



## HEREFORD (UK) - 26 JANUARY 2026

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**RACECOURSE:** A right-handed almost square shaped track about a mile and a half in extent. There are nine stiffish fences per circuit and a run-in of 300 yards. Despite its conformation the track represents a fair test.

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RACE 1: 16:00 - HEREFORD EASTER MONDAY FAMILY FUN RACEDAY NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4 years and older) Turf							Stake: R231,858	4400m	
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	DRACO MALFOY (IRE) 6Brg 1-3-5 32-4800m S: 1-1-3 Earnings: R6,413	Cream, strawberry collar, cuffs and cap.	K Bailey & M Nicholls	+	T Bellamy	75.5	5H32 (6.25)	1H42 (3.25)	2D38 (2.00) 29Dec25
2	BIG TICKET 5Brg 0-2-3 40-4800m S: 0-1-2 Earnings: R10,339	Royal blue and white (quartered), diabolo on sleeves, royal blue cap.	N & W Twiston-Davies	+	S Twiston-Davies	72.5	2A40 (1.00)	2A44 (2.00)	0A44 (50.00) 19Dec25
3	ERCALL FOX 5Brg 0-0-1 0-0m S: 0-0-1 Earnings: Nil	Yellow, purple hoops and sleeves, hooped cap.	Kerry Lee	+	J J Burke	72.5			5W32 (27.00) 20Nov25
4	HANDIN MANYPOCKETS (IRE) 5Brg 0-1-1 40-4800m Earnings: R1,256	Purple and yellow stripes, black sleeves and cap.	S Hosie	+	R Dingle	72.5			4C40 (9.75) 01Jan26
5	STAR OF HONOUR (IRE) 6Chm 0-0-2 48-4800m S: 0-0-2 Earnings: Nil	Emerald green, white cross belts, scarlet cap.	H Daly	+	D Bass	69			9W42 (35.75) 11Dec25

**FORECAST BETTING:** 5-4 BIG TICKET; 6-4 DRACO MALFOY; 6-1 HANDIN MANYPOCKETS; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**TIPS:** 2 BIG TICKET 1 DRACO MALFOY 4 HANDIN MANYPOCKETS

**PREVIEW:** Just 1lb separates DRACO MALFOY and Big Ticket on official ratings. The latter is favoured in receipt of 7lb but there have to be reservations given that he was pulled up latest, so Kim Bailey and Mat Nicholls' charge is fancied to come out on top. He hit the woodwork under a penalty at Doncaster but had excelled on soft ground prior and that could be crucial today. Handin Manypockets can chase the pair home.

RACE 2: 16:30 - HEREFORD QUARRIES NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf							Stake: R206,355	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	FOLLOWCATO (IRE) 7Chg 2-4-10 32-4800m S: 2-2-6 Earnings: R17,131	Light blue, dark blue armlets, dark blue cap.	B Pauling	+	K Woods	73.5	5L44 (13.50)	1L40 (0.25)	1E38 (3.25) 09Jan26
2	SKI LODGE (IRE) 7Brg 2-4-7 32-5200m S: 2-4-7 Earnings: R18,452	Red, white chevron, royal blue sleeves, yellow stars, white cap.	A King	+	T Bellamy	72.5	2L39 (4.25)	2U48 (7.00)	2H52 (1.75) 30Dec25
3	EPINEPHRINE (FR) 6Bm 1-3-6 32-3600m S: 1-1-6 Earnings: R15,504	Light blue, orange cross of lorraine, hooped sleeves, orange cap.	V Williams	+	N Fox	72.5	1K32 (11.00)	6N32 (39.25)	6W42 (49.50) 20Nov25
4	RISK DE PLUIE (FR) 7Brg 1-7-10 32-4800m S: 1-3-9 Earnings: R16,447	White and black stripes, royal blue sleeves, white cap.	Ben Clarke	+	S Twiston-Davies	72	2L44 (4.75)	6C50 (33.00)	3E35 (3.25) 09Jan26
5	HURRICANE HIGHWAY (IRE) 8Brg 1-4-12 40-4800m S: 1-3-12 Earnings: R14,455	Royal blue, pink hoop.	E Williams	+	B R Jones	71	7W48 (34.00)	7M46 (26.44)	5F48 (17.50) 08Jan26

**FORECAST BETTING:** 7-4 FOLLOWCATO; 5-2 SKI LODGE; 7-2 RISK DE PLUIE; 7-1 EPINEPHRINE; 8-1 HURRICANE HIGHWAY

**TIPS:** 1 FOLLOWCATO 2 SKI LODGE 4 RISK DE PLUIE

**PREVIEW:** FOLLOWCATO has really gotten the hang of things over fences lately, winning at Ludlow before following up in cosy fashion at Exeter. Ben Pauling's gelding is only 6lb higher and with further progress likely, he is taken to land the hat-trick. Ski Lodge continues to knock at the door and is unlikely to be far away, whilst Risk De Pluie should benefit from a return to further.

RACE 3: 17:00 - GREEN DRAGON HOTEL HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf									Stake: R206,355 3200m	
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date	
1	ROYAL MER (FR) 8Grg 5-11-27	30-4600m S: 5-7-23 Earn: R49,599	D Pipe	+	R Corcoran	76	7F39 (19.00)	2W40 (6.00)	2E35 (0.75)	09Jan26
2	MON CHAMPION (FR) 6Bg 1-5-12	30-4400m S: 1-5-11 Earn: R54,201	P Nicholls	+	F Gingell	75.5	6S40 (50.00)	2S30 (18.00)	6N32 (37.38)	29Dec25
3	WEWILLGOWITHPLANB (IRE) 9Bg 3-6-18	31-3600m S: 2-3-15 Earn: R28,031	E Williams	+	C Ring	73.5	4L31 (5.75)	8H40 (50.00)	8E35 (36.50)	09Jan26
4	PASSING KATE 9Bm 5-9-24	30-4100m S: 5-7-24 Earn: R37,873	M Sheppard	+	N Fox	72.5	2B34 (4.25)	2C32 (10.00)	5E35 (8.75)	09Jan26
5	HORS JEU (FR) 6Bg 1-4-9	30-3600m S: 1-1-9 Earn: R26,794	C Boultbee-Brooks	+	R Patrick	71	7S38 (16.25)	4W30 (11.00)	0L32 (48.75)	21Dec25

FORECAST BETTING: 13-8 ROYAL MER; 3-1 HORS JEU; 7-2 MON CHAMPION; 4-1 PASSING KATE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 1 ROYAL MER 5 HORS JEU 4 PASSING KATE

PREVIEW: ROYAL MER has found it difficult to get his head in front for some time now but it hasn't been for the want of trying. The son of Montmartre had the measure of Passing Kate (fifth) and Wewillgowithplarb (eighth) at Exeter. There are questions mark over the remaining pair too, so with Rian Corcoran removing a handy 7lb this looks a fine opportunity. Hors Jeu was by no means out of it when unseating at Lingfield last month and he could be the biggest threat.

RACE 4: 17:30 - SILVERSHINE TURF SERVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (4 years and older) Turf									Stake: R248,098 3200m	
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date	
1	L'ASTROBOY (GER) 9Bg 2-2-5	32-3900m S: 2-2-5 Earn: R25,277	E Williams	+	G Sheehan	76.5	2S32 (2.50)	2C39 (2.25)	6S32 (28.50)	06Dec25
2	OUT OF OFFICE (IRE) 8Bg 1-4-6	32-4800m S: 1-1-6 Earn: R10,984	E Williams	+	B R Jones	73.5	0F32 (23.75)	2C32 (2.50)	3C34 (8.00)	30Nov25
3	COL DU PRE' (FR) 5Chg 2-7-12	20-3400m S: 2-4-9 Earn: R48,506	V Williams	+	N Fox	71	4A34 (14.25)	0N32 (29.50)	7H32 (26.75)	30Dec25
4	NOWMELAD (IRE) 7Bg 2-9-14	32-4000m S: 1-4-9 Earn: R21,663	Henry Oliver	+	Lee Edwards	71	6A34 (19.81)	2U32 (5.50)	2M38 (1.00)	26Dec25
5	LATIN VERSE 6Bg 3-7-23	20-3400m S: 2-3-12 Earn: R40,781	O Murphy	+	J Bryan	70	6T38 (5.00)	0W40 (25.25)	0T33 (36.75)	04Feb25
6	UKANTANGO (IRE) 9Chg 3-10-17	30-4800m S: 2-1-8 Earn: R42,275	O Murphy	+	L Stones	66.5	2W40 (5.00)	4W40 (8.50)	4U40 (6.25)	25Jul25

FORECAST BETTING: 11-4 NOWMELAD; 3-1 UKANTANGO; 7-2 OUT OF OFFICE; 4-1 L'ASTROBOY; 7-1 LATIN VERSE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: PACIFIERS OFF: LATIN VERSE; UKANTANGO.

TIPS: 4 NOWMELAD 2 OUT OF OFFICE 1 L'ASTROBOY

PREVIEW: The Evan Williams-trained pair L'astroboy and Out Of Office, who represent the same owners, are lightly-raced types that have recently returned after lengthy absences. As the former sets the standard according to the official ratings and the latter has scope from a handy mark, the betting market should be informative where they are concerned. However, the vote goes to NOWMELAD, who has steadily improved since joining Henry Oliver. He is fancied to build on two second-placed finishes posted in competitive events at Market Rasen and Uttoxeter last month.

RACE 5: 18:00 - JUMPRITE OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE (5 years and older) Turf									Stake: R113,442 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	CAMINO ROCIO (IRE) 8Brg 5-6-20	40-5200m S: 2-0-6 Earn: R26,486	E M Rees	+	Mr E Vaughan	79	0P52 (50.00)	3M46 (14.12)	0M48 (41.75)	19Jul25
2	A JET OF OUR OWN (IRE) 9Brg 1-2-6	32-4800m S: 1-1-4 Earn: R6,530	Mrs N Sheppard	+	Mr F Philipson	77.5	5A42 (8.25)	3C32 (5.50)	0T44 (13.75)	08Jan26
3	IMPORTANT NOTICE (IRE) 8Brg 0-1-1	40-5200m Earn: R1,283	J Newman	+	Mr J Newman	75.5			3C52 (8.25)	02May25
4	QUEL DESTIN (FR) 11Chg 12-13-37	20-4400m S: 8-6-27 Earn: R266,171	P Nicholls	+	Miss Olive Nich	75.5	0A42 (50.00)	0E38 (50.00)	4W40 (12.00)	08Feb25
5	SNIPE (IRE) 9Brg 3-12-24	40-5200m S: 3-4-12 Earn: R78,691	D Skelton	+	Mr Dominic Lewi	75.5	4A48 (5.75)	8A58 (43.00)	7A50 (45.50)	26Dec25
6	STATTLER (IRE) 11Brg 5-10-18	32-6000m S: 3-2-10 Earn: R181,328	Faye Bramley	+	Mr N Orpwood	75.5	2T40 (13.00)	4P50 (34.00)	0A68 (50.00)	13Apr24

FORECAST BETTING: 10-11 STATTLER; 10-3 QUEL DESTIN; 6-1 A JET OF OUR OWN; 7-1 SNIPE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: PACIFIERS ON: CAMINO ROCIO.

TIPS: 6 STATTLER 4 QUEL DESTIN 5 SNIPE

PREVIEW: STATTLER, who won the National Hunt Chase at the 2022 Cheltenham Festival and runner-up in the 2023 Irish Gold Cup when at his peak for Willie Mullins, is very hard to ignore on his debut in a hunters' chase. The obvious concern is the 653-day absence since he last saw competitive action. However, given that last appearance came in the 2024 Grand National, it's safe to say this level is readily eclipsed by his usual standard. Quel Destin's form under Rules is respected and he is suggested as the biggest danger. Snipe is a logical alternative.

RACE 6: 18:30 - HEREFORD LADIES DAY SATURDAY 7TH MARCH MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4 years and older) Turf								Stake: R142,575 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	GOWER SPIRIT 6Bm 1-3-9	32-4000m S; 1-1-7 Earnings: R7,161	M Sheppard	+	R Patrick	76.5	0A32 (44.12)	8C32 (14.62)	2H40 (5.00) 12Jan26
2	PRINCESS KERI (IRE) 6Bm 3-3-12	32-4800m S; 1-0-8 Earnings: R14,096	E Williams	+	B R Jones	74.5	1L32 (5.00)	1L42 (2.25)	0F40 (9.50) 18Jan26
3	EZMERELLLDA (IRE) 6Bm 1-6-17	24-4200m S; 1-1-8 Earnings: R11,732	S-J Davies	+	J Best	70	4H42 (24.00)	4H42 (50.00)	0H32 (39.25) 20Dec25
4	CHOSEN BAE (IRE) 7Bm 1-0-9	40-4800m S; 1-0-6 Earnings: R4,225	R Potter	+	B Poste	64.5	8F32 (17.31)	6C38 (22.25)	8U32 (32.00) 31Dec25

**FORECAST BETTING:** 8-15 PRINCESS KERI; 9-4 GOWER SPIRIT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** PACIFIERS ON: EZMERELLLDA.

**TIPS:** 2 PRINCESS KERI 1 GOWER SPIRIT 3 EZMERELLLDA

**PREVIEW:** PRINCESS KERI was many lengths clear when her rider became unbalanced and was unseated after an awkward landing at the last at Fakenham eight days ago. Although the Evan Williams-trained mare doesn't have the recognition, she could almost be considered a winner without a penalty and a safe round can see her put the record straight. Gower Spirit and Ezmerellda can fight it out for second place.

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