



**GBI RACING**

Monday 30th December

**TAUNTON****TIMEFORM**  
1-2-3 **12.45** STABLES BUSINESS PARK NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)RACE 1 **(1) JACKPOT DES BORDES | (6) KATANA | (3) BANK ON FRANK****1.15** ROYAL OAK HILLCOMMON JUVENILE HURDLE (4) 2m104y (3310 Metres)RACE 2 **(5) CLOTILDA | (9) ZENATO | (2) MOUTARDE****1.45** RACING TV NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f3y (4630 Metres)RACE 3 **(8) RI NA CUIRTE | (7) LANGLEY HUNDRED | (5) TOUT SUR MOI****2.17** BYERLEY STUD MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 2m104y (3310 Metres)RACE 4 **(5) JUBILEE ALPHA | (1) LISTENTOYOURHEART | (4) HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA****2.52** SOUTH SHORE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m7f198y (4810 Metres)RACE 5 **(5) DESPEREAUX | (6) NATIVE MOON | (3) TINY TETLEY****3.27** IN THE MIX HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3¼m57y (5280 Metres)RACE 6 **(1) CAERULEUM | (2) TOUCHWOOD EXPRESS | (7) UNSPEAKABLE****4.00** 2 FOR 1 TICKETS ON 8th JANUARY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' TRAINING SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f1y (3820 Metres)RACE 7 **(7) PHOENIX RISEN | (1) BREAD AND BUTTER | (2) TOM DONIPHON****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.

**12.45**

**STABLES BUSINESS PARK NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+  
£9,099 2m3f1y (3820 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**

**1 JACKPOT DES BORDES (FR) (32) (C)** t **100**  
12-61 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



**Paul Nicholls** *Harry Cobden*  
Made a winning bumper debut at Hereford 13 months ago and left hurdling debut effort behind when winning 13-runner novice here (16.5f, good to soft) last month, getting away with the drop in trip around this sharper track. Carries a penalty but will go on improving back at a more suitable trip.

**2 ALDERLEY CHARLIE (54)** h **90**  
P 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



**Polly Gundry** *Nick Scholfield*  
Ask gelding who made little appeal on paper and shaped accordingly at Chepstow (16f, good to soft) just under 8 weeks ago. Hood applied but easy to look elsewhere.

**3 BANK ON FRANK** **96**  
6 11-0 | 69.9kg



**Ben Pauling** *Ben Jones*  
Passing Glance gelding. Dam (h74) placed on first of 2 outings over hurdles, maiden on Flat. Runner-up only outing in points (Feb 2023). One to note.

**4 CHEDINGTON'S GUEST (18)** **90**  
643-6 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



**Keiran Burke** *Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)*  
Went close here on his third and final start in bumpers and showed ability again under a more patient ride sent hurdling after 8 months off when sixth of 13 in novice at this course (16.5f, good) 18 days ago, late headway. More required to be in the shake up.

**5 DEVON DUDE (229)** **96**  
1-4 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



**Evan Williams** *Adam Wedge*  
Dartmouth gelding who is bred to stay well but displayed enough speed to win 4-runner bumper at Chepstow (16f, heavy) in March. Fared easily best of those held up in a falsely-run race when fourth of 14 in novice at Ffos Las (20f, good) on hurdles bow 7 months ago and should improve.

**6 KATANA (FR) (64)** **71**  
5 4 11-0 | 69.9kg



**Nicky Henderson** *Daryl Jacob*  
€45,000 half-brother to French hurdler/chaser Gangster de Coddess who showed ability amidst greenness when fifth of 8 in bumper at Wincanton (15.2f, good) a couple of months ago. Has to be respected for his top yard quickly switched over hurdles.

**7 STEEL DANCER (18)** **71**  
6-0 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



**Anthony Honeyball** *Ben Godfrey*  
Offered little on sole bumper outing back in the spring and it was a similar story on hurdling debut at this track (16.5f, good) earlier in the month. Looks one for handicaps further down the line.

**8 U CANT BE SERIOUS (IRE) (24)** **82**  
6/456-7 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



**Joe Tizzard** *Freddie Gingell (3lb/1kg)*  
Rangy gelding who displayed fair form without tasting success in handful of bumper starts. Ran below that level sent hurdling after 10 months off at Exeter (16.7f, heavy) recently and may well be being brought along with handicaps in mind.

**9 CALLI BLACK (IRE) (18)** t **95**  
3620-67 6 10-7 | 66.7kg



**David Weston** *James Davies*  
Winner of her sole completed start in points and placed in a couple of bumpers. Upped to 21f for hurdles debut and proved too free to last out at Warwick in October but was below that level with a tongue tie fitted at this track (16.5f, good) subsequently.

**10 KENMYA (FR) (16)** **60**  
956 4 10-7 | 66.7kg



**Dan Skelton** *Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)*  
A fair 5-time winner on Flat in France/Spain (stays 10f) but is yet to do anything over hurdles. Handicaps are where she'll come into her own presumably.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**15-8** Jackpot Des Bordes, **7-2** Katana, **9-2** Bank On Frank, **6-1** Devon Dude, **20-1** Chedington's Guest, **25-1** U Cant Be Serious, **28-1** Calli Black, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

JACKPOT DES BORDES got away with a drop in trip around this sharper track when scoring here last month and, with improvement on the cards back up in distance, Paul Nicholls' 5-y-o could take some stopping. He gets the vote over Katana, who showed ability amidst greenness in a Wincanton bumper a couple of months ago and warrants considerable respect now hurdling. Bank On Frank can edge out Devon Dude for third.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. JACKPOT DES BORDES 2. KATANA 3. BANK ON FRANK**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Centara</b> 5-11-0	10-11f Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams	14
2022	<b>Timefortune</b> 6-11-7	11-10f Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	14
2021	<b>Brave Kingdom</b> 5-11-5	8-13f Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	14
2020	<b>Stellar Magic</b> 5-10-12	9-4 Philip Hobbs	Richard Johnson	14
2019	<b>Republican</b> 4-10-12	12-1 Oliver Sherwood	Leighton Aspell	14

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.15**

**ROYAL OAK HILLCOMMON JUVENILE HURDLE (4) 3yo**  
**£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: **Even**

**1 MILL STREET (USA) (46) (D) 75**  
251 3 11-7 | 73.0kg



Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**

Made frame on 3 of 4 starts in US Flat maidens and it was a case of third time lucky over hurdles for new yard when landing a Sedgefield juvenile (16.8f, good) in decisive fashion last month. That form is nothing special, though, and he looks vulnerable under a penalty.

**2 MOUTARDE (IRE) (16) (D) 80**  
2416 3 11-7 | 73.0kg



Anthony Charlton **Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)**

Fair Flat winner in Ireland for Gavin Cromwell and made the most of a good opportunity as he got off the mark over hurdles at the third attempt in 8-runner juvenile at Kempton (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. Struggled in a Cheltenham Class 2 event next time but this race is not so hot.

**3 BRADMAN 74**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Kevin Bishop **James Best**

Dual winner of 1½m AW handicaps on the Flat for Charlie Fellowes last winter but he has failed to fire all 4 previous starts on turf, which is a worry ahead of this hurdles/yard debut.

**4 BRAMBLE JELLY (IRE) (35) 75**  
15 3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Dominic Ffrench Davis **Ben Ffrench Davis (51b/2kg)**

Modest Flat winner who almost certainly achieved little when landing a 2-finisher event at Leicester on her hurdle debut last month. Predictably struggled under a penalty at Kempton 7 days later and more of the same likely here.

**5 CLOTILDA (FR) (22) 100**  
2-5642231 3 11-0 | 69.9kg t



Paul Nicholls **Harry Cobden**

Fairly useful maiden hurdler/chaser in France who didn't need to match that form to make a winning start for Paul Nicholls in 2m Huntingdon juvenile, form which was given a boost when the second won what looked like a decent race at Kempton on Friday. Yard has landed this race 3 times since 2018.

**6 INFINITY BLUE (IRE) 79**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg h



David Pipe **Jack Tudor**

Fairly useful handicapper on the Flat for Julie Camacho, winner of 6f contest at Newmarket during the summer and went close at Wolverhampton (7f) last month. Since joined a top jumps yard but stamina has to be a concern given that he's untried beyond 7f on the level.

**7 OFFIAH'S BOY (53) 70**  
5 3 11-0 | 69.9kg s+t



Joe Tickle **Taylor Fisher**

Modest maiden on the Flat for Tom Ward and last of 5 in Ludlow juvenile on last month's hurdle debut for new stable. First-time cheekpieces and refitted tongue tie combination will need to major spark improvement if he's to take this.

**8 THOMAS G 75**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Anthony Honeyball **Rex Dingle**

The second of his 3 starts in maidens on the Flat was encouraging but he hasn't shown much otherwise in that sphere and opposable starting out over hurdles here for new yard.

**9 ZENATO (IRE) 80**  
3 11-0 | 69.9kg



Fergal O'Brien **Jonathan Burke**

Found some improvement when narrowly opening his account at Nottingham (1¼m, heavy) in October, on what turned out to be his final start for Ed Dunlop. As a half-brother to fair hurdler Auld Brig there has to be hope that he'll take to this game and he's certainly in good hands.

**10 I LOVE PARIS (IRE) (12) 70**  
RP 3 10-7 | 66.7kg



Chris Honour **Bryan Carver**

Fair maiden on the Flat for Ed Walker but refused early on when making her debut in this sphere at Leicester (race won by Bramble Jelly) and was subsequently pulled up at Newbury.

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-11** Clotilda, **13-2** Zenato, **15-2** Moutarde, **8-1** Infinity Blue, **12-1** Mill Street, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CLOTILDA made an immediate repayment on the €100,000 new connections forked out for her when landing a 3-runner Huntingdon juvenile and, with the second giving that form a timely boost at Kempton the other day, she should prove hard to beat. Zenato is an intriguing recruit to this sphere on the back of his Flat success in October and he is next on the list ahead of Moutarde, who will find this company more palatable compared to his latest assignment.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CLOTILDA 2. ZENATO 3. MOUTARDE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Swift Hawk</b> 3-11-0	7-2	Paul Nicholls	Lorcan Williams	11
2022	<b>Inspiratrice</b> 3-10-7	200-1	Nicky Martin	Sean Bowen	14
2021	<b>Irish Hill</b> 3-10-12	evsf	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	13
2020	<b>Wightman</b> 3-10-12	10-1	Mick Channon	Conor O'Farrell	13
2019	<b>Blacko</b> 3-10-12	4-1	Alan King	Tom Bellamy	12

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.45**

**RACING TV NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £13,300 2m7f3y (4630 Metres)**

RACE 3



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Langley Hundred, **11-2** Tout Sur Moi, **13-2** Ri Na Cuirte, **7-1** Kit's Coty, **15-2** Always Busy, **17-2** Shakeytailfeather, **10-1** Exmoor Forest, **20-1** Just One Surf, **25-1** Horizon D'or, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A winning chase debut could be on the cards for RI NA CUIRTE, who looked an improved model over hurdles last month, striking at Fontwell prior to finishing a solid third at Ascot. The latter form has been boosted (the winner of that handicap has won again since, and the second also scored next time) and the fact that this 6-y-o was runner-up between the flags augurs well ahead of this switch to fences. The in-form Langley Hundred and likely improver Tout Sur Moi rate the main dangers.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. RI NA CUIRTE 2. LANGLEY HUNDRED 3. TOUT SUR MOI**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Hard Frost</b> 6-11-2	5-1	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	9
2022	<b>Love Actually</b> 6-10-10	11-1	Keiran Burke	Tom Bellamy	11
2021	<b>Bangers And Cash</b> 5-11-6	10-3	Ben Pauling	Luca Morgan (5)	10
2020	<b>Little Red Lion</b> 6-1-5	10-3f	David Pipe	Fergus Gillard (5)	9
2019	<b>Manofthemountain</b> 6-11-12	5-2f	Emma Lavelle	Ben Jones (5)	10

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

- 1** **MICRO MILLIONS (IRE) (62)** **98**  
33P24-P 6 12-0 | 76.2kg  
**Sheila Lewis** **Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)**  
 £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. However, pulled up at Bangor on his debut over fences for new yard in October and now finds himself with a fair bit to prove.
- 2** **SHAKEYTAILFEATHER (IRE) (16)** **98**  
22-612640 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
**Dan Skelton** **Tristan Durrell (31b/1kg)**  
 Scored over hurdles at Newton Abbot in September and made an encouraging start over fences when fourth at Doncaster (19f, good) on penultimate start. Failed to build on that next time but it's still early days for this 5-y-o and she's not discounted.
- 3** **JUST ONE SURF (FR) (232) (C)** **98**  
35P10-P 5 12-0 | 76.2kg t  
**Warren Greatrex** **James Bowen**  
 Placed in Irish points/bumper and left his first 2 hurdle runs behind when springing a 40/1 surprise in a maiden here (2m, soft) in March. However, followed that with a heavy defeat on handicap bow at Sandown and subsequent chase debut display at Plumpton was inauspicious, to put it mildly.
- 4** **EXMOOR FOREST (IRE) (62)** **97**  
34-231P37 7 11-13 | 75.7kg s  
**Nigel Hawke** **James Davies**  
 Opened chase account in first-time cheekpieces when landing 9-runner handicap at Bangor (3m, good) in July. Poor efforts on 2 of his 3 subsequent starts and needs to bounce back having undergone a second wind op last month.
- 5** **TOUT SUR MOI (FR) (18)** **97**  
4/0673-324 5 11-10 | 74.4kg t  
**Mrs Jane Williams** **David Noonan**  
 Showed promise in bumpers and also displayed a fair level of ability in 5 runs over hurdles. Encouraging start over fences when fourth in a 9-runner C&D handicap recently and he's one for the shortlist off this 1 lb lower mark with improvement likely.
- 6** **KIT'S COTY (IRE) (29) (BF)** **97**  
U41P-336 6 11-10 | 74.4kg  
**Emma Lavelle** **Harry Cobden**  
 Hereford maiden hurdle winner last winter and finished hot on the heels of the first 2 when third in a 3m mares' handicap on chase debut at Ludlow. Major backward step at Leicester since, though, and it's hard to know which way she will go from this point.
- 7** **LANGLEY HUNDRED (IRE) (18) (D)** **100**  
5-2275512 7 11-9 | 73.9kg s+t   
**Philip Hobbs & Johnson White** **Micheal Nolan**  
 Bounced back to capitalise on a reduced mark and end a losing run at Hereford (25f, good) last month. Just touched off over this C&D next time and, still on a fair mark, this 7-y-o has to enter calculations.
- 8** **RI NA CUIRTE (IRE) (37) (BF)** **98**  
56628-813 6 11-5 | 72.1kg  
**Ben Clarke** **Harry Kimber**  
 Again very well backed and proved a different proposition after 6 months off when narrowly landing a 3¼m Fontwell handicap hurdle in November. Good third in stronger race at Ascot a fortnight on (first 2 winners next time) and lots to like now sent chasing (second in a point).
- 9** **ALWAYS BUSY (IRE) (25)** **96**  
5582F-052 6 11-0 | 69.9kg  
**Christian Williams** **Jack Tudor**  
 Modest handicap hurdler (1-12 in that sphere) but he did at least leave his low-key chase debut behind when runner-up at Wincanton (26.7f, heavy) earlier this month. Place possibilities here off the same mark, provided he is able to build on that.
- 10** **HORIZON D'OR (FR) (57)** **98**  
21717-420 7 10-11 | 68.5kg t  
**Adam West** **Lee Edwards**  
 Successful twice over hurdles in 2023 and made the frame first 2 starts since returning from an 11-month absence in September. However, he failed to fire last time and is probably worth taking on now switched to fences.

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**BYERLEY STUD MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 3yo+ fillies and mares £35,000 2m104y (3310 Metres)**








RACE 4



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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|    | <p><b>1 LISTENTOYOURHEART (IRE) (30) (D)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>100</b></span><br/>                     1225-111 5 11-9   73.9kg<br/>                     Dan Skelton <span style="float: right;"><i>Harry Skelton</i></span><br/>                     Overcame inexperience to make a winning bumper debut at Sedgefield last autumn and has looked good in 3 starts over hurdles, landing the odds at Market Rasen before scoring twice at Newbury, latterly in listed Mares' event (16.3f, good to soft) last month. Likely more to come yet.</p> |
|    | <p><b>2 DISCO DANCER (IRE) (20) (D)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>99</b></span><br/>                     43343254 5 11-4   71.7kg<br/>                     Gordon Elliott, Ireland <span style="float: right;"><i>James Bowen</i></span><br/>                     Off the mark over timber at Cork (16.9f) in July. Kept busy and run with credit since, latest when fourth of 10 in listed hurdle at Punchestown (19.1f, soft) 20 days ago. Should give another good account.</p>  |
|    | <p><b>3 DON'T TELL ROSIE (18)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>71</b></span><br/>                     5 4 11-4   71.7kg<br/>                     Jeremy Scott <span style="float: right;"><i>Bryan Carver</i></span><br/>                     Well held only outing on Flat for Daniel &amp; Claire Kubler back in late 2022 but she did go with promise starting out for new yard when fifth of 13 in novice over C&amp;D on NH debut 18 days ago. Faces a stiff task here, though. Hood goes on.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>4 HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA (IRE) (20) (D)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>94</b></span><br/>                     11-11 4 11-4   71.7kg<br/>                     Jamie Snowden <span style="float: right;"><i>Gavin Sheehan</i></span><br/>                     Won both starts in bumpers in the spring and is also unbeaten over hurdles, improving from her Ludlow debut success when readily taking Fontwell novice (19.1f, soft) 20 days ago. Asked a bigger question now but remains with potential.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>5 JUBILEE ALPHA (IRE) (30)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>99</b></span><br/>                     12-3 5 11-4   71.7kg<br/>                     Paul Nicholls <span style="float: right;"><i>Harry Cobden</i></span><br/>                     Fairly-useful bumper performer who offered plenty to work on when 1½ lengths third of 9 to Listentoyourheart in listed contest at Newbury (16.3f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 30 days ago. Likely to improve and holds strong claims.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>6 KITTY FOYLE (IRE) (30) (D)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>92</b></span><br/>                     125 4 11-4   71.7kg<br/>                     Daisy Hitchins <span style="float: right;"><i>Harry Reed</i></span><br/>                     Fairly useful stayer on the Flat (stays 2m) and bright start over hurdles when landing mares' novice at Newton Abbot (16.8f) in September. However, limitations exposed since and faces a stiff task against the principals here.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>7 METKAYINA (IRE) (21) (D)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>93</b></span><br/>                     314-21 5 11-4   71.7kg<br/>                     Noel Williams <span style="float: right;"><i>Jonathan Burke</i></span><br/>                     Built on encouraging hurdles debut when winning 6-runner novice at Lingfield (16f, soft, 10/3) 21 days ago, kept up to work. More on plate here but likely has more to offer.</p>   |

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Listentoyourheart, **3-1** Jubilee Alpha, **5-1** Hollygrove Cha Cha, **7-1** Disco Dancer, **8-1** Metkayina, **33-1** Kitty Foyle, **100-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

JUBILEE ALPHA should have learnt plenty from her encouraging Newbury hurdles bow and may be able to turn the tables on Listentoyourheart, who carries a 5 lb penalty for that victory. Hollygrove Cha Cha is also of interest.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. JUBILEE ALPHA 2. LISTENTOYOURHEART 3. HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Queens Gamble</b> 5-11-4	5-6f	Harry Derham	Jonathan Burke	6
2022	<b>Credrojava</b> 5-11-4	4-1	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	8
2021	<b>Rainyday Woman</b> 6-11-2	evsf	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9
2020	<b>Talking About You</b> 3-10-8	2-1	Sean Curran	Harry Bannister	5
2019	<b>Marie's Rock</b> 4-11-5	6-4jf	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.52**

**SOUTH SHORE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-130)  
£15,800 2m7f198y (4810 Metres)**









RACE 5



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**

<b>1</b>	<b>STRIKING A POSE (IRE) (25)</b>	<b>98</b>
	P11P8-34P <b>8</b> 12-0   76.2kg Joe Tizzard  <b>Freddie Gingell</b> (31b/1kg) Back-to-back winner of Exeter handicaps last season and encouraging third of 13 on return there in October. However, not so good next 2 starts and he looks risky on the back of his latest display at Wincanton where he was struggling some way out.	
<b>2</b>	<b>GEEZER ROCKSTAR (IRE) (39) (C)</b>	<b>95</b>
	1/4P10-5P <b>5</b> 11-12   75.3kg Harry Fry <b>Bryan Carver</b> Bumper/maiden hurdle winner who ran poorly on handicap debut at Sandown in April. Reappearance fifth of 14 in novice hurdle at Carlisle was decent but again followed a good effort with a bad one by misfiring at Wincanton (pulled up). Now tried in a tongue strap.	
<b>3</b>	<b>TINY TETLEY (42)</b>	<b>99</b>
	394215-2 <b>6</b> 11-7   73.0kg Philip Hobbs & Johnson White  <b>Callum Pritchard</b> (71b/3kg) Opened his account in a 21.5f Exeter maiden hurdle in February. Bit disappointing in Taunton handicap final start of last term but back on track when runner-up returned to Exeter last month and he merits respect off the same mark here.	
<b>4</b>	<b>FAUTINETTE (FR) (184)</b>	<b>96</b>
	POP/43-518 <b>6</b> 11-6   72.6kg Venetia Williams <b>Miss Lucy Turner</b> (51b/2kg) Fairly useful ex-French winner who got off the mark for current yard at Cartmel in May. Respectable eighth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Dieppe the following month but this demands a clear career-best.	
<b>5</b>	<b>DESPEREAUX (FR) (18) (CD)</b>	<b>98</b>
	348-83011 <b>5</b> 11-1   70.3kg Mrs Jane Williams <b>David Noonan</b> Returned to form in first-time cheekpieces when winning weak 7-runner handicap at Ludlow earlier this month. Followed up over this C&D 8 days later and, still feasibly treated up 8 lb, he should make a bold bid to complete the hat-trick. Yard saddled the winner of this race 12 months ago.	
<b>6</b>	<b>NATIVE MOON (IRE) (32)</b>	<b>100</b>
	6743-P2 <b>6</b> 10-10   68.0kg Jeremy Scott <b>Lorcan Williams</b> Signs of promise in maiden/novice hurdles and, though pulled up on handicap debut at Uttoxeter in May, he took a step back in the right direction when runner-up on return/debut for new yard over C&D last month. Likely to give it a good shot in first-time cheekpieces.	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**9-4** Despereaux, **3-1** Tiny Tetley, **7-2** Native Moon, **17-2** Striking A Pose, **12-1** Fautinette, **14-1** Geezer Rockstar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

DESPEREAUX is unexposed as a stayer and makes plenty of appeal in his hat-trick bid having made it 2-3 here with a decisive C&D success 18 days ago. Native Moon also has a potential as a stayer and is feared most on the back of his improved second here last month, while Tiny Tetley, who found just one too good at Exeter, is another key player.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. DESPEREAUX 2. NATIVE MOON 3. TINY TETLEY**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Moka de Vassy</b> 5-11-9	13-2	Mrs Jane Williams	David Noonan	4
2022	<b>Apple Rock</b> 8-11-6	9-2	Ben Pauling	Luca Morgan (3)	13
2021	<b>Tip Top Cat</b> 6-11-2	5-2f	Fergal O'Brien	Liam Harrison (3)	11
2020	<b>Premier d'Troice</b> 6-11-12	28-1	Archie Watson	Miss Brodie Hampson (3)	9
	<b>Broken Quest</b> 8-11-12	5-4f	Tom Symonds	K. Brogan (7)	9
2019	<b>Kansas City Chief</b> 10-10-13	12-1	Neil Mulholland	Robert Dunne	8

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race



**3.27**

**IN THE MIX HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)**  
**£11,300 3¼m57y (5280 Metres)**

RACE 6



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**

- 1**

**CAERULEUM (25)** (D) ★ **100**

24522-321 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Robert Walford **Harry Kimber**

Found improvement when getting off the mark in 10-runner handicap chase at Wincanton (26.7f, heavy, 2/1) 25 days ago. 8 lb higher now but another bold bid is anticipated.
- 2**

**TOUCHWOOD EXPRESS (IRE) (35)** **94**

36-49124 **5** 11-12 | 75.3kg

Nigel Twiston-Davies **Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell** (71b/3kg)

Improved on his exploits over hurdles when making a winning handicap chase debut at Huntingdon (23.6f) in October and backed that up with good second at Warwick (25.5f). Not in quite same form at Ludlow since but must enter calculations. Cheekpieces back on.
- 3**

**BALLYNAHEER (IRE) (16)** **95**

3P17-3354 **5** 11-10 | 74.4kg

David Dennis **Charlie Todd**

A fair 2m4f winner over hurdles who made a bright start over fences with placed efforts at Uttoxeter/Wincanton in October. Not so good the last twice, however, well held again at Newcastle on latest.
- 4**

**UNBLINKING (14)** **85**

P/2272PP-5 **11** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Robert Bevis **Finn Lambert** (31b/1kg)

Gained breakthrough over fences at Hereford (25f, good) in 2022/23 season and was runner-up 3 times last season. However, he ended that campaign out of sorts and posted just respectable fifth on return at Southwell 2 weeks ago.
- 5**

**MARETTIMO (IRE) (8)** (C) **92**

1/32-4P844 **10** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Bill Turner **Ben Ffrench Davis** (51b/2kg)

Fair handicap chaser at best but has yet to really fire this term and makes limited appeal, despite a tumbling mark.
- 6**

**GETUPEARLY (42)** (BF) **95**

B76-322U3 **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Micheal Nolan**

Still a maiden under Rules but placed on 4 of his 5 completed starts over fences, albeit he was below par when third at Exeter latest. Can't be discounted.
- 7**

**UNSPEAKABLE (IRE) (11)** (C) **94**

P7-286353 **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg

Christian Williams **Jack Tudor**

Doing all his best work at finish when third of 18 in handicap hurdle at Exeter (21.6f, soft) 11 days ago. Fairly treated back chasing and can make his presence felt.
- 8**

**SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL (FR) (25)** (C) ✔ **97**

58P72113 **9** 10-10 | 68.0kg

Joe Tickle **Taylor Fisher**

Below par in heavy ground at Wincanton latest but had won back-to-back handicaps (including at this course) previously and remains on a workable mark.
- 9**

**BLACKACRE (35)** **88**

83P2-3562 **5** 10-5 | 65.8kg

Evan Williams **Adam Wedge**

Remains a maiden after 11 attempts and was flattered when well-beaten second of 7 in handicap chase at Ludlow (23.8f, soft) 35 days ago.
- 10**

**SEVENOFUS (IRE) (162)** **94**

2P3-U5637 **8** 10-2 | 64.4kg

Carroll Gray **Gearoid Harney** (51b/2kg)

Still looking for first success and not seen since disappointing effort over hurdles at Newton Abbot in summer.

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

CAERULEUM upped his game when easily scoring at Wincanton last month and an 8 lb higher mark may not be enough to prevent the follow up. Touchwoodexpress and Unspeakable should also go well.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. CAERULEUM 2. TOUCHWOOD EXPRESS 3. UNSPEAKABLE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Pedley Wood</b> 6-11-12	16-5jf	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	9
2022	<b>Leading Knight</b> 6-10-9	11-1	Ryan Chapman	Beau Morgan (7)	12
2021	<b>Kingsmill Gin</b> 8-11-0	16-1	Jackie du Plessis	James Best	11
2020	<b>Sandford Castle</b> 10-10-5	11-4f	Johnny Farrelly	Mitchell Bastyan (3)	12
2019	<b>Great Tempo</b> 6-11-2	8-1	David Pipe	Fergus Gillard (7)	15

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**2-1** Caeruleum, **11-2** Touchwoodexpress, **6-1** Getupearly, **8-1** Unspeakable, **10-1** School For Scandal, **10-1** Ballynaheer, **16-1** Blackacre, **28-1** Marettimo, **40-1** bar

**4.00**

RACE 7

**2 FOR 1 TICKETS ON 8th JANUARY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' TRAINING SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3yo+ (Rated 0-115) £10,500 2m3f1y (3820 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**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2023	<b>Individualiste</b> 5-11-8	6-4f	Paul Nicholls	Freddie Gingell (3)	7
2022	<b>Fame And Fun</b> 5-10-11	7-2	Paul Nicholls	Freddie Gingell (6)	15
2021	<b>Karakoram</b> 6-10-0	11-1	Grace Harris	Joe Anderson (3)	10
2020	<b>Chinwag</b> 5-11-8	5-4f	Neil Mulholland	Millie Wonnacott (3)	17
2019	<b>Lightly Squeeze</b> 5-12-5	evsf	Harry Fry	Bryan Carver (3)	16

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1 BREAD AND BUTTER (IRE) (22)** t **97**  
593-40111 9 12-0 | 76.2kg



**Olly Murphy** *Lewis Saunders (3lb/1kg)*  
Right back to form since undergoing a wind op, winning 3 on the bounce under Lewis Saunders since returning to action last month. 6 lb rise for latest Huntingdon (20.7f, heavy) success fair enough and this 9-y-o has to be respected in his bid to complete the four-timer.

**2 TOM DONIPHON (FR) (33)** **99**  
120-32 5 11-12 | 75.3kg



**Philip Hobbs & Johnson White** *James Turner*  
Useful bumper performer who stepped up from his hurdling debut when very good second of 11 in novice at Hereford (19.7f, good to soft) 33 days ago. May have more to offer on handicap bow.

**3 BASKERVILLE (IRE) (40)** **98**  
205-U1323 5 11-11 | 74.8kg



**Alan King** *Oscar Palmer (8lb/4kg)*  
Confirmed promise of previous run when landing a novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (15.8f) in June and better form in defeat in handicaps thereafter, particularly when runner-up at Hereford (21.7f) in October. Not at quite same level at Warwick latest but must enter calculations.

**4 TWO TO TANGO (30)** ★ **100**  
5/32P-5333 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



**Emma Lavelle** *Cameron Johnstone-Baker (8lb/4kg)*  
Showed fair form in pair of maiden hurdles last winter and run to similar level in handicaps more recently, latest when good third of 7 at Doncaster (16.6f, good) last month. Likely to be in the mix again.

**5 BETTY'S TIARA (25)** **97**  
157272-5 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



**Ben Pauling** *Callum Pritchard (3lb/1kg)*  
Made the frame on 2 of her 3 starts over hurdles last term and shaped as if needing the run when creditable fifth of 13 in novice at Wincanton (21.4f, heavy) on return 25 days ago. Could be a player on handicap bow.

**6 STANLEY PINCOMBE (IRE) (28) (CD)** s ✓ **95**  
62124-36U 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



**Chris Gordon** *D. P. Davis*  
Won at Plumpton (20.5f) 13 months ago but has been below his best in a trio of outings this term and has cheekpieces refitted now.

**7 PHOENIX RISEN (13) (C)** s **98**  
F05-46921 7 11-2 | 70.8kg



**Jeremy Scott** *Gearoid Harney*  
Course winner who got back on scorebaord when taking 8-runner handicap hurdle at Wincanton (15.2f, soft, 4/1) 13 days ago, kept up to work. 5 lb rise fair and is one for shortlist.

**8 KOLISI (IRE) (15) (C, D)** s+t **92**  
4384/22-80 6 10-3 | 64.9kg



**David Pipe** *Harry Atkins (3lb/1kg)*  
Runner-up twice in 2m handicap hurdles in June 2023 but has offered little in 3 starts since returning from lengthy absence. Lots to prove at present.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**4-1** Phoenix Risen, **4-1** Bread And Butter, **4-1** Betty's Tiara, **6-1** Tom Doniphon, **6-1** Baskerville, **11-1** Two To Tango, **20-1** Stanley Pincombe, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

PHOENIX RISEN was a ready winner at Wincanton earlier this month and remains feasibly treated on old form. He can score again. Bread And Butter and Tom Doniphon rate the principal dangers.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. PHOENIX RISEN 2. BREAD AND BUTTER 3. TOM DONIPHON**