







(R1) 12:30 ASCOT, 2m 3f 58y

Thames Materials Novices' Hurdle (Class 2) (5YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT

| No | Silk | Form | Horse Details | Age/Wt | Jockey/Trainer | OR |
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| 1 |  | 06-3341 | DASHEL DRASHER 40 D b g Passing Glance - So Long | 6 11 - 5 | Kieron Edgar J Scott | 133 |
| 2 |  | 11 | DEISE ABA (IRE) 87 D b g Mahler - Kit Massini | 6 11 - 5h | R Johnson P J Hobbs | - |
| 3 |  | 1-12 | I CAN'T EXPLAIN (IRE) 46 BF b g Getaway - Dr Sandra | 6 11 - 5 | Nico de Boinville N J Henderson | 143 |
| 4 |  | 3-13 | RUSSIAN HAWK 28 b g Malinas - Sparrow Hawk | 5 11 - 5 | R M Power C L Tizzard | 132 |
| 5 |  | P5PPU | DU CHATELIER (FR) 37 ch g Network - Elza III | 6 11 - 0 | J M Davies D Flood | - |
| 6 |  | 332-P | IMPERIAL KNIGHT (IRE) 52 b g Mahler - And Whatever Else | 7 11 - 0 | David Bass Ben Pauling | - |

ATR VERDICT: DEISE ABA's victory over Queenohearts was paid a handsome compliment when the latter scored at Haydock in December, and Philip Hobbs' charge can strike again despite an 87-day absence. The six-year-old is preferred to I Can't Explain, who won well on debut for Nicky Henderson but was stuffed at Cheltenham on New Year's Day and has a bit of a point to prove now. Russian Hawk found two good horses too hot to handle over 2m6f here last time but clearly possesses plenty of ability.

Top Tip: DEISE ABA (2)

Watch out for: I CAN'T EXPLAIN (3)