

# PUNCHESTOWN



DAY 1 TUESDAY APRIL 27TH

3.40PM

## NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE 2M

I like **Scholastic** for Joseph O'Brien. She was third behind Jeff Kidder at Fairyhouse and second to Her Indoors at Cheltenham earlier this month. Is going the right way.

4.15PM

## GRADE 1 CHAMPION NOVICES' HURDLE 2M

I'm a bit surprised that Paul Townend went for Blue Lord over stablemate **Echoes In Rain** who is improving rapidly. Blue Lord fell at the last in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle but I'd favour Echoes in Rain to be honest.

4.50PM

## KILLASHEE HOTEL H'CAP HURDLE 2M

**Magic Tricks** was unlucky at Fairyhouse earlier this month. He made a mistake at the last and he just lost too much ground. He looks too hard to beat for me.

5.25PM

## GRADE 1 CHAMPION CHASE 2M

Paul Townend's conviction and belief in **Chacun Pour Soi** has definitely persuaded me that he can beat Allaho over this 2m speed trip. Chacun Pour Soi was a little disappointing at Cheltenham but can bounce back to his best.

5.55PM

## GOFFS LAND ROVER BUMPER 2M

**Hemlock** has to improve from his fifth-placed run at Clonmel but at least he's had that run and Patrick Mullins rides. Not a race I'd get too involved in.

6.30PM

## GRADE 1 CHAMPION NOVICE S'CHASE

**Monkfish** is an assured stayer and he's won over three miles a couple of times. **Envoi Allen** would look to be faster. Monkfish should win a stamina test but Envoi Allen could kick away off a slower pace. One for the purists.

7.00PM

## KHC LADIES CUP CHASE 3M 1F

**Youcannotbeserious** was second when this race was last run 24 months ago and looks to have been aimed at this contest again. He has enough form to win it.

7.35PM

## IRISH FIELD NH FLAT RACE 2M

**Hara Kiri** is a very fast horse but the heavy ground at Gowran Park was against him when third on debut. He should improve for that run now.

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