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Chase Meredith Memorial Trophy Open Hunters' Chase (Class 4) (5YO plus)

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No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		32952-4	MENDIP EXPRESS (IRE) 38 D br g King's Theatre - Mulberry	12 12 - 6t	Mr D Maxwell (3) P J Hobbs	130
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TIMEFORM VIEW: VIRAK was largely disappointing in a light 2016/17 campaign, but he's a very classy recruit to this sphere and connections will be keen to get him qualified for the Cheltenham Festival without too much difficulty. He has to be the call in receipt of weight from main rivals Mendip Express and Now Ben.

Timeform 1-2-3:

- 1: VIRAK (6)
2: MENDIP EXPRESS (1)
3: NOW BEN (2)


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Flat Turf: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0


Jumps: 21 - 6 - 4 - 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
11 Dec 17	Fon 26f Hcp Ch Cls3 6K	Hy	11-5t	4/6 19¼ len	Mr D Maxwell (7)	13/2	1st Get On The Yager, 2nd Ramses De Teillee, 3rd Leo Luna chased leaders, mistake 6th, in rear when mistake 10th, chased leaders again when hampered 4 out, soon outpaced, disputed modest 3rd when mistake 2 out, no chance after	134
28 Apr 17	Pun 24.5f Ch 18K	Gd-Yl	11-7t	2/10 nk	Mr David Maxwell (7)	10/1	1st Balnaslow, 2nd MENDIP EXPRESS, 3rd Minella For Value led, headed 6th, regained lead 4 out, headed next, ridden and disputed lead again 2 out, headed inside final furlong, kept on same pace close home	128
06 Apr 17	Ain 21f Ch Cls2 24K	Gd-Sft	12-0t	5/28 5 len	Mr D Maxwell	25/1	1st Dineur, 2nd Balnaslow, 3rd Big Fella Thanks led from and jumped left 2nd, headed before 8th, ridden before last, kept on run-in	131
17 Mar 17	Che 26f Ch Cls2 27K	Gd	12-0t	9/23 22 len	Mr D Maxwell	66/1	1st Pacha Du Polder, 2nd Wonderful Charm, 3rd Baref Of Laughs chased leaders to before 3 out, soon weakened, tailed off	131
22 Feb 17	Lud 24f Ch Cls5 2K	Gd-Sft	11-13t	2/4 4 len	Mr D Maxwell (5)	2/9f	1st Mr Mercurial, 2nd MENDIP EXPRESS, 3rd The Ould Lad tracked leaders, took keen hold, led before 7th, headed 11th, led again after 15th, headed 3 out, no impression last, one pace	135
29 Apr 16	Pun 25f Ch Cls1 15K	Yl	11-7t	3/10 5 len	Mr D Maxwell (7)	12/1	1st On The Fringe, 2nd Mario, 3rd MENDIP EXPRESS tracked leaders on outer, 3rd halfway, progress to lead 12th, headed 3 out, pushed along and no impression on winner before last, no extra in 3rd run-in	135

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Jumps: 4 - 2 - 0 - 0


All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

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09 Jun 17	Str 27.5f Nov Ch Cls2 12K	Gd	11-10	1/14 1½ len	Mr Alex Edwards	8/1	1st NOW BEN , 2nd Tinkers Hill Tommy, 3rd Supreme Danehill prominent, challenged 5th, led after 8th, ridden and stayed on well flat	111
25 Apr 17	Lud 24f Ch Cls5 2K	Gd	11-7	1/10 10 len	Mr Alex Edwards (3)	6/4f	1st NOW BEN , 2nd Abbeyview, 3rd Beggar's Velvet tracked leaders, 2nd at 3rd until 10th, remained prominent, 2nd again led 15th, clear before 4 out, easily	-
23 Mar 17	Lud 24f Ch Cls5 4K	Sft	11-8	PU/5	Mr Alex Edwards (3)	4/1	1st Pearlysteps, 2nd REAL MILAN, 3rd REAL MILAN chased leaders, last 5th until went 4th before 12th, ridden after 14th, weakened after next, remote 4th when pulled up before 3 out	-
30 Mar 14	Asc 19.5f Mdn Hdl Cls4 5K	Gd	11-1	14/16 76 len	B J Geraghty	11/4f2	1st Simply A Legend, 2nd Shelford, 3rd Gassin Golf always in rear, slow 4 out, soon beaten	-
09 Nov 13	Wcn 16f 4-6y NHF Cls6 2K	Gd-Sft	11-4	8/14 31 len	A Tinkler	5/2f2	1st Zulu Oscar, 2nd Inner Drive, 3rd River Deep tracked leaders on inside, outpaced 4f out, weakened 2f out	-

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11 Jan 17	Tau 23f Ch Cls6 2K	Gd	11-9	PU/15	Mr S Davies-Thomas (7)	6/1	1st Baref Of Laughs, 2nd Grandioso, 3rd Lord Ben chased leader until 10th, chased leaders, tailed off and pulled up approaching 3 out	103
20 May 16	Str 27.5f Nov Ch Cls2 12K	Gd	11-10	2/13 3¾ len	Mr J F Mathias	5/2f	1st Quiet Account, 2nd LILBITLUSO, 3rd High Hatten led until 2nd, chased leader, hit 14th, led 4 out, ridden and headed approaching last, stayed on same pace run-in	97
27 Apr 16	Che 26f Ch Cls4 4K	Gd	11-9	1/12 3 len	Mr J F Mathias (3)	11/8f	1st LILBITLUSO, 2nd Doctor Braveheart, 3rd Excitable Island led, jumped mainly right throughout, headed 2nd, mistake 15th, led again 3 out, kept on well, ridden out	97
31 May 15	klb 20f Ch 8K	Gd	11-9	4/13 26 len	J S McGarvey (3)	66/1	1st Akorakor, 2nd Macnicholson, 3rd Mister Red towards rear, progress to mid-division at 7th, 6th and driven after 4 out, 5th at last, stayed on to 4th on run-in, never on terms	-
12 May 15	Lim 24f Ch 8K	Yl-Sft	11-9	9/11 53 len	J S McGarvey (3)	66/1	1st Flaming Dawn, 2nd Shantou Flyer, 3rd Is Love Alive held up, a little keen, 10th early, detached 5th, impeded 11th, soon no danger	-
19 Mar 15	Thu 22.5f Hcp Hdl 6K	Yl-Sft	11-3h1	6/15 36 len	Andrew J McNamara	7/1	1st Drishogue Boy, 2nd Kilcross Boy, 3rd Molly's Affair prominent, close up 5th, slight mistake next, slightly impeded by loose horse after 7th, no extra approaching straight in 6th	86


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09 Jun 17	Str 21f Hcp Ch Cls4 5K	Gd	10-4	7/8 31 len	Mr Thomas M O'Brien (3)	8/1	1st Curraigflemens, 2nd Sam Cavallaro, 3rd Swallowshade soon behind	97
18 May 17	Fon 27f Ch Cls6 2K	Sft	11-11	4/5 88 len	Mr Thomas M O'Brien (3)	12/1	1st Man Of Steel, 2nd Lets Get Serious, 3rd Mon Parrain jumped left in rear, pushed along 11th, 3rd after 15th, mistake 17th, well beaten before 3 out	104
09 May 17	Fkn 24f Ch Cls6 2K	Gd-Fm	12-1	3/8 43 len	Mr Thomas M O'Brien (3)	28/1	1st Master Workman, 2nd In Fairness, 3rd TUGBOAT in touch, lost place 4th, outpaced 14th, ridden and headway when jumped sharply left to go remote 3rd at last	109
25 Apr 17	Lud 24f Ch Cls5 2K	Gd	11-7	PU/10	Mr Ed Bailey (7)	14/1	1st NOW BEN , 2nd Abbeyview, 3rd Beggar's Velvet jumped left, raced wide, always behind, tailed off and pulled up before 2 out	121
26 Jan 17	War 24f Ch Cls6 2K	Sft	11-13	PU/15	Mr Ed Bailey (7)	40/1	1st Grand Vision, 2nd Pearlysteps, 3rd Pentillic in rear, mistake and rider lost iron briefly 3rd, tailed off after 11th, soon pulled up	129
11 Jan 17	Tau 23f Ch Cls6 2K	Gd	11-13	PU/15	Mr J Smith-Maxwell (7)	50/1	1st Baref Of Laughs, 2nd Grandioso, 3rd Lord Ben behind when went left 1st, stumbled badly and pulled up after next	129

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05 May 17	Che 26f Ch Cls2 15K	Gd	12-4p	3/12 48 len	Mr J H Jones	8/1f2	1st Baref Of Laughs, 2nd The Wealerdealer, 3rd REAL MILAN held up in mid-division, headway 15th, no impression on front pair after 3 out, went 3rd next, well beaten and hanging right list	110
23 Mar 17	Lud 24f Ch Cls5 4K	Sft	11-4p	2/5 7 len	Mr J H Jones (7)	14/1	1st Pearlysteps, 2nd REAL MILAN chased leaders, 2nd after 15th, plugged on from 4 out but no impression	110
11 Jan 17	Tau 23f Ch Cls6 2K	Gd	11-5p	U/15	Mr J H Jones (7)	5/1f2	1st Baref Of Laughs, 2nd Grandioso, 3rd Lord Ben towards rear, making headway when mistake and unseated rider 11th	125
04 May 15	War 25f Hcp Hdl Cls4 3K	Gd-Sft	11-12bt	PU/15	T J O'Brien	20/1	1st Crack Of Thunder, 2nd Sandynow, 3rd Multimedia chased leaders, lost place 7th, mistake 4 out, well beaten 3 out, soon pulled up	110
20 Apr 15	New 22f Hcp Hdl Cls4 4K	Gd	11-12b	8/8 39 len	Sam Twiston-Davies	14/1	1st The Road Ahead, 2nd Vivant Poeme, 3rd Mister Snowball led, ridden and headed after 3 out, weakened before 2 out	115
21 Mar 15	Str 22.5f Hcp Hdl Cls4 5K	Gd	11-12b	8/10 40 len	R P McLernon	22/1	1st Mawaqet, 2nd Atlantic Gold, 3rd He's A Bully led, hard driven when headed after 2 out, soon weakened	120

29 Dec 15	Don 24f Hcp Ch Cls3 6K	Gd-Sft	11-3	3/13 20 len	Adam Wedge	11/4f	1st Ziga Boy, 2nd Godsmejudge, 3rd WILD BILL mid-division, left 4th 4 out, went 3rd from 2 out, stayed on, no impression on eased down winner	124
27 Nov 15	Don 24f Nov Hcp Ch Cls4 4K	Gd	11-4	1/12 2½ len	Paul Moloney	4/1cf	1st WILD BILL , 2nd Ueuetootl, 3rd Solway Legend chased leaders, challenged on bit from 2 out, led after last, easily	116

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20 Apr 17	Che 26f Hcp Ch Cls2 13K	Gd	11-5p	6/8 44 len	Bryony Frost (7)	11/2	1st Upewing, 2nd Belmont, 3rd Coologue led until after 2nd, stayed handy, lost place 3 out, weakened before 2 out	144
18 Feb 17	Asc 24f Hcp Ch List Cls1 26K	Sft	11-2p	5/7 76 len	Sean Bowen	6/1	1st Tenor Nivernais, 2nd Go Conquer, 3rd Sausalito Sunrise chased leading trio until jumped slowly 11th, soon dropped to rear, struggling 14th, left disputing poor 4th 3 out, tailed off	147
21 Jan 17	Hdo 24f Hcp Ch Gd2 Cls1 28K	Sft	10-11p	4/14 36 len	Harry Cobden (3)	16/1	1st Bristol De Mai, 2nd Otago Trail, 3rd Bishops Road chased leaders, led before 3rd, headed 6th, led next, headed 8th, weakened before 4 out	152
26 Nov 16	Ncs 23f Hcp Ch List Cls1 46K	Sft	11-9p	6/9 40 len	Harry Cobden (3)	7/1	1st Otago Trail, 2nd Bristol De Mai, 3rd Definitely Red chased leaders, weakened from 6 out	155
29 Oct 16	With 24f Ch Gd2 Cls1 57K	Gd	11-0p	5/7 12¼ len	Sean Bowen	10/1	1st Irish Cavalier, 2nd Menorah, 3rd Cue Card not fluent 1st, prominent, hit and lost place 13th, driven to chase leaders before 4 out, weakened next	156
09 Apr 16	Ain 25f Hcp Ch List Cls1 34K	Sft	11-7p1	2/14 12 len	Harry Cobden (5)	12/1	1st Maggio, 2nd VIRAK, 3rd Al Co with leader, led 4 out, ridden before 2 out, headed before last, kept on and no chance with winner	157

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09 Jun 17	Str 27.5f Ch Cls2 15K	Gd	12-0	5/10 20 len	Mr Conor Orr	33/1	1st Young Hurricane, 2nd Balnaslow, 3rd Wonderful Charm 2nd early, chased leaders, not fluent 5th, beaten 2 out, weakened before last	113
17 Feb 17	Fkn 24f Ch Cls6 2K	Gd-Sft	11-11	PU/9	Mr Conor Orr (7)	2/1f	1st Carlton Ryan, 2nd Warden Hill, 3rd Vasco Du Mee held up towards rear, headway before 8th, chased leaders next, mistake 9th, weakened 4 out, behind when pulled up before 2 out	118
14 Apr 16	Che 25f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 6K	Gd	11-2	PU/12	Paul Moloney	5/1j2f	1st Solstice Son, 2nd Get Involved, 3rd Deadly Sting chased leaders, not fluent 11th, lost place before 15th, not fluent next, behind when pulled up before 4 out	121
27 Feb 16	Chp 24f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 6K	Sft	11-8	4/12 19 len	Paul Moloney	3/1f	1st Henri Parry Morgan, 2nd Bears Rails, 3rd Grove Silver tracked leaders, every chance before 3 out, 3rd and one pace approaching last, no extra and lost 3rd close home	123