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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
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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
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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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Flat Turf: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0	Jumps: 12 - 5 - 2 - 2	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
06 Dec 25	Ain 26f Hcp Ch Cls1 84K	Sft	12-0tp	2/13 shd	Jack Tudor	9/2f	1st Twig, 2nd MR VANGO , 3rd Val Dancer led, headed soon after 2nd, close up, led chasing group from Canal Turn (15th), dropped to third before 2 out, switched right but not fluent last, slightly hampered rounding Elbow, pressed winner run-in, all out towards finish, narrowly denied final stride	152
15 Mar 25	Utt 34f Hcp Ch Cls1 90K	Gd-Sft	12-0tp	1/16 1 len	Jack Tudor	11/1	1st MR VANGO , 2nd Tanganyika, 3rd Passing Well led, headed 7th and remained close up in 2nd, led again 17th, pushed along and faced challenge before 3 out, ridden after 2 out, stayed on dourly, all out	143
18 Jan 25	Hdo 26f Hcp Ch Cls1 57K	Sft	10-2tp	1/8 3 len	Jack Tudor	4/1	1st MR VANGO , 2nd Iwilldoit, 3rd Richmond Lake made all, jumped well, pushed along and faced strong challenge from 4 out, ridden 2 out, forged on approaching last, stayed on strongly run-in	140
07 Dec 24	San 29f Hcp Ch Cls2 26K	Hy	11-6t1	1/10 1½ len	N de Boinville	3/1f2	1st MR VANGO , 2nd Collectors Item, 3rd Conkwell Legend, 3rd Unanswered Prayers raced in 2nd on outer, pushed along and led 3 out, ridden after 2 out, stayed on very gamely, always doing enough	135
20 Apr 24	Ayr 32f Hcp Ch Cls1 113K	Sft	10-5p	PU/26	Ben Jones	4/1f	1st Macdermott, 2nd Surrey Quest, 3rd Git Maker made most until 23rd, weakened from 3 out, mistake 2 out, pulled up before last	135
12 Mar 24	Che 30f Nov Am Ch Gd2 Cls1 60K	Hy	11-7p1	3/7 26 len	Miss Gina Andrews	14/1	1st Corbets Cross, 2nd Embassy Gardens, 3rd MR VANGO led, ridden before 3 out, headed 2 out, 3rd and no impression on winner when not fluent last, plugged on flat	132

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16 Nov 25	Che 27f Hcp Ch Cls1 45K	Sft	10-5b	PU/10	Freddie Mitchell (5)	18/1	1st Marble Sands, 2nd Fascile Mode, 3rd Protektorat prominent, lost ground 16th, ridden and dropped to rear 3 out, well behind when pulled up after 2 out	147
25 Oct 25	Che 25f Hcp Ch Cls2 52K	Gd	11-9p	PU/18	Freddie Mitchell (5)	66/1	1st Three Card Brag, 2nd Backmersackme, 3rd Hoe Joly Smoke in touch in mid-division, slow 12th, struggling 15th, well behind 3 out, pulled up before 2 out	150
17 Nov 24	Che 27f Hcp Ch Cls1 40K	Gd	11-9p	PU/10	Freddie Mitchell (5)	40/1	1st Abuffalosoldier, 2nd Surrey Quest, 3rd Hymac prominent early, chased leaders, outpaced when not fluent 4 out, soon weakened, pulled up before 2 out	156
12 Oct 24	Chp 24f Hcp Ch Cls2 26K	Gd	11-11p	PU/11	Caoilin Quinn (3)	16/1	1st Neon Moon, 2nd Pull Again Green, 3rd Manothepeople rear mid-division, slow jump 5th and in rear, tailed off before 12th, pulled up	158
13 Apr 24	Ain 34f Hcp Ch Cls1 500K	Sft	11-8b	18/32 54 len	Caoilin Quinn	50/1	1st I Am Maximus, 2nd Delta Work, 3rd Minella Indo chased leaders, weakening when not fluent 20th, towards rear and no chance after	161
15 Mar 24	Che 26f Ch Gd1 Cls1 352K	Sft	11-10b	PU/11	N F Houlihan	33/1	1st Galopin Des Champs, 2nd Gerri Colombe, 3rd Corach Rambler not always fluent, towards rear on inside, mistake 17th, behind next, pulled up before 4 out	161

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20 Dec 25	Asc 24f Hcp Ch Cls1 57K	Gd-Sft	10-9p	9/12 21 len	Ben Jones	3/1f	1st Deep Cave, 2nd Leave Of Absence, 3rd Johnnywho, held up in midfield, headway and not fluent 17th, soon driven, outpaced before 2 out, no impression before last	135
29 Nov 25	Nbu 26f Hcp Ch Cls1 142K	Gd-Sft	10-4p	5/24 12 len	Ben Jones	6/1f2	1st Panic Attack, 2nd Three Card Brag, 3rd The Changing Man slow to jump off, in rear, headway before 4 out, pushed along before 3 out, stayed on steadily, mistake last, kept on flat	135
02 Nov 25	Hun 24f Ch Cls3 6K	Gd	11-5p	1/4 17 len	Kielan Woods	5/6f	1st PIC ROC , 2nd Greyval, 3rd Billy Boi Blue made all, not fluent 14th, going best 2 out where 4 lengths clear, kept on approaching last, pushed out run-in	133
22 Oct 25	wor 20f Ch Cls3 7K	Gd	11-5	U/5	Ben Jones	11/4	1st Wade Out, 2nd Wendigo, 3rd Pony Soprano chased leader, lost position 4th, stumbled and unseated rider 8th	134
26 Apr 25	San 20f Nov Hcp Ch Cls2 21K	Gd	11-5p1	6/9 8 len	Kielan Woods	12/1	1st Mark Of Gold, 2nd Mahons Glory, 3rd Inedit Star prominent, not fluent 10th, outpaced after 3 out, no impression when carried right approaching last, weakened run-in	135
12 Apr 25	Ayr 24f Nov Hcp Ch Cls2 26K	Gd-Sft	11-4	PU/7	Ben Jones	4/1	1st Masaccio, 2nd Eyed, 3rd Theformismighty not jump well, led, headed 4th, left in lead before 10th, headed 4 out, soon weakened, pulled up before 2 out	136

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03 Jan 26	San 24f Hcp Ch Cls2 51K	Gd	11-6t	5/9 7 1/4 len	Ben Godfrey	16/1	1st Nocte Volatus, 2nd Le Milos, 3rd Gabby's Cross prominent, some headway after 4 out, outpaced after 3 out, rallied and kept on after last but no impression run-in	132
09 Feb 25	Exe 24f Hcp Ch Cls2 20K	Gd-Sft	11-0bt	PU/8	Ben Godfrey	10/1	1st Credo, 2nd Gustavian, 3rd Dashel Drasher chased leaders, pushed along and lost position after 11th, soon tailed off, pulled up before 4 out	135
30 Nov 24	Ncs 23f Hcp Ch Cls1 40K	Gd	11-4t	PU/13	R P McLernon	28/1	1st Frero Banbou, 2nd The Changing Man, 3rd Marble Sands tracked clear leaders, slow jump and lost position 9th, losing ground when pulled up before 11th	136
04 May 24	Pun 24.5f Hcp Ch List Cls1 30K	Sft	10-11t	PU/12	Rex Dingle	13/2	1st Minella Crooner, 2nd Better Times Ahead, 3rd Gold Bullion chased leader, 2nd halfway, pushed along after 4 out, soon no extra and weakened, pulled up after next	135
24 Feb 24	Kmp 24f Hcp Ch Cls1 85K	Sft	11-0b1t	F/12	Sam Twiston-Davies	4/1jf	1st Forward Plan, 2nd Al Dancer, 3rd Bowtoregretness chased leaders, went 2nd 13th, pushed along before 3 out, ridden and held from 2 out, lost 2nd between last two, 5th and weakening when fell last	138
03 Feb 24	San 24f Hcp Ch Cls2 26K	Gd	12-0t	5/8 11 len	Rex Dingle	3/1f	1st Java Point, 2nd Certainly Red, 3rd Dom Of Mary raced wide, chased leaders, went 2nd at 17th, pushed along and lost 2nd at 2 out where stumbled, weakened soon after	139

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26 Dec 25	Ain 25f Hcp Ch Cls3 13K	Gd-Sft	11-9tp	1/8 3 len	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	15/8f	1st FORTUNATE MAN, 2nd Kelce, 3rd Duke Of Deception (three fences omitted in home straight) tracked leaders, ridden into second 2f out, led run-in, pulled clear near finish	124
15 Mar 25	Utt 24f Nov Hcp Ch Cls2 26K	Gd-Sft	11-7b1t	4/8 27 len	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	6/1	1st Minella Blueway, 2nd Eyed, 3rd Isaac Des Obeaux held up towards rear, behind after 1st, went midfield 9th, chased leaders 12th, outpaced from 3 out, kept on but no further headway from 2 out	126
17 Feb 25	Car 24.5f Hcp Ch Cls3 10K	Gd-Sft	11-10tp	3/7 5½ len	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	5/2f	1st Tanganyika, 2nd Not Sure, 3rd FORTUNATE MAN in touch in mid-division, lost place before 11th, effort and pushed along before 4 out, went 3rd 2 out, no impression on winner but pressed for 2nd briefly flat	126
19 Jan 25	Wnd 29f Hcp Ch Cls3 16K	Sft	12-0tp1	2/11 3½ len	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	11/5f	1st Planned Paradise, 2nd FORTUNATE MAN, 3rd From The Ashes chased leaders on outer, led before omitted 4 out, pushed along before 3 out, soon faced challenge, headed approaching last, ran on one pace run-in	125
26 Dec 24	Ain 25f Hcp Ch Cls3 13K	Sft	11-7t	1/7 nk	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	15/8f	1st FORTUNATE MAN, 2nd Gustavian, 3rd Duke Of Deception chased leaders, pushed along after 4 out, in narrow lead jumping last, stayed on well when challenged run-in, always doing enough (limited comments due to fog)	120
01 Dec 24	Car 24.5f Hcp Ch Cls3 10K	Sft	11-4t	2/12 shd	Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	5/1	1st O'connell, 2nd FORTUNATE MAN, 3rd Illico De Cotte front mid-division, closed to dispute 3rd 3 out, pecked on landing out and pushed along, ridden and strongly pressed leader run-in, stayed on well and every chance, just held towards finish	116

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17 Dec 25	Lud 24f Hcp Ch Cls3 8K	Gd-Sft	11-7	3/6 2 len	Charlie Deutsch	5/2jf	1st Ballycamus, 2nd Destroyheevidence, 3rd HUNTER LEGEND prominent, dropped to rear before 7th, briefly ridden before 11th, ridden before 4 out where in touch, headway to dispute lead 2 out, looked to be travelling best approaching last, headed and dropped to third near finish	127
29 Nov 25	Nbu 22f Hcp Ch Cls2 26K	Gd-Sft	11-3	8/12 45 len	Charlie Deutsch	4/1jf	1st Booster Bob, 2nd Leader In The Park, 3rd Prairie Wolf rear mid-division, not fluent 10th, pushed along after 12th, never a factor	128
15 Nov 25	Che 20f Hcp Ch Cls1 91K	Sft	10-9	6/12 8¼ len	Charlie Deutsch	13/2	1st Panic Attack, 2nd Vincenzo, 3rd Hoe Joly Smoke towards rear, never a factor	129
24 Apr 25	Ban 20f Hcp Ch Cls4 6K	Sft	12-2	1/6 7 len	Charlie Deutsch	9/4f	1st HUNTER LEGEND, 2nd Clonakilty, 3rd Malton Groove held up in behind leaders, led 6th, not fluent 7th, headed 8th, shaken up 3 out, soon challenging, led before 2 out, went clear approaching last, kept on well flat, comfortably	122
08 Feb 25	Utt 24f Hcp Ch Cls2 12K	Sft	10-6	5/8 15½ len	Ned Fox (3)	5/2f	1st Monbeg Genius, 2nd Richmond Lake, 3rd The Kniphand held up in rear, driven before 3 out, no impression	123