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Smarkets Handicap Chase (Class 2) (5YO plus)

No	Silk F	orm	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OF
	2	3/18PF	VIRGILIO (FR) 34 CD b g Denham Red - Liesse De Marbeuf	9 11 - 12t	Harry Skelton D Skelton	14
imefo n earl	orm says: Has	something Grand Natio	ed seams, royal blue sleeves, royal blue cap, white s g to prove to an extent, amiss at Doncaster in J onal, but still warrants plenty bidding to follow u (Forecast 6.50)	anuary, then		
	4	51F46-	KNOCKGRAFFON (IRE) 30 b g Flemensfirth - Gleaming Spire	8 11 - 9tp	B Hughes Olly Murphy	14
imefo n Janu	orm says: Had	his sights	is, pink sleeves, white stars, red cap, pink star lowered a bit when winning handicap chase at n since and still looks competitive from this sor			
	6	44P45-	BALLYALTON (IRE) 35 b g Pierre - Almilto	11 11 - 5	T J O'Brien Ian Williams	1;
imefo ompe	orm says: Is 2	years with andicaps tl	blue and light green hooped sleeves, white cap out a win, but has made the first 5 in a couple one last twice and certainly remains of interest from (Forecast 5.00)			
	6	4300/1-	ANOTHER HERO (IRE) 30 b g Kalanisi - Storm Front	9 11 - 3	B J Geraghty Jonjo O'Neill	1
imefo ear of	orm says: Cap ff at Cheltenhai	italised on m last mon	ellow hoops, white cap some lenient handicapping to make a winning th. This obviously tougher, but he's been comp the (Forecast 6.00)	return from a etitive from		
	3	/2192F	MONBEG RIVER (IRE) 28 br g Indian River - So Pretty	9 11 - 1	Henry Brooke M Todhunter	1:
imefo enulti	orm says: Look	ked as god ore first fen	oss of lorraine and armlets, white cap nd as ever when narrow second in small field at ce error brought about an early exit last time. C 5.00)			
i	*** ****	20/07P	COLMS DREAM (IRE) 20 ch g Beneficial - African Waters	9 11 - 1ht	J J Burke Karl Thornton	1
imefo	orm says: Hard	d to make	reen stars, emerald green cap a case for on this season's efforts for all he's be ******** (Forecast 17.00)	en given a bit		
•	8	33441-	WINTER LION (IRE) 30 D ch g Galileo - Hill Of Snow	8 10 - 7t	P J Brennan F O'Brien	1:
imefo	orm says: Didr	n't have mu him, diggi	rron and armlets ich racing in Ireland and it hasn't taken his shre ng in well to land a handicap chase at Cheltenl			

08F7P0- BEARLY LEGAL (IRE) 34 Sam Twiston-Davies 122 12 10 - 3t Karl Thornton b g Court Cave - Fair Size

Jockey Colours: Purple, white star, purple sleeves, white stars, purple cap, white star

Timeform says: Firmly on the decline based on this season's efforts.

TIMEFORM VIEW: WINTER LION is already off the mark for Fergal O'Brien, but strikes as the type that could go on improving for his new yard for a while yet, so he's taken to follow up his gutsy Cheltenham success at the expense of Ballyalton and last year's winner Virgilio.

Timeform 1-2-3:

1: WINTER LION (7)

2: BALLYALTON (3)

3: VIRGILIO (1)





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23/18PF VIRGILIO (FR) 34 CD 9 11 - 12t Harry Skelton D Skelton

Jockey Colours: Emerald green, red seams, royal blue sleeves, royal blue cap, white star

Timeform says: Has something to prove to an extent, amiss at Doncaster in January, then an early faller in the Grand National, but still warrants plenty bidding to follow up in this event from a 3 lb higher mark. ****** (Forecast 6.50)

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

RECENT R	ACE BY RACE HISTORY							
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
14 Apr 18	Ain 34f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 500K	Ну	10-8t	F/38	Harry Skelton	50/1	1st Tiger Roll, 2nd Pleasant Company, 3rd Bless The Wings hamperd 1st, behind, fell 6th (bechers)	145
16 Dec 17	Don 24f Hcp Ch Cls2 16K	Gd	11-6t	PU/9	Bridget Andrews	5/1	1st Mustmeetalady, 2nd Vibrato Valtat, 3rd What Happens Now held up towards rear, pushed along before 11th, soon weakened, tailed off and pulled up before 12th	147
11 Nov 17	Ain 20f Hcp Ch Cls2 46K	Sft	11-11t	8/12 18 len	Harry Skelton	11/4f	1st On Tour, 2nd Master Dee, 3rd Ballybolley held up towards rear, closed on inside from 5th, no impression 2 out, weakened before last	149
19 May 17	Ain 25f Hcp Ch Cls2 14K	Gd	11-12t	1/10 7 len	Harry Skelton	9/4f	1st VIRGILIO, 2nd Minellacelebration, 3rd Fact Of The Matter held up towards rear, not fluent 6th, headway on outside 4 out, challenged next, led 2 out, ridden clear last, stayed on	142
07 Apr 17	Ain 25f Nov Ch Gd1 Cls1 56K	Gd	11-4t	3/5 20 len	Harry Skelton	14/1	1st Might Bite, 2nd Whisper, 3rd VIRGILIO tracked winner to after 3rd, chased front pair, outpaced 4 out, ridden next, no chance after	144
26 Dec 16	Kmp 24f Nov Ch Gd1 Cls1 40K	Gd	11-7t	2/10 12 len	Harry Skelton	10/1	1st Royal Vacation, 2nd VIRGILIO , 3rd Amore Alato last trio, reminders and struggling in 6th before 12th, left poor 2nd and slightly hampered on landing last	146

2	451F46-	KNOCKGRAFFON (IRE) 30	8 11 - 9tp	B Hughes	142
		b g Flemensfirth - Gleaming Spire		Olly Murphy	

Jockey Colours: Pink, red chevrons, pink sleeves, white stars, red cap, pink star

Timeform says: Had his sights lowered a bit when winning handicap chase at Musselburgh in January. Has remained in form since and still looks competitive from this sort of mark.

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

Flat Turf: 2 - 0 - 1 - 1 Jumps: 16 - 4 - 3 - 1 All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

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RECENT R	ACE BY RACE HISTORY							
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
18 Apr 18	Che 21f Hcp Ch Gd2 Cls1 34K	Gd	10-7tp	6/16 131/4 len	B Hughes	14/1	1st Traffic Fluide, 2nd Art Of Payroll, 3rd Kalondra mid-division, headway 9th, mistake next, not fluent 12th, struggling after 3 out, plugged on, no impression	143
23 Feb 18	War 20f Hcp Ch Cls2 19K	Gd-Sft	11-12tp	4/7 4½ len	B Hughes	6/1	1st Cobra De Mai, 2nd Drumlee Sunset, 3rd Kayf Adventure held up, headway 6th, mistake and outpaced 12th, no impression after, went 4th last, stayed on towards finish	144
03 Feb 18	Wth 19f Hcp Ch Cls2 13K	Ну	11-5tp	F/8	Fergus Gregory (7)	9/2	1st Mercian Prince, 2nd Pain Au Chocolat, 3rd Kayf Blanco held up towards rear, headway after 5 out, no impression when fell 2 out	145
01 Jan 18	mus 20f Hcp Ch Cls2 19K	Gd-Sft	11-8tp	1/6 1¼ len	B Hughes	7/2	1st KNOCKGRAFFON, 2nd Upsilon Bleu, 3rd Indian Temple in rear, headway to go 3rd before 4 out, ridden to lead last, edged right run-in, driven out	141
16 Dec 17	Che 16f Hcp Ch Cls2 19K	Sft	10- 11t1p1	5/7 10 len	R Johnson	5/1	1st Gino Trail, 2nd Bun Doran, 3rd Bentelimar tracked leaders on outside, lost place after 4th, effort 8th, lost place when mistake 3 out, soon weakened	144
13 Oct 17	New 21f Ch Cls2 19K	Gd	11-0	4/5 31 len	Harry Skelton	3/1f2	1st Black Corton, 2nd Sizing Tennessee, 3rd Frodon held up in last pair, closed 10th, a little awkward on landing 4 out, weakened before 2 out	144

3	644P45-	BALLYALTON (IRE) 35 b g Pierre - Almilto	11 11 - 5	T J O'Brien Ian Williams	138

Jockey Colours: Light green, royal blue and light green hooped sleeves, white cap

Timeform says: Is 2 years without a win, but has made the first 5 in a couple of highly competitive festival handicaps the last twice and certainly remains of interest from this mark, into calmer waters now.

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

Flat Turf: 2 - 2 - 0 - 0 All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECENT R	ACE BY RACE HISTORY							
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
13 Apr 18	Ain 21f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 79K	Ну	10-12	5/27 20 len	T J O'Brien	11/1	1st Ultragold, 2nd Shanahan's Turn, 3rd Theatre Territory mid-division, tracked leaders 4 out, ridden before 2 out, kept on same pace, never on terms	138
15 Mar 18	Che 21f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 63K	Sft	10-9p	4/22 7¾ len	T J O'Brien	16/1	1st The Storyteller, 2nd Splash of Ginge, 3rd King's Odyssey tracked leaders, ridden and every chance on inside 2 out, one pace last, no impression flat	138
13 Jan 18	Kmp 24f Hcp Ch Cls2 12K	Gd-Sft	11-8p	PU/6	T J O'Brien	9/2f2	1st Fountains Windfall, 2nd Ballykan, 3rd The Young Master raced keenly, chased leaders, weakened 12th, tailed off and pulled up after 4 out	142
16 Dec 17	Che 21f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 68K	Sft	11-0p	4/10 9½ len	T J O'Brien	15/2	1st Guitar Pete, 2nd Clan Des Obeaux, 3rd King's Odyssey chased leaders, dropped to mid-division from 2nd, not fluent 8th or 13th, outpaced after 4 out, closed but no impression on leader when left 5th and a little chance before 2 out, stayed on same pace last	143
18 Nov 17	Che 20f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 91K	Sft	11-1p	4/17 6½ len	T J O'Brien	8/1	1st Splash of Ginge, 2nd Starchitect, 3rd Le Prezien mid-division, chased leaders 3 out, ridden after next, kept on same pace in 4th from last, no impression	143
29 Oct 17	Ain 20f Hcp Hdl Cls2 17K	Gd-Sft	11-8p	6/15 10 len	T J O'Brien	12/1	1st Bags Groove, 2nd Stamp Your Feet, 3rd Massini's Trap held up behind, headway after 3 out, driven to chase leaders after next, kept on same pace, no impression	138

4		64300/1-	ANOTHER HERO (IRE) 30 b g Kalanisi - Storm Front	9 11 - 3	B J Geraghty Jonjo O'Neill	136
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Jockey Colours: Emerald green, yellow hoops, white cap

Timeform says: Capitalised on some lenient handicapping to make a winning return from a year off at Cheltenham last month. This obviously tougher, but he's been competitive from marks like this in the past.

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

Flat Turf: 2 - 2 - 0 - 0 All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECENT R	ACE BY RACE HISTORY	1						
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
18 Apr 18	Che 26f Hcp Ch Cls2 16K	Gd	10-7	1/13 shd	B J Geraghty	8/1	1st ANOTHER HERO, 2nd Singlefarmpayment, 3rd Dell' Arca mid-division, headway chasing leaders 14th, challenged and badly bumped 2 out, soon led, joined last, driven and stayed on towards finish, all out	131
22 Apr 17	Ayr 32f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 122K	Gd	10-13p1	11/30 20 len	Aidan Coleman	16/1	1st Vicente, 2nd Cogry, 3rd Benbens in touch, driven to chase leaders 4 out, ridden and one pace atetr next, weakened from 2 out	135
16 Mar 17	Che 26f Am Hcp Ch Cls2 40K	Gd	10-12t1	13/24 19¾ len	Mr J J O'Neill (5)	9/1	1st Domesday Book, 2nd Pendra, 3rd Premier Bond mid-division, hampered 4th, soon behind, no danger after	136
28 Jan 17	Don 24f Hcp Ch List Cls1 46K	Gd	10-10	3/14 12½ len	Aidan Coleman	8/1	1st Ziga Boy, 2nd Looking Well, 3rd ANOTHER HERO in rear, headway before 8th, went 3rd from 4 out, went 2nd before 2 out, kept on one and lost 2nd place run-in	136
17 Dec 16	Asc 24f Hcp Ch List Cls1 57K	Gd-Sft	10-5	4/14 2½ len	R P McLernon	14/1	1st Regal Encore, 2nd Minella Daddy, 3rd Tenor Nivernais hampered 1st, held up towards rear, steady headway tracking leaders 13th, 3rd before 2 out, ridden between last two, every chance after last, no extra in 4th final 100 yards	134
08 Oct 16	Chp 24f Hcp Ch Cls2 23K	Gd	10-13	6/16 17½ len	R P McLernon	20/1	1st Potters Cross, 2nd Buckhorn Timothy, 3rd A Good Skin behind, kept on under pressure from 3 out, never reached leaders	136

5	3/2192F	MONBEG RIVER (IRE) 28	9 11 - 1	Henry Brooke	134
	-	br g Indian River - So Pretty		M Todhunter	

Jockey Colours: Red, light blue cross of lorraine and armlets, white cap

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CAREER S	TATS (Starts - Wins - 2n	ds - 3rds)						
Flat Turf: 0 -	0 - 0 - 0		Jum	ps: 21 - 3 - 6	- 4			All Weather: 4 - 1 - 0 - 0	
RECENT R	ACE BY RACE HISTORY	′							
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3	Result / Close-up	OR
20 Apr 18	Ayr 20.5f Hcp Ch List Cls1 28K	Gd	11-1	F/12	Henry Brooke	25/1		ue At Risk, 2nd Sizing Platinum, 3rd Full Glass h, fell 1st	134
10 Mar 18	Ayr 16.5f Hcp Ch Cls3 9K	Sft	11-12	2/4 nk	Henry Brooke	5/2f2	1st Imje tracked toward	peking, 2nd MONBEG RIVER , 3rd Chidswell I leaders, led 4th, ridden before last, kept on and headed is finish	132
23 Dec 17	Asc 19f Hcp Ch Cls2 22K	Gd-Sft	11-4	9/11 47 len	Henry Brooke	9/1	tracked	Medic, 2nd Rock On Rocky, 3rd Dream Bolt I leader, led after 4th until 7th, chased leader until 11th, ned soon after 3 out	134
01 Dec 17	Don 19f Hcp Ch Cls3 9K	Gd-Sft	11-4	1/5 16 len	Henry Brooke	11/4j2f	tracked	NBEG RIVER, 2nd Drumlee Sunset, 3rd Master Burbidge leaders, led after 4th, not fluent 6th, clear after 2 out, on well	128
18 Oct 17	Wth 19f Hcp Ch Cls3 6K	Gd	11-1	2/7 nk	Henry Brooke	4/1	chased	otin, 2nd MONBEG RIVER, 3rd Delusionofgrandeur I leaders, headway 9th, challenged from 3 out, every chance rallied towards finish, just held	128
24 Jan 17	Wth 19f Hcp Ch Cls3 6K	Gd-Sft	11-12t	3/8 6¼ len	Henry Brooke	11/2	held up	otain Redbeard, 2nd Future Gilded, 3rd MONBEG RIVER mid-division, headway in 3rd before 4 out, chased winner out, lost 2nd place run-in, no extra	129

6	120/07F				(IRE) 20 an Waters		9 11 - 1ht	J J Burke Karl Thornton	134
Timeforr	olours: White, emerald n says: Hard to mak per. ***** (Forecast	e a cas				all he's	been given a bit o	f a chance by the	
CAREER S	TATS (Starts - Wins - 2n	ds - 3rds	5)						
Flat Turf: 0 -	0 - 0 - 0		Jum	ps: 32 - 7 - 3	3 - 2		All Weather: 0	- 0 - 0 - 0	
RECENT R	ACE BY RACE HISTORY	,							
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-u	ıp	OR
28 Apr 18	Pun 24.5f Hcp Ch 35K	Sft	11-9ht	PU/14	D Meyler	12/1	1st Heron Heights, 2nd Ro mid-division early, 8th at 6t no extra when pulled up be	h, no impression from before 3 out and	139
04 Feb 18	Leo 21f Hcp Ch 59K	Sft	10-12ht	7/22 32 len	D Meyler	40/1	1st Last Goodbye, 2nd Viet towards rear, badly impede no impression and kept on	ux Morvan, 3rd Uncle Danny ed 4th, headway from before 2 out, soor without threatening	, 140
28 Dec 17	Leo 24f Hcp Hdl 16K	Sft	9-10ht	21/29 129 len	S J Crimin	25/1	1st Mine Now, 2nd A Great soon chased leaders, no ex straight	: View, 3rd Glenloe xtra approaching final hurdle, eased	117
27 Dec 16	Leo 24.5f Hcp Ch 104K	YI-Sft	10-13ht	19/28 65 len	D Meyler (3)	16/1		he Crafty Butcher, 3rd Oscar Knight ession before straight, soon no extra	142
27 Apr 16	Pun 20f Hcp Ch Cls1 59K	Gd-YI	10-5ht	2/17 3¾ len	D Meyler (5)	6/1f2	held up towards rear early, ridden to challenge in 3rd 2	.MS DREAM, 3rd Pairofbrowneyes progress into 7th at 8th, close 4th 3 ou out, under pressure and no impression d run-in, no impression on winner	
17 Mar 16	dro 24f Hcp Hdl 7K	Sft	10-6ht	1/12 hd	D Meyler (5)	9/10f		Troll D'oudairies, 3rd Augher Castle y, progress to lead 9th, travelled well sed run-in, cheekily	94

7	Y.	833441-			. ION (IR Hill Of Si		8 10 - 7t	P J Brennan F O'Brien	126				
Timeforn	Jockey Colours: Black, beige chevron and armlets Timeform says: Didn't have much racing in Ireland and it hasn't taken his shrewd new yard long to find the key to him, digging in well to land a handicap chase at Cheltenham last time. Will go well again. ***** (Forecast 4.50)												
CAREER S	TATS (Start	ts - Wins - 2nd	is - 3rds)										
Flat Turf: 17	- 3 - 0 - 1			Jump	os: 16 - 3 - 3	- 2		All Weather: 8 -	2 - 0 - 0				
RECENT R	RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY												
Date Race Details Going Weight Res (Dr) Jockey							SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up		OR			

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18 Apr 18	Che 25f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 11K	Gd	10-12t	1/11 ½ len	P J Brennan	8/1	1st WINTER LION, 2nd Pure Vision, 3rd Tanarpino held up towards rear, slightly hampered 5th, steady headway approaching 13th, went 2nd 3 out, led next, stayed on well, driven out	122
09 Mar 18	San 24f Am Ch Cls3 8K	Sft	11-7t	4/11 14¼ len	Mr Max Chenery (7)	9/1	1st Baden, 2nd Rathlin Rose, 3rd Midnight Monty chased leaders on inside, mistake and lost place 4th, towards rear and struggling 11th, rallied on inside before 2 out, modest 4th run- in	129
05 Feb 18	Sth 20f Nov Ch Cls4 5K	Sft	10-12tp	4/5 24 len	Sam Twiston- Davies	7/1	1st Two Swallows, 2nd Get On The Yager, 3rd Real Warrior tended to jump right, led until went right and headed 3rd, chased leader until 6th, chased leading pair until 11th, weakening when blundered 4 out	131
31 Dec 17	Pun 25.5f Ch 9K	Sft-Hy	11-12tp	3/5 13½ len	A E Lynch	25/1	1st Monbeg Notorious, 2nd Augustin, 3rd WINTER LION tracked leaders, headway to dispute briefly 4 out, pecked slightly 2 out, soon ridden and no impression in 3rd approaching last, no extra	125
08 Dec 17	dun 16f Hcp 15K	St	8-1bt	10/12 (3) 9 len	B M Coen (10)	16/1	1st Elishpour, 2nd Political Policy, 3rd Clear Skies tracked leaders on outer, 3rd halfway, pushed along approaching straight, ridden and no impression 1 1/2f out, no extra	82
13 Nov 17	Car 20f Nov Ch Cls3 6K	Sft	11-2tp	3/5	A E Lynch	40/1	1st Brio Conti, 2nd Alzammaar, 3rd WINTER LION with leader, ridden before last, kept on towards finish	-

		Jumps: 38 - 5 - 4 - 4		All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0					
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Jockey Colours: Purple, white star, purple sleeves, white stars, purple cap, white star Timeform says: Firmly on the decline based on this season's efforts.									
8	08F7P0-	BEARLY LEGAL (IRE) 34 b g Court Cave - Fair Size 12 10 - 3t Sam Twiston- Davies Karl Thornton							

RECENT R	RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY								
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR	
14 Apr 18	Ain 25f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 42K	Sft	10-0t	12/16 44 len	A E Lynch	50/1	1st Thomas Patrick, 2nd On Tour, 3rd Paper Lantern held up mid-division, headway 11th to chase leaders, ridden before 2 out, soon weakened	129	
02 Apr 18	Fai 25f Hcp Ch 15K	Ну	10-8t	PU/16	R C Colgan	40/1	1st Paper Lantern, 2nd Anseanachai Cliste, 3rd Out Sam held up, mistake 8th, pulled up after 9th	119	
04 Nov 17	dro 24f Hcp Ch Cls1 10K	Sft	11-5t	7/11 38 len	Mr J C Barry (5)	25/1	1st Poormans Hill, 2nd Lasoscar, 3rd Anseanachai Cliste rear of mid-division, slight mistake 8th, ridden and no impression approaching 4 out, no extra, weakened	122	
30 Sep 17	Gow 25f Hcp Ch 11K	Sft-Hy	11-4t	F/7	D Meyler	12/1	1st Deputy's Pass, 2nd Twiss's Hill, 3rd Carole Rose chased leaders, fell 8th	122	
01 Sep 17	dro 22f Hcp Hdl 7K	YI	11-6t	8/14 151/4 len	Mr J C Barry (5)	10/1	1st Uptake, 2nd Sir Ector, 3rd Bronco Bill tracked leaders, 4th halfway, pushed along after 4 out and no impression in 9th before 2 out, kept on one pace	108	
08 Jul 17	Bel 24f Hcp Hdl 8K	Gd	11-7t	10/16 22 len	Mr J C Barry (5)	12/1	1st The Rite Article, 2nd Theydon Park, 3rd Batchelors Walk mid-division, closer in 6th and slight mistake 4 out, soon ridden and no impression	109	