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## 14:30 Cheltenham

2m4f (2m3f168y) (New) Marsh Novices' Chase (Grade 1) (Registered As The Golden Miller) (Class 1) (5yo+)

**BEST ODDS** WGT JOCKEY ALLOWANCE NO. **FORM ODDS**↓ **TRAINER RTF%** TS RPR **HORSE** AGE OR 2 J: Paul Townend > Faugheen > 12 11-4 143 176 7/2 T: W P Mullins > 50 158 9/2 > 7/2 > 4/1 Itchy Feet > 6 11-4 J: Gavin Sheehan > 146 170 9/2 T: Olly Murphy > 57 155 9/2 > 5/1 > 11/2 > 5/1 132 171 Samcro > w<sup>1</sup> t 8 11-4 J: Davy Russell > 9/2 T: Gordon Elliott > 57 157 ▶ 9/2 ▶ 4/1 ▶ 9/2 ▶ 4/1 J: Nico de Boinville > Mister Fisher > 6 11-4 144 169 7/1 T: Nicky Henderson > 48 153 ▶ 6/1 ▶ 13/2 ▶ 7/1 ▶ 13/2 J: Mr P W Mullins > **Melon** > p 8 11-4 125 160 12/1 ♀ 🖹 🛇 40 151 T: W P Mullins  $>^{50}$ 9/1 12/1 14/1 10 Tornado Flyer > 7 11-4 J: Danny Mullins > 92 165 14/1 T: W P Mullins  $>^{50}$ 149 SP ▶ 20/1 ▶ 16/1 J: Jonjo O'Neill Jr > Annie Mc > 6 10-11 90 164 22/1 T: Jonjo O'Neill > 45 145 ▶ 22/1 ▶ 25/1 ▶ 22/1 ▶ 25/1 Bapaume > t 7 11-4 J: Rachael Blackmore > 85 157 22/1 T: W P Mullins > 50  $\bigcirc$   $\supseteq$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$  40 153 ▶ 22/1 ▶ 20/1 ▶ 22/1 ▶ 20/1 Midnight Shadow > 7 11-4 J: Danny Cook > 142 163 22/1 T: Sue Smith > 40 150 20/1 > 22/1 > 20/1 J: Robbie Power > Reserve Tank > 6 11-4 136 162 22/1 **□ ○ □ BF** 103 T: Colin Tizzard > 32 151 ▶ 22/1 ▶ 25/1 ▶ 22/1 ▶ 25/1 J: Harry Cobden > Saint Sonnet > 5 11-3 120 161 25/1 T:  $^2$  Paul Nicholls  $>^{48}$ 145 ▶ 33/1 ▶ 28/1 ▶ 33/1 ▶ 28/1 J: Tom Scudamore > **Poker Play** > w<sup>1</sup> b<sup>1</sup> 7 11-4 124 153 150/1 F × D 71 T: David Pipe > 45137 **▶** 150/1 **▶** 125/1 **▶** 150/1 **▶** 125/1

**BETTING FORECAST** 7/2 Itchy Feet, 9/2 Samcro, 5/1 Faugheen, Mister Fisher, 10/1 Melon, 14/1 Annie Mc, Reserve Tank, 16/1 Bapaume, Midnight Shadow, 20/1 Saint Sonnet, Tornado Flyer, 66/1 Poker Play.

## VERDICT

The remarkable 12yo Faugheem is respected but preference is for ITCHY FEET, who impressed in a Grade 1 at Sandown last time.

## COMMENTS

Annie Mc 3-3 chasing; remains to be seen where limitations lie but she's been taking on just mares

 $\textbf{Bapaume} \ \ \text{Fourth in last year's Stayers'} \ \ \text{Hurdle but chase form yet to hit the same heights}$ 

**Faugheen** 2015 Champion Hurdle winner; 3-3 switched to fences this season, including two Grade 1s

Itchy Feet Third in last year's Supreme Novices' Hurdle and impressed in Grade 1 chase last time out

 $\textbf{Melon} \ \mathsf{Needs} \ \mathsf{to} \ \mathsf{better} \ \mathsf{his} \ \mathsf{chase} \ \mathsf{form} \ \mathsf{but} \ \mathsf{Cheltenham} \ \mathsf{Festival} \ \mathsf{brought} \ \mathsf{out} \ \mathsf{his} \ \mathsf{best} \ \mathsf{over} \ \mathsf{hurdles}$ 

**Midnight Shadow** Held by Itchy Feet on Sandown Grade 1 form but not ruled out each-way

Mister Fisher Arrives on hat-trick and this lightly raced 6yo has the potential to go to the next level

 $\textbf{Poker Play} \; \text{Has had a wind op since last time but plenty to find even if back to his best}$ 

Reserve Tank Off since 1-2 loss in November but this dual Grade 1 novice h'dle winner retains potential

Saint Sonnet Cosy win at Catterick on last month's British debut; only five but this is much tougher

**Samcro** Hasn't fulfilled his 2018 superstar promise but not ruled out on back of a wind op

**Tornado Flyer** Creditable third in Grade 1 last time but he is held by the winner Faugheen on that form