

<b>1.40</b>	RACING TO SCHOOL AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m11y (4030 Metres)
RACE 1	<b>(2) NICKELFORCE   (9) FASHION'S MODEL   (8) SUPERBOLT</b>
<b>2.10</b>	GARY SLATER MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)
RACE 2	<b>(12) LA MARQUISE   (2) JAFIMGOSO   (6) KALIUM</b>
<b>2.45</b>	STEVE GREEN MEMORIAL MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m5f55y (4270 Metres)
RACE 3	<b>(6) GETURGUCCION   (1) SHAKEYATAILFEATHER   (8) MELUSINE DE PAIL</b>
<b>3.20</b>	RICHARD STRACHAN MEMORIAL MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m7f171y (4780 Metres)
RACE 4	<b>(3) FLINTARA   (1) REGAL RENAISSANCE   (6) KIT'S COTY</b>
<b>3.55</b>	KLF INSURANCE BROKERS CHAMPION HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I) 2m7f174y (4790 Metres)
RACE 5	<b>(6) ABSOLUTELY FINE   (3) FAERIE CUTLASS   (10) RUBYS REWARD</b>
<b>4.30</b>	KLF INSURANCE BROKERS CHAMPION HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.II) 2m7f174y (4790 Metres)
RACE 6	<b>(2) OPERA KING   (5) HORIZON D'OR   (3) R BERNARD</b>
<b>5.05</b>	EDDIE MAPP MEMORIAL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f171y (4780 Metres)
RACE 7	<b>(2) INOUI MACHIN   (1) BALLINTUBBER BOY   (3) MADAKET</b>
<b>5.40</b>	PLYVINE CATERING LTD NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m5f55y (4270 Metres)
RACE 8	<b>(7) DOM BOSCO   (5) THE DARK EDGE   (6) IONITY</b>

**KEY TO SYMBOLS**

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

**Horses For Courses:** A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

**Jockey Uplift:** The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

**Trainer Form:** A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

**1.40****RACING TO SCHOOL AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE**  
**(5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £9,000 2½m11y (4030 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 CAWTHORNE BANKER (IRE) (98)** s **39**  
8531-2147 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Mr Jack Andrews**

Fairly useful bumper performer who over hurdles in handicaps, doubling his career tally at Fontwell (17.7f) in May. Underwhelming start to chasing at Worcester three months ago but may have learned from that.

**2 NICKELFORCE (IRE) (47) (D)** **95**  
424134-31 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

Ben Case

**Mr Charlie Case (5lb/2kg)**

Consistent over hurdles and took well to chasing when landing an 11-runner handicap at Stratford in ready fashion last month. Jumping looks an asset and he's worth a chance to follow up.

**3 STUMPS OR SLIPS (IRE) (91) (D)** t **93**  
1/1PU4-238 7 11-11 | 74.8kg

Tom Weston

**Mr Paddy Barlow (5lb/2kg)**

Bit below form eighth of 13 in handicap chase at Worcester (20f, good, 9/2) 91 days ago. Had been in good form prior to that but his jumping has a tendency to let him down.

**4 MAGIC DANCER (53) (CD)** s+t  **94**  
PS-43363P 12 11-9 | 73.9kg

Kerry Lee

**Mr Zac Baker**

Not scored since 2022 but largely ran with credit last term. Pulled up at Worcester on return, however, so has a bit to prove now.

**5 POST NO BILLS (IRE) (10)** **91**  
75757228 9 11-5 | 72.1kg

Ryan Potter

**Mr James King**

Good runner-up efforts in the space of 24 hrs at Perth last month but saw his mini-revival come to an abrupt halt at Hereford 10 days ago. Others make more appeal.

**6 ROCK ON PEDRO (IRE) (19)** b **89**  
08-889574 6 11-4 | 71.7kg

Eoin Doyle, Ireland

**Mr Alex Chadwick**

Fair hurdler who has only shown modest form over fences. Mark is coming more into line now, though, and he arrives on the back of a creditable showing at Gowran earlier in the month.

**7 OUTSIDE ADESA (IRE) (193)** **93**  
P65946- 6 11-3 | 71.2kg

Tim Vaughan

**Mr Edward Vaughan (7lb/3kg)**

Runner-up both outings in Irish points. Just modest form for Mitchell Hunt over hurdles but worthy of a market check returning from 6 months off for new yard.

**8 SUPERBOLT (IRE) (29) (BF)** t **95**  
6488-62 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies

**Mr Charlie Bell (7lb/3kg)**

11/4, first run since leaving Mrs C. O'Leary when creditable second of 11 in handicap hurdle at Perth (20.2f, soft) 29 days ago. More to offer for his in-form stable, so big player if he takes to the larger obstacles.

**9 FASHION'S MODEL (IRE) (199) (D)** s  **100**  
P24P1- 8 10-7 | 66.7kg

Sheila Lewis

**Miss Chloe Mills (7lb/3kg)**

Improved to win 5-runner handicap chase (10/3) at Wincanton (20.2f, heavy). Obvious claims on form if she's sufficiently tuned up after six months off.

**10 CARO DES FLOS (FR) (125) (D)** **87**  
43116-855 12 10-5 | 65.8kg

Julian Smith

**Miss Jessica Milly Smith (7lb/3kg)**

Veteran who wasn't disgraced when fifth at Market Rasen four months ago. Mark looks to sum him up these days, though.

**11 SHE HAS NOTIONS (IRE) (16) (D)** v **92**  
5P55P-1P5 7 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

Martin Keighley

**Mr Freddie Keighley (7lb/3kg)**

Left previous efforts behind when scoring at Worcester in July but isn't the most consistent and has failed to back it up. Visor back on now.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:****11-4** Nickelforce, **13-2** Fashion's Model, **7-1** Superbolt, **9-1** Rock On Pedro, **12-1** Stumps Or Slips, **14-1** Magic Dancer, **14-1** Post No Bills, **14-1** Cawthorne Banker, **20-1** She Has Notions, **22-1** Outside Adesa, **28-1** Caro Des Flos**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

NICKELFORCE didn't put a foot wrong with his jumping at Stratford on his chasing debut and he's fancied to maintain his unbeaten record in this sphere at the possible expense of Fashion's Model, who scored with an improved showing at Wincanton 6 months ago. Superbolt looks an interesting chasing debutant for an in-form stable.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. NICKELFORCE 2. FASHION'S MODEL 3. SUPERBOLT****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Dan's Chosen</b> 8-12-0	7-2	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Mr Callum Pritchard (7)	9
2022	<b>Family Pot</b> 7-10-9	2-1	Sheila Lewis	Miss Katie Powell (7)	3
2021	<b>Happy News</b> 8-11-12	9-1	John Groucott	Miss Gina Andrews	6
2020	<b>Stupid Cupid</b> 9-10-8	11-1	Sheila Lewis	Miss Katie Powell (7)	8
2019	<b>Shininstar</b> 10-10-9	6-1	John Groucott	Miss Lorna Brooke (3)	7

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.10****GARY SLATER MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+  
£8,000 1m7f169y (3170 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 FAN MAGNET (FR) (8) 70**



US0 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Sheila Lewis

**Sean Houlihan**

Showed ability in bumpers in Ireland but offered little on hurdles debut for new yard at Worcester 8 days ago.

**2 JAFIMGOSO (131) (D, BF) 100**



91-24 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Dan Skelton

**Kielan Woods**

Warwick bumper winner who proved to be a disappointment for no obvious reason on his hurdling debut in Utttoxeter novice in June. In good hands, though, and is one for shortlist.

**3 THE ORMER GATHERER 79**



5 11-2 | 70.8kg

David Bridgwater

**Brendan Powell**

Exposed maiden on Flat and not seen for over 2 years. Best watched on hurdles bow for new yard here.

**4 CASTADRIFT (IRE) (21) 79**



46 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Rosemary Gasson

**Ben Poste**

Made the frame on sole bumper start but below that level on Warwick hurdles bow 21 days ago. Up against it.

**5 GWENNIE MAY STAR (FR) (27) 92**



9-3P 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Dan Skelton

**Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)**

Offered something to work on both starts in bumpers 3 months apart but proved to be a disappointment on hurdles debut at Worcester last month and looks yard's second string here.

**6 KALIUM (FR) (165) 99**



1 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Tim Vaughan

**Alan Johns**

Boasts appealing pedigree and made a winning start in bumpers at Killarney in May. Since joined Tim Vaughan and must enter calculations on hurdles debut here.

**7 KLIC BOUM (FR) (13) 89**



48 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Evan Williams

**Adam Wedge**

Bred to need time and distance and shaped in kind on sole bumper outing and when eighth at Chepstow on hurdles debut earlier this month.

**8 OH MY JOHNNY (IRE) 91**



4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Philip Hobbs &amp; Johnson White

**Micheal Nolan**

£56,000 4-y-o, Soldier of Fortune gelding. Dam multiple point winner/maiden under Rules, half-sister to very smart hurdler/high-class chaser (stayed 25f) Vinndication. Disputing lead when fell last only start in Irish points (May 12). Interesting.

**9 STONE'S THROW (155) (D) 92**



1 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Billy Aprahamian

**K. Brogan**

Off the mark at first time of asking in bumpers for Paul Webber at Southwell in May. Since joined new yard and warrants respect on first crack over hurdles.

**10 ANNIE DON (IRE) (170) 79**



0 5 10-9 | 67.6kg

Henry Oliver

**David Noonan**

No show on debut in Southwell bumper in May and likely best watched on switch to hurdles.

**11 GRANNY B (IRE) (17) 70**



6 4 10-8 | 67.1kg

Michael Mullineaux

**Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg)**

Fair winner on Flat but done majority of her racing over sprint distances and unsurprisingly made little impact on hurdles bow at Stratford recently.

**12 LA MARQUISE (FR) (196) (D) 100**



1713- 4 10-8 | 67.1kg

Jamie Snowden

**Gavin Sheehan**

Dual bumper winner who signed off last term with an excellent third of 16 in Grade 2 Aintree bumper in April. Very much one to consider now starting out in this sphere.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1 Jafimgoso, 3-1 La Marquise, 7-2 Kalium, 10-1 Gwennie May Star, 11-1 Stone's Throw, 12-1 Oh My Johnny, 40-1 bar**

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Dual bumper winner LA MARQUISE appeals as the type to do well over timber and is taken to get off the mark at the first time of asking. Jafimgoso and Kalium may provide the chief threat.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. LA MARQUISE 2. JAFIMGOSO 3. KALIUM**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023 <sup>l</sup>	<b>Wyenot</b> 4-10-8	11-2	Henry Daly	Richard Patrick	15
2023 <sup>ll</sup>	<b>Mellificent</b> 6-10-7	8-13f	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	9
2022	<b>Kingston Sunflower</b> 5-11-0	2-7f	Fergal O'Brien	J. Hogan (7)	6
2021	<b>Key To The Moon</b> 5-10-12	8-1	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	11
2020	<b>Ajero</b> 5-10-12	3-1	Kim Bailey	David Bass	13
2019	<b>Ballinsker</b> 4-10-12	4-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	11

**SMART STATS:**


No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.45****STEVE GREEN MEMORIAL MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (4)**  
**4yo+ fillies and mares £8,000 2m5f55y (4270 Metres)**

RACE 3

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Pace Information: **Even****1 SHAKEYATAILFEATHER (IRE) (21) (D)**  **100**  
04B22-612 5 11-7 | 73.0kgDan Skelton **Kielan Woods**

Fair hurdler who came good at the sixth time of asking in 21.5f Newton Abbot maiden last month. Bettered that form when narrowly denied under a penalty at Southwell (3m) since. Should go well again.

**2 DAMEOFTHECOTSWOLDS (13)** **96**  
322-54212 4 11-5 | 72.1kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Bumper winner who has shown fair form over hurdles, finally getting off the mark at Plumpton (20.5f) in September. Creditable second of 16 under a penalty at Chepstow since. Likely to be on the premises once again.

**3 BOOMBOX BABY (IRE)** **92**  
5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

**Henry Brooke**

£60,000 purchase after winning an Irish point in January. One to note in the betting now hurdling.

**4 BRIERY BUTTERFLY (189)** **90**  
99- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Henry Daly

**Liam Harrison**

No impact in bumpers at Ascot and Cheltenham in the spring but her pedigree suggests she could fare better now hurdling over longer trips.

**5 DON'T CHEDDAR TEAR (205)** **70** **h**  
7PP- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Georgie Howell

**Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)**

No impact in bumper/novice hurdles last season. Hood fitted on return.

**6 GETURGUCCION (IRE) (189)** **99** **h**  
20- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Alan King

**Tom Bellamy**

Placed both starts in Irish points and made a very promising start under Rules when beaten a neck by a previous winner in mares bumper at Newbury in March. Something surely wasn't right when well beaten at Cheltenham in April and retains potential now hurdling back from 6 months off. Interesting.

**7 JESUILA DES MOTTES (FR) (183)** **91**  
6- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Emma Lavelle

**James Best**

French-bred mare who was held back by inexperience when sixth of 9 in a Uttoxeter bumper in April. Steps up in trip for hurdle debut.

**8 MELUSINE DE PAIL (FR) (151)** **94**  
3223-8 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Noel Williams

**Jonathan Burke**

Point winner who showed fair form when placed 4 times over hurdles last season. Disappointing in a Kelso handicap when last seen in May but unlikely to be far away if putting her best foot forward on her return to action.

**9 SWEET CARYLINE (141)** **92** **t**  
U/7-2 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Joe Tizzard

**Brendan Powell**

Stuck in the mud on her Exeter hurdle debut last November but offered a lot more when second on good ground at Newton Abbot (21.5f) just under 7 months later. Has a tongue tie added back from a further 5 months off.

**10 VERSACE TWENTYONE (IRE) (10)** **92**  
1342 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Sheila Lewis

**Sean Houlihan**

Won a Roscommon bumper for Gordon Elliott in July but has achieved only modest form when placed in a couple of mares' novice hurdles this autumn. Improvement will be needed.

**11 KALISTA LOVE (FR)** **90**  
4 10-12 | 68.9kg

Tom Symonds

**Ben Poste**

Last of 5 finishers sole start in Irish points (Apr 7). Best watched on hurdle debut unless the betting hints otherwise.

**12 KATE MADRIK (FR) (137)** **91** **t**  
5UF4P-114 4 10-12 | 68.9kg

Alison Thorpe

**Lorcan Williams**

Daul chase winner in France but didn't achieve much over hurdles there. A watching brief is advised on this first outing for Alison Thorpe.

**13 PRINCESS KERI (IRE)** **92**  
4 10-12 | 68.9kg

Evan Williams

**Adam Wedge**

Runner-up on last of 3 starts in Irish points (May 5). The betting should help guide to expectations now hurdling for a yard which does well here.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

7-2 Shakeytailfeather, 4-1 Geturguccion, 6-1 Dameofthecotswolds, 8-1 Melusine De Pail, 14-1 Boombox Baby, 16-1 Sweet Caryline, 16-1 Versace Twentyone, 16-1 Princess Keri, 25-1 Kate Madrik, 28-1 Jesuila Des Mottes, 40-1 bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Those with hurdle experience don't set the bar that high so a chance is taken on Alan King's GETURGUCCION, who shaped so well on the first of her 2 starts in bumpers last season. Shakeytailfeather, Melusine de Pail and Dameofthecotswolds can give her most to do in that order.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. GETURGUCCION 2. SHAKEYATAILFEATHER 3. MELUSINE DE PAIL****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Victoria Milano</b> 5-11-0	28-1	Alastair Ralph	Jack Tudor	16
2022	<b>I Spy A Diva</b> 5-11-0	4-6f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	4
2021	<b>Sinndarella</b> 5-10-12	2-5f	Sarah Hollinshead	Richard Patrick	3
2020	<b>Wynn House</b> 5-11-2	8-13f	Alan King	Tom Cannon	7
2019	<b>Legends Gold</b> 5-11-8	4-7f	Rebecca Curtis	Aidan Coleman	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 REGAL RENAISSANCE (165) (C) 97**  
8242312-2 6 12-1 | 76.7kg



Henry Daly

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Resumed winning ways over hurdles at Chepstow in March and backed it up with two good efforts, just touched off here on chasing debut five months ago. Definite player.

**2 SO SAID I (189) (C, D) 96**  
6/4237184- 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Joe Tizzard

**Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)**

Opened his account in this sphere at Lingfield in February. Signed off with a creditable fourth from out of the weights at Cheltenham and shouldn't be written off returning on her proper mark.

**3 FLINTARA (189) 98**  
119/31222- 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Richard Bandey

**Harry Bannister**

Took well to chasing last season, scoring at Fontwell in December and running with credit when runner-up at Cheltenham 6 months ago. Has more to offer this term and is worth a chance to make a winning return.

**4 LOVE OF NEYMORE (194) 98**  
P431- 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Robbie Llewellyn

**Liam Harrison**

14/1, career best when winning 13-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f, good to soft) 6 months ago, responding well. Upped in trip for this chasing debut and is one to be interested in.

**5 SHIROCCO'S DREAM (IRE) (141) (D) 100**  
21542P-72 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Joe Tizzard

**Brendan Powell**

Scored over fences at Hereford (25.2f) almost a year ago and, while her form was up and down subsequently, she ran with credit over hurdles at Newton Abbot when last seen four months ago.

**6 KIT'S COTY (IRE) (171) 98**  
U41P-3 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Emma Lavelle

**Tom Bellamy**

Placed all 3 starts in Irish points (£60,000 purchase) and made it third time lucky in this sphere when landing a mares' maiden at Hereford (21.7f, soft) in January. Back on track when last seen five months ago and looks an interesting chasing debutant.

**7 MISTRAL NELL (151) (BF) 98**  
2/PP217-22 7 11-7 | 73.0kg



Fergal O'Brien

**Jonathan Burke**

Fair hurdler who ran up to her best when runner-up in a handicap at Kelso five months ago. Should be well prepared for this chasing debut and can make her presence felt if taking to it.

**8 CURRENT MOOD (17) (C) 93**  
54/P6436-5 9 11-6 | 72.6kg



Evan Williams

**Adam Wedge**

Fairly useful hurdler at her best, though below that level last season over hurdles and fences. Might have needed her return at Stratford and is on a fair mark.

**9 ANOTHER DAY OUT (IRE) (26) (D) 97**  
P2354-815 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Martin Keighley

**James Best**

Winning Irish pointer and got off the mark under Rules in 6-runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (23.6f, good) in May. Returned with a solid showing at Market Rasen last month and is likely to be on the premises again.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Regal Renaissance, **9-2** Flintara, **15-2** Another Day Out, **17-2** Love of Neymore, **10-1** Mistral Nell, **10-1** Kit's Coty, **11-1** Shirocco's Dream, **11-1** So Said I, **11-1** Current Mood

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FLINTARA made a positive start to her chasing career last season and is the type to do better again this time round, so she's preferred to Regal Renaissance in an open-looking contest. Ex-pointer Kit's Coty is worthy of interest having her first go over fences.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. FLINTARA 2. REGAL RENAISSANCE 3. KIT'S COTY**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race



**3.55**

RACE 5

**KLF INSURANCE BROKERS CHAMPION HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 2m7f174y (4790 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 PRINCE DE JUILLEY (FR) (16)** s **90**  
P2-2198P3 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Alastair Ralph

**Jonathan Burke**

Knocking on the door before getting off the mark at Warwick in May but it's been mostly downhill since and he again looks vulnerable.

**2 MAC'S XPRESS (IRE) (30)** s **91**  
4-5744759 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Clare Ellam

**Brendan Powell**

Still looking for first success and he's hard to warm to on the back of a very low-key debut for this yard at Fontwell last month.

**3 FAERIE CUTLASS (30)** t **99**  
123-362F3 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Kim Bailey

**Tom Bellamy**

Successful at Worcester in May 2023 and hasn't done a great deal wrong since, most recently finishing third of 11 in a Warwick handicap (19f, good) last month. 1 lb lower now and she should make her presence felt.

**4 GINGER JONNY (IRE) (184)** t **91**  
6658- 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Charlie Longsdon

**David Bass**

This point winner hasn't cut much ice under Rules so far and while it's still early days, a significant step forward will be needed if he's to play a leading role here.

**5 PROPELLED (30) (BF)** b **94**  
6P/586-52P 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Nicky Henderson

**Nico de Boinville**

From a top yard and a reproduction of his second-placed effort at Stratford in July would give him a fighting chance. However, that was followed by a tame display at Fontwell and the first-time blinkers will need to work the oracle if he's to get his head in front.

**6 ABSOLUTELY FINE (IRE) (53) (BF)** ★ **100**  
7679-3 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



Dan Skelton

**Kielan Woods**

Nothing to shout about in his qualifying runs but there was certainly improvement when third in an 11-runner novices' handicap back from a break/wind up upped to 23f at Worcester (good). Remains open to improvement for his leading yard.

**7 NEWTONIAN (149) (BF)** s **98**  
2P4443-1P 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Matt Sheppard

**Stan Sheppard**

Belatedly off the mark when landing a handicap hurdle at Warwick (25f, good to soft) in May but followed that with an uninspiring performance at Bangor later that month. Absent since and it's probably safer to look elsewhere.

**8 POOCH (18)** s+t **97**  
85-435597 4 10-4 | 65.3kg



Donald McCain

**William Maggs (5lb/2kg)**

Glimmers of ability in 4 runs for Harriet Dickin earlier this year but, having undergone a wind op during the summer, he hasn't troubled the judge in a couple of starts for his new yard.

**9 MASKA DU MORVAN (FR) (14)** t **95**  
5490/PP 7 10-4 | 65.3kg



Joe Ponting

**Charlie Hammond**

Point winner who has completely misfired back under Rules the last twice and she looks set for another struggle.

**10 RUBYS REWARD (30)** t **95**  
2P5-48525 8 10-3 | 64.9kg



Debra Hamer

**Ben Jones**

Just 1 lb higher than for her Worcester success last summer and she has acquitted herself well the last twice, latterly finishing fifth of 11 at Fontwell (25.8f, good). Place possibilities.

**11 THE LAST MELON (1385)**

12 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)

**93**

James Bennett

**Will Featherstone (7lb/3kg)**

This veteran remains winless following 24 starts overall (Flat and jumps) and he can only be watched on the back of a long layoff.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-8** Absolutely Fine, **13-2** Faerie Cutlass, **7-1** Propelled, **17-2** Rubys Reward, **12-1** Newtonian, **14-1** Pooch, **22-1** Ginger Jonny, **28-1** Prince De Juilley, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

If there is one of these who is better than their current mark it's surely ABSOLUTELY FINE, who shaped well when third on his handicap debut at Worcester last month and he can be expected to build on that here. Faerie Cutlass gets the nod for forecast purposes ahead of Rubys Reward.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ABSOLUTELY FINE 2. FAERIE CUTLASS 3. RUBYS REWARD**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Seefn</b> 6-11-8	5-4f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	4
2022	<b>Tiger Orchid</b> 7-11-13	7-1	Dr Richard Newland	Charlie Hammond	4
2021	<b>Imphal</b> 7-11-2	2-1f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	7
2020	<b>Belatrix Lestrangle</b> 5-10-7	7-1	Henry Daly	Tom O'Brien	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.30****KLF INSURANCE BROKERS CHAMPION HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.II) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 2m7f174y (4790 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

Ludlow is a sharp, right-handed, oval track, with a nine-fence chase circuit about a mile and a half and a run-in of 250 yards, which requires riders to steer left after the last to avoid taking the wrong course. Probably on account of so many races being well run, the fences claim far more casualties than might be expected, Ludlow sitting comfortably inside the top half dozen courses for fallers and unseats. The hurdle course, which runs on the outside of the chase course, has easier turns. Whereas the chase course is flat, the hurdle course has slight undulations but they rarely provide difficulties for a long-striding horse.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 PEARL ISLAND (165)** s **92**  
32/48U55-5 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Henry Daly

**David Bass**

Found improvement when good fifth of 10 in handicap hurdle at this course (21.2f, good to firm) in May and looks worth another crack at this longer trip. Not out of things.

**2 OPERA KING (26)** s **100**  
44537-32 4 11-13 | 75.7kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Posted best effort in this sphere when creditable second of 9 in handicap at Market Rasen (18.6f, good to firm, 11/2) 26 days ago, rallying. This longer trip should suit and he holds strong claims.

**3 R BERNARD (168)** s **97**  
P0/36P31-1 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Mel Rowley

**Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)**

Off the mark in good style at Stratford (26.4f) in April and followed up in 8-runner handicap hurdle at same course (22f) the following month. 5 lb higher on return to action but must enter calculations.

**4 G'DAY AUSSIE (345)** **95**  
71792- 11 11-5 | 72.1kg



Dave Roberts

**Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)**

Ran creditably when last seen at Huntingdon (15.8f) 11 months ago but is untried over this sort of trip and others are more convincing.

**5 HORIZON D'OR (FR) (30) (D)** t **99**  
5/521717-4 7 11-3 | 71.2kg



Adam West

**Lee Edwards**

Back from 11 months off when creditable fourth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (25.8f, good, 9/1) 30 days ago. Entitled to build on that and merits consideration.

**6 CASPERS COURT (IRE) (95)** **94**  
7P76-025U 10 11-1 | 70.3kg



Kayley Woollacott

**Ben Godfrey**

Dual winner early last year but rather gone backwards since and was held when unseating rider in handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot latest.

**7 ANN D'ARABIE (FR) (286)** t **91**  
699- 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**K. Brogan**

Hasn't made much impact in a trio of novice hurdles so far, well beaten at Huntingdon (20.7f) when last seen in January. However, no surprise to see her fare better on switch to handicaps.

**8 TIS BUT A SCRATCH (11)** s **98**  
86P6-32P9 8 10-7 | 66.7kg



Georgie Howell

**Non Runner**

NON RUNNER.

**9 KARAKORAM (145) (C, D)** s+t **91**  
5689-4369 9 10-6 | 66.2kg



Grace Harris

**Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)**

Fifteen runs since last win in March 2023 and was well below form when last seen in June.

**10 POLLYONESOCK (IRE) (16)** **94**  
3/658U-PP4 6 10-5 | 65.8kg



Oliver Greenall &amp; Josh Guerriero

**Toby Wynne (3lb/1kg)**

Limited form in bumpers/hurdles and no signs of improvement, back from 5 months off, at Huntingdon recently. Tries longer trip now.

**11 GETAWAY CORY (IRE) (46)** t **98**  
333524/96 9 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)



Tim Vaughan

**Alan Johns**

Long-standing maiden for Kayley Woollacott and no signs of improvement in a couple of starts for new connections, including on chase debut at Fontwell last month. Best watched from 2 lb out of the handicap.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Opera King, **9-2** R Bernard, **13-2** Pearl Island, **7-1** Horizon D'or, **10-1** Ann D'arabie, **14-1** G'day Aussie, **14-1** Caspers Court, **25-1** Getaway Cory, **28-1** Pollyonesock, **33-1** Karakoram

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Preference is for OPERA KING, who found improvement when runner-up at Market Rasen last month and remains relatively low mileage. Horizon d'Or and R Bernard are feared most.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. OPERA KING 2. HORIZON D'OR 3. R BERNARD**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race







**5.05**

RACE 7

**EDDIE MAPP MEMORIAL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £15,000 2m7f171y (4780 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

Ludlow is a sharp, right-handed, oval track, with a nine-fence chase circuit about a mile and a half and a run-in of 250 yards, which requires riders to steer left after the last to avoid taking the wrong course. Probably on account of so many races being well run, the fences claim far more casualties than might be expected, Ludlow sitting comfortably inside the top half dozen courses for fallers and unseats. The hurdle course, which runs on the outside of the chase course, has easier turns. Whereas the chase course is flat, the hurdle course has slight undulations but they rarely provide difficulties for a long-striding horse.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>BALLINTUBBER BOY (IRE) (16)</b>	v		<b>100</b>
	1/PP14-181 7 11-10   74.4kg			
	Nigel Twiston-Davies		<b>Sam Twiston-Davies</b>	
	Made it 3 wins from as many starts at Huntingdon (25f, good) 16 days ago, proving better than ever from a mark 7 lb higher than when landing the same race in 2023. Yard in fine form and can make the smooth transition to fences provided his jumping holds up (has been clumsy).			
<b>2</b>	<b>INOUI MACHIN (FR) (171)</b>	s		<b>98</b>
	1/332413-1 6 11-6   72.6kg			
	Neil Mulholland		<b>Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg)</b>	
	Dual bumper winner who came good at the fifth time of asking over hurdles when getting the better of El Granjero (won both starts since) in a Hereford maiden in March. Improved further when doubling his tally at Kempton (21f) back in May and there's every chance he will be an even better chaser.			
<b>3</b>	<b>MADAKET (216)</b>	s		<b>89</b>
	75/165216- 6 11-3   71.2kg			
	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White 		<b>Micheal Nolan</b>	
	Resumed progress in first-time cheekpieces when easily winning handicap hurdle at Wincanton (24.7f, heavy) in March and held his own from 12 lb higher when sixth of 12 at Newbury (24.2f, good to soft) later that month. Will make a chaser, so one to consider on reappearance.			
<b>4</b>	<b>ASK BREWSTER (IRE) (217)</b>			<b>90</b>
	44831- 5 10-6   66.2kg			
	Evan Williams		<b>Adam Wedge</b>	
	Showed improved form to get off the mark under Rules reverted to patient tactics in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f, soft) back in March. Won sole start in points so that augurs well for his prospects over the larger obstacles. Stable form a slight worry, however.			

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

13-8 Ballintubber Boy, 2-1 Inoui Machin, 9-2 Ask Brewster, 11-2 Madaket

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

INOUI MACHIN doubled his tally over hurdles tackling his longest trip to date at Kempton back in May and with the prospect of him being an even better chaser, Neil Mulholland's 6-y-o is fancied to make the perfect start over fences at the expense of Ballintubber Boy, who made it 3 wins from as many starts at Huntingdon recently and now heads over the larger obstacles. Madaket can fill out third spot.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. INOUI MACHIN 2. BALLINTUBBER BOY 3. MADAKET

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race



**5.40**

RACE 8

**PLYVINE CATERING LTD NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £8,000 2m5f55y (4270 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

Ludlow is a sharp, right-handed, oval track, with a nine-fence chase circuit about a mile and a half and a run-in of 250 yards, which requires riders to steer left after the last to avoid taking the wrong course. Probably on account of so many races being well run, the fences claim far more casualties than might be expected, Ludlow sitting comfortably inside the top half dozen courses for fallers and unseats. The hurdle course, which runs on the outside of the chase course, has easier turns. Whereas the chase course is flat, the hurdle course has slight undulations but they rarely provide difficulties for a long-striding horse.

Pace Information: **Strong****1 SANDA RENA (IRE) (13) 89**

3/63-4 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

Jonjo &amp; A.J. O'Neill

**Kielan Woods**

£150,000 purchase after winning an Irish point and finished third on Rules debut in a Chepstow bumper in March. Some minor promise in novice hurdles, including on yard debut at aforementioned venue 13 days ago, and may do better now venturing into handicaps.

**2 I GOT STUNG (184) 89**

65/540PF- 6 11-9 | 73.9kg

Kim Bailey

**Tom Bellamy**

Offered a bit more than previously when fourth of 15 in a Ludlow novice in October but hasn't fired in a trio of handicaps since, running below form in first-time cheekpieces when falling 2 out at Southwell on final start in April.

**3 BADLANDS BOY (IRE) (18) 94**

6483P9-6 5 11-8 | 73.5kg

Donald McCain

**Theo Gillard**

Possibly needed the run after 6 months off when sixth of 9 in handicap hurdle (40/1) at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) 18 days ago. Significantly up in trip.

**4 JERSEY KLASS (FR) (20) 96**

0899 5 11-8 | 73.5kg

Patrick Griffin, Ireland

**M. M. McDonagh (3lb/1kg)**

Showed a bit more than previously sent handicapping in a first-time tongue strap when ninth of 18 (50/1) at Gowran (20.2f, good to soft) 20 days ago. Still unexposed.

**5 THE DARK EDGE (IRE) (32) 92**

975692-1 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Charlie Longsdon

**Lilly Pinchin**

Improved further after 5 months off when off the mark in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Plumpton (20.5f, good to soft) 32 days ago, doing well to recover from a notable late error.

**6 IONITY (FR) (170) 95**

7572-1 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Evan Williams

**Adam Wedge**

Improved again to open his account in 10-runner handicap at Ffos Las (20f, good to soft) in May, rallying to lead again final 100 yds. Could have more to offer.

**7 DOM BOSCO (497) 100**

4440/5P- 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

Tom George

**Jonathan Burke**

Shaped with little encouragement in 2 handicap chases in early-2023/24, but has been given big chance by handicapper ahead of this comeback over hurdles. Watch betting.

**8 WE AIN'T WALKING (IRE) (17) 95**

7-56P 5 11-2 | 70.8kg

Ryan Potter

**Ben Poste**

Pulled up sole start in Irish points and little in the way of encouragement so far under Rules, pulling up on handicap debut at Stratford 17 days ago.

**9 MARTALITE (FR) (63) (BF) 95**

9509-39 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

David Killahena &amp; Graeme McPherson

**Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)**

No show in maiden/novice hurdles but upped his game markedly when a good third at Worcester on handicap debut in July. Failed to repeat that effort when strong in the betting at Newton Abbot the following month, however.

**10 MY GIRL KATIE (IRE) (102) 95**

667-35746 7 10-12 | 68.9kg

Grace Harris

**Conor Ring**

Poor maiden who underperformed when sixth of 10 in handicap hurdle (13/2) at Stratford (22f, good) on most recent outing in July. Needs to bounce back.

**11 CRAC DE MEGAUDAIS (FR) (17) 94**

790-455 5 10-12 | 68.9kg

Tom Gretton

**Fergus Gillard**

Has bettered his no-shows in novice events switched to a handicap when third at Stratford in July but has failed to build on that both starts since.

**12 GREENWAYS (IRE) (16) (BF) 92**

8500-6443 5 10-8 | 67.1kg

Dominic Ffrench Davis

**Ben Ffrench Davis (5lb/2kg)**

Has made more impact since going handicapping running up to his previous best when third in 11-runner event at Huntingdon (19.6f, good) 16 days ago, no extra run-in. Further step up in trip not sure to suit, however.

**13 NOTHINELSEMATTERS (IRE) (168) 94**

7PP45-4 6 10-5 | 65.8kg

Alex Hales

**Bryan Carver**

Ran respectably upped in trip when fourth of 11 in handicap hurdle (11/2) at Stratford (22f, good) when last seen in May. More needed for win purposes on this return to action.

**14 DEAL EM HIGH (14) 93**

64PP-7830 7 10-5(10-4) | 65.8kg (65.3kg)

Debra Hamer

**Non Runner**

NON RUNNER.

**15 MO ZOLA (183) 65**

PPP969- 5 10-5(9-13) | 65.8kg (63.0kg)

Belinda Clarke

**Lee Edwards**

Won on sole start in point bumpers but yet to show any ability under Rules, finishing last of 9 in C&D handicap on final outing in April. Easily passed over from well out of the weights.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-1** The Dark Edge, **13-2** Ionyty, **17-2** Greenways, **10-1** Dom Bosco, **11-1** Martalite, **12-1** Crac De Megaudais, **14-1** Jersey Klass, **14-1** My Girl Katie, **14-1** Sanda Rena, **16-1** Nothinelsematters, **28-1** Badlands Boy, **28-1** I Got Stung, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

DOM BOSCO offered little in a brace of handicap chases early last season and has been off since, but he's been given a major chance by the assessor ahead of this comeback over hurdles and is taken to capitalise on that generosity. The Dark Edge did well under the circumstances at Plumpton last month and is respected from a 7 lb higher mark, while Ionyty appeals as the type who could have more to offer.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. DOM BOSCO 2. THE DARK EDGE 3. IONITY****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race