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Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup Chase (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5YO plus)
TRIFECTA JACKPOT 6 PLACEPOT OUADPOT SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		F2F1R-1	AL BOUM PHOTO (FR) 73 b g Buck's Boum - Al Gane	7 11 - 10	P Townend W P Mullins	164
2		1F34-62	ANIBALE FLY (FR) 27 b g Assessor - Nouba Fly	9 11 - 10t	B J Geraghty A J Martin	164
3	á	3/151-41	BELLSHILL (IRE) 40 b g King's Theatre - Fairy Native	9 11 - 10	R Walsh W P Mullins	168
4		1632-1F	BRISTOL DE MAI (FR) 79 D gr g Saddler Maker - La Bole Night	8 11 - 10	D A Jacob N A Twiston-Davies	173
5		123-411	CLAN DES OBEAUX (FR) 27 b g Kapgarde - Nausicaa Des Obeaux	7 11 - 10	H Cobden P F Nicholls	173
6		16U-112	DEFINITLY RED (IRE) 29 C D BF ch g Definite Article - The Red Wench	10 11 - 10	Danny Cook B Ellison	162
7		74-F252	DOUBLE SHUFFLE (IRE) 20 b g Milan - Fiddlers Bar	9 11 - 10h	J J Burke T R George	158
8		33-1212	ELEGANT ESCAPE (IRE) 48 BF b g Dubai Destination - Graineuaile	7 11 - 10	T J O'Brien C L Tizzard	162
9	a a	3P3U-31	INVITATION ONLY (IRE) 50 b g Flemensfirth - Norabelle	8 11 - 10	Mr P W Mullins W P Mullins	161
10	**	4F11-11	KEMBOY (FR) 77 b g Voix Du Nord - Vitora	7 11 - 10	D J Mullins W P Mullins	168
11		1121-57	MIGHT BITE (IRE) 79 C BF b g Scorpion - Knotted Midge	10 11 - 10	Nico de Boinville N J Henderson	169
12		13/11-23	NATIVE RIVER (IRE) 79 CD ch g Indian River - Native Mo	9 11 - 10p	R Johnson C L Tizzard	173
13	3 * 3	31121-1	PRESENTING PERCY 50 C b g Sir Percy - Hunca Munca	8 11 - 10t	D N Russell P G Kelly	165
14	***	12/54-32	THISTLECRACK 79 C b g Kayf Tara - Ardstown	11 11 - 10	T Scudamore C L Tizzard	170
15	it it	166-135	YALA ENKI (FR) 27 D BF b g Nickname - Cadiane	9 11 - 10	Charlie Deutsch Miss V Williams	155
16	**	125-220	SHATTERED LOVE (IRE) 77 C b m Yeats - Tracker	8 11 - 3t	J W Kennedy G Elliott	154

ATR VERDICT: There seems no better place to start than with last year's winner NATIVE RIVER and, with Colin Tizzard's star gelding likely to get his ground conditions once again, he could complete a famous double in the race. Considering neither the tracks or ground would have been ideal in the Betfair and King George this season, there was plenty of positives to take from those performances and he will be much happier with the demands of this contest. Like 12 months ago, Richard Johnson is expected to be forcing the pace, booting his willing partner into every fence, and it will take a good, tough sort to get past him coming up the famous hill. Presenting Percy's Festival record speaks for itself, winning the Pertemps Final and RSA over the last couple of seasons, and despite the lack of a recent run over the larger obstacles, he demands respect representing a lethal trainer/jockey combination. Willie Mullins bids to win the Blue Riband event for the first time in his career and a fourman team of Kemboy, Al Boum Photo, Bellshill and Invitation Only give him a definite chance of doing just that, while Anibale Fly, third in this race last year, caught the eye staying on strongly over 2m4f at Gowran last time he looks to have an each-way squeak. Welsh National winner Elegant Escape would love a real test of stamina and is respected, while Clan Des Obeaux can't be overlooked following a couple of impressive Graded victories but his course record (0 from 4) is a concern.

Top Tip: NATIVE RIVER (12)

Watch out for: PRESENTING PERCY (13)





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