

Wednesday 4th December

LUDLOW



12.28 MARSH COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f174y (4790 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) BITS N PIECES | (5) THE MIDWIFE | (1) KAZONTERAZZ**

12.58 CM BESPOKE CARE LTD NOVICES' CLAIMING HURDLE (4) 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) LAND AFAR | (3) LASER FOCUS | (2) GLOBAL ESTEEM**

1.30 MCCARTNEYS LTD NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 1m7f212y (3210 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS | (1) JOLYJUMP | (2) DROMLAC JURY**

2.03 EK MOWERS & MACHINERY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)

RACE 4 **(7) TOUR OVALIE | (6) BRENDAS ASKING | (3) IP UP**

2.35 CORRIE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 3m1f125y (5140 Metres)

RACE 5 **(6) DREAMING BLUE | (4) ONLY THE BOLD | (2) FRENCHY DU LARGE**

3.10 MARK STEADY EDWARDS MEMORIAL NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f171y (4780 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) PHANTOM GETAWAY | (5) SUPERBOLT | (3) LAGONDA**

3.42 MARSH COMMERCIAL MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) JACKIE HOBBS | (8) SERVICE MINIMUM | (6) POLLYANNA'S DREAM**

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.

12.28**MARSH COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £8,000 2m7f174y (4790 Metres)**










RACE 1

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1	KAZONTHERAZZ (107)		100
	U/44323-00 8 12-0 76.2kg		
	Martin Keighley	Daire McConville (5lb/2kg)	
	Placed 3 times in handicap hurdles last winter. Well below par in 2 outings in the summer but on a competitive mark if staging a revival back from a 107-day break.		
2	BITS N PIECES (IRE) (22)		96
	942 4 11-9 73.9kg		
	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg)	
	Well held sole outing in bumpers but took a step forward from hurdling debut in spite of 3f shorter trip when second in 6-runner novice at Hereford (16.2f, good) 22 days ago. Much longer trip seems sure to suit making a quick switch to handicaps and he's interesting.		
3	DESPEREAUX (FR) (28)	s	91
	57348-830 5 11-7 73.0kg		
	Mrs Jane Williams	Freddie Gingell	
	Beaten a long way when third at Worcester in October and ran badly in a refitted tongue strap at Chepstow since. First-time cheekpieces/step up in trip need to have a positive effect.		
4	GALWAY REEL (IRE) (35)	s	98
	2-4558693 5 11-0 69.9kg		
	Ian Williams	Ben Bromley	
	Modest maiden hurdler who ran no more than respectably in first-time cheekpieces when third of 10 in handicap at Fakenham (20f, good, 12/1) 35 days ago. Eased 1 lb.		
5	THE MIDWIFE (IRE) (28)		99
	1668-5753 6 10-8 67.1kg		
	Grace Harris	Joe Anderson	
	On a good mark and returned to form when third of 17 in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (23.6f, good to soft, 15/2) 28 days ago. Likely to be bang there with a repeat.		
6	EXTRA COVER (31)		88
	488-9 5 10-5 65.8kg		
	Henry Daly	Alice Stevens	
	Hasn't offered much in a bumper/trio of starts over hurdles but may show more now tackling a low-grade handicap over an appreciably longer trip.		
7	ELFRIDE (28) (D)	t	90
	4F5P7-768 8 10-2(9-10) 64.4kg (61.7kg)		
	Richard Phillips	Harry Atkins (5lb/2kg)	
	Poor handicap hurdler who probably needed the run after 5 months off when eighth of 17 in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (23.6f, good to soft) 28 days ago. 6 lb out of the weights.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 The Midwife, 7-2 Bits N Pieces, 6-1 Kazontherazz, 13-2 Galway Reel, 15-2 Extra Cover, 12-1 Desperaux, 22-1 Elfride

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BITS N PIECES can do much better over this longer trip and he's taken to make a successful early switch to handicaps. The Midwife is sure to be on the premises if backing up her latest effort, with Kazontherazz dangerous to dismiss if staging a revival back from a break.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BITS N PIECES 2. THE MIDWIFE 3. KAZONTHERAZZ

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Kimberley Eve 5-9-9	11-2	Simon Earle	Conor Ring	9
2022	Lily Glitters 6-11-10	9-4	Henry Daly	Ben Godfrey	8
2021	Steinkraus 6-11-13	11-2	Donald McCain	Peter Kavanagh (8)	12
2020	Mr Washington 7-10-11	11-4f	Tom Symonds	Lilly Pinchin	9

12.58**CM BESPOKE CARE LTD NOVICES' CLAIMING HURDLE (4)**
4yo+ £8,000 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)

RACE 2

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1	LAND AFAR (IRE) (18) 14/2-2 9 12-0 76.2kg		100
	Kim Bailey	Jonathan Burke	
Has clearly had his problems since showing fairly useful form in bumpers for Anthony McCann but shaped well back from a long absence at Huntingdon in March and ran to similar level when creditable second of 6 in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (19.9f, good to soft) 18 days ago. Ought to go well again.			
2	GLOBAL ESTEEM (IRE) (22) (D) 43-228131 7 11-8 73.5kg	t	92
	Fergal O'Brien	Fern O'Brien (71b/3kg)	
Off the mark over timber at Market Rasen (16.6f) in August and added to that success when landing 5-runner handicap at Huntingdon (15.8f, good, 2/1) 22 days ago, kept up to work. Another bold bid is likely.			
3	LASER FOCUS (IRE) (8) 44-44U114 6 11-4 71.7kg	t	98
	James Owen	Ben Bromley (51b/2kg)	
Successful 3 times on the Flat this year and wide-margin winner of handicaps at Huntingdon (20.7f, good) and Fakenham (23.4f, good to soft) in this sphere last month. Undone by 20lb higher mark when fourth at Sedgefield (19.9f) latest but must enter calculations here.			
4	SHABANO (GER) (555) 6- 5 11-0 69.9kg	h	82
	Thomas Faulkner	James Best	
Once-raced maiden over hurdles who hasn't been seen since well beaten on Flat 17 months ago. Best watched on return for new yard here.			
5	MAMBO BEAT (IRE) (194) 9443-5 5 10-12 68.9kg		83
	Bernard Llewellyn	Lee Edwards	
Fair winner at 10f on Flat but not reached that level in this sphere so far and looks up against on these terms. Off 6 months.			
6	BALLET BLANC (392) PP- 5 10-5 65.8kg	t	65
	Richard Price	Rex Dingle	
Modest maiden on Flat who has failed to complete in both starts over hurdles. Hard to recommend. Tongue strap on first time in this sphere.			
7	HABIBI (IRE) (99) 308-PU590 4 10-3 64.9kg	h	75
	Jake Thomas Coulson	Sean Grantham (101b/5kg)	
Limited in bumpers and has yet to trouble the judge in a handful starts over jumps. Best watched.			

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Land Afar, 15-8 Laser Focus, 10-3 Global Esteem, 33-1 Mambo Beat, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LAND AFAR ran well behind a promising sort at Uttoxeter last month and can belatedly open his account here. Laser Focus and Global Esteem are the obvious dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LAND AFAR 2. LASER FOCUS 3. GLOBAL ESTEEM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Uncle Arthur 5-10-10	11-10f Fergal O'Brien	D. P. Davis (7)	8
2022	Coastal Sun 4-10-3	12-1 Alastair Ralph	Jonathan Burke	10
2021	Overhaugh Street 8-10-8	11-4 Ed de Giles	David Bass	7
2020	Falberto 5-11-8	6-5f Sam Thomas	Jordan Nailor (5)	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race







1.30**MCCARTNEYS LTD NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-110) £10,000 1m7f212y (3210 Metres)**

RACE 3

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	JOLYJUMP (FR) (19) (D)	99
	78P1-2441 5 12-0 76.2kg Gary & Josh Moore Progressed from encouraging chase debut when winning 4-runner handicap at Southwell (15.8f, good) 19 days ago, plenty in hand. 9 lb higher now but likely has more to give yet.	Caoilin Quinn
2	DROMLAC JURY (IRE) (36) (C, D)	97
	P431-2 5 11-9 73.9kg Tom Symonds Quite a costly buy out of points and made a winning handicap bow over hurdles at this course (15.8f) in March. Showed aptitude for chasing when second in Bangor handicap (17.4f, heavy) on return 36 days ago and is entitled to build on that.	Ben Poste
3	JACKPOT CASH (FR) (12)	75
	5436-47 5 11-6 72.6kg Evan Williams Showed ability over hurdles last term and may have needed outing when seventh of 8 in handicap chase at Chepstow (16f, good, 28/1) on debut over fences 12 days ago. Should have more to offer in this sphere.	Adam Wedge
4	OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS (FR) (14)	100
	442/P555-2 6 11-3 71.2kg Venetia Williams Fair maiden hurdler/chaser in France who showed her best form for Venetia Williams when second of 8 in handicap chase (10/1) at Warwick (16.2f, soft) on debut over fences 14 days ago. That form has been franked since and she looks a big player here.	Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)
5	RIVER ROBE (IRE) (18)	68
	55247356 5 11-2 70.8kg Sarah-Jayne Davies Yet to score for current yard but was making an encouraging chase debut when sprawling badly on landing 2 out at Uttoxeter (16f, good to soft, 16/1) 18 days ago. May well do better.	James Best
6	BALLYDANGAN (IRE) (28)	96
	6P-773P00 7 10-13 69.4kg Dan Skelton Maiden who didn't shape with any immediate promise for the Dan Skelton yard when down the field over hurdles at Chepstow last month. Back over the larger obstacles here but others are more convincing.	Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Jolyjump, **5-2** Ostrava Du Berlais, **9-2** Dromlac Jury, **9-1** Ballydangan, **12-1** Jackpot Cash, **16-1** River Robe

TIMEFORM VIEW:

OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS can be expected to improve from her promising Warwick chase debut and makes plenty of appeal. Southwell winner Jolyjump also looks progressive and rates the chief threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS 2. JOLYJUMP 3. DROMLAC JURY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Dr T J Eckleburg 5-11-4	3-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	5
2022	Tap Tap Boom 8-12-1	5-1	Alastair Ralph	Jay Tidball (7)	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

EK MOWERS & MACHINERY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE
(2) 3yo+ fillies and mares £20,000 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 ARCLIGHT (40) (D) 93
288/111P-P 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Nicky Henderson

Nico de Boinville

Fair winning juvenile hurdler who immediately proved herself a much better chaser, winning first 3 starts over fences at the end of 2023. Never going after an early mistake in a Kempton Grade 2 in February and again let down by her jumping at Chepstow on her reappearance. Reverts to hurdling now.

2 PANIC ATTACK (IRE) (649) (D, BF) 93
271343/ 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Dan Skelton

Fergus Gillard

Three-time hurdles winner who showed useful form over fences in 2022/23 season. Has a 21-month absence to overcome but has been given a chance by the assessor on first start for Dan Skelton. Watch betting.

3 IP UP (FR) (18) (D) 97
21426-542 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Jedd O'Keefe

Craig Nichol

Likeable sort who ran better than on her sole previous start over fences in Britain when second of 6 at Uttoxeter (2m) 18 days ago. Return to hurdling certainly no negative judged on last season's exploits and likely to be in the thick of the action.

4 NOT NOW NATHANIEL (36) (D, BF) 91
137-1124 4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Debut bumper winner who also made a successful start over hurdles (fitted with a hood) in 4-runner novice at Aintree in May. Looked slightly more straightforward when following up at Bangor but limitations rather exposed since and others more persuasive from a stiff-looking mark.

5 LOVE TREE (IRE) (18) (CD, BF) 98
221451-24 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



James Owen

Sam Twiston-Davies

Dual hurdles winner who ran well in a first-time tongue strap after 7 months off when second to Tour Ovalie at Hereford on return in November. However, worryingly reverted to her weak-finishing ways on her Uttoxeter chasing debut since and now back over hurdles.

6 BRENDAS ASKING (IRE) (26) (CD, BF) 99
5/5442-P13 6 10-9 | 67.6kg



Kim Bailey

Jonathan Burke

Promise in bumpers and easily best effort over hurdles when landing 9-runner handicap over C&D in October, always holding on. Ran respectably from a 7 lb higher mark when third at Exeter since and should remain competitive.

7 TOUR OVALIE (FR) (30) (D) 100
422-15431 5 10-4 | 65.3kg



Evan Williams

Isabel Williams (3lb/1kg)

Fair in bumpers and of similar merit over hurdles, resuming winning ways in 5-runner handicap at Hereford the previous month, leading dying strides after forced to switch run-in. 3 lb rise highly unlikely to prevent another good run.

8 KOMEDY KICKS (IRE) (152) (D) 97
2F9/1212-P 5 10-3 | 64.9kg



Dan Skelton

Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)

Fair maiden on Flat and showed similar form when landing a Worcester maiden and a Stratford novice in the summer of 2023. Pulled up on sole outing for Harriet Dickin at Newton Abbot in July but could revive on first start for Dan Skelton.

9 DEMOISELLE KAP (FR) (132) 99
0P351P-94 6 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Keiran Burke

Miss Roisin Leech (7lb/3kg)

Inconsistent sort who got back to winning ways in minor event chase at Pau in January. Mixed bag in 3 outings since. Has left Sophie Leech and market perhaps best guide setting out for a new yard.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Tour Ovalie, **5-1** Brendas Asking, **7-1** Ip Up, **8-1** Love Tree, **8-1** Panic Attack, **10-1** Arclight, **12-1** Demoiselle Kap, **14-1** KomedY Kicks, **14-1** Not Now Nathaniel

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TOUR OVALIE was value for a bit extra over the result in overcoming some late interference at Hereford last month and a 3 lb rise may not be enough to prevent the follow up. C&D winner Brendas Asking seems highly likely to give another good account, with the likeable Ip Up completing the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TOUR OVALIE 2. BRENDAS ASKING 3. IP UP

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Magical Maggie	6-11-6	3-1	Alastair Ralph	Jay Tidball (5)	5
2022	Mullenbeg	5-11-1	4-9f	Milton Harris	Jonathan Burke	5
2021	Miranda	6-11-12	evsf	Paul Nicholls	Angus Cheleda (5)	7
2020	Miranda	5-11-10	3-1	Paul Nicholls	Angus Cheleda (7)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.35**CORRIE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £18,000 3m1f125y (5140 Metres)**

RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 FOUND ON (IRE) (38) 88
1PP/12PP-P 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Martin Keighley

James Best

Has been a good servant but ended last season with 2 poor efforts after 4 months off and fared no better at Wincanton on return.

2 FRENCHY DU LARGE (FR) (572) (C) 98
F4342/2- 9 11-9 | 73.9kg



Venetia Williams

Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)

Dual 2½m winner during 2021/22 campaign and posted one of his best efforts since that double when runner-up in first-time cheekpieces (retained) at Haydock. Backed that up when filling same spot at Market Rasen but has a long absence to overcome (off 19 months).

3 MASTERS LEGACY (IRE) (43) 91
6132/7 9 11-6 | 72.6kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Micheal Nolan

Chase debut winner at Exeter 2 years ago but failed to build on that and looked very rusty after a long absence when well held there in October. Significantly more is needed.

4 ONLY THE BOLD (IRE) (318) (D) 99
114/8PPP- 9 11-5 | 72.1kg s+t



Jamie Snowden

Gavin Sheehan

Initially did well switched to fences in headgear for David Pipe but last season proved to be a washout. However, starts the new campaign on a potentially good mark for this yard so not taken lightly.

5 CAP DU NORD (FR) (18) (D) 94
961-31078 11 11-4 | 71.7kg



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

Resumed winning ways at Perth in July. Below par since, however, so easy enough to look elsewhere (6 of his 9 chase wins have come in February or March).

6 DREAMING BLUE (25) 100
5833311-3 7 11-4 | 71.7kg t



Anthony Honeyball

Rex Dingle

Capitalised on a reduced mark with plenty to spare at Fontwell in March and followed up back there 3 weeks later. Good third of 4 at Wincanton on return despite being a bit rusty early on. Possibly just failed for stamina when third in this last year but that was on heavy ground. Big shout.

7 BASS ROCK (FR) (40) 93
24U/P68P-0 8 11-3 | 71.2kg t



Georgina Nicholls

Lorcan Williams

Useful chase/hurdles winner at his best but struggled for form over fences last season for Sandy Thomson and offered little on yard bow in 2m4f Cheltenham handicap hurdle 40 days ago. Has work to do.

8 STRICTLYDANCER (IRE) (18) (D) 97
02P7-F450 10 10-9 | 67.6kg



Christian Williams

Nick Scholfield

Won 3 on the bounce over fences during 2021/22. Missed the following season and record since has been patchy, running poorly at Cheltenham latest having shaped well there the time before.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Dreaming Blue, **7-2** Frenchy Du Large, **5-1** Strictlydancer, **10-1** Only The Bold, **14-1** Cap Du Nord, **14-1** Bass Rock, **16-1** Found On, **16-1** Masters Legacy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DREAMING BLUE, who ran well in this race last year, is a chaser on the upgrade and can resume winning ways on the back of an encouraging return at Wincanton. Only The Bold is an interesting contender starting out on a handy mark for his in-form yard, so may emerge as the biggest threat ahead of Frenchy du Large, who has a large absence to overcome.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. DREAMING BLUE 2. ONLY THE BOLD 3. FRENCHY DU LARGE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Hidden Heroics	6-11-11	9-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	7
2022	Laskalin	7-11-12	6-4f	Venetia Williams	Shane Quinlan (5)	7
2021	Minella Encore	9-11-6	14-1	Dr Richard Newland	Sam Twiston-Davies	7
2020	Roll Again	6-11-12	10-3	Venetia Williams	Robert Dunne	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race










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RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	PHANTOM GETAWAY (IRE) (24) (D)	s+t		100
	135/8PP-2 7 12-0 76.2kg			
	Kim Bailey 		Jonathan Burke	
	Winning Irish pointer/hurdler. No show in 3 starts over fences last season but fared much better (had a breathing operation and tongue tied) when second at Ffos Las on return. Entitled to come on for that so leading claims with yard remaining in fine form.			
2	BLAIRGOWRIE (IRE) (45) (D)			98
	2-P 8 11-11 74.8kg			
	Nicky Henderson		Nico de Boinville	
	Off the mark over hurdles in 13-runner handicap at Newbury at the end of the 2021/22 season and made an encouraging belated return/chase debut when second there in January. However, ran an alarmingly wayward race when pulled up at Kempton on return so bit to prove now.			
3	LAGONDA (230) (D)			93
	251/5234P- 9 11-9 73.9kg			
	Venetia Williams 		Shane Quinlan (31b/1kg)	
	Point/hurdles winner but ended last season badly out of form. At least starts the new campaign on a nice mark with yard going well.			
4	CURRENT MOOD (30) (CD, BF)			97
	P6436-513 9 11-8 73.5kg			
	Evan Williams		Adam Wedge	
	Better for return when capitalising on a much-reduced mark over C&D, scraping home in the end having looked in control. Seemed stretched by the longer trip at Hereford since. In the mix.			
5	SUPERBOLT (IRE) (22) (BF)	t		99
	6488-6222 4 11-1 70.3kg			
	Nigel Twiston-Davies		Sam Twiston-Davies	
	No great shakes over hurdles/on the Flat in Ireland but has upped his game for new yard, runner-up all 3 starts, going close switched to fences last twice. Should go well again stepping up in trip.			

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Phantom Getaway, **11-4** Superbolt, **9-2** Current Mood, **11-2** Blairgowrie, **10-1** Lagonda

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PHANTOM GETAWAY got his career back on track fitted with a tongue strap (also had a breathing operation) when runner-up at Ffos Las on return and should make a bold bid to go one place better. Superbolt has taken well to fences for this yard and rates the main threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PHANTOM GETAWAY 2. SUPERBOLT 3. LAGONDA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race












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RACE 7

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(3170 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

Ludlow is a sharp, right-handed, oval track, with a nine-fence chase circuit about a mile and a half and a run-in of 250 yards, which requires riders to steer left after the last to avoid taking the wrong course. Probably on account of so many races being well run, the fences claim far more casualties than might be expected, Ludlow sitting comfortably inside the top half dozen courses for fallers and unseats. The hurdle course, which runs on the outside of the chase course, has easier turns. Whereas the chase course is flat, the hurdle course has slight undulations but they rarely provide difficulties for a long-striding horse.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1	ANOTHER PEARL (56)	75
	6-5 4 11-4 71.7kg Georgina Nicholls Blue Bresil filly. Dam triple bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler (19f winner, stayed 3m). Showed a bit amidst inexperience when sixth of 10 in bumper at Uttoxeter for Ryan Potter in April. Similar form for new yard 6 months later.	Gavin Sheehan
2	BELT OF VENUS	90
	4 11-4 71.7kg Matt Sheppard Telescope filly. Dam (h97), 2½m hurdle winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/ useful chaser (stays 3m) Pink Legend.	Stan Sheppard
3	I AM THE MOON (24)	91
	5 11-4 71.7kg Nigel Twiston-Davies Pether's Moon mare. Dam (h142) bumper/2m-21f hurdle winner. Stuck to her task pretty well when fifth on 12 on last month's Ffos Las debut.	Sam Twiston-Davies
4	JACKIE HOBBS	98
	4 11-4 71.7kg Harry Derham £36,000 3-y-o, £130,000 4-y-o, Jack Hobbs filly. Dam fairly useful 2½m-3m hurdle winner. Won only outing in Irish points in March and transferred to a good yard. Lot to like.	Paul O'Brien
5	MUSTANG BETTY (IRE) (378)	93
	3- 5 11-4 71.7kg Toby Lawes Hooded and shaped quite nicely having been a long way back early when third of 10 at Warwick in November 2023. Off the track since.	K. Brogan
6	POLLYANNA'S DREAM (38) (BF)	95
	2 4 11-4 71.7kg Neil Mulholland €52,000 My Dream Boat filly. Dam (c134/h132), 2m-3m hurdle/chase winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 3¼m) Lord Ballim. Gambled on and showed plenty to work on when second of 8 starting out at Wincanton a month ago, albeit no match for the winner.	James Bowen
7	POOLEY'S PROMISE (IRE)	90
	5 11-4 71.7kg Ryan Potter Shirocco mare. Dam (h110), 2m hurdle winner, sister to fairly useful hurdler/ winning chaser (stayed 2¾m) Storm of Swords.	Harry Kimber
8	SERVICE MINIMUM (FR) (47)	 100
	3 4 11-4 71.7kg Dan Skelton Sent off 15/2 and produced a promising first effort when third of 12 in bumper at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft) 6 weeks ago. From a top stable and can be expected to improve.	Tristan Durrell (31b/1kg)
9	SHARP GLANCE	93
	4 11-4 71.7kg Alan King Passing Glance filly. Sister to bumper winner Eyes Right and half-sister to modest hurdler Come On Nia, stays 21f. Makes plenty of appeal on paper.	Tom Cannon
10	SURE TO PLEASE	91
	4 11-4 71.7kg Evan Williams Malinas filly. Sister to bumper/fairly useful 2½m hurdle winner Arakhan and half-sister to smart 7f/1m winner Fire Ship. Dam ran once on Flat.	Ellis Collier (71b/3kg)

11 ASTRA LUNA **91**
3 10-3 | 64.9kg

Jamie Osborne

Sea The Moon filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including modest hurdler Admirals Bay. Wears tongue strap for debut.

Jonathan Burke**12 PEPPER QUEEN** **91**
3 10-3 | 64.9kg

Henry Daly

£9,000 3-y-o, first foal, dam, ran twice on Flat in France, closely related to useful hurdler/chaser (2m-2¼m winner) All The Answers out of useful hurdler/winning chaser Shatabdi (winner up to 2½m).

Alice Stevens (31b/1kg)

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Service Minimum, **4-1** Jackie Hobbs, **13-2** Pollyanna's Dream, **9-1** Sharp Glance, **10-1** Mustang Betty, **16-1** Astra Luna, **18-1** Pepper Queen, **20-1** I Am The Moon, **20-1** Sure To Please, **28-1** Pooley's Promise, **33-1** Belt of Venus, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JACKIE HOBBS fetched £130,000 following her Irish point win in the spring and having transferred to Harry Derham, she may well be up to the job on Rules bow. Service Minimum showed plenty to work on starting out at Uttoxeter so she's second choice, ahead of Pollyanna's Dream.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. JACKIE HOBBS 2. SERVICE MINIMUM 3. POLLYANNA'S DREAM****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race