GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Friday 27th November

DONCASTER

12.00	**GOLDEN SCOOP NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f214y (4820 Metres)**
RACE 1	**(1) PALAMON | (3) KAYF DANCER | (2) KENT DE THAIX**
12.30	**STEVE MARTIN MEMORIAL EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 2m128y (3340 Metres)**
RACE 2	**(5) LOW TIDE | (1) INVINO HONNETETE | (6) NAVROM**
1.00	**ICE CREAM DIRECT UK MEMBERS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m181y (4190 Metres)**
RACE 3	**(3) MATTY'S MATE | (1) DSHIPDATNEVRSAILED | (5) MASTERIUS**
1.35	**KELLY'S DAIRY SOFT ICE CREAM HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m3f31y (3850 Metres)**
RACE 4	**(3) TOOTHLESS | (6) CUBAN COURT | (2) PRIMOZ**
2.10	**CADBURYS ICE CREAM NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m128y (3340 Metres)**
RACE 5	**(7) NOBODY TOLD ME | (8) MOI MON VIEUX | (3) BLUE SKY DREAMING**
2.45	**DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (5) 2m3f88y (3900 Metres)**
RACE 6	**(2) ANXIOUS MOMENTS | (4) THESOLDIERSMINIT | (1) AKRRAMM**
3.20	**APRES VILLAGE AT DONCASTER RACECOURSE 'HANDS & HEELS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Conditional Jockeys & Amateur Riders) (4) 3m84y (4900 Metres)**
RACE 7	**(5) BRIGHT LEGEND | (6) SLEDGEHAMMER | (2) BIGLESISBACK**

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.

12.00 RACE 1

GOLDEN SCOOP NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3)
4yo+ £15,000 2m7f214y (4820 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **PALAMON (IRE) (13)** b+t **99**
55351231 **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Dan Skelton ***Dominic Lewis*** (10lb/5kg)
Easy winner at Southwell before looking unlucky not to defy a penalty behind a borderline useful one at Plumpton last month. Back to winning ways in a very thin affair by 0-140 standards at Wetherby (19f) just under a fortnight ago and though 7 lb higher here, this is another weak race. Up in trip.

2 **KENT DE THAIX (FR) (31)** (D, BF) t **98**
051P516-2 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Sam England ***Jonathan England***
Point winner who scored twice over hurdles last season. Made a highly encouraging return (tongue tied, had breathing operation in interim) when going down narrowly at Newcastle (3m, good) on chasing debut last month and he's entitled to build on that now.

3 **KAYF DANCER (36)** ★ **100**
4081-6242 **8** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Mickey Bowen ***Shane Fenelon*** (5lb/2kg)
Dual winner over hurdles for Philip Hobbs & Johnson White and shaped well starting out for new yard (had breathing operation) at Cartmel (25f) in August. Left chasing debut form well behind when runner-up at Ffos Las (3m, soft) last month and can kick on with a 5-lb conditional taking over.

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-11 Palamon, **9-4** Kent De Thaix, **4-1** Kayf Dancer

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The Skelton yard continue to carry all before them so PALAMON is selected to supplement his recent Wetherby success from 7 lb higher. Kayf Dancer showed much more of what he's about at Ffos Las last month so he's taken to edge out Kent de Thaix for the forecast spot.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PALAMON 2. KAYF DANCER 3. KENT DE THAIX

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Moon Rocket** 5-11-6	15-8f	Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls	Ciaran Gethings	4
2024	**Rock My Way** 6-11-11	9-4	Anthony Charlton	Callum Pritchard (7)	3

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.30 RACE 2

STEVE MARTIN MEMORIAL EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 3yo £11,000 2m128y (3340 Metres)

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1 **INVINO HONNETETE (FR) (50)** (D) h **97**
1 **3** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Kerry Lee — ***David Bass***
Made a winning debut in a hood and tongue strap combination in 11-runner juvenile hurdle at Bordeaux (2m, soft) in early-October, keeping on well. Has since transferred to Kerry Lee's stable after leaving N. Vergne and has to be respected under a penalty.

2 **DUNDEELIN (IRE) (12)** s **70**
PP **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Nigel Hawke — ***James Best***
Australia gelding who has shown nothing on either start over hurdles (left Harry Derham after debut).

3 **FIERY LOGIC** **92**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Donald McCain — ***Peter Kavanagh***
Logician gelding. Half-brother to fair 2½m hurdle winner Dartmouth Castle. Dam (h106) 2m hurdle winner, also 7.4f-8.6f winner on Flat. Yard knows this family well and he's respected on debut.

4 **JUBILATE** **88**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Rebecca Menzies — ***Richie McLernon***
27,000 gns 3-y-o, Sea The Stars gelding. Dam smart 6f/7f winner. Not bred for jumping but would enter the reckoning if the market speaks favourably about his chances.

5 **LOW TIDE (IRE)** **91**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Tim Easterby — ***Danny McMenamin***
Crystal Ocean gelding. Dam closely related to useful hurdler/smart chaser (2m-17f winner) Dancing On My Own and useful hurdler (2½m/21f winner) Built By Ballymore out of useful hurdle/chase winner up to 2½m Morning Supreme. Appealing newcomer and Danny McMenamin an interesting jockey booking.

6 **NAVROM (FR)** ★ **100**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Dan Skelton — ***Kielan Woods***
Cokoriko gelding. Brother to French hurdle/chase winner Morvan. Dam, maiden over hurdles/fences in France, 11.5f-13.5f winner on Flat. Makes appeal on paper for top yard.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Navrom, **11-4** Invino Honnetete, **5-1** Fiery Logic, **11-2** Low Tide, **9-1** Jubilate, **200-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LOW TIDE has a useful jumping pedigree and the booking of top rider Danny McMenamin signals intent, so he's selected to make a successful start to his career. Invino Honnetete carries a penalty for winning on debut at Bordeaux last month and can put his experience to good use, while Navrom is another newcomer to note for a powerful yard.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LOW TIDE 2. INVINO HONNETETE 3. NAVROM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Aqua Bleu** 3-11-0	5-4f	Warren Greatrex	Kielan Woods	6
2024	**Smart Decision** 3-11-0	5-1	Tim Easterby	Sean Quinlan	5
2022	**Solomoon** 3-11-0	22-1	Dan Skelton	David England	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.00 RACE 3

ICE CREAM DIRECT UK MEMBERS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2½m181y (4190 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **DSHIPDATNEVRSAILED (IRE)** **78**

5 11-4 | 71.7kg

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

€16,500 3-y-o, £20,000 5-y-o, Leading Light gelding. Dam, ran once in point, half-sister to useful chaser (stayed 3½m) Mr Mercurial. Runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points (Apr 2026) and shouldn't be overlooked making Rules debut in thin-looking race.

2 **LANDSBOROUGH (FR) (34)** s **75**

5-6 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Mickey Bowen — ***Shane Fenelon*** (5lb/2kg)

£80,000 after runner-up on sole outing in Irish points but hasn't shown on either start under Rules, though possibly needed the run sent hurdling after 10 months off at Cheltenham last time.

3 **MATTY'S MATE (IRE) (177)** (BF) **100**

2 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Paul Nicholls — ***Freddie Gingell***

£135,000 3-y-o Jukebox Jury gelding who is from the family of dual Queen Mother Champion Chase winner Master Minded and made an encouraging start to his career when second of 8 in 17f bumper at Newton Abbot in early-June. Step up in trip sure to suit on hurdling debut and fancied to go one better.

4 **REGAL THUNDER (IRE) (22)** **74**

3-65 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Philip Kirby — ***Joe Williamson***

€45,000 Walk In The Park gelding who shaped like a stayer in a pair of bumpers 7 months apart and was given a considerate introduction to hurdling when a well-held fifth at Newcastle (2½m) 22 days ago. Probably one for staying handicaps later on.

5 **MASTERIUS (FR) (27)** **80**

2314 **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg

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

Picked up for £30,000 after runner-up sole outing in Irish points and has shown fair form in bumpers, aided by the run of the race when off the mark in small-field event at Southwell last month. Offered disappointingly little sent hurdling at Ascot since, though, so needs to get back on track.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-11 Matty's Mate, **9-2** Masterius, **13-2** Dshipdatnevrsailed, **12-1** Landsborough, **14-1** Regal Thunder

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MATTY'S MATE found only a fellow newcomer too good in a Newton Abbot bumper back in the spring and his pedigree strongly points to him improving on that now switched to hurdling over a longer distance, so he's a straightforward choice to go one better in a thin-looking race. Masterius offered disappointingly little on his recent hurdling debut, so Dshipdatnevrsailed, who was runner-up on his second outing in Irish points, is preferred for forecast purposes.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MATTY'S MATE 2. DSHIPDATNEVRSAILED 3. MASTERIUS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Matty's Getaway** 6-11-4	4-1	Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls	Ciaran Gethings	6
2024	**Moon Rocket** 4-11-3	9-4	Kim Bailey	Tom Bellamy	9
2022	**Hurricane Bay** 6-11-0	4-6f	Lucy Wadham	Bryony Le Clerc	6
2021	**Lyrical Genius** 4-10-11	7-2	Charlie Longsdon	Sean Quinlan	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.35 RACE 4

KELLY'S DAIRY SOFT ICE CREAM HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £11,700 2m3f31y (3850 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **IL RIDOTO (FR)** (224) s+t **96**
07/28720P- **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Henry Hogarth — ***Danny McMenamin***
Landed 2024/25 Paddy Power Gold Cup. Record mixed subsequently but ended his time with Paul Nicholls out of sorts back in the spring. Drops in grade but watching brief advised on reappearance for new connections.

2 **PRIMOZ (IRE)** (28) t **98**
35631B-25 **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Derek Fox***
Quirky sort who showed plenty of ability remains when useful ½-length second on return at Kelso (17f) early last month. Went backwards from that at Wetherby (19f, good) 4 weeks ago (carried head awkwardly) and will need to keep his quirks in check to feature.

3 **TOOTHLESS (FR)** (29) (D) s+t **99**
1/51223-1 **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Freddie Gingell***
Had the run of things in making a winning return from 6 months off (had second breathing operation in interim) in 6-runner event at Ffos Las (19f, good) last month. Record in this sphere now 3 wins and 5 seconds from just 10 starts so should continue to pay his way.

4 **BOWMORE (IRE)** (19) **97**
3/21300-33 **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Charlie Longsdon — ***Daire McConville*** (7lb/3kg)
Proved he retains ability when third of 6 in handicap hurdle at Sandown (2½m, good to soft) on return recently. Never kicked on over the larger obstacles back in 2024/25 and given a second go chasing. Suspicion is he'll find a couple too good.

5 **JAIPALETEMPS (FR)** (22) (D) t **99**
114214-63 **7** 10-12 | 68.9kg
David Pipe — ***Rian Corcoran*** (5lb/2kg)
Enjoyed a prolific 2025/26, winning 5 times over fences. Has failed to beat a rival on both outings this campaign so has a bit to prove (handicapper drops him another 3 lb).

6 **CUBAN COURT (IRE)** (30) (CD) t **100**
4616114-3 **8** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Neil King — ***Jack Quinlan***
Took very well to chasing last season, winning 3 (all at this track) of his first 4 starts. Shaped as if in good heart after 7 months off when third of 9 at Huntingdon (2½m, good) recently and fancied to be in the shake-up with that under his belt.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Toothless, **10-3** Primoz, **7-1** Bowmore, **10-1** Jaipaletemps, **10-1** Il Ridoto, **12-1** Cuban Court

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TOOTHLESS looked as good as ever when making a successful reappearance at Ffos Las last month so Paul Nicholls' consistent 8-y-o gets the nod to follow up at the expense of Cuban Court, who had a productive 2025/26 with 3 wins at this track and is fancied to come forward from his return. The enigmatic Primoz rounds off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TOOTHLESS 2. CUBAN COURT 3. PRIMOZ

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Alien Storm** 7-11-10	7-1	Charlie Longsdon	David Bass	7
2024	**Kansas City Star** 7-11-6	15-2	Harry Derham	Alice Stevens (5)	7
2022	**Mackenberg** 7-12-0	16-5	Donald McCain	Theo Gillard (3)	5
2021	**Barton Knoll** 9-11-7	11-8f	John Mackie	Sean Quinlan	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.10 RACE 5

CADBURYS ICE CREAM NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m128y (3340 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **GALLANT LION (24)** **95**
45/5-7 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Ian Williams *Charlie Todd*
Fair 1½m Flat winner who was brought along steadily in maiden hurdles. Looked potentially interesting prior to finishing down the field on handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, 16/1). One to note when the market speaks in his favour (prominent in betting both Flat wins for present yard).

2 **KENNY'S JEWEL (IRE) (26)** s+t **95**
P8-0615 **4** 11-13 | 75.7kg
Dylan Cunha *Lee Edwards*
Lightly-raced 4-y-o. Landed a weak Tramore maiden first-time cheekpieces for Ms Margaret Mullin prior to finishing well held on return at Huntingdon latest. Addition of tongue strap hardly a positive on second start for present yard.

3 **BLUE SKY DREAMING (24)** **96**
5/44P4-8 **5** 11-13 | 75.7kg
Alan King *Kielan Woods*
Lightly-raced maiden who is related to some above-average types. Showed some promise over 2m last season and will be suited by long home straight here. Place claims with a comeback run under his belt.

4 **LAIOS TRESOR (FR) (36)** **86**
88-8 **5** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Georgie Howell *Tabitha Worsley*
Once-rated pointer who isn't badly bred. Well held at long odds all 3 hurdle starts (soft) to date. Small yard has poor record with handicap hurdle debutants.

5 **HIJO DE LA LUNA (GER) (59)** v **95**
56/3P5-434 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Simon West *Jack Quinlan*
Exposed 6-y-o who has hit the frame on his previous 3 handicap hurdle starts. Again vulnerable for win purposes against some lightly-raced types.

6 **ENZIYA (IRE) (70)** s+t **87**
57F8-P **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Kevin Pickard *Rian Corcoran* (5lb/2kg)
Once-fair Flat performer who has offered little in either code for present stable. Plenty to prove on second handicap hurdle start.

7 **NOBODY TOLD ME** (7lb/3kg ex) **(3)** ★ **100**
U/675543-1 **6** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Dan Skelton *Harry Atkins* (5lb/2kg)
Won with plenty in hand on first outing since leaving Thomas Faulkner at Southwell (2m) on Tuesday. Can defy a penalty to make it 2-2 for top yard and may well run a sequence in the coming weeks.

8 **MOI MON VIEUX (FR) (13)** t **97**
2-624463 **4** 10-9 | 67.6kg
Richard Hobson *James Best*
Runner-up 2 of 3 bumper starts. Left previous hurdling efforts behind when 6¼ lengths third at Uttoxeter (2m) last time, making headway wide/bettered only by a couple of other handicap debutants. Looks to be bumping into one here.

9 **RIVER GLANCE (29)** (BF) h+t **96**
76/8P705-3 **5** 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)
Emma-Jane Bishop *Lilly Pinchin*
Strongly supported/duly left previous efforts behind when 1¼ lengths third in a competitive low-grade handicap at Stratford (19f, soft) latest. Evidently on a workable mark (despite being 2 lb out of the weights), though may not get away with such a headstrong display on a galloping track.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-10 Nobody Told Me, **7-1** Moi Mon Vieux, **15-2** Blue Sky Dreaming, **8-1** River Glance, **12-1** Gallant Lion, **20-1** Hijo De La Luna, **25-1** Kenny's Jewel, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NOBODY TOLD ME hacked up at Southwell on Tuesday and can defy a penalty to make it 2-2 for Dan Skelton. Moi Mon Vieux and Blue Sky Dreaming appeal most of the remainder.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NOBODY TOLD ME 2. MOI MON VIEUX 3. BLUE SKY DREAMING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Postponed Legacy** 4-10-2	8-1	Martin Keighley	James Best	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.45 RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **AKRRAMM (29)** **96**
P55 **4** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Mickey Bowen — ***James Murray*** (10lb/5kg)
Fair maiden up to 1¼m on the Flat for Roger Varian. Showed more than previously in this sphere when beaten 4¾ lengths in a sprint finish at Ffos Las (2m, heavy) latest, coming from further back than ideal. Opening mark fair on his Flat form, though will likely have easier opportunities to come.

2 **ANXIOUS MOMENTS (IRE) (25)** ★ **100**
0-69611 **4** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Charlie Longsdon — ***Richie McLernon***
Most-progressive 4-y-o. Well backed/had plenty in hand when completing a Southwell double in a solid handicap earlier this month. Open to significantly more improvement and likely to complete the hat-trick.

3 **DUSKY DAYS (IRE) (20)** s **94**
06786852 **9** 11-6 | 72.6kg
James Moffatt — ***Leah Noreci*** (7lb/3kg)
Turned in best effort of the season when 2 lengths second off reduced mark at Kelso (21f) last time. A 2 lb nudge hardly helps his cause, especially with some interesting, less-exposed types in here.

4 **THESOLDIERSMINIT (IRE) (31)** **97**
78U735-42 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Sam Allwood — ***Robert Dunne***
Lightly-raced 5-y-o who looks on a good mark. Again hindered by his tendency to jump left when 2¾ lengths second to another in-form rival at Newcastle (17f), the fourth winning subsequently. Main danger to Anxious Moments at the weights.

5 **EYEEYE (3)** **87**
29508479 **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Clare Ellam — ***Kielan Woods***
Long-standing maiden. Best recent effort when 13¼ lengths fourth in 2½m handicap at Southwell (didn't stay 3m there on Tuesday). Wait for a first success set to continue.

6 **SNAPAUDACIAHEROS (IRE) (24)** s+t **94**
851-P1735 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Rebecca Menzies — ***Joe Williamson***
More down than up since doubling her career/Hexham tally in June. This looks too competitive.

7 **BANNISTER (FR) (29)** **95**
85-604744 **9** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Nick Kent — ***Tom Broughton*** (3lb/1kg)
Turned in best effort of the season when 1½ lengths fourth of 11 off much reduced mark at Stratford (19f, soft) last time. Probably needs a fair bit more to snap a losing sequence stretching back over 2 years.

8 **KLAPTON BOY (FR) (14)** s **90**
36/P56-64P **6** 10-9 | 67.6kg
Nick Kent — ***Charlie Hammond***
Low-mileage 6-y-o with an unconvincing profile. Step back up in trip/first-time cheekpieces far from certain to spark a revival and Bannister probably stable's better hope.

9 **BOUBOULE (15)** b+t **95**
5P-765534 **4** 10-4 | 65.3kg
Gillian Boanas — ***Danny McMenamin***
Long-standing maiden who is being kept busy. Found some form in handicaps at Hexham/Newcastle last month. Up against it, even if bouncing back from a lesser effort at Market Rasen 15 days ago.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Anxious Moments, **5-1** Thesoldiersminit, **8-1** Akrramm, **10-1** Dusky Days, **12-1** Bannister, **16-1** Bouboule, **16-1** Snapaudaciaheros, **20-1** Klapton Boy, **33-1** Eyeeye

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Progressive ANXIOUS MOMENTS should have no problem making it a hat-trick. The places can be filled by Thesoldiersminit and Akrramm, who are both relatively unexposed.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ANXIOUS MOMENTS 2. THESOLDIERSMINIT 3. AKRRAMM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Mandarb** 4-11-9	22-1	Micky Hammond	Alice Stevens (3)	12
2024	**Let's Go Joe** 6-11-11	11-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	13
2022	**Okavango Delta** 6-12-0	7-1	Rose Dobbin	Craig Nichol	12
2021	**Ginger du Val** 5-11-6	11-2	Mel Rowley	Ben Bromley (7)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.20 RACE 7 — APRES VILLAGE AT DONCASTER RACECOURSE 'HANDS & HEELS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Conditional Jockeys & Amateur Riders) (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 3m84y (4900 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **VAGUELY ROYAL (IRE) (331)** v **98**
41273/55P- **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Ian Williams — ***Richard Upton*** (3lb/1kg)
Fair sort who has fallen to a handy mark following quiet spell over hurdles for Syd Hosie last winter. Sent hurdling for first time by present yard after running a stinker on all-weather last time. Perhaps isn't the ideal type for a 'hands and heels' race.

2 **BIGLESISBACK (38)** (BF) **98**
3222P3-22 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Gregor Walkingshaw***
Consistent front runner who looks a chaser in the making. Runner-up for fifth time in 8 hurdle starts at Hexham (2½m) last time, bettered only by a speedier type. Could get the run of things back over 3m (will suit) and stable's capable conditional knows her well.

3 **JOHNNY MOONSHINE (IRE) (36)** **94**
446P-4 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Donald McCain — ***Harry Brown***
Staying type (runner-up in a point) who looked lacklustre at the end of last season. Step back in right direction (following breathing operation) when well-held fourth in Carlisle novice (17f) on return. Opening mark higher than ideal, but this should at least prove more his bag.

4 **GLITZ AND GLAMOUR (IRE) (11)** **94**
839-P6046 **5** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Neil King — ***Mr Evan Lonergan*** (5lb/2kg)
Sligo maiden hurdle winner whose form went the wrong way in Ireland. Hasn't been seen to best effect in a couple of starts for present yard under this inexperienced claimer. Probably too high in the weights, regardless.

5 **BRIGHT LEGEND (IRE) (17)** (BF) ★ **100**
1-0574382 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Faye Bramley — ***J. P. O'Neill*** (3lb/1kg)
Right type for a 'hands and heels' race (travels strongly). Signs of encouragement off falling mark when third behind an improver at Chepstow (23.5f)/runner-up in Huntingdon selling handicap (2m) under this claimer. Engaged 12.37 Lingfield Thursday (good claims) and would race off same mark here.

6 **SLEDGEHAMMER (IRE) (3)** (D) **98**
P6-64F111 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Adrian Keatley — ***Mr Shane Cotter*** (3lb/1kg)
Improved in leaps and bounds since joining shrewd yard. Easily landed handicap chase hat-trick at Southwell on Tuesday. Obvious appeal off unchanged mark on hurdling debut, with promising Irish jockey (won 2026 Kim Muir) taking over.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Sledgehammer, **3-1** Bright Legend, **7-2** Biglesisback, **8-1** Vaguely Royal, **10-1** Johnny Moonshine, **25-1** Glitz And Glamour

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A trappy race. BRIGHT LEGEND has fallen to a tempting mark and could capitalise if taking up this engagement. Hurdling debutant Sledgehammer has to be feared in his bid to make it 4-4 for Adrian Keatley, with front-running Biglesisback also expected to give a good account.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BRIGHT LEGEND 2. SLEDGEHAMMER 3. BIGLESISBACK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Romeo Brown** 11-10-6	5-1	Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith	Oscar Palmer	4
2024	**Idefix de Ciergues** 6-11-12	5-1	Rebecca Curtis	Oscar Palmer (3)	9
2022	**Caius Marcius** 11-12-0	10-3	Nicky Richards	Jack Power (5)	6
2021	**Starsky** 7-11-8	13-2	Dan Skelton	Tristan Durrell (7)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race