



Monday 17th February **SOUTHWELL**

1.35	DOWNLOAD THE RACING APP NOW HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m60y (4880 Metres)
RACE 1	(6) ILLOGICAL LOGIC (1) ALI STAR BERT (9) THE SKIFFLE KING
2.05	GRACE AND DOTTY FEDORA'S AND FEATHERS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)
RACE 2	(1) SALT ROCK (3) IMMORTAL FAME (7) KAYCE DUTTON
2.35	JOIN SOUTHWELL GOLF CLUB OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)
RACE 3	(1) IN THE AGE (2) NAZARE (6) TOP JIMMY
3.05	PLAY AT THE RACES STABLEDUEL MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)
RACE 4	(11) WOLF MOON (3) BEAU QUALI (4) BUCKNA
3.40	WATCH UNBRIDLED ON attheraces.com HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)
RACE 5	(8) OWL OF ATHENS (2) JACKPOT CASH (3) BORN IN THE WEST
4.15	GOLF AND GALLOP PACKAGE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m60y (4880 Metres)
RACE 6	(6) OUR PINK LADY (2) ASA (3) ROCCOS INSPIRATION
4.45	SOUTHWELL RACECOURSE NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2½m88y (4100 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.



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

(2) GOTTHEREINTHEEND | (5) MOUNT WASHINGTON | (9) PASSENGERONTHESHIP



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.

DOWNLOAD THE RACING APP NOW HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 3m60y (4880 Metres)



RACE 1

Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

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Pace Information: Weak

ALI STAR BERT (14) (CD) 2-P52P2P3

9 12-0 76.2kg



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Shaun Harris

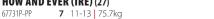
Jack Quinlan Two of his 3 wins last season came over this C&D and confirmed his effectiveness

around here with 3 good placed efforts this season (below par elsewhere this term). Should go well again.

BIG BEE HIVE (IRE) (26) (C)

ILLOGICAL LOGIC (FR) (24)

HOW AND EVER (IRE) (27)





Fontwell (21.8f, heavy) a year ago. Pulled up all 3 starts since, however, including both starts over fences this term.

PEARL ISLAND (25) (D) 96 h 6 11-9 73.9kg U55-53P14

Henry Daly Stan Sheppard Maiden over hurdles but improved with first-time blinkers enlisted when striking

at the second attempt in this sphere at Uttoxeter (3m, heavy). Not in same form at Huntingdon since, however, and needs to bounce back.

8 11-9 73.9kg Sam England Jonathan England

Won here and Cartmel in the spring. Arrives here on the back of 2 poor efforts but is back on a winning mark now. Usual headgear left off.

KAPAMAZOV (25) 95 ς 7-4357663 **8** 11-1 70.3kg

James Evans Ben Poste Modest maiden over hurdles and has run to a similar level all 5 starts over fences,

tried in headgear when remote third at Huntingdon latest. Others preferred.

3-P655234 7 11-0 69.9kg Christian Williams Fair maiden hurdler/chaser who arrives in good nick, not beaten far in a better

race than this at Doncaster last time. Can make his presence felt once more.

ARCHIE BROWN (IRE) (17) (D) 11 11-0 69.9kg Henry Hogarth Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)

Landed a 3m Market Rasen handicap chase in February 2021 but seen out just 5 times since, well below form each time. Of minimal interest these days,

BOLEYN BOY (IRE) (47) 90 **7** 10-13 | 69.4kg P2/31F-884

Harry Bannister Modest winning hurdler (at 25f) but not matched that level over fences this

winter. Mark is easing all the time but he needs to show more before becoming of interest. Headgear applied.

THE SKIFFLE KING (IRE) (428) (C) **9** 10-8 67.1kg

Sole win over hurdles came here and just held off Ali Star Bert to make a winning chase debut here (25.8f, soft) in December 2023. Off since and has left Charles & Adam Pogson, Market should reveal expectations.

MIAMI JIM (IRE) (133) 7 10-3 64.9ka

Rosemary Gasson Charlie Hammond

Failed to complete in a couple of points and shaped with little promise in a trio of maiden hurdles/handicap chase bow.

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Ali Star Bert, 7-2 Illogical Logic, 8-1 Pearl Island, 17-2 The Skiffle King, 10-1 Big Bee Hive, 12-1 How And Ever, 14-1 Kapamazov, 14-1 Boleyn Boy, 33-1 Archie Brown, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ILLOGICAL LOGIC is taken to finally break his duck having been beaten just over a length in a better race that this at Doncaster last month. Ali Star Bert might not be so consistent as he used to be but it's hard to crab his record at this venue so he rates the main threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ILLOGICAL LOGIC 2. ALI STAR BERT 3. THE SKIFFLE KING

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

7-4f 2024 William Ewart 7-10-9 Christian Williams Nick Scholfield

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race





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GRACE AND DOTTY FEDORA'S AND FEATHERS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 2½m88y (4100



RACE 2

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Pace Information: Weak

SALT ROCK (24)

7 12-1 76.7kg

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Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls Point winner who showed promise in 3 starts over hurdles. Quickly sent chasing, made a successful handicap debut at Hereford (16f) in December and followed up at Doncaster (19.1f, good to soft) last month, form which has been boosted since. Leading contender.

OSTEND (IRE) (59)

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Alastair Ralph

7 11-11 74.8kg

Jonathan Burke

at Uttoxeter last time.

Maiden hurdle winner for Peter Croke in Ireland and wasn't disgraced in an Ascot handicap on debut for new yard a year ago. After 9 months off, mid-field at Bangor (20.3f, soft) on chase debut in November, but took a backward step

IMMORTAL FAME (IRE) (23) (D) 2112-P211 **9** 11-11 74.8kg

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Cameron Iles (7lb/3kg)

another bold bid.

Multiple winner over hurdles for Tom Lacey and, on second start for current yard, opened chase account at Ayr in November. Built on that effort when also scoring at Uttoxeter (20f, soft) 23 days ago, showing a good attitude, and he can make

WILLIAM CODY (51) (D)

8 11-10 | 74.4kg 4212-4146

95 Paul O'Brien



Took advantage of a drop back in grade when successful at Huntingdon (19.9f) in November. However, hasn't been able to repeat that effort in 2 subsequent outings, well held at Leicester (20.1f, soft) when last seen 51 days ago.

KAITUNA RIVER (IRE) (46) (D)

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Point winner and fair winning hurdler who matched that level on chase debut when runner-up in handicap at this C&D in December. Wasn't in the same form last time, though, fourth of 5 at Huntingdon (23.6f, soft) 46 days ago. Needs to get back on the up.

DOYOUKNOWWHATIMEAN (35)

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35311-3P4 **8** 11-7 73.0kg



Scored in the mud on final 2 starts last season and creditable third at Newton Abbot (21f) on return. However, pulled up next time and promised more than he delivered when fourth of 7 at Exeter (17.5f, heavy) last time. Cheekpieces now

KAYCE DUTTON (IRE) (25) 98



06/14-6522 **7** 10-11 68.5kg



Charles & Adam Pogson Hurdles winner for Margaret Mullins and best effort for present connections when runner-up in handicap at Huntingdon (19.7f) on second chase start. Again ran well when second at the same course (16.5f, soft) 25 days ago and he could be thereabouts.

MILITAIRE (24)

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8 10-11 68.5kg



Fair maiden hurdler who was prominent in the betting after almost 2 years off (had wind surgery) but pulled up at Lingfield in December. Merely closed up late when fourth of 8 in handicap at Doncaster (19.1f, good to soft) on chase debut, but he could yet do better.

FEVER DREAM (IRE) (14)

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7 10-6 66.2kg 125P4835 Christian Williams



Winner over hurdles at Perth (23.9f) last summer and shaped well in defeat next 2 outings. Built for chasing but hasn't gone on as hoped over fences so far, never a threat when fifth of 7 in handicap at this C&D (soft) a fortnight ago. More needed.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Salt Rock, 7-2 Immortal Fame, 11-2 Kayce Dutton, 10-1 Doyouknowwhatimean, 14-1 Militaire, 14-1 Kaituna River, 16-1 William Cody, 18-1 Ostend, 18-1 Fever Dream

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SALT ROCK has made an encouraging start to his chasing career, jumping accurately and well on top at the finish when scoring at Hereford last time, and he can continue his progress to make it 3 from 3 in this sphere. Immortal Fame also arrives bidding for a hattrick and is feared most, ahead of Kayce Dutton.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SALT ROCK 2. IMMORTAL FAME 3. KAYCE DUTTON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Imperial Bede 6-11-11

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SMART STATS:



JOIN SOUTHWELL GOLF CLUB OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4, 5 and 6yo £4,500 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 3



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Pace Information: Very Weak

IN THE AGE (FR) (63) (CD) 97 5 11-9 73.9kg

Dan Skelton

£100,000 Irish point recruit who made a winning start for new connections in a C&D bumper in December. Likely to make a bold bid to defy the penalty with

NAZARE (FR) (46) (D)

5 11-9 73.9kg

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James Owen

Mr Alex Chadwick (5lb/2kg)

Second on C&D debut in December before going one better at Huntingdon at the turn of the year. Should go well again.

BARRY FIFE (IRE) (16)

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6 11-2 | 70.8kg

Garv Hanmer J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)

£25,000 buy after placing in both Irish points. 13/2, showed a bit when fifth of 9 in Wetherby bumper for new connections 16 days ago. May do better.

CUILLIN RIDGE (68) 69

11-2 70.8kg Henry Daly



Useful pedigree but no short-term promise on Hereford debut in December.

HAIRY POTTER (IRE) (48) 87

22/1, needed the experience when fifth of 12 on Warwick debut at the end of

December. Will need to step up on that form to get heavily involved here.

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TOP JIMMY (82) (BF) 4 5 11-2 | 70.8kg Fergal O'Brien



From a stable which does well in bumpers and offered something to work on when fourth of 8 on his Market Rasen debut in November, the fact he went off

a 15/8 favourite suggesting even better was expected. It'll be interesting to see whether his supporters' return.

UNJEU ROYAL (FR)

4 10-4 65.3kg

Loup. Dam French hurdler/chaser (17f-21f winner). The Lacey yard has had a few winners over the years but is 0-10 this season.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Nazare, 11-4 In The Age, 5-1 Top Jimmy, 10-1 Unjeu Royal, 11-1 Barry Fife, 12-1 Hairy Potter, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Previous winners IN THE AGE and Nazare may be the pair to focus on, with narrow preference for the latter on the back of his C&D debut success in January. Best of the rest is Top Jimmy, who went off favourite on his debut in November.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IN THE AGE 2. NAZARE 3. TOP JIMMY

SMART STATS:

PLAY AT THE RACES STABLEDUEL MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)



RACE 4

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Pace Information: Weak

ABSOLUTELY DOYEN (IRE) (10)

5 11-7 73.0kg



debut 10 days ago, though no match for winner. Open to improvement and in

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BARLEYTHORPE (14)

Michael Appleby Charlie Hammond

Well held both starts in bumpers last spring for Pam Sly and on his hurdling

debut for new yard in C&D novice two weeks ago. Hard to warm to.

BEAU QUALI (FR) (32) (BF) 96

2-242F **5** 11-7 73.0kg

> Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**



Runner-up in a juvenile hurdle in France last March (sole start for David Cottin) and has made the frame all 3 completed starts for present yard. Still firmly on the bridle when falling 3 out at Newcastle last time and he's a player.

BUCKNA (IRE) (33) 92

5 11-7 73.0kg

Warren Greatrex James Bowen



Irish points winner and he came in a good second of 9 in novice hurdle at Hereford (21.7f, good to soft) 33 days ago. Holds solid form claims.

CHAMPAGNE FORTUNE (IRE) (11)



Sam Twiston-Davies James Owen

Placed twice in Irish points but tenth of 11 in bumper (9/1) at Huntingdon on NH debut 11 days ago. In excellent hands so remains with potential on his hurdles

MEXICAN STAN (24)

5 11-7 73.0kg



Fourteenth of 16 in bumper at Doncaster (16.6f, good to soft, 25/1) on NH debut 24 days ago. Makes hurdles debut with more needed.

PEERLESS PERCY (IRE)



8 11-7 73.0kg

hurdles for new yard following a 22-month absence.

Olly Williams Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg) Modest handicapper on the Flat and this 8-y-o is opposable now switched to



RIVER RIDER (IRE) (24) 11-7 73.0kg

Alan Johns Sam Allwood

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Hooded for 1st time, seventh of 8 in novice hurdle (200/1) at Doncaster (16.6f, good to soft) on his hurdles bow 24 days ago. Needs to take a major step

SNITTERFIELD (IRE) (117) 70

5 11-7 73.0kg

Jake Thomas Coulson Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg) Fifth on bumper debut for Olly Murphy but only sixth of 7 in similar event 117

days ago. Needs plenty more on his hurdles debut.

THICKTHORN TOM (IRE) (25) **75**

5 11-7 73.0kg

Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg) Dan Skelton

50/1, seventh of 9 in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (15.8f, soft) on his hurdles bow 25 days ago. In top hands and the sort to do better in the longer term.

WOLF MOON (25)

11-7 73.0kg



Pether's Moon gelding belied his 50/1 odds in making a promising start under Rules when second in 10-runner novice hurdle at Huntingdon (15.8f) last month. The form has been franked so big shout with more to come.

12 YOU MOVED ON (225)

5 11-7 | 73.0kg

Jake Thomas Coulson

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Jonathan Burke

Seventh of 9 in bumper at Market Rasen in July on his sole run for Olly Murphy. Lots more needed on his yard/hurdling bow.

GLANCING BACK

5 11-0 69.9kg

Emma-Jane Bishop

Passing Glance mare. Sister to fair chaser Glance Back, and half-sister to 2 winners, including fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser Back By Midnight. Possibilities on her debut.

JEREMY'S PET (IRE) 14 **5** 11-0 69.9kg

Kielan Woods



D. J. Jeffreys

€25,000 3-y-o, Elusive Pimpernel mare. Sister to dual bumper winner/fairly useful 2m hurdle winner Weseekhimhere and fair hurdler Weseekherthere. Market can

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Wolf Moon, 3-1 Beau Quali, 5-1 Buckna, 8-1 Absolutely Doyen, 12-1 Champagne Fortune, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

WOLF MOON shaped well when a debut second at Huntingdon last month and with that form having been franked since Ben Pauling's son of Pether's Moon is fancied to go one better. Beau Quali also has better days ahead of him and appeals as the main danger, although Buckna and Absolutely Doyen also have the form to play a part in a fairly useful maiden.

Jake Thomas Coulson

Fergus Gregory

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WOLF MOON 2. BEAU QUALI 3. BUCKNA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

40-1

2024 Nick The Greek 5-11-5 **SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race









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James Best

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RACE 5

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Pace Information: Even

Matt Crawley

POTTERSJETAMAY (IRE) (25)

0033-6528 6 12-0 76.2kg

Showed ability in maiden/novice hurdles for Charlie Longsdon last spring and left his handicap/yard debut form well behind when finding just one too good at Southwell (20.4f, good to soft) in December. Failed to build on that when eighth (of 16) at Wetherby last month and is proving inconsistent.

JACKPOT CASH (FR) (51)

6 11-13 75.7kg James Owen Mr Alex Chadwick (5lb/2kg)



Showed promise in maiden/novice hurdles when trained by Evan Williams but didn't convince as a chaser in three spins over fences this season. Has joined a yard who are excellent with new recruits and he could improve now stepping up in trip on handicap hurdle debut. Interesting contender.

BORN IN THE WEST (IRE) (12)

265832 6 11-11 74.8kg



Sam England Very creditable placed effort on final qualifying run and improved for longer trip/

step into handicap company when second at Sedgefield (19.8, soft) 12 days ago. Lightly-raced and open to further progress racing over an extra furlong.

GLENVANGO (IRE) (24)

6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Little impact in a handful of maiden/novice outings and failed to improve for switch to handicap company when twelfth of 16 at Doncaster (19.4f, good to soft) 24 days ago. Others have stronger claims.

FADED FANTASY (IRE) (14) (CD) 29

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6 11-5 72.1kg Christian Williams



Not won since June 2023 and although went close on first try over fences at Hereford (25f) in November, he's looked a difficult ride on three occasions since

(raced with and without various pieces of headgear). Only wears tongue strap now and difficult to fancy on the back of most recent efforts.

MOKORO (IRE) (236)

6 11-3 71.2kg 7-847



Harry Skelton In top hands but well held in novice/maiden hurdles in May and June of last year. Looks one of the stable lesser lights but could improve on reappearance for step up in trip/switch to handicap company and any market support would be significant.

ILLICO DE MONTAVE (FR) (104) 98

7 11-2 70.8kg



Rosemary Gasson Unplaced in sole point but displayed some ability in 2 bumpers for Tom Weston.

Confirmed promise when reaching the frame in a pair of 2m novice hurdles for current yard but has proved disappointing in three starts in handicaps and has something to prove returning from 104 day absence.

OWL OF ATHENS (IRE) (23) (D)

78566-001 **6** 11-2 70.8kg Evan Williams



Lightly-raced sort left previous form well behind when landing significant gamble last month, showing marked improvement to land an 11-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (19.9f, soft, 85/40) 23 days ago. Up 11 lb for that win, but he remains unexposed and could still be ahead of his handicap mark.

POP THE QUESTION (76) (D)

7 10-13 | 69.4kg 186P00 Jacqueline Coward

Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)



Winning pointer who caused something of a surprise when making a successful debut under Rules in 21/2m Hexham maiden in June last year. However, that was a weak race and she's had her limitations exposed since. Opposable

INCHESTER D'AMSYL (FR) (345) 92

82F9/8559-7 10-10 68.0kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Benjamin Macey (7lb/3kg)

Hinted at promise in novice hurdles but made no real progress switched to handicaps last season. Down in trip on first run for 11 months but others

11 **NO GUARANTEE (32)**

P8-PP074P **5** 10-2(9-9) 64.4kg (61.2kg)

James Best Remains with little form over hurdles, pulled-up at Wincanton last month and

faces an uphill task from 7 lb out of the handicap.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Owl of Athens, 3-1 Born In The West, 6-1 Jackpot Cash, 10-1 Mokoro, 14-1 Faded Fantasy, 16-1 Pottersjetamay, 18-1 Inchester D'amsyl, 33-1 Illico De Montave, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

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OWL OF ATHENS landed quite the gamble when winning decisively at Uttoxeter last month and despite an 11 lb hike, this unexposed type may still be ahead of his handicap mark. James Owen is a master with new recruits, and it would be no surprise to see Jackpot Cash take a step forward on handicap/stable debut. Born In The West can hit the frame again, while any market support for Dan Skelton's handicap debutant Mokoro should be noted

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OWL OF ATHENS 2. JACKPOT CASH 3. BORN IN THE WEST

SMART STATS:



GOLF AND GALLOP PACKAGE MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ fillies and mares (Rated 0-100) £6,150 3m60y (4880 Metres)



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Pace Information: Very Weak

MATTIE ROSS (24) 6462-41P0 Richard Phillips

9 12-0 76.2kg

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Gained reward for some creditable efforts last season when winning 23f Market Rasen last summer. However, he has followed that with a couple of lacklustre performances (pulled up on both occasions) and now has a point to prove.

ASA (FR) (7) (D) **6** 11-11 74.8kg

Finn Lambert (3lb/1kg)



Philip Kirby Joe Williamson (3lb/1kg)

In good heart over fences of late, successful at Market Rasen on Boxing Day and added to her tally with a fine display at Catterick (25.2f, good to soft) last week. This 5 lb higher mark may well be within reach back hurdling and she's a key player.

ROCCOS INSPIRATION (IRE) (12) 1236-5866 8 11-10 74.4kg

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Olly Murphy

Hasn't fired so far this season but has dropped to a good mark judged on the pick of her form. Now tried in blinkers and this step up in trip is worth a go, so there is cause for optimism.

SUPERIOR GLANCE (31)

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10 11-9 73.9kg

J. Hogan (3lb/1kg)



Won her sole start in point bumpers in 2020 but has made little impact in 3 starts in this sphere to date. Sizeable step forward needed now pitched into a

MUSIQUE DE FEE (IRE) (11)



Lorcan Williams



Off the mark at Ludlow in April last spring and back on track (to an extent) when fourth in a 10-runner Huntingdon handicap (25f, soft) recently. Has looked as though she'd benefit from headgear, so the first-time cheekpieces could be a welcome addition. Place possibilities.

OUR PINK LADY (IRE) (29) (C)



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3114-57P5 James Owen

Sam Twiston-Davies Back-to-back winner of 20.4f handicaps here last March and, though yet to fire



on all cylinders so far this season, she's now 4 lb below last winning mark and is interesting back here with Harry Cobden booked.

MOBILE MAMMA (IRE) (59) 6 11-6 72.6kg



Ruth Jefferson Irish point winner who has failed to trouble the judge in a trip of novice hurdles at up to 2¾m. Entirely possible that she will be seen in a bettern light now upped in trip for this handicap debut, but others are more appealing all the same.

OCEAN LEGACY (IRE) (12)

8 10-13 69.4kg



Dual chase winner who finally got the job done over hurdles (and snapped a losing run stretching back to May 2023 in the process) when landing a Sedgefield handicap (27f, soft) 12 days ago. Headgear retained here and she's a player up 8 lb.

INSTANT DE BONHEUR (FR) (47)

7 10-10 68.0kg

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25U87/97 Nigel Hawke

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Went close in a mares' handicap chase at Worcester back in October 2022, but that is very much a standout effort and took hurdles record to 0-9 when well held at Exeter on New Year's Day.

HORIZON DOVE (FR) (12)

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8 10-2(10-0) 64.4kg (63.5kg) Jonathan Barlow

Mr Paddy Barlow (7lb/3kg)



Showed ability in bumpers but it's all been pretty low-key since switched to hurdles and it's easy enough to look elsewhere.

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Asa, 4-1 Ocean Legacy, 11-2 Our Pink Lady, 6-1 Musique De Fee, 15-2 Roccos Inspiration, 10-1 Mobile Mamma, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Though OUR PINK LADY's efforts so far this season have lacked spark, the handicapper has reacted accordingly and the return to this trip and booking of Harry Cobden could be the catalysts for a return to form. It will certainly look significant if she's strong in the betting. Asa has been in great heart over fences recently and is feared most ahead of Roccos Inspiration and Ocean Legacy.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OUR PINK LADY 2. ASA 3. ROCCOS INSPIRATION

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 Innisfree Lass 6-11-10 Stuart Edmunds

Charlie Hammond

SMART STATS:



SOUTHWELL RACECOURSE NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £6,150 2½m88y (4100 **Metres**)



Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

Left handed, tight. A course whose character changes dramatically depending on underfoot conditions, the emphasis being very much on speed on firmish ground yet completely the opposite on heavy ground, long-distance races under such conditions often resulting in very few finishers. The fences are of the portable variety yet offer more of a test than plenty of courses that attract a similar standard of runner. The brush-type hurdles penalise less-fluent jumping more than the traditional variety.

Pace Information: Uncontested

first-time blinkers

STRONG AS STEEL (9) James Evans

91 6 11-12 75.3kg

Ben Poste Signs of ability in bumpers but no show 3 starts over hurdles and needs to raise

his game considerably now upped in trip for this handicap debut.

GOTTHEREINTHEEND (IRE) (14) 6 11-12 75.3kg

Robbie Llewellyn Charlie Price (3lb/1kg)

Showed a bit in bumpers runner-up on 2 of her last 3 starts over hurdles, including in a C&D handicap a fortnight ago. 2 lb rise tolerable given that she pulled clear of the rest that day and likely to make a bold bid to go one better.

ALMUHIT (IRE) (52) 95 6 11-10 74.4kg 07-576750

> Garv Brown Richie McLernon

Fairly useful maiden hurdler at his best but proving disappointing for this yard and will need to improve the wind op he underwent last month in order to make an impact here.

JACK HOOLA (47) 91 **5** 11-8 73.5kg

Stan Sheppard Runner-up in an Irish point but little impact in novice/maiden hurdles. Didn't fare

much better on handicap here (15.8f, heavy) on New Year's Day and while this step up in trip may help, there are several others with more appealing claims.

MOUNT WASHINGTON (IRE) (21) 8545-6061 **6** 11-8 73.5kg

Evan Williams

Showed a fair level of ability on first of 2 starts in bumpers and produced much his best effort in this sphere to date when scoring at Plumpton (2m, soft) 3 weeks ago. 5 lb rise looks manageable on that evidence and he's high on the shortlist.

LEADER WING (IRE) (24) 95

5-16558P **5** 11-4 71.7kg

Fair bumper winner for Tom Weston but yet to match that form in this sphere, no show tried in cheekpieces the last twice. Connections now roll the dice with

TREVOR'S LAD (IRE) (63) 94

K. Brogan

Lightly-raced maiden hurdler who took a step back in the right direction when fifth of 15 in handicap at Ffos Las in November. However, failed to build on that at Plumpton the following month and he's opposable.

BALLYDANGAN (IRE) (25) 96 73P00566 8 11-0 69.9kg

Dan Skelton Maiden who hasn't shown an immediate benefit for the switch to the Dan Skelton yard, again safely held over 3m at Wetherby last time. Hopes now

pinned on this drop back in trip and, moreover, fitting of blinkers sparking some improvement.

PASSENGERONTHESHIP (IRE) (25)

Sam England Placed in an Irish point and while he didn't show much initally over hurdles early

last season, there was more encouraging signs on his reappearance/handicap bow at Wetherby (19.7f, heavy). That was his first run for 14 months, so he's entitled to come on for it. Each-way shout.

NOTHINELSEMATTERS (IRE) (63) 92 PP45-49U5 7 10-5(10-3) 65.8kg (64.9kg)

Maiden who posted one of his better efforts when fifth in an 11-runner C&D handicap (good to soft) in December. However, will need to raise his game another notch in order to play a leading role in this contest.

11 ONNAROLL (FR) (22) 68-7FP66P

7 10-5(10-0) 65.8kg (63.5kg)

Remains a maiden after 22 runs overall (0-20 in this sphere) and looks set for another struggle from 5 lb out of the handicap proper.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

Washington, **10-3** Gotthereintheend, **7-1** Ballydangan, Passengerontheship, 10-1 Nothinelsematters, 16-1 Jack Hoola, 18-1 Trevor's Lad, 20-1 Almuhit, 33-1 Strong As Steel, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GOTTHEREINTHEEND left the strong impression that her turn is near when finding just one too good over this C&D and she is taken to deservedly get her head in front this time. Mount Washington opened his account in decisive fashion at Plumpton and will be a threat if coping with this step back up in trip, while Passengerontheship could also have a part to play if able to build on his Wetherby effort.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

- 1. GOTTHEREINTHEEND 2. MOUNT WASHINGTON
- 3. PASSENGERONTHESHIP

SMART STATS:

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