

Friday 21st November

# ASCOT

**12.15** SAFER GAMBLING WEEK 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (3) 2m3f63y (3880 Metres)

RACE 1 **(1) KRIPTICJIM | (3) LORIKO | (2) RECKLESS SPENDING**

**12.50** BET WITH ASCOT DONATION BOX SCHEME 'INTRODUCTORY' HURDLE (2) 1m7f157y (3160 Metres)

RACE 2 **(2) DOCTOR BLUE | (1) IDAHO SUN | (3) RED OAK**

**1.25** GET YOUR LADBROKES FREE ASCOT BET 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' BEGINNERS' CHASE (2) 2m5f13y (4240 Metres)

RACE 3 **(3) LUCKY PLACE | (2) JET TO VEGAS | (1) BEAT THE BAT**

**2.00** JOIN LADBROKES BET £5 GET £30 HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m5f13y (4240 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) ROYAL JEWEL | (1) YOUR DARLING | (2) COURTLAND**

**2.35** ASCOT PARTNERS HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 1m7f157y (3160 Metres)

RACE 5 **(3) FORTUNE DE MER | (6) MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE | (7) POET LAUREATE**

**3.10** LADBROKES BEST ODDS GUARANTEED IN RACING HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f185y (4800 Metres)

RACE 6 **(8) VISION DE MAINE | (5) MONTREGARD | (7) SAFE DESTINATION**

**3.45** LADBROKES GET REWARDED WITH LADBUCKS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (3) 1m7f157y (3160 Metres)

RACE 7 **(1) SAINT JEANNAIS | (4) HITINTHEHEADLINES | (3) DOUBLE THE DANCE**

#### 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.

**12.15****SAFER GAMBLING WEEK 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE  
(3) 4yo+ £15,000 2m3f63y (3880 Metres)**

RACE 1

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

<b>1</b>	<b>KRIPTICJIM (FR) (16)</b>		<b>100</b>
	421-2	5	11-4   71.7kg
	Joe Tizzard 	<b>Brendan Powell</b>	
	5-y-o who progressed with each outing in bumpers, staying on strongly to land 8-runner contest at Exeter (16.7f) in February. Promising start over hurdles when second to a useful one upped to 19.4f at Chepstow a fortnight and he's open to progress for in-form yard.		
<b>2</b>	<b>RECKLESS SPENDING (IRE) (192)</b>		<b>92</b>
	3	5	11-4   71.7kg
	Nicky Henderson	<b>Nico de Boinville</b>	
	Cost 200,000 gns after finishing runner-up sole in an Irish point in October 2024 and displayed ability amidst inexperience when third in a Worcester bumper in May. Winner that day successful since and he's in the right hands ahead of hurdles debut.		
<b>3</b>	<b>LORIKO (FR) (27)</b>		<b>97</b>
	232-33	4	11-3   71.2kg
	Dan Skelton 	<b>Harry Skelton</b>	
	Showed a fairly useful level of form on his hurdling bow when second at Auteuil in March. Easy to back and may have needed first run for new yard going without usual tongue tie at Uttoxeter last month and then fares about as well as could be expected when third of 5 at Cheltenham 4 weeks ago.		
<b>4</b>	<b>SEAMOON STORY (IRE)</b>		<b>84</b>
	4	11-3	71.2kg
	Charlie Longsdon	<b>David Bass</b>	
	£78,000 4-y-o. Sea Moon gelding. Half-brother to numerous winners, including very smart hurdler/top-class chaser The Storyteller. Dam fair 2m-19f hurdle winner. Runner-up sole start in Irish points during the spring.		

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

6-4 Kripticjim, 2-1 Loriko, 10-3 Reckless Spending, 12-1 Seamoon Story

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Bumper-winner KRIPTICJIM showed plenty to work on when second on hurdles debut 3 weeks ago and representing an in-form stable, improvement should be forthcoming. He's marginally preferred to Loriko, who is slightly more exposed, while Reckless Spending also warrants attention given his sales price and stable.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. KRIPTICJIM 2. LORIKO 3. RECKLESS SPENDING

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>First Confession</b> 5-11-4	10-11f Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	3
2023	<b>Beat The Bat</b> 5-11-4	6-4jf Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	10
2022	<b>Crambo</b> 5-11-4	3-1f Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace	12
2021	<b>Doctor Ken</b> 5-11-4	4-7f Oily Murphy	Aidan Coleman	6
2020	<b>Danny Kirwan</b> 7-11-0	3-1 Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**12.50****BET WITH ASCOT DONATION BOX SCHEME 'INTRODUCTORY'  
HURDLE (2) 4yo+ £30,000 1m7f157y (3160 Metres)**

RACE 2

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 IDAHO SUN (IRE) (26) (D) 93**  
116-1 5 11-7 | 73.0kg



Harry Fry

**Bryan Carver**

Stoutly bred sort made a winning start in a Newton Abbot bumper and improved when following up at Windsor in January. Progressed again when sixth in the Champion Bumper at Cheltenham, doing all his best work at the finish and he landed the odds without too much issue on last month's hurdles bow.

**2 DOCTOR BLUE (FR) (28) t ★ 100**  
153-2 5 11-2 | 70.8kg



Sam Thomas

**Dylan Johnston**

Heavily backed and overcame a troubled passage to make a winning bumper debut at Taunton a year ago. Similar form in defeat next 2 starts and already a much better hurdler, running to a high figure when second pitched into Grade 2 company at Cheltenham a month ago. Tongue tie on.

**3 RED OAK (IRE) (77) 722**  
5 11-2 | 70.8kg



James Owen

**Sean Bowen**

Similar form in a trio of Irish bumpers, runner-up at Kilbeggan the last twice. Left Cianan Murphy and joined a yard with a superb record with new recruits.

**4 GETAWHISKY (30) 140-4**  
5 10-9 | 67.6kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**

Sister to useful hurdler/smart chase winner One For Rosie and made a successful start in bumper at Carlisle. Respectable efforts at a higher level after and sure to leave level of opening fourth in this sphere well behind her.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

11-8 Doctor Blue, 6-4 Idaho Sun, 9-1 Getawhisky, 9-1 Red Oak

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A quartet to view positively with DOCTOR BLUE just about the most persuasive option on the back of a cracking second in a Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham on hurdles debut 4 weeks ago, for all the fitting of a tongue tie sounds a slight note of caution. Idaho Sun was superior to the selection in bumpers and made a winning start in this sphere, while Red Oak has joined an excellent stable.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. DOCTOR BLUE 2. IDAHO SUN 3. RED OAK

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Celtic Dino</b> 5-11-7	4-6f	Sam Thomas	Dylan Johnston	6
2023	<b>Doddiethegreat</b> 7-11-7	5-4	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	4
2022	<b>Persian Time</b> 4-11-2	3-1	Nicky Henderson	A. P. Heskin	8
2021	<b>Tweed Skirt</b> 4-10-7	11-4	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	3
2020	<b>Metier</b> 4-11-5	evsf	Harry Fry	Sean Bowen	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**1.25**

RACE 3

**GET YOUR LADBROKES FREE ASCOT BET 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' BEGINNERS' CHASE (2) 4yo+ £20,000 2m5f13y (4240 Metres)**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 BEAT THE BAT (IRE) (204) (C, BF) 84**  
212/2754-5 7 11-5 | 72.1kg



Harry Fry

**Bryan Carver**

Useful 2m3f winning hurdler here who posted another good effort when fifth of 23 in handicap hurdle at Punchestown (23.5f, good to soft) in May. Returns for his chasing bow now and can't be ruled out.

**2 JET TO VEGAS (IRE) (31) t 91**  
222114-2 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Lucinda Russell &amp; Michael Scudamore

**Derek Fox**

Easy winner sole outing in Irish points and quick to reach a useful level over hurdles last season, an impressive winner of a Kelso Grade 2 in March. Made a promising start in this sphere when second of 3 in maiden at Perth (20.1f, heavy) 31 days ago so must enter calculations.

**3 LUCKY PLACE (FR) (209) (C) ★ 100**  
1224/1174- 6 11-5 | 72.1kg



Nicky Henderson

**Nico de Boinville**

Made into a smart hurdler last term when bagging Grade 2s here and in the Relkeel Hurdle at Cheltenham. Starts out over fences now and has the potential to take very high rank in the novice chasing division.

**4 THOMAS MOR (IRE) (253) (C, D) 86**  
140- 8 11-5 | 72.1kg



Philip Hobbs &amp; Johnson White

**Ben Jones**

Useful hurdler who made a winning start for his current yard at Wincanton (3m) last December but signed off with a below-form fifteenth in Pertemps at Cheltenham. Also came in a well-held fourth at Doncaster on his chasing bow but remains with potential in this sphere.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

6-5 Lucky Place, 11-4 Jet To Vegas, 9-2 Thomas Mor, 7-1 Beat The Bat

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

LUCKY PLACE brings considerable potential to the novice chasing ranks and last year's Relkeel Hurdle victor is taken to make a winning start in this sphere. Jet To Vegas, no slouch over hurdles either, shaped well when runner-up on his fencing bow at Perth last month and should ensure Nicky Henderson's smart sort doesn't have things all his own way.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. LUCKY PLACE 2. JET TO VEGAS 3. BEAT THE BAT

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.00****JOIN LADBROKES BET £5 GET £30 HANDICAP CHASE (2)  
4yo+ (Rated 0-145) £35,000 2m5f13y (4240 Metres)****RACE 4**Going: **Good to Soft (Good in places)**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

**1 YOUR DARLING (IRE) (544) (CD) 99**  
91P/1- 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Ben Pauling

**Ben Jones**

Sometimes flounders when it comes to the crunch, but boasts a good record fresh and is 2-2 at Ascot, having won this race in both 2022 and 2023. Better than ever when scoring at Uttoxeter (2½m, soft) during the spring and while this 5 lb higher mark demands more, he is a big player nonetheless.

**2 COURTLAND (IRE) (12) (D, BF) 98**  
10/3232U2 10 11-6 | 72.6kg



Mickey Bowen

**Sean Bowen**

Fine record over fences, winning 7 and placed half-a-dozen times from 21 starts in this sphere. Put his Ascot tumble at the beginning of this month behind him when just touched off in a 4-runner contest at Sandown (24.2f, good) recently and should make his presence felt off the same mark.

**3 ROYAL JEWEL (IRE) (23) (D) 100**  
2533123-1 6 11-1 | 70.3kg



Philip Hobbs &amp; Johnson White

**Callum Pritchard (5lb/2kg)**

Opened chase account at Chepstow (2m, heavy) in January and silenced any doubters in respect of his stamina when landing a 21f Newton Abbot handicap last month. Gone up 8 lb, but he could have more to offer now back a right-hand track, given his tendency to jump in that direction.

**4 NEON MOON (IRE) (20) (D) 99**  
313624-45 9 11-1 | 70.3kg



David Pipe

**Harry Cobden**

Landed a gamble at Chepstow on second run of 2024/25 campaign and followed that with a fine third in the valuable Sodexo Live! Gold Cup over 3m here last November. Not quite in the same form since, but reappearance fifth of 12 in this season's renewal of that Grade 3 handicap was pretty encouraging.

**5 LORD BADDESLEY (IRE) (15) 98**  
274/6483-1 10 11-0 | 69.9kg



Anthony Honeyball

**Rex Dingle**

Ended losing run on the back of a wind up when easily landing a 3-runner event at Newbury (19.8f, good) on his recent seasonal reappearance. Remains feasibly treated up 7 lb, but it's a slight concern that all 5 of his career wins (and his best performances in general) have come on left-hand tracks.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Your Darling, **10-3** Royal Jewel, **7-2** Lord Baddesley, **9-2** Courtland, **13-2** Neon Moon

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

The one with the most appealing profile is ROYAL JEWEL, who didn't convince with his stamina for this trip at Newton Abbot during the spring, but it was a different story back there on his reappearance last month when the 6-y-o produced a career-best to take an 11-runner handicap in decisive fashion. The return to a right-hand track will be in his favour and he gets the nod ahead of Your Darling, a dual previous winner of this race, and the consistent Courtland.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. ROYAL JEWEL 2. YOUR DARLING 3. COURTLAND**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Gemirande</b> 8-10-12	10-3	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	7
2023	<b>Your Darling</b> 8-11-1	11-4f	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	8
2022	<b>Your Darling</b> 7-10-6	10-3f	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	13
2021	<b>Pink Legend</b> 7-10-13	15-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	8
2020	<b>Espoir de Guye</b> 6-11-12	5-2f	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	9

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**2.35**

**ASCOT PARTNERS HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-140) £30,650 1m7f157y (3160 Metres)**

RACE 5



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

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Pace Information: **Strong**

**1 MANUELITO (34) (D) 92**

1/1P7219-1 5 12-0 | 76.2kg  
 Philip Hobbs & Johnson White **Ben Jones**  
 Gained a first success for current yard when making all at Newbury in March. Well held at Aintree next time, but after 7 months off he resumed his progress back under front-running tactics when winning at Newton Abbot in October. More needed in this contest.

**2 GEORGE'S LAD (IRE) (29) 94**

5221F-3 5 11-12 | 75.3kg  
 Emma Lavelle **Harry Cobden**  
 Comfortable winner of a Doncaster maiden (19.4f) in January and would have hit the frame on handicap debut but for falling at the last at Sandown in March. Looked rusty when third at Fontwell (19.1f) on return, so he could be in the mix with recent run behind him.

**3 FORTUNE DE MER (IRE) (28) h ★ 100**

2140-31 5 11-8 | 73.5kg  
 Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton**  
 Useful bumper winner last term and, in first-time hood, was much improved from seasonal/hurdling debut when leading close home in Grade 2 Sharp Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham in October. Major player with further progress to come as he goes handicapping.

**4 HARDY DU SEUIL (FR) (185) (D, BF) s 97**

3P8/2503-3 8 11-7 | 73.0kg  
 Jamie Snowden **Isabelle Ryder (71b/3kg)**  
 Returned as good as ever last season when runner-up at Carlisle and fifth in valuable 14-runner event at Windsor (both at around 16f). However, below form last 3 starts, third of 4 at Hexham (20.1f) on final outing in May. Cheekpieces now reapplied after a break.

**5 TRUSTINTIMES (160) (D) 90**

251-11 4 11-3 | 71.2kg  
 Harry Fry **Bryan Carver**  
 Bumper winner at the third attempt and successful at Uttoxeter both starts over hurdles, defying a penalty when landing the odds in 9-runner novice in June. Has something to find now handicapping, though further progress isn't ruled out as he bids for a 4-timer.

**6 MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE (IRE) (20) (D) v ✓ 98**

R436U4-23 8 11-2 | 70.8kg  
 Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies **Sam Twiston-Davies**  
 Without a win since successful over fences on last season's return, but has made the frame over hurdles on last 3 starts. Form of his third at this C&D 20 days ago has been boosted since and he can make his presence felt once again.

**7 POET LAUREATE (FR) (18) (D) 93**

31 5 10-13 | 69.4kg  
 Chris Gordon **Freddie Gordon (31b/1kg)**  
 Third on last of 4 starts in points and encouraging third in 15-runner novice at Worcester on hurdling debut in October. Easily opened his account at Plumpton 18 days ago and remains capable of better as he goes handicapping, with a right-handed track promising to suit.

**8 INNER SUCCESS (FR) (86) h 95**

17-432 4 10-12 | 68.9kg  
 M. Seror, France **Bryony Frost**  
 Fairly useful on Flat in Ireland and similar form over hurdles since moving to France, winning juvenile event at Strasbourg in March. Has made the frame in 3 of 4 starts since, runner-up on handicap debut at Clairefontaine (17.9f) on latest outing in August.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**5-2** Fortune De Mer, **11-2** Manuelito, **13-2** Trustintimes, **7-1** George's Lad, **8-1** Moveit Like Minnie, **8-1** Poet Laureate, **11-1** Inner Success, **16-1** Hardy Du Seuil

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FORTUNE DE MER left his hurdling debut form behind when winning a Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham last month and, with better still to come, he is taken to follow up on his handicap bow. Moveit Like Minnie ran well when third behind the subsequent Greatwood winner at this C&D 20 days ago and is next on the list, ahead of Poet Laureate who represents last year's winning yard.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. FORTUNE DE MER 2. MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE 3. POET LAUREATE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Aucunrisque</b> 8-11-8	9-1	Chris Gordon	Freddie Gordon (5)	9
2023	<b>Gin Coco</b> 7-11-8	11-8f	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	6
2022	<b>Monviel</b> 5-10-4	15-2	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	9
2021	<b>Captain Morgs</b> 5-10-11	7-4f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	9
2020	<b>Buzz</b> 6-11-11	evsf	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

**LADBROKES BEST ODDS GUARANTEED IN RACING  
HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £15,650  
2m7f185y (4800 Metres)**



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Pace Information: **Even**

**1 JUBILANT (FR) (33) 97**

535-13133 6 12-0 | 76.2kg



James Owen

**Sean Bowen**

Bagged a second handicap chase win this season at Worcester in July. Respectable third of 6 at Kempton (3m, good to firm) 33 days ago. Merits consideration.

**2 THE BOOLA BOSS (IRE) (41) (D) 95**

130P311-4 9 11-13 | 75.7kg



Rebecca Curtis

**Bryony Frost**

Ended last season with good-ground wins at Newbury and Chepstow. Looked rusty when below-form fourth on Chepstow reappearance but could be sharper now.

**3 AWAYTHELAD (IRE) (28) (D) 96**

7/34P214-P 8 11-12 | 75.3kg



Ben Pauling

**Ben Jones**

Came good over fences in a 3m Southwell handicap on good in March. Weakened quickly 3 out on last month's Cheltenham reappearance, leaving the impression the outing was needed. Should last longer this time.

**4 MASTERS LEGACY (IRE) (337) (D) 96**

7UP- 10 11-12 | 75.3kg



Philip Hobbs & Johnson White

**Callum Pritchard (5lb/2kg)**

Chase debut winner at Exeter in November 2022 but more miss than hit since and pulled up back at Exeter when last seen 11 months ago.

**5 MONTREGARD (FR) (199) (D) 98**

1/3613PP-1 6 11-10 | 74.4kg



Tom Lacey

**Richie McLernon**

Reacted well to a first-time visor when back to winning ways at Worcester (23f, good to soft) in May. Had a next-time-out winner back in second and a 6 lb rise looks more than fair. Big player if fully tuned after his break.

**6 MUSKOKA (IRE) (33) 95**

331432-U4 7 11-9 | 73.9kg



Emma Lavelle

**Rex Dingle**

Opened his account at Hereford (25f, soft) last December but often let down by his jumping since. Did manage to avoid mistakes on last month's Kempton reappearance but he was below par in a remote fourth. Visored first time.

**7 SAFE DESTINATION (33) (D, BF) 96**

11224-312 7 11-4 | 71.7kg



Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Reliable sort who readily landed conditional jockeys' handicap at Chepstow last month. Second at Kempton (3m) the following week and should give another good account for a stable among the winners.

**8 VISION DE MAINE (FR) (284) (D, BF) 100**

07/112P34- 6 11-3 | 71.2kg



David Pipe

**Harry Cobden**

Irish point winner who won his first 2 chases last season. Showed even better form in defeat later in the campaign and, still lightly raced, it's possible he could have more to offer this time round. Harry Cobden a good booking, too.

**9 ALL AUTHORIZED (FR) (214) 91**

42231/631- 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Gary & Josh Moore

**Caoilin Quinn**

Reacted well to a first-time tongue tie (retained) when scoring over hurdles at Plumpton in April. Below that level in 2 chase starts prior to that but it's too soon to suggest he won't make the grade over fences. First start for 7 months.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**10-3** Montregard, **5-1** All Authorized, **13-2** Safe Destination, **15-2** Vision De Maine, **15-2** Jubilant, **10-1** Muskoka, **11-1** The Boola Boss, **14-1** Awaythelad, **25-1** Masters Legacy

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

VISION DE MAINE's solid first campaign over fences included a win on reappearance, which suggests he could be ready to roll on this seasonal return. Montregard reacted well to a visor when scoring at Worcester when last seen in May and will be a threat if resuming in similar form. Safe Destination is next on the list for the in-form Twiston-Davies stable.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. VISION DE MAINE 2. MONTREGARD 3. SAFE DESTINATION**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Law of Supply</b> 6-11-7	5-2f	Kim Bailey	Jonathan Burke	10
2023	<b>Hold That Taught</b> 8-10-13	7-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	9
2022	<b>Larry</b> 9-11-6	13-2	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	9
2021	<b>Kapga de Lily</b> 8-10-12	13-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	6
2020	<b>Quarenta</b> 8-11-12	10-1	Jonjo O'Neill	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	11

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race

**3.45**

RACE 7

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

**1 SAINT JEANNAIS (FR) (30) (D)** **100**  
1 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Nigel &amp; Willy Twiston-Davies

**Sam Twiston-Davies**

Looked potentially smart when quickening clear for an impressive win in a Worcester bumper last month. Looks up to defying a penalty.

**2 DINO MOON (FR)** **86**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Evan Williams

**Isabel Williams**

€30,000 Doctor Dino colt. Half-brother to 2 winners, including fairly useful hurdler Ito Ditto. Stable not a regular source of first-time-out bumper winners.

**3 DOUBLE THE DANCE (IRE)** **87**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Gary &amp; Josh Moore

**Caolin Quinn**

€100,000 purchase after winning his completed start in Irish points. Interesting contender, particularly if the betting vibes are strong.

**4 HITINTHEHEADLINES (IRE)** **94**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Dan Skelton

**Harry Skelton**

Easily won sole Irish point in February and has switched to Dan Skelton for his Rules career. Likely type.

**5 MR WINTER (IRE)** **79**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Chris Honour

**Bryan Carver**

€28,000 Marcel gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler Ahead of The Posse. Stable 1-22 in bumpers in the last 5 seasons. Probably best watched.

**6 SECRET SNIPER (335) (BF)** **90**  
32- 4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Hughie Morrison

**Sean Bowen**

Brother to connections' useful performer Secret Squirrel and showed up well when placed in bumpers at Exeter and Hereford at the end of 2024. However, he returns in what could be a warm race and will need improvement to win.

**7 THE WALK (IRE)** **86**  
4 11-2 | 70.8kg



Joe Tizzard

**Brendan Powell**

€70,000 Walk In The Park gelding. Dam unraced half-sister to Cheltenham Gold Cup winner (stayed 4m) Native River. Check the betting for in-form yard.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**7-4** Saint Jeannais, **3-1** Hitintheheadlines, **11-2** Secret Sniper, **9-1** Double The Dance, **11-1** The Walk, **12-1** Dino Moon, **50-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SAINT JEANNAIS created a really good impression on last month's Worcester debut and looks up to defying a penalty, although Irish point winners Hitintheheadlines and Double The Dance would rate possible threats if the betting speaks in their favour.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. SAINT JEANNAIS 2. HITINTHEHEADLINES 3. DOUBLE THE DANCE**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	<b>Kdeux Saint Fray</b>	4-11-2	7-2	Anthony Honeyball	Jonathan Burke	6
2023	<b>Regent's Stroll</b>	4-11-2	7-4f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6

**SMART STATS:**

No Smart Stats available for this race