

Wednesday 13th November

BANGOR



12.25 PAUL FERGUSON JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m72y (4090 Metres)

RACE 1 **(6) JAGWAR | (5) MOUNT TEMPEST | (1) LOWRY'S BAR**

12.55 YORTON MARES' NOVICES' CHASE (Listed) (1) 2m1f77y (3490 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) SHECOULDBEANYTHING | (6) YOU WEAR IT WELL | (5) WEST BALBOA**

1.25 PORTEK LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3m30y (4860 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) SHAN BLUE | (8) REGAL BLUE | (6) AUTONOMOUS CLOUD**

1.55 WYNNSTAY EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 2m145y (3350 Metres)

RACE 4 **(8) GLOBAL HIDEAWAY | (1) AOTANO | (2) JACK THE BOSS**

2.25 FIELD & FALCON NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.I) 2m145y (3350 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) JUNKER D'ALLIER | (5) OLD TIME CHASER | (7) SOLE SOLUTION**

3.00 FIELD & FALCON NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.II) 2m145y (3350 Metres)

RACE 6 **(7) I'M A LUMBERJACK | (9) OH MY JOHNNY | (3) DOCTOR KILDARE**

3.35 WEATHERBYS AND BIRDIE CALENDARS HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)

RACE 7 **(6) WEST TO THE BRIDGE | (10) ASTON MARTINI | (11) ITSNOTEASY**

4.05 OVERTON NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)

RACE 8 **(1) BEAUFORT SCALE | (2) MINELLA RESCUE | (7) CARRIG KATE**

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.

12.25

PAUL FERGUSON JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP CHASE
(3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £15,000 2½m72y (4090
Metres)

RACE 1



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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 LOWRY'S BAR (IRE) (32) 96
 11112-4 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Ben Jones**
 Winner of his first 4 starts over hurdles last term. Resumed with a good fourth of 17 in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f, good to soft) 32 days ago so he's an interesting chasing newcomer.

2 ABBEYDALE (FR) (208) t 96
 24516/469- 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**
 A fairly useful 2m hurdler for Gordon Elliott but he was a below-par ninth at Ayr for his new yard in April. Sort to bounce back on his reappearance/first go over fences.

3 LORD OF CHESHIRE (FR) (40) 96
 12F7-1 7 11-10 | 74.4kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**
 Overcame some mistakes to make a winning chasing debut in 4-runner handicap at Fontwell (19.5f, good to soft) 40 days ago. Can build on it so he needs considering.

4 SANTONITO (FR) (155) 94
 155/035-33 7 11-9 | 73.9kg

Tom Ellis **Mr Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)**
 Fairly useful hurdler for Gordon Elliott and made an encouraging start chasing for his new yard with third placings at Uttoxeter and Southwell in early summer. Not ruled out after a break.

5 MOUNT TEMPEST (IRE) (219) 98
 28113P42- 7 11-9 | 73.9kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
 Improved for the fitting of blinkers when scoring at Sandown and Wetherby either side of Christmas. Ended last term with a solid second in 2m Wincanton handicap chase and player on his return.

6 JAGWAR (FR) (28) t ★ 100
 2/25145-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**
 Good-looking sort who created a favourable impression on his chasing bow when readily landing 8-runner handicap (evens) at Wetherby (19.4f, good to soft) 28 days ago. Up 5 lb but big shout with more to offer.

7 TANGANYIKA (FR) (228) (C) 96
 5135F130- 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Venetia Williams **Shane Quinlan (3lb/1kg)**
 Enjoyed a good last season over hurdles when scoring here and at Newbury. Sort his yard does well with in this sphere so very much one to consider on his return.

8 CERENDIPITY (IRE) (28) (CD) 97
 13PF351-6 7 11-6 | 72.6kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Nick Scholfield**
 C&D winner in April who chaped as if the run was needed when sixth of 8 to Jagwar in handicap chase at Wetherby (19.4f, good to soft) 28 days ago. Can take a step forward.

9 OSTEND (IRE) (270) 96
 65P521/57- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Alastair Ralph **David Noonan**
 Scored at Killbeggan last April for Peter Croke and not disgraced on his yard bow when seventh of 16 in 2m3f Ascot handicap hurdle in February. Needs to hit the ground running now chasing after 9 months off.

10 GARINCHA (IRE) (568) (CD) s ✓ 97
 14F141/ 8 11-5 | 72.1kg

Neil Mulholland **James Bowen**
 Off for 18 months since landing 5-runner handicap chase at Ffos Las (20.9f). Also took this event in 2022 so can't be dismissed despite his long absence.

11 CARRIGEEN CASTLE (IRE) (203) (D) 92
 831121P5- 8 11-2 | 70.8kg

Micky Hammond **Brian Hughes**
 Much improved sent chasing last season, landing handicaps at Newcastle and Wetherby (2). One to consider on his seasonal return.

12 CHAMPAGNESUPEROVER (IRE) (14) (D) t 88
 14/4-F4 9 11-2 | 70.8kg

Olly Murphy **Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)**
 Dual chaser winner around 3m in spring 2022. Lightly raced since and offered little when fourth of 5 in 2m Newton Abbot handicap two weeks ago. Lots more is required.

13 LE CAMELEON (147) (D) t 94
 133/4P6-39 9 11-0 | 69.9kg

Kim Bailey **Ciaran Gethings**
 Largely disappointing of late and only ninth of 13 in handicap chase at Worcester (20f, good) 147 days ago. Needs to get back on track.

14 POST CHAISE (IRE) (37) 95
 413312-14 7 10-12 | 68.9kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Robert Dunne**
 Notched a fifth win over the larger obstacles at Market Rasen (27.6f) in May. Off 5 months before a below-par fourth of 5 at Stratford last month. More is required here.

15 SCENE ONE (IRE) (215) (BF) s 94
 21/1P1644- 8 10-10 | 68.0kg

Lucy Wadham **Tom Cannon**
 Scored at Market Rasen last January and continued in good form after. One for the shortlist on his return from an easing mark.

16 HEROIQUE DE MAULDE (FR) (627) (D, BF) t 99
 2312/ 7 10-9 | 67.6kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**
 Scored at Doncaster last season for James Ewart and ended with a good second at Newcastle when fitted with cheekpieces. Considered for new yard.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Jagwar, 7-1 Lord of Cheshire, 10-1 Lowry's Bar, 11-1 Mount Tempest, 12-1 Garincha, 14-1 Cerendipity, 16-1 Heroique De Maulde, 18-1 Scene One, 20-1 Santonito, 22-1 Carrigeen Castle, 22-1 Tanganyika, 33-1 Post Chaise, 33-1 Le Cameleon, 33-1 Ostend, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Plenty are in with a shout but it's hard to side against JAGWAR who still looks ahead of his mark despite taking a 5 lb rise for his stylish chasing debut victory at Wetherby last month. Dan Skelton's returning Mount Tempest heads the list of dangers, with fencing debutants Lowry's Bar and Tanganyika also in the picture too. Heroique de Maulde completes the shortlist in this intriguing handicap.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JAGWAR 2. MOUNT TEMPEST 3. LOWRY'S BAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Garincha 6-10-13	4-1	Neil Mulholland	Adam Wedge	9
2021	Yggdrasil 4-10-11	11-4f	Nick Williams	David Noonan	11
2020	Maypole Class 6-11-12	13-8f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	5
2019	Zolfo 7-11-1	17-2	Jennie Candlish	Sean Quinlan	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.55**YORTON MARES' NOVICES' CHASE (Listed) (1) 4yo+ fillies and mares £40,000 2m1f77y (3490 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 SHECOULDBEANYTHING (IRE) (20) (D) t **98**
31292111 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland **Sean Bowen**

Useful hurdler who has made an excellent start over fences, making it 3 wins from 4 starts in this sphere in 3-runner mares' chase at Clonmel (18.4f, good to soft) just under 3 weeks ago by 5 lengths from Space Tourist. Major claims with further progress on the cards.

2 CASA NO MENTO (24) (BF) **94**
20/1121-1P 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**

Took her form up a level when going 4-5 over hurdles in 2m listed hurdle at Punchestown in May. Disappointed for the first time in that sphere (blundered early returning from 6 months off) at Kempton (16f, good to soft) recently and now attentions are turned to the larger obstacles.

3 PARTY VIBES (IRE) (215) **88**
221168- 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Henry Daly **David Bass**

Opened her account in Wincanton novice on Boxing Day and followed up at Market Rasen. Matched previous form under a change of tactics when mid-field in a competitive Aintree handicap (16.5f, soft) when last seen in April and faces stiff task on return/chase debut (runner-up in an Irish point).

4 SPACE TOURIST (IRE) (20) s **94**
8218-5122 7 11-2 | 70.8kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **B. Hayes**

Three-time winner over hurdles who confirmed promise of her chase debut when winning at Tramore (22f) in August. Below that level at Sligo next time, but back on song when runner-up to Shecouldbeanything at Clonmel recently, jumping left throughout. No surprise to see cheekpieces applied.

5 WEST BALBOA (IRE) (28) (BF) **97**
11/10863-4 8 11-2 | 70.8kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**

Very useful hurdler and last-fence mistake (almost unseated rider) probably cost her second place when eventually coming home fourth in a 5-runner mares' novice on reappearance/chase debut at Worcester (2½m, heavy). Likely to improve plenty on that bare form so holds leading claims.

6 YOU WEAR IT WELL (246) ★ **100**
115/13237- 7 11-2 | 70.8kg

Jamie Snowden **Gavin Sheehan**

Won Grade 2 Mares' Novice Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival in 2023 and successful return at Wetherby last November. Finished well held in face of stiff tasks on final 2 outings last season and now makes reappearance/chase debut with yard going great guns.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 You Wear It Well, **7-2** Shecouldbeanything, **4-1** West Balboa, **11-2** Casa No Mento, **6-1** Space Tourist, **33-1** Party Vibes

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A tricky puzzle to solve despite the small field but SHECOULDBEANYTHING completed a quick hat-trick recently and with further progress on the cards, Gordon Elliott's 7-y-o can add another win to her tally at the expense of You Wear It Well, who is a Cheltenham Festival winner over hurdles and makes her return/chase debut with her yard amongst the winners. West Balboa, who shaped well on her chase bow at Worcester 4 weeks ago, rounds off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHECOULDBEANYTHING 2. YOU WEAR IT WELL 3. WEST BALBOA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Galia des Liteaux	6-11-2	15-8	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8
2021	The Glancing Queen	7-11-0	5-4f	Alan King	Tom Cannon	8
2020	Zambella	5-11-0	13-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Daryl Jacob	8
2019	Alsa Mix	7-11-0	9-4	Alan King	Tom Bellamy	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**PORTEK LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-150)
£40,000 3m30y (4860 Metres)**

RACE 3



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Pace Information: Even

1 SHAN BLUE (IRE) (270) (D) s 98
P/PP33- 10 12-0 | 76.2kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Very smart chaser at best and, with cheekpieces applied, got back on track at Ascot final 2 starts last season, third in Swinley Handicap (23.8f, good to soft) in February. Has gone well fresh in the past so he's a leading contender back down in grade.

2 CELEBRE D'ALLEN (FR) (215) s 95
408/145U4- 12 11-12 | 75.3kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Callum Pritchard (71lb/3kg)**
Still capable of useful form, landing a veterans' handicap at Aintree (25f) on last season's reappearance. Back to the same sort of level when fourth in the Topham at the Grand National meeting there (21.1f, soft) and he can give a good account on his return.

3 PULL AGAIN GREEN (IRE) (32) (CD) t 96
2P4-70332 8 11-7 | 73.0kg

Fergal O'Brien **Liam Harrison**
Only chase success at this C&D last summer but has returned to form back over fences on last 3 starts, good second of 11 in handicap at Chepstow (23.6f, good) a month ago. Arrives with fitness on his side and he could be in the mix.

4 ERNE RIVER (IRE) (180) (D) s 97
08/0P15P-P 9 11-6 | 72.6kg

Nick Kent **Charlie Hammond**
In first-time cheekpieces, took advantage of his reduced mark when scoring at Doncaster (24f) in December and good fifth of 18 at the same C&D next time. However, pulled up last 2 starts so others more persuasive after 6 months off.

5 MONTE IGUELDO (FR) (108) t 96
111P/4P-32 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Gary Hanmer **Robert Dunne**
Racked up a hat-trick at the end of 2022. Lightly raced since but shaped promisingly both starts this summer, runner-up from 7 lb out of the weights at Uttoxeter (26.1f, good to firm) in July. Races from his proper mark this time around.

6 AUTONOMOUS CLOUD (IRE) (28) (D, BF) t 99
221/1P40-3 8 11-4 | 71.7kg

Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**
Made it back-to-back wins at Uttoxeter (both at 24f) when successful on last season's return and fourth in Midlands Grand National there (34f) in March. Had wind up ahead of reappearance over hurdles and he should be sharper this time around. Shortlisted.

7 MAJOR DUNDEE (IRE) (263) (CD) v 97
031/35PU- 9 11-4 | 71.7kg

Alan King **Tom Cannon**
Career best when landing the Midlands Grand National in 2023 and encouraging third at Warwick on last season's return. In the process of running creditably when unseating 2 out in the Eider at Newcastle when last seen, but this trip is on the short side nowadays.

8 REGAL BLUE (IRE) (242) (D) ★ 100
6/P32P1P1- 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Nick Scholfield**
Has found improvement over the larger obstacles, opening his chase account in handicap at Haydock in February. Bounced back from a poor effort when also scoring at Uttoxeter (24f, heavy) in March, so he's capable of getting involved if on a going day.

9 ASK ME EARLY (IRE) (220) (D) s+t 97
3P6P/9185- 10 11-3 | 71.2kg

Harry Fry **Bryan Carver**
Returned to form in first-time cheekpieces when winning veterans' handicap at Exeter (24.3f, heavy) in February but wasn't able to repeat that effort on 2 subsequent outings, down the field at Carlisle in April. Others preferred after 7 months off.

10 BRETNEY (IRE) (201) (C, D) s 94
P/32312P1- 9 10-7 | 66.7kg

Henry Daly **Sam Twiston-Davies**
Better than ever when successful at Sandown (24.2f) in February and soon left behind a lesser run when also winning at Perth (30.6f, soft) in April, though was well positioned in steadily-run race. This is tougher on return from 6 months off.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Shan Blue, 5-1 Regal Blue, 7-1 Monte Igueldo, 8-1 Autonomous Cloud, 8-1 Pull Again Green, 9-1 Celebre D'allen, 11-1 Bretney, 12-1 Major Dundee, 14-1 Ask Me Early, 28-1 Erne River

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SHAN BLUE was rejuvenated by the application of cheekpieces when third at Ascot on his final 2 starts last season, beaten only 1½ lengths in the Swinley Handicap, so he can take advantage of this drop back in grade on his return. The main danger could be Regal Blue, who reappears having won 2 of his last 3 starts, while Autonomous Cloud arrives fit from a spin over hurdles.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHAN BLUE 2. REGAL BLUE 3. AUTONOMOUS CLOUD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Le Milos 7-11-9	3-1f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	12
2021	Snow Leopardess 9-11-0	5-1jf	Charlie Longsdon	Aidan Coleman	14
2020	Notachance 6-10-9	6-1	Alan King	Tom Cannon	13
2019	Graceful Legend 8-10-12	16-1	Ben Case	Kielan Woods	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.55**WYNNSTAY EBF JUNIOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' HURDLE (4) 3yo
£9,000 2m145y (3350 Metres)**

RACE 4

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 AOTANO (GER) (30) (D) t  **100**
 1 3 11-7 | 73.0kg



Donald McCain

Brian Hughes

Soldier Hollow gelding who overcame inexperience to win 5-runner junior event at Hereford on hurdling debut by head last month. Subsequently sold from Stuart Crawford £8,500. Open to improvement and needs considering under a penalty.

2 JACK THE BOSS (IRE) (12) **98**
 1 3 11-7 | 73.0kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Jack Hobbs gelding who overcame inexperience to make a winning debut in a highly dramatic affair at Wetherby 12 days ago, just him and the favourite left standing after the second. Should have more to offer under a penalty.

3 ADAAY FOREVER (12) **97**
 B 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alan King

Tom Cannon

Adaay gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners on Flat, including useful 6f winner Dunkerron. 10/3, brought down in juvenile hurdle at Wetherby (16f, good) on NH debut 12 days ago won by Jack The Boss.

4 DO IT AGAIN (FR) **98**
 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



N. George & A. Zetterholm, France

M. J. M. O'Sullivan

Galiway gelding. Closely related to a winner and half-brother to 2 winners on Flat, including useful winner around 1¼m Asaassi. Dam ran twice on Flat in France. Interesting raider from France (market support worth heeding).

5 FOR YOU BUZZ (IRE) (12) **92**
 U 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Evan Williams

Adam Wedge

Workforce gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to smart hurdler/high-class chaser (stayed 21f) Felix Yonger. 18/1, unseated rider in juvenile hurdle at Wetherby (16f, good) on NH debut 12 days ago won by Jack The Boss.

6 LAUTREC DE COUGNY (FR) **93**
 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Henry Brooke

Pour Moi gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners, including useful hurdler/chase winner Herbiers. Dam (c96/h111), placed over hurdles in France, 1½m winner on Flat.

7 RED N YELLOW **93**
 3 11-0 | 69.9kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Micheal Nolan**

Flag of Honour gelding. Closely related to 5f-6f winner Trusty Rusty and half-brother to a winner. Dam 1½m winner.

8 GLOBAL HIDEAWAY **99**
 3 10-7 | 66.7kg

Dan Skelton **Tristan Durrell** (3lb/1kg)

Masterstroke filly. Half-sister to useful French hurdler Blue Borana. Dam (h128) bumper/15f-2½m hurdle winner. Likely type.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Aotano, **9-2** Global Hideaway, **5-1** Jack The Boss, **5-1** Do It Again, **13-2** Adaay Forever, **14-1** Lautrec De Cougny, **14-1** Red N Yellow, **22-1** For You Buzz

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Dan Skelton has a good record with hurdling debutants so GLOBAL HIDEAWAY is the tentative choice ahead of Donald McCain's penalised winners Aotano and Jack The Boss.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GLOBAL HIDEAWAY 2. AOTANO 3. JACK THE BOSS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022 **Javert Allen** 3-11-0 2-1 Mrs Jane Williams David Noonan 4

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**FIELD & FALCON NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.I) 4yo+ £9,000
2m145y (3350 Metres)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 JUNKER D'ALLIER (FR) (27) (D) **100**
222-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
Found only one too good all 3 starts in bumpers last season and perfect start in this sphere when winning 10-runner novice hurdle at Carlisle (17f) 4 weeks ago, drawing clear under hands-and-heels ride. Sound claims under a penalty with progress anticipated.

2 CHER MONSIEUR (FR) (21) **75**
90 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

Neil Mulholland **Conor O'Farrell**
Placed in Irish points but offered little short-term encouragement in novice/maiden hurdles at Fontwell last month.

3 EAGLES GOLD (226) **91**
5- 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**
Half-brother to 2 winners, including modest hurdler Only Fools. Signs of ability in bumper at Huntingdon 7 months ago and should take to this sphere. Interesting what the market makes of him and he looks the pick of the trio of representatives from this yard.

4 JOLTIN N JIVING (IRE) **94**
4 11-0 | 69.9kg

Donald McCain **Brian Hughes**
€8,£40,000 4-y-o, Court Cave gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including fair hurdler Charlie Siringo and modest 2m hurdle winner Forever A Dove. Won completed start in Irish points (May 12) and he's an interesting hurdles debutant.

5 OLD TIME CHASER (IRE) (190) (BF) **96**
4-6 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Nicky Henderson **Nico de Boinville**
Third sole start in Irish points in 2022 and encouragement to glean from his exploits over hurdles during the spring, shaping better than the distance beaten suggests when sixth of 14 in novice hurdle at Ffos Las (21.9f) in May. In good hands and he remains open to improvement.

6 OUR JESSE BOY (IRE) (26) **79**
9-9 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Robert Dunne**
Showed ability only start in bumpers back in the spring but notably weak in betting and offered little after 6 months off when ninth of 10 in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (15.8f) on hurdles bow 26 days ago.

7 SOLE SOLUTION (IRE) (678) (C, D) **98**
11/ 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Venetia Williams **Shane Quinlan (3lb/1kg)**
Looked a good prospect when winning both starts in bumpers, the latest at Ffos Las (15.8f, heavy) in January 2023, impressing with how he travelled. Absent subsequently but he's a bright prospect now hurdling on belated return.

8 THEATRE TOM (IRE) **90**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Olly Murphy **K. Brogan**
£13,000 5-y-o, Soldier of Fortune gelding. Half-brother to useful hurdler Theatre Man, stays 23f. Dam (c104/h130) 2½m hurdle winner. Made frame both completed starts in Irish points (latest May 25). Worth monitoring in the betting for clues.

9 WILD GROUSE (IRE) (340) **89**
55- 7 11-0 | 69.9kg

Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**
Shaped a fair bit better than the bare result in 2 runs over hurdles last term, still clear second at last before weakening run-in at Uttoxeter, then faltering in bad ground at Aintree in December. Has undergone a breathing operation and now fitted with a tongue strap back from 11 months off.

10 CHERRY BRAVE (IRE) (22) **79**
7P 5 10-7 | 66.7kg

Dan Skelton **Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)**
Irish point winner but offered little in pair of quick-fire runs in in novice/maiden hurdles last month.

11 WINDSOR WIFE (IRE) (12) **75**
98 4 10-7 | 66.7kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Charlie Todd**
Point scorer but more of a long-term project under Rules judged on her exploits in novice/maiden hurdles in recent weeks.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Junker D'allier, **7-2** Sole Solution, **9-2** Old Time Chaser, **11-2** Joltin N Jiving, **10-1** Eagles Gold, **16-1** Theatre Tom, **18-1** Wild Grouse, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having finished runner-up all 3 starts in bumpers, JUNKER D'ALLIER marked himself down as a good hurdles prospect when opening his account in a Carlisle novice 4 weeks ago, travelling strongly and drawing clear under hands-and-heels riding. He gets the nod to defy a penalty and make it 2-2 in this sphere. Old Time Chaser and hurdles debutants Sole Solution and Joltin N Jiving are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JUNKER D'ALLIER 2. OLD TIME CHASER 3. SOLE SOLUTION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022 **Kellahen** 5-11-0 12-1 Tom Symonds Ben Poste 13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.00

FIELD & FALCON NOVICES' HURDLE (4) (D.II) 4yo+ £9,000
2m145y (3350 Metres)

RACE 6



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

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 BADBURY RINGS (17) 90

60 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Neil Mulholland *James Bowen*
 From a good jumps family and runner-up second (only completed) of 2 starts in points but has looked a longer-term project in a couple of runs over timber thus far.

2 DANGEROUS TOUCH (IRE) (22) 93

47-6 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
 £135,000 buy after finishing runner-up sole outing in Irish points but has yet to make a real impact in bumpers or on debut in this sphere at Exeter last month.

3 DOCTOR KILDARE (FR) (207) (C, D) 97

41- 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Nicky Henderson *Nico de Boinville*
 Built on encouraging NH debut when landing 12-runner bumper at this course (soft) in April and has to be taken seriously on switch to hurdling.

4 GENTLEMAN BILL (IRE) (27) (D) 96

1-3 6 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Henry Brooke*
 Winning pointer who landed a Newcastle bumper on NH debut in April and shaped as if better for run when third of 10 in novice at Carlisle (17.2f, soft) on hurdles bow 27 days ago. Should be more to come yet.

5 GOOD COMPANY 91

5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Robert Dunne*
 Dragon Dancer gelding. Dam, little show in bumper/over hurdles, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser who became unreliable (stayed 3½m) Swincombe Rock. Makes NH debut here but looks yard second string judged by jockey bookings.

6 GWENNIE MAY STAR (FR) (20) 92

9-3P8 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
 Offered something to work on both starts in bumpers 3 months apart and made late headway on second run over hurdles at Ludlow last month. Others more convincing, though.

7 I'M A LUMBERJACK (214) 100

2/2639- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Alan King *Tom Cannon*
 Posted fairly-useful form in bumpers last term including third in listed company at Newbury in February. Far from disgraced in Grade 2 at Aintree on final outing and must be of interest on hurdles debut.

8 KADJAR DES MOTTES (FR) (27) 91

6 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Donald McCain *Brian Hughes*
 Left clear to win his sole outing in points but held back by inexperience when sixth of 7 in bumper at Carlisle (17.2f, soft) on NH debut 27 days ago. Improvement required on switch to hurdling.

9 OH MY JOHNNY (IRE) (20) 97

4 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Philip Hobbs & Johnson White *Micheal Nolan*
 Disputing lead when falling late on sole start in points and posted promising fourth of 12 in novice at Ludlow (15.8f, good to soft) on NH debut 20 days ago. Should progress and is one for the shortlist.

10 ROYAL KING (FR) (141) 91

7P24-5F 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Tom Ellis *Mr Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)*
 Capable of fair form over fences in France but fell at Auteuil when last seen in June and is likely best watched starting off for new yard over the smaller obstacles here.

11 WINCHMORE HILL (IRE) (248) 91

6- 7 11-0 | 69.9kg
 Donald McCain *Theo Gillard*
 Runner-up sole start in points back in March 2022 and looked in need of outing when sixth of 8 in novice hurdle at Kelso (20.9f, soft, 9/2) on NH debut 8 months ago. Likely to need more time.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 I'm A Lumberjack, **5-1** Oh My Johnny, **5-1** Doctor Kildare, **6-1** Gentleman Bill, **12-1** Dangerous Touch, **16-1** Gwennie May Star, **20-1** Kadjar Des Mottes, **22-1** Good Company, **25-1** Winchmore Hill, **25-1** Royal King, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

I'M A LUMBERJACK is from a good jumping family and acquitted himself well in bumpers last term. He can make a successful switch to hurdling. Oh My Johnny made a good start over timber at Ludlow last month and is feared most, whilst Doctor Kildare is also of interest on his first outing in this sphere.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. I'M A LUMBERJACK 2. OH MY JOHNNY 3. DOCTOR KILDARE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.35**WEATHERBYS AND BIRDIE CALENDARS HANDICAP HURDLE
(2) 3yo+ (Rated 0-145) £25,000 2m3f123y (3930
Metres)**

RACE 7



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

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Pace Information: Even

1 HOMME PUBLIC (FR) (32) s+t 93

011217-68 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Ben Smith (7lb/3kg)

Multiple winner over hurdles and very useful form over fences last season, including a Grade 2 win. However, ran poorly back from 5 months off at Chepstow 32 days ago and now reverts to hurdles.

2 DELLA CASA LUNGA (IRE) (195) s+t 93

2/P32811-P 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

Clive Boulbee-Brooks

Richard Patrick

Back-to-back winner at Ludlow in February but found out in a warmer race at Punchestown in May. Off since. Might be best to look elsewhere.

3 MIGHT I (IRE) (186) (D) t ★ 100

4/521306-6 8 11-11 | 74.8kg

Harry Fry

Bryan Carver

Useful hurdler who ran respectably in some competitive handicaps in the spring. More than capable off this mark if in the mood back from 6 months off (yard going well).

4 JUNGLE JACK (171) (CD) s 95

219/P260-2 8 11-7 | 73.0kg

Donald McCain

Brian Hughes

C&D winner who reacted well to blinkers when runner-up at Kelso (2m) when last seen in May. Cheekpieces back on this time. Represents last year's winning trainer/jockey combination.

5 CHEDDLETON (193) (C) s 91

32/44P1P-P 9 11-6 | 72.6kg

Jennie Candlish

Sean Quinlan

Back to form in cheekpieces when winning a 4-runner handicap chase at Newcastle at the end of February but pulled up in 2 subsequent outings. Returns from 6 months off with a point to prove.

6 WEST TO THE BRIDGE (IRE) (40) (C, D) t 97

96/2F544-3 11 11-5 | 72.1kg

Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Exploits mixed during a light 2023/24 campaign but he did catch the eye when fourth over this C&D in March. Well-held third on Fontwell return last month but he ought to be sharper now. Respected having dipped to a mark in the 120s for the first time in nearly 3 years.

7 JIPCOT (FR) (31) t 89

00/7F313-7 5 10-13 | 69.4kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Kielan Woods

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). Never involved in Welsh Champion Hurdle on return for new yard but should strip fitter now. Hood off and up in trip.

8 LEMONCELLO (FR) (380) (D) 96

2122321- 5 10-12 | 68.9kg

Venetia Williams

Miss Lucy Turner (5lb/2kg)

Fairly useful form over hurdles and fences in France in 2023. Been off for over a year ahead of this British debut. Betting perhaps the best guide to expectations.

9 BENASSI (IRE) (305) 97

3121/P27- 7 10-11 | 68.5kg

Olly Murphy

Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)

Won twice over hurdles in early 2023. Back to that level when second of 4 in 19.5f Lingfield handicap last November. Returned lame when well beaten at Wetherby 2 months later and absent since. Sean Bowen on yard's other runner.

10 ASTON MARTINI (272) (D) 97

1114- 5 10-10 | 68.0kg

Nicky Henderson

Nico de Boinville

Bumper winner who also landed her first 2 starts over hurdles last winter (all good to soft). Possibly unsuited by more testing conditions when a remote fourth in Sandown Grade 2 in February. Interesting now handicapping on reappearance.

11 ITSNOTEASY (IRE) (327) (D) 92

521- 6 10-6 | 66.2kg

Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

£100,000 recruit from the Irish pointing field who contested 3 2½m maiden hurdles at Uttoxeter at the end of 2023, going close on the second occasion before making it third time lucky in December. Unexposed handicap newcomer from a good stable.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Aston Martini, **11-2** Itsnoteasy, **7-1** Jungle Jack, **8-1** Might I, **10-1** Lemoncello, **10-1** Jipcot, **12-1** West To The Bridge, **12-1** Della Casa Lunga, **16-1** Benassi, **16-1** Homme Public, **28-1** Cheddleton

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WEST TO THE BRIDGE could be spot on for this after last month's reappearance and might be worth siding with to take advantage of his lowest mark for a while. Unexposed pair Aston Martini and Itsnoteasy are interesting handicap newcomers, while Might I is more than capable off his current rating if on a going day.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. WEST TO THE BRIDGE 2. ASTON MARTINI 3. ITSNOTEASY****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.05**OVERTON NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £9,000 2m7f32y
(4660 Metres)**

RACE 8

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

No Smart Stats available for this race

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 BEAUFORT SCALE (IRE) (39) t **99**
43213U9 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland **James Bowen**
Winner at Kilbeggan (3m, good) in July. Below par in Gowran handicap last month but good shout here if bouncing back to his best.

2 MINELLA RESCUE (IRE) (178) **100**
311843-1 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Gary Hanmer **Sean Bowen**
Dual bumper winner who made it third time lucky over hurdles in 2¼m Stratford novice in May. A penalty shouldn't prevent a prominent showing on return.

3 LATENIGHTRUMBLE (41) t **54**
257 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Tom Ellis **Mr Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)**
Half-brother to Latenightpass. Four-time point winner who ran to a fair level when second in 3¼m Cheltenham hunter chase in May. 2m an inadequate test when well beaten in a pair of Warwick novice hurdles this autumn and this trip much more suitable.

4 NIGHT DUTY (IRE) (25) **89**
3/5 8 11-0 | 69.9kg



Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**
£65,000 buy after winning his sole point in May 2021 but seen only twice over hurdles in the 3½ years since, latterly fifth of 7 over 2¾m at Stratford 25 days ago, with the reopposing Carrig Kate ahead in second. Needs to build on that.

5 THE BIG BREAC (IRE) (20) **76**
96 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Nick Scholfield**
Placed in a point but looks more of a long-term prospect based on his 2 efforts over hurdles last month.

6 BEA MY SHADOW (12)
7-P 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)**
Bred to have a future but no promise in a Sedgefield bumper and Wetherby novice hurdle 8 months apart.

7 CARRIG KATE (IRE) (25) **95**
4-2 6 10-7 | 66.7kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**
Winning pointer who was fourth in a Southwell bumper in the spring and ran to a fair level when second of 7 in 2¾m Stratford novice on hurdle debut, with reopposing Night Duty behind in fifth. Should be on the premises again.

8 SUBTLE FORTUNE (628)
7/ 6 10-7 | 66.7kg



Mel Rowley **Charlie Hammond**
Only seventh of 12 in bumper at Warwick (2m, good to soft) on debut in February 2023 but has won twice in the pointing field since. Worth a second look in the betting.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Beaufort Scale, **5-2** Minella Rescue, **10-3** Carrig Kate, **10-1** Night Duty, **14-1** Subtle Fortune, **33-1** Latenightrumble, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

If Gordon Elliott's BEAUFORT SCALE can recapture the form he showed when landing a Kilbeggan maiden in July he's probably the one to beat. Minella Rescue, a winner at Stratford when last seen in May, and last month's Stratford runner-up Carrig Kate are likely to provide the main opposition.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BEAUFORT SCALE 2. MINELLA RESCUE 3. CARRIG KATE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022 **Maximilian** 6-11-6 5-2 Donald McCain Brian Hughes 5