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## DONCASTER

3335m

12:40 | (GMT11:40) | GBP £7,700 | 3 JHDLE MDN C4 CHRISTMAS LIVE @ DONCASTER JUVENILE ...

Hurdle TURF GOOD SOFT

Participants #7

BELFRINA (5) makes hurdles debut after only two runs on the flat in Ireland. The second of which was a 1.25L success tackling 2000m. Now runs for a new trainer who has a good recent placed record. Leading contender. MELON (2) is also first up over jumps and a last time out winner on the level scoring by 1.75L contesting a 2800m Haydock handicap. Main danger for new stable. MARINER (1) has already gained some experience in this sphere with a 16L fourth at Musselburgh previously. A possible top three hope. MIX DE GRIS (3) ran into a talented debutant at Wetherby finishing 13L runner-up. Claims.

## 1 MARINER

577x4 Jockey: SEAN QUINLAN Trainer: J CANDLISH \* Owner: Mrs Ros Marriott Career: 13: 0-2-0 (15 days)



Was making his jumps debut last start when fresh from a spell. Could only manage fourth on that occasion, beaten 16 lengths, in a hurdle (3120m) at Musselburgh. Prior to that run the three-year-old had moved to the Jennie Candlish stable.

#### 2 MELON

71.5kg

71.5kg

71.5kg

46x1x Jockey: ► HENRY BROOKE ★ Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH **GUERRIERO** Owner: Rockerfellers

Career: 4: 1-0-0 (76 days)



Back from a spell having won only run of last campaign over 2800m at Haydock Park. Has a excellent fresh up winning record and among the better hopes.

## 3 MIX DE GRIS

40x02 Jockey: JACK POWER ★

Trainer: L RUSSELL Owner: Lamont Racing Career: 6: 0-1-0 (16 days)



Finished second but no match for the winner last time out in a hurdle (3200m) at Wetherby. Definite threat.

## 4 SAVIOUR

71.5kg

669x6 Jockey: C NICHOL Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH **GUERRIERO** 

Owner: Ms Aisling Byrne





at Musselburgh on November 28. Better than latest but prefer to see again.

## 5 BELFRINA

8x1x Jockey: N SCHOLFIELD Trainer: D PIPE

Owner: Green Agri Land Ltd Racin Career: 2:1-0-0 (75 days)



68.5kg

68.5kg

68.5kg

Up-and-coming three-year-old back from a brief spell. Unplaced on debut then improved sharply at the latest appearance to score (2000m) at Curragh, getting home by 1.3 lengths. Can return in winning form.

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#### 6 ICECAP

8755x Jockey: MR A ANDERSON Trainer: M SOWERSBY Owner: M E Sowersby Career: 7:0-0-0 (116 days)

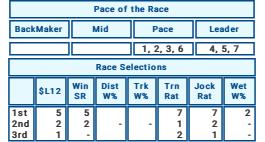


Making debut over the jumps and not raced since August 19 when finishing fifth over 1400m at Great Yarmouth. Has switched to the M E Sowersby yard since the last outing. Looks tested this line-up.

#### 7 POPPYS ON FIRE

85 Jockey: NMOSCROP Trainer: REBECCA MENZIES Owner: Holmfirth Racing Career: 2:0-0-0 (28 days)

Yet to threaten in two starts to date, the latest a 29 length fifth in a bumper (3400m) at Newcastle All Weather. Might find this a bit tough.



Favorite: BELFRINA Possible alternative: MELON The cover: MARINER

#### **R2 DONCASTER**

13:17 | (GMT12:17) | GBP £11,700 | 4U CHSE HCP C3

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Chase TURF GOOD SOFT



Participants #4

4822m

LILTING VERSE (3) improved second up over fences winning narrowly by a nose tackling 4700m at Huntingdon. Top pick. THE KNIPHAND (2) has been consistent on four chase starts with one victory and two seconds. Last seen finishing runner-up attempting 5100m at Ludlow despite some awkward jumping. Firsttime cheekpieces are applied to help. IMPERIAL MERLIN (1) was a narrow 1.75L loser of a match race at Newcastle on return to chasing. May appreciate the step back up in distance. A DEFINITE GETAWAY (4) is not discounted having won and placed on his previous two outings.

## 1 IMPERIAL MERLIN

74.5kg

0x5x2 Jockey: C NICHOL Trainer: JOHN & SEAN QUINN

Owner: Imperial Racing & John BI Career: 13: 4-3-1 (28 days)



Hit the frame when fresh from a spell last start, finishing second in a steeplechase (4000m) at Newcastle. Generally goes well second up, with two wins from three runs. Looks tested without improvement.

#### **2** THE KNIPHAND

73.5kg 25x12 Jockey: MR FINN LAMBERT +

Trainer: N TWISTON-DAVIES Owner: D Owens

C Career: 14: 4-5-0 (36 days)

Was unable to repeat the first-up success when he finished second in a steeplechase (5100m) at Ludlow last time out. Chance on his best form.

## 3 LILTING VERSE

71.5ka

54x31 Jockey: CONNOR BRACE ★+ Trainer: F M O'BRIEN Owner: Baker, Burford, Haynes &

Career: 12: 3-1-3 (20 days)

Opened the campaign with a respectable third in a steeplechase (4300m) at Ffos Las then last start scored in a steeplechase (4700m) at Huntingdon 20 days ago. Set to continue the fine recent form.

## 4 A DEFINITE GETAWAY

69.0kg

12613 Jockey: G SHEEHAN ★
Trainer: PETER & MICHAEL BOWEN Owner: Miss Jayne Brace Career: 17: 2-6-2 (40 days)



Impressed when he scored two runs ago in a steeplechase (4850m) at Exeter. Did a good job to finish third more recently in a steeplechase (4730m) at Huntingdon, beaten just 3.5 lengths. Big task ahead.

	Race Selections									
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2nd	3	4	-	-	4	1	1			
3rd	4	3		-	2	3	-			

Favorite: LILTING VERSE Possible alternative: THE KNIPHAND The cover: IMPERIAL MERLIN

#### **DONCASTER**

3902m

13:50 | (GMT12:50) | GBP £7,700 | 3UHDLE HCPC4

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Hurdle TURF GOOD SOFT

Participants #9

CHARGING THUNDER (1) landed a hat-trick of wins with a 30L success on second start over hurdles. Can keep the unbeaten run going for an in-form stable. Serious player. COURT CIAN (4) improved to score over hurdles for the first time by 3.5L at Uttoxeter tackling a similar trip. Expected to improve from that good performance. Main danger. DIAMOND DEALER (3) disappointed after his 26L maiden hurdle success by finishing a 22L fifth at Uttoxeter. The top two from that race have since won subsequently boosting the form. Possibilities if recreating his victory two starts back. WINDSURFER (2) steps up in trip after a 13L fourth at Chepstow. Claims



76.0kg

75.5kg

73.0kg

76.0kg

75.0ka

75.0kg

68.0kg



#### 1 CHARGING THUNDER

43111 Jockey: HENRY BROOKE ★ Trainer: J P OWEN ★

Owner: Plan B Career: 38: 9-6-5 (38 days)



Scored a dominant win last time out over 4000m in a hurdle at Sedgefield, getting home by 30 lengths. Hard to leave out on current form.

# 2 WINDSURFER

x3x14 Jockey: M J QUINLAN Trainer: BICASE Owner: Lady Jane Grosvenor Career: 5: 1-0-1 (21 days)



Did very little when he finished fourth in a hurdle (3200m) at Chepstow last time out, following on from a win when resuming in a hurdle (3200m) at Uttoxeter. In the mix if he can find the form from two runs back.

## 3 DIAMOND DEALER

x5x15 Jockey: TOM CANNON ★ Trainer: B BROOKHOUSE Owner: K Mckenna Career: 7: 2-0-0 (42 days)



Safely held latest finishing fifth but beaten 22 lengths in a hurdle (4000m) at Uttoxeter. Expected to run well again if performs up latest effort.

## 4 COURT CIAN

0x541 Jockey: CHARLIE HAMMOND +
Trainer: STUART EDMUNDS ★

Owner: Edmunds Racing Club Career: 17: 3-1-1 (27 days)

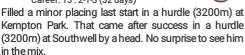


Was unplaced the start before last in a hurdle (4100m) at Southwell. Was far more impressive last time when he got the cash in a hurdle (4000m) at Uttoxeter. All set to continue the strong recent form.

#### 5 IKIGAI STAR

5x213 Jockey: MISS ELIZABETH GALE Trainer: C LONGSDON

Owner: The Ikigai Partnership Career: 13: 2-1-3 (32 days)



#### 6 SAUCE OF LIFE

x8x4x Jockey: D MCMENAMIN Trainer: NRICHARDS

Owner: Mrs I C Sellars And Miss Career: 6: 2-1-1 (79 days)



70.0kg

70.5kg

Nine-year-old gelding who is back from a break. Wound up last campaign with a fourth in a hurdle (4000m) at Perth. Prepared to risk this tougher company fresh.

# **7** WILLIE SHAKE HANDS

3x064 Jockey: M J ENGLAND Trainer: SAM ENGLAND Owner: Shake Hands Partnership BF Career: 5:0-0-1 (13 days)

70.0kg

Unplaced two starts back in a maiden hurdle (3430m) at Carlisle then produced a better result last time when he finished fourth in a maiden hurdle (3200m) at Newcastle, beaten 11 lengths. Hard to have on recent efforts.

## 8 MODEL APPROACH

68.0ka 31108 Jockey: MR JAMES ROBOTTOM Trainer: ADRIAN KEATLEY

Owner: J Fyffe Career: 10: 2-1-1 (27 days)

bounce back and figure in the finish.

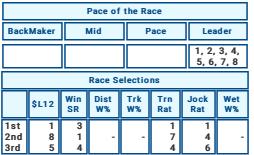
Scored three starts back but has disappointing since, the latest effort a eighth in a 3300m at Cheltenham. Can

#### 9 STAR TURN

67.0kg 8220x Jockey: G SHEEHAN ★
Trainer: PETER & MICHAEL BOWEN

Owner: T J Houlbrooke Career: 8: 0-2-0 (320 days)

Resumes after a break of 11 months. Finished off last campaign with a 11th in a novice hurdle (3300m) at this track, beaten 44 lengths. Prepared to watch this time.



**Favorite: CHARGING THUNDER** Possible alternative: COURT CIAN The cover: DIAMOND DEALER

#### **R4 DONCASTER**

14:25 | (GMT13:25) | GBP £19,350 | 3UHDLE HCP C3

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Participants #8

3902m

PYRAMID PLACE (4) returned to winning ways at Kempton with 4.5L success in a small field. Can find the double now with a useful claiming jockey on board. Leading contender. DARGIANNINI (1) was last of the four in that same Kempton contest. Finished 2023 with a win but has yet to find that form after an 11-month break. Possibilities. SANTOS BLUE (2) makes his reappearance after a nine-month layoff. Rounded out last season with a narrow victory at Uttoxeter. One to watch. WAR SOLDIER (6) made a good seasonal return with a 0.5L third at Carlisle. Expected to come on for that performance.

#### 1 DARGIANNINI

x1x54 Jockey: PAUL O'BRIEN +
Trainer: HARRY DERHAM ★ Owner: Andrew Mitchell Career: 17: 6-2-1 (32 days)

Two runs this prep have been moderate. Opened with an unplaced effort in a hurdle (4000m) at Uttoxeter then weighed-in fourth last time in a hurdle (4200m) at Kempton Park. Hard to beat in this suitable event.

#### 2 SANTOS BLUE

2101x Jockey: MR B SUTTON +
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★ Owner: N Sutton

D Career: 16: 5-3-1 (272 days)

Returns from a 272-day spell. Finished off last prep with a win in a hurdle (4010m) at Uttoxeter, scoring by a neck. Reliable jumper with five wins to his name from 16 starts. Set to run well again while fresh.

## 3 HOMME PUBLIC

75.0kg

76x85 Jockey: HENRY BROOKE ★+
Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH **GUERRIERO** 

Owner: The Nevers Racing Partner

C Career: 25: 7-5-2 (30 days)

Has had two runs since a break but is yet to find form, the latest effort a well beaten fifth in a hurdle (3900m) at Bangor-On-Dee. Fitter and worth including.

## 4 PYRAMID PLACE

17x41 Jockey: BEAU MORGAN
Trainer: OLLY MURPHY ★ Owner: The Pp Partnership

D Career: 36: 9-3-5 (32 days)

Finished fourth the start before last when resuming in a hurdle (4000m) at Uttoxeter. Was far more impressive last time when he got the cash in a hurdle (4200m) at Kempton Park. Will prove hard to beat on current form.

## 5 RAFFERTY'S RETURN

71.0ka 715x0 Jockey: ROSS CHAPMAN + Trainer: REBECCA MENZIES Owner: Exors Of The Late John Wa

**D** Career: 21 : 5-2-1 (16 days)

Resumed after a 215- day spell most recently and fell in a hurdle (3950m) at Wetherby. Might find this a bit too

## **6** WAR SOLDIER

190x3 Jockey: RYAN MANIA + Trainer: M A M THOMSON

Owner: J Townson, M Roche, P Tho **D BF** Career: 13: 4-0-2 (24 days)

Returned from a spell last time out with a third in a hurdle (3400m) at Carlisle. Generally goes well second up, with two wins from three runs. Fitter and is an eachway chance.





66.5kg

65.0ka



#### 7 CONISTON GEORGE

323x2 Jockey: D MCMENAMIN + Trainer: NRICHARDS ★ Owner: Accurite Racing BF Career: 10: 3-3-2 (24 days)

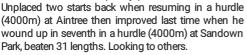


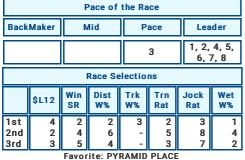
Returned from a 222-day spell with a solid second in a Filled a minor prize two back in a steeplechase (3900m hurdle (3400m) at Carlisle last start. Has the ability to test the top fancies.

## 8 ARQOOB

80x97 Jockey: MISS A STEVENS ★ Trainer: L WADHAM \*

Owner: Little Staughton Farms Lt Career: 42: 5-5-10 (33 days)





Possible alternative: DARGIANNINI The cover: SANTOS BLUE

#### **R5** DONCASTER

4128m

14:57 | (GMT13:57) | GBP £8,900 | 4U CHSE HCP C4 GRACE AND DOTTY HANDICAP CHASE (GO ...

Chase TURF GOOD SOFT

Participants #8

75.5kg

NICKELFORCE (5) was unlucky to not land the hat-trick after unseating mid-race at Leicester. Can regain the winning thread if there are no mistakes with his jumping. Top choice. PEARLY ISLAND (4) has not finished outside the top three for almost a year. Was just beaten 1L on reappearance to place second at Warwick. Likely to keep that consistency going. Dangerous. SAGEBURG COUNTY (2) steps markedly down in grade after a 14L fourth contesting a class two handicap chase at Ascot. Claims. ENVIOUS EDITOR (6) ran into a recent G1 winner two starts back which offers a major form boost. Warrants consideration.

#### 1 BOBHOPEORNOHOPE

x0x84 Jockey: GSHEEHAN ★ Trainer: K BAILEY Owner: J Perriss

C Career: 21: 5-1-4 (14 days)

Easily accounted for last start in a steeplechase (3800m) at this track finishing fourth and beaten 13 lengths. Liked to look of last run and can feature again.

# 2 SAGEBURG COUNTY

15x34 Jockey: PAUL O'BRIEN+ Trainer: W J GREATREX \*

Owner: Alan & Andrew Turner D Career: 18: 4-3-3 (21 days)

at Chepstow then could only manage fourth last time in steeplechase (4200m) at Ascot, beaten 13 lengths. Ca do a lot better - winning prospects.

## 3 NORTHERN BOUND

04x40 Jockey: C PRITCHARD ★ Trainer: B PAULING Owner: Mrs Emma Kendall D Career: 41: 9-4-4 (21 days)

Last start ran in a steeplechase (4800m) at Ascot but was eased out of it. Capable enough and comes into calculations.

#### 4 PEARLY ISLAND

132x2 Jockey: TOM CANNON ★ +
Trainer: L WADHAM ★ Owner: S C Mcintvre Career: 22: 3-4-5 (23 days)

Showed encouraging signs first up on November 20 when second in a steeplechase (4000m) at Warwick. Will pay to follow up.

### 5 NICKELFORCE

3x110 Jockey: HARRY BANNISTER + Trainer: BICASE

Owner: Lovell Massey Meads Smith D Career: 13: 3-1-2 (12 days)

Well fancied last time in a steeplechase at Leicester over 4020m but lost the jockey. Given another chance here. Rates strongly and is among the better hopes.

#### **6** ENVIOUS EDITOR

22533 Jockey: JAMES DAVIES Trainer: G D HANMER Owner: P A Clifton Career: 37: 8-8-8 (24 days)

In the money two runs back in a steeplechase (3900m) at Stratford-On-Avon. Repeated the dose at the latest outing when third in a steeplechase (4000m) at Carlisle, beaten 7 lengths. Cannot be written off.

#### 7 YEALAND

513x6 Jockey: SEAN QUINLAN + Trainer: J CANDLISH \*

Owner: P And Mrs G A Clarke

**D BF** Career: 9: 2-2-1 (19 days)

Finished sixth when fresh from a spell last start in a hurdle (4010m) at Uttoxeter, with today's rider Sean Quinlan aboard. Looks tested in this line-up.

## **8** SOMETIMES ALWAYS

4x8x5 Jockey: C TODD +

Trainer: I WILLIAMS Owner: S J Cox

C BF Career: 11: 3-1-0 (23 days)

Returned from a layoff last time out in a steeplechase (3200m) at Warwick, finishing fifth when partnered by today's rider Charlie Todd. Needs to find a bit more to feature

## 75.5kg

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Favorite: NICKELFORCE Possible alternative: PEARLY ISLAND The cover: SAGEBURG COUNTY

#### R6 **DONCASTER**

4905m

15:32 | (GMT14:32) | GBP £7,700 | 3UM HDLE HCP C4 FREE TIPS DAILY ON ATTHERACES.COM M...

Hurdle TURF GOOD SOFT

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3rd

Participants #10

FAERIE CUTLASS (9) has improved on each result in her last three starts culminating in a 3.75L win at Ludlow. Can do the double with plenty in hand. Represents an in-form stable. Top pick. SQUIGGLES (7) is another who looks to land a victory soon. Has found the runner-up spot on his previous two runs including at Huntingdon when 1.25L second tackling 5000m. Main threat. MRS TABITHA (10) ran into a two time subsequent winner two starts back at Newcastle. Offered up a good second last time at Southwell. Major claims. LUTINEBELLA (1) comes into the race fresh after an 18L fourth at Exeter. Possibilities.

#### 1 LUTINEBELLA

x4x34 Jockey: FO'BRIEN Trainer: F M O'BRIEN Owner: Blue Starr Racing Fob BF Career: 15: 3-2-3 (52 days)

Has returned in fair form. Placed when resuming two starts back in a hurdle (4600m) at Worcester then was beaten 17 lengths into fourth in a hurdle (4600m) at Exeter two months ago. Strong each-way hope.

#### 2 PHILLAPA SUE

18x07 Jockey: TOM CANNON ★

Trainer: DAVID KILLAHENA & GRAEME

MCPHERSON

Owner: Adams, Graham & Mcpherson

CD Career: 22: 3-4-5 (28 days)

Both starts since resuming have been below her best, finishing seventh last time hurdle when beaten 26 lengths. Happy to be looking around her at this point.

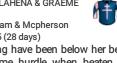
## 3 FOR GINA

234x5 Jockey: MR JOSHUA PARKER Trainer: L WADHAM \*

Owner: Louise Kemble And J J W W

Career: 18: 3-3-5 (22 days)

Resumed after a spell last start with a modest fifth in a hurdle (4200m) at Warwick. Boasts strong second-up stats. Has ability and strips fitter. Worth including.



75.0kg

76.0ka

77.0kg



74.5kg

74.0ka

74.0kg

72.5kg

70.5ka

75.5kg

70.5ka

#### **4** SAUNTON SURF

5x8x2 Jockey: PAUL O'BRIEN Trainer: W J GREATREX \* Owner: Jim And Claire Limited Career: 7: 2-2-0 (31 days)



Was very good when returning from a 230-day layoff most recently, beaten 4 lengths into second in a hurdle (4600m) at Lingfield. Improvement in store.

#### 5 MISTRAL BLUE

6x73x Jockey: CONNOR BRACE ★+ Trainer: F M O'BRIEN

Owner: Make Mine A Double Partne C Career: 7:1-1-1 (200 days)

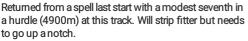


Six-year-old mare who is back from a break. Wound up last campaign with a third in a hurdle (5000m) at Huntingdon. Resuming in tougher. Rates a place hope only on run before a spell.

## 6 MINNIEMUM

513x7 Jockey: MISS A STEVENS ★ Trainer: H DALY ★





## **7** SQUIGGLES

x0x22 Jockey: ALEX CHADWICK ★
Trainer: J P OWEN ★

Owner: The Rogues Gallery Career: 4: 1-2-0 (20 days)



Going well this prep. Placed first-up two starts ago in a maiden hurdle (4200m) at Ludlow then found the frame again last time in a maiden hurdle (5000m) at Huntingdon, beaten 1.3 lengths. Looks very hard to

#### 8 BELLES BENEFIT

02145 Jockey: HARRY BANNISTER +

Trainer: BICASE Owner: A H Harvey Career: 31: 3-5-5 (20 days)

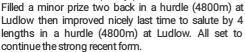


Safely held latest finishing fifth but beaten 12 lengths in a hurdle (4700m) at Ascot. Good last time but needs to take another step.

#### 9 FAERIE CUTLASS

20321 Jockey: GSHEEHAN ★ Trainer: K BAILEY

Owner: Mrs E A Kellar Career: 15: 2-3-3 (18 days)



## 10 MRS TABITHA

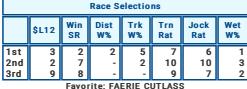
4x032 Jockey: HENRY BROOKE ★+
Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH

**GUFRRIFRO** Owner: The Preston Lodge Syndica

**BF** Career: 10: 2-2-1 (17 days)

Has tackled small fields at her last couple and racing genuinely, finishing in the minors. Last start ran second when well in the market in a hurdle (4860m) at Southwell. Key chance on best and expected to run well.

66.5kg



Possible alternative: SOUIGGLES The cover: MRS TABITHA

#### **R7 DONCASTER**

16:07 | (GMT15:07) | GBP £7,700 | 3UHDLE HCPC4 NEW YEARS EVE GALA BALL HANDICAP HU...

Hurdle TURF GOOD SOFT

Participants #8

77.0kg

75.5kg

3rd

3335m

BATHGATE (5) was an impressive 13L winner over 3400m at Sedgefield. Now steps up in grade but can go close again. Serious player. GENTLEMAN BILL (2) did not land a hat-trick on seasonal reappearance and hurdle debut but followed up with a narrow victory at Bangoron-Dee previously. Big threat. TWO AULD PALS (4) has been racing on the flat with a close neck second 32 days ago at Wolverhampton tackling 3300m. Could have a say. MARTY MCFLY (6) did not appreciate the step up in trip when second-to-last in the field. Claims back at his preferred distance.

#### 1 RUBY ISLAND

27x7x Jockey: MR C RABBITT
Trainer: N RICHARDS ★

Owner: Buckingham & Ritzema Career: 9: 3-2-1 (279 days)

First up from a spell today for a new yard. Has claims.

2 GENTLEMAN BILL 76.5kg

x1x31 Jockey: HENRY BROOKE ★+
Trainer: OLIVER GREENALL & JOSH **GUERRIERO** 

Owner: Bill's A Gent Syndicate **D BF** Career: 5:3-0-1 (30 days)

Dual acceptor. Did a reasonable job when he finished third when resuming in a hurdle (3400m) at Carlisle two runs back. Improved sharply to score by a nose in a hurdle (3300m) at Bangor-On-Dee at the latest outing.

#### 3 SCOTS POET

4040x Jockey: C NICHOL + Trainer: EWAN WHILLANS

Owner: Distillery Racing Club D Career: 26: 5-3-2 (118 days)

Not raced for four months. Closed off last preparation when tenth in a hurdle (3200m) at Perth, beaten 19 lengths. Solid top-three chance.

## **4** TWO AULD PALS

65362 Jockey: D FOX + Trainer: L RUSSELL Owner: James Mearns Long

Career: 32: 5-6-4 (32 days)

Has kept to flat racing at his last 20 starts. The most recent appearance was on the flat at Wolverhampton when he was second over 3320m. Well placed back over the jumps and expected to feature.

#### 5 BATHGATE

71.0kg x5241 Jockey: MR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON +

Trainer: P KIRBY Owner: P Kirby

D Career: 10: 1-1-1 (17 days)

Missed the frame two back in a hurdle (3900m) at Ayr. Turned things around last time to score in a hurdle (3380m) at Sedgefield by 13 lengths. Only needs to jump well to be right in the finish.

## 6 MARTY MCFLY

x41x0 Jockey: RYAN MANIA + Trainer: M A M THOMSON Owner: Mrs Wilma Duffus

Career: 10: 1-1-1 (34 days)

Disappointed when resuming last start in a 4200m hurdle at Kelso, finishing tenth and beaten 52 lengths. Top chance, with upside.

#### **7** EBONY JADE

68.5ka 0000x Jockey: M J ENGLAND Trainer: SAM ENGLAND Owner: Mrs Alexandra Matthews

Career: 6: 0-0-0 (253 days)

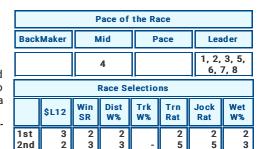
Last start was nine months ago when beaten 42 lengths hurdle. Kicks off for a new stable today. Hard to recommend in this line-up without some strong

#### 8 CALL HIM NOW

66.5kg 96x7x Jockey: PETER JAY KAVANAGH Trainer: JOEL PARKINSON & SUE SMITH

Owner: Mrs S Smith Career: 5: 0-0-0 (623 days)

Returns after a break for a new stable. Needs to have made sharp improvement to feature.



Favorite: BATHGATE Possible alternative: GENTLEMAN BILL The cover: TWO AULD PALS



## **CHELTENHAM**

3382m

13:10 | (GMT12:10) | GBP £15,000 | 46 HDLE HUNT C3 BRITISH EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES...

Hurdle TURF SOFT

Participants #4

THAT'S NICE (4) looks a promising type following a 1.5L rules debut success in a 3800m mares novices hurdle three weeks ago at Warwick. Leading player. Irish runner WINGMEN (3) scored by 3L contesting a 4000m maiden hurdle last month at Navan. Main danger. COUNTRY MILE (1) made a winning start over hurdles in a 3200m Ayr novices hurdle preceding a good second tackling the 3200m G2 Newton Novices' Hurdle at Haydock. Possibilities. Last time Chepstow winner PALACIO (2) can fill fourth spot.

#### 1 COUNTRY MILE

72.5ka x1x12 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★ +
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★ Owner: Stephen Bough Career: 4: 2-2-0 (20 days)



Saluted two starts back in a hurdle (3200m) at Ayr to add to his impressive record. Followed that with a reasonable second last time, beaten 3 lengths, in a G2 (3100m) at Haydock Park. Must be respected.

## 2 PALACIO

x5x1x Jockey: MR D JOHNSTON ★ +
Trainer: SAM THOMAS ★ Owner: Walters Plant Hire Ltd Career: 3: 1-0-0 (63 days)



72.5ka

72.5kg

69.5ka

Returns from a 63-day spell. Started just once when last in work and was successful in a hurdle (3200m) at Chepstow, scoring by 2.75 lengths. Will find this a real test first-up.

## 3 WNGMEN

3x1x1 Jockey: SAM EWING ★ Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★ Owner: Bective Stud BF Career: 5: 4-0-1 (27 days)



Returned from a 224-day spell last start with a strong win in a maiden hurdle (4000m) at Navan. Requires further improvement.

#### **4** THAT'S NICE

1x1 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★ + Trainer: L N HENDERSON ★ Owner: John P Mcmanus **BF** Career: 2: 2-0-0 (22 days)



Appeared for just the second time, and was resuming after a spell of 290 days, when she scored in a hurdle (3800m) at Warwick by 1.5 lengths as favourite recently. Will be hard to beat with the confidence high.

	Race Selections									
		\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%		
ĺ	1st	1	4			4	1	2		
	2nd	3	3	-	-	1	4	4		
	3rd	2	1			3	2	3		

Favorite: THAT'S NICE Possible alternative: WINGMEN The cover: COUNTRY MILE

**R2** 4139m **CHELTENHAM** 

13:40 | (GMT12:40) | GBP £40,000 | 4U CHSE C2 SSS SUPER ALLOYS NOVICES' CHASE (GB...

Participants #5 Chase TURF SOFT

G1 Novice Hurdle winner CALDWELL POTTER (2) justified the strong market support on chase and stable debut when successful by 5L in a 3200m novices chase twelve days ago at Carlisle. Top selection. JANGO BAIE (5) was a fellow G1 hurdle champion last season. Produced a consistent hurdle record including a smart second tackling a 4000m Premier Handicap Hurdle during April at Aintree. Makes appeal on first chase attempt. SPRINGWELL BAY (1) won a 3800m Listed novices chase at Chepstow prior to a third here attempting a 4800m Listed novice chase last month. Claims. DEAFENING SILENCE (4) rates next best.

#### 1 SPRINGWELL BAY

x0x13 Jockey: JONJO O'NEILL JR ★+ Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL Owner: Mrs Gay Smith C Career: 13: 6-2-2 (28 days)



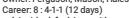
74.0kg

71.5kg

Saluted two starts back in a LR (3900m) at Chepstow to add to his impressive record. Followed that with a reasonable third last time, beaten 4.5 lengths, in a LR (4900m) at this track. No surprise to see him in the mix.

## 2 CALDWELL POTTER

211x1 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★+ Trainer: P NICHOLLS \* Owner: Ferguson, Mason, Hales &



Resumed in ideal fashion with a win in a steeplechase (3210m) at Carlisle on December 1. Key chance here and further improved. Go close.

#### 3 BALLYMACKIE

1x5x8 Jockey: R MCLERNON Trainer: LAURA MORGAN Owner: Ashley Brooks

Career: 6: 2-1-0 (27 days)

Was returning from a layoff last start when beaten 40 lengths into eighth in a G2 (3200m) at this track. Needs to go up a level.

#### **4** DEAFENING SILENCE

71.5kg x11x3 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★+ Trainer: DAN SKELTON \*

Owner: My Racing Manager Friends Career: 4: 2-0-2 (20 days)

Returned from a 370-day spell last start with a solid third in a steeplechase (4300m) at Haydock Park, with today's rider Harry Skelton steering. Nice chance with added fitness.

# **5** JANGO BAIE

1222x Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★ + Trainer: LN HENDERSON ★ Owner: Countrywide Park Homes Lt **BF** Career: 6: 2-4-0 (245 days)



71.5kg

Racing for the first time since he finished second in a hurdle (4000m) at Aintree on April 12. Reliable type with two jumps wins to his name. Definite winning chance.

#### **Race Selections** Trn Win Dist Trk Jock Wet \$L12 SR Rat Rat W% W% W% 2 2 1st 2nd 5 5 4 3 3rd

Favorite: CALDWELL POTTER Possible alternative: JANGO BAIE The cover: SPRINGWELL BAY

#### **CHELTENHAM**

3382m

14:15 | (GMT13:15) | GBP £22,500 | 3U HDLE HCP C3 CATESBY ESTATES HANDICAP HURDLE

Hurdle TURF SOFT

Participants #15

VALGRAND (1) bolted up at the Showcase meeting here when an impressive 17L winner of the 3200m G2 Sharp Novices Hurdle preceding a runner-up effort tackling the 4200m G2 Hyde Novices hurdle last month. Ticks plenty of boxes and looks a smart type. Top chance. WILLMOUNT (5) won his first three starts in 2023 including a 3200m Newbury novices hurdle. Drops sharply in grade after a year off. Rates highly. TO CHASE A DREAM (6) holds a consistent profile following a 6.5L success in a 3400m handicap hurdle recently at Carlisle. Every chance. The promising CAVERN CLUB (15) placed second in a course and distance novices handicap hurdle last month. Interesting.

#### 1 VALGRAND

11x12 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★ +
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★

Owner: Highclere Thoroughbred Ra

C Career: 7: 3-3-0 (28 days)

In the money last start in the G2 Hyde Novices' Hurdle (4200m) at this track. That came after success in the G2 Sharp Novices' Hurdle (3300m) at this track by 17 lengths. Ideally placed.

74.5kg

74.5ka

## 2 BO ZENITH

3112x Jockey: JAMES BOWEN Trainer: N HENDERSON ★

Owner: O S Harris Career: 5: 3-1-1 (610 days)

Not seen since finishing second in the G1 Anniversary 4YO Juvenile Hurdle hurdle (3410m) at Aintree back on April 13 2023. Has since switched stable. Makes strong appeal here fresh.

# **3** JOYEUX MACHIN

07x0x Jockey: MR HARRY ATKINS Trainer: DAN SKELTON \*

Owner: Utb Racing Career: 20: 4-3-2 (83 days)

Returns from a break under the care of a new trainer Looks up against it - prefer others.

## 4 ANYHARMINASKING

73.5kg x5x34 Jockey: JONJO O'NEILL JR ★+ Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL Owner: Mrs Gay Smith D Career: 15: 2-4-2 (13 days)



CHELTENHAM | 1

Finished fourth and never threatened last start in a hurdle (4100m) at Newbury when beaten 22 lengths. Solid latest and rates one of the chances in this line-up.

71.0kg

70.5kg

70.5ka

70.5ka

70.0kg

5 WILMOUNT

72.0kg 1x10x Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★+ Trainer: N HENDERSON \*

Owner: O S Harris

D Career: 5: 4-0-0 (349 days)



Resumes today following a spell of a year. Scored two back at Newbury before finishing the campaign with a 99th in the G1 Challow Novices Hurdle novice hurdle (4100m) at Newbury. The one to beat on best form.

## **6** TO CHASE A DREAM

21x11 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★ Trainer: PAUL COLLINS \* Owner: Mrs D W Davenport D Career: 12: 4-4-0 (12 days)



Scored a dominant win last time out over 3400m in a hurdle at Carlisle, getting home by 6 lengths. This looks well within his grasp.

#### **7** MEDIA NARANJA

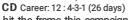
56x43 Jockey: CARL MILLAR Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★ Owner: Bective Stud Career: 19: 3-3-4 (12 days)



Missed the frame two runs ago when resuming in a LR (3300m) at Fairyhouse. Bounced back last time when she finished third in a LR (3300m) at Fairyhouse. Right in the mix.

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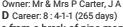
13x54 Jockey: JONATHAN BURKE Trainer: F M O'BRIEN Owner: Caveat Emptor Partnership



Yet to hit the frame this campaign, last start finishing fourth in a hurdle at this track when beaten 7 lengths. Would need to find best to feature.

#### 9 SPIRITS BAY

x115x Jockey: MR J NAILOR + Trainer: N TWISTON-DAVIES Owner: Mr & Mrs P Carter, J A B



Returns from a break of nine months. Opened the last campaign with a win in a hurdle (3360m) at Exeter by 2.25 lengths to add to an already solid first-up record. This looks too tough.

# 10 WRECKLESS ERIC

11x01 Jockey: K WOODS+ Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL Owner: The Megsons C Career: 5: 3-1-0 (28 days)



Fluctuating fortunes this prep. Took a tumble two runs back when resuming. Bounced back with a one length win in a hurdle (3300m) at this track last time. Sure to prove hard to beat.

# 11 BALBOA

42x25 Jockey: M G NOLAN Trainer: S MULLINS Owner: Mrs Kate Kenyon Career: 17: 1-5-2 (48 days)



Opened the campaign with a respectable second in a hurdle (3200m) at Chepstow then last start finished fifth in a hurdle (3300m) at this track two months ago. Might find this a bit too tough.

#### 12 MIRABAD

67.5kg

66.5ka

66.0kg

65.0kg

67.5kg

2x213 Jockey: LSCOTT+

Trainer: DR R NEWLAND & J INSOLE Owner: W Jones

Career: 15: 4-6-1 (21 days)

Scored two starts back in a hurdle (3250m) at Hereford then wasn't beaten all that far over 3100m in a hurdle (3100m) at Ascot. Prefer others.

#### 13 MAGIC SEVEN

x7513 Jockey: R MCLERNON JONJO & A J O'NEILL Trainer: Owner: Christopher W T Johnston Career: 12: 4-0-1 (20 days)

Scored two starts back in a hurdle (3300m) at Exeter to add to his impressive record. Followed that with a reasonable third last time, beaten 6 lengths, in a hurdle (3200m) at Huntingdon. Prefer others.

## 14 LIVELY CITIZEN

146x0 Jockey: DAIRE MCCONVILLE Trainer: D J JEFFREYS Owner: Mark E Smith And Keith M CD Career: 31: 5-6-4 (20 days)

Resumed after a 230-day spell last start and was pulled up in a hurdle (3800m) at Haydock Park. Second-up record reads well, with two wins and two placings from six runs. Looks tested in this line-up.

# 15 CAVERN CLUB

61242 Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★+
Trainer: J P OWEN ★

Owner: The Good Stock Syndicate D Career: 21: 4-4-4 (28 days)

Was unplaced two back in a hurdle (3200m) at Worcester. Found the frame last start in a much better performance in a hurdle (3300m) at this track, beaten one length. No surprise to see him back in winner's stall.

#### **Race Selections** Dist Jock \$L12 SR W% W% Rat Rat W% 1st 5 8 15 5 10 10 6 8

Favorite: VALGRAND Possible alternative: WILLMOUNT The cover: WRECKLESS ERIC

#### **CHELTENHAM R4**

14:50 | (GMT13:50) | GBP £100,000 | 4U CHSE HCP C1 SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3 COMING SOON HA...

Chase TURF SOFT

Participants #8

76.0kg

71.0kg

70.0ka

65.5kg

5230m

Cheltenham Festival winner CHIANTI CLASSICO (1) found success on seasonal return by 3L over 4800m five weeks ago at Ascot. Leading player. KING TURGEON (5) bids for a hat-trick after a 3.25L victory in the 4200m Grand Sefton Handicap Chase a month ago tackling the national fences at Aintree. Big chance. BALLYGRIFINCOTTAGE (4) recorded a decent fourth in a 4800m handicap chase two outings back at Chepstow. Claims. THE NEWEST ONE (7) has been running well here in two attempts this campaign including a 5000m handicap chase success two runs ago. Not dismissed.

#### 1 CHIANTI CLASSICO

214x1 Jockey: CIARAN GETHINGS Trainer: K BAILEY★ Owner: Sir Francis Brooke & R A C BF Career: 13:8-2-0 (41 days)

Returned from a spell last start with a strong win in a steeplechase (4800m) at Ascot. Boasts strong second-

up stats and looks perfectly placed to add to his record. Strips fitter and is again a top chance.

# 2 CHAMBARD

1088x Jockey: L TURNER +

Trainer: V WILLIAMS ★ Owner: David & Carol Shaw

**CD** Career: 37: 9-11-2 (276 days)

Resumes after a break of 10 months. Finished off last campaign with a eighth in a steeplechase (5000m) at this track, beaten 42 lengths. Don't underestimate.

## **3** OUR POWER

0x70x Jockey: MR D JOHNSTON ★
Trainer: SAM THOMAS ★

Owner: Walters Plant Hire & Pott Career: 31: 8-2-4 (377 days)

Has not appeared since he did not finish the race in a steeplechase (5200m) at Newbury on December 2 2023. Looking elsewhere.

#### 4 BALLYGRIFINCOTTAGE

68.0kg 73x40 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★ +
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★ Owner: Friends From Insurance

Career: 14: 2-1-3 (26 days)

Yet to strike a blow after two runs this time in work. Finished fourth, beaten 16 lengths, two runs ago when resuming in a steeplechase (4700m) at Chepstow. Fitter now and making headway every start.

#### 5 KING TURGEON

20x11 Jockey: J TUDOR + Trainer: D PIPE

Owner: Somerset Racing

D Career: 18: 4-5-1 (34 days)

Winner of both starts this time in, scoring in a steeplechase (4200m) at Aintree last time by 3.5 lengths. Jumps in distance this time. Can make it three straight wins.





**6** JAVA POINT

145x2 Jockey: JONATHAN BURKE+

Trainer: HENRY OLIVER Owner: N T Griffith & H M Haddoc Career: 26: 5-6-4 (27 days)



64.5kg

Returned from a 239-day spell with a solid second in a steeplechase (5000m) at this track last start. Has ability and strips fitter. Worth including.

#### 7 THE NEWEST ONE 64.5kg

33x14 Jockey: STWISTON-DAVIES ★ + Trainer: N TWISTON-DAVIES Owner: S Such & Cg Paletta

CD Career: 27: 4-5-6 (27 days)

Scored in a steeplechase (5000m) at this track when resuming two starts ago then did a fair job last time, beaten 2.75 lengths into fourth in a steeplechase (5000m) at this track. Likely to make amends for the last-start miss.



13322 Jockey: A SEIGNEUL + Trainer: G FABRE Owner: Guillaume Fabre D Career: 28: 2-2-7 (27 days)



64.5kg

In the money two runs ago in a steeplechase (4100m) at Compiegne. Repeated the dose more recently when second in a steeplechase (4400m) at Auteuil, beaten 2 lengths. Might find this a bit too tough.

Pace of the Race									
Back	Maker	N	1id	Р	ace	Lea	Leader		
				2,	2, 4, 6				
Race Selections									
	\$L12	SL12 Win Dist SR W%			Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%		
1st	1	1	7	1	4	4	1		
2nd	6	5	2	2	2	6	4		
3rd	5	6	5	7	1	7	3		

Favorite: CHIANTI CLASSICO Possible alternative: KING TURGEON The cover: BALLYGRIFINCOTTAGE

#### **R5 CHELTENHAM**

15:25 | (GMT14:25) | GBP £40,000 | 10U CHSE HCP C2

UNIBET MIDDLE DISTANCE CHASE SERIES...

Chase TURF SOFT

Participants #11

4139m

SHAKEM UP'ARRY (3) won the course and distance Plate Premier Handicap Chase at this years Festival before a down the field result attempt the national fences at Aintree. Enjoys this venue and can show best form. Leading chance. DASHEL DRASHER (4) was a smart staying hurdler. Not disgraced on chase return three weeks ago when third in the 4200m G2 1965 Chase at Ascot. Makes plenty of appeal. ELDORADO ALLEN (2) ran well in similar company last month when runner-up over 4800m at Warwick. Looks one to note. Stablemate COPPERHEAD (9) won easily two stars back tackling 5000m at Aintree. Can feature.

## 1 PAINT THE DREAM

4133x Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★ Trainer: D BRACE

Owner: David Brace Career: 31: 5-6-6 (650 days)

Returns from a 650-day spell. Generally goes well when fresh, with a win and three placings from six first-up runs. Kicked off last prep with a solid third in a steeplechase

76.0kg

76.0kg

75.5ka

75.5kg

74.5kg

74.0kg

# **2** ELDORADO ALLEN

x00x2 Jockey: MBJPOWELL★+ Trainer: JOE TIZZARD ★ Owner: J P Romans & Terry Warner C Career: 32: 5-8-5 (22 days)

Was very good when returning from a 243-day layoff most recently, beaten 8 lengths into second in a steeplechase (4800m) at Warwick. Fitter and expected to go on with it.

## 3 SHAKEM UP'ARRY

1x10x Jockey: MR B R JONES ★ +
Trainer: B PAULING Owner: Harry Redknapp CD Career: 24: 5-4-4 (245 days)

10-year-old gelding resuming. Like the distance and handy performer when racing first up. Looks a definite winning chance.

#### 4 DASHEL DRASHER

487x3 Jockey: R DINGLE+ Trainer: J SCOTT Owner: Mrs B Tully And R Lock

CD Career: 34: 12-6-7 (20 days)

Returned from a spell last time out with a minor placing in a G2 (4200m) at Ascot. Second-up record reads well, with three wins and two placings from seven attempts. Fitter and looks tough to beat

## 5 SEDDON

0x119 Jockey: B W HARVEY + Trainer: J MCCONNELL Owner: Galaxy Horse Racing Syndi CD Career: 37: 11-5-7 (61 days)

Has been kept to flat races recently. Could only manage ninth last start over 3200m at Naas after he got the job done at Listowel over 2800m the run before. Looks very hard to beat as he goes back over the obstacles.

## 6 RAFFLE TICKET

1x01x Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★+ Trainer: M ROWLEY Owner: Countess Cathcart D Career: 15: 6-2-2 (210 days)

Returns from a 210-day spell. Finished off last prep with a win in a steeplechase (4000m) at Aintree, scoring by one length. Genuine jumper with six wins to his name from 15 appearances. Others are preferred.

## 7 SHAN BLUE

72.0kg 033x4 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★ +
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★

Owner: Colm Donlon Career: 22: 4-5-4 (30 days)

Finished fourth when fresh from a spell last start in a steeplechase (4800m) at Bangor-On-Dee, with today's rider Harry Skelton piloting. Improvement in store.

# 8 NUMITOR

160x1 Jockey: JAMES BOWEN +
Trainer: M H MAIN ★

Owner: Paul G Jacobs And Wetumpk

Career: 25: 6-3-5 (47 days)

Very good off a break in a steeplechase (4040m) at Wincanton when resuming. Won previously second up and appears capable of building on that record here on the back of latest performance. Key chance in this line-

#### 9 COPPERHEAD

67.5kg 1x112 Jockey: MR FREDERICK GINGELL ★ + Trainer: JOE TIZZARD \*

> Owner: Mrs G C Pritchard BF Career: 36: 8-3-4 (33 days)

Scored two starts back in a steeplechase (5010m) at Aintree then wasn't beaten all that far over 4800m in a steeplechase (4800m) at Sandown Park. Must be respected.

67.5ka

65.0kg

## 10 TORN AND FRAYED

04x51 Jockey: STWISTON-DAVIES ★ + Trainer: N TWISTON-DAVIES Owner: Mrs Caroline Beresford-Wy

CD Career: 26: 4-7-2 (22 days)

Latest run was good when successful in a steeplechase (4800m) at Warwick. Shoulders 67.5kg here. Has won here at this trip in the past. Right in this on his latest

## 11 EDEN DU HOUX

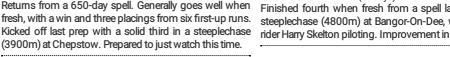
0x4x0 Jockey: J TUDOR Trainer: D PIPE Owner: Prof Caroline Tisdall

Career: 26: 5-3-2 (20 days) Resumed after a 355-day spell last start and failed to

complete the course in a steeplechase (3300m) at Haydock Park. Prefer to see again.

#### Pace of the Race **BackMaker** Mid Pace Leader 6. 8. 10. 1. 3. 4. 5. 7 **Race Selections** Dist Jock Wet \$L12 SR W% W% Rat Rat W% 1st 3 5 2nd 6 9 3rd 3

Favorite: SHAKEM UP'ARRY Possible alternative: SHAN BLUE The cover: ELDORADO ALLEN









70.0kg

70.0ka

69.5kg

68.5ka

68.5kg

67.5ka

67.5kg

65.5kg

64.5ka

64.5kg

64.5kg

## CHELTENHAM

5884m

16:00 | (GMT15:00) | GBP £40,000 | 5U CHSE HCP C2 GLENFARCLAS CRYSTAL CUP CROSS COUNT...

Chase TURF SOFT

Participants #16

French runner ICEO MADRIK (16) bids for a hat-trick after a pair of impressive Compiegne victories including by 5L tackling the 5400m Listed Grand Steeple-Chase-Cross-Country De Compiegne a month ago. Leading contender. Irish challenger STUMPTOWN (4) won on the new course here on New Years Day. Confirmed his ability in this discipline after a Punchestown 4800m victory last month. Big chance. MISTER COFFEY (12) ran well over this track and trip last month when a good 6.5L second. Every chance. LATENIGHTPASS (8) won this race last year. Worth a second look.

#### 1 DELTA WORK

76.0ka x62x5 Jockey: MR JAMES★

> Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★ Owner: Gigainstown House Stud C Career: 38: 12-4-8 (41 days) Gear: [Blinkers, Tongue Strap]

Was returning from a layoff last start when beaten 22 lengths into fifth in the G1 Ladbrokes Champion Chase (4800m) at Down Royal. Second-up form sound with five wins and two placings from 11 runs. Strips fitter and pay to follow up.

74.5ka

71.5ka

70.5kg

#### 2 COKO BEACH

x03x5 Jockey: CARL MILLAR Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★

> Owner: Gigginstown House Stud Career: 36: 7-5-4 (19 days)

Resumed after a spell last start with a modest fifth in a steeplechase (4800m) at Punchestown. Fitter and sure to improve sharply.

#### 3 FAKIR D'OUDAIRIES

74.0kg 50x74 Jockey: RICHARD DEEGAN Trainer: J O'BRIEN

> Owner: John P Mcmanus C BF Career: 34: 9-11-2 (36 days)

Followed up a poor run two starts back with a fourth in the G2 Clonmel Oil Chase (4200m) last start. One of the chances.

#### **4** STUMPTOWN

301x1 Jockey: K M DONOGHUE + Trainer: G CROMWELL Owner: Furze Bush Syndicate

C Career: 22: 6-1-3 (19 days)

Returned from a 222-day spell last start with a win in a steeplechase (4800m) at Punchestown with today's rider Keith Donoghue aboard. Big chance to go two-fortwo this prep.

## **5** CHEMICAL ENERGY

x5030 Jockey: SAM EWING ★ Trainer: G ELLIOTT

Owner: Bective Stud C Career: 20: 6-2-1 (26 days)

Did not complete the course in a G3 (4800m) at Navan last start following a third in a G3 (4800m) at Limerick the run prior. Won't find this easy.

## 6 GEVREY

x00x0 Jockey: JAMES BOWEN Trainer: G ELLIOTT ★

Owner: Denis Gallagher Racing Career: 37: 5-6-6 (26 days)

Unwanted last few and has run to expectations, beaten out of sight. Disappointing again last time and others rate

## **7** VANILLIER

20x06 Jockey: JONATHAN BURKE Trainer: G CROMWELL Owner: Mrs HM Keaveney C Career: 24: 3-5-5 (19 days)

Pulled up two starts back. Finished sixth last time, beaten 18 lengths, in a steeplechase (4800m) at Punchestown. Must be given another chance.

## **8** LATENIGHTPASS

x50x0 Jockey: MISS G ANDREWS +
Trainer: T ELLIS ★ Owner: Mrs P A Ellis

CD Career: 29: 12-7-0 (34 days)

Returned from a spell last start with a modest tenth in a steeplechase (4200m) at Aintree. Second-up record reads well, with five wins and zero placings from eight runs. Has ability and strips fitter. Worth including.

#### 9 ARIZONA CARDINAL

111x0 Jockey: CIARAN GETHINGS + Trainer: STUART EDMUNDS \* Owner: Oakman Racing Club Career: 17: 7-0-2 (62 days)

Went around in a steeplechase (4700m) at Chepstow most recently but failed to complete the course at his first run following a break. Must be given another chance.

# 10 THE GOFFER

0x007 Jockey: D J GILLIGAN Trainer: G ELLIOTT \* Owner: Allan Snow

Career: 25: 5-1-1 (26 days)

Not showing much of late, the latest effort a seventh in a G3 (4800m) at Navan. Struggling and looks tested again.

## 11 BUSSELTON

71706 Jockey: R MCLERNON Trainer: J O'BRIEN Owner: Friendship Partnership Career: 33: 7-7-3 (28 days)

Has been finishing at the tail of the field in most recent outings, the latest in a steeplechase (5900m) at this track. Hard to have on current form.

## 12 MISTER COFFEY

263x2 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★+

Trainer: N HENDERSON \* Owner: Lady Bamford & Alice Bamf

Career: 21: 3-8-4 (28 days)

Resumed four weeks ago in a steeplechase (5900m) at this track when he found Sweet David way too good, beaten 6 lengths. Another big run is on the cards.

## 13 ESCARIA TEN

0x0x0 Jockey: MJABEST Trainer: M KEIGHLEY

Owner: J B Property Investments Career: 20: 3-4-2 (48 days)

Resumed in a steeplechase (5000m) at this track last start but failed to finish. Others rate better.

#### 14 STATUARIO

13954 Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★+ Trainer: PETER & MICHAEL BOWEN

Owner: Mrs N Unsworth Career: 48: 7-9-6 (28 days)

Finished fifth the start before last in a steeplechase (4800m) at Perth then finished fourth most recently in a steeplechase (5900m) at this track. Big task ahead.

# 15 THREE BY TWO

016x2 Jockey: STWISTON-DAVIES ★ Trainer: D MURPHY

Owner: M Mcevoy Career: 22: 2-2-4 (19 days)

Finished second and beaten 2.75 lengths fresh in a steeplechase (4800m) at Punchestown and tackles a longer journey this time. Gets some weight relief this time. This no easier and others preferred.

## 16 ICEO MADRIK

2x011 Jockey: THOMAS JOURNIAC +

Trainer: D COTTIN Owner: Prof Caroline Tisdall Career: 28: 5-4-1 (32 days)

Made it two jumps wins on the bounce when he scored by 5 lengths in a LR cross-country (5400m) at Compiegne last start. Looks very hard to beat again.

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Race Selections									
\$L12 Win Dist Trk Trn Jock Wet W%									
1st	1	9	8	8	12	12	8		
2nd	9	4	-	1	1	6	9		
3rd	4	2	-	7	2	14	1		

Favorite: ICEO MADRIK Possible alternative: STUMPTOWN The cover: MISTER COFFEY

#### **CHELTENHAM**

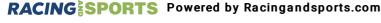
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Participants #10

DOYEN QUEST (3) won at the April meeting here and has maintained a consistent spell of form following two strong efforts this season including a 5L success over 4800m at this track last month. Ticks all the boxes. GOWEL ROAD (1) recorded a smart runner-up effort that day. Enjoys this venue and journey. Main danger. MIGHT I (2) found success by 0.75L in a 4000m handicap hurdle last month at Bangor-on-Dee. Interesting. THANKSFORTHEHELP (9) was fourth behind the top pick at this course last month. Claims.





## 1 GOWEL ROAD

76.0kg 46x22 Jockey: STWISTON-DAVIES ★ + Trainer: N TWISTON-DAVIES Owner: Options O Syndicate

C Career: 19: 4-5-2 (27 days)



73.5ka

Far from disgraced second up from a break when second in a hurdle (4800m) at this track last start. Should be ready to fire now. Key chance on best form and looks poised to feature.

#### 2 MIGHTI

066x1 Jockey: MR B CARVER +
Trainer: H FRY ★

Owner: Brian & Sandy Lambert Career: 17: 4-4-2 (30 days)

Made a winning return from a 215-day layoff last time out in a hurdle (3900m) at Bangor-On-Dee partnered by today's jockey Bryan Carver. Key runner who is expected to feature again.

## 3 DOYEN QUEST

11x21 Jockey: HARRY SKELTON ★ +
Trainer: DAN SKELTON ★ Owner: Exors Of The Late NW Lak CD Career: 11: 5-2-1 (27 days)



Did a reasonable job when he finished second when resuming in a hurdle (3900m) at Chepstow two runs back. Improved sharply to score a very soft win by 5 lengths in a hurdle (4800m) at this track more recently. Major player again.

#### 4 BHALOO

x12x1 Jockey: NICO DE BOINVILLE ★
Trainer: N HENDERSON ★

Owner: Dash Grange Stud BF Career: 8: 4-1-1 (41 days)

Made a winning return from a 215-day layoff last time out in a steeplechase (3800m) at Ascot partnered by today's jockey Nico De Boinville. Has the ability to test the top fancies.

#### 5 AN TAILLIUR

8x256 Jockey: JONJO O'NEILL JR ★+ Trainer: JONJO & A J O'NEILL

Owner: P Hickey Career: 21: 7-4-1 (52 days)



70.5kg

69.5kg

65.0kg

Was unplaced two back in a steeplechase (4600m) at Worcester then again missed out in a steeplechase (4800m) at Exeter last time. Won't find this easy.

## 6 ZAIN NIGHTS

11x30 Jockey: MR H COBDEN ★
Trainer: L WADHAM ★ Owner: J And J Mcandrew

CD Career: 26: 7-4-4 (20 days)



Last start ran in a hurdle (4900m) at Haydock Park but was eased out of it. Capable enough and is in the mix.

#### 7 LONG DRAW

x2222 Jockey: SEAN BOWEN ★ + Trainer: OLLY MURPHY ★ Owner: Alan Peterson

Career: 10: 1-5-1 (27 days)



Filled a minor placing two runs back in a hurdle (4000m) at Aintree. Repeated the dose more recently when second in a hurdle (4200m) at this track, beaten 2.5 lengths. Cannot be written off.

## 8 HIGH GAME ROYAL

35x22 Jockey: MR B R JONES ★+ Trainer: P HOBBS & J WHITE ★ Owner: Mrs L R Lovell

BF Career: 13:1-5-5 (31 days)



64.5ka

64.5kg

64.5kg

Going well this prep. Placed first-up two starts ago in a hurdle (4600m) at Exeter then was a minor placegetter again last start in a hurdle (4600m) at Lingfield, beaten a nose. Prefer to see him do a bit more.

#### **9** THANKSFORTHEHELP

x0x64 Jockey: J TUDOR + Trainer: D PIPE Owner: John P Mcmanus BF Career: 13: 2-2-2 (27 days)



Dual acceptor. Unplaced two starts ago when resuming in a hurdle (4000m) at Uttoxeter then produced a better result last time when he wound up in fourth in a hurdle (4800m) at this track, beaten 7 lengths. In the mix.

#### 1() WONDERFUL EAGLE

x1133 Jockey: M G NOLAN +

Trainer: P HOBBS & J WHITE \* Owner: Damree Developments Ltd BF Career: 23:8-1-3 (27 days)



Racing well since scoring three runs back. Placed two starts ago on the flat at Ascot then was a minor placegetter again last start in a hurdle (4200m) at this track, beaten 4 lengths. Will take some stopping.

Race Selections									
\$L12 Win Dist Trk Trn Jock Wet W% Rat Rat W%									
1st	3	4	3	3	4	3	10		
2nd	6	3	6	6	3	4	2		
3rd	10	6	-	1	7	6	3		

Favorite: DOYEN OUEST Possible alternative: GOWEL ROAD The cover: MIGHT I