(R3) 13:20 CHELTENHAM, 2m 62y
Cheltenham Club Handicap Chase (Class 2) (4YO plus)

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<td>DESTRIER (FR) 39 D</td>
<td>b g Voix Du Nord - Razia</td>
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**Jockey Colours:** Emerald green, white cross of lorraine, red sleeves and cap
**Timeform says:** Relished the switch to chasing last season, winning at Southwell and Ayr before a fine run in the Grade 1 Maghull at Aintree. Pleasing reappearance and return to left-handed track will suit. ★★★★★ (Forecast 3.00)

| 2  | 711-148 | THE BAY BIRCH (IRE) 15 | b m Beneficial - Tournant Vic | 8 11 - 10t | Stan Sheppard (3) M Sheppard | 149 |

**Jockey Colours:** Red and black stripes, red sleeves, white cap
**Timeform says:** Likeable mare who completed the hat-trick on return at Chepstow. Every chance the assessor now has her measure and she drops markedly in trip. ★★★★☆ (Forecast 13.00)

| 3  | 1214-U3 | BALLYWOOD (FR) 21 D | b g Ballykelly - Miss Hollywood | 5 11 - 8 | Tom Cannon A King | 147 |

**Jockey Colours:** Light blue, dark blue armlets, dark blue cap
**Timeform says:** Dual hurdle winner in France who won 3 times over fences last term. Unseated rider on reappearance but shaped as though back in reasonable nick at Ascot last month. ★★★★★ (Forecast 6.50)

| 4  | 41/936-F | THEINVAL (FR) 132 D | b g Smadoun - Kinevees | 9 11 - 7p | J McGrath N J Henderson | 146 |

**Jockey Colours:** Yellow, light blue hooped sleeves
**Timeform says:** Hit the frame in the Grand Annual in both 2017 and 2018. Rare off-day in the jumping department at Galway in August and season may well be geared around another busy spring campaign. ★★★★★★ (Forecast 9.00)

| 5  | 835/21-3 | CROCO BAY (IRE) 226 CD | b g Croco Rouge - April Thistle | 12 11 - 4p | Kielan Woods B I Case | 143 |

**Jockey Colours:** Gold, black sleeves and cap with gold tassel
**Timeform says:** Belied odds of 66/1 when accounting for 18 in the Grand Annual over C&D in March. By no means disgraced at Punchestown next time and he's likely to give it a good go from the front. ★★★★☆ (Forecast 8.00)

| 6  | P11P2/P | ART OF PAYROLL (GER) 118 D | b g Shirocco - Anna Maria | 10 11 - 1t | J J Burke Harry Fry | 140 |

**Jockey Colours:** Grey, black cross of lorraine, black sleeves, grey armlets, grey and black quartered cap
**Timeform says:** Better than ever when landing a gamble for Harry Fry at Southwell in August 2017. Restricted to just 3 runs since, beaten a long way in that aforementioned race this summer. Has had a wind op. ★★★★★ (Forecast 8.50)

| 7  | 149-0U0 | EAMON AN CNOIC (IRE) 15 D | b g Westerner - Nutmeg Tune | 8.10 - 10b1t | T Scudamore D Pipe | 135 |

**Jockey Colours:** Black, mauve hoops, white sleeves, mauve cap
**Timeform says:** Useful chaser who finished fourth in the Plate over 20.6f in March. Now finds himself 2 lb below that mark having seemingly lost the plot since and he goes back in trip in a change of headgear. ★★★☆☆ (Forecast 12.00)
Jockey Colours: Black and orange (quartered), checked sleeves, orange and black quartered cap

Timeform says: Three wins over fences between February and August but below-par effort from out of the weights in a 2m Class 2 handicap here in October and she’s 3 lb “wrong” again. ★★★★★ (Forecast 23.00)

Notes:

Long Handicap: Northern Beau 9 - 11

TIMEFORM VIEW: The majority of these have plenty to prove, but DESTRIER took really well to fences this time last year, and, with an encouraging reappearance under his belt, he looks the way to go, particularly returned to a left-handed track. Ballywood was slightly better than the result at Asoct last month and he heads the opposition.

Timeform 1-2-3:
1: DESTRIER (1)
2: BALLYWOOD (3)
3: CROCO BAY (5)