

Friday 25th October

# CHELTENHAM



**1.15** FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENTS HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)

RACE 1 **(9) IN THE AIR | (11) SUPPORT ACT | (4) PUSH THE BUTTON**

**1.50** WILLIAM HILL TOP PRICE GUARANTEE NOVICES' CHASE (2) 1m7f199y (3200 Metres)

RACE 2 **(5) PATH D'OROUX | (2) SAN SALVADOR | (4) SHECOULDBEANYTHING**

**2.25** squareintheair.com HANDICAP CHASE (2) 1m7f199y (3200 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) CALICO | (1) DANCING ON MY OWN | (2) MATATA**

**3.00** SKY BET NOVICES' HURDLE (Sharp) (Grade 2) (1) 2m87y (3300 Metres)

RACE 4 **(6) GALE MAHLER | (3) VALGRAND | (4) BRAVE KNIGHT**

**3.35** GLENFARCLAS AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m1f (5030 Metres)

RACE 5 **(9) CEANNDANA | (10) JACKS PARROT | (2) ARE U WISE TO THAT**

**4.10** ALASTAIR DOWN PRESS ROOM NOVICES' HURDLE (2) 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) POTTERS CHARM | (3) MINELLA SIXO | (7) FIRST CONFESSION**

**4.45** ABU DHABI DIGITAL MARKETS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 2m87y (3300 Metres)

RACE 7 **(2) FIERCELY PROUD | (9) JILAIJONE | (12) HERE COMES GEORGIE**

## 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.

**1.15****FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENTS HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+  
(Rated 0-140) £19,000 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)**

RACE 1

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 ANNSAM (545) (D)** **95**  
861710/ 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



**Evan Williams** *Adam Wedge*  
Likeable chaser who scored twice over 3m last season. Much lower in the weights in this sphere but is possibly using this as a pipe-opener ahead of a return to chasing.

**2 ANNA BUNINA (FR) (58)** **97**  
4047-0385 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



**John McConnell, Ireland** *Alex Harvey (5lb/2kg)*  
Useful hurdler who ran better than for a while when fifth of 15 at Bellewstown in August. Creditable effort in the Cesarewitch Handicap back on the Flat since.

**3 ANYHARMINASKING (IRE) (237)** **98**  
634/29245- 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



**Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill** *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*  
Right back on the up when second at Newbury (20.5f) in December but didn't impress with his finishing effort at Doncaster and Kelso last 2 outings. Wears first-time cheekpieces on seasonal return.

**4 PUSH THE BUTTON (IRE) (338) (D)** **97**  
351/141- 5 11-10 | 74.4kg



**Nigel Twiston-Davies** *Sam Twiston-Davies*  
Progressive in bumpers and made it 2 wins from 3 starts over hurdles when taking 7-runner novice (21f, heavy) at Warwick last November. Off since but yard's runners rarely lack for fitness and he's a most interesting handicap debutant.

**5 DEEP CAVE (IRE) (100) (D)** **90**  
154/1FF-51 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



**Christian Williams** *Nick Scholfield*  
Successful chaser in France who doubled his career tally when bagging 10-runner minor event hurdle at Clairefontaine (17.7f, soft) in July. Handicapper has taken no chances with his mark now starting out for another new yard.

**6 WYENOT (190)** **97**  
3/11P13- 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



**Henry Daly** *Alice Stevens (5lb/2kg)*  
Won a trio of novice hurdles last season and ran creditably pitched into better company when third in 9-runner listed event at this course (20.2f) 6 months ago. Makes handicap debut from a fair-looking mark.

**7 AMERICAN SNIPER (IRE) (13) (C)** **97**  
3/701477-0 6 11-0 | 69.9kg



**David Pipe** *Jack Tudor*  
Resumed winning ways in first-time tongue strap here last November but ended last season on a low-key note and fared no better on his reappearance in the Silver Trophy at Chepstow 13 days ago.

**8 BASS ROCK (FR) (189) (D)** **92**  
124U/P68P- 8 10-12 | 68.9kg



**Georgina Nicholls** *Lorcan Williams*  
Chase/hurdles winner but struggled for form over fences last season and now reverts to hurdling for a new yard (had left Sandy Thomson) after 6 months off.

**9 IN THE AIR (FR) (15) (D)** **100**  
P00P0-411 6 10-10 | 68.0kg



**Nicky Henderson** *Nico de Boinville*  
Gambled on and made a mockery of his much-reduced mark on first start since leaving Adam West in 9-runner handicap at Southwell (20.4f) earlier in the month. Had more in hand the margin implies when following up under a 7-lb penalty at Exeter and looks sure to go well in his-hat-trick bid.

**10 ROYALE MARGAUX (FR) (152)** **91**  
42/82543-4 6 10-9 | 67.6kg



**Tom Symonds** *Ben Poste*  
Prolific in France but winless for this yard and effort typically proved short-lived at Uttoxeter on final outing in May. Back over hurdles now with plenty to prove.

**11 SUPPORT ACT (IRE) (247)** **99**  
21/51- 6 10-5 | 65.8kg



**Toby Lawes** *K. Brogan*  
Fairly useful bumper winner who proved a vastly different proposition to on his hurdling debut when dispatching a last-time-out winner with the minimum of fuss in a Doncaster novice (16.6f) in February. Into handicaps now and looks sure to go on to better things.

**12 LETTERSTON LILY (13) (D)** **97**  
0-311213U 4 10-4 | 65.3kg



**Peter & Michael Bowen** *Sean Bowen*  
Bumper winner at the third attempt and made it 2-3 in novice hurdles at Worcester (20f) in August. Cemented her positive start when creditable third on handicap debut back at that venue but it was a bit disconcerting she shaped to run out and unseated at the first at Chepstow 13 days ago.

**13 CALLIN BATON ROUGE (IRE) (48)** **95**  
6242-2111 6 10-4 | 65.3kg



**Charles & Adam Pogson** *James Bowen*  
Is on a roll for her new yard, making it 3 wins from as many starts in 9-runner handicap at Stratford (16.3f, good) 48 days ago, readily. Hiked up 12 lb but may not yet have finished improving.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** In The Air, **6-1** Support Act, **7-1** Push The Button, **8-1** Callin Baton Rouge, **10-1** Wyenot, **14-1** Anyharminasking, **14-1** Letterston Lily, **16-1** Anna Bunina, **25-1** Bass Rock, **25-1** Deep Cave, **28-1** American Sniper, **28-1** Annsam, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

IN THE AIR has revived in no uncertain terms for his new yard and, having defied a penalty with more in hand than the bare margin would suggest at Exeter 15 days ago, he is fancied to complete the hat-trick. Support Act and Push The Button are a pair of interesting handicap debutantes who require the utmost respect.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. IN THE AIR 2. SUPPORT ACT 3. PUSH THE BUTTON**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Pinnacle Peak</b> 8-10-1	28-1	Martin Keighley	Adam Wedge	16
2022	<b>Seddon</b> 9-11-3	10-1	John McConnell	B. W. Harvey (5)	13
2021	<b>Guard Your Dreams</b> 5-11-12	16-5f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	12
2020	<b>Captain Tom Cat</b> 5-10-9	15-2	Dr Richard Newland	C. M. Leonard (7)	19
2019	<b>Duke Street</b> 7-11-8	9-1	Dr Richard Newland	C. M. Leonard (10)	17

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.50****WILLIAM HILL TOP PRICE GUARANTEE NOVICES' CHASE (2)**  
**4yo+ £40,000 1m7f199y (3200 Metres)**

RACE 2

Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Uncontested**

**1 JAZZY MATTY (FR) (23) (C, D) 86**  
0P-0F13P1 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Cian Michael Collins, Ireland

**Danny Gilligan**

Fred Winter winner in 2023 and has matched those exploits over fences this season, opening his account at Wexford in August and wasting no time putting a physical mishap behind him to double his tally at Sligo (21.1f, good) recently. Back down in trip and will need to take a step forward.

**2 SAN SALVADOR (IRE) (25) 94**  
1P/4-F7411 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

**Richard Deegan**

Getting his act together over fences now, opening his account at Listowel last month before adding to his tally in Grade 3 at Roscommon (16.7f, soft) 8 days later, showing a superior turn of foot to take care of the outsider. Neither of those wins look bombproof, however.

**3 NOBLE ANTHEM (IRE) (24) 80**  
34/2-241 5 11-9 | 73.9kg



Adrian Keatley

**Robert Dunne**

Fairly useful Flat winner who is lightly raced over jumps and clearly learnt plenty from his initial experience over fences when winning 5-runner handicap at Sedgefield (17f, good to soft) earlier this month, quickening clear before last. Better to come but up against some big Irish yards here.

**4 SHECOULDBEANYTHING (IRE) (19) (D) 93**  
0-3129211 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

**Sean Bowen**

Useful hurdles winner who made it 2 from 3 starts in this sphere when taking 6-runner Like A Butterfly Novices' Chase at Tipperary (20.1f, good to soft) 19 days ago. Likely more to come yet. Engaged 4.13 Clonmel Thursday.

**5 PATH D'OROUX (FR) (176) (D) 100**  
68F2233-5 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

**Keith Donoghue**

Yet to score over fences but acquitted himself well in valuable handicaps over this sort of trip back in the spring, making the frame at Leopardstown, here and Aintree. Returns from 6 months off and every chance he can break his duck in this sphere. Yard won this last year, too.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-10** Path D'oroux, **11-4** Shecouldbeanything, **9-2** San Salvador, **14-1** Jazzy Matty, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A disappointing turnout from British-trained runners but PATH D'OROUX held his form well back in the spring so, provided he's ready to roll, this looks a good opening for Gavin Cromwell's 7-y-o to open his account over the larger obstacles. The main danger may emerge from San Salvador, who is progressive and arrives chasing a quick-fire hat-trick, while Shecouldbeanything, who is declared to run at Clonmel on Thursday, would be a leading player if lining up, too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PATH D'OROUX 2. SAN SALVADOR 3. SHECOULDBEANYTHING**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>My Mate Mozzie</b> 7-11-4	4-7f	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Keith Donoghue	4
2022	<b>Straw Fan Jack</b> 7-11-9	5-2	Sheila Lewis	Sean Houlihan	7
2021	<b>Third Time Lucki</b> 6-11-2	11-8f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	5
2020	<b>Fusil Raffles</b> 5-11-7	4-5f	Nicky Henderson	Daryl Jacob	4
2019	<b>Al Dancer</b> 6-11-2	10-11f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	4

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.25****squareintheair.com HANDICAP CHASE (2) 4yo+ £100,000  
1m7f199y (3200 Metres)****RACE 3**Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 DANCING ON MY OWN (IRE) (60) (CD) t 99**  
1/21066-21 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland

**D. J. O'Keeffe**

Smart chaser who saw off Triple Trade in this race 12 months ago. Made hard work of landing short odds on soft ground at Ballinrobe in August but the likely sounder surface here should be more to his liking and he's only 2 lb higher than last year.

**2 MATATA (IRE) (195) (D) ★ 100**  
R16/12240- 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

**Daryl Jacob**

Headstrong sort but it didn't prevent him making up into a smart novice chaser last term. Ended his season on a low note at Aintree but capable of bouncing back with a bang after a break.

**3 MADARA (FR) (226) (CD) s+t 98**  
F/82U6119- 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Keiran Burke

**Non Runner**

NON RUNNER.

**4 CALICO (GER) (172) (D) s+t 99**  
1F/24204-P 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Largely held form well in defeat last season, including a second to Triple Trade over C&D. Pulled up at Kempton when last seen in May but he has a decent record fresh and is back on a good mark.

**5 ARCLIGHT (244) (D) 97**  
1288/111P- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Nicky Henderson

**Nico de Boinville**

Won first 3 chases at the end of 2023. Never going after an early mistake in a Kempton Grade 2 in February and not seen since. No surprise were she to resume her progression now handicapping back from 8 months off.

**6 TRIPLE TRADE (197) (CD) 98**  
1/2131585- 8 10-10 | 68.0kg



Joe Tizzard

**Harry Cobden**

Second to Dancing On My Own in this race last year before seeing off Calico over C&D at the Open meeting. Ended last season with a respectable fifth of 15 in the Red Rum at Aintree. Has to enter the reckoning under Cobden.

**7 SCARFACE (IRE) (191) s 99**  
63312113- 7 10-8 | 67.1kg



Joe Tizzard

**Brendan Powell**

Thrived over fences when cheekpieces went on, winning 3 times around 2½m between January and April. Good third of 12 over 20.5f here on final start. Shorter trip the slight worry on return.

**8 COASTGUARD STATION (IRE) (21) (D) s 97**  
37P21-215 8 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Henry Oliver

**David Noonan**

Produced a career-best effort to resume winning ways in 2m Uttoxeter handicap chase in June. Sharper for a recent outing over hurdles at Hexham but he'll need another career best to come out on top here.

**9 SIR TIVO (FR) (9) (D) t 96**  
13-985424 10 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)



Gary Hanmer

**Sean Bowen**

Veteran who has been a bit hit and miss so far this season and is likely to find this too competitive.

**10 ROYAL MER (FR) (189) (D) t 97**  
2152111P- 6 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)



David Pipe

**Jack Tudor**

Notched 5 wins in an excellent first campaign over fences. Presumably found a busy spell catching up with him when pulled up at Aintree in the spring. 2 lb out of handicap on his reappearance.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**3-1** Matata, **4-1** Dancing On My Own, **6-1** Calico, **7-1** Arclight, **9-1** Triple Trade, **12-1** Scarface, **12-1** Coastguard Station, **25-1** Royal Mer, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CALICO has dipped to 1 lb lower than when second over C&D on last year's reappearance and might prove the answer to this useful handicap. Last year's winner Dancing On My Own should give it another good shot, while Matata looks feasibly treated on the pick of last season's novice form.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CALICO 2. DANCING ON MY OWN 3. MATATA**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Dancing On My Own</b> 9-11-13	14-1	Henry de Bromhead	Rachael Blackmore	11
2022	<b>Dads Lad</b> 7-10-10	7-2	W. P. Mullins	B. Hayes	7
2021	<b>Before Midnight</b> 8-10-3	2-1f	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	7
2020	<b>Rouge Vif</b> 6-11-7	5-1	Harry Whittington	Daryl Jacob	13
2019	<b>Saint Calvados</b> 6-11-12	5-2f	Harry Whittington	Gavin Sheehan	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.00****SKY BET NOVICES' HURDLE (Sharp) (Grade 2) (1) 4yo+  
£55,000 2m87y (3300 Metres)**

RACE 4

Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**

**1** **IMAGINARIUM (IRE) (162)** (D) **87**  
1 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Olly Murphy

**Sean Bowen**

Useful Irish 9f winner on Flat for Ger Lyons and made a winning start over hurdles on his sole start for Lucinda Russell in 2m Perth maiden in May. Starts out for another good yard now and he's much respected.

**2** **STRONG FOUNDATIONS (IRE) (22)** (D) **81**  
454-1 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Samuel Drinkwater

**Robert Dunne**

A fair bumper performer who made a winning start in this sphere in 11-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (16f, good) 22 days ago. Open to improvement but will need to in this company.

**3** **VALGRAND (FR) (150)** **92**  
24-11 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Very useful form shown in bumpers and he scored readily over hurdles in 2m Uttoxeter maiden and 2m4f Bangor novice in May. Holds solid claims with more to come after a break.

**4** **BRAVE KNIGHT (55)** (D) **92**  
111 4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Paul Nicholls

**Harry Cobden**

A fairly useful 2m winner on Flat for Sir Mark Prescott and he went 3-3 over hurdles for his new stable this summer in 2m Newton Abbot novice in August. Capable of better yet so he must enter calculations.

**5** **DANCING IN PARIS (FR)** (BF) **100**  
4 11-1 | 70.3kg



Ian Williams

**Charlie Todd**

Is enjoying a very good season on the Flat, bagging his third victory at Southwell in August. This is no easy introduction but he's still much respected now starting out over hurdles.

**6** **GALE MAHLER (IRE) (87)** (D) **100**  
4-111111 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Adrian Keatley

**Henry Brooke**

Has improved with every run and she made it 6 wins on the spin (including bumpers) in 8-runner listed hurdle at Galway (2m) in July. Holds leading form claims here.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-11** Gale Mahler, **10-3** Brave Knight, **11-2** Valgrand, **16-1** Imaginarium, **28-1** Dancing In Paris, **33-1** Strong Foundations

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A fascinating Grade 2 event. GALE MAHLER has carried all before her thus far and is impossible to side against in her bid to go 5-5 over hurdles on the back of an impressive Galway listed victory. Both Valgrand (second choice) and Brave Knight are with top yards and also unbeaten in this sphere so should ensure Adrian Keatley's likeable mare doesn't have things all her own way.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. GALE MAHLER 2. VALGRAND 3. BRAVE KNIGHT**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Lookaway</b> 6-11-2	9-2	Neil King	Jack Quinlan	8
2022	<b>Fennor Cross</b> 5-11-2	3-1	John McConnell	S. D. Torrens	8
2021	<b>I Like To Move It</b> 4-11-3	4-6f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	3
2020	<b>For Pleasure</b> 5-11-0	14-1	Alex Hales	Harry Bannister	6
2019	<b>Hang In There</b> 5-11-0	6-1	Emma Lavelle	Adam Wedge	5

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.35****GLENFARCLAS AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (3)**  
**4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £20,000 3m1f (5030 Metres)**

RACE 5

**GBI RACING**Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Even**

**1 BACK ON THE LASH (157) (C) 95**  
31PP/P08-P 10 12-2 | 77.1kg



Martin Keighley **Mr Freddie Keighley (71lb/3kg)**  
Dual Cross-Country winner here but didn't have much spark about him last season. Pulled up at Huntingdon 5 months ago and has an uphill task on return.

**2 ARE U WISE TO THAT (IRE) (191) (CD) 98**  
133/14140- 7 12-2 | 77.1kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Mr D. O'Connor**  
Made winning return/chase debut at Warwick last season and added to that with victory here (25.3f) in December. Didn't fire subsequently but could have been tuned up for a big run.

**3 AMATEUR (IRE) (14) s 96**  
3/10PPP-1P 11 12-2 | 77.1kg



John & Rhys Flint **Mr Sean O'Connor (51lb/2kg)**  
Unreliable type who is firmly into the veteran stage of his career and was pulled up at Chepstow a fortnight ago. Hard to fancy in this competitive environment on the back of that.

**4 LANDEN CALLING (IRE) (174) b+t 96**  
8/122515-4 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Fergal O'Brien **Mr H. D. O'Dwyer (71lb/3kg)**  
Latest win in chase at Market Rasen in December. Has edged back to a handy mark but may need this return.

**5 MOLE COURT (IRE) (97) (CD) s 96**  
11171-P47 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Pauling **Mr Jack Andrews**  
Much improved since sent chasing, making it 5 wins in this sphere at Huntingdon in April. Not disgraced at Market Rasen 3 months ago and returns with stable going well.

**6 ATLANTA BRAVE (IRE) (217) (BF) ★ 100**  
2114/5226- 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Kerry Lee **Mr Zac Baker**  
Irish point winner who was 2-4 over hurdles last season and all the better for return/chase bow when second at Exeter last November. Ended the season out of sorts but could go well fresh.

**7 THE NEWEST ONE (IRE) (217) 99**  
223d/21733- 9 11-11 | 74.8kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies **Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (51lb/2kg)**  
Fairly useful hurdler who easily got off the mark at Chepstow in December. Ran creditably at Newbury 7 months ago. Hasn't been seen for a while in this sphere but he's on a feasible mark.

**8 ST DENIS'S WELL (IRE) (18) s+t 95**  
11716-584 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Ian Patrick Donoghue, Ireland **Mr R. James (31lb/1kg)**  
11/2, creditable fourth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (24f, good) 18 days ago. Switches from hurdles to chase. Cheekpieces back on. Worth considering.

**9 CEANNDANA (IRE) (23) (D) s 96**  
13P-21121 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Ross O'Sullivan, Ireland **Mr L. P. Shanahan (71lb/3kg)**  
Highly progressive this season and gained his third win from his last 4 starts (including over hurdles) with another likeable display over fences at Sligo last time. Another bold showing is on the cards.

**10 JACKS PARROT (FR) (182) s+t 97**  
52624411- 5 11-9 | 73.9kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Mr William Biddick**  
Has improved since joining this yard, making it two from three for them when scoring at Perth 6 months ago. Likely to be tuned up and the booking of William Biddick looks significant.

**11 STRICTLYDANCER (IRE) (14) (CD) s 99**  
6402P7-F4 10 11-8 | 73.5kg



Christian Williams **Mr Edward Vaughan (71lb/3kg)**  
Won 3 on the bounce over fences during 2021/22. Missed the following season and record since has been patchy. Travelled well when fourth at Chepstow last time and looks a big player if he can build on it.

**12 HOLD YOUR FORT (IRE) (8) 97**  
0/5411112 8 11-6 | 72.6kg



Debra Hamer **Mr Alex Chadwick**  
Really turned a corner since upped in trip over fences, posting his best effort yet when completing a Newton Abbot (25.8f, good) 4-timer just under in September. Only found one too good at Wincanton 8 days ago and could go well again.

**13 NO BUT I WILL (249) s 96**  
321/715PP- 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Robbie Llewellyn **Mr James King**  
Point/hurdles winner who left reappearance effort well behind when making successful chase debut at Wetherby (24.2f) last November. However, rather gone backwards since and has now left Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero (off 8 months).

**14 WICK GREEN (21) (D) v 96**  
3484P-673 11 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ben Pauling **Mr Elliott England (71lb/3kg)**  
Sliding in the weights and took a step back in the right direction when third of 5 at Fontwell three weeks ago. Visored for the first time, so not a forlorn hope.

**15 THE BOOLA BOSS (IRE) (18) t 98**  
31/5152-13 8 11-3 | 71.2kg



Rebecca Curtis **Mr J. L. Gleeson**  
Showed improved form to notch a third victory over fences at Stratford in May, albeit it was a thin race. Looked undone by a rise at same course next time, so others are likely to prove better treated.

**16 JIMMY THE DIGGER (31) (CD) 96**  
27P/U55P-7 11 10-13 | 69.4kg



Henry Daly **Mr Archie Jones (71lb/3kg)**  
Looked out of sorts towards the end of last season and didn't offer a great deal of encouragement at Warwick a month ago. Others preferred.

**17 PLANNED PARADISE (IRE) (31) s 97**  
5-2613632 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Christian Williams **Miss Gina Andrews**  
Scored at Perth in the summer and back on track when runner-up at Warwick a month ago. Jumping may let him down.

**18 INDIVIDUALISTE (FR) (228) 97**  
45314PP- 6 10-12 | 68.9kg



Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland **Mr D. G. Lavery**  
Recorded a facile success eased in class/equipped with cheekpieces over hurdles at Taunton (19f) in December. However, that proved a weak race and he's been unable to match it, including over fences. Has left Paul Nicholls (and off 7 months) prior to this.

**19 JESSIE LIGHTFOOT (IRE) (109) 96**  
431-31355 10 10-4 | 65.3kg



Henry Oliver **Miss Imogen Mathias (51lb/2kg)**  
Revitalised by a return to Henry Oliver, scoring over fences at Taunton and Southwell before a solid fifth (from 2 lb out of weights) at Worcester. Shaped as if still in form there last time and can't be ruled out.

19 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**17-2** Jacks Parrot, **9-1** Are U Wise To That, **12-1** Atlanta Brave, **12-1** The Newest One, **12-1** Ceanndana, **14-1** The Boola Boss, **16-1** Mole Court, **18-1** Wick Green, **20-1** Strictlydancer, **20-1** Planned Paradise, **20-1** Hold Your Fort, **20-1** St Denis's Well, **22-1** Landen Calling, **22-1** Jessie Lightfoot, **28-1** Back On The Lash, **33-1** No But I Will, **33-1** Individualiste, **33-1** Jimmy The Digger, **66-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CEANNDANA arrives on a steep upward curve and probably has even more to offer, so he takes marginal preference over Jacks Parrot, who is also on the up but doesn't have the benefit of a recent run. Are U Wise To That is better than a mark of 127 on his day and merits respect coming back fresh.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CEANNDANA 2. JACKS PARROT 3. ARE U WISE TO THAT**

**3.35****GLENFARCLAS AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (3)  
4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £20,000 3m1f (5030 Metres)**

RACE 5

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Mole Court</b>	6-11-4	9-1	Ben Pauling	Mr Jack Andrews	19
2022	<b>Jimmy The Digger</b>	9-11-5	11-1	Henry Daly	Alice Stevens (5)	20
2021	<b>Strictlyadancer</b>	7-11-1	7-1	Christian Williams	Mr P. A. King	17
2020	<b>Bermeo</b>	9-10-5	20-1	Johnny Farrelly	Angus Cheleda (5)	13
2019	<b>Petite Power</b>	10-11-2	12-1	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (7)	13

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**4.10****ALASTAIR DOWN PRESS ROOM NOVICES' HURDLE (2) 4yo+  
£18,000 2m3f200y (4010 Metres)**

RACE 6

Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 AILT AN CHORRAIN (IRE) (69) 85**  
1 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Patrick Neville

**Henry Brooke**

Failed to win in 4 point starts but caused a bit of a surprise when making a successful hurdles debut at Perth in August (2m) responding well. Step up in trip will suit but much more needed under a penalty.

**2 KINGSTON JAMES (IRE) (21) 98**  
1-41 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Lucinda Russell

**Patrick Wadge**

Successful on his completed start in points and made a winning start under Rules in a bumper at Ayr, making all and looking very professional. Sound effort under a penalty 2 months later and heavily backed, he landed the odds at Hexham 3 weeks ago. Up in trip and there's more to come.

**3 MINELLA SIXO (IRE) (18) 99**  
1 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Gordon Elliott, Ireland

**Danny Gilligan**

£115,000 5-y-o, Shantou gelding. Brother to useful dual bumper winner Brechin Castle, and half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Wynn House, stays 3m. Won sole start in points and merely kept up to his work to remain unbeaten 5 months later at Fairyhouse 3 weeks ago. In the right hands to progress.

**4 POTTERS CHARM (IRE) (28) (D) 100**  
1-1 5 11-5 | 72.1kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

£105,000 4-y-o, Valirann gelding. Finished runner-up only start in points and looked a fine prospect when winning 6-runner Ffos Las bumper (15.8f, heavy) in March. Well on top when landing the odds on hurdles debut a month ago and he's sure to leave bare form well behind.

**5 BEAUFORT BREEZE (IRE) 52**  
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



D. J. Jeffreys

**Kielan Woods**

£9,000 5-y-o, first foal, dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler (stays 25f) Three Card Brag. Won completed start in Irish points in May but this no easy introduction to hurdling.

**6 BETTER OFF ALONE (IRE) (28) 52**  
4 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Martin Keighley

**Sean Bowen**

£13,000 3-y-o, Ocovango gelding. Dam, unraced, closely related to fairly useful hurdler (stays 25f) Wonderwall. Runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points and given a considerate introduction to hurdling at Worcester last month, finishing well behind Potters Charm.

**7 FIRST CONFESSION (IRE) 52**  
5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Joe Tizzard

**Brendan Powell**

Won sole start in Irish points in November and sold on for £140,000 soon after. Represents in-form yard ahead of Rules debut.

**8 CLOONAINRA (IRE) (35) 97**  
13 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



John McConnell, Ireland

**Alex Harvey**

Made a winning start to her career under Rules in 13-runner maiden hurdle at Sligo (17.8f, soft). Made a few mistakes when third under a penalty at Downpatrick but she receives weight all round.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**15-8** Potters Charm, **3-1** Minella Sixo, **6-1** Cloonainra, **9-1** Kingston James, **9-1** First Confession, **20-1** Ailt An Chorrain, **28-1** Beaufort Breeze, **150-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

POTTERS CHARM represents a yard in superb form and he's looked a fine prospect both starts under Rules, running out a stylish winner of a bumper in the spring before outclassing 9 rivals at Worcester a month ago. Sure to leave that bare form behind, he'll take some stopping, for all Minella Sixo is promising in his own right. Of the rest, six-figure point recruit First Confession merits consideration.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:****1. POTTERS CHARM 2. MINELLA SIXO 3. FIRST CONFESSION****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Encanto Bruno</b> 5-11-5	11-4f	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Keith Donoghue	9
2022	<b>Mofasa</b> 6-11-5	7-2	Michael Scudamore	Luca Morgan	10
2021	<b>Camprond</b> 5-11-6	1-3f	Philip Hobbs	Aidan Coleman	3
2020	<b>Does He Know</b> 5-11-3	9-1	Kim Bailey	David Bass	6
2019	<b>Champagne Well</b> 6-10-12	13-8f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race



**4.45**

RACE 7

**ABU DHABI DIGITAL MARKETS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-140) £18,000 2m87y (3300 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good**

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 AUCUNRISQUE (FR) (33) (D, BF) 99**  
035P067-3 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Chris Gordon

**Freddie Gordon**

Betfair Hurdle winner in 2023. Largely disappointing last season but proved he retains plenty of his old ability when third to Enthused at Plumpton on his reappearance last month and meets that rival on more favourable terms here.

**2 FIERCELY PROUD (IRE) (181) (C, D) 99**  
100/11327- 5 11-13 | 75.7kg



Ben Pauling

**Callum Pritchard (10lb/5kg)**

Dual bumper scorer who also won his first 2 starts over hurdles before Christmas. Placed twice at Graded level before running creditably on his handicap debut at Sandown when last seen. Yard going okay and interesting on return with 10-lb conditional in the saddle.

**3 ENTHUSED (IRE) (21) v 98**  
11P-91514 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



James Owen

**Dylan Johnston**

Most likeable sort who resumed progress to record a sixth win in this sphere in 8-runner handicap at Plumpton (2m) last month, leading final 100 yds. Not helped by a couple of uncharacteristic errors at Fontwell since but is probably too high in the weights now in anyway.

**4 JETRONIC (FR) (188) t 88**  
361/2516- 5 11-9 | 73.9kg



Gary &amp; Josh Moore

**Caolin Quinn (3lb/1kg)**

Chase winner in France who opened his hurdling account on third start for Paul Nicholls in a slowly-run Plumpton novice (20.5f, soft) in March. However, disappointed with his response to pressure at Ayr the following month and has since switched yards.

**5 INCA DE LAFAYETTE (FR) (248) (D) t 99**  
6P4/1P12- 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Paul Nicholls

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

Fairly useful handicap hurdler last season, successful twice at up to 19f (including on return) and ended the campaign with a good second at Taunton (16.5f) in February. Respected on seasonal bow.

**6 CASTEL GANDOLFO (IRE) (27) (D) b+t 98**  
496-83167 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Fergal O'Brien

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

Enhanced superb record at Market Rasen when landing the valuable Summer Hurdle in July. Not seen to best effect when sixth at Perth next time and should bounce back from a rare below-par effort at aforementioned track last month.

**7 OSLO (27) (D) s 99**  
6251-833U 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Fergal O'Brien

**Tom Broughton**

Produced a career best to land a 9-runner handicap at Huntingdon (2m, good) in April. Placed on both completed starts over hurdles since and should remain competitive providing his jumping holds up in a competitive race.

**8 NORMAN FLETCHER (191) (D) 98**  
1/F211207- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

**James Turner (6lb/3kg)**

Showed fairly useful form when landing a maiden/novice last winter. Failed to fire both starts in handicaps but one of those was the Betfair Hurdle and he reappears with his yard amongst the winners. Needs considering.

**9 JILAIJONE (FR) (224) (BF) t ★ 100**  
2/2223P05- 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



David Pipe

**Gearoid Harney (6lb/3kg)**

Juvenile hurdle winner who ran well to be placed on his first 4 starts last season. Stopped quickly at Sandown and came up short in the Betfair Hurdle at Newbury but got back on track to some extent at Fakenham on final outing and must enter calculations from 3 lb lower on return.

**10 IMPERO (IRE) (14) s 96**  
270/21 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Cian Michael Collins, Ireland

**Danny Gilligan**

Fairly useful/untrustworthy maiden on Flat (stays 17f) and similar form over hurdles, making the most of a good opportunity in 7-runner maiden (5/6) at Downpatrick (17.3f, good to soft) 14 days ago. Likely to continue in form.

**11 FILS DE ROI (FR) (351) (BF) 98**  
11F390/52- 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Fergal O'Brien

**Fern O'Brien (6lb/3kg)**

Dual hurdles winner who found only a progressive sort too good in a handicap chase at Sedgefield when last seen 11 months ago. Returns to hurdling on a workable mark and it's unlikely he'll be lacking for fitness.

**12 HERE COMES GEORGIE (46) (D) 98**  
F9216-P11 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Patrick Neville

**Joe Williamson**

Right back on track in recent months having landed back-to-back 2m Perth handicaps. Much respected in hat-trick bid.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-1** Inca De Lafayette, **15-2** Impero, **17-2** Fiercely Proud, **17-2** Here Comes Georgie, **9-1** Aucunrisque, **11-1** Fils De Roi, **11-1** Enthused, **12-1** Jilajjone, **14-1** Oslo, **14-1** Norman Fletcher, **16-1** Castel Gandolfo, **22-1** Jetronic

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

An ultra-competitive finale. FIRECELY PROUD did well as a novice hurdler last season and ran creditably in a big-field handicap at Sandown on his final outing, especially considering he was left with a bit too much to do, so he's an appealing candidate on this return to action with his rider able to claim 10 lb against his rivals. Jilajjone has been shown some leniency by the assessor and can go on well on his reappearance, with hat-trick seeker Here Comes Georgie also of firm interest.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. FIERCELY PROUD 2. JILAIJONE 3. HERE COMES GEORGIE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Our Champ</b> 5-10-5	9-2jf	Chris Gordon	Freddie Gordon (3)	18
2022	<b>Soul Icon</b> 5-10-5	11-4f	Keiran Burke	Harry Kimber	15
2021	<b>Samba Dancer</b> 6-10-8	10-3	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (3)	12
2020	<b>Tegerek</b> 6-10-10	5-1	Jonjo O'Neill	K. Brogan (7)	17
2019	<b>Benny's Bridge</b> 6-11-3	5-2f	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace (3)	13

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race