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Irish Stallion Farms EBF Mares Hurdle (Grade 2) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		2/4331-	CONCERTISTA (FR) 261 ch m Nathaniel - Zagzig	6 11 - 7	P Townend W P Mullins	148
2		31110-2	MINELLA MELODY 34 C D b m Flemensfirth - Cottage Theatre	6 11 - 5	Rachael Blackmore H de Bromhead	140
3		0213-1	CARRIGEEN LOTUS 34 b m Jeremy - Carrigeen Lonicera	5 11 - 2	Miss E A Lalor R H Lalor	-
4	*	4-4415F	ETINCELLE LIOTERIE (FR) 48 b m Saddler Maker - Ya D'la Joie	6 11 - 2t	D Meyler Joseph P O'Brien	-
5	***	21	PLACE DES VOSGES 23 b m Rip Van Winkle - Red Blossom	5 11 - 2	R A Doyle Mark Fahey	123
6		3/113-12	QUEENS BROOK 29 C BF b m Shirocco - Awesome Miracle	5 11 - 2	J W Kennedy G Elliott	-

ATR VERDICT: So impressive in the mares' novice hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival when last seen, CONCERTISTA gets the vote to win for the first time on Irish soil. Just touched off in the corresponding race at Cheltenham a year earlier, when making her hurdling debut, she hasn't won over this trip but she bounded up the hill in March so it's hard to see that being a problem. Minella Melody was too keen and dropped out of contention behind the selection at Cheltenham but is a far better mare than that. She won her first three over hurdles, stays well and should benefit from having had a recent run when second to a smart sort in Beacon Edge at Galway. Cheltenham bumper third Queens Brook made a winning start over hurdles at this track last month and, along with several rivals, got racing from too far out when mugged late by an outsider at Down Royal. She's better than that bare form and will probably be ridden with more restraint on this occasion.

Top Tip: CONCERTISTA (1)

Watch out for: MINELLA MELODY (2)







