



Friday 19th September

NEWTON ABBOT

2.03 COLIN STRATTON RETIREMENT NOVICES' CHASE (3) 2½m216y (4220 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) ART OF DIPLOMACY | (3) CATCH HIM DERRY | (2) IN THE AIR**

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4.20 COLIN WILLCOCKS MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m5f122y (4340 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) PRINCE ZALTAR | (4) CHILLHI | (2) MOHAWK CHIEF**

4.55 RCA SUMMER JUMPS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f170y (5180 Metres)

RACE 6 **(2) SHANTOU LUCKY | (3) MCGREGORS CHARGE | (5) POOROLDMACKLEY**

KEY TO SYMBOLS



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



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



Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts



Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

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RACE 1




COLIN STRATTON RETIREMENT NOVICES' CHASE (3) 4yo+
£15,000 2½m216y (4220 Metres)



Going: **Soft**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	ART OF DIPLOMACY (14) (C)	s	★	100
	334-21111 9 11-12 75.3kg			
	Mickey Bowen		James Bowen	
	Thriving of late, extending his winning sequence to 4 with a decidedly useful effort in 6-runner handicap chase at Bangor (24.1f) a fortnight ago, driven clear. Effective at this shorter trip and the one to beat with well-being assured.			
2	IN THE AIR (FR) (13)			90
	266-54121 7 11-12 75.3kg			
	Alastair Ralph		Ciaran Gethings	
	Resumed winning ways in 6-runner handicap chase at Stratford (17f, good, 7/2) 13 days ago, able to dominate and scoring with a bit up his sleeve. Faces a stiffer task on these terms, however.			
3	CATCH HIM DERRY (IRE) (167) (C)			
	21/1P6135- 7 11-2 70.8kg			
	Dan Skelton		Harry Skelton	
	Progressive hurdler who recorded a fourth success in a handicap at Exeter (23.1f) in February. Ended last season with excellent efforts in Festival handicaps at Cheltenham and Aintree and has the physique to do well over fences.			

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-6 Art of Diplomacy, 2-1 Catch Him Derry, 11-2 In The Air

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ART OF DIPLOMACY has been thriving this summer and gets the nod to continue his excellent spell with his well-being assured. Catch Him Derry, a notably progressive hurdler and a better prospect for the longer term, is sure to pose a big threat if fully tuned up for his chasing debut after a break.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ART OF DIPLOMACY 2. CATCH HIM DERRY 3. IN THE AIR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Glynn 10-11-12	2-1	Anthony Honeyball	Sam Twiston-Davies	4
2023	Outlaw Peter 7-11-2	1-4f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	2
2022	Hang In There 8-12-0	2-5f	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	3
2021	Shang Tang 7-11-2	5-2	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	4
2020	Senior Citizen 7-11-10	3-1	Alan King	A. P. Heskin	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

BAY TREE COTTAGE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £8,500
2m5f122y (4340 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	A PAI DE NOM (230) (BF)	★	100
	25- 5 11-4 71.7kg		
	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	
Hails from a good family and shaped well when a clear second behind a subsequent listed bumper winner at Chepstow on debut in October. Underperformed on testing ground at Sandown in February but has been given a wind op in the interim and looks interesting upped markedly in trip on hurdles debut.			
2	CINNODIN (12)		89
	6 5 11-4 71.7kg		
	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	
Fairly useful 2m Flat winner for Richard Hughes. Changed hands for 27,000 gns and ran well below that level under a considerate ride on hurdles/stable debut at Fontwell (19.1f) 12 days ago. Should be seen to better effect faced with a greater test of stamina here but handicaps may be more his bag.			
3	GENERAL BRIAR (IRE) (151)		90
	26- 6 11-4 71.7kg		
	Chris Gordon	Freddie Gordon (3lb/1kg)	
Placed both starts in Irish Points and is closely related to useful Annual Invictus (also trained by this yard). Well-backed when a promising second in a bumper at Fontwell (heavy) on debut but hung badly left when disappointing the following month. Could be worth another chance on hurdles debut.			
4	MALDINI MILANO (IRE) (172)		96
	102- 5 11-4 71.7kg		
	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	
Winner of a very weak 3-runner bumper at Exeter on debut prior to running poorly in a Listed bumper in February when his yard weren't firing on all cylinders. Back on track when runner-up at Worcester in March and could well progress for top yard now hurdling over a longer trip.			
5	ROE AND CO (IRE) (222)	t	86
	P8- 7 11-4 71.7kg		
	Jamie Snowden	Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)	
Fetched £58,000 after landing a maiden point in 2023 but disappointed following wind surgery when pulled-up on hurdle/stable debut at Exeter. Showed a bit more in a first-time tongue tie (retained) when midfield in a Chepstow novice (19.4f, heavy) but needs another step forward to get off the mark.			
6	TARA TIME (IRE) (14)	t	75
	P 6 10-11 68.5kg		
	David Rees	Ben Jones	
Inexpensive purchase and went with no promise on debut in a 2m Worcester maiden hurdle earlier this month. Again wears a tongue strap and has significant improvement to find over this markedly longer trip.			

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 A Pai De Nom, 5-2 Maldini Milano, 11-2 General Briar, 6-1 Cinnodin, 10-1 Roe And Co, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Those with hurdles experience have yet to better modest form and the trio of hurdling debutants could be most interesting. A PAI DE NOM is in excellent hands and having chased home a subsequent listed bumper winner on debut, he may get back on track over this markedly longer trip following wind surgery. Maldini Milano should also appreciate the step up in distance and could easily progress, while General Briar isn't ruled out if back in the same form as when second on his Rules debut.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. A PAI DE NOM 2. MALDINI MILANO 3. GENERAL BRIAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Shakeytailfeather	5-10-11	9-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	6
2023	Wonderful Eagle	4-11-4	15-8	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Micheal Nolan	5
2022	Bagheera Ginge	4-11-4	5-4	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Sam Twiston-Davies	6
2021	Diligent	8-10-12	4-9f	Nigel Hawke	K. E. Buckley (7)	4
2020	Noble Behest	6-10-12	3-1	Ian Williams	Robert Dunne	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3








FIRST OFFICE PRINT AND IT SOLUTIONS MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £8,500 2m167y (3370 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	HILL IN BRAZIL (14)	97
	260-1 5 11-7 73.0kg Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole Luke Scott (31b/1kg) Runner-up on the first of 3 starts in bumpers for Nigel Twiston-Davies last season and made a successful start to her hurdle career for a new stable in 2m Worcester maiden 14 days ago. Did it smoothly and ought to be competitive under a penalty.	
2	JOUEUSE ROYALE (FR) (34)	98
	34223-421 6 11-7 73.0kg Olly Murphy Mr Ben Sutton (51b/2kg) Fair maiden in Ireland who made it second time lucky for her new stable in 20.5f mares' maiden hurdle at Market Rasen last month. More will be needed under a penalty but no surprise she was to find it. Refitted with the tongue tie she wore regularly in Ireland.	
3	HIGHLAND HAVEN (169)	100
	1620- 5 11-0 69.9kg Fergal O'Brien Jonathan Burke Useful bumper winner last season and rates an interesting recruit to hurdles for her good stable.	
4	LYNSEY LARUE (IRE) (20)	88
	4 6 11-0 69.9kg Evan Williams Isabel Williams Dual Irish point winner but could only manage a remote fourth of 5 on her C&D hurdle debut 3 weeks ago. Needs to have come on a lot.	
5	BEST NIGHT (FR)	91
	4 10-12 68.9kg David Pipe Jack Tudor Fair form when runner-up twice over 15f on the Flat in France. The betting should help guide to expectations on hurdle debut.	
6	LA BELLE ARGENTEE (FR) (205) (BF)	99
	4- 4 10-12 68.9kg Dan Skelton Harry Skelton From a good family. Strong in the betting but ran as if needing the outing when fourth of 7 on 2m Wetherby debut (heavy) in February. In top hands and open to progress 6 months on.	
7	LIZZIELOOE (57)	60
	0 4 10-12 68.9kg Michael Blake Rex Dingle 150/1 and hooded, last of 10 in bumper at Worcester (2m, good) on debut 57 days ago. Outsider switched to hurdles.	

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Highland Haven, 3-1 La Belle Argentee, 7-2 Joueuse Royale, 4-1 Hill In Brazil, 11-1 Best Night, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HIGHLAND HAVEN achieved enough in bumpers to think she could win a race like this. La Belle Argentee showed promise on her debut in February and may provide a bigger threat than penalised hurdle winners Joueuse Royale and Hill In Brazil.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HIGHLAND HAVEN 2. LA BELLE ARGENTEE 3. JOUEUSE ROYALE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Kitty Foyle 4-10-12	4-1	Daisy Hitchins	Harry Reed	9
2023	Presenting Nelly 6-11-7	7-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	5
2022	Nifty Getaway 6-11-0	5-4f	Archie Watson	Gavin Sheehan	8
2021	Ginger du Val 5-10-12	15-8	Mel Rowley	Ben Bromley (7)	8
2020	Operatic Export 4-11-4	2-1	Dr Richard Newland	Charlie Hammond (3)	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4









DARTMOOR MAGAZINE HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105) £9,000 2m167y (3370 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	BOOK OF SECRETS (IRE) (27) (D)	h	96
	42/53-3237 7 12-0 76.2kg James Moffatt <i>Leah Noreci</i> (10lb/5kg) In good form without winning until only seventh of 9 in handicap hurdle at Cartmel (17.2f, good) 27 days ago. The sort to bounce back though.		
2	DICKENS (IRE) (23) (BF)	h	 100
	5F15-3113 7 11-13 75.7kg Jennie Candlish <i>Luke Scott</i> (3lb/1kg) Went 2-2 for his current yard in 2m6f handicap at Cartmel in June. Posted another very good effort despite failing to land the odds when third of 7 at Hexham (16.2f, good to firm) 23 days ago. A likely player once more.		
3	TOP GUY (IRE) (205)		96
	554- 5 11-10 74.4kg Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i> Points winner has been brought along steadily, not knocked about when fourth of 5 in novice hurdle at Wetherby (19.7f, heavy) in February. Returns for his handicap debut with more to offer.		
4	CHELSEA ANNIE (IRE) (57)		96
	88/1F 6 11-10 74.4kg Neil Mulholland <i>Harriet Tucker</i> (7lb/3kg) Made a winning hurdling debut at Worcester in June but well held both runs since, virtually refusing to race back on Flat at Windsor 11 days ago. Has something to prove now.		
5	MOJO EGO (IRE) (27) (D, BF)	b	98
	5087-0822 5 11-9 73.9kg James Moffatt <i>Charlotte Jones</i> Has got back on track of late since fitted with blinkers, runner-up in handicap hurdle at Cartmel (17.2f, good) 27 days ago. Must enter calculations nudged up 2 lb.		
6	SACCARY (GER) (197)	h	83
	058- 6 10-7 66.7kg David Pipe <i>Jack Tudor</i> A fair 10f Flat winner but yet to match that form in a trio of hurdling runs, hooded when eighth of 10 in maiden at Fontwell (2m2f) 6 months ago. May still do better though now going handicapping on his seasonal return.		
7	JACKSON'S BAY (IRE) (20)		92
	7545-P 4 10-2 64.4kg Evan Williams <i>Adam Wedge</i> Modest maiden hurdler who was pulled up in handicap over C&D 20 days ago. Needs to take a big step forward.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Dickens, **11-2** Mojo Ego, **11-2** Top Guy, **6-1** Book of Secrets, **9-1** Saccary, **18-1** Chelsea Annie, **25-1** Jackson's Bay

TIMEFORM VIEW:

DICKENS hasn't looked back since joining Jennie Candlish and is weighted to quickly resume winning ways on the back of a very good Hexham third. Dan Skelton's Top Guy appeals as a likely improver now going handicapping and could emerge as the chief threat ahead of Mojo Ego and Saccary.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DICKENS 2. TOP GUY 3. MOJO EGO

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

COLIN WILLCOCKS MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+
(Rated 0-130) £15,000 2m5f122y (4340 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	ONEMOREFORTHROAD (245) (C)	95
	10 12-0 76.2kg Ben Pauling Ben Jones	Useful hurdler/chaser for Neil King. The betting should help guide to expectations on first run for the Ben Pauling yard after 8 months off.
2	MOHAWK CHIEF (USA) (23)	92
	5 11-4 71.7kg Mickey Bowen James Bowen	Fair Flat winner who has come good over hurdles this summer, winning maiden at Market Rasen (2½m, heavy) and novice at Hexham (2½m, good to firm). More needed back in a handicap but further progress can't be discounted in current mood.
3	PRINCE ZALTAR (FR) (27)	100
	8 11-3 71.2kg Dan Skelton Harry Skelton	Fairly useful hurdler/chaser for Philip Rothwell in Ireland. Ended time over there with a creditable fourth of 12 over hurdles at Killarney in August and has joined a top stable for his career in Britain. Interesting.
4	CHILLHI (IRE) (13) (BF)	95
	5 11-1 70.3kg James Owen Nathan Howie (3lb/1kg)	Three wins (1 Flat, 2 hurdle) since joining the prolific James Owen yard at the start of the summer. The latest success came in a Stratford handicap hurdle this month under Nathan Howie. Respectable effort back on the Flat since. Can go well again.
5	D'JO DELA BARRIERE (FR) (21)	98
	6 10-8 67.1kg Evan Williams Miss Eleanor Williams (7lb/3kg)	Won a 20.5f handicap hurdle at Plumpton in May but has run below that level on all 4 outings since. Only 1 lb above that winning mark but others arrive with more pressing claims.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Mohawk Chief, 11-4 Chillhi, 4-1 Prince Zaltar, 15-2 D'jo Dela Barriere, 8-1 Onemorefortheroad

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PRINCE ZALTAR is well treated on his peak Irish form now starting out for Dan Skelton and gets the vote, with confidence in his chance increased should the betting vibes be strong. Chillhi might give him most to think about.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PRINCE ZALTAR 2. CHILLHI 3. MOHAWK CHIEF

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024 **Wonderful Eagle** 5-10-11 11-10f Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Micheal Nolan 8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

RCA SUMMER JUMPS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £10,000 3m1f170y (5180 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

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KATE MADRIK (FR) (84)
1140P-289 5 12-0 | 76.2kg
Debra Hamer
Dual winner over fences in France and bettered previous efforts on these shores returned to this sphere when second in a weak 5-runner Fakenham handicap (21f, good) in May. However, well held both subsequent starts and now makes her debut for another new yard.

Callum Pritchard (51b/2kg)

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SHANTOU LUCKY (IRE) (71b/3kg ex) (3)
640-SP111 8 11-13 | 75.7kg
James Owen
Has returned to form with a vengeance since joining James Owen and equipped with a visor, making it 3-3 for the yard with minimum fuss in a Uttoxeter handicap chase (2½m, good) on Tuesday, just a day after scoring over hurdles at Worcester. Hard to oppose under a penalty.

Nathan Howie (31b/1kg)

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MCGREGORS CHARGE (13) (BF)
2-8232413 7 11-5 | 72.1kg
Ella Pickard
Proved pretty consistent at a lowly level since switched to chasing and, helped by the favourite's weak finish, finally opened his account under a positive ride at Perth (3m, good to firm) last month. Didn't do much wrong when third at Stratford next time and should give another good account.

Ben Godfrey

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BENNY BALOO (484)
5153/32- 8 11-5 | 72.1kg
Evan Williams
Winning pointer who made it second time lucky over fences for Tim Easterby, landing a Market Rasen novices' handicap in good style on Boxing Day 2023. Best effort since when runner-up at the same course last spring, but subsequent absence is naturally a concern. One of 3 runners for her yard.

Isabel Williams

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POOROLDMACKLEY (IRE) (19) (C)
7311-3451 6 11-4 | 71.7kg
Evan Williams
Back-to-back winner over fences/hurdles in April and added to his tally when accounting for 10 rivals in a Worcester handicap hurdle (23f, good) recently. Just 1 lb higher back over fences and should make his presence felt, granted a clean round of jumping (didn't jump well on latest chase start).

Miss Eleanor Williams (71b/3kg)

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BLACKACRE (12) (CD, BF)
3523-6115 6 11-1 | 70.3kg
Evan Williams
Immediate improvement with a visor enlisted last month, bagging back-to-back C&D handicap chases within the space of 9 days. Failed to deliver when bidding for the hat-trick at Fontwell recently, though, and now tried in first-time blinkers.

Adam Wedge

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SHEEKA SUPREME (IRE) (166)
086775P- 7 10-3 | 64.9kg
Grace Harris
Successful in Irish points in October 2022, but she hasn't shown much under Rules thus far.

Conor Ring

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7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-6 Shantou Lucky, 13-2 Pooroldmackley, 7-1 Mcgregors Charge, 7-1 Blackacre, 12-1 Benny Baloo, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SHANTOU LUCKY is another advertisement for the prowess of the James Owen yard when it comes to breathing new life into out-of-form recruits from rival stables. Indeed, the 8-y-o is unbeaten in three quickfire appearances for new connections and he is a sizeable step ahead of the handicapper here (officially 9 lb 'well-in') following his faultless display back over fences at Uttoxeter on Tuesday. Mcgregors Charge gets the nod ahead of Pooroldmackley for forecast purposes.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHANTOU LUCKY 2. MCGREGORS CHARGE 3. POOROLDMACKLEY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2024	Hold Your Fort 8-12-2	9-2jf	Debra Hamer	James Best	10
2023	Janeslittlevoice 9-10-4	5-6f	Ella Pickard	Harriet Tucker (7)	4
2022	Minella Voucher 11-10-7	2-1f	Alexandra Dunn	Toby Wynne (7)	7
2021	Joey Steel 8-10-5	2-1jf	Christian Williams	Nick Scholfield	4
2020	Royal Magic 8-11-12	12-1	Sam Thomas	Jordan Nailor (5)	9
SMART STATS:					
No Smart Stats available for this race					