

Thursday 7th November

LUDLOW



12.40 MICHAEL OLIVER MEMORIAL AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m5f55y (4270 Metres)

RACE 1 **(8) OF COURSE YOU CAN | (4) THANK YOU MA'AM | (3) JOCATA**

1.15 WELCOME TO PONTESBURY TRACTORS JUVENILE HURDLE (4) 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)

RACE 2 **(5) USUARIO AMIGO | (4) SEE THE GREEN | (1) KOTGAR**

1.50 ASHBROOK PLANT & HIRE POWERED ACCESS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 1m7f212y (3210 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) NED CASH | (2) GERARD MENTOR | (4) EVERYONESACRITIC**

2.25 ANGELA HEMS HAPPY 65th BIRTHDAY MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m5f55y (4270 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA | (3) THE SECRET PEARL | (2) SQUIGGLES**

3.00 PONTESBURY TRACTORS CASE IH RED POWER "INTRODUCTORY" HURDLE (2) 2m5f55y (4270 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) WENDIGO | (1) DEEP PURPLE | (5) THE EXPENSIVE ONE**

3.35 PONTESBURY TRACTORS CASE IHAFS CONNECT HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m1f125y (5140 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) ASK BREWSTER | (2) INFLEXIBLE | (1) THE KNIPHAND**

4.10 PONTESBURY TRACTORS LTD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)

RACE 7 **(2) FRONTIER PRINCE | (4) INTOSOMETHINGGOOD | (1) FARHH ECHO**

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

MICHAEL OLIVER MEMORIAL AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-120) £9,000 2m5f55y (4270 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **MIDNIGHTREFLECTION (170)** (D) s  **100**
 U216857-P **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Case

Mr Charlie Case (51b/2kg)

Not seen since pulled up at Huntingdon in May but won good-ground Ascot handicap (off 5 lb higher) this time last year and is worth monitoring in market on return.

2 **HARDY FELLA (IRE) (28)** (C) **95**
 4154PP-P5 **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Emma Lavelle

Mr Cameron Johnstone-Baker (71b/3kg)

Scored over fences at Fontwell this time last year but failed to complete on next 3 starts. Stopped the slide to some extent when sixth in Exeter handicap hurdle (18.5f) latest but others more convincing.

3 **JOCATA (FR) (161)** **97**
 1/3P0524-2 **5** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Nicky Henderson

Mr Daniel Williams (71b/3kg)

Near best form when second of 6 in minor event chase at Nantes (21.4f, soft, 19/10) in May. Since joined Nicky Henderson and warrants plenty of respect on yard debut.

4 **THANK YOU MA'AM (21)** s **99**
 032220P-2 **5** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Georgina Nicholls

Miss Olive Nicholls (31b/1kg)

Made the frame on several occasions last term and posted good second of 9 in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (21.4f, good, 12/1) on return 21 days ago. Cheekpieces now added for first time and not taken lightly.

5 **PARIKARMA (IRE) (135)** s **98**
 9271645-1 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg



John & Rhys Flint

Miss Imogen Mathias (51b/2kg)

Lost her way for Gary Moore after a claiming win in January but revived at the first time of asking for this yard when landing a Newton Abbot handicap (16.8f) in June. This looks tougher but she will be fit from a spell on the Flat.

6 **SCHOOL DAYS OVER (IRE) (27)** (D) s **98**
 64-P3333P **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg



Fergal O'Brien

Mr H. D. O'Dwyer (71b/3kg)

Disappointed in Chepstow handicap chase latest but had proved consistent in handicap hurdles previously and remains feably treated.

7 **SHINJI (IRE) (112)** (BF) h **97**
 256R6-127 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Martin Keighley

Mr Freddie Keighley (71b/3kg)

Off the mark at Southwell (15.8f) in June and backed that up with good second at Newton Abbot a fortnight later. Wasn't in same form when last seen at Worcester in June, however, and tries longer trip now. Hood back on.

8 **OF COURSE YOU CAN (29)** (CD) t  **98**
 7533-4F81 **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg



Neil Mulholland

Mr Jack Hendrick (51b/2kg)

Career best when impressively winning 7-runner handicap hurdle over C&D (good) 29 days ago. 10 lb higher now but must enter calculations.

9 **MELTON MOSSY (IRE) (48)** t **96**
 00-115416 **5** 10-8 | 67.1kg



Evan Williams

Miss Eleanor Williams (71b/3kg)

Back on the up when landing a 15-runner event at Newton Abbot (18.5f) in August and, while he didn't back it up at the same course since, he's still worthy of respect.

10 **BAHTIYAR (FR) (7)** **88**
 2P5-55345 **6** 10-5 | 65.8kg



Max Young

Mr Billy Marshall (71b/3kg)

Still looking for first success and was below form on debut for new yard at Stratord 7 days ago.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Of Course You Can, **6-1** Jocata, **7-1** Thank You Ma'am, **15-2** Shinji, **8-1** Parikarma, **9-1** Melton Mossy, **10-1** School Days Over, **12-1** Midnightreflection, **14-1** Hardy Fella, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

OF COURSE YOU CAN has been raised 10 lb for last month's C&D success but she won in emphatic fashion and may be able to follow up. Thank You Ma'am and Jocata rate the principal dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OF COURSE YOU CAN 2. THANK YOU MA'AM 3. JOCATA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Ramo 6-11-12	4-1jf	Venetia Williams	Miss Lucy Turner	12
2022	Blenkinsop 5-10-12	5-2f	Henry Daly	Alice Stevens (5)	12
2021	Ferrobin 7-11-10	16-1	Max Young	Tristan Durrell (7)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.15**WELCOME TO PONTESBURY TRACTORS JUVENILE HURDLE**
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RACE 2

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1 KOTGAR (IRE) (26) 69
4 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Evan Williams

Adam Wedge

Fair maiden on Flat in France, in frame all 5 starts, stays 1¼m. Left Jean-Claude Rouget's yard for €25,000 in July but offered little on hurdles debut last month.

2 NORMANDY LEGEND (22) 68
P 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Henry Brooke

Fairly useful form on Flat, sold from James Ferguson 20,000 gns in July. Joined another good yard ahead of hurdles bow but showed very little fitted with a tongue tie at Wetherby.

3 OFFIAH'S BOY 67
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joe Tickle

Taylor Fisher

Dam half-sister to useful 2m hurdle winner (stayed 2½m) El Namoose. Modest maiden on Flat (stays 8.5f), placed in handicap penultimate outing.

4 SEE THE GREEN 74
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Anthony Charlton

James Best

Fairly useful on Flat (should stay beyond 1½m), won maiden in 2024, shaped as if amiss last time. Sold from Owen Burrows 42,000 gns in July and gelded ahead of hurdles debut. Has the raw ability to play a part.

5 USUARIO AMIGO (18) 100
2 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



James Owen

Sam Twiston-Davies

Pretty useful on the Flat, getting off the mark in a 7f Brighton maiden in September. Hooded and sound start over hurdles when second at Kempton 18 days ago. Hard to beat.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-9 Usuario Amigo, **5-1** See The Green, **12-1** Kotgar, **20-1** Normandy Legend, **22-1** Offiah's Boy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Winter ground may pose USUARIO AMIGO a problem later in the season but with this emphasis on speed for now, he can outclass these. See The Green displayed more than enough on the level to make him the chief threat now tackling obstacles.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. USUARIO AMIGO 2. SEE THE GREEN 3. KOTGAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Saisissante 3-10-7	7-4f	Noel Williams	James Davies	9
2022	Borntobealeader 3-11-0	5-2f	David Pipe	Fergus Gillard (3)	8
2021	Tease And Seize 3-10-12	11-4	Ollly Murphy	Fergus Gregory (3)	7
2020	Talking About You 3-10-11	20-1	Sean Curran	Kielan Woods	11
2019	Group Stage 3-10-12	2-1	Alan King	A. P. Heskin	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 DUNSTALL RAMBLER (IRE) (16) h **84**
2/0/PF2-7U 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Tom George

Jonathan Burke

Just modest form at best over hurdles and yet to convince with his jumping over the larger obstacles, well held when departing after 5 months off at Exeter (17.5f, good to soft) 16 days ago. Others more appealing with that in mind.

2 GERARD MENTOR (FR) (35) (C, D) s+t **87**
0-466061P 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Kim Bailey

Ciaran Gethings

4-time hurdles winner in 2022. Patchy record subsequently but encouragingly built on chase debut effort when landing 13-runner handicap at Worcester (16.5f) in September, quickening to lead entering final 1f. Ran too badly to be true at Southwell since so needs to bounce back quickly.

3 NED CASH (32) (BF) ★ **100**
5/3P-76392 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Signed off for Richard Phillips with a modest ninth at Stratford in July and made a reasonably promising start to life with a new yard when runner-up at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) last month, still a little rough around the edges. Leading claims for in-form stable on chase debut.

4 EVERYONESACRITIC (IRE) (31) s **87**
40144-338 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Evan Williams

Adam Wedge

Made a successful handicap debut with cheekpieces added at Musselburgh (19.8f, soft) in February. Best effort since when third at Southwell in May and shaped as if needing the run sent chasing after 5 months off at Stratford (19.4f, good to soft) recently. Should build on that.

5 DREAMING DIAMOND (IRE) (19) (D) s **87**
7/P-P3572P 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Max Young

Charlie Hammond

Bumper winner who produced just about her best effort yet over jumps when finding just one too good in a 15.8f Uttoxeter handicap hurdle in July. However, she showed nothing starting out for this much lower-profile yard at Stratford recently and now heads back over fences in reapplied cheekpieces.

6 HERECOMESHOGAN (IRE) (16) b+t **85**
628-76639 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Martin Keighley

Daire McConville (71b/3kg)

Runner-up in a Hereford handicap chase in January but hasn't threatened in 6 subsequent starts, including back over hurdles at Exeter recently. Tried in a change of headgear reverted to fences but not one to go overboard about.

7 HAAFBACK (182) h+t **84**
P992-0 6 10-6 | 66.2kg



Emma-Jane Bishop

James Best

Lightly-raced maiden hurdler who left his previous form behind when second on handicap debut at Kempton (2m, good) in April. Failed to confirm that at Stratford (18.7f, good) the following month but worth a market glance on return/chase debut.

8 COFFICIONADO (IRE) (37) t **85**
435-28559 4 10-3 | 64.9kg



Donald McCain

William Maggs (51b/2kg)

On the back of a breathing operation, he found only one too good on handicap debut at Market Rasen in May. Has failed to scale those heights over the summer (hooded on latest) and now attentions are turned to the larger obstacles.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Ned Cash, **7-1** Gerard Mentor, **15-2** Everyonesacritic, **15-2** Dreaming Diamond, **12-1** Herecomes Hogan, **12-1** Cofficionado, **14-1** Dunstall Rambler, **16-1** Haafback

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Those with chasing experience don't set a tall standard to aim at so NED CASH is fancied to make a winning start in this sphere for his in-form yard at the expense of Gerard Mentor, who won on his penultimate outing at Worcester and can shrug off a dismal effort at Southwell since. Everyonesacritic was entitled to need the outing on his recent chase bow, so he completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. NED CASH 2. GERARD MENTOR 3. EVERYONESACRITIC****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Famoso 7-10-9	5-1	Matt Sheppard	Stan Sheppard	8
2022	Presuming Ed 7-12-0	13-2	Adam West	Lee Edwards	6
2021	Heart of A Lion 6-11-12	7-2	Alan King	Tom Cannon	7
2020	Raving Bonkers 7-10-3	25-1	Oliver Greenall	Robert Dunne	12
2019	Darling Alko 6-12-3	6-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race










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RACE 4

ANGELA HEMS HAPPY 65th BIRTHDAY MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 3yo+ fillies and mares
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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1	DARK HEATHER (IRE) (672)	72
	5F949P/ 7 11-6 72.6kg Ben Lund Poor maiden who looks set for another struggle after a long absence.	Ben Poste
2	SQUIGGLES (IRE) (180)	75
	0 5 11-6 72.6kg James Owen £45,000 buy after winning point in Ireland. Disappointing in a bumper for Sue Smith but worthy of a market check upped in trip for hurdling debut by new yard (has been off almost 6 months).	Sam Twiston-Davies
3	THE SECRET PEARL (IRE) (243)	79
	2450- 5 11-6 72.6kg Alex Hales Runner-up on her final start in Irish points and made a solid start to her Rules career when 8 lengths second of 16 in a bumper at Wetherby. Disappointed in listed company at Sandown 8 months ago, but could get back on track now hurdling.	Kielan Woods
4	HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA (IRE) (199)	 100
	11- 4 11-5 72.1kg Jamie Snowden Won both starts in bumpers in the spring and is bred to take to hurdling, so should take all the beating up in trip for debut in this sphere.	Gavin Sheehan
5	MOLLY MASON (IRE)	76
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill  4 11-5 72.1kg €23,000 3-y-o. Sandmason filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including fairly useful 2½m/2¾m hurdle winner Bioluminescence and fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser The Flame. Interesting newcomer on paper.	Richie McLernon
6	SAIN ET SAUF (11)	74
	6 4 11-5 72.1kg Barry Brennan From the family of Protektorat but little impact in 3 point bumpers and a novice at Wincanton on hurdling debut.	Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)
7	TILLY'S GUNNER (40)	73
	6 4 11-5 72.1kg Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole Half-sister to useful hurdler Sam's Gunner but not a great deal of promise in a novice at Market Rasen on hurdling debut, looking green. May do better.	Charlie Hammond

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-11 Hollygrove Cha Cha, **11-2** The Secret Pearl, **17-2** Molly Mason, **11-1** Squiggles, **22-1** Tilly's Gunner, **25-1** Sain Et Sauf, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA looked above average in winning both outings in bumpers and there's no reason why she won't make a hurdler, so she gets the nod ahead of The Secret Pearl, who also showed something to work on in that sphere. Squiggles is worthy of a market check on debut for a new stable.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA 2. THE SECRET PEARL 3. SQUIGGLES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Lilting Verse** 6-11-6 5-1 Fergal O'Brien Connor Brace 13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race








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RACE 5

**PONTESBURY TRACTORS CASE IH RED POWER
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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	DEEP PURPLE (IRE) (15)	82
	21 5 11-2 70.8kg	
	Dan Skelton  Kielan Woods	
	Point winner who confirmed promise of Rules debut when off the mark in a bumper at Southwell 15 days ago. Longer trip will suit on hurdling debut and he's of definite interest.	
2	LIGHTNINGPOURDAYS (187)	82
	4/33-4 5 11-2 70.8kg	
	Alastair Ralph Jonathan Burke	
	Some promise when in frame all 3 starts in bumpers and showed a bit in a novice at Uttoxeter on hurdling debut 6 months ago. Will likely be of more interest in handicaps, though.	
3	WENDIGO (FR) (26) (BF)	 100
	311-2 5 11-2 70.8kg	
	Jamie Snowden Gavin Sheehan	
	£70,000 recruit from the Irish pointing field who built on his Worcester debut third when landing short odds in a Hexham bumper a year ago. Good start to hurdling on first start since when second in a novice at the same course. Can go one better.	
4	LENNIE GODBER (11)	47
	60-7 4 11-1 70.3kg	
	Steph Cameron Ben Poste	
	No show in 2 bumpers for Nigel Twiston-Davies in March and failed to beat a rival on hurdling/stable debut at Aintree 11 days ago. Hard to fancy.	
5	THE EXPENSIVE ONE (IRE) (20)	85
	6-13 4 11-1 70.3kg	
	Nigel Twiston-Davies Sam Twiston-Davies	
	Half-brother to smart bumper winner/top-class hurdler The New One. Won a bumper at Newton Abbot in September and showed some aptitude for hurdling when third in a novice at Fakenham. Could do better up in trip.	

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-11 Wendigo, **11-4** Deep Purple, **6-1** The Expensive One, **11-1** Lightningupourdays, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Bumper winner WENDIGO returned from almost a year off with an excellent second in a novice at Hexham on hurdling debut and this step up in trip should be in his favour, so he gets the vote ahead of Deep Purple, who should take to this sphere. The Expensive One can compete if the extra distance brings improvement out of him.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WENDIGO 2. DEEP PURPLE 3. THE EXPENSIVE ONE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Choccabloc 5-11-2	4-7f	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	6
2022	Itso Fury 5-11-7	5-6f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	4
2021	Current Mood 6-10-12	11-10f	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	6
2020	Threeunderthrive 5-11-5	7-4	Paul Nicholls	A. P. Heskin	4
2019	House Island 5-11-0	3-1	Paul Webber	Gavin Sheehan	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race







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RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	THE KNIPHAND (FR) (35)	98
	11P15/25-1 6 12-1 76.7kg Nigel Twiston-Davies Improved model switched to handicaps/pped to 3m over hurdles in 2022/23, battling well when gaining a third success at Market Rasen (23f) in March. Better than ever when making third chase start a winning one at Southwell last month, forging clear. Up 5 lb but this trip will suit.	Sam Twiston-Davies
2	INFLEXIBLE (FR) (21) (D)	100
	5323331-F 6 11-11 74.8kg Tom George Showed improved form to get off the mark fitted with cheekpieces at Wincanton in April, probably benefiting from being sent to the front a long way out. Looks a thorough stayer and would have finished a clear second had he not fallen 2 out on reappearance 3 weeks ago.	Jonathan Burke
3	ROCKINASTORM (IRE) (27) (C)	97
	11351P2-3 7 11-7 73.0kg Henry Daly Winless over hurdles but quickly set the record straight over fences last term, gaining a third victory here (23.8f) in February. Just touched off back here in April and sound reappearance when third at Chepstow a month ago.	David Bass
4	TIDE TIMES (IRE) (168) (CD)	96
	P/4P41PP-P 10 11-4 71.7kg Ian Williams All 4 of his wins over fences have come at Ludlow, with his latest success over 23.8f in December. Completely lost his way during first half of 2024 so comes with major risks attached.	Charlie Todd
5	ASK BREWSTER (IRE) (14) (C)	98
	44831-1 5 11-2 70.8kg Evan Williams Showed improved form to get off the mark under Rules reverted to patient tactics in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f, soft) back in March. Won sole start in points and looked a better chaser when making winning start in 3-runner contest (23.8f) here a fortnight ago. More to come.	Adam Wedge
6	BALLYWOOD (FR) (27) (C)	95
	0056 10 10-8 67.1kg Georgie Howell Useful chaser at his peak for Alan King but well beaten so far over both sets of obstacles for this yard. Worth a go at this trip but others far more persuasive. Cheekpieces on.	Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Ask Brewster, **5-2** The Kniphand, **7-2** Inflexible, **6-1** Rockinastorm, **22-1** Tide Times, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having won a point early in his career, ASK BREWSTER improved immediately for the switch to fences when successful here a fortnight ago and looks a chaser to keep on the right side of. Inflexible and The Kniphand are the chief threats.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ASK BREWSTER 2. INFLEXIBLE 3. THE KNIPHAND

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Robyndzone 9-11-1	4-1	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	9
2022	Topofthecotswolds 8-12-1	3-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	5
2021	Reve 7-11-7	4-1	Martin Keighley	Sean Bowen	8
2020	Versatility 6-11-9	4-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	7
2019	Bobo Mac 8-11-3	3-1f	Tom Symonds	A. P. Heskin	9

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4.10**PONTESBURY TRACTORS LTD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT
(5) 3yo £4,500 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)****RACE 7****GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to 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: **Very Weak**

1	FARHH ECHO (IRE) (30)	90
	7 3 11-0 69.9kg D. J. Jeffreys The penny was dropping late on as he finished with running left on debut at Huntingdon (20/1) 4 weeks ago. Entitled to improve.	Kielan Woods
2	FRONTIER PRINCE	100
	3 11-0 69.9kg Fergal O'Brien Frontiersman gelding. Half-brother to Stungbythemaster, who made winning bumper debut for the yard. Obvious appeal.	Jonathan Burke
3	GREGORIANS STAR (IRE)	90
	3 11-0 69.9kg Sheena West Gregorian gelding. Half-brother to useful 6f-1m winner Gumais. Dam 8.4f/8.6f winner.	Marc Goldstein
4	INTOSOMETHINGGOOD	96
	3 11-0 69.9kg Nigel Twiston-Davies €17,000 3-y-o, Dragon Dancer gelding. Half-brother to bumper winner Cloudy View. Dam maiden hurdler (stayed 2½m), sister to fairly useful 2m hurdle winner Humphrey Bogart. Must be respected.	Sam Twiston-Davies
5	KRUGERRAND (IRE)	92
	3 11-0 69.9kg Nigel Tinkler Ten Sovereigns gelding. Dam unraced.	Jamie Hamilton
6	MIDSUMMER DREAM (FR)	90
	3 11-0 69.9kg Toby Bulgin Kapparde gelding. Dam ran once on Flat in France.	Gavin Sheehan
7	VORDERMAN (16)	86
	8 3 11-0 69.9kg Roger Teal Bred for middle-distances and from a Flat yard, was in headgear for recent debut at Exeter and made an unpromising start.	Ben Ffrench Davis (5lb/2kg)

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Frontier Prince, **10-3** Intosomethinggood, **6-1** Midsummer Dream, **7-1** Farhh Echo, **17-2** Krugerrand, **12-1** Gregorians Star, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FRONTIER PRINCE is a half-brother to one who made a successful start in bumpers for the yard and makes most appeal in a race that might not take much winning. Intosomethinggood is an obvious player for Nigel Twiston-Davies, while Farhh Echo could improve on his opening effort at Huntingdon and take a hand.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FRONTIER PRINCE 2. INTOSOMETHINGGOOD 3. FARHH ECHO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Lightning Flash** 3-11-0 13-2 Nigel Twiston-Davies Tom Bellamy 11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race