GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Wednesday 19th August

SLIGO

5.07	SLIGO PLUMB CENTRE MARES MAIDEN HURDLE 2m1f161y (3570 Metres)	
RACE 1	(2) COTSWOLD BLUE	(1) BELLADABALL	(3) SEARCOG
5.42	AIDAN MOFFITT MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE 2m1f161y (3570 Metres)	
RACE 2	(1) FREMANTLE DOCTOR	(11) GRANLAHAN	(12) TASMANIAN GIRL
6.17	SOLAR GENERATION MAIDEN HURDLE 2½m148y (4160 Metres)	
RACE 3	(8) KISUTON ENKI	(6) SEVEN TOWERS	(2) MINDYOURHEADMIKE
6.48	McDERMOTT FARM MACHINERY HANDICAP HURDLE 2½m148y (4160 Metres)	
RACE 4	(3) PHOENIX ARIZONA	(8) SEKAKARMA	(2) LASKA DU BREUIL
7.18	FRANCIE 'BANGER' BURNS HANDICAP HURDLE 2½m148y (4160 Metres)	
RACE 5	(4) HARPY EAGLE	(2) IN THE MINUS	(1) IN FOR THE NIGHT
7.48	ADARE MANOR OPPORTUNITY HANDICAP HURDLE 3m1f168y (5180 Metres)	
RACE 6	(12) STRONG CONTENDER	(8) SALLAP	(10) HEY BABBS
8.18	WTW WILLIS INSURANCE BROKERS I.N.H. FLAT 2¼m134y (3740 Metres)	
RACE 7	(6) RUN FOR FUN	(7) DANCING SYMBOL	(5) ORDERLY CONDUCT

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.

5.07 RACE 1

SLIGO PLUMB CENTRE MARES MAIDEN HURDLE 4yo+ fillies and mares €12,000 2m1f161y (3570 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **BELLADABALL (IRE)** (16) t **89**
341-04F **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland — *Keith Donoghue*
Listed bumper winner. Fourth of 11 in maiden at Kilbeggan (2m, good) on hurdle debut and yet to be asked for effort (about 2 lengths down) when falling 3 out at Cork since. Remains open to improvement assuming that hasn't dented her confidence.

2 **COTSWOLD BLUE (FR)** (27) h **100**
221 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
W. P. Mullins, Ireland — *Mr P. W. Mullins*
Authorized mare from the family of multiple Stayers' Hurdle winner Big Buck's. Came good at the third time of asking in bumpers this summer at Wexford last month. Taken to make a winning start to her hurdling career for Willie Mullins.

3 **SEARCOG (IRE)** (10) t **83**
4465-42 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Patrick Magee, Ireland — *Eoin Walsh*
Modest Flat winner who has shaped with some encouragement over hurdles, including second of 7 in maiden at Downpatrick (2¼m, good) 10 days ago. Likely to be on the premises again.

4 **CARLEYS LILLY (IRE)** (13) **80**
4935 **5** 10-13 | 69.4kg
John Patrick Ryan, Ireland — *D. King*
Bred to stay well. Showed promise on first of 2 hurdle starts in May and not disgraced in a couple of course bumpers ahead of her return to hurdling.

5 **GRANNY FOR SPORT (IRE)** **79**
5 10-13 | 69.4kg
Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland — *Danny Gilligan*
Poet's Word mare. Half-sister to fair hurdler/fairly useful chase winner Nelson County. The betting should help guide to expectations with this newcomer.

6 **JOLLY D'OLIVATE (FR)** (16) **77**
890 **7** 10-13 | 69.4kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland — *Shane O'Callaghan* (3lb/1kg)
Winning pointer but with a patchy overall record between the flags and well held in 3 maiden hurdles this summer.

7 **NELLIESTAR (IRE)** (13) **70**
0 **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg
Thomas P McGettigan — *P. Cleary* (7lb/3kg)
Of no account on the Flat. 250/1, tenth of 13 in maiden at this course (2¼m, good) on hurdle debut 13 days ago.

8 **TUBBERFINN LASSIE (IRE)** (10) **70**
7 **8** 10-13 | 69.4kg
John G. Carr, Ireland — *E. Finegan* (5lb/2kg)
Pulled up both starts in points and last of 7 on recent Downpatrick hurdle debut.

9 **MOONWING (IRE)** (13) **75**
00 **4** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Paul John Gilligan, Ireland — *J. P. Shinnick*
Well held in 2 maiden hurdles this summer. Outsider again.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-10 Cotswold Blue, **3-1** Belladaball, **6-1** Searcog, **12-1** Carleys Lilly, **20-1** Granny For Sport, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

COTSWOLD BLUE is taken to build on last month's Wexford bumper success and make a winning start to her hurdling career for Willie Mullins. Belladaball is the likely danger if none the worse for her fall at Cork.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COTSWOLD BLUE 2. BELLADABALL 3. SEARCOG

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Glitz And Glamour** 4-10-10	9-2	Eric McNamara	C. M. Hogan (7) 16
2024	**Gers Gigi** 5-11-7	1-3f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy 9
2023	**The Grey Dove** 5-10-13	4-1	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy 13
2022	**Bella Bliss** 5-10-13	13-8f	John McConnell	B. Hayes 11
2021	**Donthavetime** 5-11-1	15-8f	Mrs J. Harrington	P. Townend 11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.42 RACE 2

AIDAN MOFFITT MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) €10,000 2m1f161y (3570 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 FREMANTLE DOCTOR (IRE) (9) t **100**
5P2/7390-2 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg
John McConnell, Ireland — ***Patrick Michael O'Brien*** (5lb/2kg)
Still a maiden but ran up to his best after 5 months off when second of 14 in handicap hurdle at Ballinrobe (2m, good) 9 days ago. Every chance he can go one better nudged up 2 lb.

2 WILLIAM F BROWNE (IRE) (15) b **89**
7R56 **4** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Paul W. Flynn, Ireland — ***J. H. Williamson*** (3lb/1kg)
Fair up to 1m on the Flat but not always the stoutest of finishers. Well held over hurdles on last 2 starts and fared little better back on the level when twelfth of 16 at Gowran (9.5f, good to firm) last week. Needs to take a step forward on handicap hurdle debut.

3 ALENTEJO (IRE) (16) t **90**
890P **5** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Mark McNiff, Ireland — ***A. M. King*** (7lb/3kg)
Fair maiden on Flat but no impact all 4 starts over hurdles, including on handicap debut last time.

4 TRADONTHEBAY (IRE) (18) t **96**
384-25539 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Paul John Gilligan, Ireland — ***Danny Gilligan***
Has taken his form up a notch this season, doing well under the circumstances when fifth of 15 on handicap debut here (21f) in June. Stretched by longer trip next time but made no impact back in maiden company most recently. Better expected returned to a handicap in a first-time tongue tie.

5 HIGH HONOUR (276) (CD) **97**
000203/4P- **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Donal Kinsella, Ireland — ***Patrick O'Hanlon***
Won this in 2024 but out of sorts on the level when last seen 10 weeks ago. Handicapper given him a chance back hurdling but needs to show much more before becoming involved.

6 BOWGATE STREET (IRE) (26) (CD) t **96**
983-18027 **7** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Michael Flannery, Ireland — ***D. J. O'Keeffe***
Sole success came over C&D in May. Bounced back from a couple of below-par efforts when 1½ lengths second of 16 at Kilbeggan early last month but generally struggles for consistency and failed to back that up there a fortnight later.

7 URBAN WAR (IRE) (40) s+t **96**
700-00 **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg
John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland — ***H. E. Sexton*** (7lb/3kg)
Modest 1m winner on Flat. Out of sorts over hurdles this summer and it was a similar story back on the level last time. Cheekpieces reapplied.

8 TOMAS O MAILLE (IRE) (38) **96**
0P50-9P9P **9** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Michael Flannery, Ireland — ***Jack Gilligan*** (5lb/2kg)
Out of form since finishing runner-up at Ballinrobe last August. Handicapper drops him another 4 lb but can only be watched at present.

9 CALM FLIGHT AHEAD (IRE) (83) b **65**
0000-P **5** 10-8 | 67.1kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland — ***Conor Clarke*** (7lb/3kg)
Fared no better sent handicapping in first-time cheekpieces at Limerick in late-May. Now tried in blinkers.

10 INVINCIBLE OSCAR (IRE) (260) **69**
00P80- **5** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Noel C. Kelly, Ireland — ***S. D. Torrens***
Yet to show ability, including on handicap debut when last seen at Clonmel back in December.

11 GRANLAHAN (IRE) (10) **98**
0-833U362 **4** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Adrian McGuinness, Ireland — ***D. King***
Has already been placed 4 times in handicaps this season, most recently when second of 9 at Downpatrick (2¼m, good) 10 days ago, beaten by one seen to very good effect. In the mix again.

12 TASMANIAN GIRL (IRE) (16) t **99**
57560-P96 **6** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Declan Queally, Ireland — ***Kevin Healy*** (7lb/3kg)
Caused a shock when landing a handicap at Thurles in March 2025 for Aengus King but hasn't threatened to add to that success, left poorly placed but still managing to step up on her recent stable debut when sixth of 16 at Cork (17f, good to soft) recently. Not out of things.

13 WINGS OF AFRICA (IRE) (12) **70**
0PP-068P **5** 10-1 | 64.0kg
W. J. Lanigan, Ireland — ***B. P. Kennedy*** (7lb/3kg)
Has shown precious little in all 7 starts, including 3 handicaps.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Fremantle Doctor, **7-2** Granlahan, **6-1** Tradonthebay, **15-2** Tasmanian Girl, **20-1** High Honour, **20-1** Bowgate Street, **33-1** William F Browne, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FREMANTLE DOCTOR ran a cracker when runner-up on his recent return at Ballinrobe and with this unlikely to take much winning, John McConnell's 8-y-o gets the nod to open his account. Granlahan has been placed 4 times in handicaps this season, so he can give the selection most to think about, with Tasmanian Girl rounding off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FREMANTLE DOCTOR 2. GRANLAHAN 3. TASMANIAN GIRL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Tir Og** 4-11-0	6-1	E. Seymour	C. M. Hogan (7)	9
2024	**High Honour** 4-11-7	18-1	Donal Kinsella	J. P. Shinnick (5)	13
2023	**Redwood Queen** 6-11-1	5-4f	Charles Byrnes	P. Byrnes (5)	12
2022	**Willyouwalkwithme** 7-11-8	8-1	Harry Smyth	Denis O'Regan	14
2021	**Mullins Cross** 5-11-1	14-1	John Joseph Hanlon	Shane Fenelon (7)	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.17 RACE 3

SOLAR GENERATION MAIDEN HURDLE 4yo+ €12,000
2½m148y (4160 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **GODSEND (18)** **83**
0 **5** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Cian Michael Collins, Ireland — ***Danny Gilligan***
Quickly progressed into a useful handicapper on the Flat for Sir Mark Prescott Bt, recording his fifth win at Nottingham last spring. After 13 months off, well held in a Galway maiden (17f) on hurdling/stable debut 18 days ago, so this run should reveal more.

2 **MINDYOURHEADMIKE (IRE) (17)** **85**
0-15 **5** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Ciaran Murphy, Ireland — ***E. Finegan*** (5lb/2kg)
Proved a different proposition when dominating a Clonmel bumper on second Rules start in May, his final outing for Terence O'Brien. Made effort earlier than ideal when fifth of 6 at Galway 17 days ago on stable debut, but he's one to note as he goes hurdling.

3 **DISCRETE (IRE) (9)** t **79**
07 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Mrs Grainne O'Connor, Ireland — ***S. Fitzgerald***
Maiden pointer who was well held only start in bumpers and fared no better when seventh of 15 in maiden hurdle at Ballinrobe (2m) 9 days ago. Tongue strap reached for as he goes up in trip.

4 **GO TO THE MOON (IRE) (44)** t **79**
07 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Mark McNiff, Ireland — ***G. B. Noonan***
Successful on second of 2 starts in points, but tailed off in a bumper and maiden hurdle at Roscommon (21f) 6 weeks ago. Looks to be up against it.

5 **LENGARUKA (FR) (26)** **87**
05 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Mrs Lorna Fowler, Ireland — ***J. P. Shinnick***
Showed a bit more than on debut when fifth of 15 in maiden hurdle at Kilbeggan (19f) 26 days ago, faring best of those held up. Further progress required in this contest.

6 **SEVEN TOWERS (IRE) (47)** (BF) **95**
363-339 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland — ***Keith Donoghue***
Fair form when placed on 3 of 4 starts in bumpers and ran to a similar level when third of 15 in maiden at Tramore (2m) on hurdling debut in May. Possibly amiss when tailed off at Wexford 7 weeks ago, but it still remains early days for him in this sphere.

7 **HADAHI (IRE)** **82**
4 11-0 | 69.9kg
Noel C. Kelly, Ireland — ***S. D. Torrens***
€15,000 3-y-o, Idaho gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to useful 23f/3m chase winner Con's Roc. Placed on last of 4 starts in points this spring, though could be one for further down the line under Rules.

8 **KISUTON ENKI (FR) (84)** ★ **100**
0/2-26 **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland — ***J. W. Kennedy***
Well-bred mare who, after a lengthy absence, made an encouraging debut over hurdles when runner-up in a Limerick maiden (21f) in April. Second back in a bumper next time before a lesser effort at Wexford on latest outing. Leading contender on second hurdles start.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Kisuton Enki, **9-4** Seven Towers, **6-1** Lengaruka, **9-1** Mindyourheadmike, **18-1** Godsend, **28-1** Hadahi, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KISUTON ENKI travelled best when second at Limerick on her hurdling debut in April and, after a couple of runs in bumpers, she could be ready to open her account. Seven Towers is best forgiven his latest effort and is feared most, with Mindyourheadmike also considered on his hurdles bow.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KISUTON ENKI 2. SEVEN TOWERS 3. MINDYOURHEADMIKE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Sophia Rose** 6-10-11	2-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	E. Staples (7)	7
2024	**My Great Mate** 5-11-12	1-11f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	7
2023	**Sequestered** 5-11-4	9-1	Paul John Gilligan	Shane O'Callaghan (7)	14
2022	**Ladiam** 5-10-11	7-2	Norman Lee	Patrick O'Hanlon (5)	16
2021	**Digby** 6-11-6	11-4f	Dermot Anthony McLoughlin	A. W. Short	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.48 RACE 4

McDERMOTT FARM MACHINERY HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) €10,000 2½m148y (4160 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 WILD MANDATE (IRE) (17) (C) b+t **95**
47920-51P **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Mark McNiff, Ireland — ***A. M. King*** (7lb/3kg)
Overcame a shoddy round of jumping when enterprisingly ridden to open her account over an extended 25f here last month, only narrowly holding on. Well held at Galway since but this is less demanding at least.

2 LASKA DU BREUIL (FR) (83) s+t **95**
607696P-1 **5** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland — ***Keith Donoghue***
Struggled switched to handicaps last season but well backed equipped with a tongue strap, he showed much improved form when landing 13-runner handicap at Limerick (2¾m, soft) in May. Ease back down in trip not an obvious move but claims nevertheless.

3 PHOENIX ARIZONA (IRE) (13) (BF) s+t **99**
276-00432 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg
J. S. Cullen, Ireland — ***T. E. O'Connor*** (7lb/3kg)
Maiden who has improved upon joining present stable, backing up his good course third last month when second of 16 in handicap back here 13 days ago. Merits consideration back up in trip.

4 GEORGINAS JET (IRE) (13) **97**
8PP-01493 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Paul John Gilligan, Ireland — ***Jack Gilligan*** (5lb/2kg)
Returned to form from out of the blue when winning 14-runner event at Downpatrick in June. Run with credit on 2 of her 3 starts since, likely to have finished second granted a clear shot at things when third over shorter here 2 weeks ago. Not ruled out provided this doesn't come too soon.

5 LOVE LIKE THIS (IRE) (15) **98**
05314304 **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
John Patrick Ryan, Ireland — ***B. Barry*** (7lb/3kg)
Sole success came over hurdles at Kilbeggan in June and not disgraced on 2 of her last 3 starts since returned to chasing, arguably trying to come from further back than ideal when fourth at Roscommon (25f) 2 weeks ago. Not discounted back hurdling.

6 RANTING AND RAVEN (IRE) (27) s **88**
8060-697 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland — ***C. Stone-Walsh***
Fair maiden on the Flat who has looked in the grip of the assessor since handicapping in this sphere in recent months. Returns to a longer trip now with work to do.

7 BEACON BYPASS (IRE) (80) s+t **82**
0908 **4** 10-12 | 68.9kg
P. Mulligan, Ireland — ***B. Mulligan*** (7lb/3kg)
Well held in 4 quick-fire runs in May. Unknown quantity sent handicapping in first-time tongue strap/cheekpieces, though assessor hasn't taken any chances with his opening mark.

8 SEKAKARMA (IRE) (12) ★ **100**
0P-5942 **9** 10-12 | 68.9kg
W. M. Roper, Ireland — ***H. E. Sexton*** (7lb/3kg)
Took a step back in the right direction when fourth at Downpatrick in July and stepped up further under a change of tactics when second at Wexford (2½m, good) 12 days ago, headed entering final 1f and held only late on. A repeat gives him obvious claims.

9 KATIE'S CASPER (IRE) (27) s+t **98**
788-95250 **7** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland — ***Patrick Michael O'Brien*** (5lb/2kg)
Ridden more prominently and left previous efforts behind when 1½ lengths second of 14 in a handicap at Kilbeggan in June. Respectable fifth next time but never figured in first-time cheekpieces at Wexford (3m) 4 weeks ago. Needs to get back on track.

10 MOTHER SHIP (IRE) (12) s+t **96**
52P5-8807 **6** 10-9 | 67.6kg
John Joseph Hanlon, Ireland — ***D. J. O'Keeffe***
Remains a maiden after 21 runs and she was never better than midfield when seventh of 14 in handicap hurdle at Wexford (2½m, good) 12 days ago. Tongue strap now added to usual cheekpieces and the handicapper has eased his grip a little more.

11 GORTMORE LADY (IRE) (10) s **97**
357P-B937 **6** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Ciaran Murphy, Ireland — ***Kevin Healy*** (7lb/3kg)
Still looking for a breakthrough success and she failed to build on the promise of her Downpatrick third (2¼m) in July when a well held ninth back over same C&D 10 days ago. Needs to bounce back.

12 CLEVER COURT (IRE) (12) (D) b **94**
0PP-PP179 **5** 10-7 | 66.7kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland — ***Non Runner***
Vastly improved when gaining first success in 15-runner handicap hurdle at Bellewstown (2½m) in July but unable to replicate that level in pair of starts at 3m since. Return to this trip rates a likely plus.

13 EL ARCO (IRE) (146) t **92**
7/708795- **5** 10-4 | 65.3kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland — ***J. H. Williamson*** (3lb/1kg)
5-y-o who showed little in novice hurdles and fared no better for switch to handicaps for Harriet Dickin last season. Has made a very interesting yard switch though back down in trip and market confidence behind him would look significant.

14 MOVE IT ON OVER (IRE) (29) **95**
798-080U4 **5** 10-4 | 65.3kg
John F. O'Neill, Ireland — ***P. Byrnes***
Yet to make an impact in 9 starts over hurdles but he will at least find this less demanding than recent assignments he's in novice company. Still, others much more persuasive.

15 GLAOINN AN AIRGEAD (IRE) (27) **93**
505F0-0P0 **8** 10-2 | 64.4kg
James M. Barcoe, Ireland — ***D. King***
Remains a maiden after 18 runs and not been shaping like bucking that trend of late, again posing no threat when tenth of 14 in a handicap hurdle at Wexford (3m) 4 weeks ago.

16 MAX TIME (IRE) (15) t **86**
F60-PP04P **9** 10-2 | 64.4kg
I. Madden, Ireland — ***Joshua Halford*** (7lb/3kg)
Winless since 2024 and seems only a poor hurdler/chaser nowadays. Others are much preferred.

RESERVES

17 HOB'S ANGEL (IRE) (12) **97**
606-12536 **10** 10-7 | 66.7kg
James M. Barcoe, Ireland — ***Reserve***
Took advantage of career-low mark at Clonmel (2½m) in May before finishing second in a 15-runner event at Limerick later in the month. However, not scaled same heights on 2 of her 3 subsequent outings, latterly when sixth at Wexford 12 days ago. RESERVE.

18 FIRSTUPBESTDRESSED (IRE) (36) s+t **88**
0/85607U-0 **6** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Gary McGill, Ireland — ***Reserve***
Tongue strap on for 1st time, first run since leaving Conor David Maxwell when fourteenth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Downpatrick (2¼m, good) 36 days ago. Needs to leave that well behind to figure now fitted with cheekpieces. RESERVE.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS (2 RESERVES)

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Sekakarma, **13-2** Phoenix Arizona, **7-1** Laska Du Breuil, **10-1** Georginas Jet, **11-1** Love Like This, **12-1** El Arco, **14-1** Wild Mandate, **14-1** Clever Court, **16-1** Gortmore Lady, **18-1** Ranting And Raven, **22-1** Katie's Casper, **22-1** Mother Ship, **28-1** Beacon Bypass, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PHOENIX ARIZONA has improved on the back of a stable switch of late, finding only one too good over shorter here 2 weeks ago. He can confirm recent promise and shades preference over Sekakarma who also found only one too good latest. Last-time-out scorer Laska du Breuil and El Arco on debut for Gordon Elliott are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PHOENIX ARIZONA 2. SEKAKARMA 3. LASKA DU BREUIL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Sydney Cruiser** 7-10-8	9-2f	Ciaran Murphy	Alex Harvey (5)	12
2024	**That's Me Finished** 7-10-13	8-1	Noel C. Kelly	J. S. McGarvey	14
2023	**Sittingonthefence** 6-11-1	7-1	S. G. Carey	J. J. Slevin	10
2022	**He's Leading Me On** 5-11-11	9-4f	L. Young	Sean Flanagan	13
2021	**Citizen's Army** 6-11-4	10-1	Eugene M. O'Sullivan	M. J. M. O'Sullivan (7)	16

6.48 RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **IN FOR THE NIGHT (IRE) (26)** (D) **96**
P1/0008-71 **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Conor O'Dwyer, Ireland — ***C. G. O'Dwyer*** (3lb/1kg)
Bounced back to his best on just his second start for the yard when winning 10-runner handicap hurdle at Kilbeggan (19f, good) last month, soon clear having jumped on last. 9 lb higher here and looks opposable on balance.

2 **IN THE MINUS (IRE) (13)** (CD) **95**
34155-501 **4** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Brian Francis Cawley, Ireland — ***S. Fitzgerald***
Bounced back to form from out of the blue upped in trip when winning 8-runner handicap hurdle at this course (21f, good) just under a fortnight ago, cruising clear after taking over on the run-in. Needs to prove that wasn't a flash in the pan from 8 lb higher.

3 **DROMBANE (IRE) (23)** t **97**
5024-20 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg
W. P. Mullins, Ireland — ***B. Hayes***
Made the frame first 3 starts over hurdles but proved to be a disappointment switched to a handicap at Galway (17f, good to soft) just over 3 weeks ago, reverting to his free-going ways despite being kept to 2m. Back up in trip and better anticipated.

4 **HARPY EAGLE (IRE) (11)** (D) **100**
92540-661 **5** 11-3 | 71.2kg
R. P. Cody, Ireland — ***P. J. Cody*** (7lb/3kg)
Has got better with each run back, coming good this time with a strong pace appearing to bring out the best in him in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Wexford (2½m, good) 11 days ago. 5 lb higher mark far from insurmountable so every chance he will follow up.

5 **TANGARA BAY (FR) (21)** **98**
24/451-0 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Peter Fahey, Ireland — ***Sam Ewing***
Built on previous promise in this sphere when winning 12-runner novice at Clonmel (2¼m, heavy) in March. Switched yards and shaped as if better for the run after 4 months off on her handicap debut at Galway 3 weeks ago. This should reveal more.

6 **BOSSY BIRD (IRE) (21)** t **98**
0/88-425 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg
T. Gibney, Ireland — ***H. E. Sexton*** (7lb/3kg)
Lightly-raced sort who shaped as if still in decent heart over a trip probably shorter than ideal when fifth of 20 in handicap hurdle (18/1) at Galway (2m, good to soft) 3 weeks ago. Step back up in distance sure to suit so not out of things from the same mark.

7 **CRYSTABEL (IRE) (13)** (C) **96**
F7-336135 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
John Patrick Ryan, Ireland — ***D. King***
Won handicap here in July but below that level back in novice company the last twice. 7 lb higher than on her previous handicap start and could well get back on track.

8 **COOLBOY CHRISTY (IRE) (17)** s **99**
645-48450 **5** 10-8 | 67.1kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland — ***Conor Clarke*** (7lb/3kg)
Modest maiden hurdler who ran up to best returned to this sphere in first-time cheekpieces when fifth of 14 at Wexford last month. Not so good in a change of headgear at Galway since, however, and the cheekpieces are reapplied here. Each-way claims back up in trip.

9 **MIDNIGHT EAGLE (IRE) (16)** **98**
9000-3023 **6** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Andrew McNamara, Ireland — ***D. J. O'Keeffe***
Came as close as she has to doubling her tally when smooth-travelling second at Killarney (17f) last time. Ran to a similar level when third from a less-than-ideal position at Cork (17f, good) earlier in the month and can feature again back up in distance.

10 **LADIAM (IRE) (9)** (CD, BF) t **98**
5237-5534 **9** 10-4 | 65.3kg
Norman Lee, Ireland — ***Alan O'Sullivan*** (5lb/2kg)
C&D winner last summer and arrives in good form, fourth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Ballinrobe (3¼m, good) most recently 9 days ago. Folly to discount back down in trip.

11 **DREAM SHAPER (IRE) (17)** t **94**
070F9-318 **7** 10-3 | 64.9kg
I. Madden, Ireland — ***Joshua Halford*** (7lb/3kg)
Allowed to establish a huge lead when finally getting off the mark in 16-runner handicap at Kilbeggan last month. Struggled in the face of a completely different task at Galway (17f, good to soft) last time and heads back up in distance.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 In For The Night, **9-2** In The Minus, **11-2** Harpy Eagle, **13-2** Drombane, **10-1** Midnight Eagle, **14-1** Bossy Bird, **16-1** Ladiam, **20-1** Tangara Bay, **20-1** Crystabel, **25-1** Coolboy Christy, **25-1** Dream Shaper

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Cases can be made for most of these, but the vote goes to HARPY EAGLE, who was suited by a strong pace when opening his account at Wexford 11 days ago and he could well kick on now up and running. In The Minus caused a shock when scoring here earlier in the month so he rates as the main danger if able to back that up, with In For The Night and Coolboy Christy taken to fight out minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HARPY EAGLE 2. IN THE MINUS 3. IN FOR THE NIGHT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Ballykinlar** 6-11-7	3-1f	Donncha Duggan	E. Staples (7)	10
2024	**Morricone** 7-11-13	9-4f	Ray Hackett	Liam Quinlan (3)	8
2023	**Moonovercloon** 6-12-0	9-4f	Matthew J. Smith	James Smith (7)	8
2022	**Story Rory** 7-11-4	5-1	T. Gibney	D. J. O'Keeffe	8
2021	**My Manekineko** 12-11-4	20-1	James A. Nash	Gavin Peter Brouder (7)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.48 RACE 6

ADARE MANOR OPPORTUNITY HANDICAP HURDLE 4yo+
€14,000 3m1f168y (5180 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

Sligo is a sharp, undulating right-handed track with a circuit of little more than a mile. There are five fences to a circuit of the chase course, which is situated on the outside of the hurdles track, with one just before the straight and one at the bottom of a slightly uphill run-in. A good position turning into the straight is vital.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 RINGDUFFERIN (IRE) (36) s **95**
60P/04-826 **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg
A. L. T. Moore, Ireland — ***C. M. Hogan*** (2lb/1kg)
Dual winner for Gordon Elliott back in 2023 who posted best effort for present yard when second over fences at Downpatrick (19.5f) in June. Not disgraced when sixth back over hurdles there (2¾m, good) 5 weeks ago and the return to this longer trip looks very much in his favour.

2 LUCK BETWEEN US (IRE) (34) **97**
4283607-1 **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Donncha Duggan, Ireland — ***Niall Moore*** (2lb/1kg)
Placed in a couple of maiden hurdles and made second start in handicaps a winning one at Killarney (2½m, good to soft) 34 days ago, overcoming a wide trip and driven clear. Task now is to back that up.

3 DORANS LAW (IRE) (9) (D) s+t **99**
2P-P65725 **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland — ***Kevin Healy*** (4lb/2kg)
Posted one of his better recent efforts when second over fences at Wexford (24.7f) in July but shaped as if needing the emphasis more on stamina when fifth of 7 back over hurdles at Ballinrobe (3¼m, good) 9 days ago. Still, not discounted in an open-looking affair.

4 CORNMARKET (IRE) (13) (CD) b **98**
441F8-205 **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg
J. S. Cullen, Ireland — ***A. M. King*** (4lb/2kg)
Won 3 times here last season, including over C&D and took form up another notch when head second back here last month. Possibly not ideally served by dropping back in trip on 2 subsequent runs and better showing certainly not ruled out with blinkers now reached for.

5 KEEP EM QUITE (IRE) (9) (BF) **97**
505-52 **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Cian Michael Collins, Ireland — ***E. Finegan*** (2lb/1kg)
Jet Away gelding who was placed in a point and improved under Rules of late, posting a good second of 14 in maiden hurdle at Ballinrobe (22.5f) 9 days ago. Return to further will hold no fears back in a handicap and he's another in with a shout.

6 ILBDARE (IRE) (71) (CD) t **95**
3/17829-01 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Mark McNiff, Ireland — ***T. E. O'Connor*** (4lb/2kg)
Both career victories have come over C&D, showing benefit of his reappearance when landing 16-runner handicap in June. Record at this track clearly a big plus so possibilities from 5 lb higher.

7 MR DIBBS (IRE) (15) (CD) b **97**
87/062P-18 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland — ***E. Staples*** (2lb/1kg)
Posted career best, in first-time blinkers, when winning 12-runner C&D handicap in May. Couldn't replicate that starting out for new yard at Roscommon 2 weeks ago but feasible to think he may sharpen up for that run.

8 SALLAP (IRE) (17) t **98**
401F-0115 **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg
S. Curling, Ireland — ***M. J. Kenneally***
6-y-o mare who showed further improvement when registering a third career success at Limerick (22.5f) in July. Did best of those held up when fifth from career-high mark at Galway (3m) since and she could yet have more to offer now stamina is tested further. Tongue strap back on.

9 TANGO THEATRE (IRE) (12) (CD) v+t **97**
22177-582 **11** 10-11 | 68.5kg
John McConnell, Ireland — ***S. J. Fitzsimons*** (4lb/2kg)
Veteran mare who was a dominant winner of this race from the front 12 months ago and almost pulled off similar tactics when second on her most recent outing at Wexford (3m) 12 days ago. Danger to all if poaching a lead once more.

10 HEY BABBS (IRE) (123) t **100**
60PP5P03- **6** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Dermot Anthony McLoughlin, Ireland — ***Patrick Michael O'Brien***
Bounced back to her best when third of 15 in 3m handicap hurdle at Bellewstown (good to soft, 15/2) in April. Nudged up 1 lb on the back of that but claims if backing that up over longest trip she's faced.

11 THE LITTLE YANK (IRE) (11) (C) b **99**
81PPPP-33 **11** 10-9 | 67.6kg
John Patrick Ryan, Ireland — ***J. Aherne*** (4lb/2kg)
Veteran who ended a losing run at Clonmel in January. Lost way thereafter (pulled up next 4 starts) but he resumed from a 3-month break with a good third of 15 in handicap hurdle at Kilbeggan (25f, good) and backed it up when filling the same place over fences back there 11 days ago.

12 STRONG CONTENDER (IRE) (12) **98**
3F0-0781 **5** 10-5 | 65.8kg
Norman Lee, Ireland — ***C. D. Smithers*** (4lb/2kg)
Well beaten on completed starts in maiden hurdles but readily surpassed opening pair of exploits in handicaps when a dominant winner at Wexford (3m) 12 days ago, going right away late on when defeating Tango Theatre by 9½ lengths. Looks capable of better again now stamina is tested further.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Strong Contender, **13-2** Keep Em Quite, **15-2** Luck Between Us, **8-1** Ilbdare, **10-1** Hey Babbs, **10-1** Cornmarket, **11-1** Sallap, **12-1** Tango Theatre, **14-1** Ringdufferin, **18-1** Mr Dibbs, **22-1** Dorans Law, **28-1** The Little Yank

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Loads with chances but STRONG CONTENDER was dominant when shedding the maiden tag in clear-cut style at Wexford 12 days ago, going right away in the closing stages in the style of one capable of better again. She earns preference over Sallap and Hey Babbs. Cornmarket and Ilbdare both go well here and can also feature in a competitive heat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. STRONG CONTENDER 2. SALLAP 3. HEY BABBS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Tango Theatre** 10-10-4	4-1f	John McConnell	Alex Harvey	12
2024	**Shuil Na Tra** 6-10-3	25-1	Norman Lee	Philip Donovan	9
2023	**Old Chap** 5-11-1	12-1	Paul John Gilligan	D. King	13
2022	**Hascoeur Clermont** 5-11-12	15-8f	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	K. E. Buckley (2)	12
2021	**Oskar High** 9-9-12	16-1	Norman Lee	Gavin Peter Brouder (4)	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

8.18 RACE 7

WTW WILLIS INSURANCE BROKERS I.N.H. FLAT 4yo €11,000 2¼m134y (3740 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

Sligo is a sharp, undulating right-handed track with a circuit of little more than a mile. There are five fences to a circuit of the chase course, which is situated on the outside of the hurdles track, with one just before the straight and one at the bottom of a slightly uphill run-in. A good position turning into the straight is vital.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **BAIRDIN (IRE)** (34) t **77**
8 **4** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Kieran Purcell, Ireland — ***Mr P. W. Gleeson*** (7lb/3kg)
Westerner gelding, newcomer related to smart hurdler and useful chaser Minella Awards, who stayed 25f. Tongue tied and possibly needed the run when last of 8 in bumper at Killarney (17f, good to soft) on debut 34 days ago.

2 **CONOR'SALWAYSRIGHT (IRE)** (15) **87**
5 **4** 11-10 | 74.4kg
P. J. Rothwell, Ireland — ***Mr J. Dunne*** (7lb/3kg)
€15,000 3-y-o, Kew Gardens gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler Embrace The Day. Showed a bit when fifth of 13 in bumper at Roscommon (2m, good to soft, 25/1) on NH debut 15 days ago. Up in trip.

3 **GRUNCLE (IRE)** (20) **74**
8 **4** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Paul John Gilligan, Ireland — ***Mr O. T. Gilligan*** (7lb/3kg)
Diamond Boy gelding who is bred for longer trips and shaped accordingly when eighth of 16 in 2¼m bumper at Galway (good to soft) on debut 20 days ago.

4 **KIPPERSANDCUSTARD (IRE)** (15) b
0 **4** 11-10 | 74.4kg
John G. Carr, Ireland — ***Mr H. C. Swan***
Went with no promise on recent debut at Roscommon and headgear quickly reached for.

5 **ORDERLY CONDUCT (IRE)** (47) **90**
6 **4** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland — ***Mr B. M. Coonan*** (7lb/3kg)
Order of St George gelding who offered something to work on when sixth of 11 in 17f Wexford bumper on debut 47 days ago, not knocked about. Likely to build on that with longer trip sure to suit.

6 **RUN FOR FUN (FR)**
4 11-10 | 74.4kg
W. P. Mullins, Ireland — ***Mr P. W. Mullins***
€25,000 3-y-o, For Fun gelding. Half-brother to French hurdler Le Roi Loth. Dam, French hurdler/chaser (17f-19f winner), half-sister to French hurdler (17f-2½m winner) Saintrac. Outstanding yard already had 5 bumper winners this month, so of serious interest on debut.

7 **DANCING SYMBOL (IRE)** (11) **100**
2 **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg
A. Slattery, Ireland — ***Mr A. P. Ryan*** (5lb/2kg)
Feel Like Dancing filly who produced a promising first effort when second of 7 in modestly-run bumper at Wexford (2m, good) on debut 11 days ago. The clear pick of those with experience and longer trip should suit.

8 **HETTY PARKER (IRE)**
4 11-3 | 71.2kg
Miss Katy Brown, Ireland — ***Mr J. G. Chute*** (7lb/3kg)
Harzand filly. Half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser Minx Tiara and modest hurdler Dolly Watkins, stays 25f. Dam (h93), lightly raced over hurdles, 1½m winner on Flat.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Run For Fun, **15-8** Dancing Symbol, **8-1** Orderly Conduct, **16-1** Conor'salwaysright, **28-1** Hetty Parker, **33-1** Gruncle, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Willie Mullins has already sent out 5 bumper winners this month and RUN FOR FUN is taken to provide him with a sixth by making a winning debut. Dancing Symbol is clear pick of those with experience having finished runner-up to a stablemate of the selection on her recent debut at Wexford. Orderly Conduct makes most appeal of the remainder with the longer trip sure to suit.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RUN FOR FUN 2. DANCING SYMBOL 3. ORDERLY CONDUCT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Mr Master Mac** 4-11-10	10-3	Mark Fahey	Mr J. L. Gleeson 8
2024	**High Court Cave** 4-11-10	2-1	Noel C. Kelly	Mr O. McGill (7) 7
2023	**A Penny A Hundred** 4-11-3	11-8f	W. P. Mullins	Mr P. W. Mullins 7
2022	**Ginnets Girl** 4-11-0	17-2	Gordon Elliott	Mr J. L. Gleeson (7) 9
2021	**Champagne Problem** 4-11-2	5-4jf	W. P. Mullins	Mr Pat Taaffe (7) 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race