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Betfair Denman Chase (Grade 2) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

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No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		2123-41	**CLAN DES OBEAUX** (FR) 52 D b g Kapgarde - Nausicaa Des Obeaux	7 11 - 6	H Cobden P F Nicholls	173
Jockey Colours: White, royal blue epaulets, white sleeves, red spots, royal blue cap **Timeform says:** *Not disgraced on return in the Betfair Chase and subsequently took a big step forward when landing the King George at Kempton (3m). Remains unexposed as a stayer and he's hard to oppose.* ★★★★★ (Forecast 1.40)					Notes:	
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TIMEFORM VIEW: It's hard to look beyond CLAN DES OBEAUX, who produced a top-class effort when landing the King George on Boxing Day. This 7-y-o probably has even more to offer and can cement his claims for next month's Cheltenham Gold Cup by landing this race, which his yard has won 8 times since 2000. Terrefort is clear next best ahead of Ballyhill and Thomas Patrick, who appears to have lost his way.

Timeform 1-2-3:
1: CLAN DES OBEAUX (1)
2: TERREFORT (4)
3: BALLYHILL (2)

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

Flat Turf: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 | Jumps: 16 - 6 - 4 - 1 | All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
26 Dec 18	Kmp 24f Ch Gd1 Cls1 142K	Gd-Sft	11-10	1/10 1½ len	H Cobden	12/1	**1st CLAN DES OBEAUX**, 2nd Thistlecrack, 3rd Native River *mid-division, headway 5 out, challenged on bit 3 out, led approaching last, ridden out*	160
24 Nov 18	Hdo 26f Ch Gd1 Cls1 113K	Gd	11-7	4/5 8¾ len	H Cobden	11/1	1st Bristol De Mai, 2nd Native River, 3rd Thistlecrack *chased leaders, not fluent 8th, driven to challenge 2 out, no impression*	157
12 Apr 18	Ain 25f Ch Gd1 Cls1 107K	Gd-Sft	11-7	3/8 10¼ len	H Cobden	8/1	1st Might Bite, 2nd Bristol De Mai, **3rd CLAN DES OBEAUX** *prominent, ridden before 2 out, kept on same pace*	155
16 Dec 17	Che 21f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 68K	Sft	11-12	2/10 2¾ len	H Cobden	3/1f	1st Guitar Pete, **2nd CLAN DES OBEAUX**, 3rd King's Odyssey *held up towards rear, mistake 2nd, pushed along 4 out, headway after 3 out, no impression on leader when left with every chance before 2 out, led before last, headed flat, no impression towards finish*	155
25 Nov 17	Hdo 22f Ch Cls2 32K	Hy	11-8	1/6 7 len	H Cobden	3/1jf	**1st CLAN DES OBEAUX**, 2nd Vintage Clouds, 3rd Born Survivor *tracked leaders, mistake 5th, challenged 4 out, led 2 out, clear last, ridden out flat*	148
13 Nov 17	Kmp 20.5f Ch Cls2 13K	Gd	11-9	2/2 ½ len	H Cobden	5/4f2	1st Whisper, **2nd CLAN DES OBEAUX** *raced keenly on final circuit, led, reached for 9th, quickened before 3 out, 2 lengths ahead next, ridden and headed when pecked on landing last, kept on run-in, always held*	148

2		P-82133	**BALLYHILL** (FR) 21 b g Al Namix - Laly Light	8 11 - 4	Sam Twiston-Davies N A Twiston-Davies	143

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

Flat Turf: 4 - 0 - 1 - 0 | Jumps: 22 - 4 - 2 - 5 | All Weather: 1 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
26 Jan 19	Che 21f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 42K	Gd-Sft	10-12	3/11 9¼ len	J Nailor (7)	7/1	1st Siruh Du Lac, 2nd Janika, **3rd BALLYHILL** *chased leaders, lost place 6th, headway on outside 10th, soon pressing winner, every chance 2 out, 3rd and beaten from last*	144
01 Jan 19	Che 21f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 42K	Gd-Sft	10-12	3/7 4¾ len	Sam Twiston-Davies	7/1	1st Aso, 2nd Happy Diva, **3rd BALLYHILL** *chased leaders on outside, disputing 2nd 3 out, not fluent 2 out, 3rd and held from last, kept on*	144
08 Dec 18	Ain 20f Hcp Ch Cls3 12K	Sft	11-11	1/10 3¼ len	Sam Twiston-Davies	7/2f	**1st BALLYHILL**, 2nd Caltex, 3rd A Place Apart *prominent, lost place before 4th, headway 9th, led next, clear last, stayed on well*	134
14 Nov 18	Ban 20f Hcp Hdl Cls2 14K	Gd-Sft	11-0	2/11 4 len	Sam Twiston-Davies	16/1	1st Whatmore, **2nd BALLYHILL**, 3rd Shalakar *held up, headway 4 out, ridden and went 3rd next, chased winner 2 out, kept on one pace*	132
14 Oct 18	Chp 19f Hcp Ch Cls2 25K	Gd-Sft	10-6	8/9 27 len	Sam Twiston-Davies	6/1	1st Charbel, 2nd Baron Alco, 3rd Shanahan's Turn *tracked leaders, weakened 5 out*	134
20 Apr 18	Ayr 20.5f Hcp Ch List Cls1 28K	Gd	11-3	PU/12	Jamie Bargary	12/1	1st Value At Risk, 2nd Sizing Platinum, 3rd Full Glass *held up in touch in rear, struggling 10th, hampered 5 out, tailed off when pulled up before next*	136

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19 Jan 19	Tau 28f Ch Cls2 31K	Gd-Sft	11-2	PU/7	Alan Johns	5/1	1st Royal Vacation, 2nd The Last Samuri, 3rd Vicente *with leader, lost place 6th, rallied after next, lost place again 11th, under pressure 5 out, weakened next, pulled up before 3 out*	147
22 Dec 18	Asc 24f Hcp Ch List Cls1 57K	Sft	11-3	8/12 30 len	R Johnson	11/2f	1st Valtor, 2nd Jammin Masters, 3rd Benatar *chased leader, led 14th, mistake and headed next, lost 2nd approaching 4 out, chased leaders, weakened before next*	148
01 Dec 18	Nbu 26f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 142K	Sft	11-3	PU/12	R Johnson	3/1f	1st Sizing Tennessee, 2nd Elegant Escape, 3rd Dingo Dollar *mostly tracked leader until led 4th, mistake and briefly headed 6th, headed 15th, pushed along and lost 2nd before 17th, weakened quickly before next, behind and pulled up before 3 out*	148
11 Nov 18	San 24f Ch List Cls1 17K	Sft	11-6	2/4 ½ len	R Johnson	6/1	1st Elegant Escape, **2nd THOMAS PATRICK**, 3rd Coo Star Sivola *led, not fluent 14th, ridden before 2 out, stayed on, headed close home*	148
14 Apr 18	Ain 25f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 42K	Sft	10-10	1/16 4 len	R Johnson	3/1f	**1st THOMAS PATRICK**, 2nd On Tour, 3rd Paper Lantern *made all, ridden and clear before last, kept on well*	139
24 Mar 18	Nbu 26f Hcp Ch Cls3 13K	Sft	11-3	1/8 8 len	R Johnson	5/1	**1st THOMAS PATRICK**, 2nd Dawson City, 3rd Lower Hope Dandy *chased leaders, led 3rd until 5th, led again 13th, clear from 2 out, kept up to work and stayed on strongly run-in, eased close home*	131

4 1121-43 **TERREFORT** (FR) 21 — 6 11 - 3 — Nico de Boinville, N J Henderson — 159

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RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

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26 Jan 19	Che 25f Ch Gd2 Cls1 56K	Gd-Sft	11-3	3/6 3 len	D A Jacob	4/1	1st Frodon, 2nd Elegant Escape, **3rd TERREFORT** *held up in last pair, headway 16th, went 2nd before 2 out, unable to get to winner and dropped to 3rd flat*	158
11 Nov 18	San 24f Ch List Cls1 17K	Sft	11-8	4/4 50 len	D A Jacob	4/6f	1st Elegant Escape, 2nd THOMAS PATRICK, 3rd Coo Star Sivola *last pair, awkward 12th, mistake 15th, not fluent 17th, hit next, effort 3 out, hit 2 out, soon weakened*	158
13 Apr 18	Ain 25f Nov Ch Gd1 Cls1 56K	Sft	11-4	1/9 3¾ len	D A Jacob	3/1f	**1st TERREFORT**, 2nd Ms Parfois, 3rd Elegant Escape *held up in touch, went 3rd at 12th, hit 3 out, challenged after next, ridden to lead before last, asserted clear final 110 yards*	153
15 Mar 18	Che 20f Nov Ch Gd1 Cls1 85K	Sft	11-3	2/9 7 len	D A Jacob	3/1f	1st Shattered Love, **2nd TERREFORT**, 3rd Benatar *with leader, led after 3 out, hard pressed next, ridden and headed between last 2, kept on same pace, no chance with winner in clear 2nd flat*	151
03 Feb 18	San 20f Nov Ch Gd1 Cls1 31K	Sft	11-1	1/5 nk	D A Jacob	15/8f	**1st TERREFORT**, 2nd Cyrname, 3rd No Comment *jumped well, led until narrowly headed after 3rd, pressed leader, led again after 7th, hit 2 out, joined last, kept on gamely under pressure run-in*	137
12 Jan 18	Hun 20f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 8K	Sft	11-4	1/7 10 len	D A Jacob	6/4f	**1st TERREFORT**, 2nd Bentelimar, 3rd The Boss's Dream *jumped well, pressed leader, led 4th, clear flat, impressive*	137

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