



Saturday 15th November

CHELTENHAM

12.35	JCB TRIUMPH TRIAL JUVENILE HURDLE (Grade 2) (1) 2m87y (3300 Metres)
RACE 1	(10) SECRET FORCE (1) PRECIOUS MAN (2) PARCHMENT
1.10	DEBENHAMS AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3m1f (5030 Metres)
RACE 2	(17) AUREA FORTUNA (2) JUBILEE EXPRESS (15) KELCE
1.45	PADDY POWER ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY TRIAL NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 2) (1) 1m7f199y (3200 Metres)
RACE 3	(5) JULY FLOWER (1) BE AWARE (4) BURDETT ROAD
2.20	PADDY POWER GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 2½m44y (4060 Metres)
RACE 4	(1) JAGWAR (8) VINCENZO (10) PANIC ATTACK
2.55	FROM THE HORSES MOUTH PODCAST HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 2m7f208y (4820 Metres)
RACE 5	(3) SUPREMELY WEST (2) LONG DRAW (6) KIKIJO
3.30	PADDY POWER INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m5f (4220 Metres)
RACE 6	(3) JURANCON (2) FRENCH SHIP (9) KAP BOY
4.00	CHELTENHAM GUARDIANS SAFEGUARDING TEAM MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Listed) (1) 2m87y (3300 Metres)

KEY TO SYMBOLS



RACE 7

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

(5) EREMENKO | (2) CELESTIAL TUNE | (3) DIVINE DIVA



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.

JCB TRIUMPH TRIAL JUVENILE HURDLE (Grade 2) (1) 3yo £80,000 2m87y (3300 Metres)

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Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

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Pace Information: **Strong**

PRECIOUS MAN (FR) (172)

1 **3** 11-5 72.1kg

Dan Skelton Harry Skelton

at Auteuil (17.4f, soft) in May. Has to concede weight all round here but still a likely player starting out for top stable.

PARCHMENT (FR) (151) (D)

3 11-3 71.2kg

David PipeEx-French gelding who comfortably landed 2m newcomers race at Clairefontaine

Looked highly promising in France for Daniela Mele when going 2-2 over hurdles

in June for Noel George and Amánda Zetterholm. Looks a good prospect so merits serious consideration for his new handler.

GALACTIQUE (FR) (20)211 **3** 11-0 69.9kg

Gary & Josh Moore Caoilin Quinn

Fast-improving hurdler who went 2-3 in 5-runner juvenile hurdle at Fontwell (17.7f, good) 20 days ago. This is much tougher but he's not taken lightly in his current mood.

4 HALLELUJAH U

3 11-0 69.9kg

A useful 1m4f Flat winner who posted a good seventh of 14 in handicap at Goodwood (14f) in August. Brings considerable potential to hurdling for yard

which has landed past two runnings of this.

HOPES ARE HIGH (IRE) (32) (D)

1312 **3** 11-0 69.9kg

William Durkan, Ireland

A maiden on the Flat but he's taken extremely well to this sphere for his new yard, scoring at Ballinrobe and Listowel before a good second of 8 to Secret Force in juvenile at Punchestown (16.2f, good to soft) 32 days ago. Holds solid

6 KASPER HAUSER (34) 83

4246 **3** 11-0 **6**9.9kg

Donald McCain

Kevin Thomas Coleman, Ireland Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Fair maiden on the level who has been consistent over hurdles, sixth of 10 in juvenile at Cork (2m, good to soft) 34 days ago. Much more is needed here though if he's to gain a breakthrough victory.

LORD (GER) (49) (D) 96

2111 **3** 11-0 69.9kg

Reached the frame in 2 Flat outings in Germany and made a very promising start over hurdles for Olly Murphy, completing a hat-trick in 2m juvenile at Market Rasen in September, despite some jumping errors. Since changed hands for £70,000 and much respected for another new yard.

8 MATIWO (FR) (35) 87

3 3 11-0 | 69.9kg Mrs Jane Williams Ciaran Gething

40/1, made a promising start when third of 10 in juvenile hurdle at Chepstow (16f, good to firm) 35 days ago. This demands a major step forward however.

ONE HORSE TOWN (IRE) (27) (D) 97

3 11-0 69.9kg

Harry Derham 🕌 Paul O'E

Fair 1m4f Flat winner who has gone unbeaten in a trio of juvenile hurdles, returning from 3 months off to easily complete a hat-trick at Kempton 27 days ago. This sound jumper shouldn't be underestimated despite the step up in

10 SECRET FORCE (IRE) (32) (D) 97
1 3 11-0 | 69.9kg

Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland Keith Donogh

Fair 11f Flat scorer who looked an exciting prospect when a most impressive winner on his hurdling bow at Punchestown (16.2f, good to soft) 32 days ago by 6½ lengths from Hopes Are High. Open to plenty of progress. Most interesting.

11 WOLF RAYET (IRE) (35)

3 11-0 69.9kd

Samuel Drinkwater

Kielan Woods

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Modest Flat maiden for Donnacha O'Brien in 2024. Returned from 12 months off for new yard with an encouraging second of 10 in juvenile at Chepstow (16f, good to firm) on his hurdling debut 35 days ago. Should improve but needs to if he's to figure in this company.

12 KATE O'RILEY (38)

3 10-7 66.7kg

James Owen

A fairly useful 1 m4f Elat wipper who scored with planty in hand on her burdling.



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P. Byrnes

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A fairly useful 1m4f Flat winner who scored with plenty in hand on her hurdling bow in 6-runner juvenile at Ludlow (15.8f, good to firm) 38 days ago. Yard has taken the past two runnings of this so she's well in the mix.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Precious Man, **9-2** Parchment, **13-2** Secret Force, **7-1** One Horse Town, **15-2** Hallelujah U, **12-1** Kate O'riley, **18-1** Hopes Are High, **18-1** Lord, **18-1** Galactique, **40-1** har

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SECRET FORCE really impressed when going in at the first time of asking over hurdles at Punchestown and is taken to edge out Precious Man (second choice) and Parchment who both rate very good prospects too but have to concede weight to Gavin Cromwell's Frankel gelding. James Owen has bagged this prize for the past two years and his duo Hallelujah U and Kate O'Riley also enter calculations in a cracking juvenile event.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SECRET FORCE 2. PRECIOUS MAN 3. PARCHMENT

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	East India Dock 3-11-0	4-5f	James Owen	Sam Twiston-Davies	10
2023	Burdett Road 3-11-0	9-4	James Owen	Harry Cobden	11
2022	Scriptwriter 3-11-0	4-1	Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	8
2021	Knight Salute 3-10-12	9-2	Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	9
2020	Duffle Coat 3-11-3	2_1	Gordon Elliott	Robbie Power	Q

SMART STATS:

DEBENHAMS AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £25,000 3m1f (5030 Metres)

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RACE 2

Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

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Pace Information: Even

CHAMBARD (FR) (248) (C) 1 1P88/PP7P-13 12-0 76.2kg

Venetia Williams

Miss Lucy Turner Veteran who won the Kim Muir here in 2022 but on the downgrade since

winning the Becher at Aintree the following year.

JUBILEE EXPRESS (FR) (273)

Sam Thomas

Mr Harvey Barfoot-Saunt (7lb/3kg) Progressive over fences in cheekpieces in 2023/24, culminating with a win at

Havdock, Found further improvement when 1½ lengths second of 15 in Welsh National at Chepstow on return last season. Struggled from 8 lb out of the weights at Haydock on only start since. Can bounce back for in-form yard.

JAVA POINT (IRE) (213)

10 11-9 73.9kg 145/24P24-

Lemos De Souza Mr Tommie M. O'Brien

Failed to win last season but ran his best race when runner-up in this on return 12 months ago off 1 lb higher. First run for yard after leaving Henry Oliver.

BALLYCAMUS (IRE) (21) 531P14-27

MORODER (IRE) (22)

8 11-9 73.9kg Miss Amber Jackson-Fennell (7lb/3kg)

Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies Miss Amber Jackson-Fennell (7lb Successful in 2 of his 6 starts last term, looking as good as ever at Ludlow in

February. Made a positive start to the new season when second at Chepstow and not disgraced upped in class when seventh of 18 in over C&D 3 weeks ago. let down by jumping. This easier at least.

TAKE ALL (IRE) (197) 96 h+t

10 11-9 73.9kg 86825F1-4

Ben Pauling 🕌 Mr Samuel Scott (7lb/3kg)

Still going better than most when coming down 3 out in the Foxhunters at Cheltenham in March and subsequently ended losing run in much calmer waters at Ludlow. Not seen to best effect back here in May and he's an interesting runner starting out for Ben Pauling.

HERAKLES WESTWOOD (FR) (196) (BF)

8 11-8 73.5kg Warren Greatrex Mr Finian Maauire

Improved switched to fences last season, winning at Newbury at Windsor, Found out in stronger company at the Cheltenham and Punchestown Festivals last 2 starts but should make more of an impact here.

PLAN OF ATTACK (IRE) (187) (D) 94 **12** 11-7 73.0kg

> Max Comley Mr Thomas Stanley (7lb/3kg)

> Veteran who was on the downgrade for Henry de Bromhead. Easy to look

elsewhere.

P41P-01d6P **11** 11-7 73.0kg Mr Simon Elliott (3lb/1kg)

Surprise winner of Grimthorpe Chase at Doncaster in March. Disqualified after

losing weight cloth when first past post in veterans event at Cartmel in May but has run poorly both starts since. Unreliable.

SOUND AND FURY (IRE) (13) **8** 11-7 73.0kg P1/31517-1

Ben Pauling Miss Gina Andrews Lightly-raced winning pointer/hurdler who looked rather fortunate to win 2 of his 5 starts over fences last season. Resumed progress to make a winning return at Carlisle 2 weeks ago, all out to hold on. Player if this doesn't come too soon.

HUNG JURY (IRE) (22) (C) 94

10 11-4 71.7kg

Martin Keighley

Multiple winning pointer who took a sizeable step forward when landing a bigfield hunter at this track (32.4f) in May. However, didn't jump well enough to get involved after 4 months off in similar event here 3 weeks ago, shaping as though a return to extreme distances will suit.

SIZABLE SAM (303) **10** 11-4 71.7kg

Jeremy Scott Mr Peter Summers (7lb/3kg) Low-mileage sort who struggled in 2 of his 3 runs last season after 22 months

off. Others more convincing.

AUTONOMOUS CLOUD (IRE) (171) (D) 98 s+t

3P4328-61 **9** 11-2 70.8kg Fergal O'Brien Mr Harry O'Dwyer (7lb/3kg)

Quickly got back on track to end losing run in a less competitive affair in hunter at Carlisle when last seen in May, the softer ground a benefit to him. Will find this more demanding on return.

IDEAL DES BORDES (FR) (22) (D) 13 90 **7** 11-2 70.8kg 2P/112P5-0

Nicky Henderson Mr Daniel Williams (7lb/3kg) Progressed to make a successful chase debut at Wincanton and backed it up

when second at Kempton in January. However, has disappointed in 3 runs since and now has a bit to prove.

IMPERIAL ALEX (IRE) (160) 97

1/198P2-21 8 11-2 70.8kg Tom Lacey 😹 Mr Sean O'Connor (5lb/2kg) Confirmed he's back to form when resuming winning ways at Perth this summer.

Career best required if he's to follow up at this higher level, however.

KELCE (IRE) (22) 15 99 7 11-0 69.9kg P221F21-4 Neil Mulholland

Much improved switched to fences with cheekpieces applied last season, winning at Market Rasen and Wetherby. Ran well when close fourth in similar event over C&D on return and should be bang there again.

16 **CHEERFUL CHAP (IRE) (42)** 8 10-8 67.1kg

P. J. Rothwell, Ireland Miss P. Elvin (3lb/1kg) Placed all 6 starts over fences last season but ran poorly at Kilbeggan this summer and fared no better back over hurdles at Gowran 6 weeks ago.

17 **AUREA FORTUNA (IRE) (31)** 99

4234-7131 **6** 10-7 66.7kg

A. J. Martin, Ireland Miss M. O'Sullivan Well suited by the emphasis on stamina when shedding maiden tag over hurdles

at Galway in August. Took advantage of lower chase mark with plenty in hand back up in trip at Punchestown last month and remains of strong interest in this sphere.

18 PLANNED PARADISE (IRE) (22) 1425-4230 **9** 10-3 64.9kg

Christian Williams Mr J. J. Murphy-Kniaht (7lb/3kg) Scored at Windsor (28.7f) in January and remained in good heart subsequently.

However, went with little fluency after 4 months off here 3 weeks ago and needs to leave that well behind.

18 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Aurea Fortuna, 8-1 Jubilee Express, 8-1 Herakles Westwood, 10-1 Kelce, 11-1 Sound And Fury, 16-1 Autonomous Cloud, 16-1 Imperial Alex, 16-1 Take All, 18-1 Ballycamus, 18-1 Ideal Des Bordes, 25-1 Java Point, 28-1 Planned Paradise, 33-1 Sizable Sam, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

AUREA FORTUNA is coming good now and the way he won back over fences at Punchestown last time makes him of strong interest once again. Jubilee Express was seen only twice last season but proved he can go well fresh with an excellent second in the Welsh National in December. Kelce was a close fourth in a similar event over C&D on return and looks set for another good campaign.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

2020 Storm Control 7-11-6

1. AUREA FORTUNA 2. JUBILEE EXPRESS 3. KELCE

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WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2024	Transmission 7-11-9	11-4f	Neil Mulholland	Mr P. W. Mullins	11
2023	Hascoeur Clermont 6-10-6	12-1	Gavin Patrick Cromwell	Mr N. McParlan	16
2022	Anightinlambourn 8-11-1	5-1	Ben Pauling	Jack Andrews	10
2021	Strictlyadancer 7-10-1	Q_Af	Christian Williams	Ren Bromley (5)	13

Richard Patrick (3)

Kerry Lee

SMART STATS:



PADDY POWER ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY TRIAL NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 2) (1) 4yo+ £75,000 1m7f199y (3200 Metres)



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Pace Information: Very Weak

1	BE AWAR	E (FR) (16) (D)	h	95
	222/2388_1	6 11-4 71 7kg		

Dan Skelton



Useful hurdler who (hooded for first time) took his form up a notch on his chasing debut when cosily landing 8-runner handicap at Stratford (19.4f, good to soft) 16 days ago. Has more to offer for top yard which has a very good record in this event. Big shout.

BREAKING COVER (IRE) (7) (D) 82

7 11-4 71.7kg



Anthony Honeyball

Has got his act together back in this sphere, bagging a third win in recent months in 2m Newton Abbot handicap. Posted an excellent second of 5 in Rising Stars Chase at Wincanton (20.2f, good) 7 days ago so he must enter calculations.

BRENTFORD HOPE (200) (D) 82

11/22024-8 **8** 11-4 71.7kg



Harry Derham

Paul O'Brien

Useful 2m-winning hurdler who wasn't disgraced when eighth of 17 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (16.7f, good to soft) in April. This is no easy introduction to fences but he's no forlorn hope.

BURDETT ROAD (27) (C, D) 91 112/1322-2 **5** 11-4 71.7kg



James Owen Classy dual-purpose performer who was runner-up in the Champion Hurdle

here in March and by no means disgraced back in this sphere when second in 2m Kempton listed event last month. Turns his attentions to fences now and he's an interesting prospect.

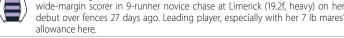
JULY FLOWER (FR) (27)

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Henry de Bromhead, Ireland Smart winning ex-French hurdler who created an excellent impression when a



STENCIL (249) (D, BF)



4 10-10 68.0kg N. George & A. Zetterholm, France



Very useful winning French hurdler but he failed to justify market support when well held in Fred Winter Handicap here at the Festival in March. Brings a lot of potential to chasing so he needs considering on his return.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 July Flower, 5-2 Be Aware, 4-1 Burdett Road, 9-1 Stencil, 33-1 Breaking Cover, 33-1 Brentford Hope

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A fascinating Grade 2 in which Henry de Bromhead's JULY FLOWER is taken to build on her easy chasing debut success at Limerick and capitalise on her mares' allowance to thwart Dan Skelton's Be Aware, who also impressed when going in at the first time of asking over fences at Stratford. Burdett Road and Stencil both bring considerable potential to fences and shouldn't be underestimated either.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JULY FLOWER 2. BE AWARE 3. BURDETT ROAD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: 2024 L'Eau du Sud 6-11-4 10-11f Dan Skelton Harry Skelton 2023 Homme Public 6-11-4 13-2 Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Henry Brooke 2022 Banbridge 6-11-4 11-8f Joseph Patrick O'Brien J. J. Slevin Third Time Lucki 6-11-5 2-5f Harry Skelton Dan Skelton 2020 Eldorado Allen 6-11-2 13-2 Robbie Power Colin Tizzard

SMART STATS:

PADDY POWER GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (1) 4yo+ £160,000 2½m44y (4060 Metres)



RACE 4

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Pace Information: Strong

JAGWAR (FR) (247) (CD) **6** 12-0 76.2kg 145/11311-

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Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Good-looking sort who improved at a rate of knots as a novice over fences, winning 4 of his 5 starts including Timeform Novices' Handicap and value for extra when landing the Plate back here (20.6f) at the Festival in March. Up 9 lb on return but there's surely even more to come this term.

THE OTHER MOZZIE (IRE) (198) (BF)

6 11-11 74.8kg

Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Eoin Staples (7lb/3kg)

3-time chase winner (at up to 18f) who fared best of those held up when seventh in Gr 2 novice handicap at the Festival in March and better than ever when landing Scotty Brand Chase at Ayr in April. Below par over hurdles at Punchestown in May but he has gone well fresh previously.

32F11P5-1 **6** 11-11 74.8kg

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Ben Pauling

Responded well to blinkers earlier in the year, winning back-to-back handicap chases at Kempton (20.5f). Good fifth at Sandown (20f) final outing and proved better than ever with headgear discarded when scoring on return at first-named venue 4 weeks ago. Headgear returns now but this a tougher ask.

THECOMPANYSERGEANT (52)

8 11-10 74.4ka 36432-596 Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland

Keith Donoghue



Ran a cracker on the back of a spin over hurdles when chasing home Jagwar in the Plate at the Festival in March and has shaped as though still ahead of his mark in good company since, his jumping/stamina not so assured when sixth in Kerry National (23.8f) in September. Interesting back down in trip.

RISKINTHEGROUND (IRE) (28) (CD)

8 11-8 73.5kg





Dan Skelton Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg) Enjoyed a fine time of it last term, scoring 6 times, including Silver Trophy over C&D in April. Resumed with solid fourth in Summer Plate in July and proved game when resuming winning ways in small-field intermediate chase at Newton Abbot (21f) last month. This demands further progress, however.

IL RIDOTO (FR) (34) (CD)

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8 11-8 73.5kg Paul Nicholls

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8-y-o who ran out a good winner of this race 12 months ago. Handicapper seemed in control thereafter but encouragement to glean from his secondplace finish on seasonal bow at Chepstow (19.5f) 5 weeks ago. Usual cheekpieces back on now and no surprise to see a bold showing.

7 11-8 73.5kg



COMING UP EASY (IRE) (84)

D. J. O'Keeffe



Hurdles winner who has proved an entirely different proposition ridden aggressively over fences, bringing up the hat-trick in fine style in 13-runner listed handicap at Killarney (20.8f) in August. 10 lb higher now but feasible to think this low-mileage 7-y-o could yet have more to offer.

VINCENZO (FR) (259)

99 31/361212-**7** 11-3 71.2kg



Dylan Johnston (3lb/1kg) Likeable sort who was successful on 2 of his first 3 starts over fences at around

2m last winter and took his form up a notch when a smashing second in the Greatwood Gold Cup at Newbury (19.8f) in March. Has a big race in him on that evidence and returns with yard in fine form. Tongue strap back on.



Henry de Bromhead, Ireland



7-y-o mare who built on opening chase promise when readily landing 7-runner mares' novices' handicap here (20.6f) in April. Below best at Punchestown following start but back on track when third of 9 in handicap chase at Limerick (19.2f) 27 days ago and booking of Sean Bowen catches the eye here.

10 PANIC ATTACK (IRE) (280) (C, D, BF)

9 11-1 70.3kg



Dan Skelton

9-y-o mare who made short work of her rivals when cashing in on reduced mark over fences for this yard at Windsor (20.2f) in January. Absent since finishing a good second over hurdles at Warwick a month later but this likely been on her radar for some time and one to note back over larger obstacles.

11 **CONYERS HILL (IRE)** (27) 3567162-2

7 11-1 70.3kg

S. F. O'Keeffe

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Acquitted himself well without landing a telling blow when sixth in last season's Grand Annual and runner-up both subsequent outings 6 months apart, latterly at Limerick (19.2f) 4 weeks ago. Hasn't had much racing at this trip but suspicion he needs to pull out more to play a lead role here.

12 ES PERFECTO (IRE) (247) (D)

10 11-0 69.9kg

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Alan King 🕌

Successful twice in second season over fences, latterly at Sandown (20f) in February and continued the good work when fifth in Grade 2 novices' handicap at the Festival in March, only edged out of the frame close home. Mark is probably about right but record fresh a positive.

HOE JOLY SMOKE (21) 13

7 10-11 68.5kg 32/2151P-3

Kielan Woods



Dan Skelton Improved switched to fences last season, winning twice at Sandown. Excuses in Bet365 on final start and plenty of encouragement to glean from his reappearance third in big-field 25f handicap here 21 days ago, in the thick of things before tying up final 100 yds. Each-way player back down in trip.

HUNTER LEGEND (FR) (205) (D) 14 8 10-9 67.6kg

Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)



Hasn't looked back since attentions switched to larger obstacles, gaining a fifth victory from last 8 starts in dominant fashion at Bangor (20.3f) when last seen in April. This assignment asks a whole different question from career-high mark but unlikely we've seen all he has to offer.

ISSAR D'AIRY (FR) (14) (D) 15

5/242522-8 7 10-7 66.7kg



Gary & Josh Moore

Winless since early 2024 but he finished runner-up on 4 of his 6 starts over fences last season. However, let down by jumping in a strongly-run race when down the field on Ascot reappearance 2 weeks ago and he can ill afford any mistakes faced with this assignment.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Jagwar 7-1 Vincenzo 8-1 Panic Attack 8-1 | Ridoto 11-1 Thecompanysergeant 14-1 Coming Up Easy, 16-1 Hoe Joly Smoke, 18-1 Hunter Legend, 18-1 Es Perfecto, 18-1 Conyers Hill, 22-1 Bad, 25-1 Theatre Native, 33-1 Riskintheground, 33-1 The Other Mozzie, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JAGWAR was one of the most progressive horses in training over fences last term, winning 4 of his 5 starts, culminating in success in the Plate at the Festival. Looking every inch a graded performer in the making, he's fancied to defy the assessor again and bag another big prize. Vincenzo signed off last season with a fine second at Newbury and is feared for the red-hot Sam Thomas stable. Panic Attack, The company sergeant and last year's winner II Ridoto are also considered.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JAGWAR 2. VINCENZO 3. PANIC ATTACK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Il Ridoto 7-9-13	10-1	Paul Nicholls	Freddie Gingell (3)	15
2023	Stage Star 7-11-7	4-1f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	14
2022	Ga Law 6-11-0	5-1	Jamie Snowden	Jonathan Burke	14
2021	Midnight Shadow 8-11-5	9-1	Sue Smith	Ryan Mania	19
2020	Coole Cody 0-10-5	10-1	Evan Williams	Tom O'Brian	16

SMART STATS:

FROM THE HORSES MOUTH PODCAST HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 4yo+ £35,000 2m7f208y (4820 Metres)



RACE 5

Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: Weak

GOWEL ROAD (IRE) (21) (CD) 9 12-0 76.2kg

Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies

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Cleeve Hurdle winner here last winter who is possibly too high in the weights

now but went with all his old zest on last month's return over C&D and may come on for the run.

LONG DRAW (IRE) (21) (CD) 6 11-6 72.6kg

Olly Murphy Sean Bowen



Notably consistent type who won 3 times last season, including on the New Course here in April. Creditable third of 13 at Haydock the following month and made a pleasing return when fourth (Supremely West 3rd) of 17 over C&D 3 weeks ago. Seems sure to give another good account.

SUPREMELY WEST (IRE) (21) (D)

7 11-6 72.6kg 222/3163-3





in the mud last December. Had breathing operation ahead of an encouraging reappearance for Dan Skelton over C&D 3 weeks ago and very much of interest

LONDONOFFICECALLIN (IRE) (160) (D)

8 10-7 | 66.7kg



Daniel King

Progressed again to record a fourth success over hurdles in 17-runner handicap at Punchestown (23.5f) in June. Below form both starts back on the level since and further improvement needed to defy an appreciably higher mark

PATRIOTIK (FR) (21) (D) 98

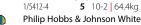
5U2813-00 **6** 10-5 | 65.8kg

Evan Williams Isabel Williams



3m winner at Doncaster in March and bettered that form when third of 17 in a valuable handicap at Uttoxeter (23f, soft) later that month. Poor run at Haydock in May but probably needed the run back from 6 months off when well held over C&D recently.

KIKIJO (FR) (20)



Dan Skelton

Sean Houlihan



Winning hurdler who got off the mark on his chasing bow at Newbury (21/2m, soft) in February, Bettered than form when second of 6 in 22.5f handicap there in March and not seen to best effect reverting to hurdling in a race run at a stopstart gallop at Aintree (24.7f) just under 3 weeks ago. Player.

PRINCE ZALTAR (FR) (21) 99

8 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg)

Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)



Hurdle/chaser winner for Philip Rothwell in Ireland who made a successful start for the Dan Skelton yard in Newton Abbot handicap in September. Acquitted himself well in a much stronger race when sixth of 17 over C&D 3 weeks ago and ought to remain competitive.

GOOD LOOK CHARM (FR) (259) 99

9 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg) 34486/185-

Ben Godfrey



Anthony Honeyball Fairly useful hurdler who enhanced her good record fresh when winning 8-runner handicap at Sandown (19.8f, heavy) in December. Well below form both starts since but could bounce back on reappearance despite being 3 lb out of the handicap.

PRIORY PARK (IRE) (52) 94

9 10-2(9-9) 64.4kg (61.2kg) Edward F. Power, Ireland



Value for extra when making successful return to hurdling on stable debut at Ballinrobe (22f, soft) in September and shaped well from a less-than-ideal position when a well-backed fifth in a 3m Listowel handicap last time. No easy task from 7 lb out of the weights, however. Engaged 1.10 here Friday.

10 VEE DANCER (IRE) (351)

10 10-2(9-8) 64.4kg (60.8kg)



Ryan Potter Completed a hat-trick over hurdles in late 2021 and in winning form on the Flat at Dundalk in February 2023 but shaped with no promise in 3 runs (1 hurdle and 2 on the Flat) for new yard last year. Lots to prove from 8 lb out of the weights.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Supremely West, 10-3 Long Draw, 5-1 Kikijo, 11-1 Prince Zaltar, 12-1 Gowel Road, 14-1 Londonofficecallin, 20-1 Patriotik, 20-1 Priory Park, 22-1 Good Look Charm, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SUPREMELY WEST shaped most encouragingly on his first start for Dan Skelton when third of 17 to the promising Ma Shantou over C&D 3 weeks ago and, with the timefigure supporting the performance, he's a confident selection to confirm the promise of that run and come out on top. Long Draw finished only a place behind the selection in the aforementioned race and is slightly better off at the weights, so promises to go well again, with the lightly-raced Kikijo also feared.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SUPREMELY WEST 2. LONG DRAW 3. KIKIJO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Doyen Quest 6-10-10	5-4f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	12
2023	Buddy One 6-12-0	9-4f	Paul John Gilligan	Jack G. Gilligan (7)	15
2022	Annual Invictus 7-11-5	12-1	Chris Gordon	Tom Cannon	12
2021	Sporting John 6-11-12	9-2	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	9
2020	On The Blind Side 8-11-6	7-1	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	10

SMART STATS:

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PADDY POWER INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-140) £27,500 2m5f (4220 Metres)



RACE 6

Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: Even

ROYAL INFANTRY (IRE) (35)

18/11452-3 6 12-0 76.2kg

Dan Skelton

Point/bumper winner who also scored on first 2 starts over hurdles last season. Bounced back from a couple of lesser efforts when runner-up at Perth on final outing, before shaping well after 6 months off when third at Chepstow (19.4f, good to firm) in October. Respected.

FRENCH SHIP (22) (C) 2/12141-F1 **5** 11-12 75.3kg

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Philip Hobbs & Johnson White



JURANCON (FR) (259)

121/21211-6 11-8 73.5kg David Pipe

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Useful bumper scorer who made it 3 wins from 5 starts over hurdles with a decisive success on handicap debut at Newbury (16.3f, soft) in March. Open to further improvement upped in trip and he's a major player in his hat-trick bid.

HOLLOWAY QUEEN (IRE) (225)

5 11-3 71.2kg



Nicky Henderson

Nico de Boinville

Successful on first 2 starts over hurdles last season, winning a Lingfield maiden and listed mares' novice at Haydock. However, was below expectations in Grade 2 at Sandown in February before running no sort of race at Aintree. Remains with potential now handicapping, though.

ROYAL RAMBLER (IRE) (245)



3612-

Emma Lavelle Jonathan Burke Built on debut promise at the second attempt when winning maiden hurdle at Chepstow in February. Progressed again in defeat when second in a Uttoxeter novice (19.9f, soft) the following month, but further improvement required on

LITTLEFOOT (IRE) (41)

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5 11-3 71.2kg

Mark Molloy, Ireland

seasonal/handicap debut.



Freddie Keighley (7lb/3kg)

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DE TEMPS EN TEMPS (IRE) (22) (C)

Martin Keighley

A. J. Martin, Ireland

6 11-2 70.8kg



Bumper winner for Gavin Cromwell who scored on second start for current yard in a Uttoxeter maiden hurdle in October. Followed up in novice at this course (19.9f, good) 22 days ago, recovering from a mistake 2 out, but will need to find more sent handicapping.

HAMSIYANN (IRE) (199) (CD) 98

5 10-11 | 68.5kg 8023/190-0



Justified support when readily landing this race last season but hasn't been in the same form since, finishing down the field on the Flat the last twice. However, he's not ruled out back here given the manner of his victory last year.

KAP BOY (FR) (25) 99

6 10-8 67.1kg Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen



Bumper winner who made the frame on his 3 completed starts over hurdles last season when trained by Paul Nicholls. After 6 months, won comfortably on stable/handicap debut at Perth (20.2, heavy) 25 days ago and he could still have more to offer.

10 **LAVENDER HILL MOB (249)**

4 10-8 67.1kg James Owen



Winning juvenile hurdler who has developed into a useful performer on the Flat this year, third in listed race at Newmarket (16f, good to firm) on latest outing in September. Cheekpieces retained from the level as he goes up in trip in this sphere.

LAST RODEO (IRE) (22) 11

5 10-8 67.1kg



Christian Williams

Harry Cobden 🔼 Improved a chunk with each of his three runs last season, getting off the mark in good style at Lingfield in February. After 8 months off, lost his chance when badly hampered fifth at this course (19.9f, good) 22 days ago, so he still remains capable of better.

12 GIVE HIM A CHANCE (IRE) (50)

6 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg)

P. J. Rothwell, Ireland

Shane O'Callaghan (5lb/2kg)

Has took his form up a notch since handicapping, making it 2 wins from first 3 starts this season when scoring at Killarney (20.2f) in August. Left with too much to do when third at Listowel (18f, good to soft) last time and he can give another good account.

C'EST DIFFERENT (FR) (266) 13

> 654711-**5** 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg)

Sam Thomas

Upped in trip for handicap bow, proved a different proposition when winning easily at Carlisle in February. Had little trouble following up at Chepstow (19.4f, soft) 5 days later, though faces a much stiffer task from out of the weights on

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Jurancon, **5-1** Royal Infantry, **11-2** French Ship, **9-1** Kap Boy, **10-1** Hamsiyann, **11-1** Holloway Queen, 16-1 Give Him A Chance, 18-1 Lavender Hill Mob, 22-1 De Temps En Temps, 22-1 Last Rodeo, 22-1 C'est Different, 28-1 Royal Rambler, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JURANCON continued the positive start to his career when making a successful handicap debut at Newbury on final outing last season and, with this step up in trip promising to suit, he is taken to add to his tally on return. Heading the list of dangers is French Ship, who was a ready winner at this course last month, with Kap Boy and Royal Infantry also in the mix.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JURANCON 2. FRENCH SHIP 3. KAP BOY

WINNERS IN PREVIOU	JS YEA	RS:		
2024 Hamsiyann 4-10-2	2-1f	A. J. Martin	D. King	10
2023 Springwell Bay 6-12-0	85-40	f Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	9
2022 Unanswered 5-10-5	2-1f	A. J. Martin	Peter Carberry	10
2021 Gowel Road 5-11-10	13-2	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	11
2020 Stimulating Song 5-11-3	9-1	Milton Harris	Paddy Brennan	9

SMART STATS:

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Paul O'Brien

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RACE 7

CHELTENHAM GUARDIANS SAFEGUARDING TEAM MARES' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Listed) (1) 4 and 5yo £25,000 2m87y (3300 Metres)



Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating. Stiff fences that place a premium on sound jumping. The last half mile is uphill, although the lead changes hands on the run-in less frequently than might be expected. Prominent-racers often fare well on the chase course, especially in races up to 3m. On the New Course, the hurdles track has just two flights in the last six furlongs, resulting in more emphasis on stamina; large-field races over two miles often go to hold-up horses, as there can be a tendency to go for home too soon. Jockeys often steer a wide course in the winter months searching for better ground and this can lead to trouble in-running towards the stand rail in the straight.

Pace Information: Strong

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AMINA (GER) (28) **5** 11-2 70.8kg

John McConnell, Ireland

D. J. O'Keeffe Similar form when placed all 3 starts in Irish bumpers spread out over 15 months.

Thar level needs improving on to win in this company.

CELESTIAL TUNE (IRE) (50) (D)

4 11-2 70.8kg Thomas Cooper, Ireland

Sean Bowen Runner-up in a well-contested bumper at Punchestown in April and went one better in another big field at Listowel in September. That level puts her right in

DIVINE DIVA (IRE) 4 11-2 70.8kg

Dan Skelton

First foal, dam unraced half-sister to smart hurdler/useful chase winner (staved 21f) Davids Charm (by Milan). Won sole start in Irish points in March and has since transferred to a powerful stable.

EDITH PELHAM (20)

5 11-2 70.8kg

£40,000 3-y-o, £180,000 5-y-o, Blue Bresil mare. Dam (h105), 21/4m hurdle winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (15f-17f winner) Fair Loch. Won sole start in points last winter and maintained unbeaten record in 8-runner bumper at

Aintree 3 weeks ago, just holding on.

EREMENKO (179)

4 11-2 70.8kg

Nicky Henderson Nico de Boinville Well-related Walk In The Park filly who made a winning start in 8-runner bumper at Southwell (15.8f, good) in May, showing a good turn of foot last 1f. Stays in this

code and a likely type for her excellent yard.

FOR A MOMENT (IRE)

5 11-2 70.8kg

Fergal O'Brien

€50,000 3-y-o, £25,000 5-y-o: fifth foal: half-sister to fair hurdler/useful chaser Shanty Alley (2m-31/4m winner) and bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler Court In The Act (2m-234m winner). Dam (c98/h119) 21/2m-25f hurdle winner. Runner-up sole start in Irish points in March.

ICUIN MY DREAMS (IRE)

Dan Skelton

5 11-2 70.8kg

Donald McCain

£80,000 5-y-o: first foal, dam (h113), bumper/2m-21/2m hurdle winner, half-sister to multiple bumper winner/useful hurdle winner (stayed 21/4m) Morning Run. Off mark in Irish points at second attempt in May.

JO'S SECRET (IRE) (207) 92

winning debut at Fontwell 3 weeks ago, bit in hand.

4 11-2 70.8kg

A. J. Martin, Ireland Runner-up on second start at Cork in March but failed to get home when upped to 19.8f at Fairyhouse a month later. Off since.

KATIOS QUEEN (IRE) (20) 91 4 11-2 70.8kg

Maxios filly. Closely related to 2 winners, including useful 2m hurdle winner An Tobar, and half-sister to dual bumper winner/useful hurdler Elle Est Belle. Ignored in the betting given the yard she represents but that didn't stop her making a

KITTYS GLANCE (241) (BF) 89

Alan King 🕌 Passing Glance filly. Dam (c117/h116), 21f-3m hurdle winner, sister to useful hurdler

(stayed 21/2m) West Cork. Well backed and shaped with encouragement when third of 12 starting out at Huntingdon in March. That race worked out quite well.

11 MASKED MISTRESS (FR) (55)

Jim & Suzi Best

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Harry Skelton

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Kielan Woods

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4 11-2 70.8kg

Harry Cobden

Masked Marvel filly who built on her Newton Abbot debut third when proving too strong for 13 rivals over 2m at Uttoxeter in July. Defied a penalty in a weak race at Plumpton since and this demands a lot more in her hat-trick quest.

12 MIDNIGHT MUSICAL (IRE) (105)

4 11-2 70.8kg

Anthony McCann, Ireland

£18,000 4-y-o, Tirwanako filly. Dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdle winner/ chaser (17f-3m winner) Edmund Kean and useful 2½m hurdle winner Brave Vic. Runner-up in a point and also occupied the same position in a Galway bumper in August, sticking to the task.

13 **POLLYANNA'S DREAM (346)**

5 11-2 70.8kg

Neil Mulholland Sam Twiston-Davies

€52,000 My Dream Boat filly. Dam (c134/h132), 2m-3m hurdle/chase winner, halfsister to fairly useful hurdler/chaser (stayed 31/4m) Lord Ballim. Gambled on and showed plenty to work on when second of 8 at Wincanton in October 2024. Also showed ability 6 weeks later at Ludlow and off since.

ROCK SENSATION (IRE) (233) 14

5 11-2 70.8kg

Ben Pauling Runner-up in a point prior to getting bogged down in the mud at Uttoxeter in

December. Much more like it on better ground when landing 10-runner contest at Southwell in March. Value for extra, too, that day.

15 SHINEALIGHT (IRE)

4 11-2 70.8kg John Dawson

€4,000 3-y-o, €30,000 4-y-o, second foal: dam unraced sister to useful hurdler/ high-class chaser (winner around 2m) Boothill. Off mark in Irish points at second

attempt (finished alone, May 2025).

SHOTGUN SHIRLEY (29)

4 11-2 | 70.8kg Lucy Wadham **Tom Cannon**

Half-sister to a couple of useful jumpers and showed promise when reaching

the frame in bumpers at Market Rasen and Huntingdon in the spring. Hooded on return and improved form when successful in 9-runner contest at Uttoxeter last month.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Eremenko, 6-1 Celestial Tune, 7-1 Divine Diva, 14-1 Rock Sensation, 14-1 Katios Queen, 16-1 Edith Pelham, 16-1 Shotgun Shirley, 16-1 Amina, 18-1 Midnight Musical, **18-1** Masked Mistress, **25-1** Kittys Glance, **25-1** For A Moment, **28-1** Jo's Secret, **28-1** I C U In My Dreams, **33-1** Pollyanna's Dream, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

In keeping with her pedigree, EREMENKO looked a useful prospect when an impressive winner on debut at Southwell in May and with improvement expected, she could be the answer. Celestial Tune is arguably the solid option given she's already had exposure to a couple of big-field Irish bumpers, with Divine Diva another to consider starting out for Dan Skelton

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EREMENKO 2. CELESTIAL TUNE 3. DIVINE DIVA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2024 Seo Linn 4-11-2	5-2	P. Twomey	William James Lee	12	
2023 Baby Kate 4-11-2	7-2	W. P. Mullins	B. Hayes	1.5	
2022 Queens Gamble 4-11-0	9-4f	Oliver Sherwood	Jonathan Burke	16	
2021 Bonttay 4-11-0	2-1f	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	1.5	
2020 Elle Est Belle 4-11-0	16-5	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	10	
Ishkhara Lady 6-11-0	11-2	Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	10	

SMART STATS: