



RUBY WALSH

RUBY'S CHELTENHAM TUESDAY FANCIES

1.30PM - SUPREME NOVICES HURDLE

I think the forgotten horse of the race is Gordon Elliott's **Felix Desjy**, he was very good at Punchestown on his last day out. He'll go a strong gallop and that will suit my ride Klassical Dream. It's very open, but **Aramon** has form at the highest level and could be value each-way in the opening race of Cheltenham 2019.

2.10PM - ARKLE CHASE

Duc Des Genievres ran well at Gowran Park for Willie Mullins on his last day out over two and half miles. He has to improve on that to win the Arkle Chase here though. It's a wide-open race, but **Duc Des Genievres** or the Gordon Elliot-trained **Hardline** are the two each-way bets for me.

2.50PM - FESTIVAL HANDICAP CHASE

A 24-runner handicap at Cheltenham is always a tough one to pick the winner of, but **Up For Review** is in good form. He'll appreciate any rain that falls overnight and he should have improved from his run in the Thyestes at Gowran Park. That should put him right in contention here and he is a very good each-way chance.

3.30PM - CHAMPION HURDLE

The more rain that falls, the better chance **Laurina** has in the Champion Hurdle. She's in great form and she's travelled well. Form wise, she has a lot to improve on to win this race. I saw Apples Jade on Monday morning, she looks great and Buveur D'air is a dual champion who deserves more credit than he gets. I'm hoping Laurina steps up though.

4.10PM - MARES' HURDLE

You don't need to be a Tom Segal to see that **Benie Des Dieux** is my best chance of the week at Cheltenham. I rode her this morning and she's in great form. Any rain will only help her and I reckon she'll take a lot of beating. She looks great, she's schooled really well and if she reproduces last year's form, she'll win.

4.50PM - NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE

I fancy **Plus Tard** in this one. He beat Duc De Genievres in a novice chase and many are giving her a chance in the Arkle. He is only a five-year-old and he definitely likes going left-handed. I believe he's the best of the Irish in this one.

5.30PM - NATIONAL HUNT CHASE

I'd be disappointed if **Ballyward** can't uphold his form in seeing off Discorama. He's in good order, he's a good jumper who maybe lacks a bit of experience. But, I reckon it will be a shootout between Patrick Mullins and Derek O'Connor and I know who's team I'm on.