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### CHELTENHAM (UK) - 24 JANUARY 2026

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#### 1 14:05 - TIMEFORM NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf Stake: R927,432 4200m

1	PUSH THE BUTTON (IRE) 7Grg	M Walford	J Hamilton	76.5	1C32	2W30	2A38
2	CALIFET EN VOL (IRE) 7Brg	N Henderson	N De Boirville	76.5	6A50	2C42	3C42
3	QUEBECOIS (FR) 7Chg	P Nicholls	F Gingell	75.5	1A48	2E48	4S48
4	JORDANS CROSS (IRE) 6Bg	A Honeyball	S Twiston-Davies	75	1A32	0C40	1D38
5	KDEUX SAINT FRAY (FR) 6Bg	A Honeyball	G Sheehan	72.5	0C40	1C40	2A40
6	BARLOVENTO (IRE) 7Bg	O Murphy	S Bowen	71	2L41	2E38	1K41
7	SECRET DES DIEUX (FR) 6Bg	James Owen	B J Powell	70	1F32	3N32	4K41
8	SCORSESE (IRE) 8Chg	N Mulholland	C O'Farrell	68.5	0F39	2W40	1S38
9	KALINE DES BOULLAT (FR) 6Bm	M Seror	Bryony Frost	66	4F38	7P40	1P34

**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.

#### 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

1	ONE HORSE TOWN (IRE) 4Chg	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	72.5	1K32	1C32	3C34
2	MAESTRO CONTI (FR) 4Chg	D Skelton	H Skelton	71.5	1M34	1K32	
3	CHARTWELL JOCK 4Bg	Seamus Mullins	D Sansom	70	0K22	6K32	0K32
4	HARDY STUFF (USA) 4Bg	G Elliott	J W Kennedy	70	0C34	4P34	1L32
5	LORD BYRON (IRE) 4Bg	Faye Bramley	B R Jones	70	5P16	2N28	2E34
6	MINELLA YOGA (IRE) 4Bg	P Nicholls	S Twiston-Davies	70	1F34	1N32	
7	SONIC PIONEER 4Bg	M Keighley	S Bowen	70	2P24	1K32	0C32
8	TENTER LE TOUT (FR) 4Grf	Chester Williams	G Sheehan	69	4S32	1E34	1C32
9	MISS DES BOULLATS (FR) 4Bf	M Seror	Bryony Frost	68	1A36	2A34	0P34
10	LA LUNA ARTISTA (FR) 4Bf	Mrs J Williams	C Gethings	67	1E26	1W32	

**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.

#### 3 15:15 - BETFAIR EXCHANGE HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf Stake: R2,286,997 4200m

1	BOOMBAWN (IRE) 9Bg	D Skelton	H Skelton	76.5	4A40	4H40	3K41
2	JAGWAR 7Bg	O Greenall & J Gue	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	75	1C42	1C42	3C42
3	RISKINTEGROUND (IRE) 9Bg	D Skelton	L Harrison	72	1N42	9N52	6C42
4	BOOSTER BOB (IRE) 8Bg	O Murphy	S Bowen	71.5	3C32	1N40	1N44
5	UNCLE BERT 9Bg	N & W Twiston-Davi	S Twiston-Davies	70	9C40	1A40	0C62
6	PRAIRIE WOLF (IRE) 9Brg	J Parkinson & S Sm	G Sheehan	68.5	3W38	3N44	1A40
7	DONNACHA (IRE) 8Brg	N Hawke	J M Davies	67.5	3F38	2E38	2C38
8	TRIPLE TRADE 10Bg	Tizzard	B J Powell	67	1C32	3C32	1S40
9	MOON D'ORANGE (FR) 8Chg	J McConnell	A Harvey	66.5	0C48	0N52	5C42
10	HURRICANE BAY! 10Bg	L Wadham	Bryony Frost	66	1F42	2D48	5D48
11	JAVERT ALLEN (FR) 7Chg	Mrs J Williams	C Gethings	65.5	5N32	4A32	2N32

**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.

#### 4 15:50 - GLENFARCLAS CROSS COUNTRY HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) Turf Stake: R811,492 5800m

1	FAVORI DE CHAMPODOU (FR)* 11Bg	G Elliott	J W Kennedy	76.5	5F60	0C58	1L49
2	FINAL ORDERS 10Bg	G Cromwell	K M Donoghue	75.5	6K50	3P48	1C58
3	LATENIGHTPASS 13Bg	T Ellis	Miss G Andrews	72	0A42	7C54	7C58
4	ANNUAL INVICTUS (IRE) 11Bg	C Gordon	F Gordon	71	2S58	0N52	5N52
5	HOMME PUBLIC (FR) 9Bg	O Greenall & J Gue	T Wynne	69.5	6W38	6N40	6W30
6	ICEO MADRIK (FR) 8Bg	D Cottin	L Brechet	67.5	2C46	0C54	3C58
7	TOMMIE BEAU (IRE) 11Bg	Seamus Mullins	Paul O'Brien	67	4S58	5W50	6N60
8	PLACENET (FR) 9Bg	D Cottin	S Twiston-Davies	66.5	6C36	2W46	4C58
9	JARRIVE DE L'EST (FR) 7Bg	E Mullins	D Meyler	66	1A44	7A44	2C58
10	WHERE IT ALL BEGAN (IRE) 10Bg	G Elliott	S Bowen	65.5	0U68	0N48	0C62
11	ESCARIA TEN (FR) 12Bg	M Keighley	J Best	65.5	0A42	0C50	0C40
12	UNANSWERED PRAYERS (IRE) 10Bg	C Gordon	C Deutsch	65	5C50	5F56	5C58
13	SOME SCOPE 8Bg	R Hobson	G Sheehan	64.5	5B48	5W48	1D48
14	PEACHES AND CREAM (IRE) 11Bg	G Cromwell	A Harvey	64.5	6P66	0P48	6C58
15	MIRALAGO 8Bg	G Nicholls	F Lambert	64.5	2F38	3H32	3L40
16	THE BIG BREAKAWAY (IRE) 11Chg	S Hosie	P Hanlon	64.5	4S48	0E62	0C58

**FORECAST BETTING:** 7-4 JARRIVE DE L'EST; 7-2 FINAL ORDERS; 7-1 ICEO MADRIK; 8-1 PLACENET; 10-1 FAVORI DE CHAMPODOU; 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 CHAMPODOU

**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 Champodou 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.

5	16:25 - BETFAIR COTSWOLD CHASE (GRADE 2) (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) <i>Turf</i>					Stake: R2,858,735 5000m		
1	GREY DAWNING (IRE) 9Grg	D Skelton	H Skelton	74.5	1K46 2A50 1H52			
2	L'HOMME PRESSE (FR) 11Bg	V Williams	C Deutsch	74.5	1C50 0A42 2C52			
3	FLOORING PORTER (IRE) 11Bg	G Cromwell	K M Donoghue	72	5A50 5K34 1L48			
4	SPILLANE'S TOWER (IRE) 8Bg	J J Mangan	J W Kennedy	72	2P50 9N40 3P38			

**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.

6	17:00 - UNIBET HURDLE (REGISTERED AS THE INTERNATIONAL HURDLE) (GRADE 2) (GBB RACE) (4 years and older) <i>Turf</i>					Stake: R2,858,735 3400m		
1	NEMEAN LION 9Bg	Kerry Lee	C O'Farrell	74.5	0C48 3N34 4W40			
2	SIR GINO (FR) 6Bg	N Henderson	N De Boinville	74.5	1N32 1K32 1K32			
3	THE NEW LION 7Bg	D Skelton	H Skelton	73	1N41 1C42 0N34			
4	BRENTFORD HOPE (GB) 9Bg	Harry Derham	Paul O'Brien	72	6C34 3H32 1H32			

**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.

7	17:35 - PERTEMPS NETWORK CLEEVE HURDLE (GRADE 2) (GBB RACE) (5 years and older) <i>Turf</i>					Stake: R1,600,898 4800m		
1	GOWEL ROAD! 10Bg	N & W Twiston-Davi	S Twiston-Davies	73.5	3C48 7C52 4C40			
2	IMPOSE TOI 8Bg	N Henderson	N De Boinville	73.5	1A50 1N48 1A49			
3	STRONG LEADER! 9Bg	O Murphy	S Bowen	73.5	1W48 2N48 2A49			
4	DODDIETHEGREAT (IRE)! 10Bg	N Henderson	F Gordon	72.5	3W48 4N48 5A49			
5	KAMSINAS (FR) 9Bg	F O'Brien	L Harrison	71	2L48 2S48 5C40			
6	MA SHANTOU (IRE) 7Bg	E Lavelle	B R Jones	71	1C48 0H48 1C48			

**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.

8	18:10 - AIS NOVICES' HURDLE (GRADE 2) (REGISTERED AS THE CLASSIC NOVICES' HURDLE) (GBB RACE) (4 years and older) <i>Turf</i>					Stake: R1,829,598 4000m		
1	ACT OF INNOCENCE (IRE) 6Bg	N Henderson	N De Boinville	72.5	1T33 1N32 2N32			
2	ADONEDEAL (IRE)% 6Bg	O Murphy	G Sheehan	72.5	1S32 1P32			
3	FORTUNE TIMMY (IRE) 6Bg	C Gordon	F Gordon	72.5	1F38 3K32 1F36			
4	HEADS UP (NZ) 6Bg	J Mcconnell	D Mullins	72.5	2C32 1L32 2C42			
5	KRIPTICJIM (FR) 6Bg	J Tizzard	B J Powell	72.5	2C39 1A38 1N41			
6	OPEN SECRET 5Bg	G Elliott	J W Kennedy	72.5	4N42 2W40 1N38			
7	TAURUS BAY (IRE) 5Bg	B Pauling	B R Jones	72.5	1S32 1A34			
8	THE BLUE ROOM (IRE) 6Brg	O Murphy	S Bowen	72.5	1F32 1C32 2S40			

**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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