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Connolly's RED MILLS Irish EBF Ladies Auction Maiden Hurdle (Class) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		231-	BACKTONORMAL 286 bay g Milan - Inchiquin High	6 11 - 10	Miss A B O'Connor Ms M Mullins	-
2		890	THE FAIRY MAN 30 b g Diamond Boy - Miss Overdrive	5 11 - 10	Miss C Butler (7) E Doyle	-
3		3/U- 11P4	LA VEGA MOON 27 b g Pether's Moon - Lady De La Vega	6 11 - 6p	Miss P Elvin (4) J J Hanlon	-
4		F/42160 -	CAPTAIN CODY 285 b g Arctic Cosmos - Fromthecloudsabove	6 11 - 4	Miss J Townend W P Mullins	-
5		04	GETAWAY ERIN 24 b m Getaway - Muance	5 10 - 13	Miss J Walton (2) J J Hanlon	-
6	**	37-0	STAGE LADY 29 b m Sageburg - Tilly Ann	7 10 - 13ht	Sarah Kavanagh (4) Norman Lee	-

ATR VERDICT: CAPTAIN CODY finished sixth in the Cheltenham bumper and while absent since April, might have sat out Christmas to wait for this valuable maiden, which is run on a big race-day. A keen-goer, he likes testing ground, has point-to-point experience and while he disappointed at Aintree, collided with a rail pre-race then and is better than that showing. The selection beat Blizzard Of Oz to win at Limerick last January which, on a strict form-line, gives him an edge over Backtonormal, which finished to that horse at Cork subsequently. Backtonormal, who defeated maturing Lucid Dreams (into third) at Ballinrobe, also has heavy-ground point-to-point form and should give the selection a race. Dual point-to-point winner La Vega Moon ran well in a heavy-ground Christmas maiden but faces a tougher task.

Top Tip: CAPTAIN CODY (4)

Watch out for: BACKTONORMAL (1)







