GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Thursday 26th November

TAUNTON

12.20	**REMEMBERING HENDRIX 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m104y (3310 Metres)**
RACE 1	**(2) FORTIS ET LIBER | (6) THEYBOUNCEWELL | (1) ARMS PARK**
12.55	**DENISE SMITH MEMORIAL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f198y (4810 Metres)**
RACE 2	**(2) NOWHERENEARMILAN | (5) MAKINBECON | (1) DUBLINOFFICECALLIN**
1.30	**STAG ENVIRONMENTAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)**
RACE 3	**(3) COURAGEOUS STRIKE | (7) TARITINO | (4) INTO BATTLE**
2.05	**STABLES BUSINESS PARK HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)**
RACE 4	**(4) ASIAN SPICE | (3) SAVANNA STORM | (8) RAFFLES NOBU**
2.40	**MIKE TRICKEY & GEOFF WHITE MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m7f198y (4810 Metres)**
RACE 5	**(3) KANDOR | (1) CALVINO | (2) TASHAN**
3.15	**CHRISTMAS SPARKLE CHARITY RACEDAY 10 DECEMBER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m104y (3310 Metres)**
RACE 6	**(1) FRENCH FANCY | (5) KILIFI CREEK | (2) HANDSOME STAN**

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 — REMEMBERING HENDRIX 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ £12,000 2m104y (3310 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good to Firm**

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1 ARMS PARK (35) (C, D) **92**
231-P4 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Mrs C. Williams — ***Adam Wedge***
Put experience to good use when making all in C&D bumper in March. Knew more than on hurdling bow when fourth of 11 in novice at Ffos Las (2m, soft) 5 weeks ago, though was well positioned in a slowly-run race. No surprise should he feature.

2 FORTIS ET LIBER (55) **100**
2R27 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Atkins*** (5lb/2kg)
Runner up once from 5 starts in point and left behind his first 2 efforts over hurdles when second of 9 in maiden at Downpatrick (2¾m) in late-August. Not so good at Gowran when last seen 8 weeks ago but he warrants considerable respect having joined the all-conquering Skelton yard.

3 MAUCOURT D'AIRY (FR) (204) **75**
4-8 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Ella Pickard — ***C. P. O'Shea*** (7lb/3kg)
Tailed off in a couple of bumpers 9 weeks apart earlier in the year (tongue tied latest). Watching brief advised on hurdling debut (has had breathing operation in interim).

4 TIMMIE TWO (IRE) (22) **79**
4-P **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Ian Chanin — ***Bryan Carver***
Runner-up in a point bumper and shaped like a stayer in a bumper at Exeter for L.Jefford back in March. Couldn't have shown much less on his recent hurdling debut at Chepstow so he's an easy swerve.

5 SHE'S A DRIVER (12) **75**
6-P **4** 10-7 | 66.7kg
David Bridgwater — ***James Turner*** (5lb/2kg)
No encouragement in bumper/maiden hurdle 8 months apart.

6 THEYBOUNCEWELL (IRE) (31) **98**
2 **4** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Tom George — ***Liam Harrison***
Old Persian filly who shaped promisingly when second of 6 in novice hurdle at Hereford (2½m, good) on debut last month, unable to lay a glove on the odds-on favourite but clear of the remainder, Entitled to progress on that here.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Fortis Et Liber, **7-4** Theybouncewell, **10-3** Arms Park, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FORTIS ET LIBER went close on penultimate outing for Colin Bowe and having joined the all-conquering Dan Skelton yard, he's fancied to open his account at the expense of Theybouncewell, who ran a cracker on her first start of any description at Hereford last month and is entitled to progress. Arms Park, who won his bumper over C&D, looks the only other one capable of getting involved.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FORTIS ET LIBER 2. THEYBOUNCEWELL 3. ARMS PARK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Miss Altea Blue** 4-11-0	1-2f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	7
2024	**Jackpot des Bordes** 5-11-0	11-8f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	13
2023	**Ballee** 4-11-0	9-2	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Micheal Nolan	14
2022[I]	**Mamoon Star** 4-11-0	5-2	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	11
2022[II]	**American Sniper** 4-11-7	6-4	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	10
2021	**Earth Company** 5-10-12	3-1	Philip Hobbs	Sean Houlihan (3)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.55 RACE 2

DENISE SMITH MEMORIAL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £9,000 2m7f198y (4810 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **DUBLINOFFICECALLIN (14)** ★ **100**
66071-703 **5** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Kerry Lee — ***Conor O'Farrell***
Made winning start to his handicap career at Perth (2½m) on penultimate outing for Ewan Whillans. Fared much better than on stable debut when 7¾ lengths third at Hereford on return last time (carried head bit awkwardly). High on the shortlist in a weak race.

2 **NOWHERENEARMILAN (IRE) (22)** s **69**
77358-0 **5** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Max Comley — ***David Bass***
Low-mileage 5-y-o who hinted at better to come in novices last season. No threat at long odds under inexperienced rider on return at Chepstow (19.5f) latest. Longer trip could unlock some improvement, and she's worth a chance with David Bass back aboard (25% strike rate for yard this season).

3 **C'EST POUR MOI (FR) (14)** **87**
967833 **4** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — ***Amber Jackson-Fennell*** (7lb/3kg)
Tricky customer who didn't improve as demanded when 19½ lengths third on handicap bow at Market Rasen (20.5f). Hard to be confident the step up in trip will prove the key to him.

4 **POET'S MUSE (IRE) (4)** (BF) s **98**
402-7PF62 **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Ian Chanin — ***Lorcan Williams***
Point winner. Allowed the run of things when edged out on handicap debut over C&D April. Matched that form when 6 lengths second in a weak novice at Exeter last time. Exposed mare may again have to settle for minor honours.

5 **MAKINBECON (46)** s+t **99**
5131665P **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Barry John Murphy — ***Callum Pritchard***
Point runner-up who hasn't fired since doubling his tally (second now a fair sort) at Market Rasen in July. Clearly wasn't 100% on first run back from a breathing operation at Chepstow last month. Well worth another go over 3m and weighted to go close if back on song.

6 **DALCASSIAN GIRL (IRE) (12)** **93**
0562-4P **6** 10-12 | 68.9kg
Chris Honour — ***Bryan Carver***
Maiden pointer who finished a flattering second on qualifying run at Exeter in March. No-show in couple of handicaps since returning. Cheekpieces quickly discarded and hopes of improvement pinned on step up to 3m.

7 **ANOTHERMANICMONDAY (IRE) (10)** **97**
0P06-571P **6** 10-12 | 68.9kg
Susan Gardner — ***Lucy Gardner***
Exuberant sort. Responded well to forcing tactics when off the mark (awarded the race) in a 2¾m Fontwell novice handicap. Too free when pulled up at Plumpton (25f) since, and he needs to learn to settle over this sort of trip (likely to be on the bridle longer than most).

8 **CANTALICE (262)** b+t **99**
4P0- **4** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Ella Pickard — ***Megan Bevan*** (7lb/3kg)
Modest Flat maiden who offered little in 3 hurdle starts as a juvenile last season. Hardly looks the type to take off from a lowly opening mark.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Dublinofficecallin, **9-2** Makinbecon, **9-2** Poet's Muse, **11-2** Anothermanicmonday, **13-2** Nowherenearmilan, **10-1** Dalcassian Girl, **10-1** C'est Pour Moi, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NOWHERENEARMILAN steps up to 3m for first time and could be worth a chance in a thin race. Makinbecon and Dublinofficecallin appeal most of those with handicap form.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NOWHERENEARMILAN 2. MAKINBECON 3. DUBLINOFFICECALLIN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Avada Kedavra** 6-11-7	11-4	David Bridgwater	Brendan Powell	6
2024	**Honey Jack** 5-11-3	9-4f	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	10
2023	**Top Cloud** 6-11-4	9-2	Robbie Llewellyn	Liam Harrison	7
2022	**I Spy A Diva** 5-12-2	3-1	Kim Bailey	Kai Lenihan (7)	5
2021	**Nelsons Rock** 6-10-7	evsf	Colin Tizzard	Harry Kimber (7)	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.30 RACE 3

STAG ENVIRONMENTAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,500 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **CORNISH STORM (229)** (CD) s **98**

60291155- **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Zoe Hawkins — ***Jay Tidball*** (5lb/2kg)

Winner of a solid C&D handicap prior to following up at Warwick in February. Possibly had enough for the season thereafter, latterly when blinkered on first start for new handler. Returns in usual headgear and is typically better for a run.

2 **VENETIAN BEAUTY (FR) (28)** **94**

45-1PU501 **4** 11-13 | 75.7kg

David Pipe — ***Rian Corcoran*** (5lb/2kg)

Fair sort who won 3 times in France for Marcel Rolland. Picked up by new connections (had success with similar types this summer) after justifying favouritism in a claimer at Fontainebleau (2¼m, soft) 4 weeks ago. This one has something to find at the weights, even with good-value claimer added.

3 **COURAGEOUS STRIKE (296)** h **99**

21/15236- **5** 11-10 | 74.4kg

Paul Nicholls — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***

Fairly useful Flat performer who won 2 of his first 3 hurdle starts. Form of his 3 lengths third in better race at Kempton in January catches the eye, and he's undergone breathing operation since a free-going display here in February. Can get off the mark in handicaps if putting it all together.

4 **INTO BATTLE (IRE) (153)** **98**

02-31 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg

Robert Stephens — ***Robert Dunne***

Saw off Centurion's Sister to comfortably justify support in 4-runner event at Bangor in June. Not seen to best effect on the Flat (fairly useful at his best) couple of starts since, showing some reluctance from stalls at Kempton 11 weeks ago. Needs a bit more to make it 2-2 in handicap hurdles.

5 **LUNAR ORBIT (IRE) (12)** h+t **98**

P315-2P25 **4** 11-1 | 70.3kg

Dan Skelton — ***Harry Atkins*** (5lb/2kg)

Free-going sort who was fairly useful on Flat. Justified support in Market Rasen juvenile in December. Runner-up twice in 4 starts for Dan Skelton (headstrong latest) and may struggle to better that here, even with more experienced claimer added.

6 **HOLESHOT (IRE) (48)** (CD) **98**

75FP4P5-6 **7** 11-1 | 70.3kg

Mitchell Hunt & Tim Vaughan — ***Lorcan Murtagh***

More miss than hit (mainly over fences) since landing first leg of a double here in early-2025. Edged further down the weights following well-held sixth at Chepstow (2m) on return, and he's beginning to look well handicapped.

7 **TARITINO (IRE) (14)** (CD) ★ **100**

561321-63 **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg

Joe Tickle — ***Callum Pritchard***

Smoothly notched a third success here over C&D in April prior to a fruitful summer on the Flat. Should have his eye in over hurdles following creditable 6¾-length third to a well-treated one at Hereford (2m) last time. Expected to make a bold bid back up in trip off 1 lb lower.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Courageous Strike, **7-2** Into Battle, **4-1** Taritino, **13-2** Lunar Orbit, **8-1** Venetian Beauty, **14-1** Holeshot, **16-1** Cornish Storm

TIMEFORM VIEW:

COURAGEOUS STRIKE looks the class angle in here, and he's taken to resume winning ways following a breathing operation. Course specialist Taritino is feared most, ahead of Into Battle and Holeshot.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COURAGEOUS STRIKE 2. TARITINO 3. INTO BATTLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Melton Mossy** 6-10-12	10-1	Evan Williams	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	8
2024	**King of The Road** 5-11-3	3-1	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	11
2023	**Will Carver** 8-12-0	3-1cf	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	6
2022	**Irish Hill** 4-11-2	7-4f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9
2021	**An Tailliur** 5-11-12	9-2	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.05 RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **VICTORY SHOUT (FR) (10)** (C) **97**
09P122-05 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Syd Hosie — ***C. P. O'Shea*** (7lb/3kg)
On the up when landing breakthrough hurdle success over 2m here (1-1) in March. Didn't go with his usual enthusiasm second time up at Plumpton this season, at a push possibly still in need of the run. Will need to resume progress for the return to this course.

2 **ONE ISLAND (FR) (4)** b+t **96**
632-553 **4** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Lorcan Murtagh***
No match for some above-average types when placed in maiden hurdles last season. Best effort in handicaps (still well below fair middle-distance Flat form) when beaten 9¾ lengths in first-time blinkers at Exeter (2m) 4 days ago. Certainly worth a go over further off an unchanged mark.

3 **SAVANNA STORM (IRE) (12)** **99**
748741 **4** 11-12 | 75.3kg
Tom Lacey — ***Stan Sheppard***
Left previous efforts when successful on yard/handicap debut at Uttoxeter (2m), showing a good attitude to narrowly fend off persistent runner-up. Far from exposed and has solid prospects of defying a 7 lb rise now upped in trip.

4 **ASIAN SPICE (223)** (D) **100**
196/46UP7- **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg
David Pipe — ***Rian Corcoran*** (5lb/2kg)
Four-time hurdle winner who has dropped to very attractive mark following quiet 2025/6 for Jimmy Frost. High hopes she can revive on back of breathing operation/significant trainer change and certainly looks worth a chance under good-value claimer.

5 **PADDY IN THE CADDY (IRE) (262)** t **95**
135/90PP6- **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Harry Ryall — ***Chad Bament*** (5lb/2kg)
Winning hurdler/chaser who went the wrong way for Philip Hobbs & Johnson White last season. Sold out of that yard for only 3,500 gns and plenty to prove with tongue strap added for rare start over hurdles.

6 **ELECTRIC EDDY (23)** **97**
2P-366453 **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***
Frustrating sort (well treated on pick of his form) who promised more than he delivered when supported at Market Rasen in late-September. Easy to back/typically not fluent when 7 lengths third off this mark at Warwick (21f) subsequently.

7 **GONE COUNTRY (IRE) (18)** **97**
40096-115 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Nick Gifford — ***Tabitha Worsley***
Well backed when off the mark at Fontwell before improving to see off largely exposed rivals on return at Plumpton (21f). No-show in better race on hat-trick bid at Sandown (good to soft) since. Conditions possibly a factor that day and could be worth another chance back in class 5 company.

8 **RAFFLES NOBU (FR) (16)** (D) b+t **98**
53525773 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Nick Scholfield — ***Nathan Andrews*** (10lb/5kg)
Sole win for present yard at Newton Abbot (18.5f) in July. Back on same mark following creditable 11¼-length third under this claimer at Lingfield (2m). Could capitalise if everything drops right (often flatters to deceive).

9 **THE PADSTER (FR) (22)** s **96**
7R404-24P **5** 10-12 | 68.9kg
Joe Tickle — ***Callum Pritchard***
Quirky maiden. Hit the frame in a couple of summer handicaps prior to pulling up on return at Chepstow (19.5f, soft), possibly unsuited by conditions. Work to do at the weights.

10 **FOREST HILLS (IRE) (22)** **91**
70765-0 **5** 10-3 | 64.9kg
Carroll Gray — ***Conor O'Farrell***
Hasn't shown anything like his fair Flat ability over hurdles (little solid form in this sphere).

11 **FREDDIE FLEETFOOT (54)** **95**
U486-7 **8** 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)
Carroll Gray — ***Jack Stenhouse*** (7lb/3kg)
Long-standing maiden. Best efforts when runner-up twice here in 2024. Long way below that form more recently, latterly on reappearance.

12 **FUTURE TIMES (FR) (218)** s **92**
86/4808- **6** 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)
Gordon Edwards — ***Amber Jackson-Fennell*** (7lb/3kg)
Another long-standing maiden. First-time cheekpieces (over jumps) unlikely to change his fortunes.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Savanna Storm, **11-2** Asian Spice, **7-1** Gone Country, **8-1** Raffles Nobu, **8-1** Electric Eddy, **9-1** One Island, **14-1** Victory Shout, **20-1** The Padster, **25-1** Paddy In The Caddy, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Interesting stable-switcher ASIAN SPICE gets the call over last-time-out winner Savanna Storm. Raffles Nobu and Gone Country are others to consider in an open-looking race.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ASIAN SPICE 2. SAVANNA STORM 3. RAFFLES NOBU

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Oakley's Way** 5-11-11	10-3f	Anthony Honeyball	Sam Twiston-Davies	13
2024	**Ugo Bingo** 5-11-2	18-1	Anthony Charlton	Jonathan Burke	15
2023[I]	**Gyllen** 8-10-8	9-2	Kayley Woollacott	Rex Dingle	11
2023[II]	**Noble Savage** 8-11-6	7-2jf	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jordan Nailor	10
2022	**Moveit Like Minnie** 5-12-1	5-2f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Finn Lambert (7)	15
2021	**Kendelu** 6-11-5	15-2	Nigel Hawke	K. E. Buckley (5)	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.40 RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1 **CALVINO (IRE) (29)** (C) s **97**

61/2P13P-3 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Paul Nicholls ***Sam Twiston-Davies***

Course bumper/novice hurdle winner who has proved hit and miss away from this track. Better than beaten distance (19¼ lengths) when well-backed third in cheekpieces on return at Newton Abbot (2¾m, soft). Last season's form lines with Kapitein Kool suggest this sort of mark could be within range.

2 **TASHAN (38)** (C) **99**

211/41PP-5 **5** 11-12 | 75.3kg

Emma Lavelle ***Adam Wedge***

Hasn't fired since making it 3 wins from 4 starts (including here) at Exeter this time last year. Now 1 lb below winning mark following last month's comeback run. Emphasis likely to be on speed rather than stamina here, and he's potentially worth another chance over a significantly longer trip.

3 **KANDOR (FR) (10)** s+t **100**

F544/5-455 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Nick Scholfield ***Mr Daniel Williams*** (7lb/3kg)

Novice hurdle/point winner. Fallen to a tempting mark, having not been seen to best effect in a couple of 2½m Plumpton handicaps since returning to Rules. Step back up to 3m/first-time cheekpieces will suit, and he's fancied to make more impact on third start for up-and-coming yard.

4 **D'JO DELA BARRIERE (FR) (16)** (D) **98**

115565-14 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Mrs C. Williams ***Miss Eleanor Williams*** (7lb/3kg)

Dug deep to capitalise on reduced mark at Hereford on return last month. Conversely found less than looked likely when beaten 9 lengths on return to this grade at Lingfield (23f) since (made headway out wide). Probably needs everything to fall right to notch a third win under this claimer.

5 **LORD CAUVELLIERE (FR) (14)** t **95**

7-456P741 **5** 10-2 | 64.4kg

Sheila Lewis ***Callum Pritchard***

Point/bumper winner. Proved his stamina when scoring in a race that fell apart at Hereford (3¼m) last time, going more sweetly over longer trip in first-time tongue strap. Profile prior to that was hardly rock solid, though, and he'll need more again to follow up.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Calvino, **7-2** Tashan, **9-2** Kandor, **9-2** D'jo Dela Barriere, **5-1** Lord Cauvelliere

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A tricky betting race. Neither Calvino nor Tashan look rock solid so a chance is taken on TASHAN, who hasn't been long with a very capable yard.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KANDOR 2. CALVINO 3. TASHAN

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15 RACE 6

CHRISTMAS SPARKLE CHARITY RACEDAY 10 DECEMBER
OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,999
2m104y (3310 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **FRENCH FANCY (FR) (36)** ★ **100**
3 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Mrs C. Williams — ***Adam Wedge***
French Fifteen gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including useful hurdler Merlin Giant. Offered something to work on when 7 lengths third of 6 in slowly-run Worcester bumper on last month's debut and any kind of improvement should see him play a leading role.

2 **HANDSOME STAN (195)** t **94**
4 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Mark Loughnane — ***Rian Corcoran*** (5lb/2kg)
Jack Hobbs gelding. Dam 1¼m-17f winner on Flat. Won second of 2 starts in point bumpers and showed promise setting out under Rules in a tongue strap when fourth of 14 in 17f bumper at Aintree (good) in May. Has left Miss L. Mager and must enter calculations with good-value claimer booked.

3 **HAWKPITT** **79**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Zoe Hawkins — ***Jay Tidball*** (5lb/2kg)
Frontiersman gelding. Closely related to poor hurdler Warfleet. Dam (h99), 2¾m hurdle winner, half-sister to useful hurdler (stayed 3m) Billy No Name out of useful hurdle winner around 2m Just Little.

4 **JACK DANDY (IRE)** **79**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Jim & Suzi Best — ***Richie McLernon***
Jack Hobbs gelding. Brother to fair hurdler Interchangeable. Dam useful hurdler (2¼m/2½m winner). Failed to beat a rival on completed starts in Irish points, pulled up on most recent outing (Apr 2026). Makes very little appeal.

5 **KILIFI CREEK (IRE) (231)** (BF) h **90**
4- **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***
Vadamos gelding. Half-brother to point/bumper winner Bud Fox. Failed to meet expectations when a remote fourth in 7-runner bumper over C&D on debut in April but could prove a different proposition with a hood now fitted.

6 **POWERFUL ACT (23)** **97**
2 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Daisy Hitchins — ***Robbie David*** (5lb/2kg)
6,000 gns 3-y-o (Godolphin cast-off), Kingman gelding. Half-brother to useful 1m winner Romieu. Dam smart 1m-1¾m winner who stayed 2m. Showed ability when second of 8 in 2m all-weather bumper on recent debut but couldn't match the winner's late surge.

7 **SNOWY HILL (IRE)** **85**
5 10-9 | 67.6kg
Keiran Burke — ***Mr Hugo Hunt*** (7lb/3kg)
Kingston Hill mare. Dam (c88/h110) 3m hurdle winner, out of half-sister to smart staying chasers Calling Brave and Ottowa. Bred to be a stayer so could find this happening all too quickly.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 French Fancy, **11-4** Powerful Act, **7-2** Handsome Stan, **6-1** Kilifi Creek, **28-1** Snowy Hill, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FRENCH FANCY offered something to work on when third in a slowly-run bumper at Worcester on his debut last month and could well be up to making it second time lucky. Kilifi Creek failed to meet expectations over C&D on his debut back in April but could prove a different proposition in a first-time hood. Handsome Stan also merits consideration.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FRENCH FANCY 2. KILIFI CREEK 3. HANDSOME STAN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Canty's Cove** 4-11-2	7-4f	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	11
2024	**Doctor Blue** 4-11-2	5-4f	Sam Thomas	Dylan Johnston (3)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race