

Tuesday 10th December

# UTTOXETER



**12.12** SIGNS 2000 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m7f70y (4690 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) KRUGER PARK | (5) ACCIDENTAL LEGEND | (7) I'M ON MY WAY**

**12.42** HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY LEANNE HEATHCOTE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 2 **(8) OH MY JOHNNY | (7) LET ME GO BOYS | (5) KI WOO**

**1.12** HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY LEANNE HEATHCOTE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 3 **(5) KOUKEO | (7) MALFOY MANOR | (8) SOLDIER DAN**

**1.42** 2025 UTTOXETER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) JAGWAR | (3) RAMBO T | (1) JINGKO BLUE**

**2.12** 4 OAKS GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m (4830 Metres)

RACE 5 **(8) NOT LONG LEFT | (3) BROOMFIELD PRESENT | (7) SOUND AND FURY**

**2.42** HOMESERVE HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) STRICTLY TANGO | (1) SAO CARLOS | (6) DON VIRGINIA**

**3.12** QUINNBET MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f207y (4010 Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) CHERRY BRAVE | (4) OLIVIA KATE | (6) TUSCAN ROSE**

## 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.

**12.12**

**SIGNS 2000 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (4)**  
**3yo+ (Rated 0-120) £7,700 2m7f70y (4690 Metres)**

RACE 1



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

Left handed, sharp. Although tight in nature, the track has a reputation for gruelling conditions during the winter, ability to see out the trip being of paramount importance. When the going is on the firm side it often pays to race prominently, especially on the chase course. Fences below average in terms of numbers of fallers/unseats.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 LIFFEYDALE DREAMER (IRE) (834)** t **88**  
 138111/ 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

Sam England **Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)**  
 Completed hat-trick in game fashion at Cartmel in August 2022. Off the track since so well-being has to be taken on trust. Usual cheekpieces off.

**2 KRUGER PARK (FR) (41)** t **100**  
 P/934212-3 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

Paul Nicholls **Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)**  
 Improved when handicapping last season, including a 20.5f Newbury win on heavy ground in March. Too free on reappearance and finished tired in October. Given time to recover and better expected here for in-form yard.

**3 BALLYMAGROARTY BOY (IRE) (30)** b **98**  
 414034-78 11 11-9 | 73.9kg

Nigel Hawke **Ben Bromley**  
 Ffos Las winner a year ago and now 2 lb lower in the weights but a brace of heavy defeats since returning in October raises questions.

**4 KILBARRY HILL (18)** t **95**  
 32332-11 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Olly Murphy **Lewis Stones**  
 Consistent hurdler who made the most of a good opportunity to get off the mark in 6-runner novice hurdle at Hereford last month (walked over at Catterick). More on his plate switched to a handicap upped markedly in trip but he represents yard going really well.

**5 ACCIDENTAL LEGEND (IRE) (248) (CD)** s+t **96**  
 8/9012221- 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Fergal O'Brien **J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)**  
 Won over 2½m here a year ago and runner-up next 3 starts, he signed off last season with a C&D win (from Kruger Park) in April. Off since but fitness won't be an issue given yard he represents. Tongue tie back on.

**6 CHRIS COOL (20)** s **98**  
 123313-55 8 11-4 | 71.7kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Ben Smith (8lb/4kg)**  
 Generally solid record over hurdles and got back on the up when seeing off an unexposed rival (pair clear) at Huntingdon (25f) in April. Good third at Ludlow final start last term but held back by jumping both outings this season.

**7 I'M ON MY WAY (IRE) (34) (D)** **96**  
 071U1-11 7 11-2 | 70.8kg

Neil Mulholland **Callum Pritchard (3lb/1kg)**  
 Unseat at Doncaster in January aside, she's won all 4 handicap starts, latest in another big field at Chepstow a month ago. Hit with 10 lb rise but she was value for extra and is clearly thriving.

**8 KATATE DORI (FR) (38)** v+t **99**  
 21/83333-5 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Sam Thomas **Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)**  
 Bumper winner in early 2023 who reached a fair level over hurdles last term, creditable third with cheekpieces enlisted in 11-runner handicap at Wincanton (21.3f). Stable made a bright start to the campaign but this one looked in need of the run at Ascot last month. Visor on up in distance.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** I'm On My Way, **9-2** Kruger Park, **11-2** Accidental Legend, **11-2** Kilbarry Hill, **13-2** Katate Dori, **11-1** Chris Cool, **14-1** Liffeydale Dreamer, **16-1** Ballymagroarty Boy

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

KRUGER PARK finished behind Accidental Legend when the pair dominated a C&D contest in the spring but is weighted to reverse the form this time and he also has a reappearance run under his belt. I'm On My Way is progressing very nicely so has to be feared.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KRUGER PARK 2. ACCIDENTAL LEGEND 3. I'M ON MY WAY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.42**

**HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY LEANNE HEATHCOTE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 3yo+ £7,700 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)**

RACE 2



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 ALSHADHIAN (IRE) (22) 67**  
77 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Craig Nichol*  
Fair maiden at best on Flat (stays 1¾m) but no real impact both hurdles starts this autumn. Back in trip having left Alan King.

**2 BORN IN THE WEST (IRE) (14) 79**  
265 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Sam England *Jonathan England*  
Point winner who went backwards from a promising Rules debut when sixth of 10 in bumper at Worcester in June. Left David Pipe after and shaped like a stayer kept to 2m on hurdles debut a fortnight ago.

**3 DANTE'S INFERNO (229) 67**  
247- 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Stella Barclay *Luke Scott (51b/2kg)*  
Out of a winning hurdler and showed a fair level of ability when reaching the frame at Ludlow and Hereford last autumn. Too free and well held when last seen in April and since changed yards ahead of this hurdles debut.

**4 JACK HOOLA (26) 45**  
87 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

Tom Lacey *Stan Sheppard*  
Bought for £58,000 after finishing runner-up sole start in Irish points but little to shout about both starts under Rules, carrying head awkwardly at Market Rasen.

**5 KI WOO (FR) (205) 99**  
0/2542-0 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Henry Brooke*  
Fair form in bumpers/over hurdles. In frame in maiden at Pau and juvenile at Auteuil in 2023/24. Well-held tenth of 16 behind Kirikou des Mers in 4-y-o event at Auteuil last time. Has left Patrice Quinton and usual cheekpieces/tongue tie left off for British debut.

**6 KNEAD A WIN (FR) (13) 100**  
R 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

Sam Thomas *Dylan Johnston (31b/1kg)*  
Authorized gelding. Dam, 17f hurdle winner in France, sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 29f) Baie des Iles. Prominent in the betting but hung badly left throughout before running out on debut at Hereford. This will reveal more.

**7 LET ME GO BOYS (IRE) (20) 87**  
04 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*  
Purchased for £82,000 after finishing runner-up in an Irish point in February. Shaped as though in need of the run in a bumper at Cheltenham in October and more like it when fourth of 14 switched to hurdling at Ffos Las. Tongue tie on and there should be more to come.

**8 OH MY JOHNNY (IRE) (27) 100**  
4F 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White *Micheal Nolan*  
Disputing lead when falling late on sole start in points and had the race at his mercy when falling at the last at Bangor a month ago. Compensation may well await.

**9 TOTTENHAM GREEN (IRE) (7) 40**  
84 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

L J Morgan *Richie McLernon*  
Maiden Irish pointer who offered little both starts under Rules.

**10 UNLEASH THE BEAST (IRE) (15) 67**  
56 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Fergal O'Brien *Jonathan Burke*  
Malinas gelding who is bred to stay very well and has shaped that way in a bumper/maiden hurdle so far.

**11 YHPRUM'S LAW (IRE) (54) 71**  
6-F 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*  
Kayf Tara gelding who disappointed on his sole outing in bumpers but was in the process of showing more when falling 2 out on his Carlisle hurdling debut in October, keeping on for a share of third.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Oh My Johnny, **7-2** Let Me Go Boys, **13-2** Knead A Win, **7-1** Yhprum's Law, **9-1** Ki Woo, **18-1** Unleash The Beast, **33-1** Born In The West, **33-1** Dante's Inferno, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

OH MY JOHNNY may well be 2 from 3 in his career had he negotiated the final obstacle correctly on a couple of occasions and he's take to make amends for Bangor here. Let Me Go Boys and Ki Woo could be the chief threats, though it will be interesting to see what Knead A Win can do going left-handed.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. OH MY JOHNNY 2. LET ME GO BOYS 3. KI WOO**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY LEANNE HEATHCOTE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 3yo+ £7,700 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)**

RACE 3




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


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Pace Information: **Weak**


**1 ESCAPE THE GLORY (IRE) 83**  
4 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **D. J. Jeffreys** *Kielan Woods*  
Cityscape gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler All The Glory and fair hurdler The Accountant. Fourth sole start in point bumpers in May so he's a considered newcomer under Rules.


**2 FINGLE BRIDGE (IRE) (714) (D) 100**  
21/ 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Olly Murphy** *Sean Bowen*  
Fairly useful form when landing 10-runner bumper at Chepstow 23 months ago. Has his fitness to prove on his comeback/hurdles debut.


**3 JUMBO MILLS (FR) (19) 79**  
89 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Dan Skelton** *Harry Skelton*  
Has been brought along steadily, patiently ridden when ninth of 16 in novice hurdle (40/1) at Warwick (16f, soft) 19 days ago. Sort to do better in due course.


**4 KICK FOR TOUCH (FR) (30) 82**  
5 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Philip Hobbs & Johnson White** *Micheal Nolan*  
Very green when a debut fifth of 10 in novice hurdle (22/1) at Ffos Las (15.8f, good to soft) 30 days ago. Can take a step forward.

**5 KOUKEO (FR) (21) 96**  
022 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill** *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*  
Runner-up in a bumper and he made a promising start in this sphere when second of 12 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft, 4/1) 21 days ago. Big shout.


**6 LEECH (FR) (9) (D) 83**  
310-65 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Evan Williams** *Conor Ring*  
Fairly useful bumper winner but failed to match that level when fifth of 7 in novice hurdle (12/1) at Leicester (15.5f, heavy) 9 days ago. Needs to take a step forward.

**7 MALFOY MANOR (21) 89**  
8-64 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** *Henry Brooke*  
Runner-up in a point and he took a big step forward when fourth of 12 in novice hurdle at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft, 14/1) 21 days ago. Holds very good form claims.


**8 SOLDIER DAN (IRE) 82**  
6 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **L J Morgan** *Harry Reed*  
€45,000 3-y-o, £8,000 5-y-o, Soldier of Fortune gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler/chaser Pennyforapound. Dam ran once in bumper. Placed in points in 2022/23. Possibilities.


**9 DAMZON (13) 70**  
6-25U 5 10-13 | 69.4kg

 **James Evans** *Ben Poste*  
Blinkered for 1st time, unseated rider 5th in novice hurdle (80/1) at Hereford (19.7f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 13 days ago. Needs to bounce back.

**10 FEET ON THE GROUND (IRE) (16) 82**  
8 6 10-13 | 69.4kg

 **Fergal O'Brien** *Jonathan Burke*  
In the frame in Irish points and set a lot to do when eighth of 10 in novice hurdle at this C&D (heavy) on NH debut 16 days ago. Can do better in the longer term.

**11 PORTOBELLO GIRL (24) 75**  
45-05 5 10-13 | 69.4kg

 **Alastair Ralph** *Murray Dodd (71lb/3kg)*  
Yet to offer much in two hurdling runs for her current yard, fifth of 6 in novice here (19.9f, good to soft) 24 days ago. Lots more is needed.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

13-8 Fingle Bridge, 9-4 Koukeo, 11-2 Malfoy Manor, 22-1 Leech, 28-1 Escape The Glory, 33-1 Soldier Dan, 40-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The market could prove revealing here but KOUKEO shaped well when a debut hurdling second at Carlisle and can go one better with improvement on the cards from this son of Kapgarde. Malfoy Manor has the form to play a part and is next on the list with newcomers Soldier Dan and Fingle Bridge also worthy of respect.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. KOUKEO 2. MALFOY MANOR 3. SOLDIER DAN

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.42**

RACE 4

**2025 UTTOXETER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE  
NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ £11,700  
2½m (4020 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 JINGKO BLUE (FR) (272) (D) 97**  
211P- 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Nicky Henderson

*Nico de Boinville*

Looked very promising when landing novice and handicap hurdles around 2½m last winter. His poor run in a Grade 1 at the Cheltenham Festival in March came at a time when his stable was under a cloud and this former Irish point winner remains a smart prospect now chasing.

**2 THEATRE MAN (IRE) (45) (D, BF) 97**  
21/232F0-4 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Richard Bandey

*David Bass*

Useful, dual-winning hurdler who bettered that form in defeat over fences last term, notably second to Ginny's Destiny at Cheltenham in January. Faded into a remote fourth on his 3m Cheltenham reappearance and quickly drops back in trip. The cheekpieces he wore on that occasion are also discarded.

**3 RAMBO T (IRE) (35) (D) 99**  
361981-21 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Olly Murphy

*Sean Bowen*

Developed into a useful hurdler last season, winning 3 times at around this trip, and has quickly translated all that ability to fences, going close over 2m here before landing the odds in a 2½m Warwick maiden. More to come.

**4 JAGWAR (FR) (27) (D) 100**  
2/25145-11 5 11-2 | 70.8kg t



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

*Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*

Good-looking sort who has taken really well to fences in recent months, winning handicaps at Wetherby and Bangor. The form of his Bangor win has worked out well and a 9 lb rise doesn't look enough to stop him with further progress likely.

**5 HASHTAG BOUM (FR) (70) 94**  
1/622148-1 7 10-5(10-4) | 65.8kg (65.3kg)



Ruth Jefferson

*Brian Hughes*

Fairly useful winning hurdler who struck at the first time of asking over fences in 21f Sedgefield handicap at the beginning of October. More to come from her but she is up against some potentially smart opposition here.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**6-4 Jagwar, 7-2 Rambo T, 4-1 Jingko Blue, 8-1 Hashtag Boum, 9-1 Theatre Man**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A very interesting novice handicap. JAGWAR won a competitive race with something to spare at Bangor last month and can defy the handicapper again and stretch his unbeaten chase record to 3. Rambo T is another who has taken well to the larger obstacles and is feared most ahead of Jingko Blue, who had an excuse when pulled up in a Grade 1 novice hurdle in the spring but remains a good prospect for chasing.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. JAGWAR 2. RAMBO T 3. JINGKO BLUE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.12**

**4 OAKS GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130)  
£11,700 3m (4830 Metres)**

RACE 5



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 AUTONOMOUS CLOUD (IRE) (27)** (CD, BF) t **98**  
21/1P40-3P 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**  
Dual C&D winner and also fourth in Midlands Grand National here in March. Pulled up in 3m Bangor handicap last time though so he needs to get back on track.

**2 HERE COMES MCCOY (IRE) (248)** (C, D) s+t **97**  
U33/33113- 9 11-9 | 73.9kg

Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**  
Course winner who signed off for last term with a solid third of 7 in handicap hurdle here 8 months ago. Much respected back chasing on his seasonal return.

**3 BROOMFIELD PRESENT (IRE) (363)** (D, BF) v+t **100**  
121/38P- 8 11-9 | 73.9kg

Kim Bailey **David Bass**  
Useful winning hurdler who made a promising start in this sphere when third at Exeter. Pulled up in 30f handicap chase there when last seen out 12 months ago but can't be discounted resuming after wind surgery for his in-form yard.

**4 IMPERIAL ALEX (IRE) (163)** (CD) **94**  
222211-19 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Tom Lacey **Stan Sheppard**  
Really found the winning habit last spring, completing a hat-trick over C&D. Given a break since a lesser effort in the Summer Cup here in June and must enter calculations.

**5 FANTASTIKAS (FR) (54)** (D) s+t **96**  
P300/623-P 9 11-3 | 71.2kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
It's now 12 runs since his last win in 2022 and he was pulled up in handicap chase at Wincanton (25.1f, good) 54 days ago. Needs to take a big step forward.

**6 SPORTING ACE (IRE) (24)** (D) s **96**  
24/71622-2 8 11-1 | 70.3kg

Neil King **Jack Quinlan**  
Resumed from 9 months off with a solid second of 5 in handicap chase here (26.1f, good to soft) 24 days ago. Can make his presence felt off the same mark.

**7 SOUND AND FURY (IRE) (21)** (C) s **94**  
122/P1-3 7 11-1 | 70.3kg

Ben Pauling **Kielan Woods**  
Lightly-raced winning pointer/hurdler. Off 12 months before coming in a staying-on third of 8 in handicap at Carlisle (24.5f, good to soft) on his debut over fences 21 days ago. Not ruled out with cheekpieces added.

**8 NOT LONG LEFT (IRE) (562)** **96**  
042/1- 7 10-13 | 69.4kg

Venetia Williams **Charlie Deutsch**  
Runner-up in an Irish point and then won a 2m5f novice hurdle for Christian Williams in May 2023. Off since but he remains with plenty of potential now switched to fences for yard well among the winners. Interesting.

**9 POST CHAISE (IRE) (27)** (D) **94**  
13312-140 7 10-10 | 68.0kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**  
Notched a fifth win over the larger obstacles at Market Rasen (27.6f) in May. Off 5 months and below par at Stratford and Bangor since. Has it to prove.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-1** Autonomous Cloud, **6-1** Here Comes Mccoy, **13-2** Sporting Ace, **13-2** Not Long Left, **15-2** Sound And Fury, **17-2** Broomfield Present, **10-1** Fantastikas, **10-1** Imperial Alex, **22-1** Post Chaise

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

NOT LONG LEFT starts life over fences with the excellent Venetia Williams team on a potentially handy mark so is worth siding with to defy a long absence. Broomfield Present fluffed his lines when last seen out at Exeter but is another weighted to have a say if breathing surgery has had a beneficial effect. Sound And Fury and Sporting Ace both enter the reckoning too in this intriguing handicap.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. NOT LONG LEFT 2. BROOMFIELD PRESENT 3. SOUND AND FURY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.42**

**HOMESERVE HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-115)  
£7,700 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)**

RACE 6













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

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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Pace Information: **Weak**

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|    | <p><b>1</b> <b>SAO CARLOS (260)</b> (D) <span style="float: right;"><b>98</b></span><br/>                     1/4147- 6 12-0   76.2kg<br/>                     t<br/>                     Olly Murphy <span style="float: right;"><b>Sean Bowen</b></span><br/>                     Bumper winner on debut in 2022 and built on his hurdles opener when landing a 14-runner Wetherby maiden in January. Failed to fire upped to 20.6f both starts since, latterly on handicap debut in at Huntingdon in March. Return to 2m in his favour on reappearance.</p>   |
|    | <p><b>2</b> <b>GARDENER (FR) (17)</b> (D) <span style="float: right;"><b>98</b></span><br/>                     1U1P4-6U8 8 11-13   75.7kg<br/>                     Olly Murphy <span style="float: right;"><b>Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)</b></span><br/>                     Fairly useful dual winning chaser for this yard last season but finished a well-held sixth back over hurdles on Fontwell reappearance and fared no better completed start since.</p>   |
|    | <p><b>3</b> <b>LIGHTNINGPOURDAYS (33)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>93</b></span><br/>                     4/33-42 5 11-11   74.8kg<br/>                     Alastair Ralph <span style="float: right;"><b>Jonathan Burke</b></span><br/>                     Some promise when in frame all 3 starts in bumpers and showed more than on debut over hurdles when second of 4 at Ludlow a month ago (21.3f). Looked well suited by step up in trip on that occasion so return to 2m is a concern for handicap debut.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>4</b> <b>MISTER WILSON (IRE) (60)</b> (D) <span style="float: right;"><b>97</b></span><br/>                     28236734 5 11-11   74.8kg<br/>                     Kerry Lee <span style="float: right;"><b>Liam Harrison</b></span><br/>                     Losing run dates back to June 2023 and profile rather in-and-out this season in Ireland. Left Gavin Cromwell and back over timber.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>5</b> <b>STRICTLY TANGO (IRE) (29)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>100</b></span><br/>                     3312 5 11-10   74.4kg<br/>                     Dr Richard Newland &amp; Jamie Insole <span style="float: right;"><b>Sam Twiston-Davies</b></span><br/>                     Third in first 2 hurdles (trained in Ireland on debut) before getting it right in 10-runner maiden at Sedgefield (2m, soft) in October, making all. Improved again when runner-up on handicap debut a month later and the winner has been successful since. Major claims up 3 lb minus usual hood.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>6</b> <b>DON VIRGINIA (FR) (47)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>99</b></span><br/>                     2-324 4 11-6   72.6kg<br/>                     Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill  <span style="float: right;"><b>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</b></span><br/>                     Placed first 3 starts, producing his best effort yet when going close in a 2m Warwick novice in October. However, he failed to improve on subsequent handicap debut at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft) and needs a good test kept to this trip.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>7</b> <b>THE GRAFTER (IRE) (38)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>98</b></span><br/>                     54-34 5 11-3   71.2kg<br/>                     h+t<br/>                     Sam England  <span style="float: right;"><b>Jonathan England</b></span><br/>                     Showed some promise in a pair of bumpers for Sam Allwood and shaped even better sent hurdling in a first-time tongue strap after 8 months off when third of 12 over C&amp;D in October. Produced a slightly wayward display at Wetherby since and now goes handicapping.</p> |
|  | <p><b>8</b> <b>PORT OR STARBOARD (IRE) (364)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>92</b></span><br/>                     62133/333- 7 10-11   68.5kg<br/>                     s<br/>                     Bernard Llewellyn <span style="float: right;"><b>Ellis Collier (7lb/3kg)</b></span><br/>                     Fair maiden on Flat who showed a good attitude to get off the mark in this sphere at Exeter last March. Placed all 6 subsequent starts and should be in the mix, provided he's ready to roll following 12 months off.</p>  |

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Strictly Tango, **5-1** Don Virginia, **6-1** Sao Carlos, **13-2** Lightningupourdays, **10-1** Mister Wilson, **11-1** Port Or Starboard, **12-1** The Grafter, **14-1** Gardener

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Unexposed 5-y-o STRICTLY TANGO took another step forward when chasing home a subsequent winner on handicap debut at Carlisle a month ago and he makes plenty of appeal up 3 lb. The return to 2m should suit Sao Carlos on reappearance so he's a threat, along with Don Virginia.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. STRICTLY TANGO 2. SAO CARLOS 3. DON VIRGINIA**

**3.12**

**QUINNBET MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m3f207y (4010 Metres)**

RACE 7



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

Left handed, sharp. Although tight in nature, the track has a reputation for gruelling conditions during the winter, ability to see out the trip being of paramount importance. When the going is on the firm side it often pays to race prominently, especially on the chase course. Fences below average in terms of numbers of fallers/unseats.

Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 DAIRYLANE DAISY (IRE) (230)** s **97**  
6942- 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Noel Williams **Joe Anderson (31b/1kg)**  
Points winner who signed off last season with an improved second (in cheekpieces) in 2m5f handicap hurdle at Ludlow in April. Off 7 months but she's one to consider with the headgear sported once more.

**2 ROCCOS INSPIRATION (IRE) (22)** (C) t **96**  
321236-58 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**  
Made a winning start for Olly Murphy in 2m novice hurdle here in January but her two efforts in handicap company this term have lacked spark. Others appeal more.

**3 AFTER MANY DAYS (34)** s **97**  
427537-5P 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Henry Daly **Hugh Nugent (31b/1kg)**  
Modest maiden hurdlers. Looked rusty after 6 months off when pulled up in 3m Chepstow handicap 34 days ago. Yard is going well so she's not ruled out with cheekpieces added.

**4 OLIVIA KATE (15)** s **100**  
93400851 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Matt Sheppard **Stan Sheppard**  
Advanced her form when easily getting off the mark in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Ludlow (21.2f, soft) 15 days ago. Hiked up 11 lb but she's expected to be bang there.

**5 CHERRY BRAVE (IRE) (27)** **61**  
7P7 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



Dan Skelton **Mr Ben Sutton (51b/2kg)**   
Irish point winner who has been brought along steadily over hurdles, a patiently-ridden seventh in 2m Bangor novice last month. Can take a sizeable step forward now handicapping with her stamina drawn out more. Interesting.

**6 TUSCAN ROSE (IRE) (48)** **99**  
65F/7531-2 6 10-9 | 67.6kg



Neil Mulholland **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
Signed off last term with success at Taunton and returned with a very good second of 7 in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (19.1f, soft) 48 days ago. Merits consideration nudged up 1 lb.

**7 JACKSBAR (34)** h **93**  
69P-4P 5 10-9 | 67.6kg



Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**  
Lightly-raced maiden. 14/1, pulled up in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f, good to soft) 34 days ago. Hood is reached for now.

**8 RUNAWAY BRIDE (IRE) (19)** **62**  
5670 5 10-5 | 65.8kg



David Dennis **Brian Hughes**  
Lightly-raced maiden hurdlers. Had a wind op before only twelfth of 16 in novice hurdle at Warwick (16f, soft) 19 days ago. Up in trip for handicap debut with lots more required.

**9 INCHIQUIN SPIRIT (IRE) (22)** t **95**  
74P4P-474 7 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Alastair Ralph **Lee Edwards**  
Modest maiden hurdlers who wasn't disgraced when fourth of 8 in 2m Leicester handicap 22 days ago. No forlorn hope.

**10 NOWYOUVEBINANDUNIT (477)** s **87**  
U799/6324- 7 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Simon Earle **James Best**  
Placed in 2m4f Ffos Las handicap in June 2023 but off since finishing a below-form fourth at Bangor in August of that year. A watching brief has to be the percentage call.

**11 MO ZOLA (47)** **69**  
PPP969-0 5 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)



Belinda Clarke **Richard Patrick**  
Won on sole start in point bumpers but yet to show any ability under Rules. Easily passed over from 6 lb out of the handicap.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Olivia Kate, **7-2** Tuscan Rose, **17-2** Dairylane Daisy, **9-1** Cherry Brave, **12-1** After Many Days, **12-1** Inchiquin Spirit, **16-1** Roccas Inspiration, **20-1** Jacksbar, **28-1** Runaway Bride, **33-1** Nowyouvebinandunit, **300-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This can go the way of Dan Skelton's CHERRY BRAVE who is fancied to take a big step forward now she has her first run in handicaps, with this return to a longer trip a likely big plus. Easy Ludlow scorer Olivia Kate rates the obvious danger with Tuscan Rose, Dairylane Daisy and After Many Days all worthy of consideration too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CHERRY BRAVE 2. OLIVIA KATE 3. TUSCAN ROSE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race