







## (R5) 14:05 NEWCASTLE, 2m 46y

### Betfair Fighting Fifth Hurdle (Grade 1) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

| No   | Silk  | Form         | Horse Details   | Age/Wt     | Jockey/Trainer                  | OR  |
|--|---|--------------|---|------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1  |    | 31/113P<br>- | <b>CORNERSTONE LAD</b> 263 (25F) CD<br>b g Delegator - Chapel Corner      | 6 11 - 7   | Billy Garritty<br>Micky Hammond | 159 |
| <b>Jockey Colours:</b> Yellow, light blue armlets, light blue cap<br><b>Timeform says:</b> Lowered the colours of Buveur d'Air for a shock win in this last year and ran well at Haydock next time. Fit from victory on the Flat 3 weeks ago and should give it a good shot. ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 21.00)                                    |   |              |   | Notes:     |                                 |     |
| 2  |    | 15/110P<br>- | <b>NOT SO SLEEPY</b> 263 (49F) D<br>ch g Beat Hollow - Papillon de Bronze | 8 11 - 7   | P J Brennan<br>H Morrison       | 142 |
| <b>Jockey Colours:</b> Pale blue, campbell tartan hooped sleeves, royal blue cap<br><b>Timeform says:</b> Won a couple of good 2m Ascot handicap hurdles this time last year and back in this sphere after a fine fourth (for the second season running) in the Cesarewitch. Could get plenty of rope in front. ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 41.00) |   |              |   | Notes:     |                                 |     |
| 3  |    | 61/112-1     | <b>RIBBLE VALLEY</b> (IRE) 37 D<br>b g Westerner - Miss Greinton          | 7 11 - 7t  | B S Hughes<br>N G Richards      | 147 |
| <b>Jockey Colours:</b> Black, white seams, checked sleeves, quartered cap<br><b>Timeform says:</b> Progressive hurdler who returned with easy win in intermediate contest at Carlisle (extended 17f) after breathing op. First crack at the top level but no back number if he can improve again. ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 12.00)               |   |              |   | Notes:     |                                 |     |
| 4  |    | 6325-11      | <b>SCEAU ROYAL</b> (FR) 21 D<br>b g Doctor Dino - Sandside                | 8 11 - 7   | D A Jacob<br>A King             | 158 |
| <b>Jockey Colours:</b> Emerald green, dark green sleeves, dark green and emerald green quartered cap<br><b>Timeform says:</b> Back over hurdles with a bang this term after a wind op, winning the Welsh Champion Handicap and Elite Hurdle, readily coming clear at Wincanton. The obvious forecast option. ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 6.50)     |   |              |   | Notes:     |                                 |     |
| 5  |   | 5/1326-1     | <b>SILVER STREAK</b> (IRE) 41 D<br>gr g Dark Angel - Happy Talk           | 7 11 - 7   | T J O'Brien<br>Evan Williams    | 158 |
| <b>Jockey Colours:</b> White, maroon hoop, sleeves and cap<br><b>Timeform says:</b> Left with too much to do in this last year before running well behind Epatante in Christmas Hurdle and maintained fine record fresh with victory back at Kempton 6 weeks ago. This is tougher. ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 10.00)                              |   |              |   | Notes:     |                                 |     |
| 6  |  | 45436-0      | <b>VOIX DU REVE</b> (FR) 34 D<br>br g Voix Du Nord - Pommabelle           | 8 11 - 7p1 | C O'Farrell<br>I Jardine        | 145 |
| <b>Jockey Colours:</b> Black and white stripes, chevrons on sleeves<br><b>Timeform says:</b> Smart chaser at his best for Willie Mullins and showed plenty of zest on comeback for new yard in Aintree handicap hurdle last month. This is clearly much tougher. Cheekpieces go on. ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 251.00)                            |   |              |   | Notes:     |                                 |     |
| 7  |  | 119/111-     | <b>EPATANTE</b> (FR) 263 D<br>b m No Risk At All - Kadjara                | 6 11 - 0   | Aidan Coleman<br>N J Henderson  | 162 |
| <b>Jockey Colours:</b> Emerald green, yellow hoops, white cap<br><b>Timeform says:</b> Has won 5 of her 6 starts over timber for yard, readily landing a gamble in the Champion Hurdle when last seen. Brilliant and she hasn't reached her limit yet. Hard to beat. ★★★★★ (Forecast 1.62)   |   |              |   | Notes:     |                                 |     |

**TIMEFORM VIEW:** Champion Hurdle heroine EPATANTE should be hard to beat after a gallop at Newbury last week. The race-fit and in-form Sceau Royal is the obvious one to take advantage should Nicky Henderson's brilliant mare not be on her game. The unexposed Ribble Valley is an interesting outsider.

#### Timeform 1-2-3:

- 1: EPATANTE (7)
- 2: SCEAU ROYAL (4)
- 3: RIBBLE VALLEY (3)

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