

Tuesday 3rd December

SOUTHWELL



12.15 GOLF AND GALLOP PACKAGE HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

RACE 1 **(5) AWAYTHELAD | (3) THEFORMISMIGHTY | (4) YES DAY**

12.45 SOUTHWELL GOLF CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (5) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) EXTRAORDINARY MAN | (1) NEIGH BOTHA | (7) HAAFBACK**

1.15 attheraces.com/marketmovers NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS) (5) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) HESTINA HILL | (1) BERKENSHTAAP | (8) DRAMATIC ENCORE**

1.45 attheraces.com/marketmovers MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) JORDANS CROSS | (6) LE FAUVE | (5) LAW OF THE SEA**

2.15 attheraces.com/marketmovers MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) DAYTIME DREAMING | (6) MOST WANTED | (1) BANK ON FRANK**

2.45 DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3m60y (4880 Metres)

RACE 6 **(6) MR HOPE STREET | (3) TOONAGH WARRIOR | (1) CRAVEN BAY**

3.15 SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

RACE 7 **(7) SKIFFLE MAN | (4) AQUITAINE BOY | (3) GLIMPSE OF GLORY**

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.

12.15**GOLF AND GALLOP PACKAGE HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-120) £8,900 2½m88y (4100 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 JARAMILLO (44) (BF) 98
9P4-24712 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Warren Greatrex **James Bowen**
Scored at Sedgefield in September and recorded a good second of 5 in handicap hurdle there (19.8f, good to soft) 44 days ago. Much respected on his chase debut.

2 CHAMPAGNESUPEROVER (IRE) (20) (D) 92
14/4-F40 9 11-13 | 75.7kg



Olly Murphy **K. Brogan**
Dual chaser winner around 3m in spring 2022. Lightly raced since and considerably handled when tenth of 15 in handicap chase at Bangor (20.3f, soft) 20 days ago. Since had a wind op and he's one to keep an eye on.

3 THEFORMISMIGHTY (35) (D) 98
53614-4 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Expensive point winner who got off the mark over hurdles at Market Rasen in March. Type to make a better chaser and made a promising start over fences when fourth at Chepstow on return. Can build on that with headgear applied.

4 YES DAY (IRE) (28) (D, BF) 97
3/135237-3 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**
Fairly useful 2m4f winner at 20f over hurdles. Made a promising start in this sphere when third of 8 in handicap chase at Warwick (20f, good) 28 days ago. Capable of better.

5 AWAYTHELAD (IRE) (21) (D) 100
2/7211P7-3 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**
A dual winning hurdler around 2m4f who shaped well on his first go over fences when third of 11 in handicap chase at Lingfield (20f, good) 21 days ago. That form has been franked so a bold showing is on the cards.

6 RUSSIAN RULER (IRE) (234) 93
11/4PP5P0- 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



L J Morgan **J. Hogan (31b/1kg)**
Ended last term out of sorts for Nicky Henderson, fourteenth of 21 in handicap hurdle at Aintree (24.7f, good to soft) in April. Reverts to fences with lots more required on yard debut.

7 KAITUNA RIVER (IRE) (32) (D, BF) 98
6/31-3 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



Alex Hales **Kielan Woods**
A fair winner at 21f over hurdles and he recorded a creditable third of 6 in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (19.7f, good) 32 days ago. Much respected on his chase debut.

8 SAINTE DOCTOR (FR) (43) (D) 97
6P84211/3 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Neil Mulholland **Richie McLernon**
Scored at Chepstow and Ludlow in April, 2023, and resumed from 18 months off with a well-held last of 3 in 2m4f Plumpton handicap chase 43 days ago.

9 IMAC WOOD (FR) (28) (D) 96
31P-66136 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Deborah Cole **Chris Ward (31b/1kg)**
Resumed winning ways at Uttoxeter in July but only sixth of 8 in handicap chase at Warwick (20f, good) 28 days ago. Others are more persuasive.

10 HEROIQUE DE MAULDE (FR) (20) (D) 94
2312/0 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**
Scored at Doncaster in February 2023, for James Ewart. Looked rusty after 18 months off for his new yard when twelfth of 15 in handicap chase at Bangor (20.3f, soft) 20 days ago. Can take a step forward.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Awaythelad, **4-1** Theformismighty, **9-2** Yes Day, **13-2** Jaramillo, **12-1** Kaituna River, **16-1** Imac Wood, **18-1** Champagnesuperover, **18-1** Heroique De Maulde, **22-1** Sainte Doctor, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Ben Pauling's AWAYTHELAD made a promising start over fences when a recent third at Lingfield and with that form working out well he looks the way to go. Both Theformismighty and Yes Day have better days ahead of them too and can have a say, while chasing newcomers Jaramillo and Kaituna River also bring potential in this intriguing handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AWAYTHELAD 2. THEFORMISMIGHTY 3. YES DAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Gemirande 6-11-4	7-4f	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	11
2021	Tiquer 13-11-9	25-1	Joe Ponting	Daryl Jacob	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.45**SOUTHWELL GOLF CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**

RACE 2

Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **NEIGH BOTHA (IRE) (7)** (CD) s+t **98**

5-13P3431 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**
 Career best when winning 13-runner handicap hurdle over C&D (good) 7 days ago. Needs considering back in this sphere.



2 **EXTRAORDINARY MAN (FR) (29)** (D) s **100**

U44122P-4 8 11-12 | 75.3kg
 David Bridgwater **Brendan Powell**
 Off 10 months/had a wind op before posting a respectable fourth of 12 in handicap chase at Hereford (16f, good) 29 days ago, doing too much too soon. Player off a 2 lb lower mark.



3 **BEN BUIE (IRE) (29)** (D, BF) v **99**

4P-3P8F63 10 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Martin Keighley **Daire McConville (71b/3kg)**
 Unreliable sort but he posted a good third of 12 in handicap chase at Hereford (16f, good) 29 days ago. Needs to back it up now.



4 **HAVOCK (IRE) (171)** **91**

2P035-475 6 11-10 | 74.4kg
 Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
 Still a maiden but he failed to get home when fifth of 9 in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (24f, good to soft) 171 days ago. Possibilities significantly back down in trip.



5 **ABAYA DU MATHAN (FR) (13)** (CD) s+t **97**

34257544 12 11-8 | 73.5kg
 Gary Hanmer **J. Hogan (31b/1kg)**
 C&D winner. Below-form fourth of 8 in handicap chase at Warwick (16.2f, soft) 13 days ago. Needs to get back on track.



6 **WELL VICKY (IRE) (48)** (D, BF) **97**

P-05P4953 7 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Alastair Ralph **David Noonan**
 It's now 11 runs since his last win in 2023 and she turned in a below-par third of 7 in handicap hurdle at Worcester (16f, heavy) 48 days ago. More is required on her first go over fences.



7 **HAAFBACK (26)** (D) h+t **96**

P992-01 6 10-6 | 66.2kg
 Emma-Jane Bishop **James Best**
 Made a winning start over fences in 7-runner handicap chase at Ludlow (16f, good to soft) 26 days ago. Must enter calculations nudged up 1 lb.



7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Haafback, **4-1** Neigh Botha, **5-1** Ben Buie, **11-2** Extraordinary Man, **8-1** Havock, **12-1** Abaya Du Mathan, **14-1** Well Vicky

TIMEFORM VIEW:

EXTRAORDINARY MAN teed himself up well for this when an encouraging reappearance fourth at Hereford and can capitalise on a lenient mark. Neigh Botha could emerge as the main danger on the back of his recent C&D success, with Ludlow victor Haafback also in the mix.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EXTRAORDINARY MAN 2. NEIGH BOTHA 3. HAAFBACK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022 **Captain Ivan** 8-12-1 3-1 L J Morgan Patrick Cowley (3) 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3


**attheraces.com/marketmovers NATIONAL HUNT FLAT
(CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS) (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 1m7f182y
(3180 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 BERKENSHTAAAP (IRE)  **100**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Olly Murphy  **Lewis Saunders (71b/3kg)**
Purchased for £45,000 after winning sole start in Irish points (May 26). Interesting runner for a stable with a very healthy bumper strike-rate.

2 CLEARISTHEWATER (IRE) (44) **90**
64 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Archie Watson **Miss Brodie Hampson (31b/1kg)**
Point winner but beaten around 14 lengths in bumpers at Warwick and Sedgfield this autumn. Likely vulnerable for win purposes again.

3 HESTINA HILL (IRE) **97**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dan Skelton **Tristan Durrell (31b/1kg)**
Kingston Hill gelding. Dam (h119) 2m/17f hurdle winner, also 1½m winner on Flat. Has had wind surgery. Makes plenty of appeal on paper for top yard.

4 NAZARE (FR) **94**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



James Owen **Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)**
Masterstroke half-brother to Italian 7f-1¼m winner Mexico Point. Dam unraced. His good trainer is only 1-13 in bumpers so far but expect that strike-rate to improve before long.

5 ONE KNIGHT (IRE) (222) **90**
0- 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Emma Lavelle **Mr Cameron Johnstone-Baker (71b/3kg)**
Sent off at 100/30 when last of 11 in bumper at Warwick in April (only start for Toby Lawes). His strength in the betting suggests better was expected and it'll be interesting to see if his supporters' return setting out for a new yard.

6 OSTERBERG (IRE) (38) **79**
0 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Martin Keighley **Mr Freddie Keighley (71b/3kg)**
80/1, down the field on his Cheltenham debut in October. Will need to leave that run well behind now.

7 STAR ARTIST (265) **99**
4- 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Hughie Morrison **Freddie Gingell (31b/1kg)**
Telescope gelding who is a half-brother to bumper winners and showed a fair level of ability when fourth of 8 on his Huntingdon debut in March. Should improve for that experience and respected.

8 DRAMATIC ENCORE (IRE) **94**
4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Harry Derham **Miss Megan Fox (71b/3kg)**
Purchased for £65,000 after reaching the frame both starts in Irish points. Has joined a good stable and would firmly enter the reckoning if the betting vibes are strong.

9 PRECIOUS JEAN (IRE) (210) **75**
0-0 4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Suzy Smith **Elizabeth Gale (71b/3kg)**
Well held in bumpers at Cheltenham and over C&D in the spring. Outsider on return.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Berkenshtaaap, **7-2** Star Artist, **9-2** Hestina Hill, **13-2** Dramatic Encore, **7-1** Nazare, **20-1** One Knight, **20-1** Clearisthewater, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

There's a few interesting sorts among the Rules newcomers, none more so than Dan Skelton's HESTINA HILL, who gets the nod before any market clues are known. Irish point recruits Berkenshtaaap and Dramatic Encore are other likely types for whom the betting should be informative, while Star Artist looks pick of those with experience.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HESTINA HILL 2. BERKENSHTAAAP 3. DRAMATIC ENCORE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Guard Duty 5-11-0	6-1	Emma Lavelle	J. R. Wildman (7)	10
2021	Carrigdoun Boy 4-11-0	7-2	Jonjo O'Neill	Mr A J O'Neill (7)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.45**attheraces.com/marketmovers MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I)**
4yo+ £7,700 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 4

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 BASELINE (FR) (792) h **89**
4/ 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Micheal Nolan

Pulled up sole start between the flags in April. Given a considerate introduction when a remote fourth in October 2022 and off the track since. Hood on and returns with yard among the winners.

2 CLASSICAL STING (18) **79**
3 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



L J Morgan

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Bred to stay well and didn't show much starting out over C&D 18 days ago.

3 INISHNABRO (IRE) (19) **92**
2 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Henry Oliver

Lee Edwards

Half-brother to a couple of winning hurdlers and won by a wide margin on the second of his 2 runs between the flags. Positive start to Rules career when second at Market Rasen 3 weeks ago but bare form is ordinary.

4 JORDANS CROSS (IRE) (27) (BF) t **100**
2 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Anthony Honeyball

Ben Godfrey

€8,000 3-y-o, £50,000 4-y-o, Berkshire gelding. Dam bumper winner (stayed 23f). Won Irish point in March and ran to a high figure for one beaten in a bumper when second at Chepstow a month ago. One to take seriously switched to hurdling.

5 LAW OF THE SEA (35) **98**
75 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ian Williams

Charlie Todd

Fairly useful staying handicapper on the Flat who was given a considerate introduction to hurdling when seventh of 13 at Uttoxeter (15.8f) last month. Duly improved for that when fifth at Chepstow and type to progress further in this sphere.

6 LE FAUVE (FR) (53) **98**
2352-3 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Bought for €105,000 after going down by a nose on hurdling debut in France and promising third in Aintree listed event on first run for new yard in December. No show in a Grade 2 at Cheltenham but back on track when runner-up at Newbury in March. Disappointing on return but he's in the right hands.

7 SHAN'T WAIT (IRE) **89**
4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Charlie Longsdon

David Bass

€35,000 3-y-o, fifth foal, half-brother to 2 winners, including fairly useful hurdler Sea Invasion (21f winner, by Sea Moon): dam 9f-1¼m winner.

8 SUN ART (FR) (19) h **89**
63 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

Hooded and positives to draw from his bumper/maiden hurdle runs this autumn but he could be one for further down the line.

9 TIGERS MOON **88**
4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Tom Ellis

Mr Jack Andrews (31b/1kg)

Pether's Moon gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Rafferty's Return. Dam (h89), maiden hurdler, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler (stayed 2½m) Cairde Aris.

10 ALEXANDRA LAROSE (IRE) (9) h **88**
44-7 4 10-11 | 68.5kg



Olly Murphy

Lewis Stones (31b/1kg)

Sister to bumper winner/useful 2¼m hurdle winner Shannon Royale. Minor promise on second of 2 starts in bumpers back in the spring for Georgina Nicholls and never dangerous hurdling for new yard.

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Jordans Cross, **10-3** Le Fauve, **7-2** Law of The Sea, **9-1** Inishnabro, **18-1** Shan't Wait, **20-1** Sun Art, **25-1** Baseline, **28-1** Alexandra Larose, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having won an Irish point, JORDANS CROSS showed plenty to work on when second in a Chepstow bumper a month ago and he's the most appealing option now hurdling. Le Fauve is a huge threat on the pick of last season's form, with Law of The Sea the type to go on improving over obstacles.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JORDANS CROSS 2. LE FAUVE 3. LAW OF THE SEA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Red Dirt Road 5-11-4	6-4f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	14
2021 ¹	Alchemystique 4-10-11	125-1	Steph Hollinshead	Charlie Hammond	10
2021 ¹¹	Lydford 4-11-4	11-8	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	9
2020	Get Your Own 5-10-12	22-1	Alex Hales	Harry Bannister	13
2019	Shantou Vow 4-11-0	5-4f	Harry Whittington	Daryl Jacob	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.15**attheraces.com/marketmovers MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II)**
4yo+ £7,700 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Even****1 BANK ON FRANK 94**

6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Passing Glance gelding. Dam (h74) placed on first of 2 outings over hurdles, maiden on Flat. Runner-up only outing in points (Feb 2023). One to note.

2 DAYTIME DREAMING (IRE) (46) 100

4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Tom Ellis

Mr Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)

Runner-up on sole outing in points and made a perfectly satisfactory start over hurdles when fourth of 10 in novice at Uttoxeter 46 days ago. Form pick.

3 DISGUISEDLIMIT (IRE) (27) h 94

3 11-4 | 71.7kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Micheal Nolan

€70,000 3-y-o, £150,000 5-y-o, Mahler gelding. Won sole start in Irish points (Apr 20) and showed some promise despite being beaten a long way in the end when third on hurdles bow at Chepstow 4 weeks ago. Hooded.

4 KALAHARI KING (23) s 91

59-3 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Amy Murphy

Jack Quinlan

Well held in a couple of bumpers but showed a bit sent hurdling after 9 months off when third at Ffos Las last month. Related to connections' smart hurdler/high-class chaser up to 23f Kalashnikov so may do better. Headgear on.

5 KINGSLEY (FR) (48) 92

8 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

€86,000 half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Fest Deiz and fair hurdler/chase winner Gerard Mentor. Nearer last than first on his introduction in a Worcester bumper but he nevertheless offered something to work on and may leave that behind now switched to hurdles.

6 MOST WANTED (IRE) (22) 93

4 11-4 | 71.7kg



David Bridgwater

Brendan Powell

Fairly useful form on Flat, placed all 4 starts up to 1¼m for Andrew Kinirons. Far too headstrong to last home sent hurdling after 16 months off at Kempton 3 weeks ago and needs to settle down.

7 PORTCAMMON (IRE) (26) 91

1-475 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Neil Mulholland

Richie McLernon

Landed the odds in good style in a Roscommon bumper for Willie Mullins last year. Has failed to build on that since, however. including when well held on debut for this yard at Newbury last month.

8 TOTTENHAM GREEN (IRE) (7) 75

8 11-4 | 71.7kg



L J Morgan

James Bowen

Maiden Irish pointer who offered little in novice hurdle at this C&D on Rules debut.

9 TRAMUNTANA (IRE) (33) (D) 90

16-6 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Olly Murphy

K. Brogan

Perfect start in 3-runner newcomers bumper at Fakenham a year ago but well held both starts since, though was ridden very much with an eye on the future on hurdles bow at Stratford on return.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Daytime Dreaming, **11-2** Bank On Frank, **6-1** Disguisedlimit, **7-1** Most Wanted, **8-1** Kingsley, **11-1** Portcammon, **12-1** Kalahari King, **16-1** Tramuntana, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DAYTIME DREAMING's hurdling debut form is working out well and this looks a winnable maiden for him. Most Wanted was too fresh on his belated comeback/hurdling debut at Kempton but he was fairly useful on the Flat for his previous yard so isn't taken lightly with that run under his belt, with newcomer Bank On Frank another to note.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. DAYTIME DREAMING 2. MOST WANTED 3. BANK ON FRANK****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.45**DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP HANDICAP HURDLE (4)
4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £7,700 3m60y (4880 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **Craven Bay (IRE)** (7lb/3kg ex) (8) (D) s+t **97**
31-661121 **8** 12-5 | 78.5kg



Toby Lawes

K. Brogan

Very much on the up for his new yard, making it 3 wins in his 4 starts when seeing off 5 rivals at Kempton (3m, good to soft) last Monday. A 7 lb penalty demands more but further progress can't be discounted in his current mood.

2 **Space Voyage** (24) s+t **99**
7357P1-56 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Olly Murphy

Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)

Bounced back to form to win a 2½m Perth handicap in April and made a respectable return from 6 months off when sixth of 12 at Wincanton (21f) 24 days ago. No surprise were she to go well having dipped to the mark she defied at Perth.

3 **Toonagh Warrior (IRE)** (18) (BF) s **96**
126424-62 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Stuart Edmunds

Charlie Hammond

Wetherby novice winner last November and mostly creditable efforts in defeat in handicaps since, notably when second over 20.5f here in first-time cheekpieces (retained) 18 days ago. Big player if his stamina holds now going up in trip again.

4 **Farmer's Gamble** (277) (D) **88**
62210/PFP- **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Dan Skelton

Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)

Exeter handicap hurdler winner in February 2023 but has found life tough since, pulling up back hurdling at Newbury when last seen in March. Mr Hope Street looks very much the yard first string unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.

5 **Tribal Glory (IRE)** (19) **93**
21-225 **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Fergal O'Brien

Mr Ben Sutton (5lb/2kg)

Point winner who landed a Worcester bumper last summer. Filled the runner-up spot in Newton Abbot maidens on first 2 starts over hurdles but made an underwhelming start to his handicap career at Market Rasen 19 days ago. Up in trip.

6 **Mr Hope Street (IRE)** (40) (BF) **100**
5/75081-12 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Progressive in handicaps over 2½m, winning twice in the spring and clear with another improver when second back from a 5-month break at Carlisle in October. Leading claims now stepping up to 3m for the first time.

7 **Tzarmix (FR)** (48) (BF) **98**
1/54-57453 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Richie McLernon

Lightly-raced 6-y-o who landed a Chepstow novice for Sam Thomas back in March 2023. Has drawn a blank in handicaps for this yard since but latest 3m Wetherby third was creditable. The tongue tie and cheekpieces he's worn on his last 4 starts are left off.

8 **Burrows Hall (FR)** (28) **97**
P/32212-53 **7** 10-13 | 69.4kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Nick Scholfield

Fair winning hurdler at up to 25f. Made a solid start to his chase career after a break when third over 19f at Sedgefield last month. Ought to be competitive back in this sphere.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Craven Bay, **7-2** Mr Hope Street, **4-1** Toonagh Warrior, **15-2** Tzarmix, **10-1** Tribal Glory, **12-1** Space Voyage, **16-1** Burrows Hall, **33-1** Farmer's Gamble

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MR HOPE STREET is taken to continue his improvement now moving up to 3m for the first time. Toonagh Warrior is another stepping up in distance and will be a threat if his stamina holds. Craven Bay isn't obviously well treated under a 7 lb penalty but should also have a part to play in his current vein of form.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MR HOPE STREET 2. TOONAGH WARRIOR 3. CRAVEN BAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022 **Docpickedme** 6-12-0 13-2 Harry Whittington Gavin Sheehan 7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15**SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+
(Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m88y (4100 Metres)**

RACE 7

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft**

Left handed, tight. A course whose character changes dramatically depending on underfoot conditions, the emphasis being very much on speed on firmish ground yet completely the opposite on heavy ground, long-distance races under such conditions often resulting in very few finishers. The fences are of the portable variety yet offer more of a test than plenty of courses that attract a similar standard of runner. The brush-type hurdles penalise less-fluent jumping more than the traditional variety.

Pace Information: **Even****1 LET'S SAIL AWAY (35) 87**

54-5 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Tom Lacey

Stan Sheppard

Winner of sole start between the flags last December. Best effort of his 3 under Rules so far was when fourth of 13 in a Uttoxeter maiden (15.7f, heavy) but not so good either side of that and his attitude doesn't appear to be all it could be. Step forward needed on this handicap bow.

2 STAR LEGEND (IRE) (21) (D) 91

4213-2245 5 11-13 | 75.7kg



James Owen

Mr Alex Chadwick (51b/2kg)

Runner-up twice over hurdles in June and also performed with credit when fourth at Stratford the following month. However, he proved a let-down back hurdling in a Huntingdon selling handicap 3 weeks ago and while this step back up in trip is no bad thing, others make more appeal.

3 GLIMPSE OF GLORY (35) 100

32-277 4 11-12 | 75.3kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Shaped with promise when placed in a couple of juvenile events during the spring, following which he was a good second to a progressive type on handicap debut at Southwell (15.8f, soft) in June. Has failed to build on that in 2 subsequent starts but it's still early days for this 4-y-o. Considered.

4 AQUITAINE BOY (FR) (210) (C) 98

1 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Ruth Jefferson

Jamie Hamilton

Little impact in various race-types for James Ewart but, back from nearly 3 years off, he belied odds of 40/1 when making a winning start for this yard in a 15.8f novice here (good) in May. Had fortune on his side that day but it was a significant step forward all the same and he needs considering.

5 KINGOFTHESWINGERZ (IRE) (23) 97

7635P8-2 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Harriet Dickin

Bradley Harris (31b/1kg)

Went the wrong way in second half of last season but back on track following a wind up with a tongue strap enlisted when second in a 15-runner Ffos Las handicap (2½m, good to soft) last month. Should be on the premises here, provided he is able to build on that effort.

6 MOOR END (IRE) (222) 96

3F57- 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Emma-Jane Bishop

Connor Brace

Didn't shape at all badly when third on debut in a bumper here in February. Has failed to trouble the judge in 2 completed starts over hurdles but it wouldn't be a surprise were he to show himself in a better light now handicapping. One to note in the betting.

7 SKIFFLE MAN (IRE) (61) 99

65-8 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Midfield at best in his qualifying runs but has hinted at promise and will likely come into his own now upped in trip on handicap debut for his top stable. Sports first-time cheekpieces/tongue strap and it'll be interesting to see if support arrives for this 5-y-o.

8 MILITARY TYCOON (IRE) (32) 94

974-9 4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Neil Mulholland

Richie McLernon

Fairly useful Flat winner but below par both starts on the level this year and offered little on last month's reappearance/handicap debut in this sphere.

9 MR MAHLER (IRE) (213) 98

666P0-0 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith

Nick Scholfield

Hasn't cut much ice in 2 starts since switched to handicaps and it's easy enough to look elsewhere.

10 POP THE QUESTION (28) (D) 97

186P0 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jacqueline Coward

Joe Williamson (31b/1kg)

Winning pointer who caused something of a surprise when making a successful debut under Rules in 2½m Hexham maiden in June. However, that was a weak race and she's had her limitations exposed since. Now tried in a tongue strap.

11 PACIFIC (28) 98

05-7235 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Martin Keighley

James Best

Showed ability in maiden/novice company and sound start to handicap career when third in 2½m Hereford mares' event on return in October. Failed to build on that at Warwick (2m, good) next time but eased 2 lb since and perhaps worth another chance now that she steps back up in trip.

12 MONTYS ROCK (IRE) (33) 94

553/4-PP0 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Henry Hogarth

Charlie Maggs (71b/3kg)

Reached the frame in maiden hurdles in Ireland for Eoin Doyle but has shown nothing in a trio of handicaps for new connections. Readily passed over.

13 WELL DONE DANI (21) (C, BF) 97

74-57P132 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Henry Brooke

Landed a 14-runner handicap hurdle at Kelso (2¼m, good) in September that produced winners and nothing wrong with a brace of placed efforts since. Likely to be in the mix once again.

14 PARISH STAR (IRE) (23) 95

4U7P675-4 4 10-5 | 65.8kg



Nigel Hawke

Lorcan Murtagh

Modest form on the Flat in Ireland and made little impact over hurdles last season. Showed some spark following a wind up when fourth of 15 back from an 8-month break at (2½m, good to soft), finishing under a length adrift of Kingoftheswingerz. More will be needed if she's to take this, though.

15 DEAL EM HIGH (54) 92

64PP-7830 7 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Debra Hamer

Liam Harrison

Returned to form when third in first-time cheekpieces and tongue strap at Bangor (16.7f, good) in September. However, the headgear (on again here) failed to work equally well second time round at Exeter and he is hard to warm to on the back of that.

16 MISS APPLEJACK (30) 95

78-76785P 5 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)



Charlie Longsdon

Lilly Pinchin

A fair bumper winner but she's yet to score in this sphere (0-9 over hurdles) and hopes now pinned on the first-time cheekpieces and tongue strap helping to spark improvement.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Skiffle Man, **6-1** Aquitaine Boy, **7-1** Well Done Dani, **8-1** Kingoftheswingerz, **17-2** Pacific, **10-1** Glimpse of Glory, **12-1** Star Legend, **18-1** Let's Sail Away, **22-1** Moor End, **25-1** Miss Applejack, **28-1** Military Tycoon, **33-1** Parish Star, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's likely that SKIFFLE MAN will leave his low-key novice efforts well behind now faced with a stiffer test and sent handicapping off an opening mark that probably underestimates him. The hint should be taken if the market speaks in his favour. While Aquitaine Boy probably would've finished second had the eventual runner-up not hit the final flight here in May, it was a much-improved effort whichever way you look at it and he is next best ahead of Glimpse of Glory and Pacific.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. SKIFFLE MAN 2. AQUITAINE BOY 3. GLIMPSE OF GLORY****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022 **Sporting Mike** 5-12-1 9-4 Ben Pauling Kielan Woods 12
2021 **Irish Sovereign** 6-10-11 50-1 Sarah Humphrey Nick Scholfield 16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race