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

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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
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5		141-310	TOP NOTCH (FR) 22 D b g Poliglote - Topira	8 11 - 7	D A Jacob N J Henderson	162
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6		1/111-U2	WAITING PATIENTLY (IRE) 48 D BF b g Flemensfirth - Rossavon	8 11 - 7p1	B S Hughes Ruth Jefferson	169
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TIMEFORM VIEW: POLITOLOGUE proved much too game for the strong-travelling Min when edging out that rival in this race 12 months ago and he is taken to repeat the feat having looked as good as ever when second to Altior in the Queen Mother Champion Chase at the Cheltenham Festival. Waiting Patiently arrives here fresh after a light campaign and is the obvious threat.

Timeform 1-2-3:


- 1:** POLITOLOGUE (4)
- 2:** WAITING PATIENTLY (6)
- 3:** MIN (3)


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Flat Turf: 1 - 0 - 1 - 0				Jumps: 36 - 8 - 7 - 10			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
13 Mar 19	Che 16f Ch Gd1 Cls1 225K	Sft	11-10	PU/9	P J Brennan	16/1	1st Altior, 2nd POLITOLOGUE, 3rd Sceau Royal held up towards rear, slow 5th, headway on outside after 4 out, disputing 4th 2 out, jockey soon looking down and pulled up before last	159
09 Dec 18	Hun 20f Ch Gd2 Cls1 37K	Gd-Sft	11-6	2/9 8 len	P J Brennan	6/1f2	1st Charbel, 2nd GOD'S OWN , 3rd Tea For Two held up in rear, headway on inside 5 out, chased winner 3 out, effort next, jumped right last, kept on well	159
06 Nov 18	Exe 17.5f Hcp Ch Gd2 Cls1 40K	Gd	11-9	1/5 ½ len	P J Brennan	7/2	1st GOD'S OWN , 2nd Ozzie The Oscar, 3rd San Benedetto disputed 2nd to 4th, tracked front pair, effort on inside 3 out, soon challenged, ridden before last, led narrowly flat, held on gamely	156
28 Apr 18	San 15.5f Ch Gd1 Cls1 74K	Gd-Sft	11-7	3/6 7 len	P J Brennan	11/1	1st Altior, 2nd San Benedetto, 3rd GOD'S OWN held up in rear, not fluent 2nd, headway 4 out, tracking leaders on outside going well enough before next, outpaced approaching next, rallied approaching last, went 3rd run-in	158
14 Mar 18	Che 16f Ch Gd1 Cls1 228K	Sft	11-10	3/9 18 len	P J Brennan	40/1	1st Altior, 2nd MIN, 3rd GOD'S OWN held up in rear, not fluent 4th, headway 9th, challenged after 4 out, led off last bend, mistake and headed 2 out, 4th and beaten when jumped right last, went 3rd final 100 yards	158
13 Jan 18	Kmp 20.5f Ch List Cls1 23K	Gd-Sft	11-0	3/6 12 len	P J Brennan	5/2f2	1st WAITING PATIENTLY, 2nd Art Mauresque, 3rd GOD'S OWN tracked leaders, led on inside 4 out, headed next, lost 2nd before 2 out, kept on same pace in 3rd	163

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Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
13 Mar 19	Che 16f Ch Gd1 Cls1 225K	Sft	11-10ht	4/9 9½ len	B J Geraghty	25/1	1st Altior, 2nd POLITOLOGUE, 3rd Sceau Royal held up in rear, took keen hold, headway to chase leaders 3 out, soon not clear run and lost place, effort on outside after 2 out, went 4th when hit last, hung left flat and kept on, no impression on leaders	155
22 Dec 18	Asc 19f Hcp Ch Cls2 22K	Sft	11-10ht	1/10 2¼ len	B J Geraghty	5/1	1st HELL'S KITCHEN , 2nd Janika, 3rd Movie Legend pulled hard, tracked leaders and wide, hit 2nd, tracked leader 8th, led 10th, went clear before 11th, 10 lengths ahead 3 out, lead dwindled run-in, held on, all out	143
10 Nov 18	Ain 20f Hcp Ch Cls2 50K	Gd	11-8ht	7/11 40 len	B J Geraghty	4/1f2	1st War Sound, 2nd King's Odyssey, 3rd Romain De Senam mid-division, took keen hold, headway on outside 10th, hanging left and no impression before 3 out, well beaten from next	145
04 Feb 18	Leo 21f Hcp Ch 59K	Sft	11-1ht	PU/22	B J Geraghty	9/2f	1st Last Goodbye, 2nd Vieux Morvan, 3rd Uncle Danny chased leaders, not fluent 4 out, pulled up approaching 2 out	143
26 Dec 17	Kmp 20.5f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 14K	Gd-Sft	11-8ht	1/8 1½ len	B J Geraghty	9/2f2	1st HELL'S KITCHEN , 2nd Mister Whitaker, 3rd Touch Kick made all, pushed along 2 out, ridden last, kept on	137
01 Dec 17	Nbu 16f Nov Hcp Ch Cls3 13K	Gd-Sft	11-6ht1	U/5	B J Geraghty	5/2f	1st Bigmartre, 2nd Cyname, 3rd Crievehill keen, soon tracking leading trio, blundered and unseated rider 4th	137

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Jumps: 16 - 10 - 3 - 1

All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

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13 Mar 19	Che 16f Ch Gd1 Cls1 225K	Sft	11-10	5/9 11¼ len	R Walsh	7/2f2	1st Altior, 2nd POLITOLOGUE, 3rd Sceau Royal keen early stages, chased leaders, short of room and lost place after 3 out, switched left before last, never able to get back involved	167
02 Feb 19	Leo 17f Ch Gd1 Cls1 74K	Gd-YI	11-10	1/5 6 len	R Walsh	4/9f	1st MIN, 2nd Ordinary World, 3rd Saint Calvados raced in 4th, left in 3rd approaching 1st where left 2nd and slightly impeded, closed travelling smoothly from final fence, led over 1f out, quickly asserted, stayed on well, easily	167
09 Dec 18	Pun 20f Ch Gd1 Cls1 50K	Gd	11-10	1/5 1½ len	R Walsh	evensf	1st MIN, 2nd Shattered Love, 3rd Balko Des Flos raced 3rd, travelled well after 3 out, closed 2 out where not much room on inner, pushed along to lead before last, driven out run-in, reduced advantage closing stages	167
24 Apr 18	Pun 16f Ch Gd1 Cls1 162K	YI-Sft	11-12	4/9 14¼ len	D J Mullins	3/1f2	1st Un De Sceaux, 2nd Douvan, 3rd A Toi Phil tracked leaders, slight mistake 1st, 4th 3 out, soon ridden, moderate 3rd entering straight, soon no impression in 4th	167
13 Apr 18	Ain 20f Ch Gd1 Cls1 140K	Sft	11-7	2/6 nk	P Townend	11/10f	1st POLITOLOGUE, 2nd MIN, 3rd Sizing Granite travelled strongly, 2nd until the 2nd, raced in 3rd until challenged 3 out, jumped right 2 out, shaken up to lead narrowly before last, headed flat, stayed on, just held close home	168
14 Mar 18	Che 16f Ch Gd1 Cls1 228K	Sft	11-10	2/9 7 len	P Townend	5/2f2	1st Altior, 2nd MIN, 3rd GOD'S OWN held up towards rear, headway after 9th, hampered 4 out, going well from 3 out until led 2 out, headed soon after last, no impression on winner final 130 yards	167

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Jumps: 22 - 10 - 5 - 0

All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

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13 Mar 19	Che 16f Ch Gd1 Cls1 225K	Sft	11-10ht	2/9 1¼ len	H Cobden	11/1	1st Altior, 2nd POLITOLOGUE, 3rd Sceau Royal chased leaders, effort from 3 out, driven and stayed on flat, went 2nd towards finish, no impression on winner	166
16 Feb 19	Asc 21f Ch Gd1 Cls1 85K	Gd-Sft	11-7t	4/6 20 len	Sam Twiston-Davies	4/1	1st Cynname, 2nd WAITING PATIENTLY, 3rd Fox Norton raced wide, chased leaders, ridden and weakened approaching 2 out	168
26 Dec 18	Kmp 24f Ch Gd1 Cls1 142K	Gd-Sft	11-10ht	4/10 18 len	Sam Twiston-Davies	5/1	1st Clan Des Obeaux, 2nd Thistlecrack, 3rd Native River towards rear, mistake 12th, headway 5 out, ridden after next, no extra approaching last	168
24 Nov 18	Asc 21f Ch Gd2 Cls1 40K	Gd-Sft	11-7ht	1/6 ½ len	Sam Twiston-Davies	5/4f	1st POLITOLOGUE, 2nd Charbel, 3rd Gold Present tracked leading pair, close 2nd at 12th, led going well approaching 2 out, ridden and stayed on run-in	168
13 Apr 18	Ain 20f Ch Gd1 Cls1 140K	Sft	11-7ht1	1/6 nk	Sam Twiston-Davies	11/1	1st POLITOLOGUE, 2nd MIN, 3rd Sizing Granite tracked leader from 2nd, not fluent 10th or 12th, challenged 3 out, soon led, ridden and headed narrowly just before last, led again flat, held on gamely	161
14 Mar 18	Che 16f Ch Gd1 Cls1 228K	Sft	11-10	4/9 23 len	Sam Twiston-Davies	12/1	1st Altior, 2nd MIN, 3rd GOD'S OWN mid-division, headway 6th, hampered 4 out, soon led, ridden and headed before 2 out, beaten in 3rd last, faded into 4th final 100 yards	163

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14 Mar 19	Che 24f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 183K	Gd-Sft	11-10	15/18 40 len	D A Jacob	12/1	1st Paisley Park, 2nd Sam Spinner, 3rd Faugheen mid-division, not fluent 9th, headway approaching 3 out, chasing leaders 2 out, beaten on last bend, weakened well before last	154
12 Jan 19	Kmp 20.5f Ch List Cls1 23K	Gd	11-6	1/5 5 len	D A Jacob	6/4f	1st TOP NOTCH , 2nd Black Corton, 3rd Charbel mostly in 4th place, handy 3rd before 11th, led 2nd 4 out, led and hit 2 out, ridden clear before last, stayed on strongly	162
22 Dec 18	Asc 24f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 57K	Sft	11-7	3/11 5¾ len	James Bowen	10/1	1st Paisley Park, 2nd West Approach, 3rd TOP NOTCH mid-division, closer at 6th, chased leaders after 3 out, 2nd and every chance 2 out, lost 2nd last, kept on same pace in 3rd	157
28 Apr 18	San 23f Ch Gd2 Cls1 31K	Gd-Sft	11-6	1/6 2¾ len	D A Jacob	4/5f	1st TOP NOTCH , 2nd Art Mauresque, 3rd O O Seven tracked leading pair, went 2nd 4th (water), led going well 2 out, in command when went left last, stayed on strongly	162
17 Feb 18	Asc 21f Ch Gd1 Cls1 85K	Sft	11-7	4/7 20 len	D A Jacob	9/4f2	1st WAITING PATIENTLY, 2nd Cue Card, 3rd Frodon held up in 5th on inside, not fluent 1st, hit 10th and rider lost iron briefly, weakened after 3 out	164
14 Dec 17	Tau 22f Ch Gd2 Cls1 28K	Sft	11-6	1/4 3¼ len	D A Jacob	4/9f	1st TOP NOTCH , 2nd Josses Hill, 3rd Ptit Zig tracked leaders, took closer order 7th, every chance 3 out, led approaching next, ran on well	160

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WAITING PATIENTLY (IRE) 48 D BF

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26 Dec 18	Kmp 24f Ch Gd1 Cls1 142K	Gd-Sft	11-10	U/10	B S Hughes	4/1f2	1st Clan Des Obeaux, 2nd Thistlecrack, 3rd Native River held up in rear, badly hampered and unseated rider 9th	170
17 Feb 18	Asc 21f Ch Gd1 Cls1 85K	Sft	11-7	1/7 2¾ len	B S Hughes	2/1f	1st WAITING PATIENTLY , 2nd Cue Card, 3rd Frodon patiently ridden in last pair, not fluent 6th, headway into 2nd 3 out, rider delayed challenge until produced to lead approaching and hit last, clear when hung right and idled run-in, stayed on	156
13 Jan 18	Kmp 20.5f Ch List Cls1 23K	Gd-Sft	11-4	1/6 8 len	B S Hughes	13/8f	1st WAITING PATIENTLY , 2nd Art Mauresque, 3rd GOD'S OWN waited with in 5th place, smooth headway on inside before 3 out, 2nd going well before 2 out, led 2 out, quickened clear before last, impressive	156
05 Nov 17	Car 20f Ch Cls1 17K	Gd-Sft	11-8	1/4 2½ len	B S Hughes	4/5f	1st WAITING PATIENTLY , 2nd Belami Des Pictons, 3rd Baywing tracked leaders, hit 8th, went 2nd 5 out, poised to challenge going well after 3 out, led before last, driven out flat	150
21 Jan 17	Hdo 20f Nov Ch Gd2 Cls1 18K	Sft	11-4	1/6 1¼ len	B S Hughes	11/4f2	1st WAITING PATIENTLY , 2nd POLITOLOGUE, 3rd Its'afreebee held up in touch, headway 5 out, went 2nd from 4 out, pushed along to lead last, kept on	142

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18 Mar 19	Nav 16f Ch Gd2 Cls1 27K	Sft	11-10bt	5/5 43 len	P Townend	4/1	1st Darasso, 2nd Cadmium, 3rd Ball D'arc tracked leader in 2nd, mistake 3rd, disputed lead 7th, bad mistake and headed next (4 out), dropped to moderate last entering straight, weakened	154
03 Nov 18	dro 24f Ch Gd1 Cls1 83K	Gd-YI	11-10bt	2/6 16 len	R M Power	13/2	1st Road To Respect, 2nd WOODLAND OPERA , 3rd Outlander led, pushed along and headed 3 out, soon ridden and no impression on winner from next, kept on one pace	154
06 Oct 18	Gow 20f Ch Gd2 Cls1 27K	Gd	11-8bt	1/7 10 len	R M Power	5/1	1st WOODLAND OPERA , 2nd Jury Duty, 3rd Peregrine Run made all, clear 3rd until 6th, pushed along after 3 out and slight mistake next, stayed on well to draw clear run-in	146
31 Aug 18	dro 24f Hdl 12K	Gd-Fm	11-5bt	1/10 ¾ len	R M Power	5/1	1st WOODLAND OPERA , 2nd Peregrine Run, 3rd Canardier chased leaders, disputed after 5th and led next, joined 3 out, ridden before next, narrowly headed after 2 out, stayed on to dispute again last, edged ahead run-in and kept on well under pressure close home	136
11 Aug 18	klb 20f Hdl 8K	Gd	11-2bt	1/7 4 len	B J Geraghty	5/2f2	1st WOODLAND OPERA , 2nd Koshari, 3rd Massini's Trap soon raced in 2nd, led from 4th, went on from 2 out, stayed on well from before last	126
05 Aug 18	Gal 18f Hcp Ch 20K	Gd	11-10bt	9/16 43 len	B J Geraghty	10/1	1st Show And Go, 2nd Listen Dear, 3rd Eiri Na Casca held up, not fluent 3rd, 11th approaching halfway, kept on same pace from before 2 out	147