

# RUBY'S PICKS

## DAY 2

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### 4.15PM 2M4F AUCTION HURDLE SERIES

Willie Mullins' Glengouly has won his last two races beating the same horse, Sam's Choice, both times. The step up to 2m 4f should suit. However, **FREEDOM TO DREAM** was fourth in the Martin Pipe at Cheltenham and seems the most likely winner.

#### 4.45PM 2M4F LOUIS FITZGERALD HOTEL

Largy Debut looked to have the world at his feet when beating Kilcruit at Cork, but it hasn't worked out that way. Willie Mullins has three declared to run but the one that stands out to me is Nicky Henderson's UK challenger **FILS D'OUDAIRIES** on his Ascot ad Aintree form.

#### 5.20PM GRADE 1 3M IRISH MIRROR NOVICE

A really good Grade 1 where **THE NICE GUY** takes an unbeaten record into the race after his Cheltenham win in the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle. He may have improved again and can uphold the form with Minella Cocooner and Bardenstown Lad.

#### 5.55PM GRADE 1 3M PUNCHESTOWN GOLD CUP

Allaho steps up to three miles again having had five runs over this trip and winning just once at Clonmel over hurdles. He's a more relaxed horse now and I think he'll stay. It's sure to be a strongly run race with him in it. Clan Des Obeaux will push him all the way, but **ALLAHO** could be too strong for them all if he stays the trip.

#### 6.30PM GRADE 1 2M½F CHAMPION FLAT RACE

The Champion Bumper winner **FACILE VEGA** could improve for the better ground at Punchestown as he had to do it the hard way at Cheltenham. He can maintain his unbeaten record.

#### 7.05PM 2M5F HANDICAP CHASE

Four runners for Willie Mullins and **CIEL DE NEIGE** could be the best of them under Mark Walsh. He's very consistent, a course winner and the step up in trip to 2m 5f should really suit him.

#### 7.45PM GRADE 3 2M½F IRISH EBF MARES FLAT

Willie Mullins has another four runners in this graded mares' bumper, but he may have to settle for the places behind Peter Fahey's **BATTLING BESSIE** who has some decent back form.



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