GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Wednesday 19th August

WORCESTER

5.02	**COPYBET BOG NOW FOR YORK TOMORROW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m7f (4630 Metres)**
RACE 1	**(3) MUSKERRY ROCK | (1) SMUGGLERS HAVEN | (5) HARRYS HOPE**
5.33	**COPYBET PAY FIRST PAST THE POST HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 2m110y (3320 Metres)**
RACE 2	**(8) MR MCWHINNY | (3) ALSHADHIAN | (1) TURPIN GOLD**
6.03	**COPYBET SUPPORT SAFER GAMBLING MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m (3220 Metres)**
RACE 3	**(9) SPARKLING WATER | (2) DATSTHEHOLYALLOFIT | (14) TAKE THE BOAT**
6.38	**COPYBET FOR PREMIER LEAGUE PROFIT BOOSTS NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m (4020 Metres)**
RACE 4	**(5) HANDMEDOWNASTAR | (2) ROAD TO WEMBLEY | (1) NEWBROOK DIAMOND**
7.08	**COPYBET FOLLOW US ON X HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I) 2½m (4020 Metres)**
RACE 5	**(1) STARSHINE LEGEND | (3) MRS BIDDLE | (5) WARNER'S CROSS**
7.38	**COPYBET FOLLOW US ON X HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.II) 2½m (4020 Metres)**
RACE 6	**(7) ONEHUNDREDNEIGHTY | (3) CRAFTY GAEL | (1) BANNISTER**
8.08	**COPYBET OVERNIGHT BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f (4630 Metres)**
RACE 7	**(13) THE GREAT ESCAPE | (14) MANCERO | (7) REDBRIDGE RAMBLER**

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.

5.02 RACE 1 — COPYBET BOG NOW FOR YORK TOMORROW HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 2m7f (4630 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **SMUGGLERS HAVEN (IRE) (43)** (BF) **96**
1/2221F-12 **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Sara Bradstock — ***Miss Lily Bradstock*** (7lb/3kg)
Good strike rate over hurdles (successful again at Fontwell in May, ran well at Uttoxeter 6 weeks ago) and potentially well handicapped on recent form having won a big-field handicap chase for amateur riders at Cheltenham on his last completed start in this sphere in October.

2 **PALAMON (IRE) (24)** t **95**
9645163-5 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Dan Skelton — ***Tristan Durrell***
Successful at Bangor (2½m) in March. Excuses in messy race at Sandown in April and given a considerate return from 3 months off (had another breathing operation in interim) at Uttoxeter 3 weeks ago. Muskerry Rock looks the pick of the stable duo.

3 **MUSKERRY ROCK (IRE) (37)** (D) b+t **100**
30/08-1221 **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Has made a good start for this yard, narrowly denied in 2 handicap hurdles before scoring readily in 3¼m Newton Abbot handicap chase 5 weeks ago. Up just 5 lb and seems sure to go well again.

4 **KING ROLY (32)** (C, D) b+t **95**
12146-P29 **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Mickey Bowen — ***James Bowen***
Took well to chasing in first half of last season, winning 3 times in small fields. Good second at Market Rasen in June but struggled in the competitive Summer Plate back there next time. Blinkers now tried back up in trip.

5 **HARRYS HOPE (IRE) (28)** (D) s **99**
211220-24 **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Ben Pauling — ***Ben Jones***
Won 3m handicap chases at Warwick and Uttoxeter last summer. Didn't travel with her customary fluency when second at Stratford on return but better than the bare result at Worcester next time and has slipped in the weights. Cheekpieces go on. Weak-finishing tendencies need keeping in mind.

6 **YES DAY (IRE) (32)** b **98**
3068P-232 **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — ***Benjamin Macey*** (5lb/2kg)
Proving more consistent than usual but extended his losing run to 12 all the same when second at Market Rasen (3m) last month, left behind by the winner from 3 out. Others preferred for the win.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Muskerry Rock, **4-1** Smugglers Haven, **6-1** King Roly, **13-2** Harrys Hope, **7-1** Yes Day, **16-1** Palamon

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MUSKERRY ROCK was in command some way out when scoring at Newton Abbot 5 weeks ago and can win again. Smugglers Haven could be the danger back over fences having been in good form over hurdles.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MUSKERRY ROCK 2. SMUGGLERS HAVEN 3. HARRYS HOPE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Almazhar Garde** 10-11-9	10-1	Charlie Longsdon	Paul O'Brien	11
2024	**Olivers Travels** 6-11-10	13-8f	Peter & Mickey Bowen	Sean Bowen	10
2023	**Captain Tommy** 9-11-7	3-1	Ian Williams	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.33 RACE 2

COPYBET PAY FIRST PAST THE POST HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m110y (3320 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **TURPIN GOLD (49)** (D) **95**

521420-34 **10** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Tom Lacey — *Stan Sheppard*

Three-time winner over hurdles for this yard. Came to chasing late and not knocked about in 2 runs this season. Could have more to offer in this sphere.

2 **DEFINITE DREAM (IRE) (38)** t **97**

2F2/45-245 **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg

Denis Coakley — *Brendan Powell*

Consistent over hurdles without winning and hasn't progressed from a promising start in this sphere this season, fading at Stratford (19f) last time. Back down in trip but others more persuasive.

3 **ALSHADHIAN (IRE) (26)** s+t **99**

15223-340 **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero — *Jack Tudor*

Runner-up twice over C&D (including in this race) last summer after scoring at Southwell. Yet to fire this season but on a tempting mark back over fences and not ruled out in first-time cheekpieces.

4 **IOLAOS DU MOU (FR) (26)** (D) h **98**

07/214-663 **8** 11-6 | 72.6kg

Tony Culhane & Stella Barclay — *Tabitha Worsley*

Bumper/hurdles winner usually ridden prominently. In better heart than recent form figures suggest and worth a look on chase debut.

5 **DEXTER (FR) (32)** s+t **93**

22P27-464 **9** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero — *Toby Wynne*

Has dipped below his last winning mark (successful in 17f Cartmel handicap chase a year ago) but hasn't returned in much form this season. Looks stable second string.

6 **GREER HILL (IRE) (28)** (CD) s+t **98**

76P-P8153 **5** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Jennie Candlish — *William Shanahan* (5lb/2kg)

Limited impact over hurdles but a different proposition switched to the larger obstacles when causing a 28/1 upset over C&D in June. Excuses next time and while he fared better when third over 2½m back here 4 weeks ago his weak-finishing tendencies were back in evidence.

7 **HIERO SPORT (FR) (87)** (BF) h+t **98**

4185/831-3 **9** 10-13 | 69.4kg

Alex Hales — *Kielan Woods*

Probably a little fortunate (left clear on landing last) when winning handicap hurdle at Fontwell (19f) in April but did run creditably back up 3 lb there next time. Makes a belated chasing debut.

8 **MR MCWHINNY (IRE) (32)** t ★ **100**

77UF57-41 **8** 10-11 | 68.5kg

Tom Ellis — *Jack Andrews*

Has made a good start for new connections and opened his account over fences in 17f Market Rasen handicap chase last month. Did it readily and good chance he can defy a 5 lb rise.

9 **KEEP ME POSTED (IRE) (34)** s+t **84**

88/0-5 **9** 10-8 | 67.1kg

Matt Sheppard — *Harry Bannister*

Hadn't been in much form in Ireland (including in points) prior to joining new connections and was always behind on his first run for them here (2½m) last month. Cheekpieces go on.

10 **GETAWAY JEWEL (IRE) (32)** (D) **97**

2064-2322 **12** 10-4 | 65.3kg

Micky Hammond — *Brian Hughes*

Back in good heart, runner-up at Uttoxeter and Cartmel (17f) the last twice. Should give his running again but is vulnerable for win purposes.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Mr Mcwhinny, **7-1** Turpin Gold, **8-1** Alshadhian, **17-2** Getaway Jewel, **10-1** Definite Dream, **11-1** Iolaos Du Mou, **12-1** Greer Hill, **12-1** Hiero Sport, **20-1** Dexter, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MR MCWHINNY was well on top when making his second start for Tom Ellis a winning one at Market Rasen last month and he looks one to follow. He can go in again. Alshadhian was second in this race last year and could be set for a big run in first-time cheekpieces, while Turpin Gold may have a bigger effort in him over fences.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MR MCWHINNY 2. ALSHADHIAN 3. TURPIN GOLD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Rocks Up Late** 5-11-11	7-2f	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones	11
2024	**Don Occhetti** 6-11-9	11-4f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	13
2023	**Arbennig** 7-11-0	14-1	Jamie Snowden	Will Featherstone (10)	12
2022	**Chess Player** 7-12-0	4-1	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	9
2021	**Robin des Mana** 10-11-9	40-1	Phil York	Mr Philip York (5)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.03 RACE 3

COPYBET SUPPORT SAFER GAMBLING MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+ fillies and mares £10,000 2m (3220 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **BLUE TOPAZ (279)** t **88**
41P- **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Fergal O'Brien ***J. Hogan***
Point/bumper winner was found to have bled when pulled up on hurdle debut at Sedgefield in November. Off since but she's in very capable hands

2 **DATSTHEHOLYALLOFIT (IRE) (105)** (D) **92**
44-1 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Patrick Neville ***Brian Hughes***
Progressive form in bumpers, getting off the mark in 10-runner contest at Kelso in May. Bred for the jumping game and she's interesting kept to her own sex for hurdles debut.

3 **DO WAH DIDDY (88)** **79**
29/8 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies ***Miss Amber Jackson-Fennell*** (7lb/3kg)
Shaped with promise first time up when second in a junior bumper at Huntingdon in November 2024 but well held both starts since 18 months apart. Hurdles debut.

4 **DREAMING OF THE DR (26)** h **87**
7-46 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Dr Richard Newland ***Luke Scott*** (3lb/1kg)
Doctor Dino filly who fitted with a hood, displayed a modest level of ability in a trio of bumpers.

5 **ELATED (47)** s **90**
533-332 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Ben Pauling ***Ben Jones***
Consistent rather than progressive, placed all 4 starts over hurdles, no match for an improver in first time cheekpieces at Newton Abbot last month. Likely to be on the premises again.

6 **EVENLY (69)** **79**
6 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Donald McCain ***Theo Gillard***
Mountain High mare. Dam, ran once in bumper, half-sister to fair hurdle winner/fairly useful chaser (stayed 25f) Bobs Law. Bred to need a trip over obstacles but showed ability in a course bumper in June.

7 **LADY BEE GREAT (IRE) (190)** **86**
60/28860P- **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Matt Sheppard ***Stan Sheppard***
Failed to win in Ireland for Ross O'Sullivan, though did finish runner-up in a maiden against her own sex last spring. Has tasted success between the flags for current yard though.

8 **NALA THE LIONESS (860)** t **87**
6 11-7 | 73.0kg
David Killahena & Graeme McPherson ***Nick Slatter*** (3lb/1kg)
Started out in bumpers back in 2024, runner-up 3 times. Just the one success on the level since then and while she's fit from that code, others are preferred.

9 **SPARKLING WATER (26)** (D) h ★ **100**
42-1 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Dan Skelton ***Harry Skelton***
Failed to complete all 3 outings in points and surpassed the level achieved in a couple of bumpers for Ralph Beckett when making a winning debut for Dan Skelton at Uttoxeter last month. Should be plenty more to come now hurdling.

10 **SWEET HONEY B (IRE) (219)** **88**
56- **8** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Clive Boultbee-Brooks ***Richie McLernon***
Winner of sole start between the flags and showed promise on Rules debut in a bumper at Aintree in October 2023. Followed that with decent placed efforts in maiden/novice hurdles but she hasn't stood much racing since and no real impact in a pair of handicaps.

11 **WHINNY HOUSTON (420)** **60**
P0- **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Sheila Lewis ***Sean Houlihan***
Well held both starts in bumpers for Hannah James last summer.

12 **MATILDA MAID (69)** **79**
0 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Sara Bradstock ***Mr Daniel Williams*** (7lb/3kg)
Planteur filly. Dam, lightly raced in bumpers, half-sister to useful hurdler/top-class chaser (Cheltenham Gold Cup winner) Coneygree out of modest hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 3¾m) Plaid Maid. Bred to be a stayer and shaped in kind in a course bumper in June.

13 **PEARL KNOT (26)** **79**
U58 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero ***Toby Wynne***
Looks one for handicaps at longer trips later on.

14 **TAKE THE BOAT (IRE) (31)** **91**
233 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Georgina Nicholls ***Harry Bannister***
Fair performer at up to 1¾m on the Flat who ran to a similar level sent hurdling when a close second in a Stratford novice in May. Back to that sort of form when third at Newton Abbot a month ago and she's likely to be involved.

15 **ADBA (FR) (24)** **79**
6 **3** 10-2 | 64.4kg
Faye Bramley ***Harry Kimber***
Starspangledbanner filly. Dam half-sister to fairly useful hurdler (17f winner) Arslan. Modest form on Flat (stays 8.5f) for Ralph Beckett and given a kind introduction to hurdling amidst mistakes last month.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Sparkling Water, **6-1** Datstheholyallofit, **7-1** Take The Boat, **8-1** Elated, **12-1** Sweet Honey B, **14-1** Blue Topaz, **22-1** Dreaming of The Dr, **25-1** Nala The Lioness, **28-1** Lady Bee Great, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SPARKLING WATER looked much improved when making a winning start for Dan Skelton at Uttoxeter last month and sure to be well prepared for this switch to hurdling, she'll take some stopping. Datstheholyallofit also won a bumper last time so she commands respect, while Take The Boat is likely to give her running.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SPARKLING WATER 2. DATSTHEHOLYALLOFIT 3. TAKE THE BOAT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Celestron Star** 5-11-4	11-4	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole	Luke Scott (5)	15
2024I	**Pure Seduction** 4-11-1	7-1	Fergal O'Brien	Ben Sutton (7)	10
2024II	**Principessa** 4-11-1	18-1	John Butler	Jack Quinlan	9
2023	**Jeudidee** 4-10-11	16-1	Kim Bailey	David Bass	6
2022	**Light N Strike** 6-11-0	2-7f	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	6
2021	**Our Colossus** 6-11-5	11-4f	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (5)	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.38 RACE 4 — COPYBET FOR PREMIER LEAGUE PROFIT BOOSTS NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2½m (4020 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 NEWBROOK DIAMOND (IRE) (32) (D) b **94**
325273-11 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Gordon Elliott, Ireland — ***Sean Bowen***
Point winner. Fairly useful form in Irish maidens last season and successful both starts last month, despite the odd error at Cartmel latterly. Double penalty to shoulder but Sean Bowen takes over.

2 ROAD TO WEMBLEY (96) t **100**
21-1 **5** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Olly Murphy — ***Mr T. Walsh*** (7lb/3kg)
Fairly useful staying handicapper on the Flat for Richard Hughes and confirmed the promise of his hurdling/stable debut when landing the odds at Southwell in April. Overcame significant interference when following up at Aintree a month later and there's more to come in this code.

3 SQUARE D'ALBONI (FR) (34) (C) **93**
37-11 **4** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Useful 3-time winner on Flat for Ralph Beckett and has essentially outclassed the opposition last 2 starts at up to 19f. Life gets harder now up in distance under a double penalty but he's in the right hands to go on progressing.

4 BRIGHT LEGEND (IRE) (24) (D) **93**
633531-05 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Faye Bramley — ***J. P. O'Neill*** (7lb/3kg)
Fairly useful across both codes at his best. Back on the up for current yard when making most of good opportunity at Sedgefield (2½m) before finishing well held in a competitive Punchestown handicap in late-April. Not given a hard time once chance had gone at Uttoxeter last month.

5 HANDMEDOWNASTAR (IRE) (87) **91**
32-1 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Nick Scholfield — ***Harry Cobden***
Irish point winner who has made a promising start in 2¼m maiden hurdles, merely nudged out to get off the mark at Fontwell in May. Since made the switch to and up-and-coming yard so there should be lots more to come with Harry Cobden in the plate again.

6 ONEINTHEWELL (IRE) (32) s **89**
55733-221 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
James Owen — ***Jonathan Burke***
Irish bumper winner on debut for Thomas Cooper. Took a while to double his tally for current connections but gained reward for a string of consistent efforts in handicap company last month. Looks vulnerable back in a novice.

7 PHANTOM GOLD (IRE) (34) (CD) **87**
56-4221 **8** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Jennie Candlish — ***Luke Scott*** (3lb/1kg)
Followed up point bumper win with stylish/fairly useful success in Newton Abbot bumper on Rules debut back in 2023. Shaped well first 2 starts in handicaps before getting it right over C&D last month. Limit not yet reached for in-form stable.

8 CADILLAC RANCH (IRE)
6 11-0 | 69.9kg
L J Morgan — ***Miss Ellie Callwood*** (7lb/3kg)
€68,000 3-y-o, £10,000 5-y-o,first foal: dam unraced sister to useful hurdler/fairly useful chaser (stayed 2¼m) Tintangle and half-sister to smart hurdler/chaser (stayed 3m) Tombstone. Dual winning pointer, pulled up all 3 starts in 2026 (latest Apr 6).

9 NOT NOW (FR) (52) s **65**
30-3 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***
Minor promise only in 3 starts under Rules and he looks a long-term project.

10 SHESONNET (IRE) (34) **92**
852P-1822 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Ben Case — ***Harry Bannister***
Helped by the way things developed when successful on return/handicap debut at Warwick (21f) in May and quickly returned to a similar level when second over C&D last month. Vulnerable to less exposed sorts.

11 DELGANY HEADLINE (28) **37**
8-9 **4** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Dan Skelton — ***Tristan Durrell***
Handicap project for his leading stable.

12 LIKEWHATYOUSEE (USA) (26) **92**
212 **4** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — ***Richie McLernon***
Progressive middle-distance winner on Flat for C. W. J. Farrell. Changed hands for 60,000 gns and confirmed the promise of hurdling debut when making short work of her rivals in 17f maiden at Newton Abbot last month. Matched that form when runner-up under a penalty at Uttoxeter.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Road To Wembley, **9-2** Newbrook Diamond, **11-2** Square D'alboni, **11-2** Handmedownastar, **9-1** Likewhatyousee, **10-1** Phantom Gold, **18-1** Oneinthewell, **20-1** Shesonnet, **22-1** Bright Legend, **80-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Plenty of depth to this novice with HANDMEDOWNASTAR selected to continue on the up having joined a stable going places since his Fontwell win. Road To Wembley is feared most, despite the fact that Sean Bowen has presumably elected to ride fellow hat-trick seeker Newbrook Diamond instead.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HANDMEDOWNASTAR 2. ROAD TO WEMBLEY 3. NEWBROOK DIAMOND

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Service Minimum** 5-11-0	11-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8
2024	**Wilful** 5-11-12	5-2	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	8
2023	**Jolie Baie** 4-10-12	15-8	Jo Davis	Gavin Sheehan	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.08 RACE 5

COPYBET FOLLOW US ON X HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I)
4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m (4020 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 STARSHINE LEGEND (IRE) (28) s **96**
357 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Olly Murphy — ***Sean Bowen***
Fair middle-distance winner on the Flat who shaped nicely under a considerate ride when third of 5 on hurdles debut at Uttoxeter in June, finishing with running left. Failed to build on that twice since but this longer trip promises to suit now handicapping.

2 MIDNIGHT JEWEL (28) (CD) s **91**
17731PP-5 **10** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Charlie Longsdon — ***Lilly Pinchin***
Likeable front runner who returned to winning ways in a handicap chase at Fontwell last September. Lower hurdles mark is justified and he was just a fair fifth on last month's C&D reappearance.

3 MRS BIDDLE (IRE) (284) ★ **100**
P32/P7025- **8** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Kayley Woollacott — ***Harry Cobden***
Failed to win a race for Garrett James Power in Ireland but she's been the subject of a potentially beneficial stable switch and the booking of Harry Cobden catches the eye.

4 IAMCELESTIALGIFT (FR) (40) b+t **91**
1/40P-69 **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
David Killahena & Graeme McPherson — ***Nick Slatter*** (3lb/1kg)
Made a winning debut in 19f Carlisle maiden hurdle last spring. Little show since in fleeting appearances, going backwards from his reappearance when last of 9 over 23f here in July. Blinkers go on.

5 WARNER'S CROSS (IRE) (24) (D) h **95**
12/6P5-P51 **9** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Sophie Leech — ***Harry Reed***
Lost his way for Clare Hobson but fitted with a hood, he landed a gamble starting out for a new stable at Uttoxeter 3 weeks ago, driven out. Back up 7 lb but scope on old form and may yet have more to come for this yard.

6 GONE IN SIXTY (28) (D) **97**
226-4F243 **9** 10-12 | 68.9kg
Alex Hales — ***Kielan Woods***
Showed no ill-effects from Fakenham fall when second in a steadily-run handicap at Southwell in June. Has shaped as though still in form both outings since but record of 1-40 tempers enthusiasm for win purposes.

7 COULD BE YOU (IRE) (120) **66**
3P0P9- **6** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Neil Mulholland — ***Bradley Harris*** (3lb/1kg)
Placed both starts in Irish points. Featured more prominently in the market but fared no better on handicap/stable debut at Ffos Las in late-April. Since undergone breathing operation and worth a second look in the betting given who trains him.

8 DYNAMITE DEFENSE (IRE) (49) **94**
46675-6U3 **5** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Sarah-Jayne Davies — ***James Best***
Modest performer on the Flat who showed little in a handful of hurdle starts for Olly Murphy, Made slightly more of an impact when third over C&D last month but it isn't form to be getting carried away with.

9 BABYCHINO (IRE) (38) **99**
P773-P532 **4** 10-4 | 65.3kg
Alexander Gibbons — ***Ms Sophie Carter*** (7lb/3kg)
Slow to get the hang of things over hurdles but more like it under this rider in recent weeks, placed at Uttoxeter and Stratford (2¾m). Slight drop in trip will only help her cause.

10 LUCKY IN TAIPAN (IRE) (38) **97**
369/7P60-6 **6** 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)
Ben Pauling — ***Ben Jones***
Displayed ability in bumpers in 2024. No impact for Max Young last year and failed badly to land a punt starting out for this yard at Perth in July.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Warner's Cross, **11-2** Starshine Legend, **6-1** Babychino, **15-2** Lucky In Taipan, **8-1** Mrs Biddle, **17-2** Gone In Sixty, **16-1** Midnight Jewel, **16-1** Could Be You, **18-1** Dynamite Defense, **25-1** Iamcelestialgift

TIMEFORM VIEW:

STARSHINE LEGEND will need to improve on what he's displayed so far over hurdles but this trip may well be the catalyst on handicap debut for his leading yard. Mrs Biddle is an interesting runner for new connections, who turn to Harry Cobden, while Warner's Cross ought to remain competitive.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. STARSHINE LEGEND 2. MRS BIDDLE 3. WARNER'S CROSS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025[I]	**Hobie** 8-11-0	13-2	David Dennis	Sam Twiston-Davies	10
2025[II]	**Orange Diamond** 7-11-6	7-4f	Tom Ellis	Jack Andrews (3)	9
2024	**Barrons Land** 6-11-10	7-1	Donald McCain	Charlie Maggs (7)	12
2023[I]	**Sea The Clouds** 6-11-13	11-8f	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	8
2023[II]	**Democritus** 5-11-6	18-1	Jo Davis	Gavin Sheehan	10
2022	**Translink** 7-11-6	20-1	Neil Mulholland	Richie McLernon	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.38 RACE 6

COPYBET FOLLOW US ON X HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.II)
4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m (4020 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

Flat, left-handed with easy turns. Portable fences take little jumping, though many runners show a tendency to go right in the home straight. Long home straight should, in theory, give hold-up horses plenty of time to recover ground, but when conditions ride on the firm side in the summer months it pays more often than not to race handily. Beware betting on close finishes as camera is situated some way short of winning line.

Pace Information: **Weak**

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

1 BANNISTER (FR) (26) (C) — 98

866285-60 **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Nick Kent — ***Tom Broughton*** (3lb/1kg)

Without a win last season but was runner-up at Market Rasen (19f) in September. With his reappearance run behind him, failed to stay 23f when down the field at Uttoxeter last month, but his mark has eased further as a result. Interesting back down in trip/grade.

2 BOUND FOR GLORY (28) — 92

44-134 **4** 11-12 | 75.3kg

Robert Stephens — ***Ciaran Gethings***

Wide-margin bumper winner at Stratford in May and has made the frame both starts in maiden hurdles, fourth of 9 at this course (2m) last month. Could still have more to offer on handicap debut, though does need to prove himself over this longer trip.

3 CRAFTY GAEL (IRE) (24) (BF) — s+t — 99

008-3 **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg

Olly Murphy — ***Sean Bowen***

Little impact in 3 starts in Ireland this spring for Ross O'Sullivan. After 3 months off, was well backed on stable debut but could finish only third of 10 in handicap at Uttoxeter 24 days ago. However, he remains potentially well treated based on old form.

4 ROYAL RHYTHM (IRE) (34) — b — 96

255P-55P3 **10** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — ***Richie McLernon***

Refitted with blinkers after a second try over fences, returned to form when third of 7 in handicap over this C&D last month. However, his losing run is mounting up so task is now to build on latest effort.

5 USYK (IRE) (38) — 89

426-45R3 **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — ***Miss Amber Jackson-Fennell*** (7lb/3kg)

Fair form in bumpers but has been let down by his jumping/temperament over hurdles this season, tending to jump right when well-beaten third of 5 in maiden at Stratford (2m) last time. Stamina in pedigree, though has something to find as he goes handicapping.

6 BOSKILL BORDEN (IRE) (28) — v — 97

5723697-P **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg

David Rees — ***Shane Fenelon*** (5lb/2kg)

Placed twice over C&D last summer but is on a long losing run and and didn't take to chasing in 2 starts, returning from 10 months off when pulled up in handicap at this venue in July. Reverts to hurdling and the refitting of the visor needs to help spark a revival.

7 ONEHUNDREDNEIGHTY (IRE) (91) (BF) — 100

9090235-4 **6** 10-12 | 68.9kg

Ben Pauling — ***Ben Jones***

Best effort when third on handicap debut at Chepstow (19f) in February. Having first run since leaving Max Young, wasn't able to justify strong support when fourth of 8 in novice handicap at Warwick (2m) in May, but he's worth another chance back up in trip.

8 GHOST JURY (IRE) (47) — 95

8/34PU4-52 **7** 10-10 | 68.0kg

Kayley Woollacott — ***Harry Cobden***

Point winner in May and left behind her first effort back hurdling when rallying for second in 6-runner mares handicap at Newton Abbot (2¾m) in July. Still looking for a breakthrough Rules success, though, and this drop back in trip might not be ideal.

9 BROOKLYN LULLABY (50) — 96

76U07-52 **6** 10-6 | 66.2kg

Michael & David Easterby — ***Harry Bannister***

Didn't offer much in bumpers/maiden hurdles but has shown more in 2 handicaps this season, beaten only by a thriving rival in 10-runner contest at Stratford (19f) on latest outing. Could be in the mix.

10 COSMIC SPIRIT (64) — h+t — 76

0809-0 **4** 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

Ben Case — ***Mr Joseph Stevenson*** (7lb/3kg)

Well held in a trio of starts on the Flat and has fared no better over hurdles, tailed off in novice handicap at Stratford (2m) on his return. Up in trip with tongue strap added.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Ghost Jury, **5-1** Crafty Gael, **11-2** Onehundredneighty, **7-1** Royal Rhythm, **8-1** Brooklyn Lullaby, **8-1** Bound For Glory, **9-1** Usyk, **16-1** Bannister, **22-1** Boskill Borden, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ONEHUNDREDNEIGHTY was a beaten favourite on stable debut when fourth of 8 at Warwick in May, but he offered some encouragement by the finish and promises to be suited by this return to further. He gets the vote ahead of Crafty Gael, who could also fare better making second start for his current yard, with Bannister another one to note.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ONEHUNDREDNEIGHTY 2. CRAFTY GAEL 3. BANNISTER

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

8.08 RACE 7 — COPYBET OVERNIGHT BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m7f (4630 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good**

Flat, left-handed with easy turns. Portable fences take little jumping, though many runners show a tendency to go right in the home straight. Long home straight should, in theory, give hold-up horses plenty of time to recover ground, but when conditions ride on the firm side in the summer months it pays more often than not to race handily. Beware betting on close finishes as camera is situated some way short of winning line.

Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1 CINNODIN (57) (D) s **95**
6325-12P **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Jamie Snowden — *Gavin Sheehan*
Fairly-useful Flat performer who opened his account over hurdles at Uttoxeter (3m) in May. Backed that up when a good second over same C&D next time prior to losing his action when pulled up at Newton Abbot (3¼m) in June. Bounce back likely returning from 57 days off.

2 BACK IN THE BAY (IRE) (43) **98**
P3/1213-75 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
James Owen — *Jonathan Burke*
Low mileage 7-y-o who tasted success twice at up to (2½m, good to soft) upon joining James Owen last season. Hasn't really built on those efforts since, though, failing to come on for his reappearance when fifth on chasing debut at Uttoxeter 6 weeks ago. Tackles a longer trip now returned to timber.

3 OCTOBER HILL (IRE) (4) s+t **96**
4823-1B25 **6** 11-13 | 75.7kg
David Pipe — *Non Runner*
NON RUNNER.

4 FISKARDO (IRE) (24) t **95**
32/1-234 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Mickey Bowen — *Shane Fenelon* (5lb/2kg)
Won a Perth bumper on the back of a significant absence in April and showed something like hurdles debut form at second attempt when fourth on handicap debut at Uttoxeter (2½m) 24 days ago. Appeals as the type to stay the longer trip and mark eased 2 lb ahead of this.

5 MISTRAL BLUE (26) (D) **93**
41/2P-5316 **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Fergal O'Brien — *Fern O'Brien* (5lb/2kg)
Capped an upswing in form with a third career success in mares company at Uttoxeter (23f) in June. However, found a 5 lb rise enough to prevent further success when sixth over same C&D 4 weeks ago and she's yet to defy a mark this high.

6 BETTY'S TIARA (26) (D) b+t **98**
21346-798 **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Ben Pauling — *Ben Jones*
8-y-o mare who looked very rusty back from a break when seventh in a C&D handicap in May and no upturn for switch to chasing in 2 subsequent runs last month. Fitting of first-time blinkers (in place of cheekpieces) need to have positive effect now.

7 REDBRIDGE RAMBLER (IRE) (32) s **100**
42345-145 **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Martin Keighley — *Freddie Keighley* (5lb/2kg)
Back to winning ways in 3m Warwick handicap chase in May and shaped as if still in good form when fourth over C&D next time. A hard race then may of left its mark at Market Rasen next time but makes a belated return to hurdles from a potentially lenient mark. Interesting in a switch of headgear.

8 STILETTO (40) (CD) s **93**
14709-561 **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Sophie Leech — *Harry Cobden*
Three-time winner during 2025 who bettered previous exploits this season when adding a second C&D victory to his tally 6 weeks ago. Raised 7 lb on the back of that and possibilities for all Sean Bowen has plumped to ride Mancero on this occasion.

9 FINAL ENTRY (IRE) (34) v+t **95**
137/64-314 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg
David Pipe — *Jack Tudor*
Doubled his career/Newton Abbot tally when narrow winner in first-time visor in June. Seemed anchored by a 4 lb rise more than anything when a respectable fourth in a C&D handicap since and he may have to settle for a minor role again.

10 ATREIDES (IRE) (34) v+t **88**
11U2-6353 **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Neil Mulholland — *Laurie Gallacher* (10lb/5kg)
Won back-to-back small-field handicap chase contests in December and in good heart of late, posting a creditable third of 6 over 2½m here 34 days ago. Has first start over hurdles since 2024/25 campaign under a jockey having first ride over jumps today.

11 KENZO DES BRUYERES (FR) (26) v **97**
445-75P **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Mickey Bowen — *James Bowen*
Dual point winner who shaped quite well on his last 2 starts over hurdles. However, has made an inauspicious start over fences (well backed first 2 starts) this summer. Needs the return to hurdling to spark a revival equipped with a first-time visor.

12 BARRY FIFE (IRE) (28) v **90**
552/7-35P3 **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Gary Hanmer — *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Lightly-raced 7-y-o who stopped the slide to some extent with first-time blinkers enlisted when third in a C&D handicap 4 weeks ago. However, his overall record hardly suggests he'll build on that with a visor now the headgear of choice.

13 THE GREAT ESCAPE (IRE) (34) (CD) **98**
32887P-61 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — *Richie McLernon*
Relatively lightly-raced 6-y-o who has saved his best for this venue, capitalising on a much-reduced mark when opening his account in a C&D handicap 5 weeks ago. Raised 2 lb on the back of that and he's well worth considering again.

14 MANCERO (FR) (28) (CD) b **96**
442-41P21 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
David Pipe — *Sean Bowen*
Building up a good record around here (form figures now 121) when running out a convincing winner of a C&D handicap 4 weeks ago. Interesting Sean Bowen retains the ride and this 4-y-o looks another live player from a 5 lb higher mark.

15 IKIGAI STAR (IRE) (34) **95**
455533-P3 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Charlie Longsdon — *David Bass*
Inconsistent since winning at Huntingdon in May last year, though he did fare better than of late when 2 lengths third of 6 behind The Great Escape in a C&D handicap 5 weeks ago. Hasn't had many goes over staying trips if he can build on that.

16 FARHH ECHO (IRE) (122) s+t **93**
9540P880- **5** 10-9 | 67.6kg
D. J. Jeffreys — *Liam Harrison*
Made the frame in maiden over 2m here last summer but has offered little in handicaps since. Steps up in trip on the back of a break (also tongue tied) with work to do.

17 SIMS' LAW (IRE) (67) t **63**
P9P-0 **5** 10-2(9-6) | 64.4kg (59.9kg)
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — *Benjamin Macey* (5lb/2kg)
Not badly bred by any means but showed nothing in his qualifying hurdle runs and fared no better switched to handicaps at Uttoxeter (2½m, good to soft) in June. Tongue strap goes on following a 67-day layoff.

17 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Mancero, **6-1** The Great Escape, **7-1** Stiletto, **14-1** Cinnodin, **14-1** Final Entry, **14-1** Fiskardo, **16-1** Redbridge Rambler, **18-1** Back In The Bay, **18-1** Ikigai Star, **18-1** Mistral Blue, **22-1** Kenzo Des Bruyeres, **25-1** Barry Fife, **25-1** Atreides, **28-1** Betty's Tiara, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THE GREAT ESCAPE has saved his very best for this venue, capitalising on a much-reduced mark when successful over C&D 5 weeks ago. A token 2 lb rise doesn't look insurmountable and he rates a big player again. Fellow C&D winner Mancero is similarly compiling a solid course record and is a threat, with Redbridge Rambler another to note back over hurdles.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THE GREAT ESCAPE 2. MANCERO 3. REDBRIDGE RAMBLER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Jullou de Grissay** 6-11-13	22-1	Max Comley	Mr James King (3)	12
2024	**Dynamite Kentucky** 9-11-13	15-2	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole	Luke Scott (5)	11
2023	**Classic Concorde** 10-11-5	7-2jf	David Brace	Connor Brace	9
2022[I]	**Present Storm** 6-11-5	7-2	Charlie Longsdon	Brian Hughes	9
2022[II]	**Sheila Nash** 7-11-4	13-8f	Harry Whittington	Daryl Jacob	8
2021	**Cry Wolf** 8-10-6	50-1	Alexandra Dunn	Jamie Moore	14

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RACE 7

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GBI RACING

SMART STATS:

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