

Friday 29th October

Bet365 Listed Handicap Chase (Light Trends)

3.50 Wetherby

Not a race I want to dig too deep into as strong trends for the contest are thin on the ground, albeit the last 15 winners have passed the following three trends...

15/15 OR 143 or less

15/15 IRE or GB bred

15/15 wore no headgear

...giving a shortlist this year of...

WHOSHOTTHERIFF – GOOD BOY BOBBY – CRACKING DESTINY – BARTON KNOLL

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Pace thoughts...

Probably only a steady gallop at play here, with one or both of **ÉCLAIR D'AINAY** and **THE BIG BITE** likely to be at the head of the pack...

Horse	Run Style	Pace Map
ECLAIR D'AINAY	CP/FR	
JOKE DANCER	CP	
WHOSHOTTHERIFF	CP	
THE BIG BITE	CP/FR	
BARTON KNOLL	CP	
GALAHAD QUEST	CP/HU	
CRACKING DESTINY	CP/HU	
ESPOIR DE TEILLEE	HU	
GOOD BOY BOBBY	HU	
LASKALIN	CP/HU	
MAGIC SAINT	HU/CP	

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Conclusion...

An intriguing contest although not one I'm desperately wanting to get deeply involved in. From the shortlist GOOD BOY BOBBY and WHOSHOTTHERIFF look the most interesting candidates...

GOOD BOY BOBBY (N Twiston-Davies) has very strong form in the Oct-December period... 113212124 (4/9, 5p)... and does generally hit the ground running on his first run of the season, with seasonal debut form of 1121 (3/4, 1p). He started last season by winning what turned out to be a decent enough intermediate chase at Bangor and then finished second in another intermediate chase, this time at Haydock, another race that turned out to be a very solid piece of form for the season ahead (he split future graded winners Master Tommytucker & Dasher Drasher). He then finished placed in the Caspian Caviar Gold Cup and then 5th in a valuable handicap at Ascot before connections decided to abort chasing and head back hurdling (which seemed a strange move). Even stranger is the fact the handicapper has seen fit to drop the 8yo 6lbs from his last chase mark to OR 138, a mark that must surely give him a big chance of regaining the winning thread. The Twiston-Davies runners have long had a solid record at Wetherby in the Oct-Nov period with their runners that start in the top 2 in the market...**17/41 | 41.5% S/R | +£18.63 BFLSP – W&P 25/41 | 61% S/R – 35% above exp...**and GOOD BOY BOBBY looks an interesting one to add to those stats here.

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