

## (R1) 14:00 PERTH, 2m 47y

### Brown & Blacks Even Better Times Maiden Hurdle (Class 4) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		52488-	<b>ASTUTE BOY</b> (IRE) 171 b g Arcano - Spa	5 11 - 0t	Dale Irving (3) R Michael Smith	99
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Royal blue, yellow chevrons, dark blue sleeves, yellow cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Fairly useful on Flat. Runner-up in Worcester maiden hurdle last summer (final run for Harry Fry) but below that level in 3 starts for this yard towards end of 2018. Bounce back needed (had wind op).</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 15.00)				Notes:		
2		U	<b>MISTER MANDURO</b> (FR) 12 ch g Manduro - Semenova	5 11 - 0h1	Craig Nichol Mrs A Hamilton	-
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Emerald green, red chevrons, quartered cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Useful on Flat, including a good third on AW last spring (sole start for Brian Ellison). Unseated third on recent hurdle bow but ought to be up to making impact if jumping holds up now. Hood added.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 5.50)				Notes:		
3		4-	<b>WILHELM VONVENSTER</b> (FR) 181 BF b g Apsis - Princesse Gaelle	5 11 - 0	B S Hughes N G Richards	-
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Pink, light green spots, pink sleeves and cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Only fourth when odds-on for a Newcastle bumper in November but evidently well regarded and very interesting to see whether his supporters' return now hurdling.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 3.75)				Notes:		
4		0/68427-	<b>ZAMARKHAN</b> (FR) 190 b g Great Journey - Zannkiya	6 11 - 0h	Grant Cockburn (3) Mrs L B Normile	106
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Maroon, pink cross belts, diabolo on sleeves <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Improved when runner-up in 2m Kelso novice in October. Unable to reproduce that in a handicap the following month but respected returned to a maiden company after a break.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 6.50)				Notes:		
5		7-	<b>FALMOUTH LIGHT</b> (FR) 21 b g Cape Cross - Wonderous Light	4 10 - 10h1	Ross Chapman I Jardine	-
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Red, black chevrons, grey sleeves, red cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Fairly useful on Flat, showing his form from 6f to 1¼m. 16/1, took strong hold and faded to finish a well-held seventh on C&amp;D hurdle bow last month. Could improve if a hood helps him to settle better.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 10.00)				Notes:		
6		0396-	<b>FOURTH OF JULY</b> (IRE) 21 b g Salutino - Akasha	4 10 - 10h	R P McLernon R Michael Smith	102
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> White and red stripes, white sleeves, royal blue stars, royal blue cap, white stars <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Seemed to show a bit when third in small-field Musselburgh novice on hurdle bow but comfortably held twice since.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 51.00)				Notes:		
7		8-	<b>GRIPPER</b> 21 b g Thewayyouare - Hold On Tight	4 10 - 10	D R Fox Miss Lucinda V Russell	-
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Royal blue, yellow triple diamond, royal blue sleeves, white armlets, yellow cap, royal blue star <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Fair on Flat (stays 1¼m) for Ralph Beckett. 50/1, well held on C&amp;D hurdle bow last month. Needs to leave that well behind.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 26.00)				Notes:		

8			<b>VENTURA DRAGON</b> (IRE) ch g Dragon Pulse - Dancing Duchess	4 10 - 10	L P Aspell O Sherwood	-
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Pink, emerald green cross belts, pink sleeves, emerald green spots and cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¼m) for Richard Fahey. Wasn't at his best when last seen in the autumn but sets out over hurdles at a realistic level. Respected.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 5.00)						Notes:
9		P-	<b>BERMONDSEY BELLE</b> (IRE) 61 b m Sir Percy - Bermondsey Girl	5 10 - 7t	Callum Bewley Mrs Jacqueline Stephen	-
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Red and black stripes, halved sleeves, red cap <b>Timeform says:</b> <i>Fair maiden on Flat (stays 2m) but left Lucy Wadham for only 1,000 gns in February and offered little on hurdle bow for new connections in March.</i> ★★★★★ (Forecast 51.00)						Notes:
<b>TIMEFORM VIEW:</b> WILHELM VONVENSTER's strength in the betting on his bumper debut in the autumn suggests he's well regarded by the Nicky Richards team and he might be worth another chance now hurdling on his return. Ventura Dragon's Flat ability suggests he should be up to doing something in a race like this now hurdling, while Zamarkhan should figure if recapturing the level he showed when second at Kelso.						
<b>Timeform 1-2-3:</b> 1: WILHELM VONVENSTER (3) 2: VENTURA DRAGON (8) 3: ZAMARKHAN (4)						<b>TIMEFORM</b>

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