



Monday 17th March FONTWELL

2.02 BIRCHWOOD KIA - CHICHESTER, DRIVEN BY YOU MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)

RACE 1 (11) LE GALLI BIER (3) JOHN THE SPARK (7) SONIFICATION

2.37 BETGOODWIN HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m1f165y (3570 Metres)

RACE 2 (3) A MOMENTS MADNESS (2) DAVIDOC (4) DIPLOMATIC ASH

3.12 V2 RADIO HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m1f162y (3570 Metres)

RACE 3 (2) ONEWAYWEST (1) LUNAR SOVEREIGN (5) CONTINUANCE

3.47 BETGOODWIN BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m5f164y (4370 Metres)

RACE 4 (2) PROPER TWELVE (5) VENDANT (4) IVANE

4.20 NJS GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f210y (5220 Metres)

RACE 5 (2) HOBB'S DELIGHT (3) LEADING SWOOP (4) GETUPEARLY

4.55 RJS WASTE MANAGEMENT UK OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 1m5f159y (2760 Metres)

RACE 6 (5) ARFURSGAL (1) CATCHINTSAVO (2) EDWARD SEXTON

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.

BIRCHWOOD KIA - CHICHESTER, DRIVEN BY YOU MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £7,700 2m3f29y (3850 Metres)



RACE 1

Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

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Pace Information: Even

DWIGHT K SCHRUTE (33)

6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Jamie Snowden

£80,000 purchase after winning a point in 2023. It took a while for new connections to get him to the track but he showed a fair level of ability when third over 25.5f at Hereford last month. He isn't sure to benefit from this drop

GAMBLERGO (IRE) (61)

6 11-7 73.0kg

Tom Cannon **Toby Lawes**



Point winner. Had wind surgery after pulling up on Uttoxeter hurdle debut and showed he has ability when fourth of 9 in 23/4m Hereford novice last time.

JOHN THE SPARK (60) 97



8P425003 8 11-7 73.0kg



Fair hurdler. Good third of 9 in maiden at Fairyhouse (2½m, soft) 60 days ago. First run for yard after leaving Ian Donoghue. Merits consideration.

LAHINCH STRAND (32) 79



Seamus Mullins

Micheal Nolan Modest form in a bumper and 2 hurdles. More one for handicaps after this.

LEDDERS (IRE) (25) 88 t **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Nick Gifford **James Davies**



A fairly useful bumper winner but off the track for 23 months prior to pulling up on Lingfield hurdle debut 25 days ago. Tongue tied first time.

MAILLOT VERT (2) 89

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Showed fair form when third in pair of 4-y-o events at Fontainebleau in 2023 but weakened out of it when taking a late fall on his return from a long absence at Uttoxeter on Saturday

SONIFICATION (31) 96



Paul O'Brien Fair hurdler. Ninth of 12 in handicap hurdle (25/1) at Kelso (23f, soft) 31 days ago.



Bounce back needed.

TWIST OF FATECATCH (FR) (65) 89



Neil Mulholland **Dvlan Johnston** (3lb/1kg) Twice-raced maiden. 11/1, sixth of 7 in bumper at Ffos Las (15.8f, heavy) 65 days

BRENDA (25) 70 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg



Well held in 2 bumpers for Laura Mongan and pulled up in novice at Lingfield (19.5f, soft) on hurdles bow for new yard 25 days ago.

BRADSHAW (17) 89



Newbury (2m, soft) switched to hurdles for new yard last month.

Niall Houlihan

LE GALLI BIER (FR) (22)

4 10-9 67.6kg



Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2ka)

Fair maiden hurdler/chaser in France this season. Not in guite the same form when 14 lengths second in 21/4m course novice for new yard 3 weeks ago but he may come on for the run.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Le Galli Bier, 4-1 John The Spark, 9-2 Sonification, 9-1 Dwight K Schrute, 12-1 Gamblergo, 18-1 Twist of Fatecatch, 25-1 Bradshaw, 25-1 Maillot Vert, 33-1 Ledders, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

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LE GALLI BIER can step up on his run here last time and make it second time lucky for new connections. John The Spark could pose a threat if reproducing the pick of his Irish form, while Sonification can also play a prominent role if shrugging off a couple of lesser

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LE GALLI BIER 2. JOHN THE SPARK 3. SONIFICATION

SMART STATS:



BETGOODWIN HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+ (Rated 0-110) £8,900 2m1f165y (3570 Metres)

RACE 2



Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

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Pace Information: Very Weak

97 FLAMELCO (FR) (25) (D) h+t

F6213135 7 12-0 76.2kg Sarah Humphrey

David Noonan



Opened chase account on third start for current yard at Catterick in December and back in winners circle at Huntingdon in January, despite tendency to jump left. However, he's developed an all-or-nothing profile, and he ran a shocker back at latter course last month. Hard to trust.

DAVIDOC (FR) (58) (BF) **7** 11-13 75.7kg

451-23254 Ben Pauling

Ben Jones



Point/hurdles winner who made a promising start switched to fences when second of 6 in 2m4f Southwell handicap in November. Has failed to build on that both subsequent outings (twice a beaten favourite) but it remains early days. Considered returning from a 2-month break

A MOMENTS MADNESS (IRE) (39) (BF)

100





Warren Greatrex Runner-up sole start in Irish points and fair form when reaching the frame in novice hurdles at Wetherby and Ffos Las. Made an encouraging start on handicap/chase debut when fourth at Newcastle but spoilt his chance at Ffos Las with notable blunders since. Had a wind op and may yet do better.

DIPLOMATIC ASH (IRE) (11) (C) 98 6 11-12 75.3kg



Gary & Josh Moore **Tom Cannon**



Managed to get off the mark with Cannon taking over in the saddle in 6-runner

handicap chase at this course (19.5f, good to soft) 11 days ago. 3 lb higher here and would be no certainty to be in the same form. Cheekpieces applied.

CONSTANT FRIDAY (IRE) (11) 71

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



Off the mark in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (20.5f) in April 2022. However, after an absence of nearly 3 years he hasn't offered much in 3 starts this season (including twice over the larger obstacles). Looks an easy swerve.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Diplomatic Ash, 10-3 Davidoc, 7-2 A Moments Madness, 11-2 Flamelco, 20-1 Constant Friday

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A tricky puzzle to solve despite the small field but preference is for A MOMENTS MADNESS, who was unable to build on a promising chasing debut last time, but he's had a wind operation since last seen and Warren Greatrex's 6-y-o remains open to improvement in this sphere. Davidoc heads up the dangers returning from a 2-month break, with last-time-out winner Diplomatic Ash rounding off the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. A MOMENTS MADNESS 2. DAVIDOC 3. DIPLOMATIC ASH

SMART STATS:



V2 RADIO HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-115) £7,700 2m1f162y (3570 Metres)





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Pace Information: Very Weak

LUNAR SOVEREIGN (IRE) (282) (BF) 96 46/463-53 9 12-0 76.2kg

Sophie Leech

Ciaran Gethinas

Caught eye when fourth in Swinton Hurdle in May 2023. but not stood much racing since. Shaped as though he retains ability on four runs after a near 1-year absence, though went with less fluency on final outing for Dan Skelton. Joined current yard for £3,000 and is well-handicapped if ready to roll.

ONEWAYWEST (IRE) (57) (BF)

 \bigstar 100

222F-20 **6** 11-12 75.3kg

Ben Jones

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Ben Pauling

Lightly-raced sort recorded a hat-trick of runners-up finishes (when completing), most recent of those when chasing home the progressive Loverdose (who won easily) at Windsor (2m4f) but the third has franked the form since. Amiss on latest

SNAPIUS (IRE) (18) 6 11-5 72.1kg

run but one to be interested in if he can bounce back.

James Owen 💏

No surprise to see James Owen getting plenty of productivity out of this horse, runner-up on both starts in February, the latest chasing home a subsequent winner at Ludlow (15.8f). Looks to have plenty in his favour with a talented 5 lb conditional taking the ride.

OFFICER OF STATE (57) (CD) 98

588-1248

6 11-3 71.2kg Gary & Josh Moore

Niall Houlihan

Useful 15f winner on the Flat for Andre Fabre. Sold for 65,000 gns and readily landed a C&D handicap hurdle in November but hasn't looked the most straightforward since, too keen when well-beaten at Windsor (20f) in January. Drop back in trip should help and is a player if putting it all together.

CONTINUANCE (26) 98

4 11-2 70.8kg Martin Keighley

Freddie Keighley (10lb/5kg)

Fair Flat winner who struck at the first time of asking over hurdles at Sedgefield in October. Back in form when running out approaching 2 out in Catterick juvenile in December but made amends on to score on handicap bow (Ludlow, 15.8f), third has won since. Up 8 lb but could well be more to come.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Snapius, 11-4 Continuance, 7-2 Onewaywest, 5-1 Lunar Sovereign, 8-1 Officer of State

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Each of the quintet holds realistic claims, with marginal preference for ONEWAYWEST who looked on the up when splitting two subsequent winners on his penultimate run and can be forgiven his most recent effort having sustained a cut. Lunar Sovereign is well-handicapped if rediscovering his best form on stable debut and any market support would be worth noting, while last-time out winner Continuance could still be improving having only his fifth start over hurdles

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ONEWAYWEST 2. LUNAR SOVEREIGN 3. CONTINUANCE

SMART STATS:

95

RACE 4

BETGOODWIN BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2m5f164y (4370 **Metres**)



Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

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Pace Information: Weak

1 CHANKAYA (41) 83

8261-075P 8 12-0 76.2kg

Tim Vaughan **Alan Johns**



Successful over 19f for Mitchell Hunt last February. Below that level in 4 runs for Tim Vaughan, his latest run back at Taunton was particularly poor (labouring badly before pulled up approaching the second-last), and it's easy enough to

PROPER TWELVE (IRE) (50) 98 7 11-10 74.4kg 22F4-42UP



handicap chase (23.6f, heavy) in December. Has failed to complete both subsequent starts but couldn't rule out back hurdling off an attractive mark.

KANKIN (25) 95 **9** 11-10 74.4kg 3-15277F4

Twice a winner over fences, latterly off a 3 lb higher mark at Fakenham last spring. It's been a struggle since his encouraging reappearance second at Plumpton in

October but he's another that returns to hurdles on a workable mark, so all is certainly not lost.

IVANE (FR) (60) 100 \bigstar **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg

James Owen

6 11-0 69.9kg

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Sam Twiston-Davies Just the one win from 24 starts overall for Ciaran Murphy in Ireland, with a lack of consistency a notable feature. Conversely, he wouldn't be the first to benefit from the switch to the James Owen yard and it'll be interesting to see how he

shapes up in the betting. VENDANT (IRE) (35) 95 0/868-524 7 11-2 70.8kg

Placed in points and left previous form in this sphere a long way behind when

a fine second over this C&D (soft) in January. Step up to 25f didn't quite work out at Plumpton next time but this lightly-raced 7-y-o is of strong interest back at this trip.

SENOR DIAZ (IRE) (41) 91

Seamus Mullins

Shaped well upped to 20.5f when fourth of 10 on handicap debut at Plumpton last March. Failed to build on that next time but there were at least some signs of encouragement on his belated reappearance at Taunton last month and he's entitled to come on for that spin.

AUTUMN PHILTRE (IRE) (287) 95 9 10-13 69.4kg

Paddy Butler

Hit the target between the flags back in October 2022 but overall record in that sphere is hardly compelling (that success is his sole win from 11 starts in points) and he hasn't shown a great deal in a handful of appearances under Rules. Debut

for new yard. MILITARY TYCOON (IRE) (22) 87

974-9005 5 10-10 68.0kg

Fairly useful Flat winner but has underachieved over hurdles so far, continuing the theme of disappointment in this sphere when a well-beaten fifth over C&D last time, hanging badly right throughout.

ASK HER OUT (IRE) (90) 91 8-680221P 7 10-10 68.0kg

> Richenda Ford **Brendan Powell**

Bumper winner who was runner-up twice prior to opening hurdles account in 15-runner Plumpton handicap (20.5f, soft) in December. Pulled up at Wincanton later that month and absent since, but she shouldn't be judged too harshly on that and will have a chance if able to bounce back

10 **ELIZA DOLITTLE (IRE)** (49)

P43-F6316 **7** 10-7 66.7kg

Nick Gifford Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)

Fair way behind second-placed Ask Her Out when third over 19f here in November but improved when landing a Plumpton handicap (20.5f, good to soft) next time. Misfired dropped to 2m at the same course on latest start, adding to what has become a patchy profile.

11 MILLIES MITE (IRE) (22) (C) h+t P1-26P5F4 **9** 10-4 65.3kg

Karen Jewell Marc Goldstein

Seemed suited by the switch to prominent tactics when breaking longstanding maiden tag over fences here last spring. However, she hasn't shown much in 4 runs this season, taking record in this sphere to 0-15 when beaten a long way over C&D in a first-time hood (retained) last time.

12 **ENGAGING SAM (25)** 93 8 10-2(10-1) 64.4kg (64.0kg)

Paddy Butler Luke Scott (3lb/1kg) Showed he can be competitive from a basement mark when third of 10 at

Lingfield last February but that is very much a standout effort, which she doesn't appear likely to repeat anytime soon judged on last month's poor display back at that track

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Proper Twelve, 5-1 Vendant, 11-2 Eliza Dolittle, 7-1 Ivane, 7-1 Kankin, 12-1 Ask Her Out, 12-1 Senor Diaz, 14-1 Chankaya, 33-1 Military Tycoon, 50-1 bar

Perhaps the return to hurdles will give PROPER TWELVE a lift following a couple of potentially confidence-damaging scenarios in the early stages of handicap chases at Taunton (unseated at the first) and here (lost his position after being slammed into at the first fence) the last twice. He is now 1 lb lower compared to when scoring over hurdles in May 2023 and the first-time cheekpieces may aid his cause. Vendant is feared back down in trip, while Ivane is of interest on debut for James Owen.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PROPER TWELVE 2. VENDANT 3. IVANE

SMART STATS:



NJS GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (5) 5yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 3m1f210y (5220 Metres)



RACE 5

Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

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Pace Information: Even

1	HEAVEN SMART (FR) (25)		b+t	93
	UU-436P4P	8 12-0 76.2kg		



Gary & Josh Moore

Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)

Made all in handicap chase at Kempton a year ago but mixed form since, and pulled up in handicap chase at Lingfield (23.5f, soft) 25 days ago. Blinkers go back

9 12-0 76.2kg Neil Mulholland

97

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

Winless this term but he's in good form, badly hampered 3 out when sixth in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m, heavy) 37 days ago. A likely player eased 1 lb.

LEADING SWOOP (IRE) (22) (BF) 25P8-3232

96

9 11-8 73.5kg Robert Walford

HOBB'S DELIGHT (37) (C, BF)

Harry Kimber



Blinkers replaced usual cheekpieces when a good second of 10 in handicap chase here (21.6f, heavy) 22 days ago. Can make his presence felt once more in

his bid for a maiden victory.

GETUPEARLY (77) 8 11-2 70.8kg 100



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Remains a maiden after 16 runs but he posted a respectable fifth of 10 in



handicap chase at Taunton (26.3f, good to soft) in December. Has since had a wind op and needs considering off a 3 lb lower mark.

ULTRA VIERS (IRE) (20) 91



42/P2-6P5 **9** 11-2 70.8kg Phillippa Taylor



Remains a maiden after 16 runs and he came in last of 5 in handicap chase at Leicester (20.1f, heavy) 20 days ago. Up in trip with work to do.



NORDIC STORM (33)

97



6 11-1 | 70.3kg 0476-7497

Little form over hurdles and he came in a well-held seventh of 10 in handicap at Hereford (25.2f, good to soft) on his fencing debut 33 days ago. Hard to warm to.



DELGANY MONARCH (IRE) (98) (D)



10 10-11 68.5kg Richard Rowe

Niall Houlihan



Scored at Plumpton in spring, 2023, but he has largely struggled since, only ninth of 11 in handicap chase at Lingfield (23.5f, soft) 98 days ago. Cheekpieces are reached for now.

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ELPOLOGREG (FR) (22)

92

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

Arrives in decent form this season without getting his head in front, third of 10 in handicap chase here (21.6f, heavy) 22 days ago. Back up in trip and not dismissed.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Hobb's Delight, 7-2 Leading Swoop, 4-1 Elpologreg, 5-1 Getupearly, 13-2 Heaven Smart, 33-1 Nordic Storm, 33-1 Ultra Viers, 33-1 Delgany Monarch

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A tight-knit handicap in which marginal preference is for the reliable HOBB'S DELIGHT who didn't enjoy the rub of the green when sixth at Uttoxeter last time and can capitalise on a 1 lb lower mark here to gain a deserved first win of the season. In-form maiden Leading Swoop heads the list of dangers, although Getupearly and Elpologreg can both have a say too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:



RJS WASTE MANAGEMENT UK OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (5) 4, 5 and 6yo £4,500 1m5f159y (2760 Metres)



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Pace Information: Very Weak

£90,000 buy after finishing runner-up on the second of 2 starts in Irish points and



made a decent start under Rules when second of 8 in bumper at Exeter 5 weeks ago, no match for winner. Player.

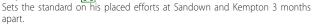


EDWARD SEXTON (IRE) (38) (BF) 23 5 11-2 70.8kg





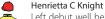




3 ROI DU RISK (FR) (50) (C) 95



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Brendan Powell

Left debut well behind 3 months on when winning Fontwell bumper 50 days ago, just holding on. More needed again under a penalty.

4 POTTERS MARMITE (31) 60



Matt Crawley
Offered little when third of 5 in bumper at Fakenham 31 days ago.

Jack Quinlan

5 ARFURSGAL (IRE) (89) t 98

2 4 10-2 64.4kg

Anthony Honeyball

Anthony Honeyball Made a promising start when second in Newbury bumper in December. Entitled to improve and obvious claims.

6 SUKRAIN (FR)

4 10-2 64.4kg

2 64.4kg



Daniel Steele Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)
Kamsin filly. Dam, hurdler/chaser in France (17f/2½m winner), also 11f winner on
Flat, out of 2m hurdle winner in Italy Mariella. Wears hood.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Edward Sexton, **3-1** Arfursgal, **3-1** Catchintsavo, **5-1** Roi Du Risk, **33-1** Potters Marmite, **33-1** Sukrain

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ARFURSGAL made a positive start when second at Newbury and can take advantage of her age/sex allowance. Her stablemate Catchinsavo is next best ahead of Edward Sexton.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ARFURSGAL 2. CATCHINTSAVO 3. EDWARD SEXTON

SMART STATS: