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Betfair Fighting Fifth Hurdle (Grade 1) (Class 1) (4YO plus)

No	Silk	Form	Horse Details	Age/Wt	Jockey/Trainer	OR
1		31/113P -	CORNERSTONE LAD 263 (25F) CD b g Delegator - Chapel Corner	6 11 - 7	Billy Garritty Micky Hammond	159
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TIMEFORM VIEW: Champion Hurdle heroine EPATANTE should be hard to beat after a gallop at Newbury last week. The race-fit and in-form Sceau Royal is the obvious one to take advantage should Nicky Henderson's brilliant mare not be on her game. The unexposed Ribble Valley is an interesting outsider.

Timeform 1-2-3:

1: EPATANTE (7)

2: SCEAU ROYAL (4)


3: RIBBLE VALLEY (3)


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CAREER STATS (Starts - Wins - 2nds - 3rds)								
Flat Turf: 14 - 3 - 2 - 2			Jumps: 15 - 6 - 4 - 4			All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0		
RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY								
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
03 Nov 20	Red 14f Hcp Cls5 4K	Sft	9-3	1/12 (12) nk	Billy Garritty (5)	4/1	1st CORNERSTONE LAD , 2nd Jackamundo, 3rd Magna Moralia led, ridden and reduced advantage 3f out, headed over 1f out, ran on strongly final furlong to lead close home	71
03 Oct 20	Red 14f Hcp Cls5 4K	Sft	9-5	4/11 (2) 14¾ len	Billy Garritty (5)	16/5f2	1st Ben Lilly, 2nd Nikolayeva, 3rd Ghadbaan midfield, drifted back towards rear halfway, ridden over 4f out, steady headway over 3f out, stayed on from over 2f out but no chance with leading trio	71
10 Mar 20	Che 16f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 265K	Sft	11-10	PU/17	Henry Brooke	33/1	1st EPATANTE, 2nd Sharjah, 3rd Darver Star tracked leader until after 5th, soon weakened, pulled up before 3 out	159
18 Jan 20	Hdo 16f Hdl Gd2 Cls1 43K	Hy	11-10	3/4 ¾ len	Henry Brooke	11/2	1st Ballyandy, 2nd Pentland Hills, 3rd CORNERSTONE LAD led, ridden and headed run in, stayed on	159
30 Nov 19	Ncs 16f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 62K	Hy	11-7	1/5 shd	Henry Brooke	16/1	1st CORNERSTONE LAD , 2nd Buveur D'air, 3rd SILVER STREAK allowed clear lead, made all, ridden after 3 out, reduced advantage between last 2, stayed on gamely when strongly challenged flat, just held on, all out	148
16 Nov 19	Wth 16f Hcp Hdl Cls3 6K	Sft	11-9	1/10 3½ len	Billy Garritty (5)	9/2	1st CORNERSTONE LAD , 2nd Theatre Legend, 3rd Dali Mail raced keenly, chased leaders, led soon after 3 out, clear before last, stayed on strongly	142

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CAREER STATS (Starts - Wins - 2nds - 3rds)								
Flat Turf: 35 - 4 - 5 - 4			Jumps: 7 - 3 - 0 - 0		All Weather: 5 - 0 - 0 - 0			
RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY								
Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
10 Oct 20	nmk 18f Hcp Cls2 124K	Sft	9-4 (ex4)	4/34 (4) 6¾ len	G Lee	10/1	1st Great White Shark, 2nd Summer Moon, 3rd Takarengo led, joined 4f out, ridden and headed 2f out, one pace final furlong	98
24 Sep 20	Pfr 12f Hcp Cls2 13K	Sft	9-5	1/4 (4) 4¾ len	G Lee	4/1j2f	1st NOT SO SLEEPY , 2nd Dark Jedi, 3rd Amazing Red tracked leader, led over 1f out, ridden and ran on, comfortable	94
10 Mar 20	Che 16f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 265K	Sft	11-10t	PU/17	J J Burke	33/1	1st EPATANTE, 2nd Sharjah, 3rd Darver Star slowly away, took keen hold and soon recovered to chase leaders, mistake 3rd, lost place after 5th, soon behind, pulled up before last	143
08 Feb 20	Nbu 16f Hcp Hdl Gd3 Cls1 87K	Gd	11-3t	15/24 14 len	J J Burke	9/1	1st Pic D'orhy, 2nd Ciel De Neige, 3rd Remiluc held up towards rear, hit 3rd, headway on outside before 2 out, weakened 2 out	144
21 Dec 19	Asc 16f Hcp Hdl Gd3 Cls1 85K	Hy	10-3t	1/13 9 len	J J Burke	9/2jf	1st NOT SO SLEEPY , 2nd Monsieur Lecoq, 3rd Sir Valentine raced keenly, made all, clear 2nd, looked to run out 4th, went clear again before 2 out, stayed on strongly, unchallenged	127
22 Nov 19	Asc 16f Hcp Hdl Cls2 19K	Sft	10-5t	1/9 2 len	J J Burke	6/1	1st NOT SO SLEEPY , 2nd Lust For Glory, 3rd Oakley made all, soon clear, ridden 2 out, not fluent next, found extra when pressed run in	122

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Flat Turf: 3 - 2 - 0 - 0

Jumps: 4 - 3 - 1 - 0

All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
22 Oct 20	Car 17f Hdl Cls4 4K	Sft	11-10t1	1/4 5½ len	B S Hughes	8/15f	1st RIBBLE VALLEY, 2nd Nickolson, 3rd Molly Ollys Wishes held up last, smooth headway into third before 3 out, travelling best 2 out, led last and won going away, impressive	141
20 Dec 19	Asc 16f Nov Hdl Gd2 Cls1 20K	Hy	11-0	2/4 8 len	B S Hughes	5/6f	1st Master Debonair, 2nd RIBBLE VALLEY, 3rd Time Flies By keen tracked leaders, chased winner 3 out, ridden next, no impression	142
27 Nov 19	Wth 16f Nov Hdl Cls4 4K	Sft	11-4	1/13 11 len	B S Hughes	13/8jf	1st RIBBLE VALLEY, 2nd Sir Valentine, 3rd Rayna's World chased leaders on inside, 2nd after 4 out, led next, clear 2 out, stayed on strongly	-
08 Nov 19	Hex 16f Nov Hdl Cls4 4K	Hy	10-12	1/10 9 len	B S Hughes	2/7f	1st RIBBLE VALLEY, 2nd Itsnotyouitsme, 3rd Blaster Yeats always prominent, led after 3 out, drew clear approaching last, very easily	-
08 Jan 19	Ayr 16f 4-6y NHF Cls5 2K	Gd-Sft	11-12	1/10 5 len	B S Hughes	5/6f	1st RIBBLE VALLEY, 2nd Milvale, 3rd Gracemeadow held up towards rear, headway on outside 7f out, led going well 2f out, clear inside final furlong, easily	-
18 Nov 18	Che 16f 4-6y NHF List Cls1 12K	Gd	11-0	6/9 10¾ len	B S Hughes	8/1	1st Master Debonair, 2nd Thyme Hill, 3rd Kissesforkatie keen early, held up in touch, outpaced over 2f out, never able to challenge, weakened final furlong	-

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Flat Turf: 1 - 0 - 0 - 1

Jumps: 29 - 13 - 5 - 3

All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

RECENT RACE BY RACE HISTORY

Date	Race Details	Going	Weight	Res (Dr)	Jockey	SP	1-2-3 Result / Close-up	OR
07 Nov 20	Wcn 15f Hdl Gd2 Cls1 27K	Gd	11-0	1/6 7½ len	D A Jacob	4/5f	1st SCEAU ROYAL, 2nd Teqany, 3rd Diego Du Charmil held up in 5th on inside, smooth headway after 3 out, 2nd on inside before next, challenged 2 out, led soon after, came clear before last, easily	155
18 Oct 20	ffl 16f Hcp Hdl Cls2 25K	Gd-Sft	11-6	1/12 2¾ len	D A Jacob	10/1	1st SCEAU ROYAL, 2nd Ballyandy, 3rd Buzz raced out wide and held up towards rear, smooth headway tracking leaders after 4 out, went 2nd going well before next, led 2 out, 2 lengths ahead last, driven and stayed on strongly run-in	150
11 Mar 20	Che 16f Ch Gd1 Cls1 225K	Sft	11-10	5/5 45 len	D A Jacob	10/1	1st Politologue, 2nd Dynamite Dollars, 3rd Bun Doran held up in last, pushed along before 3 out, soon beaten, well behind 2 out, tailed off	163
08 Feb 20	Nbu 16f Ch Gd2 Cls1 28K	Gd	11-6	2/6 3¼ len	Thomas Bellamy	9/1	1st Altior, 2nd SCEAU ROYAL, 3rd Dynamite Dollars held up in rear, badly hampered on inside and left in 4th place 3rd (water), challenged in close 3rd last, not pace of winner but went 2nd close home	163
27 Dec 19	Kmp 16f Ch Gd2 Cls1 57K	Sft	11-6	3/5 3¼ len	Thomas Bellamy	7/2	1st Bun Doran, 2nd Duc Des Genievres, 3rd SCEAU ROYAL waited with in rear, closer in 4th at 7th, headway between horses approaching 3 out, 3rd and one pace between last 2, mistake last	164
07 Dec 19	San 15.5f Ch Gd1 Cls1 84K	Sft	11-7	6/8 23 len	D A Jacob	10/1	1st Defi Du Seuil, 2nd Un De Sceaux, 3rd Waiting Patiently held up in touch, chased leaders on outside 3 out, soon driven and outpaced, never able to challenge, ridden and weakened after last	164

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Jumps: 22 - 7 - 6 - 3

All Weather: 0 - 0 - 0 - 0

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18 Oct 20	Kmp 16f Hdl List Cls1 18K	Gd	11-4	1/6 6½ len	T J O'Brien	9/2f2	1st SILVER STREAK , 2nd Verdana Blue, 3rd Diego Du Charmil tracked leaders, pushed along between 3out/2out, led narrowly 2 out, ridden and ran on strongly(new track record)	158
10 Mar 20	Che 16f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 265K	Sft	11-10	6/17 12 len	Adam Wedge	20/1	1st EPATANTE, 2nd Sharjah, 3rd Darver Star mid-division, mistake 3rd, outpaced after 2 out, stayed under pressure flat, never on terms	158
26 Dec 19	Kmp 16f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 74K	Sft	11-7	2/10 5 len	Adam Wedge	11/1	1st EPATANTE, 2nd SILVER STREAK , 3rd Ballyandy held up in mid-division on inside, headway chasing leaders when hit 3 out, went 2nd before next where dropped to 3rd, 2nd again before the last, no chance with winner	154
30 Nov 19	Ncs 16f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 62K	Hy	11-7	3/5 ¾ len	Adam Wedge	7/1j2f	1st CORNERSTONE LAD, 2nd Buveur D'air, 3rd SILVER STREAK held up in last pair, hit 3 out, soon driven and unable to quicken, switched inside before last, stayed on into 3rd flat, no impression with front pair	154
20 Oct 19	Kmp 16f Hdl List Cls1 23K	Gd	11-0	1/5 8 len	Adam Wedge	9/4f2	1st SILVER STREAK , 2nd Beat The Judge, 3rd Sofia's Rock held up in touch, tracked leaders after 3 out, led narrowly next, pushed clear between last 2, not fluent last, kept on, comfortably	154
04 Apr 19	Ain 20f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 140K	Sft	11-7	5/7 43 len	Adam Wedge	25/1	1st Supasundae, 2nd Buveur D'air, 3rd Ch'tibello held up in rear, not fluent 4th, pushed along before 3 out, soon weakened	156

6		45436-0	VOIX DU REVE (FR) 34 D br g Voix Du Nord - Pommabelle			8 11 - 7p1	C O'Farrell I Jardine	145
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25 Oct 20	Ain 20f Hcp Hdl Cls2 14K	Sft	11-12h	12/14 68 len	C O'Farrell	50/1	1st Jacamar, 2nd Strong Glance, 3rd Sir Ivan <i>raced keenly, led 2nd, headed before 2 out, soon weakened, tailed off</i>	148
22 Feb 20	Fai 25f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 26K	Hy	11-10h	6/6 72 len	M P Fogarty	11/1	1st Acapella Bourgeois, 2nd Bellshill, 3rd Alpha Des Obeaux <i>held up towards rear, slight mistake 3 out, pushed along and no impression in 5th entering straight, no extra, tailed off</i>	-
19 Jan 20	Thu 20f Ch Gd2 Cls1 27K	Yl	11-10h	3/5 22 len	D E Mullins	20/1	1st Real Steel, 2nd Footpad, 3rd VOIX DU REVE <i>towards rear, slight mistake 3 out, closer approaching straight, 3rd and jinked before 2 out, soon no impression, no extra</i>	158
01 Jan 20	trm 21.5f Hcp Ch Gd3 Cls1 24K	Sft	11-12h	4/4 101 len	B Hayes	12/1	1st Al Boum Photo, 2nd Acapella Bourgeois, 3rd Shattered Love <i>always in rear, slight mistake 4th, took closer order when slight mistake 5 out, pushed along and no impression before 2 out, no extra when tired jump at last, completely tailed off</i>	-
08 Dec 19	Pun 20f Ch Gd1 Cls1 51K	Sft	11-10h	5/9 6¼ len	B Hayes	25/1	1st Min, 2nd Hardline, 3rd Presenting Percy <i>waited with towards rear, bad mistake 3rd, closed from before 4 out, soon effort, no impression from before 2 out, kept on without threatening run-in</i>	158
02 May 19	Pun 16f Nov Ch Gd1 Cls1 68K	Gd-Fm	11-10	4/7 29 len	D J Mullins	10/1	1st Chacun Pour Soi, 2nd Defi Du Seuil, 3rd Duc Des Genievres <i>close up, mistake 3rd, soon lost position, no impression after 3 out, jumped left last</i>	156

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10 Mar 20	Che 16f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 265K	Sft	11-3	1/17 3 len	B J Geraghty	2/1f	1st EPATANTE , 2nd Sharjah, 3rd Darver Star <i>held up in touch and travelled well, not fluent 3 out, eased out right before leading last, edged right flat, stayed on well</i>	159
26 Dec 19	Kmp 16f Hdl Gd1 Cls1 74K	Sft	11-0	1/10 5 len	B J Geraghty	2/1jf	1st EPATANTE , 2nd SILVER STREAK, 3rd Ballyandy <i>held up in mid-division, smooth headway tracking leaders approaching 3 out, challenged on bit 2 out, led between last 2, quickened clear from last, impressive</i>	137
30 Nov 19	Nbu 16f Hcp Hdl List Cls1 28K	Gd-Sft	11-6	1/11 6 len	Aidan Coleman	3/1f	1st EPATANTE , 2nd French Crusader, 3rd Elusive Belle <i>held up in mid-division, smooth headway on inside before 3 out, went 2nd on bit before 2 out, led last, soon quickened clear, stayed on strongly</i>	137
14 Mar 19	Che 17f Nov Hdl Gd2 Cls1 51K	Gd-Sft	11-2h1	9/22 9¼ len	B J Geraghty	15/8f	1st Eglantine Du Seuil, 2nd Concertista, 3rd Tintangle <i>mid-division, headway when mistake 4th, chasing leaders 2 out, ridden and switched right before last, no impression, stayed on one pace</i>	143
22 Feb 19	Exe 17f Nov Hdl Cls4 5K	Gd-Sft	11-4	1/9 3½ len	B J Geraghty	1/6f	1st EPATANTE , 2nd Makety, 3rd Darling Du Large <i>held up in touch, pulled hard, went 2nd 5th, led after 3 out, hard held</i>	-
12 Nov 18	Kmp 16f Nov Hdl Cls4 4K	Gd	10-5	1/13 3½ len	B J Geraghty	8/15f	1st EPATANTE , 2nd Ey Up Rocky, 3rd Thibault <i>took keen hold early, in touch, smooth headway tracking leaders 3 out, led going well 2 out, shaken up and quickened easily clear run-in</i>	-