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## TRADING REPORT

### Doctored matched at 150

THE going on the hurdles course at Folkestone yesterday was registering 3.9 on the GoingStick, which has to be the lowest figure I've ever seen, and the runners looked as though they were racing through tar in the card's opening 2m/1f handicap hurdle.

Carrying a low weight proved to be a big advantage as the five runners finished in reverse weight order. Top-weight Winning Show was the chief sufferer, as he appeared to be travelling well when turning into the home straight and hit a low of 1.5 in running. However, he ground to a virtual halt in the final

furlong to finish last behind bottom-weight Doctored, who was matched at a high of 150.

### Afsoun's jumping awry

AFSOUN was a penalty kick on paper in the 2m/1f novice chase at Fakenham but the former Champion Hurdle third's jumping let him down as he fell at the sixth fence.

The six-year-old had crashed through the inner wing of the previous fence, so it was a bit of a surprise that he was trading as low as 1.16 when he came down. He has the build for chasing, but doesn't look a natural over fences and

Nicky Henderson may decide to switch him back to hurdles.

Second favourite Kings Quay took advantage of Afsoun's mishap, to the joy of those who backed the John Quinn-trained six-year-old at a high of 40.

### Elsworth lords it on outside

THE DARK LORD is now four wins from five starts at Fakenham thanks to a canny ride from Dominic Elsworth, who raced alone on the outside, where he felt there was better ground.

The winner hit 12 in running at one stage, while third Big Rob traded at a low of 1.36.