

Friday 8th November

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12.50 BROADSWORD BUILDING SUCCESS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m1f162y (3570 Metres)

RACE 1 **(6) ELECTRIC MASON | (12) LAURENS BAY | (1) AMI BONDHU**

1.25 NATIONWIDE CONCRETING SUPPORTING THE ROCKBOURNE PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 2m3f104y (3920 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) SAMAZUL | (4) SIR ROCK | (1) CALL OFF THE DOGS**

2.00 NATIONWIDE CONCRETING SUPPORTING THE WHEEL INN HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3m1f166y (5180 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) CRAVEN BAY | (2) FORTUNA LIGNA | (4) HEAVEN SMART**

2.35 NATIONWIDE CONCRETING HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) DOUBLE POWERFUL | (3) JILAIJONE | (2) KISSMAN**

3.10 30 DAYS FOR £1 AT geegeez.co.uk HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f210y (5220 Metres)

RACE 5 **(6) EURKASH | (2) SAFE DESTINATION | (1) PROPER TWELVE**

3.45 BROADSWORD CONFIDENCE IN CONSTRUCTION NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m1f162y (3570 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) OFFICER OF STATE | (5) DREAMS FLED AWAY | (1) MAVIS PIKE**

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.

12.50

BROADSWORD BUILDING SUCCESS MAIDEN HURDLE (4)
4yo+ £7,700 2m1f162y (3570 Metres)

RACE 1



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	AMI BONDHU (FR) (18) (BF)	93
	0/14-4 5 11-4 71.7kg Nick Gifford <i>James Davies</i> Left debut form well behind when landing a Fakenham bumper with something to spare in November 2023. Not in quite the same form at Warwick 2 months later and sent off favourite on hurdles debut at Plumpton, he shaped as though in need of the run. Capable of better.	
2	ATLANTIC POWER (IRE) (10)	60
	0 4 11-4 71.7kg Richenda Ford <i>Richie McLernon</i> €26,000 3-y-o, £25,000 4-y-o. Second foal, dam fair but temperamental 2m chase winner. Placed on last of 3 starts in Irish points (Apr 27).	
3	CAPSTAN (383)	70
	P/P- 5 11-4 71.7kg Lydia Richards <i>Marc Goldstein</i> Triple winner on the AW this year and fit from the Flat but has pulled up both previous hurdles outings.	
4	CONFINENTIC (FR) (142)	88
	6 4 11-4 71.7kg Chris Gordon <i>Freddie Gordon (51b/2kg)</i> Clovis Du Berlais gelding. Dam, ran once on Flat, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser who became unreliable (stayed 25f) Problema Tic. Too inexperienced to show much in a Worcester bumper this summer.	
5	DESERT HALO (IRE) (26)	90
	2/4-4 5 11-4 71.7kg Richard Bandey <i>Harry Bannister</i> Gaps between all 3 bumper starts, showing minor promise. Hurdles debut at a realistic level.	
6	ELECTRIC MASON (IRE) (33)	99
	3120-2 5 11-4 71.7kg Chris Gordon <i>Rex Dingle</i> Point recruit who opened his account in bumpers at Kempton and acquitted himself well in defeat in that sphere later in the campaign. Stuck to his task nicely when runner-up on hurdles debut at Uttoxeter and slight step up in trip can only aid his cause.	
7	FALSTAFF (IRE) (237)	79
	0- 4 11-4 71.7kg Henrietta C Knight <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i> Order of St George gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to high-class hurdler/chaser (stayed 25f) Yorkhill. Lot to like on paper but showed precious little in a bumper during the spring.	
8	GOOLOOGONG (IRE) (265)	89
	8- 4 11-4 71.7kg George Baker <i>Ben Jones</i> Useful on Flat (stays 1¾m), won maiden in 2023 prior to finding group company too much final 2 starts for Aidan O'Brien. Well held on hurdles debut and regressive on the level for this yard but cannot be dismissed out of hand at this level. Cheekpieces on.	
9	GRENADIER JED (285)	90
	53- 4 11-4 71.7kg Robert Walford <i>Harry Kimber</i> Half-brother to bumper winner Montenay and showed a lot more than on debut when third in that sphere here in January. Off since but isn't one to take lightly on hurdles bow.	

10	KILLARD POINT (FR) (17)	60
	P8 6 11-4 71.7kg Richenda Ford <i>James Best</i> Off mark in points at sixth attempt in May but shaped with no promise both outings under Rules.	
11	KLIC BOUM (FR) (15)	87
	487 4 11-4 71.7kg Evan Williams <i>Conor Ring</i> Bred to need time and distance and shaped in kind in a bumper/brace of novice hurdles.	
12	LAURENS BAY (FR) (32) (C, BF)	100
	1-2 5 11-4 71.7kg Jamie Snowden <i>Gavin Sheehan</i> Runner-up sole start in Points and made a winning start under Rules when taking 6-runner course bumper (13.7f, heavy) in March. Held back slightly by inexperience when second on last month's hurdles debut and he's sure to step up on that.	
13	TARBAAN (IRE) (21)	87
	55 5 11-4 71.7kg Amy Murphy <i>Jack Quinlan</i> Disappointing on the level in 2024 but showed something to work on when fifth of 8 in novice hurdle over C&D last month. In nothing like the same form at Fakenham and cheekpieces now on.	s+t
14	DON'T CHEDDAR TEAR (15)	60
	7PP-P 5 10-11 68.5kg Georgie Howell <i>Tabitha Worsley (31b/1kg)</i> No impact in bumper/novice hurdles last season.	h

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Laurens Bay, **11-4** Electric Mason, **6-1** Ami Bondhu, **11-1** Grenadier Jed, **12-1** Desert Halo, **14-1** Gooloogong, **22-1** Confinentic, **33-1** Tarbaan, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Bumper-winners ELECTRIC MASON and Laurens Bay showed enough on their respective debut in this sphere to think they will be winning races sooner rather than later, with marginal preference for the Chris Gordon inmate. Ami Bondhu is also open to progress so needs considering.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ELECTRIC MASON 2. LAURENS BAY 3. AMI BONDHU

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Alexandra Romanov 5-10-11	25-1 Sheena West	Marc Goldstein	9
2021	World of Dreams 5-11-4	4-6f Anthony Honeyball	Rex Dingle	12
2020	Ocean Drifter 5-10-12	10-11f Oliver Sherwood	Jonathan Burke	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.25

RACE 2













NATIONWIDE CONCRETING SUPPORTING THE ROCKBOURNE PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m3f104y (3920 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

	1 CALL OFF THE DOGS (IRE) (45) (CD) b  96
	PP44-1121 9 12-0 76.2kg Gary & Josh Moore Caolin Quinn (3lb/1kg) Made a fine start to the campaign, making it 3 wins from his last 4 starts when (all here) over C&D in September. Handicapper applies a little more pressure but he has to command respect again.
	2 SHUIL CEOIL (IRE) (23) s 95
	124P2-44P 6 11-10 74.4kg Neil Mulholland Richie McLernon Fair winner at 22f over hurdles who was in good form earlier this year but made an inauspicious start in this sphere when pulled up at Worcester (23f) last month. Has a background in points and too soon to be writing him off. This should reveal more.
	3 SAMAZUL (16) (C)  100
	14/80537-1 6 11-10 74.4kg Ben Pauling  Ben Jones Bumper winner who failed to score over hurdles but has the build for chasing and he duly improved when opening his account on return/debut over fences here (17.8f) 16 days ago. Impressed with how he travelled then and highly respected up 5 lb.
	4 SIR ROCK (IRE) (35) (C, D) s 95
	1R35112-7 7 11-10 74.4kg Toby Lawes K. Brogan Made a very bright start over fences during second half of last term, winning handicaps at Plumpton/here prior to a very good second at first-named venue on final outing in March. Likely needed his hurdles return here 5 weeks ago and better anticipated returned to chasing. Cheekpieces go on.
	5 LEADING SWOOP (IRE) (196) s 89
	42/P325P8- 8 10-13 69.4kg Robert Walford Harry Kimber Fair maiden hurdler who made a bright start over fences when second over 21.6f here in January. However, failed by a long way to replicate that in 3 starts thereafter during the spring. Drop back in trip needs to have positive effect back from 6 months off.
	6 WEST ORCHARD (IRE) (18) (D) s+t 94
	1P92326-1 7 10-10 68.0kg Joe Tizzard Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg) Hails from a yard enjoying a fine autumn and bounced back to his best after 6 months when taking 7-runner handicap chase at Plumpton (19.8f) 18 days ago. Questionable he'll be in the same form here though, given his overall record.
	7 JACK DOYEN (IRE) (18) b 94
	853F124-3 8 10-6 66.2kg Ben Case Jack Quinlan Knuckled down well when gaining a second career success at Hereford (20.9f) in March. Respectable efforts final 2 starts but ran a somewhat typical race when third behind West Orchard on return at Plumpton 18 days ago, not convincing with jumping/finishing effort. Others preferred.
	8 I LOVE YOU SIVOLA (FR) (149) t 88
	56642U-P4 6 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg) Helen Nelmes Gavin Sheehan French recruit who has essentially struggled for present yard, albeit not seen to best effect when fourth of 7 in a C&D handicap when last seen in June. Lines up here from basement mark but others hold more pressing claims.
	9 CAN'T BUY TIME (IRE) (18) b+t 99
	606PP-P 5 10-2(9-11) 64.4kg (62.1kg) Cynthia Woods James Best No show in 5 starts over hurdles and, following 8 months off/breathing operation, he dropped away quickly when pulled up on chase debut at Plumpton in October. Hard to warm to operating from out of the weights.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Samazul, **9-2** Call Off The Dogs, **5-1** West Orchard, **7-1** Sir Rock, **10-1** Shuil Ceoil, **11-1** Jack Doyen, **16-1** I Love You Sivola, **22-1** Leading Swoop, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SAMAZUL impressed with how he jumped/travelled when making a winning chase debut here (17.8f) 16 days ago. He promises to do better still judged by the manner of that success and makes plenty of appeal back up in trip. Sir Rock, with a reappearance run over hurdles behind him, and Call Off The Dogs, who has landed 3 of his last 4 starts here, can provide chief resistance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SAMAZUL 2. SIR ROCK 3. CALL OFF THE DOGS

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.00

RACE 3

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HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £7,700
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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 CRAVEN BAY (IRE) (25) (D) s+t 98
3331-6611 8 12-1 | 76.7kg

 **Toby Lawes** *K. Brogan*
Very much on the up for his new yard, landing 3m2f handicap hurdles at Warwick and Hereford of late. Up another 4 lb but he's a player in his hat-trick bid.

2 FORTUNA LIGNA (IRE) (167) (BF) t 99
2545341-2 7 11-13 | 75.7kg

 **Anthony Honeyball** *Ben Godfrey*
Signed off last term with a win at Perth and posted a good second of 5 in handicap hurdle at Cartmel (25.4f, good to soft) following month. Merits consideration once more after a break.

3 SAN PEDRO (IRE) (186) (CD) 98
1531417-6 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Chris Gordon** *Rex Dingle*
C&D winner who comes here on the back of a recent spin on the Flat at Bath. No surprise to see him take a big step forward with that run under his belt.


4 HEAVEN SMART (FR) (185) b 97
P/U351UU-4 7 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Gary & Josh Moore** *Caoilin Quinn (3lb/1kg)*
A fairly useful 3m chase winner who recorded a solid fourth of 10 in handicap chase at Hereford (25.2f, good) in May. Much respected on his return.


5 BEN LILLY (IRE) (25) b+t 97
3131353-8 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **David Pipe** *Gearoid Harney (7lb/3kg)*
A dual hurdles scorer at around 3m last season but he came in last of 8 to Craven Bay in handicap hurdle at Hereford (25.5f, good) 25 days ago. Blinkers go back on with work to do.


6 KINGSTON KID (IRE) (165) s+t 92
274f669-4 7 10-13 | 69.4kg

 **Georgie Howell** *Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)*
Boasts just the one win from 26 runs and, having left Eugene O'Sullivan, he didn't offer much on debut for this stable at Huntingdon in May. Has something to prove after his lay-off.

7 RI NA CUIRTE (IRE) (186) (BF) ★ 100
56628-8 6 10-7 | 66.7kg

 **Ben Clarke** *Ben Jones*
Low-mileage sort who came in a below-form eighth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Warwick (25f, good to soft) in May. Weighted to go well though if back on song for his return.


8 SPOTTY DOG (264) 95
2P186/PPP- 9 10-6 | 66.2kg

 **Mike Hawker** *Harry Reed*
Dual winner over fences at Huntingdon at the start of 2023 but has been pulled up on all three outings this term. Others appeal more.

9 ENDERSEN (IRE) (208) 90
6P24/9PP- 7 10-5 | 65.8kg

 **Richard Rowe** *Niall Houlihan*
Lightly-raced hurdler/chaser who was pulled up over fences and hurdles on his final two runs last term. Back from 6 months off here with lots to prove.

10 WEARAPINKRIBBON (IRE) (45) 86
4/30PP-755 8 10-2(9-4) | 64.4kg (59.0kg)

 **Helen Nelmes** *Gavin Sheehan*
It's now 21 runs since his last win in 2020 and he has been below par all 3 outings this term. 12 lb out of the handicap here too.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Craven Bay, **11-4** Fortuna Ligna, **8-1** San Pedro, **10-1** Ri Na Cuirte, **11-1** Ben Lilly, **12-1** Heaven Smart, **25-1** Kingston Kid, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Not as competitive as the numbers suggest and CRAVEN BAY is fancied to defy another 4 lb rise in the weights and go 3-3 for Toby Lawes. Cartmel runner-up Fortuna Ligna appeals as the one to chase him home ahead of Heaven Smart and Ri Na Cuirte.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CRAVEN BAY 2. FORTUNA LIGNA 3. HEAVEN SMART

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Forward Plan 6-11-11	6-5f	Anthony Honeyball	Ben Godfrey (3)	5
2021	Imphal 7-11-2	8-11f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	5
2020	Crossley Tender 7-11-6	7-4f	Paul Henderson	Nick Scholfield	8
2019	Velvet Cognac 11-11-4	8-1	Lawney Hill	Sam Twiston-Davies	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.35

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RACE 4



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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

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| 1 | <p>EVERYONESGAME (IRE) (117) (D) 89
 1/31187-85 7 12-0 76.2kg
 Emma Lavelle <i>Ben Jones</i>
 Won 3 times for Charlie Longsdon in 2023, including a Class 2 Worcester handicap in June 2023. Well held both subsequent starts that season and little encouragement to glean from both outings over the summer for new connections. Handicapper eases his grip but others more appealing.</p> |
| 2 | <p>KISSMAN (FR) (179) 92
 892-1 4 11-10 74.4kg
 Gary & Josh Moore <i>Niall Houlihan</i>
 Fair hurdler in France, winning 12-runner 4-y-o event at Compiègne by 8 lengths from Kingscross when last seen back in May. Has since left E. d'Andigne (for €125,000) and interesting to see what the market makes of him on return/handicap debut.</p> |
| 3 | <p>JILAIJONE (FR) (14) (C, BF) 99
 2223P05-4 5 11-7 73.0kg
 David Pipe <i>Jack Tudor</i>
 Without a win since his British debut but went close a few times last season and ran creditably returning from 7 months off when fourth of 10 in handicap at Cheltenham (16.4f, good) a fortnight ago. Should strip fitter for that outing so every chance he'll be involved.</p> |
| 4 | <p>DOUBLE POWERFUL (IRE) (23) 100
 P79411-11 5 10-10 68.0kg
 Neil Mulholland <i>Richie McLernon</i>
 On a roll and had plenty to spare when wide-margin winner of 9-runner handicap at Worcester (20f, soft) just over 3 weeks ago. Handicapper has given him a real pasting (14 lb higher since last run) but he warrants considerable respect in his current mood for a red-hot yard.</p> |

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Double Powerful, **5-2** Kissman, **9-2** Jilajjone, **15-2** Everyonesgame

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The 5-timer beckons for DOUBLE POWERFUL, who made mincemeat of another field of low-grade handicappers at Worcester last month and Neil Mulholland's 5-y-o is taken to defy a hefty 14 lb rise at the expense of Jilajjone, who remains without a win since his British debut (at this track) but ran creditably on his recent return at Cheltenham. French-recruit Kissman, who changed hands for €125,000 in July, rounds off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DOUBLE POWERFUL 2. JILAIJONE 3. KISSMAN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022 Sayadam 5-12-0	5-2f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	6
2021 Alrightjack 7-11-10	5-2	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	5
2020 Miss Jeanne Moon 6-11-0	25-1	Neil Mulholland	James Best	10
2019 Paseo 3-10-10	10-1	Oliver Sherwood	Leighton Aspell	9

SMART STATS:

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

	1	PROPER TWELVE (IRE) (221)	98
		92/1822F4- 6 12-0 76.2kg	
		Anthony Honeyball	Rex Dingle
		Fair form at best over fences last season, signing off with a tame effort. Has left Chris Gordon and is worthy of a market check back from 7 months off.	
	2	SAFE DESTINATION (41)	94
		PIP1P55-1 6 11-10 74.4kg	
		Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies
		Not the most reliable but returned with a career best to land a handicap chase at Market Rasen in September. Definite claims if he can back that up.	
	3	ABBAYHILL (IRE) (26)	95
		64/40121-P 7 11-4 71.7kg	
		Neil Mulholland	Richie McLernon
		Irish point scorer who ended last season on the up, going in at Plumpton and Catterick (25f). Disappointing return at Ffos Las but may have come on for it and should take to this discipline.	
	4	DELGANY MONARCH (IRE) (208) (D)	96
		4321/6U37- 9 11-4 71.7kg	
		Richard Rowe	Niall Houlihan
		Modest chaser who often needs his first run back, so not all that likely to feature back from 6 months off.	
	5	PAWPAW (33) (C)	96
		83U6P3P5 7 10-12 68.9kg	
		D. J. Jeffreys	Caolin Quinn (31b/1kg)
		Has dropped to a handy mark and two of his last three efforts have been creditable. He's not the easiest to rely upon, however.	
	6	EURKASH (FR) (16)	100
		44P6-0242 10 10-9 67.6kg	
		James Owen	Sean Bowen
		On a losing run but lightly raced for this yard and has been knocking on the door lately, shaping well under another positive ride when second over C&D last time. Worth a chance to go one better in a first-time visor.	
	7	ELPOLOGREG (FR) (18)	94
		94P3157-7 5 10-8 67.1kg	
		Seamus Mullins	Oscar Palmer (71b/3kg)
		Got off the mark in 5-runner handicap chase at Fakenham (16.3f, soft) in February but that was a poor contest and he didn't really back it up subsequently and didn't fire on reappearance.	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Eurbash, **11-4** Safe Destination, **17-2** Proper Twelve, **9-1** Abbeyhill, **12-1** Delgany Monarch, **14-1** Pawpaw, **20-1** Elpologreg

TIMEFORM VIEW:

EURKASH hasn't won for a good while but he's not had much racing for current connections and his latest effort over C&D suggests he's ready to strike, so he's preferred to last-time-out winner Safe Destination. Proper Twelve is of interest if the market speaks in his favour on debut for a new yard.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EURKASH 2. SAFE DESTINATION 3. PROPER TWELVE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Coolvalla 6-10-13	13-8f	Chris Gordon	Rex Dingle	9
2021	Hoot At Midnight 6-10-5	11-4	Charlie Longsdon	Charlie Deutsch	7
2020	Cheque En Blanc 8-11-12	7-2	Gary Moore	Niall Houlihan (7)	8
2019	Kiwi Myth 7-10-8	8-1	Fiona Shaw	Mr Michael Legg (5)	8

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RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 MAVIS PIKE (7lb/3kg ex) (9) 95
542d/53-51 5 12-5 | 78.5kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Built on previous promise when making all on handicap debut at Fakenham (2m, good) recently, proving 2¾ lengths too strong for Dreams Fled Away. Very much of interest under a penalty kept to a left-handed, sharp track.

2 CARD DEALER (IRE) (982) 94
7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Chris Gordon

Freddie Gordon (51lb/2kg)

Placed both starts between the flags and shaped well on Rules debut in an Ascot bumper back in October 2021. However, didn't show much switched to hurdles during second half of 2021/22 campaign and probably best watched on the back of such a lengthy absence (has undergone a wind op in the interim).

3 OFFICER OF STATE (265) 100
588- 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Niall Houlihan

Useful on the Flat for Andre Fabre in France, sold for 65,000 gns after opening his account a 15f conditions race in October. Little impact sent hurdling for new connections last term but a spin on the Flat last month will have blown away the cobwebs ahead of his handicap debut in this sphere.

4 HURST HILL (IRE) (29) 92
7336 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Seamus Mullins

Daniel Sansom (31lb/1kg)

Placed in a couple of mares' novice events at Newton Abbot during the early part of the summer (both at around 17f). Safely held back from a break in an Exeter maiden last month but there were still positives to glean from that effort and she should do better now pitched into a handicap.

5 DREAMS FLED AWAY (IRE) (9) 96
6852 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Barry Brennan

James Best

Successful twice on the AW in Ireland earlier this year and duly stepped up on low-key qualifying runs in this sphere when chasing home Mavis Pike on handicap hurdle debut at Fakenham last week. 7 lb pull with that rival gives him a fighting chance of reversing those placings.

6 LADY CARO (IRE) (18) 97
6/6572-684 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Emma Lavelle

Ben Jones

Remains winless following 7 attempts in this sphere but she is not without hope here judged on bits and pieces of form, including her recent fourth in a 15-runner Plumpton handicap (2m, good to soft). One to consider.

7 BASMAN PALACE (SAF) (183) 93
5770344-0 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Carroll Gray

Rex Dingle

Hasn't pulled up any trees in half-a-dozen starts over hurdles and, having run poorly at Stratford when last seen in May, it's easy enough to look elsewhere.

8 THE COOLEEN (IRE) (126) 89
800/090-67 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Mark Hoad

James Davies

No great shakes for two different yards in Ireland and improvement will be needed now switched to this side of the pond for new connections.

9 GEARING'S POINT (18) 91
236-6 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Sheena West

Marc Goldstein

Four-time Flat winner who made an encouraging start over hurdles when second in a maiden here last summer. However, she hasn't improved for the switch to handicap company on her last 2 starts in this sphere.

10 SMITH (IRE) (18) 87
PP/4 8 11-0 | 69.9kg



Lydia Richards

Gavin Sheehan

Successful 7 times on the Flat but he's something of an AW specialist and while he makes his handicap debut in this sphere on a lowly mark, this 8-y-o makes limited appeal judged on previous hurdles exploits.

11 OWL OF ATHENS (IRE) (226) 98
78566- 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Evan Williams

Conor Ring

Didn't show much in a trio of novice events and improvement has not been forthcoming switched to handicaps the last twice. Opposable back from a 7-month absence.

12 THIEVING GAP (IRE) (33) 75
068/8 6 10-5(10-4) | 65.8kg (65.3kg)



Harriet Dickin

Ben Poste

Little show in bumpers/maiden hurdles so far and sizeable step forward needed now that he ventures down the handicap route in a first-time hood.

13 SPICY NELSON (IRE) (253) 94
86P/9P5- 6 10-5(10-3) | 65.8kg (64.9kg)



Joe Tizzard

Freddie Gingell (31lb/1kg)

Has offered little so far, finishing a well-held fifth in a 9-runner Taunton handicap (first run following a wind op) when last seen in February.

14 NO GUARANTEE (31) 95
9P5P8-PP0 4 10-5(9-10) | 65.8kg (61.7kg)



Cynthia Woods

Tabitha Worsley (31lb/1kg)

No more than a poor maiden judged on evidence available and looks set for another struggle from 9 lb out of the handicap here.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Mavis Pike, 5-1 Dreams Fled Away, 15-2 Officer of State, 10-1 Lady Caro, 12-1 Hurst Hill, 16-1 Card Dealer, 18-1 Spicy Nelson, 22-1 Smith, 25-1 The Cooleen, 28-1 Owl of Athens, 33-1 Gearing's Point, 40-1 Bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

OFFICER OF STATE hasn't shown a great deal over hurdles so far, but he has to be of interest now handicapping off this mark given the level of ability he showed for Andre Fabre on the Flat. Dreams Fled Away is taken to reverse recent Fakenham placings with Mavis Pike on these revised terms, while Lady Caro makes each-way appeal.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OFFICER OF STATE 2. DREAMS FLED AWAY 3. MAVIS PIKE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race