

(R1) 12:15 ASCOT, 2m 3f 58y

tote.co.uk Conditional Jockeys' Novices' Handicap Hurdle (GBB Race) (Div 1) (Class 4) (3YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		5/63622-	ELECTRON BLEU (FR) 247 b g Saddex - Odyssee Du Cellier	6 12 - 2	Non Runner Tim Vaughan	122
2		431-324	ASK HENRY (IRE) 42 b g Ask - Miss Muppet	7 11 - 12t1	Max Kendrick (3) G P Mcpherson	118
3		43	PIANISSIMO 27 b g Teofilo - Perfect Note	4 11 - 11b	Graham Carson (7) A Carson	117
4	W.	544-	SOMETIMES ALWAYS (IRE) 307 b g Presenting - Noras Fancy	5 11 - 10	Jack Tudor Ian Williams	116
5		65F37-2	XCITATIONS 15 b g Universal - Bonnet's Pieces	5 11 - 9	Paul O'Brien Mrs P Sly	115
6		2P47-3	LE GRAND FROMAGE 31 b g Kayf Tara - Megalex	5 11 - 9t	Jason Dixon (6) Tom Lacey	115
7		2468-	NO NO MAESTRO (IRE) 279 b g Mahler - Maisey Down	5 11 - 8	C Brace (3) F O'Brien	114
8		2/124-15	COLLEGE OAK 33 ch g Norse Dancer - Katmai	5 11 - 7	Page Fuller (3) Jamie Snowden	113
9	*	20-3391	CALVINIST 59 (2F) b g Holy Roman Emperor - Sharp Relief	7 11 - 5	Non Runner Kevin Frost	111
10		1243-3	NORTHERN POET (IRE) 23 b g Yeats - Crowning Virtue	5 11 - 2	Tabitha Worsley N J Gifford	108
11		3/PF-	TOWARDS THE DAWN 255 b g Midnight Legend - Wakeful	6 10 - 13	Luca Morgan (6) Ben Pauling	105

ATR VERDICT: Bumper winner Northern Poet has placed in a couple of novice hurdles this year and warrants respect entering handicap company for the first time, while Ask Henry also merits shortlist inclusion equipped with a first-time tongue-tie on his handicap bow. However, the vote goes to COLLEGE OAK as he didn't appear to get home over a longer trip at Newton Abbot last month and he is worth a chance having been dropped 2lb for that effort.

Top Tip: COLLEGE OAK (8)

Watch out for: NORTHERN POET (10)

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(R2) 12:47 ASCOT, 2m 3f 58y

tote.co.uk Conditional Jockeys' Novices' Handicap Hurdle (GBB Race) (Div 2) (Class 4) (3YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1	**	4453-	KNOWN (IRE) 290 b g Fame And Glory - Aasleagh Lady	6 11 - 12	Alfie Jordan (10) N J Henderson	119
2		204P-F1	STRAW FAN JACK 18 gr g Geordieland - Callerlilly	5 11 - 11	Sean Houlihan Sheila Lewis	118
3	Mo	642-	RIGGS (IRE) 248 b g Mahler - Cousin Kizzy	5 11 - 9	William Marshall (8) D Skelton	116
4		FP/13- 41	SCENE NOT HERD (IRE) 21 b g Aizavoski - Jessaway	5 11 - 9	Tom Buckley (6) C E Longsdon	116
5		2/2126-7	CELTIC JOY (IRE) 23 b g Kayf Tara - No Time For Tears	7 11 - 8	Lee Cosgrove (10) Miss E C Lavelle	115
6		24-3	SIR CANFORD (IRE) 24 b g Canford Cliffs - Alexander Divine	4 11 - 8p	Jack Tudor Ali Stronge	115
7		4/511-32	FIFTY BALL (FR) 28 b g Cokoriko - Voix De Montot	5 11 - 6	N F Houlihan (6) G L Moore	113
8		333/434-	FAZAYTE (FR) 228 b g Spider Flight - Vakina	5 11 - 5	James Nixon T Symonds	112
9		254/415-	DUHALLOW LAD (IRE) 329 b g Papal Bull - Macca Luna	8 11 - 2	C Brace A E Jones	109
10		803/893-	SILVER NICKEL (IRE) 248 gr g Gold Well - Cooper's Rose	6 11 - 0	Daniel Sansom J W Mullins	107
11		40/5-74	WHOOPSEY 23 b m Presenting - Whoops A Daisy	5 10 - 8	Ben Godfrey (3) H D Daly	101

ATR VERDICT: KNOWN certainly wasn't disgraced when third behind subsequent Supreme Novice winner Shishkin at Newbury in January and, despite the lengthy absence, makes plenty of appeal on his debut in handicap company. Riggs improved in each of his three starts at the beginning of the year and could be even better on his return from a break. He is shortlisted alongside Fifty Ball, Scene Not Herd and Straw Fan Jack, who are all race-fit and in form.

Top Tip: KNOWN (1)
Watch out for: RIGGS (3)











(R3) 13:20 ASCOT, 2m 2f 175y

Ascot Underwriting Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 3) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		5/P525- 1	DR SANDERSON (IRE) 12 b g Jeremy - Guydus	6 11 - 8	Aidan Coleman P F Nicholls	139
2		2/12415-	FALCO BLITZ (IRE) 231 C b g Falco - Ignited	6 11 - 1	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	132
3		1/01446-	SMARTY WILD 231 D b g Fair Mix - Blaeberry	6 11 - 1	R Johnson P J Hobbs	132
4		33214-3	TRINCOMALEE 30 b g Malinas - Royal Tango	7 10 - 10	Bryony Frost Mrs L Wadham	127
5		21149-2	DORKING BOY 11 ch g Schiaparelli - Megasue	6 10 - 9ht	Stan Sheppard Tom Lacey	126
6		1P/6256 -	SULLY D'OC AA (FR) 280 b g Konig Turf - Samarra D'oc	6 10 - 8t1	R P McLernon A J Honeyball	125
7	AR	22F/49- 3	COPPER COIN 52 ch g Sulamani - Silken Pearls	7 10 - 7	T Scudamore M Scudamore	124
8	A	583126-	REPUBLICAN 231 D b g Kayf Tara - Noun De La Thinte	5 10 - 6	Tom Cannon O Sherwood	123
9		21/P6-	EDITEUR DU GITE (FR) 309 b g Saddex - Malaga De St Sulpice	6 10 - 3	Joshua Moore G L Moore	120
10	***	806/414-	SUBCONTINENT (IRE) 238 b g Dubawi - Saree	8 10 - 3	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	120

Long Handicap: Subcontinent 10 - 2

ATR VERDICT: Falco Blitz and Republican certainly weren't disgraced when fifth and sixth respectively behind recent Persian War winner McFabulous in a Grade 3 hurdle at Kempton in March and they both warrant respect switching to fences for the first time. However, with both a recent run and chase experience under his belt, DR SANDERSON looks the one to beat. He was impressive when making a winning return at Plumpton earlier this month and a 7lb rise might not be enough to anchor him if arriving in the same mood.

Top Tip: DR SANDERSON (1) Watch out for: FALCO BLITZ (2)









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(R4) 13:55 ASCOT, 2m 167y

tote.co.uk Handicap Chase (Listed) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR		
1		4/D1450 -	CAPELAND (FR) 232 CD b g Poliglote - Neiland	8 11 - 12t	Bryony Frost P F Nicholls	150		
2		24P15U-	CAID DU LIN (FR) 273 CD gr g Della Francesca - Asia Du Lin	8 11 - 8tp	Charlie Hammond (3) Dr R D P Newland	146		
3		5P-2350	AZZURI 8 D b g Azamour - Folly Lodge	8 10 - 10t	William Marshall (7) D Skelton	134		
4	X	3/3725-1	AMOOLA GOLD (GER) 17 b g Mamool - Aughamore Beauty	7 10 - 8	Bridget Andrews D Skelton	132		
5		198/112-	IBLEO (FR) 244 D BF b g Dick Turpin - Mahendra	7 10 - 8	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	132		
6	**	9/70142-	MOLINEAUX (IRE) 248 BF b g King's Theatre - Steel Grey Lady	9 10 - 5	T Scudamore C L Tizzard	129		
7		21134-1	FLAMINGER (FR) 28 gr g Racinger - Landalouse	5 10 - 0	Joshua Moore G L Moore	124		
8		41331-3	LITTLE LIGHT (FR) 28 b m Walk In The Park - Luna Rossa	6 10 - 0b	Jack Tudor (5) Mrs L Wadham	124		
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Long Handicap: Little Light 9 - 12

ATR VERDICT: CAPELAND would have certainly pushed stablemate Diego Du Charmil close in this race last year but for being forced out at the final fence and could claim a bit of compensation under Bryony Frost. The eight-year-old was successful at this venue last season, thumping the opposition by 12 lengths on soft ground off 7lb lower, and this looks a winnable renewal. Amoola Gold won at Wetherby on reappearance earlier this month and is respected alongside Flaminger, who warmed up for this with a battling success at Fontwell four weeks ago.

Top Tip: CAPELAND (1)

Watch out for: AMOOLA GOLD (4)





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(R5) 14:32 ASCOT, 1m 7f 152y

Fever-Tree Novices' Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 3) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		15/3U1- 2	FEARLESS (IRE) 29 BF b g Arakan - La Spezia	5 11 - 4	Aidan Coleman Olly Murphy	122
2	*	3-	ADDIS ABABA (IRE) 266 ch g Declaration Of War - Song Of My Heart	5 10 - 12	Mitchell Bastyan (5) Johnny Farrelly	-
3	***	P/125-	ANNUAL INVICTUS (IRE) 279 b g Mahler - Shantou Rose	5 10 - 12	R Johnson C Gordon	-
4			ARONIUS (GER) b g Pastorius - Aronia	5 10 - 12	Bridget Andrews D Skelton	-
5		2	CAPTAIN MORGS (IRE) 30 BF b g Milan - Gold Donn	4 10 - 12	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	-
6		24711/	FRERO BANBOU (FR) 569 b g Apsis - Lady Banbou	5 10 - 12	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	-
7		7-	GRISBI DE BERCE (FR) 252 b g Tin Horse - Volupia De Berce	4 10 - 12	Tom Cannon A King	-
8			PROTECTED GUEST b g Helmet - Reem Star	5 10 - 12	T P Queally G G Margarson	-
9		63-	SOPRAN THOR (FR) 237 b g Authorized - Sopran Slam	5 10 - 12	Joshua Moore G L Moore	-
10		1-3	STRIKING A POSE (IRE) 20 BF b g Getaway - Clonsingle Native	4 10 - 12	T Scudamore C L Tizzard	-

ATR VERDICT: Addis Ababa finished third on hurdles debut behind the classy Chantry House at Newbury in February and, having been rated 90 on the Flat, is fancied to pay his way in this sphere for Johnny Farrelly. Fearless was beaten at odds-on at Fontwell earlier this month but remains with potential for Olly Murphy, although he is rather exposed compared to Nicky Henderson's CAPTAIN MORGS. Second in a Warwick bumper four weeks ago, he is bred to improve over hurdles and could be suited by this galloping track.

Top Tip: CAPTAIN MORGS (5) Watch out for: ADDIS ABABA (2)











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(R6) 15:05 ASCOT, 1m 7f 152y

Sodexo Handicap Hurdle (Listed) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1	***	1-34114	TEQANY (IRE) 13 D gr g Dark Angel - Capulet Monteque	6 11 - 12t	C Brace (3) F O'Brien	144
2	*	143/141-	SEBASTOPOL (IRE) 273 D b g Fame And Glory - Knockcroghery	6 11 - 10t	R Johnson Tom Lacey	142
3		F4-1321	DEAR SIRE (FR) 21 D gr g Al Namix - Polismith	8 11 - 10h	Theo Gillard (7) D McCain Jnr	142
4		114-322	CAIUS MARCIUS (IRE) 54 D b g King's Theatre - Ain't Misbehavin	9 11 - 9p	Danny McMenamin (3) N G Richards	141
5		12/8170-	SCARAMANGA (IRE) 232 (17F) D b g Mastercraftsman - Herboriste	5 11 - 9	Bryan Carver (5) P F Nicholls	141
6		U115F-6	HANG IN THERE (IRE) 28 D b g Yeats - Jaldemosa	6 11 - 7	Nick Scholfield Miss E C Lavelle	139
7		10/3602-	MALAYA (FR) 259 CD b m Martaline - Clarte D'or	6 11 - 6	Bryony Frost P F Nicholls	138
8		1/12513-	KID COMMANDO 252 D b g Robin Des Champs - Banjaxed Girl	6 11 - 4	Aidan Coleman A J Honeyball	136
9		1530/78-	COUNTISTER (FR) 315 D b m Smadoun - Tistairly	8 11 - 3	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	135
10	***	556/11-4	BYRON FLYER 122 (35F) D b g Byron - Nursling	9 11 - 0p	W T Kennedy Ian Williams	132

ATR VERDICT: SEBASTOPOL had threatened to become a bit disappointing during his earlier years, but ended last season well when successful in two of his last three starts and fresh might not be a bad time to catch Tom Lacey's charge. The six-year-old beat a decent yardstick in the shape of Ashington when last seen at Musselburgh in February and may prove too strong for Countister, who was third in the 2019 County Hurdle at Cheltenham off just 2lb lower. Recent Chepstow scorer Dear Sire is also worth taking seriously.

Top Tip: SEBASTOPOL (2) Watch out for: COUNTISTER (9)













(R7) 15:40 ASCOT, 2m 7f 180y

Sodexo Gold Cup Handicap Chase (Grade 3) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

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No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		1/23242-	BLACK CORTON (FR) 252 CD BF br g Laverock - Pour Le Meilleur	9 11 - 12t	Bryony Frost P F Nicholls	161
2		7P/UP3 7-	MIGHT BITE (IRE) 234 D b g Scorpion - Knotted Midge	11 11 - 3	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	152
3	***	2/06P1P -	MISTER MALARKY 235 CD ch g Malinas - Priscilla	7 11 - 2p	T Scudamore C L Tizzard	151
4		334/P12 -	WALK IN THE MILL (FR) 274 CD b g Walk In The Park - Libre amour	10 11 - 1	James Best Robert Walford	150
5		1P/3313 -	COMMANCHE RED (IRE) 252 BF ch g Mahler - Auntie Bob	7 11 - 1	Tom Cannon C Gordon	150
6	A C	P0/1532 -	VALTOR (FR) 259 CD b g Ut*nidor - Jossca	11 11 - 1	Aidan Coleman N J Henderson	150
7	W.	2BP085/	BLAKLION 623 D b g Kayf Tara - Franciscaine	11 11 - 0	Bridget Andrews D Skelton	149
8		082P13-	REGAL ENCORE (IRE) 259 CD b g King's Theatre - Go On Eileen	12 10 - 10t	R P McLernon A J Honeyball	145
9		130/P46 -	ADRIEN DU PONT (FR) 252 C D b g Califet - Santariyka	8 10 - 9t	Bryan Carver (5) P F Nicholls	144
10		6/41469-	FLYING ANGEL (IRE) 233 C gr g Arcadio - Gypsy Kelly	9 10 - 7v	Thomas Bellamy N A Twiston-Davies	142
11	M	4/18450-	MILITARIAN 233 CD b g Kayf Tara - Mille Et Une	10 10 - 4	Shane Quinlan (5) Andrew J Martin	139
12	*	641/1P- 0	TOWNSHEND (GER) 38 CD b g Lord Of England - Trikolore	9 10 - 4t	Jamie Neild (7) N A Twiston-Davies	139
13		134344-	WHATMORE 235 b g Schiaparelli - Polymiss	8 10 - 3	R Johnson H D Daly	138
14	2	71/3P14 -	DJANGO DJANGO (FR) 241 D BF gr g Viox Du Nord - Lady Jannina	7 10 - 2	Nick Scholfield Jonjo O'Neill	137

ATR VERDICT: BLACK CORTON enjoyed a consistent last season despite not getting his head in front placing in three big handicaps, including in this contest 12 months ago when third to Vinndication, and carried top weight on each occasion. The nine-year-old faces a stiff task once again but a wind operation might eke out some improvement and a bold display is expected with the trainer/jockey combination hoping for similar to last Saturday after Frodon's victory at Cheltenham. Commanche Red is open to further improvement on just his fifth outing over fences and his nine-length beating of Simply The Betts at Kempton on Boxing Day reads particularly well. Whatmore, who was last seen finishing fourth at the Cheltenham Festival, is respected along with Valtor, who boasts a decent record at the track, and course specialist Regal Encore, who also received wind surgery over the summer.

Top Tip: BLACK CORTON (1)

Watch out for: COMMANCHE RED (5)





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(R8) 16:17 ASCOT, 1m 7f 152y

tote.co.uk Standard Open NH Flat Race (GBB Race) (Class 4) (4YO to 6YO)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1			ARTURUS (IRE) b g Camelot - Scandisk	5 11 - 0	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	-
2	•		ITALIAN SPIRIT (IRE) b g Fame And Glory - Coco Milan	4 11 - 0	Aidan Coleman Olly Murphy	-
3	X		JERSEY (IRE) br g Presenting - Synthe Davis	4 11 - 0	Bridget Andrews D Skelton	-
4	1	5	MARBLE SANDS (FR) 30 gr g Martaline - Sans Rien	4 11 - 0	Lilly Pinchin (7) G P Mcpherson	-
5	***	5-	OFF THE PLANET (IRE) 374 ch g Presenting - Kings Diva	5 11 - 0	R Johnson P J Hobbs	-
6	***		PEACE RIVER b g Yeats - Takotna	4 11 - 0	Thomas Bellamy A King	-
7			SAN GIOVANNI (IRE) b g Milan - Down By The Sea	4 11 - 0	Nick Scholfield Miss E C Lavelle	-
8			STEADY THE SHIP (IRE) ch g Ocovango - Vinnie's Princess	4 11 - 0	R P McLernon Jonjo O'Neill	-
9	*		WEE RUPERT b g Shirocco - Arctic Actress	4 11 - 0	J M Davies N J Gifford	-

ATR VERDICT: ARTURUS cost 230,000 euros at the Goffs Land Rover sale in June 2018 and is closely related to dual Champion Hurdle winner Hurricane Fly. Connections have been patient with him and the son of Camelot can hopefully reap the benefit of that. Off The Planet ran with promise on his debut when fifth in a Worcester bumper last October and is capable of progressing from that effort, while Italian Spirit, Peace River and San Giovanni are a trio of newcomers worth noting.

Top Tip: ARTURUS (1)

Watch out for: OFF THE PLANET (5)





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