

Horses To Follow (Using Proform Speed Figures) – Part 4

Introduction

Time for the next of my 'Horses to Follow' posts, uncovered during my weekly mine into the Proform Speed Figures...

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Today I'm heading back to last week's **Cheltenham Festival** action and the **Class 2 Kim Muir Chase** that was run on **Thursday 14th of March** (5:30 race)...

Horse to follow: GIT MAKER (J Snowden)

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

Cheltenham (LH - Stiff / Undulating) (Thursday 14 Mar 2024)															Tote Enhanced Returns			Default Profile		Going: Soft (Act: Soft) (-6.5)		
17:30 Fuike Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Chase (Sponsored By JRL Group) (GBB Race) (Class B) (Class 2)															Wns / Runs			P/L		£36668		
3m 2f Chase Handicap (0-145) [New Class B / 2] (Speed Class Par: 74)															Leds			Prominent		22 Run (26)		
Time: 433.43 Seconds (Total SP 134.9%)															Held Up			180 / 2480		0.83		
Draw #	Position	Horse	Pace	PaceForm	Trainer	Jockey	Age	Spd Rat	stLTO	stHA C	stLTO 2	stLTO 3	stLTO 4	DSL R	Weight	Equip	OR	OR HWin	OR LWin	OR LTO		
0	1	Inothewayurthinkin (RE)	2	PPRHPPH-H	Gavin Cromwell	Mr Derek O'Connor	6	77	69	84	84	69	76	39	12.0		145	0	0	1*		
0	19	Git Maker (FR)	4	PPPLPL/PPH-	Jamie Snowden	Mr W Biddick	8	75	69	74	45	0	0	82	11.1		132	128	128	1*		
0	21	Whacker Clan (RE)	10	PPPL/LLLL-P	Henry De Bromhead	Mr J L Gleeson	8	69	77	77	73	68	54	18	11.0	p	131	125	125	1*		
0	15	Where It All Began (RE)	6	HLLPLPP-PP	Gordon Elliott	Mr B O'Neill	8	69	71	71	57	37	53	25	11.4	p	135	123	123	1*		
0	23	Daily Present (RE)	4	RLLRPHH-L	Paul Nolan	Mr J W Hendrick (5)	7	68	68	68	42	46	56	51	10.5	t	127	128	129	1*		
0	20	Grozni (FR)	6	LLHPLPH-PL	James Owen	Alex Chadwick (3)	8	68	71	72	50	72	69	40	10.11	p	131	127	0	1*		
0	2	Annual Invictus (RE)	6	PHLLPLHH-LP	Chris Gordon	Miss Gina Andrews	9	67	81	81	69	68	0	47	11.13		144	140	137	1*		
0	24	Dom Of Mary (FR)	0	P/PPHPPH-HH	David Bridgwater	Mr Finian Maguire	8	66	75	75	75	63	71	40	10.10	pWS	127	118	118	1*		
0	18	Demnat (FR)	6	LP	Venelia Williams	Miss Aine O'Connor	7	66	63	63	61	0	0	13	11.1		132	122	122	1*		
0	7	Whistledark (RE)	4	PHLL/PPH-P	Laura Morgan	Mr Joe Wright (3)	9	66	73	75	75	73	57	47	11.7		141	138	138	1*		

The Speed Class Par for this contest was **74** and as you can see from the above, the first 2 home – **INOTHEWAYURTHINKIN** & **GIT MAKER**... posted a **Proform Speed Figure above par for the level**.

INOTHEWAYURTHINKIN went up to OR 156 for this win and that's possibly still below his ceiling, as his third at Limerick behind Gaelic Warrior & Il Etait Temps in December saw him post and even better Proform Speed Figure than his Kim Muir effort (he posted a figure of 84 that day) and he looks like one that should be able to bridge the gap between handicaps and open graded company next season. He won't have been missed by many, however, so no need for me to put him up as 'one to follow'...

GIT MAKER posted an effort that was a career best on the Proform Speed Figures, despite being 8-lengths back at the line, and he almost certainly just *'bumped into one'* in the shape of the winner. He was only shunted up 1lb for this second-placed finish, and that's probably a lenient rise. He was comfortably beaten by the winner... but he was a whopping 18-lengths+ ahead of the remainder of the field, and if you take the winner out of this he's absolutely trounced the rest of them, posting a career best effort in the process, both of which (the margin back to the third and a Proform Speed Figure best) heighten my belief that the 1lb rise for the run is very lenient...

If we look at **GIT MAKER'S** previous form, there are some interesting pointers to highlight...

Shortcuts >>		Horse: Git Maker (347431)		Press R for replays when a line of form is selected																
Spd R	Pos	DSL R	Off Going	Pace	Date	Equip	Ran	Course	Course Info	OR	Distance	Act Going	GA	Class	New C	Jockey	Classifications	Value	Race Type	Odds
69	6	32	Good	H	23/12/2023		10	Ascot	Right - Galloping	133	2m 7f 180y	Good To Soft	-1.09	A	1	Gavin Sheehan	Hcap-Cha	58950.00	Chase	9/2
45	1	300	Good To Soft	P	21/11/2023		5	Lingfield	Left - Sharp	128	2m 7f 110y	Good To Soft	-1.82	C	3	Gavin Sheehan	Hcap-Cha	8337.00	Chase	9/4 (2F)
52	1	24	Soft	P	25/01/2023		4	Catterick	Left - Sharp / Undulating	123	3m 1f 54y	Good To Soft	-3.03	C	3	Gavin Sheehan	Hcap-Nov-Cha	7922.00	Chase	8/11 (F)
69	1	28	Soft	P	01/01/2023		4	Catterick	Left - Sharp / Undulating	122	3m 1f 54y	Soft	-5.16	C	3	Gavin Sheehan	Hcap-Nov-Cha	8265.00	Chase	8/13 (F)
66	2	28	Soft	L	04/12/2022		4	Kelso	Left - Sharp / Undulating	122	2m 7f 96y	Soft	-4.47	C	3	Gavin Sheehan	Hcap-Nov-Cha	9040.00	Chase	6/5 (F)
74	2	211	Soft	P	05/11/2022		5	Sandown	Right - Stiff / Galloping	124	2m 4f 10y	Heavy	-12.88	C	3	Gavin Sheehan	Hcap-Nov-Cha	8169.00	Chase	9/4 (JF)
64	1	32	Good	L	09/04/2022		7	Newcastle	Left - Galloping	124	2m 4f 62y	Good	1.94	E	4	Mr Kevin Brogan (3)	Nov-Hdle	5448.00	Hurdle	2/5 (F)
68	4	29	Soft	P	08/03/2022		7	Sandown	Right - Stiff / Galloping	124	2m 3f 173y	Good To Soft	-2.23	C	3	Gavin Sheehan	Hcap-Hdle	8387.00	Hurdle	5/4 (F)
68	1	32	Soft	P	07/02/2022		11	Carlisle	Right - Undulating	0	2m 1f	Good To Soft	-1.45	E	4	Jonathan Burke	Nov-Hdle	4629.00	Hurdle	10/11 (F)
67	1	Heavy	Heavy	P	06/01/2022		11	Chepstow	Left - Galloping / Undulat	0	2m 11y	Heavy	-7.54	E	4	Gavin Sheehan	Mdn-Hdle	5827.00	Hurdle	9/4 (F)

His previous best Proform Speed Figure was achieved on his Chase debut back in November 2022, which also came on the most testing ground he had previous faced... the GA that day was **-12.88** whilst the GA for the Kim Muir was **-6.5**, which was the third most testing ground he had faced (2nd came on his career debut at Chepstow), so a case to be made there that the deeper the ground, the better he runs... although worth pointing out that his overall profile suggests he doesn't *need* testing ground, but that it is perhaps a *positive* for him...

Also worth noting that he's possibly at his best on a **Left-Handed track** as his LH/RH splits read...

LH = 2111211 (5/7, 1p)

RH = 1426 (1/4, 1p)

...with the RH win coming in a low-class Novice Hurdle at Carlisle...

Admittedly, the fact his second best Proform Speed Figure was achieved at Right-Handed Sandown maybe doesn't quite back up that LH/RH theory, but again, it's maybe a case that he doesn't *need* to go Left-Handed but it is perhaps a *positive* for him...

Most of the talk off the back of the Kim Muir has revolved around **INOTHEWAYURTHINKIN**, and I get that, he does look like one who should be up to making an impact in Graded company next season... but plenty notice should also be taken of the performance of **GIT MAKER** in second... the fact he posted a career best in second AND the fact the figure was above par for the level is a strong indicator that this was a big effort from the 8yo, and a horse that...

a) was unlucky to bump into a probable Graded horse in the shape of **INOTHEWAYURTHINKIN**

and

b) has been very leniently treated by the handicapper, given the distance he beat the rest of the field and with what the Proform Speed Figures are telling us about his performance

There are no current entries on the horizon for **GIT MAKER**, but Jamie Snowdon has developed into a trainer that places his horses extremely well, and it's well worth looking out for where he heads with this 8yo on his coming starts...

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