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TIMEFORM 1-2-3

Friday 27th November

NEWBURY

11.40	PLAY CORAL "RACING-SUPER-SERIES" FOR FREE 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (3) (D.I) 2m69y (3280 Metres)
RACE 1	**(9) PRINCE RUPERT | (10) RIVER KWAI | (8) OATSOEASY**
12.10	PLAY CORAL "RACING-SUPER-SERIES" FOR FREE 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE (3) (D.II) 2m69y (3280 Metres)
RACE 2	**(10) STICK TO THE BOARD | (6) OCTO GANE | (11) TALLY HO BACK**
12.40	CORAL RACING CLUB NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2m92y (3300 Metres)
RACE 3	**(2) KLUB DE REVE | (1) COUNTRY MILE | (3) MASKED MAN**
1.15	CORAL "DAILY REWARDS SHAKER" FILLIES' JUVENILE HURDLE (Listed) (1) 2m69y (3280 Metres)
RACE 4	**(4) KOALA ROSE | (5) NATHALIE JOLIE | (2) ESPRITROYALE**
1.50	CORAL JOHN FRANCOME NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 2) (1) 2m3f187y (3990 Metres)
RACE 5	**(1) TAURUS BAY | (5) TUTTI QUANTI | (4) ROYAL INFANTRY**
2.25	CORAL "BET£10 GET£50 SIGN UP OFFER" HANDICAP CHASE (2) 2m3f187y (3990 Metres)
RACE 6	**(4) ETALON | (7) KAP OUEST | (1) TWINJETS**
3.00	CORAL LONG DISTANCE HURDLE (Grade 2) (1) 3m57y (4880 Metres)
RACE 7	**(5) LE FRIMEUR | (1) IMPOSE TOI | (3) MA SHANTOU**
3.35	CORAL "PIPPED-AT-THE-POST" AND WIN HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 3m57y (4880 Metres)
RACE 8	**(8) WESTERN MONKEY | (13) HARBOUR LIGHT | (7) LIHYAN**

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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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 BURK FLIGHT (FR) (8) **79**
57 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Olly Murphy — *Sean Bowen*
Proved ill-suited to a polytrack bumper when fifth of 8 at Lingfield (2m) at the start of the month and he never threatened at long odds when seventh of 14 in a Warwick maiden hurdle (2m) 8 days ago. In good hands and likely to flourish at a later stage (probably over further).

2 FRANCISCO ALVARES (14) **90**
4 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Dan Skelton — *Tristan Durrell*
Walk In The Park gelding who hails from a family this yard has done particularly well with. Not seen to best effect from a hopeless position when staying on fourth in a Southwell bumper (2m) 2 weeks ago. Firmly appeals as the type to do better now hurdling.

3 ISLAND GETAWAY (IRE) (12) h **70**
5-28 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Warren Greatrex — *Caoilin Quinn*
Looked in need of the experience in his 2 starts in bumpers and was set a stiff task for hurdling debut, he offered little following 6 months off/breathing operation when eighth in a Cheltenham maiden (2m) 12 days ago. Hood now reached for but likely type for handicaps further down the line.

4 KILLARNEY (FR) (12) **70**
57 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Chris Gordon — *Freddie Gordon*
Runner-up in small-field event first of 2 Irish point starts but well held when finishing mid-field in pair of novice hurdles at Stratford/Fontwell so far this autumn. Will have handicaps as an option after this and they promise to be more suitable.

5 LOUGHMOURNE (IRE) **93**
5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Harry Fry — *Bryan Carver*
£125,000 5-y-o, Maxios gelding. Dam (h84), 3m hurdle winner, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser (stayed 3¼m) Richard's Sundance. Successful on sole start in Irish points (Feb 2026) and he's one to note in the betting on hurdles debut for stable amongst the winners.

6 LOVER DESBOIS (FR) (251) (D) **94**
414- **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Harry Derham — *Paul O'Brien*
Scopey sort who was impressive when making second bumper start a winning one at Kempton (2m) in February. Travelled with plenty of purpose when fourth in valuable C&D sales bumper a month later and very much appeals as the type to make his mark over hurdles this season.

7 MIDNIGHT ESCAPE (26) **89**
4-4 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Ben Case — *Jonathan Burke*
Made the frame only start in bumpers and, almost a year on, offered something to work on when fourth in a Worcester maiden hurdle (2m) 4 weeks ago. Likely to have derived plenty from that and he ought to do better but longer trips may suit ideally in due course.

8 OATSOEASY (IRE) (36) (BF) **94**
2 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Ben Pauling — *Ben Jones*
Every chance when falling 2 out in his point back in March 2025. Given plenty of time subsequently and it was a very promising start under Rules when 2 lengths second of 10 in a Ffos Las novice (2m) 5 weeks ago. Open to improvement and one to consider here.

9 PRINCE RUPERT (258) (D) t ★ **100**
1- **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Nicky Henderson — *Nico de Boinville*
Flat-bred gelding from an excellent family and he looked something out of the ordinary when readily landing a Kempton bumper (2m) in March, subject to no more than hands-and-heels ride. Exciting prospect now hurdling following breathing operation for yard boasting fine record in this race.

10 RIVER KWAI (FR) (255) (D) **98**
1- **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Paul Nicholls — *Sam Twiston-Davies*
€130,000 No Risk At All gelding. Green under pressure but that didn't stop him proving a class apart when justifying good support when taking 10-runner Exeter bumper (17f) in March, travelling powerfully and going clear final 1f. Another of interest now attentions switch to hurdles.

11 SOLDIER POET (IRE) (24) h **75**
254-0 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Nick Gifford — *Rex Dingle*
Failed to kick on from a promising second in bumpers in 2 subsequent runs and, following 8 months off/breathing operation, it was a low-key start over hurdles at Lingfield at the start of the month. Passed over with a hood now reached for.

12 COOL MILLION (IRE) (126) **70**
530 **4** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Faye Bramley — *Harry Kimber*
Showed a bit in 2 bumpers initially this season but there was none of the promise she hinted at then when well held in a Uttoxeter novice hurdle (2m) in July, her jumping tentative. This looks a warm race back from 4 months off.

13 LADY KLUCK (IRE) (586) (D) **79**
31453/ **6** 10-11 | 68.5kg
David Pipe — *Jack Tudor*
Modest bumper winner who could only run to a similar level on first of 2 starts over hurdles for Dan Skelton during early 2025. Off 19 months (also had breathing operation) ahead of this stable debut and she rates best watched.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Prince Rupert, **10-3** River Kwai, **11-2** Oatsoeasy, **6-1** Lover Desbois, **15-2** Loughmourne, **16-1** Francisco Alvares, **22-1** Midnight Escape, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

PRINCE RUPERT looked something out of the ordinary when making a winning bumper debut at Kempton back in March, a race Nicky Henderson landed with Shishkin a few years earlier. He's an exciting prospect now hurdling with his yard boasting a fine record in this race. Unsurprisingly there is depth in opposition, with dangers headed up by fellow impressive bumper winner River Kwai. Ffos Las second Oatsoeasy and Lover Desbois complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. PRINCE RUPERT 2. RIVER KWAI 3. OATSOEASY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Act of Innocence** 5-11-4	11-10f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	15
2024	**Regent's Stroll** 5-11-4	4-11f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	10
2023	**Jeriko du Reponet** 4-11-4	4-11f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	8
2022	**Jet Powered** 5-11-4	8-13f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	12
2021	**Jonbon** 5-11-4	10-11f	Nicky Henderson	Aidan Coleman	8

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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Pace Information: **Even**

1 ASHES AND ARROWS (IRE) **83**
5 11-4 | 71.7kg
Dan Skelton — *Tristan Durrell*
Axxos gelding. Dam, unraced, closely related to smart hurdler/chaser (2m-2½m winner) Sole Pretender out of useful hurdle/chase winner around 2m Cool Quest. Plenty to like on paper and one to note in the betting on debut.

2 DEAD CERT (FR) (335) (BF) **84**
F/0- **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
W. P. Mullins, Ireland — *Non Runner*
No Risk At All gelding who was in the process of showing promise when falling at last in minor hurdle at Auteuil (14.9f, soft) in March 2025. Failed to meet market expectations at Leopardstown on yard debut the following December but is clearly thought capable of better. NON RUNNER.

3 DUHALLOW STORM (IRE) (41) (D) **84**
4-1 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Anthony Honeyball — *Rex Dingle*
€105,000 3-y-o, Walk In The Park gelding who left his debut form well behind when rallying to great effect to land 17f bumper at Newton Abbot 41 days ago. Bred to come into his own now jumping but will most likely be suited by longer trip.

4 JAYCEE REIDY (IRE) (24) **81**
54 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Chris Gordon — *Freddie Gordon*
Winning Irish pointer who looks to be being brought along with handicaps in mind, catching the eye finishing with running left on second start under Rules when fourth of 11 in 2m novice at Lingfield 24 days ago. Needs this for a mark.

5 JETAWAY HOLIDAY (IRE) (22) t **81**
55-6 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Nicky Henderson — *Nico de Boinville*
Point winner who looks a staying chaser in the making and is unlikely to be suited by the 3f shorter trip on qualifying run.

6 OCTO GANE (FR) (22) **91**
4/6-2 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Ben Pauling — *Ben Jones*
Muhtathir gelding who shaped with some encouragement in a pair of bumpers nearly 2 years apart, finishing sixth of 12 at Fairyhouse (2m, soft) in April. Had undergone a breathing operation prior to finishing an encouraging second on hurdling debut over C&D 22 days ago. Should improve.

7 OUR RAREST HOUR (IRE) (8) **60**
0 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Claire Dyson — *David Noonan*
Placed on the second of his 2 starts in Irish points but sent off 500/1 and offered little on last week's hurdling debut at Warwick.

8 PLAN DE STAN (23) **82**
22-6F **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Tom Symonds — *Ben Poste*
Showed fair form on the first 2 of 3 starts in bumpers and would've run to a similar level had he completed on hurdling debut at Chepstow (2m, soft) 23 days ago, booked for clear third when falling heavily last. Likely to improve if none the worse but this is a warm-looking race.

9 ROCK ON RONNIE (IRE) (8) t **81**
73-20 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Olly Murphy — *Sean Bowen*
Shaped well when third at Perth on second bumper start in April and again showed promise sent hurdling when a well-held second of 9 in 2m Stratford novice on return. Went backwards from that effort at Warwick and probably more one for handicaps/longer trip after this. Wears first-time tongue strap.

10 STICK TO THE BOARD (IRE) (48) (D, BF) **100**
1-2 **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Paul Nicholls — *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Bought for £215,000 after showing plenty (fell last) on sole Irish point start. Decisive winner of a Chepstow bumper in March and again a warm order in the betting when runner-up on hurdling debut at the same track (19f) on return. Open to improvement for top yard and may well go one better.

11 TALLY HO BACK (261) **88**
4260- **5** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — *Toby McCain-Mitchell* (3lb/1kg)
Left his debut form well behind when second to exciting Bass Hunter in a listed race at Ascot. Returned to a similar level when 5¾ lengths tenth of 21 in Champion Bumper at Cheltenham on final outing and rates an interesting hurdling debutant, for all that he'll be suited by further in due course.

12 UNBELIEVABLE JEFF (15) **60**
80 **4** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Faye Bramley — *Harry Kimber*
Has shown little in a pair of 2m novice hurdles.

13 DAYS OF JOY (IRE) (55) **65**
P **4** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Neil Mulholland — *Dylan Johnston*
Finished third on second of 2 starts in Irish points (Apr 2026) but went with no short-term encouragement switched to hurdling at Fontwell early last month.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Stick To The Board, **7-2** Octo Gane, **5-1** Tally Ho Back, **11-1** Duhallow Storm, **16-1** Ashes And Arrows, **22-1** Plan De Stan, **33-1** Rock On Ronnie, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

STICK TO THE BOARD failed to land the odds on his Chepstow hurdling debut but was still a promising first effort in this sphere in a race that's worked out well, and he's taken to go one better with the return to 2m unlikely to inconvenience him. Octo Gane and useful bumper performer Tally Ho Back head the dangers.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. STICK TO THE BOARD 2. OCTO GANE 3. TALLY HO BACK

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

12.40 RACE 3

CORAL RACING CLUB NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 4yo+ £22,000 2m92y (3300 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Very Weak**

1 **COUNTRY MILE (IRE) (41)** (D, BF) h+t **94**

1215/23-1F **7** 11-10 | 74.4kg

Dan Skelton *Harry Skelton*

Dual novice hurdle winner who made third chase start a winning one in a Uttoxeter maiden (2m) on his return, both other runners scoring next time out. Was still challenging when falling at the tenth at Newton Abbot (21f) last time, so he's worth another chance to build on his Uttoxeter effort.

2 **KLUB DE REVE (FR) (279)** (D) **100**

73/4211- **6** 11-5 | 72.1kg

Harry Derham *Paul O'Brien*

Irish point winner who progressed well over hurdles last season, comfortably winning maiden at Kempton on Boxing Day before stepping up to land the Dovecote at the same course in February. Looks the type to do well over fences, so is a noteworthy recruit to chasing as he makes handicap debut.

3 **MASKED MAN (FR) (48)** (D, BF) **92**

1219-F **5** 11-3 | 71.2kg

Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies *J. J. Slevin*

Irish point winner who landed a pair of novice hurdles last season, also runner-up in a Grade 2 at Haydock. Well held in an Aintree Grade 1 to end the campaign and was beaten when falling in the Silver Trophy at Chepstow on his return, though he appeals as the type to make a better chaser.

4 **HARDLY SURPRISING (IRE) (233)** t **89**

5331- **5** 10-5 | 65.8kg

Harry Fry *Harry Cobden*

Successful on sole outing in Irish points and showed promise in each of his 4 starts in maiden hurdles last season, landing the odds at Fontwell (19f) when last seen in April. Bred to make a chaser, though didn't achieve as much as the others in this line-up over hurdles.

4 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

13-8 Klub De Reve, **11-4** Country Mile, **7-2** Masked Man, **5-1** Hardly Surprising

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Preference is for KLUB DE REVE who progressed with each of his 4 starts over hurdles last season, landing a Grade 2 novice at Kempton with a bit in hand on his final outing. He could be capable of even better as a chaser and is fancied to make a successful handicap debut, though Country Mile isn't taken lightly with the form of his Uttoxeter win working out well.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KLUB DE REVE 2. COUNTRY MILE 3. MASKED MAN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Mambonumberfive** 4-11-6	5-2f	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones	7
2024	**Kalif du Berlais** 4-11-6	10-11f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	10
2023	**Djelo** 5-11-10	15-8f	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	6
2022	**Frere d'Armes** 5-10-3	4-1	Dan Skelton	Harry Skelton	6
2021	**Not Available** 6-10-10	14-1	Matt Sheppard	Stan Sheppard	5

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.15 RACE 4 — CORAL "DAILY REWARDS SHAKER" FILLIES' JUVENILE HURDLE (Listed) (1) 3yo fillies £45,000 2m69y (3280 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **ECHO VALLEY (32)** (D) **84**
1 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Tom Symonds — *Gavin Sheehan*
Modest stayer on the Flat but immediately bettered that form sent hurdling when easily winning a 9-runner juvenile maiden at Hereford last month. Open to improvement in this sphere, though it will be required in this contest.

2 **ESPRITROYALE (IRE) (24)** (D) h **85**
1 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland — *C. Stone-Walsh*
Fair maiden on the Flat who matched that level at the first attempt over hurdles when winning a juvenile maiden at Fairyhouse early this month. Trainer has landed this race twice previously (Irish yards have won 6 of the last 13 renewals), so she merits consideration.

3 **HEY STELLA (IRE)**
3 11-0 | 69.9kg
Faye Bramley — *Ben Jones*
Ran to a fair level in 4 starts in maidens on the Flat for Ger Lyons, her best effort when runner-up in 17-runner contest at Galway (1½m) in September. However, she looks to face a tough ask as she makes her hurdling/stable debut.

4 **KOALA ROSE (IRE) (15)** (D) ★ **100**
1 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*
Fairly useful maiden up to 1¾m on the Flat for Ralph Beckett. Looked potentially better than that over hurdles when landing the odds in 3-runner fillies' juvenile at Hereford 15 days ago, scoring by a very wide margin. Well worth her place at this level.

5 **NATHALIE JOLIE (222)** h **97**
1- **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Nicky Henderson — *Harry Cobden*
Fitted with hood, won 11-runner fillies newcomers hurdle at Auteuil in April on her only start for M. Seror. Has since joined much-respected connections, so she's one to note pitched straight into a listed race for her British debut.

6 **RED MOON (FR) (26)** **76**
2 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Richard Bandey — *K. Brogan*
Fair 1½m winner on the Flat in France for Yann Barberot in April. After 7 months off, showed an aptitude for hurdling when second of 5 in fillies juvenile maiden at Worcester 26 days ago, though has plenty to find in this higher grade.

7 **TALKA (FR) (32)** b+t **73**
R2 **3** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Donald McCain — *Jonathan Burke*
Made the frame in pair of 15f maidens on the Flat in France (fair form). However, she ran out (hung badly right) on her hurdling/stable debut in October and ran to only a modest level when second of 8 in juvenile maiden at Hereford last time.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Nathalie Jolie, **7-4** Koala Rose, **11-2** Espritroyale, **16-1** Echo Valley, **22-1** Hey Stella, **66-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

KOALA ROSE made an impressive start over hurdles with an emphatic success at Hereford, jumping accurately in the main, and she can take this step up in grade in her stride for her leading yard. She gets the vote ahead of Nathalie Jolie who was successful on her only start in France, while Irish raider Espritroyale could also be in the mix.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. KOALA ROSE 2. NATHALIE JOLIE 3. ESPRITROYALE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Highland Crystal** 3-11-0	evsf	Gordon Elliott	Jordan Colin Gainford	12
2024	**Opec** 3-11-0	9-2	James Owen	Sean Bowen	10
2023	**Wodhooh** 3-11-0	2-5f	Gordon Elliott	J. W. Kennedy	9
2022	**Dixon Cove** 3-11-0	evsf	Paul Nicholls	Harry Skelton	9
2021	**Sea Sessions** 3-10-12	8-1	Ross O'Sullivan	Jonathan Burke	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1.50 RACE 5

CORAL JOHN FRANCOME NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 2) (1)
4yo+ £75,000 2m3f187y (3990 Metres)

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Pace Information: **Weak**

1 **TAURUS BAY (IRE)** (20) (D) **99**
1120-1 **5** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Ben Pauling — ***Ben Jones***
Won a pair of novice hurdles last season before being only narrowly denied in Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham in January. Looked an exciting prospect for chasing when winning 4-runner Rising Stars Novices' Chase at Aintree (2½m, good) on chase debut, jumping with real fluency. Can continue to improve.

2 **CATCHINTSAVO (IRE)** (34) t **82**
3021312-4 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Anthony Honeyball — ***Rex Dingle***
Won Ludlow maiden and Plumpton novice over hurdles before excelling himself up markedly in grade when second of 12 in Sefton Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (25f, good to soft). Looked in need of the experience on last month's chase debut but he's a grand sort physically and he could improve markedly.

3 **FAVOUR AND FORTUNE (IRE)** (20) **95**
6403/635-3 **8** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Alan King — ***Tom Bellamy***
Without a win since Grade 2 handicap hurdle at Ayr in April 2024 but emerged with credit in a couple of big-field events since. Proved himself as capable over fences when 8¼ lengths third of 4 to Taurus Bay in Rising Stars Novices' Chase at Aintree (2½m, good) but hard to see him turning the tables.

4 **ROYAL INFANTRY (IRE)** (21) (C, D) t ★ **100**
435295-11 **7** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Dan Skelton — ***Harry Skelton***
Useful hurdler who largely ran well without winning in 2025/26, albeit with a tendency to find less than looked likely. Off mark over fences in a 3-runner maiden at Hexham (2½m) last month and again impressed with his jumping when winning another 3-runner event at Aintree (25f, good) 21 days ago.

5 **TUTTI QUANTI (FR)** (44) (C, BF) **98**
61/6118F-2 **6** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***
Very smart hurdler who ran away with the William Hill Hurdle here in February. Arguably a shade too keen when 1½ lengths second of 4 in listed chase at Ffos Las (19f, soft) on last month's chase bow but that should've taken the freshness out of him. Can improve at a track where he has a good record.

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Taurus Bay, **2-1** Tutti Quanti, **4-1** Royal Infantry, **10-1** Favour And Fortune, **22-1** Catchintsavo

TIMEFORM VIEW:

TAURUS BAY looks likely to take high rank amongst this season's novice chasers on the evidence of his impressive win in the Rising Stars and he can defy a penalty to take his record to 2-2 in this sphere. Tutti Quanti had a very good record here over hurdles and looks the biggest danger, with Royal Infantry also respected having jumped fluently to win a pair of 3-runner races.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TAURUS BAY 2. TUTTI QUANTI 3. ROYAL INFANTRY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Wendigo** 6-11-4	5-2	Jamie Snowden	Gavin Sheehan	6
2024	**The Jukebox Man** 6-11-4	9-4jf	Ben Pauling	Ben Jones	6
2023	**Hermes Allen** 6-11-4	13-8f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6
2022	**Sebastopol** 8-11-9	22-1	Tom Lacey	Stan Sheppard	4
2021	**Nassalam** 4-10-7	2-1f	Gary Moore	Jamie Moore	4

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.25 RACE 6 — CORAL "BET£10 GET£50 SIGN UP OFFER" HANDICAP CHASE (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-150) £55,000 2m3f187y (3990 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places on Hurdle course)**

Left handed, galloping with few undulations. One of the fairest courses in the country, though its galloping nature does suit the big, long-striding type. The chase course is regarded as being fairly stiff, though the casualty rate is no more than average compared to all GB tracks. Leaders are rarely overhauled on the chase run-in for all it often looks as though they might be, especially from the elbow. The ground can vary from chase course to hurdles course, with the latter sometimes more testing.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 TWINJETS (IRE) (27) (CD) — **98**
P/11UP21-P — **9** 12-1 | 76.7kg
Paul Nicholls — *Jay Tidball* (5lb/2kg)
Front runner who tasted success 3 times last season, including in this race from 10 lb lower mark. Signed off with victory at Ayr in the spring but went off hard and was pulled up on last month's return in the Charlie Hall at Wetherby (3m). This rates more suitable.

2 LE PATRON (FR) (580) (CD) — **89**
105P/ — **8** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Jamie Moore & Josh Moore — *David Noonan*
8-y-o who was a Grade 1 winner as a novice over fences and enhanced good record fresh when landing this prize off this mark in 2024. However, disappointed in graded company on final 2 starts of 2024/25 and tricky to assess following 13 months off (had breathing operation in that time).

3 TEDDY BLUE (GER) (27) — b+t — **98**
17531P3-8 — **8** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Harry Derham — *Paul O'Brien*
Dual winner at up to 20.5f last season who was also a good third in Greatwood Gold Cup over C&D. Signed off with a creditable third in Grade 2 Oaksey Chase but his mark suffered as a result and he was only eighth on last month's reappearance in handicap at Ascot (17f).

4 ETALON (IRE) (20) (C) — s+t — **100**
9134-35P4 — **9** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*
Course winner who responded well to headgear and an attacking ride when making all at Ascot (19f) last winter. Winless and steadily eased in weights since, but showed enough when never-nearer fourth at Aintree (2½m) to suggest he's in good heart. Interesting in refitted cheekpieces.

5 BLUEY (IRE) (20) (D) — **99**
7/142121-3 — **7** 11-0 | 69.9kg
Emma Lavelle — *Ben Jones*
Likeable mare who enjoyed a fine first season over fences, notching a third success in handicap at Market Rasen (21f) in April. Resumed with a good third of 11 in handicap chase at Aintree (2½m, good) 19 days ago, finishing a place ahead of Etalon. Engaged 1.04 Market Rasen Thursday.

6 GEMIRANDE (FR) (602) (D) — **91**
116700/ — **10** 10-12 | 68.9kg
Venetia Williams — *Ned Fox* (3lb/1kg)
Hit the ground running during 2024/25, building on Ascot reappearance success when following up in December Gold Cup at Cheltenham in December. However, went off the boil thereafter during early 2025. Has a 20-month absence to overcome with yard quiet.

7 KAP OUEST (FR) (266) — h — **98**
231U5/921- — **7** 10-3 | 64.9kg
Harry Fry — *Harry Cobden*
Low-mileage 7-y-o who built on his chasing debut promise when easily landing 4-runner handicap chase at Exeter (17f) in March. This is tougher from 9 lb higher but he had any amount in hand there and resumes from 8 months off with his yard amongst the winners.

8 ISSAR D'AIRY (FR) (391) (C, D) — **99**
242522/8- — **8** 10-2 | 64.4kg
Jamie Moore & Josh Moore — *Caoilin Quinn*
Dual course winner in early 2024 but he finished runner-up on 4 of his 6 starts over fences during 2024/25. However, let down by jumping in a strongly-run race when down the field on Ascot reappearance 13 months ago and whilst potentially well treated on best form, jumping a concern ahead of return.

8 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Kap Ouest, **9-2** Bluey, **9-2** Twinjets, **11-2** Etalon, **8-1** Teddy Blue, **16-1** Issar D'airy, **18-1** Gemirande, **20-1** Le Patron

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Cases can be made for a few but ETALON has been in better heart than recent form figures would suggest, far from discredited when a never-nearer fourth at Aintree 3 weeks ago. Back down to his last winning mark with cheekpieces refitted, he could be ready to strike, with confidence behind him in the market likely to bolster that view. Exeter scorer Kap Ouest is easily one of the least exposed and feared on return, with last year's winner Twinjets another expected to play a lead role.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ETALON 2. KAP OUEST 3. TWINJETS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Twinjets** 8-11-7	3-1	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	6
2024	**Le Patron** 6-11-10	12-1	Gary & Josh Moore	Freddie Mitchell (5)	9
2023	**Kandoo Kid** 7-10-12	6-5f	Paul Nicholls	Harry Cobden	7
2022	**Paint The Dream** 8-12-0	5-2	Fergal O'Brien	Connor Brace	5
2021	**Fanion d'Estruval** 6-11-12	2-1f	Venetia Williams	Charlie Deutsch	9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.00 RACE 7

CORAL LONG DISTANCE HURDLE (Grade 2) (1) 4yo+
£75,000 3m57y (4880 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places on Hurdle course)**

Left handed, galloping with few undulations. One of the fairest courses in the country, though its galloping nature does suit the big, long-striding type. The chase course is regarded as being fairly stiff, though the casualty rate is no more than average compared to all GB tracks. Leaders are rarely overhauled on the chase run-in for all it often looks as though they might be, especially from the elbow. The ground can vary from chase course to hurdles course, with the latter sometimes more testing.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 **IMPOSE TOI (FR) (230)** (CD) **98**
4/21112PF- **8** 11-8 | 73.5kg
Nicky Henderson — *Harry Cobden*
Progressive over 3m last season, winning this before completing hat-trick in Grade 1 Long Walk at Ascot in December. Not quite in the same form in the second half of the campaign (would've finished out of the frame if completing at Aintree) but he's won on his return for each of the past 3 seasons.

2 **LUD'OR (FR) (286)** (D) **94**
3212/1331- **6** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Tom Symonds — *Caoilin Quinn*
Strong traveller who improved in a 2025/26 campaign that culminated with a victory in the 5-runner Rendlesham Hurdle at Haydock (3m, good to soft). That wasn't a strong race for the grade, though, and he'll likely need more to defy a penalty here.

3 **MA SHANTOU (IRE) (260)** (D) ★ **100**
137/10118- **7** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Emma Lavelle — *Jonathan Burke*
Progressive form last season, winning 2 handicaps at Cheltenham prior to beating Impose Toi in the Cleeve there on Trials Day. Couldn't extend his run of progress when well beaten in the Stayers' Hurdle but he's amongst the form picks on his seasonal return (has good record fresh).

4 **STRONG LEADER (27)** (CD) s ☑ **99**
42/1226P-1 **9** 11-6 | 72.6kg
Olly Murphy — *Sean Bowen*
Won this on return in 2024 prior to finishing runner-up to Impose Toi last season. Successfully defended his West Yorkshire Hurdle crown (3 ran, 3m, good) when beating Lavida Adiva by 1¼ lengths at Wetherby 4 weeks ago and he's respected again in this deeper race.

5 **LE FRIMEUR (FR) (212)** (C, D) **96**
11-1 **5** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Harry Derham — *J. J. Slevin*
Irish point winner who is 3 from 3 under Rules, displaying a taking turn of foot when causing a minor upset in the War of Attrition Novices' Hurdle at Punchestown (3m, good to soft) in April. Likely there's even more to come from him this season and he's highly respected.

6 **CALDWELL POTTER (FR) (602)** **89**
13211/ **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Paul Nicholls — *Sam Twiston-Davies*
Reached a smart level over hurdles (Grade 1 winner) for Gordon Elliott. Took a while to find his feet for new connections but emphatically put it all together when an all-the-way winner of the Golden Miller Novices' Chase at Cheltenham in March 2025. Interesting making his return back over hurdles.

7 **SOLDIER REEVES (IRE) (230)** t **99**
312342- **5** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Dan Skelton — *Harry Skelton*
Made a winning start over hurdles in a Cheltenham maiden in November and progressed in defeat in 4 subsequent outings, making the frame in Grade 1 company at both the Cheltenham and Aintree festivals. Should stay this far and he's respected on his first outing outside of novice company.

8 **SUPREMELY WEST (IRE) (26)** (D) **96**
3/354614-P **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Dan Skelton — *Tristan Durrell*
Produced a career-best performance when a decisive winner of the Pertemps Final at Cheltenham in March and shaped well when 10¼-length fourth at Aintree subsequently. Pulled up on return and Harry Skelton looks elsewhere again, so presumably being campaigned with the spring in mind again.

9 **THOMAS MOR (IRE) (261)** (D) **95**
140/128- **9** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Philip Hobbs & Johnson White — *Callum Pritchard*
Useful hurdler who improved over fences last season, an excellent 2¾ lengths second to Kitzbuhel in Kauto Star (Grade 1) at Kempton on Boxing Day. Didn't really cope with the demands of the Broadway at the Cheltenham Festival subsequently and he presumably returns with one eye on chasing.

10 **WADE OUT (IRE) (230)** (D) s **97**
616/11461- **7** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Olly Murphy — *Gavin Sheehan*
Won his first 2 starts over fences last season but it was a return to hurdling that sparked a career best, benefiting from the application of blinkers when winning 22-runner handicap hurdle at Aintree (25f, good to soft). Remains unexposed as a stayer in this sphere.

11 **LAVIDA ADIVA (IRE) (27)** (D) **95**
3414327-2 **7** 10-9 | 67.6kg
Ruth Jefferson — *Jack Tudor*
Likeable mare who resumed winning ways in 3m listed hurdle at Doncaster in December. Typically gave her running when 1¼ lengths second of 3 to Strong Leader in West Yorkshire Hurdle at Wetherby (3m, good) 27 days ago but balance of her form suggests she'll likely come up a bit short in this company.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Le Frimeur, **11-2** Ma Shantou, **11-2** Strong Leader, **17-2** Impose Toi, **9-1** Soldier Reeves, **11-1** Wade Out, **12-1** Caldwell Potter, **18-1** Lavida Adiva, **18-1** Lud'or, **33-1** Thomas Mor, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The unbeaten LE FRIMEUR produced a taking display when scoring in Grade 1 company at the Punchestown festival and he might be able to improve beyond some of the more established names in this division, chiefly last season's winner Impose Toi, who also merits consideration given his exemplary record fresh. Ma Shantou is better than he showed at the Cheltenham Festival and would also be foolish to dismiss.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LE FRIMEUR 2. IMPOSE TOI 3. MA SHANTOU

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Impose Toi** 7-11-2	6-5f	Nicky Henderson	Nico de Boinville	7
2024	**Strong Leader** 7-11-8	4-7f	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	4
2023	**Dashel Drasher** 10-11-2	2-1	Jeremy Scott	Rex Dingle	6
2022	**Champ** 10-11-8	11-8f	Nicky Henderson	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	5
2021	**Thomas Darby** 8-11-0	7-1	Olly Murphy	Sean Bowen	6

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.35 RACE 8 — CORAL "PIPPED-AT-THE-POST" AND WIN HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-135) £40,000 3m57y (4880 Metres)

GBI RACING

Going: **Good (Good to Soft in places on Hurdle course)**

Left handed, galloping with few undulations. One of the fairest courses in the country, though its galloping nature does suit the big, long-striding type. The chase course is regarded as being fairly stiff, though the casualty rate is no more than average compared to all GB tracks. Leaders are rarely overhauled on the chase run-in for all it often looks as though they might be, especially from the elbow. The ground can vary from chase course to hurdles course, with the latter sometimes more testing.

Pace Information: **Even**

1 ISAAC DES OBEAUX (FR) (223) (D) **97**
P33/31214- **8** 12-1 | 76.7kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Sam Twiston-Davies***
Relished an extreme stamina test for the first time when landing the Midlands Grand National in March. Ran at least as well when fourth in the Scottish Grand National and has a 3 lb lower mark to work from returning over hurdles, though may just step forward from this outing.

2 KEABLE (IRE) (258) (CD) **98**
119/13610- **9** 11-10 | 74.4kg
Philip Hobbs & Johnson White — ***Jack Stenhouse*** (7lb/3kg)
Made a successful reappearance in this race last season, his second course victory, and added to his tally at Chepstow in February under Jack Stenhouse. Met trouble when down the field at Uttoxeter the following month, so he could fare better returning at this venue.

3 DEEP CAVE (IRE) (20) (D) **99**
1150P-679 **8** 11-9 | 73.9kg
Christian Williams — ***Adam Wedge***
Useful chaser who looks to have been brought along gradually in 2 starts over hurdles this autumn, ninth of 14 in handicap at Aintree 20 days ago.

4 WONDERFUL EAGLE (GER) (637) (CD) s **97**
1331/ **7** 11-7 | 73.0kg
Philip Hobbs & Johnson White — ***Callum Pritchard***
Fairly useful stayer on the Flat who made it 4 wins from 9 starts over hurdles when scoring in handicap here in February last year. However, has been absent 21 months since and now has an 8 lb higher mark to overcome.

5 ALENTEJO (FR) (224) (D) t **99**
8P0/P21- **7** 11-5 | 72.1kg
Nicky Henderson — ***Nico de Boinville***
Useful hurdler at his best in France but pulled up on chasing/stable debut in January. However, he got back on track reverted to hurdling next 2 starts, landing an Ayr handicap on testing ground when last seen in April. Has raced only on soft/heavy ground so far in his career.

6 LALLYGAG (GER) (30) s+t **93**
32R112/6 **9** 11-4 | 71.7kg
Paul Nicholls — ***Jay Tidball*** (5lb/2kg)
Fairly useful form when recording back-to-back handicap hurdle wins in summer 2024. However, he missed 26 months prior to this season's return (had a breathing operation), finishing well held at Newton Abbot (2¾m) in October. This run should reveal more.

7 LIHYAN (IRE) (20) (CD) h **100**
2917-4605 **8** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Rebecca Menzies — ***Benjamin Macey*** (5lb/2kg)
Hold-up performer who looked as good as ever when landing a C&D handicap in March, taking yard's record here to 2 wins from just 6 previous runners. Shaped better than the result when fifth of 14 at Aintree 20 days ago, so he's one to bear in mind from 2 lb below last winning mark.

8 WESTERN MONKEY (22) (D) **99**
1-7 **7** 11-3 | 71.2kg
Harry Derham — ***Paul O'Brien***
Successful on sole outing in points and overcame inexperience when winning a Haydock maiden on hurdling debut in December last year. After 11 months off, showed promise in a competitive handicap over this C&D 22 days ago, so he remains capable of better with recent run behind him.

9 BLIZZARD OF OZ (IRE) (13) **92**
0P1P-5800 **8** 11-2 | 70.8kg
Faye Bramley — ***Harry Kimber***
Landed a listed chase for Willie Mullins last season before losing his way over fences. Got back on track reverted to hurdles when winning minor event at Thurles in March, but ran poorly the next twice and tailed off in a trio of handicaps for this yard.

10 GEEZER ROCKSTAR (IRE) (195) s+t **97**
5PP2/871-1 **7** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Harry Fry — ***Bryan Carver***
Gained a first handicap success when scoring comfortably at Wincanton (21f) in April. Again travelled well when following up at Uttoxeter (23f) and returns from 6 months off with his yard going well, though is now back up in the weights for his hat-trick bid.

11 WALKING ON AIR (IRE) (22) (C) t **91**
83P2F-540 **9** 11-1 | 70.3kg
Gary Brown — ***Megan Bevan*** (7lb/3kg)
Formerly useful hurdler/chaser who showed he still has something to offer when fifth of 15 in handicap hurdle at Haydock in May for Faye Bramley. However, having rejoined this yard, he was tailed off over C&D 22 days ago on his return.

12 EARTH KING (IRE) (185) s **97**
1/U1654-12 **10** 10-13 | 69.4kg
Neil Mulholland — ***Jack Tudor***
Proved as good as ever on second start back from an absence when scoring at Hereford in May under Jack Tudor. Good second at Plumpton later the same month so task is now to pick up where he left off, though does return with yard in good form.

13 HARBOUR LIGHT (20) **98**
779211-11 **5** 10-11 | 68.5kg
Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies — ***Toby McCain-Mitchell*** (3lb/1kg)
Has thrived since sent handicapping this spring, completing a 4-timer with success at Uttoxeter (23f) 20 days ago. Won readily last time, so he can make his presence felt even as he moves further up in grade.

14 INOUI MACHIN (FR) (743) s **91**
132/ **8** 10-8 | 67.1kg
Neil Mulholland — ***Dylan Johnston***
Showed improved form upped to 21f when doubling his hurdles tally in handicap at Kempton in May 2024. Raced twice over fences later that year but absent over 2 years since, though has been given a chance by the handicapper ahead of his return over hurdles.

15 MOONSET (FR) (36) s **98**
211/9P-P **8** 10-6 | 66.2kg
Neil Mulholland — ***Bradley Harris*** (3lb/1kg)
Recorded back-to-back wins in spring last year but hasn't offered much in only 3 outings since, returning from another 8 months off when pulled up at Ffos Las in October.

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Alentejo, **6-1** Harbour Light, **7-1** Geezer Rockstar, **8-1** Western Monkey, **10-1** Isaac Des Obeaux, **11-1** Lihyan, **14-1** Keable, **14-1** Earth King, **18-1** Wonderful Eagle, **28-1** Deep Cave, **28-1** Inoui Machin, **33-1** Lallygag, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Winner of a point and his hurdling debut, WESTERN MONKEY shaped well after 11 months off when finishing mid-field over this C&D 22 days ago and he can build on his reappearance effort to resume winning ways. Heading the list of dangers is Harbour Light as he bids for a 5-timer, while Lihyan is another to consider from a handy mark.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WESTERN MONKEY 2. HARBOUR LIGHT 3. LIHYAN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	**Keable** 8-11-2	12-1	Philip Hobbs & Johnson White	Callum Pritchard (5)	11
2024	**Hermino Aa** 7-11-9	17-2	Gary & Josh Moore	Freddie Mitchell (5)	11
2023	**Ed Keeper** 5-10-13	10-3f	Sam Thomas	Sam Twiston-Davies	12
2022	**Abuffalosoldier** 5-10-10	13-2	Warren Greatrex	James Bowen	14
2021	**Dolphin Square** 7-11-4	6-1	Philip Hobbs	Mr David Maxwell (3)	14

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race