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POWER UTILITIES GROUP CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2¼m148y (3760 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(2) AT THE OCHE | (5) MOJO EGO | (6) RAFFLES NOBU**

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WHAT THE FRUNK: THE GEELY EX2 NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m70y (3280 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(3) PIONEER PETE | (2) KING'S SCHOLAR | (1) GAMBINO**

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ALLAN ATKINSON HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m70y (3280 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(4) LORD OF THE GLANCE | (1) JET PATROL | (3) MAYDAY GAMES**

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WYNCHWOOD HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m213y (3410 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(2) CAPTAIN COOL | (1) BREAKING COVER | (4) SIR TIVO**

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RICH ELLIS'S 60th VINYL COUNTDOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2¾m7y (4430 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(2) PORTER IN THE PARK | (1) ROARING HOME | (7) NOTNOWLINDA**

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ENVESCA SAFETY CHAMPIONS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2¾m125y (4540 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(5) DANNY'S FRIEND | (4) JACK DOYEN | (1) HUCKLEBERRY STING**

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ANDY TOWNSEND MEMORIAL MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2¾m7y (4430 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(4) BLACKWATER LILLY | (1) MISTRAL BLUE | (3) PARIKARMA**
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.

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RACE 1

POWER UTILITIES GROUP CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' SELLING
HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4, 5, 6 and 7yo £7,150 2¼m148y
(3760 Metres)



Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1	PIGEON HOUSE (IRE) (49) (D)	s	98
	53/521-P2P 6 12-0 76.2kg Charles & Adam Pogson		Beau Morgan
Made all in a 2m Catterick claiming hurdle on final start for Jennie Candlish. Very much a mixed bag for new connections, finishing a close second in 4-runner handicap at Market Rasen before out of his depth in the Summer Hurdle there last time. Should at least benefit from sizeable drop in class.			
2	AT THE OCHE (IRE) (13) (BF)	★	100
	125222-18 5 11-8 73.5kg Dan Skelton		Harry Atkins (3lb/1kg)
Fair bumper/maiden hurdle winner for Twiston-Davies yard who has improved for Dan Skelton. Made a successful start over fences (following a breathing operation) at Uttoxeter and was still in the hunt when brought down at the last at Worcester since. The one to beat off 5 lb lower hurdles mark.			
3	MOUNTAIN PORT (IRE) (64)	t	97
	010/0770-0 7 10-12 68.9kg Daisy Hitchins		Robbie David
Won a maiden hurdle at Tramore (150/1) in 2024/25 for Kieran Purcell. No impact in handicaps for a couple of Irish yards since, latterly on reappearance at Wexford in early-July. Bit to prove dropped into selling handicap by new connections.			
4	VERSATILE (IRE) (16)		99
	3-43494 5 10-6 66.2kg James Owen		Rian Corcoran
Temperamental sort hasn't kicked on from promising start over hurdles. Wasn't disgraced when 12 lengths fourth in 2m handicap here last month, though underlined he isn't one for maximum trust when refusing to race on the Flat subsequently.			
5	MOJO EGO (IRE) (13) (BF)		98
	248-76163 6 10-5 65.8kg Fergal O'Brien		Tom Broughton
Dug deep to fend off a next-time-out winner when successful on stable debut at Worcester in early-June. In similar form when 3½ lengths third over same C&D (ahead of Raffles Nobu) and hasn't been long with current yard (placed off higher marks last season).			
6	RAFFLES NOBU (FR) (8) (D)	b+t	96
	P3421353 6 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg) Nick Scholfield		Jack Stenhouse (5lb/2kg)
Strong traveller who capitalised on a much-reduced mark/snapped a long losing run at Newton Abbot last month. Has typically flattered to deceive since, though probably still in form following 9½ lengths third at Fontwell latest. Place claims from 3 lb out of the handicap.			
7	CHILLHI (IRE) (48) (CD)	s+t	94
	357-039PP 6 10-2(9-12) 64.4kg (62.6kg) Barry John Murphy		Charlie Maggs
Quirky sort who won this corresponding event 12 months ago when trained by James Owen. Has tumbled in the weights following an underwhelming year for current connections, not fancying it one bit on chasing debut at Newton Abbot last time.			

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 At The Oche, 3-1 Mojo Ego, 7-2 Raffles Nobu, 15-2 Versatile, 14-1 Pigeon House, 20-1 Chillhi, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AT THE OCHE can capitalise on a lower hurdles mark to make it 2 wins from 3 since joining the Skeltons. Mojo Ego and Raffles Nobu are most likely to fill the places.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AT THE OCHE 2. MOJO EGO 3. RAFFLES NOBU

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Chillhi	5-10-13	13-8	James Owen	Nathan Howie	5
2024	Razzo Italiano	7-9-13	12-1	Gary Hanmer	J. Hogan	15
2023	Elham Valley	6-12-0	7-2	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (3)	8
2022	Baliyad	7-10-6	12-1	Matt Sheppard	Ned Fox (5)	7
2021	Bagan	7-10-8	16-5f	Tom Grettton	Mr Jason Dixon (6)	8

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RACE 2

WHAT THE FRUNK: THE GEELY EX2 NOVICES' HURDLE (4)
4yo+ £10,000 2m70y (3280 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1	GAMBINO (IRE) (7)	3-11	5	11-12		75.3kg		92
	Dan Skelton	<i>Harry Skelton</i>						
Showed plenty when behind a fairly useful pair with experience on hurdling debut at Newbury in March. Made the most of a couple of good openings at Cartmel (17f) this summer and will need to pull out more now tackling a better-quality novice.								
2	KING'S SCHOLAR (IRE) (100)	(D)					t	90
	Olly Murphy	4-11	5	11-12		75.3kg		
<i>Tom Hutsby (10lb/5kg)</i>								
Bordering on useful up to 1¼m on Flat for Ed Walker and showed the benefit of his initial experience over hurdles in a first-time tongue strap when readily landing 2m maiden at Southwell in May. Made hard work of defying a penalty at Worcester but retains plenty of potential with 10-lb claimer up.								
3	PIONEER PETE (91)	(D)						100
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	3/22431-21	6	11-12		75.3kg		
<i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i>								
Justified support in a 2m Wetherby maiden in late March prior to finding only one too good in a highly competitive Punchestown handicap (2m). Overcame a mixed round of jumping to land the odds back in novice company at Worcester (2m) in June and has leading claims once more.								
4	TAZMAN DAN (IRE) (153)							
	Stuart Edmunds	657-	5	11-0		69.9kg		
<i>Charlie Hammond</i>								
Showed more than on debut when fifth of 8 in a heavy-ground Wexford bumper in March. Failed to repeat that effort under less testing conditions at Cork, though. Off 5 months ahead of this switch to hurdling for new yard (formerly trained by P. Kiely).								
5	BAILEY'S LUCK (43)						h	
	Clare Hobson	P0	4	10-12		68.9kg		
<i>Ben Poste</i>								
Well held on his only outing on the Flat and has shown no promise either start over hurdles.								
6	DON'T REIN ME IN (167)							76
	Chris Honour	2047-	4	10-12		68.9kg		
<i>Bryan Carver</i>								
Placed once from 3 starts in bumpers but the form is no better than modest and was in need of the experience sent hurdling at Exeter in March. Looks one for handicaps later on.								
7	NORTHWEST PASSAGE (222)							84
	Ivan Furtado	75-	4	10-12		68.9kg		
<i>William Shanahan (5lb/2kg)</i>								
Fairly useful winner at 1¼m on the Flat. Just minor promise in a pair of hurdle starts last winter and, whilst he remains capable of better, is possibly more one for handicaps after this run.								

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-10 Pioneer Pete, 3-1 King's Scholar, 10-3 Gambino, 25-1 Tazman Dan, 28-1 Northwest Passage, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PIONEER PETE, King's Scholar and Gambino all shoulder double penalties, but the first-named runner has achieved easily the most to date and is hard to oppose. The switch to conventional hurdles is a likely plus for King's Scholar given he hasn't looked the most natural in the jumping department and he's feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PIONEER PETE 2. KING'S SCHOLAR 3. GAMBINO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2025	Hamlet's Night	4-11-2	13-8 James Owen	Sean Bowen 12
2024	Roaring Legend	4-11-5	evsf Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen 5
2023	Donnie Azoff	7-11-6	13-8 Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan 3
2022	Turpin Gold	6-11-0	9-4 Robert Stephens	Sean Houlihan 5
2021	Percy's Word	7-11-4	10-3 Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton 7

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RACE 3

ALLAN ATKINSON HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,650 2m70y (3280 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1	JET PATROL (IRE) (16) (CD)	t	99
	161P6-452 9 12-0 76.2kg James Owen	<i>Sean Bowen</i>	Isn't the most robust, but he ran right up to his best when 1¾-length second in a solid handicap for the grade over C&D last time (having won the corresponding event 12 months prior). Capable of running a big race off 2 lb higher.
2	LANGTON WOLD (IRE) (627) (D)		93
	3064322/ 7 11-13 75.7kg Brian Ellison	<i>Nathan Moscrop</i>	Positively-ridden second in a handicap hurdle and chase when last seen in this sphere in winter 2024. Has gone backwards since his return (from 19 months off) on the Flat earlier this summer, though, and has plenty to prove back hurdling.
3	MAYDAY GAMES (IRE) (16) (CD)		98
	0PP/F0-173 7 11-9 73.9kg Shaun Lycett	<i>Brendan Powell</i>	Front runner who was seemingly all the better for a change of yards when scoring readily over C&D on reappearance. Back on track returned to this course when 5½ lengths third (behind Jet Patrol) last time. Could get the run of the race off an unchanged mark here.
4	LORD OF THE GLANCE (7) (CD)		100
	08221U-23 7 11-5 72.1kg Alex Hales	<i>Toby McCain-Mitchell</i> (3lb/1kg)	Showed improved form to get off the mark over C&D in March. Offered plenty in defeat since, latterly an encouraging comeback run when 3 lengths third in a good race for the grade at Cartmel. Leading claims off a relatively quick turnaround.
5	WESTERN SOLDIER (GER) (67) (D)		97
	1209U-45P 8 11-3 71.2kg Seamus Mullins	<i>Benjamin Macey</i> (5lb/2kg)	Landed his first handicap success in this sphere at Wincanton (2m) in November. Had looked to be working his way back to form before shaping as though amiss here (19f) in late-June. Good-value claimer booked and has each-way claims if back on song following 10-week break.
6	CONNEMARA JOE (IRE) (13)	s+t	96
	4658 5 10-13 69.4kg Matt Sheppard	<i>Stan Sheppard</i>	Cheap purchase who was unplaced in Irish points. Failed to improve for switch to handicap in first-time cheekpieces at Worcester (50/1) last time. Hard to imagine he'll fare much better with tongue strap added.
7	GENBU (13) (D)		98
	3133548U 4 10-13 69.4kg Sarah-Jayne Davies	<i>Mr Sam Burton</i> (7lb/3kg)	Beat a couple of next-time-out winners when doubling his tally over hurdles in a Uttoxeter handicap (2m) in May. Now 1 lb lower but didn't look in the form to capitalise when unseating at Worcester last time.
8	SAUCATS (FR) (14)	s+t	98
	4-2551237 5 10-12 68.9kg Joe Tickle	<i>Callum Pritchard</i>	Backed up July's breakthrough success at Newton Abbot with a couple of placed efforts. Found his run of good form coming to a halt there last time, but does have a fair record under his returning jockey.
9	BATTLE STRIDE (USA) (52)	t	96
	8405-F 4 10-8 67.1kg Richard Armson	<i>Philip Armson</i> (3lb/1kg)	Modest Flat performer. Best effort over hurdles came when distant fourth in a weak juvenile hurdle over C&D last autumn. Looks to have plenty on at the weights 7 weeks on from his reappearance (struggling when fell) having had a breathing operation.
10	RAINCLOUD (105)	s+t	75
	25P99P8-8 6 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg) Michael Chapman	<i>James Best</i>	Long-standing maiden with little solid form. Back from 3-month absence here.

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Jet Patrol, **3-1** Lord of The Glance, **5-1** Mayday Games, **8-1** Saucats, **10-1** Western Soldier, **25-1** Langton Wold, **33-1** Genbu, **33-1** Connemara Joe, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A tough call to split C&D winners LORD OF THE GLANCE and Jet Patrol, but Alex Hales' charge just gets the nod following an eye-catching comeback at Cartmel last week.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LORD OF THE GLANCE 2. JET PATROL 3. MAYDAY GAMES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Hill Station 6-10-13	8-1	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole	Luke Scott (5)	11
2024	Callin Baton Rouge 6-11-4	13-8f	Charles & Adam Pogson	James Bowen	9
2023	Max of Stars 3-10-8	6-4f	Ollie Pears	Brian Hughes	6
2022	Sergeant 5-11-9	6-4f	Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

WYNCHWOOD HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-140)
£15,000 2m213y (3410 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	BREAKING COVER (IRE) (9) (D)	t	97
	12126-441 8 12-0 76.2kg Anthony Honeyball Successful 5 times last year and better than ever when getting his head back in front in handicap at Newton Abbot (2m, good) 9 days ago, despite another mixed round of jumping. 6 lb higher now.		Chad Bament (5lb/2kg)
2	CAPTAIN COOL (IRE) (16) (CD)	s+t	  100
	2-1122131 6 11-10 74.4kg Jennie Candlish Has made a fine start over fences, registering a fourth success (including twice over C&D) when seeing off 5 rivals over 19f here 16 days ago. Even a further 5 lb rise may not stop him.		Sean Quinlan
3	SONY BILL (FR) (41)		98
	804-5433P 5 11-8 73.5kg Faye Bramley Useful over hurdles for Willie Mullins. Acquired by present connections for 64,000 gns and he fared better than on stable debut when third in 3m Uttoxeter novice handicap chase in July. Ran no sort of race back there since and now drops back markedly in trip.		Harry Kimber
4	SIR TIVO (FR) (16) (CD)	s+t	99
	2P1-4231P 12 11-3 71.2kg Gary Hanmer Fourth C&D success when seeing off 4 rivals (including Captain Cool) in July but he was reported to have broken a blood vessel when pulling up in the 19f race here won by Captain Cool just 16 days ago.		Sean Bowen
5	IN THIS WORLD (FR) (11) (D)	t	 97
	2/74P5-5F2 8 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg) Rob Summers Fairly useful winner over both hurdles and fences for Dan Skelton but has yet to fully fire for this yard, including a laboured effort when remote second of 4 over C&D 11 days ago.		James Best
6	GOWER PRINCE (21) (D)	h	99
	F/PP6P2-21 8 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg) Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Not the easiest to catch right but proved at least as good as ever after a 3-month break when winning 8-runner event at Market Rasen (17f, good to firm) 3 weeks ago. However, he rarely holds form for long and could face competition for lead this time. Opposable on balance.		Benjamin Macey (5lb/2kg)

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Captain Cool, 5-2 Breaking Cover, 3-1 Gower Prince, 9-1 Sir Tivo, 16-1 Sony Bill, 33-1 In This World

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CAPTAIN COOL might be good for a fourth course success of the season. Last week's Newton Abbot scorer gets the nod for the forecast spot.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CAPTAIN COOL 2. BREAKING COVER 3. SIR TIVO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	In The Air	7-10-10	7-2	Alastair Ralph	Ciaran Gethings	6
2024	Moveit Like Minnie	7-11-2	15-8	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

RICH ELLIS'S 60th VINYL COUNTDOWN HANDICAP HURDLE
(4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-115) £9,500 2¾m7y (4430 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Strong**

1	ROARING HOME (49)	98
	2P541-122 7 11-11 74.8kg Henry Daly Likeable type who completed a double in 2½m mares handicap at Aintree in May (form worked out well). Narrowly denied hat-trick at Uttoxeter (23f) subsequently and only denied by a course specialist in the Cartmel Cup latest. In the form of her life and can give a good account off a career-high mark.	Sam Twiston-Davies
2	PORTER IN THE PARK (IRE) (94) (C)	93
	333329-3P 9 11-10 74.4kg Emma Lavelle Course winner (over 3¼m) who finished 18¼ lengths third in a solid Market Rasen handicap (23f) in May. Didn't look 100% at Newton Abbot the following month, however, she can go well fresh and hasn't had many spins in Class 4 company (latest success came in this grade following a break).	Cameron Johnstone-Baker (71b/3kg)
3	JACKSTELL (FR) (67)	s+t 100
	23/1115-6P 7 11-8 73.5kg Jamie Snowden Won sole bumper start in Ireland. Apparent lazy streak didn't stop him from completing a hat-trick on handicap hurdle debut at Plumpton (20.5f) in November. Hasn't fired since, however, he could be worth another chance following a 10-week break (had second career breathing operation in the interim).	Gavin Sheehan
4	JARAMILLO (45)	98
	321/3656-8 8 11-8 73.5kg Warren Greatrex Employed as front runner when nearly landing a handicap hurdle double at Sedgefield in late-2024. Gone backwards following a positive start over fences, offering little on return in late-July. Hard to be confident back hurdling under inexperienced claimer.	Richard Upton (101b/5kg)
5	JUAN BERMUDEZ (68) (C, BF)	s+t 98
	10652-214 7 11-5 72.1kg Henry Oliver Capped a good run of form when making all to record a fourth course success (19f) here in late-May. Couldn't capitalise on soft lead when beaten 1½ lengths here (2m) last time. Steps back up in trip significantly, which may well suit on return from 10-week break.	Lilly Pinchin
6	TIME TO BITE (IRE) (48)	b 96
	4132-1302 11 11-5 72.1kg Chris Honour Front-running veteran. Finished runner-up both starts over hurdles this year, perhaps finding his stamina giving way when beaten 12 lengths at Newton Abbot (3¼m). Can give a good account down in trip, though may prove vulnerable to younger legs at the business end.	Bryan Carver
7	NOTNOWLINDA (IRE) (16)	99
	22/0953-44 9 11-2 70.8kg Dan Skelton Looked to be building up to something when third in a mares hurdle at Uttoxeter in March. Hasn't fired either start since, proving much easier to back (probably needed the run) over C&D last time. One to consider off career-low mark, especially if the market speaks in her favour.	Harry Skelton
8	DINONS (FR) (49) (D)	s 96
	75323U-38 13 11-2 70.8kg Brian Ellison Veteran who's won 11 of his 43 starts. Didn't build on a promising return when well held at Cartmel in mid-July, though, and hard to be confident he can capitalise on a tumbling mark.	Nathan Moscrop

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Roaring Home, 4-1 Jackstell, 9-2 Notnowlinda, 5-1 Juan Bermudez, 12-1 Porter In The Park, 14-1 Time To Bite, 25-1 Jaramillo, 33-1 Dinons

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PORTER IN THE PARK could offer some each-way value in race where a few have something to prove. She's narrowly preferred to Roaring Home, who arrives in the form of her life but does have a career-high mark to overcome. Notnowlinda and Jackstell are feared if back on song.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PORTER IN THE PARK 2. ROARING HOME 3. NOTNOWLINDA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

ENVESCA SAFETY CHAMPIONS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+
(Rated 0-100) £9,150 2¾m125y (4540 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	HUCKLEBERRY STING (21)	t	97
	771-23121 7 12-0 76.2kg Tom Ellis Made it 2 wins from as many visits to Market Rasen in 6-runner handicap chase there (21f, good to firm) 3 weeks ago, hard held. Capable of going well again but how much he finds for pressure when coming off the bridle remains to be seen.	Jack Andrews	
2	PREMIER FANTASY (IRE) (9)	s+t	96
	P-2532 7 12-0 76.2kg Nick Scholfield Multiple point winner who has matched the pick of his hurdles form back over fences recently, including after a breathing operation in small-field affair at Newton Abbot latest, though still needs a bit more to defy a BHA mark in the high 90s. Cheekpieces on for 1st time.	Harry Reed	
3	A DUBLIN JOB (IRE) (21)	v	86
	12P-65565 9 11-8 73.5kg Sarah-Jayne Davies Successful first 3 starts over fences for Harry Derham but has struggled for new yard this season, only a slow gallop allowing him to finish closer than previously when 17½ lengths behind Huckleberry Sting at Market Rasen latest.	Cameron Johnstone-Baker (7lb/3kg)	
4	JACK DOYEN (IRE) (11)	b	99
	P5311-21U 10 11-6 72.6kg Ben Case Had been one to treat with caution but gained a third win from last 4 starts at Huntingdon (2½m, good) in May, going with enthusiasm. Unseated his rider after 3 month off at this course recently but was still going with zest at the time.	Jack Quinlan	
5	DANNY'S FRIEND (IRE) (74)		98
	000515-41 7 11-2 70.8kg Christian Williams Resumed progress/winning ways with a run under his belt in 5-runner handicap chase (7/2) at Newton Abbot (21f, good) in June, scoring impressively. 7 lb higher mark may not be enough to prevent the follow up with further progress possible over this longer trip.	Jack Tudor	
6	ON THE PLATFORM (IRE) (62)	s	94
	1P/55 10 10-10 68.0kg Belinda Clarke Inconsistent performer who shaped as if retaining ability after 19 months off when fifth at Bangor (3m) in May. Went backwards from that effort at Market Rasen since, though.	Lee Edwards	
7	GONE IN SIXTY (17) (BF)	★	100
	26-4F2434 9 10-6 66.2kg Alex Hales Showed no ill-effects from Fakenham fall when second at Southwell in June. Has shaped as though still in reasonable heart since but gave a strong hint as to why he has only 1 win from 41 starts under Rules at Worcester latest, finishing weakly. Assessor has dropped him 6 lb, though.	Sean Bowen	
8	KEEP ME POSTED (IRE) (17)	s	88
	88/0-58 9 10-5 65.8kg Matt Sheppard Has an uninspiring profile in Ireland (including in points) and has fared no better in 2 starts for current connections. Back up markedly in trip.	Harry Bannister	
9	BAHTIYAR (FR) (55)	s	98
	332-44256 8 10-5 65.8kg Max Young Long-standing maiden who has questions to answer on the back of successive lacklustre displays. Engaged 4.35 Bangor Friday.	Ben Poste	
10	WATCHOUTITSCOOKIE (IRE) (11)		94
	2373-7033 8 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg) Nigel Hawke Last win came in December 2024 and, while he wasn't disgraced from 4 lb out of the weights in 8-runner event here (21f) on most recent outing, he tends to be found wanting at the business end.	David Noonan	

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HONNEUR DE SIVOLA (FR) (165)
375/366PP- 9 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)
v

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 Clare Hobson
Poor maiden who showed nothing in a handful of starts last season. First-time visor applied on return to chasing.

Brendan Powell 

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Danny's Friend, 11-4 Huckleberry Sting, 13-2 Jack Doyen, 17-2 Premier Fantasy, 10-1 Gone In Sixty, 16-1 Watchoutitscookie, 28-1 On The Platform, 33-1 Bahtiyar, 80-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DANNY'S FRIEND resumed winning ways in impressive fashion at Newton Abbot in June and, with the extra distance potentially triggering further improvement, a 7 lb higher mark may not be enough to prevent the follow up. Jack Doyen was still going with zest when unseating his rider here recently and remains one to bear in mind now he's seemingly a reformed character, while the strong-travelling Huckleberry Sting is also respected as a last-time-out scorer.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DANNY'S FRIEND 2. JACK DOYEN 3. HUCKLEBERRY STING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:						
2025	Radharc Na Slaine	8-10-1	9-2	David Rees	Sean Bowen	9
2024	Nickelforce	5-11-10	11-2	Ben Case	Harry Bannister	11
2023	Steel Wave	13-12-0	9-2	Gary Hanmer	Tabitha Worsley (3)	5
2022	El Paso Wood	8-11-11	7-4jf	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	4
2021	Rhythm Is A Dancer	8-11-9	15-8f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

ANDY TOWNSEND MEMORIAL MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE
(5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-100) £6,000
2¾m7y (4430 Metres)



Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

Left handed, sharp; the high number of falls/unseats in recent years is due to the size of the fences and the fact that so many races are well run. A water jump was introduced near the winning post in March 2008, although this is not jumped on the final circuit. The hurdles track also has more than the normal number of well-run races, jockeys often opting to strike for home sooner than normal because of the relatively short straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1	MISTRAL BLUE (17) 1/2P-53160 8 12-0 76.2kg  Fergal O'Brien <i>Fern O'Brien (5lb/2kg)</i> Beat Parikarma by 4½ lengths when notching third career success in mares company at Uttoxeter (23f) in June. No impact in slightly better company since, however, she's a definite player if bouncing back on return to a mares 0-100 handicap.	99
2	LEAVE HER TO ME (51) (C) 4F1/159P-6 8 11-13 75.7kg  David Killahena & Graeme McPherson <i>Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)</i> Course bumper winner. Clearly had issues since completing a double in a solid race for the grade (beat Roaring Home) at Warwick last May. Has been given a breathing operation since her comeback run (well held) at Worcester in mid-July. At least warrants a market check back in mares company.	92
3	PARIKARMA (IRE) (21) 385-32723 9 11-11 74.8kg  Samuel Drinkwater <i>Miss Imogen Mathias (7lb/3kg)</i> Hasn't won for over 2 years. Placed for the fourth time in 5 starts when 4 lengths third in a steadily-run Class 4 event at Market Rasen latest. A case can be made for her back down in grade with usual headgear refitted, though the form of last time is best taken with a pinch of salt.	100
4	BLACKWATER LILLY (52) 1432-4446 6 11-10 74.4kg  Neil King <i>Jack Quinlan</i> Runner-up off higher marks for Brian Ellison in April. Seemed to have her stamina stretched when beaten 6½ lengths in a similar event at Uttoxeter (23f) on latest hurdle start (again offered little on Flat since). Addition of a tongue tie could be a catalyst for a better showing on hurdles return.	98
5	LADY BEE GREAT (IRE) (17) 0/28860P-8 7 11-9 73.9kg  Matt Sheppard <i>Stan Sheppard</i> Landed the odds in a couple of small-field points prior to finishing well beaten (40/1) in 2m Worcester maiden last time (over a year since latest form under Rules in Ireland). Now returns to a longer trip/handicap, with first-time cheekpieces also added to the mix.	89
6	LIASSE D'ARGENT (FR) (98) 56-46 6 10-10 68.0kg  Tom Gretton <i>Benjamin Macey (5lb/2kg)</i> Lightly-raced 6-y-o who showed a bit when well-held sixth in course maiden on return. Well held both starts since, latterly in first-time tongue strap on handicap bow here (2m). Hopes of improvement pinned on a significant step up in trip.	93
7	QUICK OF THE NIGHT (21) 4365-3306 9 10-9 67.6kg  Dave Roberts <i>Lee Edwards</i> Hold-up type whose best recent effort came when 9 lengths third behind a less exposed pair at Worcester in July. Appeared to run better than on her previous start when beaten 10 lengths at Market Rasen latest. That's hardly robust form, though, and this longer trip is an unknown.	98
8	SADIES DIAMOND (IRE) (7) F278/28-35 7 10-6 66.2kg  Seamus Mullins <i>Jack Stenhouse (7lb/3kg)</i> Hit-and-miss maiden hasn't been the easiest to train. Got closer than previously for current yard when 3¾ lengths third of 8 in a similar event here (2¼m) on return. Didn't build on that at Cartmel (17f) last week. Claims on previous course form, though, provided she stays this longer trip.	98
9	PORRIDGE (IRE) (88) PPPP4-88P 6 10-4 65.3kg  Tracey Leeson <i>Oscar Palmer (7lb/3kg)</i> Long-standing maiden with little solid form.	91
10	MC'FLO (11) 65-8964P5 5 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg)  Anthony Carson <i>Brendan Powell</i> Headstrong sort who did too much too soon when beaten 20¾ lengths over C&D last time. Remains opposable.	92

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Parikarma, 4-1 Mistral Blue, 9-2 Blackwater Lilly, 9-1 Sadies Diamond, 9-1 Quick of The Night, 10-1 Leave Her To Me, 20-1 Liasse D'argent, 25-1 Mc'flo, 25-1 Lady Bee Great, 150-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The addition of a first-time tongue strap could benefit BLACKWATER LILLY, who is fairly treated on her best form, so she's awarded the tentative nod. Mistral Blue can do better back in this company and may be the main danger. Parikarma and Sadies Diamond are honourable mentions.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BLACKWATER LILLY 2. MISTRAL BLUE 3. PARIKARMA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 Belles Benefit 9-11-12 2-1 Ben Case Harry Bannister 4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race