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Steel Plate And Sections Novices' Chase (Class 2) (4YO plus)

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT QUADPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1	***	1265P-1	COUNT MERIBEL 12 D ch g Three Valleys - Bakhtawar	6 11 - 7	M D Grant N A Twiston-Davies	143
2		74/16-13	GRAASTEN (GER) 20 ch g Sholokhov - Golden Time	6 11 - 7	Joshua Moore G L Moore	132
3		110P0-1	JENKINS (IRE) 39 b g Azamour - Aladiyna	6 11 - 7	David Bass N J Henderson	-
4		52015-1	LE BREUIL (FR) 12 D ch g Anzillero - Slew Dancer	6 11 - 7	D A Jacob Ben Pauling	142
5		42F111/	JERRYSBACK (IRE) 633 D b g Jeremy - Get A Few Bob Back	6 11 - 2	B J Geraghty P J Hobbs	-
6		1/1112P -	MR WHIPPED (IRE) 245 br g Beneficial - Dyrick Daybreak	5 11 - 2	J McGrath N J Henderson	-
7		5F/1117 -	WHITE MOON (GER) 343 gr g Sholokhov - Westalin	6 11 - 2t	R M Power C L Tizzard	-

ATR VERDICT: A contest that has gone to some top-class individuals over the years with Denman (2006) and Taquin Du Seuil (2013) two examples of those going on to win in novice company at the Festival here. Nicky Henderson throws two darts with Jenkins, winner of a two-runner contest at Stratford when beating a vastly-inferior rival, and Grade 2-winning novice hurdler MR WHIPPED. The latter gets the vote as he looked a work in progress all through last season and yet he managed to win the Learnington at Warwick despite his inexperience. Although he was pulled up in the Albert Bartlett, the son of Beneficial shaped well for the majority of the contest and was wisely spared a slog up the hill when his chance was gone. His trainer has a strong team of novice chasers and it would be a surprise if he couldn't make his mark in this sphere. Jerrysback went unbeaten in two novices hurdles in 2017 for Philip Hobbs and is a fascinating contender returning from a lengthy absence, while White Moon had excuses for a poor effort behind On The Blind Side at Sandown last December and comes from a stable currently in excellent form.

Top Tip: MR WHIPPED (6)

Watch out for: JERRYSBACK (5)





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