

Saturday 7th December

# SANDOWN



**12.08** BETFAIR EXCHANGE CLAREMONT NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)

RACE 1 **(7) HONKY TONK HIGHWAY | (6) EPINEPHRINE | (3) HARTINGTON**

**12.40** BETFAIR SUPPORTS RACING WITH PRIDE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 2m3f173y (3980 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) LARCHMONT LASS | (12) ASIAN SPICE | (8) HARD AS NAILS**

**1.15** PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (2) 2m7f98y (4720 Metres)

RACE 3 **(7) HENRI THE SECOND | (3) WEST TO THE BRIDGE | (6) DUBROVNIK HARRY**

**1.50** BETFAIR HENRY VIII NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 1) (1) 1m7f99y (3110 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) DOWN MEMORY LANE | (2) L'EAU DU SUD | (5) TOUCH ME NOT**

**2.25** BETFAIR PLAYS DIFFERENT HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)

RACE 5 **(5) WILLMOUNT | (3) KNICKERBOCKERGLORY | (1) NEMEAN LION**

**3.00** BETFAIR TINGLE CREEK CHASE (Grade 1) (1) 1m7f99y (3110 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) JONBON | (2) EDWARDSTONE | (6) QUILIXIOS**

**3.35** BETFAIR EXCHANGE LONDON NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3½m146y (5770 Metres)

RACE 7 **(4) MR VANGO | (9) MONTGOMERY | (2) CERTAINLY RED**

## 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.

**12.08****BETFAIR EXCHANGE CLAREMONT NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed)**  
**(1) 4yo+ £45,000 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Chase course: Soft (Good to Soft in places), Hurdles course: Soft (Heavy in places)****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

Right handed, galloping. Regarded as the one of the best jumping tests for chasers in the country, thanks chiefly to the seven fences in the back straight, the last three of which are situated close together, though fallers in the home straight are very rare and, in actual fact, the course has long since been one of the lowest in Britain and Ireland in terms of the proportion of casualties. Hurdles course usually more testing than chase one during winter months, with gruelling conditions often the order of the day. Front runners more favoured on the chase track, where it can regularly prove hard to make up ground when conditions place the emphasis on speed.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 ADMIRAL STEWART (IRE) (17) (D)** t **97**  
21 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jamie Snowden

**Tom Cannon**

Successful on second of 2 starts in Irish points and confirmed promise of his bumper second when going one place better on hurdles debut at Ffos Las (15.8f, heavy). Open to improvement. Engaged 1.58 here Friday.

**2 CRESTA CAT (BF)** **87**  
4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gary &amp; Josh Moore

**Niall Houlihan**

Fairly useful on the Flat, recording a hat-trick of low-grade handicaps at up to 1½m in October. Bred to make a hurdler but this looks a tough starting point, what with several promising types in opposition.

**3 HARTINGTON (IRE) (30) (D)** **90**  
453-51 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joe Tizzard

**Brendan Powell**

Shaped like more of a handicap prospect on first 2 starts in this sphere but well worth his place in this grade having improved markedly when landing a decent Newbury novice (16.3f, good to soft) last month. Merits respect.

**4 JUBY BALL (FR) (308) (D)** **87**  
12- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Evan Williams

**Gavin Sheehan**

Had 3 subsequent hurdles winners adrift when making a successful start to his career in a 15.8f Ffos Las bumper last November. Runner-up in a Class 2 bumper here on sole run since in February (form looks strong) and he's a potentially useful jumper in the making.

**5 MOUNT GAY RUN (IRE) (364)** **85**  
45- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Keiran Burke

**J. Hogan**

From a good jumping family but just minor promise in couple of Chepstow bumpers for Paul Nicholls last winter. Huge step forward will be needed if he's to make an impact at this level on hurdles debut.

**6 EPINEPHRINE (FR) (426) (BF)** **94**  
3- 4 10-7 | 66.7kg



Venetia Williams

**Charlie Deutsch**

Half-sister to 4 winners and shaped well when third in newcomers' race at Auteuil on hurdles debut last October, finishing 7 lengths behind winner Kamsinea, who landed a Grade 2 on her next start. Subsequently changed hands for €100,000 and she's an intriguing candidate on debut for new yard.

**7 HONKY TONK HIGHWAY (IRE) (16) (C, D)** ★ **100**  
10-2 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Listed bumper winner on Rules debut here in March. Never in the hunt in Aintree Grade 2 the following month but subsequently underwent a wind op and well clear of the rest when chasing home a smart prospect on return/hurdles bow at Warwick (19f, soft). Major player.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-4** Honky Tonk Highway, **4-1** Epinephrine, **5-1** Hartington, **13-2** Juby Ball, **7-1** Admiral Stewart, **20-1** Cresta Cat, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Several promising types on show, with HONKY TONK HIGHWAY the pick on the back of a highly encouraging hurdles debut second to a potentially smart novice at Warwick. The bumper she landed here in March was a decent contest (the second and third have both won over hurdles since) and she is open to plenty of improvement. French recruit Epinephrine is of strong interest, while Hartington, who improved when scoring at Newbury, and bumper winner Juby Ball also enter calculations.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HONKY TONK HIGHWAY 2. EPINEPHRINE 3. HARTINGTON**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2023 **Booster Bob** 5-11-05-6f **Olly Murphy****Sean Bowen**

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**12.40**

RACE 2

**BETFAIR SUPPORTS RACING WITH PRIDE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-125) £17,500 2m3f173y (3980 Metres)**



Going: **Chase course: Soft (Good to Soft in places), Hurdles course: Soft (Heavy in places)**

Right handed, galloping. Regarded as the one of the best jumping tests for chasers in the country, thanks chiefly to the seven fences in the back straight, the last three of which are situated close together, though fallers in the home straight are very rare and, in actual fact, the course has long since been one of the lowest in Britain and Ireland in terms of the proportion of casualties. Hurdles course usually more testing than chase one during winter months, with gruelling conditions often the order of the day. Front runners more favoured on the chase track, where it can regularly prove hard to make up ground when conditions place the emphasis on speed.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 RING O ROSES (85) 87**

269-234U2 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg  
 Henrietta C Knight **Brendan Powell**  
 Fairly useful hurdler for Henry de Bromhead, ending time with that yard with a creditable second of 11 in 2¼m Ballinrobe handicap in September. The first-time cheekpieces she wore on that occasion are left off now starting out for a new stable which has been finding winners hard to come by.

**2 DOLLAR COLLAR (IRE) (51) 92**

212-P **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Lucinda Russell **Alan Doyle (5lb/2kg)**  
 Irish point winner who struck at the second time of asking over hurdles in 2m Hexham maiden in March. Good second in a Kelso novice the following month. Pulled up on Carlisle chase and handicap debut on reappearance in October and quickly reverts to hurdles. Her mark demands improvement.

**3 LARCHMONT LASS (IRE) (28) (C) h 99**

1/524145-1 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg  
 Paul Nicholls **Harry Cobden**  
 Returned from wind surgery to land a 21f Wincanton handicap on last month's reappearance. Unexposed mare from a leading stable so a 4 lb rise seems unlikely to prevent another bold bid.

**4 GOOD LOOK CHARM (FR) (254) t 98**

2F/134486- **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg  
 Anthony Honeyball **Chad Bament (10lb/5kg)**  
 Below par when last seen in the spring but a revival can't be ruled out given that she won on last year's reappearance, albeit off 8 lb lower.

**5 MIDNIGHT GINGER (29) (D) 97**

251343-36 **8** 11-7 | 73.0kg  
 Andrew Martin **James Martin (5lb/2kg)**  
 Reliable hurdler who also scored over fences at Chepstow in January. Made a respectable return from 4 months off when 9 lengths sixth of 7 in Exeter handicap hurdle 4 weeks ago and entitled to be sharper with that run behind her.

**6 TOUCHY FEELY (195) (D) 98**

15/4PPF-4P **7** 11-6 | 72.6kg  
 Nicky Henderson **Nico de Boinville**  
 Ran creditably back over hurdles at Aintree in May but ran poorly at Uttoxeter later that month and off since. From a leading yard but others arrive with more obvious claims.

**7 OTTOLINE (245) 96**

285/313P3- **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg  
 Venetia Williams **Charlie Deutsch**  
 Imposing sort who got off the mark in 2¼m Uttoxeter novice hurdle last December. Failed to fire in 2 chases at the start of 2024 but ran better when third in a handicap hurdle back at Uttoxeter in April. Not seen for 8 months but her yard is going very well.

**8 HARD AS NAILS (61) 98**

1132-1231 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg  
 Fergal O'Brien **J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)**  
 Progressed a bit to make a successful handicap debut after 3 months off at Stratford (18.5f, good to soft) in October. In good hands and could easily have more to offer now stepping up in trip again.

**9 MERMAIDS CAVE (IRE) (28) (D) 97**

7-1115417 **5** 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 James Owen **Gavin Sheehan**  
 Landed a fourth win since switching to James Owen when leading late on over 19.5f at Bangor (heavy) in October. Shaped as if still in form when 11½ lengths seventh of 12 to Larchmont Lass at Wincanton 11 days later. Not discounted.

**10 CAST'S TASHA (IRE) (17) (D) t 97**

1/3221P6-1 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 Ben Clarke **Rex Dingle**  
 Smooth traveller who returned with a career best to score over 2¼m at Ffos Las (heavy) 17 days ago. Should remain competitive up 4 lb.

**11 AH WHISHT (IRE) (26) (D) s 98**

12/65P-F **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 Tom Symonds **Ben Poste**  
 Point recruit who was first and second in novice hurdles in early 2023. Didn't fire in handicap hurdles last season and, having had wind surgery, fell on her chase debut and reappearance last season. Cheekpieces are reached for back hurdling. Stable's good form of late provides some hope.

**12 ASIAN SPICE (29) ★ 100**

11840-241 **6** 10-9 | 67.6kg  
 Jimmy Frost **Cameron Iles (7lb/3kg)**  
 Proved better than ever when gaining the third Exeter success of her career in 18.5f handicap last month. That form has been boosted since and she must enter calculations again.

**13 MAVIS PIKE (29) 96**

542d/53-513 **5** 10-8 | 67.1kg  
 Nigel Twiston-Davies **Jamie Brace (7lb/3kg)**  
 Built on previous promise when making all on handicap debut at Fakenham (2m, good) in October. Not in the same form when a well-held third under a penalty at Fontwell the following week. Up in trip now.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Larchmont Lass, **6-1** Asian Spice, **13-2** Hard As Nails, **17-2** Cast's Tasha, **12-1** Mermaids Cave, **16-1** Ah Whisht, **18-1** Mavis Pike, **20-1** Dollar Collar, **22-1** Good Look Charm, **22-1** Touchy Feely, **25-1** Midnight Ginger, **25-1** Ottoline, **25-1** Ring O Roses

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

There could easily be more to come from Wincanton scorer LARCHMONT LASS so she gets a narrow vote ahead of Asian Spice, whose latest Exeter form has been franked and her rider's claim offsets her 6 lb rise. Hard As Nails, another who arrives on the back of a win, and Mermaids Cave complete the shortlist.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. LARCHMONT LASS 2. ASIAN SPICE 3. HARD AS NAILS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Pretending</b> 4-10-5	3-1	Lucy Wadham	Tom Cannon	5
2022	<b>Coquelicot</b> 6-11-8	6-1	Anthony Honeyball	Aidan Coleman	9
2021	<b>Shirocco's Dream</b> 6-10-9	4-1	Colin Tizzard	Brendan Powell	12
2020	<b>Impressive Lady</b> 5-10-11	9-2	Susan Gardner	Lucy Gardner	8
2019	<b>Oriental Cross</b> 6-11-1	12-1	Tim Vaughan	Alan Johns	13

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.15****PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (2)**  
**4yo+ £30,000 2m7f98y (4720 Metres)**

RACE 3

Going: **Chase course: Soft (Good to Soft in places), Hurdles course: Soft (Heavy in places)**

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Pace Information: **Strong****1 AUTHORIZED ART (FR) (28)** **97**6/24P-3030 **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Gary &amp; Josh Moore

**Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)**

A smart chaser for Willie Mullins who made a sound start for new yard when third in 2m listed hurdle at Kempton in October. Let down by his jumping in Grand Sefton at Aintree since and should be much happier back over hurdles.

**2 IKE SPORT (FR) (28) (C)** **98**211R1-34F **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg

Neil Mulholland

**Bradley Harris (3lb/1kg)**

Developed into a useful hurdler last season, winning 3 times at around 20f. Ran to a similar level when fourth of 6 on his chasing debut at Uttoxeter but fell 4 out at Aintree last time and now back over the smaller obstacles.

**3 WEST TO THE BRIDGE (IRE) (24) (C)** **100**6/2F544-33 **11** 11-6 | 72.6kg

Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

On a losing run but he comes here on the back of an excellent third in 11-runner handicap at Bangor (19.6f, soft) 24 days ago. Expected to go well again back up in trip.

**4 OPERATION MANNA (240) (CD)** **97**3P3/11104- **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Tom Lacey

**Cameron Iles (7lb/3kg)**

Successful in this corresponding event last season on his way to completing a hat-trick. Had his winning run ended in comprehensive fashion in a valuable handicap here in February but got straight back on track when fourth at Taunton on final outing. Reappears from a 1 lb lower mark.

**5 GROZNI (FR) (229) (D)** **96**33122665- **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg

James Owen

**Brendan Powell**

Three-time hurdles winner for Charles Byrnes who ran well on first 2 starts over fences for new yard. Ran below form at Kempton on final outing but could go well reverting to hurdling back from a 7-month break.

**6 DUBROVNIK HARRY (IRE) (308)** **98**3P6/403- **8** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Harry Fry

**Bryan Carver**

Low-mileage 8-y-o who ran well on 2 of his 3 starts in handicap hurdles last season, including over C&D on final outing. Has gone well fresh before and needs considering.

**7 HENRI THE SECOND (FR) (27) (C)** **99**2142P/4-4 **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Paul Nicholls

**Harry Cobden**

Grade 2 winner here as a novice and made an encouraging return to action after 12 months off when fourth in 9-runner handicap at this course (19.8f) 27 days ago, denied a clear run early in straight. Interesting now upped to a staying trip with that run under his belt (bred to stay at least 3m).

**8 SUPER SURVIVOR (IRE) (281) (D)** **98**213/2P82- **8** 10-12 | 68.9kg

Jamie Snowden

**Gavin Sheehan**

Dual novice hurdle winner in early 2022 and also successful over fences later that year. Shaped well on his reappearance at Lingfield last season but disappointing all 3 runs thereafter, finishing second by default back over hurdles at Newbury on final outing. Needs to hit the ground running.

**9 PARTY BUSINESS (IRE) (125)** **99**4U5-5P773 **8** 10-11 | 68.5kg

Ian Williams

**Charlie Todd**

Seemingly not the force of old but his mark reflects that and he ran better than for a while when third of 16 in handicap hurdle at Galway (24.3f, soft) in August. Not taken lightly.

**10 UP FOR PAROL (IRE) (225)** **99**76/420323- **8** 10-10 | 68.0kg

Jamie Snowden

**Tom Cannon**

Thirteen runs since last win in 2021 but ran creditably having a first crack at a staying trip when third in 14-runner handicap hurdle (7/1) at Chepstow (23.6f, good) on final outing. This is tougher back from 7 months off.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** West To The Bridge, **6-1** Henri The Second, **13-2** Dubrovnik Harry, **9-1** Ike Sport, **10-1** Party Business, **10-1** Authorized Art, **12-1** Up For Parol, **12-1** Operation Manna, **14-1** Grozni, **16-1** Super Survivor

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

HENRI THE SECOND, a Grade 2 winner here as a novice, made an encouraging return to action when fourth back at this venue last month and, with the step up to a staying trip well worth exploring (bred to stay well), he's an appealing candidate. West To The Bridge and Dubrovnik Harry head the dangers in an intriguing handicap.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HENRI THE SECOND 2. WEST TO THE BRIDGE 3. DUBROVNIK HARRY**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Operation Manna</b> 7-10-6	5-2f	Tom Lacey	Cameron Iles (7)	8
2022	<b>Dolphin Square</b> 8-11-13	18-1	Philip Hobbs	Mr David Maxwell (3)	11
2021	<b>Poleon</b> 7-10-8	5-2f	Philip Hobbs	Ben Jones	12
2020	<b>Portrush Ted</b> 8-11-12	12-1	Warren Greatrex	Gavin Sheehan	10
2019	<b>Go Whatever</b> 5-10-6	3-1f	Chris Gordon	Harry Cobden	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.50****BETFAIR HENRY VIII NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 1) (1) 4yo+  
£100,000 1m7f99y (3110 Metres)**

RACE 4

**Going: Chase course: Soft (Good to Soft in places), Hurdles course: Soft (Heavy in places)**

Right handed, galloping. Regarded as the one of the best jumping tests for chasers in the country, thanks chiefly to the seven fences in the back straight, the last three of which are situated close together, though fallers in the home straight are very rare and, in actual fact, the course has long since been one of the lowest in Britain and Ireland in terms of the proportion of casualties. Hurdles course usually more testing than chase one during winter months, with gruelling conditions often the order of the day. Front runners more favoured on the chase track, where it can regularly prove hard to make up ground when conditions place the emphasis on speed.

Pace Information: **Even**

**1 DOWN MEMORY LANE (IRE) (21)** **100**  
1/13-1 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland **M. P. Walsh**  
Successful start over hurdles at Down Royal last November 2023. Struggled in a Grade 1 at Leopardstown the following month but this former point winner looked a natural over fences when scoring on return/debut in this sphere at Navan (17f, good to soft) 3 weeks ago. Exciting prospect.

**2 L'EAU DU SUD (FR) (21) (D)** t **98**  
33/P225-11 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**  
Top-drawer handicap hurdle form last term and has made a seamless transition to this sphere, winning a Stratford handicap on chase debut in October, followed by a Grade 2 Cheltenham novice (2m, good) 17 days later. Open to improvement and he holds very strong claims.

**3 RUBAUD (FR) (28) (D)** t **93**  
112456-11 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Paul Nicholls **Harry Cobden**  
Made up into a smart hurdler last term and even better in 2 starts since returning to action in October, latterly landing the Elite Hurdle for the second year running at Wincanton (15.2f, good). Makes chase debut in a very strong race but will be a danger to all if his jumping passes the test.

**4 SOUL ICON (28)** t **98**  
U3422-222 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

Keiran Burke **Gavin Sheehan**  
Multiple winner over hurdles who has progressed steadily in this sphere, going close in the Summer Plate at Market Rasen in July and again when just touched off in a Wincanton Grade 2 (20.2f, good) last month. However, probably biting off more than he can chew here.

**5 TOUCH ME NOT (IRE) (13)** **98**  
3441-21 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Jordan Colin Gainford**  
Signed off last season with a maiden hurdle success and built on promising Punchestown chase debut second in October when landing a Grade 2 in good style there (16.3f, good to soft) 13 days ago. More on his plate here but he could have more to offer. Yard also saddles Down Memory Lane.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-10** L'eau Du Sud, **11-4** Down Memory Lane, **13-2** Touch Me Not, **7-1** Rubaud, **28-1** Soul Icon

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This race has been won by some top chasers over the years and DOWN MEMORY LANE is taken to add his name to the roll of honour. He jumped with aplomb when making a successful debut in this sphere at Navan and he has the potential to take high rank in the 2m novice chasers' division. That remark also applies to L'Eau du Sud, who made it 2-2 over fences with an impressive display at Cheltenham. He is the main danger ahead of the selection's stablemate Touch Me Not and chase debutant Rubaud.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. DOWN MEMORY LANE 2. L'EAU DU SUD 3. TOUCH ME NOT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Le Patron</b> 5-11-7	16-1	Gary Moore	David Noonan	6
2022	<b>Jonbon</b> 6-11-7	2-11f	Nicky Henderson	Aidan Coleman	4
2021	<b>Edwardstone</b> 7-11-2	3-1	Alan King	Tom Cannon	7
2020	<b>Allmankind</b> 4-10-10	2-1f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	5
2019	<b>Esprit du Large</b> 5-11-2	14-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.25****BETFAIR PLAYS DIFFERENT HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 3yo+  
(Rated 0-150) £50,000 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)**

RACE 5

**GBI RACING****Going: Chase course: Soft (Good to Soft in places), Hurdles course: Soft (Heavy in places)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 NEMEAN LION (GER) (240) (D) 98**  
31/152167- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Kerry Lee

*Richard Patrick*

Took form up another notch when landing the second Grade 2 success of his career in Kingwell at Wincanton in February. Found Grade 1s at Cheltenham and Aintree too much in the spring but capable of going well back in a handicap if fully primed after 8 months off (won on last year's reappearance).

**2 SPIRIT D'AUNOU (FR) (15) (CD) 98**  
11/41005-F 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Gary &amp; Josh Moore

*Niall Houlihan*

Made it 5 wins in 6 starts when landing this race 12 months ago but his progress has come to a halt since. 20/1, fell early on Ascot reappearance 15 days ago. 2-2 C&D record but hard to know what form he arrives in.

**3 KNICKERBOCKERGLORY (IRE) (251) (D) 99**  
229/1765P- 8 10-10 | 68.0kg



Dan Skelton

*Harry Skelton*

Winner on his reappearance in 2022 and 2023. His previous Sandown visits have seen him finish second and fifth in the last 2 runnings of the Imperial Cup. Reasons to be positive.

**4 KABRAL DU MATHAN (FR) (12) (D) 100**  
11-1 4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Paul Nicholls

NON RUNNER.

*Non Runner*

**5 WILLMOUNT (343) (D) 99**  
11/1P- 6 10-8 | 67.1kg



Nicky Henderson

*Nico de Boinville*

Expensive winning pointer who created a good impression when winning his first 3 starts under Rules. Pulled up when sent off at 9/4 for the Grade 1 Challow at Newbury last December. Retains plenty of potential on his return and it'll be very interesting to see how strong the market vibes are.

**6 ALTABELLI (IRE) (301) (D) 99**  
119/230- 6 10-8 | 67.1kg



Harry Fry

*Bryan Carver*

Won twice (including first time up) in 2022/23 and ran right up to best when placed in a pair of 2m Ascot handicaps at the end of last year. Ended last season with a disappointing run in the Betfair Hurdle at Newbury but his overall record is positive.

**7 STREAM OF STARS (35) (D) 97**  
116 9 10-6 | 66.2kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

*Jamie Brace (71b/3kg)*

Has enhanced his good hurdle strike-rate with a pair of Fontwell handicap wins this autumn. A further 8 lb rise proved enough to find him out in a stronger race at Ascot last month, though.

**8 ZAMBEZI FIX (FR) (12) (D) 98**  
4122F1-64 9 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Bernard Llewellyn

*Ellis Collier (71b/3kg)*

Added to his good Chepstow record with chase and hurdle wins last season. Stepped up on his C&D reappearance when 8½ lengths fourth of 6 to reopposing Kabral Du Mathan at Kempton (2m, good to soft) 12 days but might struggle to turn that form around even on 9 lb better terms.

**9 ROYAL WAY (FR) (20) (D) 96**  
32111-40 4 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Gary &amp; Josh Moore

*Freddie Mitchell (51b/2kg)*

Winner on Flat in France and took very well to hurdling for new connections last season, completing a hat-trick in 2m Ascot handicap in March. Creditable fourth in a Cheltenham conditions hurdle on reappearance but well beaten in the Greatwood there since.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Willmount, **4-1** Altobelli, **5-1** Knickerbockerglory, **8-1** Nemean Lion, **11-1** Royal Way, **16-1** Stream of Stars, **22-1** Spirit D'aunou, **33-1** Zambezi Fix

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

WILLMOUNT went off second favourite for a Grade 1 novice hurdle when last seen just under a year ago so it wouldn't be a shock were an opening mark of 130 to prove generous and he can make a winning return. Best of the remainder may be Knickerbockerglory, who has a decent record fresh and over C&D. Nemean Lion completes the shortlist.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. WILLMOUNT 2. KNICKERBOCKERGLORY 3. NEMEAN LION**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Spirit d'Aunou</b>	4-10-10	4-1	Gary Moore	Niall Houlihan (3)	10
2022	<b>Love Envoi</b>	6-11-10	6-4f	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.00****BETFAIR TINGLE CREEK CHASE (Grade 1) (1) 4yo+  
£175,000 1m7f99y (3110 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Chase course: Soft (Good to Soft in places), Hurdles course: Soft (Heavy in places)**

Right handed, galloping. Regarded as the one of the best jumping tests for chasers in the country, thanks chiefly to the seven fences in the back straight, the last three of which are situated close together, though fallers in the home straight are very rare and, in actual fact, the course has long since been one of the lowest in Britain and Ireland in terms of the proportion of casualties. Hurdles course usually more testing than chase one during winter months, with gruelling conditions often the order of the day. Front runners more favoured on the chase track, where it can regularly prove hard to make up ground when conditions place the emphasis on speed.

Pace Information: **Strong****1 BOOTHILL (IRE) (22)** t **93**

23/11F4-2 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

Harry Fry

*Bryan Carver*

High-class chaser who landed back-to-back 2m Ascot handicaps last winter. Underwent breathing surgery before resuming with a very good 1½ lengths second of 4 to Jonbon in Shloer Chase at Cheltenham 22 days ago. Shortlisted.

**2 EDWARDSTONE (22) (CD)** **96**

5/2241F3-3 10 11-10 | 74.4kg

Alan King

*Tom Cannon*

Classy chaser who took this in 2022 and was runner-up 12 months ago. Has been beaten by Jonbon on each of their 4 previous meetings though, including on his reappearance when 2¼ lengths third of 4 in Shloer Chase at Cheltenham 22 days ago. Should have come on for that.

**3 JONBON (FR) (22) (CD)** **100**

11/11211-1 8 11-10 | 74.4kg

Nicky Henderson

*Nico de Boinville*

Top-class chaser who has won 10 of his 12 starts over fences, reappearing with a cosy success in 4-runner Shloer Chase at Cheltenham 22 days ago by 1½ lengths from Boothill. Took this 12 months ago (4-4 here) and the one to beat once more.

**4 JPR ONE (IRE) (29)** t **91**

15/1U317-1 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

Joe Tizzard

*Brendan Powell*

Has an excellent record fresh and he made a winning return on the back of wind surgery in Haldon Cup at Exeter 29 days ago. This demands more but he can't be ruled out.

**5 MASTER CHEWY (IRE) (35) (D, BF)** **92**

12214F2-4 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies

*Harry Cobden*

Made into a very smart chaser last term when winning twice at 2m. Resumed with a very good fourth of 10 in handicap chase at Ascot (2m) 35 days ago so he's no forlorn hope.

**6 QUILIXIOS (27) (D)** **93**

16185-1 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

*D. J. O'Keefe*

Took his form up a notch on his return when impressively bagging 5-runner Poplar Square Chase at Naas (2m) 27 days ago by 7½ lengths from Marine Nationale. This Irish raider is not taken lightly.

**7 SOLNESS (FR) (21)** s+t **89**

30-401132 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

*Danny Mullins*

Smart winning hurdler/chaser this season. Posted another good effort when neck second of 6 to Found A Fifty in Fortria Chase at Navan (2m) 21 days ago. Possibilities.

**8 UNEXPECTED PARTY (FR) (22) (D)** t **86**

5491P-524 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

Dan Skelton

*Harry Skelton*

Enjoyed his finest hour when landing the Grand Annual at the Cheltenham Festival in March. Not disgraced when 13¼ lengths last of 4 to Jonbon in Shloer Chase at Cheltenham 22 days ago. This is a tough ask however.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-6** Jonbon, **8-1** Quilixios, **9-1** Edwardstone, **12-1** Boothill, **16-1** Jpr One, **25-1** Master Chewy, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

JONBON captured this prestigious Grade 1 last season and is fancied to repeat the feat having returned with a stylish victory in Cheltenham's Shloer Chase last month. Edwardstone chased home Nicky Henderson's top-class chaser 12 months ago and again looks booked for second spot. Irish challenger Quilixios and in-form duo Boothill and JPR One can fight it out for minor honours in a good renewal of the Tingle Creek.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. JONBON 2. EDWARDSTONE 3. QUILIXIOS****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Jonbon</b> 7-11-10	30-100f Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	4
2022	<b>Edwardstone</b> 8-11-10	5-1 Alan King	Tom Cannon	6
2021	<b>Greaneteen</b> 7-11-7	12-1 Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	5
2020	<b>Politologue</b> 9-11-7	11-8f Paul Nicholls	Harry Skelton	5
2019	<b>Defi du Seuil</b> 6-11-7	2-1f Philip Hobbs	Barry Geraghty	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.35**

RACE 7

**BETFAIR EXCHANGE LONDON NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE**  
**(2) 5yo+ (Rated 0-150) £50,000 3½m146y (5770**  
**Metres)**



Going: **Chase course: Soft (Good to Soft in places), Hurdles course: Soft (Heavy in places)**

Right handed, galloping. Regarded as the one of the best jumping tests for chasers in the country, thanks chiefly to the seven fences in the back straight, the last three of which are situated close together, though fallers in the home straight are very rare and, in actual fact, the course has long since been one of the lowest in Britain and Ireland in terms of the proportion of casualties. Hurdles course usually more testing than chase one during winter months, with gruelling conditions often the order of the day. Front runners more favoured on the chase track, where it can regularly prove hard to make up ground when conditions place the emphasis on speed.

Pace Information: **Even**

**1 TOMMIE BEAU (IRE) (22) (D, BF) 97**  
 P-112123P 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

**Seamus Mullins James Best**  
 Credit to connections who landed 3 of his first 4 starts at Cartmel this term and typically solid efforts since. Took the wrong course when pulled up at Cheltenham last time, so should give another good account.

**2 CERTAINLY RED (27) (C) s 98**  
 352P34-21 10 11-13 | 75.7kg

**Lydia Richards Marc Goldstein**  
 Career best when winning 4-runner handicap chase at this course (24.2f, good, 15/8) 27 days ago, always holding on. Boasts excellent record here and every chance he'll put up another bold showing.

**3 BALLYGRIFINCOTTAGE (IRE) (20) s+t 97**  
 3P527-34F 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

**Dan Skelton Harry Skelton**  
 Produced his best effort for a while when runner-up here in March and ran to a similar level when seventh of 26 in Scottish Grand National next time. Collared late on at Uttoxeter (24f) in May before shaping as if needing the run at Chepstow on return. Fell at Cheltenham since.

**4 MR VANGO (IRE) (231) (BF) t ★ 100**  
 12P3/313P- 8 11-6 | 72.6kg

**Sara Bradstock Nico de Boinville**  
 Maiden hurdle winner last season and this former point scorer has quickly made up into a much better chaser, producing a useful performance when routing his rivals in Devon National at Exeter in February. Didn't fire in Scottish National 7 months ago but can resume progress here.

**5 TOP OF THE BILL (IRE) (34) s 97**  
 U/631131-4 8 11-6 | 72.6kg

**Nigel Twiston-Davies Jordan Nailor**  
 Much improved since sent over fences and he signed off with a stylish front-running victory in 6-runner handicap chase at Wetherby (24.2f, heavy) in March. Stiff task on reappearance and return to this trip is in his favour, so definite player.

**6 BROKEN HALO (231) (C, D) t 97**  
 10/FPU21P- 9 11-4 | 71.7kg

**Paul Nicholls Harry Cobden**  
 Second in Royal Artillery here before taking a 3½m handicap at Taunton in March. Pulled up in Scottish National on final outing but likely to be back on track on return after a breathing operation.

**7 UNANSWERED PRAYERS (IRE) (20) 96**  
 FU563-281 8 11-1 | 70.3kg

**Chris Gordon Freddie Gordon (5lb/2kg)**  
 Career best when winning 9-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (27.7f, good, 13/2) 20 days ago, suited by increase in trip. Unexposed over these marathon distances and should go well again.

**8 COLLECTORS ITEM (IRE) (30) b 96**  
 454P74-15 7 11-1 | 70.3kg

**Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Richie McLernon**  
 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. Failed to beat a rival last time and may find this too competitive.

**9 MONTGOMERY (IRE) (231) 99**  
 14/41119- 7 10-12 | 68.9kg

**Venetia Williams Charlie Deutsch**  
 Lightly-raced winning hurdler for Christian Williams. Progressive sent chasing for his new yard, making it 3 from 3 in 5-runner handicap at Bangor in March. Disappointed next time but could get back on the up with stable flying after 7 months off.

**10 CONKWELL LEGEND (225) (C) 97**  
 53UF832U- 10 10-7 | 66.7kg

**Neil Mulholland Brendan Powell**  
 Useful winning handicap hurdler who hasn't quite reached that level as a chaser and unseated at Perth on his final outing last season. Others make more appeal.

**11 DR KANANGA (229) (C) t 96**  
 0/6P22PU4- 10 10-2 | 64.4kg

**Ben Clarke Rex Dingle**  
 Hasn't won for a while and, although his final outing of last season was respectable, he's liable to need this return.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-2 Mr Vango, 11-2 Certainly Red, 13-2 Unanswered Prayers, 9-1 Top of The Bill, 10-1 Tommie Beau, 11-1 Montgomery, 11-1 Ballygrifincottage, 12-1 Broken Halo, 14-1 Collectors Item, 16-1 Conkwell Legend, 33-1 Dr Kananga**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

MR VANGO had been highly progressive prior to a blip in the Scottish National at Ayr 7 months ago and, if he gets back on the up now fresh, he could get the better of Montgomery, who fits a similar profile. Certainly Red is another one to consider.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. MR VANGO 2. MONTGOMERY 3. CERTAINLY RED**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Truckers Lodge</b> 11-11-11	11-2 Paul Nicholls	Freddie Gingell (5)	7
2022	<b>Quick Wave</b> 9-11-12	11-2 Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	11
2021	<b>Highland Hunter</b> 8-11-12	9-1 Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	10
2020	<b>Doing Fine</b> 12-10-11	15-2 Neil Mulholland	Millie Wannacott (7)	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race