

Tuesday 12th November

HEREFORD



12.40

JOIN THE HEREFORD RACING CLUB EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4)
2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 1 **(3) D'JO DELA BARRIERE | (5) NEW MAN | (2) BRAVE MOVE**

1.15

HEREFORD QUARRIES FILLIES' JUVENILE HURDLE (4) 2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) MIDNIGHT EXIT | (2) MATWANA | (4) WINDOW OF TIME**

1.50

SILKY SYKES LIVING THE RETIREMENT DREAM HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f44y (5070 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) BALLYNAHEER | (7) MISTYMAL | (6) BEST MATE DAVE**

2.25

SUNSHINE RADIO HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m194y (4200 Metres)

RACE 4 **(7) SUPERBOLT | (3) MAHLER MOON | (5) MOODOFTHEMOMENT**

3.00

PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m5f163y (4370 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) TED'S FRIEND | (2) MELTON MOSSY | (3) STATE OF FAME**

3.35

SPA MOTORS HEREFORD HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 6 **(1) JAZZ KING | (4) OUR DYLAN | (6) COUP DE GOLD**

4.05

GET THE INSIDE TRACK WITH raceday-ready.com OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 7 **(7) WHAT U WANNA DO IS | (3) PRESENTING MILAN | (1) DESERT GUEST**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

12.40

RACE 1

JOIN THE HEREFORD RACING CLUB EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4, 5 and 6yo £7,700 2m53y (3270 Metres)Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**


1 BITS N PIECES (IRE) (12) 82
94 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Nigel Twiston-Davies **Finn Lambert (31b/1kg)**
Well held in Warwick bumper and Stratford selling hurdle (mistakes and off bridle long way out). Probably wants further and tricky to fancy even in a moderate affair.


2 BRAVE MOVE (IRE) (57) 86
8-6 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Fergal O'Brien **J. Hogan (31b/1kg)**
Failed to meet market expectations when down the field in bumpers at Market Rasen and Worcester (lost shoe) 10 months apart. Could do better now hurdling in thin race.

3 D'JO DELA BARRIERE (FR) (14) 100
563-49 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Evan Williams **Adam Wedge**
Showed plenty in all 3 disciplines under Rules in Ireland, running well on sole hurdles start there at Punchestown. Probably needed the run back over hurdles on first start for this yard in warm maiden at Chepstow a fortnight ago and better expected down in trip now.


4 GHOST PEPPER (IRE) (12) 77
40 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 D. J. Jeffreys **Beau Morgan (51b/2kg)**
From a good family but down the field in 2m Stratford hurdles 4 months apart and likely to need time and distance.

5 NEW MAN (FR) 82
4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Tom Gretton **David Noonan**
Manatee gelding. Dam, 2¼m hurdle winner in France, half-sister to smart hurdler (stayed 2½m) Renneti. Makes some appeal on paper and starts out in a very winnable novice.

6 BESTGETGOING (IRE) (14) 75
5-P 6 10-7 | 66.7kg

 Richard Price **Sean Houlihan**
Well held in Ffos Las bumper (hooded) and pulled up in Bangor novice hurdle 18 months apart.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens D'jo Dela Barriere, **7-2** Brave Move, **6-1** New Man, **13-2** Bits N Pieces, **28-1** Ghost Pepper, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

D'JO DELA BARRIERE probably needed the run starting out for Evan Williams after 6 months off at Chepstow and with this race lacking the same depth he looks the way to go. New Man and Brave Move certainly aren't overfaced for their first go over hurdles and wouldn't need to be anything out of the ordinary to have a say.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. D'JO DELA BARRIERE 2. NEW MAN 3. BRAVE MOVE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Favour And Fortune	5-11-0	8-15f	Alan King	Tom Cannon	9
2022	Parramont	6-11-0	5-6f	Charlie Longsdon	Aidan Coleman	16
2021	Le Chiffre d'Or	5-10-12	1-3f	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	4
2020	Getaweaapon	5-10-5	10-11f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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HEREFORD QUARRIES FILLIES' JUVENILE HURDLE (4) 3yo fillies £7,700 2m53y (3270 Metres)







RACE 2



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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|  | <p>1 MIDNIGHT EXIT (30)  100</p> <p>16 3 11-7 73.0kg</p> <p>N. George & A. Zetterholm, France <i>M. J. M. O'Sullivan</i></p> <p>Fairly useful form when winning 17f newcomers hurdle at Clairefontaine (by length from now 136-rated Zaine) in June. Not so good in the mud at Auteuil 30 days ago but this looks much easier.</p> |
|  | <p>2 MATWANA (FR) 97</p> <p>3 11-0 69.9kg</p> <p>Harry Derham  <i>Paul O'Brien</i></p> <p>Third in 7.5f maiden at Deauville in January, only outing on Flat for Christopher Head (unraced here for David Menuisier, sold 60,000 gns in July). In good hands for hurdles debut and no surprise to see her win.</p> |
|  | <p>3 SERENDIPITOUS LADY (IRE) (13) t 75</p> <p>3 11-0 69.9kg</p> <p>Brett Johnson <i>Charlie Hammond</i></p> <p>Modest handicapper on the Flat and well held for this yard in AW handicap and one of these events at Fakenham (tongue tied) last month.</p> |
|  | <p>4 WINDOW OF TIME (IRE) (13) h 78</p> <p>732 3 11-0 69.9kg</p> <p>Alex Hales <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i></p> <p>Fair maiden on the Flat in Ireland for Joseph O'Brien and has run to a modest level in similar events over hurdles the last twice. Midnight Exit and Matwana are both stronger here.</p> |

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens Midnight Exit, **5-4** Matwana, **16-1** Window of Time, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

French-runner MIDNIGHT EXIT is worth another chance having beaten a now 136-rated filly first time up in the summer. She struggled in a deeper race at Auteuil more recently but this looks easier. Harry Derham's Matwana has solid credentials starting out in this sphere and is the obvious danger.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MIDNIGHT EXIT 2. MATWANA 3. WINDOW OF TIME

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

SILKY SYKES LIVING THE RETIREMENT DREAM HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 3m1f44y (5070 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BALLYNAHEER 2. MISTYMAL 3. BEST MATE DAVE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Braganza Bay 6-11-7	4-1	Henry Daly	Richard Patrick	6
2022	Bretney 7-11-12	11-4f	Henry Daly	Harry Cobden	11
2021	Wavecrest 6-10-1	3-1jf	Nigel Hawke	Tom Buckley (5)	9
2020	Mr Palmtree 7-11-8	4-1f	Robin Dickin	Tabitha Worsley (5)	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 ANYTRIXWILDO (IRE) (40) 57
5/623-67 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**
Fair form at best over hurdles but made mistakes when beating only one at Warwick (2m4f) on his first go over the larger obstacles last month. More is required.

2 LANGLEY HUNDRED (IRE) (20) 97
545-22755 7 11-12 | 75.3kg s+t



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Micheal Nolan**
It's now 13 runs since his last win in 2022 and he came in only fifth of 8 in handicap chase at Fontwell (26f, soft) 20 days ago. Others appeal more.

3 BALLYNAHEER (IRE) (26) 100
053P17-33 5 11-10 | 74.4kg t



David Dennis **Sam Twiston-Davies**
A fair 2m4f winner over hurdles who has made a promising start in this sphere, patiently ridden when a running-on third in handicap chases at Uttoxeter and Wincanton. A player with more to offer.

4 FADED FANTASY (IRE) (29) 97
6-8207574 5 11-7 | 73.0kg t



Christian Williams **David Noonan**
Fourteen runs since his last win in 2023 but he posted a respectable fourth of 8 in handicap hurdle here (25.5f, good) 29 days ago. Much respected now going chasing.

5 PAWPAW (7lb/3kg ex) (4) (C) 95
3U6P3P51 7 11-3 | 71.2kg s+t



D. J. Jeffreys **Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)**
Unreliable sort but this course scorer resumed winning ways in 7-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (26f, good to soft) 4 days ago. Needs to back it up now under a 7 lb penalty.

6 BEST MATE DAVE (29) 98
125-4P365 7 11-1 | 70.3kg b



D. J. Jeffreys **Ciaran Gethings**
Got back on track in first-time cheekpieces when fifth of 10 in handicap chase here (20.9f, good) 29 days ago. Blinkers go on now and weighted to go well off an easing mark.

7 MISTYMAL (IRE) (29) (CD) 95
3P60254-1 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Tim Vaughan **Alan Johns**
Irish point winner who made a winning chasing debut under Rules in 8-runner handicap over C&D (good) 29 days ago, forging clear run-in. Should have more to offer. Well in the mix.

8 BLACKACRE (30) 97
5983P2-35 5 10-8 | 67.1kg



Evan Williams **Adam Wedge**
Remains a maiden and he was a below-form fifth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Ffos Las (23.9f, soft) 30 days ago. Needs to step forward starting out over fences.

9 TESTFLIGHT (12) 87
863-2U44P 7 10-2(9-9) | 64.4kg (61.2kg) s



Susan Gardner **Sean Houlihan**
Maiden hurdler/chaser who was pulled up in handicap hurdle at Stratford (18.7f, good to soft) 12 days ago. Cheekpieces are reached for now.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

85-40 Mistymal, **9-2** Ballynaheer, **9-2** Pawpaw, **10-1** Best Mate Dave, **12-1** Langley Hundred, **18-1** Faded Fantasy, **18-1** Anytrixwilldo, **22-1** Blackacre, **33-1** Testflight

TIMEFORM VIEW:

An open handicap in which preference is for BALLYNAHEER who has shaped well on both his starts to date over fences under patient tactics and looks to have a fair bit more to offer. C&D scorer Mistymal also has better days ahead of him and is next on the list ahead of the handily-weighted Best Mate Dave and newcomers Faded Fantasy and Blackacre.

2.25

SUNSHINE RADIO HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 2½m194y (4200 Metres)

RACE 4











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

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

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|  | <p>1 FAT SAM (49) (D) t 93
56-774452 10 12-0 76.2kg
Chris Down <i>David Noonan</i>
Four-time chase winner who came close to ending his losing run from a slipping mark at Fontwell last time. Back up 4 lb and while he is unlikely to be far away, some of these are more appealing from a win point of view. Tongue strap added.</p> |
|  | <p>2 ESTACAS (GER) (351) 97
52P/12288- 7 11-9 73.9kg
David Bridgwater <i>Ciaran Gethings</i>
Made a winning handicap hurdle debut at Huntingdon in May 2023 and runner-up on next 2 outings. Struggled final 2 starts of last year and he's probably best watched on chase debut following almost a year off.</p> |
|  | <p>3 MAHLER MOON (IRE) (20) t 97
8832P-353 6 11-8 73.5kg
Fergal O'Brien <i>J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)</i>
Placed on couple of occasions over hurdles for Dan Skelton and encouraging start switched to fences for new yard when third of 6 at Southwell (20.4f, good). 2 lb lower here and while a return to 3m+ wouldn't go amiss, he is nevertheless interesting.</p> |
|  | <p>4 CAWTHORNE BANKER (IRE) (19) s 96
531-21474 6 11-7 73.0kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill <i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i>
Fairly useful bumper performer who doubled his tally over hurdles off this mark at Fontwell (17.7f, good) in May. Underwhelming start to chasing at Worcester but stepped up on that when fourth of 10 back from a break at Ludlow last month. Each-way chance.</p> |
|  | <p>5 MOODOFTHEMOMENT (IRE) (29) (CD) s 98
P3P-02221 7 11-6 72.6kg
Matt Sheppard <i>Stan Sheppard</i>
Winner of 4 of his 7 starts between the flags and opened Rules account at the thirteenth attempt in a 10-runner C&D handicap chase last month. More needed up 5 lb in this stronger race but he's considered all the same.</p> |
|  | <p>6 IRON D'EX (FR) (14) 94
0625PP-17 6 11-3 71.2kg
Sheila Lewis <i>Sean Houlihan</i>
Back on track from a reduced mark to make a winning start over fences at Ludlow (2½m, good) on return last month. Heavy ground possibly against him at Bangor since but others make more appeal all the same.</p> |
|  | <p>7 SUPERBOLT (IRE) (19) t  100
6488-622 4 11-1 70.3kg
Nigel Twiston-Davies <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>
No great shakes over hurdles/on the Flat in Ireland but has upped his game for new yard, runner-up in a Perth handicap hurdle in September prior to again finding just one too good on recent chase debut chase at Ludlow (2½m, good to soft). Pulled well clear of the third there and 3 lb rise fine.</p> |

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Superbolt, 9-2 Moodofthemoment, 5-1 Mahler Moon, 15-2 Fat Sam, 8-1 Cawthorne Banker, 14-1 Iron D'ex, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SUPERBOLT had the rest well beaten off when a promising second to the in-form Nickelforce on his chase debut at Ludlow and, with the likelihood of better to come from this 4-y-o, he will take plenty of stopping. Mahler Moon is also open to improvement in this sphere and is feared most ahead of last-time-out C&D winner Moodofthemoment.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SUPERBOLT 2. MAHLER MOON 3. MOODOFTHEMOMENT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 School Days Over 6-11-6	9-2	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	7
2022 Highstakesslayer 6-11-8	3-1	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	6
2021 Scene Not Herd 6-11-0	9-2	Charlie Longsdon	Jonathan Burke	5
2020 Oscar Robertson 6-11-6	3-1	Tom George	Jonathan Burke	9
2019 Cuban Pete 7-11-3	6-1	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	11

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RACE 5

PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m5f163y (4370 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 TED'S FRIEND (IRE) (39) s+t **98**
 413/50-P42 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Fergal O'Brien **Max Kendrick**
 Creditable second of 9 in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (19f, good to soft) 39 days ago, bumping into an improver. Considered.

2 MELTON MOSSY (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (5) (D) t **96**
 0-1154161 **5** 11-13 | 75.7kg
 Evan Williams **Miss Eleanor Williams (7lb/3kg)**
 Gained a fourth win of a very productive first half of the season when striking under Eleanor Williams at Ludlow (21f, good to soft) last Thursday. A 7 lb penalty demands more but he has to enter the reckoning in his current mood.

3 STATE OF FAME (IRE) (25) t **97**
 55544/8-7 **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Tom Lacey **Stan Sheppard**
 Bumper winner. Yet to win over hurdles but struck 3 times in points last season and should find this trip more suitable than the 2m he ran over on last month's stable debut. A market move would be interesting.

4 NEW FOUND FAME (IRE) (8) **99**
 5/F3244-P4 **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg
 Kerry Lee **Liam Harrison**
 Jumping errors meant he was unable to progress as might have been expected over fences and he's been unable to make a significant impact back hurdling, albeit last week's 19.5f course fourth was respectable.

5 OPERA KING (19) (BF) v **96**
 44537-325 **4** 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**
 Posted best effort in this sphere when creditable second of 9 at Market Rasen (18.5f, good to firm) in September but more to it than the longer trip when a below-form fifth over 3m at Ludlow since. A first-time visor replaces his cheekpieces now.

6 SCINTILLANTE (33) **97**
 7U525265 **4** 11-5 | 72.1kg
 Alastair Ralph **Ciaran Gethings**
 Runner-up twice in maiden hurdles over the summer but not in the same form on his last 2 outings. His yard's good form of late provides hope that he can bounce back to his best but others still look stronger for the win.

7 IZZY'S GREY (IRE) (168) **97**
 3225-45 **5** 11-1 | 70.3kg
 Belinda Clarke **Lee Edwards**
 Second on his C&D handicap debut for Jennie Candlish in October 2023 but hasn't managed to build on that in his 3 starts since. First start for 5 months. Others are more obvious.

8 EXPRESS SURPRISE (IRE) (26) s+t **96**
 55U37-25 **5** 10-12 | 68.9kg
 Clive Boulton-Brooks **Adam Wedge**
 Reacted well to a tongue tie when an improved second in Stratford handicap in June but not in quite the same form when fifth at Wincanton 4 months later. Has first-time cheekpieces added to his tongue strap now.

9 G'DAY AUSSIE (19) t **97**
 71792-4 **11** 10-10 | 68.0kg
 Dave Roberts **Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)**
 Veteran now but shaped as if retaining plenty of ability back from 12 months off when 15½ lengths fourth of 9 to Karakoram at Ludlow (3m, good to soft) 19 days ago. Needs to build on that now.

10 KARAKORAM (19) s+t **100**
 689-43691 **9** 10-4 | 65.3kg
 Grace Harris **Micheal Nolan**
 Snapped a losing run in 3m Ludlow handicap 19 days ago. Remains with handicapping scope on old form but doesn't obviously have the profile of one likely to follow up.

11 GREENWAYS (IRE) (19) **98**
 500-64436 **5** 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)



Tom Symonds **Ben Poste**
 Poor form but he did reach the frame 3 times in low-grade handicap hurdles for Dominic French Davis. 3 lb out of the weights on first outing for new trainer Tom Symonds.

12 POLLYONESOCK (IRE) (19) **91**
 658U-PP47 **6** 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)**
 Poor maiden who has failed to get competitive from low marks since joining this yard. Hard to make a case for.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Ted's Friend, **11-2** Melton Mossy, **13-2** Karakoram, **17-2** Opera King, **10-1** State of Fame, **10-1** Express Surprise, **14-1** New Found Fame, **14-1** Greenways, **18-1** Scintillante, **25-1** Izzy's Grey, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TED'S FRIEND looks to be building up to something and gets the vote for Fergal O'Brien. The thriving Melton Mossy rates an obvious threat, while also don't be surprised to see State of Fame leave the form of his first outing for Tom Lacey behind now stepping back up in trip.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TED'S FRIEND 2. MELTON MOSSY 3. STATE OF FAME

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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SPA MOTORS HEREFORD HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m53y (3270 Metres)

RACE 6



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

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Pace Information: **Strong**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	East End Girl 6-11-6	9-2cf	Alastair Ralph	Jonathan Burke	11
2022	Maxcel 5-11-11	5-1	Mel Rowley	Harry Cobden	13
2021	Yauthym 5-11-11	7-2	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (3)	13
2020 ^l	Drewmain Legend 8-11-10	13-2	Ali Stronge	Richard Johnson	13
2020 ^h	Sehayli 7-9-12	10-1	Johnny Farrelly	Mitchell Bastyan (5)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 JAZZ KING (FR) (147) 95
P1/PP-52 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Alastair Ralph *Murray Dodd* (71b/3kg)
Looked a useful prospect when making a winning chase debut at Ludlow on final outing for Sam Thomas. Pulled up both starts over fences for new yard last season but showed ability remains back hurdling at the start of the summer and returns from a break with his yard going well.

2 IKIGAI STAR (IRE) (40) (D) 97
4-61521 4 11-12 | 75.3kg



Charlie Longsdon *Elizabeth Gale* (71b/3kg)
Won a 2m Huntingdon maiden in May and even better form in handicaps this autumn, finishing runner-up at Worcester before shading a tight finish at Southwell (2m, good to firm) last month. Big player if turning out (due to run 4.00 Kempton Monday).

3 JOHN BETJEMAN (20) (D) 100
857333-48 8 11-10 | 74.4kg b



Mark Gillard *Fergus Gillard*
Losing run stretches back to spring of last year and well held back from a break at Southwell last month. Potentially well handicapped but leap of faith required.

4 OUR DYLAN (IRE) (140) (CD) 97
P5301-123 8 11-3 | 71.2kg



Kayley Woollacott *Ben Godfrey*
Won handicaps over C&D and at Stratford (18.5f) in May. Good placed efforts at Newton Abbot on next 2 starts and player if returning from a 140-day break in the same form.

5 TIMEFORARUM (14) 90
777-66429 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Brian Eckley *Paul O'Brien*
Improved effort over hurdles when second in a 2m Stratford maiden in July. Might have needed the run back from nearly 4 months off when well held in 2m Chepstow handicap a fortnight ago.

6 COUP DE GOLD (IRE) (24) 97
144-F3942 8 10-8 | 67.1kg



Evan Williams *Miss Eleanor Williams* (71b/3kg)
Won over 17f at Sedgefield for David Thompson in January and has made the frame on 3 of his 4 completed starts since switched to present yard, finishing second of 9 at Stratford under Eleanor Williams last month. Considered.

7 EAGLE COURT (IRE) (14) 93
9780 7 10-2 | 64.4kg



Michael Blake *David Noonan*
Fair performer on Flat but no real impact over hurdles, including switched to a handicap at Chepstow a fortnight ago.

8 ROCKY'S GLORY (82) 70
00/78-97 6 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg) h+t



D. J. Jeffreys *Liam Harrison*
No worthwhile form in a bumper/maiden hurdles, although he was backed on his Newton Abbot stable debut in August only to pull too hard. Has a hood on now to hopefully help him to settle better and it'll be interesting to see if there's money for him again now handicapping.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Ikigai Star, **4-1** Jazz King, **9-2** Coup De Gold, **9-2** Our Dylan, **10-1** Rocky's Glory, **16-1** Timeforarum, **20-1** John Betjeman, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

With the Alastair Ralph stable among the winners a chance is taken on JAZZ KING, who potentially has a bit of class for this level. Our Dylan was in fine form when last seen and is second choice ahead of Coup de Gold. Ikigai Star would also firmly enter the reckoning if showing up after/instead of Kempton on Monday.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JAZZ KING 2. OUR DYLAN 3. COUP DE GOLD

4.05

RACE 7

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

Hereford's right-handed circuit of about a mile and a half is almost square and has nine fences, of which the first after the winning post is taken on a turn. The home turn, which is on falling ground, is pretty sharp but the other bends are easy. Races have a tendency to be well run and the ground can get very testing in midwinter. The course restarted racing in October 2016 after a four-year hiatus.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 DESERT GUEST (IRE) 88
4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Archie Watson *Miss Brodie Hampson (31b/1kg)*
16,000 gns 3-y-o, Teofilo gelding. Half-brother to 1m winner Noble Patron. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler (stays 2¾m) Halifax. One for shortlist on debut given connections.

2 MOUNT VINSON (IRE) 84
4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Belinda Clarke *Lee Edwards*
€26,000 3-y-o, Kingston Hill gelding. Dam, pulled up both starts in points, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 23f) Templehills. Placed on second of 2 starts in points (May 19).

3 PRESENTING MILAN (IRE) (57) 94
23 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Richard Hawker *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
Bred for stamina and has shown plenty to work on when placed on both starts to date, third in a Worcester bumper 57 days ago. Merits consideration.

4 TOPCO 84
4 11-0 | 69.9kg



Ben Lund *Ben Poste*
Falco gelding. Dam, 5f-1¼m winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler (stayed 21f) Playa Blanca. Not an obvious sort on paper.

5 CELTIC QUEEN 84
4 10-7 | 66.7kg



Tim Vaughan *Alan Johns*
3,500 gns 3-y-o, Bated Breath filly. Closely related to 2 winners, including bumper winner/fair hurdler Colonial Empire, stays 2½m, and half-sister to a winner on Flat. Not without hope based on pedigree.

6 CHESKY'S IN MILAN (IRE) (429) (BF) 90
0/4- 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Fergal O'Brien *Liam Harrison*
Didn't show much for Milton Harris despite being strong in the betting on her second outing. Hasn't been seen for 14 months and has joined a new yard now.

7 WHAT U WANNA DO IS (IRE) ★ 100
4 10-7 | 66.7kg



James Owen *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Flemensfirth filly. Half-sister to bumper winner/fairly useful 17f hurdle winner No Time To Wait. Dam (c135/h139) 2m/17f hurdle/chase winner. Worth a chance to make a winning start.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 What U Wanna Do Is, **3-1** Presenting Milan, **11-2** Desert Guest, **8-1** Chesky's In Milan, **16-1** Celtic Queen, **20-1** Mount Vinson, **28-1** Topco

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WHAT U WANNA DO IS has a relation who won a bumper and represents a thriving stable, so she's preferred to Presenting Milan, who has shown a reasonable level of form in placing on both starts to date. Desert Guest is another notable newcomer.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WHAT U WANNA DO IS 2. PRESENTING MILAN 3. DESERT GUEST

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Future Fortune 4-10-6	12-1	Warren Greatrex	James Bowen	13
2022	Magic Seven 4-11-0	10-3	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race