

Thursday 1st October

SOUTHWELL



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WEATHERBYS RACING BANK HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

RACE 1

(6) GONE IN SIXTY | (3) SOLDIER IN MAYO | (2) WHITEWINEWEDNESDAY

2.50

PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m60y (4880 Metres)

RACE 2

(1) PAPER MILL | (4) NO MORE NO | (3) ALRIGHT DAI

3.25

JODIE STANDING'S POINT-TO-POINT RECRUITS NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2½m88y (4100 Metres)

RACE 3

(4) MOMENTS AWAY | (5) IAMYOUARE | (2) GAELIC RAMBLER

4.00

'SMOOTH RADIO - ALWAYS THE BEST MUSIC' NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 3m60y (4880 Metres)

RACE 4

(2) CRAFTY GAEL | (6) CAPTAIN CONNOR | (8) COULD BE YOU

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OLD STAG 70th BIRTHDAY HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 1m7f182y (3180 Metres)

RACE 5

(9) KING OF THE ROAD | (8) GRANNY HAWKINS | (7) MAX OF STARS

5.10

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RACE 6

(1) CRACK OPS | (3) ROCK HURLEY | (2) SPOT ON SOPH

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

WEATHERBYS RACING BANK HANDICAP CHASE (5) 4yo+
(Rated 0-100) £6,150 2½m88y (4100 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Even**

1	SOCKS OFF (IRE) (22)		96
	23P333/6-1 9 12-0 76.2kg Kevin & Lauren Frost <i>Lee Edwards</i> Bounced back to form on just his second start for the yard when determined winner of 8-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m, good) 22 days ago. Step back up in trip won't inconvenience him and he's respected bidding to follow up from a 4 lb higher mark.		
2	WHITWINEDNESDAY (IRE) (2)	t	97
	093470-P1 7 11-11 74.8kg W. P. Mullins, Ireland <i>Mr P. W. Mullins</i> First run for Willie Mullins at Limerick in May best overlooked having raced on unfavoured inside and, while she justified strong support fitted with a tongue tie at Sedgefield (2½m) 2 days ago, she had to be firmly driven to do so. Nevertheless, still has to be respected on chase debut.		
3	SOLDIER IN MAYO (IRE) (27)		99
	4643/1-2 6 11-10 74.4kg Donald McCain <i>Theo Gillard</i> Point winner who found some improvement to make a successful handicap hurdle debut in May 2025, showing a good attitude. Shaped well sent chasing when runner-up to a well-handicapped rival back at Bangor (2½m) on return last month and is open to improvement.		
4	MY BOBBY'S LASS (27) (D)	t	90
	7413/416-6 7 11-5 72.1kg Mel Rowley <i>Charlie Deutsch</i> Doubled her hurdles tally in 2½m handicap at Worcester in May 2025. Never looked like following up there a month later and understandably shaped as if in need of the run sent chasing after 15 months off (very easy to back) at Bangor recently. This will reveal more.		
5	NEVERSHEDATEAR (IRE) (138)	h	97
	577U25-4 5 11-2 70.8kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero <i>Non Runner</i> NON RUNNER.		
6	GONE IN SIXTY (26) (D)		100
	6-4F24341 9 10-11 68.5kg Alex Hales <i>Sean Bowen</i> Finally ended his drought with Sean Bowen on board for the first time in 10-runner handicap chase at Stratford (23f) 26 days ago, running on. Wouldn't be an obvious type to follow up given his record but is worth chancing to do so from a 5 lb higher mark with the Champion Jockey retaining the ride.		
7	HELIOS ALLEN (FR) (34)	s	97
	98965/2 9 10-4 65.3kg Ben Case <i>Harry Bannister</i> Has tumbled in the weights since going over fences and showed some ability remains on first run since leaving Philippa Taylor (owner) after 2 years off when second of 7 in handicap at Fontwell (2¾m, good to firm) 34 days ago, albeit no match for winner. Possibilities if building on that run.		
8	NOBLE RECALL (21) (C, D)		93
	412254-P1 7 10-4 65.3kg Anthony Day <i>Isabelle Ryder (5lb/2kg)</i> Doubled his tally back over hurdles in 10-runner handicap at Worcester (2½m, good to soft) 21 days ago, well ridden. Pulled up over fences there on penultimate outing but had shown some aptitude for the job 8 months earlier.		
9	ROCKVALE (IRE) (27)	s+t	98
	9/86-2P4U3 7 10-2 64.4kg Sam Allwood <i>Brendan Powell</i> Maiden who ran creditably on the figures when third of 7 in handicap chase at Bangor (2½m, good) 27 days ago, though his jumping typically cost him at a vital stage. Cheekpieces on for 1st time.		

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Whitewinednesday, 7-2 Gone In Sixty, 6-1 Soldier In Mayo, 15-2 Helios Allen, 8-1 Socks Off, 12-1 Noble Recall, 16-1 Rockvale, 25-1 My Bobby's Lass

TIMEFORM VIEW:

GONE IN SIXTY isn't an obvious follow-up candidate given his record but with Sean Bowen retaining the ride, he's worth chancing to defy a 5 lb higher mark for his Stratford success. Soldier In Mayo shaped well on last month's return/chasing debut behind a well-handicapped rival at Bangor and has to be of interest with improvement likely. Whitewinednesday made hard work of justifying strong support at Sedgefield 2 days ago but still warrants respect now going chasing.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. GONE IN SIXTY 2. SOLDIER IN MAYO 3. WHITWINEDNESDAY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Couldbeaweapon	8-11-1	11-4f	Sam England	Jonathan England	10
2024	Harrys Hope	6-10-12	13-2	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones	13
2023	Mystic Man	6-12-0	5-6f	Harry Derham	Ben Bromley (5)	6
2022	Between The Waters	11-10-5	8-1	Jamie Snowden	Page Fuller	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

PAUL FERGUSON'S JUMPERS TO FOLLOW HANDICAP CHASE
(4) 4yo+ (Rated 0-120) £8,900 3m60y (4880 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1	PAPER MILL (27)	v	98
	6/431P-24 10 11-13 75.7kg Stuart Edmunds <i>Charlie Hammond</i> Prolific pointer who opened Rules account at Uttoxeter (3¼m, soft) last November. Good second on 3m return there in July and 23f at Worcester didn't place enough emphasis on stamina for him latest. The extra yardage here will be in his favour. First-time visor replaces cheekpieces. Gets the vote.		
2	LAW OF SUPPLY (IRE) (183) (D)	h+t	98
	1343/P4F2- 8 11-13 75.7kg Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls <i>Ciaran Gethings</i> Has proven rather in-and-out since winning his first 2 chase starts. One of better recent efforts when second of 5 at Wincanton (25f, good) in April but his yard hasn't had a winner since May and possible he'll need this comeback run.		
3	ALRIGHT DAI (IRE) (188) (D)	s	96
	17/9U1133- 8 11-6 72.6kg Neil Mulholland <i>Conor O'Farrell</i> Won 3m hurdle at Taunton and 19.5f handicap at Fontwell last winter. Ended that campaign with a couple of creditable thirds in March but peak fitness has to be taken on trust after 6 months off.		
4	NO MORE NO (IRE) (74) (CD)	v+t  	100
	19217/1-16 7 11-2 70.8kg Lawney Hill <i>David Bass</i> Defied a 13-month absence on C&D reappearance in June. That took his Southwell record to 3-3 but it was rather laboured and he was struggling a long way out at Newton Abbot 6 weeks later. Has had a breathing operation since. Record here suggests he can bounce back.		

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Paper Mill, 11-4 No More No, 100-30 Law of Supply, 4-1 Alright Dai

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The return to a slightly longer trip should suit PAPER MILL, who is taken to inflict a first Southwell defeat on No More No.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PAPER MILL 2. NO MORE NO 3. ALRIGHT DAI

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Peejaybee 9-11-13	17-2	Mickey Bowen	James Bowen	6
2024	The Kniphand 6-11-10	6-5f	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Finn Lambert (3)	5
2023	Snipe 6-11-4	9-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	5
2022	Kinondo Kwetu 6-11-9	7-4f	Sam England	Jonathan England	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

JODIE STANDING'S POINT-TO-POINT RECRUITS NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4yo+ £10,000 2½m88y (4100 Metres)



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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	BACK IT UP (IRE) (16)	83
4-5	8 11-2 70.8kg	
	James Owen  Jonathan Burke	
Multiple point winner who shaped like a stayer when fourth on his belated Rules/hurdles debut at Kempton (21f) in November and similar story when plugging on for fifth on last month's reappearance at Uttoxeter (2½m, good). Handicaps over further promise to be more his bag.		
2	GAELIC RAMBLER (IRE) (16) (D)	95
U3225-361	6 11-2 70.8kg	b+t
	Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill Richie McLernon	
Lightly-raced 6-y-o who quickly bounced back to form in first-time blinkers (retained) when running out a clear-cut winner of an 8-runner handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2½m, good). Yard firmly amongst the winners in recent weeks and of interest on just third start in this sphere.		
3	IFYOUHAVEAPLAN (16)	75
5687	5 11-2 70.8kg	
	Louise Allan Jack Quinlan	
Made the frame twice from 4 starts in points but well held in bumpers/2 maiden hurdles in recent months. Another likely type for handicaps on the back of this.		
4	MOMENTS AWAY (IRE) (173)	t
2325-	5 11-2 70.8kg	
	Martin Keighley Sean Bowen	
Getaway gelding who displayed steady progress in 4 bumper runs, (the first 2 in Ireland for David Harry Kelly) equipped with a tongue strap when posting a very good fifth in Grade 2 company at Aintree (17f) back in April. Very much the type to make his mark over hurdles this season.		
5	IAMYUARE (IRE) (27) (BF)	100
9351-3F22	6 10-9 67.6kg	s
	Donald McCain Theo Gillard	
Well served by return to further when bolting up in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Hereford (2½m, good) in April. Got no further than the first at Worcester in July but right back to form with solid runner-up efforts at Uttoxeter/Bangor since. Can go well again with cheekpieces now applied.		

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

15-8 Gaelic Rambler, 2-1 Moments Away, 5-2 Iamyouare, 12-1 Back It Up, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MOMENTS AWAY displayed race-by-race progress in 4 bumper starts, posting a solid fifth in an Aintree Grade 2 when last seen in the spring. His pedigree/physique point to him making a splash over hurdles and he's fancied to make a bold bid partnered by Sean Bowen. Iamyouare is put forward to lay down the sternest challenge over recent chase winner Gaelic Rambler.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOMENTS AWAY 2. IAMYUARE 3. GAELIC RAMBLER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025 At Mangan Bridge 7-11-2 10-11f Stuart Edmunds Charlie Hammond 5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

TIMEFORM VIEW:
CRAFTY GAEI relished the step up to 3m last time and can make it back-to-back wins for the Olly Murphy team. Captain Connor has each-way claims, while Could Be You and Maestrow are worth noting for support from lowly marks, in what hardly looks a strong contest for the grade.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:
1. CRAFTY GAEI 2. CAPTAIN CONNOR 3. COULD BE YOU

SMART STATS:
No Smart Stats available for this race

1	JURASSIC PET (IRE) (198)	t	93
	430-6 12-0 76.2kg Sara Bradstock Winning pointer from a good jumping family. Showed some promise to hit the frame in maiden hurdles at Ludlow/Hereford in February. Not helped by an inefficient ride when well held on handicap bow at Exeter (23f, 22/1) latest. May do a bit better with Nico de Boinville replacing amateur on return.	<i>Nico de Boinville</i>	
2	CRAFTY GAEI (IRE) (21)	s+t	 100
	008-3217 11-12 75.3kg Olly Murphy Ex-Irish recruit who was suited by the step up in trip when off the mark on third start for the Olly Murphy team at Worcester (23f) last month (had Daaris back in third. May well defy a 6 lb rise now up and running for excellent yard.	<i>Sean Bowen</i>	
3	OL PARSON (IRE) (64)		89
	9605 11-12 75.3kg Jack Jones Hit the frame last 2 starts in points. Only form in 3 maiden hurdle starts for Maiké Magnussen came when beaten 11¼ lengths in a messy Roscommon maiden in July. Opening mark demands more, however, he may yet do better for new yard.	<i>Sam Twiston-Davies</i>	
4	DAARIS (IRE) (21)	s	98
	837 11-8 73.5kg Kevin & Lauren Frost Fair stayer on Flat (hasn't fired this year). Matched the best of his hurdle form when stepped up markedly in trip at Worcester (23f) last time, staying-on 6 lengths third behind Crafty Gael. No sure thing to reverse that form off better terms, though.	<i>Lee Edwards</i>	
5	CAPPA LASS (IRE) (27)	h	69
	67-8P5 10-9 67.6kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero Runner-up on her completed start in Irish points. Little to enthuse over in 4 hurdle starts, not jumping well when pulled up on her handicap debut/return at Bangor (2½m, 25/1). Hopes of improvement pinned on first-time cheekpieces/step up in trip.	<i>Toby Wynne</i>	
6	CAPTAIN CONNOR (FR) (11)		97
	48P-782734 10-8 67.1kg Clare Ellam Relatively lightly-raced 4-y-o. Travelled well when career-best second behind hard-held winner at Stratford on stable debut. Did at least shape better than on his previous start when 11¼-length third at Plumpton (20.5f) latest. Worth a go over 3m and makes some each-way appeal in a weak race.	<i>Brendan Powell</i>	
7	ATHENA'S DREAM (21)	v	99
	674-235294 10-8 67.1kg Harriet Dickin Error-prone maiden who had been running to a fairly consistent level in staying handicaps. Didn't see out her race in change of headgear (retained) when well behind Crafty Gael at Worcester (23f) last time, though, and yard without a winner in 6½ months.	<i>Megan Bevan (71b/3kg)</i>	
8	COULD BE YOU (IRE) (21)		77
	3P0P9-F86 10-7 66.7kg Neil Mulholland Placed both starts in Irish points. Up in trip when showing first sign of ability under Rules behind Crafty Gael at Worcester (12/1) latest, in contention entering straight but ultimately well held following late mistakes. Needs a close look in the market with Richie McLernon aboard first time.	<i>Richie McLernon</i>	
9	MAESTROW (113)		63
	0079-594 10-6 66.2kg Ben Pauling Lightly-raced 4-y-o from good yard. Easy to back, fared little better than previously when down the field on handicap bow at Fontwell (19f) in June. Another who needs a second look in the betting, returning over markedly longer trip with stable jockey back aboard.	<i>Non Runner</i>	

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Crafty Gael, 6-1 Daaris, 7-1 Maestrow, 8-1 Could Be You, 9-1 Ol Parson, 12-1 Captain Connor, 14-1 Athena's Dream, 14-1 Jurassic Pet, 25-1 Cappa Lass

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1

LAST KINGDOM (FR) (139) (D) 95

148PP70-9 5 12-0 | 76.2kg

Faye Bramley *Richie McLernon*

Useful handicapper for Willie Mullins, including listed handicap success at Listowel this time last year. Now on a much-reduced mark having been well below form in first half of 2026 for current yard. Interesting to see if market hints at a revival on first start in Class 4 company.

2

WILD GOOSE (IRE) (150) (D, BF) t 96

2/U51421-5 6 12-0 | 76.2kg

Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls *Aamilah Aswat (10lb/5kg)*

Enthusiastic sort chased home a well-treated one at Kempton before resuming progress with a decisive victory at Hereford in April. Had still looked on a potentially handy mark prior to finishing down the field at Warwick the following month. Now needs to get back on the up following 5 months away.

3

DUKE OF LUCKLEY (IRE) (15) (CD) v 88

7PPP-1311 9 11-13 | 75.7kg

Martin Keighley *Freddie Keighley (5lb/2kg)*

Front runner. Showed a likeable attitude when making it 3 wins from 4 starts in small-field chases this year at Kelso last time. Reverts to hurdling for first time in over 4 years, however, still merits respect off a 5 lb lower hurdle mark.

4

PIGEON HOUSE (IRE) (26) (D) s 98

3/521-P2P4 6 11-10 | 74.4kg

Charles & Adam Pogson *Beau Morgan (5lb/2kg)*

Made all in a 2m Catterick claiming hurdle on final start for Jennie Candlish. Very much a mixed bag for new connections, benefitting from appreciable drop in class when beaten 8½ lengths in Stratford selling handicap latest. Remains opposable back up in grade.

5

BLUEGRASS (IRE) (152) (CD) b+t ☒ 99

7383448-7 7 11-8 | 73.5kg

Stuart Edmunds *Charlie Hammond*

Hit-and-miss performer who returned from a similar absence to land a small-field C&D handicap in October. Subsequent patchy run of form has seen him fall back down the weights, now 2 lb below his winning mark here last season.

6

KING ULANDA (IRE) (22) (D, BF) s+t 98

2PF6-1413 6 11-7 | 73.0kg

Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero *Jack Tudor*

As good as ever when making it 2 wins from 3 starts this season on return to hurdling at Uttoxeter (2m) in July. Wasn't in same form when 9 lengths behind Max of Stars at Sedgefield latest. May benefit from return to bigger field/likely stronger pace, though.

7

MAX OF STARS (FR) (22) (CD) ☒ 98

2413U-442 6 11-5 | 72.1kg

Ollie Pears *Brian Hughes*

Enthusiastic front runner who was successful 3 times over hurdles in 2025, including over C&D (1-1). Typically gave it a good go when 1¼-length second of 3 at Sedgefield latest. Capable of a bold bid off an unchanged mark, though likely faces competition for the lead here.

8

GRANNY HAWKINS (88) (D) 97

2/372111-3 7 11-3 | 71.2kg

Alan King *Tom Cannon*

Smooth-travelling mare who often goes well fresh. Made it a hat-trick in mares company at Stratford prior to finishing close third back against the boys at Market Rasen in July. Going the right way and should give another good account off 2 lb higher.

9

KING OF THE ROAD (IRE) (134) ☒ 100

6/430290-4 7 11-2 | 70.8kg

Ben Pauling *Callum Pritchard*

Split fairly useful pair when career-best second in first-time cheekpieces at Kempton on Boxing Day. Now 4 lb lower and may come on for his latest run following a breathing operation at Warwick in May. Interesting for yard in fine form (6 wins plus 10 placed from just 23 runners since July).

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Granny Hawkins, 11-2 King of The Road, 11-2 Duke of Luckley, 13-2 Max of Stars, 7-1 Wild Goose, 8-1 Bluegrass, 10-1 King Ulanda, 14-1 Last Kingdom, 25-1 Pigeon House

TIMEFORM VIEW:

In a wide-open handicap, KING OF THE ROAD appeals most off his much-reduced mark. Granny Hawkins is going the right way, and she's feared most in a race that should be run to suit.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KING OF THE ROAD 2. GRANNY HAWKINS 3. MAX OF STARS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Bluegrass	6-11-11	5-2	Stuart Edmunds	Charlie Hammond	4
2024	Ikigai Star	4-11-4	11-1	Charlie Longsdon	David Bass	8
2023	Feel The Pinch	9-11-7	13-2	Robbie Llewellyn	Toby Wynne (5)	8
2022	Hurricane Ali	6-12-2	9-2	John Mackie	Alan Doyle (7)	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1	CRACK OPS (138)	s	97
	216322-1 4 12-0 76.2kg Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero		Ben Smith (31b/1kg)
	Lightly-raced bumper winner. Improved again to open his hurdle account in 3m handicap at Uttoxeter in May, travelling well/jumping better than previously. Takes on some fairly exposed rivals on his return and can go well despite the drop back in trip.		
2	SPOT ON SOPH (IRE) (22) (D)	t	96
	4132575-1 10 11-12 75.3kg Sam England		Rebecca Hitchen (81b/4kg)
	Smooth-travelling mare. Notched a fourth career hurdle success when quickening to land a solid mares handicap on return at Sedgefield latest. Will need to defy a career-high mark to make it 2-2 under this claimer, though.		
3	ROCK HURLEY (FR) (23) (BF)	b+t	 100
	8004-3102 8 11-11 74.8kg Donald McCain		Harry Brown (81b/4kg)
	Front runner who had the run of things when notching a second Bangor success (23f) in June. Jumped better than often the case when back to form there last time, finishing well-backed second (beaten 2½ lengths) under today's claimer. Leading chance if repeating that form away from his regular course.		
4	ITALIAN SPIRIT (IRE) (131) (D)	s	 100
	3/853542-8 10 10-9 67.6kg Harriet Dickin		Megan Bevan (61b/3kg)
	Clearly been one with issues since winning bumper/maiden for Olly Murphy earlier in his career. Standout effort last season when runner-up in soft-ground handicap chase at Ffos Las in April. Hard to be confident back hurdling for yard without a win in 6½ months.		

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Rock Hurley, **9-4** Crack Ops, **5-2** Spot On Soph, **7-1** Italian Spirit

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Bangor specialist Rock Hurley will likely get the run of the race, but improving 4-y-o CRACK OPS may progress again to make a winning return.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CRACK OPS 2. ROCK HURLEY 3. SPOT ON SOPH

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race