

(R1) 13:45 AINTREE, 2m 4f

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

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		1-47147	MOHAAYED 21 b g Intikhab - Reyaada	7 11 - 12tp	Bridget Andrews D Skelton	153
2		15/1- P14	BRIO CONTI (FR) 23 D gr g Dom Alco - Cadoulie Wood	8 11 - 7	H Cobden P F Nicholls	148
3		251F1/6 -	KOBROUK (FR) 700 b g Saint Des Saints - Kotkira	8 11 - 2	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	143
4	*	123315	CANARDIER (FR) 23 b g Crillon - Idylle du Marais	7 11 - 1h	B J Geraghty Dermot McLoughlin	142
5	*	711160	MISTER FIZZ 21 D b g Sulamani - Court Champagne	11 11 - 0p	Lee Edwards Miss I H Pickard	141
6		161326	STERNRUBIN (GER) 21 b g Authorized - Sworn Mum	8 10 - 13p	R Johnson P J Hobbs	140
7		14-2307	MONT DES AVALOIRS (FR) 48 C b g Blue Bresil - Abu Dhabi	6 10 - 12	Lorcan Williams (5) P F Nicholls	139
8	***	340-F20	KNIGHT IN DUBAI (IRE) 23 b g Dubai Destination - Bobbies Storm	6 10 - 11t	Harry Skelton D Skelton	138
9		1230-2R	MOUNT MEWS (IRE) 21 b g Presenting - Kneeland Lass	8 10 - 10	B S Hughes D McCain Jnr	137
10	1*1	175-259	POINT OF PRINCIPLE (IRE) 69 b g Rip Van Winkle - L'Ancresse	6 10 - 9	Mr C Price (7) Tim Vaughan	136
11		1/6806-0	PROJECT BLUEBOOK (FR) 246 (202F) bl g Sinndar - Apperella	6 10 - 8	M P Walsh J J Quinn	135
12	*	42073U	WAIT FOR ME (FR) 22 D b g Saint Des Saints - Aulne River	9 10 - 7	R Johnson P J Hobbs	134
13		1-11153	PUSH THE TEMPO (IRE) 25 b g Gold Well - Fairpark	6 10 - 6h	T J O'Brien Robert Stephens	133
14	/p+1/°	920-738	THREE MUSKETEERS (IRE) 76 D b g Flemensfirth - Friendly Craic	9 10 - 5p	J W Kennedy G Elliott	132
15		5-41214	BRECON HILL (IRE) 41 b g Arcano - Bryanstown Girl	6 10 - 5t	Sean Bowen Mrs S J Humphrey	132
16		5115-10	JOKE DANCER 13 ch g Authorized - Missy Dancer	6 10 - 5	Danny Cook Mrs S J Smith	132

17	A	7141	ESPRIT DU LARGE (FR) 27 D b g No Risk At All - Tuffslolyloly	5 10 - 5	Adam Wedge Evan Williams	132
18	***	3-4321	TEDHAM 90 b g Shirocco - Alegralil	5 10 - 4	Nick Scholfield Jonjo O'Neill	131
19		261486	ADMIRAL BARRATRY (FR) 27 D b g Soldier of Fortune - Haskilclara	6 10 - 4p1	L P Aspell Mrs L Wadham	131
20	<i>i</i> , ★ ;	21F243	CALTEX (FR) 39 bl g Network - Qomposita	7 10 - 3	J McGrath Henry Oliver	130
21	***	2-22117	DOCTOR DEX (IRE) 21 b g Oscar - Larnalee	6 10 - 0	J J Burke T R George	127
22		3/59-312	LANDSMAN (IRE) 15 D b g Canford Cliffs - Mowaadah	6 10 - Ot	Alan Johns Tim Vaughan	127

ATR VERDICT: Brio Conti travelled like the winner in the Coral Cup at Cheltenham and finished a very creditable fourth, with Canardier half a length behind in fifth. Both warrant respect, but of more interest further down the handicap is ESPRIT DU LARGE, who is unexposed over hurdles after just the three starts and could potentially have enough in hand off a mark of 132 to win a handicap of this nature. He was deemed good enough to run in Grade 2 company at Haydock in January and won effortlessly on his first try over this distance in novice company last time, beating a 130-rated animal by 10 lengths off level weights. Tedham brings a good level of form to the table and is another to take seriously.

Top Tip: ESPRIT DU LARGE (17) **Watch out for:** BRIO CONTI (2)











(R2) 14:20 AINTREE, 2m 103y

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

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT SCOOP 6

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
2	**	175215	FELIX DESJY (FR) 24 D ch g Maresca Sorrento - Lamadoun	6 11 - 4h	J W Kennedy G Elliott	146
3		2-11123	ITCHY FEET (FR) 24 D b g Cima De Triomphe - Maeva Candas	5 11 - 4	G Sheehan Olly Murphy	150
4		120-11	PRECIOUS CARGO (IRE) 28 D b g Yeats - Kilbarry Classic	6 11 - 4	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	144
5		521211	ROUGE VIF (FR) 34 D b g Sageburg - Rouge Amour	5 11 - 4h	D A Jacob H Whittington	142
6		131	SOFIA'S ROCK (FR) 15 D b g Rock Of Gibraltar - Princess Sofia	5 11 - 4t	Non Runner D Skelton	140
7	*** ***	111321	SOUTHFIELD STONE 41 D gr g Fair Mix - Laureldean Belle	6 11 - 4	H Cobden P F Nicholls	148
8		3111	WINSTON C (IRE) 13 D b g Rip Van Winkle - Pitrizza	5 11 - 4	Sean Bowen Harry Fry	142

ATR VERDICT: Itchy Feet will no doubt prove popular following his career-best third in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle, in which he accounted for the reopposing Felix Desjy (fifth) and ARAMON (sixth). This better ground and flatter track should suit the latter much more than the conditions he encountered at Cheltenham, though, and the gut feeling is that Willie Mullins' charge will reverse the form. He got a lot closer to the Supreme winner Klassical Dream in Grade 1 company at Leopardstown on good ground in February and on that form he boasts claims as good as any. Precious Cargo has looked a smart hurdler in two starts for Nicky Henderson and cannot go unconsidered.

Top Tip: ARAMON (1)

Watch out for: ITCHY FEET (3)

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(R3) 14:50 AINTREE, 3m 210y

Betway Mildmay Novices' Chase (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT QUADPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		119-121	CHRIS'S DREAM (IRE) 47 b g Mahler - Janebailey	7 11 - 4	Rachael Blackmore H de Bromhead	147
2		P-31310	CRUCIAL ROLE 24 b g Westerner - The Lyme Volunteer	7 11 - 4	Harry Skelton D Skelton	150
3		217116	DROVERS LANE (IRE) 23 D b g Oscar - Minnie Turbo	7 11 - 4	Sean Bowen Miss R Curtis	150
4		2-23122	LOSTINTRANSLATION (IRE) 22 b g Flemensfirth - Falika	7 11 - 4	R M Power C L Tizzard	157
5		112P-31	MR WHIPPED (IRE) 121 br g Beneficial - Dyrick Daybreak	6 11 - 4p1	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	145
6		412-221	TOPOFTHEGAME (IRE) 23 ch g Flemensfirth - Derry Vale	7 11 - 4t	H Cobden P F Nicholls	163
7		F-115F1	TOP VILLE BEN (IRE) 17 b g Beneficial - Great Decision	7 11 - 4h	Sean Quinlan P A Kirby	147

ATR VERDICT: This race has cut up quite a bit and although it is thought Lostintranslation, second in the JLT Novices' Chase at Cheltenham, will improve for the step up in trip, it is difficult to get away from TOPOFTHEGAME. A maiden over fences going into Cheltenham, his run in the Kauto Star at Kempton over Christmas earned him a crack at the RSA and he improved again to beat Santini and Delta Work in a thriller. Providing that hasn't left a mark, Paul Nicholls' gelding should follow up. Mr Whipped is interesting at the prices in first-time cheekpieces.

Top Tip: TOPOFTHEGAME (6)

Watch out for: LOSTINTRANSLATION (4)













(R4) 15:25 AINTREE, 2m 3f 200y

JLT Chase (Registered As The Melling Chase) (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT QUADPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1	**	333-12P	GOD'S OWN (IRE) 23 CD b g Oscar - Dantes Term	11 11 - 7	P J Brennan T R George	159
2		U1P-714	HELL'S KITCHEN 23 D b g Robin Des Champs - Mille Et Une	8 11 - 7ht	B J Geraghty Harry Fry	158
3		224-115	MIN (FR) 23 D b g Walk In The Park - Phemyka	8 11 - 7	R Walsh W P Mullins	167
4	*	41-1442	POLITOLOGUE (FR) 23 CD gr g Poliglote - Scarlet Row	8 11 - 7ht	H Cobden P F Nicholls	166
5		141-310	TOP NOTCH (FR) 22 D b g Poliglote - Topira	8 11 - 7	D A Jacob N J Henderson	162
6		1/111- U2	WAITING PATIENTLY (IRE) 48 D BF b g Flemensfirth - Rossavon	8 11 - 7p1	B S Hughes Ruth Jefferson	169
7		911125	WOODLAND OPERA (IRE) 18 D br g Robin Des Champs - Opera Hat	9 11 - 7bt	R M Power Mrs J Harrington	154

ATR VERDICT: Politologue got the better of Min in a head-bobber following a fantastic ding-dong up the home straight 12 months ago and Paul Nicholls' grey arrives here on the back of a sterling effort in the Champion Chase when running the mighty Altior close. He returns to what is possibly his ideal trip and is very much expected to confirm form with his old rival from across the Irish Sea, with Willie Mullins' eight-year-old well held at the Cheltenham Festival following a sticky round of jumping. However, they may have to give best to WAITING PATIENTLY, who had no luck at all when brought down in the King George, before bumping into an on-fire Cyrname in the Ascot Chase. Without that runaway winner in the field it would have been back-to-back victories for Ruth Jefferson's son of Flemensfirth in that Ascot feature over 2m5f, and he had Politologue back in fourth on that occasion on ground which was a touch on the quick side for the fragile, yet talented, eight-year-old.

Top Tip: WAITING PATIENTLY (6) **Watch out for:** POLITOLOGUE (4)











(R5) 16:05 AINTREE, 2m 5f 19y

Randox Health Topham Handicap Chase (Grade 3) (National Course) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT QUADPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		111-222	JANIKA (FR) 22 BF b g Saddler Maker - Majaka	6 11 - 12	D A Jacob N J Henderson	162
2	**	4-F252P	DOUBLE SHUFFLE (IRE) 21 b g Milan - Fiddlers Bar	9 11 - 8	J J Burke T R George	158
3	***	11572P	SUB LIEUTENANT (IRE) 22 b g Brian Boru - Satellite Dancer	10 11 - 5t	Rachael Blackmore H de Bromhead	155
4		634601	SAN BENEDETO (FR) 34 C ch g Layman - Cinco Baidy	8 11 - 4tp	Nick Scholfield P F Nicholls	154
5	*	134412	CADMIUM (FR) 18 b g Early March - Mirquille	7 11 - 2	P Townend W P Mullins	152
6		0P3-190	O O SEVEN (IRE) 24 b g Flemensfirth - Kestral Heights	9 11 - 1b	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	151
7		2F-4713	ADRIEN DU PONT (FR) 41 b g Califet - Santariyka	7 11 - 1t	H Cobden P F Nicholls	151
В		123142	PEREGRINE RUN (IRE) 13 D b g King's Theatre - Masriyna's Article	9 11 - 1b	B J Geraghty Peter Fahey	151
9		321266	ACTIVIAL (FR) 24 gr g Lord Du Sud - Kissmirial	9 11 - 0	T Scudamore T R George	150
10		05-6718	MERCIAN PRINCE (IRE) 34 D b g Midnight Legend - Bongo Fury	8 10 - 10	Jack Quinlan Amy Murphy	146
11	**	100901	WOODS WELL (IRE) 33 D ch g Fleetwood - Millbrook Marble	8 10 - 6p	J W Kennedy G Elliott	142
12		80-1714	BORN SURVIVOR (IRE) 94 D b g King's Theatre - Bob's Flame	8 10 - 6	Non Runner D Skelton	142
13	**	821333	BALLYHILL (FR) 48 C D b g Al Namix - Laly Light	8 10 - 6	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	142
14	*	1-6P430	BIGMARTRE (FR) 22 D b g Montmartre - Oh La Miss	8 10 - 6p	L P Aspell H Whittington	142
15		628755	FLYING ANGEL (IRE) 24 C gr g Arcadio - Gypsy Kelly	8 10 - 6vt	Thomas Bellamy N A Twiston-Davies	142
16	A.	22F218	FACT OF THE MATTER (IRE) 23 b g Brian Boru - Womanofthemountain	9 10 - 4tp	G Sheehan Jamie Snowden	140

30		54-3583	KILCREA VALE (IRE) 36 b g Beneficial - Inflation	9 10 - 0p	J McGrath N J Henderson	136
29		641655	BEAU BAY (FR) 27 b g Bernebeau - Slew Bay	8 10 - 0ht	Charlie Deutsch Dr R D P Newland	136
28		1P-1572	FOREST DES AIGLES (FR) 27 D b g Balko - Rose des Aigles	8 10 - Ot	D R Fox Miss Lucinda V Russell	136
27		P7P1P4	MORE BUCK'S (IRE) 28 D ch g Presenting - Buck's Blue	9 10 - Ot	Sean Bowen P Bowen	136
26		136-252	EQUUS SECRETUS (IRE) 33 b g Brian Boru - Bodega Bay	7 10 - 0	J E Moore Ben Pauling	136
25		P2P/3P- F	HIGHLAND LODGE (IRE) 118 C D b g Flemensfirth - Supreme Von Pres	13 10 - 0p	Henry Brooke James Moffatt	136
24		P5-1114	DIMPLE (FR) 41 D gr g Montmartre - Dynella	8 10 - 0	Sean Quinlan A M Thomson	136
23		37-7042	CALL IT MAGIC (IRE) 51 ch g Indian River - Luas Luso	9 10 - 0b	M A Enright Ross O'sullivan	136
22		317750	VOIX D'EAU (FR) 22 D b g Voix Du Nord - Eau De Chesne	9 10 - 0tp	Callum Bewley Miss Lucinda V Russell	136
21		5/112- P0	DIVINE SPEAR (IRE) 62 b g Oscar - Testaway	8 10 - 0	James Bowen N J Henderson	136
20	M	069PU2	HENRYVILLE 21 D b g Generous - Aquavita	11 10 - 0	R T Dunne P Bowen	136
19		216352	INDIAN TEMPLE (IRE) 26 D b g Indian River - Ballycraggan	10 10 - 0p	Harry Reed (3) W T Reed	136
18		4-40703	POLIDAM (FR) 10 b g Trempolino - Eladame	10 10 - 4	D J Mullins W P Mullins	140
17		631230	DOITFORTHEVILLAGE (IRE) 22 b g Turtle Island - Last Chance Lady	10 10 - 4t	T J O'Brien P Henderson	140

Long Handicap: Henryville 9 - 13, Divine Spear 9 - 13, Voix D'eau 9 - 13, Call It Magic 9 - 13, Dimple 9 - 13, Highland Lodge 9 - 13, Equus Secretus 9 - 13, More Buck's 9 - 13, Forest Des Aigles 9 - 11, Beau Bay 9 - 10, Kilcrea Vale 9 - 10

ATR VERDICT: Nicky Henderson has a fantastic record in this race having won it three times since 2013 and a lot of the attention here will go to his Janika, who has finished second on all three outings for the Seven Barrows handler, including in the Plate at the Cheltenham Festival last time. He was handed a 6lb rise in the ratings for that near-miss, which leaves him shouldering top-weight once again, therefore a chance is taken on stablemate KILCREA VALE, who took well to the fences when finishing fourth in this last season and returns off just a 1lb higher mark now. Peter Bowen is another who has done well in this contest and his Henryville, who has run well over these obstacles in the past, arrives here on the back of a useful performance at Ludlow. Indian Temple shaped well when seventh in this last season and could be overpriced, while Highland Lodge is a standing dish in contests over the famous spruce. Ballyhill looks favourably treated on his run behind Janika at Cheltenham, with only nine lengths separating them on that occasion but there is a huge difference at the ratings here, and he appeals having missed Cheltenham and dropping back to his optimum distance now. Cadmium and Peregrine Run lead the Irish challenge, with Activial and Mercian Prince others who could be suited by the challenge and possibly run well at longer odds.

Top Tip: KILCREA VALE (30)
Watch out for: BALLYHILL (13)











(R6) 16:40 AINTREE, 3m 149y

Doom Bar Sefton Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT QUADPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		1F11	ARDLETHEN (IRE) 39 ch g Arakan - Itsafamilyaffair	6 11 - 4	Harry Skelton D Skelton	140
2		0-44121	ARTHUR MAC (IRE) 33 ch g Getaway - Orchardstown Moss	6 11 - 4	L Heard Henry Oliver	132
3		2-11112	CHAMP (IRE) 23 b g King's Theatre - China Sky	7 11 - 4	M P Walsh N J Henderson	152
4	**	5132D3	CHAMPAGNE WELL (IRE) 27 b g Gold Well - Perkanod	6 11 - 4	P J Brennan F O'Brien	131
5	***	142112	DALLAS DES PICTONS (FR) 21 BF b g Spanish Moon - Nadia Des Pictons	6 11 - 4	J W Kennedy G Elliott	144
6		1-21	DOWNTOWN GETAWAY (IRE) 76 b g Getaway - Shang A Lang	6 11 - 4	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	131
7		1-1111	EMITOM (IRE) 35 b g Gold Well - Avenging Angel	5 11 - 4	G Sheehan W Greatrex	144
8	***	211221	GO ANOTHER ONE (IRE) 43 b g Stowaway - Missusan	7 11 - 4t	R Johnson J C McConnell	138
9		21-4522	KINGSPLACE (IRE) 15 BF b g Ask - Winsome Breeze	7 11 - 4	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	130
10		322115	LISNAGAR OSCAR (IRE) 21 b g Oscar - Asta Belle	6 11 - 4	Sean Bowen Miss R Curtis	143
11	*	2-611	THE CAPTAINS INN (IRE) 20 b g Flemensfirth - Killeen	5 11 - 4	D A Jacob Ben Pauling	132
12		1-41	TREVELYN'S CORN (IRE) 29 b g Oscar - Present Venture	6 11 - 4t	H Cobden P F Nicholls	130
13		11	WALK AWAY (IRE) 29 b g Black Sam Bellamy - Pegus Love	6 11 - 4	R M Power H de Bromhead	-

ATR VERDICT: Champ's winning run came to an end when second to City Island in the Ballymore at the Cheltenham Festival, but he lost little in defeat and it will be interesting to see if the step up to three miles can help the exciting Seven Barrows inmate get back to winning ways. Stablemate Downtown Getaway got off the mark at Ascot following a tussle with Champagne Well and both should be suited by the stamina test here, while Dallas Des Pictons travelled like a Graded horse when finishing second in the Martin Pipe at the Festival and is another who will appreciate the return to this trip. However, preference is for EMITOM, who has gone from strength to strength this season, showing plenty of guts to win under a double penalty last time, and is more than entitled to take his place in Grade 1 company now. He can confirm Ffos Las superiority over Lisnagar Oscar, who represents the Albert Bartlett form and the Prestbury Park fifth should be better suited by this flatter track, so has a chance of making the podium.

Top Tip: EMITOM (7)

Watch out for: LISNAGAR OSCAR (10)











(R7) 17:15 AINTREE, 2m 209y

Weatherbys Racing Bank Standard Open NH Flat Race (Grade 2) (Class 1) (4YO to 6YO)

TRIFECTA SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
		21	EBONY JEWEL (IRE) 27 b g Westerner - Lady Roania	5 11 - 4	Lucy Alexander N W Alexander	-
2		121	MALYSTIC 41 b g Malinas - Mystic Glen	5 11 - 4	Henry Brooke P D Niven	-
3		1210	MASTER DEBONAIR 23 D br g Yeats - Swincombe Flame	5 11 - 4	James Bowen C L Tizzard	125
1		171	MCFABULOUS (IRE) 34 b g Milan - Rossavon	5 11 - 4	H Cobden P F Nicholls	-
5		45	MONTEGO GREY (FR) 105 gr g Montmartre - Anna Kalinka	5 11 - 4	Non Runner D Skelton	-
6		U2F11	ONTHEFRONTFOOT (IRE) 33 D b g Shantou - On The Backfoot	5 11 - 4	B S Hughes D McCain Jnr	-
7		F-2431	SIDI ISMAEL (FR) 10 b g Great Pretender - Tetouane	5 11 - 4	Billy Garritty K Dalgleish	106
8		11P-	THEBANNERKINGREBEL (IRE) 387 D b g Arakan - One Love	6 11 - 4	G Sheehan Jamie Snowden	124
9		23	THE COB (IRE) 20 BF b g Let The Lion Roar - Millenium Love	5 11 - 4	Nico de Boinville Ben Pauling	-
10		11	SANTA ROSSA (IRE) 61 b m Jeremy - Panther Moon	5 11 - 1	Mr F Maguire Dermot McLoughlin	120
11	N°	1	ADJOURNED 177 gr g Rip Van Winkle - Bite Of The Cherry	4 10 - 12	David Bass K C Bailey	-
12		21	BLACKHILLSOFDAKOTA (IRE) 5 b c Galileo - Aymara	4 10 - 12	Rachael Blackmore J Halley	-
13		2132	BOOK OF INVASIONS (IRE) 36 ch g Declaration Of War - Cedar Sea	4 10 - 12	P J Brennan J Ryan	112
14		31	DEWCUP (IRE) 13 br g Finsceal Fior - Elyaadi	4 10 - 12	R Walsh T M Walsh	-
15	*	1	HAZM (IRE) 25 br g Shamardal - Hikari	4 10 - 12	Alan Johns Tim Vaughan	-

ATR VERDICT: Mcfabulous looks sure to be popular having bounced back to winning ways with a six-length victory over some exciting prospects at Newbury last month and the half-brother to Waiting Patiently heads here with a favourite's chance. However, he has a bit to find with MASTER DEBONAIR from when they met in a Listed contest at Cheltenham in November and Colin Tizzard's five-year-old is backed to leave his disappointing Champion Bumper effort in the past and confirm superiority with the Paul Nicholls-trained runner here. There was very little pace in that Festival contest and the son of Yeats was keen that day, with the lack of a recent run also coming into play when the race developed. He should strip fitter today and can give a better account of his ability. Dewcup, Blackhillsofdakota and Santa Rossa are three highly-respected contenders from Ireland, with the latter a comfortable winner of a Leopardstown Grade 2 last time.

Top Tip: MASTER DEBONAIR (3) Watch out for: MCFABULOUS (4)







