

Wednesday 20th November

# FFOS LAS



**12.15** DANDARA GOLWG GWENDRAETH MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) BUCKNA | (9) WALK ON HIGH | (1) ADMIRAL STEWART**

**12.50** DIPLOMAT HOTEL CELEBRATING 50 YEARS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m7f177y (4790 Metres)

RACE 2 **(8) BRIDGET MARY | (2) HOBBS DELIGHT | (7) WONDER OF THE SEAS**

**1.25** DIPLOMAT HOTEL AND SPA MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 3 **(6) STONE'S THROW | (1) ANDY AMO | (7) BLUE LAS**

**2.00** KATCHAR RACING NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 4 **(7) GREENWAYS | (6) LADY HARRIETT | (1) FRESH SPECULATION**

**2.35** CONNOLLY'S RED MILLS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m3f83y (3900 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) PEP TALKING | (7) SUPASUNRISE | (5) BOBBI'S BEAUTY**

**3.10** FFOS LAS CHRISTMAS PARTY RACE DAY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m5f192y (4400 Metres)

RACE 6 **(7) GATA BAN | (12) TRIPLE NICKLE | (3) IT'S EASY**

**3.45** FFOS LAS SPRING LADIES DAY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 7 **(8) THE LONG WALK | (10) MUSTANG BETTY | (1) COLLANISI**

## 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.

**12.15**

**DANDARA GOLWG GWENDRAETH MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+  
£7,700 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**

RACE 1



Going: **Soft**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Even**

**1 ADMIRAL STEWART (IRE) (39)** (BF) **96**  
2 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jamie Snowden **Gavin Sheehan**  
£130,000 5-y-o, Soldier of Fortune gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including useful hurdler/chaser The Crafty Butcher. Successful on second of 2 starts in Irish points and fitted with a tongue tie, he showed plenty when second at Hexham last month. Major player on hurdles bow.

**2 BUCKNA (IRE)** **99**  
4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Warren Greatrex **James Bowen**  
£55,000 3-y-o, £350,000 4-y-o, seventh foal: half-brother to poor chaser Kildrum (3m winner, by Milan). Dam unraced. Won sole start in Irish points in March and changed hands for plenty after. Has to be of major interest.

**3 HARRY JUNIOR (IRE) (39)** **91**  
5 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



David Pipe **Jack Tudor**  
€65,000 3-y-o, Doyen gelding. Closely related to useful hurdler Harry Senior. Displayed ability amidst greenness when fifth of 9 in a bumper at Chepstow a month ago. Hurdles debut.

**4 ILLICO DU BREUIL (FR) (531)** **79**  
6- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



David Rees **Ben Jones**  
Kapparde gelding. Dam unraced sister to winning hurdler/smart chaser (17f-21f winner) Sidi Bouknadel. Maiden Irish pointer and went with little encouragement on hurdles debut in June 2023. Tongue tie on.

**5 LET ME GO BOYS (IRE) (25)** **90**  
0 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**  
Purchased for £82,000 after finishing runner-up in an Irish point in February. Shaped as though in need of the run in a bumper at Cheltenham last month.

**6 PINK EYED PANCHO (187)** **NON RUNNER**  
0 4 11-4 | 71.7kg



David Brace **Non Runner**  
NON RUNNER.

**7 SLIDE RULE (118)** **88**  
76 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Tom Lacey **Stan Sheppard**  
Champs Elysees gelding. Dam, bumper winner, half-sister to useful chaser (stayed 3m) Coningsby. Strong in the betting fitted with a tongue tie for debut but failed to meet expectations at Southwell in May. Bit more like it at Worcester 2 months later but more certainly needed switched to hurdling.

**8 WALK IN THE HILLS (IRE) (29)** (BF) **90**  
23-9 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Sam Thomas **Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)**  
Placed in a couple of Chepstow bumpers towards the end of 2023. Tight in the betting for last month's opening hurdles run at Exeter but he was well held.

**9 WALK ON HIGH (375)** **100**  
74/F- 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Harry Fry **Bryan Carver**  
Shaped well when fourth of 17 in novice hurdle at Exeter (16.7f, soft) in December 2022. Set to be placed before falling heavily in November 2023 and off the track since. Hood on and he sets the hurdles standard.

**10 ABSENCE OF MALICE (IRE) (10)** **65**  
08P0 4 10-11 | 68.5kg



Peter & Michael Bowen **Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)**  
Looks limited.

**11 ARCTIC ANGEL (IRE) (16)** **70**  
3P84 4 10-11 | 68.5kg



Evan Williams **Adam Wedge**  
Offered something to work on when third in Newton Abbot bumper in May but no show over hurdles so far.

**12 EDMOND (553)** **90**  
453/1- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Venetia Williams **Jonathan Burke**  
Nathaniel mare who found some improvement when off the mark at fourth attempt in a Newton Abbot bumper (16.8f) for Rod Millman 18 months ago. Joined good NH yard ahead of this belated hurdles debut and the betting can prove a useful guide.

**13 GRAYLAND (10)** **60**  
00 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Debra Hamer **James Best**  
No impact in bumpers 4 months apart.

**14 KISS ME MOON (FR) (10)** **70**  
0-77 4 10-11 | 68.5kg



Evan Williams **Conor Ring**  
Ran to only a poor level in bumpers at Newbury/Stratford during the spring and always behind on hurdles debut.

**15 LAKE'S AVENTURINE (FR) (24)** **60**  
45-70 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Harriet Dickin **Ben Poste**  
Minor promise only in 4 starts.

**16 LYLE VIEW (IRE) (22)** **70**  
40 4 10-11 | 68.5kg



Neil Mulholland **Richie McLernon**  
Runner-up on the last of 3 outings in points and showed a bit on Rules debut at Kelso last month. Suffered heavy defeat at Chepstow since.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Walk On High, **3-1** Buckna, **9-2** Admiral Stewart, **12-1** Harry Junior, **14-1** Edmond, **16-1** Walk In The Hills, **16-1** Let Me Go Boys, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Connections went to £350,000 to acquire BUCKNA following his point win in the spring so hopes have to be high that he will follow up on hurdles debut for his in-form yard. Walk On High is an obvious threat, along with Admiral Stewart.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BUCKNA 2. WALK ON HIGH 3. ADMIRAL STEWART**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Lump Sum</b> 5-11-4	2-5f	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	6
2022	<b>L'Astroboy</b> 5-11-4	6-4f	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	6
2021	<b>Dalamoi</b> 4-11-4	15-8jf	Tim Vaughan	Alan Johns	11
2020	<b>Nada To Prada</b> 5-10-5	2-5f	Michael Scudamore	Brendan Powell	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.50**

RACE 2

**DIPLOMAT HOTEL CELEBRATING 50 YEARS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m7f177y (4790 Metres)**



Going: **Soft**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**

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**SHILLANAVOGY (IRE) (179)** **96**

6/50681-42 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Warren Greatrex **James Bowen**

Advanced his form on his chasing debut when second of 6 in handicap chase at Cartmel (25.5f, good to soft) in May. Can give a good account after a break.
- 2**

**HOBBS DELIGHT (30)** (D, BF) **98**

30121-422 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Neil Mulholland **Richie McLernon**

Progressive over hurdles and he shaped well when second of 6 in handicap chase at Plumpton (25.7f, soft) on his debut over fences 30 days ago, just failing. Sure to improve. Likely player.
- 3**

**THE SCORPION KING (32)** **97**

4P64614-2 **6** 11-13 | 75.7kg

Oliver Signy **Gavin Sheehan**

Ungenuine type but he posted a good second of 12 in handicap chase at Stratford (22.6f, heavy) 32 days ago, staying on well. Needs to back it up.
- 4**

**MONTYS SOLDIER (IRE) (21)** **98**

3/43-P4 **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Christian Williams **Jack Tudor**

Lightly-raced maiden who recorded a good fourth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Fakenham (20f, good, 22/1) 21 days ago. Much respected on his chase debut with this longer trip a likely plus.
- 5**

**THE BIG REVEAL (IRE) (35)** **98**

467/P **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Grace Harris **Conor Ring**

Lightly-raced maiden hurdler. Off 20 months before pulled up in handicap chase at Worcester (23f, heavy) on debut over fences 35 days ago.
- 6**

**HENRY BOX BROWN (IRE) (21)** **97**

8-F257176 **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Evan Williams **Ellis Collier (71lb/3kg)**

Gained a first success over fences at Worcester (20f) in August but he has failed to back it up at Hereford and Fakenham since. Others are more appealing.
- 7**

**WONDER OF THE SEAS (IRE) (45)** **99**

84/0022P-2 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies **Tom Bellamy**

Resumed with a good second of 12 in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (24f, good to soft) 45 days ago, although he hindered his cause by briefly trying to run out at the second last. Still enters calculations.
- 8**

**BRIDGET MARY (IRE) (19)** **100**

654-42514 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Rebecca Curtis **Ben Jones**

Made a winning chasing start at Stratford in October and followed it up with a good fourth of 13 in 2m4f Uttoxeter handicap 19 days ago, especially as set a lot to do. Capable of better still back up in trip. Big shout.
- 9**

**CASTING ASPERSIONS (IRE) (19)** **98**

7-05P **5** 11-1 | 70.3kg

Noel Williams **James Davies**

Runner-up both completed starts in points but only modest form shown over hurdles. Goes over fences with plenty more required.
- 10**

**PRIME PRETENDER (30)** **98**

4635P/564 **9** 10-10 | 68.0kg

Evan Williams **Osian Radford (101lb/5kg)**

Remains a maiden after 20 runs. Blinkered for 1st time when only fourth of 6 in handicap chase at Plumpton (25.7f, soft) 30 days ago. Visor retired now.

- 11**

**TRY THE MONEY (IRE) (212)** **98**

50/6253- **6** 10-10 | 68.0kg

Henry Oliver **Nick Scholfield**

Fair maiden hurdler who got back on track when third of 8 in handicap hurdle here (20f) 7 months ago. Possibilities on his chase debut.
- 12**

**WIDE TO WEST (IRE) (218)** (CD) **93**

4/75PP221- **7** 10-9 | 67.6kg

Martin Keighley **James Best**

Unreliable sort who got off the mark in 7-runner handicap chase over C&D in April. Needs to back it up on his seasonal return off a 8 lb higher mark.
- 13**

**SAXON QUEEN (15)** **98**

21222-766 **7** 10-5 | 65.8kg

Peter & Michael Bowen **Shane Fenelon (51lb/2kg)**

Unreliable sort who flashed his tail when a below-par sixth of 10 in handicap chase at Warwick (25.4f, good) 15 days ago. Blinkers replace cheekpieces now.
- 14**

**NO DRAMA (IRE) (28)** **78**

6 **9** 10-5 | 65.8kg

Richard Bandey **Harry Bannister**

Modest maiden hurdler for Paul Henderson in 2021. Looked rusty after 3 years off when sixth of 8 in handicap chase at Fontwell (26f, soft, 16/1) on his debut over fences 28 days ago. Can build on it.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Hobb's Delight, **15-2** Wonder of The Seas, **15-2** Wide To West, **17-2** Bridget Mary, **9-1** The Scorpion King, **10-1** Shillanavogy, **16-1** Prime Pretender, **18-1** Try The Money, **22-1** Saxon Queen, **22-1** Montys Soldier, **28-1** No Drama, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Rebecca Curtis' mare BRIDGET MAY has made an excellent start to life in this sphere and is fancied to quickly resume winning ways having been set a lot to do when fourth at Uttoxeter last time out. Hobb's Delight shaped well on his debut in this sphere when runner-up at Plumpton so rates a major threat. Wonder Of The Seas, Monty's Soldier and Shillanavogy all need factoring in too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BRIDGET MARY 2. HOBBS DELIGHT 3. WONDER OF THE SEAS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Percy Veering</b> 6-11-4	9-4f	Kim Bailey	Kielan Woods	8
2022	<b>Storm Force Ben</b> 8-11-12	10-3	Philip Hobbs	Ben Jones	8
2021	<b>Fairlawn Flyer</b> 5-11-7	5-1f	Peter Bowen	Sean Bowen	17
2020	<b>Silent Man</b> 10-11-0	11-2	Tom Lacey	Miss Sioned Whittle (7)	8
2019	<b>Heavenly Promise</b> 8-11-6	3-1f	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace (3)	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**DIPLOMAT HOTEL AND SPA MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+**  
**£7,700 2½m (4020 Metres)**

RACE 3



Going: **Soft**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**

- 1 ANDY AMO (IRE) (38)** **100**

334-2 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Rebecca Curtis **James Bowen**

Made a promising start in this sphere when second of 10 in novice hurdle here (21.9f, soft) 38 days ago. Looks open to progress. Player.
- 2 JACK TO BAT** **96**

5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

£30,000 3-y-o, £130,000 4-y-o, Jack Hobbs gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Lofgren and modest chaser Gatacre Street. Runner-up in an Irish point. Considered newcomer.
- 3 JIG'S FORGE (IRE)** **95**

5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**

€25,000 3-y-o, £75,000 5-y-o, Westerner gelding. Dam (b82) lightly raced in bumpers. Got off the mark in Irish points at third attempt in April so of obvious interest on his debut.
- 4 JOHNNY BOY (FR) (218)** **89**

6- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Venetia Williams **Shane Quinlan (31b/1kg)**

6/1, last of 6 in bumper here 7 months ago. In good hands so not written off now making his hurdles debut up in trip.
- 5 LIVY'S LAD (19)** **60**

58 4 11-3 | 71.2kg

Tim Vaughan **Alan Johns**

Fourth of 6 sole start in points but has offered little both starts under Rules this autumn.
- 6 STONE'S THROW (27)** **98**

13 4 11-3 | 71.2kg

Billy Aprahamian **Gavin Sheehan**

Debut bumper winner for Paul Webber at Southwell in May and he shaped well on yard/hurdling debut when third of 12 in novice at Ludlow (15.8f, good to soft) 27 days ago, finishing strongly. Big shout stepping up in trip.
- 7 BLUE LAS (210)** **93**

411- 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

Neil Mulholland **Dylan Johnston (31b/1kg)**

Fairly useful form when landing 10-runner bumper at Uttoxeter 7 months ago. Very much one to consider now going over hurdles debut with her stamina drawn out more.
- 8 KATE OF THE LODGE (IRE) (38)** **89**

6 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

Evan Williams **Adam Wedge**

£50,000 but after easily getting off the mark in Irish points but only sixth of 7 in bumper here 38 days ago. Worth another chance on her hurdles bow.
- 9 PROPHET SQUEEZE (IRE) (21)** **65**

P7F 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

Alison Thorpe **Shane Fenelon (51b/2kg)**

Fifth both completed starts in Irish points but very low-key start over hurdles.
- 10 ROYAL MALINAS (IRE) (19)** **60**

97 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

Nikki Evans **James Davies**

Third both starts in Irish points in late 2022 but off a long time and limited promise both runs over hurdles this autumn.

- 11 SHEEKA SUPREME (IRE) (40)** **70**

0 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

Grace Harris **Conor Ring**

Successful in Irish points in October 2022 but eleventh of 16 in novice hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f, good to soft, 80/1) on NH debut 40 days ago. Hooded now.
- 12 HETTIE HENIGAN (172)** **70**

8 4 10-10 | 68.0kg

Mark Loughnane **Paul O'Brien**

33/1, eighth of 12 in bumper at Worcester (16f, good to soft) on NH debut 172 days ago. Makes hurdles debut up in trip.
- 13 KALISTA LOVE (FR) (27)** **91**

5 4 10-10 | 68.0kg

Tom Symonds **Ben Poste**

Fifth of 12 in novice hurdle (40/1) at Ludlow (21.2f, good to soft) on NH debut 27 days ago. May do better.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Andy Amo, **4-1** Stone's Throw, **5-1** Jack To Bat, **6-1** Jig's Forge, **8-1** Blue Las, **12-1** Kalista Love, **33-1** Kate of The Lodge, **33-1** Johnny Boy, **125-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

STONE'S THROW made a promising start for Billy Aprahamian when a strong-finishing Ludlow third and can build on it now his stamina is drawn out more and get off the mark. Course runner-up Andy Amo also has better days ahead of him though so rates a big danger, while hurdling newcomers Blue Las, Jig's Forge and Jack To Bat all bring potential too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. STONE'S THROW 2. ANDY AMO 3. BLUE LAS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Itseemlikeit</b> 4-11-3	9-2	David Pipe	Jack Tudor	6
2022	<b>Broomfield Present</b> 6-11-4	15-8f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	8
2021	<b>Transfer Friendly</b> 5-11-4	11-4	Harry Whittington	Daryl Jacob	12
2020	<b>Pats Fancy</b> 5-11-0	12-1	Rebecca Curtis	Sean Bowen	7
2019	<b>Summer Name</b> 7-11-0	6-1	Rebecca Curtis	Sean Bowen	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.00****KATCHAR RACING NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+**  
**(Rated 0-100) £7,700 2½m (4020 Metres)**

RACE 4

Going: **Soft**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Uncontested****1 FRESH SPECULATION (32) 95**  
653533-3 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Henry Daly

**David Bass**

Has made a promising start in handicaps, eventually catching the eye with late progress when third in a 9-runner female riders event at Stratford (16.3f, heavy). Step back up in trip will suit and he's shortlisted.

**2 DISH OF THE DAY (IRE) (22) 91**  
6/5P-F0 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Nicky Martin

**Paul O'Brien**

Hinted at ability sole outing in bumpers and again offered something to work on when fifth of 8 on his Lingfield hurdling debut, but efforts since have left plenty to be desired and he doesn't look especially well treated now handicapping.

**3 ATREIDES (IRE) (20) (BF) s+t 100**  
23533-423 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

Neil Mulholland

**D. A. Kidd (7lb/3kg)**

Remains a maiden but has made the frame on each of his last 5 outings, albeit beaten a long way when third at Stratford (18.7f, good to soft) 20 days ago. Can give a good account without posing serious threat to principals.

**4 CARVED IN STONE (14) s+t 88**  
515-7430 4 11-6 | 72.6kg

Robbie Llewellyn

**Liam Harrison**

Bumper winner for Hugo Palmer but hasn't yet replicated that level of form over hurdles and finished well beaten on his debut for this yard at Chepstow a fortnight ago. Hard to fancy.

**5 THE CYPRIOT (IRE) (44) 87**  
359440-0 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

Evan Williams

**Adam Wedge**

Has shown modest form only once from 5 outings over hurdles and he's opposable again.

**6 LADY HARRIETT (7lb/3kg ex) (10) (CD) s 96**  
00582041 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

Peter &amp; Michael Bowen

**James Bowen**

Ran a progressive close at Cartmel in August and belatedly confirmed the promise of that effort when comfortably landing a 15-runner handicap hurdle at this C&D (good to soft, 9/1) 10 days ago. Shortlisted under a penalty.

**7 GREENWAYS (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (8) 98**  
00-644361 5 10-11 | 68.5kg

Tom Symonds

**Ben Poste**

Justified support having joined this yard from Dominic Ffrench Davis when readily getting off the mark in a 10-runner handicap hurdle at Hereford (21.7f, good) 8 days ago. Overcame a pace bias to score there, so he's highly respected under a penalty.

**8 JUKEBOX JOKER (IRE) (20) 67**  
5860 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

Evan Williams

**Isabel Williams (3lb/1kg)**

Well held in 3 novice hurdles last month. Could do better now handicapping over longer distances but difficult to fancy on what he's shown so far.

**9 JUST AIDAN (IRE) (221) 91**  
966536- 5 10-8 | 67.1kg

Harriet Dickin

**Bradley Harris (3lb/1kg)**

Hinted at ability in 3 quick runs over hurdles initially and chased home 2 plainly a long way ahead of their marks on handicap debut at Wincanton in March. Didn't see his race out fully at Chepstow next time but he's not fully ruled out of making the frame after 7 months off.

**10 OWL OF ATHENS (IRE) (12) 92**  
78566-0 5 10-7 | 66.7kg

Evan Williams

**Conor Ring**

Yet to better poor form over hurdles and is opposable again.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Greenways, **3-1** Lady Harriett, **11-2** Atreides, **11-2** Fresh Speculation, **18-1** Just Aidan, **22-1** Jukebox Joker, **33-1** Carved In Stone, **33-1** The Cypriot, **33-1** Owl of Athens, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

GREENWAYS was value for extra when making a winning debut for the Tom Symonds yard at Hereford last week and he's fancied to follow up. This contest isn't without dangers though, with the similarly penalised Lady Harriett meriting plenty of respect after her recent C&D success, whilst Fresh Speculation made an encouraging return at Stratford and promises to benefit from the return to this trip.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. GREENWAYS 2. LADY HARRIETT 3. FRESH SPECULATION****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race



**2.35****CONNOLLY'S RED MILLS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m3f83y (3900 Metres)**

RACE 5

**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

**1 LERMOOS LEGEND (71lb/3kg ex) (10) (CD)** s **96**  
24333741 9 12-7 | 79.4kg



Peter &amp; Michael Bowen

**Shane Fenelon (51lb/2kg)**

Ended losing run in handicap here 10 days ago, though the carnage at 4 out left him with a simple task. Opposable under a 7 lb penalty.

**2 ILENY ROYALE (FR) (41)** h+t **74**  
73677P-6 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Tim Vaughan

**Alan Johns**

Placed twice from 4 starts in minor events for Gabriel Leenders in France. Offered little over hurdles for this yard and was soon left behind on chase bow/return.

**3 LELANT (IRE) (29)** s+t **92**  
446-33668 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Evan Williams

**Adam Wedge**

Fair form without success over hurdles. Not so good over fences so far, though no doubt becoming well handicapped in this sphere. Headgear goes on.

**4 PEP TALKING (19)** ★ **100**  
08126-261 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Billy Aprahamian

**K. Brogan**

Lightly raced 6-y-o who improved on hurdles form when making winning chase debut at Huntingdon (16.5f) in March. Runner-up on 2 of his 4 starts thereafter before resuming winning ways/progress at Uttoxeter 3 weeks ago. That was only his second start for this yard so may do better again.

**5 BOBBI'S BEAUTY (IRE) (230) (BF)** h **92**  
0/P0721P4- 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Martin Keighley

**James Best**

Point winner who stepped up on her hurdle exploits when making a successful switch to fences at Leicester (20.1f) in February. Might have found next race coming too soon before creditable fourth back over hurdles at Southwell. Worth another chance back in this sphere on return.

**6 ONE LAST GLANCE (16)** t **96**  
233C23-13 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Tom Gretton

**Fergus Gillard**

Belatedly off the mark in handicap hurdle (9/2) at Stratford (16.3f, heavy) on return. Just respectable third back over fences at Plumpton since. Could do with brushing up his jumping in this sphere.

**7 SUPASUNRISE (IRE) (32) (D)** s **97**  
22443-P25 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

**Finn Lambert (31lb/1kg)**

Creditable second of 13 in handicap chase (9/1) at Southwell (20.4f, good to firm) on return and worth another chance to build on that having failed to stay at Stratford next time.

**8 HIGGS (IRE) (158) (C)** b **95**  
P622-112P 11 11-0 | 69.9kg



Sarah-Jayne Davies

**James Turner (71lb/3kg)**

Has been unreliable but went through a good spell in May, scoring twice, including here (3m). Might have found busy spell catching up with him final start so no surprise if he bounced back after a break.

**9 ESPERTI (IRE) (10) (D)** **96**  
PP-50P9P4 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



David Rees

**Conor Ring**

Little impact over hurdles for this yard and fared no better sent chasing last 2 starts.

**10 TOTOWOLFE (126)** **96**  
5688-79 7 10-11 | 68.5kg



Nigel Hawke

**Lorcan Murtagh**

Irish point winner who has shown little since shaping with some encouragement on his hurdling debut. Makes chase debut.

**11 ROCK ON RITA (IRE) (686) (C)** s **90**  
6685/ 8 10-8 | 67.1kg



Neil Mulholland

**Richie McLernon**

Point winner who won 2 mares' handicap hurdles in 2022 but struggled in a trio of starts over fences when last seen almost 2 years ago. Hard to recommend.

**12 FAITQUE DE L'ISLE (FR) (32) (C)** **95**  
668P/33P-6 9 10-8 | 67.1kg



James Evans

**Shane Quinlan (31lb/1kg)**

Has been given a big chance by the handicapper after an underwhelming 2023/24 campaign and shaped as if needing the run after 12 months off (left Michael Scudamore in interim) at Stratford last month. Not dismissed.

**13 CEEJAYBE (159)** t **95**  
33P265-9P 4 10-3 | 64.9kg



Jo Davis

**Gavin Sheehan**

Poor maiden hurdler who is easy to oppose on chase bow.

**14 MY GRANNY LILY (32) (C)** s **96**  
3/4F1354-6 6 10-3 | 64.9kg



Nigel Hawke

**David Noonan**

Got off the mark in 2m handicap hurdle at Ffos Las in February and ended the season in good form. Probably needed return and back over fences now (fell at third in chase bow 11 months ago).

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Pep Talking, **11-2** Lermoos Legend, **8-1** Bobbi's Beauty, **9-1** Supasunrise, **10-1** One Last Glance, **14-1** Faitque De L'isle, **16-1** Higgs, **16-1** Lelant, **18-1** My Granny Lily, **33-1** Rock On Rita, **33-1** Ileny Royale, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

PEP TALKING has made an encouraging start for this yard, showing improved form to score at Uttoxeter last time, and looks capable of defying a 5 lb rise. Supasunrise is feared most returned to a more suitable trip, while Bobbi's Beauty is worth another chance to back up her chase debut win.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PEP TALKING 2. SUPASUNRISE 3. BOBBI'S BEAUTY**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023 **Royal Mer** 5-11-10 11-4f David Pipe Jack Tudor 7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.10**

RACE 6

**FFOS LAS CHRISTMAS PARTY RACE DAY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m5f192y (4400 Metres)**



Going: **Soft**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Even**

<b>1</b>	<b>CAST'S TASHA (IRE) (221) (C)</b> 21/3221P6- <b>7</b> 12-0   76.2kg	t	<b>96</b>
	<b>Ben Clarke</b> Began last campaign in fine form over hurdles and value for extra when landing cramped odds on chase debut here in February. Never threatened on both subsequent starts (latest back hurdling) but worth a second look on return for a yard who have hit the target twice this month.		<b>Ben Jones</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>MA BELLE NOIRE (191)</b> 3/213115-6 <b>7</b> 12-0   76.2kg	b+t	<b>99</b>
	<b>Harry Fry</b> Improved model over hurdles in the first half of last season. Off 6 months prior to well held on her Hereford chase debut in May and has had another 6-month layoff ahead of this return to hurdles. Back in blinkers and might be best watched.		<b>Bryan Carver</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>IT'S EASY (FR) (32)</b> P324243-2 <b>6</b> 11-11   74.8kg		<b>96</b>
	<b>Evan Williams</b> Fairly useful maiden chaser in France for David Cottin but just respectable efforts at best for Clive Boulton-Brooks. Down in the weights as a result and sound start for this yard when second at Stratford (16.3f, heavy) last month. Can build on that here.		<b>Adam Wedge</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>SWEET MAGIC (IRE) (378)</b> 43427/F- <b>6</b> 11-10   74.4kg		<b>97</b>
	<b>Alastair Ralph</b> Would have gone close but for departing at Warwick (19f, heavy) when last seen 12 months ago, upsides when approaching last. A shade disconcerting that she's not been seen since but worth monitoring in the betting (returns 2 lb lower).		<b>Jonathan Burke</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>WALKINTHESCOTSWOLDS (IRE) (210)</b> 0/6P44226- <b>5</b> 11-7   73.0kg	h	<b>95</b>
	<b>Harriet Dickinson</b> Made the frame all 4 starts after the turn of the year, finishing second on handicap debut in a 4-runner affair at Southwell (20.4f, heavy) in March. Not so good back down to 2m at Uttoxeter a month later and a first-time hood goes on for her reappearance.		<b>Ben Poste</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>HEDERA PARK (IRE) (6)</b> 906F8713 <b>6</b> 11-5   72.1kg	h	<b>96</b>
	<b>Debra Hamer</b> Gained compensation for her final-flight fall at Worcester earlier in the season when winning 18-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f, good to soft) earlier this month and ran at least as well under a penalty when third of 6 at Taunton (19f, good) last week. Should go well again.		<b>Gavin Sheehan</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>GATA BAN (IRE) (14)</b> 2381/86 <b>7</b> 11-3   71.2kg		<b>100</b>
	<b>Neil Mulholland</b> Made a winning handicap debut at Taunton (19f) in December 2022 and is seemingly working her way back to fitness, more like it when sixth of 17 in handicap at Chepstow (23.6f, good to soft) a fortnight ago. Handicapper drops her another 3 lb and has to be considered.		<b>Richie McLernon</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>MISS HUNKY DORY (215)</b> 3924P- <b>6</b> 11-2   70.8kg	t	<b>97</b>
	<b>Ben Clarke</b> Third in a bumper at Exeter on New Year's Day and gave reason for encouragement when a staying-on second in a Wincanton novice (15.2f) in March. Failed to repeat that at Chepstow next time and ran no sort of race on handicap debut when last seen in April. Bit to prove on return (had wind op).		<b>Tom Bellamy</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>SANDA RENA (IRE) (27)</b> 3/63-40 <b>6</b> 11-1   70.3kg	t	<b>95</b>
	<b>Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill</b> £150,000 purchase after winning an Irish point and finished third on Rules debut in a Southwell bumper in 2023. Some promise in novice hurdles (left Ben Pauling after second one) but shaped as if amiss on handicap debut at Ludlow (21.2f, good to soft) last month. Tongue tie applied.		<b>Kielan Woods</b>

<b>10</b>	<b>ELUSIVENESS (IRE) (29)</b> 06532-5 <b>5</b> 10-13   69.4kg	s+t	<b>95</b>
	<b>Jeremy Scott</b> Flat-bred mare who took a step forward when runner-up on her handicap debut at Exeter on final start of last season. Looked rusty returning from 6 months off back there recently but worth another chance with that under her belt. Cheekpieces added to usual tongue tie.		<b>Lorcan Williams</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>WONDERWEASLE (218) (C, BF)</b> 3/5458313- <b>6</b> 10-6   66.2kg		<b>96</b>
	<b>Tim Vaughan</b> Belatedly built on the promise shown in novice company to get off the mark here in March and ran to a similar level when third here (20f, soft) the following month. Should remain competitive provided she's ready to roll on reappearance.		<b>Alan Johns</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>TRIPLE NICKLE (IRE) (180)</b> 63/03P2-22 <b>8</b> 10-2(10-1)   64.4kg (64.0kg)	s	<b>97</b>
	<b>Bernard Llewellyn</b> Just one win (back in 2021) from 17 starts over hurdles but she was runner-up on her last couple of outings in the spring. In mostly good form on the level over the summer (won at this track in August) so she merits consideration back in this sphere. 1 lb out of the weights.		<b>Jack Tudor</b>

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** It's Easy, **6-1** Hedera Park, **6-1** Wonderweasle, **9-1** Triple Nickle, **10-1** Ma Belle Noire, **10-1** Elusiveness, **12-1** Sweet Magic, **16-1** Cast's Tasha, **20-1** Gata Ban, **20-1** Walkinthescotswolds, **33-1** Sanda Rena, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A host in with chances and it could pay to side with GATA BAN, who took a step back in the right direction at Chepstow a fortnight ago and shaped as though she'll come on again for the outing. Dropped a further 3 lb, she can get the better of Triple Nickle, who has been in good form on the level this summer (won at this course) and was twice runner-up over hurdles in May. It's Easy and Hedera Park are another couple that should go well, too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GATA BAN 2. TRIPLE NICKLE 3. IT'S EASY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**FFOS LAS SPRING LADIES DAY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**

RACE 7





Going: **Soft**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**


**1 COLLANISI (IRE) 93**  
4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Ben Pauling  *Ben Jones*  
€28,000 3-y-o, Kalanisi gelding. Dam (c125/h125) 2m-2½m hurdle/chase winner, also 1¼m-2m winner on Flat. One to note on debut for yard who does well in this sphere.


**2 MONTICELLO (FR) 92**  
4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Clive Boulton-Brooks *Richard Patrick*  
Karakar gelding. Dam, lightly raced over hurdles in France, half-sister to fairly useful 2¼m hurdle winner Vintage. Watch for market clues.

**3 SEA VICTORY (48) 79**  
8-0 4 11-0 | 69.9kg t

 Jo Davis *Gavin Sheehan*  
After 10 months off (had a breathing operation), fared no better than on debut when last of 10 in bumper at Warwick (16f, good) 48 days ago. Looks to be up against it.

**4 SPANISH DANCER (FR) 90**  
5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Richard Bandey *Harry Bannister*  
£35,000 3-y-o, Spanish Moon gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including French hurdler/chase winner Bal Celtique and fair French hurdler Red Nousa. Dam 10.5f winner in France. Has had breathing operation ahead of debut.


**5 SWINDON VILLAGE (IRE) 94**  
4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Charlie Longsdon *David Bass*  
€36,000 3-y-o, £130,000 4-y-o, Kingston Hill gelding. Half-brother to bumper winner Meep Meep Mag. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 3m) Ponmeoath. Runner-up in Irish point in February. One to consider.


**6 TAO ENKI (FR) 90**  
4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Alastair Ralph *Jonathan Burke*  
€40,000 3-y-o, No Risk At All gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including French hurdler Lady Enki and fair French 19f hurdle winner Fuidy Enki. Has a fair standard to aim at on debut.



**7 TECH THAT (IRE) 90**  
5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Richard Phillips *Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg)*  
£30,000 5-y-o, Milan gelding. Closely related to bumper winner Katie Connell. Dam French 2¼m hurdle winner. Runner-up on only start in Irish points in May.


**8 THE LONG WALK (IRE) (28) 100**  
3 4 11-0 | 69.9kg 

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*  
Made plenty of appeal on paper and shaped encouragingly when third of 7 in bumper at Southwell (15.8f, good) on debut last month, outpaced before staying on final 1f. Can build on that effort to open his account.

**9 HARD DEALT (IRE) 94**  
4 10-7 | 66.7kg

 Henry Daly  *Liam Harrison*  
€24,000 3-y-o, £50,000 4-y-o, Walk In The Park filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including fair 21f hurdle winner/3¼m chase winner Track And Trace and fair hurdler/chaser Barden Bella. Won sole outing in Irish points in May. Respected.

**10 MUSTANG BETTY (IRE) (364) 97**  
3- 5 10-7 | 66.7kg h

 Toby Lawes *K. Brogan*  
Hooded for her first start, did well under the circumstances considering how far behind she was early when third of 10 in bumper at Warwick (16f, heavy) a year ago. Off since but she enters calculations.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** The Long Walk, **9-2** Mustang Betty, **13-2** Swindon Village, **7-1** Hard Dealt, **8-1** Collanisi, **11-1** Monticello, **16-1** Tao Enki, **16-1** Spanish Dancer, **18-1** Tech That, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

THE LONG WALK made a promising start when third in a Southwell bumper last month, form which has been boosted by the runner-up winning next time, so he is taken to get off the mark with that experience behind him. Mustang Betty also shaped well on her debut and is feared most, with Collanisi the pick of the debutants for his in-form yard.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. THE LONG WALK 2. MUSTANG BETTY 3. COLLANISI**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Juby Ball</b> 4-11-2	10-1	Evan Williams	Mr Lewis Gordon (7)	6
2022	<b>Golden Millie</b> 4-11-0	125-1	Simon Earle	Philip Armson (3)	7
2021	<b>Hidden Beauty</b> 4-11-0	2-1f	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (3)	16
2020	<b>Speech Bubble</b> 5-11-4	17-2	Noel Williams	Connor Brace (3)	10
2019	<b>Pure Bliss</b> 4-10-12	7-1	Harry Fry	Mr Michael Legg (5)	12

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race