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- **Jockey Uplift:** The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who’ve ridden the horse on its most recent starts.
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CHELTENHAM Thursday 15th March

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BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Invitation Only, 4-1 Terrefort, 7-1 Modus, 8-1 Finian’s Oscar, 9-1 Shattered Love, 9-1 Benatar, 16-1 Bigmarte, 22-1 Snow Falcon, 22-1 Kemboy, 66-1 b

TIMEFORM VIEW:

No stand-out performer in this Grade 1, but INVITATION ONLY’s close-up third in the Flogas Chase appeals as being the best form on offer, and with improvement on the cards too, he can provide Willie Mullins with a fourth success in a row in this race. Terrefort has made a faultless start to life with Nicky Henderson and is feared most, ahead of the mare Shattered Love.

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Pace Information: Very Strong

1. **THOMAS CAMPBELL** (47) (CD) 6.11 1.2 75.3kg
   Nicky Henderson  James Bowen (38b/1kg)
   Suited by step up in trip when scoring over C&D on return and followed up here 3 weeks later. Come up short in graded company since and will need high-class effort to defy top weight. Blinkers added.

2. **WHO DARES WINS** (122) 4.01 1.11 72.6kg
   Alan King  Wayne Hutchinson
   Third in Coral Cup last year. Winner of decent handicap on Flat at Newmarket in September and creditable third back hurdling at Kempton in November. Unexposed as a stayer over hurdles. Respected.

3. **BOITE** (26) 1.80 1.11 72.1kg
   Warren Greatrex  Gavin Sheehan
   Back to winning ways after a wind operation in 19f Taunton handicap in January, coming clear unchallenged. Still going well even when 3 out in Haydock Grade 2 2 since.

4. **MINE NOW** (77) (D) 2.10 1.11 70.8kg
   Peter Fahey, Ireland  Mr Richard Deegan (58b/2kg)
   Better than ever when landing big-field handicap at Leopardstown over Christmas by a short head from the reopposing A Great View. Consistent sort who is likely to give another good account.

5. **SHANTOU BOB** (26) (D) 2.10 1.11 70.8kg
   Warren Greatrex  Thomas Greatrex (78b/1kg)
   Winner in mud at Chepstow (3m) last season. Back on song when second there in January but has not been in the same form twice since.

6. **D’EL ARCA** (20) (C, D) 2.69 1.11 70.8kg
   David Pipe  Michael Heard (58b/2kg)
   As good as ever when a clear-cut winner of a 3m handicap hurdle at Newbury in November but struggled since. Bounce back called for.

7. **LOUIS’ VAC POUCH** (124) 6.01 1.11 70.3kg
   Philip Hobbs  Richard Johnson
   Progressive, winning final 3 completed starts last term and all better for reappearance when scoring off 115 at Aintree in November. Fully 13 lb higher now but could have more to offer.

8. **SYKES** (61) (D) 4.96 1.11 69.4kg
   Nicky Martin  Matt Griffiths
   Multiple winner for Philip Hobbs and done even better for new yard winning at Ffos Las in November and good second last 2 starts. Likely to give it his all again.

9. **LOVENORMONEY** (32) (D) 4.01 1.11 69.4kg
   Andrew Tinkler  Philip Hobbs
   All the better for return when scoring convincingly at Chepstow (3m, heavy) in December and back from a lesser effort over C&D when winning at Exeter (heavy) last month. Visor replaces cheekpieces.

10. **WAIT FOR ME** (79) 0.91 1.11 69.4kg
    Philip Hobbs  Tom O’Brien
    Useful hurdlers who had to work hard to land the odds on chase debut at Worcester in September. Things didn’t go to plan over fences subsequently but better signs back hurdling at Wincanton latest.

PRIME VENTURE (IRE) (40) (D) 2.34 1.11 68.9kg
   Adam Wedge  Evan Williams
   Ran well in some strong handicap hurdles last term and continued good work when scoring at Ffos Las (heavy) in November. Caught the eye at Warwick next time and caught too far back at Sandown since.

SORT IT OUT (IRE) (22) 2.18 1.11 68.9kg
   Mark Walsh  Edward P. Harty, Ireland
   Struggled over fences initially this season but back on track over hurdles when third of 13 at Punchestown (3m) last month. Second in the County at this meeting in 2015. Another who could go well.

DELTA WORK (FR) (22) 1.23 1.11 68.8kg
   Davy Russell  Nicky Henderson
   Improved when reaching the frame in 3m handicaps at Leopardstown and Punchestown last month. Unexposed sort who could easily have more to offer for top trainer/jockey combination.

THEO’S CHARM (IRE) (26) 3.38 1.11 67.6kg
   Tom Cannon  Nick Gifford
   Back on track returned to hurdling when placed on last 2 starts, going down only narrowly at Haydock latterly. Showed up well for a long way in this race 12 months ago.

TAI BADALANDABAD (IRE) (40) (D) 1.15 1.11 67.6kg
   Noel Fehily  Harry Fry
   Useful sort who found only one too good at Newbury (3m) in November, but has run poorly on last 2 starts.

FORZA MILAN (IRE) (104) 6.22 1.11 67.6kg
   Leighton Aspell  Nick Gifford
   Been in good heart in handicaps, runner-up for the third time in succession at Kempton (2f) last time. Needs to pull out more to take this, though.

PROTEK DES FLOS (FR) (48) (C, BF) 3.48 1.11 67.1kg
   Aidan Coleman  Nicky Henderson
   Back on song when resuming winning ways at Wincanton (2f1) on Boxing Day, but not in the same form when third over 2f5 at Huntingdon in January and Geraghty looks elsewhere.

KANSAS CITY CHIEF (IRE) (18) (D, BF) 8.27 1.11 67.1kg
   Sam Twiston-Davies  Neil Mulholland
   Landed a gamble at Doncaster in January and better form in defeat on both starts since. This more competitive but is going right way for this yard.

GLENLOE (IRE) (77) 2.36 1.11 67.1kg
   Barry Geraghty  Gordon Elliott, Ireland
   Good placed efforts in trio of competitive handicaps in November/December and kept fresh for this since. The pick of Geraghty from the McManus quartet and sure to go well.

DADSIMTROUBLE (32) 1.18 1.11 66.7kg
   Alan Johns  Tim Vaughan
   Didn’t take to fences first 3 starts this term but better signs back hurdling when fifth at Exeter last month, travelling well before getting tired on very testing ground.
Paul Nicholls
Largely in good form this season but drawn a blank and bit of a surprise if he gets his head back in front here.

Denis W. Cullen, Ireland
Suited by the step up to 3m when close second at Leopardstown over Christmas. Caught the eye making good late headway there in cheekpieces (retained) since. One for the shortlist.

Nigel Twiston-Davies
Completed a quick-fire hat-trick at up to 3m at the end of last year. Creditable efforts in defeat since but will need to pull out more to defy this mark. RESERVE.

Kerry Lee
Back on song when scoring on heavy going at Ayr in November prior to chasing home an unexposed type at Uttoxeter. Not disgraced in stronger company last twice but likely up against it again. RESERVE.

GLENLOE was behind the same owner’s A Great View when third at Leopardstown over Christmas but this has presumably been the plan all along and it looks significant that Barry Geraghty sides with him now. The other Gordon Elliott runner Delta Work has plenty going for him too, while Who Dares Wins, the unexposed Forza Milan and Louis’ Vac Pouch look best of the British runners.

GLENLOE (IRE)   2. DELTA WORK (FR)   3. WHO DARES WINS (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2017 Presenting Percy 6-11-11 11-1 Patrick G. Kelly Davy Russell 24
2016 Mall Dini 6-10-11 14-1 Patrick G. Kelly Davy Russell 24
2015 Call The Cops 6-10-12 9-1 Nicky Henderson Andrew Tinkler 23
2014 Fingal Bay 6-11-12 9-2f Philip Hobbs Richard Johnson 23
2013 Holywell 6-11-4 25-1 Jonjo O’Neill Richie McLennon 24
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BETTING FORECAST:

11-8 Un De Sceaux, 7-2 Douvan, 6-1 Cue Card, 10-1 Balko Des Flos, 12-1 Cloudy Dream, 18-1 Frodon, 20-1 Sub Lieutenant

TIMEFORM VIEW:

It's very hard to get away from UN DE SCEAUX who saw off the reopposing Sub Lieutenant in this last year and has looked every bit as good as ever when winning both starts this term. 2013 winner Cue Card showed he's still a force to be reckoned with when second in the Ascot Chase and won't go down without a fight if turning up in similar form, while Cloudy Dream will be suited by the drop in trip.

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1. **BACARDYS (FR) (77)**
   - **R. Walsh**
   - W. P. Mullins, Ireland
   - Smarter bump performer who added 3 hurdle wins in 2016/17 (had a clear excuse for his Neptune run). Made inauspicious start to chasing career so return to timber a wise move and 3m will suit, too.

2. **DONNA’S DIAMOND (IRE)**
   - **Callum Bewley**
   - Very effective in the mud and took form up a couple of notches when landing back-to-back contests at Haydock (22.8f) this winter, latterly in Grade 2 company. This a totally different examination.

3. **L’AMI SERGE (IRE)**
   - **Daryl Jacob**
   - Quirky sort but coaxed home to land Grade 1 Grande Course de Hares d’Auteuil. Acquitted himself well since, second to Sam Spinner in the Long Walk, but no obvious reason why he’ll reverse that form.

4. **LIL ROCKERFELLER (USA)**
   - **Trevor Whelan**
   - Tough gelding who produced career best when second to Nichols Canyon in this race 12 months ago. Yet to reproduce that form in 4 starts this term, though, and could still have more to offer at 3m.

5. **OLD GUARD**
   - **Harry Cobden**
   - Paul Nicholls
   - Enhanced an already-productive season with a Grade 2 success at Fortwell last month (19.2f), seeing off Lil Rockerfeller in determined fashion. Thorough test at 3m may find him out.

6. **PENHILL**
   - **P. Townsend**
   - W. P. Mullins, Ireland
   - Smart hurdler who enjoyed productive season in 2016/17, 6 wins including the Albert Bartlett over C&D. Absent since the following month when second at Punchestown, but couldn’t be in better hands.

7. **SAM SPINNER**
   - **Joe Culliver**
   - Jedd O’Keeffe
   - Rapidly developed into a high-class hurdler this term, most impressive when winning 16e-runner handicap at Haydock and took step up in class in his stride to follow up in Long Walk. Tough and genuine.

8. **SUPASUNDAE**
   - **Robbie Power**
   - Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland
   - Landed Coral Cup (21.1f) here a year ago and high-class form when also winning 2m Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown last month. He’s versatile, but a thorough 3m will push him to the limit.

9. **THE NEW ONE (IRE)**
   - **Sam Twiston-Davies**
   - Popular veteran who has looked as good as ever in 5 starts this term, winning Welsh Champion Hurdle and Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock for fourth time in a row. Belated first crack at 3m.

10. **THE WORLDS END (IRE)**
    - **A. P. Heskin**
    - Tom George
    - Won 4 times in 2016/17, including Sefton Novices’ Hurdle at Aintree, and was also travelling strongly when falling 2 out in Albert Bartlett won by Penhill over C&D. Limitations perhaps exposed since.
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1 VILLAGE VIC (IRE) (131) (CD) 11 3rd 6 11-12 | 72.3kg
   Philip Hobbs  Richard Johnson
   Dual big handicap winner here during 2015/16 but struggled at 2 Festivals, including in this race last year. Undergone wind surgery since latest start in November and needs to bounce back.

2 GO CONQUER (IRE) (19) 258-115 11 1st 7 3-0kg
   Jonjo O'Neill  Aidan Coleman
   Further progress when landing the Sodexo Gold Cup at Ascot (3m) in November. However, judged on latest effort at Kempton he may well be in the handicapper's grip for now.

3 LAST GOODBYE (IRE) (39) (D) 108-157 7 2nd 6 11-6 | 72.0kg
   Miss Elizabeth Doyle, Ireland  Sean Flanagan
   Seemingly aided by this headgear combination when landing a similarly valuable handicap at Leopardstown (21f, soft) last month. 14 lb higher now but this 7-y-o still possesses potential.

4 TULLY EAST (IRE) (104) (CD) 163P-463 8 3rd 7 11-5 | 72.2kg
   Alan Fleming  Ireland
   Winner of the Close Brothers at the 2017 Festival and warned up for this with a creditable effort over an inadequate trip at Leopardstown (11f, soft) last month. Very much of interest now handicapping.

5 BALLYBOLLEY (IRE) (61) 1-391-395 9 1st 7 11-4 | 71.7kg
   Nigel Twiston-Davies  Daryl Jacob
   Produced a career best when taking a valuable event at Market Rasen (21f) in September. Far from disgraced when third at Aintree next time but in his place the last twice and others preferred.

6 THE STORYTELLER (IRE) (39) (D) 211-213 7 1st 7 11-4 | 71.7kg
   Gordon Elliott, Ireland  Davy Russell
   Made winning chase debut at Fairyhouse (21f) in December prior to finishing third in Punchestown Grade 3. Came up short at the highest level last time but very much of interest now handicapping.

7 OLDRAGNEWOOD (104) 8119-331 7 1st 7 11-4 | 71.7kg
   Dan Skelton  Harry Skelton
   Made it 4-8 over fences, and produced a career-best in the process, when landing a Newbury handicap (19f, good) on latest start in December. Only gone up 2 lb but this is a tougher assignment.

8 VICONTE DU NOYER (FR) (73) (C, D) 199-198 9 2nd 6 11-4 | 71.7kg
   Colin Tizzard  Robbie Power
   Made first start for Colin Tizzard a winning one in Grade 3 handicap here (3m3f) last season. However, more miss at hit subsequently and needs to bounce back following a wind operation in January.

9 TRAFFIC FLUIDE (FR) (26) 662-625 11 1st 6 11-2 | 70.8kg
   Gary Moore  Joshua Moore
   Smart chaser on his day and could go well at a price back in a handicap, with his mark on the slide following a string of heavy defeats in Grade 1 company.

10 MERCANIC PRINCE (IRE) (40) (D) 1F45-381 7 2nd 6 11-1 | 70.3kg
   Amy Murphy  Jack Quinlan
   Better than ever of late. Landing decent handicap chases at Kempton and Wetherby the last two. Career-high mark to defy and up in class, but he’s certainly not without each-way hope.

11 QUITE BY CHANCE (40) (D) 290-239 9 2nd 6 11-0 | 69.9kg
   Colin Tizzard  Paddy Brennan
   Good placed efforts at Ascot first 2 starts this term and latest run at Sandown can be overlooked (badly hampered early on and never recovered). Still, others look stronger on this occasion.

12 ROMAIN DE SENAM (FR) (89) (D) 672-119 6 1st 7 10-13 | 69.4kg
   Paul Nicholls  Sam Twiston-Davies
   Useful hurdler and already a better chaser following victories at Chepstow and Stratford in October. Found life in tougher in big handicaps here the last twice and recent rain not in his favour.

13 MOVETIMEHSTHETMES (IRE) (89) (BF) 1175-423 7 3rd 7 10-13 | 69.4kg
   Paul Nicholls  Barry Geraghty
   Smart hurdler who clearly has an aptitude for this game judged on efforts in novice events here earlier in the season. Better expected now pitched into a handicap in this sphere.

14 ULTRAGOLD (FR) (47) (D) 679-397 10 1st 7 10-13 | 69.4kg
   Colin Tizzard  Harry Cobden
   Ended last season on a high, landing the Topham at Aintree in April. Good second back over the National fences there in December but well held over this C&D subsequently and looks vulnerable.

15 DRUMCLIFF (IRE) (33) 225P-911 7 10-12 | 68.3kg
   Niall Madden  Tom Scudamore
   Winner of first 2 starts in this sphere and no surprise that he struggled in the Kingmaker at Warwick last time. May well resume progress back up in trip/returned to handicap company here.

16 KING’S SOCKS (FR) (34) 235-157 6 1st 7 10-11 | 68.3kg
   David Pipe  Tom Scudamore
   Some very good form to his name over hurdles/fences in France. Not knocked about when returning from a long layoff on debut for David Pipe at Kempton and yard has won this 3 times since 2010.

17 POUGUE BOBBI (FR) (48) 2515-451 7 1st 7 10-11 | 68.3kg
   Nicky Henderson  Jeremiah McGrath
   Notched second try over fences with a thoroughly decisive display at Huntingdon (H2f, soft) Now 7 lb higher in a much deeper race, so improvement will be needed.

18 MIDNIGHT SHOT (138) (C, D) F-111051 8 2nd 6 10-10 | 68.3kg
   Charlie Longsdon  Jonathan Burke
   Useful hurdler who landed 4 of his first half-a-dozen starts over fences last year. Far from disgraced here when last seen in October but career best needed by some way if he’s to take this.

19 KING’S ODYSSEY (IRE) (47) (C) 1810-319 9 1st 6 10-10 | 68.3kg
   Evan Williams  Adam Wedge
   Successful over C&D in January 2016 and decent efforts in handicaps here won by Guitar Pete and Frodon the last twice. Recent rain will help but others boast stronger credentials.

20 GUITAR PETE (IRE) (54) (CD) 6220-190 8 2nd 6 10-10 | 68.3kg
   Nicky Richards  Ryan Day (3lb/1kg)
   Displayed a willing attitude when bagging a big C&D prize in December. Unseated rider too far out to say how he might have fared at Ascot next time but, in any case, he looks vulnerable off this mark.

21 WILLIE BOY (IRE) (104) (BF) 335F-16 7 1st 6 10-10 | 67.3kg
   Venetia Williams  B. J. Cooper
   Further progress when gamely accounting for 9 rivals on return at Newbury (19f) in November. However, only sixth behind Oldgrangewood over the same C&D next time, so clearly has work to do.

22 BALLYALTON (IRE) (61) (CD) 2156-54 11 1st 6 10-10 | 67.3kg
   Ian Williams  Tom O’Brien
   Winner of the Close Brothers off a 2 lb higher mark in 2016. Shaped as though amiss at Kempton last time, but made the frame in couple of valuable handicaps here prior to that and he’s not ruled out.
23 **SHANAHAN’S TURN (IRE)(118)**

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Colin Tizzard  **Paul O’Brien (3lb/2kg)**

Completely misfired on debut for new yard here in November, but since undergone a wind operation and is now 5 lb lower compared to when landing the 2015 Galway Plate.

24 **SPLASH OF GINSE (26) (CD)**

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Nigel Twiston-Davies  **Jamie Bargary (3lb/1kg)**

Not the most reliable but has landed a few valuable prizes in his time, including the BetVictor Chase here in November. Well held all 3 starts since, though, and it’s easy enough to look elsewhere.

RESERVES

25 **KILCREA VALE (IRE) (54)**

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Nicky Henderson  **Reserve**

Dual novice chase winner last term and arrives here on the back of a solid effort in defeat at Ascot (21f, heavy). Live each-way claims off the same mark here if he makes the cut. RESERVE.

26 **PLAISIR D’AMOUR (FR)(117) (CD)**

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Venetia Williams  **Reserve**

Won 2m handicaps at Wetherby and Newbury, and listed mares’ novice handicap here last season. Ran no sort of a race on return in November, though, and bit to prove now. RESERVE.

24 DECLARED RUNNERS (2 RESERVES)

**BETTING FORECAST:**

- **9-1** Tully East, **9-1** King’s Socks, **10-1** Movewiththetimes, **12-1** The Storyteller, **14-1** Last Goodbye, **16-1** Romain De Senam, **18-1** Ballyalton, **22-1** Drumcliff, **22-1** Mercian Prince, **25-1** Go Conquer, **25-1** Pougne Bobbi, **25-1** Guitar Pete, **25-1** Oldgrandewood, **28-1** King’s Odyssey, **28-1** Willie Boy, **33-1** Ballybolley, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

TULLY EAST did the job well when landing the Close Brothers at this meeting 12 months ago. His preparation has been very similar this time round and, with conditions no problem, Alan Fleming’s charge is taken to deliver the goods once again. Fellow Irish raiders Last Goodbye and The Storyteller are live dangers, while Movewiththetimes enters calculations and King’s Socks is also of interest.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. TULLY EAST (IRE)  2. LAST GOODBYE (IRE)  3. THE STORYTELLER (IRE)

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

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Going:

CHELTENHAM Thursday 15th March

5.30 FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR RIDERS’ HANDICAP CHASE (2) 5yo+  (Rated 0-145) £70,000 3¼m (5230 Metres)

11  SQUOATEUR (FR) (40) (BF)  
97 77821630 7 11-2 | 70.8kg  
Gordon Elliott, Ireland  
Mr J. J. Codd  
Unseated in this last year, but produced a career best when third in Paddy Power over Christmas. Well held over inadequate test back there last time but may yet do better in this sphere. Had wind op.

12  VERY FIRST TIME (49) (BF)  
97 86521112 6 11-2 | 70.8kg  
Tim Easterby  
Mr William Easterby  
Already a better chaser than hurdle winner having won 2 of his 4 starts this season. Runner-up at Kelso (2 1/2f, heavy) last time, needing stiffer test.

13  THE YOUNG MASTER (38) (C, BF)  
97 50731188 9 11-2 | 70.8kg  
Neil Mulholland  
Mr Sam Waley-Cohen  
Respectable sixth in the Ultima at the Festival last season but has been let down by his jumping since. Too well handicapped to ignore if all the better for his recent wind operation.

14  AUBUSSON (FR) (BF)  
97 50737372 9 11-2 | 70.8kg  
Nick Williams  
Mr Chester Williams  
Not won for a long time, but confirmed his form to return when form to return in handicap at Sandown (24 1/2f, heavy) last month. Seems best on soft ground.

15  MARINERO (IRE) (202)  
89 50732485 9 11-1 | 70.3kg  
David Christie, Ireland  
Mr David Maxwell  
Useful chaser who ended time with Henry de Bromhead out of form. Sold out of yard for £54,000 in September. Hard to make a case for.

16  HERON HEIGHTS (IRE) (39) (C)  
89 50738996 9 11-0 | 70.1kg  
Henry de Bromhead, Ireland  
Mr Liam Quinlan  
Won novice chase here in October 2016. Little impact this season, though probably needed the run after 6 months off on latest outing.

17  PRESSURIZE (IRE) (33)  
96 50738865 12 11-0 | 69.9kg  
Venetia Williams  
Miss Lucy Turner  
Rather expensive to follow in 2015/16 but has returned this season as good as ever, winning both starts. Remains on a workable mark judged on previous form so has to be respected.

18  BAND OF BLOOD (IRE) (22)  
100 50738541 10 11-0 | 69.9kg  
Dr Richard Newland  
Mr James King  
Runner-up at Kelso (2 1/2f, soft) last time, needing stiffer test.

19  ARCTIC GOLD (IRE) (47)  
97 50733762 2 11-0 | 69.4kg  
Nigel Twiston-Davies  
Miss Lily Pinchin  
Five times a winner over hurdles and better form over fences this season despite some clumsy jumping: Better than the result when well held here last time but unproven beyond 3m.

20  CAPTAIN BUCKS (FR) (22) (BF)  
96 50734332 6 10-8 | 67.1kg  
Paul Nicholls  
Mr Lorcan Williams  
Running respectably in this sphere, but not for the first time squandered a good opportunity when second at Ludlow (23 1/8f) last month.

21  MILLANISI BOY (57)  
9 50734213 10 9-7 | 66.7kg  
Raykeel Woolacott  
Mr Michael Legg  
All the better for return when winning at Chepstow in December and arguably value for a bit extra still when second at Newbury last time. Up in trip.

22  RACING PULSE (IRE) (7)  
96 50734289 9 10-O (9-12) | 63.5kg (62.6kg)  
Mr William Biddick  
Non Runner.
Bet: 7-1 Squouateur, 8-1 Mall Dini, 12-1 Pendra, 14-1 Band of Blood, 14-1 Missed Approach, 4-1 Sugar Baron, 14-1 The Young Master, 20-1 Braqueur D’or, 20-1 Tintern Theatre, 22-1 Final Nudge, 22-1 Aubusson, 22-1 Wild West Wind, 25-1 Actinpieces, 28-1 Millansii Boy, 33-1 Captain Buck’s, 33-1 Arctic Gold, 33-1 Very First Time, 40-1 bar.

Timeform View:
Mall Dini is yet to break his duck over fences, but he ran very well in this race last year, despite being given plenty to do. He rates a solid proposition in first-time blinkers. However, Pendra, Squouateur and Band of Blood all merit strong consideration.

Timeform 1-2-3:
1. Mall Dini (IRE)  2. Pendra (IRE)  3. Squouateur (FR)

Winners in Previous Years:
- 2017: Domesday Book, 7-11-4, 40-1, Stuart Edmunds, Miss Gina Andrews (24)
- 2016: Cause of Causes, 8-11-9, 9-2, Gordon Elliott, Mr J. Codd (22)
- 2015: The Package, 12-11-6, 9-1, David Pipe, Mr J. Codd (24)
- 2014: Spring Heeled, 7-11-6, 12-1, J. Culloty, Robbie McNamara (23)
- 2013: Same Difference, 7-11-7, 16-1, Nigel Twiston-Davies, Ryan Hatch (7) (24)