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## PUNCHESTOWN (IRELAND) - 26 JANUARY 2026

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### 1 15:10 - MATCHBOOK 50:50 GRADUATION SERIES MAIDEN HURDLE (4 years and older) Turf Stake: R229,077 3200m

1	BOSTON FIRE (IRE) 7Bayg	P Maher	S O'Keefe	75.5	0N32	0C34
2	CLOUDIO (IRE) 7Bayg	O McKiernan	P T Enright	75.5	2C38	0F32
3	EYETRAP 6Bayg	Aidan Melia	K Sexton	75.5	4F32	6F32
4	FULMINIS INSTAR (IRE) 6Bayg	R O'sullivan	S Fitzgerald	75.5	FIRST RUN	
5	JETSTREAM JEFF (IRE) 5Bayg	P McCreery	M A O Harrington	75.5	0N32	
6	LAXXIO 5Chestnut	A Mullins	D Mullins	75.5	1H18	0L32
7	LEADER D'ALLIER (FR) 5Bayg	W P Mullins	P Townend	75.5	1L24	1V24
8	MAXFORT (IRE) 5Bayg	N Stokes	D King	75.5	3C34	
9	SHARU (IRE) 5Bayg	H De Bromhead	D J O'Keefe	75.5	7D34	
10	STRAIGHT JOHN (FR) 5Bayg	G Elliott	J W Kennedy	75.5	6L32	
11	WOODIE CAMPELLTOWN (IRE) 6Bayg	Rosemary Connors	A Harvey	75.5	0W40	
12	ZARUSHIO (IRE) 6Bayg	Tom Dreaper	K M Donoghue	75.5	9F32	
13	BANPHRIONSA ALAIN (IRE) 5Grey	A Mullins	A Leahy	72.5	FIRST RUN	
14	CHERRY PINK (AUS) 6Baym	W Durkan	P M O'Brien	72.5	1D22	9D22
15	QUESTION ASKED (IRE) 5Baym	Tom Dreaper	C Stone-Walsh	72.5	0C34	
16	SYLKIE 5Chestnut	D Howard	C M Quirke	72.5	3C20	4G16

**FORECAST BETTING:** 4-6 LEADER D'ALLIER; 4-1 STRAIGHT JOHN; 7-1 MAXFORT; 10-1 LAXXIO, SHARU; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**TIPS:** 7 LEADER D'ALLIER 10 STRAIGHT JOHN 8 MAXFORT

**PREVIEW:** LEADER D'ALLIER won five bumpers in France and was sent off a warm favourite on his hurdle debut at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting when beating all bar Ballyfad with Straight John over four lengths behind in sixth. The Willie Mullins-trained gelding should benefit from that experience and can go one better. The latter was making his racecourse debut on that occasion and is entitled to improve from that display. Maxfort made a pleasing start to his career when placed behind the selection's stablemate The Reverend at Cork earlier this month, while point-to-point winner Claudio was second in a strong Cork bumper last spring and is an interesting recruit to hurdles.

### 2 15:40 - MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHANGE HANDICAP HURDLE (4 years only) Turf Stake: R276,806 3200m

1	BIBE MUS (FR) 4Bayg	R O'sullivan	J J Slevin	75.5	1G32	3D34
2	KIBRIS (IRE) 4Bayg	J P O'Brien	Hugh Horgan	75.5	2C31	4G32
3	CROOKED PATH (IRE) 4Chg	D Hogan	M Kenneally	74	3G32	5C34
4	SOPELANA/ 4Bayf	C Collins	K P Healy	73	1P32	5N32
5	KASPER HAUSER/ 4Greyg	Kevin Coleman	P T Enright	71	5C32	0L32
6	RUA MOR (IRE)/ 4Chestnut	J G Coogan	R A Doyle	69.5	8C31	5P34
7	AHELLOFAMAN (IRE) 4Bayg	J J Hanlon	D J O'Connor	65	9F32	6P32

**FORECAST BETTING:** 13-8 BIBE MUS; 2-1 KIBRIS; 4-1 CROOKED PATH; 10-1 KASPER HAUSER; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** PACIFIERS ON: SOPELANA.

**TIPS:** 1 BIBE MUS 2 KIBRIS 5 KASPER HAUSER

**PREVIEW:** The familiar colours of Simon Munir and Isaac Souede are doubly represented here and riding arrangements suggest BIBE MUS is preferred of the pair. The Camelot gelding beat Crooked Path in a Gowran maiden in October and has been placed on both outings since, including when runner-up to Lord in an Aintree Listed race. This represents a drop in class and he gets the vote over Kibris, who won a Curragh maiden on debut as a juvenile but is without a win in three outings over hurdles. Kasper Hauser has plenty of jumping experience and is weighted to reverse previous Cork places with Crooked Path.

### 3 16:10 - MATCHBOOK 50:50 GRADUATION SERIES MARES MAIDEN HURDLE (4 years and older) Turf Stake: R229,077 3800m

1	AUNTIE IDA (IRE) 6Chestnut	Patrick Turley	Mr D G Lavery	73	4P36	
2	BLUE VELVET (IRE) 6Baym	W P Mullins	P Townend	73	7L32	3N32
3	COURTMAC GESTURE (IRE) 5Baym	C Motherway	M肯尼利	73	2G34	5G33
4	DOING IT IN STYLE (IRE) 6Baym	G Cromwell	K M Donoghue	73	7N32	4L40
5	FOREVER AND A DAY (IRE) 7Baym	P Maher	S O'Keefe	73	FIRST RUN	
6	INA MINA 5Baym	T O'Brien	J Shinick	73	3G24	0L40
7	LADY AQUARELLE (FR) 5Baym	T Cooper	E Staples	73	FIRST RUN	
8	LADY VICTRIX (IRE) 6Baym	P W Flynn	Ben Kennedy	73	0P44	8F36
9	MISS DOYENNE (IRE) 6Chestnut	H De Bromhead	D J O'Keefe	73	1C32	3D40
10	NAUGHT BUT NICE (IRE)% 5Baym	R Tyner	P T Enright	73	OL38	
11	QUEEN O'DROAD (IRE) 6Baym	C Collins	B Harvey	73	OL42	
12	SHADYS LADY (IRE)% 8Baym	D Quelly	K P Healy	73	3R32	1N32
13	STARSKI (IRE) 5Chestnut	G Cromwell	C Stone-Walsh	73	OF32	
14	TALAS KERA (IRE) 5Baym	J G Carr	P M O'Brien	73	7P32	8F32
15	THE POET'S WAY (IRE) 5Greym	T G McCourt	A Harvey	73	FIRST RUN	
16	TORPILLE DAGROSTIS (FR) 6Baym	G Elliott	J W Kennedy	73	2N32	3T32
17	TWO SECONDS (IRE) 6Baym	D Quelly	Kevin A Murphy	73	4T42	5F40
18	WESTANDTOGETHER (IRE) 6Baym	Mrs D Foster	D Gilligan	73	4P40	0N39

**FORECAST BETTING:** 2-1 MISS DOYENNE; 9-4 BLUE VELVET; 4-1 TORPILLE DAGROSTIS; 10-1 DOING IT IN STYLE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** PACIFIERS ON: TORPILLE DAGROSTIS.

**TIPS:** 9 MISS DOYENNE 2 BLUE VELVET 12 SHADYS LADY

**PREVIEW:** BLUE VELVET won a Thurles bumper last season and made a pleasing reappearance over hurdles when runner-up to better fancied stablemate Espresso Milan over 2m here last month. The winner has franked the form since and this daughter of Blue Bresil has plenty of scope for improvement. Miss Doyenne has a similar profile to the selection and looks an obvious threat. The point-to-point winner beat Torpille Dagrostis in a Cork bumper last April and was also placed on her hurdles debut last month over 2m4f at Down Royal. Shadys Lady beat Torpille Dagrostis by 10 lengths in a Naas bumper but was soundly beaten on her hurdling bow at the same venue.

### 4 16:40 - MATCHBOOK 50:50 GRADUATION SERIES (C & G) MAIDEN HURDLE (4 years and older) Turf Stake: R229,077 3800m

1	ATLANTIC GAMBLE 5Bay	P Gilligan	J Gilligan	75.5	6N16	8L32
2	DOCTOR DU MESNIL (FR) 6Bayg	W P Mullins	P Townend	75.5	1C38	2L32
3	HAVEANOTHERTRY (IRE) 5Bayg	G Elliott	D Gilligan	75.5	4L36	
4	SPRINGHILL WARRIOR (IRE) 5Greyg	G Elliott	J W Kennedy	75.5	2N32	2P34
5	THE PASSING WIFE 7Bay	G Cromwell	K M Donoghue	75.5	3G32	3F32

**FORECAST BETTING:** 4-7 DOCTOR DU MESNIL; 9-4 THE PASSING WIFE; 5-1 SPRINGHILL WARRIOR; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**TIPS:** 2 DOCTOR DU MESNIL 5 THE PASSING WIFE 4 SPRINGHILL WARRIOR

**PREVIEW:** THE PASSING WIFE hails from a yard returning to form and was a smart sort in bumpers, winning three times. The selection has taken well to hurdles this term notably finishing best of all when third to Kortail Brut in the Grade 2 Royal Bond at Fairyhouse. He was soundly beaten in a Grade 1 last time but will appreciate this drop in class and should be suited by the step up in trip. Doctor Du Mesnil impressed when beating Thedeviluno by 11 lengths on debut in a Cork bumper last April and was narrowly denied when switched to hurdles at Leopardstown last month. Springhill Warrior had Atlantic Gamble over 20 lengths behind when second here last time.

## 5 17:10 - MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHANGE RATED NOV- ICE HURDLE (5 years and older) Turf Stake: R305,444 3800m

1	I'M SLIPPY (IRE) 5Bayg	R Tyner	P T Enright	76.5	1F32	1C32	2F32
2	SPINNINGAYARN (IRE) 6Bayg	G Elliott	J W Kennedy	75	4N31	3C38	1F40
3	SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY (ARG) 6Bayg	T Cooper	D King	74.5	0G32	7C32	2L32
4	HOLY SEE (IRE) 5Bayg	W Durkan	P M O'Brien	74	6F32	4T32	1L38
5	PARNELL STREET (IRE) 6Bayg	A Slattery	Mr Adam Ryan	72.5	2W34	1C38	3L40
6	BOKAMIN (FR) 6Bayg	H De Bromhead	D J O'Keeffe	71	8F32	3C32	5L32

**FORECAST BETTING:** 11-8 I'M SLIPPY; 9-2 SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY; 5-1 SPINNINGAYARN, HOLY SEE, PARNELL STREET; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS

**TIPS:** 1 I'M SLIPPY 4 HOLY SEE 2 SPINNINGAYARN

**PREVIEW:** I'M SLIPPY won a valuable bumper on debut at last year's Fairyhouse Easter meeting and easily landed the odds when switched to hurdles at Cork in November. The Robert Tyner-trained gelding was no match for Talk The Talk subsequently at Fairyhouse but that form was put in perspective when the winner looked set to follow up in a Grade 1 at Leopardstown only to fall at the last. Point-to-point winner Spinningayarn took a Navan bumper on his Rules debut and made all last time for a decisive victory in a 2m4f Fairyhouse maiden hurdle. Holy See is another to watch out for.

## 6 17:40 - MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHANGE HANDICAP HURDLE (0-100) (4 years and older) Turf

Stake: R190,893 3800m

1	OSSIFER HOPS (IRE) 8Bayg	Bernard Crowley	E O'sullivan	76.5	0F49	6F48	6T32
2	BUILD A BRIDGE (IRE)% 5Bayg	A Sexton	H Sexton	74.5	4B41	0C38	5P33
3	THE DANCEN KID (IRE)% 5Bayg	R O'sullivan	S Fitzgerald	74.5	0P32	0P38	0N32
4	DEARG MOR (IRE) 5Chestnut	A A Howard	S D Torrens	73	0G32	5C34	0L32
5	POTTERS PAL (FR) 5Bayg	T Cooper	D King	73	0C34	0L32	0P38
6	KOBALT ST GEORGES (FR) 6Bayg	R Tyner	P T Enright	72	0D40	1C42	1C34
7	DEANERY CHARLIE (IRE) 6Bayg	G Cromwell	K Buckley	71.5	0L38	0T32	4F40
8	ROBINDEVIDASTAR (IRE)* 11Baybrow	P J Rothwell	T Power Roche	67.5	8F40	0F40	4C40
9	REBEL COWGIRL (IRE) 7Baym	M A Cahill	C M Quirke	67.5	0N32	0T42	4L38
10	ELLIES ROCK (IRE) 8Baym	T O'Brien	J Shinnick	64.5	8C38	5L38	6G40

**FORECAST BETTING:** 5-4 KOBALT ST GEORGES; 4-1 REBEL COWGIRL; 8-1 DEANERY CHARLIE; 10-1 BUILD A BRIDGE, ROBINDEVIDASTAR; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**TIPS:** 6 KOBALT ST GEORGES 7 DEANERY CHARLIE 8 ROBINDEVIDASTAR

**PREVIEW:** KOBALT ST GEORGES appeared to benefit from a summer break when scoring twice over fences at Clonmel and now reverts to hurdles off a 16lb lower mark compared to his revised chase rating. Deanery Charlie didn't show too much in maidens but was noted staying on into fourth when switched to handicap company at Fairyhouse last time, while veteran Robindevidastar has dropped down to a basement mark and showed there was still some spark when fourth behind The Little Yank at Clonmel.

## 7 18:10 - MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHANGE HANDICAP HURDLE (0-100) (5 years and older) Turf

Stake: R190,893 4600m

1	KELLYS CORNER (IRE) 5Bayg	C Collins	J C Gainford	76.5	0P38	3N38	5C40
2	MY FRIEND THE WIND (IRE) 11Bayg	E Mcnamara	C M Hogan	75.5	1K52	3B46	9K47
3	WELCOME ABOARD (IRE) 6Bayg	A A Howard	S D Torrens	75	0G32	3P48	9P42
4	ROCCABAVER (IRE) 8Bayg	D H Kelly	C M Quirke	74.5	0P42	6C38	1T43
5	JOHN STOREY (IRE) 8Bayg	Ian Donoghue	K M Donoghue	74	7S52	6F48	0P48
6	COMEONARCHIE (IRE) 9Bayg	F G Hand	Mr J R Martin	73.5	7W48	8D44	1P48
7	AINE'S LAD (IRE) 7Brown	M J Smith	James Smith	73	9D34	0P38	0L42
8	JOE'S TURN (IRE) 10Bayg	M Monif	P T Enright	72.5	1K48	2T50	0K49
9	PATSY'S PRIDE (IRE) 7Bayg	C O'Connell	P M O'Brien	72.5	0N38	0F40	0P38
10	NETTUNO ITALIA (IRE) 6Bayg	R O'sullivan	D Gilligan	72.5	4F48	5L49	5P44
11	ONE HORSE ARMY (IRE) 9Bayg	P Roche	A P Kelly	70.5	6L56	0C38	5L42
12	WALKING IN MAYO (IRE) 6Baym	R O'sullivan	D J O'Keeffe	70	0N32	0T32	6P48
13	CLOUDY FOUNTAIN (IRE) 8Bayg	W J Burke	M Kenneally	68	0F52	8L32	0L40
14	FORTUNATE OUTCOME (IRE) 6Baym	B Monahan	P K Donovan	66	7L42	0P48	0L42

**FORECAST BETTING:** 5-2 COMEONARCHIE; 4-1 ROCCABAVER; 6-1 NETTUNO ITALIA; 7-1 JOE'S TURN; 8-1 KELLYS CORNER, ONE HORSE ARMY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** PACIFIERS ON: CLOUDY FOUNTAIN. PACIFIERS OFF: MY FRIEND THE WIND; JOE'S TURN.

**TIPS:** 6 COMEONARCHIE 10 NETTUNO ITALIA 11 ONE HORSE ARMY

**PREVIEW:** COMEONARCHIE seems best with plenty of cut in the ground and was fitted with cheekpieces for the first time when making all over a similar trip here last month. He still appears reasonably treated off just a 5lb higher mark and gets the vote over fellow nine-year-old One Horse Army. The latter showed stamina in his strong suit when scoring twice over fences last term and had a couple of these rivals behind when a creditable fifth over hurdles at Limerick last time. Nettuno Italia can also get competitive.

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