

Thursday 7th November

NEWBURY



12.30 GET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT BetVictor CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m69y (3280 Metres)

RACE 1 **(5) JUNKANOO | (7) KING WILLIAM RUFUS | (4) SCHMILSSON**

1.05 AGETUR UK NOVICES' HURDLE (3) 2m69y (3280 Metres)

RACE 2 **(5) PURE CARBON | (3) L'ASTRONOME | (6) ROYSSE**

1.40 BetVictor's WEEKEND WINNERS NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f86y (4710 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE | (2) COLLECTORS ITEM | (6) HUGOS NEW HORSE**

2.17 CSP MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (2) 2m69y (3280 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) LISTENTOYOURHEART | (4) ROARING HOME | (3) MARY**

2.52 PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (2) 3m52y (4880 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) MAJOR FORTUNE | (2) EMITOM | (1) MONMIRAL**

3.27 GET A RUN FOR YOUR MONEY AT BetVictor HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m3f187y (3990 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) THELASTHIGHKING | (1) I'D LIKE TO KNOW | (3) TWINJETS**

4.02 BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 2m69y (3280 Metres)

RACE 7 **(2) BROOKSIDE LA | (1) BOBAJOB | (7) WANDERING EGO**

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











GET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT BetVictor CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £17,500 2m69y (3280 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places Hurdle course)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	AURIGNY MILL (FR) (180) (D)		100
	12/51104-P 7 12-0 76.2kg Robert Walford	Joe Anderson	
	Back-to-back wins at Wincanton and Kempton in December. Faced a stiff task in the Belfair Hurdle but ran an unusually poor race in the Swinton Handicap when last seen in May. Sort to bounce back quickly so worth a market check returning for in-form new yard (has left Victor Dartnall).		
2	HOOPER (529) (D)		97
	33334/3- 8 11-10 74.4kg Nicky Henderson	Lily Jones (10lb/5kg)	
	Quirky sort who ran creditably when third in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Fontwell (19.2f, good to firm) when last seen 17 months ago. Not seen since but is capable of going well fresh.		
3	HOME FREE (IRE) (10) (D)	t	96
	3/3215-211 6 11-5 72.1kg Dan Skelton 	Non Runner	
	Hurdles winner who opened his chase account returning from 5 months off (had wind op and tongue tied) at Uttoxeter in October and improved again when following up in emphatic fashion at Ayr. Back over hurdles now from same mark and warrants respect. NON RUNNER.		
4	SCHMILSSON (22) (D)	h	98
	372123-1 5 11-3 71.2kg Olly Murphy	Beau Morgan (3lb/1kg)	
	Fairly useful performer on Flat for Andrew Balding who got off the mark over hurdles in a Sedgefield maiden back in February. Disappointed on handicap debut at Stratford but bounced back with a bang when scoring at Wetherby (2m) on reappearance 22 days ago, just holding on. Respected up 3 lb.		
5	JUNKANOO (15) (D)	v	97
	2221P8-53 7 11-3 71.2kg Gary & Josh Moore	Caolin Quinn (3lb/1kg)	
	Fairly useful handicapper on Flat and similar form over hurdles last winter, off the mark at Plumpton (15.9f) in January. Hasn't fired in handicap company since but he ran creditably from an easing mark at Fontwell 15 days ago and looks interesting back at 2m.		
6	MUCUNA (GER) (272) (D)		90
	12111/53- 5 11-0 69.9kg Anthony Charlton	Bradley Harris	
	Just a modest Flat winner but quickly made up into a better hurdler in summer 2022, winning 4 juveniles. Shaped as if retaining ability back from 18 months off here in December and ran to a similar at Kempton when last seen in February. Reappears from a 2 lb lower mark.		
7	KING WILLIAM RUFUS (FR) (34) (D, BF)		99
	6725612-2 7 10-12 68.9kg Chris Gordon	Freddie Gordon	
	Opened hurdles account at the sixth attempt when making all in a Plumpton maiden (2m, good to soft) in March and has found only one too good both outings since, including in a Fontwell novice (17.7f) on reappearance last month. Should go well again.		
8	ALMUHIT (IRE) (15)		87
	660/07-576 5 10-5 65.8kg Gary Brown	Isabelle Ryder (10lb/5kg)	
	Fairly useful maiden hurdler at his best but he proved to be a disappointment on debut for new yard here in September and has fared little better both starts since. Others more persuasive.		

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Schmilsson, **7-2** King William Rufus, **11-2** Junkanoo, **11-2** Hooper, **10-1** Mucuna, **12-1** Aurigny Mill, **28-1** Almuhit

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JUNKANOO looks attractively handicapped on some of last season's novice form having eased in the weights, so he receives the tentative vote with the drop back in trip likely to suit. King William Rufus seems likely to go well again back in handicap company, with recent Wetherby scorer Schmilsson another to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JUNKANOO 2. KING WILLIAM RUFUS 3. SCHMILSSON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Brentford Hope 6-11-8	11-4jf	Harry Derham	Alice Stevens (3)	11
2022	Herbiers 5-12-2	11-4	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Toby Wynne (6)	7
2021	Siroco Jo 4-11-6	5-2	Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams (3)	6
2020	Tomorrow Mystery 6-11-6	6-5f	Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams (3)	9
2019	Zanza 5-11-12	3-1f	Philip Hobbs	Sean Houlihan (3)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.05**AGETUR UK NOVICES' HURDLE (3) 4yo+ £10,000 2m69y
(3280 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Willmount 5-11-0	1-3f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	13
2022	Lock Out 5-11-0	4-11f	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	3
2021	Silent Revolution 5-10-12	9-4	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6
2020	Dusart 5-10-12	7-4	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	12
2019	Sir Valentine 6-10-12	4-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 FORT ST ANGELO (IRE) (29) 91

2 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Chris Gordon

Rex Dingle

Successful on second of 2 starts in Irish points (May 6) and showed definite promise when runner-up on Rules debut in a Ludlow bumper (15.8f, good) last month. That looked like a decent contest and, with improvement likely now switched to hurdles, he's not discounted.

2 HARTINGTON (IRE) (22) 89

453-5 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Promising third of 15 in a Market Rasen maiden (20.6f, good to soft) on hurdles debut in April. Unsited by drop to this trip on return at Worcester last month and it would appear that the focus is on getting this third qualifying run under his belt ahead of a switch to handicaps.

3 L'ASTRONOME 100

5 11-0 | 69.9kg

James Owen

Harry Cobden

Useful performer at his best on the Flat, counting a Group 2 success among his 4 wins in France. Shaped well on debut for Hugo Palmer at Chester last September and, though below par since, he is very much of interest switched to hurdles for new yard with Harry Cobden booked.

4 PORTCAMMON (IRE) (59) 89

1-47 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Neil Mulholland

Sean Bowen

Landed the odds in good style in a Roscommon bumper for Willie Mullins last year. Has failed to build on that since, including on handicap bow at Galway in September, but he's nevertheless an interesting recruit for the Neil Mulholland yard with handicaps likely to be on the agenda before long.

5 PURE CARBON (35) 97

93-2 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

Stepped up on his bumper debut when third of 12 in one at Huntingdon in April. Further progress when second to odds-on shot Captain Marvellous on return/handicap debut at Warwick (2m, good) and he's likely to make a bold bid to go one better here.

6 ROYSSE (289) (C, D) 96

41- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Unbeaten in 3 points and duly built on his Rules debut promise when landing a 10-runner bumper here (2m, soft) in January. That race has already produced 4 subsequent winners and, with the promise of better to come now sent hurdling, he has to enter calculations. Has undergone a wind op.

7 WELLINGTON ARCH (208) (D) 90

1340- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Followed narrow Worcester bumper debut success last October with a couple of decent efforts in defeat. Struggled in Grade 2 company at Aintree when last seen during the spring but now switches to hurdles at a realistic level and he's worth a second look.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 L'astronome, **10-3** Pure Carbon, **4-1** Roysse, **8-1** Fort St Angelo, **12-1** Wellington Arch, **14-1** Portcammon, **16-1** Hartington

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's probably fair to say that PURE CARBON was flattered by his proximity to the winner when runner-up on hurdles debut at Warwick, but the horse that beat him that day looks pretty useful and, in any case, it was a very promising start to his career in this sphere. Harry Derham's charge is taken to go one better here, perhaps at the expense of L'Astronome, who is an interesting recruit from the Flat for the burgeoning James Owen yard. Bumper-winner Roysse is also of strong interest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PURE CARBON 2. L'ASTRONOME 3. ROYSSE


1.40

RACE 3

**BetVictor's WEEKEND WINNERS NOVICES' LIMITED
HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £20,000
2m7f86y (4710 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places Hurdle course)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE (27) (D) s  **100**
1211240-1 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Kim Bailey

Tom Bellamy

Fairly useful, 3-time winner over hurdles who justified good support sent chasing/after 7 months off when landing 9-runner novices' handicap at Chepstow 4 weeks ago, digging deep to pull clear with runner-up. Jumped soundly then and claims again with prospect of more to come.

2 COLLECTORS ITEM (IRE) (173) b **97**
3/454P74-1 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Form proved up and down over hurdles/fences last season but firmly back on track with blinkers fitted when readily seeing off 11-rivals in 3m handicap chase at Uttoxeter in May. Possibilities up 7 lb if headgear has desired effect again back from 6 months off.

3 ROCK MY WAY (IRE) (271) s+t **99**
P9/056232- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Anthony Charlton

Tom Cannon

Didn't really go on over hurdles after notching a Grade 2 novice win in 2023 but solid start over fences since the turn of the year, second of 5 in C&D handicap on final start in February. Not discounted on return.

4 BOWTOGREATNESS (IRE) (12) **98**
02/PS30-65 8 11-4 | 71.7kg

Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**

Yet to get his head in front over fences but produced an effort right up there with his best when third in handicap at Kempton (3m) in February. Efforts mixed at Spring Festivals thereafter and bad mistake did for him on return at Cheltenham (24.5f) 12 days ago. Return to handicaps a plus.

5 OLIVERS TRAVELS (IRE) (29) (D) s **96**
6-7331125 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Peter & Michael Bowen

Sean Bowen

Bumper/hurdles winner who has improved significantly with cheekpieces fitted over fences, landing back-to-back Worcester handicaps (23f) this summer. Jumped none too fluently and below form when fifth of 6 in handicap chase at Ludlow (23.8f) 29 days ago. Needs to brush up in that department here.

6 HUGOS NEW HORSE (FR) (202) **98**
1131/0POP- 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Prolific in his novice season over hurdles, winning 5 of his 7 starts. Lightly raced and disappointing in handful of starts in 2023/24 but he's a half-brother to Black Corton, who excelled over fences for this yard. Worth noting if market speaks favourably on chase bow. Had wind surgery.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Collectors Item, **11-4** Destroytheevidence, **5-1** Hugos New Horse, **6-1** Bowtgreatness, **8-1** Rock My Way, **11-1** Olivers Travels

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE was well prepared and justified good support after 8 months off when successful on chase debut at Chepstow 4 weeks ago. Open to improvement in this sphere, he's fancied to make a bold bid to make it 2-2. Collectors Item, who responded very well to blinkers when scoring at Uttoxeter in May, is another to note on return, whilst it will be intriguing to see how Hugos New Horse figures now chasing.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE 2. COLLECTORS ITEM 3. HUGOS NEW HORSE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Inch House 6-10-9	6-1	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	11
2022	Huelgoat 5-11-4	1-9f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	2

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race







2.17**CSP MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (2) 4yo+ fillies and mares
£22,000 2m69y (3280 Metres)**

RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	KITTY FOYLE (IRE) (48) (D)	86
	1 4 11-5 72.1kg Daisy Hitchins <i>Harry Reed</i> Fairly useful stayer on the Flat (stays 2m) and bright start over hurdles when landing 9-runner mares' novice at Newton Abbot (16.8f) 48 days ago, winning readily. Open to improvement but this demands a sizeable step forward on what she achieved then.	
2	LISTENTOYOURHEART (IRE) (40) (D)	 100
	1225-1 5 11-5 72.1kg Dan Skelton  <i>Harry Skelton</i> Overcame inexperience to make a winning bumper debut at Sedgefield (16.8f) last autumn and even better form in defeat taking on stronger company after. Impressive when bolting up on return/hurdles debut in a mares' maiden at Market Rasen (16.6f) in September and big player with more to come.	
3	MARY (IRE) (15) (D)	93
	7-9P412F2 5 11-5 72.1kg Ian Williams <i>Sean Bowen</i> Off the mark in big-field Stratford handicap (16.3f) in August and improved (fair form) when runner-up on 2 of her 3 starts since, latterly in mares' novice at Southwell (15.8f) 2 weeks ago. However, she lacks the potential of a couple here.	
4	ROARING HOME (28) (D)	94
	24-21 5 11-5 72.1kg Henry Daly <i>Harry Cobden</i> Plenty of promise in 3 bumper starts and marked herself out as a good prospect in this sphere when winning 9-runner mares' maiden at Exeter (16.7f) on return 4 weeks ago. Looks sure to improve and may well pose chief threat to Listentoyourheart.	

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-6 Listentoyourheart, 4-1 Roaring Home, 13-2 Mary, 8-1 Kitty Foyle

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having built up a solid record in bumpers, LISTENTOYOURHEART made the perfect start in this sphere when impressively landing an 8-runner Market Rasen novice (16.6f) 6 weeks ago. Open to above average improvement, this looks a good opportunity for her to follow up. Exeter-scorer Roaring Home appeals as the one to give Dan Skelton's mare most to think about.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LISTENTOYOURHEART 2. ROARING HOME 3. MARY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Manimole 6-11-8	8-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Gavin Sheehan	11
2022	Carole's Pass 4-11-8	7-1	Amy Murphy	Jack Quinlan	5
2021	Nina The Terrier 5-11-6	9-2	Alan King	Tom Bellamy	5
2020	Gran Luna 4-10-12	4-11f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	7
2019	Silver Forever 5-11-3	7-4	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.52**PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (2)
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RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **MONMIRAL (FR) (208)** (D) t **99**
247/74415- **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Addition of blinkers reignited his spark when seeing off 21 rivals in the Pertemps Final at the Cheltenham Festival. Ran at least as well from a 6 lb higher mark when fifth of 21 at Aintree the following month and bound to be thereabouts if in the same form on this return to action.

2 **EMITOM (IRE) (238)** (CD) **100**
4P1/2P215- **10** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Alan King

Tom Cannon

Recorded a third C&D success in February. Ran creditably when fifth to the reopposing Monmiral in the Final of this series at Cheltenham the following month and it would be no surprise to see another good run back from 7 months off.

3 **HENRY'S FRIEND (IRE) (240)** (C, D) **97**
410/5111P- **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Recorded a hat-trick in novice handicaps chases last season, including a Grade 2 at Ascot. Pulled up in National Hunt Chase on final outing but not dismissed lightly back over hurdles on this return from 8 months off.

4 **MAJOR FORTUNE (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (8)** **99**
5111112-1 **6** 10-9 | 67.6kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Big improver when stepped up to 2½m+ last season, winning 5 on the spin and picked up where he left off when scoring with plenty in hand on his return at Newton Abbot (16.8f) last week, coping well with the return to 2m. Has obvious claims under a 7-lb penalty back up appreciably in distance.

5 **AMERICAN SNIPER (IRE) (13)** s+t **98**
701477-09 **6** 10-4 | 65.3kg



David Pipe

Jack Tudor

Resumed winning ways in a first-time tongue strap at Cheltenham last November but ended last season on a low note and, although he stepped up on his reappearance at aforementioned venue last time, he was still some way below his best.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Major Fortune, **3-1** Monmiral, **9-2** Emitom, **17-2** Henry's Friend, **12-1** American Sniper

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This is by far and away the strongest race MAJOR FORTUNE has contested so far but his improvement doesn't look like stopping anytime soon and he can go in again under a 7-lb penalty. Emitom goes very well at this track and is second choice.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MAJOR FORTUNE 2. EMITOM 3. MONMIRAL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Young Butler 7-10-6	7-1	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	11
2022	Champagne Court 9-11-3	11-2	Jeremy Scott	Lorcan Williams	7
2021	Stoney Mountain 8-11-6	16-1	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	10
2020	Dell' Arca 11-10-10	13-2	David Pipe	Fergus Gillard (7)	12
2019	Diablo de Rouhet 6-11-6	15-8f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 I'D LIKE TO KNOW (IRE) (185) (C, D) 100

162/4214-1 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



100



Chris Gordon

Freddie Gordon (5lb/2kg)

Just touched off on chase debut here in January and again impressed with his jumping when landing a 5-runner handicap back at this course (16.4f, soft) next time. Bettered that with a decisive success at Kempton (2¼m, good to soft) when last seen in May and a 4 lb rise is by no means excessive.

2 SAIL AWAY (FR) (26) t 88

1/56449-PP 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Dual winner on good ground in 2022/23 and shaped well on several occasions in defeat last term. However, there was very little promise in his reappearance display at Chepstow where, on what was his first run following a fourth round of wind surgery, he checked out rather tamely.

3 TWINJETS (IRE) (26) 96

2P1/9314-5 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Multiple bumper/hurdles winner who found improvement when making a successful debut for Paul Nicholls over fences at Doncaster (3m, good to soft) last December. Probably needed the run when returning to action at Chepstow last month and this 7-y-o remains with potential as a chaser.

4 MASACCIO (IRE) (174) (D) 94

27/12510-2 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Alan King

Tom Cannon

Successful twice over hurdles last season and ended that campaign with a personal best, finishing a clear second in a 12-runner 2½m Aintree handicap. Probably on a fair mark for this chase debut and will be a danger to all if his jumping passes the test.

5 THELASTHIGHKING (IRE) (180) (D) 92

211/2256-9 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Jordan Nailor

Successful over fences at Wincanton and Southwell during 2022/23 campaign and returned with a pair of good runner-up efforts at Kempton last autumn. Form dipped thereafter but resumes here with yard (also represented by High Treason) in good form and he's dangerous to discount.

6 HIGH TREASON (198) t 89

23/34191- 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Tom Bellamy

Opened hurdles account at Fontwell last winter and, having found the company too hot in a Grade 3 Sandown handicap next time, he duly got back on track with a gutsy victory at Southwell (20.4f, good) in April. No reason to think he won't do well over fences, too, but this is a tough starting point.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 I'd Like To Know, **10-3** Twinjets, **9-2** Masaccio, **11-2** Thelasthighking, **10-1** High Treason, **12-1** Sail Away

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THELASTHIGHKING failed to kick on following a positive start to last season but he is on a good mark if able to get back on track, a scenario which is certainly plausible given that he returns from a break with his yard going great guns. I'd Like To Know took very well to fences last season and is a much-respected main danger, while Twinjets remains capable of better in this sphere and Masaccio will be a threat if he adapts well to the larger obstacles.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THELASTHIGHKING 2. I'D LIKE TO KNOW 3. TWINJETS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Galop de Chasse 7-11-3	4-1	Venetia Williams	Shane Quinlan (3)	10
2022	Northern Bound 8-11-7	11-8f	Ben Pauling	Luca Morgan (3)	4
2021	Dublin Four 7-11-1	3-1	Fergal O'Brien	Kielan Woods	11
2020	Morning Vicar 7-11-7	5-2f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	11
2019	Azzerti 7-11-12	8-1	Alan King	A. P. Heskin	11

SMART STATS:

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RACE 7

Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places Hurdle course)**

Left handed, galloping with few undulations. One of the fairest courses in the country, though its galloping nature does suit the big, long-striding type. The chase course is regarded as being fairly stiff, though the casualty rate is no more than average compared to all GB tracks. Leaders are rarely overhauled on the chase run-in for all it often looks as though they might be, especially from the elbow. The ground can vary from chase course to hurdles course, with the latter sometimes more testing.

Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

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



Nicky Henderson *Nico de Boinville*
£24,000 Doyen gelding, dam closely related to Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Bobs Worth and fairly useful 2m hurdler Chesterfieldavenue. Yard have had several winners of this in recent years.

2 BROOKSIDE LA (IRE) **98**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
€100,000 3-y-o, Shantou gelding. Brother to fairly useful hurdler Hands of Gold. Dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler (stayed 2½m) Fergall. Yard's bumper runners have been red hot and he's very much one to consider on debut.

3 CLAIM THE THRONE (FR) **86**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Joe Tizzard *Brendan Powell*
£55,000 Kapparde gelding out of 19f chase winner in France, sister to smart hurdler/useful chase winner (stayed 2½m) Laurina. Runner-up on last of 3 starts in Irish points (Mar 2024).

4 EL CAIROS (FR) **89**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gary & Josh Moore *Mr David Maxwell (3lb/1kg)*
€200,000 No Risk At All gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Wasdell Dundalk. Irish point winner in April. Got to be on the shortlist.

5 KEVANO BREEZE (175) **60**
P 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Michael Madgwick *Harry Kimber*
Coulsty gelding out of modest 2½m chase winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (2m winner) Turtle Time Lucky. 50/1, soon done with and pulled up on debut at Fontwell in May.

6 ONELIKETHAT (IRE) **87**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Toby Lawes *K. Brogan*
€55,000 3-y-o, Diamond Boy gelding. Dam unraced sister to useful hurdler/very smart chaser (stays 2¼m) Castlegrace Paddy. Noteworthy newcomer.

7 WANDERING EGO (IRE) **91**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg h



Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
€20,000 3-y-o, Order of St George gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler Queen Nel. Dam unraced half-sister to fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser (stayed 3m) Sparkling River. Every chance when fell last sole start in Irish points (Mar 2024). Wears hood.

8 WELL PRESENTED (IRE) **79**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Seamus Mullins *Daniel Sansom (3lb/1kg)*
€18,000 3-y-o, Sholokhov gelding. Half-brother to fair 17f hurdle winner Florencethemachine, stays 19f.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Bobajob, **5-2** Brookside La, **11-2** Wandering Ego, **8-1** El Cairos, **14-1** Onelikethat, **16-1** Claim The Throne, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The Skelton yard have been firing with bumper runners so BROOKSIDE LA could be the way to go before market clues. This looks a pretty deep contest though, one which Nicky Henderson usually targets successfully, so Bobajob has to be respected. Wandering Ego is another to note.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BROOKSIDE LA 2. BOBAJOB 3. WANDERING EGO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 ^l	Gentleman's Relish 4-11-2	11-4f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	13
2023 ^{ll}	Navajo Indy 4-11-2	12-1	Tom Symonds	Jordan Nailor	13
2022	Iolaos du Mou 4-11-2	7-4f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	7
2021	Super Duper Sam 5-11-0	28-1	Neil Mulholland	Brendan Powell	10
2020 ^l	Petrossian 4-11-0	5-2f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	10
2020 ^{ll}	Skytastic 4-11-0	6-1	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	12
2019	Son of Camas 4-11-0	8-1	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race