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JCB Triumph Hurdle (Grade 1) (Class 1) (4YO only)

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		22	FARCLAS (FR) 40 gr g Jukebox Jury - Floriana	4 11 - 0t1	J W Kennedy G Elliott	140
2		3-1122	GUMBALL (FR) 63 gr g No Risk At All - Good Time Girl	4 11 - 0t1	R Johnson P J Hobbs	140
3		11	MR ADJUDICATOR 40 b g Camacho - Attlongglast	4 11 - 0	P Townend W P Mullins	142
4		111	REDICEAN 20 b g Medicean - Red Halo	4 11 - 0	Wayne Hutchinson A King	149
5		1	SALDIER (FR) 27 b g Soldier Hollow - Salve Evita	4 11 - 0	D J Mullins W P Mullins	-
6		21	SAYO 47 gr g Dalakhani - Tiyi	4 11 - 0	D E Mullins W P Mullins	-
7		112	SUSSEX RANGER (USA) 69 (23F) b g Hat Trick - Purple	4 11 - 0	J E Moore G L Moore	142
8		1111	APPLE'S SHAKIRA (FR) 48 CD b f Saddler Maker - Apple's For Ever	4 10 - 7	B J Geraghty N J Henderson	146
9		2-21	STORMY IRELAND (FR) 90 b f Motivator - Like A Storm	4 10 - 7	N D Fehily W P Mullins	-

ATR VERDICT: A high-class renewal and marginal preference is for an Irish raider, but probably not the one that most would think. SALDIER, the mount of 2016 Grand National-winning jockey David Mullins, was all the rage heading into his hurdles debut at Gowran Park and certainly didn't disappoint, beating his closest rival by an impressive 10-length margin. He showed an ability to power through bottomless ground that day and, although he lacks hurdling experience, he should be streetwise enough having had plenty of runs on the Flat in France. His stable have two other strong chances with runaway Fairyhouse scorer Stormy Ireland and Grade 1 winner Mr Adjudicator, but home challenger Apple's Shakira rates the biggest threat. Nicky Henderson's filly has won all three hurdle starts at this track, loves soft conditions and won't give up her unbeaten record without a fight. Redicean and Farclas, who wears a first-time tongue-tie, add further spice to the contest.

Top Tip: SALDIER (5)

Watch out for: APPLE'S SHAKIRA (8)