

RUBY'S PICKS

DAY 3

THURSDAY APRIL 28TH

3.40PM 2M HANDICAP HURDLE

A very tough opener. Plenty in with chances but I've nailed it down to **CAFE CON LECHE** just ahead of Mark Walsh's choice of JP McManus' runners Golf Marin.

4.15PM 2M HANDICAP CHASE

MAGIC DAZE should lead and could dominate this field from the front under Robbie Power.

4.50PM 4M2F LA TOUCHE CROSS COUNTRY

SHADY OPERATOR is probably the form pick on his February run here before disappointing at Cheltenham. It would be some story if the 15-year-old Ballyboker Bridge could win it after being second last year. Christian Williams Potters Corner is a very interesting runner from the UK.

5.25PM GRADE 1 3M LADBROKES CHAMPION STAYERS HURDLE

KLASSICAL DREAM seems in great form but didn't get home strongly from the last hurdle at Cheltenham. The key to this race is pace. Klassical Dream won this race last year and may prove too fast for this field again.

5.55PM 3M HANDICAP HURDLE

MACS CHARM has been placed really well to win his last three races. He's risen 33lb in the ratings, but he looks a real improver and can defy a penalty trying three miles for the first time.

6.30PM GRADE 1 2M NOVICE CHASE

GENTLEMAN DE MEE won well at Aintree beating Edwardstone and he should be able to dictate the pace from the front again. That will help his cause a lot as some of the others are dropping back from 2m 4f and Gentleman de Mee should have too much speed for them.

7.10PM 2M5F IRISH EBF MARES HANDICAP CHASE

MINX TIARA beat Dinny Lacey in a handicap chase last time at Limerick and has been running very well over hurdles in better company than this. The hike in the ratings shouldn't prove a barrier as this looks a weaker chase than some of the hurdle races she's been contesting.

7.45PM 2M C&G FLAT RACE

A winner's bumper where **JAMES'S GATE** manages to dodge Facile Vega and American Mike after finishing third to them at Cheltenham. This is a great chance for him to end his season on a high, but the price will reflect his Cheltenham performance. He has the makings of a really good novice hurdler next season.



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