



Thursday 21st August

# **NEWTON ABBOT**

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2.10	SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 21/4 m110y (3720 Metres)
RACE 1	(5) WHATYOUWAITINGFOR (3) THREE PIKES (4) ROADSHOW
2.45	SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD. HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 21/4 m110y (3720 Metres)
RACE 2	(9) LADY HENRIETTA   (11) HILL STATION   (13) NO GUARANTEE
3.20	ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINE CHARITY HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f170y (5180 Metres)
RACE 3	(3) MY GIRL KATIE (7) BLACKACRE (5) MINI FORTUNE
3.55	SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD. HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m167y (3370 Metres)
RACE 4	(2) SERGEANT FURY (1) MAX OF STARS (4) HOPE RISING
4.25	SHOP LOCAL WITH SCOTT RICHARDS SOLICITORS HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m75y (3290 Metres)
RACE 5	(2) FINEST VIEW (6) JET OF DREAMS (3) CENTARA
5.00	ROYAL AIR FORCE HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 31/4m105y (5330 Metres)
RACE 6	(4) KARAVOMYLOS   (3) FADED FANTASY   (5) LELANTOS
5.35	THANKYOU TO ALL OUR ARMED FORCES HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m216y (4220 Metres)
RACE 7	(1) ASLUKWOODHAVIT   (8) LET'S SAIL AWAY   (2) TIME TO BITE

# **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



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



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



RACE 1

# **SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD MAIDEN HURDLE (4)** 4yo+ £8,500 21/4m110y (3720 Metres)



Gavin Sheehan

Richard Johnson

Harry Cobden

# Going: Good

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Pace Information: Weak

KILCANDRA JVC	(IRE)	(28)
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**5** 11-4 71.7kg Evan Williams



Affinisea gelding failed to complete in 3 points but offered something to work with when fourth of 10 in bumper at Worcester (16f, good) on NH debut 28 days ago. Interesting to see what the market makes of him now sent hurdling.

MR MCLOUGHLAN (132)

92

Jack Jones

Sean Bowen



Some promise in bumpers for Craig Lidster, finished second of 5 in bumper at Sedgefield (16.8f, good, 12/1) on final start for that yard 132 days ago. Now makes hurdles debut and interesting to see the champion jockey aboard on first start for new connections.

THREE PIKES (38) (C)

98

5 11-4 71.7kg Henry Oliver

**David Noonan** 



Second in a Chepstow bumper (travelled for a long way) on final run for Tom George. Subsequently sold for £50,000 and got off the mark on stable debut when landing a course bumper and made a positive start over hurdles when

runner-up in a novice here last month. Should give another good account.

ROADSHOW (IRE) (38)

34-23U3 4 11-0 69.9kg Paul Nicholls

Harry Cobden



Fairly useful winner on Flat in France for Andre Fabre. Promise in maiden/novice hurdles for new yard, latest a respectable third of 6 in novice hurdle at this C&D (good to firm, 3/1) 38 days ago (nose behind Three Pikes). Should remain competitive.

WHATYOUWAITINGFOR (IRE) (28)

100



4 11-0 69.9kg Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies



Found just one too good for the third consecutive race when runner-up in a

12-runner novice hurdle at Worcester (16f, good) 28 days ago, rallied final furlong and only just failed to get back up. Uncomplicated sort sets the standard here.

**DANCING GREEN (358)** 

75



5 10-11 68.5kg

Callum Pritchard (5lb/2kg)



Telescope filly went with no promise when last of 9 in bumper at Worcester (16f, good) on NH debut. Off 11 months and now makes hurdles debut. Likely needs further and more time.

**NEEDTOKNOW (IRE)** (28)

70

79



**5** 10-11 68.5kg Placed on first of 3 starts in Irish points but little promise on either hurdle start,

latest seventh of 11 in novice hurdle at Worcester (16f, good) 28 days ago. Plenty YANKA BLUE (IRE) (27)

Alison Thorpe

**Robert Dunne** 



Hinted at ability in a Worcester maiden on debut but still looked in need of the experience when eighth of 14 in bumper at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good, 33/1) 27 days ago. Makes hurdles debut but looks one for the longer term.

**8 DECLARED RUNNERS** 

# **BETTING FORECAST:**

9-4 Whatyouwaitingfor, 11-4 Three Pikes, 7-2 Roadshow, 6-1 Mr Mcloughlan, 16-1 Kilcandra Jvc, 50-1 bar

# **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

WHATYOUWAITINGFOR did little wrong when narrowly defeated at Worcester last month and this uncomplicated sort has solid claims to go one better here. Three Pikes and Roadshow were only separated by a nose when filling the places behind a wellbacked winner over C&D last time and both should give another good account.

# **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. WHATYOUWAITINGFOR 2. THREE PIKES 3. ROADSHOW

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:** David Pipe 2023 Wonderful Eagle 4-11-0 11-4f Philip Hobbs & Johnson White Micheal Nolan . Martin Keighley Herecomeshogan 5-11-4 Finn Lambert (7)

Jamie Snowden

Philip Hobbs

13-8f Paul Nicholls

1-4f

5-4f

# 2020 Celestial Force 5-11-0 **SMART STATS:**

Beholden 5-11-4

Horse Force One 9-11-0

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# **SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD. HANDICAP HURDLE (5)** 3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £9,000 21/4m110y (3720 Metres)



RACE 2

## Going: Good

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### Pace Information: Strong

**SONGO (IRE) (38)** (C) **9** 12-0 76.2kg 73/245-P04

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**Robert Dunne** 

Winless since landing back-to-back novice events here in 2023 but posted best effort for a while when fourth of 7 over C&D in a first-time tongue strap last time. Goes again in same headgear combination and live each-way chance off this reduced mark if recent wind op had the desired effect.



Susan Gardner

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Sean Houlihan

Has improved since sent handicapping at this venue, winning twice and runnerup once from 3 runs over C&D since May (sole low-key run was when a well-held third tried over 21.5f here on penultimate start). Beat Square Du Roule in decisive fashion last time but 9 lb rise will make things tougher.

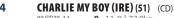
# WHISPERING ROYAL (IRE) (78)

3164/74-53 **5** 11-9 73.9kg 96



Fair Flat/hurdles winner for Alan King and performed far better than on first 3

starts for present yard when third in a 10-runner handicap here (16.8f, good) in June, finishing around 3½ lengths adrift of the runner-up Hill Station, a rival he now meets on 7 lb better terms. Couldn't rule out.



88/PP78-14 8 11-9 73.9kg





J. R. Jenkins

Harry Cobden 🔼

Returned to form when notching third career back from a break at Huntingdon (20.7f, good to firm) in May. Wasn't disgraced off this 8 lb higher mark next time but others make more appeal on this occasion, for all that the booking of Harry Cobden is an obvious plus.

# BEN LOMOND (IRE) (35)

**5** 11-1 70.3kg 743-U338

Harry Reed

90

89



Improved form in bumpers when third here during the spring and creditable effort when filling the same spot on first completed start in this sphere with cheekpieces enlisted at Worcester in June. However, well held both subsequent starts at the same course and it's easy enough to look elsewhere.

# **CATBOY (FR) (32)**

**5** 10-13 69.4kg 5620-546P



Jack Tudor

Winner of a Fontwell handicap last September but he was 8 lb lower in the weights at that time and there have been few positives to take from his 4 efforts so far this year (last 3 runs have been in handicap chases).

**6** 10-11 | 68.5kg





Grace Harris

### Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)

Belatedly opened account on the Flat at the beginning of the year and registered third success in this sphere at Stratford last month. 3 lb rise fair enough and subsequent effort on the level can be overlooked (wasn't seen to best effect). Place possibilities.

# COLONEL LESLEY (IRE) (32) (C)

321125-626 **9** 10-10 68.0kg



Richard Hawker Hasn't hit the target since back-to-back handicap wins (latterly at this course) back in August 2022 but has made the frame on several occasions since, including when going close here (16.7f, good) in June. Excuses over C&D since

### **LADY HENRIETTA (35)**

52966PP-4 **5** 10-9 67.6kg



Ben Pauling

and he's another with an each-way shout.

Sean Bowen



Runner-up on third start in bumpers for the Bowens and while she didn't show much over hurdles for that yard, there were encouraging signs when fourth of 7 back from 9 months off on debut for Ben Pauling at Worcester (2½m, good to soft). Will be sharper now and she's a big player eased 3 lb.

#### 10 **SQUARE DU ROULE (FR)** (32)

9854-3422 5 10-8 67.1kg



Placed on 3 of his 5 runs since undergoing a wind op, most recently chasing home 6-length winner Stinginhisstep over this C&D. Ought to finish closer to that rival on these revised terms but the first-time cheekpieces will need to give him

#### HILL STATION (FR) (36) 11

**6** 10-8 67.1kg 996/62263 Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)

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Four-time winner on the Flat (all on AW) and though yet to score following 13 attempts over hurdles, he was runner-up twice here in June and put in another good shift when third of 14 at Uttoxeter (15.8f, good) last month. Needs considering off the same mark.

#### 12 GREYSTOKE (124) (C)

7 10-4 65.3ka

Ben Godfrev



Flat/hurdles winner for Alan King but efforts since joining this yard have not been overly inspiring.

#### **NO GUARANTEE** (5) 13

**5** 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg) 4P879-342

Max Comley Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg) Record stands at 0-18 overall but his latest second to a highly progressive one from the James Owen yard at Market Rasen (18.6f, good) was a solid effort, even

before taking into account that he was 6 lb 'wrong' at the weights. Reproduction of that would give him a fighting chance in this contest.

#### 13 DECLARED RUNNERS

# **BETTING FORECAST:**

6-1 Stinginhisstep, 13-2 Hill Station, 7-1 Lady Henrietta, 7-1 No Guarantee, 17-2 Square Du Roule, 10-1 Whispering Royal, 12-1 Baikal, 14-1 Colonel Lesley, 16-1 Charlie My Boy, 18-1 Songo, 22-1 Catboy, 40-1 bar

# **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The pick of several viable candidates could be LADY HENRIETTA, who shaped well when returning to action for her new yard at Worcester and, with that run under her belt and now 3 lb lower, she is pretty appealing. It's surely only a matter of time before Hill Station deservedly gets his head in front in this sphere and he is feared most, with No Guarantee, also a maiden in this sphere, and Whispering Royal strongly considered.

# **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. LADY HENRIETTA 2. HILL STATION 3. NO GUARANTEE

# **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024 <b>Melton Mossy</b> 5-11-7 2023 <b>Saddlers Ouest</b> 9-10-10	10-1	Evan Williams Debra Hamer	Isabel Williams (3) Joe Anderson (5)	15 13
2021 <b>Sergeant</b> 4-9-13	5-11	Milton Harris	Mitchell Bastyan (3)	14
2020 <b>Cotton End</b> 6-11-5	8-1	Sheila Lewis	Richard Johnson	17

# **SMART STATS:**

RACE 3

# **ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINE CHARITY HANDICAP** CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £10,000 3m1f170y (5180 Metres)



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Pace Information: Very Weak

**JUST A MEMORY (FR)** (28) 44/625P-57 **6** 12-0 76.2kg 64

Tom Ellis

Jack Andrews (3lb/1kg)

Has failed to see her race out in a pair of handicap chases at up to 21f since joining this yard. It remains to be seen whether this step back up in trip helps

CAVE ARTICLE (IRE) (27) (D) **6** 11-8 73.5kg

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Christian Williams

Gained a third chase win in 6-runner handicap at Southwell (3m) in June but needs to bounce back from a couple of lacklustre efforts since. The cheekpieces worn on his last 5 starts are discarded.

MY GIRL KATIE (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (3) (CD)

8 11-5 72.1kg

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Grace Harris

**Conor Rina** 

C&D winner in July who had plenty to spare when adding to her tally at Stratford on Monday. A 7 lb penalty may not stop her if coping with the quick turnaround.

RYDER'S ROCK (72) (C)

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153U4P-14 **7** 11-4 71.7kg



Made a winning start to his chase career in 21f course handicap on reappearance in May. Only fourth of 6 in similar event at Fontwell (19.5f, good) 13 days later.

Steps up significantly in trip after 11 weeks off.

MINI FORTUNE (IRE) (36)

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Thomas Faulkner Ben Jones

Prolific winning pointer who has reached the frame in all 3 handicap chases under Rules. Could play a prominent role again.

FIREFLY LANE (IRE) (32) (C)

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9 10-5 65.8kg

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Jimmy Frost

Course winner. Pulled up over C&D in June but looked to be going well when falling 5 out over a shorter trip here last month.

**BLACKACRE** (91)

**6** 10-2 64.4kg



Long-standing maiden but placed off higher marks over fences last season and can be very competitive if fully primed after 3 months off. A first-time visor replaces cheekpieces.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

## **BETTING FORECAST:**

9-4 My Girl Katie, 4-1 Mini Fortune, 13-2 Blackacre, 8-1 Firefly Lane, 8-1 Cave Article, 9-1 Ryder's Rock, 12-1 Just A Memory

# **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

If MY GIRL KATIE is over Monday's Stratford exertions she could take a bit of stopping under a penalty. Blackacre is 6 lb lower than when last seen over fences and could provide the main threat if reacting well to a change of headgear.

### TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MY GIRL KATIE 2. BLACKACRE 3. MINI FORTUNE

# **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024 Great d'Ange 8-12-0 80-1 Barry Brennan Mr Martin McIntyre (7)

# **SMART STATS:**

# **SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD. HANDICAP HURDLE (4)** 3yo+ (Rated 0-120) £10,000 2m167y (3370 Metres)

RACE 4



### Going: Good

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Pace Information: Even

#### MAX OF STARS (FR) (38) (CD) 4664-1212

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# **5** 12-0 76.2kg

# Ollie Pears

**Brian Hughes** 



Made it 3 wins from as many starts over C&D in July. Lost unbeaten record at the track when brushed aside by one with vastly superior Flat form on most recent outing but still deserves respect based on excellent course record, for all that he's probably too high in the weights now.

#### SERGEANT FURY (IRE) (32) (CD) **5** 11-8 73.5kg



Paul O'Brien



Won a maiden at Huntingdon and a novice at Stratford to start winning sequence. Completed hat-trick in match race at this course and distance (1/1) 32 days ago, not always fluent but asserting between the last two flights. 2 lb rise in the weights shouldn't prevent another bold bid.

# BREAKING COVER (IRE) (27) (C)

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**7** 11-8 73.5kg Anthony Honeyball



Sam Twiston-Davies

Won last two starts since returning to hurdles, including in a novice over C&D last time, but likely to find life tougher back in handicap company.

# HOPE RISING (IRE) (32)

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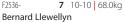


#### Jamie Snowden **Gavin Sheehan**

Won twice in novice hurdles this summer and raised her game when second of 8 in a similar event at Stratford (15/8) 32 days ago, finishing clear of the rest. Should remain competitive on handicap debut.

# POLLING DAY (IRE) (355)

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Modest form over hurdles for Archie Watson in 2024. Capitalised on a muchreduced mark on the Flat at Chester (33/1) in June before shaping as if amiss back there last time. Makes first hurdle start for current yard.

# **5 DECLARED RUNNERS**

# **BETTING FORECAST:**

5-2 Sergeant Fury, 7-2 Max of Stars, 4-1 Hope Rising, 9-2 Breaking Cover, 11-2 Polling

# **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SERGEANT FURY needed only to beat one rival to bring up the hat-trick over C&D last month, but he's clearly in excellent heart and a 2 lb rise may not be enough to prevent the 4-timer. Max Of Stars is a course specialist with 3 wins from 4 starts at Newton Abbot and rates a major danger despite being high enough in the weights now. Hope Rising has shown steady improvement in novice company and could play a major role, also.

# **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. SERGEANT FURY 2. MAX OF STARS 3. HOPE RISING

# **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Sergeant /-  -	5-1	Anthony Chariton	Sean Bowen	8
2023	Clearance 9-10-10	5-2	Michael Blake	Tom Cannon	6
2022	Elham Valley 5-11-10	15-2	Fergal O'Brien	J. Hogan (7)	5
2021	State Crown 4-10-1	5-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	4
2020	<b>Teqany</b> 6-11-9	9-4jf	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	6

# **SMART STATS:**

# SHOP LOCAL WITH SCOTT RICHARDS SOLICITORS HANDICAP CHASE (2) 4yo+ £25,000 2m75y (3290 Metres)

RACE 5



## Going: Good

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Pace Information: Very Weak

FRINGILL DIKE (IRE) (32) (CD) 98 01500-256 **8** 12-0 76.2kg

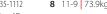


#### at Bangor (17.3f) in May. Has struggled for his usual consistency more recently however, too free when tailed off at Stratford (17f, good to soft) last month. Dropped 2 lb but others more reliable.

FINEST VIEW (32) (D, BF)



2235-1112 8 11-9 73.9kg





Conor O'Farrell



# Alan King

Fairly useful hurdler who comes here on a roll over fences, bumping into a backto-form handicap blot when narrowly denied a 4-timer at Stratford (17f, good to soft) last month, clear of rest. New mark has kicked in but she remains firmly of interest in her current mood

CENTARA (IRE) (38) (CD)

**7** 11-5 72.1kg 1/P536-111



Jav Tidball (5lb/2kg)



# Paul Nicholls

Has turned over a new leaf since being fitted with a tongue strap, completing a hat-trick at this C&D (good to firm) by 11/2 lengths from Jet of Dreams last month, jumping well in front. Being able to dominate seems to be the key to him but he may face competition from Duke of Luckley here.

COASTGUARD STATION (IRE) (32) (D)



544616-34 **9** 11-3 71.2kg





**David Noonan** Resumed winning ways at Ascot (16.7f) in March and has typically given his

running all 3 starts since, possibly doing too much too soon when fourth of 9 at Stratford (17f, good to soft) last month. Possibilities from just 1 lb above last

**DUKE OF LUCKLEY (IRE)** (32) 98



8 11-2 70.8kg Martin Keighlev

James Best

97



In top form during the autumn and picked up where he left off when completing a hat-trick of 5-runner handicaps at Southwell in May. Tailed off on both subsequent starts but may well get back on track reunited with his usual

JET OF DREAMS (IRE) (38) (D)





Warren Greatrex Four wins in excellent 2024/25 season and has continued the good work with a trio of placed efforts in recent months, 11/2 lengths second of 5 to Centara at this C&D (good to firm) most recently. Tongue tie reapplied and likely to go well

**6 DECLARED RUNNERS** 

# BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Finest View, 9-4 Centara, 9-2 Jet of Dreams, 10-1 Coastguard Station, 14-1 Fringill Dike, 33-1 Duke of Luckley

# **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FINEST VIEW was narrowly denied a 4-timer by a handicap blot at Stratford last month so Alan King's 8-y-o is fancied to regain the winning thread at the expense of Jet of Dreams, who has been placed all 3 starts this campaign and remains of interest. Centara, who beat Jet of Dreams last time, is 3-3 since a tongue tie went on but may have to settle for minor honours here

# TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FINEST VIEW 2. JET OF DREAMS 3. CENTARA

### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024 <b>Fringill Dike</b> 7-11-8	11-4	Jedd O'Keeffe	Charlie Hammond	4
2023 Kauto The King 9-9-12	9-2	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	4
2022 Romanor 8-10-1	3-1	Seamus Mullins	Micheal Nolan	4

# **SMART STATS:**



# ROYAL AIR FORCE HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £9,000 3¼m105y (5330 Metres)



RACE 6

### Going: Good

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Pace Information: Weak

**RUBYS LEGACY (48)** 4/P4-2 David Rees

6 12-0 76.2kg



Showed more than previously when second of 3 in maiden here (20/1) 48 days ago after a breathing operation but was flattered. Bred to stay this longer trip on handicap debut but has been done no favours by the assessor.



FINE BY ME (IRE) (28) (D) 8 11-13 75.7kg Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

Jamie Brace (5lb/2kg)

Callum Pritchard (5lb/2kg)

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Ran well with two second-place finishes earlier in the summer but disappointed when seventh of 10 in handicap hurdle at Worcester (7/2) 28 days ago. Jumping remains a concern.

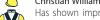
FADED FANTASY (IRE) (45)

t 6 11-12 75.3kg 740481-41



Christian Williams

Jack Tudor



Has shown improved form with two wins from last three hurdle starts. Won handicap hurdle at Worcester (9/2) in a field of 9 runners 45 days ago, pressing the leader before jumping on 3 out and always holding on. Should remain competitive at this level.



KARAVOMYLOS (IRE) (36) (BF)



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**6** 11-11 74.8kg Mickey Bowen

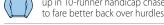


Won a Worcester handicap hurdle (5/2) in August 2023. Fifth of 10 in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (4/1) 36 days ago, jumping poorly and never dangerous. Returns to hurdles where a previous success was achieved and could be more competitive with tongue strap removed.

LELANTOS (IRE) (36) (CD) 321II7/34P **9** 11-10 74.4kg Ø



Nicky Henderson Showed some ability in recent hurdle starts, finishing 4th and 3rd, before pulling up in 10-runner handicap chase at Uttoxeter on most recent outing (11/1). Likely



CHIEF BLACK ROBE (IRE) (65) (C)



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9 11-9 73.9kg

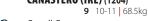


David Bass Barry Brennan Failed to come on for his return when third of 6 in handicap hurdle at Stratford (16/1) 65 days ago, making little impression. Steps up in trip.



CANASTERO (IRE) (1204)

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Micheal Nolan



Carroll Gray

Modest hurdler for Philip Hobbs who achieved just poor form in 2 runs over fences in the spring of 2022. Absence under Rules since and pulled up on most

recent outing in points. Looks best watched.



**SHIBUYA SONG (45)** 

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**6** 10-11 | 68.5kg



Richard Phillips Disappointing since last win, finishing fourth of 9 in hurdle at Worcester (11/2) in first-time visor 45 days ago when merely plugging on. Tends to race lazily and needs more enthusiasm.

DANZINI (IRE) (58)

Keiran Burke

10-9 67.6kg 36/19353-9

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Finished third in handicap hurdles at Exeter and Fontwell last autumn but beat only one home in a C&D handicap from 3 lb out of the weights (9/1) on reappearance in June. Needs to bounce back.

TESTFLIGHT (32) (C) U44PP-221 8 10-2 64.4kg 86

Susan Gardner

Tabitha Worsley (3lb/1kg)



Won 4-runner handicap chase here (4/1) 32 days ago after finishing first in two similar events at this course. Now switching back to hurdles where previous form has been decidedly poor.

# **SHARE A MOMENT (IRE)** (78)

8 10-2(9-13) 64.4kg (63.0kg)

Ryan Chapman Mr Jack Stenhouse (7lb/3kg) Made more impact than previously under Rules when 4th of 9 in handicap

hurdle at this course (40/1) 78 days ago. Remains to be seen if able to back that effort up from 3 lb out of the weights.

#### 11 DECLARED RUNNERS

# **BETTING FORECAST:**

7-2 Karavomylos, 4-1 Faded Fantasy, 13-2 Lelantos, 15-2 Fine By Me, 9-1 Shibuya Song, 11-1 Danzini, 12-1 Share A Moment, 22-1 Chief Black Robe, 33-1 Rubys Legacy, 33-1 Testflight, 66-1 bar

# **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

KARAVOMYLOS returns to hurdles where a previous success was achieved and could be the answer for an in-form stable if recapturing his 2023 form. Faded Fantasy arrives in good shape after a convincing Worcester victory and is feared most, ahead of Lelantos.

# TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KARAVOMYLOS 2. FADED FANTASY 3. LELANTOS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2023 2022 2021	Via Dante 7-10-1 Lelantos 7-12-0 Jen's Boy 8-12-0 Aye Aye Charlie 9-11-0	8-1 15-2 6-1	Nicky Henderson Nicky Henderson Christian Williams	Jack Tudor Nico de Boinville Nico de Boinville Jack Tudor (3)	13 15 8
2020	Story of Friends 6-11-8	10-3	David Pipe	Tom Scudamore	7

# **SMART STATS:**



RACE 7

# THANKYOU TO ALL OUR ARMED FORCES HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-115) £11,000 2½m216y (4220 Metres)



## Going: Good

Left handed, tight. Favours handy types, with prominently-ridden horses at an advantage more often than not. The fences pose very few problems, statistically the easiest course to jump round in the country. Very short run-in on hurdles course means the lead rarely changes hands from the last. All fixtures take place between April and the end of October.

Pace Information: Even

**ASLUKWOODHAVIT (25) 9** 12-2 77.1kg P/044-0832



Sean Bowen

Mickey Bowen

Sold out of Henry De Bromhead's yard for just £5,000 in June and low-key start for this yard at Carlisle later that month. However, that was a Class 2 handicap and subsequent efforts in lower-grade races have been more like it (has undergone a wind op since latest run). Key player.

TIME TO BITE (IRE) (38) (CD) **10** 11-11 74.8kg

Ø **Brvan Carver** 

Chris Honour

Recorded fourth success over fences this year with a dominant front-running C&D success last month. Task was simplified by the fact that the other two who got round both failed to fire, but the assessor presumably took that into account

when handing the 10-y-o a 6 lb rise. Solid claims.

MAGIC SEVEN (IRE) (28) **7** 11-11 74.8kg

98

306-32425 Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill



Three-time hurdles winner who has finished second on 2 of his 4 starts since switched to fences. Probably found 23f too far at Worcester and worth considering off the same mark (latest hurdles win was gained off this mark) back down in trip here with conditions to suit. Yard also saddles Trapista.

THEONLYWAYISWESSEX (FR) (51) (BF) 98

143217-23 **7** 11-8 73.5kg

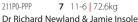


Alan King **Tom Cannon** Versatile performer who resumed winning ways in good style at Plumpton in

December. Has performed respectably in handicaps at Warwick and Stratford since returning from a break in June and should make his presence felt once

SCARLET O'TARA (28)

98



Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)



Won 3 times at up to 3m over hurdles last year, but pulled up all 3 starts switched to fences and connections now roll the dice with blinkers having tried the 7-y-o in a hood and cheekpieces of late.

TRAPISTA (FR) (58) 97

8 11-2 70.8kg 25FP3-24U



Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Now 7 lb below last winning mark but she was below par during the winter and has broadly performed below her best in a handful of appearances since

returning from a break in April.



**FAT SAM (28)** (CD) 96 44523-324 **11** 11-2 70.8kg





Good second at Worcester (21/2m, good) on penultimate start but wasn't in the same form over the same C&D since and losing run stretches back to July 2022.

**LET'S SAIL AWAY (44)** 

99



**6** 11-0 69.9kg

Stan Sheppard



Point winner who has shown distinct signs of temperament but improved form to get off the mark under Rules in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Market Rasen in March. Clear of the rest when runner-up on subsequent chase debut at Uttoxeter (2½m, good) and he'll be a danger to all if able to build on that.

LIMERICK LEADER (FR) (32) (CD)

98 Ø

Alison Thorpe

Tom Lacey

James Bowen

Didn't need to be at best when opening account in this sphere over C&D in June. Pulled clear of the rest with the winner when second at Stratford (19.4f, good to soft) next time and this 8-v-o has to enter calculations

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

### **BETTING FORECAST:**

7-2 Time To Bite, 4-1 Let's Sail Away, 11-2 Limerick Leader, 15-2 Theonlywayiswessex, 8-1 Aslukwoodhavit, 8-1 Magic Seven, 14-1 Fat Sam, 22-1 Trapista, 40-1 bar

# **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Irish import ASLUKWOODHAVIT has acquitted himself well off this mark here and at Uttoxeter the last twice and he gets the nod ahead of Let's Sail Away, who clearly has two ways of running but put in a good shift when runner-up on his chase debut and will be a serious player if building on that. Time To Bite came home in splendid isolation over this C&D last time and he also merits respect in this competitive contest, with Limerick Leader, Magic Seven and Theonlywayiswessex all possibles, too.

# **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. ASLUKWOODHAVIT 2. LET'S SAIL AWAY 3. TIME TO BITE

# **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024 Glynn 10-12-1 Sam Twiston-Davies 2023 Investment Manager 7-11-12 4-1 Brendan Powell Joe Tizzard

#### **SMART STATS:**