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JLT Chase (Registered As The Melling Chase) (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

TRIFECTA   JACKPOT 6   PLACEPOT   QUADPOT   SCOOP 6

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		333-12P	**GOD'S OWN** (IRE) 23 CD b g Oscar - Dantes Term	11 11 - 7	P J Brennan T R George	159
2		U1P-714	**HELL'S KITCHEN** 23 D b g Robin Des Champs - Mille Et Une	8 11 - 7ht	B J Geraghty Harry Fry	158
3		224-115	**MIN** (FR) 23 D b g Walk In The Park - Phemyka	8 11 - 7	R Walsh W P Mullins	167
4		41-1442	**POLITOLOGUE** (FR) 23 CD gr g Poliglote - Scarlet Row	8 11 - 7ht	H Cobden P F Nicholls	166
5		141-310	**TOP NOTCH** (FR) 22 D b g Poliglote - Topira	8 11 - 7	D A Jacob N J Henderson	162
6		1/111-U2	**WAITING PATIENTLY** (IRE) 48 D BF b g Flemensfirth - Rossavon	8 11 - 7p1	B S Hughes Ruth Jefferson	169
7		911125	**WOODLAND OPERA** (IRE) 18 D br g Robin Des Champs - Opera Hat	9 11 - 7bt	R M Power Mrs J Harrington	154

ATR VERDICT: Politologue got the better of Min in a head-bobber following a fantastic ding-dong up the home straight 12 months ago and Paul Nicholls' grey arrives here on the back of a sterling effort in the Champion Chase when running the mighty Altior close. He returns to what is possibly his ideal trip and is very much expected to confirm form with his old rival from across the Irish Sea, with Willie Mullins' eight-year-old well held at the Cheltenham Festival following a sticky round of jumping. However, they may have to give best to WAITING PATIENTLY, who had no luck at all when brought down in the King George, before bumping into an on-fire Cyrname in the Ascot Chase. Without that runaway winner in the field it would have been back-to-back victories for Ruth Jefferson's son of Flemensfirth in that Ascot feature over 2m5f, and he had Politologue back in fourth on that occasion on ground which was a touch on the quick side for the fragile, yet talented, eight-year-old.

Top Tip: WAITING PATIENTLY (6)
Watch out for: POLITOLOGUE (4)

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