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2m4f (2m3f200y) (Mildmay) JLT Chase (Registered As The Melling Chase) (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5yo+)

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NO. FORM	HORSE	AGE	WGT OR	JOCKEY ALLOW TRAINER RTF%	TS RPR	ODDS
6 111-U2	Waiting Patiently p ¹	8	11-7 169	J: Brian Hughes T: Ruth Jefferson ⁸⁰ ▶ 15/	141 181 /8 ▶ 2/1 ▶	15/8 15/8 > 2/1
1-1442	Politologue ht ♀ ■ X CD 7 tips 23	8	11-7 166	J: Harry Cobden T: Paul Nicholls ⁶⁹	164 180	5/2 12/5
3 24-115	Min ♀ ■ × □ 1 tip 23	8	11-7 167	J: R Walsh T: W P Mullins ⁶⁷ ▶ 10 <i>a</i>	152 182 /3 • 3/1 •	10/3 10/3 > 3/1
5 41-310	Top Notch ♀ ■ × □ 1 tip 22	8	11-7 162	J: Daryl Jacob T: Nicky Henderson ⁶²	159 176	11/1
2 1P-714	Hell's Kitchen ht ♀ ■ × □ 23	8	11-7 158	J: Barry Geraghty T: Harry Fry ⁴⁶	154 171	12/1
1 33-12P	God's Own ♀ ■ × CD 23	11	11-7 159	J: Paddy Brennan T: Tom George ⁵⁸ ▶ 33/1	137 173 ▶ 40/1 ▶ 3	33/1 33/1 ▶ 40/1
NR 911125	Woodland Opera tb ♀ ■ × □ 18	9	11-7 155	J: NON-RUNNER T: Mrs John Harrington	120 168	

BETTING FORECAST 2/1 Waiting Patiently, 9/4 Politologue, 3/1 Min, 8/1 Top Notch, 12/1 Hell's Kitchen, 20/1 God's Own, 33/1 Woodland Opera.

VERDICT

Last year's one-two Politologue and Min could be set for another good tussle but WAITING PATIENTLY (nap) can trump them both.

COMMENTS

God's Own Won this race in 2016 but it's asking a lot for him to repeat it aged 11

Hell's Kitchen Ran very well to be fourth in the Champion Chase but needs further improvement

Min Only fifth in the Champion Chase but will be a big threat if bouncing back

Politologue Won this race 12 months ago; excellent second in the Champion Chase last time

Top Notch Return to chasing will suit but he needs a career best to win this contest

Waiting Patiently Current campaign hasn't quite gone to plan but he's not done with yet; cheekpieces on

Woodland Opera Well held on return from layoff last time; plenty to find, even if back to best