

Friday 22nd November

# CHEPSTOW



**12.30** DUNRAVEN MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)

RACE 1 **(8) THE BLUESMAN | (1) ESPOIR DES FORGES | (5) NUBE DE TRUENO**

**1.05** DRAGONBET NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m11y (3230 Metres)

RACE 2 **(1) RYAN'S ROCKET | (4) JUST OVER LAND | (2) WESTERN GENERAL**

**1.40** CHRIS BOUTCHER MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m11y (3230 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) BYZANTIUM | (1) WINDSURFER | (6) DISKATEK**

**2.15** NOAHS ARK CHILDRENS HOSPITAL CHARITY HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m3f98y (3910 Metres)

RACE 4 **(10) BILLYTHEREALBIGRED | (1) RANGE | (5) HEROS DE ROMAY**

**2.50** REBECCA FAULKNERS 40th BIRTHDAY BASH HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)

RACE 5 **(10) COOLEENYMORE | (13) MORTENS LEAM | (11) PETTY CASH**

**3.25** LYNNE FLETCHER MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)

RACE 6 **(18) LOVERDOSE | (1) HIDDEN HISTORY | (15) PUSH TO PASS**

**3.59** HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY EMMA JONES OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m11y (3230 Metres)

RACE 7 **(10) SINNATRA | (3) HARRY BRIGHT | (4) HILLWALK**

## 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.

**12.30**

**DUNRAVEN MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)**

RACE 1



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

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Pace Information: **Strong**

<b>1</b>	<b>ESPOIR DES FORGES (FR) (176)</b>	<b>99</b>
	3-2 6 11-4   71.7kg Mel Rowley Made a very promising start over hurdles in 19f Warwick maidens in the spring, finding only a Willie Mullins-trained rival who'd taken in such races as a Greatwood and Betfair Hurdle too good when last seen. Should go well on return.	<b>Sam Twiston-Davies</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>FAR FROM OVER (IRE)</b>	<b>79</b>
	7 11-4   71.7kg Clive Boulton-Brooks £4,250 3-y-o, Valirann gelding. Dam, unraced, closely related to fair 21f hurdle winner Once And Always. Dual point winner, third latest start in May 2023. Work to do on hurdles debut.	<b>Richard Patrick</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>GRAND SABRE (293)</b>	<b>60</b>
	0/67- 5 11-4   71.7kg Nick Gifford Well held in Newbury bumpers and 2m Sandown novice hurdle. Can only be watched on return.	<b>James Davies</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>MURPHY'S MILAN (IRE) (24)</b>	<b>93</b>
	3-4 5 11-4   71.7kg Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Bred to stay well and plenty of promise in Exeter bumper and good C&D novice hurdle 6 months apart. Can surely win races, especially when upped in trip.	<b>Micheal Nolan</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>NUBE DE TRUENO (IRE)</b>	<b>93</b>
	5 11-4   71.7kg Dan Skelton Flemensfirth gelding out of a useful hurdler. Of interest on debut for leading yard.	<b>Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>PROPHESEA (IRE) (24)</b>	<b>90</b>
	1-58 5 11-4   71.7kg Chris Down Successful pointer who made a winning debut under Rules in an Exeter bumper in April. Shaped as if needing the run on hurdles debut for new yard over C&D 3 weeks ago and should improve.	<b>Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>SEATOIT (IRE) (27) (BF)</b>	<b>95</b>
	42-0 5 11-4   71.7kg Kim Bailey Reached the frame in 2 Irish bumpers at the end of last year and having changed hands for £120,000 in January, shaped as if needing the run at Cheltenham starting out for Kim Bailey (sent off favourite). One to note now hurdling, bred to stay well.	<b>Tom Bellamy</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>THE BLUESMAN (FR) (235) (C)</b>	<b>100</b>
	31- 5 11-4   71.7kg Paul Nicholls Expensive recruit from points and made short work of 3 rivals second time up in bumpers here 7 months ago. Has had a breathing operation since and good prospect for hurdling.	<b>Harry Cobden</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>DEVON BLUE (IRE) (267)</b>	<b>70</b>
	8- 4 11-3   71.2kg Jeremy Scott 17/2, well held in Taunton bumper for Victor Dartnall in February.	<b>Rex Dingle</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>FOLLOWING CHAPTER</b>	<b>79</b>
	4 11-3   71.2kg Alastair Ralph Pether's Moon gelding. Dam, multiple point winner, sister to fairly useful chaser (barely stayed 3½m) Following Dreams.	<b>David Noonan</b>

<b>11</b>	<b>BESTGETGOING (IRE) (10)</b>	<b>70</b>
	5-P5 6 10-11   68.5kg Richard Price No show in bumper/novice hurdles.	<b>Sean Houlihan</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>ENGLISH WILLOW</b>	<b>90</b>
	5 10-11   68.5kg Kim Bailey Telescope mare. Half-sister to bumper winner/modest hurdler Little Else. Dam 2m-2¾m hurdle/chase winner. One to note on debut given pedigree and connections (1 of 2 runners for yard).	<b>Harry Bannister</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>HILL OF SCARRIFF (31)</b>	<b>75</b>
	07 5 10-11   68.5kg Dan Skelton Successful on sole outing in points but looks more one for handicaps judged on her 2 efforts last month. Engaged 1.23 Warwick Thursday.	<b>Mr Ben Sutton (5lb/2kg)</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>SHEEKA SUPREME (IRE) (2)</b>	<b>60</b>
	08 6 10-11   68.5kg Grace Harris Successful in Irish points in October 2022 but little show in 2 races over hurdles this autumn (hooded at Ffos Las on Wednesday).	<b>Conor Ring</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>WESTERN ARTICLE (IRE) (31)</b>	<b>79</b>
	4 5 10-11   68.5kg Jeremy Scott £20,000 purchase in the spring after finishing second in an Irish point on debut, was sent off at long odds but showed ability switched to hurdling at Exeter (66/1) 4 weeks ago.	<b>Lorcan Williams</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>JEWEL EYED JUDY (213)</b>	<b>70</b>
	608- 4 10-10   68.0kg Nigel Twiston-Davies No show in a bumper and 2 hurdles earlier in the year. Engaged 1.23 Warwick Thursday.	<b>James Turner (7lb/3kg)</b>

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** The Bluesman, **10-3** Espoir Des Forges, **11-2** Seaitoit, **8-1** Murphy's Milan, **8-1** Nube De Trueno, **16-1** English Willow, **22-1** Prophesea, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

THE BLUESMAN won a 4-runner bumper here when last seen in April and looks a good hurdles prospect for Paul Nicholls. He's preferred to Espoir des Forges and Nube de Trueno in a maiden where the betting could be revealing.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. THE BLUESMAN 2. ESPOIR DES FORGES 3. NUBE DE TRUENO**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Isaac des Obeaux</b> 5-11-4	9-4	Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams	8
2022	<b>Firestream</b> 5-11-4	3-1f	Anthony Honeyball	Aidan Coleman	16
2021 <sup>I</sup>	<b>Jetoile</b> 6-11-4	4-1	Ryan Potter	Daryl Jacob	11
2021 <sup>II</sup>	<b>Young Butler</b> 5-11-4	5-6f	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	9
2020	<b>Rocheston</b> 5-11-0	12-1	Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams (3)	8
2019	<b>The Big Breakaway</b> 4-11-0	2-1f	Colin Tizzard	Robbie Power	16

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.05****DRAGONBET NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 2m11y (3230 Metres)****RACE 2**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 RYAN'S ROCKET (IRE) (42) (D) 98**  
021-14 6 12-1 | 76.7kg



Fergal O'Brien

**J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)**

£110,000 Irish point winner who has made a very bright start over hurdles, winning novices around 2m at Taunton and Kempton in the spring. Disappointed when fourth in Grade 2 Persian War here on return last month but he remains a good prospect now chasing/stepping back in trip.

**2 WESTERN GENERAL (IRE) (23) (D) 100**  
21/6P02-41 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Joe Tizzard

**Harry Cobden**

Hurdles winner who confirmed previous chase promise and more following wind op/6 months off when readily taking 7-runner Newton Abbot handicap (16.3f) 23 days ago. This undoubtedly rates tougher but he remains with potential to progress further in this sphere.

**3 HASTHING (FR) (258) (BF) 96**  
23/1176- 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**

Smart in bumpers and bright start over hurdles last winter, winning first 2 starts in novice company. Well backed, could only manage sixth in EBF Final on handicap debut at Sandown (19.8f) in March but overall profile suggests he's one to be interested in now chasing on return.

**4 JUST OVER LAND (FR) (40) (D, BF) 96**  
P/341423-2 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



Sam Thomas

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Consistent sort over hurdles last season and bright start in this sphere after 6 months off when second of 8 in handicap at Ffos Las (2m) 6 weeks ago. Likely improver with that under his belt and he looks sure to give another good account.

**5 GRIS MAJEUR (FR) (17) 91**  
08P62/714 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Sheila Lewis

**Jack Tudor**

Point/bumper winner who capitalised on falling mark when registering a third career success over hurdles at Hereford (21.7f) in October. Not in same form when fourth at Warwick 17 days ago and this looks a hot enough chase introduction.

**6 RANGATIRA JACK (26) 90**  
80/59432-0 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Linda Blackford

**Sean Houlihan**

Fair form without tasting success in novice/maiden hurdles last season. Well-beaten on return in a Wincanton maiden (15.2f) 26 days ago and others more persuasive now attentions switch to larger obstacles.

**7 LUCKY LUGGER (16) 92**  
P53P-2 7 10-12 | 68.9kg



Matt Sheppard

**Richard Patrick**

Standout effort over hurdles came when third in a C&D maiden in April. Easy to back, ran well on first try chasing when second of 5 in C&D novices' handicap 16 days ago, clear of remainder. Feasible to think he can do better again in this sphere.

**8 JACKPOT CASH (FR) (192) 91**  
5436-4 5 10-9 | 67.6kg



Evan Williams

**Adam Wedge**

Cokoriko gelding. Not without promise in 2 of his 4 starts over hurdles, equipped with a first-time hood when fourth of 13 in a Southwell maiden (15.8f) back in May. Interesting connections make a quick switch to chasing for handicap debut and the betting should guide.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Western General, **4-1** Ryan's Rocket, **5-1** Just Over Land, **5-1** Hasthing, **10-1** Lucky Luggur, **14-1** Gris Majeur, **14-1** Jackpot Cash, **22-1** Rangatira Jack

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

An interesting novices' handicap chase with a host boasting potential. RYAN'S ROCKET ran below his previous hurdles best in a Grade 2 here in October but he'd previously looked a good prospect when twice successful in the spring and, as a former point winner, he could yet get back on the up now chasing. Just Over Land, Western General and another chase debutant Hasthing are others well worthy of consideration.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. RYAN'S ROCKET 2. JUST OVER LAND 3. WESTERN GENERAL****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Mr Grey Sky</b> 9-12-0	3-1	Kim Bailey	David Bass	7
2022	<b>Saint Segal</b> 4-11-11	7-2f	Mrs Jane Williams	David Noonan	11
2021	<b>Sarasota Star</b> 5-11-10	9-4f	Martin Keighley	James Best	8
2020	<b>Eclair d'Ainay</b> 6-11-8	12-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.40**

**CHRIS BOUTCHER MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+  
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RACE 3








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

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Pace Information: **Even**

- 1 WINDSURFER (35) (D) 90**  
 77-31 5 11-7 | 73.0kg  
 **Ben Case** *Jack Quinlan*  
 Signs of ability both starts in bumpers and confirmed promise of hurdling debut as he got off the mark 5 months later in 8-runner novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) 5 weeks ago, making all. Carries a penalty and every chance he will step forward again.
- 2 AS GOOD AS CAN BE (IRE) (149) 70**  
 9 4 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 **Claire Dyson** *David Noonan*  
 Milan gelding who hails from a good family but looks limited on early evidence, tailed-off ninth of 10 in bumper at Worcester (16f, good) 5 months ago. Best watched on hurdling debut.
- 3 ATLANTIC POWER (IRE) (14) 70**  
 08 4 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 **Richenda Ford** *Richie McLernon*  
 Placed on last of 3 starts in Irish points but tailed off in bumper/maiden hurdle in recent weeks. Can only be watched.
- 4 BYZANTIUM (FR) (256) (BF) 100**  
 2- 4 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 **Paul Nicholls** *Harry Cobden*  
 Won on his only Flat start in France in autumn 2023 and having joined a top yard, moved into the race encouragingly only to be outstayed when second of 13 in novice hurdle at Taunton (16.5f, soft) back in March. Open to improvement, he could take some stopping if ready to roll (had a wind op).
- 5 CHESH (IRE) (12) 82**  
 6-4 5 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 **Anthony Honeyball** *Rex Dingle*  
 Showed some ability in a bumper for Chris Gordon back in February and hinted at aptitude for hurdling having had a breathing operation during his 9 months off when a well-beaten fourth of 10 in novice at Ffos Las (15.8f, good to soft) 12 days ago. Big step forward needed.
- 6 DISKATEK (IRE) (212) h 89**  
 25- 6 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 **Mel Rowley** *Charlie Hammond*  
 Cost a bit and showed promise with a hood on for his debut in 2m Southwell novice hurdle in February. Not so good at Ludlow next time but remains with potential on return. Engaged 12.53 Warwick Thursday.
- 7 JUMBO MILLS (FR) (37) 83**  
 8 5 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 **Dan Skelton** *Charlie Todd*  
 From a successful French NH family. Easy to back and never dangerous on hurdles bow at Worcester (16f, heavy) just over 5 weeks ago after a breathing operation. Engaged 12.53 Warwick Thursday.
- 8 OUT OUT (IRE) (414) 85**  
 2- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 **Dan Skelton** *Tristan Durrell (31b/1kg)*  
 Shaped well amidst inexperience first time up in bumper at Warwick in October 2023. Not seen since ahead of this switch to hurdling. Engaged 12.53 Warwick Thursday.
- 9 SHADE OF WINTER (IRE) (235) h 83**  
 2- 4 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 **Evan Williams** *Adam Wedge*  
 Finished last of 2 finishers in an Irish point and looked green on his Rules debut when second of 4 in bumper at this C&D (soft) in April. Hood goes on for hurdling debut and market should guide expectations.
- 10 THE WINSLOW BOY (37) 85**  
 5/49-3 5 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 **Tom Symonds** *Ben Poste*  
 Has shown promise in a bumper over hurdles, matching the better of his efforts from last season after 7 months off when third of 11 in novice at Worcester (16f, heavy) just over 5 weeks ago. Handicaps over further after this likely to be more suitable.

- 11 V POWER (12) 65**  
 99 4 11-0 | 69.9kg  
 **Thomas Faulkner** *Liam Harrison*  
 Fair on the Flat (stays 1¼m) but has run well below that level on both recent hurdles starts.
- 12 AS FAST AS WIND (IRE) (26) h 82**  
 79 4 10-7 | 66.7kg  
 **Daisy Hitchens** *Harry Reed*  
 Fair maiden at best on the Flat in Ireland (stays 1½m) and caught the eye making late gains from an impossible position sent hurdling after 8 weeks off at Exeter last month. Failed to repeat that fitted with a hood 17 days later and others look far more obvious.
- 13 BALLYHIHO (IRE) (34) 65**  
 00 4 10-7 | 66.7kg  
 **D. J. Jeffreys** *J. Hogan (31b/1kg)*  
 Placed on 2 of 4 starts in Irish points but has made an unpromising start to career under Rules, showing nothing in novice/maiden hurdle last month.
- 14 BELLEVER TOR (16) 65**  
 8 5 10-7 | 66.7kg  
 **Polly Gundry** *Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)*  
 Showed nothing when tailed off in novice hurdle at this C&D (good to soft) on debut earlier in the month.
- 15 TILLAWAY (IRE) (35) h 83**  
 4-35 5 10-7 | 66.7kg  
 **Tom George** *Sean Houlihan*  
 Stepped up from debut when third of 11 in bumper at Wexford in May. Failed to improve tried hooded on her first outing since leaving S. Michael Millar at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) 5 weeks ago and attentions are now switched to hurdles.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

13-8 Byzantium, 9-2 Windsurfer, 11-2 Diskatek, 12-1 The Winslow Boy, 12-1 Out Out, 20-1 Shade of Winter, 25-1 Jumbo Mills, 28-1 Tillaway, 33-1 Chesh, 40-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A big field but plenty of deadwood in this novice, BYZANTIUM selected to build on his hurdling debut second at Taunton back in the spring having had a breathing operation prior to his return. Windsurfer opened his account 5 months on from his hurdling debut at Uttoxeter recently, so he heads up the dangers carrying a penalty, with Diskatek and The Winslow Boy taken to fight out minor honours.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. BYZANTIUM 2. WINDSURFER 3. DISKATEK

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Lowry's Bar</b> 5-11-7	2-9f	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Ben Jones	7
2022	<b>Doyen Star</b> 4-11-0	5-2	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	15
2021	<b>Chanceux</b> 5-10-12	8-13f	Alastair Ralph	Nick Scholfield	10
2020	<b>The Grey Falco</b> 5-10-12	14-1	Alastair Ralph	Lee Edwards	12
2019	<b>Getaway Fred</b> 5-10-12	11-10f	Colin Tizzard	Robbie Power	16

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4










**NOAHS ARK CHILDRENS HOSPITAL CHARITY HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £11,700 2m3f98y (3910 Metres)**





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Pace Information: **Even**

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| <b>1</b>                                                                        | <b>RANGE (IRE) (24)</b> (C, D, BF) <span style="float: right;"><b>95</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                 | 235/2154-F <b>7</b> 11-12   75.3kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|  | <b>Sam Thomas</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i></span>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                 | Won novice at this course on second of 4 starts over hurdles last season. After 8 months off, was in process of showing improved form when fell 5 out in handicap at this C&D (good to soft) on chasing debut, yet to be asked for effort at time. Enters calculations. |
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| <b>2</b>                                                                        | <b>ROYAL MER (FR) (23)</b> (D) <span style="float: right;"><b>90</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                 | 152111P-4 <b>6</b> 11-12   75.8kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  | <b>David Pipe</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Jack Tudor</i></span>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                 | Notched 5 handicap wins (at up to 20f) in first campaign over fences in 2023/24, completing a hat-trick in good style at Wincanton in April. Pulled up on final start of the season, but likely to strip fitter for a run over hurdles last month. Could bounce back. |
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| <b>3</b>                                                                        | <b>BASHERS REFLECTION (27)</b> (D) <span style="float: right;"><b>88</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                 | 1/317289-6 <b>7</b> 11-11   74.8kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|  | <b>Ben Case</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Jack Quinlan</i></span>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                 | Improved hurdler last season, scoring at Wetherby and, in first-time cheekpieces, beaten less than 3 lengths when ninth at Cheltenham in April. However, his jumping lacked confidence when sixth of 11 in handicap back at Cheltenham (19.8f, good) on seasonal/chase debut. |
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| <b>4</b>                                                                          | <b>CAN YOU CALL (24)</b> (D) <span style="float: right;"><b>88</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                   | 194/2332-0 <b>9</b> 11-11   74.8kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|  | <b>Evan Williams</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Adam Wedge</i></span>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                   | Fairly useful hurdles/chase winner who ran well on 3 of his 4 starts returned to fences last term, including when runner-up at this C&D on reappearance. However, after 8 months off (had a wind op) he ran poorly back over C&D (good to soft) 24 days ago. |
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| <b>5</b>                                                                          | <b>HEROS DE ROMAY (FR) (297)</b> (C, D) <span style="float: right;"><b>90</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                   | 12/133- <b>7</b> 11-11   74.8kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|  | <b>Kim Bailey</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Tom Bellamy</i></span>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                   | Well-bred bumper winner who showed a good attitude to make a successful hurdling debut in maiden at this course (19.5f) a year ago. Wasn't able to repeat that effort in his 2 subsequent outings, but goes well fresh and is one to note as he makes chase/handicap bow. |
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| <b>6</b>                                                                          | <b>DONNACHA (IRE) (36)</b> (C, BF) <span style="float: right;"><b>90</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                   | 1231021-3 <b>6</b> 11-9   73.9kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|  | <b>Nigel Hawke</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Lorcan Murtagh</i></span>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                   | Consistent over hurdles last season, winning 3 times including at Exeter in April. After 6 months off, shaped as if better for the run when third of 5 in handicap at Carlisle (15.9f, good to soft) on chasing debut, so he's open to improvement upped in trip. |
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| <b>7</b>                                                                          | <b>TOMMYS CHARM (IRE) (236)</b> (C, D, BF) <span style="float: right;"><b>90</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                   | 12- <b>6</b> 11-9   73.9kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|  | <b>Kerry Lee</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Richard Patrick</i></span>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                   | Runner-up sole start in Irish points and went one better in maiden at this course (19.5f, heavy) on hurdling debut in February. Ran well behind an improver at Ffos Las next time, so he could still have more to offer as he makes chase/handicap debut after 7 months off. |
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| <b>8</b>                                                                          | <b>ENJOY YOUR LIFE (FR) (229)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>90</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                   | 7214413P- <b>7</b> 11-7   73.0kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|  | <b>Venetia Williams</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)</i></span>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                   | Fairly useful ex-French winning hurdler/chaser who bounced back to best when recording second win for current yard in 4-runner handicap chase at Taunton (23f, soft) in February. Excuses final 2 outings, failing to stay when last seen in April, so he's not ruled out. |
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| <b>9</b>                                                                          | <b>BYZANTINE EMPIRE (22)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>88</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                   | 75-361433 <b>7</b> 11-5   72.1kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|  | <b>John &amp; Rhys Flint</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Lorcan Williams</i></span>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                   | Back to winning ways over hurdles at Worcester in July and has shaped better than result last 2 starts, in contention approaching straight before weakening when third of 6 in seller at Stratford (18.7f, good to soft) 22 days ago. First run over fences since 2022. |

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| <b>10</b>                                                                         | <b>BILLYTHEREALBIGRED (24)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>100</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                   | 2U3111F-1 <b>4</b> 11-3   71.2kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|  | <b>Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Robert Dunne</i></span>                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                   | Most progressive sent handicapping over hurdles last season, winning his first 3 starts, and in receipt of weight-for-age allowance he was impressive when making a successful seasonal/chase debut at Bangor (20.3f, heavy) last month. Leading contender. |
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| <b>11</b>                                                                         | <b>THE BOOLA BOSS (IRE) (28)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>87</b></span>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                   | 1/5152-130 <b>8</b> 11-2   70.8kg                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|  | <b>Rebecca Curtis</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Harry Cobden</i></span>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                   | Showed improved form to notch a third victory over fences in 6-runner handicap at Stratford (22.6f, good) in May. Ran to similar level when third at the same C&D in October, but found it tougher at Cheltenham (25f, good) last time. Has something to find. |

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Billytherealbigred, **9-2** Range, **10-1** Heros De Romay, **11-1** Royal Mer, **11-1** Donnacha, **12-1** Enjoy Your Life, **12-1** Tommys Charm, **18-1** Can You Call, **18-1** Bashers Reflection, **22-1** Byzantine Empire, **28-1** The Boola Boss

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Having won all 3 completed outings in handicap hurdles, BILLYTHEREALBIGRED made an impressive start over fences at Bangor last month and he can continue his progress to add to his tally. Range was in the process of showing improved form on his chase debut and could be the main danger, with Heros de Romay completing the shortlist.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. BILLYTHEREALBIGRED 2. RANGE 3. HEROS DE ROMAY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.50**

RACE 5

**REBECCA FAULKNERS 40th BIRTHDAY BASH HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 2m7f131y (4750 Metres)**



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

Chepstow is a left-handed, undulating, oval course, nearly two miles around with eleven fences to a circuit, a five-furlong home straight and a run-in of 250 yards. Conditions can be very testing. With five fences in the straight, the first part of which is downhill, front runners - or those leading into the straight - do well here, especially over shorter distances, and the fences don't claim the number of casualties that might be expected.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 FERN HILL (IRE) (202)** **94**  
44/3PP67-5 **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg  
Ben Case *Jack Quinlan*



Ended last term out of sorts and fared little better when fifth of 8 in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (20.9f, soft) in May. Lots more is needed after 6 months off.

**2 GATS AND CO (191) (CD)** **94**  
P4/22782-P **9** 12-0 | 76.2kg  
David Brace *Jack Tudor*



C&D winner but pulled up in handicap chase at Ffos Las (28f, good) when last seen out in May. It's now 11 runs since his last win in 2022.

**3 HAAS BOY (FR) (39)** **97**  
26/8532P-3 **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg  
Emma Lavelle *Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)*



Failed to meet market expectations several times last season for Charlie Longsdon. Not disgraced for his new yard though when third of 8 in handicap hurdle at Hereford (21.7f, good) 39 days ago. Considered back in this sphere.

**4 GUERLAIN DE VAUX (FR) (738)** **93**  
P/ **8** 11-12 | 75.3kg  
Kim Bailey *Tom Bellamy*



Won his first 2 starts over hurdles for Oliver Sherwood but very lightly raced since and pulled up on sole outing for Alastair Ralph on his chasing bow at Hereford (3mf) over 2 years ago. Needs another new yard to have a reviving effect.

**5 KING OF BRAZIL (16) (C)** **93**  
45131B-PU **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg  
Katy Price *Micheal Nolan*



A fair hurdler/chaser who twice over fences last season. Pulled up on his return at Bangor though before unseating rider first at Chepstow. Has a bit to prove.

**6 PETTICOAT LUCY (IRE) (34)** **93**  
433/117B-P **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg  
Jeremy Scott *Lorcan Williams*



Successful at Newton Abbot and Exeter on her first 2 starts over fences. Off 10 months before pulled up in 21f Stratford handicap chase on her reappearance however.

**7 VALENS BRUYEE (IRE) (24) (C)** **94**  
7P13551-P **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg  
Rebecca Curtis *Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)*



A two-time winner over hurdles last season but he jumped ponderously before being pulled up in handicap chase at Bangor (20.3f, heavy) on his debut over fences 24 days ago.

**8 DARING PLAN (IRE) (296)** **79**  
8723- **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg  
Susan Gardner *Lucy Gardner*



Lightly-raced maiden hurdler who posted a respectable third of 11 in handicap at Exeter (23.1f, heavy) when last seen out 9 months ago. Needs to hit the ground running on his chase debut.

**9 ECEPARTI (FR) (223) (CD)** **95**  
1120P224- **10** 11-7 | 73.0kg  
Venetia Williams *Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)*



C&D winner who signed off last term with a respectable fourth over C&D in April. Has won when fresh so he merits consideration on his reappearance.

**10 COOLEENYMORE (IRE) (22)** **95**  
323512-15 **8** 11-6 | 72.6kg  
Robert Walford *Harry Cobden*



Took very well to fences last spring (scored at Hereford) and she made an encouraging return from 6 months off when fifth of 16 in handicap chase at Stratford (22.6f) 22 days ago. Expected to be bang there with that run under her belt.

**11 PETTY CASH (IRE) (187)** **96**  
4FF/P3-2 **7** 11-6 | 72.6kg  
Henry Daly *Sam Twiston-Davies*



A fairly useful winning 2m hurdler who was completing for the first time over fences when second of 6 in 2m6f Stratford handicap chase in May. Returns after a wind up now and can't be discounted.

**12 BOBMAHLEY (IRE) (614) (D, BF)** **95**  
12414F/ **9** 11-5 | 72.1kg  
Tim Vaughan *Alan Johns*



A dual 3m chase scorer in 2022/23 but off since falling 4 out (still leading) over C&D 20 months ago. No forlorn hope though on his comeback with yard going well.

**13 MORTENS LEAM (22)** **94**  
P/P5213U-4 **12** 11-4 | 71.7kg  
Mike Hawker *Harry Reed*



Veteran scored at Stratford (22.5f) in March and resumed from 7 months off with an encouraging fourth of 16 there 22 days ago, set a lot to do. Can make his presence felt.

**14 ZERO TOLERANCE (GER) (177)** **100**  
3849/58-2 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg  
Evan Williams *Adam Wedge*



Still a maiden but he bounced back to form when second of 8 in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (21f, soft) in May. Can give a good account after a break.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-2** Zero Tolerance, **15-2** Haas Boy, **8-1** Petty Cash, **12-1** Cooleenymore, **12-1** Eceparti, **12-1** Bobmahley, **14-1** Gats And Co, **16-1** Fern Hill, **16-1** Valens Bruyee, **18-1** Mortens Leam, **20-1** Petticoat Lucy, **25-1** King of Brazil, **25-1** Guerlain De Vaux, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Not as competitive as the numbers suggest and Robert Walford's likeable mare COOLEENYMORE is taken to build on her encouraging Stratford fifth after a lay-off and resume winning ways. Veteran Mortens Leam could emerge as the main danger, with Petty Cash, Eceparti and Zero Tolerance also in the mix

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. COOLEENYMORE 2. MORTENS LEAM 3. PETTY CASH**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Mad About Sally</b> 8-11-10	5-1 Oliver Signy	Ben Jones	5
2022	<b>Credo</b> 7-12-0	11-4jf Anthony Honeyball	Rex Dingle	8
2021	<b>Jerminnie Green</b> 7-10-12	13-2 Alan King	Tom Bellamy	8
2020	<b>Kappa de Lily</b> 7-10-13	13-8f Venetia Williams	Miss Lucy Turner (7)	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.25**

**LYNNE FLETCHER MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-115) £7,700 2m3f100y (3910 Metres)**

RACE 6



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

Chepstow is a left-handed, undulating, oval course, nearly two miles around with eleven fences to a circuit, a five-furlong home straight and a run-in of 250 yards. Conditions can be very testing. With five fences in the straight, the first part of which is downhill, front runners - or those leading into the straight - do well here, especially over shorter distances, and the fences don't claim the number of casualties that might be expected.

Pace Information: **Very Strong**

<b>1</b>	<b>HIDDEN HISTORY (274)</b> (D)	<b>96</b>
	31- <b>6</b> 12-0   76.2kg Chris Gordon <i>Rex Dingle</i> Sold for £45,000 after easily winning an Irish point and made a promising start to his hurdle career at the beginning of 2024, finishing third at Newbury before winning a 19.5f Lingfield maiden (heavy). Makes handicap debut after 9 months off. Interesting runner.	
<b>2</b>	<b>IMPERIAL STORM (IRE) (682)</b> (BF)	<b>94</b>
	2313/ <b>8</b> 12-0   76.2kg Susan Gardner <i>Mr James Shaw (7lb/3kg)</i> Bumper/ hurdle winner for Fergal O'Brien but off for 500 days prior to pulling up in a point in May and absent for a further 6 months since. Best to look elsewhere unless the betting strongly hints otherwise.	
<b>3</b>	<b>SIREKOFF (IRE) (92)</b>	<b>95</b>
	52PP-4421 <b>5</b> 11-11   74.8kg David Pipe <i>Jack Tudor</i> Runner-up twice for Shark Hanlon in Ireland and made a successful start for David Pipe in maiden at Newton Abbot (18.5f, good) in August. Tackles his first handicap back from 3 months off.	
<b>4</b>	<b>BRAZOS (USA) (589)</b>	<b>96</b>
	092PP57/ <b>10</b> 11-9   73.9kg Alexandra Dunn <i>Richie McLernon</i> Fairly useful winning hurdler at his peak but out of sorts for this yard in spring 2023. Absent since. Can only be watched.	
<b>5</b>	<b>KEPAGGE (IRE) (17)</b> (C, D)	<b>98</b>
	3346-8295 <b>10</b> 11-8   73.5kg David Pipe <i>Tom Bellamy</i> Good record at Ffos Las and bounced back to form when runner-up there at the end of May. Below par in 2 comeback outings this autumn, though. A change of headgear (first-time blinkers for visor) needs to spark a revival.	b+t
<b>6</b>	<b>KING OF TARA (36)</b>	<b>99</b>
	2231040-5 <b>5</b> 11-8   73.5kg Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill <i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i> A fairly useful 2m novice hurdle winner last season. Shaped as if in need of the run when fifth of 10 in 17f Carlisle handicap on reappearance, weakening approaching the last. Should be sharper now.	
<b>7</b>	<b>IT COULD BE YOU (IRE) (166)</b>	<b>87</b>
	F/OP7P1-8P <b>10</b> 11-7   73.0kg Clare Ellam <i>Ben Poste</i> Won a claiming hurdle in Ireland in the spring but pulled up in a Punchestown handicap when last seen in June. First outing for new trainer Clare Ellam. Probably best watched.	s
<b>8</b>	<b>HOLLY HARTINGO (IRE) (24)</b> (CD)	<b>98</b>
	P35PP-551 <b>8</b> 11-7   73.0kg Alastair Ralph <i>David Noonan</i> Bounced back to her best to win a 15-runner C&D handicap (good to soft) last month. Should remain very competitive up 5 lb.	
<b>9</b>	<b>BLUE HOP (IRE) (272)</b> (D)	<b>92</b>
	17/P75- <b>7</b> 11-7   73.0kg B. F. Brookhouse <i>Jack Quinlan</i> Bumper/maiden hurdle winner. Failed to take to fences in 3 starts last season and reverts to hurdles in a bid to get his career back on track.	t
<b>10</b>	<b>MOLTO BENE (IRE) (249)</b> (BF)	<b>96</b>
	5P313- <b>5</b> 11-7   73.0kg Charlie Longsdon <i>Lilly Pinchin</i> Took another step forward when making a winning handicap debut at Plumpton (20.5f, soft) in February. Respectable third at Fontwell (19f) final start. Has had wind surgery ahead of reappearance.	t

<b>11</b>	<b>SAMBEZI (FR) (39)</b> (D)	<b>97</b>
	136254-P6 <b>8</b> 11-5   72.1kg Oliver Signy <i>Harry Bannister</i> Fairly useful hurdler who took handicaps at Fontwell and Worcester in spring 2023 but has found life harder since, finishing well held back from a break at Hereford last month.	s+t
<b>12</b>	<b>CAPTAINS ROAD (IRE) (24)</b>	<b>95</b>
	PP-6 <b>7</b> 11-5   72.1kg Charlie Longsdon <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i> Winning pointer. Pulled up in a pair of heavy-ground maiden hurdles in the spring but showed ability when sixth of 13 in a C&D maiden on reappearance 24 days ago. Handicap debut.	
<b>13</b>	<b>MAXIMUM EFFORT (24)</b>	<b>97</b>
	9/0453P-7 <b>5</b> 11-4   71.7kg Noel Williams <i>James Davies</i> Fair third in a C&D maiden in February but pulled up in an Exeter handicap the following month and well held in another C&D maiden on his reappearance 24 days ago.	
<b>14</b>	<b>BOYLES HILL (IRE) (97)</b>	<b>93</b>
	2-321 <b>5</b> 11-3   71.2kg Evan Williams <i>Adam Wedge</i> Runner-up in his only bumper and took well to hurdling over the summer, winning a 20.5f Market Rasen maiden in August. Could have more to offer in handicaps.	
<b>15</b>	<b>PUSH TO PASS (IRE) (46)</b>	<b>90</b>
	42-4 <b>4</b> 11-0   69.9kg Harry Derham <i>Alice Stevens (5lb/2kg)</i> Modest form in 3 qualifying runs but unexposed now handicapping for a good stable. Market confidence would look significant.	
<b>16</b>	<b>LOOKING FOR LARRY (IRE) (589)</b>	<b>98</b>
	P6516/ <b>6</b> 11-0   69.9kg Tim Dennis <i>Sean Houlihan</i> Point winner who posted career best in this sphere when taking 15-runner handicap at Exeter (17f, good to soft) in March 2023. Below that form when sixth at Taunton the following month and not seen since. A watching brief has to be the percentage call after such a long time off.	
<b>17</b>	<b>HOME AND DRY (IRE) (199)</b>	<b>89</b>
	P5-4 <b>6</b> 10-13   69.4kg Thomas Faulkner <i>Liam Harrison</i> Fair 2m Flat winner. Ran to a similar level in maiden/novice hurdles in the spring. Fit from a recent outing on AW Flat ahead of this first handicap over hurdles.	
<b>18</b>	<b>LOVERDOSE (FR) (24)</b> (C)	<b>100</b>
	9081-1 <b>5</b> 10-4   65.3kg Robert Walford <i>Harry Cobden</i> French Flat winner who has been much improved over hurdles since handicapping, winning at Exeter in March and following up on course reappearance (2m, good to soft) last month. Longer trip should be within range and can complete a hat-trick.	s

18 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Loverdose, **11-2** Hidden History, **17-2** Holly Hartingo, **10-1** Push To Pass, **12-1** Sirekoff, **12-1** Boyles Hill, **16-1** King of Tara, **22-1** Molto Bene, **22-1** Home And Dry, **25-1** Maximum Effort, **25-1** Captains Road, **28-1** Blue Hop, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The way LOVERDOSE got on top towards the finish over 2m here last month suggests this trip could suit and he can defy the handicapper again and complete a hat-trick. Handicap newcomers Hidden History, Push To Pass and Boyles Hill head the dangers in a competitive race.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. LOVERDOSE 2. HIDDEN HISTORY 3. PUSH TO PASS**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Wot You Wearing</b> 6-10-1	11-4	Robert Stephens	Ben Jones	9
2022	<b>Operation Mana</b> 6-11-11	9-4f	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	9
2021	<b>Kenyan Cowboy</b> 5-10-6	6-1	Neil King	Max Kendrick	10
2020	<b>Sexy Lot</b> 4-10-10	5-4f	David Pipe	David Noonan	10
2019	<b>Lock's Corner</b> 5-11-12	2-1f	Jonjo O'Neill	Richie McLernon	12

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.59**

**HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY EMMA JONES OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 2m11y (3230 Metres)**

RACE 7




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


Chepstow is a left-handed, undulating, oval course, nearly two miles around with eleven fences to a circuit, a five-furlong home straight and a run-in of 250 yards. Conditions can be very testing. With five fences in the straight, the first part of which is downhill, front runners - or those leading into the straight - do well here, especially over shorter distances, and the fences don't claim the number of casualties that might be expected.

Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**


**1 PEACE MOTIVATOR (57) (D) 91**  
 14 4 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Alison Thorpe **Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)**  
 Overcame inexperience to make a winning debut in 5-runner bumper at Worcester in September. Respectable fourth under a penalty at Perth later that month. Has left Olly Murphy. Top claimer takes 7 lb off.


**2 ASSERTIVE WALK (IRE) 92**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**  
 €85,000 Walk In The Park gelding. Dam, little promise in bumper/over hurdles, half-sister to useful multiple bumper winner/fairly useful 2m hurdle winner Gypsy Island. Would enter the reckoning if the betting suggests he's fancied.


**3 HARRY BRIGHT (IRE) 95**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Dan Skelton **Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)**  
 Milan gelding. Dam (h97), maiden hurdler, half-sister to fair chaser (stayed 3m) Book of Gold. Has had wind surgery. Of obvious interest on debut for top yard.


**4 HILLWALK (IRE) 92**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Neil Mulholland **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
 Closing in second when fell last sole start in Irish points in April. Bought for £75,000 later that month. Interesting runner.


**5 JIGGY WALLER 90**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg t

 Jeremy Scott **Rex Dingle**  
 Passing Glance gelding. Dam (h102), 2¼m-21f hurdle winner, half-sister to connections' very smart hurdler/high-class chaser (stayed 25f) Dashed Drasher. Tongue tied on debut.


**6 LEONIDASS (IRE) 89**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg t

 Nick Gifford **James Davies**  
 Lauro gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler Vintage Salon. Dam (h142) 2m hurdle winner, also smart 1½m-2m winner on Flat. Wears tongue strap.

**7 POP'S FOLLY (IRE) 91**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Georgina Nicholls **Robert Dunne**  
 €20,000 Califet colt. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Lucky Road. Dam, lightly raced in points, half-sister to top-class chaser (stayed 25f) Road To Respect. One to note in the betting.


**8 PURE BLUE (IRE) 91**  
 5 11-2 | 70.8kg t

 Jeremy Scott **Lorcan Williams**  
 €130,000 Blue Bresil gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful 2m hurdle winner An Tobar and dual bumper winner/useful hurdler Elle Est Belle. Wears tongue strap (has had wind surgery). One of 2 newcomers from his stable. The betting should help to split them.


**9 QUINN'S REWARD (GER) (26) 79**  
 7 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Tom Symonds **Jordan Nailor**  
 14/1, seventh of 8 in bumper at Wincanton (good) on debut 26 days ago.

**10 SINNATRA (IRE) 100**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Paul Nicholls **Harry Cobden**  
 €205,000 Walk In The Park gelding. Closely related to a winner, and half-brother to 4 winners, including useful 2m hurdler/chaser Maria's Benefit. Dam (h107) 19f hurdle winner. His leading stable won the race last year. Likely type.


**11 SPANISH DANCER (FR) 90**  
 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Richard Bandy **Harry Bannister**  
 £35,000 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 wind surgery.


**12 TAO ENKI (FR) 90**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Alastair Ralph **Jack Tudor**  
 €40,000 No Risk At All gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including French hurdler Lady Enki and fair French 19f hurdle winner Fuidy Enki. Needs checking out in the market for a stable among the winners.

**13 TIPPING POINT (FR) 75**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Carroll Gray **Elizabeth Gale (7lb/3kg)**  
 Last of 5 finishers completed start in Irish points (May 18). Likely outsider on bumper debut.

**14 TONGAKNOXIE (IRE) 90**  
 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

 Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Micheal Nolan**  
 Casamento gelding. Half-brother to a point bumper winner. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (winner up to 23f) Square Mile. Newcomer from an in-form stable.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1 Sinnatra, 6-1 Harry Bright, 11-1 Hillwalk, 11-1 Assertive Walk, 12-1 Peace Motivator, 12-1 Pure Blue, 14-1 Pop's Folly, 16-1 Spanish Dancer, 20-1 Tao Enki, 20-1 Tongaknoxie, 20-1 Jiggy Waller, 25-1 Leonidass, 50-1 bar**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

In a concluding bumper where the betting should be informative SINNATRA gets the vote for last year's winning stable. Harry Bright, Hillwalk, who was closing in second when falling at the last in his sole point, and Assertive Walk are other interesting runners before any market clues are known.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SINNATRA 2. HARRY BRIGHT 3. HILLWALK**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Below The Radar</b> 5-11-2	9-4	Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams	5
2022	<b>Spirits Bay</b> 4-11-2	18-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Finn Lambert (7)	13

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race