GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Wednesday 18th November

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12.48	**DANDARA MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**
RACE 1	**(7) NO WALKOVER | (1) BLINDED BY GRACE | (2) BOB BISHOP**
1.18	**DANDARA MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**
RACE 2	**(2) DIAMOND STREET | (8) QUICKKICK | (7) POETS EXPRESS**
1.48	**GOLWG GWENDRAETH BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 2m (3220 Metres)**
RACE 3	**(4) OLD PARK STAR | (5) SOBER GLORY | (1) BARON NOIR**
2.18	**EDWINA JONES 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m7f177y (4790 Metres)**
RACE 4	**(6) WANNABE | (11) MANHATTAN VALLEY | (1) WALK TALL**
2.48	**SUPPORT YOUR ONCOURSE BOOKMAKERS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m (4020 Metres)**
RACE 5	**(4) MERRY AWAY | (5) VALIANT SOLDIER | (2) DOAGH**
3.18	**3A'S LEISURE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m (4020 Metres)**
RACE 6	**(2) NO BOUNDARIES | (10) FOR OLD TIMES SAKE | (6) WISPIT TWOB**
3.48	**WELSH COTTAGE CHRISTMAS CAKES HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m3f83y (3900 Metres)**
RACE 7	**(4) SEASETT | (9) POOROLDMACKLEY | (1) UNLEASH THE BEAST**

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.

12.48 RACE 1

DANDARA MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 4yo+ £10,000
1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **BLINDED BY GRACE (159)** (D) **86**
3-16 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Mickey Bowen — ***Sean Bowen***
5-y-o who confirmed debut promise following 9 months off when opening his account in 5-runner bumper at Uttoxeter (2m) in May. Possibly amiss when last of 6 at Newton Abbot (17f) in June but goes hurdling now with his stable in good form. Betting can guide.

2 **BOB BISHOP (574)** **90**
31/ **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Joe Tizzard — ***Freddie Gingell***
Milan gelding who did best of the newcomers when third in bumper at Taunton (16.5f) in spring 2025 and despite residual greenness confirmed that promise when making all over same C&D a month later. Absent 19 months ahead of this switch to hurdles but his yard continue in tremendous form.

3 **EL DORADO (17)** **70**
0-0 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Sheila Lewis — ***Conor Ring***
Linda's Lad gelding who finished well held on sole start in bumpers for Ryan Potter in April and similar story starting out over hurdles for new yard at Worcester earlier this month. Can only be watched.

4 **FOZZY OSBOURNE** **79**
5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Grace Harris — ***Joe Anderson*** (3lb/1kg)
Modest maiden (stays 1m) on the Flat. Hardly looks an obvious type on hurdling debut.

5 **JEVON** **84**
5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Dan Skelton — ***Charlie Todd***
Jack Hobbs gelding. Dam 21f hurdle winner (stayed 3¼m), half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 3m) Golden Sunrise. Newcomer representing top stable and confidence behind him in the betting would understandably need to be taken seriously.

6 **MAC GAYVEUR (FR) (238)** **75**
65- **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Claire Hitch — ***Jack Stenhouse*** (7lb/3kg)
Half-brother to 5 winners but green and no better than mid-field in pair of bumpers earlier this year for Tom Weston. Goes hurdling now after 7 months off having switched yards and he looks best watched.

7 **NO WALKOVER (284)** (D, BF) ★ **100**
118- **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
David Pipe — ***Jack Tudor***
Runner-up in Irish point and wasted no time proving his narrow Chepstow debut victory hadn't done him full justice when comfortably following up at Aintree (17f) on Boxing Day. Had heavy ground as an excuse at Newbury in February and he remains one to be very positive about now sent hurdling.

8 **PETIT GALET (14)** h+t **70**
0/P **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Richard Mitford-Slade — ***James Best***
Offered little on debut when tenth of 12 in bumper at Wincanton back in January 2025 and he showed nothing following 22 months off when pulled up on hurdles debut at Chepstow earlier this month. Tongue tie now added to the hood worn then.

9 **SHORT SELL (IRE) (16)** **75**
898 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Dan Skelton — ***Liam Harrison***
Off mark in points at second attempt in March. Well held in a bumper during the spring and similar story in 2 novice/maiden hurdles this autumn. Will have handicaps as an option after this, however, and he couldn't be in better hands.

10 **NUPTOWN GIRL (23)** s **79**
P **4** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Bernard Llewellyn & Robert Williams — ***Lee Edwards***
Fair type who won twice on the Flat (up to 1½m) for Ian Williams this summer. However, looked badly in need of the experience (jumped awkwardly) when pulled up on yard/hurdles debut at Hereford (2m) 23 days ago. Cheekpieces quickly refitted but she looks one for later on.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 No Walkover, **3-1** Bob Bishop, **5-1** Blinded By Grace, **7-1** Jevon, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NO WALKOVER looked a very useful prospect in bumpers and with excuses on account of underfoot conditions when well held at Newbury on his final outing, David Pipe's charge is fancied to make a bold bid now hurdling on return. Blinded By Grace and Bob Bishop are other hurdling newcomers to note, with Jevon also commanding a check in the betting given the stable he represents.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NO WALKOVER 2. BLINDED BY GRACE 3. BOB BISHOP

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**There Runs Mary** 5-10-11	1-33f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen 4
2024	**Admiral Stewart** 5-11-4	5-2	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan 14
2023	**Lump Sum** 5-11-4	2-5f	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies 6
2022	**L'Astroboy** 5-11-4	6-4f	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge 6
2021	**Dalamoi** 4-11-4	15-8jf	Tim Vaughan	Alan Johns 11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.18 RACE 2

DANDARA MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 4yo+ £10,000
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GBI RACING

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **CLONDAW FAME (IRE)** (386) **81**
23P/25- **9** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Barry John Murphy — ***Callum Pritchard***
Very lightly raced for his age and back to something like his best form equipped with a tongue strap (discarded) when second in a C&D maiden on return/stable debut in October. Looked a tricky ride when fifth in handicap here since and he looks vulnerable back in a maiden now debuting for new yard.

2 **DIAMOND STREET (IRE)** (242) (BF) ★ **100**
15- **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Looked good when winning a soft-ground Doncaster bumper on debut in January and better than the result when fifth in valuable big field event at Newbury (2m) in March, twice meeting trouble when making ground from the back. Has plenty about him physically to suggest he'll make his mark over hurdles.

3 **HOEYFIELD LAD (IRE)** (13) **70**
4-0 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
D. J. Jeffreys — ***Kielan Woods***
Hinted at promise when fourth of 5 in a Stratford maiden on hurdles debut in summer 2025 but absent 16 months prior to finishing tailed off at Newbury 2 weeks ago. Type his yard does well with in low-grade handicaps.

4 **INTRASTELLAR** h **83**
5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — ***Jonjo O'Neill Jr.***
Second foal, half-brother to bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler We're Red And Blue (winner around 2m). Dam, fair 2m hurdle winner, sister to useful chaser (stayed 2½m) Sammy Bill. In-form stable capable of readying a newcomer. Wears hood.

5 **MAC J** (238) **79**
74- **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
David Rees — ***Jay Tidball*** (5lb/2kg)
Fared little better than on debut when well held fourth of 9 in Hereford bumper in March. Will need to step up plenty on those exploits if he's to feature now hurdling after 7 months off.

6 **MOMENTS IN TIME (IRE)** (271) (BF) **86**
44- **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Dan Skelton — ***Charlie Todd***
Successful in points and showed plenty of ability both starts in bumpers, notably travelling fluently before not getting home when fourth at Exeter (17f, heavy) in February. Return to better ground a plus now hurdling following a breathing operation but Diamond Street looks stable's first string.

7 **POETS EXPRESS (IRE)** (27) **84**
2 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Ben Pauling — ***Ben Jones***
€70,000 3-y-o, Poet's Word gelding who appeals on paper and he shaped encouragingly when second of 6 in a C&D bumper 4 weeks ago, the only one to lay down a challenge to the winner in the closing stages. In excellent hands and bright prospect now hurdling.

8 **QUICKKICK (IRE)** (27) h **90**
431-2 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Philip Hobbs & Johnson White — ***Sean Houlihan***
Pulls hard but that didn't stop him progressing in bumpers, off the mark at the third attempt at Newton Abbot (17f) in April. Carried on the progress after 6 months off when second in a C&D novice 4 weeks ago and he's entitled to build on that.

9 **WALK THE HALL (IRE)** (17) **79**
0 **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Max Comley — ***Jamie Brace*** (5lb/2kg)
Walk In The Park mare who was successful on 2 of her 8 starts in Irish points but shaped like a longer-term project when well held in a Worcester maiden hurdle (2m) 17 days ago.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Diamond Street, **10-3** Quickkick, **13-2** Moments In Time, **8-1** Poets Express, **11-1** Intrastellar, **22-1** Clondaw Fame, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DIAMOND STREET displayed plenty of ability on each of his 2 starts in bumpers last season, scoring on debut at Doncaster prior to finishing a solid fifth at Newbury in March. He has plenty about him physically to suggest he will make his mark over hurdles and he earns the vote. Quickkick's tendency to pull hard hasn't stopped steady progress to date and he's feared, with Poets Express and Moments In Time another couple of interesting types from bumpers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DIAMOND STREET 2. QUICKKICK 3. POETS EXPRESS

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.48 RACE 3

GOLWG GWENDRAETH BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 4yo+ £15,000 2m (3220 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **BARON NOIR (IRE)** (222) (D) **74**

13/121143- **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Alan King — *Jonathan Burke*

Dual bumper scorer who took very well to hurdling, winning maiden/novice events prior to excellent fourth in the Supreme at Cheltenham Festival, impressing with how he went through the race. Too keen for his own good when third in Aintree Grade 1 final start and type to make a chaser.

2 **BOBBY'S NELSON (IRE)** (274) (C, BF) **70**

2213- **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Dan Skelton — *Charlie Todd*

Improved again when off the mark in good style in Ffos Las maiden in January but shaped as if amiss following month and absent since (has left Philip Hobbs & Johnson White and had a breathing operation). Runner-up in Irish points but set a stiff task on chase bow.

3 **CARLENRIG (IRE)** (298) **71**

21F- **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*

Confirmed debut promise to win Grade 2 (Bristol) novice hurdle at Cheltenham last winter, overcoming greenness to score by short head. Not seen since falling in similar event at Doncaster following month. Will make a chaser (point winner) but will find much easier openings than this.

4 **OLD PARK STAR (IRE)** (253) (D) ★ **100**

323/1111- **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Nicky Henderson — *Nico de Boinville*

Highly impressive over hurdles last season. Touch of Altior about the performance when making it 4-4 in the Supreme at Cheltenham, leaving the impression we've yet to see the best of him. Most exciting chasing prospect.

5 **SOBER GLORY (IRE)** (222) (D, BF) **85**

11/141124- **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White — *Ben Jones*

Most progressive over hurdles last season, an easy winner on 3 of first 4 starts before taking another big step forward when second to Old Park Star in the Supreme, likely to have gone close but for a mistake at the last. Likely found Aintree coming too soon and this point winner will make a chaser.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-6 Old Park Star, **9-4** Sober Glory, **10-1** Baron Noir, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A very strong race for its type with 3 of the first 4 home from the Supreme lining up, including the winner OLD PARK STAR and runner-up Sober Glory. Both will make chasers with Old Park Star (who is currently the clear favourite for the Arkle) taken to come out on top again.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OLD PARK STAR 2. SOBER GLORY 3. BARON NOIR

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.18 RACE 4

EDWINA JONES 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m7f177y (4790 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 WALK TALL (IRE) (12) ★ **100**
2/876523-U **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Joe Tizzard — *Harry Cobden*
Winning pointer who signed off last season with a good third over hurdles at Newton Abbot. Was expected to make his presence felt on chasing debut (prominent in market, also had a breathing operation) but unseated at the fourth at Hexham on recent return. Worth another chance.

2 GUSTOSO (35) **93**
861P2/6-7 **7** 11-13 | 75.7kg
Henry Daly — *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Dual winner over hurdles but didn't offer much after another absence at Wetherby 5 weeks ago. Bit to prove now chasing.

3 EMAILANDY (IRE) (14) s **93**
P/P8PP-P43 **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Martin Keighley — *Sean Bowen*
One-time useful hurdler for Paul Nicholls but little form since 2023/24, showing only a glimmer of ability on second start for this yard at Uttoxeter on penultimate outing.

4 MOON OVER CLYRO (211) **94**
230P5- **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Robbie Llewellyn — *Charlie Price*
Lightly-raced 6-y-o who returned to something like his hurdling debut form upped in trip and fitted with first-time headgear when fifth here when last seen in the spring. Cheekpieces left off for this chase debut.

5 WOODYTHEWOODPECKER (IRE) (21) **95**
4/357223-P **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Mrs C. Williams — *Adam Wedge*
Holding his form without success over hurdles last 3 starts last season. Bred for chasing but made an inauspicious start in this sphere after 7 months off at Newton Abbot 3 weeks ago.

6 WANNABE (IRE) (35) v **99**
6/5672-U **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Tom Lacey — *Stan Sheppard*
In the process of running well when departing at the last over C&D on return 5 weeks ago, unlikely to have threatened the winner (has won again since) but seemingly booked for second. Needs considering off the same mark and type to respond well to first-time headgear (possibly not straightforward).

7 WELCHESTON WARRIER (218) **93**
70/32P223- **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Clive Boultbee-Brooks — *Richie McLernon*
Still looking for first success but he went close a few times over hurdles last season. Tackling fences now after 7 months off but he's not an obvious chaser on breeding.

8 SHUIL ROCCO (IRE) (185) s **93**
704-6 **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Mickey Bowen — *Shane Fenelon* (5lb/2kg)
Third completed start in points. Yet to show much ability under Rules and headgear now applied on chase bow/return.

9 RUBYS LEGACY (439) t **79**
P4/26- **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg
David Rees — *Jay Tidball* (5lb/2kg)
No solid form and little appeal on chase bow after an absence.

10 COTE D'ANGE (FR) (220) s **95**
9/0834- **5** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Sam Thomas — *Dylan Johnston*
Lightly-raced maiden who made more of an impact switched to handicaps last season and may still have more to offer now going chasing with headgear applied.

11 MANHATTAN VALLEY (FR) (165) **98**
0/98P8-3 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Christian Williams — *Jack Tudor*
Winning Irish pointer who made his first impact under Rules (much more prominent in the betting than previously) when third at Hexham in June, caught in a poor position when the race was taking shape. Off since but that form looks sound and he probably has more to offer up in trip.

12 JACK'S A LEGEND (21) (BF) t **94**
8/33-7403P **11** 11-0 | 69.9kg
John & Rhys Flint — *Miss Imogen Mathias* (7lb/3kg)
Sole win came in a very weak race over hurdles 3 years ago. Having re-joined former yard, he ran respectably when third at Stratford, though looked a handful for his owner-rider. Badly hampered at the second before pulled up with a breathing problem at Huntingdon since.

13 GLENMUICK (32) s+t **92**
958792-85 **5** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Charlie Longsdon — *Lilly Pinchin*
Doesn't look straightforward and made an impact over hurdles only once.

14 CALL YOUR BLUFF (245) t **93**
305/7832P- **6** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Emma Lavelle — *Cameron Johnstone-Baker* (7lb/3kg)
Out-and-out stayer who was placed a couple of times over hurdles in the mud last season off higher marks but probably wants a stiffer test than this over fences.

15 LADY PACIFICO (637) b+t **79**
5P4/ **8** 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)
Georgie Howell — *Tabitha Worsley*
Flat/hurdles winner but was out of form when last seen 2 winters ago. 4 lb out of the weights.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Walk Tall, **5-1** Wannabe, **6-1** Manhattan Valley, **11-1** Woodythewoodpecker, **12-1** Cote D'ange, **16-1** Jack's A Legend, **18-1** Moon Over Clyro, **22-1** Welcheston Warrier, **22-1** Call Your Bluff, **25-1** Emailandy, **25-1** Gustoso, **25-1** Shuil Rocco, **33-1** Glenmuick, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WANNABE was set to be beaten only by a subsequent winner when departing at the last over C&D on chase bow/return so looks a big player off the same mark. Potential improvers Manhattan Valley and Walk Tall are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WANNABE 2. MANHATTAN VALLEY 3. WALK TALL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Esperti** 8-10-13	6-1	David Rees	Sean Bowen	7
2024	**The Scorpion King** 6-11-13	17-2	Oliver Signy	Gavin Sheehan	13
2023	**Percy Veering** 6-11-4	9-4f	Kim Bailey	Kielan Woods	8
2022	**Storm Force Ben** 8-11-12	10-3	Philip Hobbs	Ben Jones	8
2021	**Fairlawn Flyer** 5-11-7	5-1f	Peter Bowen	Sean Bowen	17

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.48 RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 BIG JOHN OLLIE (IRE) (17) **78**
32-0 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Dan Skelton — *Charlie Todd*
Shaped with encouragement on both bumper starts last season but held back by inexperience on return/hurdling debut at Chepstow earlier in the month. Upped in trip but handicaps may be more his thing further down the line.

2 DOAGH (IRE) **86**
5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Mickey Bowen — *Sean Bowen*
£20,000 5-y-o, Idaho gelding. Brother to fair hurdler Tolka Row, and closely related to modest chaser Gustav. Won sole start in Irish points (Oct 3). One to consider on Rules bow.

3 KARAMEL BISCUITS (FR) **80**
6 11-4 | 71.7kg
Venetia Williams — *Charlie Deutsch*
Tunis gelding. Dam, 2¼m chase winner in France, half-sister to fairly useful hurdle winner/useful chaser (stayed 3m) Farinet. Yard yet to get going this season.

4 MERRY AWAY (IRE) (221) ★ **100**
14- **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Ben Pauling — *Ben Jones*
Finished third in Irish point and looked a good prospect in going 2 places better in a 2m Warwick bumper on Rules debut in March, responding well. Built on that when fourth of 20 in Grade 2 at Aintree the following month and he's a very interesting hurdling debutant.

5 VALIANT SOLDIER (IRE) (20) **82**
554-3 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Joe Tizzard — *Harry Cobden*
Shaped with some promise on all 3 bumpers outings last season and finished strongly on return/hurdling debut when third of 9 in maiden at this course (2m, heavy) recently, unsuited by the emphasis on speed. Step up in trip promises to suit so fancied to be bang there.

6 COBBLER'S LAD (226) **80**
6- **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Henry Daly — *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Jack Hobbs gelding who offered little when sixth of 11 in bumper at Hereford (2m, good) back in April. Upped in trip for this hurdling debut and needs to show plenty more.

7 IGNITE THE SPARK (IRE) (3) t **70**
PP **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Barry John Murphy — *Richie McLernon*
Pulled up in maiden/novice hurdle in recent weeks (tongue tied latest).

8 MISTRAL DU CHENET (FR) (20) **80**
0-5 **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Toby Bulgin — *Jonathan Burke*
Well held in a couple of bumpers 7 months apart. Upped in trip for this hurdling debut but makes little appeal.

9 ONE MORE CHROME (IRE) (27) **75**
07 **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Dan Skelton — *Liam Harrison*
Flat winner for B. F. Brookhouse in summer 2025 and did better with his hurdling debut under his belt when seventh of 11 in novice hurdle at this course (2m, soft) last month. Upped in trip but handicaps after this look the plan.

10 POWER OF AUTHORITY (IRE) (13) **70**
0 **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Sheila Lewis — *Sean Houlihan*
Poet's Word gelding who fell sole start in Irish points in February and offered little when last of 11 in bumper at Newbury (2m, good to soft) recently. Upped in trip for this hurdling debut.

11 SKIBIDIRIZZ (IRE) (24) **75**
66 **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Dan Skelton — *Robert Dunne*
Tailed off in novice/maiden hurdle last month. Heads up in trip but can only be watched until tackling a handicap.

12 FUNNY HUNNY (IRE) (27) **83**
44 **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*
Affinisea mare who was placed both starts in Irish points back in 2024 and showed something to work on when fourth at Worcester last month. Filled the same spot under a contrasting ride over C&D (soft) recently and it remains early days. Seemingly yard's first string on jockey bookings.

13 HANDFULOFPROMISES (IRE) (27) **75**
2/6 **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Sheila Lewis — *Callum Pritchard*
Runner-up sole start in Irish points and did likewise in a Huntingdon bumper in 2024. Seemed to show she retains some ability sent hurdling when sixth of 8 in novice over C&D (soft) last month and entitled to come on from that here.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-5 Merry Away, **5-1** Doagh, **15-2** Funny Hunny, **10-1** Valiant Soldier, **16-1** Mistral Du Chenet, **16-1** Cobbler's Lad, **20-1** Karamel Biscuits, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for MERRY AWAY, who made a successful Rules bow in a Warwick bumper back in March and enhanced his form further when fourth in Grade 2 company at the Aintree Festival next time. He can make the smooth transition to hurdling at the expense of Valiant Soldier, who promises to be suited by this step up to 2½m. Point-winner Doagh rounds off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MERRY AWAY 2. VALIANT SOLDIER 3. DOAGH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Legendary Luke** 5-11-4	9-2	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	4
2024	**Jig's Forge** 5-11-4	9-4	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones	12
2023	**Itseemslikeit** 4-11-3	9-2	David Pipe	Jack Tudor	6
2022	**Broomfield Present** 6-11-4	15-8f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	8
2021	**Transfer Friendly** 5-11-4	11-4	Harry Whittington	Daryl Jacob	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.18 RACE 6

3A'S LEISURE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m (4020 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

1 **CAUVICOURT (FR) (586)** **91**

9232/ **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Nikki Evans — ***James Best***

Little show in a pair of bumpers but much more like it over hurdles, matching previous form fast-tracked to handicaps when second of 4 at Fontwell (19f, good) back in April 2025. Watching brief advised having switched yards since.

2 **NO BOUNDARIES (FR) (28)** **97**

424-4 **4** 11-13 | 75.7kg

Mrs Jane Williams — ***Ciaran Gethings***

Half-brother to top-class chaser El Fabiolo who is getting the hang of things over hurdles, showing improved form stepped up in trip when 3½ lengths fourth of 10 to Wispit Twob at Worcester (2½m, soft) on recent return. Has way more potential than most and yard amongst the winners.

3 **BAHATI BAHATI (IRE) (196)** **92**

P63-8 **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Gordon Treacy — ***Troy Walsh*** (7lb/3kg)

Standout effort when third of 12 in 2m course novice (soft) back in April. Makes return/handicap debut but easy enough to look elsewhere.

4 **LARA K (IRE) (27)** **83**

7673 **5** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Mrs C. Williams — ***Conor Ring***

Flat-bred mare who looks limited on early evidence. Significant step forward required now handicapping.

5 **BILLY BUTCHER (IRE) (10)** h **98**

64/62F **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Dave Roberts — ***Lee Edwards***

Modest at best in bumpers but stepped up on his comeback run starting off in handicaps when second of 10 at Worcester (2m, good to soft) last month. Didn't get very far over C&D 10 days ago but should prove at least as effective over this trip. First-time hood goes on.

6 **WISPIT TWOB (IRE) (28)** (D) s **99**

F260P-P81 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Martin Keighley — ***Sean Bowen***

Hadn't beaten a rival in 5 outings for current connections but staged a full-scale revival with cheekpieces fitted when winning 10-runner handicap at Worcester (2½m, soft) last month. Bowen retains the partnership and should give another good account from 4 lb higher.

7 **BLAZING SAINT (140)** **97**

96P-19 **5** 10-13 | 69.4kg

Christian Williams — ***Jack Tudor***

Ignored in the betting but sprung a surprise on handicap debut after 3 months off at Southwell in May, finding extra. Ran too badly to be true 7 weeks on at Worcester and off since. Heads back up in trip.

8 **NEEPS AND TATTIES (211)** h **97**

4/5074724- **7** 10-12 | 68.9kg

Richard Phillips — ***Jonathan Burke***

Best effort when second of 6 over C&D (heavy) in March, appearing to benefit from a return to front-running tactics. Went a long way to backing that up when fourth the following month and she could well sneak a place on return.

9 **YORGUNNABEPLUCKY (30)** (C) **74**

0/12434P-2 **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg

Mrs C. Williams — ***Adam Wedge***

Placed on second of his 2 starts between the flags and left hurdles form behind when making a successful chase debut here (2m) in summer 2025. Made hard work of things after 7 months off and was flattered by his proximity when runner-up at Plumpton last month and now reverts to hurdling.

10 **FOR OLD TIMES SAKE (IRE) (34)** ★ **100**

87869P-6 **5** 10-9 | 67.6kg

Neil Mulholland — ***Harry Cobden***

Low-mileage 5-y-o who was placed in points in spring 2025. Yet to really click but shaped as if better for the run with a hood refitted after 6 months off when sixth of 9 in handicap at Fontwell (2¼m, good to soft) just under 5 weeks ago. Big shout with that under his belt.

11 **TELETIME (40)** **95**

60-09 **5** 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)

Neil Mulholland — ***Bradley Harris*** (3lb/1kg)

No promise in a bumper/over hurdles, latest after 5 months off. May well prove a different proposition now handicapping over a longer trip for a yard who certainly know the time of day.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Wispit Twob, **6-1** No Boundaries, **15-2** Yorgunnabeplucky, **10-1** For Old Times Sake, **12-1** Neeps And Tatties, **16-1** Teletime, **16-1** Billy Butcher, **16-1** Blazing Saint, **16-1** Cauvicourt, **25-1** Lara K, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NO BOUNDARIES has way more potential than most in this and with his yard amongst the winners, Jane Williams' 4-y-o gets the nod to build on his promising return. For Old Times Sake should be all the sharper for his return so he can be the one to provide most resistance, with recent-winner Wispit Twob completing the shortlist with Bowen retaining the partnership.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NO BOUNDARIES 2. FOR OLD TIMES SAKE 3. WISPIT TWOB

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Sparkling Duke** 6-11-10	9-2	Kayley Woollacott	Sean Bowen	6
2024	**Fresh Speculation** 6-12-0	4-1	Henry Daly	David Bass	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.48 RACE 7

WELSH COTTAGE CHRISTMAS CAKES HANDICAP CHASE (5)
4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m3f83y (3900 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

1 **UNLEASH THE BEAST (IRE) (270)** (BF) **95**
56527/76- **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Fergal O'Brien — ***Liam Harrison***
Race-by-race progress in trio of maiden hurdles in 2024/25. Seen only twice last season and limited impact in 2 handicaps, but this switch to larger obstacles could be just what he needs. Probably wants further than this, however.

2 **DISCO DAVIS (FR) (37)** s **95**
P4-3P65P4 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Sarah-Jayne Davies — ***Lee Edwards***
Looked like one with problems towards the end of his time with Dan Skelton. Fair third at Worcester on stable/chasing debut in May but has gone backwards since. Mark continues to tumble.

3 **EVERYONESACRITIC (IRE) (28)** (D) **94**
2/743315-3 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Mrs C. Williams — ***Miss Eleanor Williams*** (7lb/3kg)
Landed 2m5f handicap chase at Hereford for second year in succession earlier in February. Not at his best at Ludlow next time but made a satisfactory return over an inadequate trip back from 8 months off at Fontwell (2¼m, good to soft) recently.

4 **SEASETT (448)** (D) s+t **43**
55959/562- **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Mickey Bowen — ***Sean Bowen***
Lost his way for Shark Hanlon but having had a breathing operation/switched yards, shaped encouragingly in a first-time visor when second at Hexham (2½m, good to firm) in August (finished lame). Back over fences and fancied to feature under Sean Bowen (has had another breathing operation).

5 **OWL OF ATHENS (IRE) (27)** (D) **97**
013/5781-F **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Mrs C. Williams — ***Conor Ring***
Landed a gamble with a smooth success in 6-runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (2½m, heavy) in February. Hasn't proved the most consistent though and failed to complete after 8 months off over C&D recently.

6 **JUST AIDAN (IRE) (15)** s **95**
6/P7F153-5 **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Harriet Dickin — ***James Best***
Hurdles/chase winner who shaped as if retaining ability after 7 months off when fifth of 9 in handicap hurdle at Lingfield (19f, good to firm) recently. That should've taken any freshness out of him so no surprise to see an improved effort back chasing.

7 **LEECH (FR) (32)** **94**
84/43936-4 **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Mrs C. Williams — ***James Turner*** (5lb/2kg)
Fairly useful bumper winner but unable to add to tally over hurdles. Showed aptitude for chasing when third here in January and having run poorly the following month, found the test inadequate on return at Newton Abbot recently. Better showing expected here.

8 **BAHTIYAR (FR) (15)** s+t **95**
25634523 **8** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Max Young — ***Miss Clara Brewitt*** (7lb/3kg)
Long-standing maiden who though not beaten far finished last of 3 at Warwick (25f, good) recently. Easy to look elsewhere given his record.

9 **POOROLDMACKLEY (IRE) (28)** (D) s ★ **100**
PF7-4423P **7** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Mrs C. Williams — ***Adam Wedge***
In good form over hurdles recently but ran no sort of race returned to chasing at Fontwell 4 weeks ago. Cheekpieces reapplied and appeals as the type to bounce back quickly.

10 **DEVILSROLLTHEDICE (IRE) (220)** s **86**
486PP7- **6** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Gordon Treacy — ***Sean Houlihan***
Made the frame on his last 2 starts in Irish points, while he didn't offer much in varied events over hurdles, showed a bit more on his second chase outing when seventh of 11 in handicap chase over C&D (soft) back in April.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Seasett, **7-2** Unleash The Beast, **15-2** Owl of Athens, **8-1** Pooroldmackley, **10-1** Bahtiyar, **10-1** Everyonesacritic, **12-1** Leech, **16-1** Just Aidan, **33-1** Devilsrollthedice, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SEASETT shaped encouragingly on first start for new connections when runner-up at Hexham in late-August (had breathing operation) and given another try over the larger obstacles, Mickey Bowen's 8-y-o could well be the answer. He gets the nod over Pooroldmackley, who was in good form prior to his most recent effort so can get back on track. Unleash The Beast rounds off the shortlist on return/chasing debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SEASETT 2. POOROLDMACKLEY 3. UNLEASH THE BEAST

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Jaipaletemps** 6-12-2	4-5f	David Pipe	Rian Corcoran (10)	8
2024	**Ileny Royale** 6-11-8	11-1	Tim Vaughan	Alan Johns	10
2023	**Royal Mer** 5-11-10	11-4f	David Pipe	Jack Tudor	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race