

RUBY'S PICKS

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TUESDAY MARCH 15TH

1.30PM SUPREME NOVICES HURDLE

I'm with **JONBON**. I'm not a huge believer in pedigree as the sole way to find a winner, but dry ground and being by the sire Walk In The Park sways me in his favour.

2.10PM ARKLE NOVICES CHASE

I'm going to take on the top three in the betting and side with **SAINT SAM**. Two mistakes cost him at Leopardstown. He's brave and jumps low and accurate. I'm willing to chance him each-way.

2.50PM ULTIMA HANDICAP CHASE

Ben Dundee was second in the Paddy Power at Leopardstown over Christmas to School Boy Hours. Enjoy D'allen was third, Braeside was fourth and Death Duty was fifth. They've franked that form so **BEN DUNDEE** is my each-way play.

3.30PM CHAMPION HURDLE

The only danger to Honeysuckle is Appreciate It. He was a brilliant novice last year, is in good form and travelled over nicely. Even though I'm in the Mullins camp, if offered a ride on either, I'd pick Honeysuckle - but at the prices **APPRECIATE IT** is the value.

4.10PM MARES' HURDLE

STORMY IRELAND'S form has been solid all year and the ground will suit her too. She'll want a good gallop and has a decent chance at an each-way price.

4.50PM BOODLES JUVENILE HANDICAP HURDLE

Gaelic Warrior is a lovely horse and a strong stayer. We're hoping the race will suit him but he takes up too much of the market. With Paddy Power paying six places, it makes sense to back any of **BELL EX ONE**, **EBASARI** and **BRITZKA** in each-way punts.

5.30PM UKRAINE APPEAL NH CHASE

Stattler is a good horse and a solid jumper but I'm not sure about him over 3m6f. **VANILLIER** beat him well last year at the Festival and may have been unsuited by a speed track like Punchestown last time when second to Stattler. He can get his revenge now.



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