

Wednesday 11th December

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12.35 JOIN THE HEREFORD RACING CLUB CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m194y (4200 Metres)

RACE 1 **(9) BOYS OF WEXFORD | (3) JAC JUMPER | (7) SUPASUNRISE**

1.05 HEREFORD FC FOREVER UNITED NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.I) 2m3f147y (3960 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) PIGEON HOUSE | (2) SAYVA | (8) THE LONG POINT**

1.35 HEREFORD FC FOREVER UNITED NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.II) 2m3f147y (3960 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) SECRET DES DIEUX | (2) GUCHEN | (6) OLDERFLEET**

2.05 GREEN DRAGON HOTEL HEREFORD HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3m1f119y (5140 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) GROVE ROAD | (8) PIPERS CROSS | (10) GROOM DE COTTE**

2.35 SPA MOTORS HEREFORD NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m8y (3230 Metres)

RACE 5 **(6) TORNEO | (3) BEAT BOX | (2) FINEST VIEW**

3.07 WATCH UNBRIDLED ON attheraces.com MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 6 **(6) CULLIGRAN | (7) LADY CARO | (3) A LITTLE SOMETHING**

3.37 FREE TIPS DAILY ON attheraces.com OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 7 **(2) DOCTOR ON CALL | (5) JUST GOLDEN | (3) GETAWAY SAM**

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.

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JOIN THE HEREFORD RACING CLUB CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m194y (4200 Metres)

RACE 1



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

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 OMAHA WISH (FR) (25) t **92**
 3433-1F75 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Sam Allwood **Alice Stevens**
 Opened her account over fences at Fakenham (16.3f) in June. Fell next time and disappointing both completed starts since, including (equipped with tongue strap) on debut for new yard when fifth of 6 in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m) 25 days ago. Significantly up in trip.

2 MOURZOUK (IRE) (43) t **92**
 0P-540468 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Tim Vaughan **Tristan Durrell**
 Has fallen 15 lb below last winning mark but it's been well over 2 years since that latest success and it's been more a case of miss than hit in 6 outings over hurdles this year. Switch to larger obstacles needs to have positive effect now.

3 JAC JUMPER (FR) (38) s+t **96**
 PP6-P2244 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Deborah Cole **Chris Ward**
 Hurdles winner in France who has been holding form well in defeat over fences this year, the longer trip seeming to stretch him when fourth of 6 in handicap chase at Huntingdon (23.6f) 38 days ago. Return to shorter in his favour now with cheekpieces enlisted.

4 IRON D'EX (FR) (14) s **94**
 625PP-174 **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Sheila Lewis **Tabitha Worsley**
 Scored on his chasing bow at Ludlow in October and dispelled a lesser effort in the mud refitted with cheekpieces when fourth in 8-runner handicap chase here (2m) 2 weeks ago. Step back up in trip in his favour here and he's not out of things.

5 LIGHTONTHEWING (IRE) (24) (D) **91**
 P1123-1FP **9** 11-9 | 73.9kg
 Susan Gardner **Ellis Collier (31lb/1kg)**
 Resumed with success at Newton Abbot but pulled up in race won by re-opposing Boys of Wexford at Fontwell (21.6f, good) 24 days ago. Fact that was his first start for 6 months offers some mitigation but he does need to take a big step forward.

6 GET CRACKING (49) **92**
 4-674 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Robbie Llewellyn **Charlie Price**
 Successful in points but little impact in bumper/trio of maiden hurdles so far this year. Still switch to handicaps over larger obstacles could help now and interesting if the market spoke in his favour.

7 SUPASUNRISE (IRE) (21) s **98**
 2443-P253 **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
 Nigel Twiston-Davies **Finn Lambert (31lb/1kg)**
 Returned from 5 months off/wind surgery with a good second at Southwell in October and similar form despite a mixed round of jumping when third of 10 in handicap chase at Ffos Las (19.4f) 3 weeks ago. Can give another good account for all he's yet to defy a mark this high.

8 MISTER UPTON (24) s **93**
 P7/P94-144 **5** 10-13 | 69.4kg
 Chris Gordon **Freddie Gordon**
 No great shakes over hurdles but much improved to make a winning start in this sphere at Fontwell (19.5f) in May. Latest fourth back at that venue (following 6 months off) was a solid display but his present mark looks to demand that bit more.

9 BOYS OF WEXFORD (24) s **100**
 4P6322-P1 **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg
 Henry Oliver **Dylan Johnston**
 Ended last season in good form and showed benefit of his reappearance run when winning 6-runner handicap chase (6/1) at Fontwell (21.6f, good) 24 days ago, asserting from 2 out and forging clear. Needs considering from 5 lb higher mark in this groove.

10 FASHION'S MODEL (IRE) (16) s **90**
 P24P1-8P **8** 10-9 | 67.6kg
 Sheila Lewis **Joe Anderson**
 Sent chasing last season, off the mark on final start of the campaign as she landed mares' handicap at Wincanton (20.2f, heavy) in April. However, failed to come on for reappearance run when pulled up at Ludlow 16 days ago. Needs to get back on track.

11 OUTBACK FRONTIERS (IRE) (29) s **91**
 8/0-471265 **8** 10-9 | 67.6kg
 John O'Shea **Ned Fox**
 Twice a winner over hurdles, latterly at Stratford (18.7f) in July. However, finished well held on first start in this sphere when fifth of 8 in handicap chase at Lingfield (23.5f) 4 weeks ago (reportedly bled). Drop back in trip likely in his favour.

12 PESCATORIUS (IRE) (31) s+t **91**
 7475P8-07 **5** 10-6 | 66.2kg
 Harriet Dickin **Bradley Harris (31lb/1kg)**
 Getaway gelding who has yet to better poor form over hurdles, including in 2 handicaps since the tongue tie went on this winter. Big step forward required if he's to feature now sent chasing. Cheekpieces on 1st time.

13 ROBEAM (IRE) (166) s **79**
 P8449P-P7 **8** 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)
 Michael Mullineaux **Lewis Stones**
 Out of sorts for some time now over hurdles/on Flat, merely passing beaten rivals when sixth of 9 in handicap at Wolverhampton (16.6f, 66/1) 30 days ago, Far from an obvious one now sent chasing from out of the weights.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Boys of Wexford, **9-2** Supasunrise, **13-2** Jac Jumper, **9-1** Iron D'ex, **10-1** Mister Upton, **14-1** Get Cracking, **14-1** Omaha Wish, **16-1** Mourzouk, **22-1** LightontheWing, **22-1** Outback Frontiers, **28-1** Pescatorius, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BOYS OF WEXFORD showed the benefit of his reappearance run when running out a comfortable winner at Fontwell 24 days ago and a 5 lb rise may not be enough to prevent another bold showing. Jac Jumper back down in trip/equipped with first-time cheekpieces and Supasunrise are others to consider, as is Iron d'Ex back at this longer trip.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BOYS OF WEXFORD 2. JAC JUMPER 3. SUPASUNRISE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Rockinastorm** 6-12-0 5-2f Henry Daly Alice Stevens (6) 13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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HEREFORD FC FOREVER UNITED NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.I)
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RACE 2



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Pace Information: **Even**

1 PIGEON HOUSE (IRE) (76) 100

29-13361P 4 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Jennie Candlish *Gavin Sheehan*
 Below par when last seen at Listowel in September but had won twice over hurdles (at up to 18.2f) previously and sets the standard on that form. Switches to new yard and holds strong claims.

2 SAYVA (IRE) (41) 90

8131 4 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Richie McLernon*
 Confirmed promise of hurdling debut when comfortably taking 8-runner novice at Newcastle (16.2f, good) 41 days ago. Likely more to come yet and is one for shortlist.

3 BERAGON (35) 70

9 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Robert Stephens *Sean Houlihan*
 Well held in Chepstow bumper on NH debut 35 days ago and is best watched on switch to hurdling.

4 FORTUNATE FELLA (IRE) (42) 84

9 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Paul Nicholls *Ben Bromley (5lb/2kg)*
 Placed all 3 starts in Irish points but made little impact in Newton Abbot bumper on NH debut in October. In good hands but bit to prove now sent hurdling.

5 OCEAN WALZ (FR) (56) 86

22-2 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Tom Symonds *Jordan Nailor*
 Finished runner-up all 3 starts in bumpers, latest when second of 12 at Worcester (16f, heavy, 7/2) 56 days ago, albeit no match for winner. Warrants respect on first start over timber.

6 STRONG AS STEEL (230) 75

639- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 James Evans *Charlie Deutsch*
 Upped his game when third in bumper at this course in March but failed to repeat that effort at Huntingdon when last seen 7 months ago. Goes hurding now but others are more convincing.

7 THE GREY MAN (231) 86

5223- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Harriet Dickin *Ben Poste*
 Made the frame in a couple of starts in this sphere (both 15.8f) last term and will be suited by this tonger trip. Others make more appeal for win purposes, however.

8 THE LONG POINT (IRE) (36) 89

14 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Emma Lavelle *Jack Tudor*
 Won sole start in bumpers at Huntingdon in May and looked in need of outing when fourth of 7 in novice at Warwick (19f, good) on hurdles bow 36 days ago. Should have more to offer.

9 WILD NEPHIN (14) 75

3 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Ryan Potter *Conor Ring*
 Off the mark at seventh attempt between the flags in Ireland and offered something to work on when third of 6 in novice hurdle at this course (16.2f, good to soft, 28/1) on NH debut 14 days ago. This looks more competitive but he should appreciate this stiffer test of stamina.

10 I'VE MADEUPMYMIND (30) (BF) 83

245-3 4 10-7 | 66.7kg
 Ben Pauling *Ben Jones*
 Matched best form, back from 7 months off, when third of 11 in bumper at Carlisle (17.2f, good to soft) 30 days ago. Bred for longer trips and is worth a second look in the market on hurdles bow.

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Pigeon House, **4-1** Sayva, **11-2** I've Madeupmymind, **7-1** The Long Point, **12-1** Ocean Walz, **16-1** The Grey Man, **16-1** Fortunate Fella, **25-1** Wild Nephin, **25-1** Strong As Steel, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PIGEON HOUSE has already bagged 2 victories over hurdles in Ireland and has joined a yard amongst the winners. He gets the nod. Likely improves Sayva and The Long Point are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PIGEON HOUSE 2. SAYVA 3. THE LONG POINT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Handstands** 4-11-0 13-8 Ben Pauling Ben Jones 14

SMART STATS:

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 SECRET DES DIEUX (FR) (22) **100**
 562-71 **4** 11-7 | 73.0kg

James Owen *Sam Twiston-Davies*
 Fair form in bumpers and left hurdles bow well behind 6 months on when winning 6-runner novice hurdle at Fakenham (16f, good to soft) 22 days ago, overcoming mistakes. Return to this trip is a slight concern but this is a weak race.

2 GUCHEN (FR) (203) **89**
 5 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Kim Bailey *Jonathan Burke*
 Cima De Triomphe gelding. Dam, maiden on Flat in France, half-sister to fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser (winner around 2m) Sil Ver Klass. 4/1, fifth of 7 in bumper at Southwell (15.8f, heavy) on NH debut. Off 6 months. Makes hurdles debut. Up in trip.

3 HEAD OVER HINDS (IRE) (329) **83**
 050P- **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Max Comley *David Bass*
 Down the field in bumpers and pulled up in selling hurdle for Gary Moore.

4 JAUNTY GALAXY (14) **79**
 085 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Brian Eckley *Ellis Collier (7lb/3kg)*
 Well held in bumper/2 starts over hurdles.

5 MONTANA GOLDEN (IRE) (30) **85**
 25P **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Richie McLernon*
 Fair form in bumpers in the summer, second on debut at Worcester before shaping better than bare result at Market Rasen. However, showed little on hurdles bow at Kempton on return.

6 OLDERFLEET (14) **84**
 5 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Matt Sheppard *Stan Sheppard*
 Geordieland gelding out of unraced dam out of sister to useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 3¼m) Hell's Bay, from family of Champion Chase winners Viking Flagship and Flagship Uberalles. Fifth of 8 in bumper (11/2) at this course on debut 14 days ago. Makes hurdles debut. Up in trip.

7 THE MAGUS (IRE) **84**
4 11-0 | 69.9kg

Evan Williams *Conor Ring*
 €20,000 3-y-o, Yeats gelding. Closely related to bumper winner Mrs Jordan, stayed 23f. Dam, winning pointer, half-sister to fairly useful chaser (stayed 25f) Just For Men.

8 TONGAKNOXIE (IRE) (19) **84**
 7 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White *Micheal Nolan*
 Casamento gelding. Half-brother to a point bumper winner. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (winner up to 23f) Square Mile. 10/1, seventh of 13 in bumper at Chepstow (16f, good) on NH debut 19 days ago. Makes hurdles debut. Up in trip.

9 JACKIE CAN (17) **79**
 277P **4** 10-7 | 66.7kg

Tom Symonds *Ben Poste*
 Showed some promise on the first of 2 starts in bumpers but well held both starts over hurdles last month.

10 THE DANCING LASS (43) **81**
 6 **4** 10-7 | 66.7kg

Mel Rowley *Charlie Deutsch*
 Norse Dancer filly. Half-sister to 2¼m French hurdle winner Johnnsaid and modest 3m chase winner Safe Destination. Dam winning pointer. Last of 6 in bumper at Bangor (16.7f, heavy, 12/1) on NH debut 43 days ago. Makes hurdles debut.

BETTING FORECAST:

5-4 Secret Des Dieux, **6-1** Guchen, **9-1** Tongaknoxie, **11-1** Montana Golden, **12-1** Olderfleet, **12-1** The Magus, **28-1** The Dancing Lass, **33-1** Head Over Hinds, **33-1** Jackie Can, **125-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SECRET DES DIEUX looked a tricky customer when scoring at Fakenham 3 weeks ago but has been found a weak race under a penalty. Guchen and Olderfleet showed a bit in bumpers so are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SECRET DES DIEUX 2. GUCHEN 3. OLDERFLEET

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**


1 IMPERIAL STORM (IRE) (19) 88
2313/0 8 12-2 | 77.1kg

 Susan Gardner **Mr James Shaw (71b/3kg)**
Bumper/ hurdles winner for Fergal O'Brien but off for 500 days prior to pulling up in a point in May and then ran poorly back under Rules in a Chepstow handicap hurdle for new yard last month.


2 GRIS MAJEUR (FR) (19) (C) 98
8P62/7146 7 12-1 | 76.7kg

 Sheila Lewis **Ben Jones**
Point/bumper winner who capitalised on falling mark when registering a third career success over hurdles at Hereford (21.7f) in October. Not in same form when fourth at Warwick but chase debut wasn't devoid of promise at Chepstow. Upgraded markedly in trip returned to timber.


3 GROVE ROAD (IRE) (18) (CD) 100
65P-94P11 8 11-12 | 75.3kg

 James Owen **Mr Alex Chadwick (51b/2kg)**
Ended a losing run in a change of headgear in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot in July. Followed from a 4 lb higher mark back from a break at Huntingdon (25f, soft) recently and is clearly back on the up for his excellent yard. One to beat from revised mark.


4 MIKIMOTO (25) (C) 95
1/22-4P 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

 Martin Keighley **Harry Skelton**
Successful only start in bumpers for Henry Daly. Promise over hurdles for new yard, runner-up first 2 starts and possibly needed the run after 10 months off when fourth in a Stratford maiden (22f) in October. Pitched in quite deep on handicap bow and offered little. Up in trip with cheekpieces on.


5 SPITALFIELD (IRE) (193) 98
334364-17 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Benjamin Macey (101b/5kg)**
Opened his account in good style in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Ffos Las (23.9f, good) in May. Has never been a fluent jumper and he came unstuck over the fixed-brush obstacles when seventh of 9 a fortnight later.


6 DROP FLIGHT (FR) (21) 98
P31F-7837 9 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Dan Skelton **Mr Ben Sutton (51b/2kg)**
Landed 5-runner hunter at Exeter in March prior to falling early in the Foxhunters' Chase at Aintree the following month. Easily best effort for this yard when a keeping-on third over 20f at Carlisle in October but he was disappointing up in trip at Warwick latest. Cheekpieces applied.


7 GUSTOSO (36) 97
64P913-86 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

 Henry Daly **Sam Twiston-Davies**
Much improved when opening his account in first-time cheekpieces at Huntingdon in April. Backed it up with a good third at Perth later that month but low-key return to action this autumn. Now tackles a new trip.


8 PIPERS CROSS (IRE) (43) (D, BF) 99
2221314-5 7 11-3 | 71.2kg

 Emma Lavelle **Cameron Johnstone-Baker (101b/5kg)**
Dual winner around 3m in the spring for Robbie Llewellyn. Stuck to her task pretty well when fifth starting out for new yard at Bangor in October (23.2f) and this step up in trip promises to suit. Big player with cheekpieces back on.


9 WEAVER'S ANSWER (29) 97
43/18314-6 6 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Tim Vaughan **Alan Johns**
Improved with cheekpieces added when gaining second hurdle success at Plumpton in February and may have found the race coming too soon at Ayr under a penalty. May have needed the run on last month's return to action.

10 GROOM DE COTTE (FR) (78) (D) 97
F5-307P01 8 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Gary Brown **Isabelle Ryder (71b/3kg)**
Revived back hurdling for the first time for this yard when opening his account in a 3/4m Fontwell handicap in September. Hit with a 10 lb rise but he was competitive off higher marks earlier in his career. Engaged 2.00 Fontwell Tuesday.

11 NEWTONIAN (38) 97
4443-1P34 7 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)

 Matt Sheppard **Stan Sheppard**
Got off the mark at Warwick in May and nothing wrong with a brace of in-frame efforts upon return in October. 2 lb out of the weights but he should still give his running.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Grove Road, **13-2** Pipers Cross, **13-2** Groom De Cotte, **10-1** Drop Flight, **12-1** Spitalfield, **14-1** Newtonian, **14-1** Mikimoto, **16-1** Gustoso, **16-1** Weaver's Answer, **18-1** Gris Majeur, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A visor has really perked GROVE ROAD up and given he was value for extra at Huntingdon last time, the hat-trick may well be on the cards. Pipers Cross made a sound start for her new yard at Bangor and she's a threat up in trip with cheekpieces back on, while Groom de Cotte is likely to give it another good shot.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GROVE ROAD 2. PIPERS CROSS 3. GROOM DE COTTE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Norton Hill** 7-12-0 15-8jf Anthony Honeyball Daryl Jacob 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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
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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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|  | <p>1 TAPLEY (12) (D) 90
 2134-2186 7 11-10 74.4kg
 Suzy Smith <i>Micheal Nolan</i>
 Fairly useful hurdler, winning a Plumpton handicap in October. Ran below that level switched to fences at Newbury 12 days ago but the experience should have done him some good.</p> |
|  | <p>2 FINEST VIEW (30) (D, BF) 93
 761-22223 7 11-5 72.1kg
 Alan King  <i>Tom Cannon</i>
 Fairly useful hurdler who was runner 4 times in handicaps over the summer. Not given an unduly hard time once the leaders had got away when well-held third on 20.5f Kempton chase debut last month. Open to progress.</p> |
|  | <p>3 BEAT BOX (FR) (68) (D, BF) 99
 467-11114 8 11-2 70.8kg
 Dan Skelton  <i>Harry Skelton</i>
 Improved out of all recognition for Dan Skelton, completing a 4-timer in 2m handicap chases in August/September. The winning run came to a halt when only fourth of 5 at Hexham in October but no surprise were he to resume his progression back from a short break.</p> |
|  | <p>4 LIME DROP (FR) (25) (C, D) 98
 223225-21 8 11-1 70.3kg
 Henry Daly <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>
 Filled the runner-up spot 5 times over fences before deservedly getting off the mark at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft) last month. Should remain competitive up 5 lb.</p> |
|  | <p>5 ASCENSION DAY (IRE) (49) 99
 R932-2245 7 10-5(10-4) 65.8kg (65.3kg)
 Shaun Lycett <i>William Maggs (5lb/2kg)</i>
 Runner-up 3 times on the bounce over hurdles in the first half of this year. Might have needed the outing when below par back from 7 weeks off at Southwell last time. Makes chase debut.</p> |
|  | <p>6 TORNEO (FR) (20) (D, BF)  100
 23126-32 4 10-5(10-4) 65.8kg (65.3kg)
 Jamie Snowden  <i>Gavin Sheehan</i>
 Fairly useful Flat winner in France who won a Wetherby juvenile hurdle last winter. Switched to fences this season, shaping well when second in 2m Wincanton handicap 3 weeks ago. Leading claims with further progress likely.</p> |

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Torneo, 3-1 Lime Drop, 7-2 Finest View, 4-1 Beat Box, 11-1 Tapley, 25-1 Ascension Day

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TORNEO was an encouraging second at Wincanton last time and is taken to go one better now. Beat Box has been freshened up since finishing fourth at Hexham in early October and can resume his progression and provide the chief threat to Jamie Snowden's charge.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TORNEO 2. BEAT BOX 3. FINEST VIEW

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Chanceux 7-10-6	5-1	Alastair Ralph	Brendan Powell	4
2022	In Excelsis Deo 4-10-13	10-1	Harry Fry	Lorcan Murtagh (3)	6
2021	Hardy du Seuil 4-11-3	6-1	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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WATCH UNBRIDLED ON attheraces.com MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m53y (3270 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CULLIGRAN 2. LADY CARO 3. A LITTLE SOMETHING

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

	1	IT'S EASY (FR) (21)	98
		324243-26 6 12-0 76.2kg	
		Evan Williams <i>Isabel Williams (31b/1kg)</i>	
		Fairly useful maiden chaser in France but just respectable efforts at best for Clive Boutbee-Brooks. Down in the weights as a result and sound start for this yard when second at Stratford (16.3f) in October. Couldn't really build on that at Ffos Las latest but can't be ruled out here.	
	2	VILLAINESS (IRE) (31) (D)	97
		8/2251-460 6 11-11 74.8kg	
		Richard Bandey <i>Harry Bannister</i>	
		Came good in a 2m Stratford maiden in April but has been unable to make a significant impact in handicaps since.	
	3	A LITTLE SOMETHING (29)	88
		3752 5 11-6 72.6kg	
		Emma Lavelle <i>Joe Anderson (31b/1kg)</i>	
		Found a little improvement when second of 6 in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (15.8f, good) 29 days ago. May do better now sent handicapping and is worth monitoring in the market.	
	4	GRANNY B (IRE) (29)	88
		663 4 11-5 72.1kg	
		Michael Mullineaux <i>Lewis Stones (31b/1kg)</i>	
		Fair winner on the Flat and while she has done the majority of her racing over sprint distances, stamina didn't appear to be an issue when sixth in a Ludlow novice (15.8f) last month. Backed that up when third at Huntingdon since but more required now handicapping.	
	5	JACKELINE (29)	94
		8/4F83-4P5 5 11-4 71.7kg	
		Seamus Mullins <i>Daniel Sansom (31b/1kg)</i>	
		Took a small step back in right direction when fifth of 6 in handicap hurdle at Lingfield (16f, good, 14/1) 29 days ago. Still looking for first success, though, and percentage call is to look elsewhere.	
	6	CULLIGRAN (IRE) (14) (CD)	99
		44-2331 5 11-4 71.7kg	
		John O'Shea <i>Nick Scholfield</i>	
		Found improvement when getting off the mark in 8-runner handicap hurdle over C&D (good to soft) 14 days ago, comfortably. 7 lb higher now but further progress may be on the cards.	
	7	LADY CARO (IRE) (33)	100
		6572-6842 6 11-3 71.2kg	
		Emma Lavelle <i>Ben Jones</i>	
		Bounced back to something like her best form when second of 14 in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (17.7f, good to soft) 33 days ago. Just 1 lb higher now and ought to go well again.	
	8	DORCAS ROAD (IRE) (56)	96
		7/75-58P 6 10-8 67.1kg	
		Harriet Dickin <i>Ben Poste</i>	
		Yet to trouble the judge after 6 attempts and disappointed on yard debut at Worcester 56 days ago. Hood on first time, tongue strap back on. Had wind operation.	
	9	CHARLOTTE SQUARE (58)	70
		P77P 4 10-2(9-9) 64.4kg (61.2kg)	
		Ryan Potter <i>Conor Ring</i>	
		Down the field in a handful of starts on the Flat for Andrew Balding and has offered little since sent hurdling for current yard, including on handicap debut here in October. 7 lb out of the weights. Best watched.	

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Culligran, **9-2** Lady Caro, **6-1** A Little Something, **10-1** It's Easy, **11-1** Villainess, **14-1** Jackeline, **14-1** Granny B, **33-1** Dorcas Road, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Recent C&D winner CULLIGRAN is going the right way and makes fair appeal in her follow-up bid. The Emma Lavelle duo Lady Caro and A Little Something rate the principal dangers.

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RACE 7

FREE TIPS DAILY ON attheraces.com OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 2m53y (3270 Metres)




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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 CUILLIN RIDGE 92
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Henry Daly *David Bass*
Schiaparelli gelding. Half-brother to useful staying hurdler Kyntara and bumper/fairly useful 19f hurdle winner Kintail.


2 DOCTOR ON CALL (FR) 100
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Paul Nicholls *Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)*
Doctor Dino gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser Martator and French hurdler Garde de Burge. Dam French hurdler (2m-2¼m winner). Of obvious interest on debut.

3 GETAWAY SAM (IRE) 95
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Nigel Twiston-Davies *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Getaway gelding. Dam unraced sister to very smart hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 25f) Darver Star. No surprise to see him go well on debut.


4 HARKSMAN 90
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Martin Keighley *James Best*
Telescope gelding. Half-brother to modest hurdler My Lovely Boy, stayed 3m.


5 JUST GOLDEN (IRE) 98
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
€120,000 3-y-o, Flemensfirth gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to smart hurdler/chaser (stayed 3m) O O Seven (by Flemensfirth). Noteworthy newcomer.


6 KHALIFE DES OBEAUX (FR) 92
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Jack Jones *James Bowen*
Kapparde gelding. Half-brother to 1½m French bumper winner Hermine des Obeaux.


7 LUCKY IN TAIPAN (IRE) (24) 94
36 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Fergal O'Brien *Jonathan Burke*
Half-brother to useful hurdler/chaser Golden Taipan. Promising third on debut at Worcester in July but well held 4 months on in listed contest at Cheltenham. Likely to need more time.


8 MISTERODDSOCKS (IRE) (249) 90
5- 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Ben Case *Jack Quinlan*
€125,000 Walk In The Park gelding from the family of smart hurdler/top-class chaser (stayed 29f) Bellshill. 15/2, too free and finished well held in Uttoxeter bumper on debut in April. Hood goes on.

9 CRYSTAL DAYS 93
4 10-9 | 67.6kg

 Ben Pauling *Ben Jones*
€48,000 3-y-o, Diamond Boy filly. Dam lightly raced in bumpers/once-raced over hurdles, half-sister to useful hurdler (21f winner) My Wigwam Or Yours. Wears tongue strap.

10 NEEPS AND TATTIES 90
5 10-9 | 67.6kg

 Richard Phillips *Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg)*
Black Sam Bellamy mare. Sister to 2 winners, including unreliable but fairly useful hurdler/chaser Perfect Pirate, stays 4m. Likely to need further.

11 OUR ROSIE (IRE) (26) 60
7/5 5 10-9 | 67.6kg
Michael Mullineaux
Down the field in bumpers 19 months apart.



Charlie Todd

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Doctor On Call, **4-1** Just Golden, **7-1** Getaway Sam, **8-1** Lucky In Taipan, **9-1** Crystal Days, **12-1** Cuillin Ridge, **12-1** Khalife Des Obeaux, **25-1** Harksman, **33-1** Neeps And Tatties, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This looks set to go to a newcomer, with DOCTOR ON CALL, Just Golden and Getaway Sam the three most appealing ones before betting clues.

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