

(R2) 14:10 CHELTENHAM, 3m 80y
RSA Insurance Novices' Chase (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5YO plus)
TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		115-1F2	AL BOUM PHOTO (FR) 38 BF b g Buck's Boum - Al Gane	6 11 - 4	R Walsh W P Mullins	153
2		2216/7-1	ALLYSSON MONTERG (FR) 31 BF b g Network - Mellyssa	8 11 - 4t	Jonathan Burke Richard Hobson	139
3		5-51241	BALLYOPTIC (IRE) 39 D b g Old Vic - Lambourne Lace	8 11 - 4	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	150
4		111211	BLACK CORTON (FR) 25 CD br g Laverock - Pour Le Meilleur	7 11 - 4t	Bryony Frost P F Nicholls	155
5		1/21P-41	BONBON AU MIEL (FR) 53 b g Khalkevi - Friandise li	7 11 - 4t	P Townend W P Mullins	139
6		249-114	DOUNIKOS (FR) 38 b g Smadoun - Baby Sitter	7 11 - 4	J W Kennedy G Elliott	151
7		7-22121	ELEGANT ESCAPE (IRE) 31 D b g Dubai Destination - Graineuaile	6 11 - 4	Harry Cobden C L Tizzard	153
8		18-4145	FULL IRISH (IRE) 46 D BF b g Flemensfirth - Miss Kettlewell	7 11 - 4tp1	L P Aspell Miss E C Lavelle	135
9		124-1F1	MONALEE (IRE) 38 D BF b g Milan - Tempest Belle	7 11 - 4	N D Fehily H de Bromhead	155
10		6-13112	PRESENTING PERCY 25 CD BF b g Sir Percy - Hunca Munca	7 11 - 4t	D N Russell P G Kelly	158

ATR VERDICT: The two to focus upon are MONALEE and Presenting Percy because their form is stronger than the rest. Henry de Bromhead's gelding just gets the nod following his win in what appeared to be a strong renewal of the Grade 1 Flogas Novice Chase at Leopardstown last month. The son of Milan made all that day and he did appear to have more in hand than the final winning distance suggests. Presenting Percy won the Pertemps Final here last year and he has arguably improved for going over fences. That said, he did have a hard enough race behind Our Duke in the Red Mills just 25 days ago. Dounikos may lack the class of the previous pair but the conditions should suit and the step up to 3m is also a positive. Al Boum Photo is another with valid each-way claims.

Top Tip: MONALEE (9)

Watch out for: PRESENTING PERCY (10)

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