



Thursday 21st August

NEWTON ABBOT

2.10 SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2¼m110y (3720 Metres)

RACE 1 **(5) WHATYOUWAITINGFOR | (3) THREE PIKES | (4) ROADSHOW**

2.45 SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD. HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2¼m110y (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) 3¼m105y (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 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

SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD MAIDEN HURDLE (4)
4yo+ £8,500 2¼m110y (3720 Metres)




Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**


1

**KILCANDRA JVC (IRE) (28)**
4 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.

88

Adam Wedge


2

**MR MCLOUGHLAN (132)**
302- 5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Jack Jones
Some promise in bumpers for Craig Lidster, finished second of 5 in bumper at Sedgfield (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.

92

Sean Bowen


3

**THREE PIKES (38) (C)**
52-12 5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Henry Oliver
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.

98

David Noonan


4

**ROADSHOW (IRE) (38)**
34-23U3 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
Paul Nicholls
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.

96

Harry Cobden


5

**WHATYOUWAITINGFOR (IRE) (28)**
6-43222 4 11-0 | 69.9kg
Nigel & Willy 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.

100

Sam Twiston-Davies


6

**DANCING GREEN (358)**
9- 5 10-11 | 68.5kg
David Rees
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.

75

Callum Pritchard (51b/2kg)


7

**NEEDTOKNOW (IRE) (28)**
47 5 10-11 | 68.5kg
Joe Ponting
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 to find.

70

Rex Dingle

8

**YANKA BLUE (IRE) (27)**
68 4 10-7 | 66.7kg
Alison Thorpe
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.

79

Robert Dunne

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 well-backed 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:

2024	Sirekoff 5-11-4	3-1cf	David Pipe	Jack Tudor	14
2023	Wonderful Eagle 4-11-0	11-4f	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Micheal Nolan	11
2022	Herecomeshogan 5-11-4	5-2	Martin Keighley	Finn Lambert (7)	9
2021	Beholden 5-11-4	1-4f	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	7
2020 ^I	Horse Force One 9-11-0	5-4f	Philip Hobbs	Richard Johnson	9
2020 ^{II}	Celestial Force 5-11-0	13-8f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD. HANDICAP HURDLE (5)
3yo+ (Rated 0-100) £9,000 2¼m110y (3720 Metres)




Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1



SONGO (IRE) (38) (C)

73/245-P04 9 12-0 | 76.2kg

Richard Hawker


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.

h+t

96

Robert Dunne

2




STINGINHISSTEP (32) (CD)

0669-2131 6 11-11 | 74.8kg

Susan Gardner


Has improved since sent handicapping at this venue, winning twice and runner-up 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.



91

Sean Houlihan

3



WHISPERING ROYAL (IRE) (78)

3164/74-53 5 11-9 | 73.9kg


Barry Brennan

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.

96

James Best

4




CHARLIE MY BOY (IRE) (51) (CD)

88/PP78-14 8 11-9 | 73.9kg

J. R. Jenkins


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.



95

Harry Cobden

5



BEN LOMOND (IRE) (35)

743-U338 5 11-1 | 70.3kg

Daisy Hitchens


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.

s

90

Harry Reed

6



CATBOY (FR) (32)

5620-546P 5 10-13 | 69.4kg


Christian Williams

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).

89

Jack Tudor

7



BAIKAL (39) (D)

683906-41 6 10-11 | 68.5kg

Grace Harris


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.

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95

Joe Anderson (3lb/1kg)

8



COLONEL LESLEY (IRE) (32) (C)

32U25-626 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 and he's another with an each-way shout.

s

94

Brian Hughes

9




LADY HENRIETTA (35)

52966PP-4 5 10-9 | 67.6kg

Ben Pauling


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.



100

Sean Bowen

10



SQUARE DU ROULE (FR) (32)

9854-3422 5 10-8 | 67.1kg

Nigel Hawke


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 a lift if he's to shed his maiden tag this time.

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95

James Davies

11



HILL STATION (FR) (36)

996/62263 6 10-8 | 67.1kg

Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole


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.

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99

Luke Scott (5lb/2kg)

12



GREYSTOKE (124) (C)

55/598P05- 7 10-4 | 65.3kg

Jimmy Frost


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

t

91

Ben Godfrey

13



NO GUARANTEE (5)

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

Max Comley

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.

v+t

98

Freddie Mitchell (5lb/2kg)

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

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3








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



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	JUST A MEMORY (FR) (28)	64
	44/625P-57 6 12-0 76.2kg Tom Ellis 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 matters.	Jack Andrews (31lb/1kg)
2	CAVE ARTICLE (IRE) (27) (D)	95
	1331-3146 6 11-8 73.5kg 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.	Jack Tudor
3	MY GIRL KATIE (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (3) (CD)	100
	6597-4121 8 11-5 72.1kg Grace Harris 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.	Conor Ring
4	RYDER'S ROCK (72) (C)	92
	153U4P-14 7 11-4 71.7kg Joe Tizzard 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.	Freddie Gingell
5	MINI FORTUNE (IRE) (36)	94
	9443-43 8 10-7 66.7kg Thomas Faulkner Prolific winning pointer who has reached the frame in all 3 handicap chases under Rules. Could play a prominent role again.	Ben Jones
6	FIREFLY LANE (IRE) (32) (C)	96
	134033-PF 9 10-5 65.8kg 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.	Ben Godfrey
7	BLACKACRE (91)	99
	5623523-6 6 10-2 64.4kg Evan Williams 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.	Adam Wedge

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) 14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4






SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD. HANDICAP HURDLE (4)
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Pace Information: **Even**

1	MAX OF STARS (FR) (38) (CD)	98
	4664-1212 5 12-0 76.2kg	
	Ollie Pears <i>Brian Hughes</i>	
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.		
2	SERGEANT FURY (IRE) (32) (CD)	99
	38U37-111 5 11-8 73.5kg	
	Harry Derham <i>Paul O'Brien</i>	
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.		
3	BREAKING COVER (IRE) (27) (C)	96
	232F/4-11 7 11-8 73.5kg	t
	Anthony Honeyball <i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>	
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.		
4	HOPE RISING (IRE) (32)	98
	71212 4 11-3 71.2kg	
	Jamie Snowden <i>Gavin Sheehan</i>	
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.		
5	POLLING DAY (IRE) (355)	100
	F2536- 7 10-10 68.0kg	★
	Bernard Llewellyn <i>Ben Poste</i>	
Modest form over hurdles for Archie Watson in 2024. Capitalised on a much-reduced 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 Day

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 7-11-1	5-1	Anthony Charlton	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	Teqany 6-11-9	9-4jf	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

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



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	FRINGILL DIKE (IRE) (32) (CD)	b	98
	01500-256 8 12-0 76.2kg		
	Jedd O'Keeffe	Conor O'Farrell	
	Bolted up in this race 12 months ago and back to that sort of form when second 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.		
2	FINEST VIEW (32) (D, BF)	★	100
	2235-1112 8 11-9 73.9kg		
	Alan King	Tom Cannon	
	Fairly useful hurdler who comes here on a roll over fences, bumping into a back-to-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.		
3	CENTARA (IRE) (38) (CD)	t	98
	1/P536-111 7 11-5 72.1kg	✓	
	Paul Nicholls	Jay Tidball (5lb/2kg)	
	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 1½ 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.		
4	COASTGUARD STATION (IRE) (32) (D)	s	99
	544616-34 9 11-3 71.2kg		
	Henry Oliver	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 winning mark.		
5	DUKE OF LUCKLEY (IRE) (32)	v	98
	62211-167 8 11-2 70.8kg		
	Martin Keighley	James Best	
	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 pilot.		
6	JET OF DREAMS (IRE) (38) (D)	s+t	97
	32121-322 7 10-3 64.9kg	✓	
	Warren Greatrex	Harry Bannister	
	Four wins in excellent 2024/25 season and has continued the good work with a trio of placed efforts in recent months, 1½ lengths second of 5 to Centara at this C&D (good to firm) most recently. Tongue tie reapplied and likely to go well again.		

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	Fringill Dike	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:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

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



Going: **Good**

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11 **SHARE A MOMENT (IRE) (78)** 91
0/9-4 8 10-2(9-13) | 64.4kg (63.0kg)
Ryan Chapman **Mr Jack Stenhouse (71lb/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.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1	RUBYS LEGACY (48) 4/P4-2 6 12-0 76.2kg David Rees Callum Pritchard (51lb/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.	t	81
2	FINE BY ME (IRE) (28) (D) 251F8-227 8 11-13 75.7kg Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies Jamie Brace (51lb/2kg) 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.	t	98
3	FADED FANTASY (IRE) (45) 740481-41 6 11-12 75.3kg 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.	t	99
4	KARAVOMYLOS (IRE) (36) (BF) 21312/445 6 11-11 74.8kg Mickey Bowen Sean 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.	b	100
5	LELANTOS (IRE) (36) (CD) 321U7/34P 9 11-10 74.4kg Nicky Henderson James Bowen 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 to fare better back over hurdles.	s	94
6	CHIEF BLACK ROBE (IRE) (65) (C) 11142P/43 9 11-9 73.9kg Barry Brennan David Bass 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.		67
7	CANASTERO (IRE) (1204) 9 10-11 68.5kg Carroll Gray Micheal Nolan 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.		99
8	SHIBUYA SONG (45) 541673-44 6 10-11 68.5kg Richard Phillips Harry Bannister 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.	v	98
9	DANZINI (IRE) (58) 36/19353-9 9 10-9 67.6kg Keiran Burke Adam Wedge 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.	t	98
10	TESTFLIGHT (32) (C) U44PP-221 8 10-2 64.4kg Susan Gardner Tabitha Worsley (31lb/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.		86

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:
2024 **Via Dante** 7-10-1 12-1 David Pipe Jack Tudor 13
2023 **Lelantos** 7-12-0 8-1 Nicky Henderson Nico de Boinville 15
2022 **Jen's Boy** 8-12-0 15-2 Nicky Henderson Nico de Boinville 8
2021 **Aye Aye Charlie** 9-11-0 6-1 Christian Williams Jack Tudor (3) 6
2020 **Story of Friends** 6-11-8 10-3 David Pipe Tom Scudamore 7

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

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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**

TIMEFORM VIEW:
Irish import ASLUKWOODHAVIT has acquitted himself well off this mark here and at Uttoxeter the last time 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.

1		ASLUKWOODHAVIT (25) P/044-0832 9 12-2 77.1kg 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.	s+t		100	Sean Bowen
2		TIME TO BITE (IRE) (38) (CD) 7115-1F21 10 11-11 74.8kg 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.	b		98	Bryan Carver
3		MAGIC SEVEN (IRE) (28) 306-32425 7 11-11 74.8kg 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.			98	Richie McLernon
4		THEONLYWAYISWESSEX (FR) (51) (BF) 143217-23 7 11-8 73.5kg Alan King 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 more.			98	Tom Cannon
5		SCARLET O'TARA (28) 211P0-PPP 7 11-6 72.6kg Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole 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.	b		98	Luke Scott (51lb/2kg)
6		TRAPISTA (FR) (58) 25FP3-24U 8 11-2 70.8kg 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.			97	K. Brogan
7		FAT SAM (28) (CD) 44523-324 11 11-2 70.8kg Chris Down Good second at Worcester (2½m, 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.	t		96	James Davies
8		LET'S SAIL AWAY (44) 54/5991-2 6 11-0 69.9kg Tom Lacey 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.	s		99	Stan Sheppard
9		LIMERICK LEADER (FR) (32) (CD) 4433P-212 8 10-11 68.5kg Alison Thorpe 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-y-o has to enter calculations.	v		98	James Bowen

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