

Thursday 15th January

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12.07 FLAKED OATS MEMORIAL NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) GOLAN LOOP | (3) MAJOR FORTUNE | (7) CLOTILDA**

12.42 ODDSCHECKER FREE BETS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) GAELIC PRIDE | (7) UNKNOWN ENTITY | (11) ONE ISLAND**

1.17 ODDSCHECKER FREE BETS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)

RACE 3 **(7) WOLF WALKER | (3) LIAM MERA KAI | (6) SINCHI ROCA**

1.52 GET THE BEST ODDS WITH ODDSCHECKER HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)

RACE 4 **(9) POSTPONED LEGACY | (3) UGO BINGO | (7) NO GUARANTEE**

2.27 BET SMARTER WITH ODDSCHECKER+ HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f179y (3990 Metres)

RACE 5 **(2) MEATLOAF | (1) KING OF THE ROAD | (9) CHOICE RUNNER**

3.02 ODDSCHECKER CHELTENHAM FREE BETS HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 3m150y (4970 Metres)

RACE 6 **(7) A PERFECT DAY | (2) PUNTA DEL ESTE | (4) TURNDLIGHTSDOWNLOW**

3.37 DOWNLOAD THE ODDSCHECKER APP SOMERSET NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3¼m162y (5380 Metres)

RACE 7 **(2) IRON BRIDGE | (4) ISAAC DES OBEAUX | (6) OPERATION MANNA**

4.10 ODDSCHECKER+ WITH PREDICTIVE AI 'NEWCOMERS' NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)

RACE 8 **(4) FINE TUNING | (1) BEAU SPEED | (7) SHADY KNIGHT**

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.

12.07**FLAKED OATS MEMORIAL NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (4)
5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 3m1f30y (5060 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 GOLAN LOOP (IRE) (36) (D) **100**
3835-121 **6** 12-1 | 76.7kg



Warren Greatrex

Sean Bowen

Bagged novice hurdle at Ffos Las in May and further progress switched to fences this season, scoring at Hereford (25.2f, good to soft) last month. Likeable type and can do better again.

2 MOMBASA (FR) (460) **96**
4/4- **7** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Venetia Williams

Ned Fox (5lb/2kg)

Useful 17f dual-hurdles winner in France in 2022 but below that level in 3 starts for Phillip Hobbs. Only seen twice in last 3 years, finishing well held on chase debut at Chepstow 15 months ago. Something to prove on return for new connections here.

3 MAJOR FORTUNE (IRE) (54) (D) **99**
6P4263-48 **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Big improver over hurdles in 2023/24, winning 5 on the spin, and added to his tally at Newton Abbot in October 2024. Not scored since but has been cut some slack by the handicapper and will be dangerous if he can repeat form of his Cheltenham return fourth in October. Wears first-time cheekpieces.

4 TOMMYS CHARM (IRE) (19) **86**
12/52-FP **8** 11-11 | 74.8kg



Kerry Lee

Brendan Powell

A fair 2m4f hurdles winner who upped his game when close second in this contest (off same mark) last season. Failed to complete in both starts this term, however.

5 GAELIC RAMBLER (IRE) (269) **97**
32- **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

K. Brogan

Failed to build on his hurdles debut third when a remote second of 6 in novice at Chepstow (23.6f, good to firm) 8 months ago. Returns for his chasing bow and boasts experience between the flags so is worth a second look in the market.

6 MAXIMUM OFFERS (IRE) (49) (BF) **69**
3612-34 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg



Jamie Snowden

Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)

Maiden hurdle winner at Huntingdon last spring. Well supported ahead of chase debut at Taunton in November but jumped poorly and will need to be far slicker at the obstacles with cheekpieces enlisted if he's to have a say in the finish.

7 CLOTILDA (FR) (20) **98**
4382-0622 **5** 11-3 | 71.2kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Fair juvenile hurdler/chaser in France who has acquitted herself well over the larger obstacles for Paul Nicholls, latest when good second of 6 in handicap chase at this course (20.2f, good to soft) 20 days ago. Can race off same mark and looks well worth a crack at this longer trip.

8 NOT A LIGHT (IRE) (33) **80**
17-64 **9** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Callum Pritchard (3lb/1kg)

Placed in points/bumper and scored over hurdles in maiden at Hexham in December 2024. Latest fourth of 9 in a handicap hurdle at Doncaster was a decent effort but he didn't show a great deal on his sole previous attempt in this sphere at Windsor.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Golan Loop, **4-1** Major Fortune, **11-2** Clotilda, **10-1** Maximum Offers, **11-1** Gaelic Rambler, **12-1** Mombasa, **14-1** Not A Light, **20-1** Tommys Charm

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GOLAN LOOP confirmed the promise of his chase debut when scoring at Hereford last month and remains open to improvement. He can follow up. Major Fortune has been competing in stronger contests than this and is feared most, whilst last month's course second Clotilda is also respected.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. GOLAN LOOP 2. MAJOR FORTUNE 3. CLOTILDA****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Ideal des Bordes	7-11-11	4-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	6
2022	Eragon de Chanay	8-11-3	17-2	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	7
2021	Favori de Sivola	6-10-10	7-1	Nick Williams	David Noonan	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.42**ODDSCHECKER FREE BETS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.I) 4yo+
£10,000 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)**

RACE 2

GBI RACINGGoing: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 AIR APPARENT (IRE) (41) 69
7 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Seamus Mullins

Sean Houlihan

Hinted at ability when mid-field in a Exeter novice last month. Probably one for handicaps, though.

2 CORNER FORWARD (IRE) (36) 71
P6 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Anthony Honeyball

K. Brogan

Definite signs of ability when sixth of 12 in novice hurdle at Hereford (16.2f, good to soft) 36 days ago, considerably handled. Likely to be seen in better light when sent handicapping, though.

3 GAELIC PRIDE (SPA) (27) 100
18-224 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Warren Greatrex

Sean Bowen

Irish point winner who landed a heavy-ground Fontwell bumper in February and has run well in a trio of starts over timber this term, latest when fourth of 12 in novice at Ascot (21.7f, good to soft, 10/3) 27 days ago. Drop in trip ought to suit and holds obvious claims.

4 HADRIANUS (IRE) (16) 71
97 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Some useful form to his name on the Flat for Charlie Johnston in 2023 but not troubled the judge in a couple of starts over timber for current yard and needs to brush up his jumping.

5 RICHFORADAAY 69
6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Ian Chanin

Stan Sheppard

Adaay gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including fairly useful hurdlers Leroy Leroy and Bank Bonus, stayed 3m. Dam 8.2f winner. Runner-up sole completed start in points and is likely a longer-term prospect.

6 TOBI KANOBEE (IRE) (59) 65
6-0 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Claire Hitch

Ben Godfrey

Very little signs of ability in a bumper/points in Ireland and fared no better making hurdles bow at Exeter in November.

7 UNKNOWN ENTITY (IRE) (29) 79
432-3 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Made the frame both starts in bumpers (fair form) and also on hurdles debut for Willie Mullins at Tramore this time last year. Back from 11 months off when encouraging third of 15 in novice at Ludlow (15.8f, soft) on debut for new yard 29 days ago and is entitled to build on that.

8 WHAT A DRAGON (28) 65
P 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Robert Walford

Harry Kimber

Pulled up halfway in novice hurdle at Exeter (16.7f, heavy) on NH debut 28 days ago and can only be watched here.

9 DEAUVILLE LADY (41) 65
6-0 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



Nigel Hawke

James Davies

Looks limited on evidence of sole bumper outing and last month's Exeter hurdles bow.

10 COSMIC SPIRIT (52) 65
08 4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Ben Case

Mr Joseph Stevenson (71b/3kg)

Huge odds and no form in AW events/2 juvenile hurdles. Had wind operation.

11 ONE ISLAND (FR) (60) 74
6 4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Fair Flat winner on debut in France and shaped as if needing the outing when sixth of 7 in juvenile hurdle at Fontwell (17.7f, good to soft) on NH debut 60 days ago. In good hands and is likely to do better.

12 SHIELAS WELL (IRE) 65
4 10-2 | 64.4kg



Thomas Faulkner

Ned Fox (51b/2kg)

Modest Flat winner but below far in both starts in that sphere for new yard last month and makes little appeal on jumps debut here.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-13 Gaelic Pride, **4-1** Unknown Entity, **8-1** One Island, **25-1** Hadrianus, **25-1** Corner Forward, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GAELIC PRIDE has acquitted himself well in more competitive contests than this and looks the one to beat. Unknown Entity and One Island are the obvious dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GAELIC PRIDE 2. UNKNOWN ENTITY 3. ONE ISLAND

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **South Omo Zone** 7-11-8 3-1 Olly Murphy Sean Bowen 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.17**ODDSCHECKER FREE BETS MAIDEN HURDLE (4) (D.II) 4yo+
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RACE 3

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 DRAGONS AND DEMONS (41) 70
U8 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Robert Walford

Harry Kimber

Looks to be being brought along gradually, never dangerous on second start over hurdles at Exeter last month. One for the long-term.

2 ERIC GORCOMBE (362) 65
PP- 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Robert Walford

Ben Godfrey

No show in points and pulled up on both starts under rules for Jimmy Frost. Hard to make a case for on first start for new yard.

3 LIAM MERA KAI (FR) (32) (BF) 98
1-322 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Warren Greatrex

**Sean Bowen**

Impressive bumper winner on debut in March and has made a promising start over hurdles, going as close as he has when runner-up in maiden hurdle at Southwell (15.8f, good to soft) last time, only edged out in final 50 yds. Should give another good account.

4 MONTRACHET FIN (IRE) (41) 86
76 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Harry Fry

Bryan Carver

In good hands but looked one for the longer term judged on his efforts in a Fontwell bumper and Exeter novice hurdle (66/1) towards the end of 2025. Only considered if supported.

5 REGAL ICON (41) 79
50 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Seamus Mullins

Sean Houlihan

Fifth in a course bumper on debut but well below that form on heavy ground at Exeter subsequently. Will need to improve for the switch to hurdling.

6 SINCHI ROCA (IRE) (27) 92
12-29 6 11-8 | 73.5kg



Syd Hosie

Callum Pritchard (3lb/1kg)

£70,000 after winning sole outing in points. Fairly useful winner in bumpers, well-backed runner-up in listed Cheltenham bumper in November prior to disappointing at Ascot last time. From a good jumping family and may progress now hurdling.

7 WOLF WALKER (IRE) (16) 100
5-22 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Clive Boulton-Brooks

Richard Patrick

Three-time point winner. Finished ahead of subsequent winner when runner-up at Hereford on return and again shaped well when second at Haydock (15.7f, good) last time, rallying late. Forecast rain should make this a more suitable test of stamina and he's one to be interested in

8 GREY AQUILA (30) 70
000 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



Jo Davis

James Davies

No impact in bumpers and similar story on hurdles bow over C&D last month. Best to look elsewhere.

9 INNAMORATO (FR) (16) (BF) 94
438 4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Fairly useful form to hit the frame in pair of juvenile hurdles in France last summer but made mistakes when well below expectations on stable debut/reappearance at Taunton 16 days ago. Headgear back on and too early to dismiss on just his second start for Paul Nicholls.

10 LAUNCESTON (IRE) (16) 70
P7 4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Joe Ponting

Charlie Hammond

Modest maiden on Flat for Sir Mark Prescott and little show in 2 juvenile hurdles for new yard, Hard to fancy.

11 ATHENA'S DREAM (29) 79
45 4 10-2 | 64.4kg



Harriet Dickin

James Best

Ulysses filly. Closely related to 2 winners, including bumper winner Noble Miss and half-sister to 5 winners on Flat. Has shown a bit in two starts in bumpers this season but will need to improve on hurdles bow.

12 RITAAAN (IRE) (17) 79
84 4 10-2 | 64.4kg



Georgina Nicholls

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Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg)

Fair form in 3 Flat starts around 1¼m for Harry Eustace. New connections went to 42,000 gns and she did show an aptitude for hurdling when well beaten fourth of 7 in juvenile hurdle at Doncaster (16.6f, good) 17 days ago. Likely a longer term project.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Wolf Walker, **11-4** Liam Mera Kai, **9-2** Innamorato, **11-2** Sinchi Roca, **33-1** Montrachet Fin, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Three-time point winner WOLF WALKER has shaped well to finish runner-up on both hurdle starts and he can go one better under more testing conditions. Liam Mera Kai has been knocking on the door and may again have to settle second, while fairly useful bumper winner Sinchi Roca could get back on track now sent hurdling.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WOLF WALKER 2. LIAM MERA KAI 3. SINCHI ROCA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

GET THE BEST ODDS WITH ODDSCHECKER HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £8,500 1m7f50y (3060 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even****1 JACKOMY (IRE) (30) 91**

960 6 12-0 | 76.2kg
Neil Mulholland **K. Brogan**
Fell when clear at the last on sole start in points during the spring. Brought along steadily all three starts over hurdles so far and he can take a step forward now switched to handicaps.

2 MISTRESS EMMA (IRE) (52) 94

23-79 8 12-0 | 76.2kg
Nicky Henderson **Mr Daniel Williams (71lb/3kg)**
Won a Worcester bumper on debut in June 2022. Showed she retains ability after a long absence when placed in maiden/novice hurdles last winter but well beaten in a pair of handicaps in November. Needs to leave that form well behind.

3 UGO BINGO (FR) (20) (CD, BF) s+t 100

U1424-254 7 12-0 | 76.2kg
Joe Tizzard **Brendan Powell**
C&D winner who had cheekpieces on for 1st time when a solid fourth of 12 in handicap hurdle back over C&D (good to soft) 20 days ago. Firmly in the picture off a 2 lb lower mark.

4 RUN AWAY JOE (IRE) (26) 87

4U90 6 12-0 | 76.2kg
Fergal O'Brien **Tom Broughton (51lb/2kg)**
Placed both starts in Irish points. Has cut little ice in 3 runs over hurdles since and needs this switch to handicaps to spark major progress.

5 MORNING MAYHEM (20) (BF) 92

08098P18 5 11-12 | 75.3kg
Nick Scholfield **Kielan Woods**
Got off the mark in 2m handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter in December. Prominent when brought down 3 out at Fontwell (19.1f, good to soft) 20 days ago so can't be dismissed.

6 WESTERN SOLDIER (GER) (42) (CD, BF) 98

6P7/P2-412 8 11-10 | 74.4kg
Seamus Mullins **Callum Pritchard (31lb/1kg)**
Useful on Flat earlier in career. Capitalised on a falling mark to score over C&D in November but too free under an inexperienced rider when a remote second of 3 here last time. Should be seen to better effect now.

7 NO GUARANTEE (26) v+t 94

23638911 6 11-5 | 72.1kg
Alexander Gibbons **James Turner (51lb/2kg)**
Much improved of late and bids for a hat-trick after 2m victories at Ludlow and Hereford. Had something left in the tank on latter occasion so not taken lightly despite an 8 lb weights hike.

8 ST LUKES CHELSEA (35) h 98

7429-P455 5 11-3 | 71.2kg
Robert Walford **Harry Kimber**
Remains a maiden but he comes here in good nick, fifth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Taunton (16.5f, good) 35 days ago. Can make his presence felt off an easing mark.

9 POSTPONED LEGACY (15) s 99

35-345911 5 11-2 | 70.8kg
Martin Keighley **James Best**
Improved model following a break, successful in 2m handicaps at Doncaster and Uttoxeter. Hiked up 10 lb but impressed on latter occasion 15 days ago and holds excellent claims.

10 JUST AIDAN (IRE) (42) (CD) 94

6/873116-P 7 11-0 | 69.9kg
Harriet Dickinson **Sean Bowen**
C&D winner but he looked rusty after 8 months off when pulled up in handicap hurdle at Leicester (15.5f, heavy) 42 days ago. Can take a step forward now.

11 MR ZEE (IRE) (42) s 98

44313-774 9 10-2 | 64.4kg
Michael Blake **Harry Reed**
Experienced handicap hurdler whose form has dipped since winning in March, a never-dangerous fourth of 7 at Leicester 42 days ago. Others appeal more despite a slipping mark.

12 FREDDIE FLEETFOOT (35) 96

02024/U48 8 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)
Carroll Gray **Sean Houlihan**
Remains a maiden after 16 runs and he came in a below-form eighth of 13 in handicap hurdle at Taunton (16.5f, good) 35 days ago. Needs to take a step forward.

13 TALAP (20) 94

0P9/3-378 9 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)
Gordon Edwards **Jack Tudor**
A fair 1m4f Flat winner for David Pipe but little impact over hurdles for current yard, eighth of 12 over C&D 20 days ago. 3 lb out of the handicap here too.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Postponed Legacy, **9-2** Morning Mayhem, **11-2** Ugo Bingo, **13-2** No Guarantee, **14-1** Western Soldier, **16-1** St Lukes Chelsea, **18-1** Mr Zee, **20-1** Just Aidan, **25-1** Freddie Fleetfoot, **25-1** Run Away Joe, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

POSTPONED LEGACY arrives on the up so is fancied to defy a 10 lb weights rise for his ready Uttoxeter victory and complete a hat-trick. C&D scorer Ugo Bingo rates the main danger having been given a reprise by the official assessor, although No Guarantee seems sure to be thereabouts in his own hat-trick attempt. Jackomy, St Lukes Chelsea and Western Soldier all need factoring in too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. POSTPONED LEGACY 2. UGO BINGO 3. NO GUARANTEE****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Chicago Storm 6-11-12	25-1	Daisy Hitchins	Robbie David (7)	17
2024	Little Pi 6-11-7	7-2f	Matt Sheppard	Stan Sheppard	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

**BET SMARTER WITH ODDSchecker+ HANDICAP HURDLE
(4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £9,999 2m3f179y (3990
Metres)****GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 KING OF THE ROAD (IRE) (20) 97
6126-4302 7 11-11 | 74.8kg



Ben Pauling

Kielan Woods

Successful over 19f at Taunton last November and got right back on track in first-time cheekpieces when second of 10 in handicap hurdle at Kempton (21f, good) 20 days ago. Up 4 lb but can go well with headgear again fitted.

2 MEATLOAF (FR) (42) (C) 100
1851/P-46 7 11-10 | 74.4kg



Paul Nicholls

Freddie Keighley (71lb/3kg)

Course winner in 2023/24. Lightly raced since but posted an encouraging sixth of 10 over 15f here last month. Now steps back up in trip with Freddie Keighley again taking 7 lb off. Weighged to go close.

3 LIGHT FANDANGO (IRE) (17) 98
5313P-51 7 11-8 | 73.5kg



Neil Mulholland

Bradley Harris (31lb/1kg)

Won a novice hurdle at Uttoxeter in summer 2024. Struggled on next 3 starts but back with a bang when winning 2m Doncaster handicap just after Christmas. Still low mileage so possible he can build on that.

4 VALADON (IRE) (53) 95
113/4341-P 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Harry Fry

Bryan Carver

Ended last season in perfect fashion with 21f Fontwell win in April but pulled up on his return in 2m2f Exeter handicap in November. In good hands so not written off yet.

5 ONE EYE ON VEGAS (42) (D) 96
4/U6169-21 9 11-7 | 73.0kg



Stuart Edmunds

Charlie Hammond

Posted a third win at Leicester with a career best in 6-runner handicap hurdle (20.5f, heavy) 42 days ago. Up 4 lb but he must enter calculations.

6 MOUTARDE (IRE) (34) 99
6F06-29P8 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Syd Hosie

Callum Pritchard (31lb/1kg)

Successful in juvenile hurdles at Kempton/Taunton late in 2024. Too free in a first-time visor at Cheltenham (16.8f) last month and will need to settle much better if he's to get home back up in trip.

7 DOCTOR GLIDE (FR) (35) 87
2/P589P-PO 8 11-4 | 71.7kg



Tim Vaughan

Lorcan Williams

Fair maiden hurdler in Ireland but ended his time with Tom Dreaper out of sorts and his first two runs for this yard at Fontwell and Taunton this winter have been anything but encouraging.

8 TEORIE (IRE) (30) 97
P52-62550 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Daisy Hitchins

Robbie David (71lb/3kg)

Matched his best form when runner-up at Newton Abbot (21.5f) in May but hasn't reproduced that since, well held over 15f here 30 days ago. Needs to find improvement.

9 CHOICE RUNNER (IRE) (42) 97
55F-24 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



Dan Skelton

Harry Skelton

Lightly-raced maiden who has gone with promise on both runs this term on the back of beathing surgery, fourth of 8 in novice hurdle at Leicester (20.5f, heavy) 42 days ago. Goes into handicaps with more to offer. Not without interest.

10 LE SOLEIL REVE (FR) (53) (BF) 96
31-32 5 11-3 | 71.2kg



Mrs Jane Williams

James Best

Scored at Hereford (2m) in March and has progressed in a couple of outings this term, latest when second of 7 in handicap hurdle at Exeter (16.7f, soft) in November. Should have more to offer.

11 PURPLE OWL (IRE) (37) 92
5-253 6 11-2 | 70.8kg



David Pipe

Jack Tudor

Point winner who has made a positive start in this sphere, tongue tied when third of 10 in 2m Uttoxeter maiden last month. Can do better now handicapping.

12 LUCKY BERE (FR) (62) 98
2233-38 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Kayley Woollacott

Harry Cobden

Ran up to his best when third of 14 on return at Worcester (16f) in October. Below form in testing conditions at Cheltenham since but no surprise to see him bounce back here after a break.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 King of The Road, **11-2** Le Soleil Reve, **13-2** One Eye On Vegas, **15-2** Choice Runner, **8-1** Light Fandango, **10-1** Meatloaf, **12-1** Valadon, **14-1** Purple Owl, **16-1** Lucky Bere, **25-1** Theorie, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This is wide open so at the likely odds it is worth siding with course winner MEATLOAF, who has slipped to an attractive mark and looks primed for a bold showing after his encouraging sixth here last time out. Resurgent Kempton second King Of The Road rates a big threat though and Dan Skelton's handicap debutant Choice Runner also has plenty to recommend him. Le Soleil Reve and Lucky Bere can't be discounted either.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. MEATLOAF 2. KING OF THE ROAD 3. CHOICE RUNNER****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2025	Firestream 8-12-0	10-1	Anthony Honeyball	Sam Twiston-Davies	15
2022	Whydah Gally 6-11-1	5-2f	Colin Tizzard	Brendan Powell	11
2021	Brinkley 6-11-12	5-2f	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race















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RACE 6

ODDSCHECKER CHELTENHAM FREE BETS HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-130) £20,000 3m150y (4970 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	DIAMOND RI (IRE) (17) 2142/P0 7 11-9 73.9kg	s	91
	Joe Tizzard Promising novice a couple of seasons back but has failed to fire both starts since returning from a lengthy absence. Hopes pinned on the first-time cheekpieces doing the trick.	<i>Brendan Powell</i>	
2	PUNTA DEL ESTE (FR) (27) 3535-7P53 7 11-8 73.5kg	s+t	 100
	David Pipe Useful hurdler for Dan Skelton and, having slipped to a handy mark, he left previous efforts for this yard behind when third of 12 at Ascot (21.7f, good to soft) last month. This step back up in trip looks a good move and he's a major player.	<i>Jack Tudor</i>	
3	EMAILANDY (IRE) (20) 319/OPP-P8 8 11-8 73.5kg	b+t	92
	Paul Nicholls Useful hurdler at his best but endured an underwhelming campaign last season and well below par both starts this time round, too, including with first-time blinkers added (retained) at Kempton recently.	<i>Harry Cobden</i>	
4	TURNDLIGHTSDOWNLOW (IRE) (40) (BF) 42112 6 11-5 72.1kg		97
	Martin Keighley  Low-mileage, progressive sort who readily landed a brace of Kempton handicaps in the autumn and improved further when finding only another upwardly mobile type too strong at Sandown (23.5f, soft) last time. Hit with a 7lb rise for that but he could have more to offer.	<i>Freddie Keighley (71b/3kg)</i>	
5	RUBBER BALL (20) 33119-047 6 11-5 72.1kg		98
	Neil King Irish point winner who also landed a brace of 2m maiden/novice hurdles last term. Yet to hit top form this season, though, and hopes now pinned on this sizeable step up in trip sparking a return to form.	<i>Jack Quinlan</i>	
6	TOMMY THE TANK (IRE) (41) 2214-P 8 11-4 71.7kg		92
	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole Point/maiden hurdle winner who made an inauspicious start to chase career on return at Sandown last month, struggling a long way out. Return to this sphere is a logical step but others make more appeal all the same.	<i>Charlie Hammond</i>	
7	A PERFECT DAY (IRE) (33) (C) 1-31 6 11-4 71.7kg		96
	Ben Clarke Runner-up sole start between the flags and made it 2-3 in this sphere when cosily landing the odds in a 6-runner Lingfield handicap (23f, good). 6 lb rise looks pretty generous and this unexposed type is greatly respected,	<i>Tom Bellamy</i> 	
8	LOVERDOSE (FR) (47) 1/12112-28 7 11-2 70.8kg	s	96
	Robert Walford French Flat winner who thrived in this sphere last term, winning 3 times and runner-up twice from 5 runs. Failed to build on reappearance second when mid-field at Newbury but that was a very competitive class 2 handicap and he should make his presence felt.	<i>Harry Kimber</i>	
9	OH MY JOHNNY (IRE) (37) 4F1717-52 6 11-2 70.8kg		99
	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White  Successful at Uttoxeter and Hereford last season. Stepped up on his reappearance effort when finding just one too good back at Uttoxeter (23.3f, heavy) last month and he worth a second look off 1 lb lower mark.	<i>Sean Houlihan</i>	
10	CHAMPAGNE CHIC (IRE) (40) (C) 6140-62 6 11-2 70.8kg	s	99
	Jeremy Scott Landed 15f Wincanton novice heavy last January and produced by far his best effort since when narrowly going down at Chepstow (23.6f, good to soft). One to consider.	<i>Lorcan Williams</i>	

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Turndlightsdownlow, **4-1** A Perfect Day, **9-2** Punta Del Este, **6-1** Champagne Chic, **10-1** Oh My Johnny, **12-1** Loverdose, **20-1** Rubber Ball, **22-1** Tommy The Tank, **28-1** Diamond Ri, **33-1** Emailandy

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This handicap has a strong look to it and A PERFECT DAY could be the answer. He did the job well when scoring at Lingfield and it's unlikely that a 6 lb rise will be enough to stop him in his tracks. Punta Del Este represents last year's winning yard and he looks a big threat having taken a step back in the right direction last time. Turndlightsdownlow is third choice, while Champagne Chic and Oh My Johnny are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. A PERFECT DAY 2. PUNTA DEL ESTE 3. TURNDLIGHTSDOWNLOW

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Phantomofthepoints 7-11-13	4-1	David Pipe	Jack Tudor	11
2022	Imphal 8-10-7	10-11f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

DOWNLOAD THE ODDSchecker APP SOMERSET NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (3) 5yo+ (Rated 0-140) £30,000 3¼m162y (5380 Metres)**GBI RACING**Going: **Good to Soft (Soft in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 OUR POWER (IRE) (54) (C) s **99**
7F/2233-F6 11 12-0 | 76.2kg



Sam Thomas

Mr Harvey Barfoot-Saunt (71b/3kg)

Lightly raced since landing brace of 3m handicaps in 2022/23 campaign but hard to knock his consistency last term, placed on all 4 starts. Rare jumping lapse over the National fences on reappearance and just a respectable sixth of 12 at Ascot since. Now below last winning mark.

2 IRON BRIDGE (IRE) (74) s **99**
23P8/3PP-2 10 11-10 | 74.4kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

K. Brogan

Useful handicapper but winless since 2022. Near miss on Carlisle reappearance in November shows he retains his ability and given time to get over that. Needs considering with cheekpieces applied.

3 DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE (29) v **97**
12522-932 8 11-9 | 73.9kg



Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls

Tom Bellamy

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 career best.

4 ISAAC DES OBEAUX (FR) (28) s **99**
P3/5P33-31 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden

Got back on track after a wind op when third of 5 in listed chase at Cheltenham (25f, heavy, 16/1) on return and capitalised on the drop in class when winning at Exeter off reduced mark 4 weeks ago by 5 lengths from Operation Manna. Should go well again up 5 lb.

5 RAPPER (29) (C, D) s **95**
P2F0/33-P6 12 10-13 | 69.4kg



Henry Daly

Richard Patrick

Veteran three-time winner over fences who didn't go with any promise on the back of a 12-month layoff when pulled up at Ascot. Showed a bit more at Ludlow since but that form not the most robust. Others preferred.

6 OPERATION MANNA (28) ★ **100**
11104/P-2 10 10-13 | 69.4kg



Tom Lacey

Stan Sheppard

A three-time hurdles winner in 2023 but very lightly raced since. Showed he retains all of his ability when second to Isaac Des Obeaux at Exeter on chase bow 4 weeks ago after 13 months off and player if this doesn't come too soon.

7 RIVERS CORNER (17) (C, BF) b+t **97**
76312-333 8 10-6 | 66.2kg



Joe Tizzard

Brendan Powell

Improved in first-time blinkers when winning at Newbury in March. Consistent in defeat since and likely to be on the premises once more. Tongue strap on 1st time.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Isaac Des Obeaux, **10-3** Iron Bridge, **5-1** Operation Manna, **6-1** Destroytheevidence, **8-1** Rivers Corner, **11-1** Our Power, **33-1** Rapper

TIMEFORM VIEW:

IRON BRIDGE clearly still has plenty to offer having only just failed to make a winning return at Carlisle and can end his losing run. Isaac des Obeaux and Operation Manna pulled clear of the rest when 1-2 at Exeter last month and they head the dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IRON BRIDGE 2. ISAAC DES OBEAUX 3. OPERATION MANNA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Collectors Item 8-11-7	14-1	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill	K. Brogan	10
2022	El Paso Wood 8-10-5	17-2	David Pipe	Philip Armson (7)	8
2021	Dawson City 12-10-10	13-2	Polly Gundry	Millie Wonnacott (7)	10

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RACE 8

ODDSCHECKER+ WITH PREDICTIVE AI 'NEWCOMERS'
NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4, 5 and 6yo £4,000 1m7f50y
(3060 Metres)

GBI RACING

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Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

1 BEAU SPEED (FR)  **100**
 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Paul Nicholls *Harry Cobden*
 £110,000 3-y-o, Beaume De Houelle gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including useful hurdler Authorised Speed and French hurdler Speedy Speed. One to note on debut.

2 DUNSTALL STAR **93**
 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Tom George *Tom Bellamy*
 Telescope gelding. Half-brother to fair chaser Dunstall Rambler, stays 2½m. Dam, lightly-raced maiden on Flat, sister to fairly useful hurdler/top-class chaser (stayed 25f) Nacarar. Yard knows this family extremely well but he may need time.

3 ELUSIVE PB **92**
 5 11-8 | 73.5kg h



Nick Scholfield *Kielan Woods*
 Elusive Pimpernel gelding out of an unraced sister to unreliable but useful hurdler/chaser Out Sam and half-sister to useful hurdler/fairly useful chaser Honest John. Likely to need more time and distance. Wears hood.

4 FINE TUNING (IRE) **96**
 5 11-8 | 73.5kg t



Anthony Honeyball *Sean Bowen*
 €86,000 3-y-o, Blue Bresil half-brother to 5 winners, including useful hurdler/chase winner Regent's Stroll and useful bumper winner/hurdler Didtheyleaveuoutto. Dam unraced half-sister to Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Denman. Wears tongue strap and he's a noteworthy newcomer.

5 LINGERING GLANCE **92**
 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Jeremy Scott *Lorcan Williams*
 Passing Glance gelding. Brother to very smart hurdler/high-class chaser Dasher Drasher, and half-brother to 2 winners, including fair hurdler Popping Along. Well worthy of note if market vibes prove strong on debut.

6 MURPHY'S MATE (IRE) **95**
 5 11-8 | 73.5kg t



Harry Fry *Bryan Carver*
 Wings of Eagles gelding. Dam (c93/h111), unguine bumper/19f hurdle winner (stayed 23f), half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 3½m) Masters Hill. Yard enjoy plenty of success in this discipline and another who would command respect if strong in the betting. Wears tongue strap.

7 SHADY KNIGHT **98**
 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Dan Skelton *Harry Atkins (7lb/3kg)*
 Scalo gelding. Dam (c114/h114), 2m hurdle/chase winner, half-sister to winning hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 3m) Stoney's Treasure and fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (2m-2¼m winner) Real Stone. Stable landed this 12 months ago and he commands respect on debut.

8 TROJAN TALE (IRE) **92**
 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Dan Horsford *Jack Tudor*
 £20,000 3-y-o, Hillstar gelding. Closely related to a winner, and half-brother to 4 winners, including bumper winner/useful hurdler Flash The Steel. Makes appeal on paper but kicks off in what could well prove a pretty warm race.

9 VALIANT SOLDIER (IRE) **93**
 5 11-8 | 73.5kg



Joe Tizzard *Brendan Powell*
 £32,000 3-y-o, Soldier of Fortune gelding. Brother to a point winner. Dam (h105), bumper winner, half-sister to useful hurdler (stayed 25f) Teescomponents Lad and fairly useful hurdler/fair chaser (stayed 21f) Teescomponentsyess. Bred for the job and market support would bring him into calculations.

10 UP THE HILL **90**
 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



Polly Gundry *Callum Pritchard (3lb/1kg)*
 Getaway mare. Dam (h115), 2½m hurdle winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler (stayed 25f) As I See It out of smart 2m-21f hurdle winner Chomba Womba. Bred more for stamina than speed.

11 SCAREDOFNOTHING (IRE) **90**
 4 10-9 | 67.6kg



Tom Weston *Joshua Bryan*
 Way To Paris gelding. Dam unraced. Makes little appeal on paper.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Beau Speed, **9-2** Shady Knight, **13-2** Fine Tuning, **7-1** Murphy's Mate, **10-1** Valiant Soldier, **12-1** Dunstall Star, **14-1** Elusive Pb, **16-1** Trojan Tale, **18-1** Lingerin Glance, **33-1** Up The Hill, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Several choicely bred newcomers on show including FINE TUNING, who represents a yard operating at a 25% strike rate with their representatives in this sphere so far this term and the booking of Sean Bowen very much catches the eye. He shades preference over Paul Nicholls' Beau Speed before market clues. Shady Knight and Murphy's Mate complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FINE TUNING 2. BEAU SPEED 3. SHADY KNIGHT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Bossman Jack 5-11-8	15-2	Dan Skelton	Fergus Gillard	12
2022	Rosy Redrum 4-10-0	4-1	Milton Harris	Mitchell Bastyan (3)	7
2021	Sure Touch 5-11-4	5-4	Olly Murphy	Aidan Coleman	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race