



GBI RACING

Sunday 10th November

SANDOWN**TIMEFORM**
1-2-3 **12.30** TRUSTATRADER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m3f173y (3980 Metres)RACE 1 **(8) FALCO DES PINS | (4) VINCENZO | (1) MONVIEL****1.05** MY PENSION EXPERT HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m10y (4030 Metres)RACE 2 **(2) EL RIO | (1) PASSING WELL | (6) ABINGWORTH****1.40** MOLSON COORS MAIDEN HURDLE (3) 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)RACE 3 **(5) NOAHSGREATRAINBOW | (8) ANNO POWER | (7) TRADECRAFT****2.15** BOODLES NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 1m7f99y (3110 Metres)RACE 4 **(1) JERIKO DU REPONET | (2) BROOKIE | (3) CLASSIC ANTHEM****2.50** ASTON MARTIN HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)RACE 5 **(6) DON HOLLOW | (5) PEKING OPERA | (3) LARIO****3.25** SANDOWN PARK VETERANS' HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3m37y (4860 Metres)RACE 6 **(1) CERTAINLY RED | (3) COPPERHEAD | (4) MORORDER****4.00** RACING WELFARE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)RACE 7 **(5) KIWI RUSH | (1) BROXY MUSIC | (8) OLD PARK STAR****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.

12.30**TRUSTATRADER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE**
(3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-130) £15,000 2m3f173y (3980 Metres)

RACE 1

Going: **Chase course: Good, Hurdles course: Good to Soft (Good 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 MONVIEL (IRE) (190) (C)** **100**

5/24823U-2 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Harry Derham

Alice Stevens

Confirmed himself back in good heart during the spring, showing no ill effects of his unseat over C&D in April when second at Uttoxeter (20f) the following month. Won after a break previously and his yard have made an excellent start to the campaign. Shortlisted.

2 HENRI THE SECOND (FR) (364) (CD, BF) **93**

2/142P/4- 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Paul Nicholls

Jay Tidball (31b/1kg)

Useful in bumpers and quickly reached a similar level over hurdles, winning C&D Grade 2 just under 2 years ago. However, absent since being pulled up on chase debut here (20f) 12 months ago and the market may prove a useful guide returned to hurdles now.

3 ACT OF AUTHORITY (FR) (29) (D) **97**

2/161316-9 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Olly Murphy

Lewis Saunders (81b/4kg)

Successful on 3 of his half-a-dozen starts as a novice last season and signed that campaign off with a good sixth in a valuable handicap here (2m) in April. Never figured on reappearance in Silver Trophy at Chepstow 4 weeks ago but that ought to have blown the cobwebs away.

4 VINCENZO (FR) (30) **99**

42/32431-3 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Sam Thomas

Patrick Wadge

Placed in some good maiden/novice events and made most of good opportunity at Exeter (16.7f) in April. Returned with a good third in Grade 2 Persian War at Chepstow last month and he's one to consider now switched to handicaps.

5 SAMUEL SPADE (GER) (207) **98**

4/P410610- 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Ben Pauling

Callum Pritchard (101b/5kg)

Capitalised on the ease in grade when scoring at Huntingdon (20.6f) in March but rather typically made mistakes and was below form when eleventh of 15 in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (20.2f) a month later. Returns with yard going nicely however, if he can keep the errors at bay.

6 DON'T TELL SU (IRE) (205) **99**

5/123212- 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Paul Nicholls

Freddie Gingell (31b/1kg)

Bumper winner. Bright start over hurdles last season, completing simple task in a Wincanton maiden (15.2f) in March. Signed off with a solid second of 9 on handicap debut at Ayr (20.5f) in April and he commands respect for his top yard after 6 months off.

7 ARQOOB (IRE) (14) (C) **91**

533528P-9 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Lucy Wadham

Cameron Iles (31b/1kg)

A fairly useful 2m winner (course winner) but ended last season with a below-par display and disconcerting he again finished well held last of 9 in handicap hurdle at Aintree (20f) 2 weeks ago. Needs to leave that well behind.

8 FALCO DES PINS (FR) (232) **99**

7662- 4 10-10 | 68.0kg



Venetia Williams

Ned Fox (31b/1kg)

Ex-French performer who was steadily progressive last season, best effort yet when second of in juvenile hurdle at Angers (16.9f) in March. Goes handicapping for new yard with a good record with new recruits and he's worthy of note, particularly if strong in the betting.

9 THROUGH THE AGES (29) **99**

31184-7 4 10-8 | 67.1kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Caoilin Quinn (31b/1kg)

Fair form when landing small-field juvenile hurdles at Huntingdon/Newbury around the turn of the year. Hasn't matched that form on 2 of his 3 starts since, latterly on return from 6 months off when seventh of 11 in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m) 29 days ago. Back up in trip.

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Vincenzo, **9-2** Don't Tell Su, **11-2** Monviel, **8-1** Falco Des Pins, **9-1** Henri The Second, **11-1** Act of Authority, **14-1** Samuel Spade, **16-1** Through The Ages, **22-1** Arqoob

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Claims can be made for several here and it may pay to take a chance on Venetia Williams' FALCO DES PINS. A low-mileage 4-y-o, he signed off his time in France with a good second at Angers in the spring and he appeals as the type to make his mark now handicapping/up in trip before the benefit of market clues. Vincenzo, Monviel and Don't Tell Su all command respect also.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. FALCO DES PINS 2. VINCENZO 3. MONVIEL****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Operation Manna 7-11-7	11-4f	Tom Lacey	Cameron Iles (10)	8
2022	Halo des Obeaux 5-11-12	13-2	Paul Nicholls	Freddie Gingell (10)	9
2021	Jesuitique 6-10-12	9-2	Dr Richard Newland	C. M. Leonard (3)	10
2020	Gortroe Joe 8-11-0	8-1	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (8)	8
2019	Lord of The Island 11-11-9	4-1	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace (3)	8

SMART STATS:

- £11.44** Ben Pauling's profit to a £1 level stake with hurdlers running after a break (saddles: **SAMUEL SPADE**)
- 25%** Paul Nicholls's strike rate with hurdlers running between 2m2f and up to 2m6f (saddles: **DON'T TELL SU and HENRI THE SECOND**)
- 25%** Paul Nicholls's strike rate in early season (saddles: **DON'T TELL SU and HENRI THE SECOND**)

1.05**MY PENSION EXPERT HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £15,000 2½m10y (4030 Metres)**

RACE 2

Going: **Chase course: Good, Hurdles course: Good to Soft (Good 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: **Weak**

1 PASSING WELL (FR) (254) (D, BF) t 99
104/21354- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Jamie Snowden

Gavin Sheehan

Got off the mark over fences at Lingfield last November but came in last of 4 at Newbury in March. Tongue strap goes back on for his return and in the picture with yard going well.

2 EL RIO (IRE) (33) (D) 96
0F1/776P-1 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Kim Bailey

Ciaran Gethings

Low-mileage 7-y-o who resumed with success in 8-runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (19.9f, good) 33 days ago. Up 6 lb but he merits serious consideration once more.

3 MOLE COURT (IRE) (16) (D) 98
1171-P470 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Made it 5 wins in this sphere at Huntingdon in April but he posted a below-par tenth of 18 in handicap chase at Cheltenham (25f, good) 16 days ago. Needs to get back on track.

4 HUDSON DE GRUGY (FR) (200) (CD) s ★ 100
731P/3F37- 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)

C&D winner but he made mistakes when seventh of 8 in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (24f) in April. Cheekpieces replace visor for his return and not discounted.

5 BELGARUM (IRE) (30) (D) s+t 96
P-314U11P 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Joe Tizzard

Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)

Much improved since sent chasing, scoring emphatically at Plumpton (2m4f) in September. Pulled up at Chepstow (3m) last time but no surprise to see him bounce back here with cheekpieces added.

6 ABINGWORTH (33) (D) 98
421221U-U 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Caoilin Quinn (3lb/1kg)

A dual chase scorer (up to 2m4f) last term but brought down 6th in handicap chase at Huntingdon (19.9f, good) 33 days ago. Very much one to consider.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Passing Well, **10-3** El Rio, **9-2** Mole Court, **11-2** Abingworth, **7-1** Belgarum, **8-1** Hudson De Grugy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

None of these can be ruled out but the vote goes to EL RIO who returned in style when successful at Huntingdon and can defy a 6 lb weights rise with few miles still on the clock. The reappearing Passing Well is feared most from the in-form Jamie Snowden yard ahead of Gary and Josh Moore's pair Abingworth and Hudson de Grugy.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EL RIO 2. PASSING WELL 3. ABINGWORTH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Le Patron 5-10-12	11-2	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	4
2022	Solo 6-11-10	9-4jf	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	5
2021	Minella Trump 7-11-8	6-5f	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	7
2020	Sevarano 7-11-8	2-1f	Oliver Sherwood	Brendan Powell	7
2019	Champagne Court 6-11-8	13-8f	Jeremy Scott	Nick Scholfield	8

SMART STATS:

£17.10 Kim Bailey's profit to a £1 level stake with chase favourites (saddles: **EL RIO**)
20% Jamie Snowden's strike rate in early season (saddles: **PASSING WELL**)
23% Kim Bailey's strike rate in early season (saddles: **EL RIO**)

1.40**MOLSON COORS MAIDEN HURDLE (3) 4yo+ £10,000**
1m7f216y (3220 Metres)

RACE 3

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

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 BIG GINGE (IRE) (200) (BF) 91**
372- 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies

Mr Jamie Neild (71b/3kg)

Showed plenty of ability in trio of bumpers last season, headed dying strides having raced freely in 16-runner event at Ludlow in April. Bright prospect for hurdling.

2 BROTHER BORIS (190) 87
54-6 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Lucy Wadham

Gavin Sheehan

Showed ability in a bumper and 2 hurdles in the spring. Might need this and handicaps over further will probably be his bag.

3 DE KINGPIN (IRE) (252) 91
2- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Well-bred 5-y-o who was picked up for £70,000 after finishing runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points and made an encouraging start to his career under Rules in 4-runner Doncaster bumper in March. Seems sure to have a future over jumps.

4 MOAB (IRE) (14) 89
48 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

Henrietta C Knight

Robert Dunne

Fair maiden on the Flat and has shown aptitude for hurdling in 2 starts (not knocked about latest). Needs this for a handicap mark.

5 NOAHSGREATRAINBOW (IRE) (274) 99
12- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

Made a likeable winning debut in bumper at Wincanton on Boxing Day and ran a fine race when second in listed contest at Newbury in February. Good hurdles prospect.

6 SANDSCAPE (26) 79
4-7 4 11-4 | 71.7kg

Henry Daly

Sam Twiston-Davies

Well held in Hereford bumper and Market Rasen maiden hurdle 7 months apart.

7 TRADECRAFT (IRE) (191) 93
22-0 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Nicky Henderson

Nico de Boinville

Runner-up in bumpers at Ascot and Kempton last winter before struggling in good contest at the Punchestown Festival. Plenty of potential for jumping.

8 ANNO POWER (IRE) (206) (D) h ★ 100
211- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

Harry Fry

Jonathan Burke

Looked very promising in bumpers last season, winning at Ascot and Cheltenham once a hood went on. Good prospect for hurdling, a pure 2-miler on running style, although she looks to live on her nerves (free-goer) so her abundant ability will need to be channelled correctly.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Anno Power, **11-4** Noahsgreatrainbow, **6-1** Tradecraft, **8-1** De Kingpin, **8-1** Big Ginge, **16-1** Moab, **33-1** Brother Boris, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Some good hurdling prospects here, with NOAHSGREATRAINBOW taken to make a winning start in this sphere after a fine run in a listed bumper at Newbury when last seen. The free-going Anno Power could be very exciting if channelling her energy correctly. Nicky Henderson's Tradecraft could also be useful.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NOAHSGREATRAINBOW 2. ANNO POWER 3. TRADECRAFT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Southoftheborder 5-11-4	8-15f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	9
2022	Colonel Harry 5-11-4	10-3	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	11
2021	Bombs Away 5-11-4	7-4	Olly Murphy	Aidan Coleman	9
2020	Adrimel 5-11-0	6-5f	Tom Lacey	Richard Johnson	8
2019	Keen On 5-11-0	15-8	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	11

SMART STATS:

- 3** Nicky Henderson's number of winners in past 8 runnings. (saddles: **TRADECRAFT**)
- £11.44** Ben Pauling's profit to a £1 level stake with hurdlers running after a break (saddles: **DE KINGPIN**)
- £30.39** Nigel Twiston-Davies's profit to a £1 level stake with hurdlers running after a break (saddles: **BIG GINGE**)

2.15**BOODLES NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+
£20,000 1m7f99y (3110 Metres)**

RACE 4

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

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1	JERIKO DU REPONET (FR) (243) 111P- 5 11-10 74.4kg		100
	Nicky Henderson	<i>Nico de Boinville</i>	
	Successful on his only start in points and looked a fine prospe when winning his 3 starts over hurdles, bagging the Grade 2 Rossington Main at Doncaster. Pulled up in Supreme Hurdle at Cheltenham on his final run but remains with considerable potential now going chasing. Most interesting.		
2	BROOKIE (IRE) (224) 64/41014P- 7 11-5 72.1kg	t	79
	Anthony Honeyball	<i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>	
	A fairly useful hurdler/chaser in Ireland who advanced his form when landing a pair of handicap hurdles for his current yard last winter. Not ruled out reverted to fences for his seasonal return.		
3	CLASSIC ANTHEM (IRE) (180) (C) 5/231278-4 6 10-7 66.7kg		72
	Jim Boyle	<i>Robert Dunne</i>	
	Expensive recruit from the Irish pointing field who scored over hurdles at Sandown (2m) in December. Not discredited when fourth in handicap at Southwell in May but this is no easy introduction to chasing.		
4	KANSAS DU BERLAIS (FR) (179) 17/43622-3 5 10-5(10-3) 65.8kg (64.9kg)	h+t	72
	Adam West	<i>Lee Edwards</i>	
	A fairly useful hurdles winner who comes here on the back of a well-held fourth of 6 in novice at Ascot (12f) on Flat debut 37 days ago. Goes over fences now with plenty on his plate.		

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-7 Jeriko Du Reponet, 7-2 Brookie, 11-1 Kansas Du Berlais, 12-1 Classic Anthem

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JERIKO DU REPONET brings considerable potential to the novice chasing ranks and is fancied to go in at the first time of asking before tackling better company. Brookie has experience on his side and appeals as the one to chase home Nicky Henderson's smart winning hurdler.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JERIKO DU REPONET 2. BROOKIE 3. CLASSIC ANTHEM

SMART STATS:

44% Nico de Boinville's strike rate on chase favourites (rides: **JERIKO DU REPONET**)
21% Anthony Honeyball's strike rate with chasers at up to 2m3f (saddles: **BROOKIE**)

2.50**ASTON MARTIN HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-130) £20,000 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)**

RACE 5

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****SMART STATS:**

26% Harry Derham's strike rate with hurdlers at up to 2m2f (saddles: **LARIO**)
26% Harry Derham's strike rate in early season (saddles: **LARIO**)

1 ZAMBEZI FIX (FR) (211) (D) **97**
 324122F1- 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

Bernard Llewellyn **Ellis Collier (71b/3kg)**
 Added to his good Chepstow record with chase and hurdle wins last season. Has run well over C&D before but it might be best to look elsewhere for win purposes away from Chepstow.

2 OOH BETTY (IRE) (206) t **96**
 13P12232- 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

Ben Clarke **Ben Jones**
 Three wins last season, including a Hereford handicap, and ended her campaign with a series of good placed efforts. Has had wind surgery ahead of reappearance. Should be competitive if ready to roll.

3 LARIO (GER) (197) (D) t **94**
 U1330- 5 11-10 | 74.4kg

Harry Derham **Paul O'Brien**
 Winner of his completed start over hurdles for Anthony Charlton last winter and creditable third in novices in the spring on first 2 outings for Harry Derham. Failed to feature in a warm C&D handicap on his final start but no surprise were he to make more of an impact this time.

4 HYSTERY BERE (FR) (31) (D) s **96**
 122P3-3P3 7 11-6 | 72.6kg

Tom Symonds **Jordan Nailor**
 Fairly useful hurdle and chase winner. Fit from a respectable third over fences at Exeter last month but might be vulnerable to some of the less-exposed sorts in this line-up.

5 PEKING OPERA (IRE) (260) (CD) s **99**
 1F- 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Gary & Josh Moore **Niall Houlihan**
 Useful on Flat for Aidan O'Brien and made winning hurdle debut over C&D in February. Well held in fourth when falling last in the Grade 2 Adonis at Kempton 3 weeks later but retains potential now handicapping for the first time in this sphere. Fit from the Flat and wears first-time cheekpieces.

6 DON HOLLOW (GER) (17) (D) t **100**
 34176/5 7 11-1 | 70.3kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
 Bumper/maiden hurdle winner in 2022 and made an encouraging return from an 18-month absence when fifth of 11 in 17f Carlisle handicap 17 days ago. Given a chance to build on that promise.

7 JOUR D'EVASION (FR) (8) (D) t **97**
 34221P3-U 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Henry Daly **Sam Twiston-Davies**
 Fair novice hurdle winner last season. 14/1 when unseating at the first on Ascot handicap debut/reappearance 8 days ago.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Don Hollow, **4-1** Peking Opera, **4-1** Lario, **13-2** Ooh Betty, **9-1** Hystery Bere, **11-1** Zambezi Fix, **12-1** Jour D'evasion

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DON HOLLOW gets the nod to build on a promising comeback run at Carlisle last month. Peking Opera should be spot on for this after a pair of Flat runs last month and is second choice ahead of Lario, who should find this a touch easier than the ultra-competitive novice handicap he contested here when last seen in the spring.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DON HOLLOW 2. PEKING OPERA 3. LARIO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Arqoob 5-11-2	10-3f	Lucy Wadham	Bryony Frost	10
2021	Hudson de Grugy 4-11-12	11-4	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	6
2020	Mister Coffey 5-11-10	2-1f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	9
2019	Totterdown 8-11-12	evsf	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	8

3.25**SANDOWN PARK VETERANS' HANDICAP CHASE (2) 10yo+
(Rated 0-150) £30,000 3m37y (4860 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Chase course: Good, Hurdles course: Good to Soft (Good 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: **Weak**

1 **CERTAINLY RED (30)** (C, D) s **100**
4352P34-2 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Lydia Richards

Marc Goldstein

Good record here, fourth in the bet365 Gold Cup in April fitted with first-time cheekpieces (back on now). Made an encouraging return in one of these events at Chepstow last month, no match for rejuvenated handicap blot Copperhead, with Good Boy Bobby third. Leading claims.

2 **GOOD BOY BOBBY (IRE) (30)** (CD) s **98**
5117350-3 11 11-8 | 73.5kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Back-to-back winner in 3m veterans' handicap chases this time last year, including this race. Should have come on for Chepstow return behind Copperhead and Certainly Red and seems sure to give his running.

3 **COPPERHEAD (14)** (C, D) s+t **99**
33344-111 10 11-5 | 72.1kg



Joe Tizzard

Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)

Has emerged from an extended spell in the doldrums to some tune, landing 3 handicaps in a row from a much-reduced mark relative to his smart peak, including one of these at Chepstow from the returning Certainly Red and Good Boy Bobby. 8 lb hit and might find those two rivals reversing the form now.

4 **MORODER (IRE) (19)** (D) s **99**
2/PP7852-P 10 11-1 | 70.3kg



Seamus Mullins

James Best

Ran easily his best race last season on his final start when fitted with first-time blinkers and second at Cheltenham. Should have come on for Exeter return when headgear was left off and cheekpieces now tried on his first go in a veterans' event. Second in the 2023 bet365 here and he's interesting.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Copperhead, 11-4 Certainly Red, 10-3 Good Boy Bobby, 4-1 Moroder

TIMEFORM VIEW:

All four runners can have a case made for them but CERTAINLY RED has a decent record at Sandown and could be the way to go after his encouraging comeback at Chepstow behind 4-timer seeking Copperhead. Moroder was second in the bet365 Gold Cup here in 2023 and lurks on a very dangerous mark with headgear back on. Last year's winner Good Boy Bobby also shaped well on return behind Copperhead and is firmly in the mix, also.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CERTAINLY RED 2. COPPERHEAD 3. MORODER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Good Boy Bobby	10-11-2	5-4f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	6
2021	Wandrin Star	10-11-12	15-2	Kim Bailey	David Bass	7
2020	Step Back	10-11-6	4-1	Mark Bradstock	Jack Tudor (5)	10
2019	Houblon des Obeaux	12-11-10	11-4f	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.00**RACING WELFARE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 4 and 5yo £5,000 1m7f216y (3220 Metres)**

RACE 7

Going: **Chase course: Good, Hurdles course: Good to Soft (Good 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: **Insufficient Data**

1 BROXY MUSIC **100**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Henderson *Nico de Boinville*
€60,000 Blue Bresil gelding. Half-brother to fair 2¼m hurdle winner The Nagger Reidy. Dam (h136) 2½m-25f hurdle winner, also 7.4f-21f winner on Flat. The mount of Nico de Boinville from the yard's pair.

2 EDWARD SEXTON (IRE) **94**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gary & Josh Moore *Mr David Dunsdon*
Jukebox Jury gelding. Dam (b104), unbeaten bumper winner, also winner on Flat, half-sister to useful hurdle winner/chaser (stayed 2¾m) Beakstown. Hurricane Pat probably the stable first string but the betting is probably the best guide.

3 HURRICANE PAT (IRE) **97**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gary & Josh Moore *Niall Houlihan*
£40,000 buy after finishing runner-up in a pair of Irish points in the spring. Interesting Rules newcomer for a stable which has tasted success in this race before.

4 JONJO BRAVO (FR) **95**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Benjamin Macey (10lb/5kg)*
€70,000 Masked Marvel gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler Despereaux and fair French hurdler Sassari. Dam French hurdler/chaser (17f-19f winner). Debutant from an in-form stable.

5 KIWI RUSH (IRE) **96**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Harry Derham *Paul O'Brien*
Bought for £85,000 after finishing runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points in April 2024. Tongue tied. Joined a good trainer and very interesting runner.

6 NEXT TWIST (FR) **96**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Olly Murphy *Robert Dunne*
€85,000 Muhtathir gelding. Closely related to useful hurdler Steel Ally, and half-brother to French 19f chase winner Elite Rock. One to note on debut for a stable which gets lots of bumper winners.

7 NOBLE PARK (IRE) **96**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Henderson *David Bass*
£90,000 Walk In The Park gelding. Closely related to fair 23f hurdle winner Craven Bay. Broxy Music looks the Henderson first string on jockey bookings but the betting will provide more clues.

8 OLD PARK STAR (IRE) **100**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Paul Nicholls *Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)*
€120,000 Well Chosen gelding. Brother to useful hurdler/smart chaser Chosen Mate. Top stable won this race last year.

9 THICKTHORN TOM (IRE) **96**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
€32,000 Ocovango gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler Bents Hollow, stays 19f. Dam unraced half-sister to bumper winner/useful hurdler (stays 2¼m) Glan. Yet another noteworthy newcomer in this contest.

10 YOUDECIDE (IRE) **96**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ben Pauling *Ben Jones*
Picked up for £90,000 after winning his only start in Irish points (Feb 2024). Would firmly enter the reckoning if the betting vibes are strong.

11 RIGHTOFWAY (368) **94**
4- 5 10-9 | 67.6kg



Alex Hales *Kielan Woods*
Offered plenty to work on when fourth of 16 on her Warwick debut a year ago but returns in a hot-looking race.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Broxy Music, **5-1** Old Park Star, **9-1** Hurricane Pat, **10-1** Noble Park, **10-1** Next Twist, **10-1** Thickthorn Tom, **10-1** Youdecide, **10-1** Kiwi Rush, **14-1** Jonjo Bravo, **25-1** Rightofway, **25-1** Edward Sexton

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Several good stables are represented in what has the look of a warm bumper. Harry Derham point recruit KIWI RUSH gets a tentative vote ahead of Broxy Music, Old Park Star and Next Twist in a race where the betting is sure to provide more clues.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KIWI RUSH 2. BROXY MUSIC 3. OLD PARK STAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Touquet 4-11-2	5-6f Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	7
2021	Buckhorn Rocco 5-11-0	14-1 Colin Tizzard	Harry Kimber (7)	10
2020	No Ordinary Joe 4-10-12	11-10f Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	9
2019	Fly Number One 5-10-12	10-1 Nick Gifford	Leighton Aspell	8

SMART STATS:

2 Nicky Henderson's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: **NOBLE PARK**)

24% Nicky Henderson's strike rate with bumper horses running over less than 2m (saddles: **NOBLE PARK and BROXY MUSIC**)

24% Nicky Henderson's strike rate in early season (saddles: **NOBLE PARK and BROXY MUSIC**)