

Wednesday 16th October

# WETHERBY



2.00	QUILTER CHEVIOT SUPPORTING SPINAL RESEARCH NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m3f154y (3960 Metres)
RACE 1	<b>(1) BOWLING BUDDY   (2) EBONY WARRIOR   (12) SERIOUS CHAT</b>
2.30	MARY LOFTHOUSE SUPPORTING SPINAL RESEARCH HANDICAP CHASE (3) 1m7f36y (3050 Metres)
RACE 2	<b>(5) PRIMOZ   (2) PAY THE PIPER   (1) ESCAPEANDEVADE</b>
3.00	JAMES HAMBRO & PARTNERS ABOVE & BEYOND JUVENILE HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m (3220 Metres)
RACE 3	<b>(6) OPEC   (3) QUANTOCK HILLS   (2) PLAY PRETEND</b>
3.30	BOBBY RENTON HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)
RACE 4	<b>(5) ENVIOUS EDITOR   (6) JAGWAR   (1) JET PLANE</b>
4.00	FLIPIT SELL YOUR CAR BETTER HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m (3220 Metres)
RACE 5	<b>(6) SCHMILSSON   (2) TINTINTIN   (1) ALLMANKIND</b>
4.30	WATCH RACING TV IN HD NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m5f75y (4290 Metres)
RACE 6	<b>(3) HURLERONTHEDITCH   (1) STORMINHOME   (6) MONTREGARD</b>
5.03	VISIT <a href="http://racingtv.com">racingtv.com</a> HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3m26y (4850 Metres)
RACE 7	<b>(11) TZARMIX   (9) FOX'S FANCY   (4) DUKE OF DECEPTION</b>

## 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.

**2.00**

RACE 1

**QUILTER CHEVIOT SUPPORTING SPINAL RESEARCH  
NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,000 2m3f154y (3960  
Metres)**




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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 BOWLING BUDDY (IRE) (21) 94**  
211 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Oilly Murphy** *Lewis Saunders (10lb/5kg)*  
Winning Irish pointer and confirmed promise of Rules debut when landing a novice hurdle at Cartmel in August. Progressed again switched to handicaps when scoring at Perth (16.2f, soft) 3 weeks ago and capable of better again. Double penalty to carry but will go on improving as stamina tested.


**2 EBONY WARRIOR (IRE) (19) t ★ 100**  
85-3122 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **David Killahena & Graeme McPherson** *Kielan Woods*  
Little show in 2 bumpers but different story since switched to hurdles at Worcester, landing a 2m novice in ready fashion in July. Further progress when runner-up on both subsequent starts (handicap debut latest) and looks sure to go well back in novice company.


**3 A MOMENTS MADNESS (IRE) 87**  
5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Warren Greatrex** *James Bowen*  
£30,000 5-y-o, Conduit gelding. Brother to modest hurdler Sunshine Girl, and half-brother to modest hurdler Fair Minded. Runner-up sole start in Irish points (Feb 2024).


**4 BALCOMIE BREEZE (FR) (571) 86**  
8328/ 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Gillian Boanas** *Danny McMenamin*  
Brought down on debut at Kelso in November 2022 but showed what he can do with a brace of placed efforts on his next 2 outings. Progress halted in a higher class of bumper back in March 2023 and not seen since ahead of his hurdles debut.


**5 DANNO'S DOLLAR (IRE) (12) 70**  
87P-7 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Mark Walford** *Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)*  
Little impact both starts in bumpers for Sandy Thomson and similar comment apply for this yard over hurdles, always behind after 6 months off at Hexham (16.2f, good) recently. Upped in trip and looks one for the longer term.


**6 FOREST BLAZE (12) 70**  
40-5 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Mark Walford** *Jamie Hamilton*  
Bumper debut fourth at Newcastle wasn't completely devoid of promise but beaten a long way on both starts over hurdles subsequently, latest after 6 months off at Hexham (16.2f, good) 12 days ago. Upped in trip but hard to see him featuring.


**7 GRAND GESTE (IRE) (165) 60**  
70-P 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Sue Smith** *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*  
Down the field in 2 bumpers and showed nothing sent hurdling after 3 months off at Hexham (16.2f, soft) back in May. Upped in trip but can only be watched on return.


**8 HELSGETAWAY (IRE) (192) 85**  
523- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Lucinda Russell** *Derek Fox*  
Built on promising debut when runner-up in Newcastle bumper last December and not far off that level 4 months on when third at Carlisle (17f, heavy) in April. Worth a second look on return/hurdles bow.


**9 JOB (FR) (189) h 84**  
74- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Toby Lawes** *K. Brogan*  
Fourth sole start in Irish points (May 2023) and showed more than on Rules debut 11 weeks earlier when fourth of 11 in bumper at Market Rasen (16.6f, good to soft) in April. Market can guide expectations now sent hurdling.


**10 MARTIN PLAGÉ (FR) (202) 85**  
346- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **B. F. Brookhouse** *Jack Quinlan*  
Easy point winner who made a solid start under Rules when third at Cheltenham in October 2023. Bit underwhelming at Sandown next time and proved a let-down after 5 months off at this course (16f, heavy) back in March. Needs to get back on track now hurdling and that is possible.


**11 MYBOYMAX (FR) (23) t 79**  
5 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Micky Hammond** *Joshua Thompson (7lb/3kg)*  
Six-time Flat winner, the latest over 2m at Catterick in June. Did no better than on his hurdling debut back in 2021 when tailed-off fifth at Sedgefield (16.8f, good) just over 3 weeks ago and handicaps after this will be more suitable.

**12 SERIOUS CHAT (IRE) (39) 89**  
521 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Donald McCain** *Brian Hughes*  
Doyen gelding who shaped with definite promise on both starts for Yvonne Latta in Ireland and built on that to open account on stable debut 3 months on at Stratford (16.3f, good) recently, rallying to edge ahead again close home. Likely type on hurdles bow.

**13 SHE WON'T MIND (321) 60**  
05- 6 10-7 | 66.7kg

 **Tim Reed** *Robert Dunne*  
Won a point in May 2023 but only poor form in a bumper and novice hurdle since. Returns from 10 months off and can only be watched on what she has done so far.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1 Ebony Warrior, 10-3 Bowling Buddy, 13-2 A Moments Madness, 7-1 Serious Chat, 10-1 Balcomie Breeze, 12-1 Helsgetaway, 16-1 Martin Plage, 20-1 Job, 100-1 bar**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A few in with chances in the season opener but it is hard to get away from BOWLING BUDDY, who arrives chasing a hat-trick and Olly Murphy's 6-y-o will go on improving now his stamina is drawn out further. Ebony Warrior hasn't looked back since sent over hurdles and he may have to settle for a third silver medal in a row, with hurdling debutant Serious Chat and A Moments Madness another couple fancied to be involved, too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BOWLING BUDDY 2. EBONY WARRIOR 3. SERIOUS CHAT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>My Chiquita</b> 4-10-12	13-8	B. F. Brookhouse	Alice Stevens (7)	11
2022	<b>Not What It Seems</b> 6-11-12	10-11f	Micky Hammond	Emma Smith-Chaston (5)	6
2021	<b>Glencassley</b> 6-11-5	1-7f	Charlie Longsdon	Brian Hughes	7
2020 <sup>I</sup>	<b>Ask A Honey Bee</b> 6-10-12	1-2f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	10
2020 <sup>II</sup>	<b>Valleres</b> 5-10-12	3-1	Alan King	Daryl Jacob	11
2019	<b>Jatiluwh</b> 5-12-2	11-2	Philip Hobbs	Mr David Maxwell (3)	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.30**

RACE 2

**MARY LOFTHOUSE SUPPORTING SPINAL RESEARCH  
HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £11,500  
1m7f36y (3050 Metres)**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 ESCAPEANDEVADE (IRE) (228) 98**  
1P4/44111- 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



James Ewart

**Brian Hughes**

Hurdles winner who took his form up a notch over fences with cheekpieces enlisted last term, bringing up the hat-trick at Kelso (17f, soft) when last seen in March. Career-high mark to defy on return but respected nevertheless with Brian Hughes again in the plate.

**2 PAY THE PIPER (IRE) (28) (CD) 100**  
3P632-421 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Ann Hamilton

**Danny McMenamin**

Useful winning chaser who was holding his form well in the spring and lacked nothing in fitness as he ended a losing run following 4 months off in 6-runner handicap chase at Kelso (17f) 4 weeks ago. Nudged up 3 lb and he's one to consider again.

**3 GREY DIAMOND (FR) (28) (D) 95**  
0700-5025 10 11-6 | 72.6kg



Donald McCain

**Theo Gillard**

Useful handicap chaser at best but little impact in handful of starts for Gordon Elliott and he's not looked a winner in waiting in pair of starts for present stable, 10¼ lengths fifth of 6 to Pay The Piper in handicap chase at Kelso (17.1f, good) 28 days ago.

**4 SIR TIVO (FR) (39) 99**  
213-98542 10 11-4 | 71.7kg



Gary Hanmer

**Robert Dunne**

Veteran who added another pair of small-field chase contests to his CV last summer. Exploits mixed in recent months but arrives having run well when second of 6 in handicap chase at Stratford (17f) 39 days ago. Possibilities with a repeat.

**5 PRIMOZ (IRE) (180) 100**  
1741- 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Lucinda Russell

**Derek Fox**

Changed hands for a chunky sum after finishing runner-up on both starts in Irish points and bookended his novice season over hurdles with victories at Ayr, latterly on handicap debut (2m) in April, notably travelling strongly. Useful prospect now chasing on return.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

9-4 Pay The Piper, 5-2 Escapeandevade, 7-2 Primoz, 5-1 Sir Tivo, 18-1 Grey Diamond

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Ex-pointer PRIMOZ really impressed with how he travelled when gaining a second hurdles victory at Ayr back in the spring and, appealing as every inch the type to make an even better chaser, he could be worth siding with on return before the benefit of market clues. Pay The Piper following his Kelso victory last month and Escapeandevade, who rattled off a hat-trick when last seen in the spring can also feature.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. PRIMOZ 2. PAY THE PIPER 3. ESCAPEANDEVADE

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Homme Public</b> 6-12-0	5-2f	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	7
2022	<b>El Borracho</b> 7-11-8	10-11f	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Toby Wynne (7)	3
2021	<b>Return Ticket</b> 8-12-2	4-1	Rebecca Menzies	Henry Brooke	4
2020	<b>Amoola Gold</b> 7-11-2	4-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	11
2019	<b>Ballyvic Boru</b> 7-10-13	11-2	Brian Ellison	Brian Hughes	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.00****JAMES HAMBRO & PARTNERS ABOVE & BEYOND JUVENILE HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo £7,000 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 BATTLE OF OMDURMAN (80) (D)** s **92**  
12 3 11-7 | 73.0kg



Deborah Cole **Chris Ward (3lb/1kg)**  
Fair maiden on the Fla for Ollie Sangster who made a winning start over hurdles for new connections in 6-runner juvenile at Stratford (2m, good, 15/2) in July. Matched that form when second under a penalty at Uttoxeter and cheekpieces (worn once on the Flat) are back on.

**2 PLAY PRETEND (IRE) (80) (BF)** **89**  
1F 3 11-7 | 73.0kg



Dave Roberts **Lee Edwards**  
Related to a couple of hurdle winners and overcame inexperience to do likewise himself on debut at Market Rasen in June, well on top by the line with Opec out of the race. Crashed out at the first at Uttoxeter a month later but given time to get over that and he remains capable of better.

**3 QUANTOCK HILLS (FR) (132)** ★ **100**  
21 3 11-7 | 73.0kg



Warren Greatrex **James Bowen**  
Fairly useful form over hurdles in France, head second to Enjoy in juvenile at Dieppe prior to winning 10-runner event at same course by 1¼ lengths from Maguelon. Left D. Sourdeau de Beaugard €130,000 in July and he sets the standard on UK debut.

**4 MAPLE (15)** h **82**  
2 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Ruth Jefferson **Jamie Hamilton**  
Modest form at up to 1m on the Flat for Sir Michael Stoute. New connections acquired him for 11,000 gns in July and with the hood kept on, he made fair fist of his debut in this sphere when second at Sedgfield a fortnight ago. Form is only ordinary, though.

**5 NORMANDY LEGEND** t  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Toby Wynne (3lb/1kg)**  
Fairly useful form on Flat, should stay at least 1¼m, well beaten in handicap last time. Sold from James Ferguson 20,000 gns in July but joined another good yard ahead of hurdles bow.

**6 OPEC (124) (BF)** **97**  
F 3 10-7 | 66.7kg



James Owen **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
Modest maiden on the Flat and heavily backed, she was a long way clear when falling 2 out on hurdles debut at Market Rasen a fortnight ago. Went with plenty of zest and she's taken to make amends here.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Opec, **9-4** Quantock Hills, **7-1** Battle of Omdurman, **7-1** Play Pretend, **12-1** Normandy Legend, **16-1** Maple

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

OPEC was still travelling powerfully in a clear lead when falling 2 out at Market Rasen a fortnight ago and in receipt of weight all round, compensation may well await. Quantock Hills brings solid French form to the table so is feared most.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. OPEC 2. QUANTOCK HILLS 3. PLAY PRETEND**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>I Still Have Faith</b> 3-11-0	4-7f	B. F. Brookhouse	Jack Quinlan	8
2022	<b>Vintage Valley</b> 3-11-0	11-4	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	6
2021	<b>Battle Angel</b> 3-10-5	15-2	Mark Walford	Jamie Hamilton	7
2020	<b>Historic Heart</b> 3-11-4	8-1	Nigel Hawke	David Noonan	10
2019 <sup>h</sup>	<b>Lady Shanawell</b> 3-10-11	11-2	Ben Haslam	Richie McLernon	10
2019 <sup>h</sup>	<b>Maria Magdalena</b> 3-11-3	8-15f	Alex Hales	Connor Brace (5)	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.30****BOBBY RENTON HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-140)  
£16,000 2m3f85y (3900 Metres)**

RACE 4

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

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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 JET PLANE (IRE) (180) (D, BF) t 99**  
14P7511P- 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Dan Skelton

**Fergus Gillard**

Gained a fourth victory of 2023/24 in comfortable style at Market Rasen (19f) in April. Best not judged too harshly on his final start at Ayr later that month and he's worth considering after 5 months off given he's gone well fresh previously.

**2 VINTAGE FIZZ (49) (D, BF) 98**  
1626-3265 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Jedd O'Keeffe

**Conor O'Farrell**

Twice a winner of small-field handicap chases at around 2½m in 2023 and went close at Market Rasen on the second of his 3 starts since returning from a break in June. Latest Worcester fifth in August was a below-par display but he's a likely candidate to bounce back.

**3 ARTHUR'S QUAY (IRE) (28) (D) t 93**  
9411P-4P6 10 11-6 | 72.6kg



Ben Haslam

**Richie McLernon**

Winner of back-to-back handicaps during second half of last year. Lightly raced and largely below form since, last of 6 in handicap chase at Kelso (17.1f) 4 weeks ago. Has fallen 2 lb below last winning mark ahead of this at least.

**4 CERENDIPITY (IRE) (179) (C, D) 98**  
313PF351- 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



Sue Smith

**Nick Scholfield**

Course winner who produced a better round of jumping than was often the case last term when adding to his tally at Bangor (20.3f) back in April, in control when left clear last. Needs to keep the errors at bay back from 6 months off.

**5 ENVIOUS EDITOR (IRE) (18) ★ 100**  
23/35-1522 10 10-11 | 68.5kg



Gary Hanmer

**Robert Dunne**

Bounced back to his best following a point success for Mrs C. Crow in 2m5f Stratford hunter chase in May. Continued good work for new yard, runner-up behind an enterprisingly-ridden winner at Market Rasen (21.4f) 18 days ago. Worth considering from same mark.

**6 JAGWAR (FR) (180) (D) t 98**  
2/25145- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

**Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Good-looking sort who got off the mark in a 5-runner novice hurdle at Carlisle (19.3f, heavy) in February. Similar form when midfield in pair of handicaps thereafter and feasible to think he could have even more to offer as a chaser this term.

**7 HALF SHOT (IRE) (28) (D) b 96**  
4P4-74681 10 10-10 | 68.0kg



Iain Jardine

**Brian Hughes**

Perked up by application of blinkers as he capitalised on reduced mark in 10-runner handicap chase at Kelso (21.6f) 4 weeks ago, rallying to edge back ahead final 50 yds. 3 lb rise leaves him handicapping scope but not sure to be in same form.

**8 GARDE DES CHAMPS (IRE) (28) t 97**  
P-2632343 8 10-7 | 66.7kg



Lucinda Russell

**Derek Fox**

On a losing run (maiden over fences) and whilst he ran up to his best, he was seemingly outbattled when close-up third of 6 in handicap chase at Kelso (17f) 4 weeks ago. Clearly in good heart but he's not one to be taking short odds about on that evidence.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Jet Plane, **9-2** Garde Des Champs, **6-1** Envious Editor, **13-2** Cerendipity, **13-2** Jagwar, **7-1** Half Shot, **8-1** Vintage Fizz, **22-1** Arthur's Quay

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ENVIOUS EDITOR ran another solid race in defeat whilst having little chance behind an enterprisingly-ridden winner at Market Rasen 18 days ago. He looks worth another chance off his revised mark, with chase debutant Jagwar and the returning Jet Plane heading up the dangers. Vintage Fizz is another in with a shout if defying a lesser effort at Worcester 7 weeks ago.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ENVIOUS EDITOR 2. JAGWAR 3. JET PLANE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Getaway Luv</b> 8-10-8	12-1	Lizzie Quinlan	Jamie Hamilton	6
2022	<b>Tardree</b> 8-11-2	2-1	L J Morgan	Adam Wedge	4
2021	<b>Whoshotthesheriff</b> 7-11-10	10-3	Philip Kirby	Sean Quinlan	5
2020	<b>Cool Mix</b> 8-10-12	17-2	Iain Jardine	Conor O'Farrell	14
2019	<b>Crievehill</b> 7-11-9	9-4jf	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.00****FLIPIT SELL YOUR CAR BETTER HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+  
(Rated 0-140) £10,000 2m (3220 Metres)**

RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 ALLMANKIND (18) (D)** h+t **98**  
700/3 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



James Owen

**Mr Alex Chadwick (51b/2kg)**

Smart hurdler and high-class chaser during his time with Dan Skelton. Had missed 20 months but showed plenty of ability remains when third of 8 in a handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (16.6f) 18 days ago. Good chance if backing that up.

**2 TINTINTIN (FR) (158) (D)** t **99**  
22/01511-3 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



Fergal O'Brien

**J. Hogan (31b/1kg)**

Made good strides forward last season, typically proving strong at the finish to land a big-field handicap at Cheltenham in April. Posted a respectable third in the Swinton Handicap at Haydock the following month and looks set for another productive season.

**3 PRAIRIE WOLF (IRE) (180) (D)** **93**  
23314113- 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Sue Smith

**Nick Scholfield**

Improved for the switch to chasing, off the mark at second attempt at Doncaster (20.5f) in December and added to that with victories at Catterick (19.2f) and Haydock (19.9f). Ran well on return last season but is presumably having a pipe-opener ahead of a return to chasing.

**4 WHIZZ KID (GER) (261) (CD)** t **97**  
P2814/14F- 8 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dr Richard Newland &amp; Jamie Insole

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Proved as good as ever when winning this corresponding event last October. Finished fourth at Newbury prior to falling heavily at the last at Hereford on final outing. Capable fresh and can't be taken lightly. Has had another breathing op.

**5 WILLIETHEBUILDER (IRE) (235) (D)** **97**  
52/14506- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Dan Skelton

**Kielan Woods**

Looked a good prospect when making a winning start over hurdles for new yard at Uttoxeter (2m) before running well in better company at Cheltenham next 2 outings. Disappointed at Musselburgh and Kempton on final 2 outings but could bounce back after 7 months off. Had breathing op.

**6 SCHMILSSON (219)** h **100**  
372123- 5 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Olly Murphy

**K. Brogan**

Fairly useful on Flat for Andrew Balding and was going the right way over hurdles prior to finishing a well-beaten third on his handicap debut in this sphere at Stratford in March. Not hard to see him bouncing back to form on this return to action.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Allmankind, **11-4** Tintintin, **6-1** Whizz Kid, **13-2** Williethebuilder, **8-1** Schmilsson, **9-1** Prairie Wolf

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

An interesting small-field handicap with the tentative vote going to SCHMILSSON. He was progressing nicely in this sphere prior to disappointing on his handicap debut at Stratford when last seen and strikes as the sort to bounce back on this return to action, especially with his stable amongst the winners. Tintintin and Allmankind are feared most in that order.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SCHMILSSON 2. TINTINTIN 3. ALLMANKIND**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023 **Whizz Kid** 7-11-13 11-4f Dr Richard Newland Luke Scott (7) 7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.30****WATCH RACING TV IN HD NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4)  
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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1** **STORMINHOME (IRE) (206)** (BF) **100**  
23/274232- 7 12-2 | 77.1kg



Dan Skelton **Kielan Woods**  
Winning pointer/hurdler who got back on track in first-time cheekpieces when second of 8 in handicap chase at Doncaster (19.1f, good to soft) in January. Similar form when occupying same spot at Ascot 2 months later and he's since transferred to Dan Skelton.

**2** **PHILLAPA SUE (IRE) (179)** **92**  
6/4217418- 9 11-8 | 73.5kg



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson **Richie McLernon**  
Winner of a 3m Doncaster mares handicap hurdle in December and bounced back from a brace of lesser efforts when landing 4-runner chase on debut over fences at Market Rasen in March. Held back by mistakes returned to timber in April and back over the larger obstacles on return.

**3** **HURLERONTHEDITCH (IRE) (158)** **98**  
33/F4655-2 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Kim Bailey **Brian Hughes**  
Would have made a winning return/chase debut at Warwick last season but for an unfortunate slip after the last. Didn't build on that as expected but sound second back at that venue in May and sure to be fully fit for this return representing in-form yard.

**4** **I AM MAX (IRE) (158)** (BF) **93**  
11-3 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Sandy Thomson **Ryan Mania**  
Well backed and justified support in fine style starting out in a bumper in February. Followed-up on hurdles debut at Ayr (2m, heavy) and improved for step up in trip when third in handicap at Hexham in May. Totally unexposed switched to fences.

**5** **LADY IN THE PARK (IRE) (174)** (C, BF) **93**  
331225- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Lucinda Russell **Derek Fox**  
Irish point winner who made a positive start over hurdles, winning a 2½m course novice on Boxing Day and progressing again when narrowly denied next 2 starts at Ayr. Wasn't seen to best effect at Perth final start and she's built to make a chaser.

**6** **MONTREGARD (FR) (169)** (C, D, BF) **96**  
31/61-3 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Tom Lacey **Stan Sheppard**  
Just second handicap when winning 11-runner course event in first-time cheekpieces in March. Third in big-field handicap at Punchestown in April and this brother to the top-class chaser Protektorat could thrive over fences.

**7** **DREAM BOY (161)** **91**  
4451444-2 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Stuart Coltherd **Sam Coltherd**  
Irish point winner who struck at the third time of asking over hurdles in 2m maiden at Kelso in December. Made the frame there all 4 starts since and willing attitude will stand him in good stead ahead of this chase debut.

**8** **MONBARI (FR) (183)** **90**  
2/498P26- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Rebecca Curtis **Ben Jones**  
Found improvement dropped in trip fitted with first-time cheekpieces when second of 11 in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f, soft) in April. Heavy defeat a fortnight later and form has a very patchy look to it ahead of chase debut.

**9** **JACK SPRAT (IRE) (205)** **92**  
2/5152441- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jamie Snowden **Gavin Sheehan**  
Improved for step up to 25f when doubling career tally at Huntingdon in March. This is a deeper race but he possesses the physical scope for chasing.

**10** **HAWKSEYE VIEW (189)** **90**  
5326405- 5 10-6 | 66.2kg



Sue Smith **Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)**  
Successful sole completed start in points and placed twice over hurdles after. Also shaped quite well final start last term and now has attentions switched to the larger obstacles.

**11** **ISMAEL (FR) (40)** **75**  
348413P-6 6 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Kevin Frost **Lee Edwards**  
Modest form at best over hurdles and he's just out of the weights for chase debut.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Storminhome, **4-1** Hurlerontheditch, **11-2** Montregard, **9-1** I Am Max, **11-1** Lady In The Park, **12-1** Phillapa Sue, **14-1** Jack Sprat, **16-1** Dream Boy, **33-1** Monbari, **33-1** Hawkseye View, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

This could be an early-season novice handicap to follow with HURLERONTHEDITCH just about the most persuasive option given he has experience over the larger obstacles and represents a yard in superb form. Storminhome has made the switch to Dan Skelton so that alone makes him of serious interest, while Montregard is bred to do better over the larger obstacles for his powerful owner.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. HURLERONTHEDITCH 2. STORMINHOME 3. MONTREGARD**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**VISIT racingtv.com HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4)  
4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,000 3m26y (4850 Metres)**

RACE 7



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

Left handed, galloping. Nine fences to a circuit again now, though the four in the home straight have been switched to the inside of the hurdles track after problems caused by the realignment of the nearby A1. The signs are the fences still punish those who aren't accurate. It's a very fair test for any horse but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding sort.

Pace Information: **Even**

**1 QUID PRO QUO (IRE) (377)** t **94**  
P31/22325- 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

**Ben Haslam** *Richie McLernon*  
Fairly useful hurdler/chaser who ran no sort of race in handicap chase at Warwick (20f) when last seen 12 months ago. First run for yard after leaving Dan Skelton and worth a precautionary check in the betting contesting his first handicap over hurdles given he's won fresh before.

**2 BILLY BOI BLUE (161)** t **98**  
517/4212-3 7 11-13 | 75.7kg

**David Killahena & Graeme McPherson** *Kielan Woods*  
Bumper winner for Fergal O'Brien who got off the mark over hurdles in likeable fashion at Hereford in January. Showed improved form when third on handicap debut at Kelso (22.7f) on final outing and likely to give another good account if fully tuned up on this return to action.

**3 ISTHEBAROPEN (30)** t **98**  
213P/34-P6 11 11-10 | 74.4kg

**Gary Hanmer** *J. Hogan (31b/1kg)*  
Veteran who ran much better than on return when sixth of 14 in handicap hurdle at Worcester (23f, good) 30 days ago. Potentially well treated if she can build on that further.

**4 DUKE OF DECEPTION (IRE) (173)** (CD, BF) s **99**  
1/3142212- 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

**Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** *Ben Smith (71b/3kg)*  
Likeable type who confirmed previous promise when merely pushed out to win 6-runner handicap chase at Haydock (25.6f, soft) in March. Probably should have followed up at Perth on final outing and interesting now returning to hurdling after a break (won this race on return last season).

**5 NORTH PARADE (IRE) (184)** **98**  
4/0111320- 9 11-7 | 73.0kg

**Sue Smith** *William Maggs (51b/2kg)*  
Struck up a good relationship with William Maggs last winter, completing a Newcastle hat-trick and placed at Wetherby and Haydock after. Found the test inadequate when down the field at Kelso on final outing.

**6 SON OF THE SOMME (IRE) (162)** (C) b **97**  
6/P30722-5 9 11-7 | 73.0kg

**Toby Lawes** *K. Brogan*  
Hurdles/chase winner who ran again ran well on stable debut when second of 8 in handicap chase at Newbury (22.4f) in March. However, held back by his attitude when well held at Southwell last time and now returns to the smaller obstacles after a break.

**7 TRIBAL GLORY (IRE) (26)** (BF) **95**  
21-22 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

**Fergal O'Brien** *Mr Ben Sutton (51b/2kg)*  
Successful sole outing in points and confirmed the promise of his Rules debut when winning 2m bumper at Worcester in August 2023. Has filled the runner-up spot both starts over hurdles at Newton Abbot but opening mark could have been slightly kinder.

**8 GO GO CHICAGO (IRE) (28)** **93**  
13 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

**Ruth Jefferson** *Jamie Hamilton*  
Justified support when winning 9-runner novice hurdle at Stratford (18.7f) on debut in June, edging ahead close home in a sprint finish. Faced no easy task against 2 other winners at Perth on first outing since leaving David Killahena & Graeme McPherson and could have more to offer now upped to 3m.

**9 FOX'S FANCY (IRE) (174)** **94**  
552/21- 6 11-3 | 71.2kg

**Lucinda Russell** *Derek Fox*  
Showed ability in a trio of bumpers last season and confirmed hurdling debut promise when off the mark in 10-runner maiden at Perth (20.2f) in April. Remains open to improvement, particularly now upped further in trip on handicap debut.

**10 MASTER DANCER (FR) (149)** **98**  
3P7/3436-4 7 11-2 | 70.8kg

**Richard Bandey** *Jack Quinlan*  
Winning chaser in France who made a successful stable debut over hurdles in 2022/23. Has been disappointing since, however. Upped significantly in trip. Has had a breathing op.

**11 TZARMIX (FR) (22)** s+t **100**  
31/54-5745 6 11-2 | 70.8kg

**Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill** *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*  
Lightly-raced 6-y-o who landed a Chepstow novice for Sam Thomas back in March 2023. Posted just about his best effort for this yard when fourth of 11 at Worcester (23f, good) in August and left the impression the run didn't get to the bottom of him at Warwick last time. Remains of interest.

**12 DO NO WRONG (IRE) (10)** (D) **93**  
1P-12203F 8 11-1 | 70.3kg

**Justin Landy** *Joshua Thompson (71b/3kg)*  
Fairly useful chaser who scored at Southwell in June and good placed efforts next 3 of 4 starts. Fell at Kelso on most recent outing and now reverts to hurdling for the first time since May 2022.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-2** Tribal Glory, **13-2** Duke of Deception, **15-2** Fox's Fancy, **8-1** Billy Boi Blue, **9-1** North Parade, **10-1** Tzarmix, **14-1** Go Go Chicago, **14-1** Do No Wrong, **16-1** Quid Pro Quo, **18-1** Master Dancer, **20-1** Son of The Somme, **22-1** Isthebaropen

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A competitive finale and it could be worth taking a chance on TZARMIX, who left the impression the run didn't get to the bottom of him at Warwick last time and now has the assistance of Jonjo O'Neill. Fox's Fancy is an interesting handicap debutante with the further step up in trip bound to suit, while last year's winner Duke of Deception and Billy Boi Blue are others to note.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. TZARMIX 2. FOX'S FANCY 3. DUKE OF DECEPTION**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Duke of Deception</b> 6-11-1	3-1	Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero	Henry Brooke	6
2022	<b>Caius Marcius</b> 11-10-13	9-4f	Nicky Richards	Brian Hughes	5
2021	<b>Flight Deck</b> 7-11-12	9-4f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	8
2020	<b>Mr Scrumpy</b> 6-11-8	3-1f	Jedd O'Keefe	Joe Colliver	11
2019	<b>Jacks Last Hope</b> 10-11-10	13-2	Chris Grant	Paddy Brennan	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race