

Thursday 28th November

TAUNTON



12.15 TRUCKSMITH LOLOADER NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f198y (4810 Metres)

RACE 1 **(8) HI RIKO | (6) HONEY JACK | (1) NATIVE MOON**

12.50 TAUNTON RACECOURSE BUSINESS CLUB 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m104y (3310 Metres)

RACE 2 **(13) TRIPOLI FLYER | (6) JACKPOT DES BORDES | (10) SAINT ANAPOLINO**

1.25 TRUCKSMITH TIPPER HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)

RACE 3 **(2) HECOULDBETHEONE | (3) IN THE AIR | (6) SUPER SABRE SAM**

2.00 STABLE BUSINESS PARK NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f3y (4630 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) MONTREGARD | (5) MOODOFTHEMOMENT | (2) HERAKLES WESTWOOD**

2.35 TRUCKSMITH DROPSIDE HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)

RACE 5 **(7) PRAIRIE DIAMOND | (12) HARRY GULLIVER | (5) WEST PARK BOY**

3.10 MIKE TRICKEY AND GEOFF WHITE MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2¼m40y (3660 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) VENTARA | (6) SONG OF EARTH | (8) GERARD MENTOR**

3.45 FESTIVE FIXTURE 12th DECEMBER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m104y (3310 Metres)

RACE 7 **(9) SERVICE MINIMUM | (3) CALIMYSTIC | (4) DOCTOR BLUE**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

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

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

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

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

12.15

**TRUCKSMITH LOLOADER NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £10,000 2m7f198y (4810 Metres)**

RACE 1



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

Right handed, sharp. Fences have been traditionally regarded as small and easy, yet the casualty rate on the chase course is high. The low quality of horses which contest the vast majority of races is undoubtedly a factor, whilst the sharp nature of the course is another, the third last a particularly tricky obstacle.

Pace Information: **Weak**

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

1 NATIVE MOON (IRE) (186) **96**
6743-P 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Jeremy Scott *Lorcan Williams*
Signs of promise on each of his last 2 starts in novice/maiden hurdles but never figured when pulled up on handicap debut at Uttoxeter (23.3f, soft) in May. Remains early days now starting out for new yard.

2 DIAMATISTE (IRE) (262) **89**
493P- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

Kayley Woollacott *Ben Godfrey*
Fourth both starts in points. Hinted at ability in maiden/novices at the beginning of 2024 but pulled up on handicap debut in March and step forward needed now faced with a stiffer test.

3 CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN (IRE) (18) (BF) **97**
8303P-9 5 11-12 | 75.3kg b+t

David Pipe *Tom Bellamy*
Point winner. Also third in maiden/novice hurdles around 2m last winter but has disappointed in both handicaps, latterly when 3/1 favourite at Ffos Las 18 days ago. First-time cheekpieces worn on that occasion are now replaced by blinkers and a tongue tie. Evidently thought capable of better.

4 CA PLANE POUR MOI (IRE) (43) **89**
037PP-906 6 11-5 | 72.1kg s+t

Neil Mulholland *Richie McLernon*
Had been shaping up quite well for Colm Murphy, but yet to offer much encouragement for current yard. Cheekpieces and tongue strap enlisted.

5 OUTSIDE ADESA (IRE) (27) **91**
P65946-9 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

Tim Vaughan *Sean Houlihan*
Runner-up both outings in Irish points and some decent efforts for Mitchell Hunt over hurdles last season. Returns to this sphere following a low-key return tried over fences for new yard at Uttoxeter and he's not a forlorn hope.

6 HONEY JACK (17) **100**
0P5-64 5 11-3 | 71.2kg

Joe Tizzard *Brendan Powell*
Showed a bit more when fourth of 8 on recent handicap debut upped to 24.6f at Kempton. Possibilities here off 1 lb lower with that run under his belt.

7 INCHAGOILL LADY (IRE) (28) **79**
28P/P336-P 8 11-0 | 69.9kg s+t

Kevin Pickard *Gearoid Harney (71b/3kg)*
Appeared to take a step forward when third on chase debut/second start for this yard following a wind up at Exeter (3m, heavy) in March. However, it's been all downhill since and she's passed over.

8 HI RIKO (FR) (18) **92**
2PP475-P6 7 10-10 | 68.0kg

Carroll Gray *Elizabeth Gale (71b/3kg)*
Wasn't disgraced back hurdling in a first-time hood (discarded here) on return/debut for new yard at Ffos Las (2½m, good to soft) earlier this month. Down another 2 lb and couldn't rule out back up in trip.

9 MISTING (166) **88**
00-657P 5 10-8 | 67.1kg

Neil King *Jack Quinlan*
Little promise in bumpers and similar story over hurdles so far, with no improvement forthcoming upped to 23.3f on handicap debut at Uttoxeter when last seen in June.

10 TILL YOU CAN'T (IRE) (19) **70**
558P5 4 10-6 | 66.2kg

Daisy Hitchins *Mr Robbie David (71b/3kg)*
No show in 2 bumpers/3 starts over hurdles to date. Big step forward needed now upped in trip for this handicap debut.

11 CONFUSED AGAIN (265) **79**
667- 7 10-2 | 64.4kg

Jackie du Plessis *Ben Ffrench Davis (51b/2kg)*
Little promise in trio of maiden/novice hurdles at around 2m at Exeter last season. Opposable on handicap debut following an 8-month absence.

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Honey Jack, **4-1** Chauffeur Driven, **9-2** Native Moon, **8-1** Hi Riko, **10-1** Outside Adesa, **18-1** Diamatiste, **20-1** Ca Plane Pour Moi, **33-1** Misting, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A chance is taken on HI RIKO, who appears to retain ability judged on his recent reappearance spin at Ffos Las and he has slipped to a dangerous mark. Honey Jack merits respect on the back of an encouraging handicap debut effort at Kempton and he is next on the list ahead of Native Moon and Chauffeur Driven.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HI RIKO 2. HONEY JACK 3. NATIVE MOON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Top Cloud 6-11-4	9-2	Robbie Llewellyn	Liam Harrison	7
2022	I Spy A Diva 5-12-2	3-1	Kim Bailey	Kai Lenihan (7)	5
2021	Nelsons Rock 6-10-7	evsf	Colin Tizzard	Harry Kimber (7)	6
2020	Nobel Joshua 4-11-7	4-1	David Pipe	Fergus Gillard (7)	11
2019	Cushuish 6-10-7	17-2	Bob Buckler	Sean Houlihan (3)	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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TAUNTON RACECOURSE BUSINESS CLUB 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £9,099 2m104y (3310 Metres)

RACE 2




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


Right handed, sharp. Fences have been traditionally regarded as small and easy, yet the casualty rate on the chase course is high. The low quality of horses which contest the vast majority of races is undoubtedly a factor, whilst the sharp nature of the course is another, the third last a particularly tricky obstacle.

Pace Information: **Strong**


1 DANCE AND GLANCE (13) t **87**
0-11 4 11-7 | 73.0kg

 **Anthony Honeyball** *Richie McLernon*
Built on debut promise when winning a Plumpton bumper and, after 6 months off, faced a simple task when making a successful start over hurdles in 4-runner maiden at Southwell (15.8f, good) 13 days ago. This is tougher but he's open to improvement.


2 BRAVE MOVE (IRE) (16) **85**
8-63 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Fergal O'Brien** *J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)*
Failed to meet market expectations in bumpers 10 months apart and in need of the experience when third of 6 in novice at Hereford (16.2f, good) on hurdling debut 16 days ago. However, he's entitled to do better with his latest run behind him.


3 D'GESTEEVO (22) s **75**
94-R 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Jeremy Scott** *Lorcan Williams*
Went with little encouragement in a pair of bumpers and fared no better sent hurdling, tailed off when refused 3 out in maiden at Chepstow (16f, good to soft) 22 days ago. Easy enough to look elsewhere.


4 DARK MATERIAL (221) **84**
98- 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Anthony Honeyball** *Ben Godfrey*
Made appeal on paper but shaped as if amiss when tailed off in a Wincanton bumper on debut last December. However, finished well held at the same course 4 months later and off another 7 months ahead of going hurdling.


5 DUBLIN TO MILAN (IRE) (18) **75**
U77 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Clive Boulton-Brooks** *Richard Patrick*
Made the frame all 3 starts in points but has offered little in a trio of novice hurdles, beaten a long way when seventh of 12 at Ffos Las (15.8f, good to soft) 18 days ago. Looks to be up against it.

6 JACKPOT DES BORDES (FR) (37) (D, BF) t **89**
12-6 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Paul Nicholls** *Harry Cobden*
Made a winning bumper debut at Hereford a year ago and improved form when second at Wincanton 5 months later. In tongue strap for seasonal/hurdling bow, in need of experience when mid-field in Exeter maiden (18.5f, good to soft) last month. Capable of better.


7 JUKEBOX ANNIE (IRE) (14) (CD) **85**
U19f-1 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Claire Hitch** *Gearoid Harney (7lb/3kg)*
Landed a 3-runner bumper at Newton Abbot on second start but was struggling when falling at this C&D on hurdles debut final outing last season. However, after a year off she caused a surprise when winning 4-runner novice back here (good) 2 weeks ago. More needed.

8 LES'S JERSEY ROYAL (IRE) (10) **84**
5-5 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Ben Pauling** *Liam Harrison*
Held back by inexperience in a Kempton bumper in February but, after 9 months off, he showed some promise sent hurdling when fifth of 12 in maiden at Leicester (20.5f, good to soft) 10 days ago. May be one for further down the line.

9 MANHATTAN VALLEY (FR) **84**
4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Christian Williams** *Nick Scholfield*
Castle Du Berlais gelding. Dam unraced sister to useful hurdler (stayed 19f) Bravissimo and half-sister to winning hurdler/fairly useful chaser (17f-23f winner) Dashing Rose. Off mark in Irish points at fourth attempt in May. Likely one for the longer term.


10 SAINT ANAPOLINO (FR) (332) **89**
52- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Philip Hobbs & Johnson White** *Sean Houlihan*
Successful on sole outing in point bumpers and has shown encouragement both starts under Rules, runner-up in bumper at Exeter (16.7f, heavy) when last seen in January. One to note on hurdling debut with yard going well.


11 SIAM PARK (IRE) (30) h+t **85**
4368-F 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Joe Tizzard** *Brendan Powell*
Made the frame in maiden hurdles at Wincanton first 2 starts under Rules but hasn't progressed since. After 6 months off (had wind op), in process of running below form when falling in handicap at Chepstow (19.4f, good to soft) last time. Hood now reached for.


12 STAFF SERGEANT LEN (GER) (19) **84**
P25-6 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Anthony Charlton** *Tom Cannon*
Much improved from debut when narrowly denied in a Fontwell bumper (17.7f) in January. However, failed to repeat that effort next time and, after 8-month absence, tailed off on first start over hurdles at Wincanton (15.2f, good) 19 days ago.

13 TRIPOLI FLYER (IRE) (22) (D) ★ **100**
512-2 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Fergal O'Brien** *Jonathan Burke*
Most progressive in bumpers last season, winning at Lingfield before runner-up in Aintree Grade 2. Shaped promisingly when second in Chepstow maiden (16f, good to soft) on seasonal/hurdling debut and he holds leading claims. Engaged 12.05 Market Rasen Wednesday.

14 YOUDECIDE (IRE) (18) (BF) **87**
5 4 11-0 | 69.9kg

 **Ben Pauling** *Kielan Woods*
Irish point winner who was sent off favourite but found wanting for finishing speed when fifth of 10 in bumper at Sandown (16f, good) 18 days ago. Yard enjoying success with their hurdle debutants, but he's likely to be suited by further in time.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Tripoli Flyer, **13-2** Saint Anapolino, **7-1** Jackpot Des Bordes, **10-1** Dance And Glance, **11-1** Youdecide, **18-1** Siam Park, **18-1** Jukebox Annie, **18-1** Brave Move, **28-1** Les's Jersey Royal, **28-1** Dark Material, **33-1** Manhattan Valley, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having shown useful form in bumpers, TRIPOLI FLYER was beaten only by another decent prospect at Chepstow on his hurdling debut so he looks to the one to beat if taking up this engagement. Jackpot des Bordes was also a winner in bumpers and could be the main danger with his first run over hurdles behind him, ahead of Saint Anapolino.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TRIPOLI FLYER 2. JACKPOT DES BORDES 3. SAINT ANAPOLINO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Ballee 4-11-0	9-2	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Micheal Nolan	14
2022 ^l	Mamoon Star 4-11-0	5-2	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	11
2022 ^{ll}	American Sniper 4-11-7	6-4	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	10
2021	Earth Company 5-10-12	3-1	Philip Hobbs	Sean Houlihan (3)	7
2020	Runswick Bay 5-10-12	7-4f	Emma Lavelle	Ben Jones (3)	14
2019 ^l	Eritage 5-10-12	8-11f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	13
2019 ^{ll}	Who Shot Jr 5-10-12	20-1	Colin Tizzard	Jonjo O'Neill Jr. (3)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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TRUCKSMITH TIPPER HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-120) £11,500 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)

RACE 3



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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 PERSEUS WAY (IRE) (242) 88
31207/667- 5 12-1 | 76.7kg



Christian Williams *Nick Scholfield*
Useful winning juvenile hurdler for Gary Moore in 2022/23. Recorded 2 good placed efforts on Flat for Owen Burrows in autumn 2023 but no show over hurdles for this yard in the spring. Returns from 8 months off with something to prove.

2 HECOULDBETHEONE (IRE) (11) (D, BF) s 97
55691-102 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



James Owen *Mr Alex Chadwick (5lb/2kg)*
Quickly back on form for James Owen with a pair of 19f Fontwell wins in the spring. Made a sound return from 5 months off when runner-up back at Fontwell 11 days ago. A must for the shortlist.

3 IN THE AIR (FR) (34) (D, BF) ★ 100
00P0-4116 6 11-12 | 75.3kg



Nicky Henderson *Freddie Gordon (5lb/2kg)*
Won first 2 starts for Nicky Henderson last month. Respectable sixth of 13 over 2½m at Cheltenham since. Likely to go well.

4 I AM SPIDER MAN (IRE) (66) 93
49110027 7 11-11 | 84.8kg



Alison Thorpe *Miss Imogen Mathias (7lb/3kg)*
Dual winner for Charles Byrnes at Sligo over the summer. Final start for that yard when second in a claiming hurdle in August. Well held in a Sedgefield handicap for Shark Hanlon in September and has changed stable again.

5 CELTIC ART (FR) (29) s 98
P16433-85 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



Jeremy Scott *Lorcan Williams*
Returned to form to win at Lingfield (2m) last November. Recorded a couple of respectable thirds over 2m here in February/March and might have needed last month's outing at Newton Abbot after a break.

6 SUPER SABRE SAM (36) (D) 95
6f6-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Neil Mulholland *Brendan Powell*
Much improved to land a 19f Fontwell maiden on his reappearance 5 weeks ago. Brings unexposed potential to this handicap debut.

7 AGGAGIO (FR) (24) (D) 92
15312F-76 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Gary & Josh Moore *Caolin Quinn*
Dual-purpose who has struggled under both codes this autumn. Can only be watched for the time being.

8 MONJULES (FR) (183) (BF) t 97
112/3276-P 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Harry Fry *Bryan Carver*
Three-time hurdle winner since joining Harry Fry but was out of sorts when last seen in May. A break needs to have had a reviving effect.

9 KING OF THE ROAD (IRE) (20) (D) 99
778911-46 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Ben Pauling *Kielan Woods*
Won a pair of Market Rasen handicaps in the spring. Off 6 months, shaped as if needing the outing when sixth of 10 at Exeter 3 weeks ago and should be sharper now.

10 REFORME (IRE) (191) 95
443-8 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Tom Gretton *David Noonan*
Fair form when reaching the frame on first 2 outings over hurdles. Disappointed at Hexham when last seen in May (final start for Lucinda Russell). The betting should guide now handicapping for a new yard after 6 months off.

11 CALL TO DUTY (IRE) (27) 94
3/08P-246 5 10-12 | 68.9kg



Emma Lavelle *Harry Cobden*
Maiden who faded to finish sixth of 13 on his Uttoxeter handicap debut 4 weeks ago. The booking of Harry Cobden catches the eye but others arrive with more obvious claims.

12 MAIRIS ICON (287) 96
85/334415- 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



Seamus Mullins *Sean Houlihan*
Won a weak Wincanton novice (2m, heavy) in January and well beaten under a penalty at Sandown the following month. Possibly best watched back in handicap company after 9 months off.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Hecouldbetheone, **4-1** Super Sabre Sam, **5-1** In The Air, **9-1** King of The Road, **12-1** Call To Duty, **16-1** Monjules, **20-1** Celtic Art, **25-1** Mairis Icon, **28-1** Aggagio, **33-1** Reforme, **33-1** I Am Spider Man, **33-1** Perseus Way

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HECOULDBETHEONE made a solid return from a break at Fontwell recently and can strike for in-form James Owen. In The Air has made a very positive start to life with the Nicky Henderson yard and is second choice ahead of unexposed handicap newcomer Super Sabre Sam.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HECOULDBETHEONE 2. IN THE AIR 3. SUPER SABRE SAM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Will Carver 8-12-0	3-1cf	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	6
2022	Irish Hill 4-11-2	7-4f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9
2021	An Tailliur 5-11-12	9-2	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	7
2020	Calva d'Auge 5-12-0	14-1	Paul Nicholls	Angus Cheleda (7)	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**STABLE BUSINESS PARK NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4)
4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £13,300 2m7f3y (4630 Metres)**

RACE 4



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

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SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

Pace Information: **Very Weak**



1 IN D'OR (FR) (212) 91

3/5312-0 6 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Venetia Williams  **Mr David Maxwell (31b/1kg)**
 Wide-margin winner of a handicap hurdle at Ludlow in March. Too bad to be true at Punchestown on final run of last season and this French import is well worth a second look now switched to fences.


2 HERAKLES WESTWOOD (FR) (223) 92

4/7111442- 7 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Warren Greatrex  **James Bowen**
 Firmly on the up when racking up a handicap hurdle hat-trick last winter. Ended 2023/24 campaign with a cracking effort in defeat at Ayr (24.3f, soft) and he'll be a danger to all if taking to fences at the first attempt.


3 MONTREGARD (FR) (14) 100

31/61-361 5 11-8 | 73.5kg s  **Stan Sheppard**
 Tom Lacey
 Dual hurdles winner who left chase debut effort well behind when cosily landing a 3-runner affair at Market Rasen (3m, good) a fortnight ago. 4 lb rise probably underestimates him and there should be better to come.


4 CHOSEN TEMPLAR (IRE) (268) 87

5/511P3- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg
 D. J. Jeffrey **Kielan Woods**
 Bumper winner in Ireland and made a successful hurdling/stable debut in 6-runner novice hurdle at Musselburgh (23.8f, soft) in January. However, well held both subsequent starts and looks up against it on this chase debut.


5 MOODOFTHEMOMENT (IRE) (16) 96

3P-022211 7 11-1 | 70.3kg s **Richard Patrick**
 Matt Sheppard
 Winner of 4 of his 7 starts between the flags and opened Rules account at the thirteenth attempt at Hereford (21f, good) last month. Appeared to have a bit left up his sleeve when going in again over the same C&D recently and likely to make a bold bid to complete the hat-trick.

6 TOUT SUR MOI (FR) (14) (BF) 87

4/0673-32 5 10-13 | 69.4kg t **David Noonan**
 Mrs Jane Williams
 Showed promise in bumpers and similar story in trio of maiden hurdles earlier this year. Turned over when odds on for a 4-runner novice here (19f, good) a fortnight ago and needs to improve now tackling the larger obstacles.

7 DANTON (IRE) (192) 92

33/21PP2-4 7 10-13 | 69.4kg t **Bryan Carver**
 Harry Fry
 Looked on the up when scoring at Exeter last November and found just one too good in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow (23.6f, good) during the spring. Some novice mistakes took their toll when fourth on chase debut on latest start in May and he's capable of better in this sphere.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Montregard, **10-3** Moodofthemoment, **11-2** Herakles Westwood, **6-1** Danton, **7-1** In D'or, **18-1** Tout Sur Moi, **22-1** Chosen Templar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Though he only beat two rivals at Market Rasen, MONTREGARD went about his business in the manner of one who has a good deal more to offer in this sphere and he is taken to confirm that impression by following up here. The hat-trick seeking Moodofthemoment is an obvious threat, while chase debutants Herakles Westwood and In d'Or are both interesting, along with Danton, who should leave his chase debut display well behind in time.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MONTREGARD 2. MOODOFTHEMOMENT 3. HERAKLES WESTWOOD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Lady Kk 8-12-0	12-1	Jeremy Scott	Lorcan Williams	8
2022	Kayf Hernando 6-11-2	9-2	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	8
2021	Roque It 7-11-7	2-1f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	5
2020	Favori de Sivola 5-10-3	16-1	Nick Williams	David Noonan	11
2019	Don Lami 6-11-12	16-1	Anthony Honeyball	David Noonan	13

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TRUCKSMITH DROPSIDE HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £10,000 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)











RACE 5









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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	BIGZ BELIEF (IRE) (37) 5P-45786F 7 12-0 76.2kg	t	96
	Barry Brennan Twelve runs since last win in 2023 but was in the process of building on his stable debut with cheekpieces quickly refitted when departing 2 out at Exeter last month, looking sure to be placed at the very least. Must enter calculations.	Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg)	
2	ZHANG FEI (FR) (28) 487-54152 6 11-13 75.7kg		99
	Fergal O'Brien Winner at Newton Abbot in July and returned to form when second of 12 in handicap hurdle (9/2) at Stratford (18.7f, good to soft) 28 days ago, clear of rest. Merits consideration.	Fern O'Brien (7lb/3kg)	
3	MACTAVISH (51) 2-241P346 7 11-11 74.8kg	s	97
	Matt Sheppard Recorded back-to-back wins here (both at 21.7f) last year and back on the scoresheet with cheekpieces refitted at Worcester (20f) in June. Exploits mixed subsequently but returns from a small break with yard in red-hot form. Not dismissed. Engaged 2.35 Hereford Wednesday.	Stan Sheppard	
4	FINE BY HER (23) 234/1PR-17 8 11-10 74.4kg		94
	Julian Smith Benefited from a return to hurdling when scoring at Fakenham in June and ran creditably when seventh of 12 at Sedgefield 5 months later.	Tom Bellamy	
5	WEST PARK BOY (670) 805/ 6 11-8 73.5kg		84
	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Clear signs of ability in his 3 qualifying runs and he appeals as one who can go on to better things now stepping up in trip on handicap debut. Interesting back from a big absence.	Sean Houlihan	
6	VIVID PINK (51) 60/24U-252 5 11-7 73.0kg	h	96
	Alan King Bounced back to form when second of 11 in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (19.6f, good) 51 days ago. Good chance of making the frame with a repeat.	Tom Cannon	
7	PRAIRIE DIAMOND (IRE) (7) 4406-3831 5 11-4 71.7kg	h	100
	Martin Keighley Bumper winner who got off the mark over hurdles in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Wincanton (19.8f, good to soft, 17/2) last week, by 4½ lengths from Sassified. Escapes a penalty for that success, so has obvious claims of following up.	Daire McConville (7lb/3kg)	
8	UGO BINGO (FR) (14) P-6534 5 11-2 70.8kg	t	93
	Anthony Charlton Lightly-raced maiden who shaped better than the distance beaten suggests in a first-time tongue strap when fourth of 9 in handicap hurdle at this course (16.5f, good, 7/1) 14 days ago. Worth a try at this longer trip.	Jonathan Burke	
9	KINTARO (7) 8329504 4 11-1 70.3kg	s	93
	David Pipe Seems to be going through the motions at present, finishing only fourth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (15.2f, good to soft) 7 days ago. Back up in trip.	Gearoid Harney (7lb/3kg)	
10	OF CORSE I CAN (FR) (565) 28600/7- 7 10-12 68.9kg	h	95
	Neil Mulholland In the frame in points and offered something to work on when second of 6 in novice hurdle at Ffos Las in June 2022. Little show since and now returns from 18 months off in a first-time hood.	Eddie Edge (7lb/3kg)	

11	GRAIN TRADE (25) 0/P89-4 5 10-12 68.9kg	h	94
	Billy Aprahamian Lightly-raced maiden under NH rules who made more impact than previously when fourth of 11 in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (19.6f, good) 25 days ago. May do better still.	K. Brogan	
12	HARRY GULLIVER (25) 5/60-F0U13 6 10-11 68.5kg		94
	Alex Hales Opened his account at Huntingdon in October and ran at least as well in defeat back there (19.6f, good, 11/2) 25 days ago. Should remain competitive.	Bryan Carver	
13	FOOTLOOSE MAN (29) 8-7314436 5 10-11 68.5kg	t	96
	Richard Hobson Winner at Fontwell in August but underperformed back over a slightly shorter trip when only sixth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Fakenham (20f, good) 29 days ago. Needs to bounce back.	Lilly Pinchin	
14	SASSIFIED (IRE) (7) (D, BF) 6-6984482 6 10-9 67.6kg	b	95
	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Has slipped in the weights and ran better than for a while when 4½ lengths second of 10 to Prairie Diamond in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (19.8f, good to soft, 3/1) 7 days ago. Has same mark to work with.	Harry Cobden	
15	CHESTER TONIK (FR) (40) 6P-78 4 10-6 66.2kg	t	87
	Alexandra Dunn Modest/temperamental on Flat (stays 1¼m) and has made little impact in varied events over hurdles.	J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)	
16	TOO SHARP (IRE) (7) 994/P768U 5 10-4 65.3kg	b+t	92
	Daisy Hitchins Poor maiden hurdler who has shown little for current yard, including in handicaps. Blinkers on for 1st time.	Harry Reed	

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Prairie Diamond, 8-1 Sassified, 17-2 Zhang Fei, 10-1 Harry Gulliver, 12-1 Bigz Belief, 12-1 Vivid Pink, 14-1 West Park Boy, 14-1 Grain Trade, 16-1 Mactavish, 18-1 Ugo Bingo, 22-1 Footloose Man, 22-1 Fine By Her, 33-1 Kintaro, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PRAIRIE DIAMOND escapes a penalty for last week's Wincanton success and is the percentage call to follow up. Harry Gulliver ran well in a race that appeals as solid form at Huntingdon on his most recent outing, while handicap-debutant West Park Boy and Bigz Belief, who was running well when falling 2 out at Exeter, are other interesting rivals.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PRAIRIE DIAMOND 2. HARRY GULLIVER 3. WEST PARK BOY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 ¹	Gyllen 8-10-8	9-2	Kayley Woollacott	Rex Dingle	11
2023 ¹	Noble Savage 8-11-6	7-2jf	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jordan Nailor	10
2022	Moveit Like Minnie 5-12-1	5-2f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Finn Lambert (7)	15
2021	Kendelu 6-11-5	15-2	Nigel Hawke	K. E. Buckley (5)	14
2020	Sehayli 7-11-0	6-4f	Johnny Farrelly	K. Brogan (7)	16
2019	Dan Gun 5-11-5	2-1f	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace (3)	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

MIKE TRICKEY AND GEOFF WHITE MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £11,300 2¼m40y (3660 Metres)



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

Right handed, sharp. Fences have been traditionally regarded as small and easy, yet the casualty rate on the chase course is high. The low quality of horses which contest the vast majority of races is undoubtedly a factor, whilst the sharp nature of the course is another, the third last a particularly tricky obstacle.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 PADDY IN THE CADDY (IRE) (71b/3kg ex) (8) 100
06715-71 5 12-1 | 76.7kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Sean Houlihan**
Advanced his form under a change of tactics when landing 8-runner handicap chase at Warwick (16.2f, soft) 8 days ago, making all. The one to beat under a 7 lb penalty. Engaged 12.50 Hereford Wednesday.

2 SHUIL CEOIL (IRE) (20) 69
24P2-44P5 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Neil Mulholland **Richie McLernon**
Fair winner at 22f over hurdles who was in good form earlier this year but he's made a discouraging start to chasing career, pulled up at Worcester before finishing tailed off at Fontwell earlier in the month. Has a background in points so it's too soon to be writing him off.

3 IMPERIAL JOE (IRE) (156) (C) 92
2/454335-7 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Tim Dennis **Jonathan Burke**
Course winner who wasn't at his very best in 2023/24 and made a disappointing return from 9 weeks off when well held at Newton Abbot (21f, good) when last seen 5 months ago. Has dropped below his last winning mark but needs to show more before becoming of interest.

4 HOLERDAY RIDGE (IRE) (78) (D) 91
P/7134-PP5 9 11-9 | 73.9kg



Claire Hitch **Elizabeth Gale (71b/3kg)**
Fair winner over hurdles and came good over fences in a 19f Ffos Las handicap in May 2023. Belatedly showed some ability remains after a 7-week break when 8 lengths fifth of 13 to Gerard Mentor at Worcester (16.5f, good) in September but needs to build on that.

5 VENTARA (30) (BF) 96
F54/24-2 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Joe Tizzard **Brendan Powell**
Made the frame on all 3 handicap starts, resuming his progress in going closer than previously after 11 months off when head second of 14 in handicap at Chepstow (16f, good to soft) last month. Now switches to the larger obstacles and remains firmly of interest.

6 SONG OF EARTH (IRE) (27) 97
56/P7P-735 9 11-8 | 73.5kg



Julian Smith **Kielan Woods**
A three-time winner for Margaret Mullins in Ireland. Below that level for this yard, but more like it when third at Worcester in June and was left poorly placed on his return from 5 months off at Uttoxeter recently. Could be building up to something from this much-reduced mark.

7 NADIM (IRE) (24) (D) 92
R330636U 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Daisy Hitchins **Harry Reed**
Scored 3 times over hurdles in 2023 and showed some promise sent chasing for his new yard when third in Stratford novice handicap. Has gone over the edge temperament wise subsequently though, swerving and unseating rider before the first at Plumpton earlier in the month.

8 GERARD MENTOR (FR) (21) 96
466061P2 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Kim Bailey **Tom Bellamy**
Encouragingly built on chase debut effort when landing 13-runner handicap at Worcester in September and having ran a shocker at Southwell next time, got back on track when runner-up at Ludlow earlier in the month, despite failing to go through with his effort. Needs treating with caution.

9 TRIBESMANS GLORY (IRE) (182) 95
P36026-61 10 11-0 | 69.9kg



Chris Down **Ben Ffrench Davis (51b/2kg)**
Fair winning chaser for Tom George in 2020 and belatedly opened account for this yard when narrowly prevailing at Warwick (2½m, good to soft) when last seen 6 months ago. 4 lb rise fair enough but he's no certainty to follow that up with another good effort on return.

10 STOPHERANDGO (IRE) (32) 70
26/P93P8-P 7 11-0 | 69.9kg



Kevin Pickard **Gearoid Harney (71b/3kg)**
A modest winner at 15f over hurdles but little to shout about on both starts over the larger obstacles, pulled up on return at Wincanton last month. Can only be watched.

11 NOAH'S LIGHT (IRE) (38) 96
7-2P51825 7 10-5 | 65.8kg



Richenda Ford **Lewis Stones (31b/1kg)**
Beaten a long way on all 3 starts now when attempting to repeat the tactics of his all-the-way win at Newton Abbot in July, dropping away quickly at the end of the back straight at Plumpton last month. Others preferred.

12 MY ROCKSTAR (IRE) (182) 94
713/6PP6-3 8 10-4 | 65.3kg



Helen Rees **Ben Godfrey**
Left previous efforts behind when off the mark at Wincanton in spring 2023 and ran much better than he had since the end of that campaign when 2¼ lengths third of 10 to Tribesmans Glory at Warwick (20f, good to soft) when last seen in May. Likely to need this outing.

13 MISS MARETTE (8) 91
4-P50566R 8 10-3 | 64.9kg



Chris Down **Bryan Carver**
Winner over hurdles at Exeter over a year ago but has struggled for the most part since, blotting her copybook by refusing to race in handicap chase at Warwick last week. Can only be watched after that.

14 SKIN FULL (IRE) (56) 96
00P-9 5 10-2 | 64.4kg



David Pipe **David Noonan**
Cost plenty after finishing second in a point but no impact under Rules so far, latest after 5 months off when tailed off at Warwick (16f, good) 8 weeks ago. Needs the switch to fences/a handicap to have a major impact.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Ventara, 10-3 Paddy In The Caddy, 7-1 Gerard Mentor, 12-1 Tribesmans Glory, 20-1 Song of Earth, 20-1 My Rockstar, 20-1 Nadim, 20-1 Holerday Ridge, 22-1 Miss Marette, 25-1 Shuil Ceoil, 33-1 Imperial Joe, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

With Paddy In The Caddy's participation in considerable doubt (declared to run at Hereford on Wednesday), this may be best left to VENTARA, who has made the frame on all 3 handicap starts over hurdles and Joe Tizzard's 6-y-o can make his breakthrough with attentions now turned to the larger obstacles. Song Of Earth seems to be building up to something so heads up the opposition, with Gerard Mentor and Tribesmans Glory rounding off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. VENTARA 2. SONG OF EARTH 3. GERARD MENTOR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Abingworth 5-12-0	13-2 Gary Moore	David Noonan	11
2022	Miladygrace 7-9-13	8-1 Martin Keighley	Adam Wedge	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**FESTIVE FIXTURE 12th DECEMBER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT
FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,999 2m104y (3310 Metres)**

RACE 7



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

Right handed, sharp. Fences have been traditionally regarded as small and easy, yet the casualty rate on the chase course is high. The low quality of horses which contest the vast majority of races is undoubtedly a factor, whilst the sharp nature of the course is another, the third last a particularly tricky obstacle.

Pace Information: **Weak**

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SERVICE MINIMUM 2. CALIMYSTIC 3. DOCTOR BLUE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 BEN LOMOND (IRE) 87
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Daisy Hitchins *Mr Robbie David (71b/3kg)*
Gleneagles gelding. Closely related to a winner and half-brother to 5 winners on Flat, including smart/ungenuine 7f winner (first past post in 1000 Guineas) Jacqueline Quest. Dam 1½m-17f winner. Worth a precautionary betting check.

2 BUILD YOUR DREAM (FR) 95
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*
€90,000 No Risk At All gelding. Dam, maiden over hurdles/fences in France, half-sister to French hurdler (2m-2¼m winner) Valkevi. Highly respected on debut for Paul Nicholls.

3 CALIMYSTIC (IRE) 94
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Henderson *James Bowen*
Califet half-brother to 4 winners, including useful hurdler/smart chaser Angels Breath and fairly useful hurdler Outofthisworld. Makes obvious paper appeal for a leading stable with a very strong bumper record.

4 DOCTOR BLUE (FR) 94
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Sam Thomas *Dylan Johnston (31b/1kg)*
Doctor Dino gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including smart French hurdler/chaser The Stomp and fairly useful French hurdler/chaser Vlatan. Another very interesting newcomer in this line-up.

5 ESCAPOLOGIST (FR) (43) 88
74 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Joe Ponting *Charlie Hammond*
Left May's Fontwell debut well behind when 5 lengths fourth of 12 at Worcester (2m, heavy, 125/1) 43 days ago.

6 STINGINHISSTEP (22) 65
8 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Susan Gardner *Lucy Gardner*
150/1, eighth of 10 in bumper at Chepstow (2m, good to soft) on debut 22 days ago, weakening after racing keenly.

7 BORDER GEM 86
4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Jeremy Scott *David Noonan*
Gemix filly. Dam (h94), winning pointer/maiden under Rules who stayed 3m, half-sister to bumper winner/useful hurdler (2m-2½m winner) As I Am.

8 FEELING FRISKY (FR) 79
4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Keiran Burke *Miss Roisin Leech (71b/3kg)*
Battle of Marengo filly. Half-sister to a point winner. Dam (c105/h107) 17f-3m hurdle winner. The stable is 2-38 in bumpers in the last 5 seasons.

9 SERVICE MINIMUM (FR) (41) 100
3 4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Atkins (71b/3kg)*
15/2, shaped well when 5 lengths third of 12 in bumper at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft) 6 weeks ago. From a top stable and can be expected to improve.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Service Minimum, **4-1** Build Your Dream, **9-2** Calimystic, **9-2** Doctor Blue, **14-1** Escapologist, **20-1** Ben Lomond, **33-1** Border Gem, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Dan Skelton's SERVICE MINIMUM gets the vote after her promising debut effort but Calimystic, Doctor Blue and Build Your Dream are newcomers from yards with good bumper records and would represent possible big dangers should the betting speak in their favour.