

1.30 JLT NOVICES' CHASE (Golden Miller) (Grade 1) (1) 2m3f168y (3980 Metres)

RACE 1 **(4) LOSTINTRANSLATION (IRE) | (2) DEFI DU SEUIL (FR) | (6) REAL STEEL (FR)**

2.10 PERTEMPS NETWORK FINAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3) (1) 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) SIRE DU BERLAIS (FR) | (1) WALK TO FREEDOM (IRE) | (14) THERMISTOCLES (IRE)**

2.50 RYANAIR CHASE (Festival Trophy) (Grade 1) (1) 2½m127y (4140 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) FOOTPAD (FR) | (12) UN DE SCEAUX (FR) | (6) FRODON (FR)**

3.30 SUN RACING STAYERS' HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)

RACE 4 **(10) PAISLEY PARK (IRE) | (5) FAUGHEEN (IRE) | (13) SUPASUNDAE**

4.10 BROWN ADVISORY & MERRIEBELLE STABLE PLATE HANDICAP CHASE (Grade 3) (1) 2½m127y (4140 Metres)

RACE 5 **(12) SIRUH DU LAC (FR) | (1) JANIKA (FR) | (3) SPIRITOFTHEGAMES (IRE)**

4.50 NATIONAL HUNT BREEDERS SUPPORTED BY TATTERSALLS MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Dawn Run) (Grade 2) (1) 2m179y (3380 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) POSH TRISH (IRE) | (7) LUST FOR GLORY (IRE) | (21) INDEFATIGABLE (IRE)**

5.30 FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3¼m (5230 Metres)

RACE 7 **(11) NO COMMENT | (13) MEASUREOFMYDREAMS (IRE) | (2) ANY SECOND NOW (IRE)**

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.

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RACE 1

**JLT NOVICES' CHASE (Golden Miller) (Grade 1) (1) 5yo+
£156,760 2m3f168y (3980 Metres)**



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: Even				
1	CAPELAND (FR) (19) (C, D, BF)	t	97	
	22112122 7 11-4 71.7kg			
	Paul Nicholls	<i>Harry Cobden</i>		
Has made up into a smart chaser, registering third success in 2m Ludlow handicap in December. Solid efforts in defeat the last twice (first run following wind surgery latest) but this is tougher.				
2	DEFI DU SEUIL (FR) (40) (C, D)		100	
	11/47-5121 6 11-4 71.7kg			
	Philip Hobbs	<i>Barry Geraghty</i>		
2017 Triumph Hurdle hero who has taken well to fences. Second to Lostintranslation (received 3 lb) here in January but subsequently turned the tables on that rival at Sandown (2½m). Big player.				
3	KILDISART (IRE) (47) (C, D)		96	
	12519-211 7 11-4 71.7kg			
	Ben Pauling	<i>Daryl Jacob</i>		
Built on Ascot chase debut promise when landing a graduation chase at the same course in December. Followed up in a handicap here (20.6f) and while this is tougher, he remains open to improvement.				
4	LOSTINTRANSLATION (IRE) (40) (C)		99	
	1672-2312 7 11-4 71.7kg			
	Colin Tizzard	<i>Robbie Power</i>		
Off the mark at third attempt over fences when outpointing Defi Du Seuil in Dipper (20.6f) here on New Year's Day. Lost out to that rival at Sandown since but return to a left-handed track will help.				
5	MENGLI KHAN (IRE) (40)	t	96	
	1R233-143 6 11-4 71.7kg			
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland	<i>J. W. Kennedy</i>		
Made up into a smart hurdler last term and perfect start to chase career at Punchestown in November. However, has come up short in graded company since and similar scenario likely here.				
6	REAL STEEL (FR) (21)		98	
	F50P4-F11 6 11-4 71.7kg			
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	<i>P. Townend</i>		
Probably would've won but for last-fence exit on chase debut, and both subsequent starts have resulted in easy victories. Clearly going places and merits respect, despite being passed over by Ruby.				
7	VINNDICATION (IRE) (40) (D, BF)		98	
	1111-113 6 11-4 71.7kg			
	Kim Bailey	<i>David Bass</i>		
Unbeaten in bumper/over hurdles and good start to chase career, landing a Carlisle novice and Ascot Grade 2. Behind Defi Du Seuil and Lostintranslation at Sandown, though, so he has work to do.				
8	VOIX DU REVE (FR) (40) (D)	h	98	
	1103113F 7 11-4 71.7kg			
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	<i>R. Walsh</i>		
Winner of first 2 starts over fences, including a Punchestown Grade 2. Still in contention when falling at the last in Irish Arkle last month and he's Ruby Walsh's pick of the Mullins-trained trio.				
9	CASTAFIORE (USA) (19) (D)	s	96	
	86-044112 6 10-11 68.5kg			
	Charlie Longsdon	<i>Paul O'Brien</i>		
Fairly useful hurdler who has made up into a better chaser, showing an excellent attitude to land Haydock Grade 2 in January. Good effort in defeat at Kempton since but looks vulnerable here.				
10	PRAVALAGUNA (FR) (33) (D)		96	
	F4P41-411 7 10-11 68.5kg			
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	<i>D. J. Mullins</i>		
Failed to deliver on chase debut last spring but has put that firmly behind her this season, landing Limerick maiden and listed event at Naas. Walsh prefers Voix Du Reve but she's not discounted.				

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Defi Du Seuil, **10-3** Lostintranslation, **15-2** Real Steel, **8-1** Kildisart, **11-1** Vinndication, **14-1** Voix Du Reve, **18-1** Pravalaguna, **22-1** Mengli Khan, **25-1** Capeland, **33-1** Castafiore

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LOSTINTRANSLATION displayed a willing attitude when mastering Defi Du Seuil here in January and while he subsequently succumbed to the latter at Sandown, the return to this track (seems best going left-handed) tilts the scales back in favour of Colin Tizzard's charge. His old rival is likely to mount a serious challenge and is feared most, while Real Steel may be the pick of Willie Mullins' trio.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LOSTINTRANSLATION (IRE) 2. DEFI DU SEUIL (FR) 3. REAL STEEL (FR)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2018	Shattered Love 7-10-11	4-1	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	9
2017	Yorkhill 7-11-4	6-4f	W. P. Mullins	R. Walsh	8
2016	Black Hercules 7-11-4	4-1cf	W. P. Mullins	R. Walsh	9
2015	Vautour 6-11-4	6-4f	W. P. Mullins	R. Walsh	8
2014	Taquin du Seuil 7-11-4	7-1	Jonjo O'Neill	A. P. McCoy	12

SMART STATS:

4	W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 8 runnings. (amongst 3 runners saddles: REAL STEEL)
34%	W. P. Mullins's strike rate with chasers at up to 2m3f (saddles: REAL STEEL, VOIX DU REVE and PRAVALAGUNA)
21%	W. P. Mullins's strike rate in spring (saddles: REAL STEEL, VOIX DU REVE and PRAVALAGUNA)
















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RACE 2

PERTEMPS NETWORK FINAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3)
(1) 5yo+ £100,000 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)**Racing TV**Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1	WALK TO FREEDOM (IRE) (76)	h+t	97
	5-0142 9 11-12 75.3kg Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland  Robbie Power Has looked a completely different proposition in a tongue tie, winning at Navan in November and probably should have added to his tally at Leopardstown last time. Up 9 lb but one to keep on side.		
2	A TOI PHIL (FR) (22)	t	99
	23-637P54 9 11-10 74.4kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland J. W. Kennedy Very smart chaser who caught the eye back over hurdles when staying-on fourth of 13 at Punchestown (24f) last month. His task is to now to back that up (largely below form this season chasing).		
3	SIRE DU BERLAIS (FR) (76)	s+t ★	100
	130/248-86 7 11-9 73.9kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland Barry Geraghty Fourth in the Martin Pipe last year and very much caught the eye when sixth at Leopardstown over Christmas, dropped out before staying on gradually. Has to be of interest in first-time cheekpieces.		
4	BOYHOOD (IRE) (20) (CD)		97
	214/141-23 8 11-7 73.0kg Tom George  Paddy Brennan Upwardly-mobile hurdler who finished a fine second to First Assignment on return here in November. Another good placed effort 3 months on at Exeter recently but more needed to take this.		
5	PADLEYOUROWNCANOE (40)		96
	249-23610 5 11-6 72.6kg Colin Tizzard Harry Cobden Dual winner last season and back on the scoresheet when seeing off 10 rivals at Wincanton (21f) on Boxing Day. His heavy defeat at Sandown since best excused having taken a less-than-ideal route.		
6	FIRST ASSIGNMENT (IRE) (61) (CD, BF)		99
	2413-1133 6 11-6 72.6kg Ian Williams Tom O'Brien Impressive when landing a pair of handicaps here in the autumn. The quick turnaround probably against him at Haydock and further promise when third at Warwick (25f) last time. Interesting runner.		
7	EMINENT POET (40) (D)		95
	13761P-18 8 11-6 72.6kg Venetia Williams Charlie Deutsch Mud lover who took his form up another notch when successful on Sandown reappearance (23.4f) in December. Seemingly undone by an 8 lb rise in the weights back there since, though.		
8	AARON LAD (IRE) (90) (CD)		99
	2211P-611 8 11-6 72.6kg Dr Richard Newland Charlie Hammond (5lb/2kg) Arrives here in the form of his life having won his last 2 starts, scoring in decisive fashion over C&D in December. Shouldn't be taken lightly on that showing.		
9	CULTURE DE SIVOLA (FR) (20) (D)		97
	7311-3155 7 11-5 72.1kg Nick Williams  Lizzie Kelly (3lb/1kg) Has a good strike-rate in handicaps, winning over 3m at Kempton in December. Not up to Grade 2 company at Ascot but produced another creditable effort when fifth to Flemcara at Exeter last time.		
10	BLACK MISCHIEF (78) (BF)	s+t	96
	55331-F14 7 11-5 72.1kg Harry Fry  Noel Fehily Confirmed previous promise when staying on strongly to land a valuable contest at Haydock (18.8f) in November. Found less than looked likely at Wincanton next time, though. First crack at 3m.		



11	NOT MANY LEFT (IRE) (48)	s	99
	435132-41 6 11-5 72.1kg Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland  M. P. Walsh Left his reappearance well behind in first-time cheekpieces when successful on Huntingdon handicap debut (25f) in January, keeping on well. Remains unexposed and shouldn't be taken lightly.		
12	COOLE CODY (IRE) (40) (C)	t	97
	111P-4P62 8 11-3 71.2kg Michael Blake Nick Scholfield Front runner who won 3 times last term. Chase career shelved after 2 starts but put a dip behind him when second in Grade 3 handicap at Sandown (23.4f) last month, though was well ridden.		
13	THECLOCKISTICKING (IRE) (89) (D)		97
	32-425412 7 11-2 70.8kg Stuart Edmunds  Ciaran Gethings Likeable sort who shaped well in some competitive handicap hurdles (including here) before matching that form in 2 runs over fences. Interesting back in this sphere after a break.		
14	THERMISTOCLES (IRE) (76) (D, BF)		97
	13535-313 7 11-1 70.3kg Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland J. J. Slevin Has improved markedly since upped to 3m, defying a stiff-looking mark at Clonmel and raising his game further when third to Cuneo in a strong race at Leopardstown over Christmas. Shortlisted.		
15	FLEMCARA (IRE) (20) (D)	t	97
	1190-8U31 7 11-1 70.3kg Emma Lavelle  Aidan Coleman Strong traveller who confirmed the promise of his Sandown third when going clear to score by 3½ lengths at Exeter (23.1f) 20 days ago. Remains unexposed at 3m.		
16	CUNEO (FR) (39) (D, BF)		97
	4321-1d515 7 11-1 70.3kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland Rachael Blackmore Much improved when successful in 23-runner event on Leopardstown handicap debut over Christmas, finding extra. Shaped as if still on a fair mark back there last month and should go well.		
17	OH LAND ABLOOM (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (17)	v+t	97
	7-42PP221 9 11-1 70.3kg Neil King  Bryony Frost Got off the mark for the season in 8-runner handicap at Uttoxeter (23.3f) last month, though was fortunate having been joined when left clear at the last. Takes on much stiffer opposition here.		
18	WAIT FOR ME (FR) (78)		98
	430-42073 9 11-0 69.9kg Philip Hobbs Micheal Nolan Hurdles/chase winner who ran well on the back of wind surgery (minus headgear) when third to Padleyourowncanoe at Wincanton (21.4f) on Boxing Day, but has long since been hard to win with.		
19	TOBEFAIR (19) (D)		96
	493-849P2 9 11-0 69.9kg Debra Hamer Tom Bellamy Completed remarkable 7-timer in staying handicap hurdles a couple of years ago. Few creditable efforts since, though benefited from a return to hurdling when second to Samburu Shujaa at Chepstow.		
20	SAMBURU SHUJAA (FR) (19) (D)		97
	34-025211 6 11-0 69.9kg Philip Hobbs Richard Johnson Has relished the step up to 3m, winning his maiden easily at Chepstow in January and following up over the same C&D on handicap bow last time. A 7 lb rise asks for more but he's clearly in good heart.		
21	NOTWHATIAM (IRE) (61)	t	97
	U4-01F134 9 10-13 69.4kg Dan Skelton Harry Skelton Trainer switch had the desired effect, winning brace of 23.3f Uttoxeter handicaps either side of a fall at Cheltenham. Shaped well back up in trip at Warwick last time, left with a lot to do.		
22	CHAMPERS ON ICE (IRE) (26) (C, D, BF)	b	98
	126P/58-4 9 10-13 69.4kg David Pipe Tom Scudamore Smart novice hurdler in 2015/16 who shaped as if retaining all his ability after 14 months off when 10¼ lengths fourth of 13 to Sykes at Haydock (24.3f) 26 days ago. Should be sharper for that.		

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RACE 2

PERTEMPS NETWORK FINAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3)
(1) 5yo+ £100,000 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)



23	ABOLITIONIST (IRE) (12) (D)	s	99
	2213/0-15 11 10-12 68.9kg		
	Dr Richard Newland	Sam Twiston-Davies	
	Smart chaser who easily took advantage of significantly lower hurdle mark on belated return/debut for this yard at Aintree. 12 lb higher now but still well treated on his chasing exploits.		
24	ASPEN COLORADO (IRE) (47)	s	96
	F-F99115P 7 10-12 68.9kg		
	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr. (51lb/2kg)	
	Revived for a yard switch when landing back-to-back Carlisle handicaps (20f) during the autumn. Ran no sort of race when pulled up at Uttoxeter last time, however. Has had a wind operation.		

24 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-2 Sire Du Berlais, 12-1 First Assignment, 14-1 Walk To Freedom, 16-1 A Toi Phil, 16-1 Thermistocles, 16-1 Notwhatiam, 16-1 Samburu Shujaa, 18-1 Cuneo, 22-1 Aaron Lad, 22-1 Not Many Left, 22-1 Theclockisticking, 22-1 Flemcara, 25-1 Abolitionist, 25-1 Changers On Ice, 28-1 Boyhood, 28-1 Padleyourown canoe, 28-1 Black Mischief, 33-1 Wait For Me, 33-1 Culture De Sivola, 33-1 Oh Land Abloom, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's hard not to be drawn to SIRE DU BERLAIS, who caught the eye keeping on into sixth from an unpromising position in what looked a strong qualifier at Leopardstown over Christmas. Walk To Freedom and Thermistocles are others who emerged from that race with plenty of credit, while First Assignment is another interesting runner, especially with his yard back amongst the winners in recent days.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SIRE DU BERLAIS (FR) 2. WALK TO FREEDOM (IRE) 3. THERMISTOCLES (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2018	Delta Work	5-10-10	6-1	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell	23
2017	Presenting Percy	6-11-11	11-1	Patrick G. Kelly	Davy Russell	24
2016	Mall Dini	6-10-11	14-1	Patrick G. Kelly	Davy Russell	24
2015	Call The Cops	6-10-12	9-1	Nicky Henderson	Andrew Tinkler	23
2014	Fingal Bay	8-11-12	9-2f	Philip Hobbs	Richard Johnson	23

SMART STATS:

2	David Pipe's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: CHAMPERS ON ICE)
£92.17	Neil King's profit to a £1 level stake when having only one runner on the card (hurdles) (saddles: OH LAND ABLOOM)
41%	Barry Geraghty's strike rate on hurdling favourites (rides: SIRE DU BERLAIS)

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RACE 3

RYANAIR CHASE (Festival Trophy) (Grade 1) (1) 5yo+ £350,000 2½m127y (4140 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Extreme**

1	ASO (FR) (26) (CD)	8434/5-116	9	11-10 74.4kg		94	<i>Charlie Deutsch</i>
	Venetia Williams	High-class chaser who has improved again this term, including landing Grade 3 C&D handicap on New Year's Day. Found out back at Grade 1 level at Ascot since but he was third in this 12 months ago.					
2	BALKO DES FLOS (FR) (76) (CD)	23214-439	8	11-10 74.4kg		96	<i>Denis O'Regan</i>
	Henry de Bromhead, Ireland	Saw off Un de Sceaux when winning this last year but unable to find the same form this season. Off since well held at Leopardstown over Christmas and the break needs to have done him some good.					
3	CHARBEL (IRE) (26)	4F-312135	8	11-10 74.4kg	s+t	94	<i>David Bass</i>
	Kim Bailey	Doubled tally for season in Peterborough Chase in December, but latest Ascot Chase fifth shows he's vulnerable at the very highest level. Hood/tongue tie combined. Likely to find a few too strong.					
4	CONEY ISLAND (IRE) (76) (D)	212/1PP-37	8	11-10 74.4kg	t	93	<i>M. P. Walsh</i>
	Edward P. Harty, Ireland	Grade 1 winner in novice chase campaign but none of his recent efforts suggest he can play a leading role here, beaten 15 lengths when seventh in Savills at Leopardstown latest. Tongue tie added.					
5	FOOTPAD (FR) (77) (C, BF)	3/11111-F2	7	11-10 74.4kg		100	<i>R. Walsh</i>
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Most impressive in last year's Arkle. Held when falling last on Naas return but looked back to somewhere near best when worn down late on at Leopardstown over Christmas. Up in trip. Leading claims.					
6	FRODON (FR) (47) (CD)	1350-1211	7	11-10 74.4kg	t	97	<i>Bryony Frost</i>
	Paul Nicholls	Tough and genuine sort who keeps on getting better, landing Caviar Gold Cup over C&D before taking step up to 25f in his stride in Grade 2 Cotswold Chase in January. Superb jumper.					
7	MONALEE (IRE) (26) (D)	1F12F-321	8	11-10 74.4kg		96	<i>Rachael Blackmore</i>
	Henry de Bromhead, Ireland	Second in RSA at this meeting last year and has continued to get better, second to Kemboy in Grade 1 Savills at Leopardstown over Christmas before making all in 2½m Gowran Grade 2. Respected.					
8	ROAD TO RESPECT (IRE) (39) (CD, BF)	12143-132	8	11-10 74.4kg		97	<i>Sean Flanagan</i>
	Noel Meade, Ireland	Top-class chaser who won at this meeting in 2017. Impressive winning return at Down Royal (3m) in November and probably even bettered that when edged out by Bellshill in Irish Gold Cup latest.					
9	SUB LIEUTENANT (IRE) (53)	54-511572	10	11-10 74.4kg	s+t	92	<i>J. J. Slevin</i>
	Henry de Bromhead, Ireland	Runner-up in this in 2017 but not quite same force nowadays, for all he won a Punchestown Grade 3 in October. Back to that level when narrowly denied in Thurles Grade 2 last time.					
10	TERREFORT (FR) (26)	31121-432	6	11-10 74.4kg		92	<i>Daryl Jacob</i>
	Nicky Henderson	Winner of 2 Grade 1 novice chases last term, but has found it harder in his second season, proving no match for Clan Des Obeaux in Denman at Ascot last month. Likely to come up short.					

11	THE STORYTELLER (IRE) (39) (CD)	7151-5463	8	11-10 74.4kg		93	<i>Davy Russell</i>
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland	Brown Advisory winner last year. Did win at Grade 1 level at Punchestown last spring but he was very fortunate to do so (held in third when left clear last). Creditable efforts in defeat this term.					
12	UN DE SCEAUX (FR) (96) (CD)	12/11211-2	11	11-10 74.4kg		98	<i>P. Townend</i>
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	First and second in the last 2 renewals of this race. 11 now but showed he's still capable of top-class form when chasing home Altior in Tinge Creek on return. Should give his usual good account.					

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

100-30 Footpad, **9-2** Monalee, **11-2** Un De Sceaux, **6-1** Road To Respect, **7-1** Frodon, **25-1** Balko Des Flos, **28-1** Aso, **28-1** The Storyteller, **33-1** Charbel, **33-1** Coney Island, **33-1** Terrefort, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Last year's outstanding novice FOOTPAD has had a stuttering campaign but he did go through the vast majority of his Leopardstown race over Christmas like the horse of last season and he's taken to bounce back to his best. His admirable stablemate Un de Sceaux is 11 now but he's still capable of a very high level of form and is narrowly preferred to Frodon for the forecast spot.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FOOTPAD (FR) 2. UN DE SCEAUX (FR) 3. FRODON (FR)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2018	Balko des Flos	7-11-10	8-1	Henry de Bromhead	Davy Russell	6
2017	Un de Sceaux	9-11-10	7-4f	W. P. Mullins	R. Walsh	8
2016	Vautour	7-11-10	evsf	W. P. Mullins	R. Walsh	15
2015	Uxizandre	7-11-10	16-1	Alan King	A. P. McCoy	14
2014	Dynaste	8-11-10	3-1f	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	11

SMART STATS:

2	W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: FOOTPAD)
25%	W. P. Mullins's strike rate with chasers running between 19f and up to 3m (saddles: FOOTPAD and UN DE SCEAUX)
21%	W. P. Mullins's strike rate in spring (saddles: FOOTPAD and UN DE SCEAUX)

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RACE 4

SUN RACING STAYERS' HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 4yo+
£325,000 2m7f213y (4820 Metres)



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1	BACARDYS (FR) (76) (BF)	94
	P1/3FF0-7F 8 11-10 74.4kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland Continues to stutter over fences, though is talented and was running his best race (likely to have finished third) when falling at the last in this last year.	Mr P. W. Mullins
2	BAPAUME (FR) (49)	98
	3P5-21432 6 11-10 74.4kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland High-class hurdler who won a Group 2 at Auteuil in the summer and back to similar level when second to Presenting Percy in Galmoy Hurdle last time. Still only a 6-y-o, so may yet have more to offer.	P. Townend
3	BLACK OP (IRE) (47)	92
	41221-333 8 11-10 74.4kg Tom George Smart novice hurdler last season who looks every inch a chaser but things haven't quite gone to plan in that sphere. Respectable third back over timber in the Cleeve but just place claims at best.	Noel Fehily
4	COQUIN MANS (FR) (25) (D)	91
	22514-P95 7 11-10 74.4kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland Developed into a smart hurdler last season, winning 3 times, including a Grade 3 at Fairyhouse. However, hasn't returned in the same form.	D. J. Mullins
5	FAUGHEEN (IRE) (76) (C, D)	97
	1P261-2F 11 11-10 74.4kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland 2015 Champion Hurdle winner who was yet to be asked for his effort when falling 2 out in the Christmas Hurdle won by Apple's Jade at Leopardstown. Clearly no back number if none the worse.	R. Walsh
6	KEEPER HILL (IRE) (40) (D)	86
	1FFP-5210 8 11-10 74.4kg Warren Greatrex Has benefited from being switched back to hurdles this season, staying on well to score over 25f at Warwick in January. Well held at Sandown subsequently though, and others preferred at this level.	Richard Johnson
7	KILBRICKEN STORM (IRE) (103) (CD)	92
	311313-16 8 11-10 74.4kg Colin Tizzard Last season's Albert Bartlett winner who narrowly came out on top on Ffos Las chasing bow in November. Let down by his jumping next time but of some interest now back over timber after a break.	Harry Cobden
8	MAN OF PLENTY (26)	79
	50410566 10 11-10 74.4kg Sophie Leech Finally snapped a long losing run in 2m listed Sandown handicap hurdle in the mud in December. However, out of his depth in Haydock Grade 2 last time and similar story here.	Jonathan Burke
9	NAUTICAL NITWIT (IRE) (72) (D)	89
	5-6418215 10 11-10 74.4kg Philip Kirby Game winner of Wetherby Grade 2 in November but looks to be flying too high here.	Thomas Dowson
10	PAISLEY PARK (IRE) (47) (CD)	100
	1220-1111 7 11-10 74.4kg Emma Lavelle Massive improver this season, following up his win in the Long Walk with a huge performance when beating many of these in the Cleeve Hurdle over C&D. Clearly the one to beat.	Aidan Coleman

11	PETIT MOUCHOIR (FR) (40)	94
	3/12324-63 8 11-10 74.4kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland High-class hurdler in 2016/17. Didn't match that form over fences last term and also below his best in 2 starts back hurdling this winter, finishing 21 lengths behind Apple's Jade in Irish Champion.	Rachael Blackmore
12	SAM SPINNER (47) (D)	93
	21153-UU4 7 11-10 74.4kg Jedd O'Keeffe Impressive winner of Long Walk Hurdle last season. Little has gone right since, though latest fourth in the Cleeve was at least a step back in the right direction.	Joe Colliver
13	SUPASUNDAE (40) (C)	98
	21221-222 9 11-10 74.4kg Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland Landed the Irish Champion last season but was readily put in his place by Apple's Jade in this year's renewal. Still, one of the likelier contenders back up in trip here. Tongue tied.	Robbie Power
14	THE MIGHTY DON (IRE) (47) (CD)	85
	295-U1340 7 11-10 74.4kg Nick Gifford Won 20-runner handicap here in October and acquitted himself well next 2 starts upped in grade. However, wasn't in the same form in the Cleeve last time. Difficult task.	Leighton Aspell
15	TOP NOTCH (FR) (61)	91
	3/31141-31 8 11-10 74.4kg Nicky Henderson Likable top-class chaser who was a fine third to Paisley Park in the Long Walk Hurdle on return prior to winning listed chase at Kempton (20.5f) last time. Likely to give his running.	Daryl Jacob
16	WEST APPROACH (47)	92
	56P-3P522 9 11-10 74.4kg Colin Tizzard Chased home Paisley Park the last twice but place prospects probably the best he can hope for.	Tom Scudamore
17	WHOLESTONE (IRE) (47) (CD)	93
	2323-1529 8 11-10 74.4kg Nigel Twiston-Davies Excellent third in this race 12 months ago and successful return at Aintree in November. However, more miss than hit since.	Sam Twiston-Davies
18	YANWORTH (26) (C, BF)	91
	7d1/1F216-P 9 11-10 74.4kg Alan King High-class hurdler at one time but underwhelming under pressure after being well positioned in this race last year and shaped as if amiss when pulled up at Haydock on return. First-time blinkers.	Barry Geraghty

18 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Paisley Park, 11-2 Faugheen, 8-1 Supasundae, 14-1 Kilbricken Storm, 16-1 Bapaume, 16-1 Black Op, 20-1 Bacardys, 20-1 Top Notch, 33-1 Wholestone, 33-1 West Approach, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PAISLEY PARK has improved in leaps and bounds this season, and following his impressive performance in the Cleeve Hurdle, he's very much the one to beat. Faugheen evidently still retains plenty of enthusiasm for the game and is feared most assuming he's none the worse for his fall. Supasundae looks best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PAISLEY PARK (IRE) 2. FAUGHEEN (IRE) 3. SUPASUNDAE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2018	Penhill 7-11-10	12-1	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	15
2017	Nichols Canyon 7-11-10	10-1	W. P. Mullins	R. Walsh	12
2016	Thistlecrack 8-11-10	evsf	Colin Tizzard	Tom Scudamore	12
2015	Cole Harden 6-11-10	14-1	Warren Greatrex	Gavin Sheehan	16
2014	More of That 6-11-10	15-2	Jonjo O'Neill	Barry Geraghty	10

SMART STATS:

2 W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 4 runners saddles: **BAPAUME**)

21% W. P. Mullins's strike rate with staying hurdlers (saddles: **BAPAUME, FAUGHEEN, BACARDYS and COQUIN MANS**)

40% Aidan Coleman's strike rate on hurdling favourites (rides: **PAISLEY PARK**)

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RACE 5

BROWN ADVISORY & MERRIEBELLE STABLE PLATE
HANDICAP CHASE (Grade 3) (1) 5yo+ £110,000 2½m127y
(4140 Metres)



Going: **Soft**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than expected. Horses who race prominently often fare well on the chase course, especially in shorter-distance races. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon.

Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1		Won 3 of his 4 starts over fences in France for Guy Chere1 and has shaped well on both starts in Britain, latterly when head second of 11 to Siruh du Lac in Grade 3 handicap over C&D. More to come.
2		Third in 2017 Supreme and looked sure to make a winning return after a year off/wind surgery before falling at the last in minor event chase at Haydock in November. Opening mark potentially lenient.
3		Fifth in last season's County Hurdle and made an impressive winning start over fences at Chepstow in October. Confirmed that promise when third to Kildisart over C&D and interesting from 1 lb higher.
4		Started the season with a bang when winning over 2m here in October. His jumping has largely held him back since but he's on a workable mark if putting it altogether.
5		Smart chaser who would have gone close but for departing late on at Galway in August. Disappointing on final outing at Haydock but freshened up since and could be a player with a clear round.
6		One-time useful chaser who took a much-needed step back in the right direction when third of 6 to Rathvinden in Grade 3 at Fairyhouse (25f) 19 days ago.
7		Quickly bettered hurdles form over fences, passing the post in front first 3 starts last season. Back in winning groove at Haydock in December but this mark proved beyond him at Wetherby next time.
8		Thrived over fences as a novice, winning a Grade 2 at Ayr on final start of last season. By no means disgraced in handicaps off slightly higher marks the last twice but looks vulnerable all the same.
9		Despite failing to trouble the judge in 7 starts since his latest success at Navan in December 2017, he remains 6 lb above that winning mark. Others preferred.
10		Bagged a big pot here on New Year's Day last year and has acquitted himself well over C&D twice this season, albeit was beaten around 9 lengths by Siruh Du Lac and Janika in latter. NON RUNNER.

11		Smart chaser in his pomp and appeared to win with plenty up his sleeve on return/debut for new yard at Wetherby in December. However, failed to fire there next time and since undergone wind surgery.
12		Taken extremely well to chasing, winning 5 of his last 6 starts, once again jumping superbly and proving very game when scoring in Grade 3 handicap over C&D last time. Has to be shortlisted.
13		Enhanced his excellent record fresh when ready winner of 6-runner handicap chase at Newton Abbot (21f) 10 months ago. However, left Tom George cheaply in August and others more persuasive.
14		Rather all-or-nothing performer, following his Warwick reappearance victory with a string low-key efforts. Ballyhill appears to be the stable first-string.
15		Sixth in last season's Grand Annual and is going through a good spell at the moment, not seen to best effect when never-nearer at Warwick (20f) last time. Remains on a fair mark.
16		Successful on 2 of his last 3 starts for Harry Fry (at 20f) but is yet to make an impact for current stable.
17		Landed first 3 outings over fences last term, including Grade 2 at Haydock. Struggled here and at the Aintree festival last spring, though, and well held both starts so far this season.
18		Ran a stormer when runner-up in Grand Annual at this meeting in 2017. 5 lb lower in the weights now but fair to say things haven't gone to plan since.
19		Made the most of a very good opportunity to double his career tally in this sphere at Ludlow (20f) 22 days ago, hard held. Faces much stiffer opposition now but his mark doesn't look a bad one.
20		Back to winning ways in 4-runner Taunton handicap in January. Followed that with a creditable effort off this mark in valuable event at Kempton since and he's not without hope.
21		All the better for wind surgery when winning 8-runner handicap at Chepstow (2m) 19 days ago, forging clear. His record suggests he's far from certain to be in the same form, though.
22		Not the most reliable and has failed to fire on his last 2 starts. However, he also arrived on the back of several low-key efforts when hitting the crossbar off the same mark in this race in 2018.

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RACE 5

BROWN ADVISORY & MERRIEBELLE STABLE PLATE
HANDICAP CHASE (Grade 3) (1) 5yo+ £110,000 2½m127y
(4140 Metres)



23	KING'S ODYSSEY (IRE) (77) (CD)	98
	0/3333-2F6 10 10-7 66.7kg Evan Williams <i>Adam Wedge</i> Solid placed efforts all 4 starts last term, 3 of which were here, including 2018 renewal of this race. 2 lb lower this time round but needs to bounce back following a below-par shift at Chepstow.	
24	DIDERO VALLIS (FR) (19) (D)	96
	23P-37118 6 10-5 65.8kg Venetia Williams <i>Charlie Deutsch</i> Useful hurdler during time with Willie Mullins, and notched couple of handicap chases for new yard in December. Well held at Kempton last time, though, and probably too high in the weights for now.	

24 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
13-2 Janika, **15-2** Siruh Du Lac, **12-1** Spiritofthegames, **14-1** River Wylde, **16-1** Kalondra, **20-1** Doitforthevillage, **22-1** Eamon An Cnoic, **22-1** Modus, **22-1** Polidam, **25-1** Azzerti, **28-1** Gardefort, **28-1** Bigmartre, **28-1** Valseur Lido, **33-1** Romain De Senam, **33-1** King's Odyssey, **33-1** Some Buckle, **33-1** Bouvreuil, **33-1** Kauto Riko, **33-1** Testify, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
SIRUH DU LAC has progressed with each run this season, once again jumping superbly when scoring by a head from Janika in a Grade 3 handicap over C&D in January. Open to further improvement, a 7 lb rise looks scalable and he can complete a fourth straight win. There's more to come from Janika, while Spiritofthegames' third to Kildisart isn't form to be scoffed at, either.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. SIRUH DU LAC (FR) 2. JANIKA (FR) 3. SPIRITOTHEGAMES (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2018	The Storyteller	7-11-4	5-1f	Gordon Elliott	Davy Russell 22
2017	Road To Respect	6-10-13	14-1	Noel Meade	B. J. Cooper 24
2016	Empire of Dirt	9-10-11	16-1	Colm A. Murphy	B. J. Cooper 22
2015	Darna	9-10-11	33-1	Kim Bailey	David Bass 23
2014	Ballynagour	8-10-9	12-1	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore 23

SMART STATS:	
3	David Pipe's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: EAMON AN CNOIC)
2	Venetia Williams's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: GARDEFORT)
£19.03	Lucinda Russell's profit to a £1 level stake with only one runner on the card (chases) (saddles: VOIX D'EAU)

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RACE 6

NATIONAL HUNT BREEDERS SUPPORTED BY TATTERSALLS
MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Dawn Run) (Grade 2) (1) 4yo+
fillies and mares £90,000 2m179y (3380 Metres)

Going: **Soft**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than expected. Horses who race prominently often fare well on the chase course, especially in shorter-distance races. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon.

Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

1	POSH TRISH (IRE) (74) (C, D)	100
030-12111	6 11-7 73.0kg	
	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden
Only defeat in 5 outings over hurdles came when conceding weight to Lust For Glory at Newbury. Turned tables on her next time and added another listed win at Taunton in December. Bold bid assured.		
2	QUEENOHEARTS (IRE) (27)	94
411-211	6 11-7 73.0kg	
	Stuart Edmunds	Ciaran Gethings
Listed bumper winner last season and very much going the right way, supplementing Haydock listed success with a 2¼ length defeat of Danse Idol in Sandown Grade 2. More to come.		
3	SANCTA SIMONA (FR) (77)	96
2-13112	6 11-7 73.0kg	h+t
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	M. P. Walsh
Won first 2 starts over hurdles. No match for stablemate Aramon in Grade 1 over Christmas but it was another good effort and she could easily step up again. Hood added. Geraghty prefers Epatante.		
4	SINORIA (IRE) (32)	94
411	6 11-7 73.0kg	
	Henry de Bromhead, Ireland	Rachael Blackmore
Rapidly going the right way, taking the step up to listed level in her stride when rallying to see off Chosen Mate at Punchestown in February. Should continue to progress.		
5	AWAYINTHEWEST (IRE) (19) (D)	90
1F213270	7 11-5 72.1kg	
	P. A. Fahy, Ireland	Jody McGarvey
Successful twice in the first half of the season but has run poorly on both starts since returning from a break and surely up against it in this company.		
6	COURT MAID (IRE) (39) (D)	90
21421110	6 11-5 72.1kg	
	Thomas Mullins, Ireland	D. J. Mullins
Taken well to hurdles (completed hat-trick in Cork novice in January), but run of good form came to a halt in Leopardstown handicap last time. Needs to find a chunk of improvement to get involved.		
7	LUST FOR GLORY (IRE) (19) (D)	99
3-1121	6 11-5 72.1kg	
	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville
Point/bumper scorer who beat Posh Trish on Newbury hurdles debut in November. Second to that rival in listed event there in December and warmed up for this with easy win at Newcastle last month.		
8	PRESIDENTE LINE (FR) (38)	93
2212	5 11-5 72.1kg	
	Alain Couetil, France	Alexis Poirier
French raider who got off the mark over hurdles in a Pau handicap in December. Creditable second when sent over to contest a Taunton novice last month but up against it at this level.		
9	TINTANGLE (IRE) (32) (D)	90
113-F133F	6 11-5 72.1kg	s
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland	J. W. Kennedy
Struck at second time of asking over hurdles at Thurles in November and better form when placed in Graded events next 2 starts. In contention when falling heavily 2 out in Punchestown listed latest.		
10	ALLEZ DANCE (FR) (22) (D)	86
24/3UF95-1	5 11-2 70.8kg	
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Daryl Jacob
Maiden in France in 2017 but struck at the first time of asking for new connections at Punchestown in February. That bare form nothing special but she's likely capable of better.		

11	BLACK TEARS (29)	87
2122-221	5 11-2 70.8kg	
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland	Davy Russell
Fairly useful form when runner-up both starts over hurdles and duly landed short odds at Fairyhouse last month. Open to further progress for top yard.		
12	BUILDMEUPBUTTERCUP (60) (BF)	94
1215-15	5 11-2 70.8kg	
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Brian Hayes
Useful on Flat for Mick Channon. Winning start over hurdles in 29-runner maiden at Navan (2m) in December. Failed to meet expectations in Grade 2 since but could easily get back on up now.		
13	CONCERTISTA (FR)	
5 11-2 70.8kg		
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	D. E. Mullins
Fairly useful on the Flat in France, but last outing over there came in July 2017. In top hands but very much pitched in at the deep end on hurdle bow after 20 months off.		
14	DAME DU SOIR (FR) (28)	84
21315-216	6 11-2 70.8kg	
	David Bridgwater	Tom Scudamore
Dual bumper winner in France who was a big improver when opening account over hurdles at Leicester in January. Only sixth at Fontwell since and surely biting off more than she can chew here.		
15	DIAMOND GAIT (64) (D)	92
1258-141	6 11-2 70.8kg	t
	Kim Bailey	David Bass
Fairly useful bumper winner who has also landed 2 of 3 starts over hurdles. However, her defeat came behind Posh Trish and Lust For Glory at Newbury and she'll need to up her game to trouble that duo.		
16	EGLANTINE DU SEUIL (FR) (180)	93
1-13	5 11-2 70.8kg	
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Noel Fehily
French bumper winner who made successful hurdle bow at Sligo in August. Not too far behind Grade 1-winning stablemate Aramon when third at Listowel the following month. Off since. Open to improvement.		
17	ELFILE (FR) (59)	87
22121-1	5 11-2 70.8kg	
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	P. Townend
Won 2 bumpers in France in 2017 and showed a willing attitude when edging out Black Tears on Punchestown hurdle/stable debut in January. Expected to go on from that.		
18	ELUSIVE BELLE (IRE) (27) (BF)	96
53212	5 11-2 70.8kg	h
	Nicky Henderson	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen
Progressive in bumpers in Ireland. Created good impression when on Wincanton hurdle/yard debut and better than she showed (made mistakes/pulled hard) when second at Sandown since. Hood added.		
19	EMILY MOON (IRE) (33)	92
17561	5 11-2 70.8kg	
	Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland	Robbie Power
Bumper winner who was much improved when striking at the third time of asking over hurdles at Naas last month, making all with ease. Capable of better again.		
20	EPATANTE (FR) (20) (D)	97
211-11	5 11-2 70.8kg	h
	Nicky Henderson	Barry Geraghty
Grade 1 bumper winner in France and has readily justified short odds in 2 novice hurdles for new yard. Bare form doesn't amount to much but she's open to considerable improvement. Hood on first time.		
21	INDEFATIGABLE (IRE) (47)	99
31-7122	6 11-2 70.8kg	
	Paul Webber	Gavin Sheehan
Bumper winner who has made a good start over hurdles, chasing home Posh Trish in listed company at Taunton before pushing Lady Buttons close in a Doncaster Grade 2. Each-way claims.		
22	MY SISTER SARAH (IRE) (72) (D)	95
1121	5 11-2 70.8kg	
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	R. Walsh
Has won 3 of her 4 outings under Rules, seeing off Western Victory at Fairyhouse on New Year's Day. Definitely more to come and the mount of Walsh from the Mullins 7.		

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RACE 6

NATIONAL HUNT BREEDERS SUPPORTED BY TATTERSALLS
MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Dawn Run) (Grade 2) (1) 4yo+ fillies and mares £90,000 2m179y (3380 Metres)



BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Epatante, 13-2 Posh Trish, 14-1 My Sister Sarah, 14-1 Sinoria, 16-1 Lust For Glory, 16-1 Sancta Simona, 20-1 Buildmeupbuttercup, 22-1 Elusive Belle, 25-1 Queenohearts, 28-1 Indefatigable, 28-1 Tintangle, 33-1 Eglantine Du Seuil, 33-1 Elfile, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Willie Mullins saddles 7 as he bids to continue his domination of this race but the form of the home contingent looks slightly stronger this year and they may hold sway. The front-running POSH TRISH looks just about best of them after 2 listed wins but Lust For Glory and Indefatigable aren't too far behind her, while Nicky Henderson's Epatante clearly has a very big reputation.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. POSH TRISH (IRE) 2. LUST FOR GLORY (IRE) 3. INDEFATIGABLE (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2018	Laurina	5-11-7	4-7f	W. P. Mullins	P. Townend	14
2017	Let's Dance	5-11-7	11-8f	W. P. Mullins	R. Walsh	16
2016	Limini	5-11-7	8-11f	W. P. Mullins	R. Walsh	16

SMART STATS:

- 3W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 3 runnings. (amongst 7 runners saddles: **SANCTA SIMONA**)
- £13.10W. P. Mullins's profit to a £1 level stake with hurdlers off for over a year (saddles: **CONCERTISTA**)
- 30%Nicky Henderson's strike rate with hurdlers at up to 2m2f (saddles: **LUST FOR GLORY, EPATANTE and ELUSIVE BELLE**)

5.30

RACE 7

FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP CHASE (2) 5yo+ (Rated 0-145)
£70,000 3¼m (5230 Metres)



Going: **Soft**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than expected. Horses who race prominently often fare well on the chase course, especially in shorter-distance races. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon.

Pace Information: **Even**

1	LIVELOVELAUGH (IRE) (39) 43/313F-P2 9 11-12 75.3kg	97
	W. P. Mullins, Ireland Mr P. W. Mullins Maiden chase winner who arrives on the back of a career-best effort, runner-up in Leopardstown Handicap Chase (21f) last month, keeping on from 2 out. Previous record here not inspiring, though.	
2	ANY SECOND NOW (IRE) (25) 2238-5253 7 11-11 74.8kg	99
	T. M. Walsh, Ireland Mr Derek O'Connor Not seen to best effect in last year's Close Brothers handicap and, he has caught the eye in handful of starts this term, third in Grade 2 novice chase last time. No surprise to see him thereabouts.	
3	THE YOUNG MASTER (103) (C) 3P6U8-11P 10 11-10 74.4kg	97
	Neil Mulholland Mr Sam Waley-Cohen Resurgent from reduced mark this term, building on Chepstow return success in Amateur's event at this venue (25f) in November. Disappointed in Ladbrokes Trophy thereafter but freshened up since.	
4	PEARL ROYALE (IRE) (85) 2221/1F-1P 7 11-9 73.9kg	98
	Nigel Hawke Mr Kieren Buckley (71b/3kg) Made it 2 wins from 3 starts over fences when making all in 3-runner listed race at Carlisle (20f) on return in December. Might have found next run coming too soon. Stamina to prove but unexposed.	
5	OUT SAM (49) 6P33-1574 10 11-8 73.5kg	97
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland Mr Robert James (71b/3kg) Won the Cork National on reappearance in November and posted another good effort in a competitive handicap when fourth of 18 in Thyestes at Gowran last time. Respected.	
6	CRIEVEHILL (IRE) (26) 4212-2664 7 11-8 73.5kg	98
	Nigel Twiston-Davies Mr Zac Baker Impressive when doubling his chase tally at Sandown this time last season. Mixed record this term, however, and stamina a big concern.	
7	PERFECT CANDIDATE (IRE) (72) (CD) 105F-0P63 12 11-8 73.5kg	94
	Fergal O'Brien Miss Brodie Hampson Been a struggle since landing BetVictor Handicap Chase here (27f) last season, and tough he ran better for a while when third over C&D on New Year's Day, it was all rather hard work.	
8	KILFILUM CROSS (IRE) (22) 7211-431 8 11-7 73.0kg	97
	Henry Oliver Mr Alex Edwards Already with his third stable, landing sizeable gamble returning from 8 weeks off at Ludlow (23.8f) last month. This is a totally different environment but he's open to progress.	
9	SPEAKER CONNOLLY (IRE) (39) 01P-98613 6 11-7 73.0kg	97
	Alan Fleming, Ireland Mr Richard Deegan Promising type who made light of his opening mark at Leopardstown (21f) in December. Creditable third back there from 11 lb higher last month and he can do better again if his jumping improves.	
10	ARKWRISHT (FR) (32) 4076-3P0U 9 11-6 72.6kg	99
	Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland Mr T. Hamilton Rejuvenated when sixth in Irish National back in April but essentially not fired so far this campaign, not for the first time let down by his jumping at Punchestown last month.	



11	NO COMMENT (145) 11722/36-5 8 11-6 72.6kg	h	92
	Philip Hobbs Mr M. J. O'Hare Ran well in Festival handicap hurdles during 2017. Very lightly raced over fences subsequently, not unduly punished on return in a Ffos Las novice (20.9f) in October, and he remains with potential.		
12	SQUOUATEUR (FR) (77) 303BP-P0F 8 11-6 72.6kg	t	87
	Ben Haslam Mr H. D. Dunne Finished third in this race 12 months ago but essentially proved expensive to follow in handful of starts since for Gordon Elliott, often let down by jumping. Subsequently switched yards.		
13	MEASUREOFMYDREAMS (IRE) (29) P0U9/3 11 11-5 72.1kg		99
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland Mr J. J. Codd Smart chaser in his pomp who showed he still has something to offer when third in a minor event at Fairyhouse (23.5f) for new yard last month (on back of 22 months off). Entitled to build on that.		
14	SUMKINDOFKING (IRE) (85) 31513224 8 11-5 72.1kg	t	96
	Tom George Mr Noel George (31b/1kg) Dual handicap chase winner this term. Good placed efforts next 3 starts but disappointed when last seen 3 months ago.		
15	ROGUE ANGEL (IRE) (77) 2-1362058 11 11-5 72.1kg	b+t	100
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland Ms L. O'Neill Back to form to make winning debut for this yard at Kilbeggan in July. Mixed record since but step back in right direction at Leopardstown over Christmas and potentially on good mark on best form.		
16	JUST A STING (IRE) (77) 1/2338-112 7 11-5 72.1kg		99
	Harry Fry Mr Michael Legg Lengthy gelding who immediately improved for the switch to chasing, supplementing his Uttoxeter victory at Exeter (3m) in November. Just as good in defeat at Kempton over Christmas. Considered.		
17	AH LITTLELUCK (IRE) (26) 0-20U341U 9 11-3 71.2kg	t	91
	T. Gibney, Ireland Mr N. McParlan Off the mark over fences in emphatic fashion in Navan novice event (24f) but let down by jumping upped in class at Haydock next time and others look better treated.		
18	CAPTAIN CHAOS (IRE) (78) (BF) 415-00822 8 11-3 71.2kg	b	97
	Dan Skelton Miss Gina Andrews Bagged 3 small-field novice chases last term and confirmed return to form (in refitted blinkers) of late, runner-up in Rowland Meyrick (3m) at Wetherby on Boxing Day. Not dismissed lightly.		
19	TREACKLE TART (IRE) (75) 59-231251 7 11-3 71.2kg		98
	Charlie Longdon Mr E. P. O'Brien (31b/1kg) Back to her best when winning 3m Doncaster handicap chase over Christmas, looking a stronger stayer than she has at times. This is a lot tougher though.		
20	SKY PIRATE (20) 3-3132284 6 11-2 70.8kg		99
	Jonjo O'Neill Mr Tommie M. O'Brien Low-mileage chaser who looked set to be placed at least when brought down in race won by The Young Master here in November. Confidence restored at Exeter last month and he may yet have more to offer.		
21	UHLAN BUTE (FR) (14) (D, BF) 5-7531324 11 11-1 70.3kg	s	96
	Venetia Williams Miss Lucy Turner (51b/2kg) Best effort for a while when making all in veterans chase at Plumpton (25.7f). Good efforts next 2 starts but ran poorly at Ludlow 2 weeks ago and easy enough to look elsewhere.		
22	TOUCH KICK (IRE) (38) 6/713-1231 8 11-1 70.3kg	t	98
	Paul Nicholls Mr William Biddick Progress in this sphere seemed to stall but step up in trip proved catalyst for further improvement at Taunton (23f, soft) last month, getting on top dying strides. Can't rule out.		

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RACE 7

FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP CHASE (2) 5yo+ (Rated 0-145)
£70,000 3¼m (5230 Metres)



23	ITS ALL GUESSWORK (IRE) (22)	t	97
	34-3221F3 7 11-1 70.3kg Gordon Elliott, Ireland Fairly useful hurdler who opened chase account in a Navan maiden (20f) in September. Fell in Munster National next time but caught the eye back over timber latest. Interesting for leading yard.		Mr Barry O'Neill
24	DRUMCONNOR LAD (IRE) (22)	v+t	96
	P3410P65 9 11-1 70.3kg A. P. Keatley, Ireland Jumping/stamina a concern, and current mark looks high enough.		Mr J. C. Barry

24 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-1 Measureofmydreams, 12-1 Sky Pirate, 12-1 Any Second Now, 12-1 Its All Guesswork, 14-1 No Comment, 16-1 Speaker Connolly, 18-1 Livelovelaugh, 20-1 Kilfilum Cross, 22-1 Just A Sting, 22-1 The Young Master, 25-1 Touch Kick, 25-1 Treackle Tart, 25-1 Captain Chaos, 25-1 Squouateur, 33-1 Rogue Angel, 33-1 Out Sam, 33-1 Uhlan Bute, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

J.P. McManus owned horses have traditionally done well in this race, and NO COMMENT, who still retains a Timeform large 'P', could be the answer. The National Hunt Challenge Cup proved to be the wrong race for him at last season's Festival but this test should prove to be much more suitable. The Irish hold a very strong hand, headed by Measureofmydreams, Any Second Now and It's All Guesswork.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NO COMMENT 2. MEASUREOFMYDREAMS (IRE) 3. ANY SECOND NOW (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2018	Missed Approach	8-11-5	8-1	Warren Greatrex	Mr N. McParlan	20
2017	Domesday Book	7-11-4	40-1	Stuart Edmunds	Miss Gina Andrews	24
2016	Cause of Causes	8-11-9	9-2	Gordon Elliott	Mr J. J. Codd	22
2015	The Package	12-11-4	9-1	David Pipe	Mr J. J. Codd	24
2014	Spring Heeled	7-11-6	12-1	J. Culloty	Robbie McNamara	23

SMART STATS:

£21.09	Fergal O'Brien's profit to a £1 level stake with only one runner on the card (chases) (saddles: PERFECT CANDIDATE)
£79.50	T. Gibney's profit to a £1 level stake with only one runner on the card (chases) (saddles: AH LITTLELUCK)
22%	Harry Fry's strike rate in spring (saddles: JUST A STING)