

Topspeed

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Lean spell will soon be at an end for Nicholls-trained Bouvrevuil

THE clocks will have fallen back by then, but this timepiece advances the claims of **Bouvrevuil** in Sunday's 188Bet Monet's Garden Old Roan Chase (3.00) at Aintree.

Paul Nicholls' seven-year-old drew a blank in four starts last season, but he rarely got his preferred conditions and acquitted himself well when sixth behind Taquin Du Seuil in the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham in November on ground softer than ideal.

Back on quicker ground, he produced his best effort on the clock when third behind Road To Respect in a red-hot handicap at the Cheltenham Festival in March and remains on a good mark.

Nicholls is in fine form and Bouvrevuil can end his lean spell.

Aidan O'Brien has 12 of the 22 acceptors for the Racing Post Trophy (4.00) at Doncaster and, contrary to the betting, **Mendelssohn** looks his leading contender on the clock.

He raised his game considerably to beat all bar US Navy Flag in the Dewhurst at Newmarket a fortnight ago and is clearly on the upgrade.

Masar looks best of those trained outside Ballydoyle and is worth a saver.

Charlie Appleby's youngster earned his stripes with an authoritative success in Sandown's Solario Stakes last month but was only third at Chantilly this month. He was too keen early that day and is worth another chance.

Review

Cracksman was absolutely brilliant as he silenced the doubters with a clearcut success in Saturday's Qipco Champion Stakes at Ascot.

Many had reservations about his effectiveness at the 1m2f



Masar (centre) could foil the Ballydoyle runners in Saturday's Racing Post Trophy

trip, but John Gosden's talented colt left his toiling rivals chasing shadows in the final quarter-mile.

A Topspeed figure of 120 was not only the best on a star-studded Ascot card but also the best of the year by any horse over middle distances.

That said, his stablemate Enable (117) would be right alongside him should they clash next year with the 3lb fillies' allowance. What a mouthwatering prospect that would be.

Librisa Breeze had threatened to land a big prize

on a few occasions in the past and he really hit the jackpot with a convincing victory in the Champions Sprint.

Dean Ivory's stable star was just 4.38 seconds slower than standard and, after applying Topspeed methodology, emerged with a career-best

119, second only to Battaash among the season's crop of sprinters.

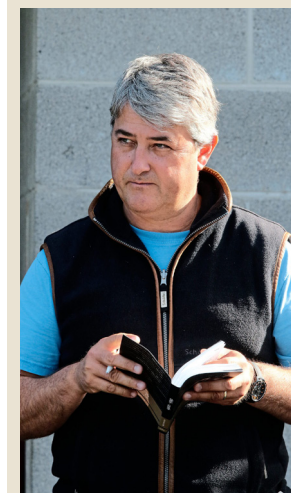
Lord Glitters came from last to first to net Europe's richest handicap, the Balmoral, by a whisker and in the process clocked a time 0.22sec faster than that of **Persuasive** in the

TIME WATCH

Storm Over (90) landed a valuable sprint handicap at Catterick on Saturday for Robert Cowell (pictured below) and there may be more to come from this lightly raced colt. A winner of three of his five starts, the improving three-year-old has raced exclusively over 5f but could prove equally effective over 6f.

TIME WARP

Miss Spent (91) had no right to finish as close as he did to Old Guard at Kempton on Sunday in a moderately paced hurdle race and it would be wrong to take the form at face value.



Queen Elizabeth II Stakes.

After factoring the respective weights, Lord Glitters produced a 5lb better performance on the clock.

There were no fireworks on the clock in the Fillies and Mares Stakes won smoothly by **Hydrangea**.

TOP EUROPEAN FLAT HORSES BY RPR

TOP 2YO COLTS/GELDINGS			
US Navy Flag	122	Cardsharp	110
Verbal Dexterity	119	Gustav Klimt	110
Expert Eye	116	Seahenge	110
Fleet Review	116	Sound And Silence	110
Sioux Nation	115	Elarqam	110
Unfortunately	115	Nelson	110
Sands Of Mali	115	TOP 2YO FILLIES	
Mendelssohn	115	Wild Illusion	115
Beckford	113	Clemmie	114
James Garfield	113	Laurens	113
Olmedo	113	September	113
Masar	113	Happily	112
Sacred Life	113	Magical	112
Havana Grey	111	Polydream	112
Invincible Army	111	Mission Impassible	111
Saxon Warrior	111	Magic Lily	111
Roaring Lion	111	Nyaleti	110
Ghaiyyath	111	Threading	110
		Ellthea	110

TOP 3YO COLTS/GELDINGS			
Cracksman	131	Juliet Capulet	110
Battaash	128	Heartache	109
Harry Angel	128	Different League	109
Churchill	125	Zonza	107
Caravaggio	125	Liquid Amber	107
Barney Roy	124	Alpha Centauri	106
Beat The Bank	123	Actress	106
Wings Of Eagles	121	Luminate	106
Capri	121	Altyn Orda	106

TOP 3YO FILLIES			
Enable	129	Brametot	121
Lady Aurelia	124	Blue Point	120
Winter	119	Al Wukair	120
Hydrangea	119	Inns Of Court	120
Roly Poly	116	Crystal Ocean	120
Rhododendron	115	Thunder Snow	119
Coronet	115	Cliffs Of Moher	119
Via Ravenna	114	Lancaster Bomber	119
Precieuse	113	Stradivarius	119

TOP OLDER HORSES			
Ulysses	127	Sobetsu	113
Cloth Of Stars	126	Senga	112
Ribchester	126	Rain Goddess	112
Order Of St George	125	Lady Frankel	112
Signs Of Blessing	123	Wuheida	112
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Minding	122	Cloth Of Stars	126
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Idaho	122	Order Of St George	125
Marsha	122	Signs Of Blessing	123
Deauville	121	Highland Reel	123
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Taareef	121
Librisa Breeze	121
Persuasive	121
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Brando	120
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Poet's Word	120
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Hawkbill	119
Frontiersman	119
Big Orange	119
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