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(R4) 14:25 DOWN ROYAL, 3m Ladbrokes Champion Chase (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5YO plus) **Horse Details** No Silk Form Age/Wt Jockey/Trainer **OR** 2/2333-5 | **ALPHA DES OBEAUX** (FR) 17 D 10 11 -B J Cooper 1 156 G Elliott 12bt b g Saddler Maker - Omega Des Obeaux Jockey Colours: Maroon, white star & armlet, maroon cap, white star Timeform says: Very smart chaser. 11/1, shaped as if in need of run on return when fading fifth to The Storyteller in Grade 3 chase at Punchestown (24.6f) 17 days ago. Placed in this 12 months ago so not ruled out.★★★☆ (Forecast 51.00) 973/44-4 **BALKO DES FLOS** (FR) 17 2 9 11 - 12 Rachael Blackmore 160 H de Bromhead ch g Balko - Royale Marie Jockey Colours: Maroon, white star, white armlets, white cap Timeform says: High-class chaser at best but lightly raced nowadays. 8/1, not disgraced given 11 months off when fourth to The Storyteller in Grade 3 chase at Punchestown (24.6f) 17 days ago. Needs more now though. **** (Forecast 41.00) 3 15/P110 | **CHRIS'S DREAM** (IRE) 232 D 8 11 - 12 R M Power 164 H de Bromhead b g Mahler - Janebailey Jockey Colours: Pink & white halved, black sleeves, black cap, pink star Timeform says: High-class chaser. Landed Grade 2 at Gowran before tenth in Cheltenham Gold Cup (26.3f) where seemed not to get home having travelled strongly to 3 out. Can do better back at 3m so interesting. **** (Forecast 5.50) 3/14115- **DELTA WORK** (FR) 232 C D J W Kennedy 7 11 - 12ht 170 4 G Elliott br g Network - Robbe Jockey Colours: MAROON, WHITE star and armlets, ROYAL BLUE cap Timeform says: Top-class chaser. Dual Grade 1 winner at Leopardstown before good fifth of 12 in Cheltenham Gold Cup when didn't jump so well as usual. Course winner and form pick but only fourth here 12 months ago. **** (Forecast 3.12) 18/353F PRESENTING PERCY 232 D D F O'Regan 5 9 11 - 12t 165 G Elliott b g Sir Percy - Hunca Munca Jockey Colours: Emerald green, white star, white chevrons on sleeves, white cap Timeform says: Top-class chaser but only lightly raced. Winless last season but running creditably when falling 2 out in Cheltenham Gold Cup on final run for Patrick Kelly. Worth considering now with new yard. **** (Forecast 4.00) 52F1-U6 **RAVENHILL** (IRE) 17 D 10 11 - 12 M P Walsh 152 6 G Elliott b g Winged Love - Rhythm Hill Jockey Colours: Yellow, royal blue sash, royal blue armlet, yellow cap, royal blue stars Timeform says: Smart chaser. Stiff task when well-beaten sixth of 8 to The Storyteller in Grade 3 chase at Punchestown (24.6f) 17 days ago. This is another tough ask so others appeal more from the Elliott quintet. ***** (Forecast 67.00) 615630- **SNOW FALCON** (IRE) 233 C D J M Moore 10 11 - 12 7 154 N Meade b g Presenting - Flocon De Neige Jockey Colours: Cerise Timeform says: Smart chaser. Only win last term in Grade 2 at Gowran last October though

and ended season below par in Grade 3 Cheltenham handicap in March. Course winner but

big step forward needed on comeback. **** (Forecast 41.00)

8		2-P1121	THE STORYTELLER (IRE) 17 C D ch g Shantou - Bally Bolshoi	9 11 - 12	K M Donoghue G Elliott	158
Jockey Colours: Dark blue, yellow diamond & sleeves, yellow cap, red diamond Timeform says: Very smart chaser who made it 3-5 this season in Grade 3 at Punchestown (24.6f) 17 days ago by 7½ from Tout Est Permis. Not always best of jumpers but holds place claims. ************************************					Notes:	
9	* * ·	24453-2	TOUT EST PERMIS (FR) 17 D g g Linda's Lad - Kadalbleue	7 11 - 12t	S W Flanagan N Meade	152
Jockey Colours: Maroon, white star, white armlets, yellow cap Timeform says: Smart chaser who returned with good 7½ second of 8 to The Storyteller in Grade 3 chase at Punchestown (24.6f) 17 days ago. Tongue strap back on but hard to make a case for in this higher grade.				Notes:		

TIMEFORM VIEW: A fascinating renewal of this Grade 1 and it could pay to side with CHRIS'S DREAM who made great strides last term and appeals as the sort to go on again this year with this bare 3m likely to prove ideal. Delta Work rates the form pick of Gordon Elliott's quintet but he could finish only fourth in this 12 months ago so may have to settle for minour honours again with his Presenting Percy.

Timeform 1-2-3:

1: CHRIS'S DREAM (3)

2: DELTA WORK (4)

3: PRESENTING PERCY (5)





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