

Saturday 28th December

NEWBURY



12.05 PLAY CORAL "RACING-SUPER-SERIES" FOR FREE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m69y (3280 Metres)

RACE 1 **(4) PANIC ATTACK | (5) SUNSET MARQUESA | (9) ASIAN SPICE**

12.37 CORAL "DAILY REWARDS SHAKER" 'INTRODUCTORY' HURDLE (3) 2m69y (3280 Metres)

RACE 2 **(8) LA MARQUISE | (1) AKIMOS | (11) STAR TIME**

1.12 CORAL "WE'RE HERE FOR IT" HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m92y (3300 Metres)

RACE 3 **(6) BALLYBREEZE | (5) THE FAMOUS FIVE | (1) SKYCUTTER**

1.45 CORAL RACING CLUB JOIN FOR FREE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2½m118y (4130 Metres)

RACE 4 **(5) MR BRAMLEY | (4) GO TO WAR | (6) MR HOPE STREET**

2.20 CORAL MANDARIN HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3m1f214y (5220 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) HENRY'S FRIEND | (4) BRAVE KINGDOM | (8) HOE JOLY SMOKE**

2.55 CORAL CHALLOW NOVICES' HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 2½m118y (4130 Metres)

RACE 6 **(6) THE NEW LION | (1) BILL JOYCE | (5) REGENT'S STROLL**

3.35 CORAL "PIPPED-AT-THE POST" AND WIN NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2¾m93y (4510 Metres)

RACE 7 **(6) THEFORMISMIGHTY | (2) SHANAGH BOB | (4) INTHEWATERSIDE**

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.

12.05

RACE 1

PLAY CORAL "RACING-SUPER-SERIES" FOR FREE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-125) £17,500 2m69y (3280 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 SPRING NOTE (IRE) (28) (CD)  **89**
216/7110-P 6 12-2 | 77.1kg



Nicky Henderson

Freddie Gordon (5lb/2kg)

Disappointing on return but 3-3 here previously, including victory in this race 12 months ago, and she should bounce back.

2 BREAK MY SOUL (IRE) (36) (D, BF) **99**
3231-124 5 12-1 | 76.7kg



Nicky Henderson

Nico de Boinville

£290,000 Irish point winner who scored twice over hurdles last spring at Chepstow/Fontwell. Went close at Ascot on return but found little when disappointing back there next time. Hood goes on.

3 TITANIUM MOON (289) (D) **96**
2111137- 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Thrived over hurdles in summer 2023, completing a 4-timer. Stiff task in the Dawn Run at Cheltenham when last seen and goes handicapping on return.

4 PANIC ATTACK (IRE) (24) (CD) **98**
271343/3 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Three-time hurdles winner (including this race in 2020) for David Pipe who shaped as if retaining all her ability, back from 22 months off, behind Tour Ovalie at Ludlow on debut for new yard 24 days ago. Entitled to build on that and could go well.

5 SUNSET MARQUESA (IRE) (37)  **100**
1433-21 5 11-3 | 71.2kg

Joe Tizzard **Brendan Powell**

Went one better than on her hurdling debut at Wincanton last month, clearly having learnt from that as her jumping was more assured. Will go on improving and leading claims on handicap bow.

6 TOUR OVALIE (FR) (24) (D) **98**
22-154311 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Evan Williams

Isabel Williams (3lb/1kg)

Proving to be steadily progressive and overcame a 3 lb rise for her Hereford win as she scored with a bit up her sleeve at Ludlow. This is tougher still but she clearly can't be discounted.

7 BARRONS LAND (IRE) (43) **88**
4-1146119 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Laura Horsfall

K. Brogan

Gained a fourth success of a very productive first half of the season when proving a length too strong for a subsequent winner at Sedgefield in October. Left Donald McCain after and was well beaten starting out for this yard at Southwell.

8 PLANTAROMA (FR) (22) (BF) **96**
262-22 4 10-12 | 68.9kg



Tom Symonds

Ben Poste

Fair form in bumpers and has made a decent start over hurdles, beaten only by an exciting prospect at Chepstow on return then clear of the rest when second again at Sedgefield. Could have more to offer now handicapping.

9 ASIAN SPICE (13) (D) **99**
1840-2411 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Jimmy Frost

Bryony Frost

Made it back-to-back wins in 2m mares' handicap at Windsor a fortnight ago. Another career-high mark to overcome in a tougher race but she's clearly going the right way.

10 MUCUNA (GER) (33) (D) **97**
2111/53-65 5 10-8 | 67.1kg



Anthony Charlton

Gavin Sheehan

Won 4 juvenile hurdles in summer 2022. Quite lightly raced since, well beaten in 2 runs back this term. Her mark is falling.

11 STRONG BELLE (31) (D) **99**
PF21-P502 6 10-6 | 66.2kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**

Bagged 2m mares' maiden at Bangor in February and back to form returned to this trip when second at Hereford last month. 1 lb lower here.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Sunset Marquesa, **13-2** Panic Attack, **7-1** Break My Soul, **15-2** Tour Ovalie, **8-1** Asian Spice, **9-1** Plantaroma, **14-1** Strong Belle, **16-1** Titanium Moon, **16-1** Spring Note, **33-1** Mucuna, **33-1** Barrons Land

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PANIC ATTACK ran well back from a long absence for her new yard at Ludlow and might be worth chancing to repeat her 2020 win in this. Sunset Marquesa slammed her rivals at Wincanton and is a major contender now handicapping. Asian Spice and Tour Ovalie are on hat-tricks and have to be respected.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PANIC ATTACK 2. SUNSET MARQUESA 3. ASIAN SPICE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Spring Note 5-11-0	11-4f	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	9
2022	Midnight Ginger 6-11-9	8-1	Andrew Martin	James Martin (7)	9
2021	Gran Luna 5-11-8	10-3f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	7
2020	Panic Attack 4-11-9	10-3	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	8
2019	Fair Kate 5-10-10	8-1	Tom Lacey	Richard Johnson	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.37**CORAL "DAILY REWARDS SHAKER" 'INTRODUCTORY'
HURDLE (3) 3yo+ £15,000 2m69y (3280 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 AKIMOS (IRE) 92
4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nicky Henderson *Nico de Boinville*
€45,000 3-y-o, Westerner gelding. Dam 21f hurdle winner (stayed 3m), half-sister to useful hurdler/very smart chaser (stayed 2¾m) Starchitect. Makes plenty of appeal on paper and yard have won this twice in recent years.

2 IN LIMBO (IRE) (22) 88
4 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Chris Down *Ben Ffrench Davis (5lb/2kg)*
Placed all 3 starts in points and showed plenty to work on returning from 20 months off on recent hurdles debut at Exeter. Entitled to improve.

3 KAP BOY (FR) (78) (D) 89
13-P 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*
Winning bumper debut at Chepstow last season and third at Newbury in January, but shaped as if amiss sent hurdling at former track after 9 months off/breathing operation. Bit to prove now.

4 KOAPEY (FR) (48) 90
22 4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Warren Greatrex *James Bowen*
Has made a promising start in bumper and 2m novice hurdle at Ffos Las (had breathing operation in between). Open to improvement.

5 NOBLE PARK (IRE) (16) 79
86 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nicky Henderson *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Well held in Sandown bumper and 21f Warwick maiden hurdle.

6 PESO (IRE) (78) 87
4 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
Third sole start in Irish points and showed something to work on 18 months later in 2m Chepstow novice hurdle. Should build on that.

7 WOTTER TROTTER (IRE) (20) 90
4 4 11-7 | 73.0kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*
From a good jumping family and caught the eye on debut at Huntingdon 3 weeks ago, belying his long odds as he fared easily best of those held up. Sure to improve for top yard.

8 LA MARQUISE (FR) (65) (D) 100
1713-1 4 11-5 | 72.1kg



Jamie Snowden *Gavin Sheehan*
Dual bumper winner who finished an excellent third in the Nickel Coin at Aintree and gave that form another boost when making a successful debut over hurdles at Ludlow, getting there late but looking a good bit better than that in overcoming some inexperience. Useful prospect.

9 LUNA DE CASTANA (IRE) (287) 75
35- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Georgina Nicholls *Lorcan Williams*
Well held in bumpers last season (well backed on debut). Work to do now hurdling.

10 MEDIA STYLE (FR) (12) (BF) 87
7 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Venetia Williams *Charlie Deutsch*
Well backed but proved green and well beaten in Plumpton bumper on recent debut.

11 STAR TIME 90
3 10-6 | 66.2kg



Alan King *Tom Cannon*
Fairly useful form on Flat (stays 1½m), improved when winning last 2 starts. Interesting on hurdles debut in receipt of 3-y-o allowance.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 La Marquise, **6-1** Akimos, **8-1** Koapey, **17-2** Wotter Trotter, **17-2** Star Time, **10-1** Kap Boy, **16-1** In Limbo, **20-1** Peso, **25-1** Media Style, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LA MARQUISE overcame inexperience and was value for extra when scoring first time up over hurdles at Ludlow, seeing off Thursday's Fontwell winner Kalium, and she looks a useful prospect. She can follow up. Akimos and 3-y-o Star Time are interesting starting out in this sphere, while Wotter Trotter can improve on his encouraging debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LA MARQUISE 2. AKIMOS 3. STAR TIME

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Jeriko du Reponet 4-11-12	2-5f	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	5
2022	Jupiter du Gite 3-10-6	66-1	Gary Moore	Niall Houlihan (3)	11
2021	Peking Rose 6-11-5	evsf	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	13
2020	Good Ball 3-10-6	9-4f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	12
2019	Mister Coffey 4-11-5	11-8f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	17

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.12**CORAL "WE'RE HERE FOR IT" HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+
(Rated 0-125) £21,000 2m92y (3300 Metres)****RACE 3**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak****1 SKYCUTTER (FR) (16) (D) 95**

24130-221 6 12-1 | 76.7kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Winning hurdler for this yard last season and off the mark over fences in 2m novice handicap at Warwick a fortnight ago, a more positive ride getting the best out of him as he saw off The Good Doctor. Player if allowed to kick on again.

2 JETRONIC (FR) (28) 92

61/2516-P5 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



Gary & Josh Moore

**Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)**

Chase winner in France and ran much better than on his yard debut here 4 weeks ago, clearly well suited by the return to chasing. Interesting if building on that.

3 THE GOOD DOCTOR (FR) (16) 96

314128P-2 5 11-9 | 73.9kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Fairly useful hurdler who looks the part for chasing and entitled to progress from good first try back from 8 months off here a fortnight ago, the only one to emerge from the pack to threaten the front-running Skycutter. One to consider.

4 NO RISK WITH LOU (FR) (14) (D, BF) 95

5/6135-1U3 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Alex Hales

Kielan Woods

Dual winning chaser who looked set to go close when unseating 4 out at Doncaster last month and ran respectably when set a lot to do there a fortnight ago. One to consider.

5 THE FAMOUS FIVE (FR) (13) (D) 94

33411-73 6 11-6 | 72.6kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Fairly useful over hurdles and showed aptitude for chasing at Windsor a fortnight ago. Entitled to do better, just the type his yard excels with.

6 BALLYBREEZE (40) (D) 100

17F/U-9 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Samuel Drinkwater

Tom Bellamy

Made winning start over fences at Chepstow (2m) in October 2022. Lightly raced since, but well backed and shaped better than the bare result after 12 months off over hurdles at Leicester 6 weeks ago, travelling into things with purpose before an error knocked the stuffing out of him. Interesting.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Skycutter, **3-1** The Good Doctor, **4-1** The Famous Five, **6-1** Ballybreeze, **15-2** No Risk With Lou, **20-1** Jetronic

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BALLYBREEZE has been given a chance by the handicapper back over fences and could be worth supporting after catching the eye on his return from a year off at Leicester. The Famous Five is just the type to better his fairly useful hurdles form over fences for Venetia Williams after a promising effort at Windsor and he's feared most ahead of Warwick 1-2 Skycutter and The Good Doctor.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. BALLYBREEZE 2. THE FAMOUS FIVE 3. SKYCUTTER****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	Issar d'Airy 5-11-3	4-1	Gary Moore	Niall Houlihan (3)	5
2022	Gamaret 6-11-4	5-2f	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	10
2021	Gallic Geordie 8-10-1	9-4f	Samuel Drinkwater	Adam Wedge	8
2020	Funambule Sivola 5-11-11	9-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	8
2019	Defi Sacre 6-11-10	9-4f	Richard Hobson	James Best	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.45**CORAL RACING CLUB JOIN FOR FREE HANDICAP HURDLE (3)
3yo+ (Rated 0-135) £26,000 2½m118y (4130 Metres)**

RACE 4

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft (Good in places Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 RIGHTSOTOM (GER) (28) 97
264/1-71 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Joe Tizzard **Brendan Powell**
Looked promising in spring 2023 for Thomas Mullins and all the fitter for return to action when landing a few bets at Doncaster a month ago. Raised 8 lb but lightly raced and may have more to offer.

2 SPIRIT D'AUNOU (FR) (21) s ★ 100
1/41005-F6 5 11-13 | 75.7kg



Gary & Josh Moore **Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)**
Made it 5 wins in 6 starts at Sandown a year ago but his progress has come to a halt since, never looking like justifying market support in his repeat bid 3 weeks ago, Cheekpieces now on upped in trip and he does figure on a dangerous mark.

3 WELSH CHARGER (IRE) (57) 96
121/4119-1 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Alastair Ralph **David Noonan**
Took his form up a notch last season, bagging handicaps at Market Rasen and Musselburgh. Found his run of good form coming to halt at Kempton on final start but well prepared to make a successful reappearance after 8 months off at Wetherby last month. Up 6 lb in a better race.

4 GO TO WAR (IRE) (20) (BF) 97
18/U311-2 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nicky Henderson **Nico de Boinville**
Uttoxeter bumper winner who got off the mark at the third time of asking over hurdles at Ludlow last December. Had wind surgery before following up 3 months later back there before leaving one excellent yard for another. Second of 7 when odds-on for handicap debut 3 weeks ago. Up in trip.

5 MR BRAMLEY (31) 99
52/2113-1 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Jedd O'Keeffe **Conor O'Farrell**
Progressive in bumpers and similar story over hurdles, taking his record to 3 wins from 4 starts in this sphere in 6-runner handicap at Wetherby (19.7f) 4 weeks ago, keeping on well. Major claims with further progress distinctly possible.

6 MR HOPE STREET (IRE) (16) (D) 96
5081-1211 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**
Progressive handicapper who took another step forward to make it 4 wins from his last 5 starts in 11-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (21f) 2 weeks ago, with bit in hand. Looks well worth his place in this deeper handicap with promise of more to come.

7 JIPCOT (FR) (45) t 91
0/7F313-78 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Kielan Woods**
Won 2m Huntingdon handicap hurdle in March. Impressed with how he travelled when third of 16 in Imperial Cup at Sandown (2m, soft) later that month (final start for Ben Pauling). Never involved in Welsh Champion Hurdle on return for new yard and also well held at Bangor. Since had a breathing op.

8 HOOPER (16) b 90
33334/3-49 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Henderson **James Bowen**
Quirky sort who shaped as if better for the run back from a long absence when fourth of 7 at Newbury last month. Up in trip with cheekpieces back on and ran even worse at Warwick. Blinkers replace cheekpieces.

9 LUCKY ONE (FR) (413) 89
8221/6886- 9 11-1 | 70.3kg



Jennie Candlish **Miss Roisin Leech (7lb/3kg)**
Pulled up sharply on chase debut final start for Dan Selton in May 2022. Successful twice at Auteuil for Sophie Leech since, exceeding expectations a couple of times in good company last year. Off 13 months and market will be best guide for new yard.

10 GETALEAD (IRE) (16) (D) s+t 98
54-P11815 8 11-1 | 70.3kg



Kevin Pickard **Gearoid Harney (7lb/3kg)**
Returned from 6 months off in fine form, benefiting from return to calmer waters when making it 3 wins from last 4 starts at Wincanton (19.8f). Up 4 lb and gave another good account of himself at Taunton 16 days ago.

11 BLAIRGOWRIE (IRE) (24) (C) b 93
2-PF 8 10-5 | 65.8kg



Nicky Henderson **Sam Twiston-Davies**
Off the mark over hurdles in 13-runner handicap at Newbury at the end of the 2021/22 season and made an encouraging belated return/chase debut when second there in January. Failed to complete both starts since and has questions to answer back over timber with blinkers on.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Go To War, **9-2** Mr Hope Street, **6-1** Mr Bramley, **17-2** Rightsotom, **11-1** Welsh Charger, **12-1** Spirit D'aunou, **14-1** Getalead, **16-1** Lucky One, **18-1** Blairgowrie, **22-1** Jipcot, **33-1** Hooper

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MR BRAMLEY continued his theme of race-by-race progress when a decisive winner at Wetherby on return a month ago and given his profile, he's selected to take the step up in class in his stride. There's depth to this race, with Go To War, Mr Hope Street and Spirit d'Aunou all of interest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MR BRAMLEY 2. GO TO WAR 3. MR HOPE STREET

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.20**CORAL MANDARIN HANDICAP CHASE (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-145) £75,000 3m1f214y (5220 Metres)**

RACE 5

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft (Good in places Chase course)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 CRUZ CONTROL (FR) (2) t **95**
22511-47P 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Tom Lacey

Stan Sheppard

Ended last term with 3m chase win here and shaped well when fourth of 12 in handicap chase at Punchestown (24.5f, soft) a month later under an attacking ride. Spin over hurdles in October ought to have put him spot on but he was never really travelling at Wetherby on Boxing Day.

2 SURREY QUEST (IRE) (41) (CD) t **94**
447/1102-2 7 11-13 | 75.7kg



Toby Lawes

K. Brogan

Dual hurdles winner for Nicky Henderson and improved when bagging chase victories at Huntingdon and Newbury either side of last Christmas. Failed by the narrowest of margins in the Scottish National at Ayr final start and he stuck to his task when occupying same spot on last month's return.

3 HENRY'S FRIEND (IRE) (28) (C) s **96**
0/5111P-45 7 11-12 | 75.3kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Recorded a hat-trick in novice chases last season, including a Grade 2 at Ascot. Pulled up in National Hunt Chase on final outing but with a reappearance spin under his belt, he returned to form in re-fitted cheekpieces when fifth over C&D a month ago.

4 BRAVE KINGDOM (FR) (315) (C) t **97**
11P- 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



Paul Nicholls

Bryony Frost

Looked good when winning first 2 chases last winter. Something presumably not right when well beaten in Grade 2 Reynoldstown at Ascot in February (won by Henry's Friend) and very much the type to resume his progression this season given the yard he represents

5 INCH HOUSE (IRE) (28) (C) s+t **100**
1/31124F-P 7 11-6 | 72.6kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Lightly-raced winner over hurdles who progressed well for switch to chasing, landing back-to-back handicaps here prior to a solid second at Cheltenham (25.2f). Disappointed subsequently, including on debut for Paul Nicholls and cheekpieces now added. Better expected.

6 HYMAC (IRE) (41) (BF) t **97**
32/P321-13 8 11-4 | 71.7kg



Harry Fry

Bryan Carver

Proved well suited by a step up to 3½m when opening his chase account (28f) in April. Coped well with drop back in trip when making a winning return back hurdling at Newton Abbot and shaped well back over the larger obstacles when third at Cheltenham a month ago.

7 HOLD THAT TAUGHT (342) (D) **95**
4596/11P- 9 11-4 | 71.7kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Often held back by his jumping/attitude but did little wrong when taking advantage of drop in the weights at Ascot on his return a year ago and backed that up when overcoming a couple of errors at Bangor. Never really going in the Surrey National in January and off since.

8 HOE JOLY SMOKE (22) t **96**
23P/32-21 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Successful sole outing between the flags and matched hurdles form at first time of asking in this sphere when second of 6 in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (20f, good to soft). Built on that promise when a smooth winner over 3m at Sandown and limit not yet reached.

9 HUDSON DE GRUGY (FR) (18) v **97**
1P/3F37-P1 7 10-10 | 68.0kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)

Gained breakthrough success over fences in Grade 3 Sandown novices' handicap back in April 2023. Very well treated on that form and he cashed in at Fontwell 18 days ago, (19.5f). Significantly back up in trip and this is a deeper race.

10 POPPA POUTINE (IRE) (23)

352476/61 8 10-8 | 67.1kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

Given a chance by the assessor and returned to form when gamely landing 6-runner handicap chase at Wincanton (25.1f, heavy) 23 days ago. Just 3 lb higher here and warrants respect in this better race.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Hoe Joly Smoke, **13-2** Inch House, **7-1** Henry's Friend, **8-1** Brave Kingdom, **8-1** Hymac, **10-1** Surrey Quest, **11-1** Poppa Poutine, **12-1** Hold That Taught, **14-1** Cruz Control, **16-1** Hudson De Grugy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HENRY'S FRIEND looked a staying chaser going places last term and having returned to form over this C&D a month ago, he's fancied to build on that. Brave Kingdom finished behind the selection at Ascot last winter but he remains capable of better, with Hoe Joly Smoke another to take seriously.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HENRY'S FRIEND 2. BRAVE KINGDOM 3. HOE JOLY SMOKE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Surrey Quest 6-11-7	7-2	Toby Lawes	James Bowen	11
2022	Grumpy Charley 7-12-0	15-2	Chris Honour	Bryan Carver	13
2021	Saint Palais 4-11-3	7-4f	Richard Bandey	Harry Bannister	12
2020	Amateur 7-10-0	10-1	John Flint	Jamie Bargary	14
2019	Copperhead 5-11-11	3-1f	Colin Tizzard	Harry Cobden	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.55**CORAL CHALLOW NOVICES' HURDLE (Grade 1) (1) 4yo+
£100,000 2½m118y (4130 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

Left handed, galloping with few undulations. One of the fairest courses in the country, though its galloping nature does suit the big, long-striding type. The chase course is regarded as being fairly stiff, though the casualty rate is no more than average compared to all GB tracks. Leaders are rarely overhauled on the chase run-in for all it often looks as though they might be, especially from the elbow. The ground can vary from chase course to hurdles course, with the latter sometimes more testing.

Pace Information: **Even****1 BILL JOYCE (IRE) (22) 99**

110-11 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

£225,000 point recruit who won his first 2 bumpers. Found the Champion Bumper at Cheltenham too much but he outclassed 7 opponents with a striking success at Carlisle and also dominated a Grade 2 at Sandown 3 weeks ago. Limit not yet reached.

2 ELECTRIC MASON (IRE) (28) 93

3120-213 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Chris Gordon

Rex Dingle

Point recruit who opened his account in bumpers at Kempton in February. Off the mark over hurdles at the second attempt at Fontwell and better form upped in class when third over C&D. Has work to do with The New Lion.

3 FIRST CONFESSION (IRE) (36) 94

31 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Bought for £140,000 after winning sole outing in points and made a highly-encouraging hurdling debut when third in 8-runner novice at Cheltenham (19.9f). Still green when landing the odds at Ascot a month ago and he has plenty of long-term potential.

4 IT'S HARD TO KNOW (IRE) (23) (D) 92

11 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Ben Pauling

Ben Jones

Won sole start in Irish points (Feb 2024) and justified support to make a winning hurdles debut in novice at Lingfield (19.5f) 23 days ago, jumping fluently on the whole and finding extra. Again looked a straightforward sort when following up under a penalty at Market Rasen.

5 REGENT'S STROLL (IRE) (29) (C) 97

11-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Won both bumpers last season, looking a very promising sort for hurdles when seeing off 19 rivals in a valuable event here for second win. £660,000 purchase for new owners after and he overcame a bad error when landing the odds on hurdles debut here (2m) a month ago. Lots more to come.

6 THE NEW LION (28) (CD) 100

1-11 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Bred to stay well but showed no shortage of speed when winning a Market Rasen bumper on debut in April. Scored at first time of asking in this sphere at Chepstow (19.4f) in October and maintained unblemished record in a C&D novice a month ago. Looks smart.

7 WENDIGO (FR) (51) 89

311-21 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Jamie Snowden

Gavin Sheehan

£70,000 recruit from the Irish pointing field who built on his Worcester debut third when winning brace of bumpers a year ago. Landed the odds on second hurdles start at Ludlow but this a different ask.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 The New Lion, **5-2** Regent's Stroll, **7-2** Bill Joyce, **16-1** First Confession, **20-1** It's Hard To Know, **22-1** Wendigo, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The best of the early-season British novices clash in what should be a most-informative Challow Hurdle. Marginal preference is for THE NEW LION, who looked all quality when winning a C&D novice a month ago. Bill Joyce will get further in time but he remains of serious interest over any trip given his ability, with the highly-regarded Regent's Stroll a serious player, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THE NEW LION 2. BILL JOYCE 3. REGENT'S STROLL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Captain Teague 5-11-7	2-1f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9
2022	Hermes Allen 5-11-7	11-10f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	12
2021	Stage Star 5-11-7	5-4f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	7
2020	Bravemansgame 5-11-7	5-2jf	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	5
2019	Thyme Hill 5-11-7	4-6f	Philip Hobbs	Richard Johnson	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

CORAL "PIPPED-AT-THE POST" AND WIN NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-140) £21,000 2¾m93y (4510 Metres)Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places Chase course)**

Left handed, galloping with few undulations. One of the fairest courses in the country, though its galloping nature does suit the big, long-striding type. The chase course is regarded as being fairly stiff, though the casualty rate is no more than average compared to all GB tracks. Leaders are rarely overhauled on the chase run-in for all it often looks as though they might be, especially from the elbow. The ground can vary from chase course to hurdles course, with the latter sometimes more testing.

Pace Information: **Weak****1 ROCK MY WAY (IRE) (29) s+t 97**

056232-31 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Anthony Charlton

Gavin Sheehan

Grade 2 winner over hurdles in 2023 who was placed all 3 starts over fences earlier this year for Syd Hosie. Stepped up on reappearance/stable debut when landing 3-runner handicap chase at Doncaster a month ago, kept up to work.

2 SHANAGH BOB (IRE) (34) (BF) 92

114-5 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Nicky Henderson

Nico de Boinville

Winning pointer who supplemented his hurdles debut victory at Plumpton when bagging Cheltenham Grade 2 (3m) a year ago. Fourth in Grade 1 Sefton Novices' at Aintree on final outing and has the size for chasing, but he was most disappointing on handicap bow at Uttoxeter. Must be capable of better.

3 MENAGGIO (IRE) (40) 99

6/5213-211 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Alan King

Tom Cannon

Winner of third start over hurdles and improved when runner-up on handicap debut at Kempton in May. Progressing nicely over fences too, landing a brace of 3-runner contests at Plumpton during the autumn. Likeable type.

4 INTHEWATERSIDE (FR) (28) 98

11/14123-3 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Unbeaten in bumpers and, having landed 2 of his first 3 starts over hurdles, he improved further in defeat during the spring. Sound third on return at that is venue having had a breathing op and very much the type to excel over fences. Up in trip with hood off.

5 MOON D'ORANGE (FR) (14) (D) s 97

23310-334 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



John McConnell, Ireland

Freddie Gordon (5lb/2kg)

Winner of a novice hurdle during a short stint for Fergal O'Brien during the spring and shaped well on chase debut having rejoined former yard when third of 12 in a Punchestown maiden. Failed to build on that since at up to 25.3f and now goes back slightly in trip.

6 THEFORMISMIGHTY (25) s+t ★ 100

53614-41 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Expensive point winner who got off the mark over hurdles at Market Rasen in March. Type to make a better chaser and built on promising Chepstow debut when easily winning 10-runner handicap at Southwell (20.4f, soft) 25 days ago. Remains with serious potential, particularly over this longer trip.

7 SEA INVASION (IRE) (14) 97

353413-23 6 10-6 | 66.2kg



Anthony Honeyball

Sam Twiston-Davies

Steadily progressive over hurdles for Chris Gordon last season and sound start over fences for new yard in recent weeks. Now goes up in trip.

8 ZERTAKT (FR) (13) 97

3518/3-3 6 10-5(10-2) | 65.8kg (64.4kg)



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Low-mileage sort who landed 3 of his 6 starts in France. Lightly raced for this yard and shaped like a stayer when third of 9 over 20.2f at Windsor a fortnight ago. Gets that increased emphasis on stamina so not out of this despite being 3 lb "wrong".

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Theformismighty, **9-2** Inthewaterside, **5-1** Menaggio, **11-2** Shanagh Bob, **17-2** Rock My Way, **14-1** Zertakt, **16-1** Sea Invasion, **25-1** Moon D'orange

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THEFORMISMIGHTY confirmed that he's going to be a much better chaser than hurdler when an easy winner at Southwell at the start of the month, and with this increased emphasis on stamina sure to suit, he holds strong claims. Shanagh Bob will surely show more this time, with Inthewaterside another of interest switched to the larger obstacles.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THEFORMISMIGHTY 2. SHANAGH BOB 3. INTHEWATERSIDE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Henry's Friend 6-10-11	17-2	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	7
2022	Tea For Free 7-11-2	7-1	Charlie Longsdon	Lilly Pinchin (3)	7
2021	Grumpy Charley 6-11-3	12-1	Chris Honour	David Noonan	7
2020	Paint The Dream 6-10-11	16-1	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace (3)	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race