GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Thursday 5th November

NEWCASTLE

12.59	SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)
RACE 1	**(1) BRACE FOR LANDING | (7) SPREADSHEET GURU | (2) LUDOIS**
1.34	RACING AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3m (4830 Metres)
RACE 2	**(4) FRESHERS WEEK | (9) AIRE SPRAY | (2) LETTERSTON LADY**
2.07	FREE DIGITAL RACECARD AT raceday-ready.com HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m62y (4080 Metres)
RACE 3	**(7) THORNEYLANDS | (6) NOSY NEIGHBOUR | (5) PRESENTANDCORRECT**
2.40	GET RACEDAY READY NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m19y (4040 Metres)
RACE 4	**(1) NICE ONE ERIC | (2) LOOKING SPLENDID | (5) HALPHA SOLEIL**
3.15	EQUINE PRODUCTS NATIONAL HUNT TRAINERS LEAGUE HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 2½m19y (4040 Metres)
RACE 5	**(6) EMPTY NEST | (5) TREATY BOY | (2) TOM CREEN**
3.50	attheraces.com/marketmovers "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m190y (3390 Metres)
RACE 6	**(8) THAT GUY | (2) BRAN GALAD | (1) ALBATROSS THE ACE**

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.

12.59 RACE 1

SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2½m62y (4080 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **BRACE FOR LANDING (IRE) (243)** ★ **100**

42/3550- **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Dan Skelton — ***Tristan Durrell***

Made the frame both starts in France. Best effort for current yard when fifth in 2m Sandown handicap (first-time cheekpieces) in January. Went well long way when tenth of 18 in Imperial Cup there (2m, soft) after. Has since had a breathing operation. The clear form pick here.

2 **LUDOIS (FR)** **79**

5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Patrick Wadge***

€20,000 3-y-o, £100,000 5-y-o, Montmartre gelding. Dam, 19f chase winner in France, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 4m) Menchikov. Got off the mark in Irish points at the second attempt, so can't be discounted on his first crack at hurdling.

3 **MHORDART (26)** **60**

678-7 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Chris Grant — ***Peter Kavanagh***

Big prices and comfortably held in 3 bumpers here last season. Fared no better sent hurdling at Hexham last month.

4 **REGAL THUNDER (IRE) (9)** **73**

3-6 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Philip Kirby — ***Joe Williamson***

€45,000 Walk In The Park gelding. Finished third on both completed starts in Irish points and has looked in need of longer trips in 17f bumpers here. Will need to progress on hurdles bow.

5 **RHYTHM OF THE RYE (IRE)** **76**

5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Tim Easterby — ***Jamie Hamilton***

£11,000 3-y-o, Poet's Word gelding. Half-brother to bumper winner/useful hurdler Electric Mason. Dam lightly raced in bumpers. Runner-up on his sole start in point bumpers. Looks the first string for primarily Flat-based stable.

6 **RYE'S WORDS (IRE)** **73**

5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Tim Easterby — ***Mr Thomas Easterby*** (7lb/3kg)

£20,000 3-y-o, Order of St George gelding. Half-brother to 17f hurdle winner Gintime. Pulled up on both of his starts in points.

7 **SPREADSHEET GURU (IRE) (341)** t **83**

2/52- **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Nicky Richards — ***Danny McMenamin***

Pulled up sole start in points but showed promise when second at Ayr only start in bumpers (for A. Slattery). Improved on his hurdling debut form when runner-up at Newcastle almost a year ago. Should have a say on his first start since (left Harry Derham).

8 **LECANVEY LADY (IRE) (14)** s **60**

P **5** 10-11 | 68.5kg

Martin Todhunter — ***Ryan Mania***

£3,000 5-y-o, Shirocco mare. Unplaced completed start in Irish points and was pulled up in novice hurdle at Carlisle (17f, good to soft) on Rules debut 14 days ago. Cheekpieces go on.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-5 Brace For Landing, **7-2** Spreadsheet Guru, **6-1** Ludois, **12-1** Rhythm of The Rye, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BRACE FOR LANDING was better than the result when mid-field in the Imperial Cup when last seen and can capitalise on a significantly easier task this time. Spreadsheet Guru can pose the biggest threat if ready making his yard debut after an absence, whilst point winner Ludois merits a second look.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BRACE FOR LANDING 2. SPREADSHEET GURU 3. LUDOIS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Country Code** 5-11-4	7-4f	Ruth Jefferson	Craig Nichol 9
2024	**Lathan** 5-11-4	1-5f	Rebecca Menzies	Nathan Moscrop 2
2023	**Blue Baloo** 5-11-2	3-1	Sandy Thomson	Ryan Mania 12
2022	**I Am Gonna Be** 5-11-2	8-11f	Michael Scudamore	Luca Morgan (3) 7
2021	**Fiadh** 5-11-4	15-8	Chris Grant	Sean Quinlan 5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.34 RACE 2

RACING AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £7,700 3m (4830 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **IMPERIAL MERLIN (IRE) (26)** (C, D) s **96**
2745P1-43 **9** 12-1 | 76.7kg
John & Sean Quinn — ***Oakley Brown*** (5lb/2kg)
Course winner who recorded a career-best success in refitted cheekpieces at Wetherby in March. Stepped up on an encouraging return at Cartmel when 4 lengths third of 6 at Hexham (23f) latest. Back in class 4 company, however, lack of pace in the race again gives pause.

2 **LETTERSTON LADY (42)** **96**
3/11-2 **8** 12-1 | 76.7kg
Mickey Bowen — ***Shane Fenelon*** (5lb/2kg)
Talented mare who hasn't stood much racing in recent seasons. Thriving when landing back-to-back Market Rasen handicaps last year. Smooth-travelling second at Perth on hat-trick bid/return in late-September. Has to be high on the shortlist, with that race already producing 4 next-time-out winners.

3 **GOT A DREAM (IRE) (26)** **98**
466/1161-3 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Nicky Martin — ***James Best***
Landed a gamble on reappearance at Chepstow last year. Found plenty for pressure to make it 3 wins from 4 in handicaps at Exeter (2¾m) in April. Matched that fairly useful form when 8-length third on return at Chepstow (3m) this time around, and he's still relatively unexposed at this trip.

4 **FRESHERS WEEK (IRE) (26)** **96**
12333-P0 **5** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Charlie Longsdon — ***Brian Hughes***
Point winner improved to get within 2¾ lengths of subsequent Silver Trophy winner at Wetherby in March. Let down by his jumping at Punchestown (19f) before likely needing the run (well behind Got A Dream) on softer ground than previously faced on return. Entitled to do better with yard now flying.

5 **EVALUATION (22)** t **98**
652/324-23 **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Adam Nicol — ***Ryan Mania***
Useful (dour stayer) on the Flat in 2024. Went as close as he has in a handicap hurdle at Kelso prior to creditable 4-length third at Wetherby (2½m) later in October. Usual tongue strap on over hurdles for first time since joining up-and-coming yard, though not sure to stay 3m.

6 **WILLIAM YEATS (29)** (BF) t **96**
15633-122 **5** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Sam England — ***Jonathan England***
Belatedly delivered on the promise of his bumper win when successful on return at Sedgefield (2½m). Twice runner-up to a more progressive one at the same track subsequently (hung badly over 21f latest). A 3 lb rise demands more again, but he ought to stay 3m given his pedigree/pointing background.

7 **PRESIDENT SCOTTIE (IRE) (195)** (D) **99**
3P/486653- **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Nicky Richards — ***Danny McMenamin***
Once-fairly useful sort. Without a win since handicap hurdle double in spring 2024. Fared better than previously this year when 11-length third over fences at Perth (31f) in April. On a potentially handy mark back over hurdles and can go well fresh.

8 **SEEYAINTHESUNINN (22)** (D) **95**
73-P14111 **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg
Micky Hammond & Becky Smith — ***Alice Stevens*** (3lb/1kg)
Has proved a totally different proposition this season. Stayed on well to make it 4 wins from 5 starts when completing a hat-trick at Wetherby (3m) last time. Now 27 lb higher than the first of those victories and faces stiffer task upped in grade.

9 **AIRE SPRAY (IRE) (9)** s **100**
35/64215-1 **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith — ***Oscar Palmer*** (7lb/3kg)
Wasn't held back by a slightly high head carriage when narrowly winning at Market Rasen in February (runner-up franked that form at second time of asking). Found a bit more improvement to make it 2 wins in 3 starts at Bangor (23f) on return 9 days ago. Obvious claims off an unchanged mark.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Aire Spray, **11-2** Letterston Lady, **15-2** Got A Dream, **8-1** Evaluation, **8-1** Freshers Week, **9-1** Seeyainthesuninn, **10-1** William Yeats, **12-1** President Scottie, **12-1** Imperial Merlin

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FRESHERS WEEK makes plenty of appeal on the pick of last season's form. He's worth another chance with Brian Hughes taking over and his yard in superb heart. Aire Spray and Letterston Lady head the dangers in an interesting race for the grade.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FRESHERS WEEK 2. AIRE SPRAY 3. LETTERSTON LADY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Highland Fashion** 6-11-3	9-2	Ian Duncan	Callum Bewley	7
2024	**You Some Girl** 7-10-2	10-3	Rebecca Menzies	Charlie Maggs (7)	10
2023	**Tune In A Box** 4-10-9	9-2	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	10
2022	**Fenland Tiger** 6-11-9	10-3	Sam England	Jonathan England	14
2021	**Our Idic Boy** 7-9-10	5-2	Ian Williams	Charlie Todd (3)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.07 RACE 3

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **BOLD LIGHT (IRE)** (12) (D) s **99**
U434-3556 **9** 12-2 | 77.1kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore *Jack Power* (5lb/2kg)
Not discredited fitted with cheekpieces on his last 3 starts, beaten only 1¾ lengths when sixth of 9 in handicap at Kelso (23f) 12 days ago. On a reduced mark, though his losing run continues to mount up.

2 **MAGHLAAK** (51) (D) s+t **98**
2414P-850 **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Mark Walford *Jamie Hamilton*
Fairly useful on the Flat and over hurdles for Adrian Keatley before making a winning start over fences for current yard at Southwell a year ago. However, he's been below that level under various codes since, tailed off over hurdles at Uttoxeter in September. Cheekpieces back on.

3 **BATHGATE** (18) **97**
41169-777 **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Philip Kirby *Joe Williamson*
Successful 3 times last season, including back-to-back wins at Catterick (19f) early this year. Low-key start to the current campaign but there were better signs despite finishing down the field at Sedgefield (2m) 18 days ago. Has dropped below his last winning mark.

4 **BOGHA BAISTE (IRE)** (26) **93**
7P334-444 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Lizzie Quinlan *Sean Quinlan*
Has been shaping up well over hurdles, making the frame once more (on the back of a breathing operation) when fourth of 9 in novice at Hexham (2m) last month. Goes back up in trip for only his second handicap start.

5 **PRESENTANDCORRECT (IRE)** (26) t **96**
638-322 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Rebecca Menzies *Shane Fitzgerald*
Matched the pick of his fair bumper form when third in a Cartmel novice (2¾m) on hurdles bow in May. Has found one too strong both starts since, returning from 4 months off in a Hexham maiden (2½m) in October. Interesting as he goes handicapping with tongue strap added.

6 **NOSY NEIGHBOUR (IRE)** (199) s **97**
38725- **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Rebecca Menzies *Charlie Maggs*
Upped in trip, showed much improved form on handicap debut when runner-up at this course (2¾m) in March. Couldn't quite build on that effort fitted with cheekpieces when fifth of 11 at Kelso next time, but he's worth another chance back here on return.

7 **THORNEYLANDS (IRE)** (183) ★ **100**
26P6-1 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Nicky Richards *Danny McMenamin*
Promising second in a bumper here on debut. Only modest form in a trio of novice hurdles but improved for the step up in trip sent handicapping when sharing the spoils in 10-runner contest at Kelso (21f) in May. Major player with more still to offer.

8 **TEOFIMO (IRE)** (137) t **92**
F6/76-3 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Adam Nicol *Ryan Mania*
Fairly useful maiden on the Flat who was well below his fair Irish hurdle form in a couple of starts last summer. Fared better on return from 11 months off (had a breathing operation) when third in maiden at Hexham in June, though tailed off on the Flat since. Makes handicap hurdle debut.

9 **FINAL STRAW (IRE)** (14) **91**
464116-0 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Martin Todhunter *Callum Bewley*
Improved for headgear/switch to handicaps when landing back-to-back 3m contests at Kempton/Plumpton a year ago. However, below form next time on final start for Nicky Henderson and after 11 months off he finished down the field at Carlisle 2 weeks ago.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Thorneylands, **9-2** Presentandcorrect, **6-1** Bold Light, **7-1** Nosy Neighbour, **8-1** Bogha Baiste, **10-1** Teofimo, **16-1** Bathgate, **25-1** Maghlaak, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THORNEYLANDS was well suited by the step up in trip making his handicap debut when joining the leader on the line at Kelso in May and he is taken to score again with further improvement to come. The main danger could be Nosy Neighbour, who was a good second here on his handicap bow, with Presentandcorrect also one to note.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THORNEYLANDS 2. NOSY NEIGHBOUR 3. PRESENTANDCORRECT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Wasthatok** 7-10-12	4-1	Philip Kirby	Joe Williamson (3) 9
2024	**Starlyte** 7-11-2	10-3	Lucinda Russell	Derek Fox 4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.40 RACE 4

GET RACEDAY READY NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier)
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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **NICE ONE ERIC (202)** **99**

4871P- **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Ben Pauling — ***Callum Pritchard***

Improved by the run in maiden hurdles, found a good opportunity but still going about things in a pleasing manner when off the mark at Southwell (2m) in March. Disappointed when pulled up on handicap debut at Ayr (20.5f) in April but still early days and found a weak race sent North for chasing bow.

2 **LOOKING SPLENDID (165)** (D, BF) **100**

3/113612-3 **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg

Gary Rutherford — ***Dylan Johnston***

Dual hurdles winner last autumn who found immediate improvement sent chasing when bolting up at Kelso (21.6f) in April. Posted a couple of respectable placed efforts thereafter during the spring and he commands respect back from 5 months off with his record fresh very much a positive one.

3 **ROSIE BALOO (235)** (D) **93**

1332154- **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg

Tim Easterby — ***Jamie Hamilton***

Winning bumper performer who got off the mark at the fourth attempt in Sedgefield novice hurdle in January. Similar form when mid-field in 2 handicaps at up to 23f thereafter last season. Predominantly Flat stable no stranger to success in this discipline and interesting if supported now chasing.

4 **HUMBLE JUMBLE (IRE) (195)** **91**

19/0373P- **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Patrick Wadge***

Debut bumper winner. Placed twice in novice hurdles (including here) but made an inauspicious start to his handicap career when pulled up at Perth in April. Off 6 months ahead of this switch to fences (point winner and very much a chaser on looks).

5 **HALPHA SOLEIL (FR) (152)** (D) s **97**

2857535-2 **9** 11-1 | 70.3kg

Micky Hammond & Becky Smith — ***Brian Hughes***

Bumper/hurdles winner. Long-standing maiden over fences but down to a career-low mark and returned to form after 4 months off when just touched off at Hexham (2½m, good to soft) in June. Consistency hasn't been his strong suit, though, and he may be vulnerable to less exposed rivals.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Looking Splendid, **11-4** Nice One Eric, **7-2** Halpha Soleil, **6-1** Rosie Baloo, **8-1** Humble Jumble

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Successful in a Southwell maiden hurdle back in March, NICE ONE ERIC disappointed starting out in handicaps at Ayr a month later. However, still lightly raced he looks to have been found a very winnable race now chasing for the first time and could be the answer before market clues. Looking Splendid boasts a really good record fresh and may emerge as the main danger.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NICE ONE ERIC 2. LOOKING SPLENDID 3. HALPHA SOLEIL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Fat Harry** 8-11-8	5-4f	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith	Danny McMenamin	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15 RACE 5

EQUINE PRODUCTS NATIONAL HUNT TRAINERS LEAGUE HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **POWEROFJET (IRE) (206)** (C) **95**

14/31433B- **7** 11-13 | 75.7kg

Martin Todhunter — ***Ryan Mania***

Fair hurdle winner who made it second time lucky over fences in 2m handicap here last November. Respectable third of 12 in a warm race at Carlisle (2m, good) on penultimate start last season before being brought down early at Hexham next time. Player back in calmer waters after 6 months off.

2 **TOM CREEN (IRE) (52)** s+t **96**

727P3U-72 **11** 11-12 | 75.3kg

Sam England — ***Rebecca Hitchen*** (7lb/3kg)

Veteran whose 5 career wins have come at Sedgefield and has been placed at the track 5 times since he's latest victory there, most recently when runner-up in a 5-runner chase (19f) 52 days ago. Respected on first run at this track.

3 **THE PADDY PIE (IRE) (197)** (CD) **84**

U131116/5- **13** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith — ***Oscar Palmer*** (7lb/3kg)

Grand servant for these connections who won 4 of his final 6 starts in 2024/25 but showed little in points/hunter chase for W. M. Wanless and he's opposable back handicapping.

4 **PARTY IN THE PARK (IRE) (29)** t **96**

365576-6 **5** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Ann Hamilton — ***Danny McMenamin***

Hit the frame in a point/bumper but minor promise only over hurdles last season. Hinted at temperament on last month's comeback in that sphere at Sedgefield and he'll likely need to improve on chase debut.

5 **TREATY BOY (IRE) (2)** (BF) t **100**

64354-41F **9** 11-10 | 74.4kg

Stuart Coltherd — ***Sean Quinlan***

Tumbled in the weights last season and built on his reappearance to capitalise in emphatic style in 5-runner event at Kelso (17f, good to soft) a fortnight ago. Remains well treated on old form but he took a heavy fall at Sedgefield on Tuesday, so remains to be seen if he's turned out quickly.

6 **EMPTY NEST (IRE) (9)** (CD) t **97**

7522653-2 **8** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Mark Walford — ***Jamie Hamilton***

C&D winner in March 2025. Been given a chance in the weights and he returned from his summer break when second of 6 in handicap chase (7/1) at this C&D (good) 9 days ago, so merits consideration.

7 **KINBARA FIRSTDRAFT (IRE) (18)** (D) s+t **94**

4546952P **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Leonard Kerr — ***Derek Fox***

Unreliable sort seemed to benefit from first-time cheekpieces when 1½ lengths second of 5 to Illogical Logic at Hexham (2½m, good) at the start of last month but was beaten some way out at Sedgefield 2 weeks later. Others make much more appeal.

8 **ILLOGICAL LOGIC (FR) (18)** (D) s **94**

46P-52114 **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg

David Thompson — ***Joshua Thompson*** (5lb/2kg)

Has been revived of late, winning at Cartmel and Hexham on first 2 starts for new yard (by 1½ lengths from Kinbara Firstdraft for latter success). Ran respectably enough after a 4 lb rise when fourth of 7 at Sedgefield (21f, good) 18 days ago and isn't ruled out having seen his mark ease 2 lb.

9 **OZZY COSMO (IRE) (199)** s+t **95**

P3P/8P48P- **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg

N. W. Alexander — ***Patrick Wadge***

Hasn't kicked on from his hurdle debut success at Ayr in 2023 and jumped ponderously reverted to hurdling when last seen in April. Has had a breathing operation but still hard to fancy back from 6 months off.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Empty Nest, **3-1** Treaty Boy, **6-1** Tom Creen, **7-1** Illogical Logic, **12-1** Powerofjet, **18-1** The Paddy Pie, **28-1** Party In The Park, **33-1** Kinbara Firstdraft, **33-1** Ozzy Cosmo

TIMEFORM VIEW:

EMPTY NEST remains on a handy mark and can go one place better than he did over C&D last week. Treaty Boy would make serious appeal after his recent Kelso win, though a fall earlier in the week at Sedgefield is far from ideal. Tom Creen looks best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EMPTY NEST 2. TREATY BOY 3. TOM CREEN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Taras Halls** 7-11-6	15-8f	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith	Danny McMenamin	7
2024	**Autumn Return** 7-11-0	8-11f	Ruth Jefferson	Brian Hughes	2
2023	**Cruz Control** 6-11-10	5-4f	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.50 RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 ALBATROSS THE ACE (30) **95**
1 **3** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Ivan Furtado — ***William Shanahan*** (5lb/2kg)
Without Parole gelding. Bred more for the Flat and sprung a surprise when winning an 8-runner bumper at Huntingdon (2m, good to firm) on debut 30 days ago, soon clear after quickening to lead in the final 50 yds. Now carries a penalty.

2 BRAN GALAD (30) **92**
6 **3** 11-2 | 70.8kg
David Menuisier — ***Dylan Johnston***
Camelot gelding who was held back by inexperience when 5½ lengths sixth of 8 to Albatross The Ace in bumper at Huntingdon (2m, good to firm, 7/2) on debut 30 days ago, rallying gradually after becoming outpaced. Should've learned plenty there, so no surprise if he can turn the tables.

3 CORONATION HILL t **93**
3 11-2 | 70.8kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — ***K. Brogan***
Kingston Hill gelding. Dam (h99), bumper/2m/17f hurdle winner, also 1m-9f winner who stayed 1¾m on Flat. Wears tongue strap. Yard's newcomers always respected.

4 HUBRIS (19) **91**
3 **3** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Sara Ender — ***James Best***
4,000 gns 3-y-o, Zarak gelding. Has a decent Flat pedigree and showed ability when third of 6 in bumper at Market Rasen (17f, good to soft) on debut 19 days ago. Respected.

5 LUCKY TIGER **92**
3 11-2 | 70.8kg
Ewan Whillans — ***Brian Hughes***
Iffraaj gelding. Dam, ran twice over hurdles, 11f winner on Flat, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler (2m/17f winner) Minella Yoga. Worth betting check on debut.

6 NATHAN DU CHENET (FR) **93**
3 11-2 | 70.8kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Derek Fox***
Beaumec de Houelle gelding. Half-brother to French 2m hurdle winner Lady du Chenet. Jockey bookings suggest he's the pick of the yard's 2 runners.

7 NOBLE MAX (FR) **92**
3 11-2 | 70.8kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Gregor Walkingshaw*** (7lb/3kg)
Nirvana du Berlais gelding. Dam once-raced half-sister to useful chaser (stayed 2¾m) Quolibet. Ridden by conditional on debut.

8 THAT GUY (FR) ★ **100**
3 11-2 | 70.8kg
Dan Skelton — ***Tristan Durrell***
Galiway gelding. Dam 9f winner. Yard's newcomers always respected and he makes plenty of appeal on debut.

9 KNOTT END PRINCESS **90**
3 10-9 | 67.6kg
Roger Fell — ***Sean Quinlan***
Palace Pier filly. Half-sister to 2 winners, including fairly useful hurdler Cavern Club. Dam unraced. Yard wouldn't be associated with winning debutants in this sphere.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 That Guy, **11-2** Albatross The Ace, **15-2** Coronation Hill, **15-2** Nathan Du Chenet, **10-1** Noble Max, **11-1** Bran Galad, **11-1** Lucky Tiger, **12-1** Hubris, **20-1** Knott End Princess

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THAT GUY represents powerful connections and can make a winning debut. Bran Galad should know more than on his debut this time and might be able to turn the tables with penalised Albatross The Ace.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THAT GUY 2. BRAN GALAD 3. ALBATROSS THE ACE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

	M	a	j	o	r	d	o	m	o
3-11-24-1				Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore			Jack Power (5)		8
2024	**Hunters Spring** 3-10-9			11-10f	Lucinda Russell		Conner McCann (7)		5
2023	**She's Notjoeking** 3-10-9			8-1	Lucinda Russell		Conner McCann (7)		7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race