

## PUNDITS' PICKS OF THE DAY



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TIMEFORM



PADDY POWER

12.30pm

### GRADE 2 TRIUMPH HURDLE TRIAL 2M

- FH** **HELL RED** made a big impression on his stable debut & he can take this step up in grade in his stride.
- MC** **HELL RED** was very impressive at Chepstow and will be hard to stop in a wide-open race..
- MF** I have been really impressed with **DUFFLE COAT**. He's not very big but is tough.
- TF** **HELL RED** made light work of landing a juvenile at Chepstow on his first start in this country and can take advantage of the 5lbs he gets off Duffle Coat.
- PP** **HELL RED** looked pretty good to me when hacking up at Chepstow and trainer Paul Nicholls is flying.

1.40pm

### GRADE 2 FTMH NOVICES CHASE 2M

- FH** I really liked **ELDORADO ALLENS** debut chase win and while he needs to improve to win - he can.
- MC** The most talented is **FUSIL RAFFLES** and his experience in winning two chases will help.
- MF** **QUEL DESTIN** could be the value play against Fusil Raffles especially on softer ground.
- TF** **FUSIL RAFFLES** won an uncompetitive race last month over C&D in an excellent time that adds substance to the form.
- PP** Fusil Raffles will be hard to beat but Henry De Bromhead won this contest last year with subsequent Arkle winner Put The Kettle On and saddles **ZARKAREVA**.

2.50pm

### PADDY POWER GAMES H'CAP H'DLE 3M

- FH** **DANDY DAN** looks to be on a fair mark returning to hurdles with the Kim Bailey yard in great nick.
- MC** **TOBEFAIR** was third in this contest last year off a mark of 154 and is 3lb lower this time. Each-way player.
- MF** **TEA CLIPPER** was impressive when winning at Chepstow and can go close again.
- TF** There should be more to come from **TEA CLIPPER** now stepping up to 3m and he can defy the handicapper again and make it five wins from only six starts.
- PP** **MRS MILNER** is a Galway festival winner and this stamina test is sure to suit. Paul Nolan's raiders are always worth keeping inside.

1.05pm

### HANDICAP CHASE 3M 1F

- FH** **KILFILUM CROSS** finished second in the past two runnings of the Kim Muir and a spin at Fakenham should leave him spot on for this.
- MC** **PETITE POWER** is an out-and-out stayer and might plod into a place. He needed the run on his comeback.
- MF** **OCEAN COVER** has form on soft and there is plenty of rain forecast. Good each-way chance.
- TF** **KILFILUM CROSS** ran a cracker when runner-up in last year's Kim Muir here and should be spot on after his recent reappearance.
- PP** Richard Patrick rides **STORM CONTROL**. He's as good an amateur as you'll get around here

2.15pm

### PADDY POWER GOLD CUP 2M 4F

- FH** **SKY PIRATE** has a lovely low weight and could give Jonjo O'Neill a third win in eight years in this contest.
- MC** **SLATE HOUSE** is the one for me each-way. A strong traveller who was unfortunate to fall in this last year.
- MF** The Paddy Power Gold Cup is a great race and **SIMPLY THE BETTS** is the one I'm siding with.
- TF** **SIMPLY THE BETTS** looks the type that will progress out of handicaps this season and can remain unbeaten over the Cheltenham fences.
- PP** **AL DANCER** has good track form and was a convincing winner last time, he also tends to do his winning at this time of year. Stable just hitting form too.

3.25pm

### PADDY POWER MILLIONAIRE Q'FIER 2M 5F

- FH** **SON OF CAMAS** looks nicely handicapped off 133 and a wind operation can help him return to winning ways.
- MC** **CAPTAIN TOM CAT** destroyed his field at this track last time. He's up 6lb but if in the same sort of form he's going to be hard to stop again.
- MF** Nicky Henderson's **SON OF CAMAS** can make light of his handicap mark in Paddy's first 'Millionaire' qualifier.
- TF** **TOPOFTHECOTSWOLDS** ran a fine race in a decent C&D novice hurdle last month and seems sure to give it another good go on this switch to handicaps.
- PP** This is the the first of our 'Millionaire' qualifier races and Nicky Henderson's **SON OF CAMAS** looks like a handicap snip on his best form.

3.55pm

### MARES' NH FLAT RACE 2M

- FH** Anthony Honeyball's yard is banging in the winners and **UCANAVER** can add another winner for him.
- MC** A lot of guesswork here but **ELLE EST BELLE** has already looked very good for Dan and Harry Skelton when oozing class although this is tougher.
- MF** Dan Skelton's **ELLE EST BELLE** sets the standard but Allavina looks the each-way play.
- TF** **ELLE EST BELLE** is just about the most persuasive option as she beat 4 last-time-out winners when sweeping from last to first at Aintree 3 weeks ago.
- PP** **UCANAVER** won his last bumper by 20 lengths and the second was 18 lengths clear of the third - that's quite far! Oh, and the Honeyball stable is in form too.



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