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(R4) 14:25 DOWN ROYAL, 3m

Ladbrokes Champion Chase (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1	* * *		ALPHA DES OBEAUX (FR) 17 D b g Saddler Maker - Omega Des Obeaux	10 11 - 12bt	B J Cooper G Elliott	156
2	*	973/44-4	BALKO DES FLOS (FR) 17 ch g Balko - Royale Marie	9 11 - 12	Rachael Blackmore H de Bromhead	160
3		15/P110 -	CHRIS'S DREAM (IRE) 232 D b g Mahler - Janebailey	8 11 - 12	R M Power H de Bromhead	164
4	*	3/14115-	DELTA WORK (FR) 232 C D br g Network - Robbe	7 11 - 12ht	J W Kennedy G Elliott	170
5	3 × 3	18/353F -	PRESENTING PERCY 232 D b g Sir Percy - Hunca Munca	9 11 - 12t	D F O'Regan G Elliott	165
6	***	52F1-U6	RAVENHILL (IRE) 17 D b g Winged Love - Rhythm Hill	10 11 - 12	M P Walsh G Elliott	152
7	A.	615630-	SNOW FALCON (IRE) 233 C D b g Presenting - Flocon De Neige	10 11 - 12	J M Moore N Meade	154
8		2-P1121	THE STORYTELLER (IRE) 17 C D ch g Shantou - Bally Bolshoi	9 11 - 12	K M Donoghue G Elliott	158
9	*	24453-2	TOUT EST PERMIS (FR) 17 D g g Linda's Lad - Kadalbleue	7 11 - 12t	S W Flanagan N Meade	152

ATR VERDICT: PRESENTING PERCY is held by his new stablemate Delta Work on several formlines but maybe Gordon Elliott will have worked his magic to get the nine-year-old back to winning ways. It hasn't worked out for the former top-class novice in open company yet, but he was only a few lengths behind Delta Work on a couple of occasions last season and has shown in the past that he's well capable of winning after an absence. Delta Work is a five-time Grade 1 winner over fences and very much the one to beat. For some reason he was below-par on his reappearance in this race last year but went on to land two big prizes at Leopardstown before finishing a creditable, if slightly disappointing, fifth in the Gold Cup when last seen. Chris's Dream was impressive in winning his first two starts last season before being seemingly outclassed in the Gold Cup. He's only had six chase starts though, and there might still be more to come from him. The Storyteller has been typically well placed in recent months but is likely to struggle in this company.

Top Tip: PRESENTING PERCY (5) Watch out for: DELTA WORK (4)







