



Friday 7th March

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2.20	COLDSTREAM GUARDS ASSOCIATION HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m25y (4050 Metres)
RACE 1	(3) WALKINTHEWOODS (4) NINE NINE NINE (6) BUMPY EVANS
2.50	ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT HANDICAP CHASE (5) 23/4m151y (4560 Metres)
RACE 2	(4) FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD (5) INNISFREE LASS (6) DUNWORLEY
3.20	BETTING AND GAMING COUNCIL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 23/m151y (4560 Metres)
RACE 3	(3) IMMORTAL FAME (6) KING ARISE (2) PLAISIR DES FLOS
3.55	DEFENCE MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 2½m25y (4050 Metres)
RACE 4	(2) MIGHTY MOTH (1) PARTY VIBES (5) SHAKEYATAILFEATHER
4.28	ROYAL LANCERS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 1m7f201y (3200 Metres)
RACE 5	(2) YOU SAY NOTHING (1) BOBBI'S BEAUTY (3) SMART CASUAL
5.02	LEICESTERSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE YEOMANRY OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (5) 1m7f201y (3200 Metres)
RACE 6	(3) YCCS PORTOCERVO (1) JOKER DE MAI (2) ONE TRUE KING

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



Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its



Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.



COLDSTREAM GUARDS ASSOCIATION HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 2½m25y (4050 Metres)



RACE 1

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Pace Information: Very Weak

KING OF BRAZIL (15) (D) 93 s+t1B-PU7562 8 12-0 76.2kg Katy Price Shane Quinlan (3lb/1kg)



Dual chaser winner at this time last year and having struggled so far this season stopped the slide to some extent back over fences when runner-up at Lingfield (16f, soft) just over 2 weeks ago, finding the trip on the sharp side. Back up in distance and cheekpieces are applied.

PERFECT PUPIL (IRE) (71) (D) 86 S



Daire McConville (7lb/3kg)



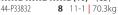
Hurdles winner this time last year but offered little back over fences at Down Royal (20.6f, good to soft) on Boxing Day. Has since left S. McConville and interesting to see what the market makes of him on first start on these shores. First-time headgear on.

WALKINTHEWOODS (IRE) (7) (D) 100 48-095732 8 11-9 73.9kg



Evan Williams Dual hurdles winner who found only one too good on 4 occasions switched to chasing last season. Out of sorts over hurdles this term but should've won back chasing for the first time this season at Ffos Las (19.4f, heavy) last week, his

inexperienced claimer misjudging things. Can make amends. NINE NINE NINE (10) (CD) 96







Won this corresponding race last season and having slipped below that mark, ran a cracker when runner-up here (22.7f, heavy) 10 days ago, looking the winner for much of the straight. Fancied to be in the shake up once again.

KINGCORMAC (IRE) (23) 98

9 11-0 69.9kg



Won a 21f Hereford handicap on heavy in January 2023. Below par in a light career since, but confirmed he retains all his ability on his second start after a lengthy absence when runner-up back at same course (20.9f, good to soft) just over 3 weeks ago. Needs to back that up here.

BUMPY EVANS (IRE) (39) 86 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg) 600/2

Tim Vaughan **Alan Johns** Offered little in 3 starts over hurdles for Ben Lund in 2022/23 but successful

between the Flags subsequently, the latest in May 2024. 10 lb out of the weights on handicap/chase debut when runner-up at Plumpton (17f, soft) in January (jumped sketchily) but expected to take a step forward.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Walkinthewoods, 4-1 Nine Nine, 9-2 Kingcormac, 9-2 King of Brazil, 13-2 Bumpy Evans, 9-1 Perfect Pupil

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Cases can be made for most, but preference is for WALKINTHEWOODS, who should have cashed in on his much-reduced chase mark at Ffos Las last week but for his inexperienced rider misjudging things. The pair can make amends at the expense of Nine Nine Nine, who won this corresponding event last year and arrives on the back of a good second here 10 days ago. Bumpy Evans and Kingcormac can fight out third.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WALKINTHEWOODS 2. NINE NINE NINE 3. BUMPY EVANS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: 2024 Nine Nine Nine 7-11-12 Sarah-Jayne Davies 2022 **Out The Glen** 9-11-11 5-2jf Olly Murphy Lewis Stones (7) 10 2021 Midnight Mustang 14-9-12 10-3f Andrew Martin Harrison Beswick (5)

SMART STATS:



ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-105) £8,000 23/4m151y (4560 Metres)



RACE 2

Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

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Pace Information: Weak

ITSNOTEASY (IRE) (26)	S	79
521-96P3 7 12-0 76.2kg		
Olly Murphy	Beau Morgo	n (5lb/2kg)



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£100,000 recruit from the Irish pointing field who got off the mark over hurdles in maiden at Uttoxeter in December 2023. Failed to kick on after, however, and hasn't exactly set the world alight on both starts over the larger obstacles in recent months. First-time headgear applied.

ISLE OF GOLD (IRE) (46) 96





Maiden pointer who bettered low-key Rules debut when fourth in maiden hurdle at Chepstow in March 2023. Very lightly raced since and got back on track sent chasing despite making hard work of things at Warwick (25.4f) in January. Cheekpieces retained but no certainty to build on that.

HAUT FOLIN (FR) (12) 96 8 11-13 75.7kg PP5P-22PP

Venetia Williams



Runner-up on first 2 starts this season but needs to bounce back from a couple of shockers. First-time blinkers could well be the catalyst.

FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD (IRE) (15)

 \bigstar 100



7 11-11 74.8kg 7-74P5322 Christian Williams

Sam Twiston-Davies

Has displayed more positive signs from her reduced mark of late, finding just one too good on her last couple of starts at Lingfield, albeit flattered by her proximity to eased-down winner back in cheekpieces on latest. Every chance she can go one better.

INNISFREE LASS (IRE) (26) 99

121-44472 **7** 11-10 74.4kg



Stuart Edmunds Improved upped in trip/with cheekpieces fitted when running out a widemargin winner of 2 handicap hurdles at Southwell during second half of last term. Hasn't kicked on switched to fences this season, but did return to form

when runner-up at Chepstow (23.6f, heavy) last month. In the mix **DUNWORLEY (IRE)** (27) 95

9 10-5 65.8kg P5P7-3442 Nick Kent Kielan Woods

Remains winless but showed he's still in fair heart with cheekpieces/tongue strap applied when runner-up at Uttoxeter (24f, heavy) just under 4 weeks ago, doing his best work at the finish. Nudged up 2 lb for that effort but he's knocking on the door.

SPOTTY DOG (21) 98 10 10-3 64.9kg 86/PPP-953

Mike Hawker

Harry Reed



Took a step back in the right direction when fifth of 14 at Taunton (23f, good to soft) in January but let down by his jumping (which is increasingly becoming an issue) when well beaten at Fakenham (29.1f, good) subsequently. That tempers enthusiasm somewhat

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Fortunefavorsdbold, 9-2 Innisfree Lass, 9-2 Dunworley, 11-2 Isle of Gold, 15-2 Itsnoteasy, 10-1 Haut Folin, 12-1 Spotty Dog

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD found just one too strong for a second successive start at Lingfield recently and this looks a good opportunity for Christian Williams' mare to open her account for the season. The main danger may emerge from Innisfree Lass, who returned to form at Chepstow last month and the handicapper relinquishes his grip further. Dunworley, who is still looking for a first win but is firmly knocking at the door, rounds off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD 2. INNISFREE LASS 3. DUNWORLEY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

Montgomery 7-12-7 Venetia Williams 2022 First Figaro 12-11-7 16-5 Venetia Williams 85-40f Rosemary Gasson 2021 Bianorm 9-10-0 James Best

SMART STATS:



RACE 3

BETTING AND GAMING COUNCIL NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-130) £15,000 2¾m151y (4560 Metres)



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Pace Information: Very Weak

MAHONS GLORY (IRE) (71) 1

98

5180-24P7 **9** 11-10 74.4kg Dylan Cunha



Runner-up in handicap at Southwell (20.4f) on chasing debut in June but went backwards from that effort at Perth next 2 starts. After 4 months off, well held over hurdles at Kempton on Boxing Day, so needs to get back on track having

PLAISIR DES FLOS (FR) (84) (BF) **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg

98



Fergal O'Brien

J. Hoaan (3lb/1ka)

Went from strength-to-strength in handicap hurdles last year, bringing up the 5-timer at Carlisle (20f) in October. Ran well when placed on his last 2 starts, third at Bangor (23.2f, heavy) in December, and he's an interesting contender on chase debut.

IMMORTAL FAME (IRE) (18) 112-P2111

100

9 11-3 71.2kg Deborah Cole

Cameron Iles (7lb/3kg)

Multiple winner over hurdles for Tom Lacey and has been thriving given another try over fences for current yard, completing the hat-trick with a comfortable success at Southwell (20.4f, soft) 18 days ago. Leading contender.

ABBEYDALE (FR) (46)

95



Winning hurdler for Gordon Elliott but yet to convince over fences for current yard, falling on chase debut before no match for winner when second of 3 in novice at this course (20.1f) in December. Well held at Warwick last time and others more persuasive

MAJOR FORTUNE (IRE) (14) (D)

73

112-166P4 **7** 11-1 70.3kg



Dan Skelton

Tristan Durrell (3lb/1ka)



Big improver stepped up to 2½m+ last season, winning 5 on the spin and adding to his tally at Newton Abbot (16.8f) in October. However, form has gone the wrong way since, including when fourth of 8 in handicap at Warwick (20f, soft) on chasing debut 2 weeks ago.

KING ARISE (IRE) (41) (BF)



8 10-13 69.4kg Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Charlie Hammond



Fair maiden hurdler who has improved sent chasing this season, scoring in good style at Wincanton in December. Runner-up both starts since, beaten ½ length by Immortal Fame at Uttoxeter (20f, soft) in January, and he can be thereabouts once more.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 King Arise, 9-4 Immortal Fame, 9-2 Plaisir Des Flos, 10-1 Mahons Glory, 16-1 Abbeydale, 16-1 Major Fortune

TIMEFORM VIEW:

IMMORTAL FAME continued his excellent start for his current yard when scoring with something in hand at Southwell on his latest outing, so he is taken to continue his progress and land the 4-timer. He can confirm the placings with King Arise from when the pair met at Uttoxeter in January, with Plaisir des Flos one to note on chase debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IMMORTAL FAME 2. KING ARISE 3. PLAISIR DES FLOS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Lord of Kerak 9-9-12 Olly Murphy Sean Bowen

SMART STATS:



RACE 4

DEFENCE MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE MARES' HANDICAP CHASE (Qualifier) (4) 5yo+ mares (Rated 0-120) £10,000 2½m25y (4050 Metres)



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Pace Information: Very Weak

1	1 PARTY VIBES (IRE) (22)		98
	1168-31P3	7 12-0 76.2kg	

Henry Daly

Dual winner over hurdles who confirmed promise of chasing debut when winning 4-runner novice at Exeter (17.5f) in December. Shaped as if amiss next time, but soon back on track when third of 5 in handicap at this course (15.9f, heavy) 22 days ago. Respected.

MIGHTY MOTH (IRE) (15) (D) 100 7 11-12 75.3kg

Noel Williams

Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)

Fair winning hurdler and good effort when runner-up at Wincanton on second start over fences on Boxing Day. Also placed on next outing, before showing improved form in first-time cheekpieces when successful at Lingfield (20f, soft) 15 days ago. Major player.

EASY TO FOLLOW (IRE) (15) (D) 67

7 11-5 72.1kg

Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole

Won first 2 starts over hurdles and resumed with good second in handicap at Bangor in October. However, has disappointed both outings since, labouring long way out when last of 4 at Lingfield (20f, soft) on chase debut 15 days ago. Cheekpieces reached for.

KOSASIEMPRE (FR) (43) (C, BF) 97

1152312P **7** 11-4 71.7kg Stuart Edmunds

Won twice over hurdles early this season and made a successful chasing debut in handicap at this course (22.7f) in December. Only narrowly denied at Fakenham 3 weeks later, but knocked back by a mistake when pulled up last time. Could fare better on less testing ground.

SHAKEYATAILFEATHER (IRE) (67) 98 6 10-13 69.4ka

Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)

Off the mark over hurdles at Newton Abbot in September and encouraging start over fences when fourth at Doncaster (19.1f) in November. Lesser effort 2 weeks later, but back to form when fourth at Taunton (23f) last time. Could be in the mix

PITWOOD ROAD (32) 97

> 7 10-13 69.4ka Peter Kavanagh (3lb/1kg)

Bumper/hurdles winner and best effort yet in this sphere when fourth of 14 in a Thurles handicap (25.1f) in December. Backed up that run when second at Southwell (20.4f, soft) last month, but more needed on first start since leaving Terence O'Brien.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

121-P7042

7-4 Mighty Moth, 7-2 Party Vibes, 5-1 Kosasiempre, 7-1 Shakeyatailfeather, 9-1 Easy To Follow, 11-1 Pitwood Road

TIMEFORM VIEW:

In first-time cheekpieces, MIGHTY MOTH took a step forward when winning easily at Lingfield 15 days ago and she can score again now that she's up and running in this sphere. Party Vibes wasted no time getting back to form when third against the males at this course last time and could be the main danger, ahead of Shakeyatailfeather.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MIGHTY MOTH 2. PARTY VIBES 3. SHAKEYATAILFEATHER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: 2024 William Cody 7-11-6 11-4 Pam Slv Paul O'Brien 5-4f Milton Harris Paddy Brennan David Bass 2021 **Espoir de Romay** 7-11-10 8-11f Kim Bailey

SMART STATS:

RACE 5

ROYAL LANCERS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,000 1m7f201y (3200 Metres)



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Pace Information: Weak

BOBBI'S BEAUTY (IRE) (35) (C, D, BF)

98

7 12-0 76.2kg Martin Keighley



Course winner who was much improved dropped back to 2m when doubling chase tally at Lingfield in December. Went off too hard back at 21/2m at that venue 5 weeks ago but better showing anticipated returned to this shorter

YOU SAY NOTHING (IRE) (15) (D) **10** 11-10 74.4kg

99



Christian Williams

Sam Twiston-Davies

Daire McConville (7lb/3kg)

Largely struggled since last summer but refitted with a hood, justified good support to make all in 6-runner handicap chase at Lingfield (2m, soft) 15 days ago. Nicely on top at the line on that occasion, so foolish to rule out another bold bid up 5 lb. Hood left off.

SMART CASUAL (39) (BF)

100 s+t

24B2-3323 7 11-4 71.7kg

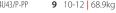


Anthony Honeyball

Remains a maiden but made a promising start over fences when placed on his first 2 outings of the campaign. Lesser effort when third of 6 in handicap at Plumpton (17f, soft) in January, though he could bounce back with cheekpieces on first time. Engaged 4.10 Fontwell Thursday.

TOMMY DILLION (IRE) (12) (D)

98





Richard Rowe

Niall Houlihan

Winning hurdler but has clearly been difficult to train and continued his theme of non-completions in this sphere when pulled up at Fontwell (21.6f) 12 days ago, weakening 3 out. Plenty to prove at present.

MASTER MIKEY DEE (IRE) (12) (D)

97

65333/P49 **10** 10-3 64.9kg



Richenda Ford

Generally struggled since making a winning chase bow 3 years ago and he failed to build on minor promise showed at Fontwell in January, when a well-beaten ninth in 10 runner handicap chase back at that venue 12 days ago. Visor replaces cheekpieces.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-10 You Say Nothing, 11-4 Smart Casual, 10-3 Bobbi's Beauty, 25-1 Master Mikey Dee, 33-1 Tommy Dillion

TIMEFORM VIEW:

 $YOU\,SAY\,NOTHING\,belatedly\,capitalised\,on\,a\,tumbling\,mark\,and\,justified\,good\,support$ in the process when making all at Lingfield (2m) 2 weeks ago. He remains with plenty of handicapping scope on the pick of his form over fences and earns the vote ahead of Bobbi's Beauty, who is expected to appreciate the return to this sort of trip. Smart Casual would also be a threat if lining up here.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. YOU SAY NOTHING 2. BOBBI'S BEAUTY 3. SMART CASUAL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Royal Mer 6-11-10	15-8	David Pipe	Harry Cobden	4
2022	Pride of Lecale 11-12-2	9-4	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace	5
2021	Lickpenny Larry 10-10-9	7-4	Tom Gretton	Brian Hughes	4

SMART STATS:



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Pace Information: Very Weak

1	JOKER DE MAI (FR) (58) (BF)	98
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1/412222-3 6 12-6 78.9kg

Mr David Maxwell

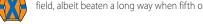


Harry Derham Mr David Ma
Useful chaser in France and also landed 2m3f handicap hurdle at Lingfield for his new yard last winter. Has held form since and travelled well for a long way when third on hunter chase debut at Taunton (21.7f) in January and feasible to think he could step up on that.

ONE TRUE KING (IRE) (293) (C, D) 92

10 12-6 78.9kg Miss B. Coward

Mr Martin McIntyre (3lb/1kg)



Fairly useful hurdler/chaser for Nigel Twiston-Davies. Arrives fit from the pointing field, albeit beaten a long way when fifth on latest outing in February.

YCCS PORTOCERVO (FR) (230) (D) 100 \star 163P1-110 **10** 12-6 78.9kg

Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole **Mr Jack Andrews** Useful chaser who landed pair of hunters before completing hat-trick at Market Rasen last summer. Off since coming in fourteenth in Summer Plate at Market Rasen 7 months ago but has won off a break and he's a player returned to this

A JET OF OUR OWN (IRE) (58) (D)

8 12-2 77.1kg

Matt Sheppard Mr Frederick Philipson-Stow (7lb/3kg)

Prolific winner in points who started Rules career in same vein when winning hunter at Cheltenham (16.3f) last May. However, well held between the Flags in recent months and he was in trouble some way out when pulled up at Taunton on latest outing 58 days ago. Bounce back required.

COOLDINE BOG (IRE) (280) 79

3P/3U4-PP **12** 11-12 75.3kg Miss Amber Jackson-Fennell Mr Harry O'Dwyer (7lb/3kg)

Largely struggled to make an impact in hunters around this time last year. Lines up here having won a small-field contest between the Flags last month but this a much taller ask returned to this company.

FAN DE BLUES (FR) (693) (D) 95

10 11-12 75.3kg

Mr Toby McCain-Mitchell (3lb/1kg) Miss Nikki Henton Smart handicap chaser who has been absent since finishing sixth in the Topham

over the National fences at Aintree on final start for Willie Mullins in April 2023. Things clearly haven't been plain sailing since so the betting can likely prove an informative guide on hunter debut.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Yccs Portocervo, 2-1 Joker De Mai, 5-1 Fan De Blues, 9-1 One True King, 14-1 A Jet of Our Own, 25-1 Cooldine Bog

TIMEFORM VIEW:

YCCS PORTOCERVO has an absence to overcome but his record fresh is a positive one, so he's fancied to hit the ground running back from 9 months off and take his record in hunters to 3 wins from 4 starts. Joker de Mai shaped as if he'd come on for his reappearance third at Taunton in January and he rates the chief danger.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. YCCS PORTOCERVO 2. JOKER DE MAI 3. ONE TRUE KING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Cap du Mathan 9-12-6	11-10f Paul Nicholls	Miss Olive Nicholls (5)	7
2022 Capitaine 10-11-12	11-2 Georgina Nicholls	Mr William Biddick	6
2021 Tango de Juilley 13-11-12	4-6f Venetia Williams	Tom Scudamore	12

SMART STATS: