

(R6) 15:10 SANDOWN, 2m 7f 103y

Virgin Bet Heroes Handicap Hurdle (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		1/521-56	SANTOS BLUE 35 b g Blue Bresil - Maybe Plenty	9 12 - 0t	Ben Sutton (5) O Murphy	141

Jockey Colours: Royal blue, pink stars, pink and royal blue diabolo on sleeves, white cap
Expert View: Had too much to do when comfortably held in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow last time. Effective over 2m4f-3m on soft and good ground; progressive last term but needs to get back on track.★★★★★ (Forecast 10/1)

2		42/511P	RED DIRT ROAD (IRE) 322 CD b g Fame And Glory - Miss Otis Regrets	9 11 - 12	Jonjo O'Neill Jr. Jonjo & A J O'Neill	139
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Jockey Colours: White, red diamond
Expert View: Won this race last year but pulled up in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter on latest start. Returning from a long layoff; enjoys making it and is effective over 2m4f-2m7f with cut.★★★★★ (Forecast 8/1)

3		26/71-01	TITAN DISCOVERY 50 C b g Pether's Moon - It's A Discovery	8 11 - 6	Liam Harrison R L Llewellyn	133
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Jockey Colours: White, royal blue star, armlets and star on cap
Expert View: Improved down in grade when landing a handicap hurdle by 1/21 off a 5lb lower mark at Cheltenham last time. Effective over 2m4f-3m on soft and good ground but possibly now on a stiff mark.★★★★★ (Forecast 8/1)

4		4120-32	HENRI THE SECOND (FR) 28 CD b g Saddler Maker - Rock Treasure	9 11 - 4	H Cobden P F Nicholls	131
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Jockey Colours: Red, emerald green cross of lorraine and sleeves
Expert View: Returned to form when beaten a short-head off a 1lb lower mark here last time. Effective over 2m4f-3m on any ground, loves Sandown, and a step back up in trip should suit.★★★★★ (Forecast 11/4)

5		4139-13	ROARING CONQUEST (IRE) 48 b g Doyen - Bealath Champ	7 11 - 3	G Sheehan O Murphy	130
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Jockey Colours: White, black diamonds on sleeves, check cap
Expert View: Made too much use of and ran a big race when third at Carlisle last time. Effective over 2m4f-3m on soft and good to soft ground and remains on a fair mark.★★★★★ (Forecast 7/1)

6		122-120	HARTINGTON (IRE) 30 gr g Jukebox Jury - Duchess Dee	7 11 - 1	Jack Tudor J Tizzard	128
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Jockey Colours: Black, white triple diamond, white and black striped sleeves, black cap, white diamond
Expert View: Made too much use of, looked awkward and did not handle the track when 11th beaten 50l off 128 last time. Same mark here and has a chance on his penultimate form.★★★★★ (Forecast 4/1)

7		08/20-43	GABBYS CROSS (IRE) 28 b g Frammassone - Mille Et Une Nuits	11 10 - 12	James Bowen Nick Scholfield	125
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Jockey Colours: White, emerald green sleeves, white stars, emerald green cap
Expert View: Outpaced but flew home and had too much to do when beaten 2l off a 4lb higher mark here last time. Effective over 2m4f-3m on any ground and of interest back hurdling.★★★★★ (Forecast 14/1)

8		00-0455	MINELLA MISSILE (IRE) 13 b g Beat Hollow - Ella Watson	8 10 - 8p	Isabel Williams Evan Williams	121
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Jockey Colours: Dark green, dark green and white diabolo on sleeves
Expert View: Ran to form up in trip when beaten 5l in a handicap hurdle at Windsor last time. Effective around 2m4f-3m on soft and good ground but needs more at this level.★★★★★ (Forecast 14/1)

9		P314-31	PARTY VIBES (IRE) 49 b m Mahler - Flame Of Dixie	8 10 - 6	Sam Twiston-Davies H D Daly	119
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Jockey Colours: Gold, blue and gold quartered cap
Expert View: Outpaced before rallying gamely when back to form landing a handicap by 1/21 off a 3lb higher mark at Cheltenham last time. Enjoys making it but stamina to prove back hurdling.★★★★★ (Forecast 10/1)

10		36-23F7	SPIKE JONES 13 D b g Walk In The Park - Mathine	9 10 - 3tp	Benjamin Macey (5) S Drinkwater	116
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Jockey Colours: Red, white hoops, checked sleeves and cap
Expert View: Outpaced and unsuited by the way the race developed when well beaten in a handicap hurdle at Windsor last time. Effective over 3m+ on any ground and generally consistent.★★★★★ (Forecast 20/1)

11		211-355	SOLE SOLUTION (IRE) 9 C ch g Sans Frontieres - Bell Storm	8 10 - 2p1	Ned Fox (5) Miss V Williams	115
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Jockey Colours: Light blue and white diabolo, white sleeves, light blue cap, white diamonds
Expert View: Never travelling when comfortably held in a handicap hurdle at Huntingdon last time. Cheekpieces are tried for the first time; effective around 2m4f on heavy and soft ground but needs to bounce back.★★★★★ (Forecast 20/1)

EXPERT VIEW: The veteran Gabbys Cross remains fairly treated and could easily have a say back over hurdles, having finished his race off strongly over fences here last time. This may be best left to HENRI THE SECOND, though, the Paul Nicholls-trained 9yo being something of a course specialist. He ran well over an inadequate trip here last time and won't have any issue with getting back on some deeper ground. Hartington stands a good chance on the form of his Haydock run two starts back, but needs to leave behind a modest run at Windsor last time. Roaring Conquest can't be ruled out either, having been made too much use of last time.

1-2-3 Selections:

- 1: HENRI THE SECOND (4)
- 2: GABBYS CROSS (7)
- 3: HARTINGTON (6)



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