

# FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER **CHEPSTOW**



# Coral 'Fail To Finish' Free Bets Maiden Hurdle (4)

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Timeform Rating of previous winners: 144 - 156 - 143 (Avg 148) **Top Rated & Flags** 

Philip Hobbs 📜 **146** 8. **GOSHEVEN** Richard Johnson 144 9. HARRY SENIOR Colin Tizzard Robbie Power

136 5. EQUUS DANCER Peter Bowen

Betting Forecast: 3 Harry Senior, 5.5 Gosheven, 8.5 Cap du Mathan, 10 Global Fame, 15 Equus Dancer, 17 Craic Magic, 26 Slipway, 29 Cook The Books, 29 Fishermans Yarn, 34 Orsino, 50 Jacke Is Back, 51 Captain Aulmes, 67 Mr Woolley, 67 My Lady Grey, 101 Lermoos Legend, 201 Witchdoctor

Analyst's Verdict: Harry Senior boasts some very strong form, and with this step up in trip sure to suit, he's a confident selection to open his account. Gosheven is an interesting runner back from an absence, while Cap du Mathan and Southwell bumper-winner Global Fame are others to consider.

Analyst's Verdict: Whatswrongwithyou

shaped much better than being pulled

up suggests on his return at Newbury in

November, a mistake 3 out holding him

back. However, he's well worth another

chance on balance and gets the nod to

come out on top. Eceparti boasts a 100%

record over fences and is feared despite a

# "The Smart Money's On Coral" Handicap Chase (2)

# 2m3f98y

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154p 6. ECEPARTI

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171 1. ELEGANT ESCAPE

156p 1. ALLMANKIND

155 2. WHATSWRONGWITHYOU

Nicky Henderson

Jeremiah McGrath

Venetia Williams

Hugh Nugent (5)

**151+** 7. **TIQUER** Alan Jones Paddy Brennan

Joe Colliver

Robbie Power

Betting Forecast: 2.88 Eceparti, 5 Whatswrongwithyou, 7 Springtown Lake, 7.5 One For Billy, 11 Kayf Adventure, 12 Lord Bryan, 15 Tiquer

hike in the weights, ahead of Springtown Lake.

# 2m11y

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Timeform Rating of previous winners: 162 151 168 - 157 (Avg 160) Dan Skelton Harry Skelton

**151** 3. **CERBERUS** Joseph Patrick O'Brien Robbie Power 149p 8. TAVUS

Coral Finale Juvenile Hurdle (Grade 1) (1)

Betting Forecast: 2.1 Allmankind, 4.33 Cerberus, 8 Tavus, 13 Elysian Flame, 26 Maskada, 29 Nordano, 41 I Like Him, 51 Jean Genie, 101 Art of Diplomacy

# Analyst's Verdict: Allmankind coped really well with a deep surface at Cheltenham last time and is selected to make it 3-3 over hurdles. Irish-raider Cerberus was successful in a Grade 3 last time and should go well, while Tavus saw off subsequent Grade 2 scorer Navajo Pass when making a winning start to his hurdle career at Newcastle. Elysian Flame could leave his hurdle debut form behind and also merits respect.

#### 2.10 "The Smart Money's On Coral" Handicap Hurdle (2)

Jedd O'Keeffe

# 2m7f131y

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Anthony Honeyball Rex Dingle (3) **156** 5. **ACEY MILAN** 154 11. DRIFTWOOD HAZE Alexander Thorne (7) Phillip Dando

153 6. PERFECT MAN C Olly Murphy Richard Johnson

Betting Forecast: 5.5 Acey Milan, 7 Ask Dillon, 7.5 Perfect Man, 8.5 Eva's Oskar, 9.5 Clyne, 13 Driftwood Haze, 13 Hygrove Percy, 15 Sykes, 17 Souriyan, 21 Kris Spin, 41 Carnspindle Analyst's Verdict: Acey Milan ran a cracker in first-time cheekpieces in a good Haydock handicap last month and has a big shout down in grade if the headgear works as well again. Eva's Oskar should get back on the up and is a big player along with the returning Ask Dillon.

#### 2.50 Coral Welsh Grand National Handicap Chase (Grade 3) (1) 33/4m130y BET NOW >

# **Top Rated & Flags**

173 4. NOW MCGINTY Stuart Edmunds Tom O'Brien

Colin Tizzard

Adam Wedge 170 11. PRIME VENTURE Evan Williams

Betting Forecast: 5 Elegant Escape, 7.5 Now McGinty, 10 Truckers Lodge, 11 Potters Corner, 11 The Two Amigos, 13 Yala Enki, 17 Prime Venture, 21 West Approach,

26 Captain Chaos, 26 Pobbles Bay, 26 Pop Rockstar, 29 Virginia Chick, 41 Space Cadet,

51 Arthur's Gift, 51 Field Exhibition, 101 Looks Like Power, 101 Rathlin Rose

Analyst's Verdict: Elegant Escape is 9 lb higher than when taking this last year but he looked better than ever when placed in the Ladbrokes Trophy at Newbury last time and is unexposed at marathon trips. He can become the first horse to land back-toback renewals since Bonanza Boy 30 years ago, perhaps at the main expense of Now McGinty. Paul Nicholls pair Yala Enki and Truckers Lodge are also on the shortlist.

# Coral 'Fail To Finish' Free Bets Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (3) 2m7f131y

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#### **Top Rated & Flags**

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151p 1. CLONDAW ANCHOR Dan Skelton Harry Skelton

149p 2. DOMINATEUR Oliver Sherwood Gavin Sheehan 148§ 5. GOLDEN SUNRISE Robbie Power Colin Tizzard

Betting Forecast: 3.75 Clondaw Anchor, 4.5 Dominateur, 5.5 Another Emotion, 6.5 Samburu Shujaa, 8 Golden Sunrise, 11 Ocean Cove

Analyst's Verdict: There should be more to come from **Clondaw Anchor** and Dominateur, both of whom impressed when opening their chase accounts last time. The latter landed a decent C&D contest and isn't passed over lightly, but Clondaw Anchor was dominant from the front at Lingfield and a 10 lb rise may not be enough to stop him. Another Emotion and Samburu Shujaa also need considering in an intriguing race.

# Coral 'Fail To Finish' Free Bets Standard Open National Hunt Flat (4) 2m11y

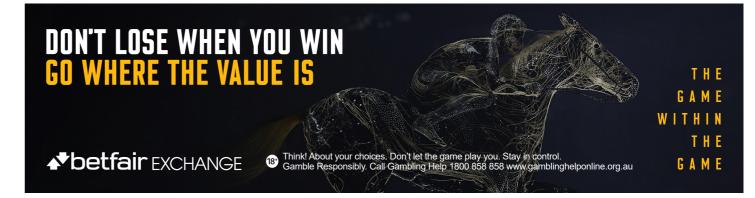
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**Top Rated & Flags** Timeform Rating of previous winners: 123 121 116 - 128 (Avg 122)

118+ 6. ONEUPMANSHIP Nick Scholfield Jack R. Barber 112p 4. JEREMY PASS Paul Nicholls **Bryony Frost** 111 3. JAVA POINT David Bass Kim Bailey

Betting Forecast: 4.33 Oneupmanship, 4.5 Jeremy Pass, 8 Wildfire Warrior, 9.5 Java Point, 10 The Rosary Flyer, 13 Getaround, 15 Malinello, 19 Courtland, 19 Little Red Devil

**Analyst's Verdict: Jeremy Pass** travelled smoothly for a long way when third at Newcastle on Rules debut and is expected to find enough improvement to overhaul both Oneupmanship and Java Point, who also arrive on the back of positive starts.



Top Rated: Indicates the highest-rated runners in the race, adjusted for the weight carried. Only the top three in each race are shown (horses with Rating Symbols are prioritised).

Rating Symbols: p (likely to improve), P (capable of much better), ? (rating can't be assessed with confidence), + (may be better than rated), \$ (unreliable), **x** (poor jumper)

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Analyst's Verdict: Using all the information available to them, a Timeform Analyst assesses the merit of each horse's form, considers how likely it is to reproduce or improve upon that rating under the prevailing conditions and then balances those conclusions against the odds available in the market, thus arriving at a Verdict.

#### **Flags**



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