

(R1) 12:20 SANDOWN, 1m 7f 216y

Virgin Bet Supports Safe Gambling 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 3) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		510-15	CRACKERJACQUE 57 CD b g Diamond Boy - Midnight Crackle	6 11 - 6t1	Sam Twiston-Davies A J Honeyball	119

Jockey Colours: Black, orange disc, sleeves and cap

Notes:

Expert View: Too keen up in class but ran to form when last of five in Winter Novices' Hurdle (Grade 2) here last time; tongue-tie first time; off a short-break; effective 2m, acts on GS and HY; back in calmer waters and did win a bumper here on heavy.★★★★★ (Forecast 7/2)

2		112-291	SINCHI ROCA (IRE) 16 D ch g Getaway - Quri	6 11 - 6	Charlie Deutsch S Hosie	-
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Jockey Colours: Royal blue, white hoop, red and white diabolo on sleeves, orange cap

Notes:

Expert View: Improved, scored with bit in hand on hurdles debut when winning a maiden hurdle at Wincanton by 2 1/2l last time; effective around 2m with cut; leading claims despite penalty.★★★★☆ (Forecast 15/8)

3		U63-13U	THE CISTERCIAN (IRE) 20 D BF b g Yeats - Fair Evie	6 11 - 6	Charlie Hammond S Edmunds	121
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Jockey Colours: Purple, pink cross of lorraine, halved sleeves, pink cap

Notes:

Expert View: Travelled, weakening when unseated late in a novice hurdle at Fontwell latest; effective 2m, acts on any; needs more to get back on track.★★★★☆ (Forecast 9/2)

4			GRAND TETON (IRE) b g Walk In The Park - Gift Of Freedom	5 11 - 0	James Bowen N J Henderson	-
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Jockey Colours: Dark blue, yellow hoop, white sleeves, dark blue cap, yellow star

Notes:

Expert View: 100,000 euros Walk In The Park gelding; half-brother to Latitude, a fair sort up to 24f; trainer in form but riding arrangements suggests Ionian is the number one.★★★★☆ (Forecast 7/1)

5		6-6	IONIAN (IRE) 36 b g Blue Bresil - Tearsofclewbay	5 11 - 0h1	N de Boinville N J Henderson	-
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Jockey Colours: White, black cap

Notes:

Expert View: Far too keen, stopped quickly late when comfortably held in a maiden hurdle at Kempton last time; surely better than that and trainer in form but first-time hood needs to help him settle.★★★★☆ (Forecast 4/1)

6		F2	WISPIT TWOB (IRE) 69 b f Blue Bresil - Echarpe Tricolore	4 10 - 2	Harry Atkins (7) M Keighley	-
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Jockey Colours: Pink, royal blue spots, royal blue and pink halved sleeves

Notes:

Expert View: Improved when second, beaten 8l, in a juvenile hurdle at Cork latest. Off a short break, is effective at 2m1f on yielding to soft, and may have more to come on stable debut.★★★★☆ (Forecast 16/1)

EXPERT VIEW: Sinchi Roca improved on his already decent bumper form to make a winning hurdles debut at Wincanton two weeks ago and it would be no surprise to see him follow up, but CRACKERJACQUE looks well worth giving another chance to tried in a first-time tongue-tie. He won well on his hurdles debut before racing too keenly and finishing last of five in the Grade 2 Winter Novice Hurdle behind No Drama This End here last time. Dropping to 2m will suit him well and the going won't be an issue with him having won a bumper here on heavy last season. Ionian is surely better than his Kempton debut suggests and perhaps a first-time hood will assist him in settling.

1-2-3 Selections:

- 1: CRACKERJACQUE (1)
- 2: SINCHI ROCA (2)
- 3: IONIAN (5)



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