

12.40 TRUSTATRADER trustatrader.com JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(3) RAKKI | (2) JUSTICE ROLL | (5) OUR LIL**
1.15 TRUSTATRADER FOR TRADESPEOPLE YOU CAN TRUST NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m3f (3820 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(1) ASIAN STAR | (3) THE LONG POINT | (5) BREDON HILL**
1.50 STAN MELLOR MEMORIAL BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 2½m (4020 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(2) RAMBO T | (1) KINTAIL | (3) SKYCUTTER**
2.25 TRUSTATRADER APPROVED & REVIEWED TRADESPEOPLE HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m (3220 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(2) IONTACH CHEVAL | (1) RED WINDSOR | (7) EZ TIGER**
3.00 JETS RICHARD DAVIS AWARDS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2½m (4020 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(7) I'M RAVENOUS | (2) YES DAY | (6) GOD'S OWN GETAWAY**
3.35 TRUSTATRADER APPLY TODAY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m5f (4220 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(6) GETALEAD | (3) GRIS MAJEUR | (7) BABY SAGE**
4.10 TRUSTATRADER FULLY VETTED TRADESPEOPLE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m1f100y (5120 Metres)

 RACE 7 **(5) TOUCHWOOD EXPRESS | (6) JONY MAX | (2) FELTON BELLEVUE**
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







TRUSTATRADER trustatrader.com JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 3yo £6,500 2m (3220 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1	CHARACTER TESTING (44)	87
	33 Tom Ellis Fair on the Flat up to 10f for Tom Clover. Left that yard for £9,000 and not at that level both starts over hurdles, despite finishing third in each occasion. Has the run of the race at Plumpton and he looks vulnerable.	Miss Gina Andrews
2	JUSTICE ROLL (16)	95
	3 Gary & Josh Moore Fair on the Flat in France, winning a 13f maiden at Chateaubriant (good to soft) in June. Sound start to hurdles career when third at Kempton a fortnight ago and he's expected to build on that.	Caoilin Quinn (3lb/1kg)
3	RAKKI (24)	100
	3 Alan King Fairly useful maiden on the Flat (stays 1¼m) but looks up to winning races over hurdles judged on his promising third-place finish at Chepstow 3 weeks ago. Improvement forthcoming and the one to beat.	Tom Cannon
4	FLOWERING (IRE)	
	3 Dan Skelton Fair maiden handicapper on Flat (stays 1½m), rare poor effort last time. Sold from Charlie Johnston 15,000 gns in May and joined another successful yard. Cheekpieces removed for hurdles debut.	Tristan Durrell (3lb/1kg)
5	OUR LIL (BF)	
	3 Dan Skelton Fair maiden on Flat (stays 1½m), runner-up in handicaps twice in 2024 for John Patrick Murtagh. Interesting hurdling newcomer (presumably the choice of Harry Skelton). Headgear off.	Harry Skelton
6	SCOTTIE'S SISTER (GER) (27) (BF)	95
	73422 Nigel Twiston-Davies Brace of runner-up efforts in recent weeks entitle her to respect but there's no reason to think she's much better than her current level.	Jamie Brace (7lb/3kg)

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Rakki, 4-1 Justice Roll, 5-1 Our Lil, 11-2 Scottie's Sister, 14-1 Flowering, 16-1 Character Testing

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RAKKI has failed to win on the Flat so far but the wait shouldn't be too long over hurdles given the promise he displayed at Chepstow on his first crack over obstacles 3 weeks ago. Justice Roll also showed plenty to work on, while the market may help assess the Dan Skelton-trained pair.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RAKKI 2. JUSTICE ROLL 3. OUR LIL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Salver** 3-11-0 9-1 Gary Moore Jamie Moore 9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

TRUSTATRADER FOR TRADESPEOPLE YOU CAN TRUST
NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £6,500 2m3f (3820 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	ASIAN STAR (IRE) (13)	★	100
	5-331 5 11-0 69.9kg		
	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	
	Promise in bumpers and left hurdling debut form well behind when winning 9-runner novice at Southwell (15.8f, good) 13 days ago, plenty in hand. Sure to go on to better things and looks up to defying a penalty.		
2	LORD OF THE GLANCE (18)		75
	06-U 5 11-0 69.9kg		
	Alex Hales	Bryan Carver	
	Needed experience in bumpers and hampered and unseated first on recent Fakenham hurdling.		
3	THE LONG POINT (IRE) (180)		92
	1 5 11-0 69.9kg		
	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	
	£60,000 Kingston Hill gelding. Finished third sole start in Irish points and looks a good prospect when justifying support in 8-runner bumper at Huntingdon (15.8f) in May. Interesting hurdling debutant.		
4	TONY'S TIPPLE (IRE)		76
	5 11-0 69.9kg		
	Tom Ellis	Miss Gina Andrews	
	Golden Lariat gelding. Dam tailed off in 2 bumpers. Makes very little appeal on paper.		
5	BREDON HILL (IRE) (30)		81
	84-2 4 10-13 69.4kg		
	Nigel Twiston-Davies	James Turner (71b/3kg)	
	Has shaped with some encouragement in a pair of bumpers/Utttoxeter novice hurdle (19.9f). May do better.		
6	EARCOMESSUE (17)	t	70
	35/PP 7 10-7 66.7kg		
	Peter Pritchard	James Davies	
	Bit of promise in bumpers but has been pulled up both starts over hurdles back from a long absence.		
7	RED PANDA (13)	h	77
	06-35 5 10-7 66.7kg		
	Charlie Longsdon	Lilly Pinchin	
	Down the field in bumpers and, whilst she's offered a bit more both starts over hurdles, she looks one for handicaps after this run.		

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens Asian Star, 15-8 The Long Point, 7-1 Bredon Hill, 22-1 Red Panda, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

ASIAN STAR was value for plenty extra over the result when scoring at Southwell 13 days and looks up to defying a penalty on that evidence. The Long Point created a good impression in his sole bumper and is an obvious threat on this switch to hurdling.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ASIAN STAR 2. THE LONG POINT 3. BREDON HILL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2023	Personal Ambition	4-10-13	12-1 Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods 12
2022	Gunnery Officer	6-11-0	4-1 Stuart Edmunds	Charlie Hammond 12
2021	Blue Stello	5-10-12	3-1 Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville 11
2020	Bothwell Bridge	5-10-12	30-100f Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville 12
2019	Espoir de Romay	5-10-12	7-1 Kim Bailey	Ned Curtis (3) 13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

STAN MELLOR MEMORIAL BEGINNERS' CHASE (3) 4yo+
£18,000 2½m (4020 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	KINTAIL (289) (C)	85
	2/1145- 5 11-5 72.1kg Nicky Henderson <i>Nico de Boinville</i> Bumper and hurdles winner here, making a successful return/hurdles debut at this meeting last year. Not so good in handicap final start but the type to do well now chasing over this sort of trip.	
2	RAMBO T (IRE) (30) (D)	100
	1361981-2 7 11-5 72.1kg Olly Murphy <i>Sean Bowen</i> Developed into a useful hurdler last season, winning 3 times at around this trip. Encouraging start in this sphere after 5 months off at Uttoxeter (2m), mistakes but just failing. Entitled to improve and return to this longer distance will suit.	
3	SKYCUTTER (FR) (207)	83
	24130- 6 11-5 72.1kg Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i> Useful Flat performer and back in good form in handicap hurdles for new yard last term, winning at Carlisle. Lightly raced over this trip and no surprise if he develops into an even better chaser.	

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-5 Rambo T, 3-1 Kintail, 7-2 Skycutter

TIMEFORM VIEW:

RAMBO T made an encouraging chasing debut at Uttoxeter and with improvement expected back up in trip, he looks the one to beat, for all Kintail and Skycutter should both make their mark over fences for their leading stables.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. RAMBO T 2. KINTAIL 3. SKYCUTTER

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4













TRUSTATRADER APPROVED & REVIEWED TRADESPEOPLE
HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3yo+ (Rated 0-105) £7,000 2m
(3220 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Pace Information: **Even**

1	RED WINDSOR (IRE) (32)	s	98
	3/42PP08-3 7 12-0 76.2kg Chris Gordon Fairly useful hurdler at his best. Lost his way last season but more encouraging signs when third of 10 on 19f Fontwell reappearance 32 days ago. May come on for the run and dangerously well treated if reacting well to first-time cheekpieces.	Freddie Gordon (5lb/2kg)	
2	IONTACH CHEVAL (251) (CD)		100
	18/39P5- 8 12-0 76.2kg Alastair Ralph Made a successful reappearance in this race 2 years ago. Hasn't hit the same heights in quite a light career since but returns from 8 months off with the Alastair Ralph stable in flying form.	Jonathan Burke	
3	DEFINITE DREAM (IRE) (26)	t	93
	3423 6 11-9 73.9kg Denis Coakley Has reached the frame in 4 novice/maiden hurdles this summer. Has an unexposed profile now handicapping but shaped last time as if she may benefit from a return to 2½m as opposed to a sharp 2m.	Brendan Powell	
4	ROYAL DEESIDE (15)		97
	62323-5 4 11-8 73.5kg Alan King  In good hands but no better than modest form over hurdles so far, albeit he is entitled to be sharper for a recent Plumpton outing after 6 months off.	Tom Cannon	
5	KOLISI (IRE) (510) (D)	s+t	93
	224384/22- 6 11-8 73.5kg David Pipe Runner-up twice in 2m handicap hurdles in June 2023 but not seen again until well held on the Flat at Salisbury last month. That should have blown away a few cobwebs but would still need to see market support to consider.	Jack Tudor	
6	JO'S RAINBOW (IRE) (26)	t	94
	073447 4 11-4 71.7kg Dan Skelton  Fair Flat winner but had yet to better modest form over hurdles, disappointing when seventh of 18 at Exeter last time. Can't be discounted given who trains her but others arrive with more pressing claims.	Harry Skelton	
7	EZ TIGER (IRE) (15) (D)	t	97
	12F46-153 7 10-13 69.4kg Alex Hales Back to winning ways at Plumpton (2m) in May and made a creditable return from 5 months off when third of 15 there a fortnight ago. Ought to be very competitive from an unchanged mark.	Bryan Carver	
8	PACIFIC (22)		95
	05-723 5 10-11 68.5kg Martin Keighley Made a sound start to her handicap career when 9 lengths third on 2½m Hereford handicap debut 3 weeks ago. Down in trip. Another who can't be discounted.	James Best	
9	ONNAROLL (FR) (13)	h+t	90
	4P368-7FP 6 10-2(9-9) 64.4kg (61.2kg) Cynthia Woods Poor maiden who is easy to oppose from out of the handicap.	Philip Armson (3lb/1kg)	

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Iontach Cheval, 5-1 Ez Tiger, 6-1 Definite Dream, 13-2 Royal Deeside, 7-1 Red Windsor, 8-1 Pacific, 10-1 Jo's Rainbow, 10-1 Kolisi, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

With the Alastair Ralph stable going so well it's worth chancing IONTACH CHEVAL, who made a successful reappearance in this race 2 years ago from an 8 lb higher mark. Red Windsor will be a threat if building on quite an encouraging return to action at Fontwell. Ez Tiger is also respected on the back of his latest third in a big field at Plumpton.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. IONTACH CHEVAL 2. RED WINDSOR 3. EZ TIGER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023	Tarahumara	7-12-2	13-2	Emma Lavelle	Tom Bellamy	17
2022	Iontach Cheval	6-11-9	12-1	Alastair Ralph	Jonathan Burke	12
2021	Opening Bid	6-11-12	5-1	Chris Down	Tom Scudamore	8
2020	Kannapolis	5-11-10	10-3	Toby Lawes	Tom Cannon	13
2019	Mack The Man	5-11-12	11-1	Evan Williams	Adam Wedge	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 5

JETS RICHARD DAVIS AWARDS HANDICAP CHASE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-120) £10,250 2½m (4020 Metres)



Going: Good				
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Pace Information: Very Weak				
1	NORTHERN BOUND (IRE) (75) (CD)	s		97
54342-304 10 12-0 76.2kg				
Ben Pauling <i>Callum Pritchard</i> (10lb/5kg)				
Winless since 2022 but he was placed at Chepstow and Aintree this spring. Well held both starts in the summer, however, so needs to bounce back.				
2	YES DAY (IRE) (222) (D)			98
3/135237- 6 12-0 76.2kg				
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill <i>Jonjo O'Neill Jr.</i>				
Shaped as if amiss on his final start last season but had a good campaign over hurdles otherwise. Will make a chaser (won sole outing in Irish points) so claims can certainly be made.				
3	CHARLES RITZ (174) (D)			89
642/1636-P 8 11-12 75.3kg				
Tom George <i>Jonathan Burke</i>				
Low-mileage 8-y-o who tasted success over hurdles and improved when opening his chase at Exeter (19.2f, heavy) on return on New Year's Day. However, gone backwards since so something to prove on comeback.				
4	BAGHEERA GINGE (50) (CD)	s		98
412-2PP25 6 11-12 75.3kg				
Nigel Twiston-Davies <i>Mr Jamie Neild</i> (7lb/3kg)				
Opened chase account at Warwick a year ago. Mixed record since but went close at Newton Abbot. Let down by jumping at Worcester next time but not dismissed for in-form yard.				
5	IMAC WOOD (FR) (38) (D)	t		98
131P-6613 6 11-8 73.5kg				
Deborah Cole <i>Chris Ward</i> (3lb/1kg)				
Back on the scoresheet when accounting for 5 rivals in a 2½m Uttoxeter handicap chase (soft) in July. Stamina seemingly stretched upped to 21.4f at Market Rasen back from a 10-week break last month and better expected now.				
6	GOD'S OWN GETAWAY (IRE) (16) (D)	t		100
431-21254 6 11-8 73.5kg				
Dan Skelton <i>Harry Skelton</i>				
Low-mileage 6-y-o who has already won twice over fences. Excuses both starts last month after 4 months off so not taken lightly with tongue strap applied.				
7	I'M RAVENOUS (FR) (35) (D)	t		98
4/42-31 6 11-7 73.0kg				
Ben Pauling <i>Ben Jones</i>				
Strong in the betting after 10 weeks off and got off the mark over hurdles at the fourth attempt in Sedgefield maiden over this trip last month, knocking down well. Quickly switches to chasing and this expensive point winner is very interesting on handicap bow.				
8	FAT SAM (42) (CD)	t		95
56-774452 10 11-3 71.2kg				
Chris Down <i>James Davies</i>				
Four-time chase winner who came close to ending his losing run from a slipping mark at Fontwell 6 weeks ago. Up 4 lb in better race now, though. Tongue strap on 1st time.				
9	MANINSANE (IRE) (28) (D)	s+t		97
2463P86-2 9 10-13 69.4kg				
Charlie Longsdon <i>Lilly Pinchin</i>				
Dual winner in first campaign over fences but not so consistent last term. Enhanced good record fresh when second at Huntingdon but remains to be seen if he's able to build on that.				

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 I'm Ravenous, 6-1 God's Own Getaway, 6-1 Imac Wood, 7-1 Yes Day, 15-2 Fat Sam, 8-1 Bagheera Ginge, 17-2 Maninsane, 16-1 Charles Ritz, 18-1 Northern Bound

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The 2 chasing newcomers I'M RAVENOUS and Yes Day look very interesting here with narrow preference for the race-fit I'm Ravenous. God's Own Getaway has had excuses of late so is another to consider for the Skeltons.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. I'M RAVENOUS 2. YES DAY 3. GOD'S OWN GETAWAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 **Pepe Le Moko** 5-11-1 7-1 Mrs Jane Williams David Noonan 13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

TRUSTATRADER APPLY TODAY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 4yo+
(Rated 0-115) £9,000 2m5f (4220 Metres)



Going: Good			
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Pace Information: Weak			
1	DORRELLS PIERJI (FR) (26) (D) 112/57F 11 12-0 76.2kg Dean Summersby Veteran who scored twice over hurdles Dan Skelton in 2022. Won 5 times in points between April and June this year but limited impact back under Rules in recent months and it's easy enough to look elsewhere.	Bryan Carver	97
2	KEPAGGE (IRE) (14) (D) 1/3346-829 10 12-0 76.2kg David Pipe Good record at Ffos Las and bounced back to form when runner-up there at the end of May. However, his recent reappearance spin at Exeter wasn't underwhelming, even allowing for the fact that it was his first outing for 5 months.	Jack Tudor	97
3	GRIS MAJEUR (FR) (22) (D) 108P62/71 7 11-12 75.3kg Sheila Lewis Resumed winning ways when landing an 8-runner Hereford handicap (21.7f, good) last month. Remains feasibly treated following a 6 lb rise and he has to enter calculations.	Sean Bowen	98
4	SHANTOU EXPRESS (IRE) (19) (D) 368976-P6 9 11-11 74.8kg Kim Bailey Bagged a small-field Stratford handicap (26.4f, good) last season but hasn't fired since, including when down the field on return following another round of wind surgery at Wincanton 19 days ago.	Tom Bellamy	95
5	MINELLA DOUBLE (IRE) (33) 3P4-39145 6 11-10 74.4kg Rob Summers Surprise winner of a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Worcester (2½m, good) on second start for this yard in August. Not in the same form since, though, and he's likely to find a few too good once more.	James Best	97
6	GETALEAD (IRE) (9) (CD) 566/754-P1 8 11-9 73.9kg Kevin Pickard Came good at the fifth attempt for this yard under Gearoid Harney at Wincanton (15.2f, good) recently. Escapes a penalty for that and, with this step back up in trip unlikely to pose any problems, he's a must for the shortlist.	Gearoid Harney (71b/3kg)	100
7	BABY SAGE (321) (C) 10/U23- 6 11-6 72.6kg Alan King Looked good when winning a bumper here on debut in February 2023 and placed both completed starts since switched to hurdles. Absent for 10 months ahead of this handicap debut but she's in good hands and unexposed, so there is cause for optimism.	Tom Cannon	95
8	GUSTOSO (26) (D) 464P913-8 5 11-5 72.1kg Henry Daly Much-improved when opening his account in first-time cheekpieces at Huntingdon in April. Backed it up with a good third at Perth later that month and while he failed to beat a rival home on last month's return at Exeter, he went without cheekpieces there (now refitted) and probably needed the run.	Jonathan Burke	97
9	ILICO DE MONTAVE (FR) (176) 05447-5 6 10-5 65.8kg Rosemary Gasson Unplaced in sole point but displayed some ability in 2 bumpers for Tom Weston before Christmas and likewise when reaching the frame in a pair of 2m novice hurdles for Rosemary Gasson. However, he took backward steps switched to handicaps during the spring.	Ben Poste	96

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Getalead, 4-1 Gris Majeur, 11-2 Baby Sage, 15-2 Gustoso, 8-1 Shantou Express, 12-1 Kepagge, 22-1 Minella Double, 28-1 Dorrells Pierji, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Last-time-out winners GETALEAD and Gris Majeur could be the pair to concentrate on, with ready preference for the former who escapes a penalty for this recent Wincanton success under Gearoid Harney and moving back up in trip here will, if anything, probably be a good thing. The unexposed Baby Sage and Gustoso can do battle for minor honours.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GETALEAD 2. GRIS MAJEUR 3. BABY SAGE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 Benign Dictator 6-12-2 10-1 Olly Murphy Dylan Johnston (7) 14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

TRUSTATRADER FULLY VETTED TRADESPEOPLE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £7,500 3m1f100y (5120 Metres)



Going: Good

10 DECLARED RUNNERS


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Pace Information: Weak

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MARETTIMO (IRE) (20)

P451/32-4P 10 12-0 | 76.2kg



Bill Turner

Fair handicap chaser who shaped as if retaining his ability after 17 months off when fourth at Fontwell (26f) last month. Heavy ground may have caught him out when pulled up at Worcester (23f, heavy) 3 weeks ago and sounder surface here in his favour from steadily easing mark.


Harry Kimber

93

2

FELTON BELLEVUE (FR) (20) (D)

2422314-4 9 11-11 | 74.8kg



Ben Case

Generally reliable and gained a deserved first win for over 2 years at Southwell in March. Respectable efforts both starts since, latterly after 6 months when fourth of 14 in handicap chase at Worcester (23f, heavy) 20 days ago. Respected.


Harry Bannister

99

3

MY BAD LUCY (205) (C)

536141/6P- 8 11-8 | 73.5kg



Nick Gifford

Improved sent chasing in 2022/23, winning twice at 3m. However, well held confined to just 2 starts last term and the betting may well prove a useful guide on this return from 6 months off.


James Davies

86

4

TWILIGHT GLORY (195)

3P/5P116P- 8 11-7 | 73.0kg



Tim Vaughan

Won back-to-back handicap chases earlier this year but struggled to get anywhere near that level on final 2 starts, pulled up in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (24f, heavy) in April. Possible this run will bring him on returning from 6 months off.


Alan Johns

96

5

TOUCHWOODEXPRESS (IRE) (28)

36-491 5 11-6 | 72.6kg



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Successful on sole outing in points and, with cheekpieces enlisted, he improved on his exploits over hurdles when making a winning handicap chase debut at Huntingdon (23.6f) 4 weeks ago. Totally unexposed and big shout up 7 lb in follow-up bid.


Tom Bellamy

98

6

JONY MAX (IRE) (19) (D)

70009872 9 11-2 | 70.8kg



Christian Williams

Tumbled down the weights since returning in the spring and travelled much more sweetly with blinkers enlisted when second of 9 in handicap chase at Wincanton (25.1f, good) 19 days ago. Worth considering from 1 lb higher in the hope the headgear has desired effect again.


Jack Tudor

100

7

EVEN BREAK (IRE) (100)

60/7-P 6 10-13 | 69.4kg



Rosemary Gasson

Unplaced sole start in Irish points and little to shout about in bumper/4 starts over hurdles, the latest after 15 months off when pulled up in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (19.9f, good to firm) in July. Goes chasing now following wind surgery but he's hard to make a case for.


Ben Poste

98

8

EIGHTYTWO TEAM (IRE) (43)

135-3342P 8 10-6 | 66.2kg



Clare Ellam

Typically made hard work of things but made the frame again when second at Market Rasen (21.4f) in August. Disappointed having made the running when pulled up at Sedgefield (263f) 6 weeks ago but each-way claims if bouncing back.


Brendan Powell

97

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SAXON QUEEN (19)

21222-76 7 10-6 | 66.2kg



Peter & Michael Bowen

Hurdles winner who finished runner-up on chase debut at Worcester (23f) last summer. Operating some way below her best in 2 starts over hurdles/fences since returning from a year off, however.


Shane Fenelon (51lb/2kg)

90

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RAINDANCE QUEEN (IRE) (120)

8P70-P00 7 10-5 | 65.8kg



William de Best-Turner

Placed both starts between the flags early in 2022 but has shown little in over hurdles and well-beaten sent chasing at Worcester (23f) in July. Hard to make a case for.

James Best

98

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Touchwoodexpress, 4-1 Jony Max, 7-1 Felton Bellevue, 10-1 Twilight Glory, 14-1 Eightytwo Team, 14-1 My Bad Lucy, 18-1 Marettimo, 22-1 Saxon Queen, 28-1 Even Break, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Low-mileage 5-y-o TOUCHWOODEXPRESS surpassed the form shown over hurdles when making a winning chase debut at Huntingdon (23.6f) 4 weeks ago and, with his yard continuing in fine form, he earns the vote to maintain his 100% record in this sphere. Jony Max, who bounced back to form when runner-up at Wincanton latest, may emerge as the chief threat. Likeable 9-y-o Felton Bellevue is another likely to be thereabouts.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TOUCHWOODEXPRESS 2. JONY MAX 3. FELTON BELLEVUE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2023 Percy Veering 6-10-9 10-1 Kim Bailey Ciaran Gethings 18

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race