Betbright Dipper Novices' Chase (grade 2) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

**Defi Du Seuil** (FR) 25 C b g Voix Du Nord - Quarvine Du Seuil 6 11 - 3 B J Geraghty P J Hobbs 150

Jockey Colours: Emerald green, yellow hoops, white cap

*Timeform says:* One of the best novice hurdlers around in 2016/17 who improved significantly from chase debut when scoring at Exeter (19.2f) last month, his jumping much sharper. Highly likely there is better to come (Forecast 3.50)

**Black Op** (IRE) 25 D BF br g Sandmason - Afar Story 8 11 - 0t N D Fehily T R George 152

Jockey Colours: Light blue, pink chevrons, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, pink star

*Timeform says:* Bumper/smart hurdles winner (including Aintree Grade 1). Shaped as if needing respective chase debut (third behind Defi Du Seuil) and very much the type to do better (every inch a chaser on looks) (Forecast 4.50)

**Crucial Role** 21 b g Westerner - The Lyme Volunteer 7 11 - 0 Harry Skelton D Skelton 145

Jockey Colours: Light green, yellow inverted triangle, yellow sleeves, red diamonds, yellow cap, red diamonds

*Timeform says:* Useful hurdler for Henry Daly, who left chase debut form in his wake when accounting for 15 rivals at Uttoxeter (20f) last month, asserting quickly. More on his plate here but another open to progress (Forecast 10.00)

**Lostintranslation** (IRE) 32 b g Flemensfirth - Falika 7 11 - 0 R M Power C L Tizzard 149

Jockey Colours: Yellow, dark blue braces

*Timeform says:* Acquitted himself well at Grade 1 level as a hurdler and plenty of promise in 2 starts over larger obstacles, bad mistake 3 out halting his chance behind La Bague Au Roi latest. Respected (Forecast 5.50)

**On The Blind Side** (IRE) 262 CD BF b g Stowaway - Such A Set Up 7 11 - 0 Nico de Boinville N J Henderson 151

Jockey Colours: Red, white sleeves, blue and white striped cap

*Timeform says:* Point winner who developed in to a smart hurdler last season, winning Sandown Grade 2. Only sixth in Aintree Grade 1 in the spring but he's a most intriguing chase debutant on back of wind surgery. (Forecast 3.75)

**Timeform View:** Defi Du Seuil proved a totally different proposition on the back of his chasing debut when readily scoring at Exeter last month, his jumping looking all the more assured. He can follow up with better to come despite conceding weight all round. A host of last season's leading novice hurdlers are in opposition though, with On The Blind Side and Black Op feared most on this occasion.

**Timeform 1-2-3:**
1: Defi Du Seuil (1)
2: On The Blind Side (5)
3: Black Op (2)
**Jockey Colours:** Emerald green, yellow hoops, white cap

**Timeform says:** One of the best novice hurdlers around in 2016/17 who improved significantly from chase debut when scoring at Exeter (19.29) last month, his jumping much sharper. Highly likely there is better to come. (Forecast 5.30)

**RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY**

**Flat Turf:** 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

**CAREER STATS (Starts - Wins - 2nds - 3rds):**

- Bad mistake 3 out halting his chance behind La Bague Au Roi latest. Respected.  
  - Acquitted himself well at Grade 1 level as a hurdler and plenty of promise in 2 starts over larger obstacles, scoring at Exeter (19.2f) last month, his jumping much sharper. Highly likely there is better to come. (Forecast 5.30)

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**RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY**

**Flat Turf:** 3 - 0 - 0 - 1

**CAREER STATS (Starts - Wins - 2nds - 3rds):**

- slight mistake 3 out halting his chance behind La Bague Au Roi.  
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