10-1 Klassical Dream, 14-1 Gold Tweet, 18-1 Paisley Park, 25-1 Ashdale Bob, 33-1 Dashel Drasher, 33-1 Henri Le Farceur, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

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An open renewal but TEAHUPOO has taken his form to another level this season, holding off Klassical Dream in the Hatton's Grace at Fairyhouse before easily defying a penalty in a Grade 2 at Gowran over this trip, so Gordon Elliott's 6-y-o could be the answer. Flooring Porter hasn't had the ideal preparation but must be respected as he bids for a third straight win in this, while French-raider Gold Tweet shouldn't be underestimated given the manner of his win in the Cleeve Hurdle over C&D.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TEAHUPOO (FR) 2. FLOORING PORTER (IRE) 3. GOLD TWEET (FR)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: 2022 Flooring Porter 7-11-10 4-1 Gavin Patrick Cromwell

D. E. Mullins 2021 Flooring Porter 6-11-10 12-1 Gavin Patrick Cromwell D. E. Mullins 15 2020 **Lisnagar Oscar** 7-11-10 50-1 Rebecca Curtis Adam Wedge 15 2019 **Paisley Park** 7-11-10 11-8f Emma Lavelle Aidan Coleman 18 2018 **Penhill** 7-11-10 W. P. Mullins 12-1 P. Townend

SMART STATS:

Luca Moraan

MAGNERS PLATE HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 5yo+ £120,000 2½m127y (4140 Metres)

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RACE 5

Going: Soft (Good to Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: Extreme

HAUT EN COULEURS (FR) (26) (BF) 31F6-54F2 **6** 12-0

W. P. Mullins, Ireland M. J. M. O'Sullivan (3lb/1kg)

Very smart chaser who fell in Kinloch Brae Chase in January (looked likely winner) and no disgrace in losing out to stablemate Janidil in Grade 2 Red Mills Chase at Gowran 26 days ago. Jumping looked assured then and he remains relatively low mileage so not discounted despite big weight.

TWO FOR GOLD (IRE) (131)

Kim Bailey

Returned better than ever last winter, successful in handicaps at Doncaster/ Lingfield prior to a gallant second behind Fakir D'oudairies in Gr 1 Ascot Chase. Not at best over National fences on return in November but freshened up since and visor now goes on.

STOLEN SILVER (FR) (33) (CD, BF)

24341-U2P 8 11-11 74.8kg

Sam Thomas Sam Twiston-Davies

Good fourth in this race 12 months ago and ended campaign with success in Silver Trophy here in April. Unseated in Paddy Power on return but right back to best when second in C&D handicap won by Midnight River on New Year's Day. Rare poor effort at Warwick latest but mark may just be right now.

MIDNIGHT RIVER (74) (CD) F71P3-131 8 11-9 73.9kg

FUGITIF (FR) (47) (BF)

IL RIDOTO (FR) (47) (CD)

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**

Useful novice hurdler who gained second chase success at Stratford (19.5f) in October prior to a cracking third in the Paddy Power here in November. Stepped up again when gamely landing valuable C&D handicap on New Year's Day and

this low-mileage sort is worth a look from his revised mark. ESCARIA TEN (FR) (49)

9 11-8 73.5kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Very smart chaser on his day and shaped well when second on return in listed chase at Thurles in December. Finishing effort left a lot to be desired having looked a big threat when seventh Thyestes Chase since and others make more

appeal now dropped back in trip.

8 11-6 | 72.6kg P1448-212

Richard Hobson Looks more mature this season, barely coming off the bridle when landing

12-runner Chepstow handicap (19.5f) over Christmas. Hit with a 10 lb hike but ran another cracker when runner-up behind II Ridoto over C&D since, held final 100 yd but clear of rest. Expected to give another good account.

6 11-3 71.2kg Paul Nicholls Harry Cobden Useful novice chaser who was threatening another big performance and duly

delivered (in first-time cheekpieces) when taking 16-runner C&D handicap on Trials Day. This understandably demands more from an 8 lb higher mark but entitled to be thereabouts again.

DATSALRIGHTGINO (GER) (19) (C)

Jamie Snowden Improved model sent chasing, off the mark at Chepstow (2m) in November. Ran a cracker when runner-up in Timeform Novices' Handicap here in January and

backed that up when filling same spot in Gr 2 Pendil at Kempton. Interesting returned to handicap company.

EMBITTERED (IRE) (80) (BF) 657-38726 **9** 11-2 70.8kg Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

Dual winner over fences who only narrowly failed to justify strong support at Cork (16.7f) in November. However, not in same form at Leopardstown (17f) over Christmas and his jumping a cause for concern back in this ultra-competitive scenario. Back up in trip.

10 WAR LORD (GER) (40)

8 11-1 70.3kg 12142-3P2

Smart novice chaser last term, winning 3 times alongside a trio of in-the-frame efforts in Grade 1 company. Low-key efforts first 2 starts this term but latest Wetherby second in less competitive affair was a step back in right direction from easing mark.

COOLE CODY (IRE) (47) (CD) 11 713-7P150 **12** 11-0 69.9kg Evan Williams

Tremendous servant to connections (3-time C&D winner) who proved better than ever aged 11 when landing this race from a 2 lb higher mark 12 months ago. Hasn't made an impact either side of success in 2-runner Ascot Grade 2 in

November and he needs to raise his game again. SO SCOTTISH (FR) (117) (BF) 12

6 11-0 69.9kg Emmet Mullins, Ireland 6-y-o who really found his feet during second half of last year, building on

his maiden hurdle victory to land back-to-back novice chases at around 20f. Career-best display when second behind Boothill on handicap debut at Ascot in November and kept fresh by shrewd yard ahead of this. Big player.

13 **SEDDON (IRE) (77)** (C, D) **10** 11-0 69.9kg John McConnell, Ireland

Firmly back on track for present yard, successful over hurdles here (19.9f) in October and justified good support to follow up in convincing fashion over fences at Leopardstown (21f, soft) over Christmas. Much higher mark to defy

back on these shores, though. MARVEL DE CERISY (FR) (85) 14

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland 6-y-o who confirmed promise of chase debut when running out good winner of

6 10-13 69.4kg

CHAMPAGNE GOLD (IRE) (146)

a Punchestown novice (19.7f) in November. Not seen to best effect when distant third at Fairyhouse the following month and he goes handicapping on back of a break with potential remaining firmly intact.

8 10-13 69.4kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

Off the mark over fences in maiden company at Wexford (20f) last summer and stepped up on that effort when hitting frame next 2 starts, latterly when second here (19.7f) in October, rallying having been outpaced home turn. This understandably tougher, however. Yard also saddle Marvel de Cerisy.

SHAKEM UP'ARRY (IRE) (74) (BF) 16 0/U1323-15 9 10-10 68.0kg Ben Pauling 🚴

Proved better than ever (tongue tied) when making winning return at Exeter (19.2f) in December and looked very much at home in this company when fifth behind Midnight River over C&D on New Year's Day, possibly making move sooner than ideal. Worth a second look from this mark.

17 MARS HARPER (11) 36322492 7 10-9 67.6ka Gordon Elliott, Ireland Jordan Colin Gainford

Useful, dual winner over hurdles who has taken well to chasing, again finding only one too good at Leopardstown (21.4f) 11 days ago. Yard's runners always command respect here but he disappointed in the Coral Cup 12 months ago.

18 **GEVREY (FR) (110)** (D) 95

1-P743145 **7** 10-8 67.1kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland Bagged third chase success at Limerick (19.5f) in October and finished creditable

fourth despite seeming to find drop in trip against him when fourth at Down Royal (16.5f) in November. Absent since running below best at Gowran later that month and mark probably high enough in race of this nature.

HEREDITARY RULE (IRE) (125) 19 96

8 10-7 66.7kg John McConnell, Ireland

Took well to chasing last year, gaining third small-field victory in Cartmel novice (21f) in August. Cashed in off much lower hurdles mark at Downpatrick next time and he ran with credit when third over 2½m here in November. However, this tougher again.

20 CELEBRE D'ALLEN (FR) (40) 96

1115-434 **11** 10-6 66.2kg Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Returned from a long absence with a bang last season, winning 3 handicaps (2 hurdle, 1 chase) and fine fifth in this race from 6 lb higher mark. Not disgraced without threatening in trio of starts this time around and this 11-y-o is likely to find a few too strong.

8 10-6 | 66.2kg

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MAGNERS PLATE HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 5yo+ £120,000 2½m127y (4140 Metres)



RACE 5

FRERO BANBOU (FR) (40)

Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch



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Largely acquitted himself with credit last term, successful over 2m at Lingfield and good third in Grand Annual thereafter. Solid second on return at Ascot (16.7f) in October and shaped as though this greater emphasis on stamina was worth exploring in trio of starts since.

22 BORN BY THE SEA (IRE) (18)

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00-235305 **9** 10-6 66.2kg Paul John Gilligan, Ireland

Danny Gilligan (7lb/3kg)



Useful handicap chaser at his best who has failed to figure (albeit faced with some stiff tasks) in trio of starts so far this winter. Well held tenth in this race 12 months ago and likely set for another struggle this time around.

23 CAPTAIN TOM CAT (IRE) (104) (C, D)

Dr Richard Newland

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541F-27P7

8 10-4 65.3kg



Developed into a pretty smart chaser last year, successful 4 times including a Grade 2 at Wincanton. After returning over hurdles, found things tough in Old Roan at Aintree in October and fared no better either start thereafter. Needs to step up plenty on return from a break.

BOWTOGREATNESS (IRE) (20) (D)

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5P **7** 10-4 65.3kg

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Ben Pauling K. Br Dual novice hurdle winner (at around 2½m) and better form when twice placed over fences earlier this term. Overfaced in Grade 1 company next time but latest run at Warwick best overlooked having been hampered early. Still, others may be better treated in this field.

RESERVES

25 **GEMIRANDE (FR) (12)** (D)

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Ex-French recruit who is on the up for his current yard, doubling chase tally at Wetherby (2½m) in February and big effort when second in Greatwood Gold Cup at Newbury 12 days ago, just failing. Unlikely he's reached his limit just yet. Reserve 1.

26 IL COURRA (IRE) (165)

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4-8148414 **8** 10-2 64.4kg **C. W. J. Farrell, Ireland**

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Back on track when running out good winner of 10-runner Kilbeggan handicap chase (19f) in September. Ran as well as could have been expected in Grade 3 company a month later but this a big ask if getting a run back from a break. Reserve 2.

24 DECLARED RUNNERS (2 RESERVES)

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 So Scottish, **10-1** Il Ridoto, **11-1** Midnight River, **11-1** Haut En Couleurs, **14-1** Fugitif, **14-1** Datsalrightgino, **16-1** Frero Banbou, **22-1** Shakem Up'arry, **22-1** Seddon, **25-1** Marvel De Cerisy, **28-1** War Lord, **28-1** Coole Cody, **33-1** Stolen Silver, **33-1** Mars Harper, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Plenty arrive with claims, the most compelling coming in the shape of low-mileage 6-y-o SO SCOTTISH. Representing a very shrewd yard that landed this race 2 years ago with The Shunter, he's been kept fresh since running a fine race when second at Ascot back in November and his revised mark could well underestimate him back up in trip. Midnight River and Datsalrightgino are a couple of likely threats, with Shakem Up'arry and Il Ridoto completing the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SO SCOTTISH (FR) 2. MIDNIGHT RIVER 3. DATSALRIGHTGINO (GER)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: Adam Wedge Coole Cody 11-11-2 Evan Williams The Shunter 8-10-12 Emmet Mullins Jordan Colin Gainford (7) 2020 Simply The Betts 7-11-4 10-3f Harry Whittington Gavin Sheehan Nick Williams 2019 Siruh du Lac 6-10-11 Lizzie Kelly (3) 2018 The Storyteller 7-11-4 22 Gordon Elliott Davy Russell

SMART STATS:

RACE 6

JACK DE BROMHEAD MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Dawn Run) (Grade 2) (1) 4yo+ fillies and mares £105,000 2m179y (3380 Metres)



Going: Soft (Good to Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: Extreme

1 **LUCCIA (32)** (D)



Looked an excellent prospect when winning both bumper starts last season and has very much confirmed that impression over hurdles, making it 2-2 in impressive fashion in 6-runner listed event at Exeter (16.7f) 32 days ago, travelling powerfully and jumping well in the main. Very exciting prospect.

MAGICAL ZOE (IRE) (132) (D) **5** 11-7 73.0kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland A. P. Heskin Won her only start in bumpers in the style of a useful prospect and has made an equally promising start over hurdles, impressing greatly with the turn of pace she displayed to overcome a less-than-ideal position in Grade 3 event (form working

out) at Down Royal back in November. Exciting prospect.

YOU WEAR IT WELL (28) 97 21-1121 **6** 11-7 73.0kg

Jamie Snowden **Gavin Sheehan** Bumper winner who readily landed first 2 starts over hurdles in the autumn and ran well to finish runner-up behind Hermes Allen in Grade 2 Challow at Newbury. Resumed winning ways back against her own sex in Sandown Grade 2 since and

is a strong each-way contender despite the drop back in trip. **BELLE THE LIONESS (IRE)** (53)

6 11-5 72.1kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

Successful on her sole outing in bumpers and didn't need to improve on her first 2 starts over hurdles to open her account in 10-runner maiden at Thurles (15.5f, soft) in January. Remains with potential but has plenty to find at this level.

AHORSEWITHNONAME (80) (D, BF) 26/2232-P **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Nicky Henderson Sean Bowen Useful performer on the Flat who is still a maiden over hurdles following 7 attempts but was an excellent second in this corresponding event 12 months

ago. Found to have bled when pulled up at Wincanton on her only outing in this sphere since.

BANNTOWN GIRL (IRE) (39) 42323-423 8 11-2 70.8kg

Stephen Gerard Carey, Ireland Bumper winner who ran right up to her best back over hurdles in first-time

cheekpieces when third of 22 in a valuable Leopardstown handicap (17.7f, good to soft) 39 days ago. Has much more on her plate on these terms, however.

ENDLESS ESCAPE (IRE) (19)

Ben Clarke Likeable type who extended her unbeaten hurdling record to 4 without needing to improve in 8-runner novice at Newcastle (20.3f) 19 days ago, asserting runin. Her winning run will surely come to an end now upped markedly in grade, though.

FOXY GIRL (FR) (80) **5** 11-2 70.8kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland Showed near-useful form on her sole start for David Cottin in France and confirmed the promise of her yard debut in good style when winning 18-runner

maiden at Limerick (16f, heavy) on Boxing Day, pushed out. This obviously asks for more but she should be up to holding her own up in grade. HALKA DU TABERT (FR) (47)

6 11-2 70.8kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland Davy Russell

Successful on her sole outing in both points/bumpers and looked a good prospect when drawing clear of a subsequent winner on her 2m Naas hurdling debut in December. Ran a fine race for one so inexperienced when third to Ashroe Diamond in Solerina at Fairyhouse since and remains open to improvement.

10 JETARA (IRE) (47)

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5 11-2 70.8kg

LOT OF JOY (IRE) (36)

Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland Fairly useful dual bumper winner who was unlucky to bump into a potentially smart one on her hurdling debut at Leopardstown and confirmed that promise when second to Ashroe Diamond in Solerina at Fairyhouse (18.5f). Open to further progress.

11 LADYBANK (45) 89 **5** 11-2 70.8kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland Aidan Coleman Showed much improved form to grab a share of the spoils with Princess Zoe in

9-runner maiden at Punchestown (20.3f, heavy) 45 days ago. Open to further progress but looks firmly up against it hiked up in class.

5 11-2 70.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland

Useful Flat winner who opened her account over hurdles at the third attempt when cruising clear in 15-runner maiden at Fairyhouse (2m) 36 days ago. Open to plenty more improvement.

13 MULLENBEG (IRE) (19) (C, D) 2-3211162 **6** 11-2 70.8kg Milton Harris Harry Cobden

Useful dual bumper winner who completed a hurdles hat-trick when taking a 2m Ludlow handicap in November. Came up short when bidding for the 4-timer at Cheltenham but resumed progress back from a break when second in Grade 2

Dovecote at Kempton. Should be well suited by this sort of scenario. 14 **NIKINI (IRE)** (132)

6 11-2 70.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland Mr P. W. Mullins Fairly useful bumper winner who came out on top first 2 outings over hurdles

and then was collared only in the final 50 yds in her hat-trick bid by Magical Zoe in a Grade 3 contest at Down Royal (16.9f) on her most recent outing in November, Open to further progress and shouldn't be underestimated.

POETIC MUSIC (38) (C) 15 **5** 11-2 70.8kg 1116-1321 Fergal O'Brien

Successful on 3 of her 4 bumper starts last season and is also 2 from 4 over hurdles, not needing to be at her best to defy a penalty in 7-runner event at Carlisle (19.3f) last month, suited by emphasis on speed up in trip. This is a much stiffer task, however. Wears first-time cheekpieces.

16 PRINCESS ZOE (GER) (45) (D) 8 11-2 70.8kg

Anthony Mullins, Ireland D. E. Mullins High-class Group 1 winning stayer on Flat at her best who dead-heated with

Ladybank in 9-runner maiden on her Punchestown hurdling bow (20.3f) in January, joined line after losing momentum last. Has scope for plenty of improvement, especially now faced with a more competitive, big-field scenario.

SHECOULDBEANYTHING (IRE) (25) 17 **6** 11-2 70.8kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland Jordan Colin Gainford Easy winner on sole outing in points and won first 2 starts under Rules in ready

fashion at Limerick (bumper/maiden hurdle). Has run well in stronger events the last twice but this drop back in trip is unlikely to suit.

STILL CIEL (IRE) (21) 18 87 6 11-2 70.8kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland Shane Fitzaerald Thurles maiden winner exposed as fairly useful so easily passed over.

THE MODEL KINGDOM (IRE) (60) (D) 19 98 11-113132

6 11-2 | 70.8kg Noel Meade, Ireland

Useful in bumpers (won all 3 starts) and of a similar level over hurdles, showing a good turn of foot to double her tally in 6-runner event at Punchestown (2m) in November. Understandably no match for the hugely exciting Impaire Et Passe

on her most recent start and arrives with each-way claims. 20 INSPIRATRICE (IRE) (37) (D) 81

601U3 4 10-6 66.2kg Nicky Martin Sam Twiston-Davies





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UNDER CONTROL (FR) (13) (D)

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Nicky Henderson

M. P. Walsh

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Successful on her only start in France in December and looked something out of the ordinary when maintaining her unbeaten record in 9-runner juvenile at Newbury (16.3f, good to firm) 13 days ago, jumping impeccably and travelling powerfully. Exciting prospect.

21 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Luccia, **15-2** Lot of Joy, **12-1** You Wear It Well, **14-1** Under Control, **14-1** Princess Zoe, **16-1** Halka Du Tabert, **18-1** Magical Zoe, **28-1** The Model Kingdom, **28-1** Jetara, **28-1** Foxy Girl, **33-1** Nikini, **33-1** Mullenbeg, **33-1** Ladybank, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Another big field for the Dawn Run but it is very hard to get away from the claims of LUCCIA, who maintained her unbeaten record in effortless fashion at Exeter last month, is open to bundles more improvement after just 4 career starts, and has all the attributes to cope with a more demanding test at the Festival. Magical Zoe's Down Royal win back in November has worked out well and she's another exciting prospect, with Halka du Tabert, Lot of Joy and Under Control a trio of others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LUCCIA 2. MAGICAL ZOE (IRE) 3. HALKA DU TABERT (FR)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

Love Envoi 6-11-7	15-2	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	19
Telmesomethinggirl 6-11-2	5-1	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	15
Concertista 6-11-2	9-2	W. P. Mullins	Daryl Jacob	22
Eglantine du Seuil 5-11-2	50-1	W. P. Mullins	Noel Fehily	22
Laurina 5-11-7	4-7f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	14
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SMART STATS:

RACE 7

FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (Sponsored by The JRL Group) (2) 5yo+ (Rated 0-145) £75,000 3½m (5230 Metres)



Going: Soft (Good to Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: Strong

MR INCREDIBLE (IRE) (61)

21/12RP-B2 **7** 12-0

W. P. Mullins, Ireland

Maiden winner over hurdles/fences (19f) at Naas in 2021 but completely lost his way for Henry de Bromhead. Switched to another top yard and dispelled reappearance blip when strong-finishing second in Classic Chase at Warwick (29f) in January. Capable of playing a part if coming here in same form.

ANNUAL INVICTUS (IRE) (33) (C)

Chris Gordon

Mr Freddie Gordon (3lb/1kg)

Didn't really kick on during first spell chasing but made light of 8-month absence to make winning return over hurdles here (3m) in November. Lacklustre display on penultimate start but back to winning ways allowed own way in front at Newbury (3m) last month. More on his plate returned to chasing.

BEAUPORT (IRE) (74)

7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Likeable, progressive hurdler who made fine start over fences when landing listed Colin Parker Chase at Carlisle in October. Runner-up at Haydock next time and may have just found Grade 2 level too tough in the Dipper here last time. Longer trip/switch to handicaps in this sphere rates a plus.

FARINET (FR) (26)

8 11-11 74.8kg



Well prepared when defying 9-month absence to score at Chepstow (3m) in December, jumping superbly and in command from 3 out. Ran well for long way when fifth behind Rapper here on New Year's Day but disappointed when faced with competition for lead at Ascot latest.

RAPPER (40) (CD) 2110-9315 **9** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Miss Alice Stevens (3lb/1kg)



Twice successful over fences last season and, equipped with first-time cheekpieces, found further progress when adding to his tally over C&D on New

Year's Day. Hard to knock his fifth-place finish in Masters Handicap Chase at Sandown since. First-time visor could well put an extra edge on him here. 97

DUNBOYNE (IRE) (49)

8 11-10 74.4kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland Mr J. J. Codd



Very much on a going day when opening chase account at Gowran (2½m) in November and having ran a moody race at Fairyhouse next time, he bounced back in no uncertain terms when just failing to land Thyestes Chase on his latest outing. Evidently capable but no sure thing to be in same mood here.

COEUR SEREIN (IRE) (33)

2285-P281 9 11-9 73.9kg Jonjo O'Neill

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Three-time winner over hurdles who ran respectably in staying handicaps here/ Aintree last spring. Mixed bag returned to chasing this season, probably flattered by margin of victory when taking 3-runner novices' handicap at Newbury (23.5f) 33 days ago. Mark unchanged but others more persuasive.

SLIPWAY (IRE) (40) (BF)

B/P1P51-19 8 11-8 73.5kg



Miss Gina Andrews Looked a stayer still firmly on the up when adding the Southern National to his CV at Fontwell in November. Not in the same form for the Edinburgh equivalent at Musselburgh 6 weeks ago but he remains a low-mileage 8-y-o and certainly not one to be writing off.

DEFI BLEU (FR) (25)

10 11-8 73.5kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland Mr B. Lawless (7lb/3kg)



10-y-o who is a twice a winner over fences and he ran well when second in Cork National (3½m) back in November. Below par next 3 starts but he did halt the slide when third faced with stamina test at Punchestown (3½m) 25 days ago. Needs to back that up now.

10 **ROYAL THIEF (IRE)** (60)

9 11-7 73.0kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

Mr Jack Hendrick (5lb/2kg)

Low-mileage chaser who enhanced his excellent record fresh when running out a 10-length winner of Amateurs' National handicap (23f) at Punchestown in January. The British handicapper hasn't taken any chances but he remains unexposed over fences.

11 LORD ACCORD (IRE) (47) (C)

3P-531296 8 11-6 72.6kg Neil Mulholland

Mr D. G. Lavery



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Useful handicap chaser who capitalised on some leniency from the assessor to score here (25f) in October prior to solid second behind Frodon in Badger Beer next time. Only ninth in Coral Gold Cup next time but entitled to be sharper for his run in Cleeve Hurdle in late January.

12 PUNITIVE (IRE) (49)

8/45-22U10 **9** 11-6 72.6kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Mr J. C. Barry



Ran well when second behind Anightinlambourn here (25f) in the autumn and dispelled his spill in Troytown when scoring over 29f at Fairyhouse in December, well served by the longer trip. Never figured in Thyestes Chase last time but capable of bouncing back.

13 CHAMBARD (FR) (32) (CD) 22111-PU4

11 11-6 | 72.6kg Venetia Williams



Mr Zac Bakei

Mr James Kina

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Veteran who had a fine 2021/22 campaign, culminating with success in this race. Not scaled same heights from inflated mark in 3 starts this time around. Needs refitted cheekpieces to help spark a revival.

DR KANANGA (26) (D)

Ben Clarke

Mr Darren Andrews (5lb/2kg)



Progressive staying chaser last term, winning 3 times. Perfectly adequate return spin (following wind op) over hurdles at Bangor (23f) in November but proved a disappointment in Becher next time. Entitled to be sharper for last month's run over hurdles and assessor has relinquished his grip.

STUMPTOWN (IRE) (28) 15 63753711

6 11-4 71.7kg

Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

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Hurdles winner who has improved markedly over fences in recent months, off the mark at Thurles (21.5f) prior to following up in emphatic fashion at Sandown (3m) 4 weeks ago, travelling strongly and cruising clear. 10 lb higher mark to contend with but he's still relatively unexposed. Possibilities.

16 FONTAINE COLLONGES (FR) (26) (D, BF) 1/4141-140

8 11-4 71.7kg Venetia Williams

Miss A. B. O'Connor



Two wins from 4 starts sent chasing during 2021/22 campaign and picked up where she left off when adding to her tally at Haydock (25.5f) in November. Probably best not judged too harshly on her run in Grand National Trial at Haydock and she's not dismissed lightly back down in trip.

17 MUSICAL SLAVE (IRE) (32) (D)

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White



Put it all together over fences last spring, landing pair of handicaps prior to big effort when runner-up in Bet365 Gold Cup. Finished seventh in Welsh National over Christmas and capitalised on return to calmer waters when landing veterans' chase at Exeter last month. Each-way claims.

18 ANIGHTINLAMBOURN (IRE) (124) (C) U3-471121 **9** 11-4 71.7kg

Ben Pauling



Took sizeable steps forward over fences during second half of last year, deservedly making it 3 wins from last 4 starts over 25f here at the November Meeting. Understandably more on her plate here but she's a likeable mare and well worth a second look despite career-high mark to defy.

19 EMIR SACREE (FR) (40)

9 11-3 71.2kg Nicky Henderson

Mr Tommie M. O'Brien



Very lightly raced for this yard but ended last season with success at Chepstow (19.5f) 12 months ago and all the better for his reappearance when third in Masters Handicap at Sandown (3m) 6 weeks ago. Will need to keep the errors at bay once more if he's to get competitive again here.

20 WESTERN ZARA (IRE) (79) 5311-2530

7 11-1 70.3kg

Mr T. Power Roche (7lb/3kg)



Hurdles/chase winner who ran up to best when third behind Punitive at Fairyhouse (29f, heavy) in December, staying on from the last. Never better than midfield in big-field Leopardstown handicap later that month and she's been absent since.

RACE 7

FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (Sponsored by The JRL Group) (2) 5yo+ (Rated 0-145) £75,000 3¼m (5230 Metres)



21 CAPTAIN CATTISTOCK (40) (CD) **10** 11-1 70.3kg 25P11-342

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Fergal O'Brien

Mr Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)

Ended last season on a high, bagging victories in Edinburgh National/over this C&D. Seen only 3 times since, turning in another solid display in first-named race on latest outing 6 weeks ago. Reliable on the whole but he may just be vulnerable to a few for win purposes here.

ANGELS DAWN (IRE) (25) (BF)

15-B8421U **8** 11-0 | 69.9kg 99

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S. Curling, Ireland

3m winner over hurdles who has improved in line with longer trip over fences, off the mark at Down Royal (3m) in January and yet to be asked for her effort when unseating 2 out at Punchestown (3½m) 25 days ago. Remains unexposed over fences and worth a second look here.

BALLYKEEL (IRE) (19) (D)

7 10-12 | 68.9kg 53433241

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Gordon Elliott, Ireland

Proved largely consistent over fences before deservedly getting off the mark returned to novice company at Fairyhouse (25.5f) 3 weeks ago. Remains lowmileage from a handicapping perspective and gets in here at the foot of the weights. Another holding each-way possibilities.

ONE MORE FLEURIE (IRE) (19) 98

9 10-3 64.9kg

lan Williams

Mr Gearoid Harney (5lb/2kg)



Four-time winner (at up to 3m) as a novice in 2021 but he has largely struggled since, albeit not helped by a bad mistake when pulled up in last month's Eider Chase (33f) at Newcastle. Still, others come here with much more compelling claims

RESERVES

COO STAR SIVOLA (FR) (22) (C)

11 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Venetia Williams Won the Ultima here in 2018 and some useful efforts for Nick Williams in 2020/21.

Reserve

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Hasn't looked the force of old since returning from lengthy absence for new yard this campaign, however. Reserve 1.

DIDERO VALLIS (FR) (22) b

10 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg) 43P-3U355 Venetia Williams



Useful chaser at his best (third in this race 12 months ago) and good placed efforts on first 2 completed starts this term. However, he's been operating below his best more recently, beaten some way out in veterans' handicap at Doncaster 3 weeks ago. Reserve 2.

24 DECLARED RUNNERS (2 RESERVES)

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Stumptown, 13-2 Mr Incredible, 10-1 Angels Dawn, 14-1 Beauport, 14-1 Dunboyne, 16-1 Royal Thief, 18-1 Anightinlambourn, 25-1 Ballykeel, 28-1 Lord Accord, 28-1 Rapper, 33-1 Punitive, 33-1 Fontaine Collonges, 33-1 Slipway, 33-1 Annual Invictus, 33-1 Coeur Serein, 33-1 Dr Kananga, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Unsurprisingly claims can be made for plenty and it could just pay to side with ANIGHTINLAMBOURN. Ben Pauling's mare has already enjoyed a fine season, impressively making it 3 wins from her last 4 starts at the November Meeting and an 8 Ib higher mark may not prevent another bold showing from this likeable 9-y-o. Irishraiders Angels Dawn and Mr Incredible are others to consider, with Beauport and the progressive Stumptown also highly respected.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ANIGHTINLAMBOURN (IRE) 2. ANGELS DAWN (IRE) 3. MR INCREDIBLE (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Chambard 10-11-1	40-1	Venetia Williams	Miss Lucy Turner (3)	20
2021	Mount Ida 7-11-9	3-1f	Mrs Denise Foster	J. W. Kennedy	21
2020	Milan Native 7-11-8	9-1	Gordon Elliott	Mr R. James (7)	23
2019	Any Second Now 7-11-11	6-1	T. M. Walsh	Mr D. O'Connor	23
2018	Missed Approach 8-11-5	8-1	Warren Greatrex	Mr N. McParlan	20

SMART STATS: