

RUBY'S AINTREE PICKS

DAY 3

SATURDAY APRIL 15TH

1.45PM MAGHULL NOVICES' CHASE (2M)

This is **JONBON'S** to win. He needs to jump better than he did at Cheltenham but, barring accident, he should win.

2.25PM VILLAGE HOTELS HURDLE (3M)

I'm going for **GATSBY GREY** each-way. I thought he ran a really good race in the 3m handicap hurdle at Leopardstown.

3.00PM MERSEY NOVICES' HURDLE (2M 4F)

The horse I am drawn to is **IRISH POINT**. Was disappointing at the Dublin Racing Festival, skipped Cheltenham, but comes here a fresher horse than the opposition.

3.35PM LIVERPOOL HURDLE (3M)

I think this will be a strongly-run race that will suit a dour stayer and **HOME BY THE LEE** might get his turn.

4.15PM FREEBOOTER HANDICAP CHASE (3M 1F)

The trip and track will suit **COCONUT SPLASH** for Adam Wedge and Evan Williams. I think he'll be a big enough price for an each-way shout here.

5.15PM THE GRAND NATIONAL (4M 2F)

I could rule out probably 25 horses, leaving 15, but I've found it hard to have a main pick to be honest, so I'll side with **ANY SECOND NOW**, **LE MILOS** and **VELVET ELVIS** as my each-way selections.

6.20PM WEATHERBYS NHF (2M 1F)

Blizzard Of Oz and Captain Cody are both decent horses and will pay their way over hurdles next year. **CAPTAIN CODY** gets the nod here.



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