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| •   |       |          | ICASTER, 2m 7f 214y   | Class 2\ /5 | VO plue)                         |     |
| No  | Silk  | Form     | d Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (  Horse Details                    | Age/Wt      | Jockey/Trainer                   | OR  |
| 1   | *     | 2/2247-7 | MONMIRAL (FR) 42 C<br>bl g Saint Des Saints - Achere            | 7 11 - 10t  | Bryony Frost<br>P F Nicholls     | 142 |
| Jockey Colours: Yellow, red star, yellow sleeves, white armlets, yellow cap, red star Timeform says: Smart hurdler is yet to fully improve upon that form over fences, failing to justify support on return when seventh of 12 in handicap chase at Cheltenham (20.6f, good to soft) 42 days ago. Well treated if able to put it all together and faces a much easier task in this company. |       |          |   |             |                                  |     |
| 2   |       | 614-111  | <b>YOUNG BUSTER</b> (IRE) 29 D b g Yeats - Shatani              | 8 11 - 2p1  | P J Brennan<br>F O'Brien         | 134 |
| Jockey Colours: Dark blue and brown stripes, dark blue sleeves, white stars and cap Timeform says: Won one of 4 starts over hurdles and has taken very well to chasing, maintaining his unbeaten record over fences in a 5-runner handicap chase at Kelso (22.3f, heavy) 29 days ago. Up another 7 lb but can go well again with cheekpieces applied for 1st time.                          |       |          |   |             |                                  |     |
| 3   |       | 044-3P1  | <b>STELLAR MAGIC</b> (IRE) 32 D b g Arctic Cosmos - Inter Alia  | 9 10 - 13v1 | Lily Pinchin<br>Billy Aprahamian | 131 |
| Jockey Colours: Beige and emerald green check, beige sleeves  Timeform says: Fairly useful hurdler who won his only outing in points and came good at the third attempt over fences when scoring at Wincanton on Boxing Day. Drop back in trip a slight concern, though. Change of headgear.  |       |          |   |             |                                  |     |
| 4   | A C   | 31/2-514 | <b>WISEGUY</b> (IRE) 42 CD<br>b g Fame And Glory - Sunset Queen | 8 10 - 10   | Paul O'Brien<br>N J Henderson    | 128 |
| Jockey Colours: Light blue and yellow check, orange and black hooped sleeves and cap Timeform says: Lightly-raced winning 3m hurdler who went in at the first time of asking over fences in 9-runner handicap chase at Exeter (24.2f, soft) in November. Let down by jumping at Cheltenham last time but remains one to view positively in this sphere.                                     |       |          |   |             |                                  |     |
| 5   |       | 5P25-22  | <b>DONNY BOY</b> (IRE) 35 D b g Westerner - Lady Roania         | 8 10 - 7    | Lorcan Williams<br>N W Alexander | 125 |
| Jockey Colours: Black and orange (quartered), checked sleeves, orange and black quartered cap Timeform says: Improved from a tentative performance on chase debut when arguably shaping best in a 7-runner handicap at Newcastle (23.4f, good to soft) 35 days ago, only just failing after a delayed challenge. Respected from 3 lb higher mark.   |       |          |   |             |                                  |     |
| 6   |       | 75-1521  | <b>SNIPE</b> (IRE) 32 D b g Soldier of Fortune - Pisces         | 7 10 - 6    | Tristan Durrell (3)<br>D Skelton | 124 |
| Jockey Colours: Light blue, white epaulets, halved sleeves, red cap  Timeform says: Created good impression when cruising clear in a 5-runner handicap at Southwell on chase debut and added to a solid start over fences when winning 6-runner event at Aintree (25f, heavy, 18/5) 32 days ago. Strong-travelling sort merits consideration from 6 lb higher mark. **** (Forecast 6.50)    |       |          |   |             |                                  |     |
| 7   |       | 4164-1P  | <b>EGBERT</b> 43<br>b g Pether's Moon - Karla June              | 7 10 - 6v1  | Tom Cannon<br>A King             | 124 |

Jockey Colours: White, red braces, emerald green and white check sleeves, white cap, red star Timeform says: Form over hurdles tailed off last last season but he made a successful switch to chasing, albeit in rather laboured fashion, at Kempton in November. Again went in snatches when pulled up in handicap chase at this C&D (good to soft) 43 days ago. Visor now reached for.

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323PP1 **GALON DE VAUZELLE** (FR) 29 D

8 10 - 5b

P J O'Hanlon (3) P J Rothwell 123

Jockey Colours: Emerald green, red stars, emerald green cap, red star

**Timeform says:** Produced a career best in a change of headgear when 12-runner handicap chase at Leopardstown (21.3f, soft, 10/1) 29 days ago. Bit more needed here to compete from eligibly out of the weights in this grade at the compete from eligibly out of the weights in this grade.

b g Kap Rock - Regente De L'isle

from slightly out of the weights in this grade. \*\*\*\*\* (Forecast 8.50)

Long Handicap: Galon De Vauzelle 10 - 3

**TIMEFORM VIEW:** MONMIRAL maybe hasn't quite achieved as much over fences as might have been expected but this represents a significant drop in grade for Paul Nicholls' charge and he's fancied to successfully concede weight all round. Young Buster is 3-3 over fences and should pose a significant threat again, whilst Snipe has also taken well to chasing and is another player to attempt to follow up last month's Aintree success.

## Timeform 1-2-3:

- 1: MONMIRAL (1)
- 2: YOUNG BUSTER (2)
- **3:** SNIPE (6)





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