

Friday 22nd November

ASCOT

12.20 SAFER GAMBLING WEEK 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (3) 2m3f58y (3880 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) FIRST CONFESSION | (4) MILAN TINO | (5) HONKY TONK HIGHWAY**

12.55 CopyBet NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2¼m175y (3780 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) GIDLEIGH PARK | (4) BAD | (5) BUCKSY DES EPEIRES**

1.30 TROY ASSET MANAGEMENT 'INTRODUCTORY' HURDLE (2) 1m7f152y (3160 Metres)

RACE 3 **(6) JOYEUSE | (1) CELTIC DINO | (3) ROYAL INFANTRY**

2.05 CopyBet HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m5f8y (4230 Metres)

RACE 4 **(7) GEMIRANDE | (1) CORRIGEEN ROCK | (2) TERRESITA**

2.40 LK BENNETT AUTUMN COLLECTION HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 1m7f152y (3160 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) AURIGNY MILL | (7) BREAK MY SOUL | (4) WILLIETHEBUILDER**

3.15 CopyBet UK HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f180y (4790 Metres)

RACE 6 **(9) LAW OF SUPPLY | (2) IDEAL DES BORDES | (1) REGATTA DE BLANC**

3.50 NOT FORGOTTEN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (3) 1m7f152y (3160 Metres)

RACE 7 **(1) BLUES SINGER | (2) CALVINO | (6) QUAVISTE**

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.

12.20**SAFER GAMBLING WEEK 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE
(3) 4yo+ £15,000 2m3f58y (3880 Metres)**

RACE 1

Going: **Good to Soft**

Right handed, galloping. Jumps course reopened in 2006/7 after major redevelopment work and, whilst the course drains faster than used to be the case, underfoot conditions can still get gruelling. Rather surprisingly, however, the chase course has one of the lowest non-completion records in the country in recent seasons.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 FIRST CONFESSION (IRE) (28) 95
3 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Joe Tizzard **Brendan Powell**
Bought for £140,000 after winning sole outing in points and made a highly encouraging hurdling debut when third in 8-runner novice at Cheltenham (19.9f) 4 weeks ago. Open to significant improvement.

2 MARVELLOUS MICK (243) 82
1/75P- 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Paul Nicholls **Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)**
Cost six figures as a store and looked a fine prospect when justifying short-priced favouritism in a bumper in December 2022. However, very disappointing since, notably on both starts over hurdles. Has had a breathing operation since last seen.

3 OAK GROVE (IRE) (248) (BF) 86
52- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**
Expensive purchase after winning his second start in points and he showed promise in 2 bumpers last season. Type to do well over hurdles but this is a tough starting point.

4 MILAN TINO (IRE) (23) 100
23336-U6 4 11-3 | 71.2kg



N. George & A. Zetterholm, France **M. J. M. O'Sullivan**
Placed in listed and Grade 2 events at Auteuil earlier in his career and by no means disgraced when third to Sir Gino in a Grade 2 juvenile at Cheltenham in January. Below form both completed starts since, including in Group 3 back at Auteuil last month but still sets a good standard.

5 HONKY TONK HIGHWAY (IRE) (225) 92
10- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Expensive purchase after winning her only start in points and justified strong support when landing a listed contest at Sandown on her Rules debut in March. Down the field in Aintree Grade 2 a month later but remains a good hurdle prospect. Has had a breathing op. Engaged 1.23 Warwick Thursday.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Milan Tino, 5-2 First Confession, 10-3 Honky Tonk Highway, 8-1 Oak Grove, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FIRST CONFESSION made a highly promising start over hurdles in a field of previous winners at Cheltenham last month and, open to oodles of improvement, he can make his second outing in this sphere a winning one. Milan Tino sets the standard on the pick of his form, with Honky Tonk Highway an interesting hurdling newcomer.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FIRST CONFESSION 2. MILAN TINO 3. HONKY TONK HIGHWAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Beat The Bat 5-11-4	6-4jf	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	10
2022	Crambo 5-11-4	3-1f	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace	12
2021	Doctor Ken 5-11-4	4-7f	Olly Murphy	Aidan Coleman	6
2020	Danny Kirwan 7-11-0	3-1	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6
2019	Igor 6-11-0	5-1	Nicky Henderson	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen (3)	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.55**CopyBet NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+
£19,650 2¼m175y (3780 Metres)**

RACE 2

Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **GIDLEIGH PARK (252)** **99**
1/1116- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Harry Fry

Bryan Carver

Has made a great start, his only defeat coming in the Albert Bartlett in March having won a Grade 2 at Cheltenham 2 months earlier. Closely related to Denman and an exciting chasing prospect who can give weight away all round on his return.

2 **RARE EDITION (IRE) (47)** **99**
2P0/310-01 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



Charlie Longsdon

David Bass

Continued his good record fresh when making successful start over fences in 2m Uttoxeter novice on return 7 weeks ago. Switches to handicaps up in trip now and more to come.

3 **RISKINTHEGROUND (IRE) (13)** **99**
11151335 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Much improved over fences since dropped back in trip, bagging his fourth success at Bangor in September. Found 25f in the Badger Beer handicap too much a fortnight ago and this is a bit easier.

4 **BAD (FR) (20)** (D, BF) **100**
6/323200-2 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Fairly useful handicap hurdler, sometimes a weak finisher but often running well here. Produced a promising first effort over fences over C&D 3 weeks ago, making the winner work. Up 3 lb and should improve.

5 **BUCKSY DES EPEIRES (FR) (234)** **99**
F2/124F92- 5 10-7 | 66.7kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Fairly useful handicap hurdler who made a successful return at Lingfield a year ago. Good second at Ludlow when last seen and very much the type to do better over fences, though this might be a tough starting point.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Gidleigh Park, **7-2** Rare Edition, **4-1** Bad, **6-1** Bucky Des Epeires, **17-2** Riskintheground

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GIDLEIGH PARK is one of the most exciting chase prospects in the UK and can make a successful start over fences off what might be a very lenient mark. It could be close for the forecast, with Bad, given his good Ascot record, narrowly preferred.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GIDLEIGH PARK 2. BAD 3. BUCKSY DES EPEIRES

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Supreme Gift 6-10-7	17-2	Henry Daly	Charlie Deutsch	4
2022	Thunder Rock 6-11-10	7-4jf	Oly Murphy	A. P. Heskin	4
2021	Faivoir 6-11-8	6-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	3

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

TROY ASSET MANAGEMENT 'INTRODUCTORY' HURDLE (2)
4yo+ £30,000 1m7f152y (3160 Metres)



Going: **Good to Soft**


SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race


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Pace Information: **Very Weak**


1 CELTIC DINO (FR) (36) (C, D) 92
131-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Sam Thomas *Dylan Johnston*
Dual bumper winner who made the perfect start in this sphere when winning 8-runner novice at Wincanton (15.2f) 5 weeks ago, making all and jumping better as race wore on. Up to making his mark in this stronger company on that evidence.


2 NOTHING TO SEA (GER) (32) h 90
1 4 11-7 | 73.0kg

 N. George & A. Zetterholm, France *M. J. M. O'Sullivan*
Progressive 2-time winner on Flat for Ralph Beckett (stays 2m). Perfect start sent hurdling for new yard with hood/tongue tie fitted, landing 4-y-o event at Compiègne (17.9f, heavy) in October. Good prospect with progress anticipated.


3 ROYAL INFANTRY (IRE) (16) (D) 86
118-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
Useful form when winning 2 of his 3 starts in bumpers last season. Workmanlike in making a winning return/hurdles debut in a Chepstow maiden (2m) 16 days ago but he's very much the type to improve significantly, not least when his stamina is tested further.

4 WADE OUT (IRE) (35) (D) 90
1-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
Won sole point and, having scored on bumper debut at Market Rasen (16.6f) in March, he maintained his 100% record in 10-runner novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (15.8f) on hurdles bow 35 days ago, well on top finish. Sure to progress.

5 KINGSTON BRESIL (20) 64
645 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Lawney Hill *Mrs Izzie Hill*
Not without promise in pair of bumpers but didn't offer much short-term promise (on back of wind surgery) when fifth of 6 in a C&D novice on hurdles bow 3 weeks ago. Pitched in to a hot heat here and he's best watched.

6 JOYEUSE (FR) (319) ★ 100
1/1- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 Nicky Henderson *Nico de Boinville*
A half-sister to Champion Hurdle winner Epatante who landed a French maiden bumper in 2022. Changed hands for €235,000 thereafter and made light of 15-month absence when winning 14-runner novice hurdle at Taunton (16.5f) in January. Exciting prospect for this campaign.

7 KENMYA (FR) (21) 9
4 10-9 | 67.6kg

 Dan Skelton *Kielan Woods*
A fair 5-time winner on Flat in France (stays 10f) but easy to back and offered little after 15 months off when ninth of 10 in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) on yard debut 21 days ago. Stable look to hold much stronger claims with Royal Infantry.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Celtic Dino, **11-4** Joyeuse, **7-2** Royal Infantry, **13-2** Wade Out, **9-1** Nothing To Sea, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Nicky Henderson has farmed this race in recent seasons, and he looks to hold prime claims once more with 5-y-o JOYEUSE. A half-sister to connections' smart performer Epatante, she looked a good prospect herself when winning on stable debut at Chepstow back in January and very much appeals as the type to rate significantly higher this term. Celtic Dino and Royal Infantry, who made successful hurdling debuts recently, may well emerge as the chief dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JOYEUSE 2. CELTIC DINO 3. ROYAL INFANTRY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Doddiethgreat 7-11-7	5-4	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	4
2022	Persian Time 4-11-2	3-1	Nicky Henderson	A. P. Heskin	8
2021	Tweed Skirt 4-10-7	11-4	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	3
2020	Metier 4-11-5	evsf	Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	6
2019	Master Debonair 5-11-0	11-10f	Colin Tizzard	Robbie Power	6

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**CopyBet HANDICAP CHASE (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-145)
£35,000 2m5f8y (4230 Metres)**

RACE 4



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 CORRIGEEN ROCK (IRE) (292) 97

2261/1421- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
Lucinda Russell *Derek Fox*
Thoroughly likeable sort who is building a fine strike-rate over fences taking his record in this sphere to 5-11 when landing a big pot at Musselburgh (20.3f, good to soft) when last seen in February. Clearly goes well fresh (won on return last season) so demands considerable respect.

2 TERRESITA (IRE) (19) (D) 96

0/26131F-1 7 11-5 | 72.1kg
Lucy Wadham *Gavin Sheehan*
Improved switched to fences last season, likely to have recorded a third success had she not fallen 2 out at Sandown final start. Made amends when taking the scalp of Galia Des Liteaux in listed company at Carlisle (20f, good to soft) on return and is capable of better still.

3 PERSIAN TIME (33) (C, BF) 89

2/21P14P-5 6 11-4 | 71.7kg
Nicky Henderson *Nico de Boinville*
Won 2 of his first 4 starts over fences last season, doubling his tally when rallying at Kempton in March. However, well below that level on his final 2 starts of the campaign and showed little spark on reappearance back at Kempton (18f, good to soft) last month.

4 GRANDDADS COTTAGE (IRE) (224) t 96

121/03148- 9 11-3 | 71.2kg
Olly Murphy *Sean Bowen*
Irish point/hurdles winner who added to his tally in a first-time tongue strap at Leicester in January. Backed it up with a good fourth at Kempton the following month and probably remained in form when eighth of 24 in Topham at Aintree (21.1f, soft) back in April. Returns with yard in flying form.

5 MYLESFROMWICKLOW (IRE) (20) (D) t 96

2451-2326 7 11-0 | 69.9kg
Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
Has taken his form up a notch this season, putting up just about a career best when second of 6 at Market Rasen (21.4f) last month. Unsited by a change of tactics when sixth of 10 at this course (23.8f, good) just under 3 weeks ago and it's likely he's still in good nick.

6 NOCTE VOLATUS (24) (D) t 98

2/23346-11 9 10-13 | 69.4kg
Tom Lacey *Cameron Iles (71b/3kg)*
Took advantage of a drop in the weights to score for the first time in over 2 years at Uttoxeter in May and picked up where he left off when last seen 6 months earlier to score at Chepstow (19.4f, good to soft) last month. 5 lb higher but should make a bold bid for the hat-trick.

7 GEMIRANDE (FR) (219) ★ 100

12122d/550- 8 10-12 | 68.9kg
Venetia Williams *Charlie Deutsch*
Gained his second win of 2022/23 at Wetherby (19.4f). Better for return when fifth of 16 in Grand Annual at the Cheltenham Festival in March but proved to be a disappointment in Grade 2 Silver Trophy there the following month. Handicapper drops him 3 lb ahead of this return so folly to ignore.

8 SAGEBURG COUNTY (IRE) (24) (D) t ✓ 96

P18231-53 7 10-5 | 65.8kg
Warren Greatrex *Brendan Powell*
Three-time winner over fences last season, including at Chepstow in April. Ran poorly at Uttoxeter following month but saw things out better than is often the case when 5½ lengths third of 14 to Nocte Volatus on return at Chepstow last month. That will have blown away any cobwebs, too.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Terresita, **9-2** Nocte Volatus, **11-2** Corrigeen Rock, **11-2** Persian Time, **17-2** Mylesfromwicklow, **12-1** Gemirande, **14-1** Sageburg County, **14-1** Grandads Cottage

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Cases can be made for several of these but it could pay to side with GEMIRANDE, who ended last season with a bit of a whimper but has slipped back to a potentially good mark as a result and his yard has twice won this in recent years with horses returning from a break. Corrigeen Rock took his form up a notch when landing a big pot at Musselburgh back in February, so he heads up the dangers on reappearance, with Terresita and Nocte Volatus both fancied to go well, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GEMIRANDE 2. CORRIGEEN ROCK 3. TERRESITA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Your Darling	8-11-1	11-4f	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	8
2022	Your Darling	7-10-6	10-3f	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	13
2021	Pink Legend	7-10-13	15-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	8
2020	Espoir de Guye	6-11-12	5-2f	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	9
2019	Flying Angel	8-11-10	3-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**LK BENNETT AUTUMN COLLECTION HANDICAP HURDLE (3)
3yo+ (Rated 0-140) £30,650 1m7f152y (3160 Metres)**

RACE 5



Going: **Good to Soft**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 AURIGNY MILL (FR) (15) (D) 98

2/51104-P1 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
Robert Walford **Harry Kimber**
Took his form up a level for his new yard (formerly with Victor Dartnall) when a most impressive winner of 7-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m) 15 days ago. Up 7 lb but he's a player.

2 GIN COCO (FR) (42) (CD) 99

20/5104-02 8 12-0 | 76.2kg t
Harry Fry **Bryan Carver**
Took this 12 months ago and teed himself up well for a repeat off the back of a wind up when a good second of 7 in 2m handicap at Chepstow 42 days ago. Very much one to consider.

3 SPIRIT D'AUNOU (FR) (224) (D) 96

111/41005- 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Gary & Josh Moore **Niall Houlihan**
Scored at Sandown last December and signed off with a solid fifth of 19 in handicap hurdle at Aintree (20f) in April. Possibilities off a 2 lb lower mark for his return.

4 WILLIETHEBUILDER (IRE) (20) (D) 97

2/14506-21 5 11-9 | 73.9kg
Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Has advanced his form this term after breathing surgery, scoring at Wetherby (2m) 20 days ago by 1/2 length from Alnilam. Can progress further so must enter calculations.

5 AUCUNRISQUE (FR) (28) (D) 97

35P067-33 8 11-8 | 73.5kg
Chris Gordon **Freddie Gordon (5lb/2kg)**
Betfair Hurdle winner in 2023. Largely disappointing since but not disgraced when third in 2m handicaps at Plumpton and Cheltenham this autumn. Needs to build on it.

6 ALNILAM (FR) (20) 99

4171-92 5 11-6 | 72.6kg h
Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
A fair winner on the Flat who has improved for his current yard, hooded when an excellent 1/2 length second to Williethebuilder at Wetherby 20 days ago. Enjoys a 3 lb pull with that rival so can go well again.

7 BREAK MY SOUL (IRE) (20) (D) 99

3231-12 5 11-5 | 72.1kg
Nicky Henderson **Nico de Boinville**
Fetched £290,000 after landing Irish point and scored twice over hurdles last spring at Chepstow/Fontwell. Upped her form a level when second of 10 in handicap over C&D on her return and not taken lightly here despite a 4 lb rise.

8 AFADIL (FR) (20) (D) 100

31534-084 5 11-4 | 71.7kg s ★
Paul Nicholls **Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)**
Landed a Musselburgh handicap last February and followed that with a series of creditable efforts in good-quality handicaps, yet to hit top form this term but not disgraced when fourth over C&D 20 days ago. Should be sharper now.

9 PERSEUS WAY (IRE) (236) (D) 88

31207/667- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg
Christian Williams **Nick Scholfield**
Useful winning juvenile hurdler for Gary Moore in 2022/23. Recorded 2 good placed efforts on Flat for Owen Burrows last autumn but poor so far for current yard. Needs a big step forward on his return.

10 MIRABAD (FR) (18) (D) 97

41-221 5 10-13 | 69.4kg
Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole **Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)**
Fairly useful on Flat in France and he has scored twice over hurdles for his current handler, easily bagging 2m Hereford novice 18 days ago. This is much tougher but no forlorn hope on his handicap debut.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Lots with chances but AURIGNY MILL impressed greatly when going in at Newbury recently for his new stable and edges the vote from Nicky Henderson's progressive mare Break My Soul. Wetherby-scorer Williethebuilder, the handily-weighted Afadil and last year's victor Gin Coco are others well worthy of consideration in a highly competitive event.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AURIGNY MILL 2. BREAK MY SOUL 3. WILLIETHEBUILDER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Gin Coco 7-11-8	11-8f	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	6
2022	Monviel 5-10-4	15-2	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	9
2021	Captain Morgs 5-10-11	7-4f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	9
2020	Buzz 6-11-11	evsf	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	11
2019	Not So Sleepy 7-10-5	6-1	Hughie Morrison	Jonathan Burke	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Aurigny Mill, **5-1** Williethebuilder, **11-2** Gin Coco, **13-2** Mirabad, **15-2** Break My Soul, **15-2** Alnilam, **14-1** Aucunrisque, **20-1** Afadil, **28-1** Spirit D'اونou, **50-1** bar

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CopyBet UK HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120)
£15,650 2m7f180y (4790 Metres)

RACE 6




Going: **Good to Soft**


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Pace Information: **Even**

1 REGATTA DE BLANC (42) (BF) t **93**
 12-13 **6** 12-1 | 76.7kg

 **Paul Nicholls** **Freddie Gingell (31lb/1kg)**
 Unbeaten in 4 points and winner of 2 of 3 starts in hunter chases, scoring by wide margin at Cheltenham (25.3f, heavy) in May. After 5 months off ahead of stable/hurdling debut, possibly needed the run at Chepstow last time, so she's one to note making handicap chase debut.


2 IDEAL DES BORDES (FR) (200) **98**
 332P-1 **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Nicky Henderson** **Nico de Boinville**
 Won sole outing in points and, after shaping promisingly in bumper, placed in maidens at this course on first 2 starts over hurdles. Pulled up next time, but following a wind op he bounced back to score at Kempton (21f, good to soft) in May. Respected on chase/handicap debut.



3 REGARDE (IRE) (33) (D) t **96**
 54/113F2-1 **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Jamie Snowden**  **Gavin Sheehan**
 Showed improved form switched to chasing last season, winning handicaps at Huntingdon on first 2 starts. Placed on 2 of his remaining 3 outings last season, before making a successful return at Kempton (24f, good to soft) last month. Can give another good account.


4 LASKALIN (FR) (219) (D) **97**
 P/6564P2P- **9** 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Venetia Williams** **Charlie Deutsch**
 Useful at his best and, while he hasn't got his head in front this term, he returned to form in first-time cheekpieces when runner-up at Taunton (28.4f, soft) in March. Pulled up at Cheltenham when last seen in April, but he's not dismissed from his current mark.


5 NORTHERN BOUND (IRE) (17) s **98**
 4342-3044 **10** 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Ben Pauling**  **Ben Jones**
 Winless since 2022 but he was placed at Chepstow and Aintree this spring. After 11 weeks off, left behind a lesser effort when fourth of 8 at Worcester (20f, good) 17 days ago and return to this longer trip should suit. Lurks on a dangerous mark.


6 CONCETTO (FR) (33) (D) b+t **97**
 4461515-5 **7** 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** **Fergus Gillard**
 Mixed record last season but won 2 of his last 4 starts, making all in blinkers at Huntingdon (23.6f, soft) in April. With cheekpieces reapplied after 6 months off, shaped as if better for run at Kempton in October and blinkers now back on. Capable if on a going day.



7 BERTIE WOOSTER (IRE) (23) **98**
 3/323421-5 **6** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Joe Tizzard**  **Brendan Powell**
 Gained reward for consistency over hurdles when opening his account in handicap at Taunton (19f, good) in April. Ran respectably after 6 months off when mid-field at Newton Abbot 23 days ago, but will need to find more as he makes chase debut.

8 MORFEE (IRE) (31) **95**
 72121-P **8** 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Seamus Mullins** **Niall Houlihan**
 At least as good as ever having another try at chasing last season, making it 2 wins from his final 3 starts when successful at Plumpton (25.7f, good to soft) in January. Possibly needed the run after 10-month absence over hurdles at Exeter last time, but others still preferred.


9 LAW OF SUPPLY (IRE) (37) t  **100**
 4/553-1 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Kim Bailey**  **Jonathan Burke**
 Winning pointer who showed some promise on sole outing in bumpers and placed on last of 3 starts over hurdles in 2023/24. After 7 months off (had wind op), much improved when successful on chase/handicap debut at Worcester (23f, heavy) in October. Major player.

10 HALL LANE (IRE) (19) (D) s **97**
 2452-3415 **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg

 **Alan King** **Oscar Palmer (10lb/5kg)**
 Opened chase account under a change of tactics in 4-runner handicap at Market Rasen (23.9f, good to firm) in July, patiently ridden before idling having looked in control at the last. Below form after 4 months off last time, but he could fare better with cheekpieces added.

11 TIME TO BITE (IRE) (32) (BF) b **98**
 13512-124 **9** 10-6 | 66.2kg

 **Chris Honour** **Bryan Carver**
 Got back on the up when making all at Newton Abbot in May and continued in good heart when runner-up at Fakenham (21.2f, good) 13 days later. Should strip fitter for recent run at Plumpton, so he could get back on track with that outing behind him.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Ideal Des Bordes, **5-1** Law of Supply, **11-2** Regarde, **11-2** Regatta De Blanc, **11-1** Hall Lane, **16-1** Laskalin, **18-1** Northern Bound, **18-1** Concetto, **18-1** Bertie Wooster, **22-1** Time To Bite, **28-1** Morfee

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A winner in points, LAW OF SUPPLY was successful at the first attempt in chases when scoring eased-down at Worcester last month, so with further improvement to come he could be capable of following up. Ideal des Bordes appeals as the type to prove at least as good over fences and is feared most on chase/handicap debut, ahead of Regatta de Blanc.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LAW OF SUPPLY 2. IDEAL DES BORDES 3. REGATTA DE BLANC

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Hold That Taught 8-10-13	7-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	9
2022	Larry 9-11-6	13-2	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	9
2021	Kappa de Lily 8-10-12	13-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	6
2020	Quarenta 8-11-12	10-1	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	11
2019	Militarian 9-11-10	50-1	Andrew Martin	Mr James Martin (7)	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race










3.50**NOT FORGOTTEN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (3) 4 and 5yo
£10,000 1m7f152y (3160 Metres)**

RACE 7

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft**

Right handed, galloping. Jumps course reopened in 2006/7 after major redevelopment work and, whilst the course drains faster than used to be the case, underfoot conditions can still get gruelling. Rather surprisingly, however, the chase course has one of the lowest non-completion records in the country in recent seasons.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	BLUES SINGER (251) (D)		100
	1- 4 11-6 72.6kg		
	Alan King	Tom Cannon	
	Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Music of Tara and overcame inexperience to make a winning start in Kempton junior bumper in March, green (took keen hold) but coming clear. Will improve and good chance of defying a penalty.		
2	CALVINO (IRE)		95
	4 11-2 70.8kg		
	Paul Nicholls	Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)	
	€130,000 Walk In The Park gelding out of useful chaser for yard. Appealing newcomer for leading yard who took this last year with a good prospect starting out.		
3	FLIMSY NOSEBAG (IRE) (20)		91
	7-3 4 11-2 70.8kg		
	Nick Gifford	Niall Houlihan	
	Much improved from debut when third of 6 in C&D bumper on return 3 weeks ago, not beaten far, although it was a messy race. More needed again.		
4	KDEUX SAINT FRAY (FR)	t	92
	4 11-2 70.8kg		
	Anthony Honeyball	Jonathan Burke	
	£20,000 3-y-o, £48,000 4-y-o, Masked Marvel gelding. Point winner in May. Wears tongue strap. One to note.		
5	LITTLE LEDGEND (IRE)		91
	4 11-2 70.8kg		
	Olly Murphy 	Sean Bowen	
	£46,000 4-y-o, Yeats gelding. Dam bumper/19f hurdle winner, half-sister to bumper winner Hard To Swallow. Fourth sole start in Irish points (Mar 2024). Bred to do well in this sphere.		
6	QUAVISTE (FR)		93
	4 11-2 70.8kg		
	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	
	€90,000 3-y-o, Authorized gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to smart hurdler (stayed 2½m) Colonel Mustard. Yard have mopped up in bumpers in recent months and he's of obvious interest.		
7	TOP TIER GOSSIP (46)		90
	2 4 10-9 67.6kg		
	Dan Skelton	Miss Heidi Palin (7lb/3kg)	
	Getaway filly. Closely related to fair hurdler Gentle Connections, and half-sister to yard's useful hurdler/very smart chaser Midnight River. Showed some ability but failed to match the turn of foot of the more speedily-bred winner when second in weak Stratford bumper on debut 7 weeks ago.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Blues Singer, **4-1** Calvino, **5-1** Quaviste, **7-1** Little Ledgend, **15-2** Kdeux Saint Fray, **12-1** Flimsy Nosebag, **20-1** Top Tier Gossip

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BLUES SINGER created a good impression when scoring on debut at Kempton in March and is taken to defy a penalty on his return. Calvino, Quaviste and Little Ledgend are very appealing newcomers and the betting should be informative.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BLUES SINGER 2. CALVINO 3. QUAVISTE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Regent's Stroll** 4-11-2 7-4f Paul Nicholls Harry Cobden 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race