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Betway Top Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

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No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1	*	213126	ARAMON (GER) 24 D b g Monsun - Aramina	6 11 - 4	R Walsh W P Mullins	152
Jockey Colours: Royal blue, light blue star, white sleeves, royal blue stars, white cap, royal blue star Timeform says: Smart and consistent novice who improved when landing a Leopardstown Grade 1 in December. Just edged out by stablemate Klassical Dream over same C&D next time but put in his place in the Supreme. ***** (Forecast 6.00)						
2	*	175215	FELIX DESJY (FR) 24 D ch g Maresca Sorrento - Lamadoun	6 11 - 4h	J W Kennedy G Elliott	146
Jockey Colours: Maroon, white star, armlets and star on cap Timeform says: Sixth in the Champion Bumper last year and has made up into a useful hurdler, making all dropped back to 2m in Punchestown Grade 2 8 weeks ago. Fifth in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham.						
3	A	2-11123	ITCHY FEET (FR) 24 D b g Cima De Triomphe - Maeva Candas	5 11 - 4	G Sheehan Olly Murphy	150
Jockey Colours: Light blue, red braces, white sleeves, red armlets, light blue and red quartered cap Timeform says: Impressive bumper winner on return then won first 2 starts over hurdles during the autumn. Excellent third in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham and is the one to beat on that evidence.						
4		120-11	PRECIOUS CARGO (IRE) 28 D b g Yeats - Kilbarry Classic	6 11 - 4	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	144
Jockey Colours: Light blue, royal blue hoop, armlets and cap Timeform says: Didn't kick on from a winning bumper debut last term for Lucinda Russell but had a breathing operation in the interim and has looked very good both starts for Nicky Henderson. Deserves shot in this.						
5	A	521211	ROUGE VIF (FR) 34 D b g Sageburg - Rouge Amour	5 11 - 4h	D A Jacob H Whittington	142
Jockey Colours: LIGHT BLUE, RED braces, WHITE sleeves, RED armlets, EMERALD GREEN cap Timeform says: Only Mister Fisher has beaten him over hurdles since he was fitted with a hood and he took a Kelso Grade 2 a shade cosily last month. Uncomplicated ride but this is a step up in class. ****** (Forecast 15.00)						
6		131	SOFIA'S ROCK (FR) 15 D b g Rock Of Gibraltar - Princess Sofia	5 11 - 4t	Non Runner D Skelton	140
Jockey Colours: Red, white sleeves, black stars, white cap Timeform says: Useful on the Flat for Mark Johnston and successful on 2 of 3 starts over hurdles, defying a penalty with ease fitted with a tongue tie at Ludlow. Sights are now raised. ********** (Forecast 15.00)						
7	*** ***	111321	SOUTHFIELD STONE 41 D gr g Fair Mix - Laureldean Belle	6 11 - 4	H Cobden P F Nicholls	148
Jockey Colours: Pink, purple stars, diabolo on sleeves and star on cap Timeform says: Progressive sort who won a bumper and 2 novice hurdles to end 2018 and made the most of his experience when adding to tally in Grade 2 Dovecote Hurdle in February. Races left-handed for first time.						



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WINSTON C (IRE) 13 D

b g Rip Van Winkle - Pitrizza

5 11 - 4

Sean Bowen Harry Fry

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Jockey Colours: Royal blue, yellow stripe, diamonds on sleeves, yellow cap

Timeform says: Fairly useful stayer on Flat and marked improvement by the run over hurdles, strong at the finish when making a successful handicap debut at Kelso recently.

Limit may not have been reached yet. ***** (Forecast 13.00)

TIMEFORM VIEW: ITCHY FEET's third-placed finish in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham is the best form on offer, and assuming all is well with him physically (reportedly bled) he will take some stopping. Aramon was a shade disappointing in that race but his narrow defeat to Klassical Dream reads well, while Precious Cargo is the unknown quantity who deserves a shot at this level.

Timeform 1-2-3:

1: ITCHY FEET (3)

2: ARAMON (1)

3: PRECIOUS CARGO (4)





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