

RUBY'S PICKS

DAY 1

THURSDAY APRIL 7TH

1.45PM NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE GRADE 1 (2M 4F)

The step up in trip is going to suit **WAR LORD**. He was in the box seat but didn't have the gears when they quickened into the third last in the Arkle at Cheltenham but this trip may suit him better.

2.20PM JUVENILE HURDLE GRADE 1 (2M 1F)

I just favour **BRAZIL** over Pied Piper. He gave Gaelic Warrior 8lb at Cheltenham and did exceptionally well to win the Juvenile Hurdle. He's improving.

2.55PM STEEPLE CHASE GRADE 1 (3M 1F)

Neither Clan Des Obeaux nor Kemboy are getting any younger and any rain will help Royal Pagaille massively. Protektorat ran really well in the Gold Cup but had a hard race so I'll side with **CONFLATED** who would have beaten Eldorado Allen except he fell.

3.30PM AINTREE HURDLE GRADE 1 (2M 4F)

EPATANTE would have been a good bit further in front of Zanahiyr in the Champion Hurdle except for a bad mistake. Needs to be prove she stays 2m 4f but may just be too good for them.

4.05PM STEEPLE CHASE (2M 5F)

Dropping back in trip will suit **JETT** who ran a great race in last year's Grand National. He was beaten last time over 3m 2f but this 2m 5f trip should be more to his liking.

4.40PM HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE GRADE 3 (2M)

Henry de Bromhead's **DANCING ON MY OWN** was disappointed behind Global Citizen in the Grand Annual but could be interesting at a big price in a race the trainer has had success in before.

5.15PM STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT GRADE 2 (2M)

Patrick Mullins is going to make the weight of 11 stone to ride **ASHROE DIAMOND** and that's a good sign to me.



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