

Tuesday 29th October

BANGOR

12.50 HALLOWEEN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)

RACE 1 **(4) SCHALKE | (6) CATUABA | (9) PIPERS CROSS**

1.20 MY LOCAL SOLICITOR IN MALPAS NOVICES' HURDLE (3) 2m145y (3350 Metres)

RACE 2 **(6) GAMESTERS GUY | (1) NAVAJO INDY | (2) NOT NOW NATHANIEL**

1.50 WREXHAM BUSINESS & COMMUNITY AWARDS MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)

RACE 3 **(8) MERMAIDS CAVE | (7) KAY TARA TARA | (6) COULD BE TROUBLE**

2.22 NORTH WEST NATIONAL HUNT RACING CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m30y (4860 Metres)

RACE 4 **(5) CHANCYCOURT | (11) BREEZE OF WIND | (10) KING OF BRAZIL**

2.57 WEATHERBYS STALLION BOOK NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m72y (4090 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) I'M RAVENOUS | (9) ICARE GRANDCHAMP | (2) ONE MORE STROKE**

3.32 WREXHAM BUSINESS & COMMUNITY AWARDS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m1f77y (3490 Metres)

RACE 6 **(4) MUTUAL RESPECT | (3) LIBOR LAD | (1) DROMLAC JURY**

4.07 OVERTON OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 2m145y (3350 Metres)

RACE 7 **(5) PADDYS POLICY | (6) SIGN AGAIN | (3) IT'S TOP**

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.

12.50**HALLOWEEN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (4)
4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £10,000 2m7f32y (4660 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Strong**

1 MILAN AC (IRE) (167) 90
2-82 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Rebecca Curtis **Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)**
Easily best effort when second of 14 in novice hurdle at Ffos Las (20f, good, 25/1) 167 days ago. Goes into handicaps now but others look better treated at these weights.

2 BUTLER'S BRIEF (IRE) (35) (CD) s 93
15F-6P673 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



Alastair Ralph **Murray Dodd (81b/4kg)**
C&D winner who got back on track when third of 8 in handicap hurdle at Warwick (26f, good) 35 days ago. Can go well again off the same mark.

3 FACE D'MUSIC (IRE) (9) 92
22U37-21U 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Katy Price **Shane Quinlan**
Got off the mark at Hereford in May but unseated rider 5th in handicap chase (4/1) at Kempton (24f, good to soft) on debut over fences 9 days ago. Quickly back over hurdles.

4 SCHALKE (213) (D) ★ 100
4/898888P- 9 11-13 | 75.7kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Ben Smith (81b/4kg)**
Winner at Kelso in December 2022 but ended last season well below par for Rebecca Menzies. Handily weighted though if this yard switch sparks a resurgence.

5 PARICOLOR (FR) (167) (CD) s 96
6P/362PP-5 8 11-11 | 74.8kg



David Pipe **Gearoid Harney (61b/3kg)**
C&D winner but a below-par fifth of 8 in handicap hurdle at Ffos Las (23.9f, good, 12/1) 167 days ago. Cheekpieces back on with more needed.

6 CATUABA (IRE) (21) 95
3P-P21722 6 11-11 | 74.8kg



Charlie Longsdon **Elizabeth Gale (81b/4kg)**
Scored at Stratford in July and posted a good second of 9 in handicap hurdle (10/1) at Huntingdon (25f, good) 21 days ago. Very much one to consider.

7 KISS MY FACE (62) (D) v 91
1/36-63514 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Alastair Ralph **Tabitha Worsley**
Resumed winning ways at Worcester in July and recorded a creditable fifth of 10 in handicap at Wolverhampton (14f) 52 days ago. Much respected back in this sphere.

8 JALISCO STAR (IRE) (213) (CD) t 91
6/855331P- 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Laura Horsfall **Caoilin Quinn**
C&D winner in March but off since pulled up in handicap hurdle at Haydock (24.3f, good to soft, 8/1) 7 months ago. Has since had a wind up so can't be discounted.

9 PIPERS CROSS (IRE) (186) (D, BF) 93
32221314- 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Emma Lavelle **Joe Anderson**
Dual winner around 3m in the spring for Robbie Llewellyn. This consistent sort enters calculations on her yard debut/seasonal return.

10 IT'S MAISY (IRE) (188) (D) 90
51/911221- 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Peter Kavanagh**
A three-time winner last term, signing off with victory at Uttoxeter (23.3f, heavy) in April. Off 6 months but she's still one to consider on her reappearance.

11 AAZZA (IRE) (156) 93
42/96040-7 8 10-13 | 69.4kg



Paul Robson **Edward Austin**
Winless last term and only seventh of 8 in handicap hurdle at Kelso (25.8f, soft) 156 days ago on her final run for Rose Dobbin. Others appeal more.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Catuaba, **7-1** It's Maisy, **8-1** Butler's Brief, **8-1** Face D'music, **9-1** Pipers Cross, **12-1** Kiss My Face, **12-1** Milan Ac, **14-1** Schalke, **16-1** Paricolor, **20-1** Aazza, **25-1** Jalisco Star

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This is wide open so at the likely odds it is worth siding with SCHALKE to capitalise on an attractive mark now starting out with Oliver Greenall and Josh Guerriero. Catuaba is feared most on the back of his good Huntingdon second, with Pipers Cross and Kiss My Face also worthy of consideration. Face d'Music completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SCHALKE 2. CATUABA 3. PIPERS CROSS

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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MY LOCAL SOLICITOR IN MALPAS NOVICES' HURDLE (3)
4yo+ £12,000 2m145y (3350 Metres)

RACE 2



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

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Even**

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NAVAJO INDY (204) (D) **94**

34/12231- 5 11-6 | 72.6kg

Tom Symonds **Caolin Quinn (31b/1kg)**

Fairly useful bumper winner who showed plenty when runner-up first 2 outings over hurdles. Failed to capitalise on what had looked a very good opportunity at Fontwell in February but made no mistake at Wincanton when last seen in April. Should be in the mix under a penalty on reappearance.

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NOT NOW NATHANIEL (121) (CD, BF) **100**

137-112 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Donald McCain **Brian Hughes**

Debut bumper winner who also made a successful start over hurdles (fitted with a hood) in 4-runner novice at Aintree in May. Looked slightly more straightforward when following up over C&D and didn't do a lot wrong under a penalty when second at Cartmel in June.

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BENNETTSHILL (IRE) **84**

7 11-0 | 69.9kg

Henry Oliver **Kielan Woods**

Third foal, dam, unraced, closely related to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 2¾m) Changing Times. Off mark in Irish points at second attempt (May 2023) but absent since.
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BROCKARNO (154) **79**

36/0-63 6 11-0 | 69.9kg

Belinda Clarke **Lee Edwards**

Showed promise in a bumper on his debut in February 2023 but has failed to repeat that subsequently, not given a hard time once chance of winning had gone here in May.
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FOND FAREWELL (IRE) (53) **60**

6 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Toby Wynne (31b/1kg)**

Modest handicapper at best on Flat (should stay 2m), down the field both starts for current yard. Hurdles debut was hardly brimming with promise.
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GAMESTERS GUY (205) (D) **85**

131- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**

Made the ideal start with his stable going well when landing an 8-runner bumper at Uttoxeter and also ran out a ready winner at Carlisle in April. Pretty useful hurdles prospect so demands serious respect.
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LAND OF MOON (FR) (168) **84**

30-4 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Warren Greatrex **James Bowen**

Backed and shaped encouragingly first time up under a ride of exaggerated patience in Lingfield AW bumper in December. Not in the same form twice since on turf and now goes hurdling on the back of a breathing operation.
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LET'S SAIL AWAY (188) (BF) **87**

54- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Tom Lacey **Stan Sheppard**

Successful on his sole outing in points but has displayed more than his share of temperament over hurdles.
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MALFOY MANOR (215) **83**

8- 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Craig Nichol**

€95,000 3-y-o, £100,000 4-y-o, Blue Bresil gelding. Brother to fair hurdler Tilly Toughnut. Dam, lightly raced in bumpers/over hurdles, half-sister to winning hurdler/top-class chaser (stayed 29f) Sir Rembrandt. Runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish point but too free on bumper debut in March.
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MAXIBOY DAGROSTIS (FR) **84**

5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Richard Hobson **Charlie Deutsch**

Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/smart chaser Itchy Feet (2m-25f winner, by Cima de Triomphe) and French chaser Dakota d'Agrostis (19f winner, by Libourne). Dam unraced. Runner-up on second of 2 starts in points (May 6).

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ROCKVALE (IRE) (26) **79**

7 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Sam Allwood **Daryl Jacob**

€15,000 3-y-o, El Salvador gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful chaser Ingenious Stroke and 2½m chase winner Fit For Fifty. Dam (h86), maiden hurdler, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (2m-3m winner) World Wide Web. Placed all 3 starts in Irish points but may need more time under Rules.
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WALK IN THE VALLEY (IRE) (17) **60**

7 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Tom Midgley (31b/1kg)**

£6,000 4-y-o, Walk In The Park gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to very smart hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 29f) Pettifour. Not disgraced both starts in points in spring 2023 but only limited short-term promise on hurdles debut.
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ATLANTIC LAD **84**

4 10-13 | 69.4kg

Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**

£10,000 4-y-o, third foal, half-brother to fair 17f hurdle winner Looking For Larry (by Telescope). Dam placed in points. Well-held second on second of 2 outings in points (May 22).
- 14**

BESTGETGOING (IRE) (526) **70**

5- 6 10-7 | 66.7kg

Richard Price **Sean Houlihan**

Jet Away mare. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful chaser (stayed 21f) Easily Pleased. Wears hood. Low-key debut back in May 2023.

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Not Now Nathaniel, **10-3** Navajo Indy, **10-3** Gamesters Guy, **14-1** Let's Sail Away, **16-1** Land of Moon, **20-1** Bennettshill, **22-1** Atlantic Lad, **25-1** Maxiboy Dagrostis, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GAMESTERS GUY was talented enough to win a couple of bumpers last season and in receipt of weight from the previous hurdles winners Navajo Indy and Not Now Nathaniel, he looks the way to go.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GAMESTERS GUY 2. NAVAJO INDY 3. NOT NOW NATHANIEL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022 Gwenie May Boy 4-10-13	80-1 Jonjo O'Neill	K. Brogan	13
2021 ^I Go Dante 5-10-12	11-10f Olly Murphy	Aidan Coleman	13
2021 ^{II} Washington 5-10-12	10-11f Olly Murphy	Aidan Coleman	12
2020 Llandinabo Lad 5-10-12	6-1 Tom Symonds	James Nixon (5)	12

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

WREXHAM BUSINESS & COMMUNITY AWARDS MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 3yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-120) £14,000 2m3f123y (3930 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Strong**

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MERMAIDS CAVE 2. KAY TARA TARA 3. COULD BE TROUBLE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022	Getaweaon	7-11-7	7-1	Kim Bailey	Kai Lenihan (10)	9
2021	Could Be Trouble	6-11-12	4-1	Donald McCain	Brian Hughes	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 LITTLE MISS DANTE (194) 98
21/113PP- 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
A dual 2m winner last term but tongue tied when pulled up in listed hurdle at Cheltenham (20.2f) in April. Has since had a wind op so not ruled out now going into handicaps after a break.

2 VICKI VALE (IRE) (20) (D) 97
233465-P4 7 11-8 | 73.5kg t

Deborah Cole **Chris Ward (3lb/1kg)**
Fair fourth of 7 in handicap hurdle (33/1) at Ludlow (21.2f, good) 20 days ago. Ought to be in the shake-up off a 2 lb lower mark.

3 EASY TO FOLLOW (IRE) (276) (D) 98
3114- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole **Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)**
Already a dual 19f hurdles winner and not disgraced when fourth of 6 in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (19.9f, heavy) 9 months ago. Can make her presence felt on her return.

4 SEDGE WREN (226) (D) 97
11/4- 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

Stuart Edmunds **Charlie Hammond**
Landed novices at Huntingdon and Southwell in 2022/23 and not discredited when fourth of 6 in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f, heavy) 7 months ago. One for the shortlist.

5 RIALANNAH (IRE) (14) (BF) 98
935422-4 5 11-3 | 71.2kg

Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith **Charlie Deutsch**
Remains a maiden but off 6 months before posting an encouraging fourth of 9 in novice hurdle at Market Rasen (16.6f, good) 14 days ago. Much respected now going into handicaps.

6 COULD BE TROUBLE (IRE) (25) (CD) 98
3410-6581 9 11-3 | 71.2kg b+t

Donald McCain **Theo Gillard**
Resumed winning ways in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Hexham (20.1f, good) 25 days ago. This C&D scorer can give another good account despite a 4 lb rise.

7 KAY TARA TARA (173) (D) 100
20/1322P-9 6 11-0 | 69.9kg t

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**
Ended her time with Alan King under a cloud, only ninth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (19.6f, good) 173 days ago. Since had breathing surgery so needs considering for her new yard given she goes well fresh.

8 MERMAIDS CAVE (IRE) (123) (D) 97
837-11154 5 11-0 | 69.9kg

James Owen **Sam Twiston-Davies**
Bagged her third win for current yard at Cartmel in May and posted a good fourth of 14 in handicap there (17.2f, good) in June. That form has worked out really well so she's a player now freshened up after a break.

9 RIVER ROBE (IRE) (10) 97
6-1552473 5 10-5 | 65.8kg t

Sarah-Jayne Davies **James Best**
Took a step back in the right direction when third of 6 in handicap hurdle at Stratford (16.3f, heavy) 10 days ago. Can go well again eased 1 lb.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Could Be Trouble, **9-2** Mermaids Cave, **6-1** Kay Tara Tara, **17-2** Easy To Follow, **17-2** Little Miss Dante, **17-2** River Robe, **10-1** Rialannah, **14-1** Sedge Wren, **22-1** Vicki Vale

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A case can be made for all of these but James Owen continues among the winners and his MERMAIDS CAVE is taken to resume her progress after a break and bag a fourth victory for the yard. The handily-weighted Kay Tara Tara is feared most starting out for a new stable after breathing surgery, while Could Be Trouble, Little Miss Dante and Vicki Vale all need factoring in too.

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RACE 4

NORTH WEST NATIONAL HUNT RACING CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £14,000 3m30y (4860 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1 ANTI BRIDGIE (IRE) (188) (BF) s+t **97**

P33/33314- 7 12-1 | 76.7kg
 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero **Henry Brooke**
 Fair form in winning her first 2 starts over hurdles last season and took advantage of a weak race to open her account over fences in a 5-runner novice at Warwick (2½m heavy) in March. Wasn't disgraced at Uttoxeter next time but looks vulnerable under top-weight back from a break here.

2 EAST STREET (IRE) (188) (D) s **99**

P12PF5P6- 8 12-0 | 76.2kg
 James Owen **Mr Alex Chadwick (51b/2kg)**
 Benefited from a pace collapse when scoring at Wetherby (24.2f, heavy) last November and almost followed up at Newcastle next time. Very little to shout about thereafter but makes debut for new yard on a potentially handy mark and it'll be interesting to see if the market speaks in his favour.

3 ULTRA BEAT (IRE) (175) **97**

3/P5P-3 6 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Henry Daly **Sam Twiston-Davies**
 Placed sole run between the flags and bettered previous hurdles form by some way when third in a 14-runner novice at Ffos Las (2¾m, good to soft) on latest start in May. May well be seen in a better light now switched to fences for this handicap debut, so he's one to be interested in.

4 NEW ORDER (IRE) (32) **97**

2342-58 6 11-13 | 75.7kg
 Charlie Longsdon **David Bass**
 Off the mark at second attempt in Irish points and made the frame on each of his first 4 starts over hurdles. Rather disappointing the last twice, albeit last month's reappearance spin/handicap bow at Worcester was probably needed and he's another that could be more of a force in this sphere.

5 CHANCYCOURT (IRE) (32) **97**

6/04-F2U2 8 11-12 | 75.3kg
 Fergal O'Brien **Connor Brace**
 Very lightly-raced for an 8-y-o and has found just one too good on his last 2 completed starts over hurdles, including when clear of the rest in a 2½m Worcester maiden (soft) last time. The winner of that race looks useful and he's of major interest now upped in trip for this chase/handicap debut.

6 EXMOOR FOREST (IRE) (35) (CD) s **96**

934-231P3 7 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Nigel Hawke **Lorcan Murtagh**
 Opened chase account in first-time cheekpieces when landing 9-runner handicap at Bangor (3m, good) in July. Latest third at Warwick was a creditable effort, too, but one suspects that a few of these will prove to be better treated.

7 STANS THE MAN (IRE) (21) s+t **97**

PP-942314 7 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Ella Pickard **James Best**
 Firmly back in form with cheekpieces fitted in recent months, belatedly adding to maiden hurdle success back in January 2023 when landing a 3¼m Warwick handicap on penultimate start. Pulled up on chase debut last September but he's open to improvement in this sphere.

8 OSCAR ROBERTSON (IRE) (189) (D) s **93**

44466- 10 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Nick Kent **Charlie Hammond**
 Scored at Wetherby in 2021 for Tom George but hasn't hit the target since and little impact in 5 starts for this yard, including tried in cheekpieces and a visor respectively the last twice. Cheekpieces back on here.

9 WALKING THE WALK (IRE) (96) (D) s+t **96**

13147-33P 9 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Kerry Lee **Ben Jones**
 Scored twice at up to 3m last summer for Gordon Elliott and shaped as if retaining all of his ability when placed first 2 starts for new yard during the summer. However, he needs to bounce back following a poor showing at Worcester on latest start in July (since undergone a wind op).

10 KING OF BRAZIL (199) (BF) t **98**

8/845131B- 7 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Katy Price **Shane Quinlan (31b/1kg)**
 Fair hurdler/chaser who has won 2 of his 3 completed starts following a wind op last season. Remains on a feasible mark and he could have a big part to play if fully tuned-up back from a 6-month break.

11 BREEZE OF WIND (IRE) (186) (D) t **100**

2112144- 7 11-11 | 74.8kg
 Stuart Coltherd **Sam Coltherd**
 Point winner who, following a brief stint over hurdles, was much-improved switched to fences last season, winning 4 of his 9 starts in that sphere. Marathon trip (30.6f) was perhaps a bridge too far at Perth when last seen in April and leading claims back down in trip here.

12 MONBARI (FR) (196) **97**

2/498P26- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg
 Rebecca Curtis **Sean Bowen**
 Found improvement dropped in trip fitted with first-time cheekpieces when second of 11 in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f, soft) in April. Heavy defeat a fortnight later and form has a patchy look to it ahead of this return/chase debut.

13 HILL OF TARA (213) (D) **97**

11211F37- 7 11-10 | 74.4kg
 Venetia Williams **Charlie Deutsch**
 Enjoyed a good time of it last winter, bagging 4 handicap hurdles at up to 25.5f. However, signed off 2023/24 campaign with a couple of rather disappointing efforts (particularly his latest at Haydock where he was beaten a long way) and needs to get back on track now switched to fences.

14 BROOK BAY (IRE) (96) h+t **98**

9/238PP-44 6 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill **Nick Scholfield**
 Expensive purchase from points who showed plenty of promise when placed in maiden/novice hurdles last autumn. Disappointed after (has bled) but back on track switched to the larger obstacles during the summer and this step up in trip is an interesting move.

15 LAZY SUNDAY (205) s+t **96**

2/22P8F5P- 10 11-4 | 71.7kg
 Richard Mitford-Slade **K. Brogan**
 Completed a hat-trick in handicap chases early-2023 and positive start to last season when runner-up in handicaps at Ffos Las and Chepstow. However, form subsequently nosedived and she now finds herself with a bit to prove.

16 ON THE PLATFORM (IRE) (164) (CD) s **96**

62/42P3P-1 8 10-6 | 66.2kg
 Belinda Clarke **Lee Edwards**
 Finally shed his maiden tag in this sphere when landing a 9-runner C&D handicap on his latest outing in May. 3 lb rise fair enough and he evidently likes it here but this demands a clear personal best.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-2 Breeze of Wind, **8-1** King of Brazil, **8-1** Chancycourt, **10-1** Ultra Beat, **12-1** Brook Bay, **12-1** On The Platform, **14-1** East Street, **16-1** Stans The Man, **16-1** Anti Bridgie, **18-1** Exmoor Forest, **18-1** Walking The Walk, **22-1** Monbari, **22-1** New Order, **28-1** Lazy Sunday, **33-1** Hill of Tara, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The suggestion is CHANCYCOURT, who makes his chase debut off what looks a very fair mark judged on last month's second in a maiden hurdle at Worcester where he followed home a nice prospect in Potters Charm (winner again at Cheltenham recently), in turn pulling clear of the rest. He was placed in a couple of points in 2021 and looks a chasing type. Breeze of Wind is feared most ahead of King of Brazil, while Brook Bay, East Street and Ultra Beat are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CHANCYCOURT 2. BREEZE OF WIND 3. KING OF BRAZIL

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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WEATHERBYS STALLION BOOK NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE
(4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £14,000 2½m72y (4090
Metres)

RACE 5




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Pace Information: **Weak**


1 LADY BALKO (FR) (199) (BF) 98
 44211122- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **David Pipe** *Conor O'Farrell*
 On a roll in handicap hurdles last season, completing a hat-trick at up to 3m and running well from a mark 26 lb higher than when starting her winning spree on her final outing. Point scorer and no reason why she can't do just as good over fences now.


2 ONE MORE STROKE (IRE) (199) t 97
 2113- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

 **Donald McCain** *Brian Hughes*
 Made a promising start over hurdles, winning novices at Catterick and Carlisle. Done for finishing speed but still ran well in handicap when last seen and chasing over this longer trip could be just his bag. Tongue tie goes on.

3 I'M RAVENOUS (FR) (28) (D) t ★ 100
 4/42-31 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

 **Ben Pauling** *Ben Jones*
 Strong in the betting after 10 weeks off and got off the mark over hurdles at the fourth attempt in Sedgefield maiden over this trip at the start of the month, knuckling down well. Quickly switches to chasing and this expensive point winner is very interesting.


4 BALTRAY (IRE) (166) 96
 3/21-2 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

 **Emma Lavelle** *Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)*
 Quickly made up into a fairly useful hurdler for his new yard, readily landing the odds in 2m3f novice at Hereford a year ago. Good run in Fontwell handicap only other start and should make his mark over fences.


5 MICRO MILLIONS (IRE) (241) 95
 33P24- 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

 **Sheila Lewis** *Sam Twiston-Davies*
 £40,000 buy after winning an Irish point and made the frame 3 times over hurdles at up to 25f for Dan Skelton last term. Big sort who should have a future over fences for new yard.


6 IMMORTAL FAME (IRE) (182) (D) s 79
 883/2112-P 8 11-8 | 73.5kg

 **Deborah Cole** *Chris Ward (3lb/1kg)*
 Didn't really go on from a promising start over fences for Tom Lacey in 2022-23 but won a couple of handicap hurdles at around this trip last term. £16,000 buy for new trainer and probably high enough in the weights on return.


7 VALENS BRUYEE (IRE) (190) (D) 97
 47P13551- 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

 **Rebecca Curtis** *Sean Bowen*
 Landed his second handicap hurdle over this trip at Ffos Las when last seen. Will need to jump better over fences but has the size for the game and shouldn't be overlooked.


8 ZESTFUL HOPE (FR) (35) 95
 595244-04 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

 **Charlie Longsdon** *David Bass*
 Not won for a while but has been given a chance by the handicapper and hinted at a revival back over fences at Fontwell 5 weeks ago. Surely vulnerable to a number of unexposed rivals in this line-up, however.


9 ICARE GRANDCHAMP (FR) (126) 99
 5PP/207-21 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

 **Gary & Josh Moore** *Caoilin Quinn (3lb/1kg)*
 Was getting the hang of chasing when last seen in the summer, showing further improvement back up in trip when opening his account in 13-runner handicap at Newton Abbot (21f) under this pilot. Up just 3 lb and should have more to offer in this sphere.


10 BILLYTHEREALBIGRED (193) (BF) 98
 2U3111F- 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

 **Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero** *Henry Brooke*
 Got a hat-trick up in handicap hurdles in the mud last season (last 2 wins for this yard). Fell final start but should do just as well over fences and 4-y-o allowance a bonus.

11 IRON D'EX (FR) (20) (D) 99
 20625PP-1 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

 **Sheila Lewis** *Sean Houlihan*
 Ended 2023/24 in a lull over hurdles but got back on track from a reduced mark to make a winning start over fences in similar event at Ludlow over this trip 3 weeks ago. This is tougher up 3 lb but he's entitled to build on that breakthrough.

12 HAWKSEYE VIEW (13) 98
 5326405-7 5 10-9 | 67.6kg

 **Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith** *Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)*
 Winning pointer placed twice over hurdles and made a perfectly satisfactory chasing debut at Wetherby recently, shaping as if better for the run after 6 months off having looked third best for a long way. Better to come.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 I'm Ravenous, **7-1** Iron D'ex, **15-2** Icare Grandchamp, **8-1** Billytherealbigred, **8-1** Lady Balko, **17-2** Hawkseye View, **11-1** Valens Bruyee, **11-1** One More Stroke, **14-1** Baltray, **20-1** Zestful Hope, **25-1** Micro Millions, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A whole host of potentially decent chasers, with I'M RAVENOUS taken to make a successful start for Ben Pauling. He's quickly switched to fences after scoring in a Sedgefield maiden hurdle at the start of the month and should have plenty more to offer. Icare Grandchamp, who opened his account in a Newton Abbot handicap chase when last seen, and One More Stroke are a couple of the other likely players.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. I'M RAVENOUS 2. ICARE GRANDCHAMP 3. ONE MORE STROKE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.32

RACE 6

WREXHAM BUSINESS & COMMUNITY AWARDS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £10,000 2m1f77y (3490 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 DROMLAC JURY (IRE) (222) 93
P431- 5 12-0 | 76.2kg



Tom Symonds

Ben Poste

Quite a costly buy out of points and made a winning handicap bow over hurdles at Ludlow in March. Likely to continue her progress switched to fences so needs considering.

2 PROFESSOR KLUMP (220) (D) 86
57317- 5 11-12 | 75.3kg s+t



Donald McCain

Theo Gillard

Idled and only just held on in a 17f maiden here in February prior to trailing in last of 7 on his handicap debut at Bangor the following month. Needs to get back on track switched to fences on return (placed on second of 2 starts in Irish points).

3 LIBOR LAD (22) 96
2124170-2 6 11-12 | 75.3kg t



David Dennis

Brian Hughes

Winner of 2½m handicaps in the mud at Uttoxeter and Doncaster last winter. Ended last season with a couple of poor efforts but made a promising first effort over fences when second at Stratford on return 3 weeks ago. Entitled to build on that.

4 MUTUAL RESPECT (IRE) (32) 100
256123-81 8 11-5 | 72.1kg s+t



Billy Aprahamian

K. Brogan

All the better for return when narrow winner at Worcester last month, albeit needed some luck. Racing off same mark in weaker race so obvious claims.

5 JOHNNY MAC (IRE) (16) 87
536/P111-7 9 11-3 | 71.2kg t



Matt Sheppard

Stan Sheppard

Has shown improved form since joining his current yard, completing hat-trick at Leicester in January, his resolution on show yet again in gaining another verdict of a length or less. Too free on return 16 days ago so worth another chance.

6 COPERNIC DU MAZET (FR) (187) (BF) 89
3323- 4 10-8 | 67.1kg



Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Henry Brooke

Looks to be being brought along steadily, posting a good third in handicap at Huntingdon final start. Not taken lightly on chase bow.

7 ORBYS RIVER (IRE) (175) 86
P66P2U2-6 6 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)



Sam Allwood

Toby Wynne (31b/1kg)

Poor maiden hurdler. Failed to complete both starts in Irish points so opposable on chase bow.

8 MAN OF THE NORTH (203) (CD) 85
0424/4P6- 11 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)



Dave Roberts

Lee Edwards

Veteran who looks on the decline and easy to look elsewhere. 3 lb out of the handicap.

9 CONNOLLY (IRE) (20) 86
08/97-0P56 6 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)



Sarah-Jayne Davies

James Best

Little promise in bumpers/over hurdles. 4 lb out of the handicap on chase/handicap bow.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Mutual Respect, **3-1** Libor Lad, **9-2** Dromlac Jury, **8-1** Copernic Du Mazet, **11-1** Johnny Mac, **20-1** Professor Klump, **33-1** Orbys River, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MUTUAL RESPECT needed some luck to win at Worcester last month but he still beat a subsequent winner that day and is racing off the same mark in a weaker race here. Libor Lad made a promising start over fences when second at Stratford so is next best ahead of chasing-newcomer Dromlac Jury, who was progressive over hurdles last season.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. MUTUAL RESPECT 2. LIBOR LAD 3. DROMLAC JURY****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race









4.07**OVERTON OPEN MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 4 and 5yo £7,000 2m145y (3350 Metres)**

RACE 7

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

Left handed, fairly sharp, minor surface undulations. Races are usually well run, especially on the hurdles course, possibly on account of runners being on the turn pretty much throughout, though the sharpish nature of the track means that prominent-racers are often favoured all the same. Fences generally regarded as being fairly stiff for a minor course, though attrition evidence doesn't support this.

Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

1	BRIXSON (IRE) (26)	95
	4 11-1 70.3kg Joel Parkinson & Sue Smith <i>Peter Kavanagh (31b/1kg)</i> Half-brother to 3 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/chaser Terresita. 18/1 and hooded, offered something to work on first time up at Warwick 4 weeks ago, in need of the experience as well as probably a greater emphasis on stamina. Probably vulnerable on that showing.	
2	DOUGLAS HYDE (IRE)	 100
	4 11-1 70.3kg Rebecca Curtis <i>Sean Bowen</i> £85,000 Irish point winner, half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Game Socks (21f-3¼m winner, by Leading Light). Yard 0-39 in bumpers in last 5 seasons.	
3	IT'S TOP (FR)	94
	4 11-1 70.3kg Oliver Signy <i>Ben Jones</i> It's Gino gelding. Dam French 19f/2½m hurdle winner. Point bumper winner in April and yard had winner of one of these at Cheltenham on Saturday.	
4	NORTH OF RICHMOND (IRE)	97
	4 11-1 70.3kg Alex Hales <i>Kielan Woods</i> £75,000 buy who was runner-up only outing in Irish points in May. Got to be respected on bumper debut.	
5	PADDYS POLICY (IRE)	97
	4 11-1 70.3kg Donald McCain <i>Brian Hughes</i> £45,000 buy, runner-up only outing in Irish points (Mar 31). Yard had 3 bumper winners from last 7 runners. Well worth considering.	
6	SIGN AGAIN (IRE)	97
	4 11-1 70.3kg Charlie Longsdon <i>David Bass</i> £60,000 buy after Irish point win in April, when beating a well-regarded one who has since joined Oily Murphy (odds on when beaten at Sedgfield recently). From the family of Queen Mother Champion Chase winner Put The Kettle On and appealing on debut.	
7	THE DANCING LASS	95
	4 10-8 67.1kg Mel Rowley <i>Charlie Deutsch</i> Norse Dancer filly. Half-sister to 2¼m French hurdle winner Johnnysaid and modest 3m chase winner Safe Destination. Dam winning pointer. One for shortlist on debut.	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Paddys Policy, **5-1** North of Richmond, **11-2** Sign Again, **11-2** Douglas Hyde, **6-1** It's Top, **7-1** The Dancing Lass, **10-1** Brixson

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Some interesting recruits from the pointing field, with PADDYS POLICY selected before market clues to give the Donald McCain yard another bumper winner. Sign Again and It's Top are also appealing.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PADDYS POLICY 2. SIGN AGAIN 3. IT'S TOP

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2022 ¹	Lump Sum 4-11-1	5-4f	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	11
2022 ¹	Realisation 4-10-8	10-1	Charlie Longsdon	Jonathan Burke	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race