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2m4f Betway Aintree Hurdle (Grade 1) (Class 1) (4yo+)

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| 1 2F-41P | Brain Power p ♀ ■ × 23 | 8 | 11-7 153 | J: Aidan Coleman T: Nicky Henderson ⁶⁷ | 127 164 | 33/1 |
| 2 1-121F | Buveur D'Air Q | 8 | 11-7 172 | J: Barry Geraghty T: Nicky Henderson ⁶⁷ ▶ Evs ▶ | 154 180 10/11 ▶ Ev | Evs > 10/11 |
| 3 -56921 | Ch'tibello w^2 $Q \equiv \times 1 \text{ tip } 20$ | 8 | 11-7 156 | J: Harry Skelton T: Dan Skelton ⁴⁹ ▶ 22/1 | 143 163 ▶ 25/1 ▶ 22 | 18/1 2/1 > 20/1 |
| 4 61-2F3 | Faugheen | 11 | 1 11-7 164 | J: R Walsh T: W P Mullins ⁶⁷ | 141 175 | 6/1 6/1 ▶ 7/1 |
| 5 2F-442 | Melon p ♀ ■ × 23 | 7 | 11-7 157 | J: Paul Townend T: W P Mullins ⁶⁷ | 145 169 9/1 ▶ 1 | 10/1 10/1 ▶ 9/1 |
| 6 | Silver Streak ♀ ■ × 23 | 6 | 11-7 156 | J: Adam Wedge T: Evan Williams ³³ | 147 164 25 | 25/1 5/1 ▶ 28/1 |
| 7 311-47 | Summerville Boy ♀ ■ × 110 | 7 | 11-7 153 | J: Jonathan Burke T: Tom George ⁶⁵ | 104 163 | 28/1 |
| 8 | Supasundae t ♀ ■ × □ 21 | 9 | 11-7 161 | J: Robbie Power T: Mrs John Harrin ⁵⁰ ▶ 12/1 | 146 172 ▶ 14/1 ▶ 12 | 12/1 ≥ 14/1 |
| 9 -11415 | Verdana Blue ♀ ■ × □ 2 tips 23 | 7 | 11-0 154 | J: Nico de Boinville T: Nicky Henderson ⁶⁷ | 156 170 | 12/1 |

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BETTING FORECAST 10/11 Buveur D'Air, 11/2 Melon, 6/1 Faugheen, 9/1 Supasundae, 12/1 Verdana Blue, 16/1 Ch'tibello, Silver Streak, 20/1 Summerville Boy, 25/1 Brain Power.

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VERDICT

Each-way preference is for Nicky Henderson's VERDANA BLUE, who pipped stablemate Buveur D'Air at Kempton in December.

COMMENTS

Brain Power Lifeless race in the Champion Hurdle last time and stamina a worry

Buveur D'Air Fell latest; as good as ever earlier this season; won this well in 2017; obvious claims

Ch'tibello In form; misses top class and looks to be flying a bit too high here

Faugheen Still a high-class performer, last time third in the Stayers' Hurdle; respected

Melon 2nd in last two Champion Hurdles; bit more needed on balance; stamina query

Silver Streak 15I third in the Champion Hurdle; fair way short of the best of these and vulnerable

Summerville Boy High-class novice last season; off since Dec with hairline fracture; each-way claims

Supasundae High class and versatile at his best; hasn't quite recaptured peak form this time round

Verdana Blue Very smart form earlier this season, including when pipping Buveur D'Air at Kempton