

Tuesday 5th November

# WARWICK



**12.40** TRUSTATRADER trustatrader.com JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 1 **(3) RAKKI | (2) JUSTICE ROLL | (5) OUR LIL**

**1.15** TRUSTATRADER FOR TRADESPEOPLE YOU CAN TRUST NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m3f (3820 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) ASIAN STAR | (3) THE LONG POINT | (5) BREDON HILL**

**1.50** STAN MELLOR MEMORIAL BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 3 **(2) RAMBO T | (1) KINTAIL | (3) SKYCUTTER**

**2.25** TRUSTATRADER APPROVED & REVIEWED TRADESPEOPLE HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) IONTACH CHEVAL | (1) RED WINDSOR | (7) EZ TIGER**

**3.00** JETS RICHARD DAVIS AWARDS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 5 **(7) I'M RAVENOUS | (2) YES DAY | (6) GOD'S OWN GETAWAY**

**3.35** TRUSTATRADER APPLY TODAY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m5f (4220 Metres)

RACE 6 **(6) GETALEAD | (3) GRIS MAJEUR | (7) BABY SAGE**

**4.10** TRUSTATRADER FULLY VETTED TRADESPEOPLE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f100y (5120 Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) TOUCHWOOD EXPRESS | (6) JONY MAX | (2) FELTON BELLEVUE**

## 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.

**12.40****TRUSTATRADER trustatrader.com JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 3yo £6,500 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 CHARACTER TESTING (44) 87**

33 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Tom Ellis

**Miss Gina Andrews**

Fair on the Flat up to 10f for Tom Clover. Left that yard for £9,000 and not at that level both starts over hurdles, despite finishing third in each occasion. Has the run of the race at Plumpton and he looks vulnerable.

**2 JUSTICE ROLL (16) 95**

3 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gary &amp; Josh Moore

**Caolin Quinn (3lb/1kg)**

Fair on the Flat in France, winning a 13f maiden at Chateaubriant (good to soft) in June. Sound start to hurdles career when third at Kempton a fortnight ago and he's expected to build on that.

**3 RAKKI (24) 100**

3 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alan King

**Tom Cannon**

Fairly useful maiden on the Flat (stays 1¼m) but looks up to winning races over hurdles judged on his promising third-place finish at Chepstow 3 weeks ago. Improvement forthcoming and the one to beat.

**4 FLOWERING (IRE) 95**

3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Dan Skelton

**Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)**

Fair maiden handicapper on Flat (stays 1½m), rare poor effort last time. Sold from Charlie Johnston 15,000 gns in May and joined another successful yard. Cheekpieces removed for hurdles debut.

**5 OUR LIL (BF) 95**

3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Fair maiden on Flat (stays 1½m), runner-up in handicaps twice in 2024 for John Patrick Murtagh. Interesting hurdling newcomer (presumably the choice of Harry Skelton). Headgear off.

**6 SCOTTIE'S SISTER (GER) (27) (BF) 95**

73422 3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

**Jamie Brace (7lb/3kg)**

Brace of runner-up efforts in recent weeks entitle her to respect but there's no reason to think she's much better than her current level.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**13-8** Rakki, **4-1** Justice Roll, **5-1** Our Lil, **11-2** Scottie's Sister, **14-1** Flowering, **16-1** Character Testing

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

RAKKI has failed to win on the Flat so far but the wait shouldn't be too long over hurdles given the promise he displayed at Chepstow on his first crack over obstacles 3 weeks ago. Justice Roll also showed plenty to work on, while the market may help assess the Dan Skelton-trained pair.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. RAKKI 2. JUSTICE ROLL 3. OUR LIL****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2023 **Salver** 3-11-0 9-1 Gary Moore Jamie Moore 9**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race










**1.15****TRUSTATRADER FOR TRADESPEOPLE YOU CAN TRUST  
NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £6,500 2m3f (3820 Metres)**

RACE 2

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>ASIAN STAR (IRE) (13)</b>		<b>100</b>
	5-331 5 11-0   69.9kg		
	Dan Skelton 	<b>Harry Skelton</b>	
	Promise in bumpers and left hurdling debut form well behind when winning 9-runner novice at Southwell (15.8f, good) 13 days ago, plenty in hand. Sure to go on to better things and looks up to defying a penalty.		
<b>2</b>	<b>LORD OF THE GLANCE (18)</b>		<b>75</b>
	06-U 5 11-0   69.9kg		
	Alex Hales	<b>Bryan Carver</b>	
	Needed experience in bumpers and hampered and unseated first on recent Fakenham hurdling.		
<b>3</b>	<b>THE LONG POINT (IRE) (180)</b>		<b>92</b>
	1 5 11-0   69.9kg		
	Emma Lavelle	<b>Tom Bellamy</b>	
	£60,000 Kingston Hill gelding. Finished third sole start in Irish points and looks a good prospect when justifying support in 8-runner bumper at Huntingdon (15.8f) in May. Interesting hurdling debutant.		
<b>4</b>	<b>TONY'S TIPPLE (IRE)</b>		<b>76</b>
	5 11-0   69.9kg		
	Tom Ellis	<b>Miss Gina Andrews</b>	
	Golden Lariat gelding. Dam tailed off in 2 bumpers. Makes very little appeal on paper.		
<b>5</b>	<b>BREDON HILL (IRE) (30)</b>		<b>81</b>
	84-2 4 10-13   69.4kg		
	Nigel Twiston-Davies	<b>James Turner (71b/3kg)</b>	
	Has shaped with some encouragement in a pair of bumpers/Uttoxeter novice hurdle (19.9f). May do better.		
<b>6</b>	<b>EARCOMESSUE (17)</b>	t	<b>70</b>
	35/PP 7 10-7   66.7kg		
	Peter Pritchard	<b>James Davies</b>	
	Bit of promise in bumpers but has been pulled up both starts over hurdles back from a long absence.		
<b>7</b>	<b>RED PANDA (13)</b>	h	<b>77</b>
	06-35 5 10-7   66.7kg		
	Charlie Longsdon	<b>Lilly Pinchin</b>	
	Down the field in bumpers and, whilst she's offered a bit more both starts over hurdles, she looks one for handicaps after this run.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

evens Asian Star, 15-8 The Long Point, 7-1 Bredon Hill, 22-1 Red Panda, 66-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ASIAN STAR was value for plenty extra over the result when scoring at Southwell 13 days and looks up to defying a penalty on that evidence. The Long Point created a good impression in his sole bumper and is an obvious threat on this switch to hurdling.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. ASIAN STAR 2. THE LONG POINT 3. BREDON HILL

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Personal Ambition</b>	4-10-13	12-1	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	12
2022	<b>Gunnery Officer</b>	6-11-0	4-1	Stuart Edmunds	Charlie Hammond	12
2021	<b>Blue Stello</b>	5-10-12	3-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	11
2020	<b>Bothwell Bridge</b>	5-10-12	30-100f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	12
2019	<b>Espoir de Romay</b>	5-10-12	7-1	Kim Bailey	Ned Curtis (3)	13

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.50****STAN MELLOR MEMORIAL BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 4yo+  
£18,000 2½m (4020 Metres)**

RACE 3

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 KINTAIL (289) (C) 85**  
2/1145- 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Nicky Henderson

**Nico de Boinville**

Bumper and hurdles winner here, making a successful return/hurdles debut at this meeting last year. Not so good in handicap final start but the type to do well now chasing over this sort of trip.

**2 RAMBO T (IRE) (30) (D) 100**  
1361981-2 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Olly Murphy

**Sean Bowen**

Developed into a useful hurdler last season, winning 3 times at around this trip. Encouraging start in this sphere after 5 months off at Uttoxeter (2m), mistakes but just failing. Entitled to improve and return to this longer distance will suit.

**3 SKYCUTTER (FR) (207) 83**  
24130- 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Useful Flat performer and back in good form in handicap hurdles for new yard last term, winning at Carlisle. Lightly raced over this trip and no surprise if he develops into an even better chaser.

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

4-5 Rambo T, 3-1 Kintail, 7-2 Skycutter

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

RAMBO T made an encouraging chasing debut at Uttoxeter and with improvement expected back up in trip, he looks the one to beat, for all Kintail and Skycutter should both make their mark over fences for their leading stables.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. RAMBO T 2. KINTAIL 3. SKYCUTTER****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.25**

RACE 4

**TRUSTATRADER APPROVED & REVIEWED TRADESPEOPLE  
HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105) £7,000 2m  
(3220 Metres)**




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Pace Information: **Even**


**1 RED WINDSOR (IRE) (32)** s **98**  
3/42PP08-3 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Chris Gordon **Freddie Gordon (5lb/2kg)**  
Fairly useful hurdler at his best. Lost his way last season but more encouraging signs when third of 10 on 19f Fontwell reappearance 32 days ago. May come on for the run and dangerously well treated if reacting well to first-time cheekpieces.

**2 IONTACH CHEVAL (251) (CD)** ★ **100**  
18/39P5- 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Alastair Ralph **Jonathan Burke**  
Made a successful reappearance in this race 2 years ago. Hasn't hit the same heights in quite a light career since but returns from 8 months off with the Alastair Ralph stable in flying form.


**3 DEFINITE DREAM (IRE) (26)** t **93**  
3423 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Denis Coakley **Brendan Powell**  
Has reached the frame in 4 novice/maiden hurdles this summer. Has an unexposed profile now handicapping but shaped last time as if she may benefit from a return to 2½m as opposed to a sharp 2m.



**4 ROYAL DEESIDE (15)** **97**  
62323-5 4 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Alan King  **Tom Cannon**  
In good hands but no better than modest form over hurdles so far, albeit he is entitled to be sharper for a recent Plumpton outing after 6 months off.


**5 KOLISI (IRE) (510) (D)** s+t **93**  
224384/22- 6 11-8 | 73.5kg

 David Pipe **Jack Tudor**  
Runner-up twice in 2m handicap hurdles in June 2023 but not seen again until well held on the Flat at Salisbury last month. That should have blown away a few cobwebs but would still need to see market support to consider.

**6 JO'S RAINBOW (IRE) (26)** t **94**  
073447 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Dan Skelton  **Harry Skelton**  
Fair Flat winner but had yet to better modest form over hurdles, disappointing when seventh of 18 at Exeter last time. Can't be discounted given who trains her but others arrive with more pressing claims.


**7 EZ TIGER (IRE) (15) (D)** t **97**  
12F46-153 7 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Alex Hales **Bryan Carver**  
Back to winning ways at Plumpton (2m) in May and made a creditable return from 5 months off when third of 15 there a fortnight ago. Ought to be very competitive from an unchanged mark.

**8 PACIFIC (22)** **95**  
05-723 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

 Martin Keighley **James Best**  
Made a sound start to her handicap career when 9 lengths third on 2½m Hereford handicap debut 3 weeks ago. Down in trip. Another who can't be discounted.

**9 ONNAROLL (FR) (13)** h+t **90**  
4P368-7FP 6 10-2(9-9) | 64.4kg (61.2kg)

 Cynthia Woods **Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)**  
Poor maiden who is easy to oppose from out of the handicap.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-1** Iontach Cheval, **5-1** Ez Tiger, **6-1** Definite Dream, **13-2** Royal Deeside, **7-1** Red Windsor, **8-1** Pacific, **10-1** Jo's Rainbow, **10-1** Kolisi, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

With the Alastair Ralph stable going so well it's worth chancing IONTACH CHEVAL, who made a successful reappearance in this race 2 years ago from an 8 lb higher mark. Red Windsor will be a threat if building on quite an encouraging return to action at Fontwell. Ez Tiger is also respected on the back of his latest third in a big field at Plumpton.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. IONTACH CHEVAL 2. RED WINDSOR 3. EZ TIGER**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Tarahumara</b> 7-12-2	13-2	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	17
2022	<b>Iontach Cheval</b> 6-11-9	12-1	Alastair Ralph	Jonathan Burke	12
2021	<b>Opening Bid</b> 6-11-12	5-1	Chris Down	Tom Scudamore	8
2020	<b>Kannapolis</b> 5-11-10	10-3	Toby Lawes	Tom Cannon	13
2019	<b>Mack The Man</b> 5-11-12	11-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	14

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.00****JETS RICHARD DAVIS AWARDS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+  
(Rated 0-120) £10,250 2½m (4020 Metres)**

RACE 5

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 NORTHERN BOUND (IRE) (75) (CD)** s **97**  
54342-304 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Pauling

**Callum Pritchard (10lb/5kg)**

Winless since 2022 but he was placed at Chepstow and Aintree this spring. Well held both starts in the summer, however, so needs to bounce back.

**2 YES DAY (IRE) (222) (D)** **98**  
3/135237- 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Shaped as if amiss on his final start last season but had a good campaign over hurdles otherwise. Will make a chaser (won sole outing in Irish points) so claims can certainly be made.

**3 CHARLES RITZ (174) (D)** **89**  
642/1636-P 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Tom George

**Jonathan Burke**

Low-mileage 8-y-o who tasted success over hurdles and improved when opening his chase at Exeter (19.2f, heavy) on return on New Year's Day. However, gone backwards since so something to prove on comeback.

**4 BAGHEERA GINGE (50) (CD)** s **98**  
412-2PP25 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

**Mr Jamie Neild (7lb/3kg)**

Opened chase account at Warwick a year ago. Mixed record since but went close at Newton Abbot. Let down by jumping at Worcester next time but not dismissed for in-form yard.

**5 IMAC WOOD (FR) (38) (D)** t **98**  
131P-6613 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Deborah Cole

**Chris Ward (3lb/1kg)**

Back on the scoresheet when accounting for 5 rivals in a 2½m Uttoxeter handicap chase (soft) in July. Stamina seemingly stretched upped to 21.4f at Market Rasen back from a 10-week break last month and better expected now.

**6 GOD'S OWN GETAWAY (IRE) (16) (D)** t **100**  
431-21254 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Low-mileage 6-y-o who has already won twice over fences. Excuses both starts last month after 4 months off so not taken lightly with tongue strap applied.

**7 I'M RAVENOUS (FR) (35) (D)** t **98**  
4/42-31 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Ben Pauling

**Ben Jones**

Strong in the betting after 10 weeks off and got off the mark over hurdles at the fourth attempt in Sedgefield maiden over this trip last month, knocking down well. Quickly switches to chasing and this expensive point winner is very interesting on handicap bow.

**8 FAT SAM (42) (CD)** t **95**  
56-774452 10 11-3 | 71.2kg



Chris Down

**James Davies**

Four-time chase winner who came close to ending his losing run from a slipping mark at Fontwell 6 weeks ago. Up 4 lb in better race now, though. Tongue strap on 1st time.

**9 MANINSANE (IRE) (28) (D)** s+t **97**  
2463P86-2 9 10-13 | 69.4kg



Charlie Longsdon

**Lilly Pinchin**

Dual winner in first campaign over fences but not so consistent last term. Enhanced good record fresh when second at Huntingdon but remains to be seen if he's able to build on that.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** I'm Ravenous, **6-1** God's Own Getaway, **6-1** Imac Wood, **7-1** Yes Day, **15-2** Fat Sam, **8-1** Bagheera Ginge, **17-2** Maninsane, **16-1** Charles Ritz, **18-1** Northern Bound

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The 2 chasing newcomers I'M RAVENOUS and Yes Day look very interesting here with narrow preference for the race-fit I'm Ravenous. God's Own Getaway has had excuses of late so is another to consider for the Skeltons.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. I'M RAVENOUS 2. YES DAY 3. GOD'S OWN GETAWAY**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023 **Pepe Le Moko** 5-11-1 7-1 Mrs Jane Williams David Noonan 13

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.35****TRUSTATRADER APPLY TODAY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+  
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RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1** **DORRELLS PIERJI (FR) (26)** (D) **97**  
112/57F **11** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Dean Summersby

**Bryan Carver**

Veteran who scored twice over hurdles Dan Skelton in 2022. Won 5 times in points between April and June this year but limited impact back under Rules in recent months and it's easy enough to look elsewhere.

**2** **KEPAGGE (IRE) (14)** (D) **97**  
1/3346-829 **10** 12-0 | 76.2kg



David Pipe

**Jack Tudor**

Good record at Ffos Las and bounced back to form when runner-up there at the end of May. However, his recent reappearance spin at Exeter wasn't underwhelming, even allowing for the fact that it was his first outing for 5 months.

**3** **GRIS MAJEUR (FR) (22)** (D) **98**  
108P62/71 **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Sheila Lewis

**Sean Bowen**

Resumed winning ways when landing an 8-runner Hereford handicap (21.7f, good) last month. Remains feasibly treated following a 6 lb rise and he has to enter calculations.

**4** **SHANTOU EXPRESS (IRE) (19)** (D) **95**  
368976-P6 **9** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Kim Bailey

**Tom Bellamy**

Bagged a small-field Stratford handicap (26.4f, good) last season but hasn't fired since, including when down the field on return following another round of wind surgery at Wincanton 19 days ago.

**5** **MINELLA DOUBLE (IRE) (33)** **97**  
3P4-39145 **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Rob Summers

**James Best**

Surprise winner of a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Worcester (2½m, good) on second start for this yard in August. Not in the same form since, though, and he's likely to find a few too good once more.

**6** **GETALEAD (IRE) (9)** (CD) **100**  
566/754-P1 **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Kevin Pickard

**Gearoid Harney (71b/3kg)**

Came good at the fifth attempt for this yard under Gearoid Harney at Wincanton (15.2f, good) recently. Escapes a penalty for that and, with this step back up in trip unlikely to pose any problems, he's a must for the shortlist.

**7** **BABY SAGE (321)** (C) **95**  
10/U23- **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Alan King

**Tom Cannon**

Looked good when winning a bumper here on debut in February 2023 and placed both completed starts since switched to hurdles. Absent for 10 months ahead of this handicap debut but she's in good hands and unexposed, so there is cause for optimism.

**8** **GUSTOSO (26)** (D) **97**  
464P913-8 **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Henry Daly

**Jonathan Burke**

Much-improved when opening his account in first-time cheekpieces at Huntingdon in April. Backed it up with a good third at Perth later that month and while he failed to beat a rival home on last month's return at Exeter, he went without cheekpieces there (now refitted) and probably needed the run.

**9** **ILICO DE MONTAVE (FR) (176)** **96**  
05447-5 **6** 10-5 | 65.8kg



Rosemary Gasson

**Ben Poste**

Unplaced in sole point but displayed some ability in 2 bumpers for Tom Weston before Christmas and likewise when reaching the frame in a pair of 2m novice hurdles for Rosemary Gasson. However, he took backward steps switched to handicaps during the spring.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Getalead, **4-1** Gris Majeur, **11-2** Baby Sage, **15-2** Gustoso, **8-1** Shantou Express, **12-1** Kepagge, **22-1** Minella Double, **28-1** Dorrells Pierji, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Last-time-out winners GETALEAD and Gris Majeur could be the pair to concentrate on, with ready preference for the former who escapes a penalty for this recent Wincanton success under Gearoid Harney and moving back up in trip here will, if anything, probably be a good thing. The unexposed Baby Sage and Gustoso can do battle for minor honours.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. GETALEAD 2. GRIS MAJEUR 3. BABY SAGE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2023 **Benign Dictator** 6-12-2 10-1 Olly Murphy Dylan Johnston (7) 14**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race



**4.10**

RACE 7

**TRUSTATRADER FULLY VETTED TRADESPEOPLE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,500 3m1f100y (5120 Metres)**















Going: **Good**

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

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Pace Information: **Weak**

	<b>1</b>	<b>MARETTIMO (IRE) (20)</b> P451/32-4P 10 12-0   76.2kg		<b>93</b>	<i>Harry Kimber</i>
Fair handicap chaser who shaped as if retaining his ability after 17 months off when fourth at Fontwell (26f) last month. Heavy ground may have caught him out when pulled up at Worcester (23f, heavy) 3 weeks ago and sounder surface here in his favour from steadily easing mark.					
	<b>2</b>	<b>FELTON BELLEVUE (FR) (20) (D)</b> 2422314-4 9 11-11   74.8kg	s+t	<b>99</b>	<i>Harry Bannister</i>
Ben Case Generally reliable and gained a deserved first win for over 2 years at Southwell in March. Respectable efforts both starts since, latterly after 6 months when fourth of 14 in handicap chase at Worcester (23f, heavy) 20 days ago. Respected.					
	<b>3</b>	<b>MY BAD LUCY (205) (C)</b> 536141/6P- 8 11-8   73.5kg		<b>86</b>	<i>James Davies</i>
Nick Gifford Improved sent chasing in 2022/23, winning twice at 3m. However, well held confined to just 2 starts last term and the betting may well prove a useful guide on this return from 6 months off.					
	<b>4</b>	<b>TWILIGHT GLORY (195)</b> 3P/5P116P- 8 11-7   73.0kg	s+t	<b>96</b>	<i>Alan Johns</i>
Tim Vaughan Won back-to-back handicap chases earlier this year but struggled to get anywhere near that level on final 2 starts, pulled up in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (24f, heavy) in April. Possible this run will bring him on returning from 6 months off.					
	<b>5</b>	<b>TOUCHWOOD EXPRESS (IRE) (28)</b> 36-491 5 11-6   72.6kg		<b>98</b>	<i>Tom Bellamy</i>
Nigel Twiston-Davies Successful on sole outing in points and, with cheekpieces enlisted, he improved on his exploits over hurdles when making a winning handicap chase debut at Huntingdon (23.6f) 4 weeks ago. Totally unexposed and big shout up 7 lb in follow-up bid.					
	<b>6</b>	<b>JONY MAX (IRE) (19) (D)</b> 70009872 9 11-2   70.8kg	t	 <b>100</b>	<i>Jack Tudor</i>
Christian Williams Tumbled down the weights since returning in the spring and travelled much more sweetly with blinkers enlisted when second of 9 in handicap chase at Wincanton (25.1f, good) 19 days ago. Worth considering from 1 lb higher in the hope the headgear has desired effect again.					
	<b>7</b>	<b>EVEN BREAK (IRE) (100)</b> 60/7-P 6 10-13   69.4kg		<b>98</b>	<i>Ben Poste</i>
Rosemary Gasson Unplaced sole start in Irish points and little to shout about in bumper/4 starts over hurdles, the latest after 15 months off when pulled up in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (19.9f, good to firm) in July. Goes chasing now following wind surgery but he's hard to make a case for.					
	<b>8</b>	<b>EIGHTYTWO TEAM (IRE) (43)</b> 135-3342P 8 10-6   66.2kg	s+t	<b>97</b>	<i>Brendan Powell</i>
Clare Ellam Typically made hard work of things but made the frame again when second at Market Rasen (21.4f) in August. Disappointed having made the running when pulled up at Sedgefield (263f) 6 weeks ago but each-way claims if bouncing back.					
	<b>9</b>	<b>SAXON QUEEN (19)</b> 21222-76 7 10-6   66.2kg	s	<b>90</b>	<i>Shane Fenelon (51b/2kg)</i>
Peter & Michael Bowen Hurdles winner who finished runner-up on chase debut at Worcester (23f) last summer. Operating some way below her best in 2 starts over hurdles/fences since returning from a year off, however.					
	<b>10</b>	<b>RAINDANCE QUEEN (IRE) (120)</b> 8P70-P00 7 10-5   65.8kg		<b>98</b>	<i>James Best</i>
William de Best-Turner Placed both starts between the flags early in 2022 but has shown little in over hurdles and well-beaten sent chasing at Worcester (23f) in July. Hard to make a case for.					

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**13-8** Touchwoodexpress, **4-1** Jony Max, **7-1** Felton Bellevue, **10-1** Twilight Glory, **14-1** Eightytwo Team, **14-1** My Bad Lucy, **18-1** Marettimo, **22-1** Saxon Queen, **28-1** Even Break, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Low-mileage 5-y-o TOUCHWOOD EXPRESS surpassed the form shown over hurdles when making a winning chase debut at Huntingdon (23.6f) 4 weeks ago and, with his yard continuing in fine form, he earns the vote to maintain his 100% record in this sphere. Jony Max, who bounced back to form when runner-up at Wincanton latest, may emerge as the chief threat. Likeable 9-y-o Felton Bellevue is another likely to be thereabouts.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. TOUCHWOOD EXPRESS 2. JONY MAX 3. FELTON BELLEVUE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023 **Percy Veering** 6-10-9 10-1 Kim Bailey Ciaran Gettings 18

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race