

Saturday 4th January

WINCANTON



12.23 REDLYNCH RACE OF UNRIVALLED HORSEPOWER MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m5f82y (4300 Metres)

RACE 1 **(3) JOHNNY'S JURY | (11) JUST A ROSE | (4) MALINIFICENT**

12.58 RECO FASTRAC TO GLORY RACE MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)

RACE 2 **(8) MISS ALTEA BLUE | (4) I'VE MADEUPMYMIND | (3) GRANNY HAWKINS**

1.33 READ NICO DE BOINVILLES UNIBET BLOG HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) IN D'OR | (2) TAKE YOUR TIME | (3) LIVIN ON LUCO**

2.05 BET £20 GET £20 WITH UNIBET HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)

RACE 4 **(11) ST LUKES CHELSEA | (2) OUR DYLAN | (10) SOLDIER'S LEAP**

2.40 UNIBET MIDDLE DISTANCE VETERANS' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 2½m35y (4060 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) NOCTE VOLATUS | (5) STORMY FLIGHT | (3) LE LIGERIEN**

3.15 UNIBET MORE EXTRA PLACE RACES HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m5f82y (4300 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) KADO DE JOIE | (6) AUTHENTIC LEGACY | (1) NINTH LOCH**

3.50 TRY UNIBETS NEW SMARTVIEW RACECARDS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)

RACE 7 **(7) PUDDLESINTHEPARK | (8) JUKEBOX D'EDDY | (5) RONNIES REFLECTION**

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.

12.23**REDLYNCH RACE OF UNRIVALLED HORSEPOWER MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,000 2m5f82y (4300 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 COPPER JACK (IRE) (42) 89
74 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Anthony Charlton *Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)*
Irish point winner who appeared to improve on form showed on bumper debut when fourth of 5 in a class 2 novice at Ascot (21.6f) 6 weeks ago. That was a steadily-run affair however, and likely he'll need to step up again. Rider takes off a valuable 7 lb.

2 GAMBLERGO (IRE) (64) 79
P 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Toby Lawes *Tom Cannon*
€40,000 5-y-o who was successful sole outing in Irish points (Mar 2024). Easy to back, went with little promise when pulled up in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (19.9f) on Rules debut 64 days ago. Best watched on the back of that. Had wind op.

3 JOHNNY'S JURY (IRE) 100
5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Nicky Henderson *James Bowen*
€150,000 3-y-o, Jukebox Jury gelding. Closely related to useful hurdler/chaser Danny Kirwan, stayed 3m and half-brother to 2 winners, including high-class hurdler/chaser Appreciate It. Lots to like on paper starting out for top stable and he's one to note.

4 MALINIFICENT (IRE) (30) 95
3 5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Warren Greatrex *D. P. Davis (71b/3kg)*
£52,000 buy, runner-up on second of 2 starts in Irish points (May 5). Showed promise on hurdles debut in a 6-runner 2m Leicester novice last month that should throw up winners. Bred to stay well and this longer trip promises to suit. Respected.

5 MOUNTAIN MIKE (IRE) (235) (BF) 91
2 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole *Luke Scott (51b/2kg)*
Mount Nelson gelding. Placed on sole outing in points and, strong in betting, shaped encouragingly amidst inexperience when second of 9 in a Southwell bumper (15.8f) back in May. Type to make his mark as a hurdler and interesting if market speaks in his favour on return.

6 ROE AND CO (IRE) 90
7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jamie Snowden *Jonathan Burke*
€33,000 3-y-o, £58,000 5-y-o, Malinas gelding. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler (19f/2½m winner) City Theatre. Off mark in Irish points at second attempt (Nov 2023) and he's a Rules debutant to note with his yard enjoying a good season. Undergone wind surgery.

7 THE LONG POINT (IRE) (24) 92
144 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Emma Lavelle *Tom Bellamy*
Won sole start in bumpers at Huntingdon in May and showed benefit of hurdling debut experience when fourth of 9 in a Hereford novice (19.7f) 24 days ago, one paced from 2 out but not knocked about. Very much the type to progress further.

8 THUNDER N LIGHTNIN (IRE) (54) 89
62-3 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Harry Derham *Alice Stevens (31b/1kg)*
7-y-o who showed promise in pair of novice hurdles last winter and again showed encouragement after 10 months off when third in 6-runner novice at Kempton (21f) in November. Type to do better in handicaps, including over fences.

9 FRENELOPE (IRE) (30) 70
00 7 10-11 | 68.5kg



Neil Mulholland *Richie McLernon*
Soldier Of Fortune mare who has offered little in maiden/mares' novice company at this course in recent months. Low-grade handicaps will be more suitable in due course.

10 GAME COLOURS (IRE) (30) 93
P3-22 7 10-11 | 68.5kg



Ben Clarke *Rex Dingle*
Showed benefit of a wind op when third in novice at Doncaster (19.4f) last spring and placed both subsequent starts, best effort to date when runner-up in a C&D mares' novice 4 weeks ago. Can play her part with a repeat.

11 JUST A ROSE (FR) 98
6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*
Saint Des Saints mare. Dam, fairly useful 17f-19f hurdle/chase winner in France, half-sister to French hurdlers Christmas Rose (17f winner, by Montmartre) and Bright Rose (19f winner). Won sole start in points (Dec 2023) and she's a hurdling debutante to note for top stable.

12 KING'S CONSORT (IRE) 89
6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Georgina Nicholls *Miss Olive Nicholls (71b/3kg)*
Youmzain mare. Dam multiple bumper winner/made frame sole start over hurdles. Made frame both starts in point bumpers herself in spring 2023 but she's probably best watched on this first start over hurdles.

13 SPRINGTIME LEGEND (30) 90
456 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Neil Mulholland *Dylan Johnston (31b/1kg)*
Shaped with some encouragement both starts in bumpers and, despite needing the experience, was noted keeping on for sixth in a C&D mares' novice 4 weeks back. Type to do better but another who could be more for handicaps further down the line.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Johnny's Jury, **4-1** Just A Rose, **6-1** Malinificent, **8-1** Game Colours, **11-1** The Long Point, **14-1** Mountain Mike, **16-1** Roe And Co, **18-1** Springtime Legend, **28-1** Copper Jack, **28-1** Thunder N Lightnin, **28-1** King's Consort, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JOHNNY'S JURY makes loads of appeal on paper starting out for a top NH stable and with those boasting previous form not setting the tallest standard, he could be worth siding with to make it first time lucky before market clues. Fellow newcomer Just A Rose is another to note. Malinificent, Game Colours and The Long Point look best of those with previous hurdling experience.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JOHNNY'S JURY 2. JUST A ROSE 3. MALINIFICENT

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.58

RACE 2

RECO FASTRAC TO GLORY RACE MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £7,000 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak****1 DORSET LADY (IRE) (205) t 75**

77/393-PP 8 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gary Brown

Richie McLernon

Modest bumper performer in Ireland who made the frame once from 3 starts in maidens on the Flat. Yet to fire over hurdles for this yard, however.

2 FUTURE FORTUNE (IRE) (62) 87

1830-4 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Warren Greatrex

James Bowen

Made a winning debut in bumper at Hereford last October but she came in a well-held fourth on her hurdling bow at Huntingdon (2m4f) in November. Needs to take a big step forward.

3 GRANNY HAWKINS (27) 83

208-F7 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Alan King

Tom Cannon

Runner-up in a Southwell bumper on debut in June 2023 but below that level on both completed start over hurdles since. May still do better when handicapping though.

4 I'VE MADEUPMYMIND (24) (BF) 99

245-33 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ben Pauling

Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)

Showed promise in bumpers and again when third of 9 in novice hurdle (13/8) at Hereford (19.7f, good to soft) on hurdles bow 24 days ago. Likely player with more to offer.

5 LOUD AND PROUD (IRE) (9) 79

69 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Harry Derham

Miss Megan Fox (7lb/3kg)

Has offered little in two maiden hurdles over C&D, coming in ninth of 11 on latter occasion 9 days ago.

6 SOMETHINGTOSOMEONE (IRE) (44) 85

3 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



Ben Clarke

Rex Dingle

13/2 and hooded, encouraging third of 7 in novice hurdle at this C&D (good to soft) on NH debut 44 days ago. Also runner-up on sole start in Irish points so can take a step forward.

7 STYLIA (FR) (16) 82

804 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Anthony Honeyball

Ben Godfrey

Runner-up in an Irish point and hinted at promise when fourth of 7 in novice hurdle at Ffos Las (15.8f, heavy, 66/1) 16 days ago. May do better still.

8 MISS ALTEA BLUE (FR) (36) t 100

7-4225 4 10-3 | 64.9kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

A fairly useful ex-French hurdler this summer. Looked in need of the experience on her yard bow when fifth of 10 in Newton Abbot juvenile in November. The clear form pick and she remains one to be interested in.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Miss Altea Blue, **7-4** I've Madeupmymind, **7-1** Future Fortune, **12-1** Somethingtosomeone, **28-1** Granny Hawkins, **33-1** Stylia, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Paul Nicholls' French recruit MISS ALTEA BLUE should have learned a lot from her debut fifth on these shores at Newton Abbot and looks to have been found an excellent opportunity to get off the mark. Ben Pauling's I've Madeupmymind has better days ahead of her and appeals as the one to chase the selection home, ahead of Granny Hawkins and Somethingtosomeone.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MISS ALTEA BLUE 2. I'VE MADEUPMYMIND 3. GRANNY HAWKINS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **Mairis Icon** 5-11-2 9-4 Seamus Mullins Micheal Nolan 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.33

RACE 3

READ NICO DE BOINVILLES UNIBET BLOG HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-130) £25,000 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 IN D'OR (FR) (37) 99
3/5312-01 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Venetia Williams

Mr David Maxwell

French-import who was a wide-margin winner of a handicap hurdle at Ludlow in March. Improved for the switch to fences when making a winning return at Taunton and has more to come in this sphere.

2 TAKE YOUR TIME (IRE) (42) (CD) s ★ 100
96/11PP1-3 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

C&D winner shaped encouragingly after 7 months off when a fading third of 9 in handicap chase at Haydock (25.6f, heavy) 42 days ago. Bold showing is on the cards with that run under his belt.

3 LIVIN ON LUCO (IRE) (21) b 96
2F1222-16 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Callum Pritchard (71b/3kg)

Consistent rather than progressive over hurdles and bettered that form albeit fortuitously when making a winning start over fences at Newton Abbot under this rider on return. Struggled in better event at Cheltenham since but worth another chance back down in class.

4 PLANNED PARADISE (IRE) (13) 98
3632833P 9 10-10 | 68.0kg



Christian Williams

Jonathan Burke

Perth winner in July but just respectable efforts at best kept busy since, though could hardly have shaped any worse at Fakenham 2 weeks ago.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:evens In D'or, **7-2** Take Your Time, **9-2** Livin On Luco, **15-2** Planned Paradise**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

IN D'OR beat a pair of subsequent winners when making a winning chase bow at Taunton in good style and is preferred to Take Your Time, who is expected to leave his reappearance run well behind.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. IN D'OR 2. TAKE YOUR TIME 3. LIVIN ON LUCO****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.05**BET £20 GET £20 WITH UNIBET HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £7,000 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)**

RACE 4

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

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 SERGEANT (FR) (30)  **97**
54/215R83 8 12-0 | 76.2kg



Anthony Charlton

Miss Anna Johnston (7lb/3kg)

Unreliable type who resumed winning ways in no uncertain terms at Newton Abbot (16.7f) in August. More miss than hit subsequently but wasn't disgraced when in 9-runner C&D handicap on most recent start.

2 OUR DYLAN (IRE) (29) **99**
301-12321 9 11-11 | 74.8kg



Kayley Woolcott

Mr Joshua Newman (5lb/2kg)

In winning form in the spring and having just been edged out on return from a break, he duly resumed winning ways in 10-runner handicap at Exeter (18.5f, heavy) 20 days ago. Can go well again.

3 POLISUD (FR) (26) **95**
P563124-4 9 11-9 | 73.9kg



Daisy Hitchins

Harry Reed

Fairly useful hurdle/chase winner in France who took advantage of his falling mark in a Newcastle handicap hurdle in March. Followed that success with a couple of decent efforts in defeat and shaped as if retaining all ability on first outing for current yard at Lingfield on last month's return.

4 SIAM PARK (IRE) (23) **91**
4368-F9U 6 11-6 | 72.6kg

Joe Tizzard *Harry Cobden*

Free-going type who has proven to be a disappointment since being switched to handicaps, proving no less keen for the fitting of a hood when well held at Taunton in November. Led until stumbling and unseating third back there on most recent outing.

5 JOHN BETJEMAN (9) **98**
333-48435 9 11-5 | 72.1kg



Mark Gillard

Fergus Gillard

Eighteen runs since last win in 2023 but ran respectably on the balance of this season's efforts when fifth of 15 in handicap over C&D (soft) 9 days ago. Likely to remain competitive.

6 ODIN'S QUEST (283) (CD) **93**
4P1/PP33P- 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Niall Houlihan

Bumper winner who built on earlier promise when landing a weak maiden over C&D in spring 2023. Mixed bag in handicap company last season, breaking blood vessel when pulled up at this course on final outing.

7 DIRTY DEN (18) **96**
905-24664 5 11-0 | 69.9kg



Anthony Charlton

Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg) 

Fair bumper winner who has yet to scale the same heights as a hurdler, his effort flattening out again over C&D on most recent outing. On the upside, he's 4 lb lower in the weights with a promising 7-lb claimer taking over in the saddle.

8 BREDON HILL DART (30) **97**
7474F4-7 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Susan Gardner

Lucy Gardner

Never featured in 2 bumpers but some promise in novice/maiden hurdles during second half of last term. Shaped as if needing the run switched to handicap company at Leicester on return last month and this will reveal more.

9 PENNA ROSSA (IRE) (9) **98**
082P5297 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Keiran Burke

Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)

Not won since 2022 but promising first effort for new yard when runner-up at Exeter in November. Exploits mixed since however, finishing only mid-field in big-field handicap over C&D on Boxing Day.

10 SOLDIER'S LEAP (IRE) (25) **98**
0672 5 10-10 | 68.0kg



Tom Ellis

Miss Gina Andrews

Lightly-raced maiden who improved switched to a handicap when in 9-runner event at Fontwell (17.7f, soft, 4/1) 25 days ago. Tongue strap on for 1st time and may do better still.

11 ST LUKES CHELSEA (25) **100**
742 4 10-8 | 67.1kg



Robert Walford

Sean Houlihan

Modest maiden on Flat (stays 1m) for Ralph Beckett and steadily going the right way over hurdles, edged out only in the dying strides at Fontwell (17.7f, soft) on most recent outing. Looks to have got into handicaps on a good mark and has to be of firm interest.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 St Lukes Chelsea, **6-1** Our Dylan, **13-2** Soldier's Leap, **9-1** John Betjeman, **10-1** Odin's Quest, **12-1** Polisud, **14-1** Penna Rossa, **14-1** Sergeant, **16-1** Dirty Den, **20-1** Siam Park, **25-1** Bredon Hill Dart

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ST LUKES CHELSEA has improved with each run over hurdles and looks to have got into handicaps on a good mark, so he's an appealing candidate. The bang in-form Our Dylan heads up the opposition, along with Soldier's Leap, whose lightly-raced profile provides hope for better still.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ST LUKES CHELSEA 2. OUR DYLAN 3. SOLDIER'S LEAP

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Daany 7-10-3	8-1	Joe Tickle	Micheal Nolan	9
2023	Force de Frap 8-11-1	13-2	Emma-Jane Bishop	Harrison Beswick (3)	17
2022	Pilsdon Pen 5-10-8	80-1	Jeremy Scott	Rex Dingle	14
2021	Anightinlambourn 7-11-8	3-1	Ben Pauling	Daryl Jacob	11
2020	Itsonlyrocknroll 8-12-0	12-1	Chris Gordon	Sean Bowen	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.40

RACE 5

UNIBET MIDDLE DISTANCE VETERANS' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (3) 10yo+ (Rated 0-135) £25,000 2½m35y (4060 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **QUEL DESTIN (FR) (29)** b **97**
23/8114P-P **10** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Won 2 heavy-ground handicaps (at up to 21.6f) last term but well held next 3 starts, including on return.

2 **NOCTE VOLATUS (43) (D)** t **99**
23346-112 **10** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Tom Lacey

Cameron Iles (7lb/3kg)

Took advantage of a drop in the weights to score for the first time in over 2 years at Uttoxeter in May and picked up where he left off when following up over C&D on return. Beaten only by a well-handicapped one at Ascot since and of strong interest dipping into veterans company for the first time.

3 **LE LIGERIEN (FR) (26) (D)** t **97**
132548-31 **12** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Joe Tizzard

Tom Bellamy

Won a similar event at Kempton last season and all the better for return when taking advantage of reduced mark at Lingfield last month. Respected despite 7 lb higher in better race.

4 **THE WIDDOW MAKER (675) (C)** t **98**
423FP/ **11** 11-6 | 72.6kg



Joe Tizzard

Tom Cannon

Signs of decline in 2022/23 and subsequently found to be lame when pulled up here when last seen 22 months ago. Best watched.

5 **STORMY FLIGHT (IRE) (29) (D)** s **100**
36131-F02 **11** 11-5 | 72.1kg



Jeremy Scott

Rex Dingle

Gradually worked his way back to form last season, scoring twice at Exeter, including a similar event. Ran a cracker up against unexposed rivals when going close back there 4 weeks ago and big shout back in veterans company.

6 **RED ROOKIE (14)** v **96**
743743-46 **10** 11-3 | 71.2kg



Emma Lavelle

Jonathan Burke

Winless last season and went with little fluency on return at Haydock. Others preferred. Visor on 1st time.

7 **LONGSHANKS (IRE) (263) (C)** s **89**
76P/3R223- **11** 10-5 | 65.8kg



Kayley Woollacott

Callum Pritchard (7lb/3kg)

Held his form well over hurdles last season but this looks a tough ask back chasing on return.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Nocte Volatus, 11-4 Stormy Flight, 5-1 Le Ligerien, 17-2 Quel Destin, 12-1 Red Rookie, 22-1 The Widdow Maker, 22-1 Longshanks

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NOCTE VOLATUS lost out only to a subsequent winner when going for the hat-trick at Ascot and can resume winning ways dipping into veterans company for the first time. Stormy Flight won a similar event at Exeter last season and only just lost out to a progressive youngster there last month, so is the obvious threat, with Le Ligerien best of the others.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NOCTE VOLATUS 2. STORMY FLIGHT 3. LE LIGERIEN

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.15**UNIBET MORE EXTRA PLACE RACES HANDICAP HURDLE (3)
4yo+ (Rated 0-125) £18,500 2m5f82y (4300 Metres)**

RACE 6

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

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 NINTH LOCH (IRE) (59) h **100**
1341-P471 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Harry Derham *Miss Victoria Malzard (51lb/2kg)*
Bumper winner for Willie Mullins prior to winning 3 times over hurdles for N. George & A. Zetterholm in France, showing fairly useful form. Claimed for £21,506 and has joined a yard that has an excellent record with new recruits.

2 NORDIC TIGER (FR) (35) (C) t **94**
5331121-4 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Harry Derham *Alice Stevens (31lb/1kg)*
Successful 3 times last season, including at this track and ran creditably when fourth in 8-runner handicap at Doncaster (19.4f, good) on return. Should give another good account.

3 KADO DE JOIE (FR) (26) **97**
2516-3511 5 11-11 | 74.8kg

Nicky Henderson *James Bowen*
Progressive young hurdler who came from an unpromising position to follow up his Fontwell success in 8-runner handicap at Lingfield (19.5f, soft) 26 days ago. Handicapper applies more pressure but still unexposed, particularly at this sort of trip.

4 LATIN VERSE (23) **98**
21P2-6726 5 11-11 | 74.8kg

Anthony Charlton *Harry Cobden*
Won twice over hurdles last season and returned to that sort of form with usual cheekpieces left off when second of 9 in handicap hurdle (11/2) at Huntingdon (15.8f, soft) in November, pulling clear of the remainder. Not seen to best effect upped in trip at Taunton since.

5 HIGH GAME ROYAL (FR) (22) **98**
23335-225 8 11-10 | 74.4kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White *Callum Pritchard (71lb/3kg)*
Fairly useful hurdler who shaped as if still in good form when fifth of 9 in handicap hurdle (25/1) at Cheltenham (24f, good to soft) 22 days ago, promising more than he delivered.

6 AUTHENTIC LEGACY (29) (BF) s **96**
482-223 5 11-4 | 71.7kg

Gary & Josh Moore *Niall Houlihan*
Authorized gelding who has shaped well in making the frame all 4 starts over hurdles, including when third in 6-runner handicap at Sandown (2m) last month. Remains open to improvement with the markedly longer trip expected to suit. Cheekpieces on for 1st time.

7 LOVE OF NEYMORE (18) (C) **96**
P431-P1 7 11-4 | 71.7kg

Robbie Llewellyn *Charlie Price (31lb/1kg)*
Improved to get off the mark in 13-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (19.4f) in April, responding well. Shaped as if amiss sent chasing at Ludlow 6 months later but quickly returned to winning ways reverting to hurdling when making all here (19.8f, soft) 18 days ago. Respected up 5 lb.

8 STORM DENNIS (IRE) (647) (D) **94**
566/ 9 11-1 | 70.3kg

Chris Gordon *Rex Dingle*
On the up at the beginning of 2022, winning handicaps at Huntingdon and Kempton. However, tailed off third and final start in 2022/23 and absent since

9 SAUNTON SURF (IRE) (22) (BF) **96**
12558-25 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

Warren Greatrex *D. P. Davis (71lb/3kg)*
Easy winner of a point/Aintree bumper for Bradley Gibbs and better than the result on a couple of occasions over hurdles last season. Positive start to this season when runner-up at Lingfield (23f, good) but a shade underwhelming when only fifth of 10 at Doncaster since.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Authentic Legacy, **9-2** Kado De Joie, **13-2** Nordic Tiger, **15-2** Ninth Loch, **15-2** Love of Neymore, **10-1** Latin Verse, **12-1** Saunton Surf, **14-1** High Game Royal, **25-1** Storm Dennis

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KADO DE JOIE again came from an unpromising position to win comfortably at Lingfield last month and, with the likelihood of further improvement over this still longer trip, he's taken to complete the hat-trick. Authentic Legacy should also have more to offer now upped in distance, with multiple hurdles winner Ninth Loch requiring close market attention on first start for Harry Derham.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. KADO DE JOIE 2. AUTHENTIC LEGACY 3. NINTH LOCH****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Rare Clouds 10-10-12	15-2	Simon Earle	James Best	7
2023	Chianti Classico 6-11-7	4-6f	Kim Bailey	David Bass	4
2022	Jepeck 13-11-12	40-1	Anthony Honeyball	Ben Godfrey (5)	9
2021	Sizable Sam 6-11-12	2-1f	Jeremy Scott	Rex Dingle	12
2020	Sir Ivan 10-11-12	16-1	Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

TRY UNIBETS NEW SMARTVIEW RACECARDS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,250 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

Right handed, flat and essentially sharp in character. One of the sharpest tests in the country when the ground is firmer than good, hold-up tactics usually counter-productive, but on very testing going the course can provide a surprisingly thorough test, often resulting in strung-out fields and a low percentage of completions, especially on the hurdles course, perhaps a cause of its fundamentally tight nature ensuring races are well run regardless of conditions, front runners often overdoing things. The fences are stiff and claim plenty of casualties, with the three in the home straight coming so close together that it often proves difficult to come from behind.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **CELTIC FORTUNE (IRE) (18)** s+t **95**
36P4-4342 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Neil Mulholland

James Bowen

Fair maiden hurdler who has made an encouraging start in this sphere, runner-up in handicap chase at this C&D (soft) 18 days ago. Ought to be in the shake-up.

2 **IMPERIAL HURRICANE (26)** s **91**
5P5/0 **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Tom Bellamy

Off 21 months before coming in only tenth of 11 in handicap chase at Lingfield (23.5f, soft) 26 days ago. This fair maiden hurdler should take a step forward now for his in-form yard.

3 **ILLOGICAL LOGIC (FR) (51)** **97**
73-P65523 **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Christian Williams

Jonathan Burke

Fair maiden hurdler/chaser arrives in good nick, headgear applied when third of 5 in 3m2f Sedgfield handicap chase in November. Can make his presence felt once more.

4 **INCHAGOILL LADY (IRE) (18)** s+t **95**
P/P336-P33 **9** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Kevin Pickard

Gearoid Harney (5lb/2kg)

Still a maiden but he posted a good third of 9 in handicap chase at this C&D (soft) 18 days ago. Can give another good account off the same mark.

5 **RONNIES REFLECTION (7)** t **94**
995-P3P1 **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Ben Case

Jack Quinlan

Little to shout about over hurdles but he got off the mark in 6-runner handicap chase at Leicester (22.7f, soft) 7 days ago. Up 4 lb but he's still not taken lightly.

6 **THE MIDWIFE (IRE) (31) (BF)** **97**
668-57533 **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg



Grace Harris

Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)

Arrives in good nick without winning over hurdles, third of 7 at Ludlow (23.8f, soft) 31 days ago. Much respected on her chase debut.

7 **PUDDLESINTHEPARK (IRE) (38)** s **92**
2-2686604 **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Evan Williams

Conor Ring

It's now 15 runs since his last win in 2023 but he recorded a solid fourth of 10 in handicap chase at Hereford (25.2f, good to soft) 38 days ago. Cheekpieces back on and weighted to go close.

8 **JUKEBOX D'EDDY (FR) (38)** s+t **100**
46-359943 **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg



Tom Gretton

David Noonan

Fair maiden hurdler who has shown a bit more over fences, third of 8 in handicap chase at Market Rasen (23.9f, soft) 38 days ago. Merits consideration once more with cheekpieces added.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Ronnies Reflection, **11-2** Illogical Logic, **6-1** Celtic Fortune, **8-1** Inchagoill Lady, **8-1** Puddlesinthepark, **8-1** The Midwife, **17-2** Jukebox D'eddy, **14-1** Imperial Hurricane

TIMEFORM VIEW:

None of these can be ruled out but the vote goes to Evan Williams' in-form PUDDLESINTHEPARK who has been granted some respite by the official assessor and can now end a losing sequence. The consistent Jukebox D'Eddy and Leicester scorer Ronnies Reflection both enter calculations too in this very open contest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PUDDLESINTHEPARK 2. JUKEBOX D'EDDY 3. RONNIES REFLECTION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Haston Clermont	7-11-10	4-1	Noel Williams	Jonathan Burke	6
2023	Beyond Redemption	9-11-12	7-1	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	11
2022	Heavy	8-11-12	15-2	Neil Mulholland	Richie McLernon	8
2021	Ede'iffs Elton	7-11-12	7-2f	Robert Walford	Daryl Jacob	13
2020	Nearly Perfect	6-11-9	9-1	Neil King	Bryony Frost	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race