

Saturday 16th November

UTTOXETER



12.10 CROWN CELLARS WINE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f207y (4010 Metres)

RACE 1 **(4) KINGSTON PRIDE | (1) FRENCH SYMPHONY | (5) LAND AFAR**

12.45 QUINNBET NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) KABUKI | (6) WOODSTOCK CITY | (8) EITHER WAY**

1.20 CARLSBERG MARSTON'S BREWING COMPANY HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3¼m13y (5240 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) AJP KINGDOM | (2) MY GIFT TO YOU | (5) THE WREKIN**

1.53 1664 BIERE MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 1m7f214y (3210 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) ISABELLA BEE | (3) LIME DROP | (5) LOVE TREE**

2.28 EUROPEAN HEATHYARDS 50th ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f207y (4010 Metres)

RACE 5 **(6) CUBAN COURT | (1) FORTTOWNS | (5) EMANATE**

3.03 KEITH BAILEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 6 **(6) ROCK ON TOMMY | (4) CAWTHORNE CRACKER | (2) GARITSA BAY**

3.38 SOMERSBY CIDER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) DRACO MALFOY | (5) KARONACHO | (4) JOHN BARBOUR**

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.

12.10

CROWN CELLARS WINE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700
2m3f207y (4010 Metres)

RACE 1



Going: **Good**

Left handed, sharp. Although tight in nature, the track has a reputation for gruelling conditions during the winter, ability to see out the trip being of paramount importance. When the going is on the firm side it often pays to race prominently, especially on the chase course. Fences below average in terms of numbers of fallers/unseats.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 FRENCH SYMPHONY (IRE) (24) (BF) 99
 335-3 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ben Pauling

Kielan Woods

Winning pointer who was placed on the first of 2 starts in bumpers and shaped as if better for the run when third on his Fontwell hurdling debut (19.1f) 24 days ago. Should improve.

2 JOB (FR) (31) h 98
 74-3 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Toby Lawes

K. Brogan

Fourth sole start in Irish points (May 2023) and shaped much better than he had in a couple of bumpers when third of 13 on his Wetherby hurdling debut (19.7f) last month. Entitled to do better.

3 JUMBLE JURY (FR) (18) h 50
 45-0 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Neil King

Lilly Pinchin

Showed a bit on the first of 2 starts in bumpers but was beaten a long way out on his recent Chepstow hurdling debut. Hooded for 1st time.

4 KINGSTON PRIDE (IRE) (211) 100
 21- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Nicky Henderson

James Bowen

Successful sole start in Irish points in April 2023 (decent form) and confirmed the promise of his Rules debut when readily landing the odds in an Exeter bumper in April. Stable could be in better form but he rates a useful prospect for novice hurdles nonetheless.

5 LAND AFAR (IRE) (244) 100
 14/2- 9 11-4 | 71.7kg



Kim Bailey

Tom Bellamy

Has clearly had his problems since showing fairly useful form in bumpers for Anthony McCann but shaped well back over hurdles after 22 months when second of 15 at Huntingdon (19.6f, heavy) in March. Off a further 8 months but still needs considering.

6 PORTOBELLO GIRL (16) 76
 45-0 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Alastair Ralph

Murray Dodd (71b/3kg)

Regressive in bumpers for Nigel Twiston-Davies and showed nothing sent hurdling after 8 months off at Stratford 16 days ago.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Kingston Pride, **10-3** French Symphony, **4-1** Land Afar, **5-1** Job, **33-1** Portobello Girl, **150-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KINGSTON PRIDE impressed in a brace of bumpers and looks one to follow now going hurdling. French Symphony should improve on his opening effort in this sphere at Fontwell and is feared most ahead of Land Afar.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KINGSTON PRIDE 2. FRENCH SYMPHONY 3. LAND AFAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Easy To Follow	5-10-11	17-2	Dr Richard Newland	Luke Scott (5)	7
2022	Supreme Gift	5-11-4	11-4	Henry Daly	Charlie Deutsch	10
2021	Jack Sharp	6-11-4	11-10f	Alastair Ralph	Jonathan Burke	10
2020 ^h	What About Time	6-11-0	10-1	Charlie Longsdon	William Kennedy	11
2020 ^h	Paddys Motorbike	8-11-0	2-1	Sam Thomas	Jordan Nailor (5)	10
2019	Orrisdale	5-11-0	7-2	Jonjo O'Neill	Nick Scholfield	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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QUINNBET NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 2



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**


WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Booster Bob 5-11-7	4-6f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	8
2022	Strong Leader 5-11-0	4-6f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	7
2021	Iontach Cheval 5-10-12	10-1	Alastair Ralph	Nick Scholfield	8
2020	Press Your Luck 5-11-5	11-10f	Chris Gordon	Joshua Moore	13
2019	Alnadam 6-10-12	6-1	Dan Skelton	Bridget Andrews	10


SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


1 BEAMING LIGHT (350) h 75
R0- 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Laura Horsfall** *K. Brogan*
Modest maiden on the Flat, only seventh of 12 in handicap at Wolverhampton (8.6f) 33 days ago. Makes hurdles debut with more needed.


2 FIRST CUT (28) 75
08 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Stuart Edmunds** *Charlie Hammond*
Modest maiden on the level and well held in a pair of maiden hurdles last month. Hard to warm to.


3 KABUKI (FR) (27) ★ 100
15-43 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Donald McCain** *Theo Gillard*
Bumper winner last December and has shown promise in this sphere, still not the finished article when third of 9 in novice (7/4) at Sedgefield (16.8f, good to soft) 27 days ago. Leading form claims.


4 LAND OF MOON (FR) (18) 88
30-49 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Warren Greatrex** *James Bowen*
Fair form shown in bumpers but had a wind up before coming in only ninth of 14 in novice hurdle (14/1) at Bangor (16.7f, heavy) on hurdles bow 18 days ago. Big step forward is required.


5 NATHANAEL GREENE (36) 87
P-0 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Alastair Ralph** *Ciaran Gethings*
A useful winner on Flat (stays 2m) for William Haggas. Changed hands for 45,000 gns but well held both hurdling runs, latest in 2m Chepstow novice last month. Has lots to prove.


6 WOODSTOCK CITY (20) 98
F4 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Ian Williams** *Charlie Todd*
A fairly useful 10f winner on Flat who posted a good fourth of 16 in novice hurdle at Wincanton (15.2f, good) 20 days ago. Merits consideration.

7 ANNIE DON (IRE) (23) 85
09 5 10-7 | 66.7kg

 **Henry Oliver** *Brendan Powell*
Well held in a Southwell bumper in May and novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m) 23 days ago. Hard to make a case for.

8 EITHER WAY (IRE) (165) 92
95 5 10-7 | 66.7kg

 **Nicky Henderson** *David Bass*
Runner-up sole start in Irish points and joined a top yard but proved too free in a pair of Southwell bumpers in early summer. Shouldn't be written off now going hurdling.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Kabuki, **5-2** Woodstock City, **9-2** Either Way, **10-1** Land of Moon, **12-1** Nathanael Greene, **33-1** Annie Don, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Donald McCain's fairly useful bumper scorer KABUKI looks to have more to offer yet so is fancied to gain a first win in this sphere at the chief expense of form rival Woodstock City. Nicky Henderson's hurdling debutante Either Way could also have a say, especially if the market vibes are positive.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KABUKI 2. WOODSTOCK CITY 3. EITHER WAY

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RACE 3

CARLSBERG MARSTON'S BREWING COMPANY HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 3¼m13y (5240 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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|----------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | SPORTING ACE (IRE) (267)
224/71622- 8 11-10 74.4kg | s | 98 |
| | Neil King | | James Bowen |
| | Stepped up on low-key chase debut when landing a Chepstow handicap (23.6f, heavy) last December. Runner-up on 2 of his 3 subsequent starts and likely to be on the premises if ready to roll following an 8-month absence. | | |
| 2 | MY GIFT TO YOU (IRE) (27) (D)
22732341 6 11-8 73.5kg | t | 100 |
| | James Owen | | Tom Bellamy |
| | Enhanced good strike rate over fences (and fine overall record since joining this yard) when scoring at Sedgefield (26.3f, good to soft) last month. Shade more needed up 6 lb but he may well be equal to the task. | | |
| 3 | AJP KINGDOM (IRE) (18) (C)
PP-P25342 7 11-8 73.5kg | s | 99 |
| | Fergal O'Brien | | Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg) |
| | Three-time hurdles winner who returned to form on second chase start when runner-up at Worcester (23f, good) in June. Let down by shoddy jumping next 3 runs but better in that department when chasing home subsequent Grand Sefton winner King Turgeon in first-time cheekpieces at Chepstow recently. | | |
| 4 | AQUILA SKY (IRE) (161)
86353-4 9 11-3 71.2kg | t | 98 |
| | Sam Allwood | | Charlie Todd |
| | Fairly useful hurdler who produced his best effort to date over fences when a close third in a 26.3f Chepstow handicap during the spring. However, it was all rather laboured tried in cheekpieces (discarded here) at Bangor next time and he looks vulnerable from a win point of view. | | |
| 5 | THE WREKIN (IRE) (29)
632/U21-4 8 11-2 70.8kg | s | 98 |
| | Henry Daly | | Alice Stevens (5lb/2kg) |
| | Off the mark over fences at fourth attempt when taking 5-runner Market Rasen handicap (3m, good) in August of last year. Shaped as though ability remains intact on first run since when fourth here last month and that will have blown away the cobwebs. Cheekpieces refitted. | | |

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
2-1 My Gift To You, **10-3** Ajp Kingdom, **4-1** Sporting Ace, **11-2** The Wrekin, **7-1** Aquila Sky

TIMEFORM VIEW:
 Granted an error-free round of jumping, AJP KINGDOM may well be the answer. He couldn't live with King Turgeon at Chepstow but that form looks all the better in light of the winner's subsequent success over the National fences at Aintree. There's no doubt that this 7-y-o is on a good mark and he is marginally preferred to the consistent My Gift To You. The Wrekin should come on for this recent comeback run and also merits respect, while Sporting Ace needs a second look, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. AJP KINGDOM 2. MY GIFT TO YOU 3. THE WREKIN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Tea For Free 7-12-0	evsf	Charlie Longsdon	Lilly Pinchin (3)	10
2021	Sandy Boy 7-10-12	7-2	Philip Hobbs	Ben Jones	6
2020	Just Your Type 8-11-9	11-2	Charlie Longsdon	William Kennedy	10
2019	Petite Power 10-11-2	5-6f	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (7)	4

SMART STATS:
 No Smart Stats available for this race

1.53

1664 BIERE MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £8,900 1m7f214y (3210 Metres)










RACE 4



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

	1 ISABELLA BEE (IRE) (38) (C, D) 100 16-53213F 7 12-0 76.2kg		J. Hogan (31b/1kg)
Built on encouraging chase debut effort when taking 9-runner handicap at Worcester (16.5f) in August. Not in same form when third back at that venue but shaped as if back at the top of her game before falling at Ludlow's notoriously tricky fourth last 5 weeks ago. Remains of interest.			
	2 IP UP (FR) (28) (D) 96 321426-54 6 11-10 74.4kg		Craig Nichol
Fair hurdler/chaser in France who won 2m handicap hurdles at Fakenham and Newcastle upon joining this yard. However, down the field both starts this term so has something to prove.			
	3 LIME DROP (FR) (27) (D) 98 0/223225-2 8 11-4 71.7kg		Alice Stevens (51b/2kg)
Filled the runner-up spot on 5 of her 7 starts over fences, including at Kempton on return last month. In the mix again.			
	4 INSPIRATRICE (IRE) (311) (D, BF) 98 1U30/4622- 5 11-3 71.2kg	h	James Bowen
Nicky Martin Took well to fences in light campaign last season though doesn't look particularly well treated.			
	5 LOVE TREE (IRE) (12) (D) 95 221451-2 4 11-0 69.9kg	h+t	Tom Bellamy
James Owen Runner-up twice in bumpers prior to scoring readily on her Ludlow hurdles debut just before Christmas. Too free next 2 starts but a hood had the desired effect when landing 11-runner novice at Chepstow in March. Excellent second at Hereford on return and looks an interesting recruit to chasing.			
	6 OMAHA WISH (FR) (77) (D) 98 9/3433-1F7 6 10-12 68.9kg	t	Charlie Todd
Sam Allwood Cemented positive start made over fences when landing Fakenham handicap in June. Fell at Market Rasen next time and disappointed back over hurdles at Newton Abbot a month later. Subsequently sold from Dan Skelton £1,000 in October.			
	7 RIVER ROBE (IRE) (18) 99 15524735 5 10-4 65.3kg	s	James Best
Sarah-Jayne Davies Modest hurdler who was well held last time. Headgear applied for chase debut.			

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Lime Drop, **3-1** Isabella Bee, **7-2** Love Tree, **15-2** Inspiratrice, **14-1** Ip Up, **16-1** Omaha Wish, **28-1** River Robe

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ISABELLA BEE shaped as if back at the top of her game before falling at Ludlow's notoriously tricky fourth last, so is worth another chance. Lime Drop is a solid alternative, while progressive hurdler Love Tree is an interesting newcomer over fences.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ISABELLA BEE 2. LIME DROP 3. LOVE TREE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

EUROPEAN HEATHYARDS 50th ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m3f207y (4010 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 FORTTOWNS (IRE) (12) (BF) t 96
4333-5F45 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Pauling **Kielan Woods**
Good fourth of 14 on handicap debut here (15.8f, good to soft) following a wind op last month. Compromised his chance by jumping markedly left at Hereford recently and needs considering for in-form yard returned to this left-hand track.

2 PRESENT FAIR (IRE) (143) (C) 93
35146P8-3 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**
Brushed off a disappointing run over fences when winning 2m handicap back in this sphere at this course last December. Followed that with a string of below-par efforts but back on track when third of 13 following a wind op at Worcester (2½m, good) in June and he's one to consider.

3 COURT CIAN (IRE) (24) 94
7425/F54 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Stuart Edmunds **Ciaran Gethings**
Given a considerate return from a 4-month break back hurdling for his first outing since leaving M. Kehoe when fifth of 11 in novice at Bangor in September. Subsequent handicap debut fourth off this mark at Southwell (20.4f, good) was creditable and he's certainly not without hope.

4 JOHANNES (FR) (234) 92
6061P- 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



David Pipe **Tom Bellamy**
Fair 2m winner on the Flat in France and stepped up considerably on previous hurdling efforts upped in trip when making all on handicap debut at Taunton (19f, heavy) in February. However, he ran no sort of a race the following month at Wincanton and is entitled to come on for the run.

5 EMANATE (30) s 95
457-43273 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Neil Mulholland **James Bowen**
Winner of back-to-back 2m handicaps at Worcester last summer. Bounced back from a heavy defeat on the Flat when third returned to this sphere at Wincanton (21.4f, good) and he's not discounted.

6 CUBAN COURT (IRE) (157) t ★ 100
P4P28-756 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



Neil King **Lilly Pinchin**
Bumper winner who took a step in the right direction on the back of a wind op when second on handicap debut in a big-field event at Doncaster in January. Hasn't come close to matching that form since but, having slipped to a dangerous mark, he has to enter calculations.

7 PRIMARY EXPLOSIVE (15) 73
7P5 6 10-5 | 65.8kg



Ian Williams **Charlie Todd**
No show in 3 runs so far and huge step forward needed now pitched into a handicap.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Fourtowns, **9-2** Present Fair, **5-1** Emanate, **11-2** Court Cian, **7-1** Johannes, **15-2** Cuban Court, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A chance is taken on CUBAN COURT, who has failed to build on his highly encouraging handicap debut second at Doncaster in four subsequent starts but he's now 7 lb below the mark off which he was runner-up in that race on Town Moor. Fourtowns should appreciate returning to this left-handed track and he could be the main danger. Emanate and Present Fair also have claims.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CUBAN COURT 2. FORTTOWNS 3. EMANATE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	James Jet 6-12-0	5-1	Warren Greatrex	James Bowen	7
2022	Pardon Me 9-11-9	6-1	Michael & David Easterby	Conor O'Farrell	10
2021	Akkapenko 7-10-7	13-2	Dai Burchell	Ben Jones	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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KEITH BAILEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 6











Going: **Good**

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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|  | <p>1 SCHERBOBALOB (355) (D) 99
 94U15/6P8- 6 12-0 76.2kg
 Alastair Ralph Murray Dodd (71b/3kg)
 Shed maiden tag in quite convincing fashion at Ludlow (15.7f) in spring of last year and not disgraced next 2 starts. However, struggling for form during the autumn, eighth of 12 in handicap hurdle back at Ludlow 11 months ago. Market best guide on return/following wind surgery.</p> |
|  | <p>2 GARITSA BAY (IRE) (49) (D, BF) 94
 6841-3312 6 12-0 76.2kg
 Ian Williams Charlie Todd
 Compiling a solid record in handicaps, doubling his tally over 2m at Worcester in June and just as good back from 3 months off when second of 9 at Market Rasen (18.6f) 7 weeks ago. Nudged up further 2 lb ahead of this but respected nevertheless. Down in trip.</p> |
|  | <p>3 EZ TIGER (IRE) (11) (D) 94
 2F46-1531 7 11-9 73.9kg
 Alex Hales Kielan Woods
 Added to his tally at Plumpton (15.9f) in May and proved fitter for a recent run when posting a career-best effort to land 9-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m) 11 days ago. Should go well again up 5 lb.</p> |
|  | <p>4 CAWTHORNE CRACKER (IRE) (16) (BF) 97
 150081F3 5 11-7 73.0kg
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Craig Nichol
 Landed a gamble on the back of a breathing operation at Sedgefield (16.8f) in October. Looked set to follow up prior to final-flight fall back there 8 days later and he ran well with his revised mark having kicked in when third at Newcastle (16.9f) latest. In the mix again.</p> |
|  | <p>5 EL VIGARO (IRE) (15) 98
 408-592 5 11-0 69.9kg
 Matt Sheppard Richard Patrick
 Lightly-raced 5-y-o who made more impact than previously when second of 9 in a C&D handicap 15 days ago, no extra only late on. Remains one of the least exposed and not out of things.</p> |
|  | <p>6 ROCK ON TOMMY (130) (CD, BF) 100
 8P000-032 9 10-13 69.4kg
 Olly Murphy  Lewis Stones (31b/1kg)
 Three-time C&D winner who posted solid placed efforts returned to this C&D, likely to have benefited from a stronger gallop when runner-up in July. Commands respect back from a break given his solid record here.</p> |
|  | <p>7 ALLIBABA (29) 94
 P8/PP553-0 6 10-9 67.6kg
 Philip Kirby Bruce Lynn
 Better efforts for this yard in pair of handicaps during second half of 2023 but never figured after 11 months off in a C&D handicap 4 weeks ago. Others arrive with much more pressing claims.</p> |

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Cawthorne Cracker, **4-1** Garitsa Bay, **9-2** Ez Tiger, **5-1** Rock On Tommy, **5-1** El Vigaro, **14-1** Scherbobalob, **25-1** Allibaba

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Competitive fare for the grade with 3-time C&D winner ROCK ON TOMMY getting the nod. In good order when last seen during the summer, he returns from 4 months off with his yard in tremendous nick and looks too well-handicapped to ignore. Cawthorne Cracker and Garitsa Bay are a couple of others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROCK ON TOMMY 2. CAWTHORNE CRACKER 3. GARITSA BAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Heritier 6-11-9	7-4jf	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	5
2022	Bashful 4-11-2	8-1	Iain Jardine	Conor O'Farrell	11
2021	Gavin 3-9-9	33-1	Joe Ponting	Danny Burton (5)	11
2020	Detached 8-11-12	4-1jf	Henry Oliver	Ben Godfrey (7)	13
2019	Richardofdoccombe 13-10-5	13-2	Gail Haywood	Rex Dingle (5)	10

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SOMERSBY CIDER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)

RACE 7



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Gamesters Guy 4-11-2	15-2	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	8
2022	Bowenspark 4-11-2	7-1	Henry Daly	Charlie Deutsch	11
2021	Benign Dictator 4-11-0	12-1	Olly Murphy	Fergus Gregory (3)	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 BERKSHIRE LAD (IRE) (27) **100**
0-3 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Oliver Signy *David Bass*
Related to a bumper winner and stepped up on debut when third at Sedgfield 27 days ago, albeit carrying his head awkwardly. Could feature.

2 DOCTOR LOVE (FR)
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Alastair Ralph *Ciaran Gethings*
€80,000 3-y-o, Doctor Dino gelding. Half-brother to 2 winners, including fairly useful French chaser Vandrimar. Interesting newcomer on paper.

3 DRACO MALFOY (IRE)
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Kim Bailey *Tom Bellamy*
€58,000 3-y-o, €140,000 4-y-o, Harzand gelding. Dam (h93), maiden hurdler (stayed 2½m), half-sister to high-class hurdler (2m-19f winner) lktitaf. Successful on second of 2 outings in Irish points (Apr 28). Stable should have him well forward and he's a definite player.

4 JOHN BARBOUR (191) **96**
3 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Fergal O'Brien *J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)*
Related to a bumper winner and there was definite promise when third at Huntingdon for Tom George 6 months ago. Should improve on that, so he's a player.

5 KARONACHO (FR)
4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Olly Murphy *K. Brogan*
€200,000 3-y-o, Saint Des Saints gelding. Half-brother to prolific French chase winner Juntos Ganamos. Dam 19f/21f hurdle/chase winner in France. Noteworthy newcomer.

6 TANK TOP (188) **87**
0-4 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Neil King *Lilly Pinchin*
Hasn't shown enough to date to think he can feature in this, particularly after 6 months off.

7 WASHINGTON SINGER (209) **93**
3- **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Chris Gordon *Rex Dingle*
Some encouragement when third in a bumper at Wincanton 6 months ago. Form is ordinary but he could take a step forward.

8 WALKINGTHELINE (IRE) (29) **97**
4 **4** 10-9 | 67.6kg

Tom Lacey *Kielan Woods*
Dam unraced sister to useful hurdle winner/smart chaser who became unreliable (stayed 2¾m) Us And Them. Something to work on when fourth over C&D on debut and should have benefited from the experience.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Karonacho, **7-2** Draco Malfoy, **6-1** John Barbour, **17-2** Walkingtheline, **9-1** Berkshire Lad, **10-1** Doctor Love, **14-1** Washington Singer, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DRACO MALFOY has already scored between the flags and his in-form stable should have him ready for this, so he's worth a chance to make a winning start in this sphere. Karonacho is an obvious one on paper given his pedigree/connections and John Barbour looks the best of those with bumper experience.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DRACO MALFOY 2. KARONACHO 3. JOHN BARBOUR