

RUBY'S PICKS

DAY 3

SATURDAY APRIL 9TH

1.45PM HANDICAP HURDLE GRADE 3

ILIKEDWAYURTHINKIN ran in the Martin Pipe at Cheltenham but things didn't go his way and he ended up sixth. The 3m will suit him and Mark Walsh is back on board.

2.25PM NOVICES' HURDLE GRADE 1

MIGHT I is fresh and stepping up in trip will suit. He's come up against the likes of Constitution Hill and Jonbon recently but he can bounce back.

3.00PM NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE GRADE 1

It's **EDWARDSTONE'S** to lose. Arkle horses have a decent record in this race and I'm happy to side with the Alan King runner.

3.35PM THE LIVERPOOL HURDLE GRADE 1

I don't see Thyme Hill reversing the Cheltenham form on **FLOORING PORTER**. He won easily and can complete the Cheltenham and Aintree double.

4.15PM HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (LISTED)

I'm going for the top weight in **ESPOIR DE ROMAY** for Kim Bailey and David Bass. He's a good each-way price and handles the track well.

5.15PM GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLE CHASE

ANY SECOND NOW is my main pick for the big one. He was unlucky last year but did well to finish third. Longhouse Poet, Delta Work and Fiddlerontheroof have claims too.

6.20PM NATIONAL HUNT FLAT GRADE 3

HOULANBATORDECHAIS is wearing a hood and hopefully Paul Townend will be able to get a hold of him. He's improved since running at Cheltenham.



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