

RUBY'S PICKS

DAY 4

FRIDAY APRIL 29TH

3.40PM 2M 5F STEEPCHASE FOR BISHOPSCOURT CUP

Tricky Hunters Chase and it may be worth taking a chance on **BOSTON SPRAY** even though his current form doesn't read too well. He was relatively well regarded with Joseph O'Brien a couple of season ago though and was rated 116 at the time.

4.15PM 2M 5F NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE

Willie Mullins saddles five runners and traditionally it favours runners at the top of the weights as it's also a good trial for the Galway Plate in the summer. Paul Townend rides **FIGHTER ALLEN** and he has some good back-form with Cheltenham winners Stattler and Galopin Des Champs. French Dynamite has good form with Ciel De Nieve. He could be the one to upset the Mullins' assault.

4.50PM 2M 5F GRADE 2 MARES CHASE

ELIMAY is tiny but she's as brave as a lion. She just got the better of Scarlet and Dove at Cheltenham and in this smaller field she can confirm that form.

5.25PM 2M GRADE 1 PADDY POWER CHAMPION HURDLE

It's very hard to see any other result than **HONEYSUCKLE** winning. She's scared off the opposition and is looking for her 16th consecutive win. Everyone will want to see her win again even though she'll be no price. Maybe Darasso can chase her home in the 'betting without' market.

6.00PM 2M 3F G1 CHAMPION NOVICE HURDLE

Three Stripe Life has had a very busy season and will need another big effort to contain Cheltenham County Hurdle winner, **STATE MAN**. I can't oppose State Man and I'm optimistic that he can make the step-up from handicaps to Grade 1 company over this 2m 3f trip.

6.35PM 3M CHAMPION HUNTERS CHASE

BILLAWAY got up in the shadow of the post to win at Cheltenham this year having failed to win there and at Punchestown last season. The lack of English challengers may make it easier for him this time.

7.10PM 2M NOVICE HURDLE

EL FABILOLO was a little unlucky at Aintree when just chinned by Jonbon and looks very hard to oppose now. Bring on the Night should improve but El Fabiolo can be the final leg of a short-price Willie Mullins treble with Elimay and Billaway earlier on.

7.45PM 2M 2F FLAT RACE

Patrick Mullins has picked **DON CHALANT** on form, but I'm not so sure it was as straightforward as he thought it would be. O'Moore Park has improved at home since finishing second at Thurles.



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