

(R5) 14:40 SANDOWN, 2m 4f 15y

Virgin Bet Scilly Isles Novices' Chase (Grade 1) (GBB Race) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		11531-1	KITZBUHEL (FR) 36 g g Cokoriko - Valgardena	6 11 - 7	H Cobden W P Mullins	153

Jockey Colours: Yellow and black check, yellow sleeves, yellow cap, black star

Expert View: *Travelled, jumped boldly, improved up in trip at sharp track, stamina just held out under aggressive ride when winning Kauto Star Novices' Chase (Grade 1) at Kempton by 3l last time; trainer in form; effective 2m-3m, acts on any; high-class novice and no issue with drop in trip.*  (Forecast 10/11)

Notes:

2		227-331	MIAMI MAGIC (IRE) 30 D ch g Leading Light - Rose De Beaufai	7 11 - 7	Charlie Hammond S Edmunds	142
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Jockey Colours: Orange, brown epaulets

Expert View: *Improved up in trip under a positive ride, jumping much better when winning a novice chase at Cheltenham by 4l last time. Effective at 2m-2m4f and best on a sound surface, but ground is a major worry here.*  (Forecast 20/1)

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3		11D9-11	SIXMILEBRIDGE (IRE) 50 C D b g Affinisea - Luck Or Logic	7 11 - 7t	Kielan Woods F O'Brien	149
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Jockey Colours: Pink, mauve star, mauve sleeves, pink stars and cap

Expert View: *Did it readily, improving under a positive ride when winning a novice chase at Cheltenham by 13l last time, with better jumping proving decisive. Enjoys making it, is best around 2m4f, acts on soft and good ground, and is well worth this step up in grade.*  (Forecast 9/2)

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4		2270-11	KALA CONTI (FR) 55 b m Karaktar - Rolibie De Vindecy	6 11 - 0	James Bowen G Elliott	-
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Jockey Colours: Pink and white (halved), black sleeves, black cap, pink star

Expert View: *Did it cosily, improved from debut, fitness told when winning Order Of St George Mares Novice Chase (Grade 2) at Cork by 16l last time; effective 2m-2m4fm, acts on any ground; classy mare progressing over fences who has been aimed at this.*  (Forecast 2/1)

Notes:

EXPERT VIEW: Just the four runners but a fascinating edition of this Grade 1 novice due to the strong representation from Ireland. Gordon Elliott's mare Kala Conti is 2-2 over fences and was particularly impressive in disposing of Kargesse at Cork last time. She's been aimed at the race and is receiving 7lb, so a big run seems assured, but the manner in which KITZBUHEL flew around Kempton under a positive ride to win the Kauto Star over 3m was striking and similar tactics at often rewarded at Sandown. That form has been nicely boosted, with subsequent wins by the third and fourth, and he won't have any issue with the drop in trip on deeper ground. Sixmilebridge is unbeaten over fences himself and certainly not out of this for Fergal O'Brien, having been impressive in disposing of inferior rivals at Cheltenham last time.

1-2-3 Selections:

- 1: KITZBUHEL (1)
- 2: KALA CONTI (4)
- 3: SIXMILEBRIDGE (3)

 EXPERT VIEW