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Paddy Power Cheltenham Countdown Podcast Handicap Chase (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race) (Class 1) (5YO plus)						
No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		1P236-0	HITMAN (FR) 90 BF b g Falco - Tercah Girl	8 12 - 0tp	Freddie Gingell (5) P F Nicholls	156
Jockey Colours: White, royal blue epaulets, white sleeves, red spots, royal blue cap Timeform says: Shaped as if amiss on return in Old Roan at Aintree but has had a breathing operation since and his only previous visit here resulted in excellent third in Ryanair Chase last season. Not taken lightly. ★★★★★ (Forecast 10.00)				Notes:		
2		1F5P-67	GA LAW (FR) 56 C b g Sinndar - Law	8 11 - 8p	G Sheehan Jamie Snowden	150
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3		32411-1	JETOILE (IRE) 90 D b g Jeremy - Accordingtoherself	9 11 - 8t	Jonjo O'Neill Jr. Ryan Potter	150
Jockey Colours: Mauve, grey braces, grey cap Timeform says: Ended last season on the upgrade, landing 2 handicaps at Chepstow in good style before making a winning return (albeit a messy renewal due to several omitted fences) in Old Roan Chase at Aintree. Has clearly developed the winning habit and he must enter calculations. ★★★★★ (Forecast 15.00)				Notes:		
4		416P-32	IL RIDOTO (FR) 42 CD b g Kapgarde - L'exploratrice	7 11 - 6tp	H Cobden P F Nicholls	148
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6		2212-31	EXCELLO (FR) 35 D gr g Cokoriko - Pafadas	5 10 - 12	James Bowen N J Henderson	144
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8		1444-23	STRAW FAN JACK 35 C gr g Geordieland - Callerlilly	9 10 - 9	Sean Houlihan Sheila Lewis	137
Jockey Colours: Red, white stars, white and black striped sleeves, black cap, white star Timeform says: <i>Dual winner over fences last term who made a solid return behind Pic D'Orhy at Ascot in November. However, ran no sort of race at same course since and makes limited appeal here.</i> ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 29.00)					Notes:	
9		2115-66	EASY AS THAT (IRE) 42 b g Sans Frontieres - Bell Storm	9 10 - 9	Shane Quinlan (3) Miss V Williams	137
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10		127-52P	FRERE D'ARMES (FR) 26 BF b g Bathyrhon - Ville Sainte	7 10 - 6tp1	C J Todd D Skelton	134
Jockey Colours: White, royal blue star, royal blue sleeves, white spots, white cap, royal blue star Timeform says: <i>Improved for switch to chasing last season, landing handicaps at Kempton/Newbury (at up to 18f) and ran up to best when second in Ascot handicap (16.7f) on penultimate start. This looks tougher, though, and he arrives on back of poor effort at Musselburgh.</i> ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 17.00)					Notes:	
11		115-514	GRANDEUR D'AME (FR) 42 b g Desir D'un Soir - Sourya D'airy	8 10 - 5	Thomas Bellamy A King	133
Jockey Colours: Maroon, black hoop, diablo on sleeves, hooped cap Timeform says: <i>Winning hurdler who has a generally progressive profile over fences, back on the up when landing a handicap at Wetherby (19.4f) in November. Far from disgraced (from 3 lb out of the weights) when fourth in C&D handicap since and merits consideration.</i> ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 13.00)					Notes:	
12		311-335	LOUNGE LIZARD 49 b g Kayf Tara - Lifestyle	7 10 - 2b	J J Burke H D Daly	130
Jockey Colours: Emerald green, red hoops, quartered cap Timeform says: <i>Looked more straightforward than had previously been the case (in blinkers) when landing small-field handicaps at Catterick/Taunton during second half of last term. Did too much too soon in Becher Chase latest but may find things happening plenty quick enough dropped in trip here.</i> ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 34.00)					Notes:	
13		2-2F942	CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY (IRE) 62 D b g Shantou - Spanker	10 10 - 2t1	Nicolas Gauffenic T R George	130
Jockey Colours: White, red cross belts, dark blue sleeves, red cap Timeform says: <i>Campaigned exclusively in France in recent years, running up to best when second in listed chase at Auteuil (17.4f, heavy) 62 days ago. Since rejoined Tom George and doesn't look harshly treated back handicapping but it's been some time since he got his head in front.</i> ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 41.00)					Notes:	

TIMEFORM VIEW: Last year's winner IL RIDOTO lost nothing in defeat when caught close home here last month and remains feasibly treated. He gets the nod in what looks a highly competitive contest. Victorino has proved a revelation since switching to Venetia Williams and is feared most, whilst Excello and Hitman are also very much respected.

Timeform 1-2-3:

- 1: IL RIDOTO (4)
2: VICTTORINO (5)
3: EXCELLO (6)




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HITMAN (FR) 90 BF

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Freddie Gingell
(5)
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CAREER STATS (Starts - Wins - 2nds - 3rds)


Flat Turf: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

Jumps: 18 - 4 - 7 - 3

All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0


RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
29 Oct 23	Ain 20f Hcp Ch Gd2 Cls1 46K	Gd-Sft	11-12tp	11/11 114 len	H Cobden	7/2f	1st JETOILE, 2nd Minella Drama, 3rd Al Dancer prominent, ridden and struggling after last (usual 4 out), dropped to rear bypassing usual 3 out, soon tailed off	158
14 Apr 23	Ain 20f Ch Gd1 Cls1 140K	Sft	11-10tp	6/7 62 len	Lorcan Williams	6/1	1st Pic D'orhy, 2nd Fakir D'oudairies, 3rd Minella Drama held up towards rear on outside, not fluent 2nd, closed from 11th, outpaced 4 out, not fluent and weakened 3 out	159
16 Mar 23	Che 21f Ch Gd1 Cls1 211K	Sft	11-10tp1	3/9 3 len	H Cobden	22/1	1st Envoi Allen, 2nd Shishkin, 3rd HITMAN chased leaders on inside, mistake 11th, switched right and went 2nd last, no impression on winner run-in, lost 2nd close home	159
11 Feb 23	Nbu 23f Ch Gd2 Cls1 40K	Gd	11-2t	2/7 7 len	H Cobden	9/4f	1st Zanza, 2nd HITMAN, 3rd Does He Know slight lead until after 3rd, tracked leader, challenged 5 out, led next, headed 2 out, soon outpaced and no chance with winner, weakened run-in	160
26 Dec 22	Kmp 24f Ch Gd1 Cls1 142K	Sft	11-10t	PU/9	Sam Twiston-Davies	11/1	1st Bravemansgame, 2nd Royale Pagaillie, 3rd Frodon held up in last trio, jumped slowly and struggling 11th, never on terms, tailed off and pulled up before 3 out	160
19 Nov 22	Hdo 22f Ch Cls2 26K	Sft	11-11t	1/4 11 len	H Cobden	8/13f	1st HITMAN, 2nd Erne River, 3rd Minella Drama made all, not fluent 10th, came clear from 2 out, easily	160

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Flat Turf: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0				Jumps: 13 - 4 - 1 - 2		All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0		
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02 Dec 23	Nbu 26f Hcp Ch Cls1 142K	Gd-Sft	10-11p1	7/20 19½ len	J J Burke	33/1	1st Datsalrightgino, 2nd Mahler Mission, 3rd Monbeg Genius front mid-division, went prominent after 10th, pushed along before 4 out, no extra from 3 out	152
04 Nov 23	Wth 24f HdI Gd2 Cls1 28K	Sft	11-2	6/6 36 len	G Sheehan	12/1	1st Botox Has, 2nd Red Risk, 3rd Dasher Drasher in rear, in touch, not jump fluently, reminder 6th, struggling 4 out	142
13 Apr 23	Ain 25f Ch Gd1 Cls1 140K	Gd-Sft	11-10	PU/5	J J Burke	25/1	1st Shishkin, 2nd Ahoy Senor, 3rd A Plus Tard never really travelling in last, mistake 5th, reminder 8th, well behind when mistake 4 out, pulled up before 3 out	153
16 Mar 23	Che 21f Ch Gd1 Cls1 211K	Sft	11-10	5/9 9½ len	J J Burke	40/1	1st Envoi Allen, 2nd Shishkin, 3rd HITMAN towards rear, not fluent 4th, ridden after 9th, mistake 4 out, stayed on run-in, went 5th towards finish, never on terms	152
28 Jan 23	Don 24f Hcp Ch Cls1 57K	Gd	12-0	F/11	J J Burke	3/1jf	1st Cooper's Cross, 2nd Cap Du Nord, 3rd Elvis Mail rear mid-division, hit 3rd, headway before 5 out, went 3rd home turn and pushed along, ridden 2 out, stayed on and every chance when fell last	150
12 Nov 22	Che 20f Hcp Ch Cls1 90K	Gd	11-0	1/14 ¾ len	J J Burke	5/1j2f	1st GA LAW , 2nd French Dynamite, 3rd Midnight River always front rank, went 2nd at the last, ridden and stayed on gamely run-in, led towards finish	142

3		32411-1	JETOILE (IRE) 90 D b g Jeremy - Accordingtoherself	9 11 - 8t	Jonjo O'Neill Jr. Ryan Potter	150
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416P-32

IL RIDOTO (FR) 42 CD
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(Forecast 5.50)

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Flat Turf: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

Jumps: 19 - 4 - 2 - 4

All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0


RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
16 Dec 23	Che 21f Hcp Ch Cls1 74K	Sft	10-9tp	2/12 shd	Bryony Frost	17/2	1st Fugitif, 2nd IL RIDOTO, 3rd Frero Banbou led, clear with one other 8th, ridden 3 lengths clear 2 out, headed final strides	143
18 Nov 23	Che 20f Hcp Ch Cls1 90K	Sft	10-5tp	3/14 12 len	Freddie Gingell (5)	12/1	1st Stage Star, 2nd Notlongtillmay, 3rd IL RIDOTO in touch, headway 5 out, pushed along 3 out, ridden and stayed on towards finish	144
14 Apr 23	Ain 21f Hcp Ch Cls1 84K	Sft	11-3tp	PU/29	H Cobden	16/1	1st BILL BAXTER, 2nd Fantastic Lady, 3rd Killer Kane mid-division out wide, dropped towards rear from 10th (bechers), pulled up before 13th (valentines)	146
16 Mar 23	Che 21f Hcp Ch Cls1 68K	Sft	11-3tp	6/23 9¼ len	H Cobden	7/1	1st Seddon, 2nd Fugitif, 3rd Shakem Up'arry held up in touch, switched left before 3 out, 6th and no impression from 2 out	146
28 Jan 23	Che 21f Hcp Ch Cls1 56K	Sft	10-12tp1	1/16 1 len	H Cobden	9/2f2	1st IL RIDOTO, 2nd Fugitif, 3rd Precious Eleanor led until 2nd, prominent, led 8th, dived at 11th, headed last, bumped and led again flat, stayed on well	138
01 Jan 23	Che 21f Hcp Ch Cls1 57K	Sft	10-12t	4/16 8 len	H Cobden	8/1	1st Midnight River, 2nd Stolen Silver, 3rd Nassalam handy on inside, lost place before 3 out, switched right and closed before 2 out, 2nd when jumped left last, weakened flat	139

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23 Dec 23	Asc 24f Hcp Ch Cls1 57K	Gd	12-0	1/10 ¾ len	Charlie Deutsch	4/1f2	1st VICTTORINO, 2nd Yeah Man, 3rd Flegmatik raced wide, in touch, headway 5 out, every chance 2 out, ridden to lead approaching last, ran on	142
04 Nov 23	Asc 24f Hcp Ch Cls1 57K	Sft	10-12	1/11 6 len	Charlie Deutsch	20/1	1st VICTTORINO, 2nd Two For Gold, 3rd Eldorado Allen held up, good headway out wide chasing leaders 7th, led going easily before 2 out, soon clear, 4 lengths ahead when hit last and left further clear	138
26 Mar 23	Exe 22f Nov Hdl Cls4 4K	Gd-Sft	11-2	4/7 14½ len	Charlie Deutsch	9/2	1st Marty Byrde, 2nd Yggdrasil, 3rd Buckhorn Rocco towards rear, mid-division after 4th, tracked leaders 6th, pushed along before 3 out, ridden and gradually faded 2 out	133
15 Oct 22	Aut 22f 4y Ch Gd3 85K	Sft	10-5b	7/11 29 len	C Lefebvre	16/1	1st Diamond Carl, 2nd La Manigance, 3rd Indivis	-
24 Sep 22	Aut 22f 4y Ch Gd3 85K	Sft	10-5	5/9 14¼ len	C Lefebvre	14/1	1st Diamond Carl, 2nd Impressive, 3rd La Manigance	-
22 Jun 22	Aut 22f 4y Ch Gd3 85K	Hy	10-5b	2/8 14 len	C Lefebvre	14/1	1st Diamond Carl, 2nd VICTTORINO, 3rd Mister Champdoux	-

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2212-31

EXCELLO (FR) 35 D
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James Bowen
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Jumps: 7 - 2 - 4 - 1

All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0


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23 Dec 23	Asc 21f Ch Cls2 26K	Gd	11-2	1/3 6½ len	N de Boinville	11/4f2	1st EXCELLO, 2nd Solo, 3rd STRAW FAN JACK tracked leaders, went 2nd at 7th, joined leader 4 out, led next, ridden approaching last, ran on	133
25 Nov 23	Asc 22f Nov Hdl Cls2 14K	Gd	10-13	3/5 4¼ len	N de Boinville	5/4f	1st Farnoge, 2nd Leader In The Park, 3rd EXCELLO tracked winner until 5 out, tracked leaders, switched left approaching last, stayed on one pace	133
18 Apr 23	Aut 22f 4y Ch List 60K	Hy	10-7	2/10 1¾ len	J Da Silva	11/4jf	1st Jardin D'artheil, 2nd EXCELLO, 3rd Le Grand Jour	-
19 Mar 23	Aut 17f 4y Ch 33K	Sft	11-0	1/8 2 len	J Da Silva	9/4f2	1st EXCELLO, 2nd Joue Le Jeu, 3rd Marthas Vineyard	-
03 Dec 22	Aut 17f 3y Ch 36K		10-5	2/6 6 len	J Da Silva	6/5f	1st Wintersetcoming, 2nd EXCELLO, 3rd Kenzo Du Brizais	-
25 Oct 22	Aut 17f 3y Hdl 22K	Hy	10-12	2/16 nk	J Da Silva	5/1f2	1st Javelot, 2nd EXCELLO, 3rd Jolibois	-

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23 Dec 23	Hdo 26f Hcp Ch Cls2 26K	Hy	12-0	4/9 19½ len	James Bowen	5/1	1st Famous Bridge, 2nd Burrows Diamond, 3rd Credo mid-division, outpaced after 15th, plugged on into 4th 3 out, no impression, went badly left and weakened 2 out	140
02 Dec 23	Nbu 26f Hcp Ch Cls1 142K	Gd-Sft	10-2	8/20 21 len	Paul O'Brien	18/1	1st Datsalrightgino, 2nd Mahler Mission, 3rd Monbeg Genius front mid-division, pushed along and no real progress 3 out	143
05 Nov 23	Car 20f Ch List Cls1 17K	Sft	11-8	3/4 13½ len	James Bowen	4/1	1st Thunder Rock, 2nd Mahler Mission, 3rd BILL BAXTER tracked leader, ridden 2 out, weakened flat	141
14 Apr 23	Ain 21f Hcp Ch Cls1 84K	Sft	10-4	1/29 1¼ len	Sam Twiston-Davies	20/1	1st BILL BAXTER , 2nd Fantastic Lady, 3rd Killer Kane chased leaders on inside, going well approaching 17th, ridden to dispute lead 18th, went on after elbow, stayed on well, driven out	133
04 Mar 23	Kel 22f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 11K	Gd-Sft	11-3	1/7 hd	S Bowen	7/2f2	1st BILL BAXTER , 2nd Half Shot, 3rd High Moon led, disputed lead 10th, pushed along before 2 out, level approaching last, sustained duel run-in, just held on	128
30 Jan 23	Hfo 21f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 9K	Sft	11-8	F/7	James Bowen	5/2f	1st Honneur D'ajonc, 2nd Upton Road, 3rd Super Six held up on outside, closed 3rd, went 2nd 11th, every chance when fell 4 out	128

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Jumps: 22 - 4 - 5 - 1


All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0


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23 Dec 23	Asc 21f Ch Cls2 26K	Gd	11-10	3/3 38 len	Sean Houlihan	3/1	1st EXCELLO, 2nd Solo, 3rd STRAW FAN JACK tracked leader until 7th, tracked leaders, soon lost ground, ridden 5 out, struggling from 3 out	140
25 Nov 23	Asc 21f Ch Gd2 Cls1 40K	Gd	11-4	2/4 16 len	Sean Houlihan	40/1	1st Pic D'Orhy, 2nd STRAW FAN JACK, 3rd Minella Drama tracked leaders, pushed along 12th, ridden to press winner next, weakened approaching 2 out	141
13 Apr 23	Ain 20f Nov Ch Gd1 Cls1 68K	Gd-Sft	11-7	4/5 12¼ len	Sean Houlihan	28/1	1st Banbridge, 2nd Saint Roi, 3rd Visionarian held up in last pair, niggled along briefly 6th, effort after 12th, outpaced before 3 out, blundered 2 out, well held before last, went 4th flat	141
14 Mar 23	Che 16f Nov Ch Gd1 Cls1 98K	Sft	11-7	4/9 28 len	Sean Houlihan	50/1	1st El Fabiolo, 2nd Jonbon, 3rd Saint Roi held up off the pace in 5th, mistake 8th, reached for 4 out, lost place soon after, left 5th at the last, went remote 4th close home	141
25 Nov 22	Nbu 16f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 11K	Gd	11-5	4/6 5½ len	Sean Houlihan	8/1	1st FRERE D'ARMES, 2nd Aucunrisque, 3rd Datsalrightgino tracked leaders, 3rd and hit 9th, pushed along before 4 out, ridden before 2 out, no impression when weakened into 4th run-in	142
21 Oct 22	Che 16f Nov Ch Cls2 13K	Gd	11-9	1/7 ½ len	Sean Houlihan	5/2f2	1st STRAW FAN JACK, 2nd Ash Tree Meadow, 3rd Sole Pretender chased leaders, not fluent 3 out, went 2nd 2 out, led flat, edged right, driven out	136

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18 Nov 23	Che 20f Hcp Ch Cls1 90K	Sft	10-7	6/14 21 len	Charlie Deutsch	10/1	1st Stage Star, 2nd Nottongillmay, 3rd IL RIDOTO towards rear, behind 4 out	141
11 Mar 23	San 20f Nov Hcp Ch Cls1 28K	Sft	11-10	5/5 14½ len	Charlie Deutsch	6/4f	1st Hudson De Gruby, 2nd Quel Destin, 3rd No Risk Des Fios raced wide, chased leading pair until before 6th, jumped slowly 7th, hit 9th, pushed along and outpaced after 4 out	142
25 Feb 23	Ncs 20f Hcp Ch Cls2 13K	Gd-Sft	11-9	1/7 10 len	Shane Quinlan (3)	7/2f2f	1st EASY AS THAT , 2nd Five Star Getaway, 3rd Dubai Days disputed lead, led 4th, shaken up and forged away after 3 out, awkward 2 out, ran on well and in command before last, comfortably	133
30 Dec 22	Hdo 22f Hcp Ch Cls3 8K	Sft	11-10	1/11 7½ len	Charlie Deutsch	9/2	1st EASY AS THAT , 2nd Ubetya, 3rd Young Bull raced wide, closer out wide in mid-division at 5th, headway chasing leaders 8th, went 2nd before 4 out, led 4 out, clear before the last, stayed on strongly	126
06 Nov 22	ffl 16f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 9K	Sft	10-7	2/2 3¼ len	Charlie Deutsch	15/8f2	1st Knickerbockerglory, 2nd EASY AS THAT tracked winner, not fluent 9th, pushed along next, hit 3 out, kept on but no threat to winner	130


10		127-52P	FRERE D'ARMES (FR) 26 BF b g Bathyrhon - Ville Sainte			7 10 - 6tp1	C J Todd D Skelton	134
Jockey Colours: White, royal blue star, royal blue sleeves, white spots, white cap, royal blue star Timeform says: <i>Improved for switch to chasing last season, landing handicaps at Kempton/Newbury (at up to 18f) and ran up to best when second in Ascot handicap (16.7f) on penultimate start. This looks tougher, though, and he arrives on back of poor effort at Musselburgh.</i> ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 17.00)								
CAREER STATS (Starts - Wins - 2nds - 3rds)								
Flat Turf: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0				Jumps: 12 - 4 - 3 - 0		All Weather: 3 - 0 - 1 - 0		
RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY								
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
01 Jan 24	mus 20f Hcp Ch Cls2 21K	Sft	11-8t	PU/9	Harry Skelton	2/1f	1st Fidelio Vallis, 2nd Corrigen Rock, 3rd Half Shot mid-division, pushed along and weakened home turn, pulled up after 4 out	134
25 Nov 23	Asc 17f Hcp Ch Cls2 65K	Gd	10-1t	2/8 ½ len	Tristan Durrell (5)	7/2f2	1st Boothill, 2nd FRERE D'ARMES , 3rd Triple Trade in touch, dropped to rear 8th, ridden and headway last, stayed on to press winner towards finish	133
04 Nov 23	Asc 17f Hcp Ch Cls1 57K	Sft	10-5t	5/9 13¾ len	Ciaran Gethings	6/1	1st Boothill, 2nd First Flow, 3rd Saint Segal held up, headway on inside chasing leaders when not fluent 2 out, weakened soon after	135
22 Apr 23	Ayr 16.5f Hcp Ch Cls1 23K	Gd	11-3t1	7/9 15¾ len	Bridget Andrews	2/1f	1st Malystic, 2nd Elkir De Nutz, 3rd Coastguard Station held up towards rear, raced keenly, not fluent 2nd, mistake 7th, not fluent 9th, effort before 4 out, no impression, well held 3 out	136
02 Apr 23	Asc 17f Hcp Ch Cls2 21K	Gd-Sft	11-7	2/9 5 len	Harry Skelton	7/4f	1st Black Gerry, 2nd FRERE D'ARMES , 3rd Hatcher held up off the pace in last pair, headway chasing leaders 4 out, went 2nd 2 out, led before the last until the last, stayed on same pace run-in, no chance with winner, held on for 2nd	136
25 Nov 22	Nbu 16f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 11K	Gd	10-5	1/6 2¼ len	Harry Skelton	4/1	1st FRERE D'ARMES , 2nd Auncurisque, 3rd Datsalrightgino tracked leader 2nd, hit 4th, challenged out wide led and hit the last, ridden and hung left run-in, stayed on well	128

11		115-514	GRANDEUR D'AME (FR) 42 b g Desir D'un Soir - Sourya D'airy			8 10 - 5	Thomas Bellamy A King	133
Jockey Colours: Maroon, black hoop, diablo on sleeves, hooped cap Timeform says: <i>Winning hurdler who has a generally progressive profile over fences, back on the up when landing a handicap at Wetherby (19.4f) in November. Far from disgraced (from 3 lb out of the weights) when fourth in C&D handicap since and merits consideration.</i> ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 13.00)								
CAREER STATS (Starts - Wins - 2nds - 3rds)								
Flat Turf: 2 - 1 - 1 - 0			Jumps: 14 - 4 - 1 - 2			All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0		
RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY								
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
16 Dec 23	Che 21f Hcp Ch Cls1 74K	Sft	10-2	4/12 10 len	Thomas Bellamy	22/1	1st Fugitif, 2nd IL RIDOTO, 3rd Frero Banbou <i>tracked clear leading pair 8th, ridden 3 out, stayed on one pace</i>	136
18 Nov 23	Wth 19f Hcp Ch Cls3 6K	Hy	11-1	1/6 25 len	Tom Cannon	9/2	1st GRANDEUR D'AME , 2nd Cornerstone Lad, 3rd Ubetya <i>tracked leader, led 5th, came clear before 4 out, kept on strongly</i>	125

19 May 23	Ain 20f Hcp Ch Cls3 7K	Gd	11-2	5/9 33 len	Tom Cannon	13/2	1st La Domaniale, 2nd Jemima P, 3rd Captain Tom Cat midfield, not fluent 4 out, soon driven and outpaced, weakened before 2 out	127
30 Mar 23	War 16f Hcp Ch Cls3 11K	Sft	11-1	5/6 16 len	Tom Cannon	10/3	1st Red Rookie, 2nd Hasankey, 3rd Bun Doran handy, lost position and dropped to rear 6th, always behind thereafter	127
13 Mar 23	Str 17f Hcp Ch Cls4 5K	Gd-Sft	12-0	1/5 17 len	Tom Cannon	11/8f	1st GRANDEUR D'AME , 2nd Thelasthighking, 3rd Greenrock Abbey made all, pushed along and went clear after 2 out, unchallenged	119
27 Jan 23	Hun 16.5f Nov Hcp Ch Cls4 6K	Gd-Sft	11-8	1/8 1 len	Thomas Bellamy	7/4f	1st GRANDEUR D'AME , 2nd Maninsane, 3rd Trapiста jumped left, prominent, led 3rd, made rest, ridden approaching last, soon pressed, ran on	114

10 Apr 23	Com 19f Hcp Ch 69K	Hy	11-1	2/14 nse	N Gauffenic	13/2c2f	1st Iorana Vallis, 2nd CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY , 3rd Peace Garden	-
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LOUNGE LIZARD 49

b g Kayf Tara - Lifestyle

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J J Burke

H D Daly

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Jockey Colours:

Emerald green, red hoops, quartered cap

Timeform says:

Looked more straightforward than had previously been the case (in blinkers) when landing small-field handicaps at Catterick/Taunton during second half of last term. Did too much too soon in Becher Chase latest but may find things happening plenty quick enough dropped in trip here. ★★☆☆☆ (Forecast 34.00)

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

Flat Turf: 1 - 0 - 1 - 0


Jumps: 13 - 2 - 4 - 4

All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
09 Dec 23	Ain 26f Hcp Ch Cls1 84K	Hy	10-2b	5/12 137 len	Charlie Deutsch	11/1	1st Chambard, 2nd Coko Beach, 3rd Percussion in rear, headway 5th, tracked leaders next, led 12th, hit next, headed 15th, weakened 3 out, detached	136
24 Oct 23	Exe 24f Hcp Ch Cls3 13K	Gd	11-6b	3/11 1 len	H Cobden	6/1	1st Any News, 2nd Manothepeople, 3rd LOUNGE LIZARD took keen hold, mid-division, in touch 7th, challenged 2 out, hung left before last, edged left and bumped rival flat, 3rd and held close home	127
19 May 23	Ain 25f Hcp Ch Cls2 14K	Gd	11-6b	3/11 20 len	H Cobden	3/1f2	1st Kinondo Kwetu, 2nd Go On Chez, 3rd LOUNGE LIZARD went prominent 2nd, led next, headed 5th, led 11th, not fluent 14th or 15th, headed 2 out, weakened last	129
27 Apr 23	Tau 23f Nov Hcp Ch Cls4 6K	Sft	12-0b	1/4 6 len	H Cobden	9/4f	1st LOUNGE LIZARD, 2nd Imperial Joe, 3rd Haldon Hill prominent, led 3rd, clear before 3 out, comfortably	120
28 Feb 23	ctt 25f Hcp Ch Cls4 5K	Gd	12-0b1	1/5 9 len	Sam Twiston-Davies	5/2f2	1st LOUNGE LIZARD, 2nd Betty Baloo, 3rd Fiston Du Mou made all, clear 3 out, stayed on well from last	111
31 Dec 22	War 20f Hcp Ch Cls4 4K	Sft	11-7v	3/9 7¾ len	Richard Patrick	10/3f	1st Mister Watson, 2nd Generous Day, 3rd LOUNGE LIZARD prominent, mistake 6th, pushed along 12th, faded after 3 out	113

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CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY (IRE) 62 D

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Nicolas Gauffenic

T R George

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Jockey Colours:

White, red cross belts, dark blue sleeves, red cap

Timeform says:

Campaigned exclusively in France in recent years, running up to best when second in listed chase at Auteuil (17.4f, heavy) 62 days ago. Since rejoined Tom George and doesn't look harshly treated back handicapping but it's been some time since he got his head in front.☆☆☆☆☆ (Forecast 41.00)

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

Flat Turf: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

Jumps: 26 - 4 - 10 - 1

All Weather: 2 - 0 - 1 - 0

RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
26 Nov 23	Aut 17f Ch List 60K	Hy	10-10	2/8 10 len	N Gauffenic	5/1	1st Glorice, 2nd CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY, 3rd Noble Diamond	135
28 Oct 23	Com 20f Ch Gd2 149K		10-5	4/10 3¾ len	N Gauffenic	16/1	1st Spes Militurf, 2nd Gold Tweet, 3rd Glorice	135
10 Jun 23	Aut 18f Hcp Hdl 69K	Sft	10-10	9/14 16½ len	N Gauffenic	12/1	1st Ma Beaute, 2nd Folly Foot, 3rd Gardons Le Sourire	-
03 Jun 23	Aut 18f Hcp Ch 69K	Gd	11-2	F/12	N Gauffenic	3/1f	1st Filup, 2nd Mandarin Basc, 3rd Toscana Du Bertais	-
10 May 23	Com 20f Ch Gd3 95K	Hy	10-7	2/7 3 len	N Gauffenic	11/2	1st Geelong Sport, 2nd CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY, 3rd Illiko Des Plans	135