

Saturday 16th November

# CHELTENHAM



**12.35** JCB TRIUMPH TRIAL JUVENILE HURDLE (Prestbury) (Grade 2) (1) 2m87y (3300 Metres)

RACE 1 **(7) MY NOBLE LORD | (10) PRAIRIE ANGEL | (3) EAST INDIA DOCK**

**1.10** STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS LTD AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m1f (5030 Metres)

RACE 2 **(6) COME ON TEDDY | (4) THE NEWEST ONE | (11) JIMMY THE DIGGER**

**1.45** PADDY POWER ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY TRIAL NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 2) (1) 1m7f199y (3200 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) L'EAU DU SUD | (5) LOOKAWAY | (8) WESTERN ZEPHYR**

**2.20** PADDY POWER GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 2½m44y (4060 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) GINNY'S DESTINY | (2) GA LAW | (9) IN EXCELSIS DEO**

**2.55** FROM THE HORSES MOUTH PODCAST HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m7f208y (4820 Metres)

RACE 5 **(9) DOYEN QUEST | (7) NOBLE BIRTH | (2) ZEEBAND**

**3.30** PADDY POWER INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m5f (4220 Metres)

RACE 6 **(9) HAMSIYANN | (8) WONDERFUL EAGLE | (4) MAJOR FORTUNE**

**4.00** KARNDEAN DESIGNFLOORING MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Listed) (1) 2m87y (3300 Metres)

RACE 7 **(6) KORINTHIA | (5) JASMINE D'AIRY | (9) SETTLE DOWN JILL**

## 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.

**12.35**

**JCB TRIUMPH TRIAL JUVENILE HURDLE (Prestbury) (Grade 2) (1) 3yo £80,000 2m87y (3300 Metres)**

RACE 1



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

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1** **STATIC (FR) (15)** **94**  
6-213R162 **3** 11-3 | 71.2kg

**Olly Murphy** **Sean Bowen**  
Dual winner over hurdles in France and ran his best race starting out for new connections when close second in listed event at Wetherby (2m) 15 days ago, sticking to task. This asks for more but his attitude looked a plus at Wetherby.

**2** **CONTINUANCE (27) (D)** **85**  
**1** **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Martin Keighley** **Harry Cobden**  
Fair 10f Flat winner who took well to hurdling and outclassed his rivals in 5-runner juvenile at Sedgefield (16.8f) last month. This is a big step up but he's entitled to progress.

**3** **EAST INDIA DOCK (20) (D)** **95**  
**1** **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg

**James Owen** **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
Useful staying handicapper on the Flat for James Fanshawe who is a half-brother to useful hurdler Burdett Road and looked a good prospect himself sent hurdling when landing the odds in a 10-runner juvenile at Wincanton (15.2f) last month. Sure to go on to better things.

**4** **MODEL APPROACH (IRE) (15) (D)** **88**  
**3** **11-0** | 69.9kg

**Adrian Keatley** **Niall Houlihan**  
Fairly useful maiden on Flat for Jim Bolger and has made a bright start to his hurdle career, making all in juveniles at Sedgefield and Kempton last month. Hampered and unseated before halfway in listed Wensleydale at Wetherby 15 days ago but this is much tougher. Engaged 4.00 Cheltenham Friday.

**5** **MOUTARDE (IRE) (21)** **89**  
**2** **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Anthony Charlton** **Gavin Sheehan**  
Fair handicapper on Flat (stays 9.5f) and made an encouraging debut in this sphere (hooded) when second of 17 in juvenile at Galway (16.4f) 3 weeks ago, running on late. First run for yard after leaving Gavin Patrick Cromwell. Should have more to offer.

**6** **MY MATE TONY (IRE) (55)** **82**  
**P4** **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Peter McCreery, Ireland** **Gearoid Patrick Brouder**  
Well held in maidens/handicap on Flat and, although he showed more than first time up over hurdles when fourth at Listowel in September, he's easily passed over in this grade.

**7** **MY NOBLE LORD (USA) (35) (D)** **95**  
**1** **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**  
Fairly useful handicapper on Flat (stays 1¾m), successful on 4 of 5 starts in 2024, and got off to the perfect start over hurdles at Chepstow (2m) last month, staying on to lead final 1f. Sure to progress and win more races over hurdles.

**8** **TORRENT (15) (D)** **91**  
**12123** **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg

**Nigel Hawke** **David Noonan**  
Fair on Flat and has quickly reached a similar level over hurdles, defying a penalty at Newton Abbot in September and not disgraced upped in grade when third in listed event at Wetherby (2m) 15 days ago. Needs a lot more at this level in first-time cheekpieces, however.

**9** **IRISANTE (GER) (182)** **100**  
**83-43** **3** 10-7 | 66.7kg

**D. J. Jeffreys** **Jonathan Burke**  
Fairly useful at up to 1m on the Flat and similar form over hurdles, including when third in 6-runner Group 3 at Auteuil in May. Since left Hugo Merienne (€80,000 in July) and interesting to see what the market makes of her on UK debut.

**10** **PRAIRIE ANGEL (IRE) (14) (D)** **97**  
**11** **3** 10-7 | 66.7kg

**Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland** **Richard Deegan**  
Progressive on the Flat, winning a pair of 1½m handicaps in October and made it 2 from 2 over hurdles in 7-runner juvenile at Down Royal (16.9f) 2 weeks ago, making all. Open to further improvement and well worth her place at this higher level.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Prairie Angel, **7-2** East India Dock, **13-2** My Noble Lord, **8-1** Static, **10-1** Irisante, **16-1** Continuance, **18-1** Moutarde, **22-1** Model Approach, **28-1** Torrent, **80-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

MY NOBLE LORD, a most progressive handicapper on the Flat, has the physique and attitude to do well over jumps and looks sure to leave the bare form of his opening win at Chepstow last month well behind now stepping up in grade. Prairie Angel and East India Dock are also promising and they head the dangers.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. MY NOBLE LORD 2. PRAIRIE ANGEL 3. EAST INDIA DOCK**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Burdett Road</b> 3-11-0	9-4	James Owen	Harry Cobden	11
2022	<b>Scriptwriter</b> 3-11-0	4-1	Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	8
2021	<b>Knight Salute</b> 3-10-12	9-2	Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	9
2020	<b>Duffle Coat</b> 3-11-3	2-1	Gordon Elliott	Robbie Power	8
2019	<b>Allmankind</b> 3-10-12	11-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.10

RACE 2

**STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS LTD AMATEUR JOCKEYS'  
HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £22,000 3m1f  
(5030 Metres)**
**GBI RACING**
Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**
**1 DEISE ABA (IRE) (20) (D) b 95**  
 65P2P/1-P2 11 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Alexandra Dunn **Mr Alex Chadwick**

Useful but unpredictable chaser for Philip Hobbs. Successful in 4 of 6 starts in points, including latest (Apr 1). Sold from Francesca Poste £10,000 later in May and decent start for this yard when just failing at Wincanton 3 weeks ago. Not sure to be in same mood here.

**2 TRANSMISSION (IRE) (21) (D) s 93**  
 8231581-2 7 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Neil Mulholland **Mr P. W. Mullins**

Irish import who did well in staying handicap hurdles after joining this yard last season, winning twice and placed twice from half-a-dozen appearances. Shaped well back over fences when second of 6 in novice at this course (24.5f, good) on return 21 days ago. Open to improvement.

**3 JAVA POINT (IRE) (213) t 95**  
 636/P4145- 9 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Henry Oliver **Mr Jack Andrews**

Confirmed promise of stable debut when landing a decent pot at Sandown in February. Respectable fifth of 14 in handicap chase at this course (26f, good) final start. Off 7 months.

**4 THE NEWEST ONE (IRE) (22) (CD) 96**  
 23d/21733-1 9 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Nigel Twiston-Davies **Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg)**

Capitalised on a lower chase mark when making a winning return in 18-runner handicap chase at this C&D (good) under this rider 22 days ago by 1½ lengths from Jimmy The Digger, finding extra having done plenty in a well-run race. Needs considering up 5 lb.

**5 CAP DU NORD (FR) (20) 93**  
 0961-3107 11 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Christian Williams **Mr J. J. Murphy-Knight (7lb/3kg)**

Resumed winning ways at Perth in July. Badly hampered 5 out when eleventh of 20 in handicap chase at Galway (22.5f, soft) next time before well held at Aintree 3 weeks ago.

**6 COME ON TEDDY (IRE) (242) (C) ★ 100**  
 68623- 10 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Harry Derham **Mr B. O'Neill**

Not matched useful form of a 2021/22 season back from lengthy absence last term but went close back over fences at Exeter final start despite the trip being barely adequate. Starts the new campaign potentially well handicapped for new yard.

**7 CLONMEEN (IRE) (34) t 94**  
 821139-P5 9 11-0 | 69.9kg

 W. P. Murphy, Ireland **Mr P. A. King**

Latest win in chase at Punchestown in December. Below par last 3 starts, though looked rusty at Cork on return.

**8 CAPTAIN SPEAKING (FR) (181) b 97**  
 P4/1P51P-2 9 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Nick Littmoden **Mr James King**

Unraced in this country since completing hat-trick at Fakenham 4 years ago but has paid his way in France since, winning 5 times, latest at Durtal in March. Good second at Auteuil final start and not taken lightly.

**9 STRICTLYADANCER (IRE) (22) (CD) 97**  
 402P7-F45 10 10-10 | 68.0kg

 Christian Williams **Mr J. L. Gleeson**

Won 3 on the bounce over fences during 2021/22. Missed the following season and record since has been patchy, though better than bare result when 13¾ lengths fifth of 18 to The Newest One in handicap chase (11/1) at this C&D (good) 22 days ago, a big move before 3 out taking its toll. Not dismissed.

**10 READ TO RETURN (IRE) (31) (BF) t 96**  
 543865-94 7 10-10 | 68.0kg

 A. J. Martin, Ireland **Mr Finian Maguire**

In good form early last season, scoring at Killarney (23f) and making the frame in 3 other starts. Form rather tailed off in latter part of campaign but took a step back in the right direction after 6 months off when fourth at Punchestown last month. Needs to build on that.

**11 JIMMY THE DIGGER (22) (CD) 98**  
 7P/U55P-72 11 10-7 | 66.7kg

 Henry Daly **Mr Archie Jones (7lb/3kg)**

Looked out of sorts towards the end of last season but all the better for return when 1½ lengths second of 18 to The Newest One in handicap chase at this C&D (good, 33/1) under this rider 22 days ago. On a good mark if building on that.

**12 PLANNED PARADISE (IRE) (22) 95**  
 26136328 8 10-3 | 64.9kg

 Christian Williams **Miss Gina Andrews**

Scored at Perth in the summer but not so good since, 16½ lengths eighth of 18 to The Newest One in handicap chase at this C&D (good) 22 days ago.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-1** Come On Teddy, **11-2** The Newest One, **6-1** Read To Return, **6-1** Transmission, **11-1** Jimmy The Digger, **11-1** Strictlyadancer, **16-1** Deise ABA, **18-1** Captain Speaking, **18-1** Java Point, **28-1** Clonmeen, **33-1** Planned Paradise, **33-1** Cap Du Nord

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

COME ON TEDDY starts the new campaign potentially well handicapped for his new yard so could be the answer with a top Irish amateur booked. The Newest One and Jimmy The Digger were first and second in a similar event over C&D 3 weeks ago and they head the dangers.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. COME ON TEDDY 2. THE NEWEST ONE 3. JIMMY THE DIGGER**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Hascoeur Clermont</b> 6-10-6	12-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Mr N. McParlan	16
2022	<b>Anightinlambourn</b> 8-11-1	5-1	Ben Pauling	Mr Jack Andrews	10
2021	<b>Strictlyadancer</b> 7-10-1	9-4f	Christian Williams	Ben Bromley (5)	13
2020	<b>Storm Control</b> 7-11-6	5-1	Kerry Lee	Richard Patrick (3)	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.45**

RACE 3

**PADDY POWER ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY TRIAL NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 2) (1) 4yo+ £75,000 1m7f199y (3200 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 SAN SALVADOR (IRE) (22) 91**  
P/4-F74114 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

**Richard Deegan**

Dual winning hurdler who is getting his act together over fences, supplementing his Listowel novice success in September with a Grade 3 victory at Roscommon just a week later. Best not judged on his latest effort over C&D (good) recently but needs to improve again.

**2 BALLYMACKIE (IRE) (375) 56**  
5- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



L J Morgan

**Adam Wedge**

Picked up for £160,000 after winning a couple of Irish points early last year. Pitched into a strong race for his Rules debut when last of 5 in a 2½m Warwick novice chase 12 months ago and now asked an even bigger question returning in a tongue tie. May improve but huge outsider in this.

**3 BREIZH RIVER (FR) (41) (D) 91**  
422-21131 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Paul Robson

**Ryan Mania**

Failed to get his head in front over hurdles but handicap chases have been the making of him, scoring at Hexham and Bangor this summer. Took his record to 3-4 after a break with a big step forward in form terms at Kelso last month, but this is a different kettle of fish altogether.

**4 L'EAU DU SUD (FR) (16) 100**  
433/P225-1 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Strikes as sort of good-class handicap hurdler (runner-up in Betfair and County Hurdle last year) his stable routinely turn into even better chasers and pulverised his 4 rivals on chase debut at Stratford (19.4f, good to soft) just over a fortnight ago. The one to beat with better to come.

**5 LOOKAWAY (IRE) (15) (C, D) 91**  
1122035-1 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Neil King

**Jack Quinlan**

Likeable sort who completed a hat-trick in course Grade 2 last October and several pretty useful efforts in defeat after at up to 20.5f. Made a return/chasing debut in a match event at Uttoxeter (16f, good to soft) earlier this month and seems sure to go on to better things in this sphere.

**6 NOBLE ANTHEM (IRE) (22) 87**  
34/2-2413 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Adrian Keatley

**Niall Houlihan**

Fairly useful Flat winner who is lightly raced over jumps and clearly learnt plenty from his initial experience over fences when winning 5-runner handicap at Sedgfield last month. Seemed to excel himself when third in C&D novice just over 3 weeks ago (bled) but has a mountain to climb here.

**7 PETIT TONNERRE (FR) (20) (BF) 93**  
44507-792 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Useful hurdler at best who didn't convince with his jumping sent chasing last season. Below his best over hurdles subsequently but gave cause for encouragement back over fences returning from 4 months off when runner-up at Aintree (15.8f) recently, finishing well. Really wants further than this.

**8 WESTERN ZEPHYR (IRE) (30) (D) 90**  
1/32454P-1 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Charlie Longsdon

**Sean Bowen**

Winner of 3 of his half-a-dozen starts over hurdles and positive start in this sphere last season. Given a chance by the handicapper and finally got off the mark in this sphere on return following a wind op in 5-runner handicap at Carlisle (15.9f) last month. Must build on that now.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**6-5** L'eau Du Sud, **3-1** Lookaway, **8-1** Petit Tonnerre, **10-1** Western Zephyr, **12-1** San Salvador, **28-1** Breizh River, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

An Arkle trial in name only, L'EAU DU SUD the sort of good-class handicap hurdler his stable almost routinely turn into even better chasers and he's strongly fancied to take the step up in class in his stride and make it 2-2 in this sphere. Lookaway showed his likeable attitude when making a winning return/chase debut at Uttoxeter recently, so he heads up the dangers with improvement on the cards, with Western Zephyr taken to edge out San Salvador for third.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. L'EAU DU SUD 2. LOOKAWAY 3. WESTERN ZEPHYR**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Homme Public</b> 6-11-4	13-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	4
2022	<b>Banbridge</b> 6-11-4	11-8f	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	J. J. Slevin	6
2021	<b>Third Time Lucki</b> 6-11-5	2-5f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	4
2020	<b>Eldorado Allen</b> 6-11-2	13-2	Colin Tizzard	Robbie Power	6
2019	<b>Put The Kettle On</b> 5-10-9	6-1	Henry de Bromhead	Aidan Coleman	4

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.20**

**PADDY POWER GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 4yo+ £150,000 2½m44y (4060 Metres)**

RACE 4



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

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Very Strong**

<b>1</b>	<b>PROTEKTORAT (FR) (218)</b> (CD)	t	<b>98</b>
	45/432313- 9 12-0   76.2kg Dan Skelton <b>Harry Skelton</b> Won the 2022 Betfair Chase at Haydock. Came up a little short in top-level staying races subsequently but a drop in trip saw him bounce back to winning ways in the Ryanair at the Festival in March. Backed that up when 2½ lengths third to Jonbon at Aintree. Clear top weight but still respected.		
<b>2</b>	<b>GA LAW (FR) (35)</b> (CD)	s	<b>99</b>
	5P/671P2-2 8 11-2   70.8kg Jamie Snowden <b>Gavin Sheehan</b> Won this race 2 years ago and bagged another big middle-distance handicap here in January. Better than ever when second on 19.5f Chepstow reappearance in January and his fine course record earns him a place on the shortlist.		
<b>3</b>	<b>GINNY'S DESTINY (IRE) (219)</b> (CD)	★	<b>100</b>
	23/711122- 8 11-2   70.8kg Paul Nicholls <b>Harry Cobden</b> Had an excellent first campaign over fences with the Paul Nicholls yard, including a course hat-trick between November and January. Even better form when second to Gray Dawning at the Festival in March and runner-up in another Grade 1 at Aintree on final start. A bold show looks assured.		
<b>4</b>	<b>EDITEUR DU GITE (FR) (35)</b> (C)		<b>97</b>
	4/5415P-P9 10 11-1   70.3kg Gary & Josh Moore <b>Niall Houlihan</b> Bold-jumping front runner whose Desert Orchid success at Kempton last Christmas shows he's still really smart on his day. However, he's been well below that level in 4 outings since, dropping away tamely at Chepstow last month.		
<b>5</b>	<b>JANIDIL (FR) (104)</b> (D, BF)	b+t	<b>92</b>
	7F/230P-F3 10 11-0   69.9kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <b>B. Hayes</b> Hasn't been at his best since chasing home Allaho in the Clonmel Oil last November but his stamina might have been stretched by 22.5f on soft ground when only third when favourite for a Galway conditions race in August. First-time blinkers replace cheekpieces.		
<b>6</b>	<b>FUGITIF (FR) (217)</b> (CD)	t	<b>98</b>
	225/413PP- 9 10-13   69.4kg Richard Hobson <b>Sean Bowen</b> Finally landed a big pot in December Gold Cup here last December. Ended last season with a whimper but back to only 1 lb above that winning mark if a 7-month break and wind surgery have a reviving effect.		
<b>7</b>	<b>IMAGINE (FR) (307)</b>		<b>97</b>
	22253/114- 6 10-6   66.2kg Harry Derham <b>Paul O'Brien</b> Looked an exciting chasing prospect when successful at Fairyhouse and Punchestown (Grade 2) last November. Well below par when only fourth back at Punchestown in January. Subsequently sold out of Gordon Elliott's yard for 320,000 euros. Low-mileage chaser who remains capable of better.		
<b>8</b>	<b>JETOILE (IRE) (35)</b> (D)	t	<b>97</b>
	411/14P-40 9 10-6   66.2kg Ryan Potter <b>Dylan Johnston (31b/1kg)</b> Won handicap chases in 2022, notably the Old Roan at Aintree. Matched that form when fourth to the reopposing Lets Go Champ at Punchestown in May. Looked rusty back from break at Chepstow 5 weeks ago and needs to have come on a lot.		
<b>9</b>	<b>IN EXCELSIS DEO (FR) (108)</b> (CD)	s	<b>98</b>
	32/32U51-P 6 10-4   65.3kg Harry Fry <b>Bryan Carver</b> Career best when winning the Silver Trophy over 20.5f here in April. Ran poorly in the Galway Plate in first-time cheekpieces (retained) in July but he has a good Cheltenham record and his yard in among the winners. Respected.		

<b>10</b>	<b>LETS GO CHAMP (IRE) (108)</b> (D)		<b>97</b>
	212/323-16 9 10-2   64.4kg Henry de Bromhead, Ireland <b>M. P. O'Connor (31b/1kg)</b> Just his second handicap chase when readily justifying market support in a big field at Punchestown in May. Respectable sixth of 22 in Galway Plate (22.5f) 3 months later. Possible that trip just stretched him and could resume his progression now.		
<b>11</b>	<b>HARTUR D'ARC (FR) (229)</b> (D)		<b>96</b>
	80323110- 7 10-2(10-1)   64.4kg (64.0kg) Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland <b>Jonathan Burke</b> Won a 2½m Cork maiden chase and Leinster National at Naas (25.5f) on first 2 outings for Gavin Cromwell. Stamina might have been stretched in the Irish Grand National final start. Drops back significantly in trip on his reappearance for a stable whose Cheltenham runners always merit respect.		
<b>12</b>	<b>MADARA (FR) (14)</b> (C)		<b>97</b>
	82U6119-8 5 10-2(10-1)   64.4kg (64.0kg) Dan Skelton <b>Tristan Durrell (31b/1kg)</b> Much improved for Sophie Leach last term, winning good 2m handicaps here and at Leopardstown. Lacklustre display on Ascot reappearance a fortnight ago (only run for Kieran Burke). Dan Skelton hasn't had long to work his magic but still no shock to see a big run. Up in trip.		
<b>13</b>	<b>IL RIDOTO (FR) (35)</b> (CD)	s+t	<b>96</b>
	P/32308P-5 7 10-2(9-13)   64.4kg (63.0kg) Paul Nicholls <b>Freddie Gingell (31b/1kg)</b> Likeable sort who was third in this last year before finishing second to Fugitif and third to Ga Law in other strong handicaps here in December/January. Didn't shape with obvious promise on last month's Chepstow reappearance after wind surgery but course form makes him a dangerous one to dismiss.		
<b>14</b>	<b>STRAW FAN JACK (203)</b> (C)	s	<b>93</b>
	444/23036- 9 10-2(9-10)   64.4kg (61.7kg) Sheila Lewis <b>Sean Houlihan</b> Smart in his novice chase season. Didn't reach quite the same level in the last campaign but did finish third in the Plate at the Festival. Has to race from 6 lb out of handicap on reappearance.		
<b>15</b>	<b>WEVEALLBEENCAUGHT (IRE) (21)</b> (C, D)	s	<b>91</b>
	P/32260-32 7 10-2(9-6)   64.4kg (59.9kg) Christian Williams <b>Jack Tudor</b> Useful hurdler/chaser for Nigel Twiston-Davies. Has run up to his best in novices at Worcester and this venue (handicap) for new yard this autumn but a big career best will be needed from 10 lb out of the handicap.		

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Ginny's Destiny, **6-1** Imagine, **8-1** Ga Law, **8-1** Il Ridoto, **12-1** Lets Go Champ, **14-1** In Excelsis Deo, **20-1** Protektorat, **22-1** Jetoile, **22-1** Madara, **25-1** Straw Fan Jack, **28-1** Hartur D'arc, **28-1** Weveallbeencaught, **33-1** Fugitif, **33-1** Janidil, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

GINNY'S DESTINY has a similar profile to Stage Star who won this for the Nicholls/Cobden combination last year and can enhance his excellent Cheltenham record. 2022 winner Ga Law is feared most on the back of his fine reappearance second at Chepstow. In Excelsis Deo, another with strong Cheltenham form, is next on the list ahead of Harry Derham's new recruit Imagine.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GINNY'S DESTINY 2. GA LAW 3. IN EXCELSIS DEO**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Stage Star</b> 7-11-7	4-1f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	14
2022	<b>Ga Law</b> 6-11-0	5-1	Jamie Snowden	Jonathan Burke	14
2021	<b>Midnight Shadow</b> 8-11-5	9-1	Sue Smith	Ryan Mania	19
2020	<b>Coole Cody</b> 9-10-5	10-1	Evan Williams	Tom O'Brien	16
2019	<b>Happy Diva</b> 8-11-3	14-1	Kerry Lee	Richard Patrick (3)	17

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.55****FROM THE HORSES MOUTH PODCAST HANDICAP HURDLE  
(2) 4yo+ £30,000 2m7f208y (4820 Metres)**

RACE 5

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 GOWEL ROAD (IRE) (21) (C) 99**  
21/47346-2 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Held his form well last season and he resumed with a good second of 12 in handicap over C&D 21 days ago. No surprise to see another good run from this course winner.

**2 ZEEBAND (IRE) (21) t 98**  
110-41192 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Paul John Gilligan, Ireland

**Jack G. Gilligan (5lb/2kg)**

A dual hurdles winner in the summer who got right back on track when a clear second of 10 in handicap hurdle at Galway (21.9f, good to soft) 21 days ago. Can give another good account for last year's winning yard despite a 7 lb rise.

**3 CAPTAIN MORGS (IRE) (21) (CD) s 95**  
P/42PP-14P 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Nicky Henderson

**Paul O'Brien**

C&D winner but he's an unreliable individual and was pulled up on the back of a breathing op in handicap chase here (25f, good) 21 days ago. Has work to do.

**4 EMAILANDY (IRE) (203) s+t 96**  
3/1322319- 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Paul Nicholls

**Harry Cobden**

Resumed winning ways at Plumpton (20.5f) in March but only ninth in handicap hurdle at Sandown (19.8f) following month. Has won off a break so not ruled out on his return.

**5 DEEP CAVE (IRE) (22) 93**  
54/IFF-510 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Christian Williams

**Nick Scholfield**

Successful chaser in France who doubled his career tally when bagging minor event hurdle at Clairefontaine (17.7f) in July. Looked rusty for his new yard when tenth of 13 in handicap hurdle here (19.9f, good) 22 days ago. Can take a step forward now.

**6 ITSO FURY (IRE) (14) (D) t 98**  
135-44621 7 10-13 | 69.4kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Useful winning hurdler who cosily got off the mark over fences in 3m Wetherby handicap two weeks ago. Very much one to consider now reverting to this sphere.

**7 NOBLE BIRTH (34) (BF) t 97**  
24910-273 7 10-13 | 69.4kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

**Daniel King**

A fairly useful 23f hurdles winner for Eric McNamara. Shaped well on his yard debut when third of 12 in handicap chase at Cork (3m) 34 days ago. Usual tongue strap goes back on now and not without interest.

**8 QUICK DRAW (IRE) (20) (D) 93**  
1P3/1P1-P6 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Nicky Henderson

**Nico de Boinville**

Has an all-or-nothing profile but made it 4 wins over fences for his current yard at Wincanton in February. Has run poorly both starts this term though and reverts to hurdles with lots more required.

**9 DOYEN QUEST (IRE) (35) (C, BF) ★ 100**  
0631211-2 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Likeable sort who signed off last term with gutsy success here in April. Resumed his progress on seasonal return with an excellent second of 17 in handicap at Chepstow (19.4f) 35 days ago. That form has been franked so big shout also stepping up in trip.

**10 HARDY BOY (FR) (21) 99**  
3P221424 7 10-9 | 67.6kg



Ben Pauling

**Ben Jones**

Back to winning ways at Market Rasen in August and has continued in good form, fourth of 12 over C&D 21 days ago. Ought to be in the shake-up again.

**11 THANKSFORTHEHELP (FR) (29) (D) s+t 99**  
34101/P0-6 7 10-3 | 64.9kg



David Pipe

**Jack Tudor**

Won twice over hurdles last spring but lightly raced and disappointing since, only sixth of 8 in 2m4f Uttoxeter handicap last month. Has plenty to prove.

**12 PINNACLE PEAK (365) (C, D) s 96**  
P63/1414- 9 10-3 | 64.9kg



Martin Keighley

**Sean Bowen**

In fine form when last seen out 12 months ago, scoring here and posting a good fourth of 20 in handicap hurdle here (21f). Has won off a break so no forlorn hope despite his long absence.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Doyen Quest, **6-1** Gowel Road, **8-1** Emailandy, **10-1** Thanksforthehelp, **11-1** Noble Birth, **12-1** Zeeband, **14-1** Hardy Boy, **16-1** Itso Fury, **20-1** Pinnacle Peak, **20-1** Quick Draw, **28-1** Captain Morgs, **80-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Plenty are in with a shout but it's hard to side against Dan Skelton's upwardly-mobile DOYEN QUEST who resumed with an excellent second in a big-field Chepstow handicap (form been franked) and still looks ahead of his mark with this longer trip also a likely plus. Gavin Cromwell's new recruit Noble Birth could emerge as the main danger although fellow Irish challenger Zeeband commands plenty of respect for last year's winning yard. In-form duo Gowel Road and Itso Fury can both have a say too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. DOYEN QUEST 2. NOBLE BIRTH 3. ZEEBAND****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Buddy One</b> 6-12-0	9-4f	Paul John Gilligan	Jack G. Gilligan (7)	15
2022	<b>Annual Invictus</b> 7-11-5	12-1	Chris Gordon	Tom Cannon	12
2021	<b>Sporting John</b> 6-11-12	9-2	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	9
2020	<b>On The Blind Side</b> 8-11-6	7-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	10
2019	<b>Golan Fortune</b> 7-10-7	14-1	Phil Middleton	Mr Sam Lee (7)	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.30****PADDY POWER INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+  
(Rated 0-140) £22,500 2m5f (4220 Metres)**

RACE 6

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Even**

**1 KINGS HILL (IRE) (22) 98**  
192-40323 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Paul John Gilligan, Ireland

**Jack G. Gilligan (5lb/2kg)**

Useful handicap hurdler who returned to something like his best when third in handicap at Killarney (17f, soft) in August. Disappointed when last of 3 in small-field Sligo hurdle 3 weeks ago but still unexposed at this sort of trip now returned to handicaps.

**2 CHAMPAGNE TWIST (IRE) (218) (BF) 97**  
42119- 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Ben Pauling

**Ben Jones**

Off the mark at third attempt in Doncaster maiden (19.4f) in January and improved further when collaring stablemate late in competitive EBF Final handicap at Sandown (19.8f) in March. Final outing at Aintree best excused and he returns with yard in great nick. Respected.

**3 WYENOT (22) (C) 96**  
3/11P13-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Henry Daly

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

5-y-o mare who has quickly built up a healthy strike rate over hurdles, making it 4 wins from 6 starts when successful on return in 13-runner handicap here (19.9f) 3 weeks ago. 6 lb higher mark demands more but another who is unexposed at this trip.

**4 MAJOR FORTUNE (IRE) (17) (D) 95**  
5111112-1 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Big improver when stepped up to 2½m+ last season, winning 5 on the spin and picked up where he left off when scoring with plenty in hand on his return at Newton Abbot (16.8f) last month, coping well with the return to 2m. Needs respecting from revised mark back up appreciably in distance.

**5 FIRE FLYER (IRE) (203) 98**  
17/2211P0- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Paul Nicholls

**Harry Cobden**

Won a pair of novice hurdles at up to 19f in February. Disappointed in a couple of Sandown handicap hurdles in the spring but no surprise where he to bounce back to form with a bang after 6 months off/following wind surgery.

**6 KOORI STAR (IRE) (20) (BF) 97**  
189 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Peter Fahey, Ireland

**Jonathan Burke**

Winning pointer who made perfect start under Rules when successful in 12-runner Sligo maiden hurdle (17.8f) in June. Struggled up in class next time and unable to justify support when ninth of 14 on handicap hurdle debut at Galway (2m, heavy) 20 days ago. Significantly back up in trip.

**7 LONG DRAW (IRE) (20) (BF) 99**  
344-1222 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



Olly Murphy

**Sean Bowen**

£60,000 Irish point recruit very much on the up since switched to handicaps, winning at Ffos Las (20f) in May and surpassed that form when runner-up all 3 starts since, held only late on at Aintree (20f) 20 days ago. Worth considering up 3 lb with yard firmly amongst the winners.

**8 WONDERFUL EAGLE (GER) (57) 99**  
11348-1 5 10-9 | 67.6kg



Philip Hobbs &amp; Johnson White

**Micheal Nolan**

Fairly useful Flat winner in Germany. Built up a good strike rate in both codes for new yard, twice a winner on the level this summer before adding to his tally in this sphere (value for extra) at Newton Abbot (21.5f) in September. Good third on Flat latest and respected here.

**9 HAMSIYANN (IRE) (237) 100**  
8023- 4 10-2 | 64.4kg



A. J. Martin, Ireland

**Daniel King**

Progressive as a juvenile hurdler last season, unlucky not to finish closer when very good third at Ascot (15.7f) in March. Useful effort when chasing home stablemate Alphonse Le Grande in Chester Plate (2¼m) sole start since in May and fascinating runner for stable who took this 2 years ago.

**10 MIKIMOTO (28) 97**  
1/22-4 5 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Martin Keighley

**Daire McConville (7lb/3kg)**

Successful only start in bumpers for Henry Daly. Promise over hurdles for new yard, runner-up first 2 starts last year and possibly needing the run after 10 months off when fourth in a Stratford maiden 922f, heavy) 4 weeks ago. Does need to brush up his jumping now handicapping, though.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Champagne Twist, **11-2** Hamsiyann, **11-2** Major Fortune, **13-2** Wyenot, **8-1** Long Draw, **9-1** Fire Flyer, **10-1** Wonderful Eagle, **16-1** Kings Hill, **16-1** Koori Star, **33-1** Mikimoto

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Tony Martin took this prize 2 years ago and looks to hold prime claims again with his 4-y-o HAMSIYANN. Progressive in a handful of starts over hurdles last term, he ran his best race yet on the Flat when chasing home his stablemate in the Chester Plate back in May. Unexposed at this trip and appealing as being on a handy mark, he's very much of interest. Last-time-out winners Wonderful Eagle and Major Fortune command respect also, as do Champagne Twist and Long Draw.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HAMSIYANN 2. WONDERFUL EAGLE 3. MAJOR FORTUNE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Springwell Bay</b> 6-12-0	85-40f Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	9
2022	<b>Unanswered</b> 5-10-5	2-1f A. J. Martin	Peter Carberry	10
2021	<b>Gowel Road</b> 5-11-10	13-2 Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	11
2020	<b>Stimulating Song</b> 5-11-3	9-1 Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	9
2019	<b>Jatiluwh</b> 5-11-10	11-4f Philip Hobbs	Mr David Maxwell (3)	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.00**

RACE 7

**KARNDEAN DESIGNFLOORING MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Listed) (1) 4 and 5yo £22,500 2m87y (3300 Metres)**




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


Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 AUDACIOUS ANNIE (284) (D) 91**  
16- 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Jamie Snowden **Gavin Sheehan**  
Half-sister to numerous winners and justified strong market support when making a successful debut in a Wetherby bumper around a year ago. Easy to pick holes in that form, though, and didn't fire in listed company at Market Rasen 9 months ago.

**2 CRYING LIGHTNING (IRE) 86**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
€26,000 3-y-o, Shirocco filly. Dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 21f) Guitar Pete. Tough starting point for a newcomer.


**3 EVEREST (21) 86**  
27 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Gary & Josh Moore **Niall Houlihan**  
Kayf Tara mare who was a promising second of 11 on her Southwell debut in June but failed to build on it over C&D three weeks ago. Hard to fancy.


**4 HAY MEADOW (IRE) (51) (D) 84**  
1 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Lucinda Russell **Derek Fox**  
Point winner who made the ideal start under Rules when landing a 5-runner bumper at Perth 51 days ago. This demands a lot more, though.

**5 JASMINE D'AIRY (FR) (191) 96**  
1 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Harry Derham **Mr Ben Sutton**  
Runner-up both starts in points prior to readily landing a Tipperary bumper for Sam Curling 6 months ago. Has joined new connections since and looks a player.


**6 KORINTHIA (IRE) (28) (D) 100**  
11 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Mr P. W. Mullins**  
Filly who hails from top yard and has looked an excellent prospect in landing her first two starts, again impressive at Limerick last time. Sets the standard with more to come.

**7 RIVIERA WALK (IRE) (38) (D) 92**  
1 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**  
Half-sister to French hurdler/chase winner Diamantaire and just held on when making a successful debut at Sedgfield 38 days ago. Should do better, so not out of place in this company.

**8 SEO LINN (IRE) (43) (D) 95**  
214 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 P. Twomey, Ireland **William James Lee**  
4/5, Built on promising debut when winning 8-runner bumper at Ballinrobe (16.4f, soft) in August followed by a respectable fourth in a listed event at Gowran. Not a forlorn hope.

**9 SETTLE DOWN JILL (IRE) 92**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**  
€8,000 3-y-o, £120,000 4-y-o, Affinisea filly. Half-sister to 2 winners, including fair chaser Soloman Lane. Dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 2½m) Nietzsche. Won only outing in Irish points (Feb 2024) and significant that top yard starts her out at this level.


**10 SIOG GEAL (IRE) (20) (BF) 94**  
2 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**  
£80,000 buy after winning her sole outing in Irish points in February and showed plenty when a clear second at Aintree first time out under Rules. Not discounted.


**11 ST IRENE (IRE) (186) 90**  
1 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 B. F. Brookhouse **Jack Quinlan**  
Out of a hurdling winner and well prepared for debut when scoring at Southwell 6 months ago. Could take a step forward if fit for this.

**12 STRONG RUN (29) 93**  
2 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Fergal O'Brien **Liam Harrison**  
Sister to useful bumper winner/very smart hurdler Strong Leader and bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler Strong Glance. Solid start when runner-up at Uttoxeter and, given her pedigree, can be expected to improve.

**13 THAT'LL DO MOSS (154) 89**  
1 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Fergal O'Brien **Sean Bowen**  
Successful on second of 2 starts in points and maintained unbeaten record in 7-runner bumper at Market Rasen 5 months ago. This demands a lot more.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Korinthia, **13-2** Jasmine D'airy, **15-2** Settle Down Jill, **12-1** Seo Linn, **14-1** Strong Run, **18-1** Siog Geal, **20-1** Crying Lightning, **22-1** Riviera Walk, **22-1** St Irene, **22-1** That'll Do Moss, **28-1** Audacious Annie, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

KORINTHIA has looked well above average to date and her yard has no peer in this division, so she's preferred to Jasmine d'Airy, who made a successful start under Rules for her former yard at Tipperary 6 months ago. Point winner Settle Down Jill looks a big danger.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. KORINTHIA 2. JASMINE D'AIRY 3. SETTLE DOWN JILL**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Baby Kate</b> 4-11-2	7-2	W. P. Mullins	B. Hayes	15
2022	<b>Queens Gamble</b> 4-11-0	9-4f	Oliver Sherwood	Jonathan Burke	16
2021	<b>Bonttay</b> 4-11-0	2-1f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	15
2020	<b>Elle Est Belle</b> 4-11-0	16-5	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	10
	<b>Ishkhara Lady</b> 6-11-0	11-2	Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	10
2019	<b>Urban Artist</b> 4-11-0	16-1	Hughie Morrison	Nico de Boinville	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race