

(R2) 12:40 CHELTENHAM, 2m 4f 127y						
Timeform Novices' Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2) (5YO plus)						
No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		123-711	<b>GINNY'S DESTINY</b> (IRE) 43 CD b g Yeats - Dantes Term	8 12 - 0	H Cobden P F Nicholls	147
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Emerald green, royal blue spots, halved sleeves, emerald green cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Bumper scorer who made up into a useful winning hurdler last term for Tom Lacey. Quickly scaled even greater heights over fences for new yard, landing handicap/C&amp;D novice events in recent months and feasible to think there's yet more to come. Respected.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 5.00)					Notes:	
2		619-221	<b>BLOW YOUR WAD</b> (IRE) 32 D b g Walk In The Park - Molly's Mate	6 11 - 8t	Stan Sheppard Tom Lacey	141
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Mauve and dark blue check, dark blue sleeves, mauve armlets, hooped cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Solid return to action when second over hurdles in Silver Trophy at Chepstow and built on chase debut promise (behind subsequent Grade 1 winner Le Patron) when coming out on top in soundly-run handicap at Kempton (20.5f) last month. Shortlisted with prospect of more to come.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 6.50)					Notes:	
3		53-1554	<b>UNEXPECTED PARTY</b> (FR) 36 D gr g Martaline - Reform Act	9 11 - 8t	Fergus Gillard D Skelton	141
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> White, grey hoop, white and red hooped cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Emerged with credit against some of the top-flight British novice chasers of 2022/23 and made a fine return when taking 4-runner listed novice at Chepstow (19.5f) in October. Not at same level in graded company more recently but return to handicaps plus (third in this 12 months ago).</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 19.00)					Notes:	
4		221-134	<b>TIGHTENOURBELTS</b> (IRE) 32 D b g Mahler - Miss Mcgoldrick	7 11 - 5	Thomas Bellamy Miss E C Lavelle	138
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Royal blue, pink disc, maroon sleeves, royal blue stars, dark blue cap, pink spots <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Maiden hurdle winner who made the perfect start to his chase career in a Ludlow novice handicap (2½m, soft) in November. Improved again when third to Hermes Allen in Newbury Gr. 2 next start and whilst he never figured when fourth in last month's Kauto Star, he retains potential back in handicaps.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 8.00)					Notes:	
5		35P02-P	<b>BOWTOGREATNESS</b> (IRE) 28 D br g Westerner - Miss Baden	8 11 - 2	Ben Jones Ben Pauling	135
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Black, red hooped sleeves and cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Dual novice hurdle winner (at around 2½m) and better form when placed over fences last term, including when runner-up in valuable handicap at Aintree final start. Let down by jumping under patient ride on return at Newbury 4 weeks ago and return to positive tactics may suit best down in trip.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 29.00)					Notes:	
6		2121-23	<b>THEATRE MAN</b> (IRE) 38 D BF b g Ocovango - Theatre Bird	8 11 - 1	Harry Bannister Richard Bandey	134
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Red and white check, white cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Useful, dual-winning hurdler who has twice shaped well following his switch to chasing this winter, deserving of extra credit given how freely he raced when good third at Newbury (23.4f) 38 days ago. Of interest from this sort of mark with drop in trip holding no fears.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 8.00)					Notes:	
7		12P2-21	<b>PERSIAN TIME</b> 36 b g Califet - Persian Forest	6 11 - 0	James Bowen N J Henderson	133

<b>Jockey Colours:</b> LIGHT BLUE, PURPLE star and star on cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Lightly raced hurdler (useful form) who shaped encouragingly when second behind subsequent Grade 2 winner Djelo on chase debut at Newbury in December. Looked fortunate (left in front 2 out) when going one place better at Ascot latest but shapes as if he'll be at least as effective back at this trip.</i> ★★★★☆ (Forecast 12.00)						Notes:	
8		133-311	<b>HAPPY AND FINE</b> (FR) 28 D b g Balko - Richona	7 10 - 12p	Bryan Carver A M Hales	131	
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Mauve, black chevron, white sleeves, black cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Likeable sort who ran well in strong race for the grade when third at Wetherby (19.4f) in November and tasted success twice since in handicaps at Leicester/Haydock at around this trip. This his sternest assignment yet but unlikely he's reached his limit.</i> ★★★★☆ (Forecast 13.00)						Notes:	
9		1P223F	<b>RAILWAY HURRICANE</b> (IRE) 42 b g Perugino - Rose Earley	9 10 - 10bt	Sam Twiston-Davies G P Cromwell	129	
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Dark green, yellow braces, yellow and dark green striped sleeves, hooped cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Belatedly opened his account over fences at Tipperary (19.5f) last summer and creditable displays when placed on 2 of his last 3 starts around here. Behind when falling 4 out in December Gold Cup over C&amp;D 6 weeks ago and suspicion he'll come up short in this field.</i> ★★★★☆ (Forecast 29.00)						Notes:	
10		15/642-1	<b>CHARLES RITZ</b> 26 b g Milan - Miss Ballantyne	8 10 - 4	J J Burke T R George	123	
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Grey, white epaulets <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Low-mileage 8-y-o who tasted success over hurdles and improved with each start over larger obstacles, well served by emphasis on stamina as he made a winning return at Exeter (19.2f) 26 days ago. Open to further improvement but this tougher returned to a quicker surface.</i> ★★★★☆ (Forecast 21.00)						Notes:	
11		27-2331	<b>PRAIRIE WOLF</b> (IRE) 43 D br g Sageburg - Applause For Amy	7 10 - 4p	Charlie Deutsch Mrs S J Smith	123	
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Black, red cross of Lorraine, sleeves and cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Largely progressive in handicap hurdles last term and having looked more assured in jumping department, opened his account at second attempt over fences at Doncaster (20.5f) 6 weeks ago, in command last and value for extra. 6 lb rise fair and he shouldn't be underestimated.</i> ★★★★☆ (Forecast 21.00)						Notes:	
12		41/3-323	<b>ES PERFECTO</b> (IRE) 32 D ch g Shirocco - Shadow Dearg	9 10 - 4	G Sheehan A King	123	
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Royal blue, yellow stars, yellow cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Point winner who has been lightly raced in recent years but promise when runner-up behind Ginny's Destiny on chase debut here in November. Stepped up on that despite being left with bit too much to do when third to Blow Your Wad at Kempton since. Has races in him from this mark.</i> ★★★★☆ (Forecast 10.00)						Notes:	
<b>TIMEFORM VIEW:</b> Claims can be made for a host in an ultra-competitive handicap with the narrow vote in favour of THEATRE MAN. He's twice shaped well following his switch to chasing, deserving of extra credit for how freely he raced when third at Newbury 38 days ago, and with the drop back in trip holding no fears, he can confirm himself on a good mark. Ginny's Destiny is going from strength-to-strength and feared. Prairie Wolf, at longer odds, and Blow Your Wad complete the shortlist.							
<b>Timeform 1-2-3:</b> 1: THEATRE MAN (6) 2: GINNY'S DESTINY (1) 3: PRAIRIE WOLF (11)							
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