GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Wednesday 11th November

BANGOR

12.30	OVERTON HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m72y (4090 Metres)
RACE 1	**(2) CHUGGY | (3) WANDERING EGO | (1) LAGUNA BEACH**
1.00	YORTON MARES' NOVICES' CHASE (Listed) (1) 2m1f77y (3490 Metres)
RACE 2	**(4) MIGHTY FLEUR | (2) JUBILEE ALPHA | (8) SUNSET MARQUESA**
1.30	WEATHERBYS & BIRDIE CALENDARS HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3m30y (4860 Metres)
RACE 3	**(2) FIRST CONFESSION | (5) BROOMFIELDS CAVE | (1) ARIZONA CARDINAL**
2.05	BANGOR-ON-DEE MEMBERSHIPS NOW ON SALE EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 2m145y (3350 Metres)
RACE 4	**(5) ROCKSON PIEL | (1) AGAFAY | (3) FIKA**
2.35	PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m145y (3350 Metres)
RACE 5	**(2) ALCARATH | (5) SEARS CROSSING | (8) FROST MOON**
3.05	WREXHAM LAGER NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)
RACE 6	**(1) AR AIS ARIS | (3) SOLID PERFORMER | (2) MR RAFIKI**
3.35	FESTIVE MEETING SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)
RACE 7	**(5) BROOKSIDE LA | (2) CHARISMA CAT | (3) THE CISTERCIAN**

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.

12.30 RACE 1

OVERTON HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130)
£14,000 2½m72y (4090 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **LAGUNA BEACH (FR) (207)** **98**

5312P7- **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Nicky Henderson — *Nico de Boinville*

Improved from hurdles debut when seeing off a pair of subsequent winners at Hereford in December. Late mistake proved costly at Ascot next time before struggling in a Grade 3 Sandown handicap/heavy-ground novice at Ayr in the spring. In top hands as he now goes chasing.

2 **CHUGGY (242)** (D) **100**

335/11125- **6** 11-13 | 75.7kg

Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*

Work in progress over hurdles but entirely different proposition over fences last season, winning 3 on the bounce before coming up short in a 3-runner Aintree handicap on Boxing Day. Taken on for the lead when well held final start but no surprise were he to return with a bang up in trip.

3 **WANDERING EGO (IRE) (28)** **90**

6143210-4 **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg

Olly Murphy — *Sean Bowen*

Bumper winner who reached a fairly useful level over hurdles during 2025/26, doubling his tally in a Huntingdon novice in March. Far from disgraced when ninth in big-field Aintree handicap in April and expected to step up plenty on a considerate chasing debut last month. Up in distance minus hood.

4 **BOWENSPARK (IRE) (204)** (CD) **98**

62/P25154- **8** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Henry Daly — *Stan Sheppard*

Went with more enthusiasm than is often the case when getting it right at the fourth attempt over fences in 4-runner C&D handicap in February. Found it tougher from revised mark in the spring and he's never been one for maximum faith. Off 6 months.

5 **SUPREME GEORGE (IRE) (26)** **96**

11321-552 **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Donald McCain — *Theo Gillard*

Thriving following a breathing operation when making it 4 wins from 6 starts over fences at Chepstow (2m) in April. Made it consecutive poor efforts with a relatively laboured return at Uttoxeter but back on track to an extent when second in a novice hurdle there 4 weeks ago. Up in distance.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Chuggy, **11-4** Wandering Ego, **7-2** Laguna Beach, **8-1** Supreme George, **11-1** Bowenspark

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CHUGGY is in the perfect hands to kick on as a second-season chaser and it's not hard to envisage him returning with a bang and making all here. Wandering Ego is sure to step up on his chasing debut effort, while Laguna Beach commands respect tackling the larger obstacles for the first time.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CHUGGY 2. WANDERING EGO 3. LAGUNA BEACH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Fine Casting** 9-11-1	9-2jf	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones	9
2024	**Jagwar** 5-11-7	5-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	15
2022	**Garincha** 6-10-13	4-1	Neil Mulholland	Adam Wedge	9
2021	**Yggdrasil** 4-10-11	11-4f	Nick Williams	David Noonan	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.00 RACE 2

YORTON MARES' NOVICES' CHASE (Listed) (1) 4yo+ fillies and mares £42,000 2m1f77y (3490 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **GETAWHISKY (26)** (D, BF) s **96**
40/4F145-2 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*
Bumper winner who made third start over hurdles a winning one at Windsor in January. Wasn't able to justify favouritism on handicap debut when fifth of 15 in EBF Mares' Final at Newbury in March but showed plenty to work on sent chasing when second of 3 at Uttoxeter last month. Cheekpieces fitted.

2 **JUBILEE ALPHA (IRE) (243)** **100**
181/2522P- **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Faye Bramley — *Lorcan Williams*
Capped fine 2024/25 with success in mares' listed novice at Cheltenham. Unable to add to tally last season, despite running well on 4 of 5 starts (reportedly bled in the County Hurdle). Left Paul Nicholls and possesses the raw ability to be a factor in this on chasing debut.

3 **MERELY A DETAIL (11)** (D) **92**
343-41134 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Toby Bulgin — *Tom Cannon*
Without a win over hurdles but different proposition over fences, supplementing her Worcester debut victory in clear-cut fashion at Fontwell (2¼m) in August. Solid in-frame efforts from revised marks since but she lacks the scope of some of these.

4 **MIGHTY FLEUR (30)** (D) s **99**
2572-1111 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Mickey Bowen — *Sean Bowen*
Picked up where she left off in the summer when completing 4-timer in a 7-runner handicap chase at Worcester (2½m, soft) 30 days ago, readily. That form among the best on offer and limit not yet reached, so she needs taking seriously.

5 **ONEFOURNINE (IRE) (32)** **94**
2201-1 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
Winning Irish pointer who confirmed earlier promise when winning 10-runner novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2¾m, good to soft) in April. Justified support on handicap debut/reappearance last month and type to do well over fences.

6 **PIPER PARK (IRE) (243)** t **97**
6/26- **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Tom Lacey — *Stan Sheppard*
Expensive point recruit who has raced just 4 times under Rules. Showed much improved form sent chasing after 14 months off when second in listed mares event at Huntingdon in February before finding Grade 2 at Cheltenham Festival all too much. Off since and sights lowered slightly.

7 **SIOG GEAL (IRE) (241)** **97**
1421/3252- **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Fergal O'Brien — *Kielan Woods*
Ended 2024/25 with EBF Mares' Final success at Newbury and continued to run well last season without winning, going close in mares handicap at Chepstow (19f) on final outing in March. Irish point winner so she could make a bold bid on chasing debut.

8 **SUNSET MARQUESA (IRE) (235)** (D) t **98**
1F/3143F2- **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Joe Tizzard — *Dylan Johnston*
Notched a third success over hurdles in a 2m4f mares handicap at Sandown in December. Took a step forward when third in Grade 2 at Ascot (2m) following month before falling 6th in Mares Hurdle at Cheltenham. Second at Kelso a week later and now switches to larger obstacles for in-form yard.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Jubilee Alpha, **9-2** Mighty Fleur, **11-2** Sunset Marquesa, **6-1** Piper Park, **6-1** Siog Geal, **8-1** Getawhisky, **12-1** Onefournine, **22-1** Merely A Detail

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This has a very open look to it but MIGHTY FLEUR arrives here on a roll and with race fitness and chasing experience on her side, that may count for plenty as she tackles a step up in grade. Jubilee Alpha was just about the best of these over hurdles so it will be interesting to see what Faye Bramley can do with her, while Sunset Marquesa is another nice prospect over the larger obstacles.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MIGHTY FLEUR 2. JUBILEE ALPHA 3. SUNSET MARQUESA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Diva Luna** 6-11-2	7-4	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones	4
2024	**Shecouldbeanything** 7-11-7	7-2	Gordon Elliott	Sean Bowen	6
2022	**Galia des Liteaux** 6-11-2	15-8	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8
2021	**The Glancing Queen** 7-11-0	5-4f	Alan King	Tom Cannon	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.30 RACE 3

WEATHERBYS & BIRDIE CALENDARS HANDICAP CHASE (2)
4yo+ (Rated 0-150) £40,000 3m30y (4860 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **ARIZONA CARDINAL (648)** (C, D) s+t **96**
P80/ **10** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Stuart Edmunds — ***Charlie Hammond***
Completed a superb hat-trick in 24-runner Topham Handicap Chase at Aintree in 2024. Some way below that level of form in 3 starts in 2024/25 and off 21 months. On the plus side, his stable is in excellent order and the assessor has given him every chance. Cheekpieces applied and market can guide.

2 **FIRST CONFESSION (IRE) (246)** ★ **100**
1P/335F10- **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Joe Tizzard — ***Dylan Johnston***
Point/hurdles winner who advanced his form over fences last season, getting off the mark at the fifth attempt in 21f maiden at Carlisle. Failed to see out marathon trip at Cheltenham Festival but remains one to be very positive about around 3m. Reappears for in-form yard.

3 **JUPITER ALLEN (FR) (32)** (D) s **99**
10/4231P-0 **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Chester Williams — ***Lorcan Williams***
Jumped soundly to beat some exposed rivals in a 6-runner handicap at Wincanton (25.1f, heavy) in January. Made mistakes when pulled up in Midlands National subsequently but a recent spin over hurdles should have put him spot on for this return to larger obstacles with cheekpieces back on.

4 **BLENKINSOP (320)** (D) **97**
030/516- **9** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Henry Daly — ***Ciaran Gethings***
A four-time handicap scorer over hurdles in 2022/23. Very lightly raced since but encouraging he confirmed the promise of his reappearance fifth on chasing bow when scoring at Exeter over 3m a year ago. Better than result at Aintree soon after but off the track again since.

5 **BROOMFIELDS CAVE (IRE) (201)** (D) s **97**
21/31P13- **9** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Neil Mulholland — ***Bradley Harris*** (3lb/1kg)
All 5 career wins gained in small-field contests, latest of them when better than ever over 25f at Wincanton in April. Sound-enough third from 4 lb higher 3 weeks later and he's capable fresh. Yard also in good nick.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 First Confession, **11-4** Broomfields Cave, **7-2** Jupiter Allen, **6-1** Arizona Cardinal, **17-2** Blenkinsop

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FIRST CONFESSION found 3¾m too much of a test at Cheltenham when last seen in March but back over a more suitable trip in a lesser handicap, he could get on the up returning for his in-form stable. Broomfields Cave and Arizona Cardinal also reappear, the latter from a huge lay-off but both are interesting.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FIRST CONFESSION 2. BROOMFIELDS CAVE 3. ARIZONA CARDINAL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Deep Cave** 7-11-7	11-1	Christian Williams	Jack Tudor	7
2024	**Celebre d'Allen** 12-11-12	15-2	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Callum Pritchard (7)	10
2022	**Le Milos** 7-11-9	3-1f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	12
2021	**Snow Leopardess** 9-11-0	5-1jf	Charlie Longsdon	Aidan Coleman	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.05 RACE 4

BANGOR-ON-DEE MEMBERSHIPS NOW ON SALE EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 3yo £10,000 2m145y (3350 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

1 **AGAFAY (FR)** ★ **100**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Warren Greatrex — ***Sean Bowen***
Saint Des Saints gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/very smart chaser Nassalam and useful hurdler Msassa, stayed 19f. Dam 1m-1¼m winner in Germany. One of the likelier types on paper.

2 **BUMP AND RUN** **92**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Clive Boultbee-Brooks — ***Stan Sheppard***
Dink gelding. Half-brother to dual bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler Moon Chime and fair hurdler The Resdev Tyke, stays 19f. Yard wouldn't be overly associated with debut winners.

3 **FIKA** t **99**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Sam Thomas — ***Dylan Johnston***
Cracksman gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners on Flat, including 5f-6f winner Toomuchforme. Wears tongue strap. Yard's newcomers always respected.

4 **NOTRE JACQUES (FR)** **94**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Mrs Jane Williams — ***Ciaran Gethings***
Saint Des Saints gelding. Half-brother to French 21f chase winner La Villa d'Este. Dam, half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser for connections Erick Le Rouge. Interesting newcomer for yard who have had success with this family.

5 **ROCKSON PIEL (FR)** **98**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Harry Derham — ***Paul O'Brien***
Goliath Du Berlais gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/smart chase winner Steel Ally and fairly useful 2m hurdle winner Next Twist. Has an appealing pedigree, so makes appeal on debut.

6 **ROYAL CASTLE (FR)** **91**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Nigel Hawke — ***David Noonan***
Castle Du Berlais gelding. Half-brother to French 17f hurdle winner Passion d'Ipanemix and French hurdler Monclar de Mix. Others make more appeal.

7 **SAM'S REFLECTION (IRE)** h **91**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Ben Case — ***Jack Quinlan***
Vadamos gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful chaser Arahecan and fair 2m/2½m hurdle winner Missed Tee. Dam, half-sister to useful hurdler Milkwood. Wears hood.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Agafay, **7-2** Fika, **4-1** Rockson Piel, **13-2** Notre Jacques, **10-1** Bump And Run, **12-1** Royal Castle, **12-1** Sam's Reflection

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A field consisting of seven newcomers, with preference going to ROCKSON PIEL, a Harry Derham-trained half-brother to the useful hurdler Steel Ally. Agafay is highly respected for the Greatrex yard, whilst Fika also makes appeal on paper.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROCKSON PIEL 2. AGAFAY 3. FIKA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Milou du Chenet** 3-11-0	2-1f	Warren Greatrex	James Bowen	8
2024	**Do It Again** 3-11-0	10-11f	N. George & A. Zetterholm	M. J. M. O'Sullivan	7
2022	**Javert Allen** 3-11-0	2-1	Mrs Jane Williams	David Noonan	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.35 RACE 5

PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW NOVICES' HURDLE
(4) 4yo+ £10,000 2m145y (3350 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **SKY GROVE (IRE)** (20) h **86**
3-15 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Laura Horsfall — ***Bryan Carver***
Bumped into a promising rival on the second of 2 starts in Irish points. Knew much more than he did in a bumper when making a winning hurdling debut at Warwick in May (2m). Found out slightly under a penalty at Ffos Las 3 weeks ago and same fate may well await.

2 **ALCARATH (IRE)** ★ **100**
4 11-0 | 69.9kg
Alan King — ***Tom Bellamy***
Useful Flat winner, cheekpieces on for first time when thirteenth of 27 in the Cambridgeshire at Newmarket (9f, firm) 46 days ago. In the right hands as he now goes hurdling and has the ability to be a major factor.

3 **GET BUSY JUMPING** (15) **81**
8 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero — ***Toby Wynne***
Postponed gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including fair hurdler Dog Fox and 21f hurdle winner Special Dragon. Dam 8.6f-1½m winner. Looked badly in need of the experience when eighth over C&D 2 weeks ago.

4 **HANG OUT (IRE)** **87**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg
Donald McCain — ***Theo Gillard***
€18,000 3-y-o, fifth foal: dam, lightly raced in points, half-sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 3m) Three Faces West. Won sole start in points (Feb 2026) and joined yard that has a good record at this track.

5 **SEARS CROSSING (IRE)** (27) **86**
2-6 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Olly Murphy — ***Sean Bowen***
Fairly useful maiden on Flat (stays 1½m) for Jessica Harrington and made a promising hurdling debut after 7 months off when second of 8 at Perth in April. In a much deeper race back there last month and could never land a blow. Remains capable of better.

6 **WHITEOAK DUFFY** (13) **70**
0-89 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Simon Edwards — ***Lee Edwards***
Looks fairly limited after 3 Rules starts.

7 **DOLLY DRAMA (IRE)** (12) **82**
344-0 **5** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Donald McCain — ***Peter Kavanagh***
Mahler filly who made the frame on her 2 bumper runs last season before starting out over hurdles with a fading fourth of 7 in novice at Haydock in April. Had another breathing operation and didn't fare any better at Uttoxeter last month.

8 **FROST MOON (IRE)** (21) **89**
84-3 **5** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Successful only outing in Irish points and some encouragement when mid-field in a Ludlow bumper in December. Bettered that form when fourth of 10 at Southwell in April, though without looking straightforward and again displayed ability when third sent hurdling last month. Can progress.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Alcarath, **9-2** Frost Moon, **6-1** Hang Out, **15-2** Sears Crossing, **8-1** Sky Grove, **20-1** Dolly Drama, **33-1** Get Busy Jumping, **150-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Assuming he takes to hurdling at the first attempt, useful Flat recruit ALCARATH is expected to outclass these. Sears Crossing and Frost Moon may be of more interest further down the line but can still make their presence felt at this level.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ALCARATH 2. SEARS CROSSING 3. FROST MOON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025[I]	**Shabalko d'Herm** 5-11-7	11-10	f Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	9
2025[II]	**Orderoftheday** 5-11-0	4-6	f Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	9
2024[I]	**Junker d'Allier** 5-11-7	4-6	f Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	11
2024[II]	**Gentleman Bill** 6-11-0	13-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	10
2022	**Kellahen** 5-11-0	12-1	Tom Symonds	Ben Poste	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.05 RACE 6

WREXHAM LAGER NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000
2m7f32y (4660 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **AR AIS ARIS (IRE)** (27) **95**
4-2 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore ***Jack Power*** (5lb/2kg)
£60,000 Walk In The Park gelding. Runner-up sole start in Irish points and plenty of positives to draw from both starts under Rules at Perth, fourth in bumper in April and runner-up in a maiden hurdle 6 months later. Goes up in trip and promises to do better.

2 **MR RAFIKI (IRE)** (11) s+t **94**
4-442FF22 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill ***Jonjo O'Neill Jr.***
Lightly-raced 5-y-o who fell both starts over fences last month but runner-up 3 times over hurdles either side of those efforts. Still carried head a shade awkwardly fitted with cheekpieces 11 days ago and he's back up in distance.

3 **SOLID PERFORMER (IRE)** (228) **100**
332F4- **8** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Donald McCain ***Theo Gillard***
Point winner who looked to have the race in control (10 lengths clear) when falling heavily 2 out in 21f novice hurdle at Haydock in March. Not in the same form at Uttoxeter 3 weeks later but he's a definite contender on reappearance on these terms.

4 **CAPTAIN CONNOR (FR)** (10) **77**
27342352 **4** 10-12 | 68.9kg
Clare Ellam ***Dylan Johnston***
Remains a maiden but has made the frame several times this season, latest when runner-up in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (25f, good) 10 days ago. Has plenty to find on form here though.

5 **GRANNY B (IRE)** (9) h **76**
P577635U **6** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Michael Mullineaux ***Lewis Stones*** (3lb/1kg)
Long-standing maiden who is right up against it outside of low-grade handicap company.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens Ar Ais Aris, **3-1** Mr Rafiki, **7-2** Solid Performer, **22-1** Captain Connor, **33-1** Granny B

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AR AIS ARIS produced another promising effort when runner-up sent hurdling last month and with further progress to come up in distance, he looks the answer. Solid Performer and Mr Rafiki are the credible rivals.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AR AIS ARIS 2. SOLID PERFORMER 3. MR RAFIKI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Skuna Bay** 6-11-0	9-2	Donald McCain	Theo Gillard	5
2024	**Beaufort Scale** 5-11-7	2-1	Gordon Elliott	James Bowen	8
2022	**Maximilian** 6-11-6	5-2	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.35 RACE 7

FESTIVE MEETING SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 3yo+ (Rated 0-145) £20,000 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **GOOD TO BE ALIVE (IRE) (214)** s **99**
145/2212P- **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Olly Murphy — ***Sean Bowen***
Lightly-raced 5-y-o who progressed again when useful second at Kelso (21f) in late-February. Weakened out of it in a better race tackling 3m for the first time in April but he's in excellent hands ahead of this reappearance and cheekpieces go on back down in trip.

2 **CHARISMA CAT (214)** **98**
10/221216- **6** 11-13 | 75.7kg
Alan King — ***Tom Bellamy***
Three-time bumper winner who opened her hurdling account at third attempt at Chepstow in January. Ended season in excellent form, going in again at Newbury before faring as well as could be expected in the Mersey Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (2½m). Cheekpieces off but major claims on reappearance.

3 **THE CISTERCIAN (IRE) (231)** **99**
6313U3U2- **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Stuart Edmunds — ***Charlie Hammond***
Left Irish form behind when making a winning start for Stuart Edmunds in 2m Leicester maiden hurdle on heavy in December. Placed all 3 completed starts to end the season, better than ever when second at Hexham in March. Off since (has had a breathing operation) but yard in excellent order.

4 **STATIC (FR) (26)** (CD) h **99**
339110-52 **5** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Donald McCain — ***Theo Gillard***
Turned a corner for the switch to front-running tactics in the spring, narrowly completing a double over C&D. Never looked like repeating the feat in a pair of Aintree handicaps after but eased in class he found only one too good at Uttoxeter 4 weeks ago.

5 **BROOKSIDE LA (IRE) (35)** (D) **100**
5/554133-1 **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Steadily progressive during his novice season and he took a sizeable step forward when making a winning reappearance at Worcester (2½m, good to soft) 35 days ago, staying on well. Remains unexposed at this sort of trip and easing ground won't hold any fears. Lots to like.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Brookside La, **3-1** Charisma Cat, **9-2** Good To Be Alive, **6-1** The Cistercian, **6-1** Static

TIMEFORM VIEW:

There should be plenty more to come from BROOKSIDE LA this season and in receipt of weight all round, he looks the way to go after an impressive performance at Worcester. Charisma Cat and The Cistercian are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BROOKSIDE LA 2. CHARISMA CAT 3. THE CISTERCIAN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Lud'or** 5-11-1	11-5f	Tom Symonds	Caoilin Quinn	11
2024	**Aston Martini** 5-10-10	5-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race