

Wednesday 30th October

# FAKENHAM



**12.50** GREENE KING HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m1y (4020 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) LASER FOCUS | (10) GO FOX | (1) MONTYS SOLDIER**

**1.20** £50,000 QUEEN BOUDICCA SERIES QUALIFIER MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2m5f44y (4260 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD | (3) GAZETTE BOURGEOISE | (4) TELEPATHIQUE**

**1.50** GREENE KING FILLIES' JUVENILE HURDLE (4) 2m3y (3220 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) OPEC | (4) WINDOW OF TIME | (2) BY FARHH THE BEST**

**2.20** GREENE KING NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m38y (4860 Metres)

RACE 4 **(4) INSTANT GAMBLER | (3) AWESOME FOURSOME | (5) LUNAR CONTACT**

**2.50** COLEMAN 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3y (3220 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) JUBILANT | (3) AUTHENTIC LEGACY | (2) MIAMI MAGIC**

**3.20** PRA PRIZE MONEY PLAQUE TO FAKENHAM NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m59y (3270 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) NEVENDON | (2) FEVER DREAM | (4) JOLYJUMP**

**3.50** RIDING A DREAM ACADEMY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m3y (3220 Metres)

RACE 7 **(6) CATBOY | (1) MAVIS PIKE | (4) UGO BINGO**

## 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**

**GREENE KING HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100)  
£7,500 2½m1y (4020 Metres)**

RACE 1



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

Left handed, very sharp, with a short run-in on both courses. The tightest jumps track in GB and, in theory, ideal for handy, front-running types as opposed to long-striding gallopers, though races are often well-run and the emphasis is much more on stamina than might be expected. The fences are stiff, too, claiming a greater number of casualties per runner than pretty much any other course in the country.

Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 MONTYS SOLDIER (IRE) (141) 64**

3/43-P 6 12-0 | 76.2kg  
Christian Williams *Nick Scholfield*  
Well held in 3 maiden/novice hurdles earlier in the year but it wouldn't be a shock were this 6-y-o to prove a different proposition in handicaps. One to note in the betting.

**2 LASER FOCUS (IRE) (69) t 96**

552444-44 6 11-13 | 75.7kg  
James Owen *Sam Twiston-Davies*  
Yet to score over hurdles but has shaped with encouragement on both starts in this sphere for his current yard and has continued the good work on the Flat since, so looks a big player.

**3 GALWAY REEL (IRE) (27) s 97**

02-455869 5 11-9 | 73.9kg  
Ian Williams *Charlie Todd*  
Has not inherited the family's lofty level of ability judged on early evidence, finishing no better than sixth in his first 3 handicaps. First-time cheekpieces need to spark improvement.

**4 SEAHOUSES (266) 91**

558- 4 11-7 | 73.0kg  
Barry Brennan *James Best*  
No impact in 3 hurdles last winter. His fair level of ability on the Flat provides some hope on his handicap hurdle debut but he is temperamental.

**5 FOOTLOOSE MAN (7) t 95**

48-731443 5 11-3 | 71.2kg  
Richard Hobson *Charlie Deutsch*  
Left previous hurdling efforts behind when opening his account in a 9-runner conditional jockeys' at Fontwell in August. In the frame on all 3 outings since.

**6 MERSEY STREET (IRE) (105) 94**

4/506-8694 6 11-2 | 70.8kg  
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Richie McLernon*  
Is falling in the weights and ran one of his best races when fourth of 9 over 2½m at Uttoxeter when last seen in July.

**7 TIP TOP TONTO (IRE) (17) (CD) v 96**

2541-4P08 8 11-1 | 70.3kg  
Alison Thorpe *Ellis Collier (7lb/3kg)*  
A fair C&D hurdle winner at his best but he offered little in 2 runs for the Flint stable for the summer and fared no better on his recent first outing for Alison Thorpe.

**8 HIERO SPORT (FR) (161) ★ 100**

2/3P-44 7 11-0 | 69.9kg  
Alex Hales *Kielan Woods*  
Runner-up in a bumper but has yet to better modest form over hurdles, including on Southwell handicap debut when last seen in May.

**9 CAVE ARTICLE (IRE) (218) 70**

P60- 5 10-10 | 68.0kg  
Christian Williams *Brian Hughes* 🏆  
Runner-up completed start in points so, while he's yet to show anything over hurdles, he's worth monitoring in the betting upped in trip for handicap debut after 7 months off.

**10 GO FOX (108) (C) 96**

7P225-365 9 10-6 | 66.2kg  
Neil King *Jack Quinlan*  
Won twice over fences in summer 2023. Hasn't reproduced that level since but he was second in a 2m course hurdle off 12 lb higher last winter and has to enter the reckoning off this career-low mark back from a 108-day break.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Laser Focus, **11-2** Hiero Sport, **11-2** Footloose Man, **6-1** Mersey Street, **10-1** Montys Soldier, **10-1** Go Fox, **12-1** Galway Reel, **16-1** Seahouses, **20-1** Cave Article, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

LASER FOCUS has gone in again on the Flat since last seen over hurdles and it's surely only a matter of time before James Owen gets a win out of him in this sphere. Go Fox should be up to doing something off such a low mark and is next on the list. Christian Williams handicap newcomers Montys Soldier and Cave Article need keeping a close eye on in the betting.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. LASER FOCUS 2. GO FOX 3. MONTYS SOLDIER**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022 **Sawpit Sienna** 7-10-8 15-8f Samuel Drinkwater Tom Bellamy 6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race









**1.20**

RACE 2

**£50,000 QUEEN BOUDICCA SERIES QUALIFIER MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-110) £10,000 2m5f44y (4260 Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places)**

Left handed, very sharp, with a short run-in on both courses. The tightest jumps track in GB and, in theory, ideal for handy, front-running types as opposed to long-striding gallopers, though races are often well-run and the emphasis is much more on stamina than might be expected. The fences are stiff, too, claiming a greater number of casualties per runner than pretty much any other course in the country.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>JEUNE BELLE (IRE) (228)</b> 34/121PP3- 6 12-0   76.2kg		<b>100</b>
	Lucy Wadham Useful bumper winner who landed short odds on her 2m Lingfield hurdle debut in December. Pulled up next 2 starts but back on track when third in a Kempton novice (2m) on final start in March. Interesting newcomer to chasing (yard 4-15 with 3 seconds at track last season).	<i>Lilly Pinchin</i>	
<b>2</b>	<b>FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD (IRE) (17)</b> 9011P7-74 6 11-13   75.7kg		<b>99</b>
	Christian Williams Fair winning hurdler in Ireland and left previous form for this yard well behind with a brace of handicap chase wins at Huntingdon/Lingfield. Went off the boil after but took step back in the right direction when fourth at Ffos Las on return. On a good mark if building on that.	<i>Nick Scholfield</i>	
<b>3</b>	<b>GAZETTE BOURGEOISE (FR) (176)</b> 355/274U-P 8 11-11   74.8kg	s+t	<b>98</b>
	Ben Case Yet to score in 10 starts over fences but probably should have won when beaten only a nose on return from 8 months off at Ffos Las (21.5f) in December. Ran no sort of race when last seen at Hereford in May but on a handy mark if bouncing back.	<i>Harry Bannister</i>	
<b>4</b>	<b>TELEPATHIQUE (337)</b> 410/21- 6 11-9   73.9kg		<b>100</b>
	Lucy Wadham Confirmed debut promise when landing a 12-runner Warwick bumper in February. Runner-up on hurdles debut at Newbury before going one better at Southwell when last seen 11 months ago. Respected now chasing with her yard boasting a fine record here.	<i>Tom Cannon</i>	
<b>5</b>	<b>PHONE HOME (224)</b> 4/424245- 5 11-4   71.7kg	t	<b>97</b>
	Jamie Snowden Telescope filly who matched previous best over hurdles when runner-up in mares' maiden at Catterick (15.7f) in January. Below that level next 2 starts and the betting can prove a useful guide on handicap chase debut following 7 months off/wind surgery.	<i>David Bass</i>	
<b>6</b>	<b>HONEY I'M GOOD (IRE) (16) (D)</b> 6P-446123 8 10-13   69.4kg	v+t	<b>98</b>
	Evan Williams Resumed winning ways at Stratford in August and backed it up with a good second at Newton Abbot. Not disgraced back over hurdles since and needs considering back in this sphere.	<i>Conor Ring</i>	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-2** Telepathique, **4-1** Jeune Belle, **5-1** Honey I'm Good, **11-2** Gazette Bourgeoise, **6-1** Phone Home, **13-2** Fortunefavorsdbold

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A difficult race to call but there's no doubt that FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD and Gazette Bourgeoise are both lurking on dangerous marks, with the former shading the vote.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD 2. GAZETTE BOURGEOISE 3. TELEPATHIQUE**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**GREENE KING FILLIES' JUVENILE HURDLE (4) 3yo fillies**  
**£7,500 2m3y (3220 Metres)**

RACE 3



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 OPEC (14) (D)** **100**  
 F1 3 11-5 | 72.1kg

James Owen **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
 Has left her Flat form behind since switched to hurdling, falling with the race at her mercy first time out and quickly making amends at Wetherby a fortnight ago. Should go in again.

**2 BY FARHH THE BEST** **67**  
 3 10-12 | 68.9kg

Seamus Mullins **James Best**  
 Only achieved a low level of form on the Flat for Kevin Philippart De Foy, so will have to up her game markedly if she's to compete on hurdling debut.

**3 SERENDIPITOUS LADY (IRE)** t **67**  
 3 10-12 | 68.9kg

Brett Johnson **Charlie Hammond**  
 Modest handicapper on the Flat who was below form on debut for this yard at Kempton last time. Hard to make a case for on first go at hurdling.

**4 WINDOW OF TIME (IRE) (21)** h **80**  
 73 3 10-12 | 68.9kg

Alex Hales **Kielan Woods**  
 Fair maiden on the Flat in Ireland for Joseph O'Brien. Bettered her hurdling debut when third at Ludlow three weeks ago but needs to up her game again if she's to trouble Opec.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**1-2** Opec, **5-2** Window of Time, **33-1** Serendipitous Lady, **33-1** By Farhh The Best

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

OPEC was impressive in opening her account at the second attempt over hurdles and should have little issue following up in a weak race. Window of Time is the likely candidate to capitalise if the selection underperforms.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. OPEC 2. WINDOW OF TIME 3. BY FARHH THE BEST**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2022	<b>La Breille</b> 3-10-12	2-1f	Richard Bandey	Jack Quinlan	5
2021	<b>Malakahna</b> 3-10-10	12-1	Ian Williams	Charlie Todd (3)	9
2020	<b>To Fly Free</b> 3-10-10	3-1	David Pipe	Fergus Gillard (7)	9
2019	<b>Midnights' Gift</b> 3-10-10	6-5f	Alan King	Tom Cannon	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.20**

**GREENE KING NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,500 3m38y (4860 Metres)**

RACE 4




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Pace Information: **Very Weak**



**1 CLUAIN AODHA (IRE) (456) 96**  
 P614/2545- 7 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Neil King **Jack Quinlan**  
 Fair handicap hurdler who was in contention when slipping up at Worcester 15 months ago. Not seen since and hard to know if she'll take to this discipline.

**2 UP FOR APPEAL (IRE) (72) 95**  
 334-4134P 6 11-13 | 75.7kg

 Christian Williams **Nick Scholfield**  
 Got off the mark over fences at Newton Abbot in June but operating below best more recently, struggling some way out when pulled up at Worcester (20f) in August. Bit to prove now.

**3 AWESOME FOURSOME (145) t 96**  
 523233-25 7 11-7 | 73.0kg

 Nigel Twiston-Davies  **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
 Bumper/hurdles winner who again ran creditably when runner-up at Ludlow (21.2f) in May. Not in same form at Market Rasen a month later but can't be ruled out now chasing with his yard going great guns.


**4 INSTANT GAMBLER (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (7) (D) ★ 100**  
 80P9/1111 8 11-6 | 72.6kg

 Alexandra Dunn  **Richie McLernon**  
 Has proved a revelation since switched over the larger obstacles and completed a four-timer with ease at Fontwell last week. Should take all the beating again.



**5 LUNAR CONTACT (IRE) (38) s+t 79**  
 3733/4-64 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

 Tom Ellis **Mr Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)**  
 Fair form over hurdles for Alan King in 2022/23. Yet to fire for this yard but showed some aptitude for chasing when fourth at Plumpton last time. Should build on that with cheekpieces fitted.

**6 HENRY BOX BROWN (IRE) (16) 94**  
 08-F25717 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

 Evan Williams **Ellis Collier (7lb/3kg)**  
 Has returned to chasing this season and gained a first success over fences when staying on to lead close home in a Worcester handicap (20f, good) in August. Failed to back it up at Hereford, though, and others are more appealing.

**7 ILLOGICAL LOGIC (FR) (19) 90**  
 6473-P655 6 11-1 | 70.3kg

 Christian Williams **Brian Hughes**   
 Lightly-raced maiden who has yet to make an impact in handicaps, including over fences. Mark is edging down, though, and he's worth a market check.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-10** Instant Gambler, **15-2** Awesome Foursome, **17-2** Illogical Logic, **17-2** Lunar Contact, **12-1** Up For Appeal, **14-1** Cluain Aodha, **22-1** Henry Box Brown

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

INSTANT GAMBLER has thrived over fences and looked well ahead of the handicapper again when easing clear to complete the four-timer at Fontwell last week. Awesome Foursome is an interesting chasing debutant and Lunar Contact isn't without hope.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. INSTANT GAMBLER 2. AWESOME FOURSOME 3. LUNAR CONTACT**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.50**

**COLEMAN 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+  
£7,500 2m3y (3220 Metres)**






RACE 5



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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| <b>1</b> | <br><b>JUBILANT (FR) (167)</b> (D, BF)<br>31-2 <b>5</b> 11-4   71.7kg<br>James Owen<br>£40,000 Irish point recruit who built on a promising Rules debut to open his account in bumper at Huntingdon in April. Matched that form when second under a penalty at Fontwell a month later and he's a pretty useful hurdles prospect for in-form stable. | <b>100</b> | <b>★</b> | <b>Sam Twiston-Davies</b>      |
| <b>2</b> | <br><b>MIAMI MAGIC (IRE) (166)</b><br>2 <b>5</b> 11-4   71.7kg<br>Stuart Edmunds<br>Half-brother to 3 winners, including smart chaser Pobbles Bay and fairly useful hurdler/chaser Oxwich Bay. Off mark in points at third attempt and came within head of making a winning bumper debut at Aintree in May. One to consider hurdling for new yard.  | <b>91</b>  |          | <b>Charlie Hammond</b>         |
| <b>3</b> | <br><b>AUTHENTIC LEGACY (200)</b><br>482- <b>4</b> 11-3   71.2kg<br>Gary & Josh Moore<br>Fair in bumpers and ran to a similar level sent hurdling when second at Chepstow (2m) in April. In the right hands to progress this term.  | <b>94</b>  |          | <b>Kielan Woods</b>            |
| <b>4</b> | <br><b>KAP DE TRIOMPHE (FR) (14)</b> (D)<br>1-9 <b>4</b> 11-3   71.2kg<br>Christian Williams<br>Overcame inexperience to make a winning debut in bumper at Naas in February. Changed hands for £55,000 subsequently but sent off a big price and looked in need of the run on recent hurdles debut.   | <b>82</b>  |          | <b>Nick Scholfield</b>         |
| <b>5</b> | <br><b>PROPHET SQUEEZE (IRE) (17)</b><br>P7 <b>6</b> 10-11   68.5kg<br>Alison Thorpe<br>Fifth both completed starts in Irish points but very low-key start over hurdles.  | <b>60</b>  | h        | <b>Ellis Collier (71b/3kg)</b> |

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-8** Jubilant, **9-4** Authentic Legacy, **3-1** Miami Magic, **25-1** Kap De Triomphe, **300-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

JUBILANT ran to a pretty high level in bumpers and returning for a yard in excellent order, he's taken to make a winning hurdles debut at the expense of Authentic Legacy and Miami Magic.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. JUBILANT 2. AUTHENTIC LEGACY 3. MIAMI MAGIC**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Roger Pol</b> 5-11-4	4-5f	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	7
2022	<b>Kaleb</b> 4-11-3	3-1	Amy Murphy	Jack Quinlan	9
2021	<b>Grandeur d'Ame</b> 5-11-4	4-7f	Alan King	Gavin Sheehan	6
2020	<b>Twominutes Turkish</b> 5-11-0	10-3	Chris Gordon	Joshua Moore	6
2019	<b>Falco Blitz</b> 5-11-0	4-5f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.20**

RACE 6








**PRA PRIZE MONEY PLAQUE TO FAKENHAM NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 2m59y (3270 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Weak**

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|    | <p><b>1</b> <b>GRAIN D'OUDAIRIES (FR) (129)</b> (D) <span style="float: right;"><b>100</b></span><br/>                 215413-33 <b>8</b> 12-0   76.2kg<br/>                 Donald McCain <span style="float: right;"><b>Brian Hughes</b></span><br/>                 Scored at Market Rasen in March and has held his form well when third in 3 outings since. In the mix.</p>  |
|    | <p><b>2</b> <b>FEVER DREAM (IRE) (87)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>94</b></span><br/>                 365/42-125 <b>6</b> 11-6   72.6kg<br/>                 Christian Williams <span style="float: right;"><b>Nick Scholfield</b></span><br/>                 Winner over hurdles at Perth in June and shaped well in defeat both starts since. Looks a chasing type, though starts out over much shorter trip than ideal.</p>   |
|    | <p><b>3</b> <b>NEVENDON (27)</b> (D) <span style="float: right;"><b>96</b></span><br/>                 36P-24P21 <b>7</b> 11-0   69.9kg<br/>                 Alexandra Dunn  <span style="float: right;"><b>K. Brogan</b></span><br/>                 A fair 2m hurdle winner and getting the hang of things over fences now, off the mark at Southwell earlier this month. Ran well back on the Flat 9 days ago and remains of interest back in this sphere.</p>      |
|   | <p><b>4</b> <b>JOLYJUMP (FR) (167)</b> (D) <span style="float: right;"><b>86</b></span><br/>                 78P1-24 <b>5</b> 10-10   68.0kg<br/>                 Gary &amp; Josh Moore <span style="float: right;"><b>Caoilin Quinn (31b/1kg)</b></span><br/>                 Proved a different proposition on handicap hurdle debut after 12 weeks off as he landed Taunton contest in April. Found only a fellow improver too good upped to 20f here following month and might have found next run coming too soon. Interesting chase debutant.</p> |
|  | <p><b>5</b> <b>DELPOTRO (FR) (33)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>87</b></span><br/>                 8P1-516 <b>4</b> 10-7   66.7kg<br/>                 Charlie Longsdon <span style="float: right;"><b>Lilly Pinchin</b></span><br/>                 Successful 2 out of his 3 starts over fences at Nort-sur-Erdre this summer. Since claimed from Gabriel Leenders for €9,106 but she was too free on her yard debut at Worcester last month. Worth another chance with tongue strap re-fitted.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>6</b> <b>RIVER GOLD (FR) (9)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>84</b></span><br/>                 31P2-885 <b>4</b> 10-5   65.8kg<br/>                 James Owen <span style="float: right;"><b>Sam Twiston-Davies</b></span><br/>                 Won a claiming hurdle in France last summer. Struggled in 4 outings for Nicky Henderson and fared no better starting out for this yard at Plumpton 9 days ago. Best watched now chasing.</p>   |

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Fever Dream, **11-4** Nevendon, **7-2** Grain D'oudairies, **7-1** Jolyjump, **10-1** Delpotro, **28-1** River Gold

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

NEVENDON is getting the of things over fences now, beating a subsequent winner when off the mark at Southwell, and shades the vote over progressive hurdler Fever Dream, who may find this trip shorter than ideal on chase bow.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. NEVENDON 2. FEVER DREAM 3. JOLYJUMP**

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race



**3.50**

RACE 7

**RIDING A DREAM ACADEMY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-95) £7,500 2m3y (3220 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Even**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023 **Good Time Ahead** 9-11-6 22-1 Jim & Suzi Best Harry Reed 8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1 MAVIS PIKE (20) (BF) 96**  
542d/53-5 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
Having just her third start over hurdles when respectable fifth of 9 in novice at Exeter (16.7f, good, 85/40) 20 days ago and could have more to offer on switch to handicapping.

**2 STOPNSEARCH (344) 96**  
43/8- 7 11-9 | 73.9kg

Brett Johnson **Charlie Hammond**  
Fair performer on Flat (stays 1½m) but has failed to trouble the judge all 3 starts in this sphere to date. Goes handicapping now.

**3 DREAMS FLED AWAY (IRE) (24) 92**  
685 5 11-8 | 73.5kg

Barry Brennan **James Best**  
Showed a bit more than previously over hurdles when fifth of 13 in novice at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good to soft) 24 days ago. May do better on handicap debut but opening mark could have been kinder.

**4 UGO BINGO (FR) (13) 97**  
P-65 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

Anthony Charlton **Tom Cannon**  
Fair form when winning sole Flat start in France and looks to have been brought along gradually in this sphere. Worth monitoring in market on handicap bow.

**5 SECRET SAUCE (IRE) (121) t 96**  
625F7-9P0 4 11-2 | 70.8kg

Anthony Charlton **Bradley Harris (3lb/1kg)**  
Yet to score over hurdles and ran poorly when last seen in this sphere at Worcester in July. Likely best watched after wind operation.

**6 CATBOY (FR) (8) s ★ 100**  
535P-0412 4 11-1 | 70.3kg

Christian Williams **Nick Scholfield**  
Off the mark at Fontwell (17.7f) last month and improved again when second of 15 in handicap hurdle at Exeter (18.5f, good to soft) 8 days ago. Leading contender.

**7 SIMPLY GORGEOUS (96) t 86**  
8F8 5 10-8 | 67.1kg

Neil King **Jack Quinlan**  
Fair at best on Flat but has offered little on both her completed starts over hurdles. Makes limited appeal on switch to handicapping.

**8 ROCKY'S GLORY (69) h+t 73**  
00/78-97 6 10-5 | 65.8kg

D. J. Jeffreys **Liam Harrison**  
Too keen for own good when seventh of 14 in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (18.5f, good) 69 days ago. First-time hood looks a good move on handicap debut and is worth a second look in the market.

**9 BLITZ SPIRIT (IRE) (456) 93**  
43657/F60- 6 10-5(10-1) | 65.8kg (64.0kg)

Michael Wigham **Aaron Anderson (5lb/2kg)**  
Fair performer on the Flat in France but she has yet to make a meaningful impact in this sphere and hasn't been seen for 15 months. Hard to recommend on return for new yard.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Catboy, **7-2** Mavis Pike, **13-2** Ugo Bingo, **15-2** Rocky's Glory, **14-1** Stopnsearch, **16-1** Dreams Fled Away, **16-1** Simply Gorgeous, **25-1** Secret Sauce, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CATBOY has looked a different proposition since tried in headgear and can register his second success. Mavis Pike and Ugo Bingo may provide the chief threat.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CATBOY 2. MAVIS PIKE 3. UGO BINGO**