

RUBY'S PICKS

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TUESDAY APRIL 26TH

3.40PM MARES NOVICE HURDLE

Dinoblue and Grangee ran their hearts out at Fairyhouse, and it could take the edge off them. I'll side with **PARTY CENTRAL** for Gordon Elliott. She raced a bit keen at Cheltenham but faded. Davy Russell is back on board.

4.15PM CHAMPION NOVICE HURDLE

I'm a **SIR GERHARD** fan and I'm not jumping ship now. He did really well to win at Cheltenham over 2m 5f. Dropping back to 2m won't inconvenience him. Dysart Dynamo fell at Cheltenham, but I'm sticking with Sir Gerhard.

4.50PM HANDICAP HURDLE

Glan won well at Fairyhouse and only got a 7lb hike which isn't too bad. **HURRICANE CLIFF** chased home Brides Hill at Leopardstown in December and raced really well. Aidan Coleman is on board and the price is solid.

5.25PM CHAMPION STEEPLECHASE

Chacun Pour Soi has been good here before and was running well at Cheltenham before unseating Patrick Mullins. **ENERGUMENE'S** superior stamina will be the key in this race as Chacun Pour Soi won't be able to match it.

6.00PM BUMPER

Willie Mullins' bumper horses are going well at home and he has three entered. So many of these haven't run but Liz Doyle's **IRISH ENVOY** won at Naas last time out and hasn't got a penalty.

6.35PM CHAMPION NOVICE STEEPLECHASE

I've doubts over Bob Olinger after his Cheltenham performance as well as the injury concerns. He's a great horse but he's a short price. **FURY ROAD** ran a cracking race at Aintree earlier this month so he's my pick.

7.10PM CROSS COUNTRY STEEPLECHASE

Willie Mullins' Good Bye Sam won at Tramore earlier this month, but he wasn't convincing. I find it hard to go against **DE NORDENER** for trainer Enda Bolger. The stable has won this race a few times.

7.45PM THE PUNCESTOWN FLAT RACE

Patrick Mullins rides Lisnagar Fortune instead of **VADSA QUEEN**, as he'd struggle to do the lighter weight. If I had to pick between the pair, I'd probably side with Vadsa Queen. It's a tentative pick though.



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