



RUBY WALSH

RUBY'S CHELTENHAM FRIDAY FANCIES

1.30PM - TRIUMPH HURDLE

Sir Erec has been touted as the Irish banker and he was very impressive winner at the Dublin Racing Festival. **Tiger Tap Tap** was only beaten a neck by him in a maiden hurdle at Christmas but was well behind him the last time. We've done a lot more work with TigerTap Tap so hopefully he can get a lot closer this time.

2.10PM - COUNTY HURDLE

Whiskey Sour finished third here last year and is only 1lb higher in the weights. He could be interesting for us. He'll appreciate any rain that falls overnight. But it's a competitive race and he'll need a bit of luck. He's unexposed and he's in good order.

2.50PM - ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE

The one big stat that stands out in this race is that horses need at least three runs over hurdles to triumph. Our **Allaho** just meets that criteria and looks to be improving after his win at Clonmel, but you might want something more battle-hardened. I like him but if he doesn't win here, he has a bright future.

3.30PM - CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

We've four runners in **Bellshill**, **Kemboy Al Boum Photo** and **Invitation Only**. It's easy to make a case for each one but it's also easy to pick holes in their form also. I'm on Bellshill and I hope I've picked the right one. Presenting Percy has only had one run over hurdles this season – and that's not a textbook preparation for a Gold Cup. That could make him vulnerable. **Clan Des Obeaux** has been the massive improver all season.

4.10PM - FOXHUNTERS CHASE

Ucello Conti looks the one they must beat in what's known as the amateurs' Gold Cup. But I hope I'm sitting at the press conference after winning the Gold Cup while this is taking place.

4.50PM - GRAND ANNUAL

This is a very open race and I don't have any particular fancy in it.

5.30PM - MARTIN PIPE CONDITIONAL HANDICAP HURDLE

Acapella Bourgeois seemed to have settled down and he's in good order. But I really fancy **Getareason**. I think he has a massive chance. It's the right race for him and Liam Gilligan is a good rider. The horse is the right age and he might be our biggest handicap chance of the week.