

Saturday 7th December

# CHEPSTOW



**11.52** PLAY CORAL RACING-SUPER-SERIES FOR FREE NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) CLONDAW GENERAL | (4) JAIL NO BAIL | (3) HISTRIONIC**

**12.27** CORAL RACING CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m3f98y (3910 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) DON ALVARO | (5) GYENYAME | (9) ZERTAKT**

**1.02** CORAL "DAILY REWARDS SHAKER" NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)

RACE 3 **(11) OFF THE JURY | (12) PROPHESEA | (2) ALAN DE BANKS**

**1.37** CORAL WELSH GRAND NATIONAL TRIAL HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) BRAVE KINGDOM | (8) ENJOY YOUR LIFE | (9) SPORTING ACE**

**2.12** CORAL "WE'RE HERE FOR IT" NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) WRAPPEDUPINMAY | (2) LIVIN ON LUCO | (5) MAHLAND**

**2.47** "BET IN RACE" WITH CORAL HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) SUPREME WEST | (7) THANKSFORTHEHELP | (9) ART OF DIPLOMACY**

**3.22** CORAL COMMITTED TO SAFER-GAMBLING OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m11y (3230 Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) GENTLEMAN TOBOOT | (6) GILLESPIE | (2) BIG CADILLAC**

## 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.

**11.52****PLAY CORAL RACING-SUPER-SERIES FOR FREE NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>CLONDAW GENERAL (IRE) (52)</b>		<b>100</b>
	1 5 11-7   73.0kg		
	Kim Bailey	<b>Kielan Woods</b>	
	£150,000 purchase on the back of sole Irish point success and followed up in 4-runner novice hurdle at Worcester (23f) on Rules debut in October. Open to improvement and looks capable of defying a penalty.		
<b>2</b>	<b>DIAGON ALLEY (IRE) (311)</b>	t	<b>70</b>
	4P- 5 11-0   69.9kg		
	Anthony Charlton	<b>Lorcan Williams</b>	
	Cost £140,000 after finishing second in an Irish point but has made no impact in a bumper/maiden hurdle.		
<b>3</b>	<b>HISTRIONIC (IRE) (231)</b>	t	<b>83</b>
	375- 5 11-0   69.9kg		
	Paul Nicholls	<b>Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)</b>	
	Successful on sole outing between the flags and has shown fair form on 2 of his 3 starts in bumpers. Upped significantly in trip for hurdling debut. Has had a breathing operation (also tongue tied).		
<b>4</b>	<b>JAIL NO BAIL (IRE) (380)</b>	t	<b>85</b>
	5P/3- 7 11-0   69.9kg		
	Anthony Honeyball	<b>Ben Godfrey</b>	
	Shaped with encouragement when fifth in a course bumper in November 2022. Amiss on hurdling debut the following month but much better effort when third at Wincanton 11 months on. Off a further 12 months but should have more to offer.		
<b>5</b>	<b>SAINT PALAIS (FR) (631) (D)</b>		<b>83</b>
	5FP/ 7 11-0   69.9kg		
	Richard Bandey	<b>Harry Bannister</b>	
	Progressed into a smart chaser during 2021/22 season, winning 4 of his 5 starts. However, proved bitterly disappointing returned to hurdling at Bangor in November 2022 and let down by his jumping in graded company next 2 starts. This far more suitable but has been off 21 months.		
<b>6</b>	<b>JANESPRICELESS</b>	t	<b>75</b>
	8 10-7   66.7kg		
	Ella Pickard	<b>Harriet Tucker (7lb/3kg)</b>	
	Jelani mare. Dam unraced. Failed to complete both starts in points and she can only be watched on Rules/hurdling debut. Wears tongue strap.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**evens Clondaw General, **4-1** Jail No Bail, **5-1** Saint Palais, **11-2** Histrionic, **100-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CLONDAW GENERAL looked a strong stayer when making a successful hurdling debut in 4-runner event at Worcester in October and, open to improvement, he's fancied to defy a penalty switched to a track that promises to suit him even better. Jail No Bail clearly isn't the easiest to train but should have more to offer nonetheless, particularly now upped to a staying trip. Histrionic hasn't quite lived up to his price tag so far but shouldn't be written off now switching to hurdling.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. CLONDAW GENERAL 2. JAIL NO BAIL 3. HISTRIONIC****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>The Newest One</b> 8-11-0	11-8f Nigel Twiston-Davies	Finn Lambert (5)	9
2022	<b>Makin'yourmindup</b> 5-11-7	9-4 Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams	9
2021	<b>Ask Me Early</b> 7-11-4	11-10f Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	5
2020	<b>Oscar Elite</b> 5-11-5	8-11f Colin Tizzard	Sean Bowen	3
2019	<b>Jepeck</b> 10-11-5	3-1 Anthony Honeyball	Rex Dingle (3)	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.27**

**CORAL RACING CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £11,700 2m3f98y (3910 Metres)**

RACE 2



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 EATON COLLINA (IRE) (39) (CD)** **95**  
12/P3511-5 9 12-1 | 76.7kg

**Kerry Lee** *Liam Harrison*  
Likeable sort who ran out a ready winner at Wetherby (19.4f) in February and battled well to edge a tight finish from a 7 lb higher mark back at that venue later that month. Creditable fifth over C&D on return but handicapper may have caught up.

**2 RED ROOKIE (203)** **93**  
7743743-4 9 11-13 | 75.7kg

**Emma Lavelle** *Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)*  
Capable from this sort of mark and signed off last season with a respectable effort at Uttoxeter. Not discounted back from 6 months off but needs things to drop right.

**3 BILLYTHEREALBIGRED (39)** **100**  
2U3111F-1 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

**Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** *Lorcan Williams*  
Most progressive sent handicapping over hurdles last season, winning his first 3 starts, and in receipt of weight-for-age he was impressive when making a successful seasonal/chase debut at Bangor (20.3f, heavy) in October. Capable of following up if taking part (engaged 2.10 Exeter Friday).

**4 DON ALVARO (712) (D)** t **96**  
4115/ 8 11-6 | 72.6kg

**Paul Nicholls** *Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)*  
Left his hurdle form well behind switched to fences, winning a pair of 2½m Wincanton handicaps. Below form when last seen and that was almost two years ago, but handicapper has dropped him and he should be ready.

**5 GYENYAME (19) (D)** **95**  
224350-61 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

**Joe Tizzard** *Ben Jones*  
Fairly useful Flat/hurdles winner who has the size to make a chaser and built on his debut over fences when off the mark easily at Exeter last time. That wasn't much of a race but he should have more to offer.

**6 BELARGUS (FR) (49)** t **97**  
6P3/5P52-3 9 11-4 | 71.7kg

**Nick Gifford** *James Davies*  
Eleven runs since his last win in 2021 but he recorded a respectable third of 6 in handicap chase at Stratford (20.9f, heavy) 49 days ago. Not taken lightly.

**7 KNOWWHENTHOLDDEM (IRE) (38)** t **95**  
362/3814-P 9 11-4 | 71.7kg

**Neil Mulholland** *Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)*  
Hurdles winner for Anthony Charlton at Newbury (20.5f) in March and ran to similar level on debut for this yard when creditable fourth of 11 in handicap at Wetherby 26 days later. Pulled up on chasing debut at Newton Abbot in October so needs to bounce back in first-time tongue strap.

**8 MARGARET'S LEGACY (FR) (320)** h **94**  
US3/5412- 7 11-2 | 70.8kg

**Warren Greatrex** *Harry Bannister*  
Ex-French chaser who got off the mark over fences at Market Rasen on Boxing Day. Reluctant start and made mistakes when creditable second of 6 at Warwick (20f, heavy) 10 months ago. Has left Tim Vaughan since.

**9 ZERTAKT (FR) (261)** **73**  
3518/3- 6 11-1 | 70.3kg

**Venetia Williams** *Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)*  
Low-mileage sort who landed 3 of his 6 starts in France. Lightly raced for this yard and only third of 4 on chasing debut 8 months ago but returns with stable firing on all cylinders.

**10 BYZANTINE EMPIRE (15)** s+t **96**  
5-361433P 7 11-0 | 69.9kg

**John & Rhys Flint** *Connor Brace*  
Back to winning ways over hurdles at Worcester in July and shaped better than the result last two starts in that sphere. Pulled up on chase debut over C&D though, so hard to make a strong case for.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-8** Billytherealbigred, **7-1** Margaret's Legacy, **9-1** Gyenyame, **11-1** Don Alvaro, **12-1** Zertakt, **16-1** Belargus, **16-1** Eaton Collina, **16-1** Red Rookie, **20-1** Knowwhentoholdem, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

DON ALVARO hasn't been seen for almost two years but he's lightly raced over fences and probably has more to offer based on the way he completed his wins that season, so he's worth taking a chance on. Gyenyame is open to improvement and Zertakt is another interesting one on return. Billytherealbigred is an obvious player if he takes up the engagement (declared at Exeter, Friday).

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. DON ALVARO 2. GYENYAME 3. ZERTAKT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Ballycamus</b> 6-11-3	4-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Finn Lambert (5)	10
2022	<b>Enzo d'Airy</b> 8-11-11	10-1	Venetia Williams	Shane Quinlan (5)	8
2021	<b>When You're Ready</b> 7-11-6	9-2	Jonjo O'Neill	K. Brogan (3)	12
2020	<b>Supreme Escape</b> 6-11-0	7-2	Evan Williams	James Bowen	8
2019	<b>Domaine de L'Isle</b> 6-11-12	9-2	Sean Curran	Gavin Sheehan	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**CORAL "DAILY REWARDS SHAKER" NOVICES' HURDLE (4)**  
4yo+ £7,700 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)

RACE 3



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Pace Information: **Strong**


**1 BEN SOLO (IRE) (28) (C) 93**  
37-18 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

 **Rebecca Curtis** *Ben Jones*  
Irish point winner who was placed in the first of 2 bumpers last season and made a successful start to his hurdle career in a 2m Chepstow novice in October. However, he failed to fire upped to 2½m at Aintree since and looks vulnerable under a penalty here.

**2 ALAN DE BANKS (IRE) (27) 90**  
121d4 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Peter & Michael Bowen** *Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)*  
Showed plenty in bumpers last season (first past the post on 2 of his 3 starts in that sphere) and encouraging start over hurdles when fourth of 15 in a 2½m Ffos Las maiden last time. Live each-way chance here with improvement on the cards.


**3 BOSTON BOY (19) 92**  
55-4R 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill** *Connor Brace*  
Runner-up sole start in Irish points and while he didn't appear to get home on first 3 starts under Rules, this 5-y-o was still bang there when running out at the second-last in a 20.5f Leicester maiden recently. Place possibilities.


**4 CAPTAIN BELLAMY (29) (C) 63**  
103-2 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Paul Nicholls** *Lorcan Williams*  
Very easy winner of sole start in Irish points and it was a similar story on Rules debut in a bumper here last October. Disappointing both subsequent starts in that sphere but there were positives to glean from his first run over hurdles following a break/wind op at Exeter (21.6f, good) last month.


**5 DRUMHELLER (IRE) (25) 77**  
34-6 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Nick Gifford** *James Davies*  
Fair form in 2 starts in bumpers at the end of 2023 but last month's hurdles debut at Lingfield was not especially promising.


**6 IPSOS DES BORDES (FR) (27) 43**  
0 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Clive Boulton-Brooks** *Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)*  
Dual point winner but he was beaten a long way starting out over hurdles at Ffos Las.


**7 KING OF THIEVES (IRE) (251) 77**  
2- 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Evan Williams** *Kielan Woods*  
Runner-up sole outing in Irish points and shaped well when occupying same spot in a bumper at Ffos Las in March. More will be needed if he's to go one better now switched to hurdles but he's interesting nonetheless.


**8 KINGSTON GENT (IRE) (27) 78**  
9 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Philip Hobbs & Johnson White** *Sean Houlihan*  
Successful on the second of his 2 starts between the flags during the spring. However, finished down the field starting out under Rules at Ffos Las and is probably more one for handicaps later on.


**9 MAXIBOY DAGROSTIS (FR) (13) 71**  
07 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Richard Hobson** *Lilly Pinchin*  
Placed both starts in points but he hasn't shown much in 2 starts over hurdles so far.


**10 NUBE DE TRUENO (IRE) (15) 68**  
0 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Dan Skelton** *Harry Atkins (7lb/3kg)*  
Out with the washing on his introduction in a C&D maiden hurdle recently and it's easy enough to look elsewhere.


**11 OFF THE JURY (IRE) (28) 100**  
243-2 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Alan King** *Mr David Maxwell*  
Point winner in Ireland and fair form when reaching the frame in 3 bumpers earlier in the year. Promising second to a decent prospect on hurdling bow at Aintree (2½m, good) and likely to make a bold bid to go one better here.

**12 PROPHESEA (IRE) (15) 96**  
1-583 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Chris Down** *Nick Scholfield*  
Successful pointer who made a winning debut under Rules in an Exeter bumper in April. Stepped up on his low-key hurdles debut when third of 13 in a C&D maiden (good) last time and, with the promise of better to come, he is a compelling candidate.


**13 SAINT KRISTOBAL (FR) (210) 97**  
6-3 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 **Paul Nicholls** *Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)*  
Point winner who left underwhelming Rules debut effort behind when third in 6-runner Warwick novice (2m, good) in May. Should appreciate this stiffer test now switched to hurdles and it'll be interesting to see how he shapes up in the betting, particularly in relation to stablemate Captain Bellamy.

**14 PORTOBELLO GIRL (21) 77**  
45-05 5 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **Alastair Ralph** *Murray Dodd (7lb/3kg)*  
Form in bumpers for Nigel Twiston-Davies was no more than fair and she hasn't cut much ice in 2 starts sent hurdling for new yard.

**15 SHEEKA SUPREME (IRE) (17) 77**  
08 6 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **Grace Harris** *Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)*  
Successful in Irish points in October 2022 but little show in 2 races over hurdles this autumn.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Off The Jury, **9-2** Prophesea, **5-1** Captain Bellamy, **8-1** Alan De Banks, **10-1** Saint Kristobal, **11-1** Boston Boy, **12-1** King of Thieves, **22-1** Ben Solo, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

OFF THE JURY wasn't able to match strides with Mister Meggit on his hurdles debut at Aintree but it's unlikely that there is one of that calibre in opposition here. Alan King's charge is taken to go one better this time, perhaps at the chief expense of Prophesea, who was placed in a maiden here recently and should have more to offer. Alan De Banks and bumper recruit King of Thieves are others to consider.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. OFF THE JURY 2. PROPHESEA 3. ALAN DE BANKS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023 <sup>1</sup> <b>Isaac des Obeaux</b> 5-11-9	5-4 Paul Nicholls	Angus Cheleda (5)	11
2023 <sup>11</sup> <b>Range</b> 6-11-2	6-5f Sam Thomas	Adam Wedge	13
2022 <b>Knowsley Road</b> 5-11-7	4-5f Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams	9
2021 <b>Ree Okka</b> 5-10-12	11-10f Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	15
2020 <b>Slip Road</b> 5-10-12	9-2 Sam Thomas	James Bowen	11
2019 <b>Nightboattoctlyro</b> 5-10-12	50-1 David Dennis	Jack Tudor (7)	15

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.37****CORAL WELSH GRAND NATIONAL TRIAL HANDICAP CHASE**  
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RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Strong****1 GELINO BELLO (FR) (679) 99**

11FP/ 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

Paul Nicholls

**Lorcan Williams**

Smart form when winning 2 novice chases at the end of 2022 but not seen since pulling up in the Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham in January 2023. Has had wind surgery. Betting perhaps the best guide to expectations given the length of absence.

**2 CERTAINLY RED (27) (C, D) s 99**

352P34-21 10 12-0 | 76.2kg

Lydia Richards

**Marc Goldstein**

Second on C&D reappearance prior to adding to his good Sandown record with a small-field veterans' success last month. Likeable type but possibly vulnerable for win purposes up against younger opposition. First preference 3.35 Sandown.

**3 BRAVE KINGDOM (FR) (294) (C, D) t 99**

11P- 8 11-9 | 73.9kg

Paul Nicholls

**Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)**

Looked good when winning first 2 chases last winter. Something presumably not right when well beaten in Grade 2 Reynoldstown at Ascot in February and very much the type to resume his progression this season.

**4 GOOD RISK AT ALL (FR) (346) (BF) t 97**

1670/134- 8 11-7 | 73.0kg

Sam Thomas

**Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)**

Matched useful hurdles form at the first attempt over fences when winning a Carlisle novice last autumn. Beaten a long way in a 3m Cheltenham listed novice and 19.5f course handicap later in 2023 and not seen since. Yard's good form provides hope that he could bounce back. Check the betting.

**5 REGAL BLUE (IRE) (24) (D) 97**

P32P1P1-P 7 11-3 | 71.2kg

Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Nick Scholfield**

Has found improvement over the larger obstacles, winning handicaps at Haydock and Uttoxeter in February/March. Never going on recent Bangor reappearance, though.

**6 NO HUBS NO HOOBS (IRE) (41) b+t 96**

3/225111-4 8 10-10 | 68.0kg

Joe Tizzard

**Ben Jones**

Ended last season with a hat-trick of staying handicap chase wins on deep ground. His winning run came to a halt when only fourth on Wincanton reappearance at the end of October but he should come on for the outing.

**7 IMPERIAL ALEX (IRE) (160) (CD) ✓ 97**

222211-19 7 10-7 | 66.7kg

Tom Lacey

**Kielan Woods**

Really found the winning habit in the spring, with the first leg of a hat-trick in the mud coming over C&D. Given a break since a lesser effort in the Summer Cup at Uttoxeter in June.

**8 ENJOY YOUR LIFE (FR) (15) ★ 100**

214413P-2 7 10-4 | 65.3kg

Venetia Williams

**Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)**

Won a pair of handicap chases around 3m last winter and reappeared with an encouraging second over 19.5f here 15 days ago. Much respected back up in trip for his very much in-form yard.

**9 SPORTING ACE (IRE) (21) (CD) s 98**

24/71622-2 8 10-3 | 64.9kg

Neil King

**Jack Quinlan**

Stepped up on low-key chase debut when landing the C&D novice handicap on this card a year ago. Runner-up on 3 of his 4 subsequent starts and likely to be on the premises back at a venue which evidently suits.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Brave Kingdom, **9-2** Enjoy Your Life, **11-2** Certainly Red, **8-1** Sporting Ace, **10-1** Imperial Alex, **11-1** Good Risk At All, **12-1** Gelino Bello, **14-1** No Hubs No Hoobs, **20-1** Regal Blue

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

BRAVE KINGDOM can't have been right on his final start of last season and can get his career firmly back on track on his return to action. Enjoy Your Life gained his 2 wins last season around 3m and can build on his good reappearance here over a shorter trip and provide the chief threat ahead of Sporting Ace, a winner on this card last year.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. BRAVE KINGDOM 2. ENJOY YOUR LIFE 3. SPORTING ACE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Nassalam</b> 6-11-1	3-1	Gary Moore	Caoilin Quinn (3)	10
2022	<b>Farinet</b> 7-10-5	5-1	Venetia Williams	Shane Quinlan (5)	10
2021	<b>Iwilloit</b> 8-10-6	12-1	Sam Thomas	Stan Sheppard	10
2020	<b>Secret Reprieve</b> 6-10-13	5-1	Evan Williams	James Bowen	11
2019	<b>Acting Lass</b> 8-11-7	3-1	Harry Fry	Paddy Brennan	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

**CORAL "WE'RE HERE FOR IT" NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £11,700 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 BROOMFIELD PRESENT (IRE) (360) (BF) v+t 90**  
121/3BP- 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Kim Bailey

Harry Bannister

Useful winning hurdler who made a promising start in this sphere when C&D third in Exeter handicap chase last November. Running well when brought down 3 out at Uttoxeter next time but pulled up at Exeter a year ago and not seen since. Has a first-time tongue tie added to his visor. Check betting.

**2 LIVIN ON LUCO (IRE) (38) (C) s 97**  
2F1222-1 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Philip Hobbs &amp; Johnson White

Sean Houlihan

Made a winning start over fences in 7-runner handicap chase (7/2) at Newton Abbot (21f, soft) 38 days ago. Can build on that and has to enter calculations.

**3 WRAPPEDUPINMAY (IRE) (311) (D) ★ 100**  
13/2251- 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Paul Nicholls

Lorcan Williams

Made steady progress over hurdles last season, culminating with 23f Exeter handicap win in January. Has had wind surgery since then. A wide-margin point win at the start of his career provides hope that he'll prove at least as effective over fences. Very interesting.

**4 HURRICANE HIGHWAY (IRE) (288) (BF) 92**  
512/U32P- 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Evan Williams

Kielan Woods

Point winner/hurdles winner who looked unlucky in this race 12 months ago (going best when all but came down 4 out). Disappointing favourite at Exeter in February and off since. Could go well.

**5 MAHLAND (IRE) (235) (D) 91**  
58221- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Mel Rowley

Shane Quinlan (3lb/1kg)

Progressive over hurdles when stepped up to around 3m, winning a Ffos Las handicap on soft in April. A point background suggests he should take to fences. Claims if ready to roll after 7 months off.

**6 DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW (266) (D) 88**  
123222- 9 11-5 | 72.1kg



Polly Gundry

Ben Jones

Scored over hurdles at Exeter last November and continued in good form after, runner-up on four occasions. This point winner now switches to fences after 8 months off.

**7 ITSEEMSLIKEIT (38) 87**  
417-P 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



David Pipe

Nick Scholfield

Won a Ffos Las maiden hurdle in the mud last winter but disappointed at Newbury final start and weakened quickly again in Newton Abbot handicap on reappearance after wind surgery. The tongue tie worn at Newton Abbot is quickly discarded now switching to fences.

**8 HOLD YOUR FORT (IRE) (43) 88**  
54111127 8 11-1 | 70.3kg



Debra Hamer

Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)

Really turned a corner since upped in trip over fences, posting his best effort yet when completing a Newton Abbot 4-timer in September. His last 2 efforts suggest the handicapper may have finally caught up, though. Engaged 3.20 Exeter Friday.

**9 NOT LONG LEFT (IRE) (559) 89**  
042/1- 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Venetia Williams

Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)

Sold for £200,000 after finishing second in an Irish point. Won a novice hurdle for Christian Williams in May 2023 but finished lame and not seen since. The fact his new yard is in good form is a plus ahead of this switch to fences but the betting is perhaps the best guide after such a long absence.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The vote goes the way of the Paul Nicholls-trained chase newcomer WRAPPEDUPINMAY, with confidence in his chance increased should the betting vibes be strong. Livin On Luco is respected on the back of his chase debut success at Newton Abbot, while Mahland has a similar profile to the selection and could also play a part if ready to roll on his reappearance.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. WRAPPEDUPINMAY 2. LIVIN ON LUCO 3. MAHLAND

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Sporting Ace</b> 7-11-0	6-1	Neil King	Jack Quinlan	7
2022	<b>Manothepeople</b> 7-10-11	6-4f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	9
2021	<b>Pats Fancy</b> 6-11-6	6-1	Rebecca Curtis	Ben Jones	12
2020	<b>Ask Me Early</b> 6-10-10	9-4f	Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	7
2019	<b>Dominateur</b> 6-11-5	11-2	Oliver Sherwood	Gavin Sheehan	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Wrappedupinmay, **7-2** Livin On Luco, **13-2** Hurricane Highway, **9-1** Mahland, **10-1** Broomfield Present, **14-1** Not Long Left, **18-1** Don't Rightly Know, **20-1** Hold Your Fort, **40-1** bar

**2.47**

**"BET IN RACE" WITH CORAL HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £10,700 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)**

RACE 6



Going: **Soft**

Chepstow is a left-handed, undulating, oval course, nearly two miles around with eleven fences to a circuit, a five-furlong home straight and a run-in of 250 yards. Conditions can be very testing. With five fences in the straight, the first part of which is downhill, front runners - or those leading into the straight - do well here, especially over shorter distances, and the fences don't claim the number of casualties that might be expected.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 SUPREME WEST (IRE) (56) (BF)** b **100**  
 2112222-3 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg  
 Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole **Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)**  
 Won a brace of novice hurdles last autumn and showed better form in defeat in handicaps thereafter, finding only one too good for a third consecutive start (in first-time blinkers) in a valuable event at Uttoxeter (23.3f) in March. Did too much too soon on return at Hexham and remain of interest.

**2 SHALLOW RIVER (IRE) (38) (D)** s **95**  
 2242317-8 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg  
 Olly Murphy **Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)**  
 Gained reward for a string of good efforts in handicap hurdles when staying on to lead close home at Exeter (23.1f) in February and far from disgraced in deeper contest at Cheltenham 2 months later. Shaped as if amiss on first start for current yard at Newton Abbot on reappearance.

**3 INVESTMENT MANAGER (51)** t **94**  
 222P-1713 **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Joe Tizzard **Ben Jones**  
 Has recorded 2 chase wins already this term but turned in a lacklustre display when third of 5 in handicap chase at Wincanton (25.1f) on most recent outing. Switches back to hurdles.

**4 THE IMPOSTER (FR) (14) (CD)** v+t **91**  
 2111/111-P **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Nigel Hawke **Tom Buckley (3lb/1kg)**  
 Made it a remarkable 9 wins in 10 starts when seeing off 5 rivals over C&D (heavy) last December. However, pulled up in Betfair Stayers' Handicap at Haydock on his belated return a fortnight ago and looks best watched at present.

**5 JATILUWIH (FR) (25) (C)** **99**  
 2/04428-43 **10** 11-7 | 73.0kg  
 Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Mr David Maxwell**  
 Is a long time without a win but ran creditably in a small-field handicap at Lingfield (23f, good) last month and has been dropped another 1 lb.

**6 EL GRANJERO (IRE) (38)** **92**  
 422211-6 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg  
 Clive Boulton-Brooks **Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)**  
 Successful on sole outing in points and made the most of a good opportunity when landing a Hereford maiden (19.7f) in March. Followed up on handicap debut back there the following month and possibly needed the run on his reappearance at Newton Abbot.

**7 THANKSFORTHEHELP (FR) (21) (CD)** s+t **98**  
 4101/P0-64 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg  
 David Pipe **Nick Scholfield**  
 C&D winner who has been given a chance by the handicapper and stepped up on his reappearance when fourth of 12 at Cheltenham (3m) 3 weeks ago, closing when hanging left approaching last. One to keep an eye on.

**8 RICKETY BRIDGE (FR) (59) (BF)** **89**  
 2451-3 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg  
 Paul Nicholls **Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)**  
 Fairly useful in bumpers and made a successful debut over hurdles in 9-runner maiden at Southwell (20.4f, heavy) in March, making most. However, let down by a clumsy round of jumping at Ludlow 7 months later and has been handed a stiff-looking mark.

**9 ART OF DIPLOMACY (215) (D)** **98**  
 1-4 **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg  
 Peter & Michael Bowen **Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)**  
 Fair Flat winner who won 3 times over hurdles for Dr Richard Newland, leaving that stable after taking a Wetherby seller in March. Satisfactory start for new yard when fourth in 10-runner Kempton handicap in May and must enter the reckoning from a 2 lb lower mark.

**10 CHLOE'S COURT (IRE) (25) (CD)** s+t **95**  
 81/14231-4 **11** 10-12 | 68.9kg  
 Robert Walford **Harry Kimber**  
 Veteran who was successful on her first and final start last season. Looked rusty when finishing last of 4 on her Lingfield return, going in snatches.

**11 ZACONY REBEL (IRE) (22)** s **84**  
 3P4/8U55-0 **9** 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Sarah-Jayne Davies **Ben Godfrey**  
 Dual hurdles/chase winner who was largely disappointing during a light 2023/24 campaign for Toby Lawes and offered little starting out for a new yard at Cheltenham last month. Easily passed over.

**12 RIVERS CORNER (8) (D)** **95**  
 6841132-R **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg  
 Anthony Charlton **Lorcan Williams**  
 Improver last season, winning a pair of 3m handicaps in February and even better form when narrowly denied at Exeter in April. However, ran out at the seventh on his return at Doncaster last week.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-1** Supreme West, **6-1** Jatiluwih, **13-2** Thanksforthehelp, **15-2** Art of Diplomacy, **17-2** Rickety Bridge, **10-1** Shallow River, **14-1** El Granjero, **16-1** Rivers Corner, **16-1** Investment Manager, **22-1** Chloe's Court, **25-1** The Imposter, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SUPREME WEST progressed well over hurdles last season and, having done too much too soon on his Hexham return, he's well worth another chance. Thanksforthehelp seems to be building back up to something from a potentially lenient mark and strong market support for him would look significant, with Art of Diplomacy completing the shortlist.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SUPREME WEST 2. THANKSFORTHEHELP 3. ART OF DIPLOMACY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.22**

**CORAL COMMITTED TO SAFER-GAMBLING OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 2m11y (3230 Metres)**

RACE 7



Going: **Soft**

Chepstow is a left-handed, undulating, oval course, nearly two miles around with eleven fences to a circuit, a five-furlong home straight and a run-in of 250 yards. Conditions can be very testing. With five fences in the straight, the first part of which is downhill, front runners - or those leading into the straight - do well here, especially over shorter distances, and the fences don't claim the number of casualties that might be expected.

Pace Information: **Weak**


**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Jurancon</b> 4-11-2	9-4	David Pipe	Gearoid Harney (7)	7
2022	<b>Marvellous Mick</b> 4-11-2	6-5f	Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams	13
2021 <sup>I</sup>	<b>Liberty Hunter</b> 5-11-7	6-1	Brian Eckley	K. Brogan (3)	15
2021 <sup>II</sup>	<b>Marco Island</b> 4-11-0	12-1	Anthony Honeyball	Sean Houlihan (3)	14


**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1 A GREAT EXCUSE (IRE) 79**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Barry Brennan **Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)**  
€8,000 3-y-o, £5,000 4-y-o, Lucky Speed gelding. Dam, failed to complete all 4 starts in points, sister to fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser (stayed 25f) A Decent Excuse. Little impact in 3 Irish points (latest May 4).


**2 BIG CADILLAC (IRE) 98**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Dan Skelton **Harry Atkins (7lb/3kg)**  
€52,000 3-y-o, £95,000 4-y-o, Soldier of Fortune gelding. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 29f) Abolitionist. Won sole start in Irish points (Feb 2024) and he's a noteworthy newcomer starting out for top stable.


**3 CRACKERJACQUE 92**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Anthony Honeyball **Sean Houlihan**  
Second foal, dam unraced half-sister to yard's useful 21f hurdle winner/very smart staying chaser Sam Brown (by Black Sam Bellamy). One of 2 newcomers for stable with a good record in bumpers. Engaged 3.55 Exeter Friday.


**4 DOUGLAS HYDE (IRE) (39) (BF) 95**  
2 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Rebecca Curtis **Ben Jones**  
£85,000 Irish point winner who made a bright start under Rules and shaped like a stayer when second of 6 in bumper at Bangor (16.7f, heavy) on NH debut 39 days ago. May do better but his long-term future almost certainly lies over longer trips.


**5 GENTLEMAN TOBOOT (IRE) (38) t 99**  
3 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 David Pipe **Nick Scholfield**  
€46,000 3-y-o, Harzand gelding. Easy winner sole start in points in March and he showed plenty when third of 10 in bumper at Newton Abbot (16.8f) in October, his inexperience under pressure proving his undoing. Open to improvement and considered.


**6 GILLESPIE (IRE) t ★ 100**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Paul Nicholls **Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)**  
€100,000 3-y-o, Getaway gelding. Brother to 2 winners, including useful hurdler/smart chaser The Big Breakaway, stays 31f. Dam (h82) lightly raced over hurdles. Had wind surgery ahead of debut with tongue tie fitted and he's one to note.

**7 LETS MINGLE (IRE) (41) 97**  
6 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

 Lucinda Russell **Conner McCann (7lb/3kg)**  
Picked up for £85,000 after winning an Irish point in April. Sent off at 16/1 and shaped like a stayer when sixth of 12 in bumper at Aintree (17f) 6 weeks ago, rallying gradually straight. Open to improvement.

**8 WASSAILING ALONG 92**  
4 10-9 | 67.6kg

 Anthony Honeyball **Ben Godfrey**  
Telescope filly. Half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/fair chaser So Said I and fair hurdler/chaser My Lady Grey. Dam (h101), bumper winner. Betting should guide with yard also saddling Crackerjacque.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Gillespie, **4-1** Gentleman Toboot, **9-2** Big Cadillac, **5-1** Lets Mingle, **7-1** Douglas Hyde, **14-1** Crackerjacque, **14-1** Wassailing Along, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

GENTLEMAN TOBOOT left the distinct impression his inexperience cost him (went like the winner for a long way) when third on debut in a Newton Abbot bumper 38 days ago. He can put that to use and could be the way to go. Gillespie and Big Cadillac are a couple of highly appealing newcomers from top stables and market support behind either would look significant. Lucinda Russell's filly Lets Mingle is another in the mix, too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GENTLEMAN TOBOOT 2. GILLESPIE 3. BIG CADILLAC**