

Sunday 13th October

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DRAGONBET BET £10 GET £30 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4)
2m5f110y (4330 Metres)

RACE 1 **(3) ALFIE'S PRINCESS | (2) SMILING GETAWAY | (7) INNISFREE LASS**

2.45

DRAGONBET ON COURSE VALUES ONLINE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m5f192y (4400 Metres)

RACE 2 **(8) WICKED THOUGHTS | (7) ROSSCAHILL | (9) SMALL TOWN HERO**

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DRAGONBET REAL BOOKMAKERS NORTON'S COIN TROPHY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE
(3) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE | (2) ASTA LA PASTA | (3) ITO DITTO**

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DRAGONBET PROUD SPONSOR OF THE WELSH CHAMPION HURDLE (A LIMITED HANDICAP) (2)
1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) LUMP SUM | (2) STEEL ALLY | (3) GO DANTE**

4.30

DRAGONBET BORN FROM THE BETTING RING HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f191y (4800 Metres)

RACE 5 **(6) ABBEYHILL | (3) I'M ON MY WAY | (12) GETAWAY WITH YOU**

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DRAGONBET SUPPORTING WELSH RACING HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) JOHNNY MAC | (2) BOSTON JOE | (1) HOKELAMI**

5.40

DRAGONBET BACKING WELSH SPORT OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 1m7f182y (3180
Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) KATE OF THE LODGE | (4) TAMARIND BAY | (3) KOAPEY**

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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RACE 1

DRAGONBET BET £10 GET £30 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £8,900 2m5f110y (4330 Metres)



Going: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**

- 1** **EUREKA CREEK (IRE) (222)** (C, BF) **95**
 163/83322- **8** 12-1 | 76.7kg
Emma Lavelle *Joe Anderson*
 Winning hurdler/chaser who ran up to her best despite an indifferent round of jumping when runner-up behind Fortunefavorsdbold in handicap chase at Lingfield (23.5f, heavy) in March. Remains just 1 lb above last winning mark and she's gone well fresh previously.
- 2** **SMILING GETAWAY (204)** (D) **99**
 4/1130- **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Nigel Twiston-Davies *Jamie Brace (3lb/1kg)*
 Winning Irish pointer who landed first 2 starts in mares' novice hurdles (on soft/heavy) last winter prior to finishing third in Grade 2 company. Disappointing in big field handicap on final start at Newbury in March but conditions look ideal on return/now chasing for a yard in fine form.
- 3** **ALFIE'S PRINCESS (IRE) (204)** **100**
 28/11532- **7** 11-13 | 75.7kg t
Sam Thomas *Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)*
 Point winner who landed first 2 starts in mares' novice hurdles last winter and ended the campaign with an excellent second in Grade 2 handicap at Newbury (20.5f) in March. Very much appeals as the type to make an even better chaser and shortlisted on return.
- 4** **MOVIDDY (IRE) (154)** **96**
 91/233P4-4 **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Noel Williams *Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)*
 Dual hurdles who showed improved form to finish placed on first 3 starts over fences last winter. Progress stalled thereafter, fourth of 5 in handicap chase at Ludlow (20f) when last seen in May. Conditions will hold no fears back from 5 months off.
- 5** **LILTING VERSE (IRE) (178)** (D) **93**
 3417/1454- **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg t
Fergal O'Brien *Fern O'Brien (6lb/3kg)*
 Listed bumper winner who opened her account over hurdles in mares' maiden at Ludlow (21.2f) last November. Exploits mixed in trio of starts thereafter but stable's runners rarely lack for fitness and she's one to note in the betting now chasing after 6 months off.
- 6** **FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD (IRE) (146)** **92**
 59011P7-7 **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Christian Williams *Freddie Gingell*
 Fair winning hurdler in Ireland and left previous form for this yard well behind with a brace of handicap chase wins at Huntingdon/Lingfield. Appeared to go off the boil thereafter, last of 7 in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (25.8f) in May. Needs to bounce back on return.
- 7** **INNISFREE LASS (IRE) (192)** **96**
 0644/P121- **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg s
Stuart Edmunds *Murray Dodd (5lb/2kg)*
 Bred to stay well and she took her form up a notch upped in trip/with cheekpieces fitted when running out a wide-margin winner of handicap hurdles at Southwell (24.2f) during second half of last term. No reason why she won't make her mark now attentions switch to larger obstacles.
- 8** **FOLLOWANGO (IRE) (180)** (C) **93**
 132232- **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg
Evan Williams *Isabel Williams*
 Point/bumper winner who made the frame all 5 starts over hurdles during second half of last season, second of 7 in handicap at this course (20f) 6 months ago. Goes chasing after 6 months off in what could prove a warm enough contest and the betting can guide.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Alfie's Princess, **4-1** Smiling Getaway, **6-1** Innisfree Lass, **13-2** Moviddy, **7-1** Eureka Creek, **10-1** Lilting Verse, **10-1** Followango, **18-1** Fortunefavorsdbold

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ALFIE'S PRINCESS cemented the positive start she made to hurdles last season with an excellent second in a Grade 2 handicap at Newbury on her final start in March and, appealing as the type to make an even better chaser, she could be worth siding with on return. Fellow chase debutante Smiling Getaway for the red-hot Nigel Twiston-Davies stable is next best. Innisfree Lass and Moviddy are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ALFIE'S PRINCESS 2. SMILING GETAWAY 3. INNISFREE LASS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Kym Eyre 7-11-4	3-1f	Evan Williams	Isabel Williams	9
2022	Ho Que Oui 5-10-8	3-1	Alexandra Dunn	Philip Armson	6
2021	Oriental Cross 8-11-12	11-1	Tim Vaughan	Charlie Price (3)	6

SMART STATS:

- 20%** Fergal O'Brien's strike rate with handicap chase debutants (saddles: **LILTING VERSE**)
- 24%** Sam Thomas's strike rate with chasers running between 19f and up to 3m (saddles: **ALFIE'S PRINCESS**)
- 30%** Sam Thomas's strike rate in early season (saddles: **ALFIE'S PRINCESS**)

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DRAGONBET ON COURSE VALUES ONLINE MAIDEN HURDLE
(4) 4yo+ £7,700 2m5f192y (4400 Metres)













RACE 2



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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|  | <p>1 ANDY AMO (IRE) (180) 85
 <small>334- 5 11-4 71.7kg</small>
 Rebecca Curtis <i>Ben Jones</i>
 Fair form in bumpers and this longer trip promises to suit now hurdling after 6 months off.</p> |
|  | <p>2 BABATUNDE (IRE) 86
 <small>5 11-4 71.7kg</small>
 Richard Mitford-Slade <i>Micheal Nolan</i>
 Purchased for £50,000 after finishing third in an Irish point in April. The betting should guide now hurdling.</p> |
|  | <p>3 JAUNTY GALAXY (134) 75
 <small>0 5 11-4 71.7kg</small>
 Brian Eckley <i>Conor Ring</i>
 Sent off 40/1 and didn't show much in a Worcester bumper in June.</p> |
|  | <p>4 JAY BEE WHISKEY (IRE) (135) 83
 <small>6 9 11-4 71.7kg</small>
 Barry Brennan <i>Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)</i>
 Multiple point winner but could only manage sixth in a Stratford hunter chase on his Rules debut in May. Sports the tongue tie he wore regularly in the pointing field now hurdling.</p> |
|  | <p>5 NEO KING (FR) (210) 87
 <small>2- 6 11-4 71.7kg</small>
 Evan Williams <i>Adam Wedge</i>
 Multiple point winner who ran to a fair level when second in a hunter chase at Down Royal (19.5f, soft) on NH debut in March. Changed hands for £20,000 in May ahead of this switch to hurdle. The betting should help guide to expectations.</p> |
|  | <p>6 PENNANT LEGACY (53) 65
 <small>907 5 11-4 71.7kg</small>
 Debra Hamer <i>Nick Scholfield</i>
 Little show in a bumper/pair of novice hurdles and is set for another struggle.</p> |
|  | <p>7 ROSSCAHILL (IRE) 94
 <small>5 11-4 71.7kg</small>
 Nigel Twiston-Davies  <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>
 Bought for £70,000 after easily winning an Irish point in December. Interesting Rules debutant.</p> |
|  | <p>8 WICKED THOUGHTS (IRE) (177)  100
 <small>312- 5 11-4 71.7kg</small>
 Paul Nicholls <i>Harry Cobden</i>
 Wide-margin winner sole outing in points and promising in bumpers last season, winning once and placed twice. Likely to have a big say on hurdle debut for top stable.</p> |
|  | <p>9 SMALL TOWN HERO (IRE) (183) 86
 <small>0- 4 11-2 70.8kg</small>
 Christian Williams <i>Jack Tudor</i>
 Point winner who failed to figure in an Aintree Grade 2 bumper in April but that was a tough assignment for his Rules debut and he retains potential now hurdling.</p> |
|  | <p>10 MAGNETICATTRACTION (IRE) 85
 <small>6 10-11 68.5kg</small>
 Nicky Martin <i>Sean Houlihan</i>
 Cost £13,000 after winning the last of her 4 starts in Irish points (October 2023). It's taken a bit of time for new connections to get her to the track and a watching brief is advised unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.</p> |

11 PROPHET SQUEEZE (IRE) (32) **60**
P 6 10-11 | 68.5kg
 Alison Thorpe *Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)*
 Fifth both completed starts in Irish points. 150/1 when pulled up in Worcester maiden hurdle for new yard last month.



11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Wicked Thoughts, **3-1** Rosscahill, **8-1** Neo King, **12-1** Babatunde, **12-1** Small Town Hero, **16-1** Magneticattraction, **16-1** Andy Amo, **33-1** Jay Bee Whiskey, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Paul Nicholls bumper winner WICKED THOUGHTS gets the nod to make a successful start to his hurdle career, although a strong market move for Nigel Twiston-Davies Irish point winner Rosscahill would put a slightly different slant on things. Small Town Hero may prove best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WICKED THOUGHTS 2. ROSSCAHILL 3. SMALL TOWN HERO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Mt Fugi Park** 5-11-4 11-4 Jonjo O'Neill Jonjo O'Neill Jr. 8

SMART STATS:

48% Harry Cobden's strike rate on hurdling favourites (rides: **WICKED THOUGHTS**)

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RACE 3

DRAGONBET REAL BOOKMAKERS NORTON'S COIN TROPHY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £17,500 2m (3220 Metres)



Going: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Matata 5-11-10	9-4f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Daryl Jacob	6
2022	Straw Fan Jack 7-11-6	3-1	Sheila Lewis	Sean Houlihan	5

SMART STATS:

23%	Nigel Twiston-Davies's strike rate with chasers at up to 2m3f (saddles: MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE)
16%	Dan Skelton's strike rate with handicap chase debutants (saddles: ASTA LA PASTA)
20%	Dan Skelton's strike rate with chasers at up to 2m3f (saddles: ASTA LA PASTA)

1 MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE (IRE) (36) (D) t **100**
511499P-1 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**
Fairly useful handicap hurdler around 2m and he cosily justified good support on his debut over fences at Stratford (17f, good) last month. Has more to offer up 6 lb so he's a player for yard among the winners.

2 ASTA LA PASTA (IRE) (218) (D) t **91**
41/133110- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
A three-time hurdles winner last season around 2m. Off 7 months but has won off a break so he's much respected on his chase debut for top yard.

3 ITO DITTO (FR) (222) (D) **88**
630/121P1- 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

Nicky Martin **James Bowen**
Much improved last term and a three-time scorer, signing off with 2m4f Lingfield handicap success. Very much one to consider now going over fences.

4 BOOSTER BOB (IRE) (201) (D) h **85**
13/1114P- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
Completed a hat-trick over hurdles in 2m novice at Sandown in December. Pulled up at Newcastle on his final run in March but still worthy of consideration on his first go in this sphere.

5 MINELLA BLUEWAY (IRE) (180) **84**
3213692- 6 11-1 | 70.3kg

Evan Williams **Adam Wedge**
Winning Irish pointer who got off the mark under Rules when easily landing Chepstow maiden (19.5f) in December. Ended the season with a very good handicap second here (3m) in April so must enter calculations on his chasing bow.

6 KNOCKANORE (IRE) (226) (C, D) s **82**
1P371/3F4- 7 11-1 | 70.3kg

Ryan Potter **Daryl Jacob**
A fairly useful winning hurdler but off the track since a below-form fourth at Newbury (20.5f, heavy) in March. Still commands respect starting out in this sphere.

7 JUST OVER LAND (FR) (174) (D) t **85**
3P/341423- 5 11-1 | 70.3kg

Sam Thomas **Dylan Johnston (5lb/2kg)**
Consistent sort last season who got off the mark in 2m Lingfield handicap hurdle in February. Needs considering on his fencing bow.

8 IDEFIX DE CIERGUES (FR) (159) s **84**
4/336222-4 6 10-10 | 68.0kg

Rebecca Curtis **Ben Jones**
Remains winless over hurdles but this reliable sort posted a solid fourth of 14 in novice here (21.9f, good to soft) in May. Can make his presence felt over the larger obstacles now.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Moveit Like Minnie, **4-1** Asta La Pasta, **13-2** Ito Ditto, **10-1** Booster Bob, **11-1** Just Over Land, **16-1** Idefix De Ciergues, **16-1** Minella Blueway, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Nigel Twiston-Davies has his string in rude health at present so his MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE is taken to follow up his stylish debut Stratford success and go 2-2 over fences. Lots of these bring potential starting out chasing, notably Asta La Pasta and Ito Ditto and they can chase home the selection in that order. Just Over Land completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE 2. ASTA LA PASTA 3. ITO DITTO

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RACE 4

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1m7f182y (3180 Metres)




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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 PEMBROKE (176) (D) t **97**
 5/2411336- 7 11-12 | 75.3kg

 Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
 Useful novice chaser last season. Similar standard over hurdles in 2022/23 and returns to the smaller obstacles after a 6-month break.


2 STEEL ALLY (FR) (169) **98**
 257/2P123- 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Sam Thomas *Sam Twiston-Davies*
 Won a soft-ground novice hurdle at Wincanton in February and shaped well when placed in 2m handicaps at Newbury and Sandown in March. One of 2 leading contenders in this for the stable and it'll be interesting to see which one the betting prefers.


3 GO DANTE (184) (D, BF) s+t **98**
 418/61315- 8 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
 Had Jipcot behind in third when landing the Imperial Cup at Sandown in March. Ended the season with a creditable fifth of 19 at the Aintree Grand National meeting. Should be in the shake-up if ready to roll after his summer break.


4 LUMP SUM (FR) (184) (CD)   **100**
 13/11215- 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 Sam Thomas *Dylan Johnston (5lb/2kg)*
 Useful novice hurdler last season, including a win in the Grade 2 Dovecote at Kempton (2m, soft) in February. His opening handicap mark looks workable and big player if fully primed after 6 months off.

5 FIVEONEFIVE (IRE) (72) (D) s **97**
 1358-3610 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Cian Michael Collins, Ireland *Jordan Colin Gainford*
 Career best when winning 12-runner handicap hurdle at Cartmel (17f, good to soft) in June. Not so good in a Galway handicap next time but he didn't run too badly on the Flat at Listowel last month. Yard won this in 2022


6 ISSAM (FR) (188) s+t **98**
 221/31201- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

 Tom Symonds *Daryl Jacob*
 Consistent sort who scored in the mud at Exeter (18.5f) and Wincanton (2½m) last season. Speedy enough to cope with the shorter trip and has gone well fresh before.

7 CARBON KING (IRE) (190) (C, D) t **89**
 6/8P1PPF1- 7 11-3 | 71.2kg

 Evan Williams *Conor Ring*
 Three-time winner over hurdles in Ireland. Also scored over fences here last December but that was a standout effort in his first season with this yard. Others are more compelling.


8 JIPCOT (FR) (218) (D) h+t **99**
 100/7F313- 5 11-1 | 70.3kg

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Kielan Woods*
 Took time to click in Britain but won 2m Huntingdon handicap hurdle in March. Impressed with how he travelled when third of 16 in Imperial Cup at Sandown (2m, soft) later that month (final start for Ben Pauling). Could have his name on a good handicap this term. Due to run 3.20 Chepstow Saturday.

9 BLACK HAWK EAGLE (IRE) (225) (D) **95**
 150/911P- 6 10-13 | 69.4kg

 Kerry Lee *Richard Patrick*
 Fairly useful Flat/hurdles winner for Noel Meade who has made a good start to life in Britain, winning 2m handicaps at Wincanton and Hereford last winter. Very disappointing in the Morebattle at Kelso on final start but no surprise to see him resume his progression this season.

10 WEWILLGOWITHPLANB (IRE) (229) (D) **93**
 2812/531- 7 10-8 | 67.1kg

 Evan Williams *Adam Wedge*
 Hurdle winner in Ireland who struck twice over fences for Richard Bandey, latterly at Leicester (2m, heavy) in February. Reverts to hurdles for new yard after a £20,000 sale in May.

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Jipcot, **5-1** Steel Ally, **11-2** Go Dante, **7-1** Lump Sum, **15-2** Issam, **12-1** Fiveonefive, **12-1** Pembroke, **16-1** Carbon King, **18-1** Black Hawk Eagle, **33-1** Wewillgowithplanb

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Sam Thomas holds a strong hand, with LUMP SUM and Steel Ally appealing as types who can kick on again in handicaps on the back of promising novice hurdle campaigns last season. The former gets the vote with Dylan Johnston taking 5 lb off but it will be very interesting to see how the betting splits them. Imperial Cup winner Go Dante merits respect, while Jipcot would also enter the reckoning if showing up after/instead of Chepstow on Saturday.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LUMP SUM 2. STEEL ALLY 3. GO DANTE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Nemean Lion 6-11-4	3-1jf	Kerry Lee	Richard Patrick	10
2022	Effernock Fizz 7-10-1	9-2	Cian Michael Collins	Sam Ewing	5
2021	Glory And Fortune 6-10-7	11-2	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	12
2020	Sceau Royal 8-11-6	10-1	Alan King	Daryl Jacob	12
2019	Monsieur Lecoq 5-10-10	7-2	Mrs Jane Williams	Chester Williams (5)	10

SMART STATS:

- £15.00** Olly Murphy's profit to a £1 level stake with hurdlers running after a break (saddles: **GO DANTE**)
- £22.83** Tom Symonds's profit to a £1 level stake with hurdlers running after a break (saddles: **ISSAM**)
- 24%** Sam Thomas's strike rate with hurdlers at up to 2m2f (saddles: **LUMP SUM and STEEL ALLY**)

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RACE 5

DRAGONBET BORN FROM THE BETTING RING HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m7f191y (4800 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Strong**

1	ALWAYS BUSY (IRE) (195) (BF)	96
	P/075582F- 6 12-0 76.2kg Christian Williams <i>Jack Tudor</i> Winless over hurdles last term and off since falling heavily 1st in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (25f, good to soft) 6 months ago. Needs to hit the ground running on his return.	
2	QUICKBUCK (IRE) (21) (C)	95
	PP3/U00P-P 7 11-11 74.8kg Alison Thorpe <i>Ellis Collier (71lb/3kg)</i> Fair hurdler at his best but he has lost his way and was pulled up in 2m4f Plumpton handicap on his yard debut last month. Can only be watched.	b
3	I'M ON MY WAY (IRE) (209) (D)	95
	071U1- 7 11-10 74.4kg Neil Mulholland <i>Harry Cobden</i> Progressive sort who has won both her completed starts in handicaps, responding well at Southwell (3m) on latter occasion 6 months ago. Stable is going very well so she's a player on her seasonal return.	
4	JETAWAY TO GETAWAY (IRE) (39)	65
	8470-0 6 11-9 73.9kg Cian Michael Collins, Ireland <i>Jordan Colin Gainford</i> Lightly-raced maiden hurdler who beat only one on his handicap debut at Killybeggan (16f, good to soft) 39 days ago. Significantly up in trip with cheekpieces added now. Could still do better, especially if market vibes are positive.	s
5	SHESUPINCOURT (201) (D)	95
	51U1P2P8- 7 11-4 71.7kg Ryan Potter <i>Ben Poste</i> Dual winner (around 23f) last term but he's not the most reliable and was held on his final two starts. Others appeal more.	
6	ABBNEYHILL (IRE) (286)	100
	864/40121- 7 11-4 71.7kg Neil Mulholland <i>James Bowen</i> Irish point scorer who ended last season on the up, going in at Plumpton and Catterick (25f). Has a 9 month absence to overcome here but still merits serious consideration with yard among the winners.	t
7	TIP TOP TONTO (IRE) (32)	94
	62541-4P0 8 11-2 70.8kg Alison Thorpe <i>Lorcan Williams</i> A fair 2m4f hurdles winner at his best but he offered little both runs this summer for John & Rhys Flint. Needs this yard switch to spark a resurgence.	v
8	GAVIN (15) (C, BF)	97
	65-7908F3 6 11-1 70.3kg Peter & Michael Bowen <i>Ben Jones</i> Course winner who posted a good third of 9 in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (18.6f, good to firm) 15 days ago. Much respected with hood back on.	h+t
9	BLACKACRE (159)	97
	3/5983P2-3 5 10-11 68.5kg Evan Williams <i>Isabel Williams (31lb/1kg)</i> Remains a maiden but he recorded a creditable third of 10 in handicap hurdle over C&D (good to soft) when last seen out in May. Not ruled out after a break.	
10	LADY HARRIETT (19) (BF)	96
	P-8005820 5 10-7 66.7kg Peter & Michael Bowen <i>Sean Bowen</i> A fair maiden hurdler but she beat only one in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (25.8f, good) 19 days ago. Others are more persuasive.	

11	TIS BUT A SCRATCH (121)	97
	4/86P6-32P 8 10-6 66.2kg Georgie Howell <i>Tabitha Worsley (31lb/1kg)</i> In good nick without winning until pulled up in 3m2f handicap at Newton Abbot in June. Needs to get back on track.	s
12	GETAWAY WITH YOU (114)	99
	7/P4563-26 6 10-4 65.3kg Billy Aprahamian <i>Gavin Sheehan</i> Proved hit and miss for Paul Webber but has started out well for his current yard, sixth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (20.6f, good to firm) in June. Warrants respect.	v
13	MACKIE DEE (IRE) (6)	93
	P-484660P 12 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg) Richard Armson <i>Philip Armson (31lb/1kg)</i> It's now 12 runs since his last win in 2022 and he was pulled up in handicap hurdle at Stratford (22f, good to soft) 6 days ago. Others are much preferred.	
14	POUR UNE RAISON (FR) (19)	87
	P644PP/8-6 9 10-2(9-12) 64.4kg (62.6kg) Harriet Brown <i>Ben Godfrey</i> On a long losing run but he wasn't disgraced on his first run since leaving Richard Mitchell when sixth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (25.8f, good) 19 days ago. 4 lb "wrong" in the weights here though.	

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 I'm On My Way, 5-1 Gavin, 5-1 Always Busy, 9-1 Abbeyhill, 9-1 Blackacre, 10-1 Getaway With You, 12-1 Lady Harriett, 22-1 Shesupincourt, 28-1 Jetaway To Getaway, 33-1 Tis But A Scratch, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Not as competitive as the numbers suggest and in-form Neil Mulholland could hold the key with his upwardly-mobile duo ABBEYHILL and I'm On My Way fancied to fight out the finish on their respective reappearances. Getaway With You, Gavin and Jetaway To Getaway appeal as the pick of the rest for minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ABBEYHILL 2. I'M ON MY WAY 3. GETAWAY WITH YOU

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Horizon d'Or 6-10-11	9-2jf	Adam West	Lee Edwards	11
2022	Camembert Electric 6-11-7	5-1	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	12
2021 ¹	Uno Mas 7-11-8	11-4f	Christian Williams	Ellis Collier (10)	11
2021 ¹¹	In Rem 6-10-9	16-1	Mrs Jane Williams	Chester Williams (3)	11
2020	Memphis Bell 6-11-6	15-8f	Evan Williams	Isabel Williams (5)	17
2019	Special Princess 9-10-2	11-4jf	Rebecca Curtis	Adam Wedge	9

SMART STATS:

48% Harry Cobden's strike rate on hurdling favourites (rides: **I'M ON MY WAY**)

5.05

DRAGONBET SUPPORTING WELSH RACING HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 6



Going: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Even**

- 1 HOKELAMI (FR) (202)** t **96**
314/P141P- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
Robbie Llewellyn **Sean Clarke** (10lb/5kg)
 Getting the hang of thing over fences, taking his form to a new level when scoring at Sedgefield in March. Excuses at Huntingdon later that month so can bounce back if ready to go.
- 2 BOSTON JOE (IRE) (136)** (CD, BF) t **100**
25345-1P8 8 11-13 | 75.7kg
Rebecca Curtis **Ben Jones**
 Remains a sketchy jumper over fences but capitalised on some lenient handicapping to enhance his good course record here in 11-runner C&D handicap in May. Well held off revised mark next 2 starts later that month but off since and has been eased 2 lb.
- 3 KADEX (FR) (136)** (D) s **91**
712PPPF-P 6 11-10 | 74.4kg
Alan Jones **James Turner** (7lb/3kg)
 It was a poor race in which he opened his chase account at Plumpton a year ago and he has generally underperformed since. Left Lucy Wadham and had a breathing operation since last seen over 4 months ago.
- 4 JOHNNY MAC (IRE) (277)** (D) t **97**
536/P111- 9 11-7 | 73.0kg
Matt Sheppard **Stan Sheppard**
 Has shown improved form since joining his current yard, completing hat-trick at Leicester when last seen in January, his resolution on show yet again in gaining another verdict of a length or less. Capable of even better over fences so big shout if ready to go after 9 months off.
- 5 SUPPOSED TO BE (IRE) (19)** (D) s **90**
93608233 6 11-5 | 72.1kg
Peter & Michael Bowen **James Bowen**
 Dual hurdles winner but hasn't looked a natural in this sphere despite being placed on his last 2 starts.
- 6 PITTSBURG (IRE) (10)** (D) t **92**
0-50551U8 8 11-4 | 71.7kg
Ryan Potter **Sean Bowen**
 Took advantage of his fall in the weights when recording a third win over fences at Uttoxeter (16f, soft) in July. Never involved in 2 runs on the Flat in August but hinted at still being in form back over jumps last 2 starts.
- 7 VALIRANN GOLD (IRE) (183)** (D) s+t **94**
25714323- 7 10-13 | 69.4kg
Harriet Brown **Ben Godfrey**
 Resumed winning ways at Fontwell in February and best effort since when good third at Chepstow when last seen in April. May need this looking at his comeback record.
- 8 THE BIG MAN (IRE) (174)** t **95**
50677- 5 10-8 | 67.1kg
Evan Williams **Adam Wedge**
 Last of 5 sole start in bumpers and down the field in varied events over hurdles. Makes chase debut.
- 9 DANCING DANI (IRE) (148)** s+t **92**
4966324-6 9 10-2 | 64.4kg
Nikki Evans **Tristan Durrell** (3lb/1kg)
 Poor and long-standing maiden under Rules.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Johnny Mac, **5-1** Boston Joe, **11-2** Supposedtobe, **13-2** Hokelami, **17-2** Valirann Gold, **12-1** Pittsburg, **14-1** Kadex, **25-1** The Big Man, **33-1** Dancing Dani

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Low-mileage 9-y-o JOHNNY MAC is 3 from 3 over fences since joining his current yard and has won on his comeback before, so gets the vote over Boston Joe, who has a good record here and can also go well fresh. Hokelami looks best of the others.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JOHNNY MAC 2. BOSTON JOE 3. HOKELAMI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Idealko 5-10-3	13-8	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	7
2022	Court Royale 9-11-11	4-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	7
2021	File Illico 6-12-1	7-2jf	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	8
2020	Lots of Luck 6-11-12	2-1f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	11

SMART STATS:

- 2** Evan Williams's number of winners in past 4 runnings. (saddles: **THE BIG MAN**)
- £21.87** Evan Williams's profit to a £1 level stake with chasers being stepped up in trip for the first time (saddles: **THE BIG MAN**)

5.40

RACE 7

DRAGONBET BACKING WELSH SPORT OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 4 and 5yo £7,200 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (Heavy in places)**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 DESERT HALO (IRE) (238) 99
2/4- 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Richard Bandey

Harry Bannister

Twice-raced maiden. First run since leaving Declan Queally when fourth of 10 in bumper (17/2) at Southwell (15.8f, heavy). Off 7 months. May yet do better.

2 FULL FORCE GALE (IRE) 95
4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Tom George

Jonathan Burke

£60,000 3-y-o, Blue Bresil gelding. Dam (h122), 2½m hurdle winner, half-sister to bumper winner (stayed 3m over hurdles) Neville. Interesting newcomer.

3 KOAPEY (FR) 96
4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Warren Greatrex

D. P. Davis (7lb/3kg)

€52,000 3-y-o, Manatee gelding. Brother to fairly useful 19f chase winner in France Juste Milieu. Dam placed in French bumpers. One to note for stable with good record in this sphere.

4 TAMARIND BAY (IRE) (211) 100
27- 4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Peter & Michael Bowen

James Bowen

Promising second at Kempton on debut, then disappointed at the same track. Has left Victor Dartnall and joined an in-form yard since, so worthy of interest.

5 KATE OF THE LODGE (IRE) 98
5 10-9 | 67.6kg



Evan Williams

Miss Eleanor Williams (7lb/3kg)

£50,000 but after easily getting off the mark in Irish points at second attempt (Mar 31). Betting interesting for a stable that does well at this track.

6 WHATMAKES HONEY B (IRE) 79
5 10-9 | 67.6kg



Harriet Brown

Ben Godfrey

€4,500 3-y-o, Workforce mare. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler/chase winner (stayed 2¾m) Storm of Swords. Maiden Irish pointer, pulled up last 2 starts (latest May 12). Makes little appeal.

7 ALL INN HAND (104) (BF) 97
38 4 10-8 | 67.1kg



Peter & Michael Bowen

Sean Bowen

Out of a bumper winner and has showed something to work on first time out. Failed to build on that at Worcester next time but had excuses and she's been allowed a 3-month break since.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Tamarind Bay, **4-1** Desert Halo, **9-2** Kate of The Lodge, **11-2** All Inn Hand, **13-2** Koapey, **15-2** Full Force Gale, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KATE OF THE LODGE opened her account with ease in a point at the second attempt and has been found a reasonable opening on Rules debut, so she's preferred to Tamarind Bay, who sets the standard. Koapey is a notable newcomer.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KATE OF THE LODGE 2. TAMARIND BAY 3. KOAPEY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Doyen Quest 5-11-2	11-5	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	7
2022	Rock On Harry 6-11-2	6-4f	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	7

SMART STATS:

57

The number of WESTERNER's progeny that have won their first bumper (Sires: **KATE OF THE LODGE**)