



Wednesday 7th October

WORCESTER



1.05

COPYBET FOLLOW US ON X HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m7f (4630 Metres)

RACE 1

(3) KING ROLY | (2) SNIPE | (5) AWAYTHELAD

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COPYBET FOR PREMIER LEAGUE PROFIT BOOSTS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 2

(6) KELIJOE | (1) DRACO MALFOY | (2) IN THE AGE

2.05

STEP INTO LUXURY WITH PURPLE GRANITE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 3

(10) CRYSTALATE | (6) DUNDEE LAW | (3) ROYALTY ROW'D

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COPYBET SUPPORTING UK HORSE RACING FILLIES' JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 4

(2) EARTH MAID | (9) WE'RE OUT OF ACES | (5) MISS MOFFETT

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FBC MANBY BOWDLER MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 5

(4) LEXINGTON WOOD | (12) YELD TO CALL | (5) NORTHERN OLYMPIAN

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FBC MANBY BOWDLER MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 6

(11) SHEEZER DANCER | (6) TARANIS DUBH | (3) KING'S AFFINITY

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PJ NICHOLLS KGM KOREA GENUINELY MADE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 7

(5) THESOLDIERSMINIT | (1) JOLLIE DAME | (3) CALIBOS

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COPYBET OVERNIGHT BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 8

(2) BROOKSIDE LA | (5) NOT AT THAT PRICE | (4) FIGHTING FALCON

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.

1.05

RACE 1

COPYBET FOLLOW US ON X HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+
(Rated 0-130) £15,000 2m7f (4630 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	DARTAN (175)	v+t	90
	08/020329- 9 12-0 76.2kg Sarah Humphrey Useful hurdler but below that level over fences. Didn't fire in 2 runs for new yard 6 months apart last season and his mark looks stiff now handicapping in this sphere back from a breathing operation.		Sean Bowen
2	SNIPE (IRE) (15)		99
	71416-242 9 11-10 74.4kg Dan Skelton Two hunter chase wins this year and also a creditable sixth in the Aintree Foxhunter in April. Better for comeback and just failed in 3-runner handicap at Warwick (25f) a fortnight ago. Got to be respected after that.		Harry Skelton
3	KING ROLY (37) (CD, BF)	b+t	 100
	146-P2912 7 11-9 73.9kg Mickey Bowen  Back on track of late, resuming winning ways in C&D handicap in August in first-time blinkers. Foiled by a stablemate delivered later at Cartmel last time but went like the best horse at the weights and could be up to defying a career-high mark.		James Bowen
4	KARNAVAL POINT (FR) (12) (C, D)	b	99
	1-1316356 6 11-6 72.6kg David Pipe Quick off the mark for new yard when winning here (2½m) and at Uttoxeter earlier this season. Good run at Cartmel (held by King Roly on that form) in August but 2 heavy defeats have followed.		Rian Corcoran (5lb/2kg)
5	AWAYTHELAD (IRE) (266)		94
	4P214/P7P- 9 10-13 69.4kg Ben Pauling  Won 3m Southwell handicap chase in March 2025. Didn't fire in 3 runs last season but returns off last successful mark for in-form yard and could go well.		Ben Jones
6	BADBURY RINGS (587)		99
	6063211/ 7 10-8 67.1kg Neil Mulholland On the up in 3m handicap hurdles when last seen in February 2025, winning at Wincanton and Taunton. Long absence to overcome but should make up into a chaser (has a pointing background).		Conor O'Farrell

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Snipe, 9-4 King Roly, 7-1 Awaythelad, 9-1 Badbury Rings, 14-1 Karnaval Point, 25-1 Dartan

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KING ROLY is back at the top of his game and went like the best horse at the weights when denied by a stablemate at Cartmel. He can land a second C&D success. Snipe has to be the danger after his near-miss at Warwick.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KING ROLY 2. SNIPE 3. AWAYTHELAD

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

COPYBET FOR PREMIER LEAGUE PROFIT BOOSTS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 2½m (4020 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	DRACO MALFOY (IRE) (173)	90
	435/1218P- 6 12-1 76.7kg Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls Successful over hurdles at Huntingdon (after 10 months off) and Hereford (2¾m) last season. Possesses the background/build to make a better chaser and first time up could be a good time to catch him.	Jonathan Burke
2	IN THE AGE (FR) (200)	91
	13/53124- 6 11-8 73.5kg Dan Skelton £100,000 point winner (also fairly useful in bumpers) who was successful in 19f Catterick novice hurdle on New Year's Day. Should have a good future over fences (top yard 5-11 with chase debutants this season).	Harry Skelton
3	LE SOLEIL REVE (FR) (224) (BF)	86
	31/3220- 5 11-6 72.6kg Mrs Jane Williams Made a good start over hurdles and placed 3 times at up to 2½m last season. Bred to have a future over fences.	Ciaran Gethings
4	LIVINGIT DU LARGE (FR) (201)	86
	31/3P2P- 5 11-5 72.1kg Jamie Snowden Successful over hurdles as a 4-y-o and fair runs when twice completing last season (beaten 9 lengths in second in 4-runner 2¾m Fontwell handicap in February). Needs to improve now chasing on his return but no surprise if he does so.	Gavin Sheehan
5	BEL OMBRE (IRE) (146)	h+t 90
	65/79412-3 6 11-2 70.8kg Neil Mulholland Fair in bumpers and matched that level sent handicapping over hurdles when landing a gamble in 13-runner event at Taunton (19f) in January. Good efforts next 2 starts and should make his mark over fences.	Conor O'Farrell
6	KELIJOE (FR) (207) (BF)	 100
	2/825514U- 6 11-1 70.3kg Stuart Edmunds Fairly useful French bumper winner who took a Doncaster novice handicap hurdle last December and was in the process of demolishing his rivals on chasing debut at Uttoxeter (2½m) in March when rather unfortunate to depart 2 out. Clearly going to win races in this sphere on that showing.	Charlie Hammond

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Kelijoe, 9-2 In The Age, 5-1 Draco Malfoy, 11-2 Bel Ombre, 11-1 Le Soleil Reve, 12-1 Livingit Du Large

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KELIJOE would have made an impressive start over fences at Uttoxeter in March had he stood up (unseated 2 out when almost 20 lengths clear) and looks sure to win races in this sphere on that showing. This represents a classier field but he can make amends if ready to go. All 5 of his rivals could make their mark over fences, with Draco Malfoy perhaps the most interesting on his return.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KELIJOE 2. DRACO MALFOY 3. IN THE AGE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.05

RACE 3

STEP INTO LUXURY WITH PURPLE GRANITE NATIONAL HUNT
FLAT (4) 4 and 5yo £6,000 2m (3220 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	LUCKY BAILLY (FR) (223)	70
	7P- 5 11-4 71.7kg Martin Keighley Showed little in a brace of bumpers last season.	<i>Mr Harry Hoyles (7lb/3kg)</i>
2	ROB FARMER (92)	83
	5 5 11-4 71.7kg Mitchell Hunt & Tim Vaughan Jack Hobbs gelding who looked very green when fifth of 7 in bumper at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft) on debut in July.	<i>Mr Alex Chadwick (3lb/1kg)</i>
3	ROYALTY ROW'D (IRE) (110)	88
	34 5 11-4 71.7kg Mickey Bowen Soldier of Fortune gelding who showed plenty when third of 8 in 2m Perth bumper on debut in May. Failed to take a step forward at Market Rasen the following month but wasn't ideally placed and is worth another chance back from a break (had breathing operation).	<i>Rian Corcoran (5lb/2kg)</i>
4	WHITEOAK DUFFY (473)	82
	0- 5 11-4 71.7kg Simon Edwards Shaped as if better for the run when down the field in a bumper (13/2) at Bangor (17f, good to firm) on debut/sole start for Donald McCain in June 2025.	<i>Mr Huw Edwards (7lb/3kg)</i>
5	ARISING HILL	75
	4 11-3 71.2kg Lisa Williamson Frammassone gelding. Dam lightly raced over hurdles. Makes very little appeal on paper.	<i>Callum Pritchard</i>
6	DUNDEE LAW (199)	91
	32- 4 11-3 71.2kg Dan Skelton From the family of Champion Hurdle winner Punjabi and improved on his debut form when second of 4 in a Carlisle bumper (17f, good) in March. Has since left Stuart Crawford's yard and could well have more to offer in this sphere.	<i>Harry Atkins (5lb/2kg)</i>
7	HIMAYTA	83
	4 11-3 71.2kg Henry Oliver Telescope gelding. Half-brother to fair 2m hurdle winner Captain Bellamy, stays 2¾m, and fair hurdler/chase winner Gentler Frank. Dam (h85), temperamental maiden hurdler, half-sister to jumps winner up to 2¾m (including multiple US Grade 1 events) Hirapour. Has temperament in his pedigree.	<i>Mr Nick Oliver (7lb/3kg)</i>
8	MICK THE YANK (IRE)	85
	4 11-3 71.2kg Stuart Edmunds Nirvana Du Berlais gelding. Dam, placed once on Flat in France, sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 3m) Belargus and bumper winner/useful 17f hurdle winner Boldog. In good hands and requires a market check.	<i>Murray Dodd (5lb/2kg)</i>
9	LOWER DE COUELY (FR)	87
	5 10-11 68.5kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero No Risk At All mare. Sister to a winner on Flat and half-sister to 3 winners, including French chaser Kuflower de Couely. Easy winner of sole start in Irish points (May 2026) and one to note in the betting now switching to Rules.	<i>Charlie Maggs (3lb/1kg)</i>
10	CRYSTALATE (IRE) (149) (BF)	100
	4-2 4 10-10 68.0kg Olly Murphy Crystal Ocean filly who shaped even better than first time out for Tom Weston when finishing joint second in a 10-runner Southwell bumper in May, looking unlucky not to win having been repeatedly hampered. Fancied to gain compensation.	<i>H. J. Horgan (5lb/2kg)</i>

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Crystalate, **4-1** Dundee Law, **6-1** Royalty Row'd, **15-2** Lower De Couely, **12-1** Mick The Yank, **22-1** Himayta, **25-1** Rob Farmer, **33-1** Whiteoak Duffy, **80-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CRYSTALATE looked unlucky not to win at Southwell in May having been repeatedly hampered, so she's taken to gain compensation. Dundee Law has transferred to the Skeltons and could well have more to offer in the bumper sphere, while Royalty Row'd and winning pointer Lower De Couely are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CRYSTALATE 2. DUNDEE LAW 3. ROYALTY ROW'D

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

COPYBET SUPPORTING UK HORSE RACING FILLIES' JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 3yo fillies £10,000 2m (3220 Metres)



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

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	AFFECTION (FR) (106)	90
	David Pipe Ran close to her fairly useful best on stable debut on the Flat but did little to encourage sent hurdling at Newton Abbot back in June. Has finished down the field in 4 Flat handicaps since (latest in first-time cheekpieces) so best watched for now.	<i>David Noonan</i>
2	EARTH MAID	100
	Dan Skelton Dink filly. Dam (h112) 2m hurdle winner. Of obvious interest on debut and appears to be stable's first string on jockey bookings.	<i>Harry Skelton</i>
3	GUILDHALL GRADUATE (IRE) (48)	90
	Katy Price Modest maiden on Flat who went with little encouragement tried hurdling at Killarney in August. Watching brief advised having since left Gavin Patrick Cromwell.	<i>Shane Quinlan (3lb/1kg)</i>
4	MISS MALONE TO YOU	88
	Kerry Lee Down the field on all 4 Flat outings (latest after a breathing operation). Makes hurdling debut.	<i>Conor O'Farrell</i>
5	MISS MOFFETT	99
	Dan Skelton Blue Bresil filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including useful hurdler/high-class chaser Nube Negra and fair chaser Noche Negra. Dam 10.5f winner in Spain. Seemingly yard's second string on jockey bookings.	<i>Charlie Todd</i>
6	SAINTE COLOMBE (FR)	91
	Mrs Jane Williams Saint Des Saints filly. Sister to fairly useful hurdler/very smart chaser Saint Segal, and half-sister to 3 winners, including dual bumper winner/smart hurdler Celtic Dino. Dam (c109/h118) winning hurdler/chaser in France. Market can guide expectations.	<i>Ciaran Gethings</i>
7	SONG OF THE STARS	90
	Harry Derham Progressive stayer on the Flat, opening her account at Lingfield in May before following up from 5 lb higher in 8-runner event at Nottingham (1¼m, soft) less than a fortnight later. Has since moved to a top yard (James Ferguson retired) and looks an interesting hurdling debutant.	<i>Paul O'Brien</i>
8	TALKA (FR)	89
	Donald McCain Has one standout effort in France for M. Baratti and offered little on yard/handicap debut at Chester last month. That was presumably a pipe-opener for a campaign over hurdles so interesting to see how she fares in the market in a first-time tongue tie (has also had a breathing operation).	<i>Theo Gillard</i>
9	WE'RE OUT OF ACES (IRE) (26)	96
	Gordon Elliott, Ireland Walk In The Park filly who showed some ability amidst inexperience when sixth of 13 in juvenile hurdle at Ballinrobe (2¼m, good) on debut last month. Bredy to stay well so the drop in trip surprising but she's open to improvement nonetheless.	<i>Sean Bowen</i>

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Earth Maid, 3-1 Miss Moffett, 9-2 We're Out of Aces, 12-1 Sainte Colombe, 14-1 Guildhall Graduate, 16-1 Affection, 16-1 Song of The Stars, 20-1 Talka, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The betting will prove informative with the majority of these fillies having their first outing over obstacles, EARTH MAID selected to make a winning start for the powerful Skelton yard. We're Out of Aces showed promise amidst greenness first time up so she can feature with improvement likely. The selection's stablemate Miss Moffett and stable-switcher Song of The Stars complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EARTH MAID 2. WE'RE OUT OF ACES 3. MISS MOFFETT

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

FBC MANBY BOWDLER MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 4yo+
£10,000 2m (3220 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	COWBOY CASANOVA (IRE) (160)	h	88
	Mickey Bowen  Walk In The Park gelding who finished third on sole outing in points and shaped well on all 3 bumper starts earlier in the year, exceeding expectations when third of 10 at the Punchestown Festival (2m, good to soft) back in late-April. Interesting hurdling debutant.		James Bowen
2	DRUMLEE ORDERS (IRE) (166)	t	86
	Kerry Lee Third sole start in Irish points but well beaten in a couple of starts over hurdles, though did show ability under considerate handling on latest (tongue tied). Returns from 5 months off and could be one for low-grade handicaps after this.		Conor O'Farrell
3	KING ROLO		88
	Harry Derham Getaway gelding. Dam (h109), 23f hurdle winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 2½m) Emily Moon. Respected debutant.		Paul O'Brien
4	LEXINGTON WOOD (FR) (146) (BF)	h	100
	Olly Murphy  Placed once in 3 bumpers for Philip Fenton. Changed hands for £105,000 but never figured on yard/hurdling debut in Grade 2 at Kempton in February but made a much bigger impact when second of 13 in maiden at Perth (2m, soft) a few months later. First-time hood applied and considered on return.		Sean Bowen
5	NORTHERN OLYMPIAN (GER)		89
	Dan Skelton Borderline useful Flat performer who completed a hat-trick in Germany in summer 2025. Has joined a top jumps yard ahead of this return so shouldn't be underestimated starting out over hurdles.		Harry Skelton
6	SPANISH DARLING (FR) (27) (C, D)	t	91
	Alex Hales Successful twice from 4 starts in points and built on initial promise under Rules when winning 8-runner bumper over C&D (good to soft) last month. Has left Tom George since and worth a second look in the betting on hurdling debut.		Kielan Woods
7	ACTION REPLAY (IRE) (12)		86
	Charlie Longsdon Behind when falling in an Irish point in February and has made a listless start under Rules in a couple of maiden hurdles here. One for later on.		Richie McLernon
8	ONE MORE CHROME (IRE)		87
	Dan Skelton Improved to make it third time lucky on Flat at Nottingham on return in June 2025. Well beaten in a couple of 1¼m handicaps later that season but has joined a top yard ahead of this return/hurdling debut. Betting should be a decent guide as to what's expected.		Harry Atkins (5lb/2kg)
9	PEDRO'S MOON (3)		86
	Olly Murphy  Failed to meet market expectations first time up when eighth of 10 in C&D bumper in August and tailed-off last of 7 on hurdling debut at Uttoxeter (2m, good) on Sunday. Can only be watched.		Lewis Saunders (5lb/2kg)
10	WESTBROOKE BOY (186) (D)		87
	Stuart Edmunds Made a winning start in 9-runner Huntingdon bumper last November. Proved to be a disappointment at Chepstow 10 weeks later but having had a breathing operation, was back to his debut level when second of 8 at former track in April. Folly to discount on return/hurdling debut.		Charlie Hammond

11	DRAKARIS (IRE) (200)		70
	23788- 5 10-11 68.5kg Dan Skelton Promising second in a Sedgefield bumper on debut. Caught the attention of the stewards when again well held at long odds at Bangor in March. Should get a mark after this run and is one to note for handicaps.		Charlie Todd
12	YELD TO CALL (FR) (19)	t	90
	4/4442P5-2 5 10-11 68.5kg Mrs Jane Williams Put a low-key end to the spring behind her returning from 5 months off when second of 7 in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (17f, good) recently, rallying when headed before the last. In the mix with a repeat.		Ciaran Gethings
13	WET SAIL		89
	4 10-10 68.0kg Dan Skelton Getaway filly. Dam (c67/h112), 21f hurdle winner (stayed 3¼m), half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 3m) Golden Sunrise. Highly respected on debut.		Miss Heidi Palin (5lb/2kg)

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
9-4 Lexington Wood, 7-1 Spanish Darling, 8-1 Yeld To Call, 10-1 Northern Olympian, 11-1 Wet Sail, 12-1 Cowboy Casanova, 14-1 King Rolo, 18-1 Westbrooke Boy, 18-1 One More Chrome, 33-1 Action Replay, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
Having faced a stiff task on hurdling debut, LEXINGTON WOOD made a much bigger impact when finishing runner-up in a Perth maiden in May and fitted in a first-time hood for his return, Olly Murphy's 5-y-o can make it third time lucky. Yeld To Call went very close at Newton Abbot last month, so she heads up the dangers, while Dan Skelton saddles 3 and his German import Northern Olympian looks the most interesting on paper.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. LEXINGTON WOOD 2. YELD TO CALL 3. NORTHERN OLYMPIAN

SMART STATS:
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RACE 6

FBC MANBY BOWDLER MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 4yo+
£10,000 2m (3220 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	EUSTACE GRENIER (FR) (138)	85
	4343-4 5 11-4 71.7kg Olly Murphy  Lewis Stones (3lb/1kg) Hit the frame in his bumpers and same story both starts over hurdles, albeit he took a slight backward step from his opening effort at Worcester in May. Off since and may need a stiffer test of stamina to be seen to best effect.	
2	JIMMY JAZZ	85
	5 11-4 71.7kg Dan Skelton Kielan Woods Second foal, brother to fair hurdler First Candidate (2m winner): dam (h99) lightly-raced maiden hurdler out of smart 2¾m-3m hurdle winner Material World. Newcomer for leading stable, who is also responsible for Sheezer Dancer and 3 others.	
3	KING'S AFFINITY	91
	5 11-4 71.7kg Harry Derham Paul O'Brien €58,000 3-y-o, Affinisea gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Dasher Riley and modest chaser Getaway North. Successful last 2 starts in points and has transferred to a successful NH yard. Has to be respected.	
4	MAGS OCEAN (341)	85
	3- 5 11-4 71.7kg Dan Skelton Jack Andrews Crystal Ocean gelding. Dam useful bumper winner. Sound start amidst clear greenness when third of 10 in a Uttoxeter bumper in October 2025. That race didn't really work out and he's been off since.	
5	MR MAXIMILLIAN (IRE) (166)	t 84
	64- 5 11-4 71.7kg Olly Murphy  Gavin Sheehan €40,000 Maxios half-brother to useful hurdler/chaser Bois de Clamart and useful French 2m hurdle winner Megalypos. Didn't look the finished article in a bumper/novice hurdle during the spring. Has had a breathing operation and should have more to offer this season for his leading yard.	
6	TARANIS DUBH (151) (BF)	t 91
	3-2 5 11-4 71.7kg Olly Murphy  Sean Bowen Won sole start in Irish points and shaped as if the run would bring him on when third of 8 in a Newton Abbot bumper in April, no extra only final 50 yds. Failed to justify favouritism sent hurdling at Warwick soon after but it was by no means a bad effort in second. Tongue tie on for return.	
7	EQUI LIBRE (FR) (212)	h 86
	03- 4 11-3 71.2kg Dan Skelton Charlie Todd Settled better and showed more than on debut when third in a Stratford bumper in March. Since left Tom Weston and joined very powerful stable ahead of hurdling debut. Hood on.	
8	MISTER COKO (FR) (213)	84
	58- 4 11-3 71.2kg Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies  Sam Twiston-Davies Lacked the know-how to justify strong support when fifth of 9 in bumper at Huntingdon (15.8f, soft) on debut last November and fared even worse 4 months later. Does switch to obstacles with his yard in excellent order.	
9	WANNABE SPORXY (27)	79
	7 4 11-3 71.2kg Martin Keighley James Best Never really looked like justifying support in a course bumper last month.	
10	FUNNY HUNNY (IRE)	85
	6 10-11 68.5kg Dan Skelton Harry Atkins (5lb/2kg) €27,000 3-y-o, £50,000 4-y-o, Affinisea mare. Dam (h75), maiden hurdler, sister to fairly useful hurdler (stayed 2½m) Champagne James. Placed both starts in Irish points but that was back in 2024. One of 5 Skelton representatives.	

11	SHEEZER DANCER (FR) (247)	100
	3/683- 5 10-11 68.5kg Dan Skelton Third in a big-field Cheltenham bumper last spring and back to something like hurdling debut form when third at Kempton in February. That race worked out quite well and she sets a pretty high standard on her return.	 <i>Harry Skelton</i>
12	SILVER WHISPER (9)	70
	7-325 4 10-10 68.0kg Ben Clarke Cheap purchase who has looked a tricky ride when placing in Fontwell bumpers 4 months apart. No promise sent hurdling last week.	<i>David Noonan</i>
13	TOTTIE'S MOON (40)	84
	54 4 10-10 68.0kg Mickey Bowen  Pether's Moon filly who shaped like a stayer in bumpers. Kept to 2m for this hurdling debut.	<i>Dylan Johnston</i>

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Sheezer Dancer, 5-1 Taranis Dubh, 5-1 King's Affinity, 16-1 Equi Libre, 18-1 Eustace Grenier, 20-1 Funny Hunny, 22-1 Mags Ocean, 22-1 Jimmy Jazz, 33-1 Mr Maximillian, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Dan Skelton and Olly Murphy saddle 8 of the 13 runners with SHEEZER DANCER the obvious port of call on her return to action. Taranis Dubh should have more to offer this season, while point recruit King's Affinity demands respect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHEEZER DANCER 2. TARANIS DUBH 3. KING'S AFFINITY

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

PJ NICHOLLS KGM KOREA GENUINELY MADE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m (3220 Metres)



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

Flat, left-handed with easy turns. Portable fences take little jumping, though many runners show a tendency to go right in the home straight. Long home straight should, in theory, give hold-up horses plenty of time to recover ground, but when conditions ride on the firm side in the summer months it pays more often than not to race handily. Beware betting on close finishes as camera is situated some way short of winning line.

Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	JOLLIE DAME (179) 243334- 5 12-0 76.2kg  Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i> Fair form in bumpers but well beaten in 3 mares' novice hurdles back in the spring. Makes return/handicap debut and should make more of a splash here for her top stable.	71
2	PLAY ON COURT (IRE) (155) 06P46-7 5 11-10 74.4kg  Harriet Dickinson <i>James Best</i> Has one standout effort and never figured on handicap debut back in May. Handicapper drops him 4 lb but difficult to know what to expect on return.	99
3	CALIBOS (152) 4-3 4 11-8 73.5kg  Jo Davis <i>Gavin Sheehan</i> Fair 1¼m Flat winner who showed an aptitude for hurdling when fourth of 8 on stable debut at Huntingdon in early-March. Fared best of the also-rans without progressing from that initial effort at Market Rasen in May and more realistic chance now making a quick switch to handicap company.	97
4	I HEARD A RUMOUR (IRE) (204) U74- 5 11-5 72.1kg  Dan Skelton <i>Charlie Todd</i> Chasing type on appearance and related to winners but no more than minor promise in trio of qualifying hurdle runs during second half of last season. Switch to handicaps in her favour on return and no surprise to see her do better for her leading yard (second string on jockey bookings).	95
5	THESOLDIERSMINIT (IRE) (220) 78U735- 5 11-4 71.7kg  Sam Allwood <i>Toby Wynne</i> Much improved when third on handicap bow at Market Rasen back in February but let down by his hurdling when fifth of 7 at Huntingdon (2m, soft) the following month. One to consider provided he's fully tuned up back from 7 months off.	100
6	BILLY BUTCHER (IRE) (27) 64/6 8 11-3 71.2kg  Dave Roberts <i>Lee Edwards</i> Modest at best in bumpers but showed some ability remains returning from 23 months on the sidelines when sixth of 12 in maiden hurdle over C&D (good to soft) just under 4 weeks ago. Needs to take a step forward now handicapping.	91
7	MONARK WOOD (FR) (189) 0274- 4 11-2 70.8kg  Max Comley <i>Freddie Mitchell (3lb/1kg)</i> Runner-up in a claimer at Fontainebleau in November on his second and final start for David Cottin. Subsequently changed hands for €16,696 but tailed off on both starts for this yard earlier in the year. Equipment left off and big step forward needed on return/handicap debut.	98
8	FINJIMK (IRE) (11) 78800 4 11-1 70.3kg  Nick Scholfield <i>Kielan Woods</i> Little impact in a bumper/trio of maiden hurdles in Ireland and it was a similar story on yard/handicap debut at Market Rasen 11 days ago.	50
9	FAMOUS SHOES (197) 9FPUS- 5 11-0 69.9kg  Neil Mulholland <i>James Bowen</i> Signs of ability on the Flat for Karl Burke but there have been very few positives to take from his efforts in this sphere so far. Makes return and every chance he could show much more now handicapping.	77
10	ESTATE PLANNING (IRE) (113) 3/768405-4 5 10-13 69.4kg  Bernard Llewellyn & Robert Williams <i>Ben Jones</i> Long-standing maiden. Supported to capitalise on his slipping mark when beaten 17 lengths on return at Stratford in June. Back from further 4 months off with cheekpieces refitted, headgear previously making no difference to this tricky customer.	95

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DELTA LEGEND (IRE) (22)
P680 6 10-3 | 64.9kg
 Sarah-Jayne Davies *Megan Bevan (7lb/3kg)*
Twice a winner on the Flat (stays 1½m) in 2024 but below form last year and no promise on all 4 starts over hurdles (had breathing operation prior to latest).

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11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:
5-2 Jollie Dame, 11-4 Estate Planning, 5-1 Calibos, 10-1 Thesoldiersminit, 10-1 I Heard A Rumour, 25-1 Monark Wood, 33-1 Famous Shoes, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:
Cases can be made for several and at the likely prices it could pay to take a chance on THESOLDIERSMINIT, who upped his game when a close third on handicap debut in February and Sam Allwood's 5-y-o has been off since producing a lesser effort the following month. Jollie Dame looks an obvious danger for top connections now handicapping, with Calibos and I Heard A Rumour another couple worth mentioning, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. THESOLDIERSMINIT 2. JOLLIE DAME 3. CALIBOS

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 8

COPYBET OVERNIGHT BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110) £9,000 2½m (4020 Metres)



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

Flat, left-handed with easy turns. Portable fences take little jumping, though many runners show a tendency to go right in the home straight. Long home straight should, in theory, give hold-up horses plenty of time to recover ground, but when conditions ride on the firm side in the summer months it pays more often than not to race handily. Beware betting on close finishes as camera is situated some way short of winning line.

Pace Information: **Even**

1	GASMANI (IRE) (138) 4443/912-8 7 12-1 76.7kg  David Dennis <i>Jonathan Burke</i> Got off the mark over hurdles at Taunton in April and posted an even better effort when finishing runner-up there 13 days later. Failed to replicate that form when finishing tailed off here (23f, good) in May and the likelihood is he will need this (has had a breathing operation).	97
2	BROOKSIDE LA (IRE) (186) (D, BF) 45/554133- 6 12-0 76.2kg  Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i> Came from a less-than-ideal position to make a winning handicap debut at Wetherby on Boxing Day. Ran well when third at Haydock the following month and filled that same position there 3 months later, shaping very well considering a bad mid-race blunder. Big shout on return.	100
3	VICKI VALE (IRE) (184) (D) P4/4- 9 11-13 75.7kg  Deborah Cole <i>James Bowen</i> Won twice for Dan Skelton and shaped as if retaining her ability after 18 months off when fourth of 7 at Fakenham (2½m, good to firm) in April. Presumably had her issues to not have been seen since so percentage call is to look elsewhere.	95
4	FIGHTING FALCON (IRE) (120) (D, BF) 08/95P-1P 5 11-9 73.9kg  Stuart Edmunds <i>Charlie Hammond</i> Minor promise only in Ireland but produced a much-improved effort fitted with first-time cheekpieces when winning 12-runner handicap at Uttoxeter (2½m, good to soft) on yard debut in May. Ran no sort of race at Southwell the following month and off since (has had a breathing operation).	99
5	NOT AT THAT PRICE (158) 44/263-2 6 11-9 73.9kg  Charlie Longsdon <i>Gavin Sheehan</i> Fair bumper performer who ran his best race in maiden hurdles when second of 7 at Uttoxeter (2m, good) back in early-May. First-time tongue tie applied for this handicap debut and may well have more to offer back up in trip.	93
6	OCTOBER HILL (IRE) (22) (D) 823-1B256 6 11-5 72.1kg  David Pipe <i>Rian Corcoran (5lb/2kg)</i> Opened her account at Ffos Las in May and ran to a similar level when finishing runner-up at Uttoxeter in July. Stretched by longer trip at Perth next time but ran no sort of race returned to Uttoxeter recently (off the bridle before most).	97
7	CONSTANTINIAN (IRE) (155) 31/243-P 6 11-5 72.1kg  Oliver Signy <i>Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)</i> Fairly useful bumper winner who is getting better over hurdles and shaped as if he may be ready for 3m when rallying into third on 19f Carlisle handicap debut in March. Didn't get home at Ffos Las when last seen in early-May so no surprise to see him return at 2½m	98
8	ROE AND CO (IRE) (171) 8/43111PP- 8 11-2 70.8kg  Shaun Lycett <i>Kielan Woods</i> Little show in 3 starts over hurdles but proved a different beast over fences last season, completing a hat-trick at Leicester back in December. Ended his campaign with a whimper though and returns for a new yard with attentions reverted to hurdles in first-time blinkers. Best watched.	89
9	MAXIMUM BENEFIT (IRE) (182) 560450- 5 11-2 70.8kg  Jo Davis <i>Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg)</i> Offered a tad more than previously when fifth of 11 in maiden hurdle at Fontwell in March but jumped ponderously when finishing tailed off there the following month. Makes return/handicap debut with first-time cheekpieces and a tongue tie applied.	85
10	GETAWAY WITH YOU (15) (D) 251445-77 8 10-10 68.0kg  David Killahena & Graeme McPherson <i>Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)</i> Ground-versatile sort who won 4 times around 2½m last season. Back in form when beaten 10½ lengths over a trip that perhaps stretched him at Stratford (3¼m) in April but hard to glean much encouragement from both recent efforts. Now has something to prove.	88

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Brookside La, 5-1 Not At That Price, 12-1 Fighting Falcon, 12-1 Gasmani, 12-1 Roe And Co, 14-1 Constantinian, 14-1 Vicki Vale, 20-1 October Hill, 25-1 Getaway With You, 25-1 Maximum Benefit

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BROOKSIDE LA shaped very well considering the severity of a mistake around halfway when third at Haydock back in early-April so, provided he's ready to roll, Dan Skelton's 6-y-o can make amends despite a further 4 lb nudge. Heading up the opposition is Not At That Price, who ran his best race in maidens last time and may have more to offer now handicapping on return. Fighting Falcon and Constantinian can fight out minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BROOKSIDE LA 2. NOT AT THAT PRICE 3. FIGHTING FALCON

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race