

Wednesday 23rd October

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RACE 1 **(1) NEXT LEFT | (6) PRESENTING PETE | (2) ROGER POL**

2.43 SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 HANDICAP CHASE (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 2 **(4) FANCY STUFF | (3) DUKE OF LUCKLEY | (1) MR MACKAY**

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RACE 3 **(2) DEEP PURPLE | (1) LITTLE WATSON | (6) THE LONG WALK**

3.53 SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 535 MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) ASIAN STAR | (2) MARY | (4) BELLAS BRIDGE**

4.28 FREE TIPS DAILY ON attheraces.com MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 3m60y (4880 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) WICKED THOUGHTS | (3) ROCKET MAN | (2) HOLOKEA**

5.00 attheraces.com/marketmovers HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) GOBLET OF FIRE | (4) JEUDIDEE | (5) ASCENSION DAY**

5.33 SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) QUEENS VENTURE | (7) JUST CHASING MAY | (1) FASHIONELLE**

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.









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RACE 1

DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,500 2½m88y (4100 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	NEXT LEFT (IRE) (20) (D)		100
	50-14142 8 12-0 76.2kg		
	Dan Skelton 	Harry Skelton	
	Taken well to fences, winning twice over this sort of trip and arrives on back of creditable second of 5 in handicap chase at this course (24.3f, good to firm, 2/1) 20 days ago. Likely contender.		
2	ROGER POL (IRE) (182) (BF)		95
	31/2122P0- 6 11-11 74.8kg		
	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	
	Dual-bumper winner who built on his Newton Abbot hurdle debut second when going one better at Fakenham last November. Didn't manage to add to that success but hails from a yard amongst the winners and must be respected on chase debut/return here. Had wind operation.		
3	IMPATIENT (FR) (139)		90
	27/2-57 6 11-2 70.8kg		
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	Richie McLernon	
	Quite expensive as a store horse and showed ability in bumpers and on Carlisle hurdles debut this time last year. Proved disappointing twice since, however, and has something to prove on switch to chasing.		
4	MAHLER MOON (IRE) (42) (BF)	t	90
	58B32P-35 6 10-13 69.4kg		
	Fergal O'Brien	Jonathan Burke	
	Ran respectably on final start for Dan Skelton over hurdles at Worcester 42 days ago but remains a maiden after 12 runs under Rules and remains to be seen if switch to chasing for new yard brings about improvement.		
5	GENTLEMAN JACQUES (IRE) (14) (BF)		89
	3324467-P 5 10-10 68.0kg		
	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	
	Made the frame in bumpers and several hurdles for Charlie Longsdon but ran poorly on final 2 starts and no signs of improvement for new yard at Ludlow a fortnight ago, despite plenty of market support. Goes chasing now.		
6	PRESENTING PETE (IRE) (22) (C, D)		96
	P64-PP442 7 10-9 67.6kg		
	John Mackie	Brian Hughes	
	Matched the pick of his hurdles form when second of 7 in handicap chase at Sedgefield (21.1f, good to soft) on debut over fences 22 days ago. Entitled to build on that and must enter calculations.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Next Left, **7-2** Presenting Pete, **4-1** Roger Pol, **9-1** Impatient, **9-1** Mahler Moon, **10-1** Gentleman Jacques

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NEXT LEFT has plenty of chase experience in the book and should appreciate the drop back in trip here. He can bag his third success in this sphere. Presenting Pete and Roger Pol are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NEXT LEFT 2. PRESENTING PETE 3. ROGER POL

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.43**SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-120) £10,500 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**

RACE 2

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 MR MACKAY (IRE) (27) (BF) s **98**
492247-34 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (71b/3kg)

Fairly useful winning hurdler who make a promising start over fences after 5 months off when third of 9 in handicap at Bangor (17.4f, good). Unable to build on that at Perth next time but still early days in this sphere. Headgear on.

2 SEA PRINCE (15) (D) s+t **92**
465-U17P6 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Alex Hales

Bryan Carver

Returned to form with a narrow success back hurdling at Worcester (2m, good) in June but poor efforts in 3 subsequent appearances, including back chasing at Huntingdon 2 weeks ago. Tongue strap/headgear on for 1st time.

3 DUKE OF LUCKLEY (IRE) (90) (C,D) v **99**
5/3221-622 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Martin Keighley

James Best

Jumping better of late and doubled his chase tally at Southwell (20.4f) in April. Good second at Worcester last 2 starts so he needs considering.

4 FANCY STUFF (IRE) (137) (D) t  **100**
6P3666-11 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Tom Gretton

Brian Hughes

Bumper winner who failed to progress over jumps for Dan Skelton. However, she's come good over fences this season, impressing greatly with the way she moved into contention when scoring at Bangor in June, and she looks up to completing the hat-trick.

5 NEIGH BOTHA (IRE) (5) (CD) s+t **98**
345-13P34 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Henry Brooke

Made a successful return over fences at Southwell (2m) in June and backed it up with a good third at Worcester. Jumping issues quickly resurfaced at Bangor next time, however, and latest fourth at Uttoxeter suggests he's no longer progressing over fences.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Fancy Stuff, **11-4** Duke of Luckley, **3-1** Mr Mackay, **10-1** Sea Prince, **11-1** Neigh Botha

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FANCY STUFF is thriving now and the manner in which she won at Bangor last time suggests she can complete the hat-trick back from a break. Duke of Luckley has jumped much better since switched to positive tactics and rates the main threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FANCY STUFF 2. DUKE OF LUCKLEY 3. MR MACKAY

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.18**DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP OPEN NATIONAL HUNT
FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,500 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**

RACE 3

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 LITTLE WATSON (IRE) (157) (D) 99
1 4 11-8 | 73.5kg



Suzy Smith

Harry Atkins (71b/3kg)

Cheap purchase but made a successful start for Nigel Twiston-Davies at Stratford 5 months ago. With new connections now and penalised, but obviously merits respect.

2 DEEP PURPLE (IRE) (20) 100
2 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Point winner who showed up with promise when runner-up at Warwick on Rules debut 20 days ago. More to come and should be able to go one better.

3 GEORDIES SECRET 89
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



David Killahena & Graeme McPherson

Gavin Sheehan

£5,000 3-y-o, Geordieland gelding. Half-brother to modest hurdler Puzzle Cache. Dam 6f winner. Fourth completed start in points, fell last time (May 18). Others are more persuasive.

4 KALIPSO HIS (FR) 89
4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Sara Bradstock

Nico de Boinville

€21,000 3-y-o, Chemical Charge gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler Charle Brune. Dam French 7.5f/1m winner who stayed 1¼m. Worth a market check.

5 SNITTERFIELD (IRE) (37) (BF) 88
5 4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Jake Thomas Coulson

Tabitha Worsley (31b/1kg)

Related to three winners but didn't come up to expectations when only fifth at Worcester on debut last month. Has left Olly Murphy since and others make more appeal.

6 THE LONG WALK (IRE) 91
4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Richie McLernon

Walk In The Park gelding. Half-brother to useful hurdler Anyharminasking, stays 21f, and useful bumper winner Tripoli Flyer. Bred to go well in this sphere.

7 CINDERELLO 88
4 10-8 | 67.1kg



Alex Hales

Bryan Carver

Doyen filly. Half-sister to a point winner. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 4m) Cogry out of bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler (stayed 21f) Wyldello. Likely to need time and distance.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Deep Purple, **5-2** Little Watson, **13-2** The Long Walk, **10-1** Kalipso His, **11-1** Geordies Secret, **14-1** Snitterfield, **16-1** Cinderello

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DEEP PURPLE has already won a point and, having found one too good on his first go under Rules, he's fancied to gain compensation at the possible expense of debut winner Little Watson. The Long Walk is one to be interested in if the market speaks in his favour.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DEEP PURPLE 2. LITTLE WATSON 3. THE LONG WALK

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 535 MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £8,500 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 HOLA HERMOSA (IRE) (13) (D) 88
0-3513 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

Minor promise only in bumpers but well prepared to make a winning hurdles debut at Worcester in July. Bare form isn't anything special and she made mistakes when third at Exeter a fortnight ago.

2 MARY (IRE) (26) (D) t ★ 100
67-9P412F 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Ian Williams

Charlie Todd

Scored at Stratford in August and backed it up with a good second in 2m1f Downpatrick handicap last month. Would have gone one place better on chase debut but for a fall at the last at Worcester and he's a major player back in a novice.

3 ASIAN STAR (IRE) (33) (BF) 90
5-33 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*

Shaped well when fifth in a big-field Cheltenham bumper on Rules debut in April. Failed to deliver when odds-on at Southwell the following month but that effort now looks a lot better than it did at the time and she's sure to step up on her opening third in a slowly-run race on hurdles debut.

4 BELLAS BRIDGE (228) (D) t
315- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Jamie Snowden

Gavin Sheehan

Successful on sole outing in Irish points and built on her encouraging Rules debut when landing a 9-runner event at Ludlow in January. Sound fifth in listed company 2 months later and she's a hurdles debutante of serious interest. Tongue tie on.

5 IRISH CHORUS (170) 99
3/705-2 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Alan King

Tom Cannon

Just modest form at best in 3 bumper outings and given a considerate introduction to hurdling on the back of 3 months off/a wind op at Kempton (2m) in March. Clearly derived plenty from that as she found only one too good at Warwick 2 months later.

6 RED PANDA (170) h 87
06-3 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Charlie Longsdon

Lilly Pinchin

Sir Percy filly who offered little in a brace of bumpers but fitted with a hood, she showed more when third of 9 at Warwick in May. Likely to need further than this.

7 AVA'S ANGEL (122) 99
397 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Sam England

Tom Midgley (3lb/1kg)

Stoutly bred and shaped in kind in a trio of bumpers. Opposable kept to 2m for hurdles bow.

8 LADY BUTTERCUP (29) (D) 88
99-1 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Donald McCain

Brian Hughes

Left previous bumper form well behind when landing 6-runner contest at Warwick last month. Was soon to very good effect on that occasion and more needed to follow up switched to obstacles.

9 ROCKOLA (IRE) (197) (BF) 88
33U2- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



Alan King

Tom Bellamy

Made the frame in a couple of bumpers towards the end of last year but was in process of running below that form when unseating rider after last on hurdles debut at Wetherby in February. Strong in the betting and finished second at Hereford despite failing to settle in April.

10 SIMPLY BELLE (197) 76
433765- 4 10-13 | 69.4kg



David Dennis

Richard Patrick

Reached the frame 3 times in bumpers but the form is only modest and she made little impact on switch to hurdling last term.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Asian Star, 5-1 Irish Chorus, 5-1 Bellas Bridge, 11-2 Mary, 11-1 Rockola, 12-1 Hola Hermosa, 14-1 Lady Buttercup, 28-1 Red Panda, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A slowly-run race counted against ASIAN STAR when she was third at Newton Abbot a month ago but that race has already worked out well and she's well worth another chance. Mary is a pretty solid opponent, while Bellas Bridge demands consideration given her ability in bumpers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ASIAN STAR 2. MARY 3. BELLAS BRIDGE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

4.28**FREE TIPS DAILY ON attheraces.com MAIDEN HURDLE (4)
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RACE 5

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	GET CRACKING (12)	71
	4-67 6 11-4 71.7kg Robbie Llewellyn <i>David Bass</i> Had been successful back in points since finishing a remote fourth in a bumper for M. Osborne but has offered little on both his starts over hurdles. Upped markedly in trip.	
2	HOLOKEA (IRE) (11)	81
	16 5 11-4 71.7kg Peter & Michael Bowen <i>James Bowen</i> Irish point winner who made the perfect start under Rules when landing a Worcester bumper in the summer. Proved a disappointment at Chepstow 4 months later and now upped significantly in trip for hurdle debut.	
3	ROCKET MAN (GER) (126)	79
	45 5 11-4 71.7kg Emma Lavelle <i>Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)</i> Maxios gelding. Proved a disappointment relative to his SP when fourth of 6 on bumper debut at Warwick (2m) in May, caught out badly one the pace lifted before staying on gradually. Shaped similarly at Worcester, so markedly longer trip well worth exploring now hurdling.	
4	WICKED THOUGHTS (IRE) (187)	100
	312- 5 11-4 71.7kg Paul Nicholls <i>Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)</i> Wide-margin winner sole outing in points and promising in bumpers last season, winning once and placed twice. Excellent claims on hurdle debut for top stable.	

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-6 Wicked Thoughts, 7-2 Holokea, 9-2 Rocket Man, 33-1 Get Cracking

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WICKED THOUGHTS laid a solid platform for hurdling in bumpers last season and this looks an excellent opportunity to get off the perfect start. Holokea proved to be a disappointment at Chepstow recently, so Rocket Man is preferred for forecast purposes.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WICKED THOUGHTS 2. ROCKET MAN 3. HOLOKEA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.00**attheraces.com/marketmovers HANDICAP HURDLE (4)
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RACE 6

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good (Good to Firm in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 TOONAGH WARRIOR (IRE) (184) (D) 99
32126424- 6 12-2 | 77.1kg



Stuart Edmunds

Ciaran Gethings

Wetherby novice scorer (2m, heavy) 11 months ago who largely acquitted himself well in handicaps thereafter, keeping on for fourth at Kempton (2m) in April. Commands respect on the back of a 6-month lay off.

2 FORGET THE WAY (20) (D) 98
P-3U24365 7 11-12 | 75.3kg s+t



James Owen

Mr Alex Chadwick (5lb/2kg)

Has just the one win to his name but went close to adding to his tally at Worcester (2m) in June. Creditable efforts on the whole over fences/hurdles since but the assessor looks to have him about right on balance. Cheekpieces added to usual tongue tie.

3 GOBLET OF FIRE (158) (D, BF) 100
414-4 4 11-11 | 74.8kg



Nicky Henderson

James Bowen

Landed a juvenile maiden at Hereford (16.2f) in February prior to a good fourth in Bangor handicap (16.6f) in May. In rude health on the Flat subsequently, winning 3 of his 5 starts since and he appeals as being on a workable mark returned to this sphere. Interesting.

4 JEUDIDEE (FR) (17) (D) 98
1313-6f63 5 11-9 | 73.9kg t



Kim Bailey

Tom Bellamy

Bumper/hurdles winner and has shown promise on 2 of his 3 starts over fences in recent months. Hood worn last time is discarded now returned to timber and no surprise to see a decent showing having slipped to a career-low mark.

5 ASCENSION DAY (IRE) (107) 98
R932-224 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Shaun Lycett

William Maggs (5lb/2kg)

Improver switched to handicaps, twice a runner-up prior to shaping as if still in good form upped in trip when fourth of 14 at Worcester (20f) back in July. Another who commands respect stepping back down in trip. Tongue tie discarded.

6 JOHN BETJEMAN (161) (D) 98
3857333-4 8 11-8 | 73.5kg b



Mark Gillard

Theo Gillard

Losing run stretches back to spring of last year and absent since finishing down the field in handicap on the Flat at Bath (17.1f) in June. Needs to hit the ground running back from 4 months off.

7 CLEAR THE RUNWAY (IRE) (30) (CD) 93
8955P-670 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



L J Morgan

Benjamin Macey (7lb/3kg)

Prolific winner over fences/hurdles back in 2022 but struggled for form largely campaigned over hurdles last season. Better signs first 2 starts this summer and whilst he disappointed at Sedgefield last month, that was his first start for 3 months. One to keep an eye on.

8 JACK THE SAVAGE (56) (D) 97
150-26534 7 11-0 | 69.9kg t



Laura Horsfall

James Martin (5lb/2kg)

Bumper winner who opened his account following wind surgery/equipped with a hood at Huntingdon (15.8f) 12 months ago. Exploits mixed since, including when well beaten on the level at Salisbury (14.2f) 3 weeks ago. Mark has eased a little more at least.

9 PROSPECT HOUSE (IRE) (25) 95
82672P1-5 6 10-2 | 64.4kg s



Peter Niven

Brian Hughes

Had bit in hand when opening his account at Market Rasen (18.6f) last summer and shaped as if needing the run after 12 months off when fifth of 9 in handicap at that venue 25 days ago. Entitled to be sharper now and Brian Hughes again in the plate.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Goblet of Fire, **11-2** Jeudidee, **7-1** Toonagh Warrior, **7-1** Ascension Day, **9-1** Forget The Way, **11-1** Prospect House, **12-1** John Betjeman, **14-1** Jack The Savage, **14-1** Clear The Runway

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GOBLET OF FIRE has improved further on the Flat since last seen over hurdles and Nicky Henderson's 4-y-o makes plenty of appeal returned to this sphere from what could well prove a lenient mark. Jeudidee and Ascension Day head up the dangers, along with Toonagh Warrior who isn't out of things on his seasonal bow.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. GOBLET OF FIRE 2. JEUDIDEE 3. ASCENSION DAY****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.33**SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE**
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RACE 7

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 FASHIONELLE (IRE) (29) (D, BF) **98**

6-5333612 **5** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Fergal O'Brien **James Best**
Off the mark at Worcester last month, proving a different proposition under a more positive ride. Ran at least as well under a penalty when finding only an unexposed sort too strong at Warwick (19f, good) just over 4 weeks ago and should be bang there again.

2 COURT CIAN (IRE) (47) **97**

7425/F5 **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Stuart Edmunds **Ciaran Gethings**
Given a considerate return from a 4-month break back hurdling for his first outing since leaving M. Kehoe when fifth of 11 in novice at Bangor (19.6f, good) just under 7 weeks ago. Has been handed a tricky opening mark but there could be more to come.

3 GRASS'S JET (IRE) (117) (BF) **96**

4574-8 **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**
Lightly-raced maiden who in first-time cheekpieces, failed to meet expectations on debut for new yard (sold £21,000) after 7 months off when eighth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Bangor (23.2f, good) in June. Others more convincing.

4 STUTI (122) (C) **97**

414/373-33 **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Hughie Morrison **David Bass**
Course bumper winner who made an encouraging start in this sphere when third of 13 in 20.6f novice at Market Rasen last November. Close to form but again found a couple too good when last seen at Hexham (20.1f, good) 4 months ago and now heads down the handicap route.

5 QUEENS VENTURE (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (8) **100**

7441 **4** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Westerner filly who looked to have been let-in lightly after just 2 starts over hurdles and duly made a mockery of her opening mark in 12-runner handicap at Market Rasen (23.1f, good) last week, quickening clear before 2 out. Plenty more to come and will be hard to beat under a penalty.

6 SPITFIRE BRIDGE (15) **96**

567-5245 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Sheena West **Marc Goldstein**
Showed ability in bumpers and looked a work-in-progress in trio of maiden hurdles to date this summer. Fit from Flat but failed to find the necessary improvement contesting his first handicap over hurdles at Huntingdon (19.6f, good) recently so more required to open his account.

7 JUST CHASING MAY (130) (D) **97**

7/5474-F1 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Ben Pauling **Callum Pritchard** (10lb/5kg)
Looked one to follow in opening his account in thoroughly dominant fashion in 13-runner handicap at Uttoxeter (19.9f, good to soft) when last seen in June, leading approaching 3 out the asserting quickly. With more improvement in the pipeline, he's a definite player on return.

8 LORD WARBURTON (IRE) (25) **96**

60-61 **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Mike Sowersby **Aaron Anderson** (5lb/2kg)
Modest at best on the Flat (stays 1½m) but and made a successful handicap hurdle debut from 13 lb out of the weights with the same visor/tongue strap combination fitted in 9-runner event at Market Rasen (18.6f, good to firm) last month. Needs to prove that was no fluke.

9 MADEMEWHATIAM (58) **92**

7P78-00P **5** 10-9 | 67.6kg
Mark Walford **Jamie Hamilton**
Little encouragement to glean in novice/handicap hurdles. Has rejoined former yard and a first-time tongue tie applied but hard to enthuse over.

10 ZUUL (8) **99**

775-73284 **6** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Rebecca Menzies **Nathan Moscrop**
Showed the benefit of a recent run and seemed to stay the longer trip when 2¼ lengths fourth of 12 to Queens Venture in handicap at Market Rasen (23.1f, good) last week. Hard to see him turning the tables with that rival but could well make the frame.

11 GONE IN SIXTY (29) **98**

57-533227 **7** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Alex Hales **Bryan Carver**
Long-standing maiden who shaped like a non-stayer upped in trip when only seventh at Fontwell (25.8f, good) last time. More required.

12 LENEANE (IRE) (28) **95**

553-99224 **6** 10-4 | 65.3kg
Rebecca Menzies **Brian Hughes**
Remains a maiden, but with a visor refitted she fared better from her reduced mark on both starts at Market Rasen this summer. Entirely possible she needed the run at Perth (20.2f, soft) 4 weeks ago and now has Brian Hughes taking over in the saddle.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Queens Venture, **11-2** Just Chasing May, **6-1** Fashionelle, **10-1** Lord Warburton, **12-1** Stuti, **14-1** Grass's Jet, **16-1** Court Cian, **20-1** Zuul, **20-1** Gone In Sixty, **20-1** Spitfire Bridge, **33-1** Lenebane, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

QUEENS VENTURE made a mockery of an opening mark of 91 at Market Rasen last week and with plenty more to offer, Dan Skelton's 4-y-o is strongly fancied to follow up under a penalty. Just Chasing May looked one to follow in opening his account in thoroughly dominant fashion at Uttoxeter in the summer, so he heads up the dangers on return, with Fashionelle and Stuti another couple worth considering, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. QUEENS VENTURE 2. JUST CHASING MAY 3. FASHIONELLE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race