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Randox Health County Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

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No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		1U4-042	**BLEU ET ROUGE** (FR) 34 gr g Charming Groom - Lady Du Renom	7 11 - 12t	B J Geraghty W P Mullins	154
Jockey Colours: Emerald green, yellow hoops, white cap **Timeform says:** *Things didn't go to plan when tried over fences last season, but much more like it back in this sphere, making the frame in big-field handicaps at Ascot and Newbury (rock-solid Betfair Hurdle form).* ★★★★☆ (Forecast 11.00)					Notes:	
2		1-77110	**JENKINS** (IRE) 34 BF b g Azamour - Aladiyna	6 11 - 9b	James Bowen (3) N J Henderson	151
Jockey Colours: Mauve, yellow seams, yellow cap **Timeform says:** *Different proposition initially fitted with blinkers, winning at Kempton and Ascot in January. Headgear his undoing in the Betfair Hurdle (far too free) so lot depends on how he settles.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 26.00)					Notes:	
3		36-0070	**IVANOVICH GORBATOV** (IRE) 41 CD b g Montjeu - Northern Gulch	6 11 - 6t	J J Slevin (3) Joseph P O'Brien	148
Jockey Colours: EMERALD GREEN & yellow HOOPED, Red cap **Timeform says:** *Smart novice, winner of the Triumph Hurdle on this day 2 years ago. Fair to say he hasn't scaled the heights anticipated since, but on a potentially-handy mark if bouncing back.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 19.00)					Notes:	
4		119060	**TIGRIS RIVER** (IRE) 41 b g Montjeu - Hula Angel	7 11 - 5t	Jody McGarvey Joseph P O'Brien	147
Jockey Colours: Emerald Green & yellow hoops, Royal Blue cap **Timeform says:** *Very useful form when completing a cross-code hat-trick in a 20-runner handicap hurdle at Galway in August. Failed to fire over the winter and likely remains too high in the weights.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 29.00)					Notes:	
5		4-P3113	**LAGOSTOVEGAS** (IRE) 27 D BF b m Footstepsinthesand - Reine De Coeur	6 11 - 4	D E Mullins W P Mullins	146
Jockey Colours: White, maroon stripe and sleeves, royal blue and yellow striped cap **Timeform says:** *Did well on the level and over hurdles in 2017, and shaped as though she'd be better for the run when third in a Gowran Grade 3 back from a break last month. Big-field handicap right up her street.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 23.00)					Notes:	
6		111628	**LE RICHEBOURG** (FR) 40 D b g Network - Fee Magic	5 11 - 3	M P Walsh Joseph P O'Brien	145
Jockey Colours: Emerald Green, Yellow hoops, Emerald Green cap, White star **Timeform says:** *Quickly reached a useful level in novice hurdles early this season, completing hat-trick at Galway. Limitations at Grade-1 level exposed since and opening mark does look to be too high.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 29.00)					Notes:	
7		41370-1	**A HARE BREATH** (IRE) 97 C D b g Alkaadhem - Lady Willmurt	10 11 - 3	D A Jacob Ben Pauling	145
Jockey Colours: Dark blue, light blue sleeves, dark blue cap, pink hoops **Timeform says:** *Good record when fresh and looked better than ever when taking a strong Sandown handicap on return in December. 6 lb rise tolerable and, having been saved for this, is one to consider.* ★★★★☆ (Forecast 17.00)					Notes:	
8		1-31	**SANDSEND** (FR) 47 D gr g Turgeon - Sans Rien	5 11 - 3	Ms K Walsh W P Mullins	145
Jockey Colours: Red, pink hoop and armlets **Timeform says:** *All the better for reappearance when landing a Naas Grade 3 in January, despite mistakes at last 2 flights. Will need to jump with greater proficiency in this environment but he's full of potential.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 15.00)					Notes:	
9		222152	**REMILUC** (FR) 11 CD b g Mister Sacha - Markene De Durtal	9 11 - 2t	Harry Reed (5) C Gordon	144
Jockey Colours: Red and white stripes, red sleeves, white spots **Timeform says:** *In form of his life this term, deservedly getting head back in front over C&D in January. Better than result in the Betfair Hurdle and nothing wrong with latest second at Lingfield. Exposed, though.* ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 34.00)					Notes:	
10		0/150-22	**STERNRUBIN** (GER) 112 D b g Authorized - Sworn Mum	7 11 - 1	R Johnson P J Hobbs	143
Jockey Colours: Yellow, black chevron, check cap **Timeform says:** *Useful performer on the Flat and over hurdles. Sound start to chase career at Exeter in October, but looked laboured the following month. Third in this race from 1 lb lower in 2016.* ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 41.00)					Notes:	
11		211P6-0	**MOON RACER** (IRE) 34 CD b g Saffron Walden - Angel's Folly	9 11 - 0t	T Scudamore D Pipe	142
Jockey Colours: Orange, dark blue star, orange sleeves, dark blue stars, dark blue cap **Timeform says:** *2015 Champion Bumper winner. Won first 2 starts over hurdles the following year, including a Grade 2 here, but career blighted by problems since. Hard to know what to expect.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 23.00)					Notes:	
12		8-22243	**BRELADE** 90 BF b g Presenting - Polivalente	6 10 - 13t1	M A Enright G Elliott	141
Jockey Colours: Purple, gold sleeves, hooped cap **Timeform says:** *Bumper/big-field maiden hurdle winner to end 2016. Frustrating that he's been unable to add to tally over fences, but appeals as type to do better in big-field handicaps back over timber. Tongue tied.* ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 41.00)					Notes:	
13		022451	**MERI DEVIE** (FR) 23 ch m Spirit One - Folle Biche	5 10 - 13	P Townend W P Mullins	141
Jockey Colours: Black and beige (halved), chevrons on sleeves, beige cap **Timeform says:** *Ex-French mare who doubled tally for Willie Mullins in a 6-runner listed hurdle against her own sex at Punchestown last month. Switches from the Mares race to this and isn't obviously well treated.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 19.00)					Notes:	
14		114	**WHISKEY SOUR** (IRE) 40 D b g Jeremy - Swizzle Stick	5 10 - 13	D J Mullins W P Mullins	141
Jockey Colours: Purple, yellow chevron, yellow cap **Timeform says:** *Won first 4 starts for Willie Mullins, posting a very useful effort on the level at Galway in August but was clearly lucky in Grade 1 Champions Novices' Hurdle. Not seen to best effect last time.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 29.00)					Notes:	
15		2122-00	**DIVIN BERE** (FR) 34 b g Della Francesca - Mofa Bere	5 10 - 13t1	Sam Twiston-Davies P F Nicholls	141
Jockey Colours: Pink, large purple spots, hooped sleeves **Timeform says:** *Smart juvenile for Nicky Henderson last term, including runner-up in Fred Winter and Grade 1 at Aintree. Very low-key start for Paul Nicholls, but could easily come good and now sports a tongue tie.* ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 34.00)					Notes:	
16		14-3344	**FLYING TIGER** (IRE) 27 C D bl g Soldier of Fortune - Ma Preference	5 10 - 12	N D Fehily Nick Williams	140

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Jockey Colours: Emerald green, white star and armlets
Timeform says: *Fred Winter winner from 6 lb lower at this meeting 12 months ago. Acquitted himself well in good company this season, fourth in a Wincanton Grade 2 latest and the assessor has given him a big chance.* ★★★★★ (Forecast 15.00)

Notes:

17	11/2341-	**ALL SET TO GO** (IRE) 461 D gr g Verglas - Firecrest	7 10 - 12	Jamie Bargary (3) Kevin Frost	140

Jockey Colours: Light green, white hoops, light green and white hooped sleeves, white cap
Timeform says: *Took it up a notch when landing 10-runner handicap hurdle at Doncaster for Paul Nicholls in December 2016. Same mark, but absent since and has changed yards, so has a lot to prove in a race like this.* ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 51.00)

Notes:

18	11-0041	**CHESTERFIELD** (IRE) 11 CD ch g Pivotal - Antique	8 10 - 12	Daniel Sansom (5) J W Mullins	140

Jockey Colours: Emerald green, yellow stars, seams on sleeves, star on cap
Timeform says: *Very progressive last term, winning conditionals' handicap at Aintree and Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr. Warmed up for this by landing a Kempton jumpers bumper recently and he's on a fair mark.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 23.00)

Notes:

19	421-123	**SPIRITOFTHEGAMES** (IRE) 34 b g Darsi - Lucy Walters	6 10 - 11p	Harry Skelton D Skelton	139

Jockey Colours: Red, white sash, emerald green sleeves, emerald green and red check cap
Timeform says: *Picked up where he left off when winning 19.5f Lingfield handicap in November. Better form still in defeat since, placed in the Lanzarote and Betfair Hurdle handicaps this winter. That's strong form.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 29.00)

Notes:

20	45-1620	**BEN DUNDEE** (IRE) 41 ch g Beneficial - Miss Dundee	6 10 - 11	D N Russell G Elliott	139

Jockey Colours: Maroon and white stripes, maroon cap, white hoop
Timeform says: *Consistent on the whole so easy to forgive his below-par display at Leopardstown last time. Clear of the rest when runner-up in competitive handicap on penultimate start so he merits respect.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 23.00)

Notes:

21	73-1023	**MOHAAYED** 80 D b g Intikhab - Reyaada	6 10 - 11t	Bridget Andrews (3) D Skelton	139

Jockey Colours: Purple, pink stars, mauve sleeves, pink stars, purple cap, pink star
Timeform says: *Good third in Scottish Champion Hurdle on final start last term and winner of a "match" at Market Rasen in May. Presumably saved for this following sound third of 4 in Grade 1 Christmas Hurdle.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 26.00)

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22	6421-11	**SMAOINEAMH ALAINN** (IRE) 91 CD b m Shantou - Dathuil	6 10 - 9h	James Best Robert Walford	137

Jockey Colours: Light blue, dark blue seams, striped sleeves, red cap
Timeform says: *Fair form in Irish bumpers and fitted with a hood, has made faultless start to his hurdles career for Robert Walford, completing hat-trick over C&D in December. Subsequent 8 lb rise could be lenient.* ★★★★☆ (Forecast 21.00)

Notes:

23	211-416	**DUCA DE THAIX** (FR) 47 b g Voix Du Nord - Nouca De Thaix	5 10 - 8t1	J W Kennedy G Elliott	136

Jockey Colours: Maroon, white star, armlets and star on cap
Timeform says: *Bumper/hurdles winner for Guy Cheral in France and got it right at the second attempt for new connections in a Grade 3 in December. Disappointing soon after but he's in the right hands. Tongue tied.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 19.00)

Notes:

24	321144	**BRAHMS DE CLERMONT** (FR) 11 C D BF b g Califet - Colline De Clermon	7 10 - 7	Harry Cobden P F Nicholls	135

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Jockey Colours: Royal blue and yellow (quartered), royal blue sleeves, yellow spots, royal blue cap
Timeform says: *Ended 2017 with a pair of 2m Taunton novice wins but comfortably held on hat-trick bid at Musselburgh last month. Fit from an AW spin, but revised mark looks to be too high.* ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 51.00)

Notes:

25	07-6568	**WILLIAM H BONNEY** 34 CD b g Midnight Legend - Calamintha	7 10 - 5	Wayne Hutchinson A King	133

Jockey Colours: Maroon, light blue epaulets, light blue sleeves, maroon stars, quartered cap
Timeform says: *Caught the eye when fifth in the Greatwood here in November, but failed to deliver what might have been expected from him off the bridle twice since, so others are more persuasive.* ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 29.00)

Notes:

26	10/3P-PP	**I SHOT THE SHERIFF** (IRE) 62 b g Westerner - Sherin	11 10 - 4	Non Runner F O'Brien	132

Jockey Colours: Black and white check, yellow sleeves, black and white quartered cap
Timeform says: *NON RUNNER.* ☆☆☆☆☆

Notes:

27	212/87-6	**KRUGERMAC** (IRE) 9 BF b g Kalanisi - Vindonissa	7 10 - 0	J E Moore G L Moore	128

Jockey Colours: Mauve and black (quartered), mauve sleeves, white cap
Timeform says: *Looked a smart prospect when scoring on hurdling debut at Ascot in December 2015. Lightly raced and disappointing since, so readily opposed from miles out of the weights.* ★☆☆☆☆ (Forecast 81.00)

Notes:

Long Handicap: Krugermac 8 - 13

TIMEFORM VIEW: FLYING TIGER won the Fred Winter last year, and has been far from disgraced in small-field contests this season. He can up his game in this big-field/strong pace scenario and his mark could be lenient. Smaoineamh Alainn may well go slightly under the radar given her connections but she's promising, with Bleu Et Rouge perhaps the pick of the Irish.

Timeform 1-2-3:
1: FLYING TIGER (16)
2: SMAOINEAMH ALAINN (22)
3: BLEU ET ROUGE (1)

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