

Saturday 10th January

WARWICK



12.45 TOTAL METAL RECOVERY 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f (3820 Metres)

RACE 1 **(5) GEE FORCE FLYER | (12) SO PROUD | (7) JOHNNY'S JURY**

1.15 WILLIAM HILL RACING BET BUILDER HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 2 **(9) A GREAT EXCUSE | (2) PEPE LE MOKO | (3) MOON PHASES**

1.52 WILLIAM HILL PRICE BOOSTS EVERY DAY HAMPTON NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 2) (1) 3m (4830 Metres)

RACE 3 **(4) MOON ROCKET | (2) DOYEN QUEST | (5) THE JUKEBOX KID**

2.25 WILLIAM HILL RACING EACH WAY EXTRA HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 4 **(18) PREMIER | (14) KELIJOE | (4) SOLDIER'S LEAP**

2.55 WILLIAM HILL HALF A MILL CLASSIC HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 3m5f54y (5880 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) MR VANGO | (5) MYRETOWN | (1) L'HOMME PRESSE**

3.32 PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (2) 3m1f5y (5030 Metres)

RACE 6 **(8) TRANQUIL SEA | (2) LUD'OR | (4) LONG DRAW**

4.02 RACING TO SCHOOL CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 7 **(6) LOCH NESS PINEAU | (5) DIAMOND STREET | (9) BRITWAY BELLE**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

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

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

12.45

TOTAL METAL RECOVERY 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2m3f (3820 Metres)

RACE 1



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Pace Information: **Even**

1	A KING OF MAGIC (FR) (74) (BF)	95
	Paul Nicholls Fair form when in the frame both starts in bumpers 8 months apart (left Tom Weston after debut) at Kempton and Ffos Las. Makes hurdle debut for leading stable and must enter calculations. Engaged 1.32 Exeter Friday.	Liam Harrison
2	BLAZING GADEN (25)	60
	D. J. Jeffreys Cityscape gelding who was pulled up in novice hurdle at Wincanton (15.2f, soft, 125/1) on NH debut 25 days ago. Up in trip with lots more required.	Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg)
3	BLAZING SAINT (31)	60
	Christian Williams 150/1, no short-term promise when ninth of 11 in Hereford maiden hurdle on last month's debut. This son of Order of St George can do better in due course.	Jack Tudor
4	COLLANISI (IRE) (36)	70
	Ben Pauling Shaped well when third in Fos Las bumper his debut in November 2024 but well held in a stronger race at Cheltenham 11 months later and same story sent hurdling at Exeter last month.	Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)
5	GEE FORCE FLYER (IRE) (52) (BF)	100
	Olly Murphy Son of Jet Away who has shaped with promise when placed in a pair of 2m4f Ffos Las novice hurdles, a clear second of 4 on latter occasion in November. This winning pointer is open to more progress and holds very good claims.	Sean Bowen
6	GEORGEMANI (IRE)	75
	David Dennis £68,000 3-y-o, Order of St George gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including fair hurdler/useful chaser Credo, stays 29f, and fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Cyclop. Fifth on his sole start in point bumpers in March so no forlorn hope now going hurdling.	Charlie Todd
7	JOHNNY'S JURY (IRE) (364)	100
	Jamie Snowden Son of Jukebox Jury who made a promising start when third in 2m4f Ffos Las maiden hurdle (form worked out well) last January for Nicky Henderson. Changed hands for £75,000 subsequently and he's a player on his return for new stable. Engaged 1.32 Exeter Friday.	Gavin Sheehan
8	KILWAUGHTER (IRE) (36)	97
	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Useful in bumpers last season. Disappointing start to his hurdle career at Chepstow in October but much improved when fourth of 14 at Exeter (16.7f, soft) 36 days ago and appeals as the type to improve again now stepping up in trip.	Sean Houlihan
9	MONDOUI'BOY (FR) (253)	95
	Ben Pauling A £140,000 buy after finishing runner-up sole start in Irish points. Shaped well for Harry Derham when a debut second in Sandown bumper last February and not disgraced when sixth of 22 in similar company at Punchestown three months later. One to consider now going hurdling for new yard.	Brendan Powell
10	MY OWN LOVELY LEE (IRE) (37)	93
	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Third sole start in Irish points in February and fair form shown (at 2m4f) when fourth in Chepstow novice hurdle and fifth in similar company at Leicester this winter. In good hands and remains with potential.	James Best

11	SHOTGUN RIDER (IRE) (37)	94
	Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies Picked up for £155,000 after winning Irish point last spring. Had wind op before a promising second of 8 in maiden at Leicester (20.5f heavy) on his debut last month. Open to progress with tongue tie added. Well in the mix.	James Turner (5lb/2kg)
12	SO PROUD (IRE) (245)	97
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Shirocco gelding who was well supported when making a winning start in bumper at Haydock in May for Don Cantillon. Since changed hands for £100,000 and he rates an interesting prospect on his hurdles debut.	K. Brogan
13	SUTHERLAND (IRE) (39)	94
	Tom Ellis Fair form shown in bumpers for Nicky Henderson and left hurdles/yard debut form behind when second in a 14-runner Southwell maiden (15.8f, good to soft) 39 days ago. Solid claims if building on that.	Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)
14	TAO ENKI (FR) (37)	92
	Alastair Ralph Fair form shown in bumpers and took a step forward when a very good third of 8 in novice hurdle at Leicester (20.5f, heavy) 37 days ago. May do better still so he's one to consider.	Jonathan Burke
15	CIAO BELLISIMA (15)	70
	Henry Oliver 22/1, eighth of 14 in novice hurdle at Wetherby (19.7f, soft) on NH debut 15 days ago. This Telescope mare needs to take a step forward.	Nick Slatter (3lb/1kg)
16	YELD TO CALL (FR) (51)	94
	Mrs Jane Williams Fair form when fourth in a couple of bumpers before making an encouraging start in this sphere when fourth of 10 in C&D novice 51 days ago. Since had a breathing op and can't be discounted with more to come.	Ciaran Gethings

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Johnny's Jury, 9-2 Gee Force Flyer, 7-1 So Proud, 15-2 Kilwaughter, 11-1 Mondoui'boy, 12-1 A King of Magic, 14-1 Shotgun Rider, 14-1 Sutherland, 16-1 Yeld To Call, 28-1 My Own Lovely Lee, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Plenty of these bring potential but the vote goes to GEE FORCE FLYER who is taken to build on his clear Ffos Las second last time out and get off the mark. Hurdling newcomer So Proud created a good impression when bagging a Haydock bumper in May and appeals as the main threat, although Johnny's Jury could also have a say despite a 12-month absence now starting out for Jamie Snowden. Shotgun Rider, Tao Enki, Kilwaughter and Mondoui'boy command respect too in this cracking maiden hurdle.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GEE FORCE FLYER 2. SO PROUD 3. JOHNNY'S JURY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **Diamond Ri** 5-11-7 evsf Joe Tizzard Brendan Powell 13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**WILLIAM HILL RACING BET BUILDER HANDICAP CHASE (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £10,250 2½m (4020 Metres)**

RACE 2



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Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1	GOLD FOR ALEC (FR) (30)	40
	21316-348 6 12-2 77.1kg Tom Symonds Ben Poste Two handicap hurdle wins last season and good third in 2m Cheltenham handicap on reappearance in October. However, beaten a long way both subsequent starts, including on last month's chase debut here.	
2	PEPE LE MOKO (FR) (24) (CD)	98
	66463-F42 8 12-2 77.1kg Mrs Jane Williams Ciaran Gethings Fell at the first here on return before a remote fourth at Exeter, but went close at Ludlow last month, looking a bit unfortunate not to win. Player with a repeat.	
3	MOON PHASES (IRE) (53) (BF)	98
	0/2-42 7 12-0 76.2kg Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore Derek Fox Underwhelming display only start in bumpers but offered more both starts over hurdles at Ayr, making the frame on both occasions. Further improvement when just denied at Kelso on chase bow 8 weeks ago and should have more to offer in this sphere. Up in trip.	
4	ALWAYS BUSY (IRE) (170) (C)	97
	21PP-144F 8 11-13 75.7kg Christian Williams Mr J. J. Murphy-Knight (71b/3kg) Resumed winning ways at Southwell in May but not at that level since, falling heavily at Worcester when last seen in July.	
5	JACK BLACK (FR) (42)	58
	333/P-64 7 11-11 74.8kg Dan Skelton Tristan Durrell Lightly-raced maiden hurdler who didn't offer much sent chasing at Bangor on handicap bow 6 weeks ago.	
6	ATREIDES (IRE) (15) (D)	98
	7232511U 8 11-6 72.6kg Neil Mulholland Bradley Harris (31b/1kg) Responded well to this headgear when winning at Plumpton and at Fontwell last month. Unseated early when bidding for the hat-trick at Wincanton on Boxing Day. Remains of interest.	
7	RULE ME IN (IRE) (48) (BF)	73
	12-843 7 11-6 72.6kg Christian Williams Jack Tudor A fair 2m winner over hurdles who was held back by his jumping when third at Windsor, doing well to reach a place considering the severity of an early error. Worth another chance to show himself capable of better as a chaser.	
8	CARRIGMOORNA ROWAN (IRE) (38)	97
	F5656-P24 9 11-6 72.6kg Ryan Potter Tom Broughton (51b/2kg) A fair hurdler/chaser for Harry Fry who got back on track for his new yard when a clear second at Huntingdon in November. Far from disgraced when fourth in a stronger race at Haydock but more required if he's to break his duck in a handicap.	
9	A GREAT EXCUSE (IRE) (28)	100
	0575-41 6 11-6 72.6kg Max Comley Jamie Brace (51b/2kg) Showed modest form over hurdles but already a much better chaser for new yard this season, off the mark at the second attempt at Lingfield, finding plenty to lead close home. This trip likely to suit at least as well and is open to further improvement.	
10	BANK ON FRANK (55)	97
	59346-72 8 11-4 71.7kg Ben Pauling Beau Morgan (51b/2kg) Runner-up sole start in points and immediately stepped up on modest hurdles exploits when dead-heating for second place in 21.6f Fontwell handicap on chase debut 55 days ago. Entitled to build on that but this is a stronger race. Headgear on.	

11	LE GALLI BIER (FR) (33)	96
	53223-522 5 11-3 71.2kg Gary & Josh Moore Caolin Quinn French recruit who made an underwhelming start for this yard last season and offered little on handicap bow at Fontwell on return. Hollow second both starts since and has it to prove.	
12	IDEALLKO (FR) (14) (C, D)	96
	111222-44 8 10-13 69.4kg Evan Williams Isabel Williams A three-time hurdles/chase winner (at up to 2m4f) last season but yet to fire this term, a remote fourth of 5 in 2m handicap chases at Chepstow both starts.	
13	DJ PETE (IRE) (13)	97
	3/732-3F25 8 10-13 69.4kg Sarah-Jayne Davies James Best Still a maiden and below par at Leicester last time. Others preferred.	

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Moon Phases, **7-1** A Great Excuse, **7-1** Pepe Le Moko, **17-2** Atreides, **12-1** Rule Me In, **12-1** Carrigmoorna Rowan, **12-1** Bank On Frank, **16-1** Gold For Alec, **16-1** Le Galli Bier, **16-1** Jack Black, **18-1** Dj Pete, **25-1** Ideallko, **28-1** Always Busy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A GREAT EXCUSE is already a much better chaser than hurdler and looks capable of following up his win at Lingfield with further improvement likely. Pepe Le Moko was somewhat unfortunate not to win at Ludlow and is a player off a similar mark. with the unexposed Moon Phases another to consider having gone close on his chase/handicap bow at Kelso.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. A GREAT EXCUSE 2. PEPE LE MOKO 3. MOON PHASES

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

WILLIAM HILL PRICE BOOSTS EVERY DAY HAMPTON NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 2) (1) 5yo+ £75,000 3m (4830 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (inspection 2pm friday)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 WADE OUT (IRE) (57) 97
121616-11 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Three novice hurdle wins last season and improved immediately for switch to this sphere when landing a maiden at Worcester (20f) in October. Follow-up Cheltenham victory owed a lot to his rider's perseverance in November and he'll need to get into a better rhythm here.

2 DOYEN QUEST (IRE) (36) (C, D) 100
001-14212 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Dan Skelton

Tristan Durrell

Useful hurdler who ran his best race on form when jumping boldly to land the Esher Novice Chase at Exeter (24.3f) in November. Better than bare result when second in Sandown Grade 2 over 3m since and his accurate jumping will continue to stand him in good stead.

3 LAURENS BAY (FR) (36) (D) 94
1/22141-13 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jamie Snowden

Jonathan Burke

Never stronger than at the finish when landing EBF Final over hurdles at Sandown (19.8f) in March. Successful in a match at Uttoxeter on return/chase debut at Uttoxeter (3m) in October prior to a lacklustre display in Sandown Grade 2 5 weeks ago. More required.

4 MOON ROCKET (IRE) (29) (D, BF) 99
1122P-12 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Ciaran Gethings

Above-average novice hurdler who ran to a useful level when easily taking 4-runner 3m novices' handicap chase at Doncaster on return in November. Found himself outpaced late by speedier rival in a match back there 4 weeks ago and a more conventionally run race promises to see him in a better light.

5 THE JUKEBOX KID (IRE) (28) (BF) 95
13-14 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ben Pauling

David Bass

1-2 over hurdles and he made a big splash when successful on handicap chase debut at Carlisle (20.9f) in November, impressing with how he jumped/travelled. Didn't look so potent back left-handed when fourth at Cheltenham (25.2f) since and no doubting he remains potentially smart.

6 HOLLYGROVE CHA CHA (IRE) (23) 97
1/1121P-31 6 10-11 | 68.5kg



Jamie Snowden

Gavin Sheehan

Dual bumper winner and successful 3 of 5 starts over hurdles last term, notably Gr. 2 mares' novice at Sandown (19.8f). Faced stiff task on return/chase debut at Carlisle and quickly back to winning ways in 3-runner mares' novice at Exeter (17.5f). This much more demanding now upped to 3m, though.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Wade Out, **11-4** Moon Rocket, **9-2** Doyen Quest, **8-1** Laurens Bay, **9-1** The Jukebox Kid, **12-1** Hollygrove Cha Cha

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This looks wide open but 6-y-o MOON ROCKET wasn't seen to best effect in a match at Doncaster 4 weeks ago and he shades preference with a more conventionally run race set to see him to much better effect now. Doyen Quest boasts more chasing experience than most and with his jumping an asset he's a threat. The Jukebox Kid and Wade Out rate next best.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOON ROCKET 2. DOYEN QUEST 3. THE JUKEBOX KID

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Grey Dawning 7-11-7	5-4f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	5
2023	Galia des Liteaux 7-11-2	11-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	4
2022	Threunderthrufive 7-11-7	8-13f	Paul Nicholls	A. P. Heskin	5
2021	Next Destination 9-11-5	10-11f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	3

SMART STATS:

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1	OAKLEY (GER) (14) 2833-P310 8 12-0 76.2kg Evan Williams Ellis Collier (5lb/2kg) Left first 2 efforts for this yard well behind when winning 19.5f Hereford handicap in November. In nothing like the same form at Chepstow next time, though, and looks vulnerable under top-weight.	95
2	TIME INTERVAL (2) (CD) 11230776 8 11-13 75.7kg David Dennis Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg) Landed back-to-back handicaps hurdles last spring, latterly over this C&D, and also placed twice during the summer. However, he hasn't fired since returning from a break in November, again failing to get competitive at Taunton on Thursday.	97
3	UKANTANGO (IRE) (169) (D) 32/43-5244 9 11-13 75.7kg Olly Murphy Robert Dunne Took a step back in the right direction following wind surgery when runner-up at Worcester (2½m, good to firm) last summer. Another creditable effort tried in cheekpieces (discarded here) at Uttoxeter when last seen but he's entitled to come on for the run following a 169-day absence.	97
4	SOLDIER'S LEAP (IRE) (44) (D) 067223-11 6 11-13 75.7kg Tom Ellis Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg) Found improvement sent handicapping last term and has kicked on again this time round, opening his account on return at Stratford before following up in a first-time hood at Uttoxeter (15.8f, soft). Has gone up a total of 14 lb for that brace but clearly on the up and another bold show likely.	98
5	SEA WARRIOR (IRE) (25) 47-5F 7 11-12 75.3kg Joe Tizzard Brendan Powell Showed plenty of promise in maiden/novice hurdles and was in touch when falling at Wincanton on handicap debut last month. Remains one to be interested in and, if none the worse for that tumble, he could have a part to play.	92
6	DR WAKSMAN (26) 52-4 5 11-12 75.3kg Chris Gordon Sean Bowen Fair form in maidens on the Flat for Andrew Oliver in Ireland and much better effort over hurdles when runner-up on second start in this sphere at Plumpton last February. Failed to stay 20.5f there last time and may well be seen in a better light now handicapping back at 2m.	89
7	KNIGHT TEMPLAR (14) (D) 218-P355 5 11-12 75.3kg Robert Stephens Sean Houlihan Opened account in this sphere in 2m juvenile at Kempton in December 2024. Bettered previous handicap form by some way when a close third at Exeter in November but hasn't really gone on from that in 2 subsequent appearances. Likely to find a few too good once more.	98
8	TARA ITI (37) (D) 21710456 8 11-11 74.8kg Barry Brennan James Best Four-time winner over hurdles for James Owen in the first half of this year, the most recent success gained off this mark at Uttoxeter in June. However, he hasn't come close to matching that form since and it's easy enough to look elsewhere.	93
9	THREE PIKES (116) (BF) 52-1223 6 11-10 74.4kg Henry Oliver Freddie Keighley (7lb/3kg) Off the mark at third attempt in bumpers on debut for this yard at Newton Abbot in June. Since placed in a trio of maiden hurdles at up to 2½m and this 6-y-o is interesting dropped in trip for this handicap debut.	90
10	JIAIR MADRIK (FR) (32) 12342/8 7 11-10 74.4kg Donald McCain Theo Gillard Won a conditions hurdle in France in 2023 but offered little starting out for new connections back from an absence of more than 2 years at Uttoxeter last month.	89

11	AT THE OCHE (IRE) (47) (D, BF) 17-2125 5 11-9 73.9kg Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies James Turner (5lb/2kg) Opened hurdles account in 2m Ffos Las maiden in October and followed that with a good second on handicap debut at Ascot. Wasn't disgraced next time at Kempton where he could've done with jumping and settling better. Still early days for this 5-y-o and he's one to view in a positive light.	97
12	BEST WOMEN (IRE) (44) 7343211/3 7 11-8 73.5kg Alex Hales J. Hogan Fairly useful hurdler/chaser in France, bringing the curtain down on her time on that side of the Channel with a pair of claiming chase wins at the end of 2023. Wasn't disgraced back hurdling following a lengthy absence for new yard at Uttoxeter but significant step forward will be needed here.	98
13	MAPLE (19) (D) 2432-10P7 5 11-8 73.5kg Ruth Jefferson Jamie Hamilton Finished ahead of a couple of next time out winners when second at Perth and found a bit of improvement to get off the mark at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good) in May. It's been all downhill since, though, and others make more appeal.	97
14	KELIJOE (FR) (29) 212-82551 6 11-7 73.0kg Stuart Edmunds Charlie Hammond French bumper winner who got back on the up with the tongue strap swiftly dispensed with when keeping on gamely to land 9-runner handicap hurdle at Doncaster (19.4f, soft) last month. 7 lb rise tolerable and, with his mileage still very much on the low side, there could be better to come.	100
15	SNAPIUS (IRE) (20) (D) 18224-35P 7 11-6 72.6kg James Owen Alex Chadwick (3lb/1kg) Runner-up at Ludlow and Sandown in handicap hurdles last February but more miss than hit since. Still, he has edged back to his last winning mark, so it would be unwise to write him off.	95
16	RUN AWAY JOE (IRE) (21) 4U90 6 11-5 72.1kg Fergal O'Brien Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg) Having been placed both starts in Irish points, was sent off favourite but only hinted at ability in an Ascot bumper on Rules debut in November. No great shakes in 3 runs over hurdles since and while he may well be better off now handicapping, others make more appeal. Tongue strap applied.	87
17	MEXICAN STAN (49) 0074-P 6 11-0 69.9kg Alastair Ralph Lee Edwards Showed a bit in her qualifying runs but pulled up on her Huntingdon handicap debut/reappearance in November. Needs to leave that well behind with a tongue tie added now.	92
18	PREMIER (FR) (30) (D) 2431 4 11-0 69.9kg Warren Greatrex Caolin Quinn Fair Flat winner was unable to justify strong support when third over 2m at Plumpton on handicap bow but improved to open his hurdles account with success in 13-runner novice handicap at Taunton (16.5f, good) last month. Still early days in this sphere and there should be more to come.	99

18 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Soldier's Leap, **13-2** Kelijoe, **7-1** Premier, **8-1** Sea Warrior, **17-2** Three Pikes, **11-1** At The Oche, **12-1** Knight Templar, **18-1** Dr Waksman, **20-1** Ukantango, **22-1** Run Away Joe, **33-1** Best Women, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for the 4-y-o PREMIER, who notched his first win in this sphere at Taunton and he probably has more to offer over hurdles. He certainly won't have things all his own way, with Kelijoe, a decisive winner at Doncaster last time, heading a long list of dangers. Hat-trick seeker Soldier's Leap is also high on the shortlist, while likely improvers Sea Warrior and Three Pikes also merits respect.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PREMIER 2. KELIJOE 3. SOLDIER'S LEAP

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Donnacha 6-11-11	2-1f	Nigel Hawke	Lorcan Murtagh	8
2023	Non Stop 4-11-0	16-5	Joe Tizzard	Tom Cannon	5
2022	Punctuation 5-10-11	15-8f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	12
2021	Will Sting 6-11-12	7-2f	Lucy Wadham	Aidan Coleman	11

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RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Even**

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L'HOMME PRESSE (FR) (29)
 124/31P-2 **11** 12-0 | 76.2kg
 Venetia Williams **Charlie Deutsch**
 Classy chaser who added to his tally when taking the Grade 2 Cotswold Chase at Cheltenham (25.2f, soft) last January. Appeared to be struggling at halfway before staying on to finish a good second in a handicap off this mark back at Cheltenham on his seasonal reappearance last month. Solid claims.

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MR VANGO (IRE) (35) (BF) s+t
 313P/111-2 **10** 11-7 | 73.0kg
 Sara Bradstock **Jack Tudor**
 Won all 3 starts last term, including the Peter Marsh at Haydock and 4¼m Midlands National at Uttoxeter. Upped his game again when narrowly denied in the Becher at Aintree on return last month, for which a 3 lb rise is fair. Looks tailor made for this test and he's high on the shortlist.

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- 3**

RESPLENDENT GREY (IRE) (42) s
 122441-10 **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
 Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
 Ended last season with a win in bet365 Gold Cup at Sandown and backed that up with a reappearance success in 2½m Carlisle listed chase. Wasn't at his best in another major handicap at Newbury last time but will be a serious contender here, provided that he gets into a good rhythm.

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- 4**

NASSALAM (FR) (55) b
 11P0/PP-PP **9** 10-11 | 68.5kg
 Gary & Josh Moore **Caolin Quinn**
 Wide-margin winner of 2023 Welsh National off this mark but subsequent form figures make for disconcerting viewing (pulled up 5 times from 6 starts since that Chepstow victory). Has undergone a wind op since latest appearance and needs to bounce back in a major way.

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- 5**

MYRETOWN (IRE) (42) (BF)
 F151F11-F **9** 10-8 | 67.1kg
 Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore **Derek Fox**
 Coped extremely well with the demands of a big-field handicap when landing the Ultima in good style at last season's Cheltenham Festival (25f, good to soft). Fell at around the halfway point on return in the Coral Gold Cup but generally a sound jumper and he remains open to improvement over fences.

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- 6**

DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE (24) v
 12522-932 **8** 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)
 Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls **Ciaran Gethings**
 Hasn't added to last season's Chepstow chase debut success in 7 subsequent starts in this sphere but placed on several occasions, including when runner-up at Ludlow (23.8f, soft) last time. Now tried in a visor and promises to be suited by this stamina test but this demands a clear career-best.

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- 7**

JOYEUX MACHIN (FR) (28) s
 05322-784 **9** 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)
 Dan Skelton **Harry Atkins (71b/3kg)**
 Some good efforts in defeat over hurdles last term, including when going close in a valuable race at Uttoxeter during the spring. Wasn't entirely disgraced returned to this sphere at Doncaster (3m, good to soft) last month but he was never travelling with much purpose. Others preferred.

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- 8**

TORN AND FRAYED (FR) (29) (C)
 5169-3122 **12** 10-2(9-12) | 64.4kg (62.6kg)
 Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies **Jamie Brace (51b/2kg)**
 Jumping never been his strong suit but, somewhat ironically, he capitalised on a rival's bad mistake to notch a second victory in veterans' company at Aintree in October. Has remained in good form since but likely to find this too competitive.

95
- 9**

VAL DANCER (IRE) (35) s
 133/112-93 **9** 10-2(9-10) | 64.4kg (61.7kg)
 Mel Rowley **Charlie Hammond**
 Scaled new heights last term, scoring on return at Carlisle before winning the Welsh National at Chepstow. No show on seasonal reappearance but back on track when third in the Becher at Aintree (25.8f, soft) where he finished around 4 lengths behind Mr Vango. Each-way claims.

96

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Myretown, **4-1** Mr Vango, **9-2** L'homme Presse, **13-2** Resplendent Grey, **11-1** Val Dancer, **14-1** Joyeux Machin, **16-1** Destroytheevidence, **25-1** Nassalam, **33-1** Torn And Frayed

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Quality over quantity is the order of the day in this valuable handicap and MR VANGO, who still appears to be progressing judged on his reappearance near-miss at Aintree, gets the nod. He has proven to be a real star for connections and he possesses all the required attributes for this assignment. The best is surely yet to come from Cheltenham Festival winner Myretown and he is feared greatly, while the classy L'Homme Presse and Resplendent Grey are other key contenders.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MR VANGO 2. MYRETOWN 3. L'HOMME PRESSE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	My Silver Lining 8-10-4	17-2	Emma Lavelle	James Best	14
2023	Iwilldoit 10-11-10	12-1	Sam Thomas	Stan Sheppard	13
2022	Eclair Surf 8-11-3	11-1	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	15
2021	Notachance 7-10-5	7-2jf	Alan King	Tom Cannon	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (2)
5yo+ £30,000 3m1f5y (5030 Metres)

RACE 6



Going: **Soft (inspection 2pm friday)**


Left handed, and flat with the exception of a fairly steep climb soon after the winning line which descends in gradual fashion to the turn into the back straight. Essentially a sharp track by virtue of the tight bends, notwithstanding a long back straight. Widely regarded as a tricky jumping track on account of five fences coming in quick succession in the back straight, but the casualty rate is one of the lowest in Britain. The tight nature of the course results in front runners/those ridden prominently tending to do well on both courses.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 BOTOX HAS (FR) (15) b **97**
 5/08337-F5 **10** 12-0 | 76.2kg

 Gary & Josh Moore **Jude Fernandes** (10lb/5kg)
 Good third in the Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham last January, but he was otherwise below par last season and again when fifth of 9 in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (24.7f, good to soft) 15 days ago. Needs to bounce back in a change of headgear.


2 LUD'OR (FR) (42) (BF) **99**
 2/23212-13 **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg

 Tom Symonds **Caolin Quinn**
 French recruit who was much improved when making all in 2m4f Bangor handicap in November. Confirmed that no fluke hit with a 13 lb hike when a solid third in stronger company at Newbury (20.5f) 42 days ago. In the picture on his first go over this trip.

3 RED RISK (FR) (49) s **95**
 407/6310-0 **11** 11-8 | 73.5kg

 Paul Nicholls **Freddie Keighley** (7lb/3kg)
 Ended a losing run in 23f Uttoxeter handicap in March but well below par both runs since, only 11th in 3m Haydock handicap on his return in November. Others are more persuasive.



4 LONG DRAW (IRE) (29)  **97**
 2141-3449 **7** 11-6 | 72.6kg

 Olly Murphy  **Sean Bowen**
 A dual 3m scorer last term and in good nick this time around until coming in ninth of 10 in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (24f, good to soft) 29 days ago. The sort to bounce back.

5 GREEN BOOK (FR) (35) **91**
 P **9** 11-3 | 71.2kg

 Venetia Williams **Charlie Deutsch**
 A very useful 3m-winning hurdler at his best but off for 33 months before being pulled up in handicap hurdle at Sandown (23.5f) 35 days ago. Others appeal more on this occasion.

6 DOUGHMORE BAY (IRE) (28) **97**
 127227/3P **8** 10-12 | 68.9kg

 Emma Lavelle  **Jonathan Burke**
 A useful winning hurdler in 2023/24. Not discredited after 19 months off when third in 3m Windsor handicap in November but pulled up on his belated chasing bow at Cheltenham after an early blunder. Possibilities back in this sphere though.

7 LORD SNOOTIE (IRE) (22) (C) **91**
 6P2P2/87-0 **9** 10-7 | 66.7kg

 Christian Williams **Jack Tudor**
 A fairly useful staying hurdler in 2023/24 but looked rusty after 14 months off when tenth of 12 in handicap hurdle at Ascot (21.7f, good to soft) 22 days ago. This course winner can take a step forward.



8 TRANQUIL SEA (IRE) (29) s+t  **100**
 94-P21626 **6** 10-7 | 66.7kg

 Dan Skelton  **Tristan Durrell**
 Quick to make his mark for new yard at Chepstow (3m) in October and in good nick since, sixth of 10 in handicap at Cheltenham (24f, good to soft) 29 days ago when unsuited by way race developed. Very much one to consider off the same mark.


9 FELICIE DU MAQUIS (FR) (35) (C) t **90**
 4/6114-74 **11** 10-5 | 65.8kg

 Clive Boulbee-Brooks **Miss Clara Brewitt** (7lb/3kg)
 Course winner who wasn't disgraced on just his third run over fences when fourth of 6 in handicap chase at Chepstow (23.6f, good to soft) 35 days ago. Reverts to hurdles after a wind op and this veteran mare is no forlorn hope.

10 RUBBER BALL (15) **99**
 33119-047 **6** 10-5 | 65.8kg

 Neil King **Brendan Powell** 
 Irish point winner who also landed a brace of 2m maiden/novice hurdles last term. Yet to hit top form this season though, seventh of 8 in handicap hurdle at Aintree (20f, good) 15 days ago. Much more is required now stepping up in trip.

11 SPIKE JONES (9) (D) s+t **97**
 45/136-23F **9** 10-2 | 64.4kg

 Samuel Drinkwater **Benjamin Macey** (7lb/3kg)
 Low-mileage 8-y-o who has resumed in good form, third in 3m Cheltenham handicap in December. Fell early there 9 days ago and enters calculations.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Long Draw, **4-1** Lud'or, **9-2** Tranquil Sea, **9-1** Rubber Ball, **12-1** Lord Snootie, **18-1** Spike Jones, **22-1** Red Risk, **25-1** Botox Has, **25-1** Doughmore Bay, **25-1** Green Book, **33-1** Felicie Du Maquis

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A few of these arrive with a question mark against them so Dan Skelton's in-form TRANQUIL SEA is taken to bag a second success for the yard having not been seen to ideal effect at Cheltenham last time. Lud'or has returned an improved model this season and could prove the main danger if his stamina lasts out on his first go over a staying trip, while Long Draw, Spike Jones and Doughmore Bay can't be discounted either.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TRANQUIL SEA 2. LUD'OR 3. LONG DRAW

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	J'ai Froid 11-10-12	8-1	L J Morgan	John Kington	8
2023	Glimpse of Gala 7-10-6	7-4f	Charlie Longsdon	Bradley Roberts (7)	7
2022	Sporting John 7-11-5	3-1	Philip Hobbs	Aidan Coleman	7
2021	Imperial Alcazar 7-11-2	5-1	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

RACING TO SCHOOL CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4, 5 and 6yo £4,000 2m (3220 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Soft (inspection 2pm friday)**

Left handed, and flat with the exception of a fairly steep climb soon after the winning line which descends in gradual fashion to the turn into the back straight. Essentially a sharp track by virtue of the tight bends, notwithstanding a long back straight. Widely regarded as a tricky jumping track on account of five fences coming in quick succession in the back straight, but the casualty rate is one of the lowest in Britain. The tight nature of the course results in front runners/those ridden prominently tending to do well on both courses.

Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

1 ALL GOOD TO GO 91
5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Alex Hales

J. Hogan

Scorpion gelding. Half-brother to modest hurdler/fair chaser Artic Row, stays 3m, and fair hurdler Artic Mann. Dam (c126/h108), 2m/17f hurdle/chase winner (stayed 2½m), half-sister to fair hurdler/smart chaser (stayed 3½m) Artic Jack. Bred to stay well.

2 ARIZONA MOON (IRE) 92
5 11-4 | 71.7kg t



Stuart Edmunds

*Charlie Hammond*

Sea Moon gelding. Dam, ran twice on Flat, closely related to useful 6f-1m winner Passing Star. Wears tongue strap for debut and is bred to possess a fair bit of speed.

3 COUNTRY PURSUITS (FR) 93
5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ian Williams

Robert Dunne

€28,000 3-y-o, Bande gelding. Half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Homme d'Un Soir, stays 2½m, and For Friendship. Dam 1m/9f winner.

4 CURRENT EDITION (IRE) (30) 94
5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Jamie Brace (5lb/2kg)

Vadamos gelding. Dam fair 3m hurdle winner. Fell sole start in Irish points (Apr 2025) but shaped with a bit of promise when fifth of 12 in a C&D bumper on Rules debut last month and entitled to do better.

5 DIAMOND STREET (IRE) 97
5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Dan Skelton

*Tristan Durrell*

Diamond Boy gelding. Dam (h105) bumper/17f hurdle winner. Makes plenty of appeal on paper for top yard.

6 LOCH NESS PINEAU (FR) 100
5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Ben Pauling

Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)

£100,000 purchase after winning sole start in Irish points in October. Half-brother to French chaser King Pineau (19f-2¼m winner, by Gentlewave). Dam, lightly raced over hurdles in France, 1½m-15f winner on Flat. Yard does well in this sphere and very much one to note on Rules debut.

7 MCELHATTAN (IRE) 92
5 11-4 | 71.7kg



Donald McCain

*Theo Gillard*

€15,000 3-y-o, £42,000 4-y-o, Yeats gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler Born In The West. Dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful hurdler (stayed 2½m) Monbeg Rose. Off mark in Irish points at second attempt (Nov 23).

8 SASSELLA STORM (IRE) (30) 95
4 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jim Boyle

Dylan Johnston

Waldgeist gelding who showed up well for a long way but was found wanting for know-how in the straight when fourth of 12 in a C&D bumper on debut last month. May build on that initial promise.

9 BRITWAY BELLE (IRE) 96
5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Henry Oliver

Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)

Getaway mare who was bought for £120,000 after winning sole start in Irish points. Sister to useful chaser Lord Schnitzel, and half-sister to 2 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/chaser The Dubai Way, stayed 2¼m. Interesting to see what the betting makes of her ahead of Rules debut.

10 SCAREDOFNOTHING (IRE) 90
4 10-5 | 65.8kg



Tom Weston

Joshua Bryan

Way To Paris gelding. Dam unraced. Makes little appeal on paper.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Loch Ness Pineau, **11-2** Diamond Street, **6-1** Britway Belle, **15-2** Sassella Storm, **8-1** Current Edition, **12-1** Country Pursuits, **14-1** Mcelhattan, **14-1** Arizona Moon, **20-1** All Good To Go, **33-1** Scaredofnothing

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The pair with experience don't set the bar too high, so this looks ripe for a Rules newcomer and LOCH NESS PINEAU fits the bill having joined the thriving Ben Pauling yard after winning his sole outing in Irish points back in the autumn. Diamond Street and Britway Belle are two other appealing types on paper who warrant close market inspection.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LOCH NESS PINEAU 2. DIAMOND STREET 3. BRITWAY BELLE

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race