## ATR VERDICT:

MINELLA INDO caused a shock when winning the Albert Bartlett at 50/1 last year, but there was no fluke about that victory and Henry De Bromhead's seven-year-old is a proper Grade 1 performer. A return to three miles saw him open his chasing account at Navan in January and he can confirm form over Allaho, who could give him most to think about. That rival was twice behind the selection in Grade 1 contests over hurdles last season, but it is interesting Willie Mullins heads here rather than Thursday's Marsh Chase with the Cheveley Park-owned six-year-old, who was ultra-impressive when winning at Fairyhouse last time. There are no doubts at all about Champ's engine and he proved when winning at Aintree last season that he will stay the three-mile distance. However, his jumping has been of real concern and Barry Geraghty will have to be at his best in a contest where his mount's fencing will be put under scrutiny. Colin Tizzard's pair of Copperhead and Slate House bring plenty of chasing experience to the table and it is the former who appeals most arriving here unbeaten in three. An emphatic 17-length winner of the Reynoldstown at Ascot last time, he has a lot of the required attributes to thrive here and is a must for the shortlist.

### Top Tip:
MINELLA INDO (8)

### Watch out for:
ALLAHO (1)