

(R1) 12:20 SANDOWN, 1m 7f 216y

Virgin Bet Supports Safe Gambling 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 3) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		510-15	CRACKERJACQUE 57 CD b g Diamond Boy - Midnight Crackle	6 11 - 6t1	Sam Twiston-Davies A J Honeyball	119

Jockey Colours: Black, orange disc, sleeves and cap

Notes:

Expert View: Too keen up in class but ran to form when last of five in Winter Novices' Hurdle (Grade 2) here last time; tongue-tie first time; off a short-break; effective 2m, acts on GS and HY; back in calmer waters and did win a bumper here on heavy.★★★★★ (Forecast 7/2)

2		112-291	SINCHI ROCA (IRE) 16 D ch g Getaway - Quri	6 11 - 6	Charlie Deutsch S Hosie	-
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Jockey Colours: Royal blue, white hoop, red and white diabolo on sleeves, orange cap

Notes:

Expert View: Improved, scored with bit in hand on hurdles debut when winning a maiden hurdle at Wincanton by 2 1/2l last time; effective around 2m with cut; leading claims despite penalty.★★★★☆ (Forecast 15/8)

3		U63-13U	THE CISTERCIAN (IRE) 20 D BF b g Yeats - Fair Evie	6 11 - 6	Charlie Hammond S Edmunds	121
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Jockey Colours: Purple, pink cross of lorraine, halved sleeves, pink cap

Notes:

Expert View: Travelled, weakening when unseated late in a novice hurdle at Fontwell latest; effective 2m, acts on any; needs more to get back on track.★★★★☆ (Forecast 9/2)

4			GRAND TETON (IRE) b g Walk In The Park - Gift Of Freedom	5 11 - 0	James Bowen N J Henderson	-
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Jockey Colours: Dark blue, yellow hoop, white sleeves, dark blue cap, yellow star

Notes:

Expert View: 100,000 euros Walk In The Park gelding; half-brother to Latitude, a fair sort up to 24f; trainer in form but riding arrangements suggests Ionian is the number one.★★★★☆ (Forecast 7/1)

5		6-6	IONIAN (IRE) 36 b g Blue Bresil - Tearsofclewbay	5 11 - 0h1	N de Boinville N J Henderson	-
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Jockey Colours: White, black cap

Notes:

Expert View: Far too keen, stopped quickly late when comfortably held in a maiden hurdle at Kempton last time; surely better than that and trainer in form but first-time hood needs to help him settle.★★★★☆ (Forecast 4/1)

6		F2	WISPIT TWOB (IRE) 69 b f Blue Bresil - Echarpe Tricolore	4 10 - 2	Harry Atkins (7) M Keighley	-
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Jockey Colours: Pink, royal blue spots, royal blue and pink halved sleeves

Notes:

Expert View: Improved when second, beaten 8l, in a juvenile hurdle at Cork latest. Off a short break, is effective at 2m1f on yielding to soft, and may have more to come on stable debut.★★★★☆ (Forecast 16/1)

EXPERT VIEW: Sinchi Roca improved on his already decent bumper form to make a winning hurdles debut at Wincanton two weeks ago and it would be no surprise to see him follow up, but CRACKERJACQUE looks well worth giving another chance to tried in a first-time tongue-tie. He won well on his hurdles debut before racing too keenly and finishing last of five in the Grade 2 Winter Novice Hurdle behind No Drama This End here last time. Dropping to 2m will suit him well and the going won't be an issue with him having won a bumper here on heavy last season. Ionian is surely better than his Kempton debut suggests and perhaps a first-time hood will assist him in settling.

1-2-3 Selections:

- 1: CRACKERJACQUE (1)
- 2: SINCHI ROCA (2)
- 3: IONIAN (5)



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(R2) 12:55 SANDOWN, 2m 3f 178y

Virgin Bet Daily Extra Places Novices' Handicap Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 3) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		217-221	PRECIOUS METAL (FR) 49 b g Castle Du Berlais - Pluie D'or	5 12 - 0	G Sheehan Miss H C Knight	118
Jockey Colours: Dark blue and gold (quartered), dark blue sleeves, emerald green cap						Notes:
Expert View: Ran to form with a good attitude when winning a maiden hurdle at Lingfield by a neck last time. Trainer is in form and he is effective at 2m. Further progress is likely and this longer trip may suit on handicap debut.★★★★☆ (Forecast 7/2)						
2		182-633	TENNESSEE TANGO (IRE) 35 b g Affinisea - Ten Dollar Kate	6 11 - 12t	DOUBTFUL J Tizzard	116
Jockey Colours: Orange and yellow diamonds, orange sleeves, yellow stars, orange cap, yellow star						Notes:
Expert View: Every chance when running to form, beaten 12l into third in a novice hurdle at Chepstow last time. Effective at 2m and a bumper winner, but needs more now handicapping.★★★★☆ (Forecast 7/2)						
3		4473-1	CALME OLYMPIEN (FR) 107 D b g Magneticjim - Timanfaya	7 11 - 10	James Bowen Tim Vaughan	114
Jockey Colours: Dark blue, royal blue seams, royal blue sleeves, dark blue seams, dark blue cap						Notes:
Expert View: Did it readily when running to form on stable debut, winning a maiden hurdle at Ffos Las by 2l last time. Returning from a break and effective over 2m2f-2m5f, with more to come for this yard.★★★★☆ (Forecast 4/1)						
4		42P-P18	ZAINY CHAMP (IRE) 36 b g Youmzain - County Champions	7 11 - 2t1	Lorcan Williams J Scott	106
Jockey Colours: Mauve and white check, white sleeves, mauve armlets						Notes:
Expert View: Bit below form when eighth, beaten 14l off 106 last time, and runs off the same mark here. Tongue-tie is applied for the first time and he is effective at 2m-2m2f, but others are preferred.★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 13/2)						
5		3/534-35	HOT GODDESS (IRE) 23 b m Mahler - Hot Choice	6 11 - 1	Harry Atkins (7) M Keighley	105
Jockey Colours: Purple, pink chevron, pink cap						Notes:
Expert View: Ran to form but did not get home on deep ground when comfortably held in a handicap hurdle at Ffos Las last time. Effective around 2m-2m5f, though the ground is again a concern.★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 8/1)						
6		9-P4111	BOLLIN THOU 12 D b g Bollin Eric - Labelthou	8 10 - 13p	H Cobden Nick Scholfield	103
Jockey Colours: White and dark blue (quartered), checked sleeves						Notes:
Expert View: Did it cosily and improved again when landing a handicap by 12l off a 13lb lower mark at Lingfield last time. Effective over 2m4f-3m2f and hugely progressive, he may defy his new mark despite a rise in grade.★★★★★ (Forecast 5/4)						

EXPERT VIEW: This is a competitive little race. Stamina is sure to be at a premium and that may suit BOLLIN THOU ideally given he was a winner over almost 3m2f earlier in January. He's up 13lb in his bid for a four-timer, and is also up in class, but still receives weight from all and shouldn't have any issue with the ground conditions. Tennessee Tango is a likely improver now handicapping over a longer trip, having shaped promising in qualifying runs, while Precious Metal certainly shaped as though this trip would suit when getting up late to win a maiden hurdle at Lingfield last time.

1-2-3 Selections:

- 1: BOLLIN THOU (6)
- 2: TENNESSEE TANGO (2)
- 3: PRECIOUS METAL (1)



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(R3) 13:25 SANDOWN, 2m 4f 15y

Virgin Bet A Good Bet Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 3) (5YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		2224-42	EL GRANJERO (IRE) 22 D BF b g Youmzain - Mexican Sky	7 11 - 10p	R Patrick C Boulbbee-Brooks	125
Jockey Colours: Light blue, black star, black sleeves, light blue stars, light blue cap, black star Expert View: Ran to form when beaten 2l off a 1lb lower mark at Exeter last time. Effective over 2m4f-3m1f on soft and good to soft, unexposed over fences, consistent, and a drop in trip should be fine.★★★☆☆ (Forecast 3/1)					Notes:	
2		2F-6261	MON CHAMPION (FR) (EX7) 5 b g Bathyrhon - Promets Moi	6 11 - 5	DOUBTFUL P F Nicholls	120
Jockey Colours: White, royal blue epaulets, white sleeves, red spots, royal blue cap Expert View: Improved, needed every yard of trip when landing a handicap by a nose off a 7lb lower mark at Hereford last time; effective 2m-2m6f, acts on H and GS; interesting prospect; respected under penalty, with this longer trip a plus.★★★★☆					Notes:	
3		8840-12	SOLDIEROFTHESTORM (IRE) 19 D ch g Soldier of Fortune - Fiddlededee	8 11 - 3	Jonjo O'Neill Jr. Jonjo & A J O'Neill	118
Jockey Colours: Black, light blue hoop Expert View: Ran to form on chase debut when second, beaten 4 1/4l off 116 last time and 2lb higher here. Effective at around 2m4f on heavy and good, with more to come over fences.★★★★☆ (Forecast 6/1)					Notes:	
4		2421-23	NORN IRON (IRE) 30 BF br g Soldier of Fortune - Coco Des Champs	8 11 - 1t1	H Cobden Harry Derham	116
Jockey Colours: White and dark blue (quartered), dark blue and white halved sleeves, white cap Expert View: Ran to form when 12l third in a handicap chase at Windsor most recent run; tongue-tie first time; effective 2m-2m2f, acts on soft and good; consistent but needs more.★★★★☆ (Forecast 7/2)					Notes:	
5		322-263	RISK DE PLUIE (FR) 22 b g No Risk At All - Mangenie	7 11 - 0t	Sam Twiston-Davies Ben Clarke	115
Jockey Colours: black, white braces, yellow sleeves, black stars, yellow cap, white star Expert View: Outpaced, returned to form but looked in need of stiffer test beaten 3 1/4l off this mark at Exeter last time; effective 2m2f-2m6f, acts on S and G; consistent and step back up in trip a plus.★★★☆☆ (Forecast 5/2)					Notes:	
6		66-1234	LYLIAN (FR) 65 ch g Tunis - Reine De Mai	5 10 - 11	Freddie Mitchell (3) G & J Moore	118
Jockey Colours: Purple and yellow (quartered), diabolo on sleeves, yellow and purple quartered cap Expert View: Below form when fourth, beaten 34l, in a handicap chase at Lingfield latest. Off a short break; effective over 2m1f-2m6f and suited by cut, a chase winner in France, though this mark may be stiff enough.★☆☆☆☆ (Forecast 10/1)					Notes:	
7		442-11P	RIP WHEELER (IRE) 36 D BF b g Walk In The Park - Dazza	6 10 - 5b1	Caoilin Quinn G & J Moore	106
Jockey Colours: Emerald green, pink seams, sleeves and star on cap Expert View: Scored by 1 1/4l off a 6lb lower mark at Lingfield on his penultimate start but was never travelling when pulled up in a handicap chase latest. Effective over 2m-2m4f on soft and good; could bounce back in blinkers.★★★★☆ (Forecast 6/1)					Notes:	

EXPERT VIEW: Rip Wheeler could easily return to form tried in blinkers, with his stable always commanding utmost respect here, but NORN IRON appeals more. Although a little underwhelming at Windsor last time, he seemed to find things happening too quickly on the dry ground and getting back on a deeper surface over a longer trip could unlock improvement, with a tongue-tie also added. Soldierofthestorm should improve on his chase debut, when second at Hereford, but a bigger threat may come from Mon Champion, who looked to be crying out for this trip when up late to win last time. Almost all of his penalty is offset by his rider's claim.

1-2-3 Selections:

- 1: NORN IRON (4)
- 2: MON CHAMPION (2)
- 3: SOLDIEROFTHESTORM (3)



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(R4) 14:02 SANDOWN, 1m 7f 99y

Virgin Bet Every Saturday Money Back Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2) (5YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		11F3/P4	HADDEX DES OBEAUX (FR) 35 b g Saddex - Shifra	9 12 - 0	Theo Gillard D McCain Jnr	145
Jockey Colours: Black and pink diabolo, black sleeves, pink cap, black star						Notes:
Expert View: Made too much use of when fourth, beaten 8 1/2l, in a handicap chase at Wetherby latest. Enjoys making it and is effective at 2m. Not the horse he was, but his mark looks competitive now.★★★★☆ (Forecast 14/1)						
2		FP14-44	GUNSIGHT RIDGE 49 CD b g Midnight Legend - Grandma Griffiths	11 11 - 11tp	G Sheehan O Murphy	142
Jockey Colours: Dark blue, light blue hoop, checked sleeves and cap						Notes:
Expert View: Won this last year; never jumped or travelled but plugged on when fourth beaten 19l in a handicap chase at Cheltenham latest; trainer in form; effective 2m-2m4f, likes plenty of cut; can race lazily but on same mark as 12 months ago.★★★★★ (Forecast 5/1)						
3		608-529	MARTATOR (FR) 49 C b g Martaline - Tornada	9 11 - 9p	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	140
Jockey Colours: Dark blue, white star, halved sleeves, white cap, dark blue star						Notes:
Expert View: Made mistakes and was never threatened when finishing down the field in the December Gold Cup Handicap Chase at Cheltenham most recently. Effective at 2m-2m4f and suited by good ground. Back on a workable mark but has been inconsistent of late.						
★★★★☆ (Forecast 12/1)						
4		3P1-214	JAX JUNIOR 43 b g Jack Hobbs - Double Storm	7 11 - 8	Tom Cannon L Wadham	139
Jockey Colours: Red, black diamond and armlets						Notes:
Expert View: Reported to have bled when fourth, beaten 19l, in the Noel Novices' Chase (Grade 2) at Ascot latest. Effective at 2m-2m4f and acts on GS and G. Drops in trip on deep ground.★★★★☆ (Forecast 4/1)						
5		22-2212	ESCAPEANDEVADE (IRE) 14 b g Westerner - Sandrinechoix	10 11 - 2p	H Cobden Harry Derham	133
Jockey Colours: Purple, pink stars, light blue sleeves and cap						Notes:
Expert View: Ran to form when doing plenty early and setting it up for the closer when second, beaten 1 1/4l, off 130 last time. Raised 3lb here. Effective at 2m and acts with cut. Revised mark will demand more.★★★★☆ (Forecast 11/2)						
6		3413-U6	CLASSIC MAESTRO (IRE) 14 b g Jet Away - Shantelle Line	8 10 - 13p	Luke Scott (3) J Candlish	130
Jockey Colours: Pink, light blue hoop and sleeves						Notes:
Expert View: Made too much use of when comfortably held in a handicap chase at Haydock last time; enjoys making it; effective 2m, suited by plenty of cut; stiff mark.★★★★☆ (Forecast 14/1)						
7		02-5552	KOTMASK (FR) 28 CD ch g Masked Marvel - Kotkiline	8 10 - 12b	Caoilin Quinn G & J Moore	129

<p>Jockey Colours: Light green, black diamond, black sleeves, light green armlets, light green cap, black star</p> <p>Expert View: Back below last winning mark, returned to form in first-time blinkers at favoured venue when second beaten 4 1/4l in a handicap chase here latest; effective 2m-2m4f, acts on S and G; can go well.★★★★★ (Forecast 6/1)</p>						Notes:
8		3222-42	DENEMETHY (IRE) 22 D b g Flemensfirth - Ute Antique	8 10 - 6t	Jack Hogan F O'Brien	123
<p>Jockey Colours: Light blue, orange epaulets</p> <p>Expert View: Returned to form when beaten 3 1/4l off a 2lb lower mark at Exeter last time. Effective at 2m-2m4f with cut. Looks to have found his level and can go well.★★★★★ (Forecast 16/1)</p>						Notes:
9		068763	DR T J ECKLEBURG (IRE) 13 b g Lawman - Imtidaad	8 10 - 3p	Conor Ring Evan Williams	120
<p>Jockey Colours: Dark green, dark green and white diabolo on sleeves</p> <p>Expert View: Returned to form in first time cheekpieces benefitting from pace collapse 5/ third in a handicap chase at Windsor most recent run; usually held up; suited by 2m with cut; can go well.★★★★★ (Forecast 6/1)</p>						Notes:
10		11/16-83	RATH GAUL HILL (IRE) 33 b g Doyen - Toler Street	8 10 - 2tp	Sam Twiston-Davies S Drinkwater	119
<p>Jockey Colours: Emerald green and yellow diabolo, yellow sleeves, emerald green stars, emerald green cap, yellow star</p> <p>Expert View: Travelled, flattened out, bit below form 9 1/2l third in a handicap chase at Newbury most recent run; effective 2m, acts on S and GS; running into form this term, good Newbury record.★★★★★ (Forecast 8/1)</p>						Notes:
11		34-2713	HYPOTENUS 14 BF ch g Lope De Vega - Mathematiennne	7 10 - 2	Taylor Fisher J Tickle	119
<p>Jockey Colours: Black and white stripes, black sleeves, royal blue stars, black cap, royal blue star</p> <p>Expert View: Made too much use of when a bit below form at Taunton latest. Effective at 2m, but the ground is a concern here.★★★★★ (Forecast 25/1)</p>						Notes:
<p>Long Handicap: Hypotenus 10 - 1</p> <p>EXPERT VIEW: Plenty of these have questions to answer so the safest bet might be last year's winner GUNSIGHT RIDGE, who is back down to the same mark as when winning 12 months ago. The ground on that occasion also happened to be heavy and, although the 11yo hasn't been in brilliant form of late, he would have found 2m on good ground at Cheltenham last time against him. Dr T J Eckleburg, runner-up last year, showed more tried in cheekpieces at Wincanton last time and he's on a fair mark if building on that, so rates the danger once again, with Kotmask of interest were it not for ground concerns. Jax Junior certainly has the ability to be on a really good mark but he bled last time and the ground may not be for him either.</p> <p>1-2-3 Selections:</p> <p>1: GUNSIGHT RIDGE (2) 2: DR T J ECKLEBURG (9) 3: KOTMASK (7)</p>						
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(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)

Notes:

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)

Notes:

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)



(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						Notes:
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
Jockey Colours: White, red diamond						Notes:
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
Jockey Colours: White, royal blue star, armlets and star on cap						Notes:
Expert View: Improved down in grade when landing a handicap hurdle by 1/2l 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
Jockey Colours: Red, emerald green cross of lorraine and sleeves						Notes:
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
Jockey Colours: White, black diamonds on sleeves, check cap						Notes:
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
Jockey Colours: Black, white triple diamond, white and black striped sleeves, black cap, white diamond						Notes:
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	GABBY'S CROSS (IRE) 28 b g Frammassone - Mille Et Une Nuits	11 10 - 12	James Bowen Nick Scholfield	125

<p>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)</p>					Notes:
8		00-0455	MINELLA MISSILE (IRE) 13 b g Beat Hollow - Ella Watson	8 10 - 8p	Isabel Williams Evan Williams
<p>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)</p>					Notes:
9		P314-31	PARTY VIBES (IRE) 49 b m Mahler - Flame Of Dixie	8 10 - 6	Sam Twiston-Davies H D Daly
<p>Jockey Colours: Gold, blue and gold quartered cap Expert View: Outpaced before rallying gamely when back to form landing a handicap by 1/2l off a 3lb higher mark at Cheltenham last time. Enjoys making it but stamina to prove back hurdling.★★★★☆ (Forecast 10/1)</p>					Notes:
10		36-23F7	SPIKE JONES 13 D b g Walk In The Park - Mathine	9 10 - 3tp	Benjamin Macey (5) S Drinkwater
<p>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)</p>					Notes:
11		211-355	SOLE SOLUTION (IRE) 9 C ch g Sans Frontieres - Bell Storm	8 10 - 2p1	Ned Fox (5) Miss V Williams
<p>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)</p>					Notes:
<p>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.</p>					
<p>1-2-3 Selections: 1: HENRI THE SECOND (4) 2: GABBY'S CROSS (7) 3: HARTINGTON (6)</p>					
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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						Notes:
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)						
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						Notes:
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)						
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						Notes:
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)						
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						Notes:
Expert View: Outpaced, returned to form back from lay off beaten 7 1/4l in a handicap chase here last time; trainer in form; acts on any; below last winning mark, could build on reappearance revival.★★★★★ (Forecast 14/1)						
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						Notes:
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)						
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						Notes:
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)						

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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