



# Saturday 21st November HAYDOCK

12.10	BETFAIR WEIGHED IN PODCAST NEWTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 1m7f144y (3150 Metres)
RACE 1	(7) SEVERANCE (4) FLIC OU VOYOU (FR) (6) LLANDINABO LAD
12.40	BETFAIR SUPPORTS SAFER GAMBLING WEEK HANDICAP CHASE (2) 3m1f125y (5140 Metres)
RACE 2	(9) SECRET REPRIEVE (IRE) (2) DEISE ABA (IRE) (3) BOB MAHLER (IRE)
1.15	BACK AND LAY ON BETFAIR EXCHANGE GRADUATION CHASE (2) 2m5f127y (4340 Metres)
RACE 3	(4) MASTER TOMMYTUCKER   (1) DASHEL DRASHER   (2) DEYRANN DE CARJAC (FR)
1.50	BETFAIR RACING ONLY BETTOR HANDICAP HURDLE (2) 21/4 m191y (3800 Metres)
RACE 4	(8) ARRIVEDERCI (FR) (2) KID COMMANDO (14) ON THE WILD SIDE (IRE)
2.25	BETFAIR EXCHANGE STAYERS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3) (1) 3m58y (4880 Metres)
RACE 5	(10) IMPERIAL ALCAZAR (IRE)   (14) RELEGATE (IRE)   (4) MAIN FACT (USA)
3.00	BETFAIR CHASE (Lancashire) (Grade 1) (1) 3m1f125y (5140 Metres)
RACE 6	(5) LOSTINTRANSLATION (IRE) (3) CLAN DES OBEAUX (FR) (2) BRISTOL DE MAI (FR)
3.35	MY ODDS BOOST ON BETFAIR STAYERS' HANDICAP CHASE (3) 3½m97y (5720 Metres)

(10) FINANCIAL OUTCOME (IRE) (9) KINGS MONARCH (1) MIDNIGHT TUNE

#### KEY TO SYMBOLS



RACE 7

**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.

### BETFAIR WEIGHED IN PODCAST NEWTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Listed) (1) 4yo+ £20,000 1m7f144y (3150 Metres)



RACE 1

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Pace Information: Weak

**BILLY BATHGATE (48)** 75

4 11-0 69.9kg

Alistair Whillans

**Billy Garritty** Well held in 2 bumpers. Better signs when third on Kelso hurdle debut but the

form is only modest and he's finished a remote fourth on the Flat since. Big

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**DO YOUR JOB (IRE) (26)** (D)

Michael Scudamore

Irish point winner who is very much going the right way over hurdles, scoring with ease in the mud at Ffos Las and Ayr (both 2m) last month. Well worth his place in this higher grade.

EWOOD PARK (IRE) (22) 90

5 11-0 69.9kg

Olly Murphy



Showed plenty to work on when fourth in Newton Abbot bumper last month and sure to have been placed when unseating last in 2m Wetherby novice hurdle since. Nice prospect.

FLIC OU VOYOU (FR) (14) (D) 99

**6** 11-0 69.9kg

Paul Nicholls **Harry Skelton** 



Some fairly useful efforts in defeat last term and it has all come together for him this time round, completing a hat-trick in novice company this autumn.

Expected to make bold bid for 4 in row. FRIMEUR DE LANCRAY (FR) (340)

**5** 11-0 69.9kg

Sue Smith Promise in both novice hurdles last term, set to be placed when falling at the

last at Catterick latterly. Had wind op since. More to come but this a tough ask. Engaged 2.23 Catterick Friday.

**LLANDINABO LAD** (25) 95

**5** 11-0 69.9kg

Tom Symonds 🦂 Fairly useful form when reaching frame on all 3 outings in bumpers and similar

form when making winning hurdling debut after 11 months off at Bangor 25 days ago. Sure to improve.

**SEVERANCE** (12) 100

4 11-0 69.9kg

Ben Pauling

Useful on the Flat for Mick Channon and looked a potentially smart recruit to hurdling when readily landing 17f Carlisle maiden 12 days ago. Can take step up in class in stride.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

5-2 Flic Ou Voyou, 11-4 Severance, 4-1 Llandinabo Lad, 11-2 Do Your Job, 20-1 Ewood Park, 25-1 Frimeur De Lancray, 100-1 bar

#### TIMEFORM VIEW:

SEVERANCE looked a natural when hacking up on his recent Carlisle hurdle debut and is taken to bring to an end the winning run of the Paul Nicholls-trained Flic Ou Voyou. Llandinabo Lad and Do Your Job are others who look up to making their presence felt in this very interesting opener.

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

1. SEVERANCE 2. FLIC OU VOYOU (FR) 3. LLANDINABO LAD

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:** 2019 Thebannerkingrebel 6-11-0 5-4f Gavin Sheehan Jamie Snowden 2018 **Grand Sancy** 4-11-0 5-4f Paul Nicholls Harry Cobden 2017 Delire d'Estruval 4-11-0 12-1 Ben Pauling Daryl Jacob

2016 Tahira 6-10-13 Richard Hobson Harry Skelton 2015 **Welsh Shadow** 5-11-0 evsf Dan Skelton Harry Skelton

#### **SMART STATS:**

## **BETFAIR SUPPORTS SAFER GAMBLING WEEK HANDICAP** CHASE (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-145) £40,000 3m1f125y (5140 Metres)



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#### Pace Information: Even

**NEWTIDE (IRE) (256)** (C)

7 11-12 75.3kg 41341/116-

Ciaran Gethings Kim Bailey 💏 Useful hurdler who is built for fences, making it 2-2 in a Grade 2 at Wetherby

in February. Tongue tied and failed to stay 30f in the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham when last seen. Handicap bow.

DEISE ABA (IRE) (254) (D) **7** 11-11 74.8kg

Philip Hobbs Richard Johnson

Better than ever when landing Masters Handicap at Sandown in February, iumping soundly. Not guite in the same form in the Kim Muir but retains potential for his second season chasing.

BOB MAHLER (IRE) (28) (D) 1/PP3213-P 8 11-11 74.8kg

deeper race.

11/50P4P-

Warren Greatrex Paddy Brennan

Ended last season on the upgrade, resuming winning ways in Edinburgh National at Musselburgh before excellent third in the Kim Muir. Never a factor on reappearance and since undergone a breathing op.

SAINT XAVIER (FR) (21)

46/7123-P7 8 11-10 74.4kg Richard Hobson Billy Garritty (3lb/1kg)

Pretty useful hurdler/chaser but ran poorly in French Grade 3 chase in June (sole run for Patrice Quinton). Fared as well as could be expected in the Charlie Hall 3

weeks ago. Cheekpieces back on.

POP ROCKSTAR (IRE) (37) (C) t 8 11-5 72.1kg 2F1/1500-2

Jonjo O'Neill Jonjo O'Neill Jr. Made a successful reappearance at Carlisle in October 2019 and came up just a

short head shy of repeating the feat in that corresponding race last month. Task is now to hold his form.

SAM'S ADVENTURE (20) 99 5/422721-P **8** 11-5 72.1kg

Brian Ellison Signed off for last term with career-best win in 3m handicap chase at Uttoxeter.

Heavy defeat on reappearance 3 weeks ago needs casting aside.

**CLAUD AND GOLDIE (IRE)** (28) Ø **11** 11-3 71.2kg

Sandy Forster Richie McLernon Low-mileage chaser who has gained both his wins at Kelso. Enhanced good record fresh when runner-up back at that venue a month ago but this is a

COMMODORE (FR) (269) (BF) 96

**8** 11-0 69.9kg Venetia Williams Hugh Nugent (5lb/2kg)

Landed 3m handicap chases on his only 2 starts in 2018/19. Looked like one with problems last season so returns with quite a bit to prove.

**SECRET REPRIEVE (IRE)** (327) 97

Chepstow novice hurdle winner in 2018. Bettered that form in 3 runs over fences last winter and has the potential for better now handicapping up in trip on his

ICE COOL CHAMPS (IRE) (256) 99 **9** 10-11 68.5kg

Sam Twiston-Davies Went backwards from a successful debut for this stable last year but it might be that fresh is the time to catch him nowadays, so could return to form back from 8 months off.

# **6** 11-0 69.9kg

Has come to chasing quite late but shaped encouragingly both starts in novice

**8** 10-10 68.0kg Charlie Longsdon **Brian Huahes** 

company during the autumn. Can leave bare form behind now handicapping.

12 POOKIE PEKAN (IRE) (37) 97 741/2U15-4 **7** 10-6 66.2kg

Sam Coltherd (3lb/1kg) Stuart Coltherd

Proved better than ever last season, back to winning ways over 20f at Carlisle. Excellent reappearance at that venue last month (24.5f) but this may prove to be too much of a stamina test.

#### 12 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

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**SNOW LEOPARDESS** (22)

11-2 Secret Reprieve, 13-2 Deise Aba, 15-2 Pop Rockstar, 9-1 Snow Leopardess, 11-1 Claud And Goldie, 11-1 Newtide, 14-1 Pookie Pekan, 14-1 Bob Mahler, 14-1 Saint Xavier, 16-1 Commodore, 20-1 Sam's Adventure, 20-1 Ice Cool Champs

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SECRET REPRIEVE made a reasonable fist of chasing in 3 small-field contests last term and with the promise of better to come as his stamina is drawn out now handicapping, is selected to make a winning reappearance. Deise Aba and Bob Mahler are no strangers to big runs in good-quality contests and head the opposition.

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

1. SECRET REPRIEVE (IRE) 2. DEISE ABA (IRE) 3. BOB MAHLER (IRE)

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#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:** 2019 Crievehill 7-11-12 4-1 Nigel Twiston-Davies Sam Twiston-Davies 10 2018 Vintage Clouds 8-11-11 10-3 Sue Smith Danny Cook 6 2017 Chase The Spud 9-11-7 6-1 Fergal O'Brien Paddy Brennan 8 2016 Three Faces West 8-11-6 3-1 Philip Hobbs Richard Johnson

David Pipe

Tom Scudamore

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#### SMART STATS:

2015 Vieux Lion Rouge 6-11-6

#### **BACK AND LAY ON BETFAIR EXCHANGE GRADUATION CHASE** (2) 4yo+ £40,000 2m5f127y (4340 Metres)

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## RACE 3

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Pace Information: Weak

DASHEL DRASHER (353) (CD) 96 41111/2U1-**7** 11-8 73.5kg

Jeremy Scott

Likeable sort who landed each of his last 4 starts in novice hurdles. Cast aside a first-fence blip at Newbury with a professional victory over C&D in December, but off since. Has had a wind op.

DEYRANN DE CARJAC (FR) (254) (D) 98

**7** 11-8 73.5kg

**Tom Cannon** 

Alan King 💏

Initially took well to chasing win 2019 with a brace of novice wins 6 months apart at up to 21f. Held back by mistakes in better races after but record fresh

**GOOD BOY BOBBY (IRE)** (25)

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**7** 11-8 73.5kg 311/2125-1



Nigel Twiston-Davies

Useful bumper/novice hurdler who achieved a similar level over fences last season. Jumped well when making a winning reappearance in smooth fashion at Bangor last month. Hood left off upped in trip.

MASTER TOMMYTUCKER (11) (D)

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**9** 11-8 73.5kg





Paul Nicholls Sam Twiston-Davies

Low mileage 9-y-o who has had jumping issues, but has looked smart when completing, hard held for latest win in a match at Huntingdon 10 days ago. Return to left-handed track will suit.

**COMMANCHE RED (IRE)** (21)

31P/3313-P 7 11-5 72.1kg



Chris Gordon **Paddy Brennan** 

Useful hurdler who made a successful handicap debut over fences at Kempton (20.5f) on Boxing Day. Failed to run any sort of race on last month's reappearance at Ascot and cheekpieces now on.

RAVENHILL ROAD (IRE) (35) (CD) 92

335/2514-F



Did well for this yard last season, winning a C&D handicap (soft) in December. Better than bare result when fourth in Sky Bet Chase but fell on return and is up

against it at the weights.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

7-4 Master Tommytucker, 7-2 Good Boy Bobby, 9-2 Dashel Drasher, 7-1 Commanche Red, 15-2 Deyrann De Carjac, 33-1 Ravenhill Road

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

MASTER TOMMYTUCKER is prone to mistakes over fences but he's looked good throughout his career when completing and granted a clear shot at racing, is capable of scaling greater heights. The return to a left-handed track will suit and he is preferred to the likeable Dashel Drasher, who lacks a recent run.

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

1. MASTER TOMMYTUCKER 2. DASHEL DRASHER 3. DEYRANN DE CARJAC

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

2019	Keeper Hill 8-11-8	18-1	Warren Greatrex	A. P. Heskin	5
2018	Activial 8-11-1	10-3	Tom George	Tom Scudamore	6
2017	Clan des Obeaux 5-11-8	3-1jf	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6

#### **SMART STATS:**

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**Paddy Brennan** 

#### **BETFAIR RACING ONLY BETTOR HANDICAP HURDLE (2)** 4yo+ £40,000 21/m191y (3800 Metres)



RACE 4

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#### Pace Information: Very Strong

FOREST BIHAN (FR) (391)

**9** 11-12 | 75.3kg 3F3247/31-

Brian Ellison Smart chaser last seen landing the Old Roan Chase at Aintree in October 2019.

Lower mark back hurdling but he does return from absence in very competitive

KID COMMANDO (21)

6 11-12 75.3kg

Anthony Honeyball Aidan Col Quickly reached a smart level over hurdles, reappearing with 2m Ascot listed handicap win last month. Longer trip a slight worry given his enthusiastic demeanour but it's likely he has more to offer.

FLASH THE STEEL (IRE) (42)

1215/109-2 8 11-10 74.4kg

Dan Skelton **Harry Skelton** 

Chepstow Silver Trophy winner last autumn and returned with a good second in that same race last month. Nudged up 3 lb but it may not prevent another prominent showing.

**DEAR SIRE (FR) (21)** (D) 95

8 11-10 74.4kg

Donald McCain Has raised his game since returning from a break in July, producing best effort

yet when landing a 2m Chepstow handicap in October. However, he was a remote fourth to Kid Commando at Ascot latest.

UMBRIGADO (IRE) (253) (D)

1116/560-**6** 11-8 73.5kg David Pipe

Fergus Gillard (7lb/3kg) Shaped well in 3m hurdle on this card on last year's reappearance. Failed to build

on that in only 2 subsequent outings last term but returns with yard in form and remains unexposed.

IRISH ROE (IRE) (272) (BF)

94/15232d4-**9** 11-8 73.5kg

Peter Atkinson Likeable mare who won an Aintree handicap off 5 lb lower in May 2019 and

posted largely good efforts in defeat later in the season. Suspicion this might be

competitive enough for her, though.

FIX SUN (FR) (29) (D) **5** 11-5 72.1kg

Philip Hobbs

Nicky Henderson

Darvl Jacob French bumper winner who looked useful when winning 2 of his 3 starts in novice hurdles last term. Travelled well for long way in Cheltenham handicap on

reappearance and remains open to improvement.

ARRIVEDERCI (FR) (21)

14/3721-1 **5** 11-5 72.1kg Jonjo O'Neill

Wincanton maiden winner and much improved when following up on Wetherby handicap debut/reappearance last month, forging clear after the last to beat War Lord 2¾ lengths. Definitely more to come.

OUR POWER (IRE) (29) 97

**Nigel Twiston-Davies** Sam Twiston-Davies Having just third start for this yard when bagging very competitive event at

Kempton (21f) in March. Shaped well when sixth of 19 on 21f Cheltenham return, leaving impression run just needed.

LE LIGERIEN (FR) (42) (C, D) 97

11-2 70.8kg 6332110-3

Raised his game when landing 2m soft-ground handicaps at Newbury and here in January. Bombed out at Cheltenham Festival in March but back on track to large degree when third on Chepstow return.

MINELLA CHARMER (IRE) (336) (C)

James Moffatt Charlotte Jones (7lb/3kg) Low-mileage hurdler who made light of 9-month absence to land 2m 5-runner

much deeper race.

course handicap last December. Evidently capable when fresh but this looks a

12 WAR LORD (GER) (21)

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Jonjo O'Neill Jr.

Richard Johnson

5/13418-2 **5** 11-0 69.9kg

Colin Tizzard Successful at Plumpton and Taunton last season. Encouraging reappearance

second of 18 to reopposing Arrivederci at Wetherby last month, untidy jumps at last 2 flights proving costly. Respected.

13 SHAKEM UP'ARRY (IRE) (13) **6** 10-13 | 69.4kg

Ben Pauling 💏 Kielan Woods

Some pretty useful efforts in defeat last term and made no mistake on 2m Ffos Las return (heavy) 13 days ago. Pitched into warm race for first handicap but he's

another with the potential for better. ON THE WILD SIDE (IRE) (27)

**7** 10-12 68.9kg Dr Richard Newland

Charlie Hammond (3lt Ready winner of pair of 2m Hexham novices in the mud last month. Definitely Charlie Hammond (3lb/1kg)

more to come and opening handicap mark looks workable. High on the shortlist.

EBONY JEWEL (IRE) (266) (C) 94 15 216/3312F-**6** 10-9 67.6kg N. W. Alexander

Bumper winner who enjoyed a productive first campaign over hurdles, including a course novice win. Not obviously well treated for this handicap debut/ reappearance, though.

ENDLESSLY (IRE) (29) **5** 10-6 | 66.2kg

Olly Murphy Fairly useful Flat winner who was progressive over hurdles last winter, winning 2

novices. Headway when badly hampered 2 out on Cheltenham handicap debut/ return. Remains open to progress.

KAIZER (30) 17 97 **5** 10-4 65.3kg

11736-431 Alistair Whillans Billy Garritty (3lb/1kg)

Gained reward for some good efforts this year (including on Flat) when seeing off 13 rivals at Carlisle (17f, soft) a month ago. 7 lb higher in a stronger race now,

#### 17 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

13-2 Kid Commando, 15-2 Arrivederci, 9-1 On The Wild Side, 11-1 War Lord, 11-1 Flash The Steel, 12-1 Shakem Up'arry, 14-1 Our Power, 14-1 Fix Sun, 16-1 Umbrigado, 22-1 Kaizer, 25-1 Endlessly, 25-1 Minella Charmer, 28-1 Le Ligerien, 28-1 Forest Bihan, 40-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A tentative vote in what looks a very hot handicap goes the way of ARRIVEDERCI whose defeat of the reopposing War Lord in a big field at Wetherby last month appeals as strong form. Kid Commando likely has more to come and could pose a big threat if seeing out the longer trip. Impressive dual novice winner On The Wild Side and David Pipe's Umbrigado are a few of many others to consider.

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

1. ARRIVEDERCI (FR) 2. KID COMMANDO 3. ON THE WILD SIDE (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS	S YEARS:
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2019	Bold Plan 5-11-1	11-4f	Evan Williams	Robbie Power	12
2018	Black Mischief 6-11-0	6-1	Harry Fry	Richard Johnson	11
2017	Limited Reserve 5-10-2	9-2	Christian Williams	James Bowen (5)	9
2016	El Terremoto 4-10-7	9-4f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jamie Bargary (3)	6
2015	Rock The Kasbah 5-11-9	9-2	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	9

#### **SMART STATS:**

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Harry Reed (3lb/1kg)

A. P. Heskin

#### **BETFAIR EXCHANGE STAYERS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3)** (1) 4yo+ £80,000 3m58y (4880 Metres)



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Pace Information: Weak

KALASHNIKOV (IRE) (287)

22U1/2285-7 11-12 75.3kg

Amy Murphy

Second in the Supreme on his last run over hurdles in 2018 but back in this sphere on return after a disappointing end to last season over fences (bled when last seen). Has had a wind op.

WHOLESTONE (IRE) (21) (D)

Nigel Twiston-Davies

Smart staying hurdler who won a couple of small-field novice chases in a short campaign last season. Looked rusty and made mistakes back in this sphere in Wetherby Grade 2 last month. Has work to do.

THE JAM MAN (IRE) (13) (D)

**7** 11-5 72.1kg

Ronan M. P. McNally, Ireland Miss M. O'Sullivan (5lb/2kg)

Thriving again, winning 2m York handicap before landing a huge punt in the

Troytown over fences at Navan a fortnight ago. Career-high mark to overcome back hurdling but no surprise if he goes well.

MAIN FACT (USA) (252)

**7** 11-4 71.7kg

David Pipe



Seeking a remarkable 9-timer having racked up a hat-trick back on the level after a superb season over hurdles. First go over 3m and could be up to the task. Yard won this in 2010, 2011 and 2013.

WHO DARES WINS (IRE) (256) 8 11-4 71.7kg

2210-Alan King

**Tom Cannon** Fine dual-purpose performer, successful at Royal Ascot on reappearance. Poor runs up in grade twice since but placed over hurdles off higher marks in the past and should give it a good go.

THIRD WIND (16)

6 10-12 68.9kg 1211/714-5



EBF Final winner as a novice and continued his progress upped in trip last season, placed in the Pertemps. Encouraging return at Newbury a fortnight ago and

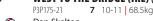
ASK DILLON (IRE) (29)

7 10-12 68.9kg

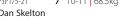


Fergal O'Brien Connor Brace (3lb/1kg) Dual winner over hurdles as a novice and placed in a couple of staying handicaps last season. Well backed but fell before halfway on last month's chase debut at

Cheltenham. Others more appealing. WEST TO THE BRIDGE (IRE) (20)



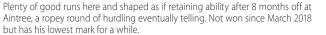
Dan Skelton



**Harry Skelton** Has returned in fine form over hurdles, seen to good effect when winning 20f Carlisle handicap 3 weeks ago, but this is much tougher up 7 lb and in trip/class.

**CLYNE (27)** (C)

**10** 10-11 68.5kg



**IMPERIAL ALCAZAR (IRE)** (297)

**6** 10-11 | 68.5kg 423/1221-



**Paddy Brennan** Useful in bumpers and a good staying hurdler in the making, successful again at Leicester (20.5f, heavy) when last seen. Looks ahead of his mark on return and will relish 3m. Leading claims.

**DOLPHIN SQUARE (IRE) (16)** (D)

4/121412-2 6 10-10 68.0kg Philip Hobbs

Richard Johnson Progressive hurdler who won 3 times under his owner last season and returned with a fine second under Johnson in extended 3m Newbury handicap. Up another 2 lb but wouldn't rule out.

12 IKBRUNEL (22) (D)

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Jordan Nailor (5lb/2kg)

Feraus Gillard (7lb/3ka)

**Jack Quinlan** 

36/1841-23 **6** 10-9 67.6kg

Olly Murphy

Useful hurdler, successful twice last season, but back in this sphere after an underwhelming second run over fences at Wetherby (faltered over the demanding 3m). Up against it on handicap debut.

13 FLASHJACK (IRE) (14) (CD)

517/3518-5 **10** 10-8 67.1kg

Henry Daly Micheal Nolan Landed C&D handicap in the mud last Christmas and returned with an

error off current mark.

encouraging effort at Aintree. Yard won this last year but he has no margin for

14 RELEGATE (IRE) (13) 215/45-4 **7** 10-8 67.1kg

Colm A. Murphy, Ireland

Robbie Power Lightly raced since his 2018 Champion Bumper heroics for Willie Mullins, catching the eye in the Pertemps in March and again on recent return at Navan. Very interesting in first-time headgear.

COLLOONEY (IRE) (49) 12123/62-1 **6** 10-5 65.8kg

Olly Murphy

Back to winning ways in 19.2f Fontwell handicap hurdle in the mud on last month's return, readily coming clear. This is obviously tougher up 5 lb but he is unexposed over staying trips.

16 JUSTATENNER (21) (D)

**9** 10-5 65.8kg

Tristan Davidson

Again showed a fine attitude when winning extended 3m Ayr handicap hurdle for second year running last month, holding on from Highland Hunter. Should run his usual sound race up in grade.

FAUBURG ROSETGRI (FR) (293)

8 10-5 65.8kg 336/415PP-

Nigel Twiston-Davies

Sam Twiston-Davies Showed fairly useful form over fences/hurdles at up to 23f in France. Pulled up on his last 2 starts, however, and no chances been taken with his mark ahead of

first run since February.

#### **RESERVES**

18 HIGHLAND HUNTER (IRE) (21) (BF)

1135/81-2 7 10-4 65.3kg

Paul Nicholls 🚴

Held when fancied in this starting out for yard 12 months ago but back on track with victories at Musselburgh and a sound return behind Justatenner at Ayr. RESERVE. Also engaged 12.55 Ascot Saturday.

SILVA ECLIPSE (20) (CD) 19

614312-35 7 10-0 63.5kg

C&D winner at the start of the year and returned with a good effort at Wetherby.

Not so great behind West to The Bridge at Carlisle since, though. RESERVE.

17 DECLARED RUNNERS (2 RESERVES)

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

5-1 Imperial Alcazar, 7-1 Relegate, 8-1 The Jam Man, 9-1 Main Fact, 12-1 Collooney, 14-1 Third Wind, 14-1 Dolphin Square, 25-1 Clyne, 25-1 Kalashnikov, 25-1 West To The Bridge, 25-1 Wholestone, 28-1 Who Dares Wins, 33-1 Ask Dillon, 33-1 Fauburg Rosetgri, 40-1 bar

#### TIMEFORM VIEW:

IMPERIAL ALCAZAR developed into a useful novice last season and looks likely to do even better now tackling 3m for the first time on his handicap debut. He can make a winning return in a red-hot renewal of this staying handicap which has gone to some good ones in the past. Relegate, and Main Fact, seeking a remarkable 9-timer, are the chief dangers.

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

1. IMPERIAL ALCAZAR (IRE) 2. RELEGATE (IRE) 3. MAIN FACT (USA)

2.25

# BETFAIR EXCHANGE STAYERS' HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3) (1) 4yo+ £80,000 3m58y (4880 Metres)



RACE 5

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2019	Stoney Mountain 6-11-3	16-1	Henry Daly	Tom O'Brien	17
2018	Paisley Park 6-11-12	4-1	Emma Lavelle	Aidan Coleman	7
2017	Sam Spinner 5-10-9	6-1	Jedd O'Keeffe	Joe Colliver	16
2016	Kruzhlinin 9-10-13	9-1	Philip Hobbs	Richard Johnson	13
2015	Baradari 5-11-2	12-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	16

#### SMART STATS:

#### BETFAIR CHASE (Lancashire) (Grade 1) (1) 5yo+ £160,000 3m1f125y (5140 Metres)



RACE 6

#### Going: Soft (Good to Soft in places Hurdles course)

Left handed, flat. Conditions are often gruelling during winter, placing emphasis on stamina. Conversely, conditions at the Swinton Meeting in May usually place the emphasis on speed, with a tendency to favour those ridden prominently as a result. Formerly held an undeserved reputation as one of the hardest courses to jump around, something not backed up by statistics, though perversely the data suggests that the chase course nowadays is a more demanding test, that possibly on account of more races being well run.

Pace Information: Very Weak

BELLSHILL (IRE) (273) **10** 11-7 73.0kg 91



Sandy Thomson

Ryan Mania

Classy chaser in Ireland on his day, successful in the 2019 Irish Gold Cup. Below that form last season and faces a tall order on first start for new connections.

BRISTOL DE MAI (FR) (253) (CD)

**9** 11-7 73.0kg

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Nigel Twiston-Davies

Fine record at Haydock Park, dominating proceedings when winning this in 2017 and 2018 and running an admirable race behind Lostintranslation 12 months ago. Bold bid expected on return.

CLAN DES OBEAUX (FR) (253) (C)

98

8 11-7 73.0kg 41152/218-

Paul Nicholls

Sam Twiston-Davies

Dual King George winner who disappointed again in the Gold Cup when last seen but that wasn't his running and he ran a blinder on his return last year, so expect a big performance. Has had a wind op.

KEEPER HILL (IRE) (21) (C)

91

003/1P23-4 **9** 11-7 73.0kg Warren Greatrex



Back on track in second season over fences last term, winning the graduation chase at this meeting on reappearance. Never really in the hunt in the Charlie Hall on return though, and stiff task here.

LOSTINTRANSLATION (IRE) (253) (CD)

1221/11P3-**8** 11-7 73.0kg

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Colin Tizzard

Took his place at the top table with victory in this last year and left behind his King George flop after a wind op (tongue tied) with a cracking third in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. The one to beat.

#### 5 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

11-8 Lostintranslation, 5-2 Bristol De Mai, 5-2 Clan Des Obeaux, 40-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A mighty renewal of this great Group 1 and LOSTINTRANSLATION is a strong fancy to make a successful return and land the race for the second year running. He saw off the 2017 and 2018-winner Bristol de Mai with a fantastic round of jumping 12 months ago and ran just as well in defeat in the Gold Cup when last seen. Dual King George-winner Clan des Obeaux is a big danger.

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

1. LOSTINTRANSLATION (IRE) 2. CLAN DES OBEAUX (FR) 3. BRISTOL DE MAI (FR)

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

2019	Lostintranslation 7-11-7	5-4jf Colin Tizzard	Robbie Power	4
2018	Bristol de Mai 7-11-7	13-2 Nigel Twiston-Davies	Daryl Jacob	5
2017	Bristol de Mai 6-11-7	11-10f Nigel Twiston-Davies	Daryl Jacob	6
2016	Cue Card 10-11-7	15-8f Colin Tizzard	Paddy Brennan	6
2015	Cue Card 9-11-7	7-4 Colin Tizzard	Paddy Brennan	5

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RACE 7

## MY ODDS BOOST ON BETFAIR STAYERS' HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £21,400 3½m97y (5720 Metres)



#### Going: Soft (Good to Soft in places Hurdles course)

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Pace Information: Weak

**MIDNIGHT TUNE** (252)

**9** 11-12 75.3kg

Anthony Honeyball

Good strike rate over fences and can be forgiven a poor run having been ridden too aggressively at Uttoxeter 8 months ago. Likely to be primed first time, so bold showing on the cards after wind op.

PERFECT CANDIDATE (IRE) (27) (CD)

**13** 11-11 74.8kg

Fergal O'Brien

Veteran chaser who held form well in long-distance events last season, successful in this, and should come on for his Aintree reappearance. Can't be

**BALLYDINE (IRE)** (27) 89 s+t

**10** 11-10 74.4ka 523P/F-9

Charlie Longsdon **Brian Hughes** 

Well treated on his best efforts but hasn't run to form since early 2019 and not

FORTIFIED BAY (IRE) (20) 96 **8** 11-7 73.0kg

much encouragement to be gleaned from his reappearance at Aintree.

Jennie Candlish Sean Quinlan

Dual winner last season and shaped as if retaining ability on return at Carlisle 20 days ago. Might need another run before he's fully tuned up, though.

POBBLES BAY (IRE) (27) (D) 96

21/24863-2 **10** 11-7 73.0kg

Evan Williams Sean Bowen

Now leniently treated and shaped as if retaining all of his ability when second, in front of several of these, at Aintree on return. Could go close if building on that.

DON POLI (IRE) (27) 98 **11** 11-7 | 73.0kg PP30/P0-4

Dan Skelton

With his third different stable since leaving Gordon Elliott for a hefty sum but last month's Aintree debut for Dan Skelton offered lots of encouragement, so one to note from a very tempting mark.

**SUMKINDOFKING (IRE)** (45)

Tom George Ciaran Gethinas Placed in competitive handicap chases at Catterick and Musselburgh last term

but pulled up the last twice, including at Ludlow on reappearance. Bit to prove in first-time blinkers

**SHENEEDEDTHERUN (IRE)** (252) 5P/211114-

**10** 11-5 72.1kg

Sam Allwood

Not long with this stable and better than ever when completing 4-timer at Bangor in February. Respectable fourth at Uttoxeter next time and further improvement can't be ruled out after a wind op.

**KINGS MONARCH (44)** 99

Kerry Lee Sam Twiston-Davies Had a quiet 2019 but returned better than ever to comfortably land 7-runner handicap at Ffos Las on reappearance. Form looks solid and a 5 lb rise might not stop him if he stays the longer trip.

FINANCIAL OUTCOME (IRE) (21) (BF) 98

44133P-28 **7** 10-10 68.0kg Rebecca Curtis

Darvl Jacob Made all at Doncaster in January and returned with a creditable effort behind

Kings Monarch at Ffos Las in October. Undone by a bad mistake at Wetherby next time and likely to get back on the up.

ALMINAR (IRE) (28) 96 8431/31P-3 7 10-9 67.6ka

Nigel Hawke

Likeable chaser who doubled tally at Chepstow (23.6f) in January and got right

back on track when third in a competitive event at Cheltenham on return. Tongue tie back on after a subsequent wind op.

12 SUTTON MANOR (IRE) (20) **9** 10-6 66.2kg P7/5-85 Lucinda Russell

Stephen Mulqueen (3lb/1kg) Lightly-raced in recent years and has offered little on both outings this season.

#### 12 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

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Aidan Coleman

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Paddy Brennan

11-2 Midnight Tune, 6-1 Don Poli, 13-2 Kings Monarch, 8-1 Financial Outcome, 8-1 Sheneededtherun, 9-1 Alminar, 10-1 Pobbles Bay, 14-1 Perfect Candidate, 22-1 Ballydine, 25-1 Sumkindofking, 28-1 Fortified Bay, 100-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FINANCIAL OUTCOME made a pleasing reappearance when runner-up to Kings Monarch at Ffos Las and can have his Wetherby run easily excused, so a chance is taken on him to get back on track and turn the tables on his old rival, who also boasts solid claims. Midnight Tune could be dangerous if allowed her own way at the head of affairs. Last year's winner Perfect Candidate also has a good shout.

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

1. FINANCIAL OUTCOME (IRE) 2. KINGS MONARCH 3. MIDNIGHT TUNE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
	2019 Perfect Candidate 12-11-	8 7-1	Fergal O'Brien	Paddy Brennan	9
	2018 Red Infantry 8-11-9	7-2	lan Williams	Tom O'Brien	8
	2017 <b>Hainan</b> 6-11-11	13-2	Sue Smith	Danny Cook	8
	2016 Mysteree 8-10-12	4-1f	Michael Scudamore	Richard Johnson	11
	2015 Emperor's Choice 8-11-12	2 9-2	Venetia Williams	Aidan Coleman	8

#### **SMART STATS:**

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