

4.38 SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) CRYSTAL ISLAND | (3) KINGS CHAMPION | (8) DYLAN'S MOON**

5.12 SWRSL - DAN BOULTON NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f191y (4800 Metres)

RACE 2 **(3) HIDDEN TARGET | (11) DESSIE HAZE | (13) EASTSTONE BUCK'S**

5.42 SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m3f83y (3900 Metres)

RACE 3 **(2) HOLD UP LA COLMINE | (4) JACCOURS | (3) GAELIC RAMBLER**

6.12 SWRSL - ALFIE BOULTON HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 4 **(2) TRUST HOUSE | (3) THANKYOUANDPLEASE | (8) ASTA LA VISTA**

6.42 SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m7f177y (4790 Metres)

RACE 5 **(4) MYTHE BRIDGE | (12) MARTALMIX'JAC | (6) ESPERTI**

7.12 SWRSL - DAN WARD HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 6 **(3) LEMON LEAF | (2) LARGY PANIC | (7) COULD BE YOU**

7.42 SWRSL - DAN WARD HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.II) 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 7 **(3) ROYAL RHYTHM | (9) MANCERO | (4) CUMHACHT**

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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SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD NOVICES' HURDLE (4)
4yo+ £10,000 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 1



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

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Strong**

1 CRYSTAL ISLAND (IRE) (123) **100**
 1 5 11-12 | 75.3kg

Nicky Henderson **Nico de Boinville**
 Changed for £205,000 after winning sole start in Irish points last spring. Did the job well when following up in decent Ascot maiden (21.7f, good to soft) on hurdles debut in December and he appeals as the type to go on to better things.

2 HOME MADE HERO (IRE) (38) (D) **92**
 1F3 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls **Tom Bellamy**
 Successful pointer who got Rules career off to impressive start when ready winner of 9-runner Uttoxeter novice (2½m, soft) in October, justifying support in the process. However, fell next time and jumping was again errant back from a break/breathing operation at Kempton last month.

3 KINGS CHAMPION (FR) (77) (D, BF) **97**
 3-312 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

Olly Murphy **Sean Bowen**
 Highly progressive sort who easily bagged 11-runner Ayr maiden hurdle (20.4f, soft) at the start of the year. Miles clear of the rest when runner-up in a Taunton novice next time and he remains open to improvement.

4 RATHKENNY (IRE) (45) **90**
 1312P 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

Neil Mulholland **Conor O'Farrell**
 Winner of a bumper on Rules debut and opened hurdles account at the second attempt in a Doncaster maiden (19.4f, soft) in January, jumping well and leading from pillar to post. Understandably found a Grade 3 Sandown handicap too competitive last time and definite each-way chance at this level.

5 UPTOWN DANDY (IRE) (51) (CD) **88**
 233-22P1 6 11-12 | 75.3kg

Ben Pauling **Ben Jones**
 Solid bumper form and off the mark at the fourth attempt in this sphere when landing a 9-runner C&D maiden (heavy) last time. This is tougher but he should make his presence felt nonetheless.

6 AXEL BLEUE (165) (BF) **82**
 12122P 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

Mickey Bowen **James Bowen**
 Point/bumper winner who was runner-up in novice events (both at around 23f) at Uttoxeter and Worcester on first 2 starts over hurdles. However, shaped as though amiss when a well-backed favourite on handicap debut at Exeter in November and has been absent since.

7 CEDAR CREEK (475)
 518- 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

Rebecca Curtis **Jonathan Burke**
 Determined winner at Aintree on second of his 3 starts in bumpers but 15-month absence is an obvious concern ahead of this hurdles debut.

8 DYLANS MOON (38) **86**
 3 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

Tom Ellis **Jack Andrews**
 Nibbled at in the betting and made an encouraging start to his career last month at Uttoxeter where he stayed on to take third from a less-than-ideal position in a 2½m novice hurdle. Open to improvement.

9 FAIRYE FORTH (IRE) (19) **87**
 3 7 11-5 | 72.1kg

Rebecca Curtis **Toby McCain-Mitchell (5lb/2kg)**
 Irish point winner who didn't shape badly on his Rules debut in a Chepstow maiden hurdle earlier this month but Cedar Creek is presumably the stable first-string.

10 MALINAERO (IRE) (58) **69**
 65 5 11-5 | 72.1kg

Mrs C. Williams **Jonjo O'Neill Jr.**
 Not badly bred but, judged on what his performances in a bumper/maiden hurdle, he's probably more of a long-term project.

11 PAPPARICHE (9) **62**
 8 6 10-12 | 68.9kg

Christian Williams **Jack Tudor**
 Winner of the first of her 2 starts between the flags but sent off at 100/1 and suffered a heavy defeat on Rules debut in a C&D maiden hurdle 9 days ago.

12 YELLOW CARD (200) **37**
 U6 4 10-9 | 67.6kg

Mickey Bowen **Shane Fenelon (5lb/2kg)**
 Fairly useful winner at 1½m on the Flat for Ollie Sangster but he was well held on sole completed start in this sphere at Fontwell in October.

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Crystal Island, **10-3** Kings Champion, **10-1** Uptown Dandy, **12-1** Rathkenny, **14-1** Home Made Hero, **16-1** Dylans Moon, **22-1** Cedar Creek, **25-1** Fairye Forth, **33-1** Axel Bleue, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Several decent types on show here, headed by CRYSTAL ISLAND who looked a pretty useful prospect when scoring on his hurdles debut at Ascot. He is taken to get the better of another promising novice in Kings Champion, while Dylans Moon is interesting on the back of an encouraging debut at Uttoxeter and Rathkenny makes some each-way appeal.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CRYSTAL ISLAND 2. KINGS CHAMPION 3. DYLANS MOON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 ^I Akimos 5-11-5	5-1	Nicky Henderson	Paul O'Brien	7
2025 ^{II} Pyleigh Master 6-11-5	5-2	Nigel Hawke	Miss Ella Herbison (7)	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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**SWRSL - DAN BOULTON NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m7f191y (4800 Metres)**



RACE 2







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

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**

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| 1 | AIR APPARENT (IRE) (45) | 88 |
| | 7453 6 12-0 76.2kg | |
|  | Seamus Mullins Paul O'Brien | |
| | Improved third in 2½m Hereford maiden last time and further step up in trip/switch to handicaps may prove beneficial, but some of the others boast stronger credentials all the same. | |
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| 2 | WASHINGTON PARKS (IRE) (366) | 93 |
| | 097400- 7 11-13 75.7kg | |
|  | Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls Tom Bellamy | |
| | Shaped well in a couple of Irish maiden hurdles last season before failing to get competitive in handicaps at Naas and Fairyhouse. Resumes for new yard following a 12-month absence but worth a second look in the betting all the same. Tongue strap enlisted. | |
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| 3 | HIDDEN TARGET (IRE) (26) | 99 |
| | 6-4463 7 11-11 74.8kg | |
|  | Richard Phillips Gavin Sheehan | |
| | Some encouragement in a bumper and bettered previous efforts in this sphere when third of 10 on his second run in handicap company at Chepstow (19.4f, good). 1 lb lower now and should be on the premises with this step up in trip a potentially good move. | |
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| 4 | SMILE BACK (IRE) (64) | 97 |
| | 854-92263 6 11-9 73.9kg | |
|  | Richard Phillips Harry Bannister | |
| | Point/bumper winner who improved for the switch to handicaps in this sphere when runner-up twice over 2½m at Leicester on soft/heavy at the end of 2025. Not so good last 2 starts but she's not discounted all the same. | |
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| 5 | GOLDEN PRINCE (IRE) (21) | 96 |
| | 64663 5 11-9 73.9kg | |
|  | Christian Williams Jack Tudor | |
| | Little to shout about in a bumper/novice hurdles but showed much improved form sent handicapping when third of 8 upped to 23f at Bangor 3 weeks ago. Could have a say if able to build on that. | |
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| 6 | KASTELLION (FR) (31) (BF) | 97 |
| | 64634 6 11-8 73.5kg | |
|  | Mel Rowley Charlie Hammond | |
| | Second on sole start in Irish points last spring and stepped up on maiden/novice exploits when third of 11 pitched into a handicap a Southwell in February. However, seemingly ran out of petrol upped to this trip at Bangor next time, so it's a tad surprising that he isn't dropping back in distance. | |
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| 7 | MOON OVER CLYRO (24) | 93 |
| | 0/230P 6 11-8 73.5kg | |
|  | Robbie Llewellyn Charlie Price | |
| | Lightly-raced 6-y-o who was placed in back-to-back Worcester maidens before finishing well held off a very harsh opening mark at Chepstow in October. Again beaten a country mile back from a break at Stratford and it's easy enough to look elsewhere. Cheekpieces applied. | |
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| 8 | FANNY MOON (FR) (31) | 93 |
| | 9-76747 6 11-7 73.0kg | |
|  | Mel Rowley Charlie Deutsch | |
| | Down the field in 2 bumpers and while he showed ability when fourth of 11 in 2m Ludlow novice in February, his subsequent display at Bangor represented a step in the wrong direction. | |
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| 9 | STILETTO (29) (D) | 96 |
| | 15411470 8 11-7 73.0kg | |
|  | Sophie Leech Sean Bowen | |
| | In fine form during the autumn, scoring at Worcester and Perth. However, form has taken a turn for the worse since and he trailed in last of 12 on return from a break at Wincanton. | |

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| 10 | GETAWAY KING (IRE) (35) | s+t | 98 |
| | 04P-1114F 8 11-4 71.7kg | | |
|  | Fergal O'Brien Tom Broughton (5lb/2kg) | | |
| | Irish import who has proved a different proposition equipped with a tongue strap for this yard, completing a handicap chase hat-trick at Lingfield in December. Switches to hurdles here having taken a heavy fall at Exeter last month and sports first-time cheekpieces. | | |
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| 11 | DESSIE HAZE (19) (D) | ★ | 100 |
| | 7473-4761 8 11-3 71.2kg | | |
|  | Phillip Dando Ellis Collier (5lb/2kg) | | |
| | Opened his account in a Chepstow handicap (23.6f, good) recently, benefiting from what was a strongly-run race. Not an obvious type to follow up but, that said, a 6 lb rise is fair enough and he could have a say granted suitable conditions (ideally wouldn't want soft/heavy ground). | | |
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| 12 | GLENMUICK (45) | s | 93 |
| | 8095879 5 10-5 65.8kg | | |
|  | Charlie Longsdon Lilly Pinchin | | |
| | Little show in bumpers or over hurdles so far and hopes now pinned on the combination of this step up in trip and the addition of cheekpieces working the oracle. | | |
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| 13 | EASTSTONE BUCK'S (43) | 98 | |
| | P-692 5 10-2(10-0) 64.4kg (63.5kg) | | |
|  | Venetia Williams Ned Fox (3lb/1kg) | | |
| | No promise first 3 starts over hurdles but it was no great surprise to see this 5-y-o take a step forward when runner-up on handicap debut upped to 2¾m at Stratford (soft). One to consider. | | |

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Dessie Haze, **5-1** Eaststone Buck's, **6-1** Kastellion, **15-2** Golden Prince, **8-1** Hidden Target, **12-1** Smile Back, **12-1** Getaway King, **28-1** Washington Parks, **33-1** Stiletto, **33-1** Glenmuick, **33-1** Air Apparent, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HIDDEN TARGET promises to be suited by this stiffer test on the back of an encouraging third at Chepstow and he shades preference ahead of Dessie Haze, who got his head in front for the first time at that Welsh track earlier this month and will be a big threat if in a similar mood here. Eaststone Buck's is also shortlisted, along with Kastellion.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HIDDEN TARGET 2. DESSIE HAZE 3. EASTSTONE BUCK'S

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 **Tuscan Rose** 7-10-13 9-2 Neil Mulholland Conor O'Farrell 9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.42**SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 5yo+
(Rated 0-120) £8,900 2m3f83y (3900 Metres)**

RACE 3

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

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**


1 BOWENSPARK (IRE) (24) s **98**
662-P2515 8 12-1 | 76.7kg



Henry Daly

Sam Twiston-Davies

Went with more enthusiasm than is often the case when making it fourth time lucky over fences in 4-runner handicap at Bangor in February. Found it tougher in a stronger race at Uttoxeter next time, but task is now to be able to get back on track.

2 HOLD UP LA COLMINE (FR) (38) (D) s  **100**
53P-1353 9 11-10 | 74.4kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

Ben Jones

Opened chase account with wide-margin success at Windsor on reappearance in November. Has failed to see his race out in 3 outings since, though his mark has slipped as a result and now gets cheekpieces on first time. Interesting contender.

3 GAELIC RAMBLER (IRE) (25) s+t **98**
32-U322 6 11-9 | 73.9kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Runner-up both starts in points and has shown fair form sent chasing this year, in cheekpieces when again finishing second in 5-runner handicap at Wetherby (15f) 25 days ago, the winner scoring again next time. Enters calculations back in trip.

4 JACCOURS (FR) (57) (C, BF) **99**
44/423-41P 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Value for extra when winning maiden hurdle here in January. Failed to justify strong support when pulled up in handicap at Ayr on chasing debut the following month, though suffered an overreach. Remains capable of better in this sphere.

5 LERMOOS LEGEND (189) (CD) s+t **98**
22221146 11 11-6 | 72.6kg



Mickey Bowen

James Bowen

Veteran who built on his run of second-place finishes early this season when recording back-to-back wins in July and September. Rare below-par effort at Market Rasen when last seen in October, but may just be better for this outing after 6 months off.

6 JEU D'OPALE (FR) (66) **99**
5P-52F1 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



Venetia Williams

Charlie Deutsch

Chase winner in France in 2022 then absent over 2 years. Only modest form over hurdles on first 3 starts for current yard but has worked his way back returned to chasing, scoring easily in a Wincanton handicap in February.

7 LATENIGHTRUMBLE (44) (BF) b+t **98**
22P-58844 9 11-4 | 71.7kg

Tom Ellis *Jack Andrews*

Making second start in chases, successful on handicap debut over 3m at Wetherby last season. After a low-key start to the current campaign, fared better when fourth of 11 at Chepstow in February, but not in the same form next time. Blinkers reached for.

8 BRULURE NOIRE (IRE) (19) (C, D)  **98**
341/352-PU 9 10-13 | 69.4kg



Richard Bandey

Harry Bannister

Has won twice over 2m at this course and runner-up over C&D a year ago. However, has failed to complete both starts this season, shuffled back before unseating rider 5 out at Chepstow 19 days ago.

9 CALLI BLACK (IRE) (132) **98**
4P4-31557 8 10-2(10-0) | 64.4kg (63.5kg)



David Weston

James Davies

Off the mark at second attempt over fences when making all at Worcester last summer. Hasn't matched that level in 3 subsequent outings, though, making mistakes reverted to hurdling when well held at Hereford in December. 2 lb out of the weights here.

BETTING FORECAST:

7-2 Gaelic Rambler, **9-2** Jaccours, **9-2** Jeu D'opale, **6-1** Bowenspark, **11-1** Hold Up La Colmine, **11-1** Latenightrumble, **14-1** Lermoos Legend, **14-1** Brulure Noire, **28-1** Calli Black

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A commanding winner on his return, HOLD UP LA COLMINE hasn't kicked on in 3 starts since but he's worth another chance having eased in the weights with cheekpieces now added. He gets the vote ahead of Jaccours, who remains with potential having had excuses on his chasing debut, while Gaelic Rambler could be in the mix once more.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. HOLD UP LA COLMINE 2. JACCOURS 3. GAELIC RAMBLER****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**2025 **A Moments Madness** 6-11-1 3-1 Warren Greatrex Paul O'Brien 7**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.12**SWRSL - ALFIE BOULTON HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-110) £7,700 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)**

RACE 4

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

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Uncontested****SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 CHILLHI (IRE) (187) (D) 88
8-2P14135 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Barry John Murphy

Dylan O'Connor (71b/3kg)

Won twice for James Owen in the first half of the season but well beaten in a 3m course handicap for Alison Thorpe when last seen in October. Returns from a break under the care of a new trainer. Probably best watched.

2 TRUST HOUSE (IRE) (37) (D) 98
558123-51 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Built on an encouraging comeback run at Warwick when winning a 16.5f Market Rasen handicap (good to soft) 37 days ago. Did that readily so an 8 lb rise shouldn't prevent a bold bid.

3 THANKYOUANDPLEASE (FR) (4) (D) 98
207412U2 6 11-13 | 75.7kg



Syd Hosie

Mr Jack Stenhouse (71b/3kg)

Kept busy this season, scoring around 2m at Leicester (heavy) in December and Wincanton (good to soft) in March. Even better form when runner-up on both completed starts since, including at Ayr on Friday. Sure to go well if coping with the quick turnaround.

4 CAELAN (IRE) (120) (D) 93
4515263 5 11-13 | 75.7kg



Olly Murphy

Tom Hutsby (101b/5kg)

A fair Flat scorer who won a 2m maiden hurdle at Worcester (soft) in September. Good second at Huntingdon in November but only a respectable third at Huntingdon when last seen just before Christmas. Sean Bowen is on stablemate Trust House.

5 AEROPLANE BLONDE (59) 99
3/9U-42458 6 11-7 | 73.0kg



Samuel Drinkwater

Benjamin Macey (51b/2kg)

Has shown some promise but disappointed at Chepstow with a tongue tie added last time. That is left off now and replaced by first-time cheekpieces. Others have less to prove.

6 EASTERN SHORES (21) 96
3-4673325 6 11-4 | 71.7kg



Fergal O'Brien

Jonathan Burke

Fair maiden hurdler. Runner-up on 2m Huntingdon handicap debut in February but beaten before stamina should have been an issue over 19.5f at Bangor 8 weeks later.

7 CORNER FORWARD (IRE) (68) 73
P668 5 11-1 | 70.3kg



Anthony Honeyball

Richie McLernon

Signs of ability in maiden hurdles and needs keeping a close eye on in the betting now handicapping after 10 weeks off.

8 ASTA LA VISTA (25) 100
4483 5 10-11 | 68.5kg



Charlie Longsdon

Daire McConville (71b/3kg)

Easily best effort over hurdles when third of 15 in 2m Wetherby maiden 25 days ago. Appeals a likely improver in handicaps, although it's possible the very best of him may not be seen until he steps back up in trip.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Trust House, **7-2** Thankyouandplease, **8-1** Asta La Vista, **10-1** Caelan, **14-1** Aeroplane Blonde, **14-1** Corner Forward, **16-1** Eastern Shores, **22-1** Chillhi

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TRUST HOUSE was well on top at Market Rasen last month and can make light of an 8 lb rise for the Olly Murphy/Sean Bowen combination. Thankyouandplease will be a danger if over last week's Ayr exertions, while Asta La Vista and Corner Forward are potential improvers in handicaps.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TRUST HOUSE 2. THANKYOUANDPLEASE 3. ASTA LA VISTA

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SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD HANDICAP CHASE (5)
5yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m7f177y (4790 Metres)

RACE 5



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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 SWIFT JET (IRE) (32) s **93**
 66-P3FF1P 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

Richard Phillips *Harry Bannister*
 Advanced his form back over hurdles under more positive tactics when getting off the mark in 3m handicap at Doncaster in February but wasn't in same form last time and has failed to complete in both starts in this sphere.

2 TOMMYS CHARM (IRE) (37) s+t **93**
 2/52-FPP65 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

Kerry Lee *Conor O'Farrell*
 Fair hurdles winner who matched that form over fences when a close second at Wincanton last season. Has shown very little promise this term though. Now tried in tongue strap for first time.

3 BATAILLON (47) (BF) **97**
 P2/2-64124 8 12-0 | 76.2kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White *Mr Jack Stenhouse (71lb/3kg)*
 Off the mark over this trip at Taunton in January and ran with credit when runner-up over same C&D the following month. Disappointed in stronger contest latest but must enter calculations here.

4 MYTHE BRIDGE (54) (BF) s **99**
 44/922-3F3 8 11-8 | 73.5kg

Henry Daly *Sam Twiston-Davies*
 Still a maiden but he has performed consistently well over fences, faring best of those ridden close to the pace in a well-run race when third at Wetherby (3m) in first-time cheekpieces (retained) last time. Another prominent showing is likely.

5 I AIN'T YOUR MATE (IRE) (99) **93**
 964-4 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Christian Williams *Jack Tudor*
 Bought for £120,000 after placing in a couple of Irish points and the latest of last season's 3 runs over hurdles was a step in the right direction. Didn't offer much on chase debut over shorter trip at Hereford in January but may do better now stepped up in trip here.

6 ESPERTI (IRE) (71lb/3kg ex) (8) (CD) ★ **100**
 1-211P521 9 11-5 | 72.1kg

David Rees *Sean Bowen*
 Successful 3 times over fences in 2025 and opened account for this year when readily taking 4-runner handicap chase over longer trip at Fakenham 8 days ago. 7 lb penalty to carry now but another bold bid looks likely.

7 GINGERBRED (26) (CD) s **93**
 3-022P346 8 10-13 | 69.4kg

Carroll Gray *Non Runner*
 NON RUNNER.

8 AHANAGLOGH (IRE) (56) **98**
 5-00822 7 10-8 | 67.1kg

Fergal O'Brien *Tom Broughton (51lb/2kg)*
 Placed both starts in points and he immediately enhanced what he achieved in 3 novice hurdle runs when second on chase debut at Hereford in February. Backed that up when runner-up at Leicester since and looks well worth a crack at this longer trip.

9 JOHN W CREAMY (IRE) (56) (C) **79**
 1261-PSPP 8 10-7 | 66.7kg

Chris Honour *Bryan Carver*
 Successful twice in soft/heavy last winter but has yet to fire this season and is readily opposed.

10 VALIRANN GOLD (IRE) (13) t **95**
 625P3414 9 10-5 | 65.8kg

Harriet Brown *Ned Fox (31lb/1kg)*
 Took advantage of a career-low mark when scoring at Fontwell last month but was never on terms over shorter trip at same course latest. May do better granted a stiffer test of stamina here, though.

11 HENRY BOX BROWN (IRE) (36) **93**
 22U82344 9 10-5 | 65.8kg

Mrs C. Williams *Ellis Collier (51lb/2kg)*
 Posted several good placed efforts at Worcester last year and by no means disgraced when third at Chepstow in November. Back from 3 months off when fourth over shorter trip here last time and is entitled to build on that.

12 MARTALMIX'JAC (FR) (54) (D) s+t **97**
 23-573P21 9 10-2 | 64.4kg

Mel Rowley *Shane Quinlan (31lb/1kg)*
 Took advantage of much-reduced mark when winning 8-runner handicap chase (4/1) at Ludlow (3m, good to soft) 54 days ago, always holding on. Raised 6 lb since but looks a likely player here.

13 STADMALLEN (IRE) (732) **79**
 5/ 10 10-2(9-6) | 64.4kg (59.9kg)

Mrs Jane Williams *James Best*
 Winning pointer but little encouragement when back under Rules in a hunter at Exeter when last seen 2 years ago. Joined new yard since and is likely best watched from 8 lb out of the handicap.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Mythe Bridge, 5-1 Esperti, 7-1 Ahanaglogh, 15-2 Bataillon, 15-2 Martalmix'jac, 10-1 Valirann Gold, 14-1 Henry Box Brown, 22-1 I Ain't Your Mate, 25-1 Tommys Charm, 28-1 Swift Jet, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MYTHE BRIDGE has made the frame on all his completed starts over fences and still remains low-mileage for his age. He gets the nod. Last time winners Martalmix'jac and Esperti may provide the chief threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MYTHE BRIDGE 2. MARTALMIX'JAC 3. ESPERTI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Another Lord 8-11-3	9-2	Peter & Mickey Bowen	James Bowen	11
2024	Wide To West 7-10-2	2-1f	Martin Keighley	Sean Bowen	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.12**SWRSL - DAN WARD HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.I) 4yo+
(Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m (4020 Metres)****RACE 6**Going: **Soft (Good to Soft in places)**

A wide, galloping, left-handed circuit of 1½ miles, with a straight of just over 4f. It has no undulations but a very slight rise over the course of the back straight and the opposite in the home straight. There are short run-ins for both hurdles and chases, though it is in essence a fair track, with the chase course providing a good test of jumping. Field sizes tend to be on the small side. The ground rides mostly on the soft side of good and can be extremely gruelling at its worst, leading to many an attritional race. The course has had problems caused by low sun, resulting in the omission of obstacles in the home straight.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 MIDNIGHT GINGER (60) **99**
428-60874 **10** 12-0 | 76.2kg



Andrew Martin

Dillon Butler (10lb/5kg)

Losing run stretches back over 2 years and there wasn't really enough in her Warwick fourth at the end of February to suggest that is likely to change now.

2 LARGY PANIC (IRE) (29) **100**
P7981 **6** 11-10 | 74.4kg



Ben Clarke

Tom Bellamy

Made it second time lucky in handicaps when keeping on gamely to get the better of a tight finish at Kempton (2m, good) 4 weeks ago. Back up in trip. A 2 lb nudge seems unlikely to prevent a prominent showing.

3 LEMON LEAF (IRE) (44) **87**
4-30P **6** 11-9 | 73.9kg



Olly Murphy

Sean Bowen

Shaped like a stayer when third in 17f novice at Aintree on hurdle debut. Hasn't come close to reproducing that in 2 outings since but could be a different story now handicapping up in trip. Market confidence would look significant.

4 YOURCARDISMARKED (IRE) (38) **89**
0580 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg



Tim Vaughan

J. Hogan

Well held in bumper and 3 maiden hurdles but could come into his own now handicapping over further. Also tongue tied first time.

5 KELLEBELLE (FR) (61) **97**
686023 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg



D. J. Jeffreys

Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)

Placed in a pair of handicaps at around 2½m since equipped with a tongue tie. Likely to be competitive again.

6 KING BERRY (IRE) (31) **75**
585087 **5** 10-12 | 68.9kg



Max Comley

David Bass

Showed only modest form in a trio of bumpers (for Ed De Giles) and well held in 3 maiden/novice hurdles for current yard. Has a tongue tie added now handicapping.

7 COULD BE YOU (IRE) (91) **63**
3POP **6** 10-12 | 68.9kg



Neil Mulholland

Jack Tudor

Placed both starts in Irish points. No form in 4 novice hurdles for Ryan Potter this winter but a market move would be interesting now handicapping for Neil Mulholland after 3 months off. Tongue tie goes on first time.

8 FERANDO (IRE) (9) **91**
PP4-F540 **6** 10-6 | 66.2kg



Barry John Murphy

Tom Cannon

No impact in handicaps chases and it remains to be seen whether a return to hurdling makes any difference.

9 MIND HUNTER (155) **94**
0P8-2435 **8** 10-3 | 64.9kg



Bernard Llewellyn

Harry Atkins (7lb/3kg)

Twelve runs since last win in 2022 and he came in a below-par fifth of 7 in handicap at Leicester (20.5f) when last seen in November. More is needed after a break.

10 LANCIER DES OBEAUX (FR) (50) **65**
6946 **5** 10-2(9-11) | 64.4kg (62.1kg)



Laura Horsfall

K. Brogan

No promise in 4 outings. More chance now handicapping but still very hard to make a case for.

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Lemon Leaf, **7-2** Largy Panic, **13-2** Kellebelle, **9-1** Could Be You, **12-1** King Berry, **14-1** Midnight Ginger, **16-1** Mind Hunter, **16-1** Yourcardismarked, **33-1** Lancier Des Obeaux, **33-1** Ferando

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LEMON LEAF is a potential improver now handicapping up in trip for a good stable and is preferred to last month's Kempton scorer Largy Panic. Could Be You, who has switched to Neil Mulholland since last seen in January, and Yourcardismarked are others who may fare better now handicapping and need keeping an eye on in the betting.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LEMON LEAF 2. LARGY PANIC 3. COULD BE YOU

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

7.42

SWRSL - DAN WARD HANDICAP HURDLE (5) (D.II) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m (4020 Metres)

RACE 7



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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 SPANISH DANCER (FR) (75) 92
47-555 7 12-0 | 76.2kg



Richard Bandey *Harry Bannister*
Fifth on all 3 starts in maiden/novice hurdles this winter, showing promise on the first occasion. Unexposed now stepping up in trip for handicap debut. One to note in the betting.

2 LION OF THE DESERT (IRE) (26) h 98
57309349 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Grace Harris *Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)*
Maiden but reached the frame in 2 handicaps in February and possibly failed to stay 3m at Chepstow latest.

3 ROYAL RHYTHM (IRE) (163) s ★ 100
6-F42255P 10 11-9 | 73.9kg



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
Narrowly beaten by a subsequent winner at Worcester (2½m) last summer. Out of form when last seen in the autumn but back on the same mark as at Worcester if refreshed by a break. Gets the vote.

4 CUMHACHT (IRE) (60) 96
3544/2782 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



Rebecca Curtis *Sean Bowen*
Long-standing maiden but runner-up twice in 2m course handicaps (both under Sean Bowen) since returning from a long absence. Also runner-up over C&D earlier in career. Has to enter calculations.

5 NEEPS AND TATTIES (36) h 97
4-507472 7 11-1 | 70.3kg



Richard Phillips *Tom Bellamy*
Best effort when second of 6 over C&D (heavy) 36 days ago, appearing to benefit from a return to front-running tactics. Claims if in similar form again.

6 FOREST SPIRIT (IRE) (187) 90
0975 5 10-13 | 69.4kg



Mickey Bowen *James Bowen*
Fair Flat winner. Failed to better poor form over hurdles in the autumn, including a C&D handicap, but it's still fairly early days with her in this sphere. First outing for 6 months.

7 WHATMAKES HONEY B (IRE) (28) t 96
561-P94P6 7 10-12 | 68.9kg



Harriet Brown *Ben Godfrey*
Made a successful handicap debut at Taunton (19f) last spring but hasn't come close to adding to her tally this season.

8 JOUR D'ORAGE (FR) (29) s 98
958-547P7 7 10-6 | 66.2kg



Neil Mulholland *Bradley Harris (3lb/1kg)*
Ran a bit better when seventh of 12 over this trip at Wincanton 4 weeks ago but has yet to seriously threaten in a handicap.

9 MANCERO (FR) (20) b 99
1-2P6P744 4 10-2 | 64.4kg



David Pipe *Jack Tudor*
Hurdle winner in France. Yet to reproduce that form for David Pipe but ran better when keeping on from too far back for fourth at Wincanton (2½m, good) 3 weeks ago. Being eased another 2 lb can only help. Respected.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Neeps And Tatties, **9-2** Cumhacht, **6-1** Spanish Dancer, **8-1** Royal Rhythm, **10-1** Mancero, **10-1** Jour D'orage, **14-1** Lion of The Desert, **14-1** Forest Spirit, **28-1** Whatmakes Honey B

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ROYAL RHYTHM might be worth chancing back from a break having dipped to the same mark as when narrowly denied by a next-time-out winner at Worcester last summer. Mancero caught the eye a bit when keeping on from too far back at Wincanton recently and is second choice ahead of Cumhacht, who has placed on all 4 visits to Ffos Las, and Neeps And Tatties.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROYAL RHYTHM 2. MANCERO 3. CUMHACHT

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race