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TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Friday 20th November

ASCOT

12.10	LADBROKES 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' BEGINNERS' CHASE (2) 2m5f13y (4240 Metres)
RACE 1	(1) CRYSTAL ISLAND | (3) GEE FORCE FLYER | (2) ETNA BIANCO
12.45	ASCOT PROMOTING SAFER GAMBLING WEEK 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (2) 2m3f63y (3880 Metres)
RACE 2	(1) CURRENT EDITION | (5) NO WAY JAY | (3) DIAMONDS AND DENIM
1.20	BET WITH ASCOT DONATION BOX WINNERS 'INTRODUCTORY' HURDLE (2) 1m7f157y (3160 Metres)
RACE 3	(6) PUSH THE LIMIT | (1) SPANISH STROLL | (2) WITHOUT BURLINGTON
1.55	JOIN LADBROKES BET £5 GET £30 HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m5f13y (4240 Metres)
RACE 4	(2) JET TO VEGAS | (3) CREBILLY | (6) SOMESPRING SPECIAL
2.30	ASCOT SHARED OWNERSHIP WEEKEND HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 1m7f157y (3160 Metres)
RACE 5	(5) MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE | (3) INTELLOTTO | (2) OOH BETTY
3.05	LADBROKES 'GET YOUR FREE RACING BET TODAY' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m7f185y (4800 Metres)
RACE 6	(7) FEVER DREAM | (6) GASMANI | (1) DRACO MALFOY
3.40	BET RESPONSIBLY WITH LADBROKES OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (3) 1m7f157y (3160 Metres)
RACE 7	(7) POWER STEERING | (4) DENNIS'S HONOR | (3) BIELLE BIARREY

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.

12.10 RACE 1

LADBROKES 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' BEGINNERS' CHASE (2)
4yo+ £20,000 2m5f13y (4240 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **CRYSTAL ISLAND (IRE) (213)** (C) **100**

11- **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Nicky Henderson — *Nico de Boinville*

Changed hands for £205,000 after winning sole start in Irish points last spring. Did the job well on Rules debut when scoring in a strong maiden here (2¾m) in December before following up 4 months later in a 12-runner Ffos Las novice (2½m). Potentially smart recruit to chasing.

2 **ETNA BIANCO (IRE) (251)** (C) t **81**

3/31542- **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Joe Tizzard — *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*

£140,000 Irish point winner who showed benefit of hurdles debut landing 5-runner novice here (2¾m) 12 months ago. Not at that level next 2 starts but back on track having gone from the front when second at Kempton (21f) in March. Should make his mark chasing for yard going well.

3 **GEE FORCE FLYER (IRE) (212)** **84**

32231- **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Olly Murphy — *Jonathan Burke*

Successful only start in points and he went the right way in 5 starts over hurdles last season, finishing excellent third in EBF handicap final at Sandown prior to justifying cramped odds in a Perth maiden (2½m) in April. Very much a chaser on looks and there's more to come this season.

3 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

8-11 Crystal Island, **11-4** Gee Force Flyer, **4-1** Etna Bianco

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CRYSTAL ISLAND marked himself down as potentially smart when winning each of his 2 starts in novice hurdles last season (including here) and every inch an exciting prospect now his attentions switch to larger obstacles, he makes plenty of appeal. Fellow point winner Gee Force Flyer went the right way in 5 starts over hurdles himself last season and may well offer up chief resistance.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CRYSTAL ISLAND 2. GEE FORCE FLYER 3. ETNA BIANCO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Thomas Mor** 8-11-5	18-5	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Ben Jones	3

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.45 RACE 2

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 **CURRENT EDITION (IRE) (23)** (BF) **100**
532-22 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — *Toby McCain-Mitchell*
In need of experience in a pair of bumpers but made a much better fist of things switched to hurdles, losing out narrowly for second time in 3 starts at Huntingdon (2½m, good) 23 days ago. A stronger gallop here will see him to better effect and fully expected to play a lead role.

2 **DANZA KUDURO (IRE) (34)** **82**
4-3 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Daisy Hitchins — *Harry Reed*
Showed ability on his only start in bumpers and did so again sent hurdling 6 months on when third of 8 in a Newton Abbot novice (17f) 5 weeks ago. Bred to be suited by this longer trip but it could be handicaps further down the line we see the best of him.

3 **DIAMONDS AND DENIM (IRE)** **85**
5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Kayley Woollacott — *Ben Jones*
€48,000 3-y-o, €6,000 5-y-o, Diamond Boy gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler Getaway Theatre. Dam (c134/h124), 1½m-3m hurdle/chase winner. Tasted success at fourth attempt in points (May 2026) and interesting where he figures in the betting ahead of Rules debut.

4 **JET BAY (IRE) (29)** **86**
3 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Mickey Bowen — *Shane Fenelon*
Easy winner on only start in Irish points and he shaped with promise despite not being ideally placed the way the race developed (also ran green) when third of 6 in a Ffos Las bumper (2m, soft) 4 weeks ago. Hails from a yard amongst the winners and type to make his mark now hurdling up in trip.

5 **NO WAY JAY (IRE) (20)** **93**
1490-2 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Joe Tizzard — *Freddie Gingell*
Fairly useful bumper winner who appeared unsuited by going left-handed on final 2 starts in that sphere, so no surprise he looked much more at home when an encouraging second on return/hurdles debut here (2m) 3 weeks ago. Pick of bumper form reads well and there's better to come up in trip.

6 **AFFINITIVE (IRE) (21)** **84**
52-3 **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Henrietta C Knight — *Paul O'Brien*
Affinisea gelding who built on debut fifth when second in a Bangor bumper (17f) in April, albeit well positioned in falsely-run race. Sound enough start over hurdles when third in 4-runner Uttoxeter novice (2½m) 3 weeks ago and he's entitled to build on that.

7 **NORFF N SAUFF (IRE) (190)** **82**
0 **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Jamie Moore & Josh Moore — *Caoilin Quinn*
€24,000 3-y-o, Saddex gelding. Half-brother to fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser Quick Sharpener. Didn't go unsupported but was never a factor on bumper debut at Fontwell 6 months ago. Looks best watched on that evidence now attentions switch to hurdles.

8 **SEVEN AIRS (IRE) (20)** **75**
64-5 **4** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Lawney Hill — *Tom Cannon*
Didn't progress from his debut when beaten 11¾ lengths in a Uttoxeter bumper on final start for Tom Weston in March. Changed hands for £14,000 in May and offered little sent hurdling (lacked fluency) when last of 5 in a course novice (2m) 3 weeks ago.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Current Edition, **11-4** No Way Jay, **8-1** Jet Bay, **17-2** Diamonds And Denim, **11-1** Affinitive, **25-1** Danza Kuduro, **28-1** Norff N Sauff, **100-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CURRENT EDITION suffered a second narrow reverse from 3 starts over hurdles at Huntingdon 23 days ago, the steadily-run nature of the race not bringing his stamina sufficiently into play. He clearly has a race like this within his grasp and edges preference over No Way Jay, who clearly benefited from the return to a right-handed track when second on hurdles debut here last month. Diamonds And Denim and Jet Bay are a couple of interesting hurdling newcomers to note, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CURRENT EDITION 2. NO WAY JAY 3. DIAMONDS AND DENIM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Kripticjim** 5-11-4	6-5f	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	4
2024	**First Confession** 5-11-4	10-11f	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	3
2023	**Beat The Bat** 5-11-4	6-4jf	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	10
2022	**Crambo** 5-11-4	3-1f	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace	12
2021	**Doctor Ken** 5-11-4	4-7f	Olly Murphy	Aidan Coleman	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.20 RACE 3

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

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **SPANISH STROLL (29)** (D) **99**
90-1 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Joe Tizzard — ***Dylan Johnston***
Mid-field in a couple of strong bumpers last season but did well to make a successful debut over hurdles after a 7-month break when winning an 11-runner novice at Ffos Las (2m, soft) 4 weeks ago, conceding first run but showing the best turn of foot without really being hard ridden. Can improve.

2 **WITHOUT BURLINGTON (121)** (D) **97**
1 **4** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — ***Jonjo O'Neill Jr.***
Progressive when sent handicapping on the Flat for Kevin Philippart De Foy last year, landing 2 handicaps at around 1½m. Acquired for 52,000gns and met trouble before quickening well to get up close home in a 9-runner novice at Worcester (2m, good) on hurdles bow in July. Could improve markedly.

3 **EXPRESSIONLESS**
6 11-2 | 70.8kg
Dylan Cunha — ***Lee Edwards***
Fair middle-distance performer on the Flat hasn't always been the easiest to predict and makes his hurdles debut after a couple of low-key efforts in that sphere.

4 **PREMIERE LIGNE (FR) (23)** s+t **92**
4 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Hughie Morrison — ***Jonathan Burke***
Fairly useful on the Flat, making all in the Cesarewitch Trial at Newmarket (2¼m) in September. Didn't look a natural when fourth of 6 in a Huntingdon maiden on his recent hurdles debut but the slow pace there was of no use to him and better can be expected this time.

5 **PROMETEO**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg
Sophie Leech — ***Harry Reed***
Most progressive at 3 yrs for Marco Botti, winning 4 times. Made the track just once in 2025 before changing hands for 16,000 gns last summer. Can only be watched making hurdles debut after such an absence.

6 **PUSH THE LIMIT (FR) (29)** (BF) t **100**
3 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Dan Skelton — ***Tristan Durrell***
Smart on Flat for Ralph Beckett in 2025 (stays 1½m). Subsequently sold for 580,000 gns but proved a shade underwhelming when only third of 13 on last month's hurdles debut at Carlisle, the stiff track perhaps not ideal. Will surely prove capable of better.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Push The Limit, **3-1** Spanish Stroll, **11-2** Without Burlington, **11-2** Premiere Ligne, **25-1** Prometeo, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PUSH THE LIMIT failed to land the odds on his hurdles debut but Dan Skelton's 4-y-o should prove capable of much better given his smart Flat form. Spanish Stroll showed a good turn of foot when scoring on his hurdles bow and is most feared, whilst Without Burlington made a good impression at Worcester in the summer and also merits consideration after a break.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PUSH THE LIMIT 2. SPANISH STROLL 3. WITHOUT BURLINGTON

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Doctor Blue** 5-11-2	2-7f	Sam Thomas	Dylan Johnston	3
2024	**Celtic Dino** 5-11-7	4-6f	Sam Thomas	Dylan Johnston	6
2023	**Doddiethegreat** 7-11-7	5-4	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	4
2022	**Persian Time** 4-11-2	3-1	Nicky Henderson	A. P. Heskin	8
2021	**Tweed Skirt** 4-10-7	11-4	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	3

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.55 RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **THECOMPANYSERGEANT (74)** **93**
P0P-21847 **9** 11-9 | 73.9kg

Mickey Bowen — ***Shane Fenelon*** (5lb/2kg)
Made pretty hard work of landing short odds over hurdles at Clonmel in June and essentially hasn't looked the force of old this season. Stable switch (left Gavin Patrick Cromwell) needs to spark a resurgence.

2 **JET TO VEGAS (IRE) (20)** (D, BF) t **99**
22686-P12 **7** 11-6 | 72.6kg

Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore — ***Derek Fox***
Has a good record in smaller fields and returned from a 5-month break to win a 4-runner event at Market Rasen in September. Clear of the remainder when second of 5 in handicap chase at this course (19f, good to firm) 20 days ago and he can go well again having been nudged up another 1 lb.

3 **CREBILLY (IRE) (21)** (D) s **98**
P5-142131 **9** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — ***Jonjo O'Neill Jr.***
Has found some useful form in recent months without scaling the heights of his 2024 second in the Cheltenham Plate, getting up late to notch a third win of the campaign in a 6-runner handicap chase at Wetherby (19f, good) 21 days ago. Can remain competitive after another 3 lb rise.

4 **FRINGILL DIKE (IRE) (34)** (D) b **97**
544-61221 **9** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Jedd O'Keeffe — ***Craig Nichol***
Front runner who capitalised on a falling mark at Market Rasen (21f) in June and after finishing runner-up in 2 small-field events, he doubled his tally for the season in a 5-runner event at the same C&D 34 days ago. This is more of an ask after an 8 lb rise, whilst his jumping remains a concern.

5 **WESTERN KNIGHT (IRE) (253)** (C) t **99**
2U8/41120- **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Joe Tizzard — ***Dylan Johnston***
Progressed over fences last season, landing novices at around this trip at Haydock and Doncaster before a good second of 3 in Reynoldstown here (3m) in February. Struggled with the demands of the Golden Miller at the Cheltenham Festival when last seen but this is an easier task after 8 months off.

6 **SOMESPRING SPECIAL (IRE) (20)** (D) t **100**
3153-1175 **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Philip Hobbs & Johnson White — ***Ben Jones***
Registered back-to-back victories at Newton Abbot/Bangor (at up to 3m) in May. Left the impression she needed the outing on return from a 5-month break (in which she'd had another breathing operation) when fifth of 10 here (3m) 20 days ago. Shouldn't be inconvenienced by drop back in trip.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Fringill Dike, **11-4** Crebilly, **3-1** Jet To Vegas, **10-1** Western Knight, **11-1** Somespring Special, **20-1** Thecompanysergeant

TIMEFORM VIEW:

JET TO VEGAS pulled clear with an unexposed rival here 3 weeks ago and the Russell & Scudamore-trained gelding can continue his run of good form to score for the second time this autumn. Crebilly has proved most reliable this season and has to be respected after a small rise for his Wetherby win, while Somespring Special should be all the better for her recent outing.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. JET TO VEGAS 2. CREBILLY 3. SOMESPRING SPECIAL

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Neon Moon** 9-11-1	4-1	David Pipe	Harry Cobden	4
2024	**Gemirande** 8-10-12	10-3	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	7
2023	**Your Darling** 8-11-1	11-4f	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	8
2022	**Your Darling** 7-10-6	10-3f	Ben Pauling	Kielan Woods	13
2021	**Pink Legend** 7-10-13	15-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.30 RACE 5 — ASCOT SHARED OWNERSHIP WEEKEND HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3yo+ (Rated 0-140) £30,650 1m7f157y (3160 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 **WILLIETHEBUILDER (IRE) (20)** (D) **99**
211407-16 **7** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Christian Williams — *Toby McCain-Mitchell* (3lb/1kg)
Useful winner of back-to-back 2m Kempton handicaps last winter. Sights lowered when making an impressive winning reappearance at Sedgefield. Backed that up when 5 lengths fifth (behind a couple of today's rivals) over C&D latest. A 1 lb reprieve may not be enough here, though.

2 **OOH BETTY (IRE) (20)** (CD) s+t **97**
3/000193-3 **8** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Ben Clarke — *Rex Dingle*
Likeable mare. Won Grade 2 C&D event before running respectably in top-end handicaps last season. Ran up to her best when 4 lengths third to Kateira at Wetherby on return last time. Cheekpieces added for rare start in a class 3 company and looks interesting if able to poach another easy lead.

3 **INTELLOTTO (IRE) (34)** (D) **100**
3/133407-1 **6** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Daisy Hitchins — *Harry Reed*
Useful sort for Joseph O'Brien last year. Proved he still possesses much of that ability when capitalising on reduced mark/drop in grade at Newton Abbot last time, kept up to work to score by 1¼ lengths. A 2 lb rise looks potentially lenient, if in same form on second start back from a break.

4 **FASOL** (7lb/3kg ex) **(6)** (D) b+t **97**
4743-3641 **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Paul Nicholls — *Freddie Gingell*
Consistent sort. Built on a couple of promising efforts (including fourth here) when battling to victory in a 0-125 at Windsor 6 days ago. Bidding for a double for the second consecutive season, however, tougher task back in a better race under a 7-lb penalty this time.

5 **MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE (IRE) (20)** (D) v+t **99**
553419-23 **9** 10-10 | 68.0kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — *Amber Jackson-Fennell* (7lb/3kg)
Badly hampered in last year's renewal before deservedly getting his head in front at Wincanton in March. Went with enthusiasm when 1½ lengths third in a stronger C&D handicap latest. Weighted to confirm form with reopposing trio and may well give his 7-lb claimer a second win as a professional.

6 **WONDERING WHY (IRE) (28)** (D, BF) **97**
51/3216-17 **5** 10-9 | 67.6kg
Ben Pauling — *Ben Jones*
Low-mileage bumper/maiden hurdle winner. Back on the up when successful on handicap debut at Warwick in May (second/third since franking the form). Market expected better when beaten 10 lengths on return at Cheltenham. In the mix if resuming progress and could be worth another chance for good yard.

7 **BRENDAS ASKING (IRE) (20)** (D) **99**
32501/3-15 **8** 10-7 | 66.7kg
Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls — *Jonathan Burke*
Found plenty to win a well-run handicap at Warwick on second start back from an absence in May (all 3 wins to date under claimers). Split a couple of these when 4 lengths fifth over C&D on return, still going well home turn. Lightly raced for her age and doesn't have much to find at the weights.

8 **GAMBINO (IRE) (33)** (BF) **96**
3-1149 **5** 10-6 | 66.2kg
Dan Skelton — *Tristan Durrell*
Fairly useful Flat performer who landed the odds twice at Cartmel this summer. Sweated when turned over under a double penalty before retreating quickly following an error on handicap bow at Sedgefield (perhaps didn't face cheekpieces). Something to find in a better race, regardless.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Moveit Like Minnie, **5-1** Wondering Why, **11-2** Fasol, **13-2** Ooh Betty, **15-2** Williethebuilder, **8-1** Intellotto, **10-1** Brendas Asking, **12-1** Gambino

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE ran a cracker when third in a better race over C&D last time, finishing ahead of 3 of today's rivals, and he gets the nod in a tricky handicap. Recent Newton Abbot winner Intellotto is a serious danger if repeating that effort, with Ooh Betty potentially interesting back in calmer waters.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOVEIT LIKE MINNIE 2. INTELLOTTO 3. OOH BETTY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Trustintimes** 4-11-3	20-1	Harry Fry	Bryan Carver	7
2024	**Aucunrisque** 8-11-8	9-1	Chris Gordon	Freddie Gordon (5)	9
2023	**Gin Coco** 7-11-8	11-8f	Harry Fry	Jonathan Burke	6
2022	**Monviel** 5-10-4	15-2	Philip Hobbs	Tom O'Brien	9
2021	**Captain Morgs** 5-10-11	7-4f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.05 RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 DRACO MALFOY (IRE) (44) s **84**
35/1218P-4 **6** 12-0 | 76.2kg
Kim Bailey & Mat Nicholls — *Ciaran Gethings*
Expensive winning pointer. Fairly useful maiden/novice hurdle winner last season. Left with too much to do when well-held fourth on return/chasing debut at Worcester (2½m). Unexposed back up in trip in first-time cheekpieces (likely to suit) and remains with potential as a chaser.

2 STAR OF AFFINITY (IRE) (23) t **98**
135/4214-1 **7** 11-13 | 75.7kg
Joe Tizzard — *Freddie Gingell*
Overcame some uncharacteristic errors when making a winning return at Newton Abbot (21f, soft), enhancing his good strike rate at an ordinary level (now 2 from 5 over fences). Isn't expected to improve considerably for that and a 4 lb rise likely prevents a double.

3 YES DAY (IRE) (7lb/3kg ex) (9) (D) b **95**
P-2324131 **8** 11-13 | 75.7kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
Front runner who is proving more consistent than usual this year. Jumped soundly when notching a second small-field success in 3 starts at Warwick 9 days ago. No easy task to dominate a better field under a 7-lb penalty here.

4 MUSKOKA (IRE) (22) v **98**
4224PP-F2 **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Emma Lavelle — *Charlie Todd*
On same mark as when 2½ lengths second to a useful one in this corresponding race 12 months ago. Typically undone by an untidy leap when filling the same position at Ffos Las latest, the winner probably laid out for the race. Clearly on a reasonable mark but his jumping remains an ongoing concern.

5 IDEAL DES BORDES (FR) (162) s **98**
2P5/0P42-P **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Nicky Henderson — *Nico de Boinville*
Fairly useful hurdle/chaser winner who has won fresh. Solid form when runner-up in much better race at Newbury last December. Underlined he's one with problems when pulled up sole start since. Remains a risky betting proposition on return from further 6 months away.

6 GASMANI (IRE) (24) (D) **99**
43/912-842 **7** 11-9 | 73.9kg
David Dennis — *Jonathan Burke*
Point winner from useful chasing family. Ridden more positively/improved on his winning hurdling form when promising 3-length second on chasing bow at Bangor last time. Likely better to come over fences, and he has to be high on the shortlist.

7 FEVER DREAM (IRE) (33) (D) t **100**
554215-13 **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Christian Williams — *Jack Tudor*
Smoothly landed a good pot at Warwick in March. Resumed winning ways in 3-runner event there on return prior to fine 2-length third behind subsequent winner in Durham National (29f) last time. Drop back in trip no harm and has another race in him off this mark.

8 DIPLOMATIC ASH (IRE) (15) s+t **95**
F2442-171 **7** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Jamie Moore & Josh Moore — *Tom Cannon*
Quirky sort who has done all his winning around Fontwell/Plumpton. Better for his comeback when resuming winning ways in 4-runner chase at the latter-mentioned course (3¼m) latest. More on his plate in stronger company, even if putting it all together again.

9 MAHLER MOON (IRE) (35) (D) s+t **98**
3P121-266 **8** 10-12 | 68.9kg
Fergal O'Brien — *Jack Quinlan*
Landed small-field handicaps at Huntingdon/Wincanton end of last season. No impact in more competitive events at Uttoxeter on most recent couple of starts (latterly on reappearance), and he may need further respite from the handicapper.

10 ROYAL TIME (IRE) (24) (D) **97**
7U-435311 **7** 10-6 | 66.2kg
Christian Williams — *Ellis Collier* (5lb/2kg)
Irish recruit who travelled best when scoring at fourth time of asking for present yard at Sedgefield. Showed a different side to his game when following up off the same mark at Newcastle (3m). Now off 6 lb higher for hat-trick bid and stablemate Fever Dream looks better off at the weights.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Fever Dream, **11-2** Gasmani, **7-1** Draco Malfoy, **8-1** Ideal Des Bordes, **10-1** Muskoka, **10-1** Star of Affinity, **10-1** Yes Day, **12-1** Royal Time, **14-1** Diplomatic Ash, **16-1** Mahler Moon

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FEVER DREAM and Gasmani appeal most, with Christian Williams' charge fancied to make it 3 wins from his last 5 starts over fences. Muskoka and Ideal Des Bordes both come with risks attached, so likely improver Draco Malfoy gets the nod as best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FEVER DREAM 2. GASMANI 3. DRACO MALFOY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Montregard** 6-11-10	4-1	Tom Lacey	Richie McLernon	9
2024	**Law of Supply** 6-11-7	5-2f	Kim Bailey	Jonathan Burke	10
2023	**Hold That Taught** 8-10-13	7-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	9
2022	**Larry** 9-11-6	13-2	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	9
2021	**Kapga de Lily** 8-10-12	13-2	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.40 RACE 7 — BET RESPONSIBLY WITH LADBROKES OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (3) 4 and 5yo £10,000 1m7f157y (3160 Metres)

GBI RACING

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

Right handed, galloping. Jumps course reopened in 2006/7 after major redevelopment work and, whilst the course drains faster than used to be the case, underfoot conditions can still get gruelling. Rather surprisingly, however, the chase course has one of the lowest non-completion records in the country in recent seasons.

Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **PARISIAN FAIR (IRE) (138)** **87**
1 **4** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Jamie Moore & Josh Moore — ***Caoilin Quinn***
Way To Paris gelding who overcame a brief show of inexperience to make a winning debut in 11-runner bumper at Market Rasen (17f, good) back in early-July. Faces no easy task shouldering a penalty in a deeper race, though.

2 **PERSIAN ART (IRE) (23)** (D) **91**
21 **4** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Henrietta C Knight — ***Paul O'Brien***
€23,000 Old Persian gelding who confirmed his debut promise despite sweating up when making all in 9-runner event at Huntingdon (2m, good) 23 days ago, aided by the run of the race but still drawing away in good style. Has more on his plate under a penalty, though.

3 **BIELLE BIARREY (FR)**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Freddie Gingell***
€50,000 3-y-o, Silverwave gelding. Half-brother to 4 winners, including French hurdler/chaser Lagunak and French hurdler La Bombonera. Dam 10.5f winner on Flat in France. Held every chance when fell last sole start in Irish points in April and has since joined a top yard.

4 **DENNIS'S HONOR (27)** **100**
22 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Tom Ellis — ***Finn Lambert*** (3lb/1kg)
Dragon Dancer gelding who exceeded expectations borne out by his pedigree when second of 5 in 2m Warwick bumper on debut in May. Left Steph Hollinshead after and showed even better form when filling same spot in stronger company at Cheltenham last month, suited by truly-run race. Sets the standard.

5 **IRISH OCEAN (IRE) (34)** **86**
3 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Joe Tizzard — ***Dylan Johnston***
€55,000 Crystal Ocean gelding. Half-brother to 3 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser Equus Dancer, stays 29f. Showed promise when third of 7 on last month's debut at Newton Abbot but is probably more one for longer trips over jumps later on.

6 **KNOWONELIKESUS**
4 11-2 | 70.8kg
Nick Scholfield — ***Harry Reed***
Getaway gelding. Half-brother to a point winner. Dam, lightly raced in bumpers/over hurdles, half-sister to fair hurdler/useful chaser Pur de Sivola and fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser R de Rien Sivola, both stayed 21f. Yard 1-11 with its bumper debutants.

7 **POWER STEERING (IRE) (178)** **97**
2 **4** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Harry Fry — ***Jonathan Burke***
Poet's Word gelding who is a half-brother to useful hurdler/high-class chaser Battleoverdoyen and produced a promising first effort when second of 9 in 2m bumper at Ballinrobe on debut in May, just failing. Subsequently sold out of Sean Thomas Doyle's yard for €100,000 and seems sure to improve.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

85-40 Dennis's Honor, **11-4** Power Steering, **13-2** Bielle Biarrey, **7-1** Persian Art, **15-2** Parisian Fair, **18-1** Irish Ocean, **28-1** Knowonelikesus

TIMEFORM VIEW:

POWER STEERING made a promising start when just failing in a Ballinrobe bumper for Sean Thomas Doyle in May and seems sure to improve having been purchased by shrewd connections for a 6-figure sum. He's preferred to standard-setter Dennis's Honor, who ran to a good level when second at Cheltenham last month but perhaps benefited a little from how the race unfolded. Bielle Biarrey still held every chance when falling on his sole outing in Irish points and is an interesting Rules newcomer.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. POWER STEERING 2. DENNIS'S HONOR 3. BIELLE BIARREY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**The Walk** 4-11-2	8-1	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	6
2024	**Kdeux Saint Fray** 4-11-2	7-2	Anthony Honeyball	Jonathan Burke	6
2023	**Regent's Stroll** 4-11-2	7-4f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race