

# PUNCHESTOWN



DAY 2

WEDNESDAY APRIL 28TH

3.40PM

## HANDICAP HURDLE 2M 4F

This is a really tricky handicap hurdle where the Philip Fenton-trained **Stand Off** looks set to run a big race. He only won by half a length at Fairyhouse but looked value for it.

4.15PM

## EBF AUCTION HURDLE SERIES FINAL 2M 4F

Trainer Peter Fahey has a couple of runners and **Born Patriot** is my pick of them. He was a winner of a maiden hurdle at a big price (80/1) at this venue in November and has run creditably since at Thurles, Musselburgh and Navan.

4.50PM

## LOUIS FITZGERALD HOTEL HURDLE 2M 4F

The ratings say that **Blue Sari** could be the one to beat but I haven't given up on **Fighter Allen** yet. I'm hoping the better ground will bring about some more improvement.

5.20PM

## GRADE 1 NOVICE HURDLE 3M

Vanillier was very good when winning at Cheltenham but may have gotten a soft lead up front. **Galopin Des Champs** was just as good when beating Imperial Cup winner Langer Dan in the Martin Pipe Handicap Hurdle.

5.55PM

## GRADE 1 PUNCHESTOWN GOLD CUP 3M

**Kemboy** didn't have that hard a race at Cheltenham where the Gold Cup often leaves a mark on horses. He's suited to this flatter track and is a previous winner of this race.

6.30PM

## GRADE 1 NH FLAT RACE

A Grade 1 bumper for amateur riders only where Patrick Mullins had a choice to make and he's chosen Cheltenham bumper winner **Sir Gerhard** to beat Kilcruit again. I think he's made the right choice.

7.00PM

## GUINNESS H'CAP CHASE 2M 4F

The one that catches my eye is the bottom weight **Tiger Voice**. He was travelling very well at Limerick, where he looked a winner all the way down the hill but just got tired at the second-last fence.

7.35PM

## GRADE 3 EBF MARES FLAT RACE 2M

**Grangee** ran a blinder when sixth to Sir Gerhard and Kilcruit in the Cheltenham bumper. She'll be hard to beat and is my best bet of the day.

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