

(R2) 12:40 CHELTENHAM, 2m 4f 127y

Santa - 'The Visit' 'Chasing Excellence' Novices' Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1	*	211D9-1	SIXMILEBRIDGE (IRE) 30 C D b g Affinisea - Luck Or Logic	6 11 - 9t	Kielan Woods F O'Brien	143
2	A	23/1216-	CALIFET EN VOL (IRE) 252 D BF br g Califet - Mallards In Flight	6 11 - 4	N de Boinville N J Henderson	137
3	*	1452-34	ROYAL INFANTRY (IRE) 27 D br g Soldier of Fortune - Sovereign Lass	6 11 - 4t1	Harry Skelton Dan Skelton	138
4	*** ****	6740-7P	TINTINTIN (FR) 15 C gr g Tin Horse - Vanoo D'orthe	6 11 - 4t	Jack Hogan F O'Brien	119

ATR VERDICT: Sixmilebridge wasn't far short of the best as a novice hurdler and claimed the scalp of the well-touted Derryhassen Paddy on his chasing debut at Ayr. That experience will stand him in good stead, but he does have a penalty and CALIFET EN VOL has the potential to go far in this discipline. Nicky Henderson's six-year-old was only three lengths behind The New Lion just over a year ago and although he has been off since letting down favourite-backers in an Aintree Grade 1 back in the spring, his previous Huntingdon defeat of No Questions Asked reads well. Royal Infantry is another newcomer to fences with the talent to get involved.

Top Tip: CALIFET EN VOL (2)
Watch out for: SIXMILEBRIDGE (1)





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(R3) 12:50 DONCASTER, 2m 128y

Bluebell Wood Childrens Hospice Juvenile Maiden Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 4) (3YO only)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1			ASHDOWN FOREST (IRE) b g Camelot - Fuaigh Mor	3 11 - 4	C O'Farrell Jedd O'Keeffe	-
2			BERKSHIRE SMUDGE (IRE) b g Kodiac - Arctic Ocean	3 11 - 4	J J Burke Miss R Curtis	-
3		3	DISSIDENT 18 b g Frankel - Emulous	3 11 - 4b1	Caoilin Quinn G & J Moore	-
4			DONEGAL (FR) b g Dariyan - Desire To Win	3 11 - 4	Lily Pinchin C E Longsdon	-
5	X	R	DONTELIMURNAMEPIKE 14 ch g Masar - Favorite Girl	3 11 - 4	Jamie Hamilton Ruth Jefferson	-
6			DREAM'S KA (FR) b g Karaktar - Dulci D'un Regard	3 11 - 4	Tristan Durrell (3) Dan Skelton	-
7			KNIGHTON b g Farhh - Haydn's Lass	3 11 - 4	Craig Nichol O Greenall & J Guerriero	-
8			ORPHAN OLLIE (IRE) br g Harzand - Zippy	3 11 - 4	S Mulqueen L Russell & M Scudamore	-
9	X		WHATSGOINGONMARVIN (IRE) b g Camelot - Cry Me A River	3 11 - 4	James Bowen Mickey Bowen	-

ATR VERDICT: Knighton finished second on the Flat at Ripon and is an interesting recruit to the hurdling ranks representing last year's winning yard, for all they could be in better form. WHATSGOINGONMARVIN is more experienced on the level and won three times. Now in the hands of Mickey Bowen, his experience will stand him in good stead and the ground was deep when he last won in that sphere at Sandown in September. Punters should keep an eye on Dream's Ka too.

Top Tip: WHATSGOINGONMARVIN (9)

Watch out for: KNIGHTON (7)











(R3) 13:15 CHELTENHAM, 2m 179y

Catesby Estates Handicap Hurdle (Class 3) (3YO plus)

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No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR	
1		1F400-9	IBERICO LORD (FR) 26 C b g Cokoriko - Valcelita	7 12 - 0	N de Boinville N J Henderson	138	
2	***	0248-44	BRENTFORD HOPE 7 D b g Camelot - Miss Raven	8 11 - 13	Megan Fox (7) Harry Derham	137	
3	**	740-90P	NO ORDINARY JOE (IRE) 13 b g Getaway - Shadow Dearg	9 11 - 8t	K Brogan Faye Bramley	132	
4	*	140-312	FORTUNE DE MER (IRE) 21 C BF ch g Doyen - Creation	5 11 - 3h	Harry Skelton Dan Skelton	127	
5		720-056	STONER'S CHOICE 19 D br g Great Pretender - High Benefit	10 11 - 2t	Kielan Woods F O'Brien	126	
6	***	1614-	MELON (GER) 279 D ch g Adlerflug - Mrs Miller	4 10 - 12	Jonjo O'Neill Jr. O Greenall & J Guerriero	122	
7		171-631	LELOOPA (IRE) 49 C b m Wings Of Eagles - Walkthefirth	5 10 - 11t	Tom Broughton (5) F O'Brien	121	
8	*	3/337-11	FRENCH EMPEROR (FR) 28 C b g Clovis Du Berlais - Modigliana	5 10 - 10	S Bowen Nicky Martin	120	
9		R110-P2	CONTINUANCE 33 D b g Postponed - Caravela	4 10 - 10h	Freddie Keighley (7) M Keighley	120	
10		F06-29P	MOUTARDE (IRE) 15 b g Raven's Pass - Ros Mountain	4 10 - 5v1	Callum Pritchard (3) S Hosie	115	
11		111/3	KEL DU LARGE (FR) 35 C BF b g No Risk At All - Princesse Selenia	5 10 - 4	C Gethings Mrs J Williams	114	

ATR VERDICT: It wasn't the strongest Grade 2 novice hurdle that Fortune De Mer landed here, but he dug deep and his subsequent Ascot second was another step forward. Leloopa showed the benefit of wind surgery when scoring comfortably at the October meeting, while French Emperor is another last-start Cheltenham winner after supplementing a Worcester triumph last month. KEL DU LARGE's finest moment so far came at this venue - a Listed bumper victory in January 2024 - and although beaten at odds-on on his Exeter comeback, the run will have blown away the cobwebs. An initial mark of 114 looks more than workable.

Top Tip: KEL DU LARGE (11)

Watch out for: FORTUNE DE MER (4)











(R4) 13:25 DONCASTER, 2m 3f 88y

Lady Florence Of Chapeltown Novices' Handicap Hurdle (Class 5) (3YO plus)

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No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1	#\"	4/21P- 86	TELL THE TALE (IRE) 21 b g Order Of St George - A Touch Of Sparkle	5 12 - 0	C O'Farrell N P Mulholland	97
2		12-8255	KELIJOE (FR) 20 BF b g Konig Turf - Belijoe	5 11 - 12	Charlie Hammond S Edmunds	95
3		966865-	BIG STORM BREWING 237 b g Pether's Moon - Bannow Storm	6 11 - 10	Harry Reed T Davidson	93
4	*** ***	9775-F7	RIVER RIDER (IRE) 20 ch g Ol' Man River - Gaye Flora	5 11 - 8	Toby Wynne S Allwood	91
5	*	63544/2	CUMHACHT (IRE) 45 b g Camacho - Soliza	7 11 - 7	Jamie Brace (5) Miss R Curtis	90
6		P856/5- 2	MERAKI MIST (FR) 185 gr g Tin Horse - Merka	7 11 - 5	H Cobden Dan Horsford	88
7	0 0 0	578/47	DUDLEY'S BAR (IRE) 29 ch g Outstrip - Bella Ida	6 11 - 3t	Peter Kavanagh Paula Smith	86
8		5550-47	MILAN MILOS (IRE) 43 b g Milan - Mop My Brow	5 10 - 13	R T Dunne T R Gretton	82
9		8564-46	PERFECT ARCH (IRE) 59 (18F) b g Dawn Approach - Willow Beck	8 10 - 7tp	Bruce Lynn S G West	76
10		9002PP/	CELINE MAN (IRE) 597 b g Milan - One Cool Dame	7 10 - 6	Callum Bewley J R Jenkins	75

ATR VERDICT: CUMHACHT reappeared following a lengthy spell on the sidelines to finish a fine second at Ffos Las and that form was boosted when the winner followed up next time. Rebecca Curtis has given her seven-year-old a little bit of time to get over that effort and it can pay dividends. Harry Cobden is an interesting booking for Meraki Mist, who found one too good on his first start for Dan Horsford at Fontwell. That came back in the summer, whereas Kelijoe has had four runs since early October and although he is beginning to prove costly to follow, he will pop up sooner rather than later.

Top Tip: CUMHACHT (5)

Watch out for: MERAKI MIST (6)

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(R4) 13:50 CHELTENHAM, 3m 2f 70y

Turners Handicap Chase (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		124/31P -	L'HOMME PRESSE (FR) 300 C b g Diamond Boy - Romance Turgot	10 12 - 0	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	162
2	***	45188-1	HENRY'S FRIEND (IRE) 41 D b g Shirocco - Easter Bonnie	8 10 - 12p	Ben Jones B Pauling	146
3		2218-03	GOWEL ROAD (IRE) 27 C b g Flemensfirth - Hollygrove Samba	9 10 - 12tp	Sam Twiston-Davies Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies	146
4	0	14/7P1- 6	CRUZ CONTROL (FR) 13 b g Saint Des Saints - En La Cruz	8 10 - 8t	Stan Sheppard T Lacey	142
5		3211-2P	THE DOYEN CHIEF (IRE) 13 b g Doyen - Mandarli	8 10 - 6	Thomas Bellamy A King	140
6	X	113PP-6	KING TURGEON (FR) 34 CD gr g Turgeon - King's Crystal	7 10 - 2tp	Jack Tudor D Pipe	136
7		48-5624	BLAZE THE WAY (IRE) 58 b g Getaway - Enniscoffey	7 10 - 2	Danny Mullins Ms M Mullins	136
8	#	42F5P-4	THE SHORT GO (IRE) 48 BF b g Fame And Glory - Izzy Du Berlais	8 10 - 2ht1	Darragh O'Keeffe H De Bromhead	136
9	.;** <u>*</u> ;	11375-2	HERAKLES WESTWOOD (FR) 27 b g Saddler Maker - Une Histoire	8 10 - 2	S Bowen W Greatrex	136

Long Handicap: King Turgeon 10 - 1, Blaze The Way 10 - 0, The Short Go 10 - 0, Herakles Westwood 9 - 7

ATR VERDICT: Last year's victor King Turgeon returns off 3lb higher and was coming into this contest in better form last season after winning the Grand Sefton, a race he could only manage sixth in this time. Herakles Westwood finished second on deep ground here last time and is respected with the Warren Greatrex yard in good form, but L'HOMME PRESSE makes the most appeal. Venetia Williams' dual Grade 1 winner was victorious off a mark of 164 the last time he competed in a handicap and, if retaining that level of ability on his return, he could take some stopping.

Top Tip: L'HOMME PRESSE (1)
Watch out for: KING TURGEON (6)











(R5) 14:25 CHELTENHAM, 2m 4f 127y

Unibet Middle Distance Veterans' Chase Series Handicap Chase (Class 2) (10YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1	*	34705-1	ELDORADO ALLEN (FR) 28 C gr g Khalkevi - Hesmeralda	11 12 - 0tp	Brendan Powell J Tizzard	147
2		53608-5	FUGITIF (FR) 28 CD BF b g Ballingarry - Turiane	10 11 - 10tp	Charlie Maggs (5) R Hobson	143
3		674-15P	LE MILOS 30 D b g Shirocco - Banjaxed Girl	10 11 - 8	Harry Skelton Dan Skelton	141
4		P5309-F	SEDDON (IRE) 34 CD b g Stowaway - Andreas Benefit	12 11 - 5	Alex Harvey (3) J C McConnell	138
5		3232U2	COURTLAND (IRE) 33 D BF b g Court Cave - Media View	10 11 - 1	S Bowen Mickey Bowen	134
6	• 1	112214-	COPPERHEAD 306 ch g Sulamani - How's Business	11 11 - 1tp	Freddie Gingell J Tizzard	134
7	*	26-1461	WHISTLEINTHEDARK (IRE) 32 D b g Fame And Glory - Last Of Many	10 10 - 13	R P McLernon L Morgan	132
8		169-312	TORN AND FRAYED (FR) 22 CD BF b g Califet - Chic Et Zen	11 10 - 13	Sam Twiston-Davies Nigel & Willy Twiston-Davies	132
9		0522-73	CAN YOU CALL 28 b g Passing Glance - Call Me A Legend	10 10 - 2t	Ben Jones Evan Williams	121

Long Handicap: Can You Call 9 - 13

ATR VERDICT: It's hard to ignore the claims of ELDORADO ALLEN after convincingly beating Can You Call (third) and Fugitif (fifth) at this venue last month. Joe Tizzard's charge was having his first start back and the 11-year-old remains on a workable rating, so he looks the one to beat. Torn And Frayed is a C&D winner who accounted for Le Milos at Aintree two starts ago and he's likely to mount a bold bid from the front.

Top Tip: ELDORADO ALLEN (1)

Watch out for: TORN AND FRAYED (8)



