

## (R4) 14:25 CHELTENHAM, 2m 4f 44y

### BetVictor Gold Cup Handicap Chase (Grade 3) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT QUADPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		21350-1	<b>FRODON</b> (FR) 20 C D b g Nickname - Miss Country	6 11 - 12t	Bryony Frost P F Nicholls	161
2		31211-1	<b>MISTER WHITAKER</b> (IRE) 13 CD b g Court Cave - Benbradagh Vard	6 11 - 3	A P Heskin M R Channon	152
3		U1U1/12	<b>JAVERT</b> (IRE) 20 D b g Kayf Tara - Royalrova	9 11 - 1	Adam Wedge Miss E C Lavelle	150
4		4/1113-4	<b>BENATAR</b> (IRE) 36 D BF b g Beneficial - Carrigeen Lily	6 11 - 0	J E Moore G L Moore	149
5		18/1U12	<b>RATHER BE</b> (IRE) 249 D b g Oscar - Irish Wedding	7 11 - 0	J McGrath N J Henderson	149
6		12143-F	<b>KALONDRA</b> (IRE) 104 C D b g Spadoun - Mystic Vic	7 10 - 13t	N D Fehily N P Mulholland	148
7		12122/2	<b>BARON ALCO</b> (FR) 34 D BF ch g Dom Alco - Paula	7 10 - 11	J E Moore G L Moore	146
8		843156	<b>SHANTOU VILLAGE</b> (IRE) 21 CD BF b g Shantou - Village Queen	8 10 - 8t1p	R T Dunne N P Mulholland	143
9		1356P-3	<b>WEST APPROACH</b> 21 b g Westerner - Ardstown	8 10 - 7b	R Johnson C L Tizzard	142
10		17P82-5	<b>SPLASH OF GINGE</b> 9 CD b g Oscar - Land Of Honour	10 10 - 6	Jamie Bargary N A Twiston-Davies	141
11		21121-2	<b>HAPPY DIVA</b> (IRE) 13 D b m King's Theatre - Megans Joy	7 10 - 5t	Richard Patrick (3) Miss Kerry Lee	140
12		2/423P-U	<b>MOVEWITHTHETIMES</b> (IRE) 17 BF ch g Presenting - Dare To Venture	7 10 - 5	B J Geraghty P F Nicholls	140
13		152/35P	<b>KING'S SOCKS</b> (FR) 219 BF b g King's Best - Alexandrina	6 10 - 4t1	T Scudamore D Pipe	139
14		5507-43	<b>ROMAIN DE SENAM</b> (FR) 7 BF b g Saint Des Saints - Salvatrixe	6 10 - 3ht	H Cobden P F Nicholls	138
15		14/14P-3	<b>BALLYANDY</b> 31 C D BF b g Kayf Tara - Megalex	7 10 - 2	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	137
16		4113-57	<b>GEORDIE DES CHAMPS</b> (IRE) 14 D br g Robin Des Champs - Kilcoleman Lady	7 10 - 2	N P Madden Miss R Curtis	137
17		91U68-2	<b>GUITAR PETE</b> (IRE) 15 C D gr g Dark Angel - Innishmore	8 10 - 2	B S Hughes N G Richards	137

18		F1/16F-2	<b>WILLIE BOY</b> (IRE) 31 D b g Tikkanen - Pandora's Moon	7 10 - 1	R P McLernon C E Longsdon	136
19		1319P-8	<b>EAMON AN CNOIC</b> (IRE) 20 D b g Westerner - Nutmeg Tune	7 10 - 0tp	David Noonan D Pipe	135
20		22-3211	<b>WHOSHOTWHO</b> (IRE) 119 br g Beneficial - Inishbeg House	7 10 - 0	Sean Bowen Dr R D P Newland	135

Long Handicap: Whoshotwho 9 - 13

**ATR VERDICT:** A contest that usually goes to progressive chasers and MISTER WHITAKER looks to fit the bill. Mick Channon's gelding improved 27lb in the handicap last season with his season ending with success over C&D in the Close Brothers at the Festival when denying Rather Be by a head. Despite the fact the latter is 9lb better off on this occasion, the former produced an excellent performance on his return 13 days ago in the Colin Parker Memorial at Carlisle, beating Happy Diva by two and a quarter lengths, and still looks to have further improvement in him. The aforementioned Rather Be will appreciate a sounder surface to what he encountered for most of last season and bids to give Nicky Henderson his second victory in the race after Fondmort in 2003. Baron Alco and Benatar both hold solid claims for Gary Moore, but the pair have a couple of questions to answer with the former needing to back up a fine effort when second to Charbel at Chepstow after a long absence and the latter needs to be less headstrong to aid his cause. A safer each-way proposition looks to be Old Roan winner Frodon. Paul Nicholls' gelding has a fine record in handicaps of this nature, winning two around here, and cannot be discounted despite a 3lb rise in the weights.

**Top Tip:** MISTER WHITAKER (2)

**Watch out for:** RATHER BE (5)

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