

# RUBY'S CHELTENHAM CHEAT SHEET

DAY 1 - TUESDAY MARCH 11TH

## 1.20PM SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE

**KOPEK DES BORDES** has been doing everything really well at home since winning at the Dublin Racing Festival. I thought there'd be more runners in the Festival opener, but with Workahead and Romeo Coolio in here, there should be a strong pace from the start. It's hard to get away from Kopek des Bordes as the likely winner.

## 2.00PM ARKLE CHASE

**MAJBOROUGH** should win, and I won't oppose him. However, if you wanted one to chase him home then Touch Me Not could be one for the forecast or the 'betting without' market.

## 2.40PM ULTIMA HANDICAP CHASE

I liked Broadway Boy but his last run disappointed me. **WHISTLE STOP TOUR** will be better suited by the step up in trip to 3m 1f so I'll side with him.

## 3.20PM MARES HURDLE

The hope was that **LOSSIEMOUTH** would turn into a Champion Hurdle horse, but she hasn't really proven it, so this looked the obvious option. I think she'll win but it looks a stronger race than last year. Kala Conti shouldn't be discounted.

## 4.00PM CHAMPION HURDLE

State Man worked really well in cheekpieces this week, so they stay on. He'll have to put in a career-best run to beat Constitution Hill, and I'm not sure State Man is as good as he was. I've been with **BRIGHTERDAYSAHEAD** for a while and won't be abandoning her now.

## 4.40PM JUVENILE HANDICAP HURDLE

Paul Townend rides Sonny Bill, and he has a chance. Neither of Willie's horses looks particularly well handicapped, but the drying ground will help Murcia. I fancy **BEYOND YOUR DREAMS**, who has the cheekpieces on, and that will sharpen up her jumping. That has been her Achilles heel so far. She has a great chance.

## 5.20PM NATIONAL HUNT CHASE

A couple of the Irish challengers, like Captain Cody and Now Is The Hour, have their chance, but I like the English challenger, **RESPLENDENT GREY**, for Sean Bowen and trainer Olly Murphy. He appears to be dropping in grade, will stay the 3m 5f trip well and looks a player.



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