

(R7) 16:30 NEWTON ABBOT, 3m 1f 170y

Totesport.com Open Hunters' Chase (Class 6) (5YO plus)

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No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		715123	STRUMBLE HEAD (IRE) 199 CD b g Anshan - Milan Moss	13 12 - 6b	Mr P Bryan (7) Mickey Bowen	119
2		456-110	VIRAK (FR) 38 C b g Bernebeau - Nosika D'airy	9 12 - 6p	Mr L Williams (3) P F Nicholls	131
3		5-P2562	O MAONLAI (IRE) 15 b g Oscar - Another Gaye	10 11 - 12t	Miss H Welch (7) Mrs Dunn	124
4		2FP514	RAILWAY STORM (IRE) 15 ch g Snurge - Stormy Bee	13 11 - 12	Mr R Withey (7) C White	94
5		1-23263	TOO LATE TO SELL (IRE) 15 b g Oscar - Native Monk	12 11 - 12	Mr S Ellicott (7) Mrs E B Scott	86

ATR VERDICT: VIRAK finished midfield in the Foxhunters at Cheltenham last month but is expected to get back on the winning trail now competing in calmer waters. Paul Nicholls' nine-year-old had previously rattled off back-to-back victories in similar events at Ludlow and Haydock and appears favourably weighted on these terms. Strumble Head struck over C&D last summer and is worth a market check on his first start since October. Recent Exeter runner-up O Maonlai could be the one to put up most resistance.

Top Tip: VIRAK (2)

Watch out for: O MAONLAI (3)

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