

(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
2		112-291	SINCHI ROCA (IRE) 16 D ch g Getaway - Quri	6 11 - 6	Charlie Deutsch S Hosie	-
3		U63-13U	THE CISTERCIAN (IRE) 20 D BF b g Yeats - Fair Evie	6 11 - 6	Charlie Hammond S Edmunds	121
4			GRAND TETON (IRE) b g Walk In The Park - Gift Of Freedom	5 11 - 0	James Bowen N J Henderson	-
5		6-6	IONIAN (IRE) 36 b g Blue Bresil - Tearsofclewby	5 11 - 0h1	N de Boinville N J Henderson	-
6		F2	WISPIT TWOB (IRE) 69 b f Blue Bresil - Echarpe Tricolore	4 10 - 2	Harry Atkins (7) M Keighley	-

ATR VERDICT: Ionian may fare better than he did at Kempton on Boxing Day now fitted with a first-time hood, but is possibly best watched for now and CRACKERJACQUE makes more sense. No match for No Drama This End in a Grade 2 here last time, Anthony Honeyball's charge should find this easier and he has Sam Twiston-Davies back in the saddle. The Cistercian and Sinchi Roca are also considered.

Top Tip: CRACKERJACQUE (1)
Watch out for: IONIAN (5)

(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
2		182-633	TENNESSEE TANGO (IRE) 35 b g Affinisea - Ten Dollar Kate	6 11 - 12t	DOUBTFUL J Tizzard	116
3		4473-1	CALME OLYMPIEN (FR) 107 D b g Magnetiçim - Timanfaya	7 11 - 10	James Bowen Tim Vaughan	114
4		42P-P18	ZAINY CHAMP (IRE) 36 b g Youmzain - County Champions	7 11 - 2t1	Lorcan Williams J Scott	106
5		3/534-35	HOT GODDESS (IRE) 23 b m Mahler - Hot Choice	6 11 - 1	Harry Atkins (7) M Keighley	105
6		9-P4111	BOLLIN THOU 12 D b g Bollin Eric - Labelthou	8 10 - 13p	H Cobden Nick Scholfield	103

ATR VERDICT: BOLLIN THOU won as odds suggested at Lingfield last time out and, although this is tougher, the progressive hurdler is taken to go in again on ground which clearly suits. Calme Olympien got off the mark at Ffos Las and has been freshened up, but the main danger is Precious Metal, who is a Listed bumper winner and makes his handicap bow off a possible workable rating.

Top Tip: BOLLIN THOU (6)
Watch out for: PRECIOUS METAL (1)

(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 Boulbee-Brooks	125
2		2F-6261	MON CHAMPION (FR) (EX7) 5 b g Bathyrhon - Promets Moi	6 11 - 5	DOUBTFUL P F Nicholls	120
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
4		2421-23	NORN IRON (IRE) 30 BF br g Soldier of Fortune - Coco Des Champs	8 11 - 11t	H Cobden Harry Derham	116
5		322-263	RISK DE PLUIE (FR) 22 b g No Risk At All - Manganie	7 11 - 0t	Sam Twiston-Davies Ben Clarke	115
6		66-1234	LYLIAN (FR) 65 ch g Tunis - Reine De Mai	5 10 - 11	Freddie Mitchell (3) G & J Moore	118
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

ATR VERDICT: Soldierofthestorm and Rip Wheeler must be considered closely here, the latter especially as he's won two of his last three starts and now tries first-time blinkers. Just a tentative vote is for NORN IRON, who stretches out in distance for this assignment and could improve significantly on what he's achieved in two starts over fences so far at Warwick and Windsor.

Top Tip: NORN IRON (4)
Watch out for: RIP WHEELER (7)



(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
2		FP14-44	GUNSIGHT RIDGE 49 CD b g Midnight Legend - Grandma Griffiths	11 11 - 11tp	G Sheehan O Murphy	142
3		608-529	MARTATOR (FR) 49 C b g Martaline - Tornada	9 11 - 9p	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	140
4		3P1-214	JAX JUNIOR 43 b g Jack Hobbs - Double Storm	7 11 - 8	Tom Cannon L Wadham	139
5		22-2212	ESCAPEANDEVADE (IRE) 14 b g Westerner - Sandrinechoix	10 11 - 2p	H Cobden Harry Derham	133
6		3413-U6	CLASSIC MAESTRO (IRE) 14 b g Jet Away - Shantelle Line	8 10 - 13p	Luke Scott (3) J Candlish	130
7		02-5552	KOTMASK (FR) 28 CD ch g Masked Marvel - Kotkiline	8 10 - 12b	Caoilin Quinn G & J Moore	129
8		3222-42	DENEMETHY (IRE) 22 D b g Flemensfirth - Ute Antique	8 10 - 6t	Jack Hogan F O'Brien	123
9		068763	DR T J ECKLEBURG (IRE) 13 b g Lawman - Imtidaad	8 10 - 3p	Conor Ring Evan Williams	120
10		11/16-83	RATH GAUL HILL (IRE) 33 b g Doyen - Toler Street	8 10 - 2tp	Sam Twiston-Davies S Drinkwater	119
11		34-2713	HYPOTENUS 14 BF ch g Lope De Vega - Mathematicienne	7 10 - 2	Taylor Fisher J Tickle	119

Long Handicap: Hypotenus 10 - 1

ATR VERDICT: Jax Junior has to be respected on his handicap debut following a wind operation since his last appearance. That said, a chance can be taken on GUNSIGHT RIDGE, who has not been at his best of late but that means that he arrives here on the same mark as when successful in this contest 12 months ago. The consistent Escapeandevade edges out Dr T J Eckleburg and Kotmask to be best of the rest.

Top Tip: GUNSIGHT RIDGE (2)
Watch out for: JAX JUNIOR (4)



(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
2		227-331	MIAMI MAGIC (IRE) 30 D ch g Leading Light - Rose De Beaufai	7 11 - 7	Charlie Hammond S Edmunds	142
3		11D9-11	SIXMILEBRIDGE (IRE) 50 C D b g Affinisea - Luck Or Logic	7 11 - 7t	Kielan Woods F O'Brien	149
4		2270-11	KALA CONTI (FR) 55 b m Karakter - Rolibie De Vindecy	6 11 - 0	James Bowen G Elliott	-

ATR VERDICT: KITZBUHEL created a very big impression when winning well in the Kauto Star at Kempton on Boxing Day and Willie Mullins' gelding is hard to oppose on the back of that performance. The main danger looks to be Kala Conti, who has won both of her starts over fences easily and receives a useful 7lb allowance. However, neither of Miami Magic or Sixmilebridge should be discounted but the latter is arguably the pick of that pair.

Top Tip: KITZBUHEL (1)
Watch out for: KALA CONTI (4)

(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
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
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
4		4120-32	HENRI THE SECOND (FR) 28 CD b g Saddler Maker - Rock Treasure	9 11 - 4	H Cobden P F Nicholls	131
5		4139-13	ROARING CONQUEST (IRE) 48 b g Doyen - Bealath Champ	7 11 - 3	G Sheehan O Murphy	130
6		122-120	HARTINGTON (IRE) 30 gr g Jukebox Jury - Duchess Dee	7 11 - 1	Jack Tudor J Tizzard	128
7		08/20-43	GABBYS CROSS (IRE) 28 b g Frammassone - Mille Et Une Nuits	11 10 - 12	James Bowen Nick Scholfield	125
8		00-0455	MINELLA MISSILE (IRE) 13 b g Beat Hollow - Ella Watson	8 10 - 8p	Isabel Williams Evan Williams	121
9		P314-31	PARTY VIBES (IRE) 49 b m Mahler - Flame Of Dixie	8 10 - 6	Sam Twiston-Davies H D Daly	119
10		36-23F7	SPIKE JONES 13 D b g Walk In The Park - Mathine	9 10 - 3tp	Benjamin Macey (5) S Drinkwater	116
11		211-355	SOLE SOLUTION (IRE) 9 C ch g Sans Frontieres - Bell Storm	8 10 - 2p1	Ned Fox (5) Miss V Williams	115

ATR VERDICT: After being outpaced before the last, Henri The Second did well to stay on strongly to just be touched off over 2m4f here last time and he will appreciate this step back up in trip. However, PARTY VIBES hit the line powerfully when victorious over an extended 2m4f at Cheltenham and could improve for this step up in distance. Provided Henry Daly's mare is as effective against the boys, she could prove hard to beat. Roaring Conquest completes the shortlist.

Top Tip: PARTY VIBES (9)
Watch out for: HENRI THE SECOND (4)

(R7) 15:42 SANDOWN, 3m 42y

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
2		P0/PP-PP	NASSALAM (FR) 76 D ch g Dream Well - Ramina	9 11 - 4b	Caoilin Quinn G & J Moore	145
3		P6-U159	PIC ROC (IRE) 42 D BF ch g Mount Nelson - South Africa	8 10 - 7p	Ben Jones B Pauling	134
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
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
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

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

ATR VERDICT: Despite failing to complete the four-timer, Mr Vango was far from disgraced when only beaten a short-head into second in the Becher at Aintree and his chance is there for all to see. However, FORTUNATE MAN was a convincing winner at the same venue on Boxing Day and could have a lot more in the locker. A 5lb rise might underestimate the manner of that success and he looks the one to beat. Pic Roc may also have a say.

Top Tip: FORTUNATE MAN (5)

Watch out for: MR VANGO (1)