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## (R5) 14:35 EXETER, 2m 3f 48y

Heavitree Brewery PLC Novices' Chase (Class 2) (4YO plus)

TRIFECTA PLACEPOT QUADPOT

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		9/41221-	<b>BLACK OP</b> (IRE) 237 br g Sandmason - Afar Story	7 11 - Ot	Sam Twiston-Davies T R George	-
2		111/47-5	<b>DEFI DU SEUIL</b> (FR) 19 b g Voix Du Nord - Quarvine Du Seuil	5 11 - 0	B J Geraghty P J Hobbs	150
3		U27-849	<b>EDDY</b> 16 C b g Exit To Nowhere - Sharway Lady	9 11 - 0	Sean Houlihan Mrs S Gardner	-
4	X	238P/	<b>SPRING WOLF</b> 986 br g Loup Sauvage - Spring Grass	10 11 - 0	James Best Robert Walford	-
5	M	42/F412 -	<b>TOPOFTHEGAME</b> (IRE) 268 ch g Flemensfirth - Derry Vale	6 11 - Ot	H Cobden P F Nicholls	139
6		B/4121- 0	<b>WESTEND STORY</b> (IRE) 20 C b g Westerner - Sarahall	7 11 - 0	R Johnson P J Hobbs	-
7		F/1117- F	<b>WHITE MOON</b> (GER) 21 C gr g Sholokhov - Westalin	6 11 - Ot	T Scudamore C L Tizzard	143

ATR VERDICT: A deep contest on paper which sees the Ballymore second and Aintree Grade 1 winner, Black Op, make his eagerly awaited chasing debut. Tom George's gelding amassed a very high level of form last season against the likes of Santini, Samcro and Lostintranslation, but his hurdling was far from fluent on occasions and he will need to improve in the jumping department to make into a high-class chaser. He also faces a tough task with the likes of Coral Cup runner-up Topofthegame and WHITE MOON in opposition. Preference is for Colin Tizzard's grey as he made a satisfactory start to his chasing career at Cheltenham, when proving unlucky in coming down at the final fence having been squeezed for room, and can only improve from that experience. Topofthegame brings a good level of form to the table and will prove an obvious threat if his jumping holds up having fallen on his sole chasing start at Newbury last November.

**Top Tip:** WHITE MOON (7)

Watch out for: TOPOFTHEGAME (5)

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