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CHELTONHAM (UK) - 24 JANUARY 2026

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RACE 1: 14:05 - TIMEFORM NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf									Stake: R927,432	4200m
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date	
1	PUSH THE BUTTON (IRE) 7Grg 4-5-16	30-4800m S: 2-4-10 Earn: R58,103 Royal blue and yellow (quartered), royal blue sleeves, yellow stars, royal blue cap, yellow star.	M Walford	+	J Hamilton	76.5	1C32 (1.50)	2W30 (0.50)	2A38 (9.00)	19Dec25
2	CALIFET EN VOL (IRE) 7Brg 2-4-7	32-4800m S: 1-2-4 Earn: R48,664 Light blue, purple star and star on cap.	N Henderson	+	N De Boinville	76.5	6A50 (9.75)	2C42 (13.00)	3C42 (4.75)	01Jan26
3	QUEBECOIS (FR) 7Chg 3-5-9	34-4800m S: 3-1-7 Earn: R51,245 Royal blue, white hoops, maroon sleeves and cap.	P Nicholls	+	F Gingell	75.5	1A48 (4.75)	2E48 (10.00)	4S48 (50.00)	05Dec25
4	JORDANS CROSS (IRE) 6Brg 3-2-6	32-4800m S: 2-2-5 Earn: R37,620 White, royal blue braces and armlets, hooped cap.	A Honeyball	+	S Twiston-Davie	75	1A32 (2.50)	0C40 (13.88)	1D38	13Dec25
5	KDEUX SAINT FRAY (FR) 6Brg 3-2-7	32-4000m S: 1-1-3 Earn: R34,440 Royal blue and white (halved), white sleeves, royal blue seams, red and white check cap.	A Honeyball	+	G Sheehan	72.5	0C40 (46.25)	1C40 (3.00)	2A40 (3.00)	06Dec25
6	BARLOVENTO (IRE) 7Brg 3-4-7	32-4200m S: 2-4-6 Earn: R27,652 Dark blue, light blue hoop, checked sleeves and cap.	O Murphy	+	S Bowen	71	2L41 (30.00)	2E38 (0.50)	1K41 (0.75)	26Dec25
7	SECRET DES DIEUX (FR) 6Brg 3-5-12	32-4100m S: 3-2-10 Earn: R24,651 Yellow, royal blue braces, royal blue sleeves, yellow stars and stars on cap.	James Owen	+	B J Powell	70	1F32 (4.50)	3N32 (2.50)	4K41 (1.62)	26Dec25
8	SCORSESE (IRE) 8Chg 3-3-15	38-4800m S: 2-1-7 Earn: R15,486 Black, white epaulets, pink cap.	N Mulholland	+	C O'Farrell	68.5	0F39 (4.25)	2W40 (0.25)	1S38 (3.50)	26Dec25
9	KALINE DES BOULLAT (FR) 6Bm 4-6-21	30-4400m S: 3-3-19 Earn: R112,054 Dark blue, white stars, hooped sleeves and stars on cap.	M Seror	+	Bryony Frost	66	4F38 (2.75)	7P40 (18.25)	1P34 (0.75)	31Dec25

FORECAST BETTING: 7-2 JORDANS CROSS; 4-1 CALIFET EN VOL, BARLOVENTO; 9-2 KDEUX SAINT FRAY; 11-2 PUSH THE BUTTON; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 4 JORDANS CROSS 6 BARLOVENTO 5 KDEUX SAINT FRAY

PREVIEW: A contest that has proven to be an invaluable source for finding Cheltenham Festival winners, with four of the last seven scorers going on to complete the double. Anthony Honeyball boasts a strong hand with two progressive types in Jordans Cross and KDEUX SAINT FRAY. The former recovered from falling at the last here when scoring at Doncaster and he remains with significant potential after a 4lb rise. However, the vote goes to his stable companion, who won the aforementioned November contest before filling the runner-up spot at Aintree behind a rival who scored at Windsor last week. The six-year-old would likely need to win well to guarantee his spot at the Festival and this fourth run over fences gives him the chance to run in open handicaps. Barlovento improved from his chasing bow at Exeter to win at Kempton and has to be respected with the likelihood of more to come. Others to note are Califet En Vol and Push The Button.

RACE 2: 14:40 - JCB TRIUMPH TRIAL JUVENILE HURDLE (GRADE 2) (REGISTERED AS THE FINESSE) (GBB RACE) (4 years only) Turf

Stake: R1,829,598 3400m

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *-App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	ONE HORSE TOWN (IRE)	4Chg 5-6-12 14-3400m S: 2-1-3 Earn: R78,033	Harry Derham	+	Paul O'Brien	72.5	<u>1K32</u> (10.00)	1C32 (3.75)	3C34 (9.75) 13Dec25
2	MAESTRO CONTI (FR)	4Chg 2-0-2 32-3400m S: 1-0-1 Earn: R24,733	D Skelton	+	H Skelton	71.5		1M34 (6.50)	<u>1K32</u> (9.50) 27Dec25
3	CHARTWELL JOCK (IRE)	4B 1-4-10 19-2000m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R19,647	Seamus Mullins	+	D Sansom	70	<u>0K22</u> (29.75)	6K32 (36.25)	0K32 (50.00) 10Jan26
4	HARDY STUFF (USA)%	4B 1-1-3 32-3400m Earn: R7,934	G Elliott	+	J W Kennedy	70	0C34 (50.00)	4P34 (5.50)	1L32 (0.12) 27Dec25
5	LORD BYRON (IRE)	4B 0-2-3 28-3400m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R4,821	Faye Bramley	+	B R Jones	70	5P16 (7.25)	<u>2N28</u> (3.25)	2E34 (1.00) 18Dec25
6	MINELLA YOGA (IRE)	4B 2-0-2 32-3400m Earn: R14,713	P Nicholls	+	S Twiston-Davie	70		1F34 (5.00)	1N32 (0.75) 29Dec25
7	SONIC PIONEER	4B 3-6-15 16-3200m S: 1-1-3 Earn: R25,584	M Keighley	+	S Bowen	70	2P24 (0.25)	<u>1K32</u> (14.00)	0C32 (37.00) 27Dec25
8	TENTER LE TOUT (FR)	4Grf 2-1-3 32-3400m S: 2-0-3 Earn: R52,736	Chester Williams	+	G Sheehan	69	4S32 (8.00)	1E34 (2.50)	1C32 (7.00) 27Dec25
9	MISS DES BOULLATS (FR)	4Bf 2-4-9 34-3600m S: 1-1-5 Earn: R76,818	M Seror	+	Bryony Frost	68	1A36 (0.75)	2A34 (1.25)	0P34 (37.00) 31Dec25
10	LA LUNA ARTISTA (FR)	4Bf 2-0-2 26-3200m S: 1-0-1 Earn: R5,875	Mrs J Williams	+	C Gethings	67		1E26 (1.00)	1W32 (9.00) 20Nov25

FORECAST BETTING: 11-8 MAESTRO CONTI; 9-4 MINELLA YOGA; 7-1 ONE HORSE TOWN; 8-1 TENTER LE TOUT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 2 MAESTRO CONTI 6 MINELLA YOGA 1 ONE HORSE TOWN

PREVIEW: Maestro Conti looked a smart prospect on his UK debut when following up his Moulins success with an impressive display at Kempton over Christmas. Prominent in the Triumph Hurdle betting, he commands the utmost respect but having to give 3lb to MINELLA YOGA could be a tough task. Bought for 360,000 pounds after winning at Fairyhouse in November, he managed to get the better of the well-regarded Act Of Innocence (runs 4:10) at Newbury when in receipt of a hefty weight-for-age allowance and that piece of form may be the strongest on offer. The admirable One Horse Town's winning run came to an end here, but he is entitled to be in the mix along with Finale winner Tenter Le Tout.

RACE 3: 15:15 - BETFAIR EXCHANGE HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf

Stake: R2,286,997 4200m

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *-App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	BOOMBAWN (IRE)	9B 7-15-28 32-4200m S: 1-2-9 Earn: R212,425	D Skelton	+	H Skelton	76.5	<u>4A40</u> (4.25)	4H40 (21.25)	3K41 (2.25) 10Jan26
2	JAGWAR	7B 5-5-12 36-4200m S: 5-3-12 Earn: R155,890	O Greenall & J Guerriero	+	Jonjo O'Neill J	75	1C42 (2.50)	1C42 (2.75)	<u>3C42</u> (1.75) 13Dec25
3	RISKINTHEGROUND (IRE)	9B 8-9-32 32-4800m S: 4-2-16 Earn: R149,812	D Skelton	+	L Harrison	72	<u>1N42</u> (0.75)	9N52 (20.00)	6C42 (22.25) 01Jan26
4	BOOSTER BOB (IRE)	8B 7-5-13 32-4400m S: 7-1-13 Earn: R142,222	O Murphy	+	S Bowen	71.5	3C32 (17.50)	1N40 (1.25)	<u>1N44</u> (4.50) 29Nov25
5	UNCLE BERT	9B 6-9-24 32-5000m S: 6-4-22 Earn: R104,289	N & W Twiston-Davies	+	S Twiston-Davie	70	9C40 (18.00)	<u>1A40</u> (9.50)	0C62 (50.00) 27Dec25
6	PRairie WOLF (IRE)	9B 8-16-32 32-5000m S: 5-6-23 Earn: R108,004	J Parkinson & S Smith	+	G Sheehan	68.5	<u>3W38</u> (10.25)	3N44 (7.00)	1A40 (1.50) 26Dec25
7	DONNACHA (IRE)	8Brg 5-12-18 32-3800m S: 5-9-18 Earn: R60,767	N Hawke	+	J M Davies	67.5	<u>3F38</u> (19.75)	2E38 (0.50)	2C38 (4.00) 27Dec25
8	TRIPLE TRADE	10Brg 7-13-31 32-4100m S: 4-4-21 Earn: R171,309	J Tizzard	+	B J Powell	67	<u>1C32</u> (0.25)	3C32 (10.00)	1S40 (1.75) 03Jan26
9	MOON D'ORANGE (FR)	8Chg 3-10-22 34-5000m S: 2-3-10 Earn: R97,707	J McConnell	+	A Harvey	66.5	0C48 (21.50)	0N52 (48.50)	5C42 (16.25) 01Jan26
10	HURRICANE BAY!	10Brg 4-7-19 32-4800m S: 0-3-9 Earn: R46,011	L Wadham	+	Bryony Frost	66	1F42 (1.75)	<u>2D48</u> (13.00)	5D48 (33.75) 13Dec25
11	JAVERT ALLEN (FR)	7Chg 3-6-10 30-3400m S: 3-5-9 Earn: R50,213	Mrs J Williams	+	C Gethings	65.5	5N32 (20.00)	<u>4A32</u> (5.00)	2N32 (2.25) 29Nov25

FORECAST BETTING: 7-4 JAGWAR; 4-1 BOOSTER BOB; 8-1 JAVERT ALLEN; 10-1 UNCLE BERT, TRIPLE TRADE, MOON D'ORANGE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 2 JAGWAR 4 BOOSTER BOB 8 TRIPLE TRADE

PREVIEW: JAGWAR was hugely progressive in his first season over fences, which culminated in him winning the Plate over C&D at the Festival. His jumping left a lot to be desired on that occasion, and again when third on his return in the December Gold Cup, but connections still believe he is capable of reaching a higher level and victory here may lead him towards a Ryanair tilt. Booster Bob was a remarkable winner of the Greatwood Gold Cup at Newbury last March and looked a more straightforward ride when returning to the same venue in November. Despite going up 9lb, he remains capable of further improvement. The shortlist is completed by Triple Trade and Prairie Wolf.

RACE 4: 15:50 - GLENFARCLAS CROSS COUNTRY HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf										Stake: R811,492 5800m	
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date		
1	FAVORI DE CHAMPOU (FR)*	11Bg 8-8-24 32-5400m S: 1-3-9 Earn: R206,747	G Elliott	+	J W Kennedy	76.5	5F60 (15.50)	0C58 (50.00)	1L49 (4.50)	27Dec25	
2	FINAL ORDERS	10Bg 10-18-68 20-5800m S: 2-0-10 Earn: R174,252	G Cromwell	+	K M Donoghue	75.5	6K50 (16.88)	3P48 (12.50)	1C58 (4.25)	12Dec25	
3	LATENIGHTPASS	13Bg 4-6-17 40-5800m S: 4-4-15 Earn: R97,168	T Ellis	+	Miss G Andrews	72	0A42 (50.00)	7C54 (41.88)	7C58 (19.75)	12Dec25	
4	ANNUAL INVICTUS (IRE)	11Bg 8-9-27 32-5800m S: 3-4-17 Earn: R181,003	C Gordon	+	F Gordon	71	2S58 (0.25)	0N52 (30.00)	5N52 (28.00)	29Dec25	
5	HOMME PUBLIC (FR)!	9Bg 8-11-33 30-4000m S: 5-6-22 Earn: R155,942	O Greenall & J Guerrero	+	T Wynne	69.5	6W38 (19.75)	6N40 (38.75)	6W30 (24.50)	27Dec25	
6	ICEO MADRIK (FR)	8Bg 5-9-33 32-5800m S: 3-6-29 Earn: R226,774	D Cottin	+	L Brechet	67.5	2C46 (1.00)	0C54 (50.00)	3C58 (7.50)	12Dec25	
7	TOMMIE BEAU (IRE)	11Bg 14-17-50 40-6600m S: 7-6-30 Earn: R197,884	Seamus Mullins	+	Paul O'Brien	67	4S58 (50.00)	5W50 (27.00)	6N60 (19.00)	29Nov25	
8	PLACENET (FR)	9Bg 8-12-29 34-5800m S: 5-5-21 Earn: R258,636	D Cottin	+	S Twiston-Davie	66.5	6C36 (8.75)	2W46 (1.50)	4C58 (10.75)	12Dec25	
9	JARRIVE DE L'EST (FR)!	7Bg 5-5-18 24-5800m S: 5-2-17 Earn: R133,363	E Mullins	+	D Meyler	66	1A44 (1.75)	7A44 (17.00)	2C58 (4.25)	12Dec25	
10	WHERE IT ALL BEGAN (IRE)!	10Bg 2-9-24 33-5400m S: 2-4-16 Earn: R82,525	G Elliott	+	S Bowen	65.5	0U68 (50.00)	0N48 (42.50)	0C62 (50.00)	27Dec25	
11	ESCARIA TEN (FR)†	12Bg 3-8-26 32-6000m S: 3-3-19 Earn: R61,939	M Keighley	+	J Best	65.5	0A42 (28.12)	0C50 (50.00)	0C40 (44.75)	14Nov25	
12	UNANSWERED PRAYERS (IRE)	10Bg 5-10-32 32-5800m S: 3-2-15 Earn: R84,402	C Gordon	+	C Deutsch	65	5C50 (2.75)	5F56 (19.75)	5C58 (17.25)	12Dec25	
13	SOME SCOPE	8Bg 5-6-20 32-5200m S: 3-1-12 Earn: R97,050	R Hobson	+	G Sheehan	64.5	5B48 (17.75)	5W48 (23.75)	1D48 (3.00)	29Dec25	
14	PEACHES AND CREAM (IRE)	11Bg 5-10-46 32-6200m S: 0-0-12 Earn: R89,333	G Cromwell	+	A Harvey	64.5	6P66 (14.00)	0P48 (50.00)	6C58 (19.25)	12Dec25	
15	MIRALAGO	8Bg 3-12-26 32-4000m S: 2-4-19 Earn: R164,927	G Nicholls	+	F Lambert	64.5	2F38 (16.00)	3H32 (12.50)	3L40 (12.50)	28Dec25	
16	THE BIG BREAKAWAY (IRE)†	11Chg 3-12-30 38-6200m S: 3-5-25 Earn: R147,341	S Hosie	+	P Hanlon	64.5	4S48 (14.50)	0E62 (35.50)	0C58 (50.00)	12Dec25	

FORECAST BETTING: 7-4 JARRIVE DE L'EST; 7-2 FINAL ORDERS; 7-1 ICEO MADRIK; 8-1 PLACENET; 10-1 FAVORI DE CHAMPOU; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: PACIFIERS ON: HOMME PUBLIC; JARRIVE DE L'EST; WHERE IT ALL BEGAN. PACIFIERS OFF: MIRALAGO; THE BIG BREAKAWAY.

TIPS: 9 JARRIVE DE L'EST 2 FINAL ORDERS 1 FAVORI DE CHAMPOU

PREVIEW: JARRIVE DE L'EST posted a solid effort on his debut for current connections with an encouraging second to Final Orders over C&D last month. That was his first start outside of France and came after a 264-day break. Sure to be wiser to the demands of this course, he can gain his revenge on the reopposing winner. FAVORI De Champdou was still in contention when he fell in that race, before springing a shock in the Paddy Power at Leopardstown over Christmas, and can go close.

RACE 5: 16:25 - BETFAIR COTSWOLD CHASE (GRADE 2) (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf										Stake: R2,858,735 5000m	
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date		
1	GREY DAWNING (IRE)	9Grc 10-6-18 32-5200m S: 10-4-17 Earn: R501,566	D Skelton	+	H Skelton	74.5	1K46 (2.50)	2A50 (3.00)	1H52 (2.75)	22Nov25	
2	L'HOMME PRESSE (FR)	11Bgc 9-6-19 32-5200m S: 8-1-14 Earn: R546,821	V Williams	+	C Deutsch	74.5	1C50 (0.75)	0A42 (50.00)	2C52 (5.00)	12Dec25	
3	FLOORING PORTER (IRE)	11Bgc 9-13-32 34-5000m S: 6-6-18 Earn: R786,199	G Cromwell	+	K M Donoghue	72	5A50 (23.75)	5K34 (34.00)	1L48 (4.25)	25Sep24	
4	SPILLANE'S TOWER (IRE)	8Bgc 5-8-17 32-5000m S: 3-2-8 Earn: R254,735	J J Mangan	+	J W Kennedy	72	2P50 (22.00)	9N40 (17.50)	3P38 (8.62)	31Dec25	

FORECAST BETTING: 4-7 GREY DAWNING; 4-1 L'HOMME PRESSE; 9-2 SPILLANE'S TOWER; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 1 GREY DAWNING 2 L'HOMME PRESSE 4 SPILLANE'S TOWER

PREVIEW: With last year's winner L'Homme Presse potentially gearing up for a tilt at the Grand National and Spillane's Tower having options open to him at the Festival back here, bold showings can be expected from both high-calibre chasers. However, GREY DAWNING is a model of consistency and his return to winning ways in the Betfair at Haydock was a statement performance. This trip seems ideal for Dan Skelton's admirable grey these days and he could be tough to overhaul. Dual Stayers' Hurdle hero Flooring Porter won over fences on the Old Course here as a novice, but he faces a mammoth task on his first run since landing the Kerry National in September 2024.

RACE 6: 17:00 - UNIBET HURDLE (REGISTERED AS THE INTERNATIONAL HURDLE) (GRADE 2) (GBB RACE) (4 years and older) Turf										Stake: R2,858,735 3400m	
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date		
1	NEMEAN LION	9Bgc 8-10-26 18-4200m S: 8-6-21 Earn: R348,254	Kerry Lee	+	C O'Farrell	74.5	0C48 (38.25)	3N34 (1.75)	4W40 (1.75)	16Jan26	
2	SIR GINO (FR)	6Bgc 7-0-7 30-3400m S: 5-0-5 Earn: R337,059	N Henderson	+	N De Boinville	74.5	1N32 (8.00)	1K32 (7.50)	1K32 (6.00)	26Dec25	
3	THE NEW LION	7Bgc 5-0-6 34-4200m S: 5-0-6 Earn: R155,896	D Skelton	+	H Skelton	73	1N41 (4.75)	1C42 (0.75)	0N34 (1.75)	29Nov25	
4	BRENTFORD HOPE (GB)!	9Bgc 9-18-37 16-3500m S: 9-8-26 Earn: R196,336	Harry Derham	+	Paul O'Brien	72	6C34 (6.75)	3H32 (5.00)	1H32 (0.25)	17Jan26	

FORECAST BETTING: 2-5 SIR GINO; 2-1 THE NEW LION; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 2 SIR GINO 3 THE NEW LION 1 NEMEAN LION

PREVIEW: As events are unfolding, the unbeaten SIR GINO has the potential to rule the roost in the two-mile hurdle division for quite some time and he is very difficult to see beyond. The Nicky Henderson-trained star returned from a well-documented training setback with an exemplary display in the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton. His cruising speed and jumping efficiency will mean only outstanding performances from The New Lion and Nemean Lion will suffice if he is to be toppled here. Brentford Hope is rated 25lb inferior to Sir Gino and would be a surprise winner.

RACE 7: 17:35 - PERTEMPS NETWORK CLEEVE HURDLE (GRADE 2) (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf Stake: R1,600,898 4800m

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	GOWEL ROAD!	10B 5-14-27 32-4800m S: 4-6-19 Earnings: R173,458	N & W Twiston-Davies	+	S Twiston-Davie	73.5	3C48 (8.25)	7C52 (33.75)	4C40 (8.50) 01Jan26
2	IMPOSE TOI	8B 9-7-16 24-5000m S: 7-5-12 Earnings: R263,729	N Henderson	+	N De Boinville	73.5	1A50 (3.25)	1N48 (0.50)	1A49 (1.25) 20Dec25
3	STRONG LEADER!	9B 7-9-19 32-5000m S: 3-3-12 Earnings: R387,833	O Murphy	+	S Bowen	73.5	1W48 (0.25)	2N48 (0.50)	2A49 (1.25) 20Dec25
4	DODDIETHEGREAT (IRE)	10B 5-6-17 32-4800m S: 2-3-10 Earnings: R132,396	N Henderson	+	F Gordon	72.5	3W48 (1.50)	4N48 (6.00)	5A49 (9.75) 20Dec25
5	KAMSIKAS (FR)	9B 5-6-18 32-4800m S: 3-2-10 Earnings: R90,376	F O'Brien	+	L Harrison	71	2L48 (0.25)	2S48 (5.00)	5C40 (9.50) 01Jan26
6	MA SHANTOU (IRE)	7B 5-3-11 30-4800m S: 3-1-8 Earnings: R59,824	E Lavelle	+	B R Jones	71	1C48 (2.75)	0H48 (45.50)	1C48 (1.25) 01Jan26

FORECAST BETTING: 10-11 IMPOSE TOI; 4-1 STRONG LEADER; 11-2 MA SHANTOU; 6-1 DODDIETHEGREAT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 2 IMPOSE TOI 3 STRONG LEADER 6 MA SHANTOU

PREVIEW: Having got the better of Strong Leader on his last two outings, IMPOSE TOI makes plenty of appeal. The eight-year-old has scored with something in hand in Newbury's Long Distance Hurdle and the Long Walk at Ascot and he's difficult to oppose. Ma Shantou has progressed through the handicap ranks this season and shouldn't be underestimated given that he has won on his last two visits to Cheltenham. Emma Lavelle's charge receives 6lb from the selection and is feared most.

RACE 8: 18:10 - AIS NOVICES' HURDLE (GRADE 2) (REGISTERED AS THE CLASSIC NOVICES' HURDLE) (GBB RACE) (4 years and older) Turf Stake: R1,829,598 4000m

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	ACT OF INNOCENCE (IRE)	6B 2-3-5 32-3400m S: 1-0-2 Earnings: R26,274	N Henderson	+	N De Boinville	72.5	1T33 (2.75)	1N32 (2.75)	2N32 (0.75) 29Dec25
2	ADONEDEAL (IRE)	6B 2-0-2 32-4800m S: 2-0-2 Earnings: R9,149	O Murphy	+	G Sheehan	72.5		1S32 (5.00)	1P32 (0.50) 15Dec25
3	FORTUNE TIMMY (IRE)	6B 2-1-3 32-4800m S: 2-0-2 Earnings: R10,223	C Gordon	+	F Gordon	72.5	1F38 (4.50)	3K32 (4.50)	1F36 (24.00) 26Dec25
4	HEADS UP (NZ)	6B 2-5-7 32-4200m S: 1-2-4 Earnings: R57,669	J McConnell	+	D Mullins	72.5	2C32 (1.50)	1L32 (2.00)	2C42 (3.00) 14Nov25
5	KRITICJIM (FR)	6B 3-3-6 34-4100m S: 2-2-5 Earnings: R27,195	J Tizzard	+	B J Powell	72.5	2C39 (7.00)	1A38 (3.25)	1N41 (0.75) 17Dec25
6	OPEN SECRET	5B 2-11-18 16-4200m S: 1-0-3 Earnings: R34,639	G Elliott	+	J W Kennedy	72.5	4N42 (9.00)	2W40 (1.75)	1N38 (7.00) 15Dec25
7	TAURUS BAY (IRE)	5B 2-0-2 32-4800m S: 2-0-2 Earnings: R16,251	B Pauling	+	B R Jones	72.5		1S32 (8.50)	1A34 (4.25) 06Dec25
8	THE BLUE ROOM (IRE)	6B 2-3-5 32-4800m S: 2-2-5 Earnings: R29,638	O Murphy	+	S Bowen	72.5	1F32 (1.50)	1C32 (0.75)	2S40 (5.00) 05Dec25

FORECAST BETTING: 6-4 ACT OF INNOCENCE; 11-4 TAURUS BAY; 5-1 HEADS UP; 8-1 THE BLUE ROOM; 10-1 FORTUNE TIMMY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 1 ACT OF INNOCENCE 7 TAURUS BAY 4 HEADS UP

PREVIEW: Although turned over at 2/7 when a close-up second at Newbury, Act Of Innocence lost little in defeat against a well-weighted juvenile. Nicky Henderson's gelding is a potential improver stepping up in distance and isn't taken lightly, but the unbeaten TAURUS BAY is slightly more compelling at the forecast prices. The five-year-old has impressed on both outings under Rules and he looks ready for this step up in class. Heads Up is also worth a second look.

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