



Saturday 10th May  
**WARWICK**

**5.40** THE VALLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 3m1f (5030 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) SERIOUS CHAT | (2) STRIKING A POSE | (3) ROYAL RHYTHM**

**6.10** THE VALLEY BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) DOYEN QUEST | (1) CALAGOGO | (3) FROMPOSTTOPILLAR**

**6.40** THE VALLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m (4830 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) CAVE ARTICLE | (4) MOONLIGHT ARTIST | (1) ANYTRIXWILLDO**

**7.15** THE VALLEY 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) COBBLER'S BOY | (2) BIG BOY BARNEY | (5) FOXY'S FRIEND**

**7.45** LEWIS BADGES 1832 HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m5f (4220 Metres)

RACE 5 **(1) PRINCE IMPERIAL | (2) DEEP PURPLE | (4) MAMMIES BOY**

**8.15** KIGASS CENTENARY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) EMERALD TIME | (1) DIAMOND AMBITION | (5) LADIES DAY**

#### 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





THE VALLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-110)  
£9,000 3m1f (5030 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

|   |  |                                 |  |
|---|--|---------------------------------|--|
| 1   | <b>SERIOUS CHAT (IRE) (28)</b>   | s                               | <b>97</b>  |
|   | 52161231- 6 12-2   77.1kg  |                                 |  |
|  | Donald McCain  | <b>Charlie Maggs (51b/2kg)</b>  |  |
|   | Winner of a weak race at Wetherby (2½m, good) in November and improved again on second crack over 23f for latest success at Bangor a month ago. Up 5 lb but unexposed as a stayer and this could be another good opening.  |                                 |  |
| 2   | <b>STRIKING A POSE (IRE) (21)</b>  | b                               |  <b>100</b> |
|   | 8/34P5634- 9 12-2   77.1kg   |                                 |  |
|  | Joe Tizzard  | <b>Freddie Gingell</b>          |  |
|   | Dual Exeter winner in the mud early last year. Started the current campaign with decent efforts in a hurdle/chase at same course but seemingly going through the motions since, failing to see out 26.5f latest. This is easier.   |                                 |  |
| 3   | <b>ROYAL RHYTHM (IRE) (28)</b>   | b                               | <b>93</b>  |
|   | 4/6574276- 9 11-1   70.3kg   |                                 |  |
|  | Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill   | <b>Benjamin Macey (71b/3kg)</b> |  |
|   | Well backed and turned in his best effort of the season from a reduced mark when second of 8 in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (19.7f, heavy) in February. Disappointing at Ayr and dropped away behind Serious Chat over 23.2.f at Bangor. Debatable whether this trip is what he wants. |                                 |  |

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-5 Serious Chat, 2-1 Striking A Pose, 6-1 Royal Rhythm

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Unlike his other 2 rivals, SERIOUS CHAT arrives here on the up and with further progress possible over this trip, he can go in again. With Royal Rhythm well behind the selection last time, Striking A Pose can give the McCain runner most to think about.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SERIOUS CHAT 2. STRIKING A POSE 3. ROYAL RHYTHM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                  |                                    |                      |
|------|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2024 | Sister           | Michael                            | 8-11-                |
| 13   | 7-4f             | David Killahena & Graeme McPherson | 7                    |
| 2023 | Gentleman Valley | 7-11-12 17-2 Ben Pauling           | Dylan Whelan (10) 10 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2




THE VALLEY BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 5yo+ £15,000 2½m (4020 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

|   |   |  |     |            |
|---|---|--|-----|------------|
| 1 |  | <b>CALAGOGO (IRE) (16)</b> (D)<br>P04P9P6- 9 11-2   70.8kg<br>Stephen Allen <i>Mr Sam Lee (71b/3kg)</i><br>One-time fairly useful hurdler for Gordon Elliott but little form for current yard, including over fences last time.                              | b+t | <b>58</b>  |
| 2 |  | <b>DOYEN QUEST (IRE) (16)</b> (C, D)<br>21467001- 7 11-2   70.8kg<br>Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i><br>Useful hurdler who bounced back to form with a bang when winning here 16 days ago. Will make a chaser and openings won't come any easier than this. | ★   | <b>100</b> |
| 3 |  | <b>FROMPOSTTOPILLAR (129)</b><br>8P/6P35- 7 11-2   70.8kg<br>Tom Gretton <i>Robert Dunne</i><br>Poor maiden chaser with little recent form (last of 3 in point in April).  | h+t | <b>55</b>  |

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

1-12 Doyen Quest, 12-1 Calagogo, 28-1 Fromposttopillar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A clear round should be enough for DOYEN QUEST to make a winning start over fences up against 2 poor rivals.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DOYEN QUEST 2. CALAGOGO 3. FROMPOSTTOPILLAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Boombawn 7-11-2 2-1 Dan Skelton Harry Skelton 6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

THE VALLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (5)  
5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,500 3m (4830 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

|   |  |                                 |            |
|---|--|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | <b>ANYTRIXWILLDO (IRE) (31)</b>  | s                               | <b>98</b>  |
|   | 23/674PP1- 7 12-0   76.2kg   |                                 |            |
|   | Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill   | <b>Benjamin Macey</b> (8lb/4kg) |            |
|   | Got back on track in first-time cheekpieces when landing 4-runner handicap chase at Taunton (28.4f, good to firm) 31 days ago. Up 3 lb but not taken lightly with headgear again sported.                          |                                 |            |
| 2 | <b>GRILLON DE MONTY (FR) (16) (D)</b>  |                                 | <b>97</b>  |
|   | 63/PPSP4- 10 11-4   71.7kg   |                                 |            |
|   | Stephen Allen  | <b>Joe Anderson</b>             |            |
|   | Veteran is not the force of old nowadays but wasn't disgraced when a 100/1-fourth of 10 in handicap chase at this course (20f, good) 16 days ago. Needs to build on it now.  |                                 |            |
| 3 | <b>CAVE ARTICLE (IRE) (30)</b>   | s                               | <b>100</b> |
|   | 60/531331- 6 11-4   71.7kg   |                                 |            |
|   | Christian Williams   | <b>Charlie Maggs</b>            |            |
|   | Cheekpieces fitted when resuming winning ways in 6-runner handicap chase at Hereford (25.2f, good to firm) 30 days ago. Runner-up has gone in since so he's expected to be bang there despite a 5 lb weights rise. |                                 |            |
| 4 | <b>MOONLIGHT ARTIST (16) (CD)</b>  | s+t                             | <b>95</b>  |
|   | 20/6PP621- 7 10-12   68.9kg  |                                 |            |
|   | Joe Tizzard  | <b>Freddie Gingell</b>          |            |
|   | Opened his account over fences in 8-runner handicap chase over C&D (good) 16 days ago. Up 5 lb but he's a likely player again.   |                                 |            |
| 5 | <b>GRAND SABRE (29)</b>  |                                 | <b>98</b>  |
|   | 67/OPPP- 6 10-7   66.7kg   |                                 |            |
|   | Nick Gifford   | <b>Tabitha Worsley</b>          |            |
|   | Maiden hurdler who was pulled up in handicap chase at Huntingdon (23.6f, good) on his debut over fences 29 days ago. Significantly more is needed.   |                                 |            |
| 6 | <b>CHATEAU DU LYS (19)</b>   | t                               | <b>83</b>  |
|   | 00763- 6 10-4   65.3kg   |                                 |            |
|   | Tom Gretton  | <b>Caolin Quinn</b>             |            |
|   | Lightly-raced maiden who was placed for the first time when third of 6 in handicap chase at Fakenham (24.2f, good) 19 days ago. Needs to build on it.  |                                 |            |

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Cave Article, 9-4 Anytrixwilldo, 7-2 Moonlight Artist, 9-1 Grillon De Monty, 18-1 Chateau Du Lys, 28-1 Grand Sabre

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CAVE ARTICLE got back on the winning trail at Hereford last month and looks the way to go here with that form having been franked. Recent scorers Moonlight Artist and Anytrixwilldo both merit serious consideration too though and can chase home Christian Williams' 6-y-o in that order.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CAVE ARTICLE 2. MOONLIGHT ARTIST 3. ANYTRIXWILLDO

| WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: |                                |       |                      |                     |    |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|----|
| 2024                       | <b>Time For A Pint</b> 7-10-12 | 11-8f | Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill | Benjamin Macey (10) | 8  |
| 2023                       | <b>Tom O'Roughley</b> 8-10-8   | 11-1  | Sheila Lewis         | Lorcan Murtagh      | 11 |
| 2022                       | <b>High Counsel</b> 13-10-6    | 9-2   | Gary Hanmer          | K. Brogan           | 9  |
| 2021                       | <b>Danilo d'Airy</b> 8-7-4     | 13-2  | Robert Bevis         | Jordan Nailor       | 13 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4






THE VALLEY 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+  
£7,000 2m (3220 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

|   |  |     |
|---|--|-----|
| 1   | <b>BALLYMENA BOY (IRE) (15)</b>  | 71  |
|    | 4F9- 6 11-4   71.7kg<br>Robbie Llewellyn<br>Charlie Price (3lb/1kg)<br>Runner-up in point bumper but little encouragement so far under Rules, proving too headstrong both starts over hurdles.   |     |
| 2   | <b>BIG BOY BARNEY (IRE) (16)</b>   | 85  |
|    | 44- 6 11-4   71.7kg<br>Fergal O'Brien<br>Jonathan Burke<br>Point winner who has shaped with promise in making the frame in a pair of course bumpers. Longer trips are bound to suit in due course but still warrants respect in a thin maiden on hurdling debut.   |     |
| 3   | <b>COBBLER'S BOY (IRE) (68)</b>  | 100 |
|    | 82- 5 11-4   71.7kg<br>Dan Skelton<br>Harry Skelton<br>Cost £115,000 after finishing runner-up in an Irish point. Shaped with encouragement when eighth of 16 at Doncaster on sole outing in bumpers and did the same when runner-up on Southwell hurdling debut (15.8f) in March, going off too hard. Had breathing op and has outstanding claims. Tongue tied. |     |
| 4   | <b>NEW MAN (FR) (38)</b>   | 70  |
|  | 45- 5 11-4   71.7kg<br>Tom Gretton<br>Robert Dunne<br>Well held in a pair of novice hurdles 5 months apart.  |     |
| 5   | <b>FOXY'S FRIEND</b>   | 75  |
|  | 5 10-11   68.5kg<br>Donald McCain<br>Charlie Maggs (5lb/2kg)<br>Telescope mare. Dam (h119), bumper/2½m-25f hurdle winner, half-sister to useful hurdler (stayed 3m) Volador. Made frame sole start in points.  |     |

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-6 Cobbler's Boy, 9-4 Big Boy Barney, 17-2 Foxy's Friend, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

COBBLER'S BOY shaped encouragingly until his exertions told when runner-up to a subsequent winner on his Southwell hurdling debut back in March and this looks an excellent opportunity to go one better. Big Boy Barney has shown promise in a pair of course bumpers and is the obvious threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COBBLER'S BOY 2. BIG BOY BARNEY 3. FOXY'S FRIEND

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                   |         |      |               |                   |    |
|------|-------------------|---------|------|---------------|-------------------|----|
| 2024 | El Curamach       | 6-11-4  | 5-6f | Ryan Potter   | Sean Bowen        | 9  |
| 2023 | Glorious Fun      | 6-11-4  | 7-2  | Dan Skelton   | Bridget Andrews   | 8  |
| 2023 | Soldierofthestorm | 5-11-4  | 2-5f | Jonjo O'Neill | Jonjo O'Neill Jr. | 8  |
| 2022 | The Plimsoll Line | 6-11-4  | 4-9f | Jeremy Scott  | Rex Dingle        | 7  |
| 2021 | Sayadam           | 4-10-12 | 15-8 | Kim Bailey    | David Bass        | 11 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

LEWIS BADGES 1832 HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £16,000 2m5f (4220 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

|   |  |                                 |   |     |
|---|--|---------------------------------|---|-----|
| 1 | <b>PRINCE IMPERIAL (USA) (16)</b> (C, D)   | s+t                             | ★ | 100 |
|   | 30/713111- 8 12-0   76.2kg   |                                 |   |     |
|   | Olly Murphy  | <b>Beau Morgan</b> (5lb/2kg)    |   |     |
|   | Made a tremendous start for this yard, making it 4 wins from 5 starts after 6 months off in 9-runner handicap hurdle at this course (19f, good) 16 days ago, kept up to work. Manner of that success suggests he may not be done yet and he's high on the shortlist again.                               |                                 |   |     |
| 2 | <b>DEEP PURPLE (IRE) (19)</b>  |                                 |   | 96  |
|   | 2131- 6 11-6   72.6kg  |                                 |   |     |
|   | Dan Skelton  | <b>Harry Skelton</b>            |   |     |
|   | Point/bumper winner who was much improved following 6 months off when off the mark at second attempt over hurdles in a 6-runner maiden at Chepstow (23.6f) 19 days ago. Tendency to go left under pressure is a concern but he remains capable of better now handicapping.                               |                                 |   |     |
| 3 | <b>TARAHUMARA (26)</b> (C)   |                                 |   | 98  |
|   | 11P/P941- 9 11-4   71.7kg  |                                 |   |     |
|   | Emma Lavelle   | <b>Jack Tudor</b>               |   |     |
|   | Few miles on the clock for a 9-y-o and despite jumping none too fluently, he stepped up on his reappearance run when winning 9-runner handicap hurdle at this course (19f, good) 26 days ago, quickening to lead run-in. Respected from revised mark back up in trip.                                    |                                 |   |     |
| 4 | <b>MAMMIES BOY (IRE) (26)</b>  |                                 |   | 99  |
|   | P7P15/14- 7 10-11   68.5kg   |                                 |   |     |
|   | Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill   | <b>Benjamin Macey</b> (7lb/3kg) |   |     |
|   | Steady improver in handicaps, doubling his tally at Huntingdon (19.6f) this time last year and looked as good as ever back from 11 months off when 2 lengths fourth behind re-opposing Tarahumara here (19f) 26 days ago. May tighten up for that and expected to be much closer on these revised terms. |                                 |   |     |

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Deep Purple, 5-2 Prince Imperial, 7-2 Mammies Boy, 4-1 Tarahumara

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PRINCE IMPERIAL has been rejuvenated by the switch to Olly Murphy, making it 4 wins from 5 starts here (19f) 16 days ago, and the manner of that success he may not be done yet. Deep Purple, on handicap debut, rates next best, though neither Tarahumara or Mammies Boy can be discounted.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PRINCE IMPERIAL 2. DEEP PURPLE 3. MAMMIES BOY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                              |       |              |                      |    |
|------|------------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|----|
| 2024 | <b>Uggy Uggy Uggy</b> 6-11-0 | 11-4f | Keiran Burke | Miss Megan Bevan (7) | 13 |
| 2023 | <b>I Spy A Diva</b> 6-11-9   | 8-1   | Kim Bailey   | David Bass           | 7  |
| 2022 | <b>Ashoka</b> 10-11-12       | 4-1   | Dan Skelton  | Mr Jack Andrews (5)  | 7  |
| 2021 | <b>Pounding Poet</b> 5-11-13 | 11-4  | Tom Lacey    | Robert Dunne         | 10 |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6






KIGASS CENTENARY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4 and 5yo £4,000 2m (3220 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

|  |                                      |     |                          |            |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|------------|
| 1  | <b>DIAMOND AMBITION (IRE)</b>        | h+t | ★                        | <b>100</b> |
|  | 5 11-2   70.8kg                      |     |                          |            |
|   | Dan Skelton                          |     | <b>Harry Skelton</b>     |            |
| Bought for £56,000 after finishing third in an Irish point last spring. Has had wind surgery ahead of this Rules debut for a leading stable. Also fitted with a hood and tongue tie combination.   |                                      |     |                          |            |
| 2  | <b>EMERALD TIME (108)</b>            |     |                          | <b>90</b>  |
|  | 4- 4 10-10   68.0kg                  |     |                          |            |
|   | Dominic Elsworth                     |     | <b>Robert Dunne</b>      |            |
| Promising type. Fourth of 11 in bumper (10/1) at Catterick (good) on debut in January, travelling as well as any. Should progress.   |                                      |     |                          |            |
| 3  | <b>WHATYOUWAITINGFOR (IRE) (168)</b> |     |                          | <b>85</b>  |
|  | 6- 4 10-10   68.0kg                  |     |                          |            |
|   | Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies         |     | <b>David Bass</b>        |            |
| 6/1, sixth of 12 in bumper (6/1) at Huntingdon (soft) on debut in November. Given time since.  |                                      |     |                          |            |
| 4  | <b>CATERPILLAR GIRL</b>              |     |                          | <b>86</b>  |
|  | 4 10-3   64.9kg                      |     |                          |            |
|   | Tom George                           |     | <b>Jonathan Burke</b>    |            |
| Telescope filly. Dam useful hurdler/chaser (17f-23f winner). Check the betting with this newcomer.   |                                      |     |                          |            |
| 5  | <b>LADIES DAY (IRE)</b>              |     |                          | <b>91</b>  |
|  | 4 10-3   64.9kg                      |     |                          |            |
|   | Tom Ellis                            |     | <b>Miss Gina Andrews</b> |            |
| Sister to fair hurdler Mary (2m winner), and half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/ useful chaser Give Me A Moment (2m-19f winner, by Mountain High), from successful jumping family. Won sole start in point bumpers 6 weeks ago and could figure. |                                      |     |                          |            |

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Diamond Ambition, 7-2 Ladies Day, 4-1 Emerald Time, 8-1 Caterpillar Girl, 9-1 Whatyouwaitingfor

TIMEFORM VIEW:

EMERALD TIME might be worth siding with to build on a promising first run at Catterick in January, although a strong market move for Dan Skelton point recruit Diamond Ambition would put a different slant on things. Ladies Day is another to monitor in the market after a point bumper success in March.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EMERALD TIME 2. DIAMOND AMBITION 3. LADIES DAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                      |         |       |                 |               |    |
|------|----------------------|---------|-------|-----------------|---------------|----|
| 2024 | <b>Sunray Shadow</b> | 5-11-2  | 10-3  | Dan Skelton     | Harry Skelton | 6  |
| 2023 | <b>Kintail</b>       | 4-10-10 | 7-1   | Nicky Henderson | David Bass    | 10 |
| 2022 | <b>Strong Leader</b> | 5-11-2  | 3-1   | Olly Murphy     | A. P. Heskin  | 8  |
| 2021 | <b>Storm Dennis</b>  | 5-11-2  | 5-2jf | Chris Gordon    | Joshua Moore  | 8  |

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race