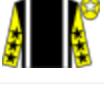


**(R3) 13:25 SANDOWN, 2m 4f 15y**

## **Virgin Bet A Good Bet Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 3) (5YO plus)**

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		2224-42	<b>EL GRANJERO</b> (IRE) 22 D BF b g Youmzain - Mexican Sky	7 11 - 10p	R Patrick C Boulbbee-Brooks	125
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Light blue, black star, black sleeves, light blue stars, light blue cap, black star <b>Expert View:</b> Ran to form when beaten 2l off a 1lb lower mark at Exeter last time. Effective over 2m4f-3m1f on soft and good to soft, unexposed over fences, consistent, and a drop in trip should be fine.★★★☆☆ (Forecast 3/1)					Notes:	
2		2F-6261	<b>MON CHAMPION</b> (FR) (EX7) 5 b g Bathyrhon - Promets Moi	6 11 - 5	DOUBTFUL P F Nicholls	120
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> White, royal blue epaulets, white sleeves, red spots, royal blue cap <b>Expert View:</b> Improved, needed every yard of trip when landing a handicap by a nose off a 7lb lower mark at Hereford last time; effective 2m-2m6f, acts on H and GS; interesting prospect; respected under penalty, with this longer trip a plus.★★★★☆					Notes:	
3		8840-12	<b>SOLDIEROFTHESTORM</b> (IRE) 19 D ch g Soldier of Fortune - Fiddlededee	8 11 - 3	Jonjo O'Neill Jr. Jonjo & A J O'Neill	118
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Black, light blue hoop <b>Expert View:</b> Ran to form on chase debut when second, beaten 4 1/4l off 116 last time and 2lb higher here. Effective at around 2m4f on heavy and good, with more to come over fences.★★★★☆ (Forecast 6/1)					Notes:	
4		2421-23	<b>NORN IRON</b> (IRE) 30 BF br g Soldier of Fortune - Coco Des Champs	8 11 - 1t1	H Cobden Harry Derham	116
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> White and dark blue (quartered), dark blue and white halved sleeves, white cap <b>Expert View:</b> Ran to form when 12l third in a handicap chase at Windsor most recent run; tongue-tie first time; effective 2m-2m2f, acts on soft and good; consistent but needs more.★★★★☆ (Forecast 7/2)					Notes:	
5		322-263	<b>RISK DE PLUIE</b> (FR) 22 b g No Risk At All - Mangenie	7 11 - 0t	Sam Twiston-Davies Ben Clarke	115
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> black, white braces, yellow sleeves, black stars, yellow cap, white star <b>Expert View:</b> Outpaced, returned to form but looked in need of stiffer test beaten 3 1/4l off this mark at Exeter last time; effective 2m2f-2m6f, acts on S and G; consistent and step back up in trip a plus.★★★☆☆ (Forecast 5/2)					Notes:	
6		66-1234	<b>LYLIAN</b> (FR) 65 ch g Tunis - Reine De Mai	5 10 - 11	Freddie Mitchell (3) G & J Moore	118
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Purple and yellow (quartered), diabolo on sleeves, yellow and purple quartered cap <b>Expert View:</b> Below form when fourth, beaten 34l, in a handicap chase at Lingfield latest. Off a short break; effective over 2m1f-2m6f and suited by cut, a chase winner in France, though this mark may be stiff enough.★☆☆☆☆ (Forecast 10/1)					Notes:	
7		442-11P	<b>RIP WHEELER</b> (IRE) 36 D BF b g Walk In The Park - Dazza	6 10 - 5b1	Caoilin Quinn G & J Moore	106
<b>Jockey Colours:</b> Emerald green, pink seams, sleeves and star on cap <b>Expert View:</b> Scored by 1 1/4l off a 6lb lower mark at Lingfield on his penultimate start but was never travelling when pulled up in a handicap chase latest. Effective over 2m-2m4f on soft and good; could bounce back in blinkers.★★★★☆ (Forecast 6/1)					Notes:	

**EXPERT VIEW:** Rip Wheeler could easily return to form tried in blinkers, with his stable always commanding utmost respect here, but NORN IRON appeals more. Although a little underwhelming at Windsor last time, he seemed to find things happening too quickly on the dry ground and getting back on a deeper surface over a longer trip could unlock improvement, with a tongue-tie also added. Soldierofthestorm should improve on his chase debut, when second at Hereford, but a bigger threat may come from Mon Champion, who looked to be crying out for this trip when up late to win last time. Almost all of his penalty is offset by his rider's claim.

**1-2-3 Selections:**

- 1: NORN IRON (4)
- 2: MON CHAMPION (2)
- 3: SOLDIEROFTHESTORM (3)



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