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Virgin Bet Masters Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2) (5YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		3P/111-2	MR VANGO (IRE) 56 C D BF b g Ocovango - African Miss	10 12 - 0tp	Jack Tudor Mrs Sara V Bradstock	155
Jockey Colours: Royal blue, large red spots, red sleeves, royal blue armlets, royal blue and red hooped cap Expert View: Beaten a short-head off a 3lb lower mark at Aintree last time; enjoys making it; off a short-break; effective 3m2f+, needs plenty of cut; hugely progressive thorough stayer will need to make this a test down in trip. ★★★★★ (Forecast 13/8)					Notes:	
2		P0/PP-PP	NASSALAM (FR) 76 D ch g Dream Well - Ramina	9 11 - 4b	Caoilin Quinn G & J Moore	145
Jockey Colours: White, dark green hoops, white sleeves and cap Expert View: Pulled up in a handicap chase at Cheltenham on his latest start. Returns from a short break and has since undergone a wind operation. Suited by marathon trips with plenty of give, but has little form to speak of in the past two years. ★★★★★ (Forecast 10/1)					Notes:	
3		P6-U159	PIC ROC (IRE) 42 D BF ch g Mount Nelson - South Africa	8 10 - 7p	Ben Jones B Pauling	134
Jockey Colours: Dark blue, yellow sleeves, dark blue and red striped cap Expert View: Never jumped or travelled, race may have come a bit soon down the field in Silver Cup Handicap Chase at Ascot most recent; effective 2m4f-3m2f, acts on S and G; inconsistent and has jumping issues but is capable. ★★★★★ (Forecast 9/2)					Notes:	
4		5FP/PP-5	BLACKJACK MAGIC 28 D b g Black Sam Bellamy - One Wild Night	11 10 - 3t	Sam Twiston-Davies A J Honeyball	130
Jockey Colours: White, royal blue cross belts, red sleeves, royal blue armlets and star on red cap Expert View: Outpaced, returned to form back from lay off beaten 7 1/4l in a handicap chase here last time; trainer in form; effective 2m4f-3m, acts on any; below last winning mark, could build on reappearance revival. ★★★★★ (Forecast 14/1)					Notes:	
5		21234-1	FORTUNATE MAN (IRE) 36 D b g Soldier of Fortune - Lady Azamour	7 10 - 2tp	H Cobden Jonjo & A J O'Neill	129
Jockey Colours: Emerald green, yellow hoops, white cap Expert View: Improved back up in trip and down in class landing a handicap by 3l off a 4lb lower mark at Aintree last time; effective 3m-3m5f, acts on S and GS; may have more to offer as a stayer this term. ★★★★★ (Forecast 2/1)					Notes:	
6		51-6833	HUNTER LEGEND (FR) 23 b g Buck's Boum - Sience Fiction	9 10 - 2	Miss Lucy Turner (5) Miss V Williams	129
Jockey Colours: Royal blue, white chevrons, yellow sleeves, yellow and royal blue quartered cap Expert View: Didn't get home on deep ground 12l third in a handicap chase at Ffos Las most recent run; effective 2m4f-3m, suited by cut; needs more. ★★★★★ (Forecast 12/1)					Notes:	

Long Handicap: Fortunate Man 10 - 1, Hunter Legend 9 - 13

EXPERT VIEW: Pic Roc isn't the most consistent but still gives the impression there's a decent prize in him when things fall right. Whether that's today on heavy ground remains to be seen. There's also a small doubt as to whether Mr Vango will have the pace for this despite the ground set to be testing - he hasn't raced over a trip shorter than 3m2f in two years. He's 3lb higher than when just held in the Becher and has some big spring Nationals on his agenda. Let's side with FORTUNATE MAN, who won well on his reappearance at Aintree when looking like a young stayer with more to offer this season. He's receiving 26lb from Mr Vango.

1-2-3 Selections:

- 1: FORTUNATE MAN (5)
- 2: MR VANGO (1)
- 3: PIC ROC (3)



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