GBI RACING

TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Thursday 26th November

LINGFIELD

12.37	SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 512 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m7f (4630 Metres)
RACE 1	(3) BRIGHT LEGEND | (6) COOLER THAN ME | (2) TEORIE
1.12	TIPS FOR EVERY RACE AT raceday-ready.com HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2½m (4020 Metres)
RACE 2	(3) HONEY JACK | (5) LIFETIME IN MILAN | (2) KITSILANO
1.47	MARK SHEASBY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m3f110y (3920 Metres)
RACE 3	(12) TRUE TO MY WORD | (7) PURE OCEAN | (9) WESTERN CHARM
2.22	FOLLOW @attheraces ON X NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2½m (4020 Metres)
RACE 4	(4) LAUGHING JOHN | (1) FORTUNE TIMMY | (2) BLUE CARPET
2.57	GET RACEDAY READY NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 2m (3220 Metres)
RACE 5	(1) FORTHFACTOR | (5) MILOU DU CHENET | (6) MINT APPROVED
3.32	FOLLOW @attheraces ON INSTAGRAM HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m3f110y (3920 Metres)
RACE 6	(1) MARHABA PRINCE | (4) SHEEZER DIVA | (6) RIP WHEELER

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.

12.37 RACE 1

SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 512 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £6,150 2m7f (4630 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **BETTY'S TIARA (16)** (CD) v+t **96**

79815231 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Ben Pauling — ***Beau Morgan*** (3lb/1kg)

Holding her form well since returning to front-running tactics. Doubled her tally for the season in determined fashion over C&D last time. This looks a slightly better race for the grade, and a 2 lb nudge probably prevents a follow up.

2 **TEORIE (IRE) (16)** s **97**

556567-61 **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg

James Owen — ***Toby McCain-Mitchell***

Readily capitalised on much reduced mark in Huntingdon handicap (2½m) earlier this month. Still well treated if back to his very best, which is entirely possible on just his third start for an excellent yard.

3 **BRIGHT LEGEND (IRE) (16)** (BF) t **100**

1-0574382 **6** 11-11 | 74.8kg

Faye Bramley — ***J. P. O'Neill*** (10lb/5kg)

Quirky type who arrives on a handy mark. Clear third behind an improver at Chepstow (23.5f) before back to form in tongue strap when runner-up in Huntingdon selling handicap (2m) latest. Lightly raced over staying trips and capable of landing this with a more conservative ride from usual claimer.

4 **WEST ORCHARD (IRE) (46)** s **96**

31/25231-0 **9** 11-10 | 74.4kg

Joe Tizzard — ***Will Featherstone*** (6lb/3kg)

Fairly consistent chaser. Capitalised on a good opportunity over hurdles at Fontwell (3¼m) in April before shaping as if needed his comeback at Chepstow last month. Bit to find at the weights if he's to add to stable's recent haul of winners.

5 **NANCEFORDSHORE (18)** **98**

P66F-6 **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Grace Harris — ***Joe Anderson***

In the process of showing much-improved form (likely to have won) when falling heavily on handicap bow at Chepstow (19.5f) in March. Shaped as if needing his comeback at Ffos Las (2½m, heavy) latest. Up in trip (ought to suit) and doesn't have much to find on figures, provided he's back on song.

6 **COOLER THAN ME (23)** (C) s **99**

P/801123-1 **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Fergal O'Brien — ***Fern O'Brien*** (3lb/1kg)

Low-mileage 8-y-o. Held his form well since comprehensively landing a quick-fire double at Taunton in February. Had more in hand than ½-length winning margin would suggest on return here (19f) last time. A 3 lb rise could prove lenient, especially as he's still relatively unexposed as a stayer.

7 **SHENGAI ENKI (FR) (31)** (D) s **79**

24/7P5-P85 **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg

Barry Brennan — ***Isabelle Ryder***

Three-time hurdle winner for previous yard. Tighter in betting/finished closer than previously for present connections when beaten 18¾ lengths at Hereford (25.5f, 7/1) last time. Still hard to be confident that he's ready to capitalise on a free-falling mark.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Cooler Than Me, **11-4** Teorie, **5-1** Bright Legend, **6-1** Betty's Tiara, **10-1** Nancefordshore, **16-1** West Orchard, **25-1** Shengai Enki

TIMEFORM VIEW:

BRIGHT LEGEND has fallen to a tempting mark and narrowly edges the vote over interesting last-time-out winners Cooler Than Me and Teorie.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. BRIGHT LEGEND 2. COOLER THAN ME 3. TEORIE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Tropical Speed** 6-11-12	8-1	Andy Irvine	Chad Bament (3)	6
2024	**Twp Stori** 6-10-7	5-6f	Samuel Drinkwater	Ned Fox	8
2023	**Shewearsthewellies** 6-11-1	7-2	Lawney Hill	Toby Wynne	8
2022	**Shot Boii** 5-11-4	5-4f	David Pipe	Fergus Gillard (3)	8
2021	**Malinas Island** 6-10-8	11-2	Neil Mulholland	K. Brogan	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.12 RACE 2

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Pace Information: **Uncontested**

1 **PONCHO (FR) (23)** s **97**

456/1F-7 **8** 12-0 | 76.2kg

Jamie Moore & Josh Moore — ***Caoilin Quinn***

Flat/hurdles winner, though he's not really bred to make a chaser and his jumping often proved a weakness over hurdles. Jumping again proved an issue on his chase debut earlier in the month and he's not an obvious sort despite the drop in grade.

2 **KITSILANO (IRE) (216)** s **98**

2343134B- **9** 11-6 | 72.6kg

David Bridgwater — ***Ciaran Gethings***

Opened his chase account at the seventh attempt at Leicester (2m) in February, well suited by the emphasis on stamina. Laboured displays on his next 2 starts prior to being brought down early at Fontwell when last seen in April. Still 5 lb above last winning mark and has regular cheekpieces back on.

3 **HONEY JACK (609)** t **100**

64153/ **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg

Joe Tizzard — ***Freddie Gingell***

Off the mark in 3m Taunton handicap (good to soft) in November 2024. Seen only twice since but his dam was a better chaser and returns from a 20-month absence with his yard in fine form, so might be worth chancing to make a winning start in this sphere having had a breathing operation.

4 **POP'S FOLLY (IRE) (45)** s **93**

85/7563P-P **6** 11-1 | 70.3kg

Georgina Nicholls — ***James Best***

Ran as well as could've been expected from a stiff-looking opening mark when third in a Huntingdon handicap hurdle in March but pulled up both outings since having all but come down early on last month's chasing debut. Now wears cheekpieces.

5 **LIFETIME IN MILAN (IRE) (277)** **96**

P44- **7** 10-11 | 68.5kg

Chris Gordon — ***Freddie Gordon***

Won in points at the third attempt. Only showed a bit in 3 novice/maiden hurdles last winter but his yard has a decent record with handicap newcomers and he makes the quick switch to chasing in a thin race.

6 **BALLYBAY (IRE) (216)** h+t **97**

PP56- **9** 10-2(10-1) | 64.4kg (64.0kg)

Murty McGrath — ***Freddie Mitchell*** (3lb/1kg)

Has clearly had issues and limited encouragement to glean from 4 starts over fences/hurdles for present yard last season, albeit set plenty to do at Fontwell when last seen in April.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Honey Jack, **4-1** Kitsilano, **5-1** Ballybay, **5-1** Poncho, **11-2** Lifetime In Milan, **10-1** Pop's Folly

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A very thin race in which HONEY JACK might be able to make a winning start over fences for the in-form Tizzard yard. Point winner Lifetime In Milan could surpass his hurdles form now chasing, with Kitsilano making most appeal of those with experience.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HONEY JACK 2. LIFETIME IN MILAN 3. KITSILANO

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Rip Wheeler** 5-12-0	8-11f	Gary & Josh Moore	Robert Dunne	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.47 RACE 3

MARK SHEASBY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 4yo+ fillies and mares £10,000 2m3f110y (3920 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 AMBER DANCER t **85**
5 11-2 | 70.8kg
Neil King — *Jack Quinlan*
Dragon Dancer mare. Half-sister to a winning pointer. Runner-up in a point bumper in February and wears tongue strap on Rules debut.

2 GONE AWAY MADAM (957) **85**
8 11-2 | 70.8kg
Neil King — *Jonjo O'Neill Jr.*
Won a bumper in June 2023 but well held on hurdle debut in April 2024 and not seen since. Can only be watched after such a long time off.

3 GRIZZLED SQUIRREL (285) **85**
539- **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Jamie Moore & Josh Moore — *Caoilin Quinn*
Jack Hobbs mare showed promise in 2 bumpers last summer prior to finishing 6½ lengths last of 9 in a messy race at Ascot when last seen in February. Will need to improve to make a winning hurdles debut.

4 KAYLEIGH (IRE) (271) **85**
4/4- **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Robert Stephens — *Ciaran Gethings*
Jukebox Jury mare who was beaten 9 lengths into fourth in a Uttoxeter bumper for Richard Bandey in March 2025. Off for 12 months subsequently and was still green when fourth of 8 in bumper at Newbury (2m, good to soft). Should benefit from this longer trip on hurdles debut.

5 LADY KLOPPENHEIM (IRE) (559) **85**
3/6- **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Harry Ryall — *Freddie Gordon*
Easy winner of a 3-runner point who showed modest form in 2 bumpers in spring last year, tried in tongue strap (now discarded) when sixth of 17 at Aintree in May. Has 18-month absence to overcome on her hurdles bow. Engaged 1.01 Hereford Wednesday.

6 MARVETTA (FR) (257) **87**
8- **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Joe Tizzard — *Freddie Gingell*
€68,000 3-y-o, Masked Marvel mare. Shaped quite well when eighth of 12 in bumper at Uttoxeter (2m, soft, 16/1) on debut in March, unable to sustain her effort late after making a big move into contention. Respected hurdles debutante.

7 PURE OCEAN (IRE) (253) **97**
522- **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Richard Bandey — *K. Brogan*
Crystal Ocean filly out of a half-sister to Champion Hurdler Binocular. Runner-up in an 8-runner event at Newcastle in January on her second bumper outing and similar promise when a length second of 6 in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2½m, good to soft) on hurdles bow in March, clear of rest.

8 RAINBOW TARA (25) **85**
7/25-9 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*
Kayf Tara mare who built on her debut promise (for Toby Bulgin) after 9 months off when second of 12 in bumper at Uttoxeter last December. Looked one for the longer term when mid-field on hurdles debut at Worcester earlier in the month, though longer trip should at least suit.

9 WESTERN CHARM (28) **89**
6195-4 **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Anthony Honeyball — *Ben Godfrey*
Related to some above-average jumpers. Some mitigation for both starts following a comfortable heavy-ground bumper win at Wincanton last season. Looked badly in need of the experience (jumped poorly) when fourth of 9 in novice hurdle at Stratford (2¾m, soft) on hurdles bow 28 days ago. Can improve.

10 ASHBURTON (274) **86**
25- **4** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Anthony Honeyball — *Rex Dingle*
£25,000 3-y-o, Planteur filly. Showed plenty of ability before greenness stopped her holding her position when second of 10 in a bumper at Doncaster in November and again looked as if the experience would benefit her when fifth of 14 in a similar race at Wincanton in February.

11 ITS A VIBE (IRE) (63) **86**
4 **4** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Grace Harris — *Joe Anderson* (3lb/1kg)
Uninspiring sort on paper (€1,000 3-y-o who was pulled up on her sole start in points) but confirmed she possesses ability when fourth of 14 in novice hurdle at Listowel (2m, good to soft) on debut 63 days ago. Up in trip. First run for yard after leaving W. J. Burke.

12 TRUE TO MY WORD (IRE) ★ **100**
4 11-1 | 70.3kg
Ben Pauling — *Ben Jones*
€23,000 3-y-o, £160,000 4-y-o, Poet's Word filly. Sister to bumper winner Tiktok Casey. Highly respected on debut. Winner of her only start in Irish points and she makes plenty of appeal on debut for leading yard.

13 VALENTINE WREN (IRE) (19) **75**
0 **4** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Samuel Drinkwater — *Sean Houlihan*
Soldier of Fortune filly who offered little in a Uttoxeter bumper earlier in the month.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 True To My Word, **11-4** Pure Ocean, **8-1** Western Charm, **12-1** Marvetta, **22-1** Its A Vibe, **22-1** Ashburton, **25-1** Rainbow Tara, **28-1** Amber Dancer, **33-1** Gone Away Madam, **33-1** Kayleigh, **33-1** Lady Kloppenheim, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Ben Pauling's point winner TRUE TO MY WORD can make a winning start under Rules at the chief expense of Pure Ocean, who pulled clear with the winner on her hurdles bow back in the spring. Western Charm should be sharper for her recent hurdles debut and completes the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TRUE TO MY WORD 2. PURE OCEAN 3. WESTERN CHARM

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Broomfield Aderra** 5-11-2	5-4	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	7
2024	**Holloway Queen** 4-11-1	16-5	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	9
2023	**Coco Mademoiselle** 5-11-2	4-7f	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	10
2022	**Felicie du Maquis** 7-11-2	9-2	Clive Boultbee-Brooks	Mr Tommie M. O'Brien (3)	10
2021	**Russian Rumour** 4-10-13	11-2	Jonathan Portman	Harry Bannister	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.22 RACE 4

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **FORTUNE TIMMY (IRE) (229)** **88**

131300- **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Chris Gordon — *Freddie Gordon*

Finished promising third in Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham on Trials Day. Unable to get involved in the Baring Bingham or in a big-field Aintree handicap subsequently but he's got the pedigree of one who'll prove at least as good over fences.

2 **BLUE CARPET (236)** (D, BF) **91**

134/21212- **6** 11-12 | 75.3kg



Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*

Strong traveller who chased home a subsequent winner on Newbury handicap bow prior to scoring at Wetherby in good style in late-February. Progressed again when a clear second of 9 in handicap hurdle at Haydock (3m, good, 9/4) in April and he appeals as one who can improve further now chasing.

3 **KASINO DES MOTTES (FR) (33)** **84**

515380-5 **6** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Joe Tizzard — *Freddie Gingell*

£130,000 Irish point recruit who opened his account at the second time of asking over hurdles in a 21f Kempton novice last November. Ended last season in low-key fashion, though, and fared little better when fifth of 6 in a novice at Cheltenham (25f, good to soft) on last month's chasing bow.

4 **LAUGHING JOHN (30)** (D, BF) **100**

32U/11-0F **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg



Nicky Henderson — *Nico de Boinville*

Lightly raced but much more like it with a pair of handicap wins over hurdles last winter. Looked set to win impressively when falling at the last on last month's Bangor chase debut and a 4 lb higher mark here may underestimate just how much scope for improvement he possesses.

5 **ROYAL WAY (FR) (206)** **86**

3/333124-2 **6** 10-12 | 68.9kg



Jamie Moore & Josh Moore — *Sean Houlihan*

Third Ludlow win when seeing off 7 rivals over 21f in March and remained in good form to make the frame on 3 following outings in the spring. Perhaps more exposed than some of his rivals on chase debut, though.

6 **GENERAL BRIAR (IRE) (21)** **83**

6/F311PP-0 **7** 10-10 | 68.0kg



Chris Gordon — *Caoilin Quinn*

On the up when completing a double over hurdles at Plumpton on handicap bow in January. Pulled up in more competitive races on his next 2 starts later that season and he shaped as if he'd come on for his return at Newbury 3 weeks ago. Placed in 2 Irish points, so longer trip should suit now chasing.

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Laughing John, **7-2** Blue Carpet, **5-1** Fortune Timmy, **7-1** Royal Way, **12-1** Kasino Des Mottes, **14-1** General Briar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

LAUGHING JOHN was in complete control when falling at the last at Bangor on chasing debut and a 4 lb higher mark shouldn't be enough to stop him making amends. Fortune Timmy and Blue Carpet have both had positive campaigns over hurdles last season and should also have a future in this sphere.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LAUGHING JOHN 2. FORTUNE TIMMY 3. BLUE CARPET

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Noble Park** 6-10-10	5-6f	Nicky Henderson	James Bowen	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.57 RACE 5

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 **FORTHFACTOR (IRE)** (28) (D) ★ **100**
1/151-1 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Very useful winner of a strong renewal of Grade 2 Aintree bumper in April. Created a tremendous impression when following up on hurdling bow at Stratford last month. Exciting prospect for top yard and can defy a penalty to land the hat-trick here.

2 **DON DE LA FRONTERA** (125) h **65**
79 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Neil King — ***Jack Quinlan***
Free-going sort. No impact in points (hooded) and similar story in a bumper/novice hurdle for Toby Bulgin this summer. Makes little appeal with headgear refitted on stable debut.

3 **FURY LAD (IRE)** (257) **65**
PP4- **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Richard Rowe — ***Freddie Mitchell*** (3lb/1kg)
Runner-up on second of 2 runs in Irish points. No form 4 starts under Rules and still needs this run for a mark.

4 **INTRASTELLAR** h **77**
5 11-0 | 69.9kg
Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill — ***K. Brogan***
Telescope gelding. Half-brother to bumper winner/fairly useful hurdler We're Red And Blue. Dam, fair 2m hurdle winner, sister to useful chaser (stayed 2½m) Sammy Bill. From family yard knows well. Pitched into an above-average race and yard without a winning hurdling debutant this year. Wears hood.

5 **MILOU DU CHENET (FR)** (294) **88**
112- **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Warren Greatrex — ***Jonjo O'Neill Jr.***
Progressive sort who made it 2-2 over hurdles with another straightforward front-running success at Wetherby (soft). Beaten only by another fairly useful type on hat-trick bid at Doncaster (16.5f, heavy) in February. Sure to win a novice without a penalty this season, though bumps into one here.

6 **MINT APPROVED (FR)** (18) **80**
0/21-3 **6** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Jamie Moore & Josh Moore — ***Caoilin Quinn***
Improved to see off Kamille Au Kanada (since prolific over hurdles) in a Plumpton bumper over the spring. Encouraging hurdling debut when 5½ lengths third under a positive ride at Sandown on return. Will surely have easier opportunities to get off the mark in this sphere.

7 **RULING PLANET (IRE)** (24) t **78**
6 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Ben Pauling — ***Ben Jones***
Unraced on the Flat for Charlie Appleby. Off the mark in point bumpers at second attempt in March. Looks sure to improve on his hurdling debut at Southwell (good late headway to finish well-held sixth). Another who'll have easier opportunities down the line, especially in handicaps.

8 **TYTHINGMAN** (33) (D) **77**
1-0 **4** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Joe Tizzard — ***Freddie Gingell***
Related to above-average jumpers. Narrow winner of Hereford bumper in February before disconcerting return at Cheltenham, a subsequent breathing operation an indicator that he wasn't 100%. Hard to be confident he can mix it with the best of these on his hurdling debut.

9 **UNCLE SCROOGE (IRE)** (36) **76**
8 **5** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Chris Gordon — ***Freddie Gordon***
Placed on 2 of 3 starts in Irish points in 2025. Looked one for later on when down the field on hurdling bow at Fontwell (19f, 10/1) last month.

10 **PUSH PUSH (FR)** h **76**
5 10-7 | 66.7kg
Chris Gordon — ***Harry Reed***
Nirvana Du Berlais mare. Half-sister to fair hurdler Byzantium. Dam, French 17f hurdle winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 3¼m) Porlock Bay. Maiden Irish pointer, runner-up 4 times. Stable jockey looks elsewhere and she's probably one for later on (wears hood).

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

evens Forthfactor, **3-1** Milou Du Chenet, **9-1** Mint Approved, **16-1** Ruling Planet, **20-1** Tythingman, **25-1** Intrastellar, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Exciting prospect FORTHFACTOR can make it 2-2 over hurdles at the expense of Milou Du Chenet, with Mint Approved likely best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FORTHFACTOR 2. MILOU DU CHENET 3. MINT APPROVED

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Mossy Fen Road** 5-11-0	8-15f	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	5
2024	**Miller Spirit** 4-11-0	6-4	Gary & Josh Moore	Niall Houlihan	9
2023	**Paradias** 4-11-0	2-1f	Alan King	Gavin Sheehan	14
2022	**Givega** 6-11-0	6-5f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	12
2021	**Sherborne** 5-10-12	7-2jf	Colin Tizzard	Brendan Powell	17

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.32 RACE 6

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Pace Information: **Strong**

1 **MARHABA PRINCE (11)** t **100**
7/3221-P81 **5** 12-1 | 76.7kg

Anthony Honeyball — *James Robottom* (10lb/5kg)
Fair bumper/maiden hurdle winner. Different proposition to previously in handicaps when scoring in first-time tongue strap at Fontwell 11 days ago, going with zest/always holding under this claimer. Obvious appeal from an unchanged mark, even facing contrasting conditions (all wins soft/heavy).

2 **GALACTIQUE (FR) (242)** **94**
211760- **4** 11-13 | 75.7kg

Murty McGrath — *Caoilin Quinn*
Dual Fontwell winner (beat a now-useful sort on its hurdling debut) who regressed for Gary & Josh Moore thereafter. Since joined a small yard and has plenty to prove taking on his elders for first time.

3 **ROCK ON COWBOY (IRE) (29)** (D) s **88**
3P31/2-6 **9** 11-9 | 73.9kg

Fergal O'Brien — *J. Hogan*
Chased home some fairly useful types either side of Warwick maiden success for Barry Brennan last spring. Usual headgear back on following last month's comeback (ridden aggressively/likely better for the run), and he's been given a chance by handicapper ahead of second start for capable yard.

4 **SHEEZER DIVA (IRE) (48)** **94**
365-2 **6** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*
Well-related mare from top yard. Built on encouraging signs from last season when ¾-length second on handicap bow/return at Chepstow, looking sure to be suited by this step back up in trip. Looks sure to win races, however, she may need Marhaba Prince to underperform on this occasion.

5 **LONGMOOR (IRE) (36)** **90**
34-6 **4** 11-7 | 73.0kg

Joe Tizzard — *Freddie Gingell*
Some encouragement when hitting the frame behind some above-average types in junior hurdles last season. Sent off at 22/1 when well held on handicap bow/return at Worcester (2m, soft) latest. Work to do on the figures, even with longer trip/return to less testing conditions in his favour.

6 **RIP WHEELER (IRE) (10)** (C, D) **98**
1P41241-2 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg

Jamie Moore & Josh Moore — *Cian Murphy* (10lb/5kg)
Improved to win 4 of his 8 starts over fences last season (including here). Left with too much to do when 2¼-length second off lower hurdles mark on reappearance at Plumpton (21f). Well treated if things fall right under another relatively inexperienced rider.

7 **FOLLOWING CHAPTER (36)** (D) s **94**
954/4126-9 **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg

Alastair Ralph — *Ciaran Gethings*
Hasn't kicked on from a promising start in handicaps last winter. Market expected better when well beaten on return at Worcester on his latest start. At least looks the type who'll benefit from the addition of first-time cheekpieces.

8 **VENTARA (561)** **97**
26/9- **8** 10-6 | 66.2kg

Joe Tizzard — *Dylan Johnston*
Low-mileage 8-y-o. Only raced twice since going close behind an improver on return at Chepstow over 2 years ago, typically well backed when well held latest. Jockey booking catches the eye (4-9 for yard since start of October) and needs a close market check following further 18 months off.

9 **MOON MONARCH (IRE) (221)** **94**
53558/7- **6** 10-2 | 64.4kg

Chris Gordon — *Harry Reed*
Shaped like a stayer in bumpers. Brought along steadily in maiden hurdles (around 2m) last season. Lowly opening mark isn't insurmountable on the pick of his bumper form and one to note if market speaks in his favour.

9 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Marhaba Prince, **7-2** Sheezer Diva, **9-2** Rip Wheeler, **9-1** Ventara, **12-1** Moon Monarch, **14-1** Rock On Cowboy, **16-1** Following Chapter, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Unpenalised for his decisive Fontwell success, MARHABA PRINCE looks the percentage call in a race where several have a chance. Sheezer Diva gets the nod over Rip Wheeler for next best, with Ventara potentially interesting if supported for a bang-in-form stable.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MARHABA PRINCE 2. SHEEZER DIVA 3. RIP WHEELER

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race