

## (R6) 20:20 AINTREE, 3m 210y

### Smarmets Handicap Chase (Class 2) (5YO plus)

TRIFECTA

PLACEPOT

QUADPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		23/18PF- -	<b>VIRGILIO</b> (FR) 34 CD b g Denham Red - Liesse De Marbeuf	9 11 - 12t	Harry Skelton D Skelton	145
2		451F46- -	<b>KNOCKGRAFFON</b> (IRE) 30 b g Flemensfirth - Gleaming Spire	8 11 - 9tp	B Hughes Olly Murphy	142
3		644P45- -	<b>BALLYALTON</b> (IRE) 35 b g Pierre - Almito	11 11 - 5	T J O'Brien Ian Williams	138
4		64300/1- -	<b>ANOTHER HERO</b> (IRE) 30 b g Kalanisi - Storm Front	9 11 - 3	B J Geraghty Jonjo O'Neill	136
5		3/2192F- -	<b>MONBEG RIVER</b> (IRE) 28 br g Indian River - So Pretty	9 11 - 1	Henry Brooke M Todhunter	134
6		120/07P- -	<b>COLMS DREAM</b> (IRE) 20 ch g Beneficial - African Waters	9 11 - 1ht	J J Burke Karl Thornton	134
7		833441- -	<b>WINTER LION</b> (IRE) 30 D ch g Galileo - Hill Of Snow	8 10 - 7t	P J Brennan F O'Brien	126
8		08F7P0- -	<b>BEARLY LEGAL</b> (IRE) 34 b g Court Cave - Fair Size	12 10 - 3t	Sam Twiston-Davies Karl Thornton	122

**ATR VERDICT:** Virgilio landed this prize last year for the Dan Skelton team and warrants a market check on his second start since a wind operation, while Ballyalton ran well in two competitive handicaps at Cheltenham and at this venue in the spring and is entitled to go well now with his sights lowered. Preference, however, is for WINTER LION, who won on his second start for Fergal O'Brien last time on handicap debut over fences. A 4lb rise looks generous and the eight-year-old can go in again.

**Top Tip:** WINTER LION (7)

**Watch out for:** BALLYALTON (3)

AT THE RACES