

Friday 15th November

SOUTHWELL



12.23 WIN £1M WITH BETMGM'S GOLDEN GOALS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m60y (4880 Metres)

RACE 1 **(3) STRINGTOYOURBOW | (4) BIG BEE HIVE | (6) HAMARTIA**

12.58 DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) LADY GWEN | (1) JOLYJUMP | (3) EASTER JUNCTION**

1.33 BETMGM: IT'S SHOWTIME HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) DAVIDOC | (5) DOYEN FOR MONEY | (4) ICARE GRANDCHAMP**

2.08 SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 535 OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 4 **(6) TONY JOE | (1) LITTLE WATSON | (3) BENMORE**

2.43 GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) DANCE AND GLANCE | (4) TYPHOON FLYER | (2) CLASSICAL STING**

3.18 BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT BETMGM HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) TOONAGH WARRIOR | (6) THANKYOURLUCKYSTAR | (5) BARRONS LAND**

3.52 SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

RACE 7 **(1) OFFICER OF STATE | (2) LASER FOCUS | (4) ZORAN**

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.

12.23

RACE 1

WIN £1M WITH BETMGM'S GOLDEN GOALS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 3m60y (4880 Metres)Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 GOOD WORK (FR) (35) s+t **96**

9P22442-P 8 12-1 | 76.7kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Robert Dunne

Unreliable individual. Still looking for first success and arrives on back of poor return at Chepstow 35 days ago when not seeming to fancy it.



2 ALI STAR BERT (26) (CD) **97**

1211U2-P5 8 11-6 | 72.6kg

Shaun Harris

Jack Quinlan

Three-time 3m chase winner (including twice over C&D) in the mud last season but has returned with a couple of laboured efforts. Bit to prove at present.



3 STRINGTOYOURBOW (IRE) (30) (D) **100**

0PP3-P653 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

Fair winning hurdler who has shown similar form in this sphere, latest when third of 14 in Worcester handicap chase (23f, heavy) last month. Has to be taken seriously off a slipping mark.



4 BIG BEE HIVE (IRE) (26) (C) s+t **96**

5312-112P 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Sam England

Adam Wedge

Never involved, back from 4 months off, at Sedgfield 26 days ago but hit the ground running over fences earlier this year, winning 3 times at up to 25f, and remains feasibly treated.



5 MIXEDWAVE (IRE) (28) (D) **97**

31d21214-6 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

Pam Sly

Connor Brace

Won 2 of his 7 starts last term and should be straighter for last month's return at Uttoxeter. Warrants respect.



6 HAMARTIA (IRE) (38) b+t **98**

34-225474 7 11-0 | 69.9kg

Neil Mulholland

Richie McLernon

Still looking for first success but has made the frame in all 5 starts in this sphere, latest when fourth of 7 in handicap at Huntingdon (23.6f, good) 38 days ago. Blinkers now added for first time and can't be discounted.



7 LEPASHE (IRE) (28) **88**

P56P4-453 7 10-5 | 65.8kg

Sam Allwood

Charlie Todd

Offered more than previously over fences when third of 8 in handicap chase (17/2) at Uttoxeter (24f, good to soft) 28 days ago. May come on from that but others look better treated.



7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Stringtoyourbow, **4-1** Hamartia, **9-2** Big Bee Hive, **5-1** Mixedwave, **13-2** Lepashe, **16-1** Good Work, **33-1** Ali Star Bert

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for STRINGTOYOURBOW, who figures off a handy mark and arrives on the back of a creditable third at Worcester last month. Big Bee Hive and Hamartia can also make their presence felt in an open-looking contest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. STRINGTOYOURBOW 2. BIG BEE HIVE 3. HAMARTIA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.58

RACE 2

DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****1 JOLYJUMP (FR) (16) 90**

78P1-244 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Caolin Quinn (31b/1kg)

Off the mark over timber at Taunton (16.5f) in April and looked in need of experience when fourth of 6 in handicap chase at Fakenham (16.3f, good, 10/3) on debut over fences 16 days ago. Should be more to come in this sphere.

2 NEIGH BOTHA (IRE) (23) (CD) s+t 99

45-13P343 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Non Runner

Made a successful return over C&D in June and backed it up with a good third at Worcester. Not been in quite same form since, however, and others appeal more. NON RUNNER.

3 EASTER JUNCTION (IRE) (137) 98

4/U446-645 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Jamie Brace (71b/3kg)

Still looking for first success under Rules but posted creditable fifth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Worcester (20f, good to firm) when last seen in July and could be a different proposition on first start/yard debut over the larger obstacles (has experience in points).

4 LADY GWEN (24) t ★ 100

325-P5982 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Kim Bailey

Tom Bellamy

Tricky customer but won 3 times over hurdles last year and posted good second of 12 in handicap chase at Exeter (17.5f, good to soft) on debut over fences last month. Likely contender.

5 ERIC CARMEN (IRE) (14) (C) t 98

1P73F340 8 10-5 | 65.8kg



Gary Hanmer

James Davies

Irish point winner who capitalised on his falling mark over hurdles at this course (20.4f, heavy) in May. However, weak finishes have become the norm of late and he tries a shorter trip now.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**7-4** Lady Gwen, **2-1** Jolyjump, **3-1** Easter Junction, **10-1** Eric Carmen**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

LADY GWEN isn't straightforward but made a good start over fences at Exeter last month and can get off the mark over the larger obstacles here. Jolyjump may provide the chief threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. LADY GWEN 2. JOLYJUMP 3. EASTER JUNCTION****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.33**BETMGM: IT'S SHOWTIME HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-110) £8,900 2½m88y (4100 Metres)**

RACE 3

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 DAVIDOC (FR) (25) (BF) t **97**
4451-23 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Pauling

David Bass

Point winner who opened his hurdles account at the fourth attempt in a good-ground Plumpton maiden (2m) in April. Beaten favourite in a couple of handicaps since but shapes as though this step up in trip will be in his favour now switched to fences and represents an in-form yard.

2 FEVER DREAM (IRE) (16) t **97**
65/42-125P 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor

Winner over hurdles at Perth in June and followed that with a couple of respectable efforts in defeat. Built for chasing but recent debut effort in this sphere at Fakenham left much to be desired, even allowing for the fact that the drop to 16.3f was against him. Yard also saddles Up For Appeal.

3 FORCE DE FRAP (FR) (190) s+t **98**
5441125-5 9 11-13 | 75.7kg



Emma-Jane Bishop

Ciaran Gethings

Successful at Bangor and Ludlow last term but ended that campaign with a couple of rather subdued efforts. All 4 career wins have been gained at around 2m and he's probably worth taking on back up in trip here following a 6-month absence.

4 ICARE GRANDCHAMP (FR) (17) **99**
PP/207-213 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Caolin Quinn (3lb/1kg)

Opened chase account in a 13-runner handicap at Newton Abbot (21f, good) in June. By no means disgraced back from a break at Bangor (20.3f, heavy) recently and should have a big part to play back on better ground.

5 DOYEN FOR MONEY (IRE) (358) (D) t **97**
54661/71- 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Anthony Honeyball

Richie McLernon

Winner of sole start between the flags and notched second success over hurdles when landing a handicap at Wincanton (19.8f, soft) on sole start last season. Makes chase debut off 10 lb higher mark but he is one to consider nonetheless.

6 BEGIN THE LUCK (IRE) (27) (CD) ★ **100**
22935351 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Daisy Hitchins

Mr Robbie David (7lb/3kg)

Deservedly got his head back in front when capitalising on a lower hurdles mark at Stratford (18.7f, heavy) last month. Forecast quicker ground here no issue and should make his presence felt returned to the larger obstacles.

7 UP FOR APPEAL (IRE) (16) **96**
34-4134P5 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Christian Williams

Nick Scholfield

Got off the mark over fences at Newton Abbot in June but has found life tougher since, again coming up short at Fakenham last month. Others make more appeal.

8 MARTALMIX'JAC (FR) (27) s+t **95**
522621P-P 7 10-4 | 65.3kg



Mel Rowley

Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)

Just 1 lb higher than for his clear-cut victory in a 4-runner Leicester handicap in February but pulled up both subsequent starts, including on his reappearance at Stratford last month.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Davidoc, **4-1** Icare Grandchamp, **5-1** Doyen For Money, **13-2** Begin The Luck, **12-1** Force De Frap, **14-1** Fever Dream, **16-1** Up For Appeal, **22-1** Martalmix'jac

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's likely that point winners DAVIDOC and Doyen For Money will step up on what they showed over hurdles now switched to the larger obstacles. Marginal preference is for the former, who promises to be suited by this stiffer test and he hails from a yard that has made a very bright start to the season. Icare Grandchamp is third choice ahead of Begin The Luck.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. DAVIDOC 2. DOYEN FOR MONEY 3. ICARE GRANDCHAMP****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.08**SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 535 OPEN NATIONAL HUNT
FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**

RACE 4

Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 LITTLE WATSON (IRE) (23) (D) 97
12 4 11-9 | 73.9kg



Suzy Smith

Elizabeth Gale (71b/3kg)

Successful start for Nigel Twiston-Davies at Stratford in May and good effort under a penalty for new yard here 3 weeks ago, going down fighting even with the winner lugging into him for a fair portion of the straight. Strong claims.

2 ANJANDANSAR (IRE) (88) 60
0 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Jake Thomas Coulson

Tabitha Worsley (31b/1kg)

Leading Light gelding. Brother to bumper winner/fair hurdler Leading Theatre. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler (stayed 3¼m) Minella For Steak. 150/1, well beaten in Worcester bumper in August.

3 BENMORE (IRE) 88
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



L J Morgan

Adam Wedge

Soldier of Fortune gelding. Half-brother to hurdler Shannon Gray. Dam ran once over hurdles, half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 2¾m) Beakstown. Yard can ready them and he's respected.

4 HAPPY HARRISON 84
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gary Hanmer

James Davies

Blue Bresil gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Titanium Moon and fairly useful hurdler Petite Amadee.

5 REMUS (80) 90
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ben Pauling

David Bass

6/4, held back by inexperience and never a threat in Stratford bumper 11 weeks ago.

6 TONY JOE (IRE) 100
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Fergal O'Brien

Liam Harrison

Westerner gelding. Closely related to smart hurdler/top-class chaser Ahoy Senior, and half-brother to 2 winners, including fair hurdler/useful chaser Snuff Box. Yard's bumper runners going well once again and he's of obvious interest.

7 OUR ROSIE (IRE) (573) 60
7/ 5 10-9 | 67.6kg



Michael Mullineaux

Ciaran Gethings

Well beaten in Bangor bumper in April 2023.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Tony Joe, **9-4** Little Watson, **5-1** Remus, **13-2** Benmore, **25-1** Happy Harrison, **300-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TONY JOE makes stacks of appeal on paper as a half-brother to Ahoy Senior and from a yard that makes hay in these races, so he could have the measure of the penalised Little Watson. Benmore is another newcomer to note.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TONY JOE 2. LITTLE WATSON 3. BENMORE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.43

RACE 5

**GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM 'NATIONAL HUNT'
MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 1m7f182y (3180
Metres)**Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****1 BENNETTSHILL (IRE) (17) 79**

P 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Henry Oliver

David Noonan

Irish point winner in 2023 but pulled up on Bangor hurdle debut some 18 months later.

2 CLASSICAL STING 81

4 11-4 | 71.7kg



L J Morgan

Adam Wedge

The betting is probably the best guide to expectations on debut but there's a lot of stamina in his pedigree so he may require longer trips than this.

3 DANCE AND GLANCE (187) t ★ 100

0-1 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Anthony Honeyball

Richie McLernon

Promise in a big-field Newbury bumper on debut and duly improved to win a similar race at Plumpton (tongue tied) in May. Starts out over hurdles in a very winnable race.

4 TYPHOON FLYER (IRE) (49) 95

322-33 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)

Placed all 3 starts in bumpers and shaped well on hurdles debut when third of 14 in a Ffos Las maiden (2½m, good) in May. Not at the same level back from a break at Worcester but he probably needed that and this drop in trip could prove a good move. Engaged 12.20 Market Rasen Thursday.

5 DUNSTALL ANGEL (IRE) (14) h 75

5-9P 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



John Mackie

Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)

Glimmers of ability in a couple of bumpers last season but pulled up on Wetherby hurdle debut and reappearance a fortnight ago.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**11-10** Dance And Glance, **13-8** Typhoon Flyer, **17-2** Classical Sting, **20-1** Bennettshill, **100-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This looks a good chance for Plumpton bumper winner DANCE AND GLANCE to make a successful start to his hurdle career, with Typhoon Flyer the obvious danger if turning up after/instead of Market Rasen on Thursday.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. DANCE AND GLANCE 2. TYPHOON FLYER 3. CLASSICAL STING****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.18**BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT BETMGM HANDICAP HURDLE
(4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-115) £7,700 2½m88y (4100 Metres)**

RACE 6

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **ISTHEBAROPEN (30)** (CD) t **95**
13P/34-P68 11 12-0 | 76.2kg



Gary Hanmer

Lilly Pinchin

Veteran who failed to build on a mildly encouraging run at Worcester in September when down the field at Wetherby (3m) last month.

2 **PHILLAPA SUE (IRE) (22)** t **97**
4217418-P 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson

**Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)**

Hurdle and chase winner who ran sort of races over fences at Carlisle on her reappearance 3 weeks ago. Can only really watch after that.

3 **PLAYTOGETAWAY (IRE) (38)** (BF) **93**
132-P5655 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Richie McLernon

Fairly useful 2m hurdle winner. Hasn't taken to fences on his last 2 outings but may fare better back over the smaller obstacles.

4 **TOONAGH WARRIOR (IRE) (23)** s  **100**
2126424-6 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Stuart Edmunds

Charlie Hammond

Wetherby novice winner last November. Mostly ran with credit in handicaps later in the season and should be sharper for last month's course reappearance. Worth chancing in first-time cheekpieces.

5 **BARRONS LAND (IRE) (45)** (D) s **98**
44-114611 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Laura Horsfall

Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (7lb/3kg)

Front-runner who gained a fourth success of a very productive first half of the season when proving a length too strong for a subsequent winner at Sedgfield at the start of October. Has since switched from Donald McCain to Laura Horsfall. Likely still on a workable mark.

6 **THANKYOURLUCKYSTAR (167)** (D) **99**
613/P422-1 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Alastair Ralph

Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)

Runner-up twice prior to resuming winning ways at Worcester (2½m, good to soft) in June. Returns from a break with the Alastair Ralph stable going well. Considered.

7 **REHILL RELIC (IRE) (24)** **94**
26442-0 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Sam Allwood

Charlie Todd

Point winner who showed promise in bumpers/novice hurdles for this yard last season. Well beaten on Exeter handicap debut and reappearance 24 days but he probably needed the run.

8 **CHARLIE MY BOY (IRE) (12)** (D) t **98**
15088-PP7 7 10-9 | 67.6kg



J. R. Jenkins

Robert Dunne

Hasn't shown any spark for present yard and has plenty to prove.

9 **TIME TO TINKER (IRE) (12)** s+t **98**
PSP03457 9 10-3 | 64.9kg



Gary Hanmer

Elizabeth Gale (7lb/3kg)

It's now 19 runs since his last win in 2021 and recent efforts don't point to him snapping the losing run soon. Blinkers off, cheekpieces back on.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Barrons Land, **7-2** Toonagh Warrior, **4-1** Thankyourluckystar, **10-1** Playtogetaway, **14-1** Time To Tinker, **18-1** Rehill Relic, **22-1** Phillapa Sue, **25-1** Isthebaropen, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TOONAGH WARRIOR could be spot on for this with his reappearance behind him and gets the vote in first-time headgear. Alastair Ralph has his team in form so Thankyourluckystar rates a possible threat on his first outing since scoring at Worcester in June. The prolific Barrons Land has changed stables since his latest win but still merits respect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. TOONAGH WARRIOR 2. THANKYOURLUCKYSTAR 3. BARRONS LAND****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.52

RACE 7

SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £6,150 2½m88y (4100 Metres)Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 OFFICER OF STATE (7lb/3kg ex) (7) **100**
588-1 5 12-4 | 78.0kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Rob Hargreaves (7lb/3kg)

Useful on the Flat for Andre Fabre in France, sold for 65,000 gns after opening his account a 15f conditions race in October. Left previous hurdling form well behind when readily landing a Fontwell handicap a week ago and has a big chance of defying the penalty.

2 LASER FOCUS (IRE) (3) (D) t **99**
2444-44U1 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



James Owen

Ben Bromley (5lb/2kg)

Three-time winner on the Flat this year and has shown a fair bit over hurdles, improving to score with plenty in hand at Huntingdon 3 days ago. Claims if he handles the quick turnaround.

3 SCORSESE (IRE) (28) s **89**
40889-09 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Neil Mulholland

Richie McLernon

Showed fair form in maiden hurdles in Ireland but has been soundly beaten for current yard. Tried in cheekpieces now.

4 ZORAN (432) (D) t **98**
49/532143- 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Emma Lavelle

Tom Bellamy

Modest chaser who has been below form on the Flat lately. Returns to the smaller obstacles on a potentially lenient mark, though, so not completely dismissed.

5 MARTALITE (FR) (22) **89**
9509-391 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson

Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)

Career best when winning 13-runner handicap hurdle (7/1) at Ludlow (21.2f, good to soft) 22 days ago, suited by increase in trip. Still not fully exposed, so may do better still.

6 CAUGHTINASPELL (IRE) (147) **85**
89647-40 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Jake Thomas Coulson

Jack Quinlan

Little to get excited about in 5 outings for Michael Kennedy in Ireland and fared no better in two starts for Olly Murphy.

7 LIGHTNING GESTURE (38) **88**
4335/43-3P 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Charlie Hammond

Fair Flat winner who hasn't stood much racing since his juvenile days and was pulled up at Huntingdon last month, so left with a bit to prove.

8 CHARMING GETAWAY (IRE) (190) **90**
86/4 7 10-9 | 67.6kg



Mel Rowley

Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)

Didn't show much in a bumper/half-a-dozen starts over hurdles for Kim Bailey but showed he retained ability when fourth on stable debut at Stratford 6 months ago. Not seen since.

9 SAINT VIC (FR) (14) **84**
057-44977 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Anthony Day

Harriet Tucker (7lb/3kg)

Not really threatened in 7 starts in this sphere, including from a modest mark in handicap company. Hard to fancy.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens Officer of State, **10-3** Laser Focus, **11-1** Martalite, **12-1** Zoran, **20-1** Charming Getaway, **22-1** Lightning Gesture, **28-1** Caughtinaspell, **80-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

OFFICER OF STATE and Laser Focus both scored with plenty in hand last time and should be able to feature once again, although the former makes more appeal given how much handicapping scope he has based on Flat form. Zoran is the best of the remainder returning to hurdling.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OFFICER OF STATE 2. LASER FOCUS 3. ZORAN

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race