

(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 |
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| 1 | | 21350-1 | FRODON (FR) 20 C D b g Nickname - Miss Country | 6 11 - 12t | Bryony Frost P F Nicholls | 161 |
| 2 | | 31211-1 | MISTER WHITAKER (IRE) 13 CD b g Court Cave - Benbradagh Vard | 6 11 - 3 | A P Heskin M R Channon | 152 |
| 3 | | U1U1/12 | JAVERT (IRE) 20 D b g Kayf Tara - Royalrova | 9 11 - 1 | Adam Wedge Miss E C Lavelle | 150 |
| 4 | | 4/1113-4 | BENATAR (IRE) 36 D BF b g Beneficial - Carrigeen Lily | 6 11 - 0 | J E Moore G L Moore | 149 |
| 5 | | 18/1U12 | RATHER BE (IRE) 249 D b g Oscar - Irish Wedding | 7 11 - 0 | J McGrath N J Henderson | 149 |
| 6 | | 12143-F | KALONDRA (IRE) 104 C D b g Spadoun - Mystic Vic | 7 10 - 13t | N D Fehily N P Mulholland | 148 |
| 7 | | 12122/2 | BARON ALCO (FR) 34 D BF ch g Dom Alco - Paula | 7 10 - 11 | J E Moore G L Moore | 146 |
| 8 | | 843156 | SHANTOU VILLAGE (IRE) 21 CD BF b g Shantou - Village Queen | 8 10 - 8t1p | R T Dunne N P Mulholland | 143 |
| 9 | | 1356P-3 | WEST APPROACH 21 b g Westerner - Ardstown | 8 10 - 7b | R Johnson C L Tizzard | 142 |
| 10 | | 17P82-5 | SPLASH OF GINGE 9 CD b g Oscar - Land Of Honour | 10 10 - 6 | Jamie Bargary N A Twiston-Davies | 141 |
| 11 | | 21121-2 | HAPPY DIVA (IRE) 13 D b m King's Theatre - Megans Joy | 7 10 - 5t | Richard Patrick (3) Miss Kerry Lee | 140 |
| 12 | | 2/423P-U | MOVEWITHTHETIMES (IRE) 17 BF ch g Presenting - Dare To Venture | 7 10 - 5 | B J Geraghty P F Nicholls | 140 |
| 13 | | 152/35P | KING'S SOCKS (FR) 219 BF b g King's Best - Alexandrina | 6 10 - 4t1 | T Scudamore D Pipe | 139 |
| 14 | | 5507-43 | ROMAIN DE SENAM (FR) 7 BF b g Saint Des Saints - Salvatrixe | 6 10 - 3ht | H Cobden P F Nicholls | 138 |
| 15 | | 14/14P-3 | BALLYANDY 31 C D BF b g Kayf Tara - Megalex | 7 10 - 2 | Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies | 137 |
| 16 | | 4113-57 | GEORDIE DES CHAMPS (IRE) 14 D br g Robin Des Champs - Kilcoleman Lady | 7 10 - 2 | N P Madden Miss R Curtis | 137 |
| 17 | | 91U68-2 | GUITAR PETE (IRE) 15 C D gr g Dark Angel - Innishmore | 8 10 - 2 | B S Hughes N G Richards | 137 |

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