



(R3) 14:15 GOWRAN PARK, 3m

John Mulhern Galmoy Hurdle (Grade 2) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		42P5-53	ASHDALE BOB 25 b g Shantou - Ceol Rua	9 11 - 3	J S McGarvey Mrs J Harrington	150
2		21F/F52	FAROUK D'ALENE (FR) 28 D b g Racinger - Mascotte D'alene	9 11 - 3p1	J W Kennedy G Elliott	150
3		1112/29-	MONKFISH 273 D ch g Stowaway - Martovic	10 11 - 3	P Townend W P Mullins	152
4		4216-02	SUMMERVILLE BOY 47 b g Sandmason - Suny House	12 11 - 3	Rachael Blackmore H de Bromhead	141
5		F11P-72	THEDEVILSCOACHMAN 25 br g Elusive Pimpernel - Hagawi	8 11 - 3p1	M P Walsh N Meade	152

ATR VERDICT: THEDEVILSCOACHMAN stays well, operates on testing ground and might put his race-fitness to good use, in first-time cheekpieces. Lacking a gear to be high-class, he nonetheless has won half his races including a 2022 Grade 2 hurdle, narrowly beating today's rival Ashdale Bob. At Punchestown last month he again defeated Ashdale Bob, by 4.75L. Ashdale Bob has won three times from 23 runs but has twice been a Grade 1 runner-up. One-time top chasing prospect Monkfish disappointed when last seen in April but is forgiven that as it came just 17 days after returning from 713 days off, having chased home Asterion Forlonge at Fairyhouse. A standing dish in recent stable tours, he was a non-runner on New Year's Day so should be ready on reappearance but nonetheless meets race-fit rivals and, as a triple Grade 1-winning chaser, his best results have been achieved over fences. Grade 2 winner Farouk D'alene ran well under a 7lb claimer when rated 145 in a Christmas handicap hurdle but steps up in grade running in first-time cheekpieces. Summerville Boy ran well in a recent Listed hurdle but also faces a tougher task and is now a 12 year old.

Top Tip: THEDEVILSCOACHMAN (5)

Watch out for: ASHDALE BOB (1)