

Horses To Follow (Using Proform Speed Figures) - Part 2

Introduction

Time for the next in my series of 'Horses to Follow', sourced from a dig through the Proform Speed figures...

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And if you are yet to read my main article on Proform Speed Figures you can get that [HERE>>>](#)

Today I'm heading to **Huntingdon** and the **Class 4 Mares' Novices' Handicap Chase** that was run on **Thursday 8th of February** (1:05 race)...

Horse to follow: PRESENTING A QUEEN (C Gordon)

As always let's start with looking at how the race panned out on the Proform Speed Figure front...

Huntingdon (RH - Easy) (Thursday 08 Feb 2024)												Default Profile		Going: Soft (Act: Heavy) (-8.6)							
13:05 Newlands Developments Mares' Novices' Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class E) (Class 4)												Course & Distance PACE Statistics		£5718							
2m 7f 129y												Wns / Runs		IV		P/L					
Chase Handicap (0-120) [New Class E / 4] (Speed Class Par: 62)												Led		Prominent		Held Up					
Time: 396.83 Seconds (Total SP 114.9%)												190 / 1428		1.11		64.31					
												145 / 1654		0.75		6-123.55					
Draw	#	Position	Horse	Pace	PaceForm	Trainer	Jockey	Age	Spd Rat	stLTO	stHAC	stLTO 2	stLTO 3	stLTO 4	DSLr	Weight	Equip	OR	OR Hwn	OR Lwn	OR LTO
0	8	1	Fortunefavorsdbold (IRE)	0	LHPPHHHH-H	Christian Williams	Gavin Sheehan	6	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	11.1 p1	104	0	0	107
0	6	2	Flintara	8	PHHHHPHPL	Richard J Bandy	Harry Bannister	9	87	1	41	41	0	0	0	58	11.2	105	99	99	99
0	1	3	Presenting A Queen	4	LLLLHPHPL	Chris Gordon	Rex Dingle	7	87	70	70	54	60	0	0	54	12.0 p	117	0	0	112
0	2	4	Jacks Touch (IRE)	8	HPHHHPPL-P	Sarah Humphrey	Daryl Jacob	9	86	46	64	64	45	62	27	11.10	113	106	106	106	105
0	7	5	Kraqueline (FR)	4	HHPHHPHPL	Kerry Lee	Mr Liam Harrison	7	65	48	61	61	0	0	0	58	11.1	104	98	98	105
0	3	6	Terresta (IRE)	2	HPPHHPHPL	Lucy Wadham	Harry Cobden	7	63	43	43	0	0	0	0	27	11.9	112	119	119	112
0	4	7	So Said I	6	PLPLLLHPL-H	Joe Tizzard	Brendan Powell	8	54	53	63	63	0	0	0	15	11.7	110	117	117	112
0	5	PU	Grasse D'Olivier (FR)	0	PHHHH-	Alex Hales	Mr Bryan Carver	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	11.5 RWS1	108	105	105	110

The Speed Class Par figure for this contest was **62** and **ALL of the first 6 home ran to a figure above that...** indicating that this looks like a strong piece of form (for the level!)

What I also want to draw your attention to is the Going description in the top right of the image... as always Proform has the 'Official' Going description (in this case 'Soft') and the 'Actual' Going description (in this case 'Heavy'), indeed the **-8.6 figure** puts the ground in the Proform bracket of 'Very Heavy'... (you can find more on the Proform 'Actual Goings' [HERE>>>](#))

The winner – FORTUNEFAVORSDBOLD – was making a return to fences in this race, after falling on her first try over fences back in October. First time Cheek-Pieces were applied, there was a jockey upgrade, she was going back up in trip and back into Mares company. More importantly was the fact that she had experience of testing ground on her CV and had proven, to a certain extent, that she could act upon it. Essentially there was plenty going for her on that, and with hindsight, explains the improved effort.

The runner-up – FLINTARA – was coming in off the back of a 30L victory at Fontwell in December, on ground that was very close to what she was racing on here. She also had conditions in her favour... **Handicaps in Dec-March on Good to Soft or softer = 4/9, 2p – all 4 career wins...** so her decent run in second wasn't unexpected.

The front two are both horses that will likely have more to come over fences, but I'll pass on either of them as my 'to follow' horse from the race and instead look to the third horse; **PRESENTING A QUEEN...**

PRESENTING A QUEEN was having her fourth start over fences here and there was plenty to like about the effort. The first, second and fourth were all up with the pace throughout this contest and Presenting A Queen was the first home of those ridden more patiently, and whilst that in itself is

commendable it was the fact she banged in the second best Speed Figure of her career on ground that would not have been in her favour at all, indeed it was the slowest ground she had ever faced to date and the horses that finished around her all had winning and/or placed form on similar or even slower ground.

This is how her career form looked coming into the race...

Shortlists >>		Horse: Presenting A Queen (348341)										Press R for replays when a line of form is selected									
Spd Rl	Pos	DSL/R	Off Going	Pace	Date	Equip	Ran	Course	Course Info	OR	Distance	Act Going	GA	Class	New Cl	Jockey	Classifications	Value	Race Type	Odds	
70	2	25	Good	H	16/12/2023	p1	11	Hereford	Right - Sharp / Undulating	112	3m 11 44y	Good	0.62	B	2	Mr Ben Jones	Hcap-Mare-Cha	18210.00	Chase	10/1	
54	2	33	Good To Soft	P	21/11/2023		6	Lingfield	Left - Sharp	110	2m 4f	Good To Soft	-1.82	E	4	Rex Dingle	Hcap-Mare-Cha	4859.00	Chase	3/20 (2F)	
60	3	182	Good	P	19/10/2023		5	Wincanton	Right - Galloping	113	2m 4f 35y	Good To Soft	-1.18	E	4	Rex Dingle	Hcap-Nov-Mare-C	7857.00	Chase	4/1	
58	16	58	Good	H	20/04/2023		17	Chebenham	Left - Stiff / Undulating	114	2m 4f 56y	Good	1.09	B	2	Tom Cannon	Hcap-Mare-Hdle	26915.00	Hurdle	11/1	
61	2	52	Good	P	21/02/2023		6	Market Rasen	Right - Sharp / Undulating	113	2m 4f 139y	Good	1.36	E	4	Tom Cannon	Hcap-Mare-Hdle	5281.00	Hurdle	7/2	
56	4	41	Soft	H	31/12/2022		10	Warwick	Left - Sharp	0	2m 5f	Soft	-6.44	E	4	Rex Dingle	Nov-Mare-Hdle	3703.00	Hurdle	7/2 (2F)	
45	2	44	Good To Soft	L	20/11/2022		8	Exeter	Right - Stiff / Undulating	0	2m 7f 25y	Good To Soft	-2.09	E	4	Tom Cannon	Nov-Mare-Hdle	4084.00	Hurdle	3/1 (2F)	
36	1	187	Good	L	07/10/2022		7	Chepstow	Left - Galloping / Undulat	0	2m 3f 100y	Good To Firm	2.75	E	4	Tom Cannon	Nov-Mare-Hdle	4520.00	Hurdle	6/4 (1F)	
47	1	30	Good	L	03/04/2022		6	Plumpton	Left - Sharp / Undulating	0	2m 1f 184y	Good	-0.08	G	5	Tom Cannon	Mare-NHF	2178.00	NHF	8/13 (F)	
58	1		Soft	L	04/03/2022		10	Newbury	Left - Galloping	0	2m 69y	Soft	-3.87	G	5	Tom Cannon	Mare-NHF	2178.00	NHF	7/1	

She won her Bumper on ground that was described as Soft but the 'GA' figure tells us it wasn't near as testing as the ground she faced here at Huntingdon. The only other time she had faced ground slower than Good to Soft came in a Novice Hurdle at Warwick in December 2022, a race she finished un-placed in and was struggling on the underfoot conditions from around half-way.

Apart from that most of her form has come on Good to Soft or quicker ground, so the fact she was able to post a mark comfortably above par in this contest tells us that...

- She's improved for going over fences
- The step up in trip has unlocked more from her
- The application of Cheek-pieces has improved her

That's backed up by the fact her last two starts – this Huntingdon run and her second at Hereford – have seen her post **the two best Proform Speed Figures of her career to date.**

PRESENTING A QUEEN looks well worth adding to your trackers and she can hopefully open her chasing account when the ground dries out again. She may not need it all the way back to Good to Soft or quicker (for all it would be beneficial) but anywhere north of Heavy/Very Heavy would certainly look to be a positive for her.

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