

Saturday 12th October

CHEPSTOW



1.35 CHAMPION EQUESTRIAN JUVENILE HURDLE (4) 2m11y (3230 Metres)

RACE 1 **(3) MY NOBLE LORD | (1) CITY OF LONDON | (4) RAKKI**

2.10 PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW 4-Y-O HURDLE (LIMITED HANDICAP) (2) 2m11y (3230 Metres)

RACE 2 **(5) ROARING LEGEND | (1) LIARI | (6) YELLOW STAR**

2.45 TOM MALONE BLOODSTOCK NOVICES' CHASE (Listed) (1) 2m3f98y (3910 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) BOOMBAWN | (2) CUTHBERT DIBBLE | (3) INSURRECTION**

3.20 WASDELL GROUP SILVER TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)

RACE 4 **(10) INTO THE PARK | (5) LOWRY'S BAR | (12) JIPCOT**

4.00 JOHN AYRES MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m3f98y (3910 Metres)

RACE 5 **(6) IL RIDOTO | (8) THE KING OF RYHOPE | (3) JETOILE**

4.35 NATIVE RIVER HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) STOLEN SILVER | (8) MANOTHEPEOPLE | (9) TWINJETS**

5.10 UNIBET OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 2m11y (3230 Metres)

RACE 7 **(9) MONEYGARROW | (7) KEEL STRAND | (1) HOLOKEA**

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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**CHAMPION EQUESTRIAN JUVENILE HURDLE (4) 3yo £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: **Insufficient Data**

1 CITY OF LONDON 87
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Kerry Lee *Richard Patrick*
38,000 gns 3-y-o, Nathaniel gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including connections' smart hurdler Nemean Lion, stays 21f. Dam 9f winner in Germany. Noteworthy newcomer.

2 KOTGAR (IRE) 84
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Evan Williams *Adam Wedge*
Fair maiden on Flat in France, in frame all 5 starts, stays 1¼m. Left Jean-Claude Rouget's yard for €25,000 in July. Watch betting.

3 MY NOBLE LORD (USA) 100
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Hajey. Fairly useful handicapper on Flat (stays 1¾m), successful on 4 of 5 starts in 2024. Interesting hurdling debutant.

4 RAKKI 90
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alan King *Tom Cannon*
Fairly useful maiden on the Flat (stays 1¾m), below form last time. In the right hands to make it as a hurdler.

5 RAPID MISSION 86
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Anthony Charlton *Harry Reed*
Fairly useful handicapper on Flat (stays 12.5f) and is out of a mare who is a half-sister to a fairly useful hurdler.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 My Noble Lord, 7-2 Rakki, 5-1 City of London, 13-2 Rapid Mission, 8-1 Kotgar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MY NOBLE LORD, a most progressive handicapper on the Flat, has both the physique and attitude to take well to this new discipline, so he's fancied to get his hurdle career off to the perfect start. City of London makes plenty of appeal on paper being a half-brother to smart hurdler Nemean Lion, while Rakki is in the right hands to do well in this sphere.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MY NOBLE LORD 2. CITY OF LONDON 3. RAKKI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Balboa 3-11-0	10-11f Milton Harris	Harry Reed	7
2022	Tuddenham Green 3-11-0	6-4f Alan King	Daryl Jacob	5
2021	Magistrato 3-10-12	4-7f Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	5
2020	Hell Red 3-10-12	1-2f Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	8
2019	Nordano 3-11-4	5-2 Neil King	Bryony Frost	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW 4-Y-O HURDLE (LIMITED HANDICAP) (2) 4yo £25,000 2m11y (3230 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 LIARI (FR) (214) (D) 99
111P- 4 11-12 | 75.3kg

Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*
Fairly useful on Flat in France and similar form when winning all 3 starts in juvenile hurdles for this yard, latterly at Musselburgh (15.5f) in February from Roaring Legend. Held back by jumping in Fred Winter at Cheltenham in March but no surprise to see him back on the up on return.

2 MIGHTY BANDIT (IRE) (162) (BF) 98
19P-0 4 11-11 | 74.8kg

Warren Greatrex *James Bowen*
Fairly useful hurdles winner for Gordon Elliott last term (changed hands for €420,000) and reached a similar level on Flat for this yard, second of 9 in handicap at Windsor (11.5f) 26 days ago. Not dismissed making his handicap debut in this sphere.

3 LATIN VERSE (190) (D) 96
231521P2- 4 11-3 | 71.2kg

Anthony Charlton *Harry Reed*
Fairly useful, dual winner over hurdles who ran well when runner-up on final start for Syd Hosie at Musselburgh (17.4f, heavy) in April. Likely in need of run back from 6 months off/re-united with this yard at Kempton (11f) 3 weeks ago. Cheekpieces go back on.

4 BALBOA (176) (CD) 96
21223P42- 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Seamus Mullins *Micheal Nolan*
Fair maiden on Flat who got off the mark over hurdles at the third attempt in C&D juvenile at this meeting 12 months ago. Exploits mixed thereafter but signed off with a career best second of 13 in handicap at Ayr (2m) for this yard in April. This looks more demanding, however.

5 ROARING LEGEND (FR) (35) (CD) 100
223P1-31 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
Confirmed previous promise on back of a wind when taking C&D maiden in the spring. Not himself at Aintree a month later but left that in his wake after 4 months off when impressively seeing off 4-rivals at Stratford (16.3f) 5 weeks ago. Lots to like back in a handicap.

6 YELLOW STAR (FR) (168) (D) 96
31474- 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

Gary & Josh Moore *Niall Houlihan*
Fairly useful form at best on the Flat and similar form in this sphere, successful in a Lingfield novice (2m) in February. Below best next 2 starts but sharper for application of blinkers when fourth of 20 in handicap at Sandown (2m) in April. Respected on return to action.

7 KOUROSH (GER) (173) (D) 96
1F35P- 4 10-12 | 68.9kg

Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
Fair winner on the Flat in Germany who bolted up on his Wetherby hurdle debut last November. No real progress thereafter, pulled on in handicap at Kempton (2m) when last seen in April. Undergone wind surgery ahead of return though, and market confidence behind him would look significant.

8 DODGER LONG (18) (D) 95
22631-221 4 10-12 | 68.9kg

Harriet Dickin *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Fair in bumpers and improved model switched to hurdling, confirming promise of his runners-up efforts when doubling his tally in a Warwick novice (2m) 18 days ago. This looks a tough enough introduction to handicaps but his consistency has been hard to knock to date.

9 MAJESTIC JAMEELA (148) (D) 99
4271213-3 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

Stuart Edmunds *Ciaran Gethings*
Kept busy and steadily improved over hurdles last season, gaining a third career success impressively at Uttoxeter (20f) in April. Placed both starts thereafter, latterly when third at Aintree (20f) in May but this drop in trip may not suit ideally given how she's been shaping.

10 LETTERSTON LILY (15) (D) 98
0-311213 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

Peter & Michael Bowen *Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)*
Bumper winner at the third attempt and made it 2-3 in novice hurdles at Worcester (20f) in August. Cemented her positive start when creditable third on handicap debut back at that venue 15 days ago. This a tougher ask but she may not of reached her limit.

11 THROUGH THE AGES (176) (D) 95
31184- 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

Gary & Josh Moore *Caolin Quinn (3lb/1kg)*
Fair form when landing small-field juvenile hurdles at Huntingdon/Newbury around the turn of the year. Well beaten at Sandown next time but better display when fourth in handicap at Fontwell (19.2f) in April. However, yard may hold stronger claims with Yellow Star.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Liari, 11-2 Roaring Legend, 8-1 Yellow Star, 10-1 Balboa, 11-1 Mighty Bandit, 11-1 Dodger Long, 12-1 Majestic Jameela, 14-1 Letterston Lily, 14-1 Latin Verse, 14-1 Kourosh, 22-1 Through The Ages

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ROARING LEGEND has presumably had this as his target following an impressive reappearance success in novice company at Stratford 5 weeks ago and, with further progress in the offing, he can put that fitness edge to good use. Liari who was 3-4 over hurdles last season is another highly respected for Paul Nicholls. Yellow Star and Mighty Bandit complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROARING LEGEND 2. LIARI 3. YELLOW STAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Shared	4-11-1	5-1	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	5
2022	Mothill	4-10-10	9-1	Neil Mulholland	Tom Scudamore	9
2021	Progressive	4-10-3	10-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	11
2020	Thyme White	4-11-1	6-1	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	12
2019	Torpillo	4-11-10	3-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Daryl Jacob	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.45**TOM MALONE BLOODSTOCK NOVICES' CHASE (Listed) (1)**
4yo+ £40,000 2m3f98y (3910 Metres)

RACE 3

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 BOOMBAWN (IRE) (84) (BF) **100**
9/110-1320 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Useful hurdler who made the perfect start over fences when scoring at Warwick in May. Decent efforts in defeat at Cartmel and Worcester but disappointed in the Summer Plate at Market Rasen. Given a break since and expected to bounce back for yard that won this last year.

2 CUTHBERT DIBBLE (IRE) (182) (C, D) **95**
3151/1130- **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Progressive over hurdles last term, winning twice (including here) prior to finishing a fine third in the Pertemps Final at Cheltenham. Disappointed at Aintree final start but that run can easily be overlooked and he looks a smart prospect for novice chasing (has size to make a chaser) this term.

3 INSURRECTION (IRE) (181) **89**
4/12331- **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Useful form over hurdles last season, signing off with a win in 13-runner novice hurdle (4/7) at Hereford (16.2f, good) in April. Tall gelding who will make a chaser (successful on second of 2 starts in Irish points).

4 MOMBASA (FR) (350) **86**
11425/4- **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg



N. George & A. Zetterholm, France

Mr David Maxwell

Useful 17f dual-hurdles winner in France in 2022 who later changed hands for €250,000 in July that year. Below that level in 3 starts for Phillip Hobbs but proved he retains ability when fourth in listed hurdle at Compiègne on yard debut/ comeback a year ago. Not seen since, however. Chase debut.

5 RESPLENDENT GREY (IRE) (161) (D) **89**
11/27342-1 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Dual hurdle winner, including a career-best performance at Uttoxeter when last seen in May. Goes well fresh (second in Grade 2 novice at this meeting last autumn) and should make a chaser.

6 SPRINGWELL BAY (183) (D) **95**
3116/142U- **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Just about the best of these over hurdles, his best effort coming when just edged out off a mark of 143 at Musselburgh in February. Should make a chaser so must be respected.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Boombawn, **7-2** Cuthbert Dibble, **4-1** Springwell Bay, **9-2** Insurrection, **11-2** Resplendent Grey, **18-1** Mombasa

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A novice won by the likes of Cue Card and Fingal Bay. BOOMBAWN, whose stable won this last year with subsequent Grand Annual winner Unexpected Party, has already shown a useful level of form over fences and that experience should count for plenty up against chase debutants. Cuthbert Dibble appeals as a smart chasing prospect so rates the main threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BOOMBAWN 2. CUTHBERT DIBBLE 3. INSURRECTION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Unexpected Party 8-11-5	2-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	4
2022	Sebastopol 8-11-5	2-9f	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	2
2021	Tea Clipper 6-11-3	11-4jf	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	5
2020	Grand Sancy 6-11-2	5-4	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	3
2019	Jarveys Plate 6-11-2	11-2	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	3

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.20

WASDELL GROUP SILVER TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (2)
4yo+ £75,000 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)










RACE 4












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

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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1	CREBILLY (IRE) (182) (D)	94
	261/F4127- 7 12-0 76.2kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill <i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i> Progressive in this sphere a couple of seasons back and highlight of novice chase campaign last term was his fine second in a Cheltenham Festival handicap (20.6f, soft) in March. Let-down by a sloppy round of jumping at Aintree next time and looks vulnerable under joint top-weight back hurdling.	
2	TRITONIC (302)	95
	9854/15- 7 12-0 76.2kg Alan King <i>Tom Cannon</i> Useful hurdler and similar form on the Flat, most recently placed in a valuable York handicap in August. Good fourth in a big-field Aintree contest on latest start in this sphere (winner of one of his 2 starts over fences since) but that was back in April 2023 and others look better treated here.	
3	TAKE NO CHANCES (IRE) (138) (D, BF)	95
	3/12P21-14 6 11-12 75.3kg Dan Skelton <i>Harry Atkins (7lb/3kg)</i> Winner of back-to-back handicaps at Warwick and Uttoxeter during the spring. Didn't do much wrong when fourth at Cartmel (25.4f, good to soft) on latest start in May and while Doyen Quest is seemingly the stable No 1, this 6-y-o is by no means exposed.	
4	LUCKY ZEBO (92) (D)	96
	13181-768 7 11-11 74.8kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland <i>D. J. O'Keefe</i> Improved when accounting for 8 rivals in a Cork listed handicap in March and by no means disgraced in a valuable Punchestown handicap next time. However, he has come up short over fences the last twice and his current mark is a challenging one.	
5	LOWRY'S BAR (IRE) (244) (CD, BF)	95
	11112- 6 11-7 73.0kg Philip Hobbs & Johnson White <i>Ben Jones</i> Winner of first 4 starts over hurdles last term, including a C&D handicap in January. Lost unbeaten record when turned over in an Exeter novice next time but he remains with potential and his profile isn't dissimilar to that of Orbys Legend, who landed this race for the same yard in 2021.	
6	AFADIL (FR) (154)	99
	P331534-0 5 11-6 72.6kg Paul Nicholls <i>Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)</i> Displayed nice turn of foot when landing a Musselburgh handicap in February and followed that with a series of creditable efforts in good-quality handicaps. Well held when last seen at Haydock in May but he'll be a danger to all if resuming at the top of his game. Yard also runs Irish Hill.	
7	ACT OF AUTHORITY (FR) (168) (D)	95
	22/161316- 6 11-4 71.7kg Olly Murphy <i>Sean Bowen</i> Successful on 3 of his half-a-dozen starts as a novice last season and signed that campaign off with a good sixth in a valuable Sandown handicap (2m, good). Not without an each-way chance but improvement will certainly be needed if he's to emerge on top.	
8	TIGHTENOURBELTS (IRE) (147)	96
	1/134P46-3 7 11-2 70.8kg Emma Lavelle <i>Tom Bellamy</i> Ludlow maiden hurdle winner on final start of 2022/23 campaign and made successful start over fences at the same course last November. Returned to this sphere with a creditable third to Take No Chances at Uttoxeter (23.3f, good to soft) when last seen in May but he may again find one or 2 too good.	
9	IRISH HILL (GER) (174) (C, D, BF)	97
	0/4729532- 6 11-1 70.3kg Paul Nicholls <i>Harry Cobden</i> Won 3 on the bounce during 2022/23 campaign and while he failed to add to his tally last season, to his credit he posted several creditable efforts in defeat. Resumes on a fair mark and he could have a part to play if fully tuned-up.	

10	INTO THE PARK (IRE) (203)	100
	7U3114- 5 11-1 70.3kg Philip Hobbs & Johnson White <i>Micheal Nolan</i> Plenty about him physically and he improved when bagging a Newbury maiden and Taunton handicap (both at around 2m) last winter. Failed to land a meaningful blow back at Newbury when last seen in March but there may yet be better to come from this 5-y-o. Yard also represented by Lowry's Bar.	
11	AMERICAN SNIPER (IRE) (187) (C)	95
	63/701477- 6 11-1 70.3kg David Pipe <i>Jack Tudor</i> Resumed winning ways in first-time tongue strap at Cheltenham last November but hasn't managed to reproduce that level of form in 3 subsequent starts. Has undergone another wind op since his latest appearance in April and others make more appeal.	
12	JIPCOT (FR) (217)	99
	100/7F313- 5 11-0 69.9kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill <i>Kielan Woods</i> Dual winner of juvenile hurdles in France and opened account on these shores for Ben Pauling at Huntingdon (15.8f, heavy) in March. Solid third in a valuable Sandown handicap 6 days later and he's of interest on this return/debut for new yard, for all that Crebilly is presumably the stable No 1.	
13	TITAN DISCOVERY (178) (D)	97
	2/4212126- 6 11-0 69.9kg Robbie Llewellyn <i>Liam Harrison</i> Successful twice in handicap company last season, latterly at Sandown in February. Signed off with a good sixth in a 15-runner Cheltenham (20.2f, good) contest during the spring and while this is more demanding, he's in with an each-way shout.	
14	JOSH THE BOSS (182)	96
	14/11U548- 5 11-0 69.9kg Nigel Twiston-Davies <i>Mr Jamie Neild (7lb/3kg)</i> Bumper winner who won first 2 starts over hurdles last season but form tailed off thereafter. Probably worth taking on here following a 6-month break.	
15	TUNE IN A BOX (IRE) (165) (D)	98
	5/691121-1 5 10-13 69.4kg Tom Lacey <i>Stan Sheppard</i> Winner of 4 of his 5 starts following the switch to handicap company last term, culminating in an impressive display in a valuable Punchestown handicap (19.4f, good to soft) during the spring. Up 15 lb for that but he could have more to offer this season.	
16	DOYEN QUEST (IRE) (178)	97
	10631211- 6 10-12 68.9kg Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i> Bumper winner who was progressive over hurdles last season, winner of a Cheltenham handicap (20.2f, good) on his latest appearance in April. 3 lb nudge fair enough and he could make his presence felt if ready to foll following a break.	
17	PATRIOTIK (FR) (158)	94
	2132-2 5 10-11 68.5kg Evan Williams <i>Isabel Williams (3lb/1kg)</i> Point winner who opened Rules account in a 2½m Ffos Las novice in March and placed on each of his 3 subsequent starts (all at the same course). Open to improvement now pitched into a handicap and he's worth a second look.	
18	FOREVER WILLIAM (22) (D)	97
	12P/16-773 6 10-10 68.0kg Dan Skelton <i>Miss Heidi Palin (7lb/3kg)</i> Three-time winner for Alan King and stepped up on his low-key debut for this yard when third of 8 in a Newton Abbot handicap (21.6f, good) last month. On a workable mark but his record is rather patchy.	

18 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-1 Crebilly, **17-2** Tune In A Box, **9-1** Into The Park, **10-1** Jipcot, **11-1** Lowry's Bar, **12-1** Afadil, **12-1** Irish Hill, **14-1** Doyen Quest, **16-1** Take No Chances, **18-1** Patriotik, **22-1** Titan Discovery, **22-1** Act of Authority, **28-1** Lucky Zebo, **28-1** Tritonic, **33-1** Tightenourbelts, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

INTO THE PARK and Lowry's Bar, both lightly-raced types from the Hobbs & White yard, are appealing candidates for what is a typically competitive renewal of this valuable handicap. Marginal preference is for the former, who was a progressive novice last season and he should have more to offer. Jipcot and Tune In A Box are also open to improvement, while the Paul Nicholls-trained duo Afadil and Irish Hill merit respect, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. INTO THE PARK 2. LOWRY'S BAR 3. JIPCOT

3.20**WASDELL GROUP SILVER TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (2)**
4yo+ £75,000 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)

RACE 4

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Pyramid Place	6-10-13	20-1	Milton Harris	Bradley Harris (5)	14
2022	Knappers Hill	6-11-10	16-5	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	10
2021	Orbys Legend	5-11-0	7-1	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	17
2020	Tea Clipper	5-10-13	7-2f	Tom Lacey	Jonathan Burke	11
2019	Flash The Steel	7-10-5	16-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.00**JOHN AYRES MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (2) 4yo+
£40,000 2m3f98y (3910 Metres)**

RACE 5

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

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Pace Information: **Even****1 EDITEUR DU GITE (FR) (159) 96**

44/5415P-P 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Niall Houlihan

Bold-jumping front runner who landed the Desert Orchid at Kempton for the second year running in December but no form otherwise last season, and disappointed when last seen in Kempton handicap in May.

2 GA LAW (FR) (168) (D) s 97

F5P/671P2- 8 11-10 | 74.4kg



Jamie Snowden

Jonathan Burke

Won last season's Paddy Power at Cheltenham and bagged another big middle-distance handicap at that track earlier this year. Matched best form when second in Oaksey Chase (22.8f) at Sandown on final start of campaign and is not taken lightly on return.

3 JETOILE (IRE) (164) (CD) t 97

2411/14P-4 9 11-3 | 71.2kg



Ryan Potter

Daryl Jacob

Won twice over C&D in spring of 2023 and made a winning return in Old Roan Chase at Aintree this time last year. Back to best when fourth in big-field handicap at Punchestown (20.4f) in May and must be taken seriously first time up here.

4 FLEGMATIK (FR) (161) t 96

U23142P-7 9 10-12 | 68.9kg



Dan Skelton

Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)

Ended a near 2-year losing run when scoring at Kempton (24f) in January and took his form up a notch when an excellent runner-up there (20.5f) in March. However, looks on a stiff mark and appears to be the yard's second string based on jockey bookings.

5 HOMME PUBLIC (FR) (148) s+t 96

0/011217-6 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne (3lb/1kg)

Multiple winner over hurdles who found improvement switched to the larger obstacles last term, scoring 3 times. Can go well fresh and reappears just 1 lb above his last winning mark so warrants respect.

6 IL RIDOTO (FR) (178) s+t 100

6P/32308P- 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Likeable sort who made the frame in a trio of competitive Cheltenham handicaps on his first 3 outings last season. Not in same form thereafter but has had a wind operation since his last start and looks nicely treated on his return to the track.

7 SAINT SEGAL (FR) (179) (C) t 97

24/3F2U36- 6 10-7 | 66.7kg



Mrs Jane Williams

David Noonan

Won twice (including at this course) in 2022/23 and acquitted himself well in defeat early last season, looking the likely winner when coming down late on at Ascot in November. Form tailed off in latter part of campaign but no surprise to see him play a part first time up here. Had wind operation.

8 THE KING OF RYHOPE (182) (CD, BF) 98

133/13348- 8 10-6 | 66.2kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Low-mileage 8-y-o who made a winning return/handicap chase debut over C&D 12 months ago. Failed to add to that success in 4 subsequent outings but has likely been aimed at this by his shrewd yard and must enter calculations.

9 LA DOMANIALE (FR) (46) (D) 95

46/1932-02 8 10-2 | 64.4kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Benjamin Macey (10lb/5kg)

Four-time winner over fences who produced somewhere near her best form when second of 5 in handicap chase (9/1) at Stratford (19.4f, good) 46 days ago. This looks tougher, though, and others are more appealing.

10 GRANDEUR D'AME (FR) (224) (D) 98

115/514UP- 8 10-2 | 64.4kg



Alan King

Tom Bellamy

Resumed his progress, after 6 months off, with a wide-margin success at Wetherby (19.4f) in November. Couldn't really build on that, however, and reappears 7 lb above his last winning mark.

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 The King of Ryhope, **11-2** Il Ridoto, **11-2** Ga Law, **17-2** Jetoile, **9-1** Saint Segal, **11-1** Homme Public, **12-1** La Domaniale, **14-1** Grandeur D'ame, **14-1** Editeur Du Gite, **18-1** Flegmatik

TIMEFORM VIEW:

IL RIDOTO acquitted himself really well in the early part of last season and looks nicely handicapped on the pick of his form. He can make a winning return. The King of Ryhope scored first time up here last term and is feared most, whilst Jetoile and GA Law are also much respected.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. IL RIDOTO 2. THE KING OF RYHOPE 3. JETOILE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Al Dancer 10-11-12	11-4jf	Sam Thomas	Charlie Deutsch	5
2022	Flic Ou Voyou 8-10-4	9-4	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	4
2021	Paint The Dream 7-11-1	15-2	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace	9
2020	Pink Eyed Pedro 9-10-3	17-2	David Brace	Connor Brace (3)	7
2019	The Bay Birch 8-10-13	20-1	Matt Sheppard	Sean Bowen	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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NATIVE RIVER HANDICAP CHASE (2) 4yo+ £50,000
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: **Strong**


1 NASSALAM (FR) (182) (CD) s **98**
 307/411P0- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Gary & Josh Moore** *Caoilin Quinn (3lb/1kg)*
 Followed up his good fourth in Grand Sefton last term by scoring over C&D and took his form to a new level when bolting up in Welsh National here over Christmas. Disappointed in Gold Cup/Grand National subsequently, though, and reappears off a stiff mark.


2 STOLEN SILVER (FR) (315) (CD) t  **100**
 U2P0/19- 9 11-10 | 74.4kg

 **Sam Thomas** *Dylan Johnston (5lb/2kg)*
 Firmly back on track when making winning return (off 4 lb lower) in this contest 12 months ago. Far from disgraced in Coral Gold Cup on only subsequent start and talented claimer takes handy 5 lb off here. Big player.

3 KITTY'S LIGHT (168) (D, BF) **99**
 1/4705759- 8 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Christian Williams** *Nick Scholfield*
 Had a terrific 2022/23, landing Eider Chase, Scottish National and Bet365 Gold Cup and ran right up to best when fifth in Grand National earlier this year. May find this trip on the sharp side first time up here, though.


4 ARIZONA CARDINAL (183) (D) t **96**
 63/1PP11- 8 10-12 | 68.9kg

 **Stuart Edmunds** *Ciaran Gethings*
 Admirable sort who won 4 of 6 starts last term, ending his campaign with career-best victory in 24-runner Topham Handicap Chase (20/1) at Aintree (21.1f, soft) in April. 5 lb higher on return but must enter calculations.


5 SAIL AWAY (FR) (148) (D) t **98**
 21/56449-P 8 10-10 | 68.0kg

 **Dan Skelton** *Harry Atkins (7lb/3kg)*
 Dual winner on good ground in 2022/23 and shaped well on several occasions in defeat last term. However, folded tamely when last seen at Aintree in May and has something to prove now.


6 BALLYGRIFINCOTTAGE (IRE) (161) (BF) s+t **99**
 PP/3PS27-3 9 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **Dan Skelton** *Harry Skelton*
 Produced his best effort for a while when runner-up in Sandown handicap in March and ran to a similar level when seventh of 26 in Scottish Grand National next time. Only collared late on at Uttoxeter (24f) when last seen in May and returns off a workable mark.


7 TOSS AGAIN (IRE) (73) t **95**
 7/1124-84P 7 10-8 | 67.1kg


 **Henry de Bromhead, Ireland** *D. J. O'Keefe*
 Won twice in summer of last year and back to that sort of form when fourth in competitive Ballinrobe handicap in May. However, ran poorly in Galway Plate last time and others are more convincing.


8 MANOTHEPEOPLE (IRE) (178) (CD) s **96**
 12P/2U821- 9 10-7 | 66.7kg

 **Fergal O'Brien** *Jonathan Burke*
 C&D winner who posted a personal best when landing 14-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (26f, good) in April. Can go well fresh and is one for shortlist.


9 TWINJETS (IRE) (288) (D, BF) **98**
 12P/19314- 7 10-7 | 66.7kg

 **Paul Nicholls** *Harry Cobden*
 Multiple bumper/hurdles winner who found improvement when making a successful debut for Paul Nicholls over fences at Doncaster (24f) in December. Not in same form there a fortnight later but is in good hands and likely has more to offer this season.

10 PULL AGAIN GREEN (IRE) (18) (D) t  **98**
 12P4-7033 8 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

 **Fergal O'Brien** *Liam Harrison*
 Returned to form in recent starts, latest when good third of 7 in handicap chase at Warwick (25.4f, good) 18 days ago, finishing with running left. Takes on stronger company here but should give another good account. 1 lb out of the weights.

11 NEON MOON (IRE) (159) (D) b+t **95**
 P/145551-3 8 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)

 **David Pipe** *Jack Tudor*
 Strong traveller who returned better than ever to open his account over fences at Ludlow in October and got back to winning ways at Newbury (23.4f) in March. However, well held at Kempton when last seen in May and has plenty on his plate from 4 lb out of the handicap.

12 ARE U WISE TO THAT (IRE) (178) **98**
 133/14140- 7 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)

 **Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill** *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
 Made winning return/chase debut at Warwick last season and added to that with victory at Cheltenham (25.3f) in December. Not in same form on final 2 starts but is still low mileage and warrants respect despite being 5 lb out of the handicap.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Twinjets, **15-2** Manothepeople, **8-1** Stolen Silver, **8-1** Ballygrifincottage, **17-2** Arizona Cardinal, **14-1** Kitty's Light, **14-1** Pull Again Green, **14-1** Toss Again, **16-1** Sail Away, **16-1** Nassalam, **18-1** Are U Wise To That, **33-1** Neon Moon

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Last year's winner STOLEN SILVER finds himself in a deeper event this time round but it was hard not to be impressed with the manner of that victory and he makes plenty of appeal again. Manofthepeople and Twinjets head the list of dangers in what looks a cracking contest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. STOLEN SILVER 2. MANOTHEPEOPLE 3. TWINJETS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Stolen Silver 8-12-0	4-1	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	7
2022	Peregrine Run 12-12-0	15-2	Peter Fahey	Sam Ewing	7
2021	Chirico Vallis 9-10-2	16-1	Neil Mulholland	Richie McLernon	13
2020	Secret Investor 8-11-2	11-4f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	7
2019	Ballyoptic 9-11-12	9-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**UNIBET OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 4 and 5yo £8,000
2m11y (3230 Metres)**

RACE 7



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**

HOLOKEA (IRE) (115) (D) **100**

1 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

Peter & Michael Bowen **James Bowen**

Irish point winner who made the perfect start under Rules when scoring at Worcester in the summer. Could be more to come and he's one to consider.
- 2**

JOINING FORCE (IRE) **94**

5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**

€42,000 3-y-o, €42,000 5-y-o, Workforce gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler (stayed 2¾m) Couleur France. Runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points (Feb 2024). Notable newcomer.
- 3**

BERAGON **90**

4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Robert Stephens **Robert Dunne**

Zoffany gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners, including fair hurdle winner/fairly useful chaser Dreaming Blue, stays 3¼m. Dam 1½m winner.
- 4**

BOSKO (IRE) **90**

4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Tom Weston **Ben Jones**

Court Cave gelding. Half-brother to a point winner. Dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler/very smart chaser (2m-2¼m winner) Andreas.
- 5**

HARRY JUNIOR (IRE) **93**

4 11-1 | 70.3kg

David Pipe **Jack Tudor**

€65,000 3-y-o, Doyen gelding. Closely related to useful hurdler Harry Senior. Stable does well in bumpers and he's worthy of respect first time out.
- 6**

ILOSTASOCK (IRE) **79**

4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Ella Pickard **Nick Scholfield**

€5,000 3-y-o, El Kabeir gelding. Half-brother to fair 9f-10.7f winner Snag It. Dam, ran twice over hurdles, 1m winner on Flat in France. Wears hood.
- 7**

KEEL STRAND (FR) **100**

4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Paul Nicholls **Harry Cobden**

€75,000 3-y-o, €120,000 4-y-o, Authorized gelding. Brother to a winner and half-brother to 2 winners on Flat, including 7f winner in France Rio Dancer. Dam 6f/7f winner. Runner-up sole start in Irish points (Apr 28). Demands respect starting out for top connections.
- 8**

KOUKEO (FR) (165) **91**

0 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Didn't show much in a competitive race at Punchestown on debut 5 months ago so will need to prove a completely different proposition if he's to make his presence felt.
- 9**

MONEYGARROW (IRE) **96**

4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**

Shantou gelding. Brother to 2 winners, including useful hurdle winner/smart chaser Minella Crooner. Dam hurdle winner abroad up to 2½m, also 11f winner on Flat. Won sole start in Irish points (Apr 28). Makes plenty of appeal.
- 10**

HELLO CELLO (IRE) (181) **95**

6- 5 10-9 | 67.6kg

Harry Fry **Lorcan Murtagh**

4/1 when only sixth in a bumper at Plumpton on debut but is the type to build on that, so not without hope returning from 6 months off.

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Keel Strand, **7-2** Holokea, **6-1** Moneygarrow, **7-1** Hello Cello, **8-1** Joining Force, **10-1** Harry Junior, **18-1** Koukeo, **33-1** Beragon, **33-1** Bosko, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MONEYGARROW and Keel Strand are both potentially exciting recruits from points representing top yards and they may well dominate this. The first named might be more forward and is marginally preferred, while Holokea deserves respect after scoring at Worcester on debut in the summer.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MONEYGARROW 2. KEEL STRAND 3. HOLOKEA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Kap Boy 4-11-1	4-5f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	4
2022	Stans The Man 5-11-0	13-2	Ella Pickard	Jamie Moore	11
2021	Timefortune 5-11-7	4-6f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	8
2020 ^l	Knappers Hill 4-11-0	2-5f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	4
2020 ^{ll}	Flying Sara 5-11-0	4-1	Jack R. Barber	Nick Scholfield	4
2019	Make Me A Believer 4-11-0	8-1	David Pipe	David Noonan	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race