

(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
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 - Sparron 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)



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(R2) 13:00 ASCOT, 2m 3f 58y

Ascot Supports Berkshire Community Foundation Handicap Hurdle (Class 2)

(4YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		4P-3P41	BALLYANDY 21 b g Kayf Tara - Megalex	8 11 - 12	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	148
2		422110/	MASTER BLUEYES (IRE) 701 gr g Mastercraftsman - Miss Blueyes	6 11 - 9	Wayne Hutchinson A King	145
3		8115/1-P	BRIO CONTI (FR) 14 D gr g Dom Alco - Cadoulie Wood	8 11 - 5	Bryony Frost P F Nicholls	141
4		23P-702	AIR HORSE ONE 28 CD gr g Mountain High - Whisky Rose	8 11 - 4	Kieron Edgar (3) Harry Fry	140
5		2218-FF	MALAYA (FR) 51 C b m Martaline - Clarte D'or	5 11 - 1	H Cobden P F Nicholls	137
6		127-901	SUSSEX RANGER (USA) 52 b g Hat Trick - Purple	5 11 - 0b1	J E Moore G L Moore	136
7		342315	DARLING MALTAIX (FR) 35 C b g Voix Du Nord - Rosalie Malta	6 10 - 10h	Lorcan Williams (5) P F Nicholls	132
8		1-45U1	UMNDENI (FR) 20 D b g Balko - Marie Royale	5 10 - 8	R Johnson P J Hobbs	130
9		6235-11	CLOUDY GLEN (IRE) 40 D b g Cloudings - Ribble	6 10 - 5	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	127
10		55-6425	HONEST VIC (IRE) 30 BF b g Kalanisi - Miss Vic Lovin	6 10 - 0v1	Richard Patrick (3) H D Daly	122
11		P31122	TIGHT CALL (IRE) 42 ch g Mahler - Victory Anthem	5 10 - 0	Alan Johns Tim Vaughan	122

Long Handicap: Honest Vic 9 - 13, Tight Call 9 - 12

ATR VERDICT: Ballyandy did it well at Uttoxeter last time and clearly handles the burden of top-weight well, while Cloudy Glen is chasing a hat-trick for Venetia Williams but has an extra 12lb to handle now. Darling Maltaix can be an awkward ride and needs to be delivered on the line, and his stablemate BRIO CONTI makes some appeal at the current prices. Fully entitled to need the run after a 15-month absence at Sandown two weeks ago, the eight-year-old remains unexposed and looked classy in 2017 when winning the Silver Plate at Kempton and finishing fifth in a Grade 1 at Aintree.






Top Tip: BRIO CONTI (3)

Watch out for: CLOUDY GLEN (9)



(R3) 13:35 ASCOT, 2m 7f 180y**Sodexo Reynoldstown Novices' Chase (Grade 2) (Class 1) (5YO plus)**

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT QUADPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		216-113	COUP DE PINCEAU (FR) 63 C D b g Buck's Boum - Castagnette Iii	7 11 - 3	H Cobden P F Nicholls	139
2		320-131	MISTER MALARKY 31 ch g Malinas - Priscilla	6 11 - 0	R M Power C L Tizzard	142
3		12-2U21	NOW MCGINTY (IRE) 29 D b g Stowaway - Western Whisper	8 11 - 0p	R Johnson Stuart Edmunds	142
4		PF8F-11	TOP VILLE BEN (IRE) 51 D b g Beneficial - Great Decision	7 11 - 0h	Sean Quinlan P A Kirby	150
5		111-21F	YALLTARI 27 D BF gr g Kayf Tara - Lily Grey	8 11 - 0	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	147

ATR VERDICT: TOP VILLE BEN demolished the field at Wetherby over Christmas and this seven-year-old seems to have rediscovered his form since beginning a chasing career for Phil Kirby. The smart front-runner could have his own way of things again here and he can account for Now Mcginty, who is an excellent jumper and should give the selection plenty to think about following his Chepstow success four weeks ago. Yalltari fell at the first fence at Exeter last time but previously looked progressive and cannot be written off just yet.

Top Tip: TOP VILLE BEN (4)

Watch out for: NOW MCGINTY (3)

(R4) 14:10 ASCOT, 2m 7f 180y

Keltbray Swinley Chase (Limited Handicap) (Listed) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT QUADPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		23/PP-3U	CONEYGREE 52 D b g Karinga Bay - Plaid Maid	12 11 - 10t	Nico de Boinville M Bradstock	159
2		154-2P2	BLACK CORTON (FR) 35 CD br g Laverock - Pour Le Meilleur	8 11 - 6t	Bryony Frost P F Nicholls	155
3		03P1P-6	REGAL ENCORE (IRE) 98 CD b g King's Theatre - Go On Eileen	11 11 - 3	R P McLernon A J Honeyball	152
4		42-7285	ART MAURESQUE (FR) 21 b g Policy Maker - Modeva	9 11 - 1	Lorcan Williams (5) P F Nicholls	150
5		21610-7	SMOOTH STEPPER 74 b g Alflora - Jazzy Refrain	10 10 - 9	Wayne Hutchinson A M Hales	144
6		1-U5U13	CALIPTO (FR) 21 b g Califet - Peutiot	9 10 - 8	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	143
7		212-266	CRIEVEHILL (IRE) 52 b g Arcadio - Ma Douce	7 10 - 8	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	143
8		F15-314	REIKERS ISLAND (IRE) 49 D BF b g Yeats - Moricana	6 10 - 5	R Johnson P J Hobbs	140

ATR VERDICT: Coneygree has failed to complete on three of his last four starts, though he did show glimpses of promise with a game effort at Cheltenham when third in November behind Rock The Kasbah. Calipto was third in the Sky Bet Chase last time but needs to reduce his jumping errors, and this can go to BLACK CORTON, who was a brave second to Top Notch at Kempton last time and should relish this step up to 3m. Reikers Island was probably set for victory at Newbury in December before making a meal of the last, and should be involved in the latter stages once more.

Top Tip: BLACK CORTON (2)

Watch out for: REIKERS ISLAND (8)

(R5) 14:45 ASCOT, 2m 7f 180y

Betfair Denman Chase (Grade 2) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT QUADPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		2123-41	CLAN DES OBEAUX (FR) 52 D b g Kapgarde - Nausicaa Des Obeaux	7 11 - 6	H Cobden P F Nicholls	173
2		P-82133	BALLYHILL (FR) 21 b g Al Namix - Laly Light	8 11 - 4	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	143
3		11-2P8P	THOMAS PATRICK (IRE) 28 D b g Winged Love - Huncheon Siss	7 11 - 4	R Johnson Tom Lacey	145
4		1121-43	TERREFORT (FR) 21 gr g Martaline - Vie De Reine	6 11 - 3	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	159

ATR VERDICT: CLAN DES OBEAUX was well-held on his reappearance when fourth in the Betfair Chase but improved markedly to win the King George next time out and take his form to an all new level. Paul Nicholls' live Cheltenham Gold Cup contender is expected to justify favouritism on these terms and see off a potential challenge from Terrefort, who was a dual Grade 1 winner as a novice last term. Both Thomas Patrick and Ballyhill would be surprise winners on these terms.

Top Tip: CLAN DES OBEAUX (1)

Watch out for: TERREFORT (4)

(R6) 15:20 ASCOT, 1m 7f 152y

Betfair Hurdle (Grade 3 Handicap) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT QUADPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		13F-122	LISP (IRE) 56 D ch g Poet's Voice - Hora	5 11 - 12	Wayne Hutchinson A King	145
2		414-230	MONT DES AVALOIRS (FR) 56 D BF b g Blue Bresil - Abu Dhabi	6 11 - 9	Lorcan Williams (5) P F Nicholls	142
3		46-4112	GETAWAY TRUMP (IRE) 49 b g Getaway - Acinorev	6 11 - 9	H Cobden P F Nicholls	142
4		314-111	AL DANCER (FR) 64 D gr g Al Namix - Steel Dancer	6 11 - 8h	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	141
5		111-232	BLU CAVALIER 46 D BF b g Kayf Tara - Blue Ride	9 11 - 7	Jonjo O'Neill Jr. (5) Ali Stronge	140
6		110-115	DIDTHEYLEAVEUOUTTO (IRE) 52 CD ch g Presenting - Pretty Puttens	6 11 - 6	W T Kennedy N J Gifford	139
7		461018	EQUUS AMADEUS (IRE) 21 b g Beat Hollow - Charade	6 11 - 4	Stan Sheppard (3) Tom Lacey	137
8		21P-230	DISTINGO (IRE) 51 (38F) D b g Smart Strike - Distinctive Look	6 11 - 2p	Joshua Moore G L Moore	135
9		6181	ZANZA (IRE) 48 D b g Arcadio - What A Bleu	5 11 - 2	R Johnson P J Hobbs	135
10		680-011	WILLIAM H BONNEY 69 D b g Midnight Legend - Calamintha	8 11 - 0	Tom Cannon A King	133
11		5222	NORDIC COMBINED (IRE) 33 BF b g Haafhd - Chilly Filly	5 11 - 0v1	Bryony Frost D Pipe	133
12		F0-9311	AR MEST (FR) (EX5) 31 D bl g Diamond Boy - Shabada	6 10 - 7	J E Moore G L Moore	126
13		1-26572	MAGIC DANCER 35 D b g Norse Dancer - King's Siren	7 10 - 6tp	Richard Patrick (3) Miss Kerry Lee	125
14		13-1226	NELSON'S TOUCH 21 D gr g Mount Nelson - Lady Friend	6 10 - 6	J McGrath J W Mullins	125

ATR VERDICT: If this contest has been run at its traditional home, Newbury, then ante-post favourite Al Dancer, an impressive winner at Cheltenham last time out, would have been the one to be on, though the switch to this alternative venue opens up the possibility of DIDTHEYLEAVEUOUTTO landing an opportunistic victory. Nick Gifford's smooth-travelling six-year-old won a Listed bumper here in 2017 and struck over C&D in November on good ground. He needs to leave behind a wayward effort at Kempton on Boxing Day but conditions that day may not have suited and he looks an interesting contender against the market leaders now back on his old stomping ground. Getaway Trump travelled strongly over 2m1f at Exeter in December and could also take a hand now dropping back in trip on the back of picking up the silver medal in the Challow.

Top Tip: DIDTHEYLEAVEUOUTTO (6)

Watch out for: AL DANCER (4)

(R7) 15:55 ASCOT, 2m 5f 8y

Betfair Ascot Chase (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

TRIFECTA

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		434/5-11	ASO (FR) 46 D b g Goldneyev - Odyssee Du Cellier	9 11 - 7	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	163
2		F-31213	CHARBEL (IRE) 35 b g Ifraaj - Eoz	8 11 - 7p	David Bass K C Bailey	161
3		214-371	CYRNAME (FR) 28 CD b g Nickname - Narquille	7 11 - 7t	H Cobden P F Nicholls	165
4		11/12P-2	FOX NORTON (FR) 28 b g Lando - Natt Musik	9 11 - 7	R M Power C L Tizzard	166
5		1241-14	POLITOLOGUE (FR) 52 CD gr g Poliglote - Scarlet Row	8 11 - 7t	Sam Twiston-Davies P F Nicholls	168
6		11/111-U	WAITING PATIENTLY (IRE) 52 CD b g Flemensfirth - Rossavon	8 11 - 7	B S Hughes Ruth Jefferson	170

ATR VERDICT: WAITING PATIENTLY ran out an impressive winner of this race 12 months ago and, although luckless in the King George subsequently (badly hampered and unseated Brian Hughes at the ninth), everything looks in the place for him to run another massive race. Politologue possibly didn't quite see out the 3m trip in the King George (finishing fourth) and will be much happier cutting back to a distance over which he edged out Charbel in the Grade 2 Christy 1965 Chase here two runs ago. Aso and Cyrname should ensure that there is a good gallop, while Fox Norton is respected following his pleasing reappearance behind the mighty Altior in the Clarence House.

Top Tip: WAITING PATIENTLY (6)
Watch out for: POLITOLOGUE (5)



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(R8) 16:30 ASCOT, 2m 7f 118y

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TRIFECTA

SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		F5-1211	TRIXSTER (IRE) 34 D b g Beneficial - Our Trick	6 11 - 12	Mr C Price (7) Tim Vaughan	125
2		33-1285	LYGON ROCK (IRE) 64 b g Robin Des Champs - Cute Lass	6 11 - 11p1	R Johnson H D Daly	124
3		1PP-B06	LANDIN (GER) 83 b g Sir percy - Lupita	6 11 - 11	J McGrath J W Mullins	124
4		135883	JEANNOT DE NONANT (FR) 37 D BF ch g Full Of Gold - Jolie Puce	7 11 - 11p	J E Moore P Bowen	124
5		406111	DAYDREAM AULMES (FR) 22 b g Linda's Lad - My Wish Aulmes	6 11 - 10	Sam Twiston-Davies G P Mcpherson	123
6		72-1517	POTTERS HEDGER 22 b g Midnight Legend - Loose Morals	7 11 - 10p	Jack Quinlan Mrs L Wadham	123
7		13-310	WORTHY FARM (IRE) 64 D BF b g Beneficial - Muckle Flugga	6 11 - 10	H Cobden P F Nicholls	123
8		U2/21-24	ANOTHER EMOTION (FR) 51 gr g Turgeon - Line Perle	7 11 - 9p1	Wayne Hutchinson W Greatrex	122
9		34/011-5	BILLINGSLEY (IRE) 73 BF b g Millenary - Retain That Magic	7 11 - 9	Lee Edwards A Ralph	122
10		3141-43	LOOKS LIKE POWER (IRE) 51 D ch g Spadoun - Martovic	9 11 - 9ht	Stan Sheppard (3) Mrs D A Hamer	122
11		2123U6	EXITAS (IRE) 42 C b g Exit To Nowhere - Suntas	11 11 - 9	Mr Luca Morgan (7) P W Middleton	122
12		4F26/58	FAITHFUL MOUNT 52 b g Shirocco - Lady Lindsay	10 11 - 4p	Edward Austin (7) Ian Williams	117
13		2-421	MODERN WARFAIR (IRE) 22 D b g Well Chosen - Brooklyn Brook	5 11 - 4	Alan Johns Tim Vaughan	117
14		531-P22	JULLY LES BUXY 63 b m Black Sam Bellamy - Jadidh	9 10 - 11vt	David Bass Keiran Burke	110
15		43/P471-	THE WAY YOU DANCE (IRE) 472 (28F) b g Thewayyouare - Beautiful Dancer	7 10 - 11v	Harry Reed (3) N P Mulholland	110
16		5559-20	IRISH PRINCE (IRE) 65 b g Presenting - Court Leader	6 10 - 5b	Bryony Frost D Pipe	104

ATR VERDICT: Tim Vaughan has a pair of interesting runners in top weight Trixster, who has won three out of his last four over timber, and Modern Warfair, who struck when switched to handicap company at Doncaster last time. Both have to be considered, as does recent Hereford runner-up Jully Les Buxy, but preference is for EXITAS. Rated 142 over fences after winning easily at Aintree in October, Phil Middleton's charge has been running respectably over the larger obstacles since that success and competes off 20lb lower over timber. Another Emotion has been running well in decent races of late and is another to note.

Top Tip: EXITAS (11)

Watch out for: MODERN WARFAIR (13)

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(R9) 17:00 ASCOT, 1m 7f 152y

British EBF Mares' Standard Open NH Flat Race (Class 4) (4YO to 6YO)

TRIFECTA

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		113	SILVER FOREVER (IRE) 69 D BF gr m Jeremy - Silver Prayer	5 11 - 6	H Cobden P F Nicholls	-
2		11	SUBWAY SURF (IRE) 44 D b m Milan - Dante Rouge	5 11 - 6	David Bass K C Bailey	-
3		44	DEADRINGERFORLOVE 80 BF b m Black Sam Bellamy - La Perrotine	5 11 - 2	R Johnson Harry Fry	-
4		10	DEPUTY'S OSCAR (IRE) 47 b m Oscar - Shesourpresent	6 11 - 2	Joshua Moore Stuart Edmunds	-
5		25-	EASTER GOLD (FR) 296 b m Kapparde - Une Dame D'or	5 11 - 2	Maxime Tissier (5) Mrs L Wadham	-
6		63	FLOW AWAY (IRE) 47 br m Stowaway - Water Rock	5 11 - 2	Sam Twiston-Davies A M Hales	-
7		0	MICK MONA (FR) 73 ro m Blue Bresil - Mick Toscane	5 11 - 2	Lee Edwards A Ralph	-
8			MYSTIC DREAMER (IRE) b m Sans Frontieres - Free Dreamer	5 11 - 2	W T Kennedy N J Gifford	-
9			SANDYMOUNT ROSE (IRE) b m Yeats - Ma Furie	5 11 - 2	Harry Reed (3) N P Mulholland	-
10			STRIKE THE FLINT b m Shirocco - Material World	5 11 - 2	R P McLernon Miss S Smith	-
11		1	LUNAR BABY (IRE) 87 b f Fame And Glory - Fiddlededee	4 10 - 11	Jonjo O'Neill Jr. (5) Jonjo O'Neill	-
12		02	EYES RIGHT 59 b f Passing Glance - Call Me A Star	4 10 - 7	Wayne Hutchinson A King	-
13			ISOBEL BLEU b f Arvico - Applepie Lady	4 10 - 7	Jack Quinlan James Grassick	-
14			MARIA FRANCESCA (IRE) b f Califet - Miss Kettlewell	4 10 - 7	D Crosse N A Twiston-Davies	-

ATR VERDICT: Silver Forever's winning run came to an end when third in Listed company at Huntingdon having landed a point-to-point and a Chepstow bumper prior to that effort. Paul Nicholls' charge is fancied to run well again, but she has to give lumps of weight to a couple of useful-looking four-year-olds. Lunar Baby ran on well to score at Warwick on debut and should relish the extra furlong or so here, but EYES RIGHT, who was well behind Lunar Baby at Warwick, improved considerably to take second at Newbury last time and appeared to be crying out for this step up in distance. Sandymount Rose has some decent types among her siblings and looks the pick of the newcomers.

Top Tip: EYES RIGHT (12)

Watch out for: LUNAR BABY (11)



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