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(R4) 15:30 CHELTENHAM, 3m 2f 70y

Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup Chase (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		6/111- P2	AMERICAN (FR) 48 b g Malinas - Grande Sultane	8 11 - 10	N D Fehily Harry Fry	157
2		42-591F	ANIBALE FLY (FR) 40 b g Assessor - Nouba Fly	8 11 - 10t	B J Geraghty A J Martin	159
3		U/F21- 11	BACHASSON (FR) 74 gr g Voix Du Nord - Belledonne	7 11 - 10	D E Mullins W P Mullins	159
4		U1P-311	DEFINITLY RED (IRE) 48 C D ch g Definite Article - The Red Wench	9 11 - 10	Danny Cook B Ellison	167
5		342-2P3	DJAKADAM (FR) 40 b g Saint Des Saints - Rainbow Crest	9 11 - 10	Mr P W Mullins W P Mullins	165
6	**	12P-222	DOUBLE SHUFFLE (IRE) 80 b g Milan - Fiddlers Bar	8 11 - 10h	A P Heskin T R George	166
7		1F1P-P1	EDWULF 40 b g Kayf Tara - Valentines Lady	9 11 - 10t	Mr Derek O'Connor Joseph P O'Brien	164
8		1111/1F	KILLULTAGH VIC (IRE) 40 C b g Old Vic - Killultagh Dawn	9 11 - 10	P Townend W P Mullins	153
9		F111-11	MIGHT BITE (IRE) 80 C b g Scorpion - Knotted Midge	9 11 - 10	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	169
10		U2- 4P4F	MINELLA ROCCO (IRE) 40 C b g Shirocco - Petralona	8 11 - 10tp	M P Walsh Jonjo O'Neill	161
11		21113-1	NATIVE RIVER (IRE) 34 D ch g Indian River - Native Mo	8 11 - 10p	R Johnson C L Tizzard	166
12	***	121-741	OUR DUKE (IRE) 27 BF b g Oscar - Good Thyne Jenny	8 11 - 10	R M Power Mrs J Harrington	166
13	*	P-61332	OUTLANDER (IRE) 40 b g Stowaway - Western Whisper	10 11 - 10p	J W Kennedy G Elliott	163
14	**	211-121	ROAD TO RESPECT (IRE) 78 C ch g Gamut - Lora Lady	7 11 - 10h	S W Flanagan N Meade	167
15		F215U-3	SAPHIR DU RHEU (FR) 34 C gr g Al Namix - Dona Du Rheu	9 11 - 10t	Sam Twiston-Davies P F Nicholls	158
16		PP2222	SHANTOU FLYER (IRE) 3 C BF b g Shantou - Carrigmorna Flyer	8 11 - 10vt	James Bowen Richard Hobson	152
17	*	U1-943P	TEA FOR TWO 48 b g Kayf Tara - One For Me	9 11 - 10	Lizzie Kelly Nick Williams	164

TOTAL RECALL (IRE) 40 D

b g Westerner - Augest Weekend

9 11 - 10

D J Mullins W P Mullins

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ATR VERDICT: Might Bite banished any doubt of him belonging at the top table when scoring in the King George, and the enigmatic son of Scorpion has looked a reformed character in his two outings this term. Imperious, and then somewhat bemusing at last year's Festival, he has proven himself around the undulations of Prestbury Park, with only the question over whether he will stay the extended distance of the sport's blue riband event. Native River's season has revolved around him peaking in this contest and he returned in imperious fashion at Newbury when winning the Denman Chase. He must be on the scene with soft ground on the agenda and can feature along with Saphir Du Rheu, who ran a career best when fifth in this last season and can perform well once again. The Irish challenge is led by their Gold Cup winner Edwulf, who would add another feather to the cap of his young trainer Joseph O'Brien, while Road To Respect has been kept fresh since landing the Christmas Chase and was an impressive winner of the Festival Plate last season. Our Duke was a leading novice last season and the Irish National winner gives Jessie Harrington a real chance of winning back to back Gold Cups, while Willie Mullins is mob-handed with Killultagh Vic the most likely of his quartet. However, DEFINITLY RED has gone from strength to strength this season and can take the showpiece prize back to Malton for his Spring Cottage handler Brian Ellison. He thrived on heavy going here when claiming the Cotswold Chase last time, when eight lengths clear of the supplemented American, and his preference for anything on the slower side of good makes him a leading player in a wide-open contest.

Top Tip: DEFINITLY RED (4)

Watch out for: ROAD TO RESPECT (14)





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