

Friday 11th October

CHEPSTOW



1.35	CENTURY RACING CLUB FREE HORSE GIVEAWAY NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.I) 2m11y (3230 Metres)
RACE 1	(9) BEAU QUALI (4) FARLAND (8) TUXEDO JUNCTION
2.10	CENTURY RACING CLUB FREE HORSE GIVEAWAY NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.II) 2m11y (3230 Metres)
RACE 2	(3) KAP BOY (9) LE FAUVE (7) FRENCH SHIP
2.45	CAPITAL WINDSCREENS IN MEMORY OF AARON JAMES EBF MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)
RACE 3	(8) REGATTA DE BLANC (3) CHERRY BRAVE (1) ROCKSTOWN GIRL
3.15	UNIBET PERSIAN WAR NOVICES' HURDLE (Grade 2) (1) 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)
RACE 4	(5) RYAN'S ROCKET (4) JUVENTUS DE BRION (7) FLYING FORTUNE
3.50	UNIBET VETERANS' HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)
RACE 5	(2) GOOD BOY BOBBY (3) ENRILO (1) CERTAINLY RED
4.25	CARL PYNE 60th BIRTHDAY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)
RACE 6	(6) GOSHHOWPOSH (2) ISAAC DES OBEAUX (7) G A HENTY
5.00	3 AS LEISURE MOTORHOME-CARAVAN SALES HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m11y (3230 Metres)
RACE 7	(7) WASHINGTON (1) GIN COCO (6) STARMAN
5.30	DAVID PIPE RACING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)
RACE 8	(5) ROUGE DE L'QUEST (3) BELGARUM (1) ROLL WITH IT

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.

1.35

CENTURY RACING CLUB FREE HORSE GIVEAWAY NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.I) 4yo+ £9,000 2m11y (3230 Metres)

RACE 1



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 BADBURY RINGS 84
5 11-0 | 69.9kg *James Bowen*



Neil Mulholland
Black Sam Bellamy gelding. Dam (c119/h107), 2¼m/23f hurdle/chase winner, sister to fairly useful hurdler (stayed easy 3m) Barton Legend. Runner-up second (only completed) of 2 starts in points (Mar 23). Stable going well and worth a market check.

2 BEN SOLO (IRE) (243) 82
37- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg *Ben Jones*



Rebecca Curtis
£60,000 purchase after winning an Irish point and made an encouraging start under Rules when third of 6 in a bumper at Wincanton (15.2f, soft) in January. Disappointed at Exeter last time, however.

3 DE VEGA'S WARRIOR (IRE) 79
5 11-0 | 69.9kg *Brendan Powell*



Henrietta C Knight
Fair maiden handicapper on Flat, stays 16.5f, down the field last 2 starts. A likely outsider on hurdle debut.

4 FARLAND (IRE) (238) (D) 96
4/21- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg h *Harry Cobden*



Paul Nicholls
Half-brother to smart 2½m-2¾m hurdle winner Minella Cocooner and has already shown plenty in bumpers, looking more straightforward when readily opening his account at the third attempt in 7-runner contest at Fakenham last time. Interesting hurdling debutant. Has had a breathing op since last seen.

5 GET CRACKING (14) 65
4-6 6 11-0 | 69.9kg *David Bass*



Robbie Llewellyn
Had been successful back in points since finishing a remote fourth in a bumper for M. Osborne but offered little on his recent Worcester hurdling debut.

6 NATHANAEL GREENE (319) 83
p- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg *Jonathan Burke*



Alastair Ralph
Useful winner on Flat (stays 2m) for William Haggas. Changed hands for 45,000 gns before being pulled up on hurdling debut and soundly beaten both outings this season on the level.

7 PESO (IRE) 85
5 11-0 | 69.9kg *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill
€33,000 3-y-o, £100,000 4-y-o, Shirocco gelding. Half-brother to modest hurdler who became ungentle See Forever. Third sole start in Irish points (Apr 2023).

8 TUXEDO JUNCTION 85
5 11-0 | 69.9kg *Jack Tudor*



David Pipe
Fairly useful handicapper on Flat, stays 1¼m, creditable second final start in 2023. Sold from James Fanshawe for 35,000 gns and the betting may prove a good guide to expectations on hurdle debut.

9 BEAU QUALI (FR) (208) 100
2- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg *Harry Skelton*



Dan Skelton
Made a promising start to career when second of 9 in a juvenile hurdle at Lyon Parilly (16.9f, soft) in March on sole start for David Cottin. Has since joined the Skelton yard and looks sure to improve.

10 GILLESPIE ROAD (IRE) (8) 75
8 4 10-13 | 69.4kg *Nick Scholfield*



Christian Williams
Successful on sole outing in Irish points but was well held in a novice hurdle at Warwick last week.

11 KLIC BOUM (FR) (148) 79
4 4 10-13 | 69.4kg *Adam Wedge*



Evan Williams
Bred to need time and distance and shaped in kind when fourth of 12 in a Fontwell bumper (17.7f, good) on debut in the spring.

12 V POWER 75
4 10-13 | 69.4kg *Charlie Deutsch*



Thomas Faulkner
Fair maiden handicapper on Flat, stays 1¾m, creditable effort last time. Probably best watched starting out over hurdles in a fairly warm race.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Beau Quali, 9-4 Farland, 10-1 Tuxedo Junction, 11-1 Peso, 14-1 Badbury Rings, 33-1 Nathanael Greene, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BEAU QUALI made a promising start to his career when second in a juvenile hurdle at Lyon Parilly in March and, having joined a top yard subsequently, improvement looks sure to be on the cards, so he's selected to go one better. Farland got off the mark in bumpers in cosy fashion at Fakenham and rates the main threat, with Tuxedo Junction and Peso also of some interest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BEAU QUALI 2. FARLAND 3. TUXEDO JUNCTION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Donnacha	5-11-0	11-2	Nigel Hawke	David Noonan	12
2022	Collectors Item	5-11-0	11-8f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	10
2021	Knappers Hill	5-10-12	2-13f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9
2020 ^l	Flic Ou Voyou	6-10-12	4-7f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9
2020 ^l	Soaring Glory	5-10-12	4-5f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	10
2019	Ofalltheginjoints	5-10-12	9-2	Colin Tizzard	Robbie Power	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.10**CENTURY RACING CLUB FREE HORSE GIVEAWAY NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.II) 4yo+ £9,000 2m11y (3230 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 DIAMOND GEEZER (IRE) (8) 85**

2-0 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Had shown plenty of ability on only start in bumpers 10 months earlier but shaped as if amiss sent hurdling when tailed-off last at Warwick (16f, good) last week, folding approaching fifth. Clearly thought capable of better but hard to recommend.

2 GOLDEN IDENTITY (160) t 84

7/4-5 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Tim Vaughan

Alan Johns

Kayf Tara gelding who showed promise on second start in bumpers and after a year off, shaped similarly on hurdling debut fitted with a tongue strap (also had a wind op) when fifth of 10 in maiden at Uttoxeter (15.8f, soft) back in May. Step forward needed on return.

3 KAP BOY (FR) (262) (C, D) 100

13- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

€160,000 son of Kapgarde who overcame inexperience to make a winning debut in a 4-runner bumper at this meeting last year. Matched that form 3 months on when third of 10 at Newbury (16.3f, soft) and warrants considerable respect on return/hurdling debut for a top outfit (has had a wind op).

4 PALACIO (FR) (169) t 85

95- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Sam Thomas

Dylan Johnston (5lb/2kg)

Dropped away tamely in an Exeter bumper on debut last November but having had a breathing operation, fared quite a lot better 5 months on when fifth of 13 at Warwick (16f, good) back in April. Market check advised on hurdles bow.

5 RIVER RUN FREE (IRE) 86

5 11-0 | 69.9kg



David Pipe

Jack Tudor

€20,000 3-y-o, £40,000 5-y-o, Ol' Man River gelding. Dam (b90), placed both starts in bumpers, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/fair chaser (stayed 21f) Harringay. Placed both completed starts in Irish points, runner-up latest (Mar 2024).

6 CLAP OF THUNDER (IRE) (194) 88

3252- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Steadily progressive in bumpers, probably doing well under the circumstances having been prominent throughout when runner-up to an excellent prospect in valuable event at Fairyhouse (16f, heavy) 6 months ago. Makes hurdles bow with yard going great guns.

7 FRENCH SHIP (153) (D) 92

42-1 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Micheal Nolan

Improved another chunk as he got off the mark in bumpers in 11-runner junior event at Haydock (15.6f, good to firm) 5 months ago, ridden closer to the pace than previously. A couple in behind have won bumpers since and he's a likely type on return/hurdling debut.

8 JUKEBOX JOKER (IRE) (150) 79

5 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Evan Williams

Adam Wedge

Jukebox Jury gelding who was never a threat when mid-field in a Southwell bumper (15.8f, good to soft) 5 months ago. Makes hurdling debut and bred to stay well, he looks one for later down the line.

9 LE FAUVE (FR) (224) (BF) 90

2352- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Bought for €105,000 after going down by a nose on hurdling debut in France and promising third in Aintree listed event on first run for new yard in December. No show in a Grade 2 at Cheltenham next time, but back on track when runner-up at Newbury 7 months ago. Big shout on return.

10 THREE ZAMBEZI'S (IRE) (8) 70

0 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Christian Williams

Nick Scholfield

Placed on the second of 2 starts in Irish points but made an unpromising start to career under Rules when well held in novice hurdle at Warwick (16f, good) last week.

11 WE'RE RED AND BLUE (194) (D) 84

14- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Justified strong market support on debut when winning 6-runner bumper at Hereford back in February and shaped better than being well held suggested at Fairyhouse (16f, heavy) the following month, weakening from 2f out. Makes hurdle debut/return and market should indicate expectations.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Kap Boy, **9-2** French Ship, **11-2** Le Fauve, **8-1** Clap of Thunder, **16-1** River Run Free, **20-1** Palacio, **20-1** Diamond Geezer, **33-1** Golden Identity, **33-1** We're Red And Blue, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A few in with chances but KAP BOY made a winning debut in a bumper at this meeting last year and having matched that form when runner-up at Newbury 3 months later, this athletic sort is fancied to make his mark on return/hurdling debut at the expense of Le Fauve, who has already finished runner-up twice in this sphere and sets a decent standard to aim at on reappearance. Bumper winner French Ship can edge out Rules debutant River Run Free for third.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. KAP BOY 2. LE FAUVE 3. FRENCH SHIP****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

CAPITAL WINDSCREENS IN MEMORY OF AARON JAMES EBF MARES' 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £9,000 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)




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


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Pace Information: **Strong**


1 ROCKSTOWN GIRL (IRE) (64) t **96**
437/26-143 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Anthony McCann, Ireland *J. P. O'Sullivan (3lb/1kg)*
Fair hurdler who has already got her head in front this season. Below form both starts since, though putting in a tame display at Sligo a couple of months ago. Needs to get back on track if she's to compete.


2 DAMEOFTHECOTSWOLDS (19) **98**
4322-5421 4 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Nigel Twiston-Davies *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Bumper winner who has shown fair form over hurdles and got off the mark in this sphere in workmanlike style at Plumpton 19 days ago. Looks vulnerable under a penalty.

3 CHERRY BRAVE (IRE) **94**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Dan Skelton *Fergus Gillard*
£26,000 5-y-o, third foal, dam (h105), bumper winner, half-sister to useful hurdler (stays 25f) Teescomponents Lad and fairly useful hurdler/fair chaser (stays 21f) Teescomponentsyess. Off mark in Irish points at second attempt and has joined a leading yard.


4 HILL OF SCARRIFF **93**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Dan Skelton *Charlie Todd*
£34,000 5-y-o, Schiaparelli mare. Dam unraced, out of sister to high-class chaser (2m-3m winner) Function Dream, herself dam of top-class chaser Captain Chris. Successful on her sole outing in Irish points in May. With top yard so she's a player on her first go over hurdles.

5 LONGHOUSE LEGACY (IRE) (208) h **92**
5/42- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 B. F. Brookhouse *Jack Quinlan*
Cost £175,000 after getting off the mark in Irish points and bettered previous bumper efforts when second at Huntingdon 6 months ago. Should take to this discipline.


6 MISSY MOLE (IRE) **91**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 David Pipe *Jack Tudor*
£34,000 5-y-o, Getaway mare. Runner-up completed start in Irish points (Apr 28). Deserves some respect based on connections.


7 MY LOUISE (216) **91**
118- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Lydia Richards *Marc Goldstein*
Made a winning debut in a Fontwell bumper and took a marked step forward to follow up in a stronger contest at Lingfield. Came up short in listed company at Sandown 7 months ago and might need the experience first time over hurdles.


8 REGATTA DE BLANC (161) t  **100**
12-1 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*
Unbeaten pointer who made a successful hunter debut at Taunton in January. Bettered that when second to a useful sort at Newbury in March and easily resumed winning ways at Cheltenham in April. Intriguing contender for new stable switched to hurdling.


9 ROYAL MALINAS (IRE) h **75**
6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Nikki Evans *Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)*
Dam, maiden on Flat, closely related to very smart hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 21f) Nicanor: Third both starts in Irish points in late-2022. Not an obvious sort on paper.


10 SANDA RENA (IRE) (314) (BF) **91**
3/63- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Kielan Woods*
£150,000 purchase after winning an Irish point last December and finished third on Rules debut in a bumper here in March. Signs of aptitude over hurdles for Ben Pauling but liable to need this first stable outing after 10 months off.


11 SHEEKA SUPREME (IRE) **79**
6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Grace Harris *Conor Ring*
£170,000 4-y-o: second foal: dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (stays 2½m) Whoshotthesheriff: Successful on last of 3 starts in Irish points (Oct 2022). Interesting Rules newcomer despite the lengthy absence.

12 SPRINGS A GIRL (IRE) (297) h **79**
109- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Martin Keighley *Sean Bowen*
Half-sister to a bumper winner and off the mark at the first attempt at Listowel last September but failed to kick on for new yard and may need this hurdling debut after 9 months off.


13 ARCTIC ANGEL (IRE) (144) **91**
3 4 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Evan Williams *Adam Wedge*
Half-sister to bumper winner/fairly useful 19f/2f hurdle winner The Doyen Chief. Something to work on when third at Newton Abbot in a bumper 4 months ago and should take to this sphere.


14 FIREBALL FRENZY (IRE) **91**
4 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Stuart Edmunds *Ciaran Gethings*
€31,000 3-y-o, £70,000 4-y-o, Kingston Hill filly. Half-sister to 4 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Cyclop. Won sole start in Irish points (Apr 21). One to consider for all that he's bred to do better over further in time.

15 FORMEL PARK (142) **79**
0-3 4 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Evan Williams *Ellis Collier (7lb/3kg)*
Related to 4 winners and better effort in bumpers when third at Southwell 4 months ago. Might need this initial hurdling education, though.

16 PISMO BEACH (IRE) (129) **79**
6 4 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Stuart Edmunds *Charlie Hammond*
Fourth in a point and has hinted at promise in bumpers. Upped in trip for hurdling debut after 4 months off but this is a big ask.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Regatta De Blanc, **13-2** Cherry Brave, **7-1** Dameofthecotswolds, **15-2** Rockstown Girl, **14-1** Hill of Scarriff, **18-1** Longhouse Legacy, **18-1** Missy Mole, **20-1** Sheeka Supreme, **20-1** Fireball Frenzy, **25-1** Sanda Rena, **25-1** My Louise, **25-1** Arctic Angel, **33-1** Royal Malinas, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

REGATTA DE BLANC has made an interesting switch from Will Biddick to Paul Nicholls having created a good impression in both points and bumpers and he's worth a chance to make a successful debut for this top yard. Cherry Brave has showed something between the flags and looks a threat, while Rockstown Girl could play a hand if back on song after a break.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. REGATTA DE BLANC 2. CHERRY BRAVE 3. ROCKSTOWN GIRL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Alfie's Princess 6-11-0	7-2	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	13
2022	Presenting A Queen 5-11-0	6-4jf	Chris Gordon	Tom Cannon	7
2021	Nina The Terrier 5-11-5	11-8f	Alan King	Tom Bellamy	6
2020	Wild Romance 5-10-12	13-2	Dan Skelton	Bridget Andrews	9
2019	Silver Forever 5-10-12	8-13f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15**UNIBET PERSIAN WAR NOVICES' HURDLE (Grade 2) (1)**
4yo+ £50,000 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)

RACE 4

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

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Pace Information: **Even****1 BULLETS HILL (IRE) (127) (C) s+t 87**

46P311-P6 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Ella Pickard

Nick Scholfield

Scored decisively in handicap hurdles at Exeter/Ffos Las in April. Better than the result in a Uttoxeter handicap hurdle when last seen in July but looks a bit out of his depth here. Has had wind surgery.

2 HANDLETHEKETTLE (IRE) (25) 90

21 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jamie Snowden

Gavin Sheehan

Promising second in Listowel maiden hurdle in June. Only workmanlike when landing short odds at Worcester (2m) for new stable 3 months later but remains capable of better now stepping up in trip.

3 INTENSE APPROACH (23) 99

11FP-F211 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



John McConnell, Ireland

Harry Cobden

Dual bumper winner who took a bit of time to click over hurdles but has landed maiden/novice events in recent months. Thereabouts on form but others look more progressive.

4 JUVENTUS DE BRION (FR) (237) 95

33- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Promise when third on both starts last winter, latterly in a useful novice at Ascot (19f, good to soft) with the reopposing Vincenzo back in fourth. Type to go on to better things this season. Player.

5 RYAN'S ROCKET (IRE) (158) 99

021-1 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

£110,000 Irish point winner who has made a very bright start over hurdles, winning novices around 2m at Taunton and Kempton in the spring. The speed he's shown is encouraging considering there is stamina in his pedigree. Smart prospect.

6 VINCENZO (FR) (175) 93

42/32431- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Sam Thomas

Dylan Johnston

Placed in some good maiden/novice events prior to opening his account in 17f Exeter maiden in April. First start since. Will need to find some improvement to come out on top here.

7 FLYING FORTUNE (IRE) (14) ★ 100

6252-2111 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Peter & Michael Bowen

James Bowen

Dual bumper winner who has upped her form over hurdles this season, completing a hat-trick in 2½m Worcester handicap (soft) last month. Should be very competitive in this higher grade.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Ryan's Rocket, **4-1** Flying Fortune, **4-1** Intense Approach, **5-1** Juventus De Brion, **11-1** Vincenzo, **11-1** HandletheKettle, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Although RYAN'S ROCKET has gained his hurdle wins around 2m his pedigree and a 3m point success at the start of his career suggest he can go on to even better things over longer trips. Dan Skelton's Juventus du Brion showed plenty of promise in 2 outings last season and is feared most ahead of the more-established pair Flying Fortune and Intense Approach.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. RYAN'S ROCKET 2. JUVENTUS DE BRION 3. FLYING FORTUNE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Captain Teague 5-11-0	5-6f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	7
2022	Accidental Rebel 8-11-0	10-1	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	6
2021	Camprond 5-11-0	5-1	Philip Hobbs	Aidan Coleman	7
2020	Mcfabulous 6-11-3	4-6f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	7
2019	Thyme Hill 5-11-0	9-4f	Philip Hobbs	Richard Johnson	9

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UNIBET VETERANS' HANDICAP CHASE (2) 10yo+ (Rated 0-150) £30,000 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)

RACE 5



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 CERTAINLY RED (167) (C, D) 98
7/4352P34- 10 12-0 | 76.2kg

Lydia Richards *Marc Goldstein*
Completed a hat-trick in 2022/23 and while he didn't add to his tally last term, he ran several sound efforts in defeat, notably when fourth in bet365 Gold Cup at Sandown in April fitted with first-time cheekpieces. Headgear off for return but he's one to consider.

2 GOOD BOY BOBBY (IRE) (182) (CD) s 100
4/5117350- 11 11-10 | 74.4kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Back-to-back winner over 3m this time last year, including this race on return to action. Found the Topham too competitive when last seen in April but returns with stable in red-hot form.

3 ENRILO (FR) (167) (D) s 96
FP6F/4230- 10 11-9 | 73.9kg

Paul Nicholls *Jay Tidball (5lb/2kg)*
Smart at his peak and posted best effort for a while when chasing home emphatic winner Inis Oirr in the Edinburgh National at Musselburgh (31.4f) in February. Mid-field at Sandown final start but this is easier and he's had a breathing op ahead of reappearance.

4 FRANCKY DU BERLAIS (FR) (13) (D) s+t 96
50-334501 11 11-9 | 73.9kg

Peter & Michael Bowen *James Bowen*
Cracking servant to connections, dual Summer Plate winner at Market Rasen and he cashed in on an easier assignment when making all back at that venue a fortnight ago. Dominating this field a different ask but he's clearly in good order.

5 DIOL KER (FR) (160) 97
5U8760P-7 10 11-6 | 72.6kg

Evan Williams *Adam Wedge*
Campaigning almost exclusively over fences in recent seasons for Gordon Elliott, shaping like a non-stayer over 31f on final start for that yard in May. This trip more suitable and he's been given a chance by the assessor for new yard. Can make the odd mistake.

6 AMATEUR (IRE) (149) (C) s 96
P3/10PPP-1 11 11-4 | 71.7kg

John & Rhys Flint *Connor Brace*
Enhanced excellent Ffos Las record when landing 11-runner handicap in May. Off since and overall profile suggests he's far from certain to be in that form.

7 THE TWO AMIGOS (573) (C) 97
7317/ 12 11-2 | 70.8kg

Nicky Martin *Sean Houlihan*
Capitalised on a reduced mark when gaining his first win since 2019 in 2022 Welsh National. Did too much too soon in the Midlands National 3 months later and off the track since. Interesting what the market makes of him.

8 WAYFINDER (IRE) (135) (CD) s 97
P/3F2PP9-4 10 11-1 | 70.3kg

Rebecca Curtis *Ben Jones*
Capable staying chaser when the mood takes, as he demonstrated with creditable placed efforts in the first half of last season. Quickly into his shell again since and others more reliable.

9 STRICTLYDANCER (IRE) (157) (D) 97
6402P7-F 10 10-10 | 68.0kg

Christian Williams *Jack Tudor*
Won 3 on the bounce over fences during 2021/22. Missed the following season and record since patchy to say the least. Was in the process of showing a bit more when crumpling on landing at Fontwell in May.

10 COPPERHEAD (152) (D) s+t 97
2633344-1 10 10-8 | 67.1kg

Joe Tizzard *Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)*
Finally cashed in on much-reduced mark in 4-runner contest at Plumpton, his first success since 2020. Prone to mistakes and this is a deeper race.

11 BALLYWOOD (FR) (33) t 95
005 10 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)

Georgie Howell *Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)*
Useful chaser at his peak for Alan King but well beaten so far over both sets of obstacles for this yard and he's out of the weights here.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Good Boy Bobby, 11-2 Enriilo, 13-2 Copperhead, 7-1 Certainly Red, 9-1 Francky Du Berlais, 10-1 Amateur, 14-1 The Two Amigos, 16-1 Strictlyadancer, 18-1 Wayfinder, 20-1 Diol Ker, 150-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GOOD BOY BOBBY won this race from just 1 lb lower a year ago and returns with yard in tremendous order, so a bold repeat bid looks firmly on the cards. Enriilo (on the back of a breathing op) and Certainly Red contested a much better race than this at Sandown when last seen in the spring and head the opposition.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GOOD BOY BOBBY 2. ENRILO 3. CERTAINLY RED

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Good Boy Bobby	10-10-10	9-4f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	9
2022	Some Chaos	11-11-8	5-2f	Michael Scudamore	Ben Poste	6
2021	Some Chaos	10-11-4	9-2	Michael Scudamore	Ben Poste	10
2020	Present Man	10-11-9	12-1	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	12
2019	Vieux Lion Rouge	10-11-9	9-2	David Pipe	Conor O'Farrell	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.25**CARL PYNE 60th BIRTHDAY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ £22,500 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

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

Pace Information: **Weak****1 SEA MUSIC (IRE) (44) t 93**

134-01207 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Emmet Mullins, Ireland

Richie McLernon

Has a point background and created favourable impression when making winning chase debut at Kilbeggan in June. Not quite at that level over timber since but there should be more to come from him over the larger obstacles.

2 ISAAC DES OBEAUX (FR) (183) (C) 94

37/6113P3- 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Back-to-back hurdles winner here to end 2023 and was far from disgraced when third in a Grade 2 at Cheltenham after. Matched that form on handicap debut at Taunton in April and he's very much a chaser on physique.

3 DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE (203) (BF) s 90

31211240- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Kim Bailey

Tom Bellamy

Has hinted at temperament but made it 3 wins from 5 starts over hurdles in 5-runner handicap at Kempton (24.5f, soft) in November, eased run-in and value for considerably more. Major backward step at Newbury when last seen in March but sure to be well prepared for this chase bow.

4 LORD SNOOTIE (IRE) (153) 88

5/76P2P2-8 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

Got well and truly back on track with a tongue strap discarded (had reportedly resented it at Uttoxeter) when second of 21 in handicap hurdle at Aintree (24.7f) in April. Shade disappointing at Haydock soon after but bred for chasing and won his point early in his career.

5 BEACHCOMBER (FR) (162) (C) 89

0/5P41P1-6 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Bumper scorer who won twice over hurdles in 2023/24, latterly on handicap debut in January. Pitched into a handicap for chase debut.

6 GOSHHOWPOSH (IRE) (195) (D) s 91

243/1U1P6- 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Micheal Nolan

Low-mileage 7-y-o who landed a brace of handicaps at around 3m last season without looking the finished article. In first-time blinkers, he shaped quite well to Haydock in March. Very much the type to continue his progress over the larger obstacles.

7 G A HENTY (17) (D) ★ 100

2P5-31331 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Didn't need to improve to justify short odds in 23f novice hurdle at Market Rasen in June and made second chase start a winning one at Warwick 17 days ago, just kept up to work. Subsequent 8 lb rise very fair and will attempt to put chase experience to good use.

8 HAITI COULEURS (FR) (174) (C, D) 90

22411- 7 10-12 | 68.9kg



Rebecca Curtis

Ben Jones

Ended last season with a brace of hurdles wins at up to 23.6f. Form isn't as solid as some of these but he's unexposed as he now goes chasing.

9 MOON HUNTER (203) 88

1P20/485F- 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Henry Daly

Sam Twiston-Davies

Winning pointer who landed his first 2 starts over hurdles but finds himself with a lot to prove following a very disappointing chase campaign last term.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A cracking-early season novice handicap with the vote going to GOSHHOWPOSH, who promises to improve for the switch to fences and represents a stable going pretty well. Isaac des Obeaux is also sure to be well prepared for this chase debut, with G A Henty and Sea Music also commanding respect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. GOSHHOWPOSH 2. ISAAC DES OBEAUX 3. G A HENTY****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Chianti Classico	6-11-8	5-2jf	Kim Bailey	David Bass	7
2022	Press Your Luck	7-11-4	4-5f	Chris Gordon	Tom Cannon	3
2021	Does He Know	6-11-2	4-1	Kim Bailey	David Bass	4
2020	The Mighty Don	8-11-0	10-1	Nick Gifford	James Davies	4
2019	Ardlethen	6-11-0	15-2	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 G A Henty, **5-1** Isaac Des Obeaux, **6-1** Sea Music, **8-1** Goshhowposh, **12-1** Destroytheevidence, **12-1** Haiti Couleurs, **14-1** Beachcomber, **20-1** Moon Hunter, **25-1** Lord Snootie

5.00

RACE 7

3 AS LEISURE MOTORHOME-CARAVAN SALES HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 8yo+ (Rated 0-135) £20,000 2m11y (3230 Metres)Going: **Chase course: Good to Soft (Soft in places), Hurdles course: Soft**

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

Pace Information: **Very Weak****1 GIN COCO (FR) (153) (D)** t **97**

120/5104-0 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Harry Fry

Lorcan Murtagh

Low mileage 8-y-o who showed benefit of his reappearance when taking 2m Ascot handicap hurdle last November. Not quite at the same level in 3 runs since but did shape better than the bare result in the Swinton Handicap at Haydock when last seen. Had breathing op.

2 ONEMOREFOTHEROAD (21) (D) s **95**

451-26932 9 11-11 | 74.8kg



Neil King

Jack Quinlan

A dual chaser winner who ran creditably returned to hurdling when second in 8-runner handicap at Newton Abbot (21.6f, good) 21 days ago, albeit seen to maximum effect. Back down in trip.

3 SOARING GLORY (IRE) (237) (CD) **98**

57/352550- 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Former Betfair Hurdle winner but was disappointing on the whole last season and, while the handicapper has shown him some leniency, he still reappears with something to prove.

4 DANS LE VENT (FR) (573) (D) **98**

P3U/ 11 11-9 | 73.9kg



Evan Williams

Isabel Williams (3lb/1kg)

Useful hurdler who offered little in 3 runs back chasing in 2022/23 and has been absent since. Probably best watched reverting to hurdling after 19 months off unless the betting suggests otherwise.

5 LUPUS REGEM (703) (D) **93**

1d/ 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Harriet Dickin

Ben Poste

Bumper winner for Henry Daly who opened account over hurdles on his first completed start for Olly Murphy. First past the post on his 2022/23 reappearance/handicap debut at Uttoxeter only to lose the race having drifted into the runner-up and hasn't been seen since. First run for new yard.

6 STARMAN (FR) (123) (D) h **95**

015343-46 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Anthony McCann, Ireland

J. P. O'Sullivan (3lb/1kg)

Fairly useful hurdler who shaped well when third in a 2m Limerick handicap in April. Faced a stiff task at Roscommon on most recent chase start and a better showing likely now returned to the smaller obstacles.

7 WASHINGTON (337) (D) ★ **100**

5P23/9P- 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

Dual novice hurdle winner for Olly Murphy who ended the 2022/23 season with an excellent third in a competitive handicap at Aintree. Let down by jumping when pulled up on Ludlow chasing debut/sole start for Paul Nicholls but of major interest now back hurdling from much-reduced mark for new yard.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Washington, **4-1** Gin Coco, **5-1** Onemorefortheroad, **6-1** Soaring Glory, **8-1** Starman, **12-1** Lupus Regem, **18-1** Dans Le Vent

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WASHINGTON was let down by his jumping when pulled up on his Ludlow chasing debut/sole start for Paul Nicholls, but he's been given a major chance by the handicapper back over hurdles on first start for Harry Derham a year on and is taken to capitalise. Gin Coco shaped better than the bare result in the Swinton Handicap when last seen and is second choice ahead of Irish-raider Starman.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. WASHINGTON 2. GIN COCO 3. STARMAN****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2023 **Chance A Tune** 8-10-6 7-2 Nigel Twiston-Davies James Turner (10) 12**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.30

RACE 8

DAVID PIPE RACING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-115) £12,500 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)



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

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

Pace Information: **Even**

1 ROLL WITH IT (IRE) (17) s **98**

4P-531312 8 12-0 | 76.2kg
Peter & Michael Bowen **Shane Fenelon**
Improved model for new yard this season, running out a 10-length winner at Worcester (23f) on penultimate start. Produced another solid effort when second from his inflated mark at Warwick (3m) 17 days ago and respected as a fit, in-form rival.

2 ROCKINASTORM (IRE) (170) (D) **94**

3/11351P2- 7 11-13 | 75.7kg
Henry Daly **Alice Stevens**
Winless over hurdles but quickly set the record straight over fences last term, gaining a third victory at Ludlow (23.8f) in February. Just touched off back at that start on final outing at that venue in April and possibilities given he won seasonal bow last year.

3 BELGARUM (IRE) (19) t **99**

PP-314U11 6 11-11 | 74.8kg
Joe Tizzard **Freddie Gingell**
Got his act together as a chaser in recent months, taking another marked step forward when registering an emphatic success in 9-runner Plumpton handicap (19.7f) 19 days ago. That hasn't gone unnoticed by the assessor but certainly not taken lightly up in class/trip.

4 GOOD WORK (FR) (170) s+t **96**

49P22442- 8 11-11 | 74.8kg
Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **William Shanahan**
Fair maiden chaser has long been an irresolute sort but agonisingly found only a completely unexposed rival too strong in 8-runner handicap at Uttoxeter (3m, heavy) when last seen in the spring. Ran well on sole previous visit here but others preferred for win purposes.

5 ROUGE DE L'QUEST (IRE) (172) (D, BF) b+t **100**

42/634122- 8 11-11 | 74.8kg
Rebecca Curtis **Caolain Quinn**
Winning pointer who boasts a progressive profile over fences since blinkers/tongue tie went on, easily opening his account at Ffos Las (23.8f) in March. Good runners-up efforts over C&D/Ffos Las followed and he's very much of interest back from 6 months off.

6 SCHOOL DAYS OVER (IRE) (25) (BF) s **96**

364-P3333 7 11-11 | 74.8kg
Fergal O'Brien **J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)**
Opened chase account at Hereford (21f, good) last November. Placed all 4 starts since returned to hurdles, latterly when third of 14 in handicap at Worcester (23f) 25 days ago. Operating from last winning mark back over fences and he's respected.

7 INNISFREE LAD (IRE) (17) (D) s+t **98**

1362P4P-4 12 11-10 | 74.4kg
David Dennis **Finn Lambert**
Veteran who confirmed he retains plenty of zest on the back of a 5-month break when fourth of 7 in handicap chase at Warwick (25.4f, good) 17 days ago. That ought to have blown the cobwebs away and he's on a potentially lenient mark if arriving in same form.

8 AIRTOTHETHRONE (IRE) (170) s+t **94**

42F/4F232- 8 11-4 | 71.7kg
Tim Vaughan **Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)**
Fair winning handicap chaser who bounced back to his best in first-time cheekpieces when second of 9 in handicap chase at Taunton (26.3f, good) in April. Worth noting he's tended to come on for his first run of the season previously, however.

9 JAITROPLACLASSE (FR) (251) t **97**

9/466- 5 11-3 | 71.2kg
Robbie Llewellyn **Charlie Price**
Finished third on the first of his 2 starts in bumpers but lightly raced and never really threatened over hurdles for Nicky Henderson. Acquired by new connections for £7,000 in May and worth noting in the betting now chasing for a stable boasting good record with new recruits. Tongue strap on.

10 PUDDLESINTHEPARK (IRE) (17) (D) **88**

7332-2686 6 10-7 | 66.7kg
Evan Williams **Ellis Collier (6lb/3kg)**
Plenty of good efforts in defeat in this sphere, including when runner-up over C&D in March. However, appears to have completely lost his form in recent months, well-beaten sixth of 7 in handicap chase at Fontwell (26f, good) 17 days ago.

11 ILLOGICAL LOGIC (FR) (17) **76**

66473-P65 6 10-3 | 64.9kg
Christian Williams **Dylan Johnston**
Lightly-raced maiden who has yet to make an impact in handicaps, including in pair of chase outings since returning from a break. Others much more persuasive.

12 UNWANTED ATTENTION (IRE) (5) s+t **97**

5P-3123PU 6 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)
Ryan Potter **Ned Fox**
Opened his chase account at Market Rasen (21.4f) in June. Placed next 2 starts and looked set to go very close before unluckily unseating before 2 out at Uttoxeter (3m) 5 days ago. Respected despite operating from out of the weights.

13 LOCK OUT (IRE) (214) s **90**

334/50745- 7 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)
David Pipe **Gearoid Harney (6lb/3kg)**
Point winner who also won bumper/novice hurdle at Newbury on his first 2 starts under Rules earlier in his career. Couldn't kick on over fences/hurdles during a light 2023/24 campaign and he looks to have work to do returning from 7 months off.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Belgarum, **7-1** Rouge De L'quest, **8-1** Rockinastorm, **9-1** Roll With It, **10-1** Good Work, **11-1** Unwanted Attention, **11-1** School Days Over, **14-1** Innisfree Lad, **14-1** Airtothethrone, **18-1** Lock Out, **22-1** Jaitroplacclasse, **22-1** Puddlesinthepark, **28-1** Illogical Logic

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ROUGE DE L'QUEST was much improved with blinkers and a tongue tied added last season, successful at Ffos Las in March prior to posting a pair of solid runners-up efforts. He's taken to pick up where he left off from what appeals as still being a workable mark. Belgarum and Roll With It both arrive fit and in form and could emerge as the lead threats, with School Days Over another to consider following a consistent spell over hurdles.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROUGE DE L'QUEST 2. BELGARUM 3. ROLL WITH IT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Blade Runner 7-11-11	12-1	Chris Gordon	Freddie Gordon (3)	7
2022	Galop du Bosc 6-11-2	15-8	Tim Vaughan	Charlie Price (3)	3
2021	On Call 8-11-1	28-1	Grace Harris	Conor Ring	13
2020	From The Heart 6-11-1	13-2	Philip Hobbs	Bryan Carver	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race