



WITH SPOTFORM ANALYSIS

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Face the facts!

Winner 10-10-0 A. Turnell 62
(purple sash and sleeves, black cap)

son-Jones 8-10-0 (EW) J. King 69
(blue hoops, brown cap)

J. Leigh 9-10-0 J. James 67
(scarlet sleeves, collar, braid and cap)

Owner 11-10-0 P. Cullis 60
(green and purple check, striped cap)

okes) P. McCreery, Ireland 9-10-0 J. Bracken 64
(red and yellow halved, yellow cap)

ctor) D. Dartnall 9-10-0 R. Champion 65
(white and black striped sleeves, white cap black spots)

rea) F. Cundell 10-10-0 T. Norman 66
(red cuffs and collar, white cap)

n) Kernick 9-10-0 N. Kernick 69
(sleeves, black and white quartered cap)

Bergh) Hooton 11-10-0 (BF) J. Guest 65
(red and white sash, red cap)

gg) W. Whorton 8-10-0 R. Barry 69
(red and white striped sleeves, pink cap)

almer 9-10-0 D. Munro 65
(emillion cross-belts and hooped cap)

) Gifford 9-10-0 Mr. G. Sloan 67
(black and green quartered cap)

ton) Barons 13-10-0 Mr. M. Morris 63
(ver grey hoop and cap with black spots)

ott) Owner 8-10-0 Mr. D. Scott 63
(black and white quartered cap)

I. Berry 10-10-0 R. R. Evans 64
(white sleeves, light blue and yellow hooped cap)

burquerque) F. Winter 7-10-0 (BF)
Duke of Albuquerque 68
(turquoise blue sleeves and cap)

T. Taaffe, Ireland 9-10-0 ... Mr. N. Brookes 64
(grey sleeves and spots on cap)

O'Neill) H. O'Neill 13-10-0 J. McNaught 60
(st blue hooped sleeves, hooped cap)

10-1, 14-1, G. Thorner (T. Forster).
avourites: 0 3 0 0.

ratings on the right. Top-rated horse marked ●.
que stroke precedes last season's form. F—fell;
—disqualified; B—brought down; U—unseated
l up. ABBREVIATIONS: C—course winner.
nner. CD—course and distance winner. C, D—
and distance winner elsewhere. BF—beaten
ied. F—fancied. EW—each way.



THE Grand National imposes a unique test of its own and cannot be approached in the normal handicap manner.

Weight carried will not stop the "right" horse from winning nor, on the other hand, will it enable a horse with a stone in hand on the Form Book to succeed if he or she does not possess the necessary qualities.

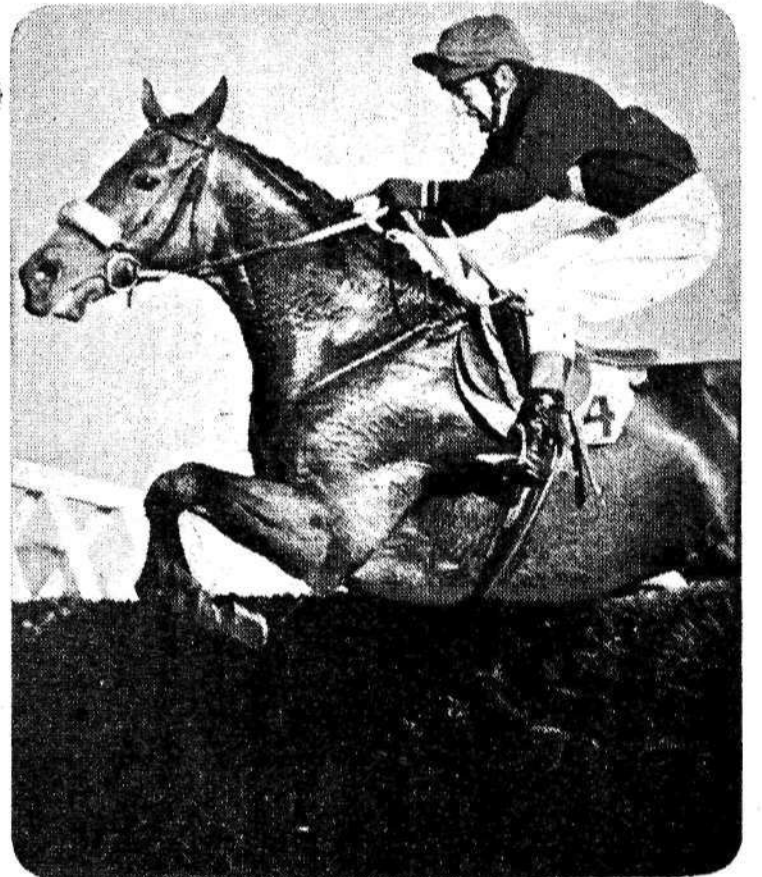
The race has been won by horses of such varying characteristics in the last ten years that we can no longer

talk about a "Grand National type."

We are looking for a 'chaser of intelligence, a bold jumper, but adaptable if he meets fences wrong. One who has obviously shown the right form this season.

Then there is the vital question of the going. Stamina will play a big part should the ground be testing. But on a sound surface "class" can enable a horse to win and pure staying power appears less important.

Remember, Gay Trip was regarded as a two-and-a-half-mile performer until he won the 1970 National!



RED RUM... right blend of speed and stamina.

ASHVILLE: Bold jumper who came back to form to chase home The Chisler at Cheltenham (3m. 1f.). Stays on stoutly and must be rated with good each-way chance.

ASTBURY: Every chance when fifth last year. A safe jumper, but has yet to win this season and his lack of finishing dash seems sure to tell against him again.

BEAU PARC: Fair form in Ireland last season. Pulled up at Windsor and a distant last to Rio Tinto at Kempton. Cannot be considered.

BEGGAR'S WAY: Irish 'chaser who can be fancied on his second to Vouve at Punchestown (3½m.). Rated a sound stayer, but give in the ground would be preferred.

BLACK SECRET: Ex-Irish. Knows his way round Aintree. Third last year and second in 1971, but efforts this season have not been encouraging. Pulled up at Worcester last time out.

CANHARIS: Front-runner who takes some pegging back on park courses. Winner at Newcastle (3m.), Catterick (3½m.) and Doncaster (3½m.). Staying power is there, but could find this track a different proposition.

CHARLEY WINKING: Easy winner from moderate opponents in the mud at Newton Abbot (3m. 1f.). Out of his class this time.

CRISP: Ex-Australian. Intelligent jumper, built to carry weight. Three lengths defeat of Credo's Daughter and a good-class field at Newbury (2½m.) was a top-class effort. Cannot be left out on this ground.

CULLA HILL: Irish 'chaser. Winner at Waterford (2½m.) and Listowel (3m.) last autumn, under light weights. Not up to this.

ENDLESS FOLLY: Good efforts in hunter-chases this term, winning at Lingfield (3m.). Stays on well in that company.

FORTUNE BAY II: Trained by Arthur Stephenson when winning at Kelso (3m.) in December. Tailed off behind Spanish Steps and The Dikler at Windsor last time out. Does not stand up well to jumping errors.

GENERAL SYMONS: Beaten for finishing pace last year when dead-heating for third place with Black Secret. Second to Tother at Navan (3m.) last time out and does not appear to have improved.

GLENKILN: Made all the running to beat L'Escargot (gave 3½lb) twelve lengths in the National Trial (2m. 7½f.) on firm going here in October. Yet to win beyond that trip.

GO-PONTINENTAL: Beginning to feel his years and can have no chance on his form this season.

GREAT NOISE: Led all the way to beat Persian Lark six lengths at Market Rasen (2m. 5f.). Stays three miles well, but simply does not look good enough.

GREEN PLOVER: Winner at Wincanton (3m. 1f.) and Towcester (3m. 190y.). Goes on firm ground, but not fast enough to trouble most of this company.

GREY SOMBRERO: Made nearly all the running to win the Whitbread Gold Cup (3m. 5f.) last season. Has not run since a well-beaten fourth to Balinese at Ascot in November.

HIGHLAND SEAL: Has not had much experience over fences, but was an impressive five-length winner from Red Rum (gave 12lb.) in Haydock's National Trial (3½m.). Subsequently disappointing third to Well To Do and Mill Bay on heavy ground at Worcester. Must be respected on the Haydock run.

HURRICANE ROCK: Odds-on when beating three opponents at Wolverhampton (3m. 140y.) in November and subsequent efforts suggest he is not as good as he was.

L'ESCARBOT: Favourite under 12st. last year, but was knocked over at the third fence. Only success this season when a short-head winner from Spanish Steps at Haydock (3m.). Sound jumper.

MILL DOOR: All the form of this ex-hunter 'chaser suggests he can be left out of calculations.

MR. VIMY: Moderate. Goes along at his own pace and that looks far too slow to take a hand.

NERED: Strong finishing efforts at up to two and a half miles this season leave no doubt that there is a race to be won over a distance calling for stamina. Trainer's know-how will be an advantage.

PETRUCHIO'S SON: Tailed off in The Chisler's race at Cheltenham (3m. 1f.) after four months' absence. Quite useful staying efforts on firm ground in the Autumn.

PRINCESS CAMILLA: Game staying mare who will not be troubled by this trip as she showed when beating Rouge Autumn eight lengths at Warwick (4m. 1f.) in January. Usually in the van from the start and jumps well.

PROPHECY: Improved staying 'chaser this term. Showed that he is running in form at the right time with a win at Windsor (3m. 4f.) and a second to Barona at Lingfield (3m.). Has the credentials to go close.

PROUD PERCY: Won the Midlands Grand National by four lengths from Esban at Uttoxeter (4½m.) last April. Has shown no signs of reproducing that form for his new stable this term.

PROUD TARQUIN: Ex-Irish. Every chance when fourth to Highland Seal in Haydock Park National Trial. Likely to jump round, but lacks a final spurt.

RAMPMAN: Fair performer when matters are going his way, as he showed when beating Iomon (gave 2½lb.) three lengths on firm going at Huntingdon (3m. 100y.) in October.

RED RUM: Showed steady improvement to win his first five races this season and must be the handicap pick on his five-length second to Highland Seal (received 12lb.) in the Haydock Park National Trial (3½m.). Has the right blend of speed and stamina and is well suited by this fast ground.

RICHELEAU: Pulled up in the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow, but had previously turned in good weight-carrying performances in second-class company. Acts on this ground.

ROUGE AUTUMN: Staying 'chaser who is invariably beaten for a turn of foot. Has eight lengths to make on Princess Camilla on their running in the Warwick National Chase (4m. 1f.) in January.

ROUGH SILK: No excuses when ninth last year and form this season does not suggest he can do any better. Likely to get round again.

SPANISH STEPS: Tough, courageous staying 'chaser. Carries weight well in handicap class, as he showed when runner-up to Charlie Potheen under 12st. 11lb in the Great Yorkshire 'Chase at Doncaster.

SUNNY LAD: Won the Topham Trophy (2m. 6f.) over these fences by two and half lengths from Hurricane Rock last April. Trained with this race in view since.

SWAN-SHOT: Sound jumper who gives away weight well to second-class opposition. Does not have the same success when he steps up in class, but is on a handy mark.

TARQUIN BID: Some form in Ireland in handicap company, but today's task looks beyond him.

THE POOKA: Fell at second Canal Turn last year, when Irish trained. Beaten a short head by Galtee Beag at Windsor (2m. 5f.) in January. Stays, but is not good enough.



Ancient Monro	2.30	Ceed Bach	4.55	Greystoke Pillar	2.0
Angel Aboard	2.30	Daravon	4.55	Happytown	4.55
Antartes	4.25	Daring Leap	2.30	Hard Blow	2.30
Apple King	2.30	Eightsome Reel	4.25	Hasty Word	2.0
Atrick	4.25	Eleanor Queen	4.55	Here Comes	
Bay Esquire	2.0	Exstream	2.0	Trouble	5.25
Becket	2.30	Fair Tactics	4.25	Hot Deal	2.0
Birdie Too	2.30	First Footing	5.25	Hunting Tower	3.55
Bob	4.25	Fort Charles	4.25	Idro	4.55
British Oak	5.25	Gipsy Boy	2.0	Intelligentsia	3.55
Cala Mesquida	2.0	Golden Lancer	2.0	Ionian Bank	4.55
Calzado	2.0	Good Argument	5.25	Irish Special	2.0
Cartegio	2.30	Good Evening	4.55	Jill's Boy	5.25
City Gloves	2.30	Grey Diamond	3.55	King's Hawk	5.25
Cock of the Walk	4.25	Grey Queen	2.30	Lavenaine	2.0

Loudoun Bah	2.30	Scottish Folly	2.0
Lusty Len	3.55	Shark Boat	2.30
McKenzie	2.0	Shelmore Valley	4.55
Master of Lissan	4.55	Shoeshine Boy	5.25
Medicinal Compound		Sir Douglas	4.55
	3.55	Sixfiveseven	3.55
Night Affair	4.55	Souriciere	4.25
Number Enquaged	2.0	Sovereign Eagle	3.55
Old Crafty	4.25	Sovereign View	3.55
Ozandels	5.25	Strawberry Leaf	5.25
Panama Canal	3.55	Successor	5.25
Pashieu	3.55	Tax	2.0
Past Master	2.0	The Tystan	3.55
Peleid	2.30	Thornton Fire	2.30
Penybryn	2.30	Three Sevens	4.25
Pirate Bell	3.55	Tiernascrauli	2.0
Pirate Glen	3.55	Tolsprun	4.25
Poor Cold Fred	4.55	Tophole	3.55
Put Pourri	5.25	Unbiased	3.55
Preceded	2.30	Varano Gem	5.25
Red Song	4.55	Vilbe	2.0
Reignon	2.0	Vodwen	4.55
Right Star	4.25	Wayward	2.0
Roaring Wind	5.25	Whistler's Lane	2.30
Royal Gahlin	5.25	White Vixen	4.55
Saguna Song	5.25	Will's Star	4.25
Scandalous	4.25		
Scotch Oliver	4.25		

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