

Friday 18th October

UTTOXETER



1.35	BRITISH EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) (D.I) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)
RACE 1	(6) WADE OUT (5) SONIFICATION (1) KNIGHT OF ALLEN
2.10	BRITISH EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) (D.II) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)
RACE 2	(8) GET THE BEAT (6) WINDSURFER (1) DIAMONDS FOR LUCK
2.45	QUINNBET DAILY FREE BET NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m (4020 Metres)
RACE 3	(4) MYRETOWN (6) AUTUMN RETURN (5) MALAITA
3.20	L J S FENCING HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m (4830 Metres)
RACE 4	(4) TEDWIN HILLS (5) MIXEDWAVE (9) VISION DE MAINE
3.55	UTTOXETER RACECOURSE NEW YEARS EVE RACEDAY HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m3f207y (4010 Metres)
RACE 5	(1) DARGIANNINI (2) LAC DE CONSTANCE (3) PYRAMID PLACE
4.30	QUINNBET HANDICAP CHASE (4) 1m7f214y (3210 Metres)
RACE 6	(6) TORNEO (4) CABHFUILFUNGI (1) LEBOWSKI
5.05	BEER FESTIVAL RACEDAY SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)
RACE 7	(1) PROLIFIC PROFILE (4) VILLAINESS (7) QUIAN
5.40	WINTER LADIES RACEDAY SATURDAY 25th JANUARY MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)
RACE 8	(1) DREAM SHADOW (9) GEORGIA'S CHARM (4) STRONG RUN

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.

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RACE 1

BRITISH EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) (D.I) 4, 5 and 6yo £7,700 1m7f168y (3170 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 KNIGHT OF ALLEN (FR) (188) (D) 95
 Q2- 4 11-5 | 72.1kg

Mrs Jane Williams *David Noonan*
 Second in a listed juvenile at Aintree last December before returning from a break to readily land short odds at Chepstow (2m, good to soft) in April. Shouldered with a penalty but still respected on return.

2 DUBLIN TO MILAN (IRE) (11) 75
 U 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Clive Boulton-Brooks *Richard Patrick*
 Made the frame in a trio of points. Sent off 80/1 when unseating at the second on Stratford hurdle debut 11 days ago. Likely more one for the longer term in this sphere.

3 JUMPER MADRIK (FR) (12) 79
 7-0 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Charlie Longsdon *Richie McLernon*
 From good French family but looks more one for handicaps based on his efforts in novice/maiden hurdles 11 months apart.

4 OUR JESSE BOY (IRE) (176) 85
 9- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Craig Nichol*
 Sent off at 5/1 and hinted at ability in a Warwick bumper in April. Switches to hurdles on return. Best watched unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.

5 SONIFICATION (723) (D) 93
 5/ 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Harry Derham *Paul O'Brien*
 Won a Chepstow bumper for Oliver Sherwood in spring 2022. Promise when fifth on hurdle debut there in November of that year. Off since but he's joined a good stable and appeals as one who can make up for lost time.

6 WADE OUT (IRE) (201) 100
 1- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
 Won sole point and maintained his unbeaten record when a cosy winner of a Market Rasen bumper in March. Rates a useful hurdle prospect.

7 DAYTIME DREAMING (IRE) 86
 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Tom Ellis *Mr Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)*
 €52,000 3-y-o and finished runner-up in a point in March. The betting should guide now hurdling for the first time.

8 JACK HOOLA 85
 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Tom Lacey *Stan Sheppard*
 Bought for £58,000 after finishing runner-up sole start in Irish points (Apr 27). One to note in the betting now hurdling.

9 WE'RE RED AND BLUE (7) (D) 85
 14-U 4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
 Made winning bumper debut at Hereford in February. Shaped better than a well-held fourth would suggest in a valuable bumper at Fairyhouse over Easter. 18/1, unseated early on last week's Chepstow hurdle debut and reappearance.

10 YESANNA (145) 79
 7P 5 10-7 | 66.7kg

Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
 Seventh in a Southwell bumper in May before pulling up in a course novice hurdle 19 days later. In top hands but still best watched unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Wade Out, **3-1** Knight of Allen, **4-1** Sonification, **16-1** Daytime Dreaming, **18-1** Jack Hoola, **20-1** We're Red And Blue, **22-1** Our Jesse Boy, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WADE OUT looked promising when making a successful start to his Rules career in a Market Rasen bumper in the spring and can follow up on hurdle debut. Sonification has been off the track for 2 years but still rates a promising new recruit for the in-form Harry Derham stable and is feared more than penalised 4-y-o Knight of Allen.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WADE OUT 2. SONIFICATION 3. KNIGHT OF ALLEN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Ballyglass 5-11-0	10-11f Toby Lawes	Tom O'Brien	11
2021	Geromino 5-11-4	18-5 Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	10
2020 ^h	Third Time Lucki 5-10-12	1-6f Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	12
2020 ^h	Wilde About Oscar 5-10-12	4-9f Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	12
2019	Prudhomme 4-10-12	7-2 Nick Williams	Chester Williams (5)	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	DIAMONDS FOR LUCK (IRE) (190) (BF)	93
	Ollly Murphy <i>K. Brogan</i> Fell both starts in Irish points in March 2023 (every chance both occasions). Cost six figures subsequently and, while he disappointed in a bumper at Taunton 6 months ago, he remains with potential now hurdling.	
2	GASMANI (IRE) (160)	89
	David Dennis <i>Tom Bellamy</i> Winner of bumper at Newcastle in March but below that level when fourth of 9 in novice hurdle at Warwick (16f, good) on his hurdles bow 160 days ago. Needs to step forward.	
3	JACKPOT D'AINAY (FR) (219)	93
	Ollly Murphy <i>Sean Bowen</i> Built on bumper debut when runner-up at Huntingdon 7 months ago and is in good hands, so worthy of respect trying obstacles for the first time.	
4	JIMMYJEROO (253)	79
	Henrietta C Knight <i>Brendan Powell</i> Out of a point winner but didn't offer much in a bumper for Mick Appleby. Hard to fancy on hurdling debut after 8 months off.	
5	OFF TO ALABAMA (163) (D)	88
	John Mackie <i>Philip Armson (31b/1kg)</i> Telescope gelding who won 11-runner bumper at Wetherby (16f, heavy, 66/1) in February but failed to back it up on both subsequent outings. Starts life over hurdles after 5 months off.	
6	WINDSURFER (160)	 100
	Ben Case <i>Harry Bannister</i> Built on bumper promise when an encouraging third in a novice at Warwick on hurdling debut five months ago. Has an experience edge over most and is expected to be right there.	
7	EAGLES GOLD (200)	89
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero <i>Robert Dunne</i> Half-brother to 2 winners, including modest hurdler Only Fools. Signs of ability in bumper at Huntingdon 6 months ago and should take to this sphere. Not completely dismissed.	
8	GET THE BEAT (IRE) (204)	96
	Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i> Half-brother to bumper winner Sharp Object and from a good family. Started well when second in a bumper on sole start for Tom Weston and has joined a top yard ahead of hurdling debut.	
9	ESKIMO SAM (84)	h+t 87
	Tom Lacey <i>Stan Sheppard</i> Related to a winner but 16/1 and didn't offer a great deal of encouragement in a bumper here 84 days ago. Others preferred.	
10	WINDSOR WIFE (IRE)	88
	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero <i>Craig Nichol</i> £10,000 3-y-o, £15,000 4-y-o, Doyen filly. Dam fair 19f chase winner. Dead-heated for first sole outing in Irish points in May so she's a respected hurdling newcomer. Engaged 3.07 Carlisle Thursday.	

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Windsurfer, **4-1** Get The Beat, **6-1** Diamonds For Luck, **6-1** Jackpot D'ainay, **14-1** Eagles Gold, **16-1** Gasmani, **18-1** Windsor Wife, **25-1** Off To Alabama, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GET THE BEAT showed plenty when runner-up in a bumper for Tom Weston 6 months ago and he's joined top connections since, so he's marginally preferred to Windsurfer, who made a solid start to life over hurdles at Warwick five months ago. Diamonds For Luck also merits consideration.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GET THE BEAT 2. WINDSURFER 3. DIAMONDS FOR LUCK

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.45

QUINNBET DAILY FREE BET NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ £11,700 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 3




Going: **Good to Soft**


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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 IKE SPORT (FR) (133) (D) s+t 98
6/221R1-3 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 Neil Mulholland **Sam Twiston-Davies**
Improved model during second half of last year and took another step forward when landing competitive Sandown handicap in good style at the end of April. Predictably hit hard for that (up 11 lb) but he still acquitted himself well when third at Market Rasen since. Respected on chase bow.


2 RESPLENDENT GREY (IRE) (167) (C,D) h 98
11/27342-1 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
Three-time hurdles winner, including a career-best performance at Uttoxeter when last seen in May. Goes well fresh (second in Grade 2 novice at Chepstow last autumn) and should make a chaser. Hood re-fitted.

3 CLASSIC KING (IRE) (179) (BF) 96
42/1222F2- 6 11-1 | 70.3kg

 Emma Lavelle **Tom Bellamy**
Made a winning start over hurdles at Wincanton (15.2f) on return last season and even better form when runner-up next 4 of 5 starts. Not the most fluent of jumpers over hurdles and switches to fences on seasonal bow.


4 MYRETOWN (IRE) (222) 98
4/2F1- 7 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Lucinda Russell **Derek Fox**
£135,000 buy after winning an Irish point in April 2022. Going the right way under Rules and made amends for his Ayr spill in February (race at his mercy) when running out an impressive winner of a Kelso maiden (20.9f) when last seen in March. Remains an exciting prospect, particularly now chasing.

5 MALAITA (145) (D) 97
24F2211-6 8 10-10 | 68.0kg

 Mel Rowley **Charlie Deutsch**
Held her form well over fences last season and got off the mark in 4-runner handicap chase at Ludlow (20f, soft) in March. Some improvement when following up at Cheltenham following month but rare poor effort at Uttoxeter since. This likeable mare should bounce back on return.

6 AUTUMN RETURN (IRE) (22) (D) ★ 100
41/21238-1 7 10-8 | 67.1kg

 Ruth Jefferson **Brian Hughes**
Irish point/bumper winner who quickly developed into a most likeable hurdler, winning 4 times, and off the mark at the first attempt in this sphere when making a winning return in 4-runner handicap at Perth 3 weeks ago, holding on gamely. Should go well again.

7 HOE JOLY SMOKE (322) 95
23P/32- 6 10-8 | 67.1kg

 Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Successful sole outing between the flags. Achieved only fair form over hurdles but no surprise to see him do better as chaser. Off 10 months.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Autumn Return, **5-1** Resplendent Grey, **11-2** Ike Sport, **11-2** Myretown, **13-2** Malaita, **15-2** Classic King, **17-2** Hoe Joly Smoke

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Claims can be made for all of these, but MYRETOWN arguably has the most potential going chasing for the first time so gets the vote. Likeable pair Autumn Return and Malaita have the advantage of experience over fences so they head the dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MYRETOWN 2. AUTUMN RETURN 3. MALAITA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.20

**L J S FENCING HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110)
£8,900 3m (4830 Metres)**

RACE 4



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 THE WREKIN (IRE) (439) (D) 98
632/U21- 8 12-2 | 77.1kg



Henry Daly *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Off the mark over fences at fourth attempt when taking 5-runner handicap at Market Rasen (23.9f, good) in August of last year. Not seen since but is worth a check in market on return.

2 SPECIAL ACCEPTANCE (179) s 99
52/224325- 11 11-12 | 75.3kg



Billy Aprahamian *Gavin Sheehan*
Not the easiest to win with but made the frame on 5 of his 6 starts for Paul Webber last season and is fairly treated on debut for new connections here.

3 IRON HEART (9) b 95
5-12541P5 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Peter & Michael Bowen *Non Runner*
NON RUNNER.

4 TEDWIN HILLS (IRE) (332) (D, BF) ★ 100
2P/442313- 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole *Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)*
Disappointed when last seen at Hereford 11 months ago but had opened his account at Huntingdon (24f) previously and must enter calculations on debut for new yard here.

5 MIXEDWAVE (IRE) (200) (D, BF) 97
3/31d21214- 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Pam Sly *Paul O'Brien*
Consistent performer who rarely runs a bad race and won twice last term (also disqualified after scoring at Market Rasen). Fairly treated on return and is one for shortlist.

6 MAGIC DANCER (47) s+t 98
P5-43363P 12 11-4 | 71.7kg



Kerry Lee *Richard Patrick*
Not scored since 2022 but largely ran with credit last term and reappears off a career-low mark. Not out of things.

7 TORONET (FR) (11) 68
1/7434-947 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



L J Morgan *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
Winner of a French claiming hurdle last February and bettered previous efforts on these shores when third in a course handicap (19.9f, heavy) at the beginning of this year. However, he has yet to show much in a couple of starts in this sphere.

8 DUSAUTOR (129) (D) s+t 97
80931-5 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Craig Nichol*
Below best when last seen at Southwell in June but had scored at Bangor (24.1f) previously and remains low mileage over fences.

9 VISION DE MAINE (FR) (182) t 98
2707- 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



David Pipe *Jack Tudor*
Successful sole start in Irish points and showed ability in sole bumper outing and in a trio of starts over hurdles. Market check advised on chase/handicap debut.

10 LEPASHE (IRE) (147) 77
0/P56P4-45 7 10-7 | 66.7kg



Sam Allwood *Robert Dunne*
Remains a maiden and posted disappointing fifth over hurdles at Hereford when last seen in May.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Mixedwave, **11-2** Tedwin Hills, **6-1** Magic Dancer, **13-2** Dusautior, **7-1** The Wrekin, **9-1** Special Acceptance, **9-1** Vision De Maine, **25-1** Lepashe, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for TEDWIN HILLS, who has only had a handful of starts over fences and hails from a yard amongst the winners. Mixedwave and Vision de Maine rate the principal dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TEDWIN HILLS 2. MIXEDWAVE 3. VISION DE MAINE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.55

RACE 5

**UTTOXETER RACECOURSE NEW YEARS EVE RACEDAY
HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-145) £18,600
2m3f207y (4010 Metres)**



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 DARGIANNINI (IRE) (340) (CD) t **97**
F110/01- 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Harry Derham **Paul O'Brien**
C&D winner who made it 3-5 in handicap hurdles since joining Harry Derham when comfortably seeing off 6 rivals at Kempton (21f) last November. Not seen since but he has a decent record fresh and his yard is going well.

2 LAC DE CONSTANCE (FR) (328) **97**
1U246/53- 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Useful over hurdles and fences. Absent finishing a creditable third in 19f Haydock handicap hurdle last November but handicapped to go well if primed after 11 months off.

3 PYRAMID PLACE (IRE) (133) (D) h **97**
313150-17 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
Better than when recording a seventh handicap hurdle win of his career at Aintree (2½m, good to soft) in May. Not in the same form when seventh at Market Rasen the following month, after which he left Harriet Dickin. New stable is in good form.

4 WILLASTON (IRE) (144) (D) s+t **98**
F21/1402-0 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Mark Walford **Jamie Hamilton**
Had a good spell with 2 wins in spring 2023. Also a creditable second at Bangor in spring of this year but off since a lesser effort at Cartmel at the end of May.

5 BALLYBEGG (IRE) (167) (CD) ★ **100**
P6/20414-4 9 10-9 | 67.6kg



Kerry Lee **Richard Patrick**
Dual C&D winner whose latest success came over fences at Ludlow in January. Off since finishing a respectable fourth back hurdling here in May. Given a chance by the handicapper in this sphere but no great record when fresh.

6 THANKSFORTHEHELP (FR) (237) (D) t **97**
34101/P0- 7 10-8 | 67.1kg



David Pipe **Jack Tudor**
Won twice in spring 2023 but disappointed in 2 outings 9 months apart last season and absent for a further 8 months ahead of this reappearance. Best watched unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.

7 TAMAR BRIDGE (IRE) (698) (D) **96**
P/ 9 10-8 | 67.1kg



Olly Murphy **Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)**
Completed a hurdle hat-trick in 2021 but has pulled up on all 3 outings since, the latest over fences at Exeter in November 2022. A watching brief has to be the call after such a long layoff.

8 PRETENDING (IRE) (183) (D) **95**
2/F143221- 5 10-2 | 64.4kg



Lucy Wadham **Gavin Sheehan**
Won twice last season, latterly making all in a big-field event at Cheltenham (2½m) in April. The handicapper raised her 7 lb for that and she'll require another career best to follow up on her return to action.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Dargiannini, **7-2** Lac De Constance, **7-1** Pretending, **9-1** Ballybegg, **9-1** Pyramid Place, **14-1** Willaston, **16-1** Thanksforthehelp, **16-1** Tamar Bridge

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The Harry Derham stable has very much clicked into gear in recent days and DARGIANNINI can make a successful return to action. Lac de Constance has a good record fresh and is second choice ahead of Olly Murphy's new recruit Pyramid Place.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DARGIANNINI 2. LAC DE CONSTANCE 3. PYRAMID PLACE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.30

**QUINNBET HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120)
£8,900 1m7f214y (3210 Metres)**

RACE 6



Going: **Good to Soft**

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 LEBOWSKI (IRE) (309) (D) t **98**
19P5/52- 9 12-2 | 77.1kg



Charlie Longsdon **Lilly Pinchin**
Three-time hurdle winner for Michael Scudamore and much better effort for Lucinda Russell when second of 5 at Newcastle when last seen in December. Has since change yards again and goes chasing for the first time.

2 QUICK SHARPENER (IRE) (592) (D) t **96**
55171/ 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole **Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)**
Point winner and dual scorer over hurdles in 2022/23. Should make a chaser but has an absence (19 months) to defy.

3 TEDLEY (112) s **96**
42103-435 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**
Wincanton maiden hurdles winner (2m) in February. Faster ground possibly the issue when run of form came to an end at Bangor when last seen in June. Makes chase debut.

4 CABHFUILFUNGI (IRE) (12) t **100**
32/1472-52 8 11-4 | 71.7kg



Kerry Lee **Liam Harrison**
Fair hurdles winner who made a decent start for this yard when second at Hereford in April. Disappointed following month but back on track sent chasing when second over C&D on return 12 days ago, his jumping looking assured in the main. Player.

5 INEDIT DE MEE (FR) (188) **93**
7B- 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Toby Lawes **K. Brogan**
Showed fairly useful form when runner-up on the last 3 of his 4 starts in 2021/22 for J. Boisnard. Didn't offer a great deal on debut for this stable at Doncaster in December, though, and was brought down early doors at Chepstow on chase bow when last seen in April.

6 TORNEO (FR) (181) (D) **96**
23126- 4 10-8 | 67.1kg



Jamie Snowden **Gavin Sheehan**
Fairly useful winner on the Flat in France and won a weak juvenile hurdle at Wetherby in January. Found only one too good on handicap debut at Fontwell following month. Well held at Bangor next time and off since. Has benefit of 4-y-o allowance on chase debut (yard has done well with similar types).

7 NEIGH BOTHA (IRE) (15) (D) s+t **96**
6345-13P3 7 10-5 | 65.8kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Craig Nichol**
Made a successful return over fences at Southwell (2m) in June and backed it up with a good third at Worcester. Jumping issues quickly resurfaced at Bangor next time, however, and has since had a respectable spin over hurdles.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Cabhfuilfungi, **9-2** Lebowski, **6-1** Quick Sharpener, **13-2** Neigh Botha, **13-2** Torneo, **13-2** Tedley, **11-1** Inedit De Mee

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TORNEO isn't a chasing type on looks but he has the benefit of a 4-y-o allowance and is from a yard that has done well with similar types in recent years. Cabhfuilfungi was a bit flattered by his proximity to the winner but still shaped pretty well sent chasing over this C&D on return 12 days ago and rates the main threat in what looks a difficult race to call.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TORNEO 2. CABHFUILFUNGI 3. LEBOWSKI

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.05

RACE 7

**BEER FESTIVAL RACEDAY SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER
HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150
1m7f168y (3170 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Even**

1 PROLIFIC PROFILE (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (12) (CD) 98

5840-11 5 12-2 | 77.1kg
Katy Price **Gavin Sheehan**
Lightly-raced sort who was much improved when landing 12-runner handicap hurdle at Bangor (16.7f, good) in September. Progressed again when following up from a 6 lb higher mark over C&D 12 days ago and looks sure to go well in his hat-trick bid under a 7-lb penalty.

2 FORTTOWNS (IRE) (57) (BF) t 97

534333-5F 5 12-0 | 76.2kg
Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**
Fair in bumpers and similar form over hurdles, finishing third in a 19f maiden at Warwick in May. Disappointed in a first-time tongue strap at Worcester 3 months later and was in the process of backing out of things when falling 2 out at Newton Abbot last time. Has had a breathing op.

3 STATE OF FAME (IRE) (524) t 93

55544/8- 8 11-13 | 75.7kg
Tom Lacey **Stan Sheppard**
Bumper winner but yet to win over hurdles and ran badly returned to a handicap at Warwick when last seen 17 months ago. Has struck 3 times in points subsequently and market perhaps best guide now returning to Rules for a new yard (sold from Tim Vaughan £4,000). Tongue strap on for 1st time.

4 VILLAINESS (IRE) (155) (BF) h 97

28/2251-4 6 11-10 | 74.4kg
Richard Bandey **Harry Bannister**
Didn't need to improve to get off the mark at Stratford in April. Found it tougher back in a handicap at Perth next time but it's still relatively early days. Hood on for 1st time.

5 SCORSESE (IRE) (37) 88

40889-0 6 11-9 | 73.9kg
Neil Mulholland **Richie McLernon**
Showed fair form in maiden hurdles in Ireland but has been soundly beaten all 3 starts for current yard. Could only consider if backed.

6 TREVOR'S LAD (IRE) (182) 90

34/P- 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
Toby Lawes **K. Brogan**
Milan gelding who displayed definite promise on first of his 2 starts in novice hurdles during 2022/23 season. However, pulled up on return/handicap debut at Fontwell in April and is likely best watched back from further 6-month absence here.

7 QUIAN (GER) (156) (D) s 100

8515549-0 8 11-2 | 70.8kg
Fergal O'Brien **Liam Harrison**
Won a Taunton handicap hurdle for Thomas Gallagher in December. Has been underwhelming since and was beaten by more than the trip alone at Ffos Las (20f) on first start for current yard in May. Given a chance by the assessor, nonetheless.

8 TROPICAL TALENT (15) s+t 95

4-1U66237 5 10-11 | 68.5kg
Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Craig Nichol**
Modest/hurdler chaser who ran below form at Southwell (15.8f, good to firm) 15 days ago. Back over hurdles now and fitted with first-time cheekpieces.

9 MOTAZZEN (IRE) (10) t 96

04P-7256 6 10-11 | 68.5kg
Henrietta C Knight **Brendan Powell**
A fair winner at 14f on Flat and left previous hurdling form behind when second in first-time blinkers at Uttoxeter (15.8f) in July. Promised more than he delivered when fifth at Bangor and ran even worse back up in trip at Huntingdon last time. Tongue tie refitted.

10 BRIDGE ROAD (IRE) (23) (D) s 97

47F/05093 8 10-10 | 68.0kg
Jennie Candlish **William Shanahan (5lb/2kg)**
Eleven runs since last win in 2022 but stopped the slide to some extent when third of 11 in handicap hurdle at Perth (20.2f, soft, 9/1) 23 days ago. Down in trip.

11 TWP STORI (167) (BF) 94

U/655321-2 6 10-7 | 66.7kg
Samuel Drinkwater **Robert Dunne**
Steadily progressive sort who scored at Fontwell in March and progressed again when second of 9 in handicap here (23.3f, soft) in May. Probably has more to offer but the return to a much shorter trip has to be concern.

12 ALLIBABA (342) (BF) 94

8P8/PP553- 6 10-3 | 64.9kg
Philip Kirby **Joe Williamson (31b/1kg)**
Poor maiden hurdler who ran respectably when third of 11 in handicap at Kelso (20.9f, soft) on final outing 11 months ago. Drops in trip on this return to action.

13 HENRYSBROTHERJACK (191) 84

6460- 5 10-3 | 64.9kg
Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
Stoutly bred sort who didn't show a great deal in 4 runs over hurdles last season, including on handicap debut at Market Rasen on final outing. Big step forward required.

14 DUNDORY (IRE) (179) s 96

000344- 8 10-2 | 64.4kg
John O'Shea **David Noonan**
Fairly useful on Flat (below form last 2 starts). Yet to get anywhere near that level over hurdles but showed more when third on handicap debut at Wincanton in March. Ran to a similar level at Ludlow next time but wasn't quite in the same form at Ffos Las on final start in this sphere.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Prolific Profile, **8-1** Twp Stori, **10-1** Quian, **10-1** Villainess, **12-1** Bridge Road, **12-1** Fourtowns, **14-1** Dundory, **14-1** Tropical Talent, **16-1** Allibaba, **16-1** State of Fame, **22-1** Motazzen, **28-1** Trevor's Lad, **33-1** Scorsese, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PROLIFIC PROFILE is going the right way now and, having got the better of a well-backed stable switcher on his most recent outing over C&D, he makes plenty of appeal in his hat-trick bid. Villainess was a shade disappointing back in handicap company at Perth in May but it's still relatively early days in her career and she's not one to give up on just yet based on her earlier form. Quian undoubtedly has something to prove but he's been given a real chance by the assessor.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PROLIFIC PROFILE 2. VILLAINESS 3. QUIAN

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 8

WINTER LADIES RACEDAY SATURDAY 25th JANUARY
MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500
1m7f168y (3170 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**

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: **Even**

1 DREAM SHADOW (IRE) (177) (BF) **100**

Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**
 Easy winner sole start in Irish points 18 months ago and offered plenty to work on amidst greenness when third of 10 in bumper at this C&D (heavy) back in April, staying on final 1f for hand riding. Likely to improve for her top yard, she's fancied to go close.

2 ELIZA STORM (IRE) (164) **94**

Richard Bandey **Harry Bannister**
 Related to three winners and shaped better than first time up when fourth of 13 in bumper at Southwell (15.8f, good) back in May. Another step forward needed to get involved.

3 MUSTANG BETTY (IRE) (331) **96**

Toby Lawes **K. Brogan**
 Walk In The Park filly who was hooded on debut and did well under the circumstances considering how far behind she was early when third of 10 in bumper at Warwick (16f, heavy) 11 months ago. Not seen since but considered if she's ready to roll.

4 STRONG RUN **97**

Fergal O'Brien **Liam Harrison**
 Passing Glance mare. Sister to useful bumper winner/very smart hurdler Strong Leader and bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler Strong Glance. dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/high-class chaser (stayed 3¼m) Strong Flow. 1 of 2 strong contenders for this yard.

5 TILLAWAY (IRE) (153) **96**

Tom George **Freddie Gordon (51b/2kg)**
 Stepped up from debut when third of 11 in bumper at Wexford (16f, heavy) when last seen 5 months ago. Has since left S. Michael Millar and a first-time hood goes on. Market can guide expectations.

6 VARINIA (FR) **94**

Stuart Edmunds **Gavin Sheehan**
 Soldier Hollow mare. Dam jump winner in Czech Republic. Successful on second of 2 starts in point bumpers (May 18).

7 CRACKERJACK QUEEN (IRE) **95**

Tom Ellis **Mr Jack Andrews (31b/1kg)**
 Jack Hobbs filly. Dam (c144/h138), 2½m-3m hurdle/chase winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser (stays 3¼m) Mister Malarky. Failed to complete both starts in points, every chance when fell second one (Apr 14).

8 EILEEN'S ORDERS (IRE) (164) **93**

Henrietta C Knight **Brendan Powell**
 Order of St George filly who hinted at ability when sixth of 13 in bumper at Southwell (15.8f, good) back in May. Will need to take a big step forward to get involved on return.

9 GEORGIA'S CHARM (IRE) (24) (BF) **99**

Harry Fry **Miss A. B. O'Connor (31b/1kg)**
 Sent off at 4/11 but failed to build on debut promise having left Ms Margaret Mullins (for £27,000) and missed 5 months when second of 6 in bumper at Warwick (16f, good) just over 3 weeks ago, left with too much to do. Fancied to be in the mix.

10 HIDDEN STAR **79**

Oliver Signy **Ben Jones**
 Falco filly. Dam, refused only start over hurdles, 1m/8.3f winner on Flat. Hooded on debut.

11 SALLY MCLENNANE (303) **93**

Camilla Poulton **Joe Anderson (31b/1kg)**
 Wings of Eagles filly who showed ability despite being in need of experience when fifth of 17 in bumper at Newbury (16.3f, heavy) on debut 10 months ago.

12 SERVICE MINIMUM (FR) **97**

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
 €52,000 3-y-o, Doctor Dino filly. Half-sister to fairly useful French 2¼m hurdle winner Tanzanite. Dam French hurdler (2m winner). Makes plenty of appeal on paper for her top yard.

13 WALKINGTHELINE (IRE) **97**

Tom Lacey **Stan Sheppard**
 £25,000 3-y-o, Policy Maker filly. Dam unraced sister to useful hurdle winner/smart chaser who became unreliable (stayed 2¼m) Us And Them. Interesting newcomer.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Dream Shadow, 11-2 Georgia's Charm, 8-1 Service Minimum, 8-1 Strong Run, 9-1 Walkingtheline, 10-1 Tillaway, 12-1 Mustang Betty, 14-1 Crackerjack Queen, 20-1 Varinia, 25-1 Eliza Storm, 33-1 Eileen's Orders, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DREAM SHADOW showed plenty of ability when third over C&D on debut back in April and, with further improvement on the cards, Fergal O'Brien's mare is fancied to go a couple of places better at the expense of Georgia's Charm, who was sent off a warm order on her recent yard debut but was ultimately left with too much to do. Debutantes Strong Run, Service Minimum and Walkingtheline all tick plenty of boxes on paper so round off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DREAM SHADOW 2. GEORGIA'S CHARM 3. STRONG RUN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Mellificent 5-11-0	5-6f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	11
2021	Presenting Nelly 4-10-11	3-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	7
2020	Ishkhara Lady 6-11-5	3-1f	Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race