

Thursday 17th October

WINCANTON



1.43	FITZDARES SEASON OPENER AT WINCANTON MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)
RACE 1	(2) CELTIC DINO (8) VAGUELY ROYAL (5) MA SHANTOU
2.18	FITZDARES THREE MILE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m150y (4970 Metres)
RACE 2	(6) MUSIQUE DE FEE (5) CHERRY COLA (2) CAHER ROES DEN
2.53	FITZDARES HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)
RACE 3	(6) HOLD YOUR FORT (5) INFLEXIBLE (2) LORD ACCORD
3.28	FITZDARES TELEPHONE BETTING HANDICAP HURDLE (4) (D.I) 2m5f82y (4300 Metres)
RACE 4	(5) TOUT SUR MOI (6) FAR SIGHT (3) SAM'S AMOUR
4.03	FITZDARES TELEPHONE BETTING HANDICAP HURDLE (4) (D.II) 2m5f82y (4300 Metres)
RACE 5	(5) DIPLOMATIE (4) HILLSIN (8) EMANATE
4.40	FITZDARES HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)
RACE 6	(11) ROGUE KING (6) WRECKLESS ERIC (3) ADMIRALTY HOUSE
5.15	fitzdares.com CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)
RACE 7	(3) BALLYNAHEER (4) GETUPEARLY (9) SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL

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.

1.43**FITZDARES SEASON OPENER AT WINCANTON MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £6,500 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 AMERICAN LAND (IRE) (181) t **82**
323/479- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Placed both starts in bumpers but has yet to better modest form over hurdles and looked awkward when well held at Fontwell on final run in April.

2 CELTIC DINO (FR) (179) (C, D) ★ **100**
131- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Sam Thomas

Dylan Johnston (31b/1kg)

Showed fairly useful when winning 2 of his 3 starts in bumpers last season and rates a useful prospect for novice hurdling.

3 DIESEL LINE (IRE) (205) **82**
1/309- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jeremy Scott

Bryan Carver

Attracted support and made a winning debut in good style in 9-runner bumper at Exeter in February 2023. However, has been disappointing so far over hurdles and has something to prove after 6 months off.

4 JINGLE JANGLE JET (24) **81**
45-U 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Philip Kirby

David Noonan

Showed modest form in a couple of bumpers and was held in fifth when unseating his rider 2 out at Sedgefield on hurdles debut just over 3 weeks ago.

5 MA SHANTOU (IRE) (187) **91**
310- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Emma Lavelle

Tom Bellamy

Excellent start when third of 10 in a Fairyhouse bumper in December and, having moved to current yard for £120,000, opened his account impressively at Huntingdon next time. Shaped as if amiss when tailed off in Grade 2 at Aintree on final outing and of interest now switched to hurdles.

6 REGGINO (FR) **70**
7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Carroll Gray

Micheal Nolan

Raced freely when unplaced in a trio of maidens for Jedd O'Keeffe in 2019. Can only be watched making hurdling bow after such a long absence.

7 UGO BINGO (FR) (47) **81**
P-6 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Anthony Charlton

Tom Cannon

Fair form when winning sole Flat start in France but looks to be being brought along gradually in this sphere.

8 VAGUELY ROYAL (IRE) **93**
4 11-3 | 71.2kg



Anthony Charlton

Harry Cobden

Useful stayer on the Flat for John & Thady Gosden. Changed hands for 65,000 gns in July and is an interesting hurdling debutant.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Celtic Dino, **11-4** Vaguely Royal, **7-2** Ma Shantou, **20-1** American Land, **25-1** Diesel Line, **33-1** Ugo Bingo, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CELTIC DINO impressed in bumpers and has both the size and scope to make his mark over jumps, so he's taken to get off to the perfect start in this sphere. Vaguely Royal is an interesting hurdles recruit having shown a good level of form on the Flat for John & Thady Gosden, with Ma Shantou also of interest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CELTIC DINO 2. VAGUELY ROYAL 3. MA SHANTOU

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Classic King 5-11-4	6-4jf	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	8
2021	Mascot 4-11-3	13-8f	Ralph Smith	Tom Scudamore	5
2020	The Eagle's Nest 6-11-0	33-1	Alexandra Dunn	Micheal Nolan	10
2019 ^l	Nickolson 5-11-0	evsf	Olly Murphy	Richard Johnson	9
2019 ^l	Ecco 4-11-0	1-4f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.18**FITZDARES THREE MILE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5)**
4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,250 3m150y (4970 Metres)

RACE 2

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Firm in places Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 KICK UP A STORM (IRE) (88) (BF) s+t **96**
6/3671-5U 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

In first-time cheekpieces, successful on handicap debut at Exeter (23.1f, good) in April, before possibly finding the race coming too soon on his next outing. Unseated at the third at Stratford on his latest run in July, so he could still have more to offer.

2 CAHER ROES DEN (IRE) (239) **96**
533- 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



B. F. Brookhouse

Jack Quinlan

Irish point winner who has shown some promise in his first 3 starts over hurdles, third in maiden at Ludlow (23.8f, heavy) when last seen in February. Off 7 months but he appeals as the type to better now sent handicapping.

3 MICRONORMOUS (IRE) (20) t **96**
1356/3-35 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



David Pipe

Jack Tudor

Bumper winner who proved she retains her ability after 16 months off when third in maiden at Worcester (23f, good) in September. Well held at the same course next time (20f, soft), but she's not written off as she makes only her second handicap start.

4 THE BOLD THADY (IRE) (36) s+t **98**
B25-1P361 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Neil Mulholland

Dylan Johnston (31b/1kg)

Finally off the mark at Fontwell (25.8f) in May and, after a couple of lesser efforts, bounced back to form when narrowly doubling his tally at Worcester (23f, good) last month. Capable of getting involved if he's on a going day.

5 CHERRY COLA (25) s **99**
262/07-5F 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Sheena West

Marc Goldstein

Fair staying handicapper on the Flat who fell at the last back over hurdles in maiden at Plumpton (20.5f, good to soft) 25 days ago, plugging on in third but held at the time. Merits consideration upped in trip back in a handicap.

6 MUSIQUE DE FEE (IRE) (158) ★ **100**
364041-4 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Georgina Nicholls

Lorcan Williams

Took a step forward when making a winning handicap debut at Ludlow (21.2f, good) in April, before shaping as if needing a stiffer test under firmer conditions when fourth at the same C&D the following month. Major player as she goes up in trip.

7 HUGUENEAU (FR) (23) t **97**
P42-P146P 7 10-11 | 68.5kg



Dan Skelton

Mr Ben Sutton (51b/2kg)

Off the mark at Huntingdon (19.6f) in May (awarded the race having suffered interference) and continued in good heart upped to 23f on next 2 starts. However, pulled up following mistake at the third at Fontwell last time, so bounce back now called for.

8 NO MORE NO (IRE) (14) (D) v+t **96**
UP5P-1921 5 10-9 | 67.6kg



Lawney Hill

Richard Patrick

After 4 months off and in first-time visor, left previous form behind sent handicapping when successful at Stratford in May. Well positioned when resuming winning ways at Southwell (24.3f, good to firm) 2 weeks ago, but he can give another good account.

9 JOKER DE THAIX (FR) (23) h+t **97**
0/P48P-5 5 10-6 | 66.2kg



Neil Mulholland

Sam Twiston-Davies

Made the frame in a Uttoxeter maiden (19.9f) but that remains a stand-out effort, pulled up on handicap debut at Taunton in March. Jumped none too fluently at Fontwell on his return, so he has work to do with hood back on/tongue strap added.

10 DEMELZA CARNE (88) h **92**
86P-P7P0 6 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)



Chris Down

James Davies

Remains with little form in bumpers/over hurdles, faring no better in first-time hood when well beaten in handicap at Newton Abbot (16.8f, good to soft) 88 days ago. Looks to be up against it over this markedly longer distance.

11 JOYFUL KIT (IRE) (48) **91**
333-4P865 8 10-2(9-8) | 64.4kg (60.8kg)



Harriet Brown

Ben Godfrey

Remains a maiden after 34 starts overall and she never really threatened when fifth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (21.8f, good to firm) on her latest outing in August. Faces a tough ask from out of the weights.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Kick Up A Storm, **11-2** The Bold Thady, **6-1** Cherry Cola, **7-1** No More No, **8-1** Musique De Fee, **9-1** Caher Roes Den, **14-1** Hugueneau, **14-1** Micronormous, **22-1** Joker De Thaix, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MUSIQUE DE FEE has shown improved form sent handicapping on her last 2 starts, getting off the mark at Ludlow in April before shaping as if a step up in trip would suit last time, so she is taken to resume winning ways having a first try at 3m. Cherry Cola could also benefit from this longer distance and is feared most, ahead of Caher Roes Den.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MUSIQUE DE FEE 2. CHERRY COLA 3. CAHER ROES DEN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Ben Lilly** 6-12-0 7-2 David Pipe Gearoid Harney (7) 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.53**FITZDARES HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-125)
£20,000 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)**

RACE 3

Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 INVESTMENT MANAGER (38) t **97**
1222P-171 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Back on the scoreboard at Newton Abbot in May and capitalised on lower hurdles mark tackling extended 26f trip back there just over 5 weeks ago. Likely to be competitive again returned to larger obstacles.

2 LORD ACCORD (IRE) (24) (D) s+t **98**
9/4P56-431 9 11-8 | 73.5kg



Neil Mulholland

Richie McLernon

Multiple winner over both hurdles/fences. Rather went off the boil last season but belatedly cashed in on a lower hurdles mark returning from 8 weeks off in an uncompetitive race at Sedgefield (27f, good) just over 3 weeks ago, making all. Considered back over the larger obstacles.

3 FANTASTIKAS (FR) (292) s+t **96**
0P300/623- 9 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Progressive as a novice chaser but largely disappointing thereafter. Did finish runner-up on second of 3 starts from his much-reduced mark last season though, and he returns from 9 months off with his yard firing in the winners.

4 STRATAGEM (FR) (139) s+t **94**
41/44-4 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



Paul Nicholls

Mr David Maxwell (3lb/1kg)

Useful sort who made all in 3m Southwell hunter in May 2022. Hasn't got near that level since but took a step back in the right direction in first-time cheekpieces when fourth of 8 in hunter at Stratford (20.9f, good to soft) back in May. Heads back up in trip but others look stronger.

5 INFLEXIBLE (FR) (179) (CD) s **99**
5/5323331- 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Tom George

Jonathan Burke

Showed improved form to get off the mark fitted with cheekpieces at this C&D (good) when last seen 6 months ago, probably benefiting from being sent to the front a long way out. Looks a thorough stayer and should have even more to offer this season.

6 HOLD YOUR FORT (IRE) (27) **100**
30/541111 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Debra Hamer

James Best

Really turned a corner since upped in trip over fences, posting his best effort yet when completing a Newton Abbot (25.8f, good) 4-timer just under 4 weeks ago, his jumping again impeccable. Handicapper applies further pressure but unlikely he's finished improving yet on that evidence.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Lord Accord, **10-3** Hold Your Fort, **4-1** Inflexible, **13-2** Fantastikas, **7-1** Investment Manager, **12-1** Stratagem

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HOLD YOUR FORT has been one of the success stories of the summer and with the ceiling of his ability yet to be ascertained, Debra Hamer's 5-y-o is fancied to make it 5 on the spin at the expense of Inflexible, who got off the mark fitted with cheekpieces at this C&D in April and should have even more to offer this season. Recent hurdles winner Lord Accord can edge out Investment Manager for third.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HOLD YOUR FORT 2. INFLEXIBLE 3. LORD ACCORD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	My Silver Lining 7-11-2	2-1f	Emma Lavelle	James Best	7
2021	Mr Mafia 12-11-7	9-2	Martin Keighley	Sean Bowen	6
2020	Follow The Swallow 12-10-13	11-1	Graeme McPherson	Lilly Pinchin (7)	7
2019	Terry The Fish 7-11-12	16-1	Jonjo O'Neill	Richie McLernon	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

**FITZDARES TELEPHONE BETTING HANDICAP HURDLE
(4) (D.I) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £9,000 2m5f82y (4300
Metres)**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 SHANTOU EXPRESS (IRE) (160) **100**
1368976-P 9 12-2 | 77.1kg



Kim Bailey

N. R. Andrews (71lb/3kg)

Bagged a small-field Stratford handicap (26.4f, good) last season but hasn't fired since. Has had a breathing operation since last seen and reappears with his yard amongst the winners.

2 STAY IF U WANT TO (IRE) (138) (BF) h **96**
4/8122-12 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

K. Brogan

Fairly useful bumper winner who opened his account over hurdles with something to spare in 10-runner maiden at Hereford (16.2f) in May. Ran to a similar level when second under a penalty at Stratford and needs a bit more now tackling handicap company for the first time.

3 SAM'S AMOUR (71lb/3kg ex) (7) (D) **97**
3P48-1621 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Keiran Burke

Adam Wedge

Showed a bit of improvement to double her hurdle tally in 7-runner novice at Exeter (18.5f, good) last week, going with enthusiasm. Has to be respected under a penalty.

4 POP THE CHAMPAGNE (FR) (50) t **98**
8/3245-233 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson

Kielan Woods

Produced a laboured effort on the Flat at Newcastle last month but she's generally reliable over hurdles.

5 TOUT SUR MOI (FR) (220) t **98**
4/0673- 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



Mrs Jane Williams

David Noonan

Showed promise in bumpers and has done likewise in a trio of maiden hurdles, including when third of 13 at Taunton (16.5f) on final outing. Will be suited by this step up in trip on handicap debut and of major interest.

6 FAR SIGHT (143) (BF) t **99**
13763/4-2 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

Bumper winner who showed promise over hurdles for previous trainer and stepped up on reappearance/first start for current yard when second in 7-runner handicap at Huntingdon (20.7f) in May. That form has worked out well and he must enter calculations.

7 FAME AND FUN (IRE) (46) (C) t **97**
P513-7PU4 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Paul Nicholls

Lorcan Williams

Won a Plumpton handicap chase in March but patchy record over fences since. His mark has edged back down as a result and possibilities if a return to hurdles sparks a revival.

8 JUST SOPHIE (164) s **93**
514/334P-0 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Noel Williams

James Davies

Won 19.5f Huntingdon novice hurdle in March 2023 and standout effort last season when fourth of 7 at Market Rasen (23.1f, soft) in November. Probably needed the run in first-time cheekpieces at Warwick in May but has been off since.

9 EXPRESS SURPRISE (IRE) (138) t **98**
55U37-2 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Clive Boulbee-Brooks

Richard Patrick

Ran much better than on his handicap debut fitted with a first-time tongue strap when second in 10-runner event at Stratford (22f, good) in June. Sure to be in the thick of the action once again if resuming from a break in similar form.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Stay If U Want To, **9-2** Far Sight, **6-1** Sam's Amour, **7-1** Tout Sur Moi, **15-2** Express Surprise, **10-1** Pop The Champagne, **12-1** Shantou Express, **14-1** Fame And Fun, **20-1** Just Sophie

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TOUT SUR MOI shaped with plenty of encouragement in a trio of maiden hurdles last season and, with this step up in trip sure to suit, he's of major interest on his handicap debut. Far Sight ran well in a race that has worked out at Huntingdon when last seen in May and remains unexposed for his current yard, while Sam's Amour needs respecting under a penalty for last week's Exeter success.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. TOUT SUR MOI 2. FAR SIGHT 3. SAM'S AMOUR****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	The Height of Fame 6-11-5	7-2	Keiran Burke	Gavin Sheehan	9
2021	Mr Yeats 4-10-2	4-1	Milton Harris	Mitchell Bastyan (3)	6
2020	Hahadi 8-9-11	17-2	Tom Symonds	Rex Dingle (3)	11
2019	Demon Fou 6-11-9	10-1	Jeremy Scott	Matt Griffiths	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race










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RACE 5

**FITZDARES TELEPHONE BETTING HANDICAP HURDLE (4)
(D.II) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £9,000 2m5f82y (4300
Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	THANK YOU MA'AM (180)	96
	3/032220P- 5 12-1 76.7kg Georgina Nicholls Placed on 3 of his 4 starts in novice hurdles and progressed when second on handicap debut at Hereford (19.7f) in February. Found things tougher on final 2 starts, pulled up at Bangor (19.5f) in April. However, not one to be writing off back from 6 months off.	<i>Miss Olive Nicholls (71b/3kg)</i>
2	MISTRAL MILLY (IRE) (161)	97
	48/4432-P 5 11-13 75.7kg Emma Lavelle Steadily progressive in handful of hurdle outings upon joining this yard last term, beaten only by another improver on handicap debut at Hereford (21.7f) in April. Beaten some way out when pulled up at Huntingdon in May but no surprise to see her back on the up on return.	<i>Tom Bellamy</i>
3	THIRTYFOUR THIRTY (127)	98
	44166-225 5 11-11 74.8kg Anthony Charlton Bumper/hurdles winner who seemed done for finishing speed when fifth of 6 in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (25.8f) in June. Cheekpieces return in place of visor now starting out for new stable but drop back to this sort of trip could well be on the sharp side.	<i>Tom Cannon</i>
4	HILLSIN (IRE) (50)	100
	P362-1122 6 11-10 74.4kg Alan Jones Improved model for this yard following wind surgery, winning back-to-back handicaps at Newton Abbot/Worcester and solid runners-up efforts both starts since at around 23f. Looks sure to give another good account eased back in trip.	<i>James Turner (71b/3kg)</i>
5	DIPLOMATIE (FR) (14)	99
	12-211133 6 11-10 74.4kg Harry Derham Fair on Flat and of a similar standard over hurdles, winning a trio of events at Les Landes in July and August. Ran up to best on debut for new yard when staying on third at Southwell (15.8f) 2 weeks ago and this step back up in trip well worth exploring on that evidence.	<i>Miss Victoria Malzard (51b/2kg)</i>
6	CLIMATE PRECEDENT (61)	98
	2435-130 4 11-5 72.1kg Dan Skelton Failed to win on the Flat for Michael Bell and over hurdles for James Owen but struck at the first time of asking for Dan Skelton in 2m Stratford handicap in June. Creditable third next time and whilst he was below form at Market Rasen (18.6f) in August it remains relatively early days with him.	<i>Tristan Durrell (31b/1kg)</i>
7	NO WAY PEDRO (IRE) (23)	95
	44139501 10 11-4 71.7kg Daisy Hitchins 10-y-o who has tasted success twice already this season, dispelling a lesser effort at Worcester when bagging 11-runner handicap hurdle at Fontwell (25.7f) 23 days ago. However, wouldn't be sure to be in same form back up in class.	<i>Mr Robbie David (71b/3kg)</i>
8	EMANATE (51)	97
	1457-4327 6 10-7 66.7kg Neil Mulholland Winner of back-to-back 2m handicaps at Worcester last summer and highlighted he was back in good heart when making the frame on first 3 starts this season. Never a factor on the Flat at Bath (10.2f) last month but he returns to this discipline with his yard firmly amongst the winners.	<i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>
9	DANZINI (IRE) (23)	97
	P/7336-193 8 10-3 64.9kg Keiran Burke Capitalised on reduced mark at Fontwell (25.7f) in May and showed benefit of her Newton Abbot run when third behind No Way Pedro at First-named venue 23 days ago. Still, another who likely needs to pull out more in what is a stronger race.	<i>Adam Wedge</i>

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Diplomatie, **5-1** Hillsin, **7-1** Climate Precedent, **8-1** Thirtyfour Thirty, **8-1** Emanate, **9-1** No Way Pedro, **10-1** Danzini, **11-1** Mistral Milly, **14-1** Thank You Ma'am

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A 3-time winner in Jersey this summer, DIPLOMATIE made a solid start for the Harry Derham yard whilst suggesting the race didn't get to the bottom of her when staying on for third at Southwell 2 weeks ago. She's of interest over the longest trip she's faced with fellow in-form Hillsin rating an obvious danger. Emanate and Climate Precedent are others to consider in a competitive affair.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DIPLOMATIE 2. HILLSIN 3. EMANATE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.40**FITZDARES HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-120)
£9,000 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)**

RACE 6

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Firm in places Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1 AGGAGIO (FR) (199) (D) 97
61531/2F- 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Caolin Quinn (31b/1kg)

Likeable dual-purpose performer who enhanced his good strike rate with a pair of hurdle victories during early 2023 and held form well on Flat thereafter. Lightly raced this year but a spin on the level at Goodwood last month ought to have teed him up nicely for this return to timber.

2 STORMIN CROSSGALES (IRE) (25) (CD) h+t 98
P33P6-12S 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Tom George

Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)

Headstrong sort who landed a C&D maiden hurdle back in 2022. Dual scorer over fences subsequently, latterly at Huntingdon (16.5f) in May but made a haphazard return from 3 months off in that sphere 25 days ago. Remains lightly raced over hurdles, however.

3 ADMIRALTY HOUSE (650) (BF) h 100
122/ 5 11-13 | 75.7kg



Alan King

Tom Cannon

Free goer who made a good start over hurdles in 2022/23, winning Kempton juvenile (2m) prior to pair of placed efforts at Huntingdon/Ludlow. 21-month absence to overcome ahead of handicap debut so the betting is likely to prove the best guide.

4 FAST BUCK (FR) (180) (C, D) t 94
53518436- 10 11-12 | 75.3kg



Mrs Jane Williams

Ciaran Gethings

Bounced back to form when doubling chase tally here (15.7f) in January. However, more miss-than-hit as a rule last term and he ran poorly when last seen at Bangor (17.3f) in April. Percentage call to look elsewhere after 6 months off/following wind op.

5 INSIDE MAN (FR) (220) (BF) 90
214- 4 11-12 | 75.3kg



Mrs Jane Williams

David Noonan

From a good family and positive start in juvenile hurdles last winter, off the mark at Taunton (16.5f) in December and similar form despite being keener than ideal when fourth back at that venue in March. Remains with potential now handicapping on return.

6 WRECKLESS ERIC (199) 97
211- 4 11-11 | 74.8kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Kielan Woods

Upwardly mobile 4-y-o who confirmed his opening mark lenient as he took his record to 2-3 in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (15.8f) in April, that despite still looking rough around the edges. Highly likely there's more to come and claims on return.

7 SERGEANT (FR) (39) 95
4F254/215 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Anthony Charlton

Harry Cobden

Consistent sort who resumed winning ways in no uncertain terms at Newton Abbot (16.7f) in August. Subsequent Fontwell run almost certainly too bad to be true and he's very much a likely candidate to bounce back.

8 JUMEIRAH KING (50) t 94
P4-41313 4 11-6 | 72.6kg



Anthony Honeyball

Chad Bament (10lb/5kg)

Bagged his second victory of the summer at Worcester (2m) in July and similar form when third in 10-runner handicap back there a month later. Sound claims of making the frame again from unchanged mark.

9 TWO TO TANGO (133) 95
35/32P-5 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Emma Lavelle

Joe Anderson (31b/1kg)

Lightly-raced maiden who showed fair form in pair of maiden hurdles last winter. Pulled up on handicap bow in March but did at least get back on track when fifth of 9 in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (920f) in June, despite making errors. Absent again since.

10 PRINCESS T (39) (CD) 98
10P28-122 9 11-2 | 70.8kg



Neil Mulholland

Dylan Johnston (31b/1kg)

Fair hurdler who arrives on the back of a creditable second of 5 over hurdles at Les Landes (Jersey) on latest outing 39 days ago. Yard continue in very good form and no surprise to see her competitive from a workable mark.

11 ROGUE KING (IRE) (13) v 99
211 3 10-6 | 66.2kg



James Owen

Sam Twiston-Davies

Fair winner on the Flat at Wolverhampton (12.2f) in June. Has made a positive start to hurdling, registering another wide-margin victory to take his record to 2-3 in a Fontwell juvenile (17.7f) 2 weeks ago. Respected now switched to handicaps in receipt of his hefty 3-y-o allowance.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Wreckless Eric, **5-1** Rogue King, **6-1** Admiralty House, **9-1** Jumeirah King, **10-1** Inside Man, **11-1** Sergeant, **12-1** Princess T, **14-1** Stormin Crossgales, **14-1** Aggagio, **18-1** Two To Tango, **28-1** Fast Buck

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ROGUE KING faces his sternest assignment to date following a pair of wide-margin juvenile hurdle victories yet, in receipt of his very handy 3-y-o allowance he could well be up to the task for his in-form trainer/jockey combination. Wreckless Eric was 2-3 over hurdles last term and he's of definite interest on return. Admiralty House back from a lengthy absence and Aggagio are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROGUE KING 2. WRECKLESS ERIC 3. ADMIRALTY HOUSE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Inca de Lafayette 5-11-1	5-2f Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9
2021	See The Sea 7-10-13	11-10f Donald McCain	Peter Kavanagh (10)	7
2020	Thahab Ifraj 7-10-1	66-1 Alexandra Dunn	Charlie Deutsch	8
2019	Sebastopol 5-11-10	3-1f Tom Lacey	Nico de Boinvillle	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Firm in places Chase course)**

Right handed, flat and essentially sharp in character. One of the sharpest tests in the country when the ground is firmer than good, hold-up tactics usually counter-productive, but on very testing going the course can provide a surprisingly thorough test, often resulting in strung-out fields and a low percentage of completions, especially on the hurdles course, perhaps a cause of its fundamentally tight nature ensuring races are well run regardless of conditions, front runners often overdoing things. The fences are stiff and claim plenty of casualties, with the three in the home straight coming so close together that it often proves difficult to come from behind.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 DINDIN (FR) (46) (C) s **96**
4P2625-38 11 12-0 | 76.2kg



David Pipe

Gearoid Harney (6lb/3kg)

Successful at Worcester in summer 2023 and runner-up on 3 occasions after. Decent comeback third at Newton Abbot in August but went backwards from that at Worcester (23f, good) since. Cheekpieces replace the usual blinkers but he's very much an all-or-nothing performer nowadays.

2 BRAGANZA BAY (27) (D) s **96**
801U/61P-P 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Henry Daly

Alice Stevens

Dual hurdles winner at Hereford in 2022/23 and successful start switched to fences at same course (25.2f) last October. However, he's been pulled up on both subsequent starts (latest at Newton Abbot after 10 months off) so has a bit to prove.

3 BALLYNAHEER (IRE) (11) t **100**
7053P17-3 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



David Dennis

Finn Lambert

Runner-up completed outing in points and, with tongue strap added, off the mark over hurdles in handicap at Huntingdon (20.7f, soft) in April. Had a wind op and shaped encouragingly sent chasing after 5 months off when third at Uttoxeter (24f, good to soft) 11 days ago and he should improve.

4 GETUPEARLY (9) (BF) **95**
P6/B76-322 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)

Back from 4 months off (had breathing operation) when creditable second of 7 in at Fontwell (26f, good) and filled that same position at Huntingdon (23.6f, good) a fortnight later. Remains low mileage in this sphere and is one for shortlist.

5 JONY MAX (IRE) (23) (C) b+t **66**
P7000987 9 11-2 | 70.8kg



Christian Williams

Dylan Johnston

Continues to fall in the weights without showing any sign of taking advantage, latest at Warwick (20f, good) just over 3 weeks ago. First-time blinkers are added to his usual tongue tie.

6 ROBINSVILLE (114) (BF) t **98**
84P46-335 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Joe Tizzard

Freddie Gingell

No great shakes as a hurdler but he has shown an aptitude for this game in the summer, placed in handicaps at Stratford and Newton Abbot. Not so good at latter venue when last seen in June (jumping generally lacked fluency) so will need to take a step forward on return.

7 TOAD OF TOAD HALL (19) **95**
151P-P552 8 10-11 | 68.5kg



Alexandra Dunn

Jamie Brace (3lb/1kg)

Unreliable individual who returned to form from out of the blue after 4 months off when second of 10 at Market Rasen (23.9f, good to firm) just under 3 weeks ago. Needs to prove that wasn't a false dawn.

8 SAXON QUEEN (56) s **96**
21222-7 7 10-9 | 67.6kg



Peter & Michael Bowen

Shane Fenelon

Attracted support returning from a year off but never looked likely to justify it when well held in handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (26.5f, good) 8 weeks ago. Reverts to the larger obstacles for just a second time and others more appealing.

9 SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL (FR) (23) **97**
724-58P72 9 10-4 | 65.3kg



Joe Tickle

Taylor Fisher (3lb/1kg)

Had been easing in the weights and ran better than for a while when narrowly denied at Warwick (20f, good) just over 3 weeks ago. Not the most reliable (sulks if unable to dominate), but he's capable of getting involved if on a going day for all he's yet to prove he stays this far.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having had a wind op, BALLYNAHEER shaped encouragingly sent chasing after 5 months off when third at Uttoxeter recently and, with improvement on the cards, he's fancied to go a couple of places better at the expense of Getupearly, who has finished runner-up on his last 2 starts and remains low mileage in this sphere. School For Scandal and the returning Robinsville can fight out third.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. BALLYNAHEER 2. GETUPEARLY 3. SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Janeslittlevoice	9-10-8	10-3	Ella Pickard	Harriet Tucker (5)	7
2021	O'Faolains Lad	7-11-3	7-2	Richenda Ford	Thomas Doggrell (7)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Getupearly, **7-2** School For Scandal, **5-1** Ballynaheer, **6-1** Toad of Toad Hall, **10-1** Saxon Queen, **12-1** Robinsville, **16-1** Dindin, **28-1** Jony Max, **40-1** bar