

(R1) 11:55 AINTREE, 2m 209y
Betway Heed Your Hunch Novices' Hurdle (Class 3) (4YO plus)
TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		2-11422	CAUSE TOUJOURS (FR) 14 C b g Khalkevi - Viana	6 11 - 8t	Edward Austin (7) Ian Williams	132
2		23-1	ELDORADO ALLEN (FR) 27 gr g Khalkevi - Hesmeralda	4 11 - 4	T J O'Brien C L Tizzard	-
3		F2-	CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY (IRE) 224 b g Shantou - Spanker	4 10 - 12	James Bowen N J Henderson	-
4			THE GRAND VISIR b g Frankel - Piping	4 10 - 12	T Scudamore Ian Williams	-
5		825-560	WEST TO THE BRIDGE (IRE) 8 b g Flemensfirth - Godlylady	5 10 - 12ht	Harry Skelton D Skelton	-
6		0	BONBONNIERE 9 br f Martaline - La Bombonera	4 10 - 5	Conor Shoemark D Skelton	-

ATR VERDICT: ELDORADO ALLEN created a big impression when winning on his UK debut at Sandown last month when beating Sevarano by four-and-a-half lengths. He showed a decent turn of foot on that occasion and connections will be hoping he can strike under a penalty with the Tolworth, back at Sandown, the first big target. Champagne Mystery finished second on his most recent start in a point-to-point and subsequently cost 68,000 pounds, while The Grand Visir is an interesting recruit to the National Hunt sphere on his first start for Ian Williams.

Top Tip: ELDORADO ALLEN (2)

Watch out for: CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY (3)

AT THE RACES
(R2) 12:25 AINTREE, 2m 3f 200y
Betway Handicap Chase (Class 3) (4YO plus)
TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		36517-2	CHEF D'EQUIPE (FR) 30 D b g Presenting - Millesimee	6 11 - 12h	Mr D Maxwell (5) P J Hobbs	135
2		109P-82	BALLYHILL (FR) 24 b g Al Namix - Laly Light	7 11 - 11	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	134
3		443111-	GRANVILLE ISLAND (IRE) 274 D b g Flemensfirth - Fox Glen	11 11 - 9	Sean Quinlan J Candlish	132
4		05126-U	CREEP DESBOIS (FR) 25 b g Great Pretender - Brigade Mondaine	6 11 - 8	Thomas Bellamy Ben Pauling	131
5		15582-9	CAVE TOP (IRE) 51 D b g Court Cave - Cyrils Top Girl	6 11 - 6	Harry Skelton Oliver Greenall	129
6		6-0421F	CALTEX (FR) 84 bl g Network - Qomposita	6 11 - 4	J McGrath Henry Oliver	127
7		P7311-3	LORD BRYAN (IRE) 202 b g Brian Boru - Run Cat	7 11 - 3t	Sean Bowen P Bowen	126
8		26F-446	KATACHENKO (IRE) 35 C D b g Kutub - Karalee	9 11 - 2b1	B S Hughes D McCain Jnr	125
9		312P05	BESTWORK (FR) 12 D bl g Network - Harmony	7 11 - 1	J J Burke C E Longsdon	124
10		021144	A PLACE APART (IRE) 8 b g Power - Simadartha	4 10 - 6	James Bowen G P Cromwell	122

ATR VERDICT: CHEF D'EQUIPE showed plenty of encouragement on his return in a competitive event at Newbury when runner-up to Siruh Du Lac and this heavy-ground winner looks capable of further improvement. Ballyhill ran a much better race over hurdles at Bangor last month and is considered back over fences with underfoot conditions in his favour, while a pair of blinkers could see improvement from Katachenko.

Top Tip: CHEF D'EQUIPE (1)

Watch out for: BALLYHILL (2)

AT THE RACES

(R3) 13:00 AINTREE, 2m 4f

Merseyrail Handicap Hurdle (Class 2) (4YO plus)

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT QUADPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		280-569	CH'TIBELLO (FR) 14 b g Sageburg - Neicha	7 11 - 12	Conor Shoemark D Skelton	143
2		2U71-20	MIDNIGHT SHADOW 20 b g Midnight Legend - Holy Smoke	5 11 - 10	Danny Cook Mrs S J Smith	141
3		123121-	TAWSEEF (IRE) 358 b g Monsun - Sahool	10 11 - 6	Miss A McCain (7) D McCain Jnr	137
4		53F/0P5 -	JETSTREAM JACK (IRE) 227 D b g Beneficial - Westgrove Berry	8 11 - 4t	J W Kennedy Olly Murphy	135
5		U4-01F1	NOTWHATIAM (IRE) 13 D b g Morozov - Riverfort	8 11 - 4t	Harry Skelton D Skelton	135
6		21/332-9	DUBAI ANGEL (IRE) 34 b g Dubai Destination - Just Another Penny	7 11 - 1	Henry Brooke Ruth Jefferson	132
7		231120/	RAINBOW DREAMER 633 (536F) b g Aqlaam - Zamhrear	5 10 - 10	Wayne Hutchinson A King	127
8		22F01-U	JET SET (IRE) 14 BF b m Getaway - Lavender Track	6 10 - 8t	J J Burke C E Longsdon	125
9		14F-325	UPTOWN FUNK (IRE) 112 b g Galileo - All's Forgotten	4 10 - 6	Callum Bewley K Dalgleish	123
10		134F26/	FAITHFUL MOUNT 735 (56F) b g Shirocco - Lady Lindsay	9 10 - 5p	T J O'Brien Ian Williams	122
11		12U20-2	MAHLERVOUS (IRE) 21 b g Mahler - Brook Style	5 10 - 5	Sean Bowen W Greatrex	122

ATR VERDICT: Midnight Shadow was disappointing in the Greatwood when finishing down the field behind Nietzsche but can bounce back to form with the step up in trip likely to suit Sue Smith's gelding. Dubai Angel looks likely to improve from his first outing of the season at Carlisle having shown good form throughout last season. Preference, however, goes to MAHLERVOUS on the evidence of his second to the well-handicapped Speedo Boy at Cheltenham last month and he can handle a 3lb rise in the ratings.

Top Tip: MAHLERVOUS (11)

Watch out for: MIDNIGHT SHADOW (2)

AT THE RACES



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(R4) 13:30 AINTREE, 3m 1f 188y

Becher Handicap Chase (Grade 3) (National Course) (Class 1) (6YO plus)

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT QUADPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		323P23/	DON POLI (IRE) 664 C BF b g Poliglote - Dalamine	9 11 - 12	J W Kennedy G Elliott	160
2		4/212BP -	BLAKLION 224 CD BF b g Kayf Tara - Franciscaine	9 11 - 10	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	158
3		124142-	BALLYOPTIC (IRE) 231 C b g Old Vic - Lambourne Lace	8 11 - 7	Thomas Bellamy N A Twiston-Davies	155
4		P54136/	NOBLE ENDEAVOR (IRE) 600 b g Flomensfirth - Old Moon	9 11 - 4	K M Donoghue G Elliott	152
5		11043-1	PRESENT MAN (IRE) 28 b g Presenting - Glen's Gale	8 11 - 3t	Bryony Frost P F Nicholls	151
6		92P01-4	ULTRAGOLD (FR) 42 C b g Kapparde - Hot D'or	10 11 - 0t	T J O'Brien C L Tizzard	148
7		P6321P-	MISSED APPROACH (IRE) 224 D b g Golan - Polly's Dream	8 10 - 12b	Mr S Waley-Cohen (3) W Greatrex	146
8		16/4749-	VIEUX LION ROUGE (FR) 238 CD ch g Sabiango - Indecise	9 10 - 12tp	T Scudamore D Pipe	146
9		24P100/	JUST A PAR (IRE) 588 D b g Island House - Thebrownhen	11 10 - 12b	Sean Quinlan James Moffatt	146
10		11131-0	CROSSHUE BOY (IRE) 41 b g Brian Boru - Gluais Linn	8 10 - 10t	D J Mullins Sean Doyle	144
11		2110-06	REGAL FLOW 24 b g Erhaab - Flow	11 10 - 6	James Bowen R H Buckler	140
12		7/513P- 3	WALK IN THE MILL (FR) 22 b g Walk In The Park - Libre amour	8 10 - 3	James Best Robert Walford	137
13		1437-70	CALL IT MAGIC (IRE) 87 ch g Indian River - Luas Luso	8 10 - 1b	M A Enright Ross O'sullivan	135
14		1P2P/3P -	HIGHLAND LODGE (IRE) 322 CD b g Flomensfirth - Supreme Von Pres	12 10 - 1p	Henry Brooke James Moffatt	135
15		U42B0-9	FINE THEATRE (IRE) 41 b g King's Theatre - Finemar Lady	8 10 - 0bt	J J Burke P Nolan	134
16		98U10-0	MUSTMEETALADY (IRE) 217 b g Mustameet - Ladymcgrath	8 10 - 0	R P McLernon Jonjo O'Neill	134
17		14553P-	FEDERICI 269 b g Overbury - Vado Via	9 10 - 0p	B S Hughes D McCain Jnr	134

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P53-544

DARE TO ENDEAVOUR 32
b g Alfira - Miss Chinchilla

11 10 - 0t


A W Short (3)
P Griffin

134

Long Handicap: Fine Theatre 9 - 12, Mustmeetaldy 9 - 10, Federici 9 - 10, Dare To Endeavour 8 - 11

ATR VERDICT: Nigel Twiston-Davies has a superb record in what is considered one of the best Grand National trials of the season, with six victories since its inception in 1992 including the likes of Young Hustler (1995) and Grand National winner Earth Summit (1998). Both of them carried big weights to success and the Nauntun handler has two big chances near the head of the weights to add to his illustrious record with last year's winner, Blaklion, and Scottish National runner-up Ballyoptic. Preference of that pair goes to the latter as he possesses top-class novice chase form from last season and looks an ideal type for a race of this nature. Gordon Elliott sends Don Poli and Noble Endeavor over the Irish Sea after lengthy absences. That pair are fascinating additions to the field and both could potentially return for the big one in April. Ultragold and Highland Lodge both warrant respect with their valuable course form, but a newcomer over the fences in **CROSSHUE BOY** makes plenty of appeal. Sean Doyle's gelding turned a corner at the back end of last season, with a third in a competitive novice handicap chase over an extended 2m at Fairyhouse followed up by a victory at Ayr over 3m. The son of Brian Boru beat the Ladbrokes Trophy third, Dingo Dollar, on that occasion and is unexposed over staying distances, which could yield further improvement. He was in clear need of his first outing of the season at Galway and has the assistance of David Mullins, who has a fine record over the fences in his relatively short riding career.

Top Tip: CROSSHUE BOY (10)
Watch out for: BALLYOPTIC (3)





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(R5) 14:05 AINTREE, 3m 210y
Betway Many Clouds Chase (Grade 2) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

TRIFECTA

JACKPOT 6


PLACEPOT

QUADPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		3116U-1	DEFINITLY RED (IRE) 35 CD ch g Definite Article - The Red Wench	9 11 - 6	Danny Cook B Ellison	164
2		U213-14	ACDC (IRE) 35 BF b g King's Theatre - Always Alert	8 11 - 0ht	Mr L Quinlan C Grant	133
3		22274-F	DOUBLE SHUFFLE (IRE) 35 b g Milan - Fiddlers Bar	8 11 - 0h	J J Burke T R George	162
4		431511/	ONE FOR ARTHUR (IRE) 609 C D b g Milan - Nonnetia	9 11 - 0t	T Scudamore Miss Lucinda V Russell	154

ATR VERDICT: It would be a surprise if DEFINITLY RED couldn't oblige in a contest he landed 12 months ago. Brian Ellison's gelding has won his last three races at this level and, despite having to give weight to all of his rivals, has everything in his favour once again to add to his tally. 2017 Grand National hero One For Arthur returns after 609 days off the track and he could prove best of the remainder, with major doubts about Double Shuffle on the ground.

Top Tip: DEFINITLY RED (1)
Watch out for: ONE FOR ARTHUR (4)





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(R6) 14:40 AINTREE, 2m 209y
Betway Fillies' Juvenile Hurdle (Listed) (Class 1) (3YO only)
TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT QUADPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		462111	CHICA BUENA (IRE) 31 D b f Thewayyouare - Easter Parade	3 10 - 12	B S Hughes K Dalgleish	119
2		1	DANCE TO PARIS 38 b f Champs Elysees - Riabouchinska	3 10 - 12p	T Scudamore Mrs L Wadham	-
3		1	GIVING GLANCES 19 b f Passing Glance - Giving	3 10 - 12	Wayne Hutchinson A King	-
4		96	LADY CAMELOT (IRE) 14 b f Camelot - Queen Jock	3 10 - 12	James Bowen G P Cromwell	-
5		6	LIFFEYDALE DREAMER (IRE) 21 b f Azamour - Owega Dale	3 10 - 12ht1	Sam Twiston-Davies Madeleine Tylicki	-
6			MISS MUMTAZ (IRE) ch f Lope De Vega - Ispanka	3 10 - 12	T J O'Brien Ian Williams	-
7		22121	SMILING ELIZA (IRE) 53 (42F) b f Rock Of Gibraltar - Gift Dancer	3 10 - 12	J W Kennedy G Elliott	120
8		41	TRAVEL LIGHTLY 15 b f Showcasing - Upton Seas	3 10 - 12	C R King T D Easterby	114

ATR VERDICT: GIVING GLANCES couldn't have won any more easily on her hurdling debut at Hereford when barely coming out of first gear to win by 16 lengths. She more than warrants the step up in grade and does have form on soft ground from running on the Flat. Dance To Paris won well on her first try over timber at Fakenham and is respected along with the four-time seeking Chica Buena, who brings solid handicap form to the table.

Top Tip: GIVING GLANCES (3)

Watch out for: DANCE TO PARIS (2)

AT THE RACES
(R7) 15:15 AINTREE, 2m 5f 19y
Betway Grand Sefton Handicap Chase (National Course) (Class 2) (6YO plus)
TRIFECTA SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		5/U22P-4	WARRIORS TALE 28 D b g Midnight Legend - Samandara	9 11 - 12t	Sean Bowen P F Nicholls	147
2		24212-2	CRIEVEHILL (IRE) 76 b g Arcadio - Ma Douce	6 11 - 11	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	146
3		331317	VOIX D'EAU (FR) 41 D b g Voix Du Nord - Eau De Chesne	8 11 - 10tp	Callum Bewley Miss Lucinda V Russell	145
4		121U-33	CAPTAIN REDBEARD (IRE) 14 D BF ch g Bach - Diesel Dancer	9 11 - 9	Sam Coltherd (5) W Coltherd	144
5		21421-1	CATAMARAN DU SEUIL (FR) 21 D b g Network - Fleur Du Tennis	6 11 - 7b	B S Hughes Dr R D P Newland	142
6		7-211P7	MORE BUCK'S (IRE) 15 D ch g Presenting - Buck's Blue	8 11 - 2t	James Bowen P Bowen	137
7		892P-37	SHANAHAN'S TURN (IRE) 22 b g Indian Danehill - Chanson Indienne	10 11 - 0t	T Scudamore C L Tizzard	135
8		236254-	KILCREA VALE (IRE) 239 b g Beneficial - Inflation	8 11 - 0	J McGrath N J Henderson	135
9		3/111P-1	FOREST DES AIGLES (FR) 35 D b g Balko - Rose des Aigles	7 10 - 13t	Henry Brooke Miss Lucinda V Russell	134
10		23204-5	BRANDON HILL (IRE) 41 b g Beneficial - Annesbanker	10 10 - 9	P J Brennan T R George	130
11		131/714-	TIQUER (FR) 226 BF b g Equerry - Tirena	10 10 - 9	T J O'Brien A E Jones	130

ATR VERDICT: Paul Nicholls has a fine recent record in this contest having won it twice in the last five years and his WARRIORS TALE makes plenty of appeal. He tends to need his first run of the season, which came here over the Mildmay course last month, shaping with plenty of encouragement when fourth to War Sound. His form last season is rock solid, including a second to Gold Present at Newbury over 2m6f and another runner-up finish in the Skybet Chase at Doncaster, and wasn't disgraced in the Grand National when pulled up having failed to see out the trip. Shanahan's Turn (second) and Kilcrea Vale (fourth) chased home Ultragold in the Topham over C&D and the pair have solid credentials once again having acquitted themselves well over these obstacles, while Forest Des Aigles and Catamaran Du Seuil are two interesting contenders who shape as though the demands of Aintree will play to their strengths.

Top Tip: WARRIORS TALE (1)

Watch out for: SHANAHAN'S TURN (7)



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