

Wednesday 2nd April

EXETER

2.25 EXETER NOVICES' SELLING HURDLE (4) 2¼m111y (3720 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(1) LAND AFAR | (4) DENZIL | (2) KINTARO**
2.55 HALL DOWN HILL NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m3f48y (3870 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(1) RANGATIRA JACK | (5) MOONLIGHT ARTIST | (3) ICI LA REINE**
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 RACE 3 **(5) AL SAYAH | (4) SUPER SAINT | (1) BRODERICK**
3.55 CITY OF EXETER HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m161y (3370 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(4) CAMPAIGN TRAIL | (1) INSIDE MAN | (2) SEEYOUINMYDREAMS**
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 RACE 5 **(1) A DEFINITE GETAWAY | (2) UP THE STRAIGHT | (3) CASTLE DARAGH**
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 RACE 6 **(5) SWITCH HITTER | (2) KING'S QUAY | (1) ASSASSINS LULLABY**
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.

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RACE 1

EXETER NOVICES' SELLING HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,000
2¼m111y (3720 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	LAND AFAR (IRE) (71)	★	100
	14/2-2125 10 11-8 73.5kg		
	Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls	Nathan Andrews (10lb/5kg)	
	Evidently had his share of problems but clearly retains plenty of ability, winning novice claimer at Ludlow (15.7f) before a good second at Huntingdon in January. Better than distance beaten suggests when fifth in novice at Leicester (20.5f) later that month and strong claims down in class/trip.		
2	KINTARO (23) (BF)	v	80
	29504f64 5 11-3 71.2kg		
	David Pipe	Ben Bromley (5lb/2kg)	
	Maiden on the Flat/over hurdles, visor on 1st time in this code (retained here) when fourth of 7 in handicap hurdle at Taunton (19f, good) 23 days ago. Has plenty on his plate on these terms even allowing for the drop in class, though.		
3	SADDLERS DREAM (9)	s	42
	6685 5 11-3 71.2kg		
	Bill Turner	Harry Kimber	
	Well beaten in 2 bumpers and similar story in pair of maiden hurdles in recent weeks. Steps up in trip with cheekpieces now enlisted but he's hard to make a case for.		
4	DENZIL (6)		89
	162203 4 10-12 68.9kg		
	Dan Skelton	Harry Atkins (7lb/3kg)	
	Landed a 3-runner race on debut at Stratford, and despite being outclassed at Listed level on next start, bounced back with a brace of runners-up efforts. Not so good in handicaps since but drops in class here and looks well up to playing a part.		
5	BRECCIA (9)	s+t	78
	37P-45 7 10-10 68.0kg		
	Robert Stephens	Ciaran Gethings	
	A fair winner at 17f on Flat and caught the eye from basement mark in this sphere when fifth of 9 in handicap hurdle (4/1) at Wincanton (19.8f, good) 9 days ago, running on. However, this is a difficult ask on these terms dropped to selling company.		

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-11 Land Afar, 11-4 Denzil, 8-1 Kintaro, 16-1 Breccia, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LAND AFAR clearly hasn't been the easiest to train, yet the pick of his exploits over the winter confirm he retains plenty of ability and, given a short break on the back of his Leicester run in January, this looks a good opportunity for him to resume winning ways. 4-y-o Denzil will appreciate this ease in class and rates the chief threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LAND AFAR 2. DENZIL 3. KINTARO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Foxye 9-11-3	11-8f	Olly Murphy	Lewis Stones (3)	6
2023	Symphorine 5-10-10	9-4f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	7
2022	Ring The Moon 9-11-3	5-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	9
2021	Falberto 6-11-9	10-11f	Jake Thomas Coulson	Fergus Gregory (3)	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2












HALL DOWN HILL NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+
(Rated 0-100) £7,250 2m3f48y (3870 Metres)



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

A hilly course, galloping in nature. Its right-handed two-mile circuit is laid out in a long oval, with eleven fences and a run-in of around 170 yards. The chase course is on the outside of the hurdles one, but the inside track is often used on the home turn regardless of whether the races are over fences or not. The half-mile home straight is on the rise all the way to the finish and can result in some notably slow-motion finishes, especially on the chase course. Conditions can get extremely testing in midwinter and the exact opposite in drier periods, the course without an artificial watering system.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1		RANGATIRA JACK (26) 432-0P542 7 12-0 76.2kg Linda Blackford Maiden hurdler/chaser who recorded his best effort in this sphere when second of 8 over C&D 4 weeks ago. Repeat of that will put him bang there at this level.	  100
2		WOT YOU WEARING (IRE) (17) (D) v+t 88 2506P0P4 8 11-10 74.4kg Robert Stephens Modest handicap hurdler (last 2 wins here) who hasn't really fired of late and failed to revive switched to chasing at Chepstow 17 days ago.	Ciaran Gethings
3		ICI LA REINE (IRE) (30) 89 10/5567-70 7 11-6 72.6kg Mel Rowley Won a brace of bumpers in early 2023. Bit disappointing over hurdles but hasn't been with this yard long and she makes some appeal on this switch to chasing.	Charlie Deutsch
4		CONSTANT FRIDAY (IRE) (16) 90 P435 10 11-0 69.9kg Richard Rowe Off the mark in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (20.5f) in April 2022. However, after an absence of nearly 3 years he hasn't offered much this season.	Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)
5		MOONLIGHT ARTIST (57) (C) s+t 99 3620-6PP6 7 10-11 68.5kg Joe Tizzard  Won 23f course handicap over hurdles last season. Failed to take to chasing and didn't show much more returned to hurdling fitted with cheekpieces. Tongue tie on and this is a weak race back over the larger obstacles on first run since a breathing operation.	Brendan Powell
6		BLUE RIBBON (23) s 87 442/5PSP-6 10 10-7 66.7kg Ryan Chapman Fair 2m hurdles winner for Dr Richard Newland in 2021. Largely struggled for present stable, held back by jumping on return from a year off 3 weeks ago. Cheekpieces back on.	David Noonan
7		MISS MARETTE (125) (C) s 88 P50566R0 9 10-6 66.2kg Chris Down Winner over hurdles here in October 2023 but has struggled for the most part since, blotting her copybook by refusing to race in handicap chase at Warwick. Redeemed herself a bit at Taunton latest but jumping was the issue this time. Has had a breathing op.	James Davies
8		HI RIKO (FR) (52) h 87 475-P690P 8 10-3 64.9kg Carroll Gray Remains a maiden after 17 runs and it's hard to make a case for back over fences.	Elizabeth Gale (7lb/3kg)

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Rangatira Jack, 11-4 Moonlight Artist, 6-1 Ici La Reine, 11-1 Constant Friday, 12-1 Wot You Wearing, 14-1 Miss Marette, 18-1 Blue Ribbon, 22-1 Hi Riko

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Not a strong race with RANGATIRA JACK very much the percentage call on the back of a runner-up effort in a stronger C&D handicap than this last time. Moonlight Artist is the danger if the combination of a breathing operation and a tongue tie has the desired effect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RANGATIRA JACK 2. MOONLIGHT ARTIST 3. ICI LA REINE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Joe Cotton	6-11-1	10-3f	Jeremy Scott	Lorcan Williams	10
2023	Investment Manager	7-12-2	9-2	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3







DR HENNIS 1833 NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-115) £8,500 2m5f137y (4350 Metres)



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

A hilly course, galloping in nature. Its right-handed two-mile circuit is laid out in a long oval, with eleven fences and a run-in of around 170 yards. The chase course is on the outside of the hurdles one, but the inside track is often used on the home turn regardless of whether the races are over fences or not. The half-mile home straight is on the rise all the way to the finish and can result in some notably slow-motion finishes, especially on the chase course. Conditions can get extremely testing in midwinter and the exact opposite in drier periods, the course without an artificial watering system.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	BRODERICK (IRE) (22)	s	97
	4-7392122 5 12-0 76.2kg		
	Jennie Candlish	Luke Scott (31lb/1kg)	
Fortunate winner of a Newcastle maiden hurdle (16.9f) in January but good second in novice at Doncaster (19.4f, good) a month later. Let down by his jumping when runner-up at Sedgefield (16.8f) last time, though he could fare better now handicapping with cheekpieces added.			
2	ESPOIR DES FORGES (FR) (57)		96
	3-273 7 11-12 75.3kg		
	Mel Rowley	Charlie Deutsch	
Promise when placed in pair of 19f Warwick maiden hurdles last spring. However, has gone the wrong way on his last 2 outings, tailed off in novice at Market Rasen (20.6f, good to soft) in February. Needs to get back on track as he makes handicap debut.			
3	KOUKEO (FR) (26)	★	100
	02226P 5 11-7 73.0kg		
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	
Runner-up to 2 next-time-out winners on his qualifying runs and ran to a similar level when sixth of 15 on handicap debut at Musselburgh (15.6f, good to soft) in February. However, ran poorly at Ayr (20.4f, heavy) last time, so bounce back now called for.			
4	SUPER SAINT (FR) (22)	s	99
	46-P931 6 11-7 73.0kg		
	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	
Didn't offer much first 2 starts over hurdles, but better signs when third at Taunton in February and built on that effort when winning 5-runner handicap at Sedgefield (19.8f, good to soft) 22 days ago. Not taken lightly now that he's up and running.			
5	AL SAYAH (313)		98
	954-11 5 11-0 69.9kg		
	Neil Mulholland 	Conor O'Farrell	
Much improved when making winning handicap hurdle debut at Fontwell last May and followed up at Hereford (19.7f, good to soft). Has run on the Flat last 3 starts, completing the hat-trick at Bath and meeting trouble in running when last seen in October. Major player back hurdling.			

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Super Saint, 5-2 Al Sayah, 4-1 Broderick, 7-1 Espoir Des Forges, 8-1 Koukeo

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AL SAYAH made it 2 from 2 in handicap hurdles when scoring in dominant fashion at Hereford last May, before going on to complete the hat-trick on the Flat, so she is taken to make a winning return to hurdling with her yard going well. She can get the better of last-time-out winner Super Saint, while Broderick isn't ruled out on handicap debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. AL SAYAH 2. SUPER SAINT 3. BRODERICK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Jupiter Allen	5-12-0	11-1	Mrs Jane Williams	David Noonan	7
2023	King's Threshold	6-11-13	15-2	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	12
2022	Mr Tambourine Man	5-11-11	5-2	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	5
2021	Steal A March	6-11-10	15-2	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4







CITY OF EXETER HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £9,000 2m161y (3370 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	INSIDE MAN (FR) (118) (CD)	94
	214-614 5 11-11 74.8kg Mrs Jane Williams <i>David Noonan</i> Positive start in juvenile hurdles last season and firmly back on track when scoring with something in hand in a C&D novice in November. Never a factor under a double penalty fitted with a hood a month later but could easily get back on track returned to a handicap.	
2	SEEYOUINMYDREAMS (164) (D, BF)	95
	10/P-113 7 11-10 74.4kg Paul Nicholls <i>Harry Cobden</i> Wide-margin point/bumper winner who readily made all in maiden/novice hurdles at Fakenham (2½m) and Worcester (2m) at the start of the summer. Finished tired at Kempton in October and off the track since but she's in expert hands. Handicap debut down in trip.	
3	TARAHUMARA (301)	93
	5/11P-P9 9 11-7 73.0kg Emma Lavelle <i>Jack Tudor</i> Third hurdle success of his light career when returning from 6 months off to see off 16 rivals in a 2m Warwick handicap (heavy) in November 2023. No show on all 3 subsequent outings, however, leaving him with a lot to prove.	
4	CAMPAIGN TRAIL (IRE) (57) (D)	100
	130 5 11-5 72.1kg Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls <i>Ciaran Gethings</i> Progressive stayer on Flat for Ralph Beckett in 2023. Overcame long absence to make a winning hurdling/yard debut at Doncaster in November. Not in the same form both starts since, latterly on handicap debut, but it's far too soon to write him off. Cheekpieces added.	
5	PRINCESS T (149) (D)	97
	P28-12213 10 11-3 71.2kg Neil Mulholland <i>Conor O'Farrell</i> Kept busy in Jersey and cashed in on a lenient mark at Wincanton in October. Sound third 3 weeks later and she's a player again if returning from an absence at that sort of level.	
6	COMMANDING VIEW (IRE) (84) (D)	99
	6/6102-145 7 11-2 70.8kg Mel Rowley <i>Charlie Deutsch</i> Twice a winner over hurdles, latterly a handicap at Bangor (17f) last spring. May have needed run when fourth on chase debut at Warwick 6 months later and while he showed a bit more at Taunton in January, connections are quick to return to timber.	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Campaign Trail, 7-2 Seeyouinmydreams, 4-1 Inside Man, 9-2 Princess T, 11-2 Commanding View, 16-1 Tarahumara

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CAMPAIGN TRAIL has a very fair mark to work on based on his opening hurdles run along with his established Flat form and in the hope cheekpieces allow him to travel with a bit more zest kept to this sort of trip, he may well be the answer. Inside Man and Seeyouinmydreams both return from a break and retain a bit of potential, so are feared most.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CAMPAIGN TRAIL 2. INSIDE MAN 3. SEEYOUINMYDREAMS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Classic Maestro	6-11-12	4-7f	Jennie Candlish	Luke Scott (5)	4
2023	Kincardine	6-11-7	7-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	13
2022	Technological	7-10-8	11-4	Milton Harris	Kevin Jones	3
2021	Art Approval	5-11-5	10-11f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

CELEBRATE AT HAWKE BARN HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £10,250 3m54y (4880 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

- 1 A DEFINITE GETAWAY (IRE) (110)** (CD) s **100**
23126132 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Peter & Michael Bowen *Sean Bowen*
Maiden over hurdles but got off the mark at the first time of asking over fences at Worcester in July. Resumed winning ways over C&D in October before creditable efforts next 2 starts. This looks an excellent opportunity.
- 2 UP THE STRAIGHT (IRE) (18)** **85**
PP7/360-PP **11** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Richard Rowe *James Davies*
Fairly useful chaser at his best but it's been almost 3 years since his latest success and offered little both starts this season after a 13-month absence.
- 3 CASTLE DARAGH (IRE) (17)** v **82**
1-PPPP **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
David Pipe *Ben Bromley (51b/2kg)*
Point winner who made a successful start under Rules in Chepstow hunter chase last spring. However, has failed to complete on all 4 starts this term so has it all to prove. Change of headgear.
- 4 IMPERIAL STORM (IRE) (26)** (D) s+t **79**
13/060UUP **9** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Susan Gardner *Mr James Shaw (71b/3kg)*
Bumper/hurdles winner for Fergal O'Brien but has struggled since returning from an absence for this yard. Tongue strap/headgear now applied.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

1-2 A Definite Getaway, **11-2** Up The Straight, **9-1** Castle Daragh, **9-1** Imperial Storm

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Hard to oppose A DEFINITE GETAWAY. who faces 3 out of form opponents.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. A DEFINITE GETAWAY 2. UP THE STRAIGHT 3. CASTLE DARAGH

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Bampton Star	7-10-11	7-4	Jeremy Scott	Lorcan Williams	5
2023	Kingsmill Gin	10-9-10	11-1	Jackie du Plessis	James Best	9
2022	Carrigready	10-11-1	18-1	Brian Barr	Thomas Doggrell (7)	7
2021	Troed Y Melin	9-10-13	7-2	Chris Honour	Bryan Carver (3)	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6







TOTNES AND BRIDGETOWN RACES COMPANY LTD OPEN
HUNTERS' CHASE (4) 5yo+ £9,000 3m54y (4880 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	ASSASSINS LULLABY (IRE)	76
	8 11-12 75.3kg	
	Mrs Janet Ackner <i>Mr Jack Stenhouse (71b/3kg)</i> €3,000 3-y-o, Ocovango gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/fair chaser (stayed 19f) Pepporoni Pete. Dual winning pointer, runner-up last time (Mar 15). Worth a market check on Rules bow.	
2	KING'S QUAY (IRE) (712) (CD)	78
	1/ 10 11-12 75.3kg	t
	Matthew Hampton <i>Miss Chloe Emsley (71b/3kg)</i> Dual point winner who made a winning debut under Rules in 9-runner hunter chase at this C&D almost 2 years ago. Well held in point back from long absence in February. Market should reveal expectations.	
3	SAM BARTON (319)	79
	14P2P/78-0 10 11-12 75.3kg	s+h+t
	E. M. Rees <i>Miss Thomasina Eyston (31b/1kg)</i> Fairly useful hurdler/chaser at his best but struggled in handicap chases for Emma Lavelle early last year and has done little in points lately to suggest he's likely to fare much better on this hunter debut. Engaged 17.05 Kempton Tuesday.	
4	SNAP FISH (IRE)	82
	6 11-12 75.3kg	t
	H. Ryall <i>Mr Robbie David (31b/1kg)</i> €26,000 3-y-o, £15,000 5-y-o, Mahler gelding. Dam unraced sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 29f) Musical Slave out of 2½m-2¾m hurdle winner (stayed 3¼m) Inghwung. Dual winning pointer, last of 4 finishers last time (Mar 9).	
5	SWITCH HITTER (IRE) (317) (BF)	100
	71/35PP-5 10 11-12 75.3kg	s
	S. Loxton <i>Miss Olive Nicholls (31b/1kg)</i> Disappointed in a hunter when last seen under Rules in May for Paul Nicholls but has won 4 of 6 starts in points, including last 3 (latest Mar 23). Big chance in this company.	
6	WINDANCE (IRE) (43)	79
	P11/U43-3F 10 11-12 75.3kg	t
	Martin Sweetland <i>Mr Joshua Newman</i> Twice a winner over fences for Anthony Honeyball but fell 6th in hunter chase at Taunton before last of 3 finishers completed start in points (Mar 9). Needs to get back on track.	

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Switch Hitter, 4-1 King's Quay, 7-1 Windance, 15-2 Assassins Lullaby, 9-1 Snap Fish, 14-1 Sam Barton

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It wasn't too long ago when SWITCH HITTER was running to a useful level and he looks the one to beat having won his last 3 starts in points. King's Quay won a C&D hunter on his Rules debut almost 2 years ago and that form has worked out well so he may emerge as the main threat on the back of a spin in a point in February.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SWITCH HITTER 2. KING'S QUAY 3. ASSASSINS LULLABY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Drop Flight 9-11-12	8-1	S. Loxton	Mr Ben Sutton (3)	5
2023	Shantou Flyer 13-12-2	evsf	S. Loxton	Miss Olive Nicholls (7)	6
2022	Twig 7-11-12	11-10f	Matthew Hampton	Beau Morgan (7)	5
2021	Wick Green 8-11-12	11-4	P.W. Mason	Mr Peter Mason (7)	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race