

(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)

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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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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)

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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:

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Flat Turf: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0	Jumps: 9 - 5 - 1 - 1	All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0
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RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
26 Dec 25	Kmp 24f Nov Ch Gd1 Cls1 57K	Gd	11-7	1/6 2¾ len	Paul Townend	13/8f	1st KITZBUHEL, 2nd Thomas Mor, 3rd Wendigo made all, jumped well, forged away 3 out and shaken up, pushed along before last, stayed on strongly, unchallenged	-
22 Nov 25	Pun 19f Ch 8K	Sft-Hy	11-12	1/12 1¼ len	Paul Townend	8/15f	1st KITZBUHEL, 2nd Kaid D'authie, 3rd The Enabler disputed lead, headed 10th, dropped to 3rd and pushed along entering straight, ridden 2 out, improved to lead at last, stayed on well under pressure	-
26 Apr 25	San 21.5f Hdl Gd2 Cls1 46K	Gd	11-8	3/6 ¾ len	P Townend	9/4f	1st Blueking D'oroux, 2nd Salver, 3rd KITZBUHEL in touch, ridden and outpaced 2 out, rallied run-in, switched right final 110yds, just held	153
05 Apr 25	Ain 25f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 140K	Gd	11-10	5/11 15 len	P Townend	10/3f	1st Hiddenvalley Lake, 2nd Strong Leader, 3rd Jetara jumped right at times, took keen hold, held up in touch, steadied 7th, effort before 3 out, no impression from 2 out	153
15 Feb 25	Gow 16f Hdl Gd3 Cls1 22K	Sft	11-5	1/6 2¾ len	P Townend	2/7f	1st KITZBUHEL, 2nd Break My Soul, 3rd Sir Gerhard mid-division, 3rd after 5th, improved to 2nd after 4 out, closed 3 out, travelled well to lead approaching straight, joined 2 out, led before last, kept on best closing stages	-
10 Dec 24	Pun 17f Hdl 8K	Gd-YI	11-12	1/8 3¾ len	P Townend	3/1j2f	1st KITZBUHEL, 2nd Colonel Mustard, 3rd Rockymountainbleu made all, clear with rival before 5th, increased lead last, kept on best run-in	-

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01 Jan 26	Che 21f Nov Ch Cls2 14K	Gd	11-4	1/5 4 len	Charlie Hammond	13/2	1st MIAMI MAGIC, 2nd Regent's Stroll, 3rd Califet En Vol led, headed after 3rd and remained close up, led narrowly 12th, untidy next, headed 3 out and battled on close up, pushed along 2 out, regained lead approaching last, ridden out and stayed on well run-in to forge away 110yds out	134
24 Nov 25	Kmp 18f Ch Cls3 10K	Gd	11-4	3/5 14¾ len	Charlie Hammond	7/2	1st Jax Junior, 2nd Jeriko Du Reponet, 3rd MIAMI MAGIC prominent, pushed along before 3 out, plugged on run-in	137
05 Oct 25	Utt 16f Ch Cls3 6K	Gd	11-5	3/3 32 len	Charlie Hammond	5/6f	1st Anilam, 2nd Country Mile, 3rd MIAMI MAGIC in rear, in touch, pushed along 4 out, soon beaten and eased	138
05 Apr 25	Ain 20f Nov Hdl Gd1 Cls1 56K	Gd	11-7	7/9 12¾ len	B S Hughes	5/2f	1st Honesty Policy, 2nd Regent's Stroll, 3rd Funiculi Funicula wore hood in parade ring, rider lost iron and awkward leaving start, left in last, headway into midfield 1st, took keen hold and headway to go prominent before next, slow 7th, headway before 2 out, ridden approaching last, held when blundered last	138
22 Feb 25	Kmp 16f Nov Hdl Gd2 Cls1 43K	Gd-Sft	11-5	2/7 7½ len	Charlie Hammond	9/5f	1st Tripoli Flyer, 2nd MIAMI MAGIC, 3rd Celtic Dino tracked leaders out wide, 3rd 4 out, 2nd after next, led turning in, headed 2 out, ridden and no impression between last two, awkward and stumbled on landing last, no chance with winner	139
26 Dec 24	Ain 17f Nov Hdl Gd1 Cls1 57K	Sft	11-8	2/7 2¾ len	Charlie Hammond	6/1	1st Potters Charm, 2nd MIAMI MAGIC, 3rd Good And Clever prominent, close 2nd 2 out, ridden and drifted left run-in, kept on but always held by winner (limited comments due to fog)	132

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12 Dec 25	Che 21f Nov Ch Cls2 22K	Gd-Sft	11-9t	1/3 13 len	Kielan Woods	2/1f2	1st SIXMILEBRIDGE , 2nd Califet En Vol, 3rd Royal Infantry made virtually all, jumped well, joined 8th, led clearly 10th, pushed along before 2 out and forged away, ran on well, readily	143
12 Nov 25	Ayr 20.5f Ch Cls3 7K	Sft	11-5t	1/3 4½ len	Kielan Woods	6/4f2	1st SIXMILEBRIDGE , 2nd Derryhassen Paddy, 3rd Gamesters Guy led, headed after 13th, dropped to 3rd after 4 out, went 2nd 3 out, led 2 out, ridden before last, kept on well	142
12 Mar 25	Che 21f Nov Hdl Gd1 Cls1 84K	Gd-Sft	11-7t	9/11 69 len	Kielan Woods	16/1	1st The New Lion, 2nd The Yellow Clay, 3rd Final Demand led 1st, not fluent 4th, headed after 3 out, lost place before 2 out	142
25 Jan 25	Che 20f Nov Hdl Gd2 Cls1 43K	Sft	11-5t	1/7 8½ len	Kielan Woods	9/1	1st SIXMILEBRIDGE , 2nd Potters Charm, 3rd Bill Joyce led, bit awkward at 7th, narrowly headed 2 out, rallied to lead again turning in, soon clear, over 3 lengths ahead last, kept up to work and went further clear run-in, stayed on well	128
02 Jan 25	Hun 21f Nov Hdl Cls4 4K	Gd-Sft	11-7t	1/4 4 len	Kielan Woods	2/5f	1st SIXMILEBRIDGE , 2nd Land Atar, 3rd Western Harmony led, untidy 3 out, going well when pressed 2 out, length clear last, ran on well flat	123
05 Dec 24	Les 20.5f Mdn Hdl Cls4 4K	Hy	11-4t	1/9 14 len	Kielan Woods	1/2f	1st SIXMILEBRIDGE , 2nd Sole Solution, 3rd Royal Rambler made most, led on landing 1st, asserted passing usual 3 out (omitted due to damage), went clear after 2 out, unchallenged last, ran on, comfortably	-

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Jumps: 12 - 6 - 3 - 0

All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

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07 Dec 25	cor 17f Nov Ch Gd2 Cls1 26K	Sft	10-13	1/8 16 len	Jack Kennedy	11/4f2	1st KALA CONTI , 2nd Kargese, 3rd Jalila Moriviere always prominent and led briefly after 4th, led again after 3 out, pushed along after 2 out and 4 lengths clear approaching last, kept on well run-in	-
23 Nov 25	cor 21f Ch 9K	YI	11-7	1/7 9½ len	Jack Kennedy	7/2f2	1st KALA CONTI , 2nd Farfromnowhere, 3rd Jade De Grugy held up behind leaders early, 3rd halfway, disputed entering straight, slight mistake 3 out, soon ridden in 2nd, challenged next, led narrowly last, kept on strongly run-in	-
21 Apr 25	Fai 20f Hdl Gd2 Cls1 36K	Sft-Hy	11-1	10/10 31 len	J C Gainford	17/2	1st Maxxum, 2nd Gala Marceau, 3rd Feet Of A Dancer tracked leaders, 3rd halfway, pushed along and lost place approaching straight, no extra in rear from 2 out	141
11 Mar 25	Che 20f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 70K	Gd-Sft	11-5	7/10 18 len	J W Kennedy	16/1	1st Lossiemouth, 2nd Jade De Grugy, 3rd Take No Chances mid-division, headway after 5th, ridden after 2 out, weakened before last	145
29 Dec 24	Leo 20f Hdl Gd3 Cls1 24K	Gd-YI	11-5	2/8 4 len	D J Gilligan	4/1	1st July Flower, 2nd KALA CONTI , 3rd Jetara tracked leaders, 3rd and clear of remainder before 3rd, not fluent 3 out (usual 4 out), close 3rd before last (usual 2 out), led after last, ridden and headed over if out, no impression, kept on one pace	138
30 Nov 24	Fai 16f 4y Hdl Gd3 Cls1 18K	YI	11-1	2/7 6½ len	Sam Ewing	6/4f	1st Anzadam, 2nd KALA CONTI , 3rd Dodger Long tracked leaders, ridden in 4th 2 out, 3rd and no impression winner at last, 2nd inside final furlong, kept on	138