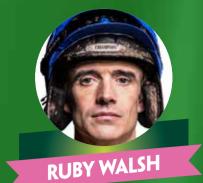
ST PATRICK'S THURSDAY AT CHELTENHAM PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY











FRANK HICKEY PADDY POWE

1:30_{PM} MARSH CHASE

- RW It would be a real fairytale if Faugheen wins.
- Itchy Feet is a Grade 1 winner and a would be a worthy winner of this contest.
- Faugheen is my favourite horse in training and I will not be deserting him.
- He's had his critics but **Samcro** has had a wind op and it would be no surprise if he bounced back.
- The safer bet might be **Mister Fisher** each/way.

2:50PM RYANAIR CHASE

- Frodon may struggle so it could be a match between **Min** and **A Plus Tard**. I hope it's Min but the stiffer track may suit A Plus Tard better.
- Min and Frodon are big players but I'm with **A Plus Tard** all the way.
- I see no reason why the 2019 hero **Frodon** won't go really well again.
- I'd been keen to get away from A Plus Tard. **Riders Onthe Storm** is a fair price.
- PP I'd just prefer **Min**, and I think it's between him and A Plus Tard.

4:10pm BROWN ADVISORY & MERRIEBELLE PLATE

- **Two Taffs** was a good second in Warwick and Cheltenham should suit.
- La Bague Au Roi is a Grade One winner running in a handicap.
- MC Expect a big effort from Simply the Betts.
- Simply the Betts beat Tuesday's winner Imperial Aura last time at this track and still looks to be ahead of the handicapper.
- Siruh Du Lac won at the Festival last year so I'll be cheering on Lizzie Kelly again this time.

5:30PM KIM MUII

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- Jamie Codd and **Le Breuil** won the National Hunt Chase last year and can go well again in this amateur riders race.
- Champagne Platinum gets the nod with Derek O'Connor booked.
- Le Breuil has a good Cheltenham record and has every chance for Ben Pauling and Jamie Codd.
- A competitive race where **Deise Aba** and **Cloth Cap** have each way claims.
- l always go with the jockey in these races. Derek O'Connor is the best around so its **Champagne Platinum** for me.

2:10PM PERTEMPS FINAL

- The Storyteller looks a sound bet but Relegate could run a big race.
- **Welsh Saint** won at Haydock, handles soft ground and is a real player at a price.
- Kilbricken Storm might surprise a few people in a race where there's plenty of extra places on offer.
- Former Champion Bumper winner **Relegate** jumped a lot better on her reappearance at Punchestown and could be well treated in this.
- I always take note when Grade One winners drop to handicap company so I'm all over **Relegate**.

3:30pm

PADDY POWER STAYERS' HURDLE

- I think **Paisley Park** will win. I'd put him in the same bracket as Big Bucks. No one knew how good he was. I'd say Paisley Park is the same. Willie Mullins has gotten four runs into Penhill this season. He could chase Paisley Park home.
- Paisley Park to win but City Island can run into the places.
- Paisley Park is the outstanding Paddy Power Stayers' Hurdle contender and it will be some shock if he is beaten.
- Paisley Park to win but maybe Ronald Pump could be the value in the 'without Paisley Park' market.
- I know it's a bit boring, but I think **Paisley Park** will take home the bacon.

4.50pm

MARES NOVICES HURDLE

- **Colreevy** looks a good each-way play against Minella Melody who has to carry a penalty.
- MF Minella Melody and Floressa are my two against the field.
- **Dolcita** each-way looks the play even though the Willie Mullins stable rider is on Colreevy.
- **FHI Dolcita** has shown a bit of promise and could hit the places.







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