### Timeform View

The unbeaten FAUGHEEN looks as though he could be out of the top drawer, and he’s a confident selection to pass his biggest test over timber with flying colours. The New One was badly hampered when third to Jezki 12 months ago, and that pair can fight out the minor honours this time around.

**Timeform 1-2-3:**
1: FAUGHEEN  
2: THE NEW ONE  
3: JEZKI

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**15:20 CHELTENHAM, 2m 110y**  
**Stan James Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy (Grade 1) (Class 1) (4YO plus)**

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**Jockey Colours:** Purple, orange seams, purple cap, orange star  
**Timeform says:** Smart hurdler who has chased home Hurricane Fly in Grade 1 at Leopardstown last 2 starts but will need another career best to hit the frame again in this company. (Forecast 23.00)

| 2  | 69-1262 | BERTIMONT (FR) 52 D | g r g Slickly - Bocanegra | 5 11 - 10t | Harry Skelton D Skelton | 149 |

**Jockey Colours:** Pink, large purple spots, hooped sleeves  
**Timeform says:** Much improved for this yard, bolting up in Chepstow handicap. Disappointed in the International here in December and given a soft lead when second to The New One at Haydock next time. Stiff task. (Forecast 251.00)

| 3  | 1111-11 | FAUGHEEN (IRE) 74 C | b g Germany - Miss Pickering | 7 11 - 10 | R Walsh W P Mullins | 168 |

**Jockey Colours:** Pink, light green spots, pink sleeves and cap  
**Timeform says:** Last year’s Neptune winner who wasn’t extended when stretching unbeaten record under Rules to 8 in Christmas Hurdle at Kempton. This his toughest test to date, but looks out of the top drawer. (Forecast 2.20)

| 4  | 14-2111 | HURRICANE FLY (IRE) 44 CD | b g Montjeu - Scandisk | 11 11 - 10 | P Townend W P Mullins | 169 |

**Jockey Colours:** Royal blue, emerald green triple diamond and diamonds on cap  
**Timeform says:** Winner in 2011 and 2013. Notched a fifth victory in Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown last time (22nd Grade 1 overall), but only fourth in this race last year (good to firm) and ground a concern. (Forecast 11.00)

| 5  | 41-1223 | JEZKI (IRE) 44 CD | b g Milan - La Noire | 7 11 - 10h | A P McCoy Mrs J Harrington | 168 |

**Jockey Colours:** Emerald green, yellow hoops, white cap  
**Timeform says:** Reigning Champion Hurdler who has found Hurricane Fly too strong in Ireland lately but was much better than result last time (close second when mistake last) and should make bold bid to defend crown. (Forecast 5.50)

| 6  | 2-41111 | KITTEN ROCK (FR) 24 D | b g Laverock - The Cat Eater | 5 11 - 10 | N D Fehily E J O’Grady | 153 |

**Jockey Colours:** Emerald green, yellow hoops, emerald green and yellow quartered cap  
**Timeform says:** Has gone from strength to strength this season, completing a 4-timer in Grade 2 at Gowran last month. Another chunk of improvement required to get seriously involved here, though. (Forecast 4.50)

| 7  | 31-1111 | THE NEW ONE (IRE) 52 CD | b g King’s Theatre - Thuringe | 7 11 - 10 | Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies | 167 |

**Jockey Colours:** Red, white star, red sleeves, black stars, white cap, red star  
**Timeform says:** Tough top-class hurdler who met trouble before running on into third behind Jezki in last year’s Champion Hurdle and has won all of his 5 starts since. Sure to go well again. (Forecast 4.50)

| 8  | 413-222 | VANITEUX (FR) 68 DB | br g Voix Du Nord - Expoville | 6 11 - 10 | B J Geraghty N J Henderson | 154 |
2 69-1262 BERTIMONT (FR) 52 D
g r Slacky - Bocanegra
5 11-10
All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY
Date Race Details Going Weight Res (Dr) Jockey SP 1-3-0 Result - Close-up OR
17 Jan 15 Leo 16f HDl Gal C1 68k Yl 11-10 2½ len
E Skelton R Walsh 2/1
21 Dec 14 Che 17f Hdl Clb Cl 74k Gd-StT 11-0 6½ len
E Skelton R Walsh 2/3
18 Nov 14 Wm 16f HDp Hdl Clb Cl 68k Gd-StT 10-12 2¼ len
E Skelton R Walsh 1/1
11 Oct 14 Cnp 16f5½y Hdp Hdl Cl 15k Gd-StT 11-10 1½ len
E Skelton R Walsh 2/1
21 Apr 14 Fz 16f4½y Hdp Hdl Clb Cl 68k Yl 11-4 9½ len
R C Colgan S Corby 9/1
13 Apr 14 Cst 18f Lab Clb Cl 127k Yl-St 9-5 5½ (1) len
S Corby R Walsh 1/28

3 1111-11 FAUGHEEN (IRE) 74 C D
b g Germany - Miss Pickering
7 11-10
All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY
Date Race Details Going Weight Res (Dr) Jockey SP 1-3-0 Result - Close-up OR
14 Dec 13 Leo 16f Hdl Clb Cl 68k Yl 11-10 3½ len
R Walsh W P Mullins 2/6
24 Nov 12 Leo 16f HDp Hdl Clb Cl 68k Yl 11-10 3½ len
R Walsh W P Mullins 1/3
13 Apr 12 Che 15f5½y Hdp Hdl Cl 68k Gd-StT 11-10 3½ len
R Walsh W P Mullins 1/1
23 Apr 10 Cnp 12f Lea Clb Cl 68k Gd-StT 11-10 9½ len
R Walsh W P Mullins 4/1
18 Jan 10 Wm 16f Hdp Clb Cl 68k Yl 11-10 2½ len
R Walsh W P Mullins 2/2

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**Date** | **Race Details** | **Going** | **Weight** | **Result** | **Jockey** | **SP** | **1-2-3 Result / Close-up** | **OR**
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25 Jan 15 | Leo 16f Hdl Gc1 Ch1 68K | Yi | 11-10 | 3/6 | A P McCoy | 5/4 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 169
29 Dec 14 | Leo 16f Hdl Gc1 Ch1 68K | Stt | 11-10 | 2/7 | A P McCoy | 11/8 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 169
16 Nov 14 | Pun 16f Hdl Gc1 Ch1 48K | Stt | 11-10 | 2/5 | M P Walsh | 8/13 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 169
02 May 14 | Pun 16f Hdl Gc1 Ch1 120K | Go-Yi | 11-12 | 1/3 | A P McCoy | 4/5 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 169
11 Mar 14 | Che 16.5f Hdl Gc1 Ch1 235K | Go-St | 11-10 | 1/1 | B J Geraghty | 9/1 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 165
26 Jan 14 | Leo 16f Hdl Gc1 Ch1 72K | St-Hy | 11-10 | 4/4 | A P McCoy | 3/12 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 166

**Jockey Colours:** Emerald green, yellow hoops, emerald green and yellow quartered cap

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17 Jan 15 | Hic 16f Hdl Gc2 Ch1 41K | Hy | 11-12 | 1/7 | Sam Twiston-Davies | 18/1 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 167
13 Dec 14 | Che 17.1f Hdl Gc2 Ch1 74K | Gd-St | 11-18 | 1/2 | Sam Twiston-Davies | 4/7 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 167
22 Nov 14 | Hic 16f Hdl Gc2 Ch1 69K | Stt | 11-13 | 1/5 | Sam Twiston-Davies | 1/3 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 167
19 Oct 14 | Kmp 16f Hdl Gc1 Ch1 14K | Gd-St | 11-8 | 1/7 | Sam Twiston-Davies | 2/11 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 167
03 Apr 14 | An 20f Hdl Gc1 Ch1 113K | Gd | 11-7 | 1/7 | Sam Twiston-Davies | 4/9 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 157
11 Mar 14 | Che 16.5f Hdl Gc1 Ch1 231K | Gd-St | 11-10 | 3/9 | Sam Twiston-Davies | 10/3 | 1-2-3 Result / Close-up | 167

**Jockey Colours:** Grey, white epaulets

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