



Saturday 19th October

# **STRATFORD**

JOIN RACING TV NOW FEMALE JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Female Professional Jockeys) (5) 1.40 2m70y (3280 Metres) (1) FRESH SPECULATION (3) ONE LAST GLANCE (2) MOUNT WASHINGTON RACE 1 2.20 KEOGH & HOWS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m205y (4210 Metres) (1) WESTERNINTHEPARK (7) INNISFREE LASS (4) IMAC WOOD RACE 2 2.55 EDWARD ABELL MEMORIAL MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m70y (3280 Metres) (2) GREYVAL (3) STRONG BELLE (1) IP UP RACF 3 3.30 MID-WARWICKSHIRE CLEANING SUPPLIES LTD MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (4) 2m70y (3280 Metres) (8) GLYNN BRAE (5) SONIFICATION (9) LUD'OR RACF 4 4.15 GRACE & DOTTY 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 23/4m7y (4430 Metres) (6) CARRIG KATE | (2) MIKIMOTO | (3) NIGHT DUTY RACE 5 4.50 RICH IS 60 & TOM IS 30 HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 21/4 m148y (3760 Metres) (2) ANY BISCUITS (4) EZMERELLDA (3) BEGIN THE LUCK RACF 6 5.20 VISIT racingtv.com HANDICAP CHASE (5) 23/4m125y (4540 Metres)

#### **KEY TO SYMBOLS**



RACE 7

**Top Rated:** The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

(5) SUPASUNRISE (1) AWORKINPROGRESS (4) RIVER VOYAGE



**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.



RACE 1

# JOIN RACING TV NOW FEMALE JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Female Professional Jockeys) (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,650 2m70y (3280 Metres)



### Going: Soft (Heavy in places)

Left handed, sharp; the high number of falls/unseats in recent years is due to the size of the fences and the fact that so many races are well run. A water jump was introduced near the winning post in March 2008, although this is not jumped on the final circuit. The hurdles track also has more than the normal number of well-run races, jockeys often opting to strike for home sooner than normal because of the relatively short straight.

Pace Information: Weak

#### **FRESH SPECULATION (189)** 1 653533-6 12-0 76.2kg

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Henry Daly

Alice Stevens (5lb/2kg)

Signs of ability in maiden/novice company and has predictably raised his game switched to handicaps the last twice, latterly finishing third of 13 with Alice Stevens aboard at Chepstow (19.4f, good to soft) in April. Drop back in trip could be a good move and he's a must for the shortlist.

#### **MOUNT WASHINGTON (IRE)** (186) 5 11-10 74.4kg

Evan Williams

Isabel Williams (3lb/1kg)



Showed a fair level of ability when third on first of 2 runs in bumpers. Little to shout about in his qualifying runs in this sphere but it's not hard to envisage this

5-y-o taking a step forward now pitched into a handicap.

ONE LAST GLANCE (210) (BF) 233(2399

**7** 11-0 69.9kg Tom Gretton

Miss Gina Andrews

Yet to win but generally consistent so probably worth forgiving his latest remote third of 4 over fences at Bangor when last seen in March. Resumes in this sphere back from a break on a workable mark and should make his presence felt.

GOOD IMPRESSION (49) (D) 9 11-0 69.9kg

98



Bernard Llewellyn

Fern O'Brien (7lb/3kg)

Latest success was gained off 2 lb higher mark at Newton Abbot last September and shaped as though his turn may again be near when placed in handicaps at that course and over 18.7f here in July. Latest effort back at Newton Abbot was poor (reportedly lost his action) but fighting chance if on-song.

**RAISE YOUR GLASS (181)** 

94



**4** 10-13 | 69.4kg 96527-Charlie Longsdon

**Lilly Pinchin** 



Appeared to improve a touch when runner-up on second start for this yard here in March but subsequent handicap debut back at this venue the following month lacked spark. Now tried in a tongue strap.

COUP DE GOLD (IRE) (90) (D)

96



8 10-11 68.5kg Evan Williams

Miss Eleanor Williams (7lb/3kg)



Won over 17f at Sedgefield for David Thompson in January and has made the frame on 2 of his 3 completed starts since switched to present vard. Not without each-way hope but yard fields a more intriguing candidate in the shape of handicap debutant Mount Washington.

DREAMING DIAMOND (IRE) (102) (D, BF)

85



07/P-P3572 **7** 10-10 68.0kg Max Young

Bumper winner who produced just about her best effort yet over jumps when finding just one too good in a 15.8f Uttoxeter handicap hurdle on latest start in July. Changed hands since and by no means certain to build on that but she will be a threat if able to do so.

NIGHT JET (233)

8P4/95755-Tom Symonds

**7** 10-3 64.9kg

Miss Katie Powell (7lb/3kg)



Wasn't beaten far when fifth in an 8-runner Ludlow handicap (15.8f, heavy) on final run of last season but record stands at 0-10 over hurdles and it's hard to be sure what his optimum trip is.

**STRAITOUTTACOMPTON** (349)

97

8 10-2(9-2) 64.4kg (58.1kg)

Miss Pippa Brown (7lb/3kg)

Poor on Flat nowadays and, having offered little over hurdles so far, he's 14 lb 'wrong' at the weights for his handicap debut in this sphere.

#### 9 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

10-3 One Last Glance, 9-2 Fresh Speculation, 6-1 Dreaming Diamond, 7-1 Good Impression, 15-2 Coup De Gold, 10-1 Night Jet, 10-1 Mount Washington, 16-1 Raise Your Glass, 300-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The vote goes to FRESH SPECULATION, who shaped as though the drop back to this trip would be in his favour when third at Chepstow on his final appearance of last season. He resumes on the same mark and, with just a handful of runs under his belt, this 6-y-o's best days are surely still ahead of him. One Last Glance is second choice ahead of potential improver Mount Washington, while Good Impression will also be a threat if he puts his best foot forward.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. FRESH SPECULATION 2. ONE LAST GLANCE 3. MOUNT WASHINGTON

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022	Man of The Sea 6-11-13	11-1	Neil Mulholland	Miss Thomasina Eyston (7)	7
2021	Amelia's Dance 6-11-6	10-3jf	Robert Walford	Tabitha Worsley (5)	8
2020	Scrutinise 8-11-5	11-1	Zoe Davison	Page Fuller	10
2019	Don Juan du Gouet 6-12-3	11-2	Henry Daly	Bryony Frost	8

#### **SMART STATS:**



# KEOGH & HOWS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £9,150 2½m205y (4210 Metres)



RACE 2

#### Going: Soft (Heavy in places)

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#### Pace Information: Very Weak

1 WESTERNINTHEPARK	(IRE	<b>)</b> (224)	(C, D)
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210/3115- **6** 12-0 76.2kg

Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

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Bumper winner who was progressive over hurdles for Anthony Charlton last season, scoring at Plumpton and Fakenham prior to finishing a good fifth of 17 in a Grade 3 Sandown handicap (2½m, soft) in March. Very much of interest starting out over fences for new yard here.

2 BELARGUS (FR) (201)

6P3/5P52- **9** 11-12 75.3kg **Nick Gifford** 

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James Davies



Lightly-raced and largely below his best since latest success at Sandown in April 2021 but ended last season by finishing a solid second in first-time blinkers at Huntingdon (23.6f, soft). Record when fresh isn't compelling and goes without blinkers this time but he's a player nonetheless.

3 WILLIAM CODY (192)

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F/2224212- **7** 11-10 74.4kg

Paul O'Brien

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Deservedly resumed winning ways when landing a 4-runner handicap at Leicester (2½m, heavy) in March. Couldn't live with Jet Place at Market Rasen the following month but he pulled well clear of the rest that day and is worth considering off an unchanged mark here.

4 IMAC WOOD (FR) (21) (D)

**★** 100



131P-6613 **6** 11-9 73.9kg **Deborah Cole** 

Chris Ward (3lb/1kg)



Back on the scoresheet when accounting for 5 rivals in a 2½m Uttoxeter handicap chase (soft) in July. Stamina seemingly stretched upped to 21.4f at Market Rasen back from a 10-week break last month and he has to enter calculations.

#### CLONDAW ROYALE (IRE) (113)

91

821F-44 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Richie McLernon



Made an encouraging start over hurdles when landing a Bangor maiden here last December. However, he has failed to progress in 2 subsequent completions, including on chase debut back at the aforementioned track in June.

#### PETTICOAT LUCY (IRE) (309) (D)

99



P433/117B- **8** 11-4 71.7kg

Lorcan Williams



Fair hurdler who was successful at Newton Abbot and Exeter on her first 2 starts over fences. Appeared to be in contention when brought down at Cheltenham on latest appearance last December and she will be in with a shout if ready to

#### / INNISFREE LASS (IRE) (198)

Stuart Edmunds

98



Charlie Hammond



Improved upped in trip/with cheekpieces fitted when running out a wide-margin winner of 2 handicap hurdles at Southwell (24.3f, heavy) during second half of last term. Gone up 12 lb for latest success but she will be a danger to all if her jumping passes the test now switched to fences.

# **AS TEARS GO BY (38)**1857-P986 **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg

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1857-P986 **D. J. Jeffreys** 

Kielan Woods



Hit the target twice for Gordon Elliott in 2023 but it's been tough going in 4 starts for new connections since returning to action during the summer, most recently finishing well held on chase debut at Worcester.

#### 8 DECLARED RUNNERS

# BETTING FORECAST:

**3-1** Westerninthepark, **5-1** Innisfree Lass, **11-2** Imac Wood, **6-1** William Cody, **13-2** Belargus, **8-1** Petticoat Lucy, **12-1** Clondaw Royale, **80-1** bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

While it's tempting to side with those with experience over fences, if WESTERNINTHEPARK and Innisfree Lass take well to the larger obstacles at the first time of asking they could emerge as the chief protagonists. Preference is for the former, who acquitted himself well in a valuable novices' handicap hurdle at Sandown on his final run of last season and he brings a good deal of potential to the table. Imac Wood has race-fitness on his side and is best of the rest.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. WESTERNINTHEPARK 2. INNISFREE LASS 3. IMAC WOOD

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022	Fairway Freddy 9-11-7	40-1	Nick Gifford	James Davies	7
2021	One Forty Seven 9-11-12	9-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Mr Zac Baker (3)	9
2020	Templehills 9-11-12	6-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jack Savage (7)	10
2019	One Forty Seven 7-11-11	9-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jamie Bargary	8

#### **SMART STATS:**



RACE 3

# EDWARD ABELL MEMORIAL MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £9,150 2m70y (3280 Metres)



#### Going: Soft (Heavy in places)

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#### Pace Information: Very Weak

1 IP UP (FR) (15) (D) 98

Jedd O'Keeffe Craig Nichol

Fair hurdler/chaser in France who won 2m handicap hurdles at Fakenham and Newcastle upon joining this yard. Came in last of 5 on return in 2m Hexham handicap chase but not ruled out switched back to hurdles.

2 GREYVAL (FR) (21) (D) 99 118/664-34 5 11-9 | 73.9kg

**Fergal O'Brien**Jonathan Burke

Dual winner in juvenile hurdles in 2022/23 season, including a listed event at

Doncaster. Largely creditable efforts since, including when off 5 months before a fading fourth of eight in 2m Market Rasen handicap three weeks ago. Player.

Bagged 2m mares' maiden at Bangor in February but pulled up on her handicap debut at Kelso in May. Yard is going well so no surprise to see her bounce back here off a handy-looking mark.

**LEXIE'S MOON (187)**3514P- **6** 10-12 68.9kg

Got off the mark at Huntingdon in March but pulled up on his handicap debut

at Kelso (18.1f, good to soft) in April. Needs to hit the ground running after 6 months off.

5 IT'S EASY (FR) (201) 95

6/P324243- 6 10-10 | 68.0kg Evan Williams Adam Wedge

Fairly useful maiden chaser in France for David Cottin but just respectable efforts at best for Clive Boultbee-Brooks here. Needs this yard switch to spark a resurgence.

RIVER ROBE (IRE) (10) (D) t 91

06-155247 **5** 10-6 **6**6.2kg

Sarah-Jayne Davies

Winner at Market Rasen in June for Dan Skelton. Left that yard cheaply and well below par both runs for current yard at Stratford and Ludlow. Others appeal

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

# BETTING FORECAST:

**13-8** Greyval, **3-1** Ip Up, **13-2** Strong Belle, **15-2** It's Easy, **9-1** Lexie's Moon, **18-1** River Robe

#### TIMEFORM VIEW:

GREYVAL should be all the better for her recent Market Rasen fourth so gets the nod at the chief expense of Strong Belle who is weighted to go well if back on song after a lay-off. Ip Up is also in the mix returned to this sphere.

#### TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GREYVAL 2. STRONG BELLE 3. IP UP

	WINNERS IN PREVIOUS TEARS:							
20	22 <b>Aliomaana</b> 4-10-12	7-1	Milton Harris	Mitchell Bastyan	6			
20	21 Pillar of Steel 6-11-0	10-3f	John Spearing	Jamie Moore	9			
20	20 <b>Diamond Gait</b> 7-11-12	10-3	Kim Bailey	David Bass	8			
20	19 Sweet Adare 6-11-10	9-1	Victor Dartnall	James Best	9			

#### SMART STATS:

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RACE 4

# MID-WARWICKSHIRE CLEANING SUPPLIES LTD MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (4) 4yo+ £8,000 2m70y (3280 Metres)





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Pace Information: Weak

CAME FROM NOWHERE (IRE) (168) (D) h 92

**5** 11-4 71.7kg

Jeremy Scott **Lorcan Williams** Bumper winner who wasn't seen to best effect switched to hurdling when third

of 10 in a maiden at Uttoxeter (15.8f, soft) in May, considerately handled after losing ground/momentum when short of room 2 out. Will improve. Hooded.

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**DIAMOND GEEZER (IRE)** (8)

**5** 11-4 71.7kg

Olly Murphy

Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg) Fair form when runner-up sole outing in bumpers but looks to be being brought

along gradually in this sphere.

HELPFUL (97) 65 t **5** 11-4 71.7kg

**Rob Summers** 

Well held in bumpers 4 months apart for different yards and showed nothing

fitted with a tongue strap on hurdle debut over C&D in July.

POOROLDMACKLEY (IRE) (13)

5 11-4 71.7kg

Evan Williams

Failed to complete both starts in points and has offered little in a pair of maiden hurdles. Needs this run for a handicap mark.

SONIFICATION (724) (D)

100 6 11-4 71.7kg

Harry Derham

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. Engaged 1.35 Uttoxeter Friday.

WHATSYOURPROBLEM (IRE) (159) **6** 11-4 71.7kg

Produced a promising first effort when second in a 2m Clonmel maiden hurdle

in February. Failed to reproduce that effort in a couple of bumpers and a similar event at Tramore but could get back on track for new trainer (left John Queally).

70 FIRST CUT (13) 11-3 71.2kg

Stuart Edmunds **Charlie Hammond** 

Modest form in minor events/a handicap on the level for William Knight and as well held sent hurdling at Uttoxeter 13 days ago.

GLYNN BRAE (IRE) (230) (D) 95

4 11-3 71.2kg Nigel Twiston-Davies

Overcame inexperience to win 8-runner bumper (11/2) at Leopardstown (16f, soft) on debut in March. Sold from Stuart Crawford's stable for £130,000 later that month and has to be of major interest now going hurdling for red-hot stable.

LUD'OR (FR) (480) 97

4 11-3 71.2kg

Improved on hurdling debut form when second of 11 in juvenile at Auteuil (17.4f, soft) in June 2023. Not seen since but Harry Cobden booked for UK debut and must enter calculations

SOLDIER'S LEAP (IRE) (25) 70

**4** 11-3 71.2kg Tom Fllis Miss Gina Andrews

Runner-up in a point in May but well held both starts over hurdles

11 TRUST HOUSE (IRE) (33)

Olly Murphy Fairly useful form on Flat, stays 11/2m, improved when won handicap final start in

2023. Sold from Ralph Beckett 58,000 gns but didn't get home on hurdling debut at Worcester last month.

12 FLORITA (IRE) (10) 60 6 10-11 68.5kg

Sam England Jonathan England Runner-up on the last 2 of her 3 starts in points but has been well held in a brace

of maiden hurdles.

13 BALLYHIHO (IRE) (16) 4 10-10 68.0kg 

D. J. Jeffreys Placed on 2 of 4 starts in Irish points but made an unpromising start to career

under Rules when well beaten in a Warwick bumper 16 days ago.

14 IRONED OUT (IRE) (137) 4 10-10 68.0kg Adam Wedae

Evan Williams Showed a bit from a less-than-ideal position when fourth of 9 in bumper at

Southwell (15.8f, soft) on debut in June, not ideally placed. Makes a quick switch

#### 14 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

James Best

70

96

Sam Twiston-Davies

11-4 Sonification, 4-1 Lud'or, 9-2 Whatsyourproblem, 5-1 Glynn Brae, 9-1 Came From Nowhere, 20-1 Trust House, 33-1 Diamond Geezer, 33-1 Ironed Out, 125-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

GLYNN BRAE overcame inexperience to run out a fairly cosy winner of a Leopardstown bumper on his debut back in March and makes plenty of appeal now going hurdling for a red-hot yard, so he earns the vote. Sonification appeals as the type to make up for lost time and looks sure to pose a big threat if taking up this engagement (also declared at Uttoxeter on Friday), with Lud'or and Whatsyourproblem others to consider.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. GLYNN BRAE 2. SONIFICATION 3. LUD'OR

#### **SMART STATS:**



# **GRACE & DOTTY 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4)** 4yo+ £8,000 23/4m7y (4430 Metres)

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RACE 5

#### Going: Soft (Heavy in places)

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Pace Information: Very Weak

DON'T ASK FITZ (IRE) (13)

79

**7** 11-4 71.7kg Harriet Dickin



Ben Poste

Placed in points but big price and pulled up in a novice at Uttoxeter on hurdling debut. Tongue tied now but hard to fancy.

**MIKIMOTO** (305)

5 11-4 71.7kg

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Martin Keighley

Sean Bowen

vercame inexperience to make a winning debut in Hereford bumper in February 2023. Sold out of Henry Daly's yard for £46,000 the following month and has made a promising start in this sphere. Definite claims.

NIGHT DUTY (IRE) (559)

89

8 11-4 71.7kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

£65,000 buy after winning his sole point in May 2021 but took him a while to get to the track before finishing a promising third in a novice at Market Rasen on hurdling debut. Off a further 18 months since, so clearly not the easiest to keep sound, but he remains with potential.

**SILVER THORN** (201)

83





Emma Lavelle Tom Bellamy Related to a bumper winner and clear signs of ability in that sphere, runner-up at

Huntingdon 6 months ago. One to consider upped in trip for hurdling debut.3

TIGERBYTHETAIL (IRE) (211)

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8 11-4 71.7kg Tom Fllis

Miss Gina Andrews

Prolific pointer who showed fairly useful form on the first of his two outings in hunters earlier this year. Has held his form between the flags but might strip fitter for this return to hurdling.



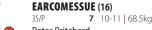
CARRIG KATE (IRE) (198)

6 10-11 68.5kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero



Toby Wynne (3lb/1kg) Winning pointer who showed something to work on when fourth in a bumper at Southwell 6 months ago. Longer trip should suit and she's worthy of consideration on hurdling bow.

75





Has shown little to date and is up against it again.

Alice Stevens (5lb/2kg)

#### 7 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

7-4 Mikimoto, 7-2 Night Duty, 9-2 Carrig Kate, 11-2 Silver Thorn, 8-1 Tigerbythetail, **66-1** bar

CARRIG KATE showed plenty in points and looked in need of further when fourth in a bumper at Southwell 6 months ago so, if the market speaks in her favour, she's a formidable player first time over hurdles. Mikimoto is an obvious danger and Night Duty can play a part.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. CARRIG KATE 2. MIKIMOTO 3. NIGHT DUTY

# WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Hermes Allen 5-11-4	8-13f	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	5
2021	Ballintubber Boy 4-11-2	5-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Nick Scholfield	8
2020	The Bull McCabe 6-11-2	11-8f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	12
2020	<b>My Way</b> 6-11-2	2-5f	Paul Nicholls	Bryony Frost	11

#### **SMART STATS:** No Smart Stats available for this race

# RICH IS 60 & TOM IS 30 HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,650 21/4m148y (3760 Metres)

RACE 6



#### Going: Soft (Heavy in places)

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#### Pace Information: Weak

**BROWNSTONE (IRE)** (103) 95 s+t54P1-4544 8 12-0 76.2kg

**Grace Harris** 

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A fair 21f hurdles winner for Patrick Donoghue who signed off with a creditable fourth of 15 in claiming hurdle at Roscommon (20.6f, good to soft) in July. Cheekpieces back on and much respected for his new handler.

ANY BISCUITS (IRE) (547) (D) 7 11-13 75.7kg

Much improved when last seen out 18 months ago with 2m2f handicap wins at Market Rasen and Exeter. Yard is going well so he merits consideration on his comeback, especially if the market speaks in his favour.

BEGIN THE LUCK (IRE) (9) (C) 91 52293535 **8** 11-11 74.8kg



Mr Robbie David (7lb/3kg) Arrives in good nick without winning, fifth of 10 in handicap chase at Exeter (19.2f, good) 9 days ago. One to consider back over hurdles.

EZMERELLDA (IRE) (184)

4 11-10 74.4kg



Fair maiden on the Flat who got off the mark in this sphere at Doncaster in December. Running creditably when fell last in juvenile hurdle at Cheltenham (16.8f, good) 6 months ago and must enter calculations on her return.

**SAILED AWAY (GER)** (216) 7/2452321-6 11-5 72.1kg



Stuart Edmunds **Charlie Hammond** Ended last season in good order, gaining reward for his consistency when making all in 2m4f handicap at Huntingdon 7 months ago. Respected on return having been nudged up 3 lb.

**BRAVETHEWAVES** (546) 98 7 11-3 71.2kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Toby Wynne (3lb/1kg) Still a maiden and only eleventh in handicap hurdle at Bangor (19.6f, good to firm) when last seen out 18 months ago. Has his fitness to prove.

**JUMBO VESTE VERTE (FR)** (180) t



Still looking for his first success and ended last season well below form at Bangor and Ffos Las in the spring. Improvement required.

ZMIINYI (IRE) (22) 95



Tom Gretton

Has offered little all three runs, having a wind op before coming in seventh of 10 in novice hurdle at Worcester (20f, soft) 22 days ago. Makes his handicap debut now but needs a couple of these to falter.

CHESTER TONIK (FR) (13) 86 4 10-9 67.6kg



Alexandra Dunn Adam Wedge Modest Flat winner who is yet to show much over hurdles. Needs this switch to

**ADMIRAL FITZ (IRE)** (194) 86

6 Harriet Dickin

**Ben Poste** Runner-up completed start in points but has shown little in 3 maiden hurdles. Lots more required now going into handicaps.

11 **UNCLE ARTHUR (22)** 5866-6656 **6** 10-7 | 66.7kg

Sarah-Javne Davies breathing surgery before sixth of seven in 2m Worcester handicap 22 days ago.

Opened his hurdles account for Fergal O'Brien in December but largely struggled for James Owen. Well held both runs for his current yard too, undergoing

12 MY GRANNY LILY (181) 95 33/4F1354-**6** 10-4 | 65.3kg

Nigel Hawke

Got off the mark in 2m handicap hurdle at Ffos Las in February and ended the season in good form. Each-way claims on her return.

13 SUITABLY SURPRISED (IRE) (33) 74 0694 **5** 10-3 64.9kg



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95

Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)

Runner-up on her final outing in points but has made a low-key start over hurdles, a never-dangerous fourth of 10 in 2m Worcester novice last time. Could still do better now handicapping.

#### 13 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

Sam England

4-1 Brownstone, 5-1 Sailed Away, 6-1 Ezmerellda, 13-2 Any Biscuits, 11-1 My Granny Lily, 12-1 Begin The Luck, 20-1 Bravethewaves, 20-1 Zmiinyi, 22-1 Suitably Surprised, 33-1 Chester Tonik, 40-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ANY BISCUITS has a long absence to overcome but hails from an in-form yard and was on a roll when last seen out so is worth siding with here. The consistent Ezmerellda could emerge as the chief threat to Harry Derham's hat-trick seeker ahead of Begin The Luck and Brownstone.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. ANY BISCUITS 2. EZMERELLDA 3. BEGIN THE LUCK

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:** Samatian 5-10-7 Kim Bailey Kilchreest Moon 10-10-11 Nick Scholfield Henry Oliver 2020 Crocodile Dundee 10-11-1 Tom Weston Mr James Jeavons (7) 2019 Lochinver 5-11-0 Charlie Longsdon Paul O'Brien (3)

#### **SMART STATS:**

94

# VISIT racingtv.com HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,650 23/4m125y (4540 Metres)

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**Gavin Sheehan** 



RACE 7

#### Going: Soft (Heavy in places)

Left handed, sharp; the high number of falls/unseats in recent years is due to the size of the fences and the fact that so many races are well run. A water jump was introduced near the winning post in March 2008, although this is not jumped on the final circuit. The hurdles track also has more than the normal number of well-run races, jockeys often opting to strike for home sooner than normal because of the relatively short straight.

Pace Information: Even

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**AWORKINPROGRESS (IRE)** (205)

5 12-0 76.2kg

Nick Gifford **James Davies** Left previous form well behind when making second handicap start a winning

one at Fontwell in March. Not seen since but has a background in points and this even stiffer test is in his favour.

KAPAMAZOV (94) 4/0647-435 7 11-12 75.3kg

James Evans

Running respectably in the summer without shaping like he's ahead of his mark, only fifth of 10 at Uttoxeter 3 months ago. Not ruled out.

**THE SCORPION KING** (193) 95

0/4P64614-6 11-12 75.3kg Oliver Signy

Off the mark in a Fontwell handicap in March, though success looked unlikely for a long way, and he again raced lazily when only fourth at Hereford next time. Returns from 6 months off.

RIVER VOYAGE (IRE) (168)

6 11-10 74.4kg

Winning Irish pointer who only showed a modest level of form over hurdles but is the type to do better in this sphere and returns with his yard in good order.

**SUPASUNRISE (IRE)** (16)

 $\star$ P22443-P2 8 11-7 73.0kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg) Creditable second of 13 in handicap chase (9/1) at Southwell (20.4f, good to firm) 16 days ago. Well treated, has a fitness edge on most, and hails from an in-form

yard, so boasts strong claims. 94

MARTALMIX'JAC (FR) (220) (C, D) 1522621P-**7** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Mel Rowley Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg) Course winner. Pulled up in handicap chase at Huntingdon (23.6f, soft, 17/2). Off 7 months. Likely to need the run.

**JACK DOYEN (IRE)** (183) S

Ben Case

Latest win in chase at Hereford in March, Remained in good form subsequently and, while he's not the most reliable in general, he's worthy of consideration back from 6 months off with cheekpieces refitted.

FAITQUE DE L'ISLE (FR) (347) 94 366BP/33P-9 11-1 70.3kg

outing for Michael Scudamore 11 months ago. Hard to make a case for.

James Evans Shane Quinlan (3lb/1kg) Well handicapped on old form hasn't been seen since being pulled up on final

**KILKEASKIN MOLLY (IRE)** (48) 98 10 10-12 68.9kg

Simon Earle Unreliable sort who remains a maiden after 24 goes. Returned from a huge

absence with a respectable run over hurdles at Worcester 48 days ago but hard to know if he'll build on that over fences for the first time.

**BOYS OF WEXFORD** (191) 98 **7** 10-11 68.5kg 3/P4P6322-

Henry Oliver **David Noonan** 

Modest chaser who ended the last campaign in good order. Well treated on his very best efforts but stable hasn't started firing yet.

11 JUKEBOX D'EDDY (FR) (13) PU46-3599 5 10-9 67.6kg

Tom Gretton

Modest maiden hurdler who is yet to offer anything over fences. Something to prove.

12 **NORTHERN REEL (IRE)** (13) s+t 3/5P6-667 **6** 10-6 66.2kg

Olly Murphy Sean Bowen

Irish point winner who is yet to fire under Rules but has a basement mark and showed a bit more when seventh on chasing debut in a handicap at Uttoxeter 13 days ago. Not long with this yard and shouldn't be ruled out.

13 FAST DEAL (21) (C) 97 931-24289

**7** 10-6 66.2kg Michael Chapman Miss Pippa Brown (7lb/3kg)

Scored at Stratford (27.5f) in April but arrives well below form, down the field at Market Rasen three weeks ago. Likely to struggle.

**DOYENS DE ANTE (IRE)** (41) 94 4UPPP-P5P 8 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg)

Max Young **Charlotte Jones** Landed back-to-back wins in spring 2023 but has lost the plot since.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

7-2 Supasunrise, 7-1 Aworkinprogress, 15-2 Boys of Wexford, 9-1 Jack Doyen, 11-1 Kapamazov, 12-1 River Voyage, 14-1 Northern Reel, 16-1 The Scorpion King, 18-1 Martalmix'jac, 22-1 Fast Deal, 28-1 Faitque De L'isle, 28-1 Jukebox D'eddy, 33-1 Kilkeaskin Molly, 80-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SUPASUNRISE added to his stable's excellent form with a positive return when second at Southwell recently. That form has been boosted by the winner since, so he's fancied to go one better. Chasing debutants Aworkinprogress and River Voyage are both of interest, too.

#### TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SUPASUNRISE 2. AWORKINPROGRESS 3. RIVER VOYAGE

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:** 2022 Flying Verse 10-12-0 11-2 David Dennis Lilly Pinchin (3) 2021 Rebel Leader 7-11-12 2-1f Dr Richard Newland Charlie Hammond

Bryony Frost

17-2 Jimmy Frost

## 2020 Bogoss du Perret 9-10-9 **SMART STATS:**