GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Saturday 21st November

ASCOT

12.20	**ASCOT SHARED OWNERSHIP WEEKEND NOVICES' HURDLE (2) 2m5f146y (4360 Metres)**
RACE 1	**(3) THE WALK | (6) VEDIVICI | (2) KATARCICE**
12.55	**LADBROKES 1965 CHASE (Grade 2) (1) 2m5f13y (4240 Metres)**
RACE 2	**(2) LULAMBA | (3) STEEL ALLY | (4) BLOW YOUR WAD**
1.30	**LADBROKES ASCOT HURDLE (Ascot) (Grade 2) (1) 2m3f63y (3880 Metres)**
RACE 3	**(4) KATEIRA | (3) LUCKY PLACE | (1) ALTOBELLI**
2.05	**LADBROKES GET YOUR FREE RACING BET TODAY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3m102y (4920 Metres)**
RACE 4	**(10) PORTER IN THE PARK | (8) EASY LOVE | (3) THAT'S NICE**
2.40	**RESTORATIONS UK BERKSHIRE NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3m5f75y (5900 Metres)**
RACE 5	**(1) OUR POWER | (3) ROCK MY WAY | (4) MT FUGI PARK**
3.18	**VIETTI BAROLO HURST PARK HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 2m172y (3380 Metres)**
RACE 6	**(2) VANDERPOEL | (6) SHAKEYATAILFEATHER | (1) CALICO**
3.48	**ASCOT ADVENT CALENDAR NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3m102y (4920 Metres)**
RACE 7	**(3) HERBYGOESBANANAS | (5) BAILE AN OR | (1) MR RAFIKI**

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.

12.20 RACE 1

ASCOT SHARED OWNERSHIP WEEKEND NOVICES' HURDLE
(2) 4yo+ £25,000 2m5f146y (4360 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **HANDMEDOWNASTAR (IRE)** (21) s **83**
32-151P8 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Nick Scholfield — ***Jonathan Burke***
Good-looking point winner who capitalised on a good opportunity in match race on second start for this yard at Kelso (21f) in September. Beaten by more than the rise in class when pulled up in Grade 2 Persian War since and he also didn't finish his race off back in a handicap here 3 weeks ago.

2 **KATARCICE (FR)** (18) (D) t **84**
32-23512 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Fergal O'Brien — ***J. Hogan***
Runner-up in points and third in a Huntingdon bumper on Rules debut. Fair form switched to hurdles since, coming good in 2¾m maiden at Stratford last month and better form when second back in a handicap at Warwick 3 weeks ago. That puts him in the mix.

3 **THE WALK (IRE)** (30) (C) ★ **100**
10-1 **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Joe Tizzard — ***Dylan Johnston***
€70,000 Walk In The Park gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to Cheltenham Gold Cup winner (stayed 4m) Native River. Ridden confidently and made no mistake in a bumper at this meeting a year ago and also impressed when making winning hurdling debut (2m) last month. Bred to stay and lots going for him.

4 **AVA'S FRIEND BILL (IRE)** **79**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg
Rob Summers — ***Robert Dunne***
Fourth foal, dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 4m) Mister Marker.

5 **JET BAY (IRE)** (30) **84**
3 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Mickey Bowen — ***Shane Fenelon***
Easy winner on only start in Irish points and he shaped with promise despite not being ideally placed (also ran green) when third of 6 in a Ffos Las bumper (2m, soft) 4 weeks ago. Hails from a yard among the winners and type to make his mark now hurdling up in trip. Engaged 12.45 here Friday.

6 **VEDIVICI (FR)** **90**
4 10-13 | 69.4kg
Ben Pauling — ***Ben Jones***
€50,000 3-y-o, £120,000 4-y-o, sixth foal, half-brother to 3 winners, including French hurdler Astalavista (2¼m winner) and French 17f chase winner Ginga. Dam French hurdler/chase winner around 2m. Runner-up sole start in Irish points in May and joined successful yard.

7 **AR AGHAIDH LEAT (IRE)** (5) h **83**
2 **5** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Phil McEntee — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***
Shirocco mare. Half-sister to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/fairly useful chaser A Great View and fairly useful hurdler Roll It Out, stayed 23f. Off mark in Irish points at fourth attempt and a very rare jumps runner for this yard, she showed ability when second at long odds at Plumpton.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 The Walk, **7-2** Vedivici, **8-1** Katarcice, **8-1** Jet Bay, **11-1** Ar Aghaidh Leat, **12-1** Handmedownastar, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THE WALK made a taking start to his hurdling career at Ffos Las a month ago and bred to stay well, he can improve for this step up in trip and repeat the feat of a year ago and win at this meeting again. Point recruit Vedivici may offer most resistance, ahead of Katarcice.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THE WALK 2. VEDIVICI 3. KATARCICE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Etna Bianco** 5-11-0	13-8f	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	5
2024	**Western Knight** 5-11-5	6-1	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	5
2023	**Farnoge** 5-11-5	4-1	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	5
2022	**Scarface** 5-11-5	8-13f	Joe Tizzard	Tom Cannon	3
2021	**Flemenstide** 6-10-12	10-3	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Le Clerc	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.55 RACE 2

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **DOYEN QUEST (IRE)** (20) **91**

4212241-3 **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg

Dan Skelton *Tristan Durrell*

Useful hurdler who quickly developed into a smart chaser last season, completing a solid campaign with a third win from 8 starts in 5-runner Oaksey Chase at Sandown in April. Brushed aside after a mistake on reappearance and should run closer to form this time for all this is a tough ask.

2 **LULAMBA (FR)** (226) (C, BF) ★ **100**

12/11113U- **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg

Nicky Henderson *Nico de Boinville*

One of the leading juvenile hurdlers in 2024/25 and rapidly developed into an even better chaser, bolting up in Sandown Grade 1 novice before dispatching more experienced rivals at Newbury. Held back by jumping in the spring Grade 1s but this longer trip will suit and he's the clear one to beat.

3 **STEEL ALLY (FR)** (256) (C) t **95**

1P2P/1115- **8** 11-6 | 72.6kg

Sam Thomas *Dylan Johnston*

Useful hurdler who took it up another notch over fences last season, winning first 3 starts, including Grade 2s here (19f) and at Warwick (2m). Taken off his feet in the Arkle and this trip looks in his favour on return to action (yard does well with reappearing runners).

4 **BLOW YOUR WAD (IRE)** (210) (BF) s+t **96**

5/3732412- **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Jamie Moore & Josh Moore *Freddie Mitchell*

Won Grade 2 novice chase at Kempton in 2023/24. Lightly raced since but better than ever for new yard last season, finishing an excellent fourth in the Ultima before gaining a deserved success at Chepstow (19f). Beaten by Doyen Quest in the Oaksey Chase final start and he may just need this.

5 **MASTER CHEWY (IRE)** (15) **95**

6/247256-4 **9** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies *Sam Twiston-Davies*

Good second in Kempton Grade 2 in January before suffering a pair of heavy defeats after, jumping erratically in the Ryanair at Cheltenham. Stuck to his task pretty well post-breathing operation when fourth over 25f at Aintree on reappearance and fact he's fit and in form may take him so far.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

1-2 Lulamba, **11-2** Steel Ally, **17-2** Blow Your Wad, **16-1** Doyen Quest, **25-1** Master Chewy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LULAMBA perhaps lost a bit of his lustre in the spring festivals but his expert handler will doubtless have ironed out any of his jumping kinks and this looks a very suitable starting point this season. Steel Ally is unlikely to lack for fitness given the stable he represents and he looks the prudent forecast option.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LULAMBA 2. STEEL ALLY 3. BLOW YOUR WAD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Jango Baie** 6-11-7	9-4f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	5
2024	**Pic d'Orhy** 9-11-10	4-9f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	4
2023	**Pic d'Orhy** 8-11-10	5-2	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	4
2022	**Coole Cody** 11-11-8	11-4	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	2
2021	**Lostintranslation** 9-11-2	4-1	Colin Tizzard	Brendan Powell	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.30 RACE 3

LADBROKES ASCOT HURDLE (Ascot) (Grade 2) (1) 4yo+ £100,000 2m3f63y (3880 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1 **ALTOBELLI (IRE) (309)** (CD) s+t ☑ **98**

2118/562- **8** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Harry Fry — ***Bryan Carver***

Enhanced a fine record here with back-to-back C&D wins in 2024/25. Advanced his form outside handicap company last season, chasing home Potters Charm at Windsor (2½m) in January. Likely to have been targeted at this (goes well fresh/ best form right-handed), though pace set-up again not ideal.

2 **FIVEONEFIVE (IRE) (7)** s **90**

0-8431998 **8** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Cian Michael Collins, Ireland — ***B. W. Harvey***

Useful 3-time Cartmel winner. Career-best success in big-field handicap at Galway Festival in August. Seemingly going through the motions since and likely to be outclassed in this company.

3 **LUCKY PLACE (FR) (14)** (CD) **98**

74/32302-3 **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Nicky Henderson — ***Nico de Boinville***

Landed this corresponding race in 2024 before doubling up in the Relkeel. Not far off his best when 3 lengths second in the Grade 2 Select at Sandown final start last season. Will be sharper for his return over an inadequate trip at Aintree (17f) and potentially dangerous if allowed too much rope.

4 **KATEIRA (21)** ★ **100**

143896-01 **9** 10-7 | 66.7kg



Dan Skelton — ***Tristan Durrell***

Very useful mare. Emerged with credit when fourth in stronger renewal of this race last year. Quickened off a steady pace to land mares listed event at Wetherby for second consecutive season last time. Well equipped if this becomes tactical and she's the one to beat at the weights.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Kateira, **2-1** Lucky Place, **9-4** Altobelli, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KATEIRA showed she retains plenty of speed when scoring at Wetherby last time, and Dan Skelton's smashing mare can gain a deserved first success in Grade 2 company. Lucky Place is most likely to get the run of things and may edge Altobelli for second.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KATEIRA 2. LUCKY PLACE 3. ALTOBELLI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Wodhooh** 5-10-7	6-5f	Gordon Elliott	Danny Gilligan	8
2024	**Lucky Place** 5-11-0	4-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	5
2023	**Blueking d'Oroux** 4-10-13	4-1	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	5
2022	**Goshen** 6-11-6	6-5	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	4
2021	**Buzz** 7-11-0	evsf	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.05 RACE 4

LADBROKES GET YOUR FREE RACING BET TODAY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-130) £20,000 3m102y (4920 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **SMUGGLERS HAVEN (IRE) (94)** (BF) **97**
2221F-123 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Sara Bradstock *Miss Lily Bradstock* (7lb/3kg)
Fairly useful sort with form figures of 1112112 in handicap hurdles. Presumably been freshened up since looking rusty over fences on final start of summer at Worcester. Hurdle mark has suffered as a result of her consistency.

2 **POPOVA (IRE) (347)** **95**
1456/2356- **9** 11-11 | 74.8kg
Neil Mulholland *Bradley Harris* (3lb/1kg)
Ex-Henry de Bromhead mare who was well below her fairly useful best in a couple of handicap chases for Mike Hawker last winter. Since undergone a significant trainer change (shrewd new yard) and worth noting if market expects a revival following further 11 months away.

3 **THAT'S NICE (IRE) (24)** s **99**
2P-334181 **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Nicky Henderson *Nico de Boinville*
Quirky sort who hasn't hit the heights that looked likely as a novice hurdler. Best foot forward when winning 2 of her last 3 handicap hurdles, though, now 5 lb higher after comfortably seeing off Porter In The Park at Huntingdon last time. Capable of defying a rise in grade if in the same mood.

4 **LETTERSTON LADY (16)** **97**
3/11-27 **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Mickey Bowen *Shane Fenelon* (5lb/2kg)
Talented mare who doesn't stand much racing. Smooth-travelling second in a strong Perth handicap on hat-trick bid/return in late-September. Not in same form when down the field at Newcastle since (foretold by the market), and her reappearance effort may have just taken the shine off her.

5 **BETTY'S DAISY (2)** t **99**
10/812P-02 **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Ben Pauling *Non Runner*
Fairly useful bumper/novice winner from family yard knows well. Only length behind a useful one at Warwick in January. Left behind couple of tame handicap efforts when runner-up at Warwick (21f, soft) on Thursday. Had a hard race that day and no sure thing to turn out quickly over a longer trip.

6 **LOVE OF NEYMORE (28)** s **98**
5134U43-5 **8** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Robbie Llewellyn *Charlie Price*
Strong-staying mare who rarely runs a bad race. Fine third to Ace Of Spades/Ma Shantou at Cheltenham last winter. Looked as good as ever when beaten 10¾ lengths (from 2 lb out the weights) at same track on reappearance. Respected back in calmer waters, even with conditions less testing than ideal.

7 **MISS GOLDFIRE (IRE) (13)** t **98**
6P-1U1247 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Harry Fry *C. P. O'Shea* (7lb/3kg)
Beaten only by unexposed stayer when bidding for third win of the year at Uttoxeter (23f) in June. Well held off career-high mark both starts since returning from a break, edgy in the preliminaries at Sandown (2½m) latest. No guarantee she's in the form to capitalise on a 3 lb reprieve.

8 **EASY LOVE (IRE) (229)** ★ **100**
3/13P16P7- **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Anthony Honeyball *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Fairly useful bumper/maiden winner. Highly tried couple of starts after dictating to score on handicap bow at Windsor in January. Better than she showed in her end-of-season defeat at Plumpton. Will be a fresher horse here and looks far from exposed on just her third handicap start.

9 **JALISCO STAR (IRE) (41)** (CD) t **98**
P122145-P **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Laura Horsfall *Bryan Carver*
Winner of a C&D novice handicap at this corresponding fixture 2 years ago. Three subsequent small-field handicap wins have come under more testing conditions, latest off 1 lb lower at Chepstow in February. Clearly in need of her comeback (pulled up) and much better account expected this time.

10 **PORTER IN THE PARK (IRE) (13)** ✓ **98**
329-3P625 **9** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Emma Lavelle *Cameron Johnstone-Baker* (7lb/3kg)
Emerged with credit when 4¾ lengths third in this corresponding event 12 months ago. Returned to form behind That's Nice at Huntingdon prior to finding 2½m too sharp at Sandown last time. Back over a more suitable trip and needs a close look off 5 lb lower than last year.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 That's Nice, **11-2** Easy Love, **7-1** Love of Neymore, **8-1** Smugglers Haven, **10-1** Betty's Daisy, **12-1** Porter In The Park, **14-1** Miss Goldfire, **14-1** Jalisco Star, **14-1** Letterston Lady, **18-1** Popova

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PORTER IN THE PARK is lurking on a dangerous mark and can go 2 places better than in last year's renewal of this race. The main danger could be Easy Love, who is relatively unexposed in handicaps, while That's Nice is entitled to be in the mix if on another going day. Likeable mare Love of Neymore deserves an honourable mention in an open-looking event.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PORTER IN THE PARK 2. EASY LOVE 3. THAT'S NICE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Rockola**	**Vogue**		6-11-
10	4-1	David Killahena & Graeme McPherson	Kielan Woods	12
2024	**Scarlet O'Tara** 6-11-9	5-2f	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole	Luke Scott (5)	8
2023	**Midnightreflection** 8-11-11	11-2	Ben Case	Mr Charlie Case (7)	7
2022	**Coquelicot** 6-11-1	10-3	Anthony Honeyball	Rex Dingle	5
2021	**Tequila Blaze** 7-11-3	8-1	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.40 RACE 5 — RESTORATIONS UK BERKSHIRE NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (2) 5yo+ (Rated 0-150) £75,000 3m5f75y (5900 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **OUR POWER (IRE) (210)** (C) — b — **99**

2233/F642- — **11** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Sam Thomas — ***Dylan Johnston***

Didn't fire on first 3 starts last season, including in this same race, but switched to blinkers he bounced back to form when going close in a valuable event at Sandown in April to end the campaign. Has run well fresh in the past and can make a bold bid on his return.

2 **HENRY'S FRIEND (IRE) (21)** (C) — s — **91**

88/1869P-7 — **9** 11-13 | 75.7kg

Ben Pauling — ***Elliott England*** (7lb/3kg)

Not the easiest to catch right but his 2 biggest wins have come at this course, including a 3m premier handicap on last season's return. Form has been more miss than hit since, reappearing on the back of a breathing operation when down the field here 3 weeks ago.

3 **ROCK MY WAY (IRE) (210)** (CD) — b+t — **100**

25/018226- — **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Joe Tizzard — ***Freddie Gingell***

Had plenty in hand when winning this race last year and continued in good heart the remainder of the campaign, ridden more patiently than usual when sixth of 9 at Sandown in April (Our Power ahead in second). Had a recent run behind him in 2025, though he's still respected.

4 **MT FUGI PARK (IRE) (28)** — b — **98**

P6F1-P11F — **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg

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

Has reached a useful level with back-to-back wins at Worcester (23f) and Uttoxeter (3m) this season, taking his record to 4 wins from 7 completed starts in chases (3 wins on good ground). Let down by his jumping at Cheltenham last month, but no surprise to see him bounce back.

5 **BRANDT (IRE) (29)** — t — **97**

P0667-611 — **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Cian Michael Collins, Ireland — ***Mr J. L. Scallan*** (7lb/3kg)

After 3 months off, suited by a change in tactics when making all at Galway (2¾m) in September. Followed up kept to positive tactics at Cheltenham (25f) last month, though a further 9 lb rise in the weights demands more again as he moves back up in trip/grade.

6 **HOLD YOUR FORT (IRE) (15)** (C) — **98**

12-395126 — **10** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Debra Hamer — ***Robert Dunne***

After a spin over hurdles, bounced back to his best when making all at Uttoxeter (3m) in July. Creditable second in veterans race at Ffos Las next time, but wasn't able to lead in a more competitive race when sixth of 12 in a premier event at Aintree (25f) 15 days ago.

7 **BALLYCAMUS (IRE) (38)** — s — **99**

4/279145-1 — **9** 11-1 | 70.3kg

Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***

Sketchy jumper but proved at least as good as ever when making a winning return at Ffos Las (3m) in October. Faces a more difficult task in this contest as he goes up in distance.

8 **SOUND AND FURY (IRE) (7)** — s — **97**

17/16815-U — **9** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Ben Pauling — ***Ben Jones***

Successful twice at Carlisle last season, responding well to score over 3m in February. Had excuses when unseating at Cheltenham on his return, hampered by a rival when departing at the second. However, he's run below form both previous tries over this sort of trip.

9 **MY GIFT TO YOU (IRE) (29)** — v+t — **99**

4169-1536 — **8** 10-8 | 67.1kg

James Owen — ***Jonathan Burke***

Successful on hunter chase debut when making all in 4-runner contest at Warwick (33f) in May. Has found things tougher from his higher mark in 2 handicap chases since, though, returning from 4 months off when well beaten at Cheltenham in October.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Our Power, **9-2** Ballycamus, **6-1** Brandt, **7-1** Mt Fugi Park, **8-1** Rock My Way, **10-1** Sound And Fury, **12-1** Henry's Friend, **16-1** Hold Your Fort, **18-1** My Gift To You

TIMEFORM VIEW:

OUR POWER confirmed that he still has lots to offer when only narrowly denied at Sandown to end last season and he remains 1 lb below his last winning mark. He can pick up where he left off to return to winning ways, though Rock My Way isn't taken lightly in his bid to land this prize for the second year running. Mt Fugi Park completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OUR POWER 2. ROCK MY WAY 3. MT FUGI PARK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Rock My Way** 7-11-3	10-3f	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	12
2024	**Beauport** 8-12-0	13-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (7)	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.18 RACE 6 — VIETTI BAROLO HURST PARK HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 4yo+ £100,000 2m172y (3380 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **CALICO (GER) (29)** (CD, BF) s+t **97**
2/11404-54 **10** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Dan Skelton — ***Dominic Lewis*** (10lb/5kg)
Landed this prize last year and wasn't discredited on return from 5 months off when fourth of 8 at Cheltenham in October. Is now 1 lb lower in the weights than this time in 2025 and jockey takes off a handy 10 lb. Can make his presence felt.

2 **VANDERPOEL (IRE) (21)** (CD) ☑ **98**
1P/32117-1 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Ben Pauling — ***Ben Jones***
Improved sent chasing last season, recording back-to-back handicap wins including over this C&D on the first occasion. Shaped well for a long way in the Grand Annual at Cheltenham, before resuming his progress (had a breathing operation) when scoring here 3 weeks ago. Major player.

3 **MARTATOR (FR) (21)** (CD) s ☑ **97**
08/529U1-2 **9** 11-13 | 75.7kg
Venetia Williams — ***Charlie Deutsch***
3-time C&D winner, including this race in 2024. Also runner-up to Calico in last year's renewal and bounced back from a couple of lesser efforts when landing the Grand Annual at Cheltenham. Good second to Vanderpoel here on return and he can give another good account.

4 **RYAN'S ROCKET (IRE) (226)** (D) **99**
126U/1U61- **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Fergal O'Brien — ***Jonathan Burke***
Doubled his chase tally at Newbury on last season's return and, after a poor run at Kempton in March, got back on the up with success in the Red Rum at Aintree the following month. Will need to pick up where he left off following a 7 lb rise, though is capable when fresh.

5 **SANS BRUIT (FR) (14)** (D) t **99**
6654435-2 **8** 10-13 | 69.4kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Jay Tidball*** (5lb/2kg)
Prominent racer who boasts an excellent record at Aintree, notably winning the Red Rum on 2 occasions (third in last year's renewal behind Ryan's Rocket). Went close at the same course on his return, though hasn't been at his best in the last 2 runnings of this race.

6 **SHAKEYATAILFEATHER (IRE) (6)** (D) ★ **100**
158677-3U **7** 10-3 | 64.9kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Atkins*** (5lb/2kg)
Shaped encouragingly after 8 months off when third to Vanderpoel over this C&D in October, left with too much to do. Unfortunate to unseat at the first at Cheltenham 6 days ago, so she's worth another chance with all 4 of her victories coming on good ground.

7 **GABRIEL'S GETAWAY (IRE) (21)** (D) s+t ☑ **94**
24U433-65 **9** 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)
Anthony Honeyball — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***
In good form last autumn, making the frame in this race, but ended the campaign on a low-key note. However, there were better signs when fifth of 11 in race won by Vanderpoel here 3 weeks ago. 4 lb out of the weights but is still on a handy mark with cheekpieces refitted.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Vanderpoel, **6-1** Shakeyatailfeather, **6-1** Martator, **13-2** Calico, **7-1** Ryan's Rocket, **10-1** Sans Bruit, **12-1** Gabriel's Getaway

TIMEFORM VIEW:

VANDERPOEL took his form up to a smart level when making a successful return over C&D 3 weeks ago and, with further improvement likely in his second season over fences, he is fancied to follow up. Shakeyatailfeather is feared most with conditions promising to suit, while Calico also gives Dan Skelton a strong hand.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. VANDERPOEL 2. SHAKEYATAILFEATHER 3. CALICO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Calico** 9-11-6	16-1	Dan Skelton	Tristan Durrell (3)	10
2024	**Martator** 7-12-0	13-8f	Venetia Williams	Ned Fox (5)	8
2023	**Boothill** 8-12-0	11-4f	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	8
2022	**Boothill** 7-10-7	2-1jf	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	7
2021	**Before Midnight** 8-10-11	11-4f	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	7

3.48 RACE 7

ASCOT ADVENT CALENDAR NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4)
4yo+ (Rated 0-115) £16,500 3m102y (4920 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

Right handed, galloping. Jumps course reopened in 2006/7 after major redevelopment work and, whilst the course drains faster than used to be the case, underfoot conditions can still get gruelling. Rather surprisingly, however, the chase course has one of the lowest non-completion records in the country in recent seasons.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **MR RAFIKI (IRE) (10)** s+t **99**
442FF221 **5** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — ***Richie McLernon***
Runner-up 3 times in a row over hurdles before going one better in 4-runner novice at Bangor (23f) 10 days ago, responding well even if he does have a tendency to carry his head awkwardly. Enters calculations.

2 **KILNEW SUPREME (IRE) (54)** (BF) t **98**
222-2 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***
£110,000 purchase after finishing runner-up sole outing in Irish points. Has filled the same position in a bumper and 3 starts over hurdles, returning from 5 months off in 4-runner handicap at Newton Abbot (2¾m) in September.

3 **HERBYGOESBANANAS (20)** **98**
4663-3491 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Henrietta C Knight — ***Ben Jones***
Back up in trip returned to handicap company, showed improved form when comfortably getting off the mark over hurdles at Worcester (23f) 20 days ago, the fourth winning both starts since. One to keep on the right side now that he's up and running.

4 **MUSKERRY ROCK (IRE) (8)** s **94**
221P3543 **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Mickey Bowen — ***James Murray*** (10lb/5kg)
Landed a handicap chase at Newton Abbot (3¼m) in July on his penultimate outing for Dan Skelton. Low-key start for current yard, but took a step back in the right direction from his lower hurdles mark when third of 6 at Southwell (3m) 8 days ago.

5 **BAILE AN OR (IRE) (23)** ★ **100**
4504-76 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Joe Tizzard — ***Freddie Gingell***
Has looked more of a staying type in bumpers/maiden hurdles so far, failing to build on his reappearance effort when mid-field at Ffos Las (2½m) 23 days ago. Could yet do better as he goes up in trip for handicap debut.

6 **DANTE'S ROCCO (IRE) (231)** **97**
434- **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Syd Hosie — ***Dylan Johnston***
Third on sole start in points and left behind his hurdling debut form when third in a Wincanton maiden (15f) in March. Again showed ability when fourth of 11 at Newton Abbot (2¼m) and this longer distance promises to suit as he goes handicapping after 7 months off.

7 **GRANITE SANDS (FR) (143)** **96**
4/95-355 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
David Killahena & Graeme McPherson — ***Jonathan Burke***
Wasn't able to find the improvement required on handicap debut when fifth of 10 at Worcester (23f) in July, though shaped as if a greater emphasis on stamina would have suited. Remains with potential up further in trip after a break (has had a breathing operation).

8 **PERSON OF INTEREST (IRE) (9)** **96**
9-B612P52 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Faye Bramley — ***J. P. O'Neill*** (10lb/5kg)
Justified support on second start for this trainer in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m) in July. Ran as well as he has over hurdles when second of 7 at Hereford (2¾m) 9 days ago, though more needed in this contest.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Mr Rafiki, **9-2** Herbygoesbananas, **5-1** Kilnew Supreme, **7-1** Person of Interest, **8-1** Baile An Or, **9-1** Muskerry Rock, **11-1** Dante's Rocco, **14-1** Granite Sands

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for HERBYGOESBANANAS, who opened his hurdles account in good style at Worcester at the beginning of the month. He gets the vote ahead of handicap debutant Baile An Or, with Mr Rafiki another to consider arriving on the back of a breakthrough victory.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HERBYGOESBANANAS 2. BAILE AN OR 3. MR RAFIKI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Absolutely Doyen** 5-12-0	6-5f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden 9
2024	**Jalisco Star** 6-10-10	22-1	Laura Horsfall	K. Brogan 9
2023	**Scamallach Liath** 6-11-12	13-8f	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien 9
2022	**The Questioner** 6-10-6	15-8f	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race