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CHELTENHAM
Thursday 13th March

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HEXHAM
SOUTHWELL

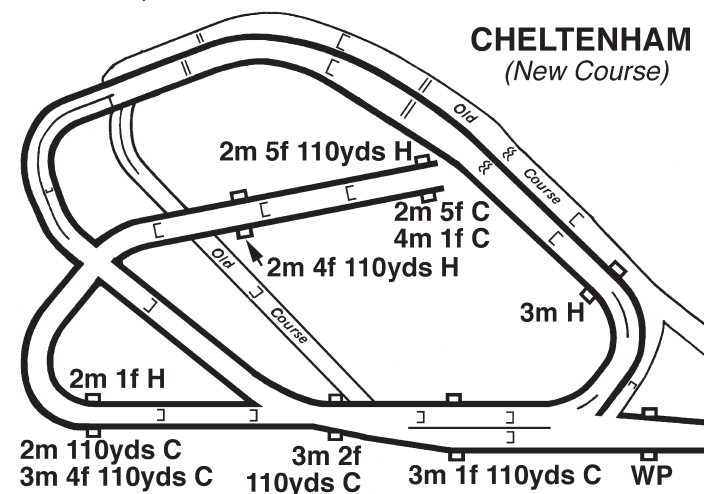
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There are two left-handed courses at Cheltenham, the Old Course and the New Course. The Old Course is oval in shape and about one and a half miles in extent. There are nine fences to a circuit, only one of which is jumped in the final straight. The New Course leaves the old track at the furthest point from the stands and runs parallel to it before rejoining at the entrance to the finishing straight. This circuit is a little longer than the Old Course and has ten fences, two of which are jumped in the final straight. The most telling feature of the Old and the New Courses is their testing nature. The fences are stiff and the last half mile is uphill, with a run-in of just over a furlong. The four-mile and two-and-a-half-mile starts are on an extension, with five fences, which bisects both courses almost at right angles. The two-mile start is also on this extension, and two fences are jumped before reaching the main circuit. Two races a year are run on the cross-country course which is laid out in the centre of the conventional tracks.



Most Successful Trainers 1997/8 to 2001/2

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	67	434	15
N. J. Henderson	27	148	18
P. J. Hobbs	23	162	14
P. F. Nicholls	21	162	13
Miss Venetia Williams	19	97	20
N. A. Twiston-Davies	18	228	8
Miss H. C. Knight	14	94	15
M. Pitman	8	59	14
Jonjo O'Neill	8	62	13
J. A. B. Old	7	63	11

Course winners records

Time	No	Horse	Wins	2nd	3rd	Runs
2.00	4	DON FERNANDO	2 (1 CD)	1		3
2.00	15	MONEYTRAIN (GER)	1 (1 CD)			1
2.35	1	BARACOUDA (FR)	1 (1 CD)			1
2.35	2	BROTHER JOE (NZ)	1	1		4
2.35	3	CLASSIFIED (IRE)	1	1		3
2.35	6	GALILEO (POL)	1			1
2.35	7	IRIS'S GIFT	2 (1 CD)			3
2.35	9	NATIVE EMPEROR	1			3
3.15	2	BEHRAJAN (IRE)	2	3	1	8
3.15	3	BEST MATE (IRE)	3 (1 CD)	1		4
3.15	6	COMMANCHE COURT (IRE)	1	1	1	5
3.15	9	HUSSARD COLLONGES (FR)	1			1
3.15	11	MARLBOROUGH (IRE)	2			3
3.15	13	SEE MORE BUSINESS (IRE)	3 (1 CD)		2	7
3.15	16	YOU'RE AGOODUN	1		1	6
4.00	2	BRIGHT APPROACH (IRE)	2			3
4.00	4	DORANS PRIDE (IRE)	1		2	6
4.00	5	EARTHMOVER (IRE)	2 (1 CD)	1	2	8
4.00	13	LAST OPTION	2 (2 CD)	1	1	5
4.00	14	MR DOW JONES (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			3
4.00	15	MR SMUDGE	1	1		2
4.00	16	NAHTHEN LAD (IRE)	2		2	6
4.35	8	FADOUDAL DU COCHET (FR)	1 (1 CD)			2
4.35	9	VOL SOLITAIRE (FR)	2 (1 CD)			3
4.35	11	WAVE ROCK	1		3	8
4.35	17	PALARSHAN (FR)	1			1
5.10	1	BARTON	1	1		4
5.10	6	TARXIEN	2	1		4
5.10	8	REGAL EXIT (FR)	1	1		3
5.10	9	LA LANDIERE (FR)	1 (1 CD)	1		4
5.45	1	POLAR RED	1 (1 CD)			2
5.45	9	IMAGE DE MARQUE II (FR)	1			1
5.45	13	NATIVE NEW YORKER (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			2
5.45	22	CASTLESHANE (IRE)	1		1	2
5.45	29	JOE CULLEN (IRE)	1			2

2.00 THE JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE (Grade 1) (A) 2m1f

£100,000 4yo

	1 ANDY GIN (FR) 4 11-0 b.g. Ski Chief (USA) – Love Love Kate (FR) (Saint Andrews (FR)) [2002/3 17d* Jan 27] ex-French gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 15f), successful in March for R. Laplanche, left R. Chotard after third of 9 in claimer at Deauville in July: 4/1, won 10-runner juvenile at Exeter on hurdling debut by 3½ lengths from Visibility, leading before 3 out, wandering a bit but quickening clear once shaken up: will stay beyond 2m: should improve. P. J. HOBBS Yellow, black chevron, check cap (Mr Terry Warner)	142 p h17d 135+ N
	2 DASHING HOME (IRE) 4 11-0 b.g. Lahib (USA) – Dashing Rose (Mashhor Dancer (USA)) [2002/3 16g2 16v* 16s3 16v3 Mar 2] dam fair 2m hurdler: fairly useful on Flat (raced up to 1¼m): fair juvenile hurdler: won at Down Royal in November: creditable third both starts since, of 8 to Talking Tactics in minor event at Leopardstown on latest: will prove best around 2m: acts on heavy going. N. MEADE, IRELAND Yellow, emerald green sleeves, green cap, yellow spots (Mrs P. Towey)	130 + h16v 130 W h16s 130 G3 h16v 128+ N h16g 125 W
	3 DESERT AIR (JPN) 4 11-0 (visor and tongue strap) ch.c. Desert King (IRE) – Greek Air (IRE) (Ela-Mana-Mou) [2002/3 16d2 17s* 16d3 Feb 7] angular colt: third foal: dam 1m winner, sister to very smart French performer up to 1¼m Grecian Urn, herself dam of useful hurdlers Grecian Dart and Dark Shell: fair on Flat (stays easy 1½m, has been blinkered) for P. Cole, successful in July: similar form over hurdles: made all in novice at Taunton in January, beating Thesis ¾ length: favourite, creditable third of 9 to Bareme in juvenile at Kempton next time, forcing pace until 2 out despite wandering at several hurdles: visored last 2 starts. M. C. PIPE Pink, white striped sleeves, white cap (Mrs Belinda Harvey)	138 h16d 138 N h17s 130+ N h16d 132 N
	4 DON FERNANDO 4 11-0 b.c. Zilzal (USA) – Teulada (USA) (Riverman (USA)) [2002/3 16d* 17d* 17s2 Jan 25] leggy, lengthy colt: fairly useful on Flat (effective at 1m/1¼m) for E. Dunlop: similar form when winning juvenile hurdles at Cheltenham in November (impressive, beat Le Duc 7 lengths) and December (Grade 2, got on top close home to beat dead-heaters Lilium de Cotte and Nas Na Riogh ¾ length): creditable second of 11 to Moneytrain in Grade 2 there latest start, leading soon after last until collared close home: raced around 2m. M. C. PIPE Black, white chevron hoop and cap (Lucayan Stud)	148 h17s 148 G2 h17d 148 G2 h16d 141 N
	5 DUKE OF EARL (IRE) 4 11-0 ch.c. Ali-Royal (IRE) – Faye (Monsanto (FR)) [2002/3 16s* 17d5 16v3 16m3 Feb 22] small, leggy colt: half-brother to fair 2m hurdler Wray (by Sharp Victor) and winning 2¼m chaser Owen Roe (by Blues Traveller): fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¾m): fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won at Huntingdon in November: creditable efforts since in Grade 2 events at Cheltenham (fifth to Don Fernando) and Kempton (third to Well Chief in slowly-run contest), set plenty to do when below form in between: will stay beyond 17f. S. KIRK Royal blue, red star, red sleeves, royal blue stars, royal blue cap, red stars (Speedlith Group)	140 h16m 140? G2 h16v 132+ N h17d 136 G2 h16s 134 N
	6 FORTUNE ISLAND (IRE) 4 11-0 b.g. Turtle Island (IRE) – Blue Kestrel (IRE) (Bluebird (USA)) [2002/3 16dpu 17d* Feb 23] good-topped gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¾m), successful in August for C. Wall: showed little on hurdling debut then won 17-runner juvenile maiden at Exeter in quite good style by 3½ lengths from King Solomon, quickening to lead approaching 2 out: should continue to progress. M. C. PIPE Red, purple seams, purple cap, red star (J. M. Brown & M. J. Blackburn)	126 p h17d 126 N h16d N

**7 GOLDEN CROSS (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.g. Goldmark (USA) – Fordes Cross (Ya Zaman (USA)) [2002/3 16s* 16v⁶ 16s² 16s* Feb 22] compact gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m), successful 3 times on soft/heavy ground in 2002: has already shown useful form in juvenile hurdles, winning Grade 3 events at Fairyhouse in November and February, impressive when beating Statim 4 lengths in 12-runner race for latest success: head second of 8 to Mutineer in Grade 2 at Leopardstown earlier in February: reportedly swallowed sod of turf when disappointing favourite second outing: raced on soft/heavy going: should do better still.

M. HALFORD, IRELAND

C. F. Swan

White, royal blue hoop, red sleeves, red cap, white stars (Mrs H. Johnson)

155 p

h16s 148 + G3
h16s 154 + G2
h16v 129 G2
h16s 140 + G3

**8 ITS WALLACE JNR**

4 11-0

b.g. Bedford (USA) – Built In Heaven (Sunley Builds) [2002/3 16d* 16s³ Jan 13] leggy gelding: modest maiden on Flat (stays 2m): 66/1, won 18-runner juvenile at Wincanton on hurdling debut by 6 lengths from Dizzy Tart, making little impression on Mirant when left clear last: better form when third of 10 to impressive Dancing Bay in novice at Plumpton, ridden to lead after 3 out but headed next and unable to quicken: will stay beyond 2m.

MISS S. WEST

J. Goldstein

Yellow, red sash, dark blue sleeves (Grand Day Out Partnership)

114

h16s 114 N
h16d 113 + N

**9 KEN'S DREAM**

4 11-0

b.c. Bin Ajwaad (IRE) – Shoag (USA) (Affirmed (USA)) [2002/3 16s² 16s⁵ 17s⁵ Jan 25] workmanlike colt: half-brother to winning 2m hurdler Zaaheyah (by Irish River), who also stayed easy 3m: fairly useful up to 11f on Flat, won 3 times in 2002: fair form 2 out of 3 starts in juvenile hurdles, 10 lengths fifth of 11 to Moneytrain in Grade 2 at Cheltenham on latest.

MS A. E. EMBIRICOS

S. Fox

Grey, purple chevrons, grey sleeves and cap (Mr Michael Underwood)

132

h17s 132 G2
h16s 105 N
h16s 132 N

**10 KENILWORTH (USA)**

4 11-0

b.c. Darshaan – Kerenza (Seattle Dancer (USA)) [2002/3 16s 16v² 16s² 16s* 16s³ Feb 9] leggy colt: fairly useful maiden on Flat (stays 1½m), sold out of J. Oxx's stable 50,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: easy winner of 19-runner minor event at Punchestown in February: better form when neck second of 8 to Mutineer in Grade 3 there previous month and when around 8 lengths third of 8 to same horse in Grade 2 at Leopardstown latest start.

PATRICK O. BRADY, IRELAND

J. Cullen

Black, red spots, black cap, white spots (Miss Rita Shah)

143

h16s 143 G2
h16s 138 + W
h16s 143 G3
h16v 142 G2
h16s 109 N

**11 KING SOLOMON (FR)**

4 11-0

gr.c. Simon du Desert (FR) – All Square (FR) (Holst (USA)) [2002/3 17d² Feb 23] useful on Flat (stays 1½m) at 2 yrs, ran well on reappearance at 3 yrs but unable to repeat form, sold out of P. Cole's stable 88,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: 9/2, shaped well when 3½ lengths second of 17 to Fortune Island in juvenile maiden at Exeter on hurdling debut, jumping soundly in main and staying on: sure to improve.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

P. Flynn

Light blue, dark blue cross of lorraine, hooped sleeves, striped cap (Seasons Holidays)

123 p

h17d 123 N

**12 LE DUC (FR)**

4 11-0

b.g. Villez (USA) – Beberova (FR) (Synefos (USA)) [2002/3 15v² 17g² 16d² 16s⁴ 16v^F 17s⁴ Jan 25] tall, good-topped gelding: third foal: dam won 5 times up to 19f over hurdles in France: twice-raced on Flat: fairly useful juvenile hurdler (trained on debut by J-P. Pelat): several good efforts in frame for present connections, though as usual failed to go through with finishing effort when fourth of 11 to Moneytrain in Grade 2 at Cheltenham last time: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): blinkered last 2 starts: one to treat with caution.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (Mrs J. Stewart)

138 §

h17s 135 G2
h16v 138 + G1
h16s 122 N
h16d 134 N
h17g 115 + N
h15v 136 W

**13 LILIUM DE COTTE (FR)**

4 11-0

b.g. Ragmar (FR) – Vanille de Cotte (FR) (Italic (FR)) [2002/3 15v³ 16g* 16g² 17d² 16v⁴ 16v* Feb 13] good-topped gelding: successful in 4 non-thoroughbred events around 1½m on Flat in 2002: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won at Vichy in August and Sandown in February, leading 2 out when beating Silver Stud 4 lengths in 11-runner event at latter course: best effort when equal-second of 7 to Don Fernando in Grade 2 at Cheltenham fourth start: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

G. MACAIRE, FRANCE

B. Gicquel

Yellow and emerald green hoops, hooped sleeves, yellow cap (Mr R. Fougatoire)

144

h16v 140 N
h16v 141 G1
h17d 144 G2
h15v 130 W

**14 LITTLE RORT (IRE)**

4 11-0

(tongue strap)

b.g. Ali-Royal (IRE) – Florinda (CAN) (Vice Regent (CAN)) [2002/3 16v² 16s⁵ 16v* 16s⁵ Feb 22] fair on Flat (stays 1½m): third start in juvenile hurdles when winning 18-runner maiden at Limerick in December by 2 lengths from Bringonthecloawns: better form when 7 lengths fifth of 12 to impressive Golden Cross in Grade 3 at Fairyhouse (tongue tied) last time.

M. J. GRASSICK, IRELAND

J. E. Casey

Blackwatch tartan, white cap (Mrs C. Grassick)

134

h16s 134 G3
h16v 127 N
h16s 119 N
h16v 124 N

**15 MONEYTRAIN (GER)**

4 11-0

b.g. Platini (GER) – Miss Esther (GER) (Alkalde (GER)) [2002/3 16d⁴ 16s² 17s* Jan 25] leggy, angular gelding: successful around 1¼m on Flat at Frankfurt in September and Mulheim (subsequently left R. Suerland) in October: 25/1, best effort in juvenile hurdles (bandaged behind/made mistakes on debut) when winning 11-runner Grade 2 at Cheltenham latest start, keeping on strongly to beat Don Fernando 1½ lengths after left with fair bit to do when pace increased: acts on soft going.

C. VON DER RECKE, GERMANY

N. Williamson

Dark green, dark green and light green checked sleeves and cap (Mrs T. Hamann)

141

h17s 141 G2
h16s 132 N
h16d 112 + N

**16 MUGHAS (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Quest of Passion (FR) (Saumarez) [2002/3 16s* 16v* 16m² Feb 22] good-topped gelding: fairly useful maiden on Flat (stays 13f), has had tongue tied, sold out of K. Prendergast's stable 30,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: fair form in juvenile hurdles, won at Warwick in January and Plumpton (got on top run-in to beat Indien Royal 1½ lengths) in February and second to Well Chief in slowly-run Grade 2 at Kempton (looked very well) later in February: carries head awkwardly.

A. KING

R. Thornton

Red, white sleeves, red spots, brown cap (B. Winfield, A. Longman, C. Fenton & P. McAdam)

133

h16m 133 G2
h16v 133 N
h16s 133 N

**17 MUTINEER (IRE)**

4 11-0

(blinkers and tongue strap)

gr.g. Highest Honor (FR) – Miss Amy R (USA) (Deputy Minister (CAN)) [2002/3 16v³ 16s³ 16s³ 16v* 16s* 16s* Feb 9] good-topped gelding: modest maiden on Flat (probably stays 1¾m): has progressed into a useful juvenile hurdler: blinkered last 3 starts, winning minor event at Leopardstown in December, Grade 3 at Punchestown (by neck from Kenilworth) in January and Grade 2 Cashmans Bookmakers Spring Juvenile Hurdle at Leopardstown (8 ran, beat Golden Cross a head in game fashion) in February, making all on last 2 occasions: will stay beyond 2m: raced on soft/heavy going: usually tongue tied, effective when not.

D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND

K. A. Kelly

Dark blue, white cross belts, white sleeves, emerald green cap (Seven To Eleven Syndicate)

154

h16s 154 G2
h16s 143 G3
h16v 141 W
h16s 132 N
h16s 127 N
h16s 132 N

**18 NEWLANDS GOLD (IRE)**

4 11-0

ch.c. Goldmark (USA) – Persian Polly (Persian Bold) [2002/3 16s* 16v² 16v* 16s⁶ Feb 9] good-topped colt: half-brother to winning hurdlers by Try My Best and Salmon Leap: thrice-raced maiden on Flat: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won maiden at Navan in November and uncompetitive novice at Naas in January: clear of remainder when good second to Mutineer in minor event at Leopardstown in between, soundly beaten by same horse in Grade 2 there last time: raced only on soft/heavy going: blinkered all starts.

M. J. P. O'BRIEN, IRELAND

D. J. Casey

Dark blue, yellow stripe, check cap (Mr S. Mulryan)

138

h16s 130 + G2
h16v 127 + N
h16v 138 W
h16s 137 N

**19 OLD CALIFORNIA (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.c. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Turban (Glint of Gold) [2002/3 18d* Dec 10] useful on Flat (should stay at least 2m), sold out of J. Dunlop's stable 85,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: created very good impression when landing odds by 6 lengths from Cape Canaveral in 15-runner juvenile at Fontwell on hurdling debut, winning hard held after briefly looking like running out 2 out and hitting last: sure to stay further: open to improvement, and sure to win more races.

M. C. PIPE

R. Greene

Light blue, maroon chevron, halved sleeves, light blue and maroon quartered cap (Mr Matt Archer & Miss Jean Broadhurst)

148 p

h18d 141 + N

**20 OVERSTRAND (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.g. In The Wings – Vaison La Romaine (Arctic Tern (USA)) [2002/3 16d³ 16d⁶ Mar 1] lengthy gelding: half-brother to 2 poor winners over jumps: fairly useful on Flat (likely to stay 1³/₄m), sold out of Mrs A. Perrett's stable 24,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: 4 lengths third of 14 to East Tycoon in juvenile at Doncaster on hurdling debut, rallying after mistake 3 out: refused to settle in falsely-run minor event at Haydock next time.

MRS M. REVELEY

A. Dempsey

Pink, light blue and royal blue chevrons on sleeves, light blue cap (F. F. Racing Services Partnership IV)

128h16d 93 N
h16d 128 N**21 RED WINE**

4 11-0

b.g. Hamas (IRE) – Red Bouquet (Reference Point) [2002/3 16s³ 16d* Feb 28] angular gelding: useful on Flat (stays 1¹/₂m), improved performer in 2002, successful on 5 occasions including in November Handicap: much better effort in juvenile hurdles when winning 13-runner event at Newbury by 8 lengths from Indien Royal, jumping fluently and quickening away 2 out: sure to improve further.

J. A. OSBORNE

J. A. McCarthy

Royal blue, pink chevrons, royal blue cap (Mr Paul J. Dixon)

142 ph16d 133 + N
h16s 117 N**22 SAINTSAIRE (FR)**

4 11-0

b.g. Apeldoorn (FR) – Pro Wonder (FR) (The Wonder (FR)) [2002/3 16g* 17s³ 16m⁵ Feb 22] leggy, useful-looking gelding: successful 3 times up to 11.6f on Flat in 2002 for P. Lefevre: created very good impression when winning 20-runner juvenile at Newbury in December on hurdling debut, quickening away in fine style 2 out to beat Vanormix 8 lengths: hasn't progressed quite as expected in Grade 2 events since, but has excuses, probably had too much use made of him when third to Moneytrain at Cheltenham and twice denied clear run and hit last when fifth to Well Chief in slowly-run event at Kempton.

N. J. HENDERSON

M. A. Fitzgerald

White, orange and white striped cap (Mr Anthony Speelman)

144 ph16m 134 + G2
h17s 142 G2
h16g 140 + N**23 SPECTROSCOPE (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.g. Spectrum (IRE) – Paloma Bay (IRE) (Alzao (USA)) [2002/3 16d* 16d^{bd} 16d⁴ 16d* Feb 7] compact gelding: fair on Flat (stays 1¹/₂m): fairly useful form when winning juvenile hurdles at Kempton in October (readily by 3 lengths from Nas Na Riogh) and February (looked very well, led last and beat Navale 2¹/₂ lengths): may prove best around 2m.

JONJO O'NEILL

B. J. Geraghty

White, mauve stars (Mrs G. Smith)

145h16d 142 + N
h16d 138 N
h16d N
h16d 133 + N**24 STARZAAAN (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.g. Darshaan – Stellina (IRE) (Caerleon (USA)) [2002/3 16g⁴ 17s* Jan 14] lengthy gelding: useful on Flat (stays 1³/₄m), successful twice in 2002 for P. Cole: odds on, confirmed promise of hurdling debut when winning 14-runner juvenile maiden at Folkestone, always in command after kicking clear with circuit to go, beating Researcher 18 lengths: should improve further.

H. MORRISON

M. Bradburne

Royal blue, yellow cross of lorraine, diablo on sleeves (Mr Ben Arbib)

139 ph17s 139 + N
h16g 125 N**25 TANIKOS (FR)**

4 11-0

b.g. Nikos – Tamana (USA) (Northern Baby (CAN)) [2002/3 17v* 16d³ Feb 26] big, workmanlike ex-French gelding: half-brother to fair maiden hurdler/winning chaser around 2m Tanaiis (by Round Sovereign): maiden on Flat: trained by G. Blasco, won 8-runner juvenile at Lyon Parilly in November on hurdling debut, beating Lougaroo 9 lengths: favourite, around 8 lengths third of 23 to Middlethorpe in novice at Wetherby over 3 months later, leading until after 3 out then unable to quicken: will stay 2¹/₂m.

N. J. HENDERSON

J. R. Kavanagh

Yellow, dark green epaulets, dark green sleeves, yellow armllets, yellow cap, dark green star (Studwell Two Partnership)

132

h16d 121 + N

**26 TURBO (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.g. Piccolo – By Arrangement (IRE) (Bold Arrangement) [2002/3 17d⁶ 16d³ Feb 28] close-coupled gelding: useful on Flat (stays 1¹/₄m) for G. Balding: fair form in 2 juvenile hurdles (took keen hold on debut), tending to wander and make little impression after blundering 3 out when around 9 lengths third of 13 to Red Wine at Newbury: will prove best with emphasis on speed at 2m.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

G. Lee

Black, black and yellow check cap (Mr Peter Richardson)

124h16d 124 N
h17d 121 + G2**27 WELL CHIEF (GER)**

4 11-0

ch.g. Night Shift (USA) – Wellesiena (GER) (Scenic) [2002/3 17s* 16m* Feb 22] angular ex-German trained gelding: useful on Flat, successful twice around 1¹/₄m from 7 starts at 3 yrs, left R. Suerland after well held in Group 3 event at Bremen in October: good start over hurdles, winning maiden at Taunton and Grade 2 Adonis Juvenile Hurdle at Kempton in February, in latter jumping well and showing easily best turn of foot in slowly-run race to beat Mughas 6 lengths: likely to prove best around 2m: will improve further.

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)

143 ph16m 143 G2
h17s 131 N**28 NAS NA RIOGH (IRE)**

4 10-9

b.f. King's Theatre (IRE) – Abstraite (Groom Dancer (USA)) [2002/3 16d² 16s* 16d² 17d² 16v* 18s* Mar 2] good-topped filly: half-sister to winning French hurdler up to 19f Bombardier Noir (by Turtle Island): middle-distance maiden on Flat (tried blinkered), sold out of F. Rohaut's stable €36,000 Goffs July Sale: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won at Sandown (made all) in November, Chepstow (best effort, beat Lewis Island 11 lengths in Grade 1 Western Daily Press Finale Hurdle) in December and Fontwell (simple task) in March: also ran creditably when equal-second to Don Fernando in Grade 2 at Cheltenham fourth start: raced only on going softer than good over hurdles (acts on heavy): will stay 2¹/₂m.

N. J. HENDERSON

M. Foley

Red, yellow disc, yellow sleeves, red armllets and spots on yellow cap (Brian Twojohns Partnership)

146h18s 132 + N
h16v 146 G1
h17d 144 G2
h16d 141 N
h16s 137 + N
h16d 130 N**JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE (4-y-o) (Gr 1) (Cheltenham 2m1f)**

1997	130	Commanche Court 11-0: 9/1	T M Walsh (Ir)	N Williamson	28
1998	145	Upgrade 11-0: 14/1	N A Twiston-Davies	C Llewellyn	25
1999	151	Katarino 11-0: 11/4	N J Henderson	M A Fitzgerald	23
2000	135	Snow Drop 10-9: 7/1	F Doumen (Fr)	T Doumen	28
2001		Abandoned			
2002	147	Scolarly 11-0: 16/1	W P Mullins (Ir)	C F Swan	28

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2.35 THE BONUSPRINT STAYERS' HURDLE 3m**(Grade 1) (A)**

£140,000 4yo+ TWFA 4 11-11

**1 BARACOUDA (FR)**

8 11-10

b.g. Alesso (USA) – Peche Aubar (FR) (Zino) [2001/2 20g* 25d* 24d* 24d* :: 2002/3 20v* 25v2 Dec 20] tall, leggy gelding: top-class hurdler, won Grade 1 Bonusprint Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham in 2001/2: tenth consecutive victory when beating enterprisingly-ridden Mr Cool a neck in 4-runner Grade 2 Pricewaterhousecoopers Ascot Hurdle (second successive win in race) on reappearance, leading on line: lost little in defeat when length second of 5 to Deano's Beeno (pair long way clear) in Grade 1 at same course month later, closing down winner in straight but outstayed after last: effective around 2½m given test, and stays 25f well: raced solely on good going or softer (acts on heavy): idles under pressure: usually a fluent jumper.

F. DOUMEN, FRANCE

T. Doumen

Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr J. P. McManus)

184

h25v 180 + G1
h20v 163 + G2
h24d 175 + G1
h24d 164 + G2
h25d 172 + G1
h20g 168 + G2

**2 BROTHER JOE (NZ)**

9 11-10

(blinkers)

ch.g. Hula Town (NZ) – Olivia Rose (NZ) (Travolta (FR)) [2001/2 21m* 25m2 16g3 24d^w 20m 24f2 24m3 :: 2002/3 25d* 24g6 25v^{pu} Dec 20] smallish gelding: smart stayer on Flat, never dangerous only start (visored) in 2002: smart hurdler: most impressive when winning Grade 2 John Smith's West Yorkshire Hurdle at Wetherby on reappearance by 15 lengths from Boss Doyle: disappointing both starts since, though reportedly had breathing problem in Grade 1 at Ascot on latest: stays 25f, effective at much shorter: acts on any going: free-going sort (held up) and suited by strong gallop: often let down by jumping: less than reliable.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Walsh

Mauve and pink check, white sleeves (Sir Robert Ogden)

165 x

h25v G1
h24g 155 G2
h25d 165 + G2
h24m 153 W
h24f 157 G2
h20m 155 G1

**3 CLASSIFIED (IRE)**

7 11-10

b.g. Roselier (FR) – Treidlia (Mandalus) [2001/2 F20s F20g* F16v* 21d* 21g* 21s* 22s* 21s4 20g* :: 2002/3 21d2 21s* 20d* Feb 17] good-topped, medium-sized gelding: once-raced pointer: smart hurdler: landed odds in 6-runner Grade 1 Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham (by length from Mr Cool, running on well after being left with plenty to do) in January and 7-runner Grade 2 Collins Stewart National Spirit Hurdle at Fontwell in February: had to work quite hard when beating Telimar Prince 1½ lengths at latter course: will be suited by 3m: acts on soft going (won bumper on heavy): tough: open to improvement granted greater test of stamina.

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)

160 p

h20d 159 + G2
h21s 154 G1
h21d 153 + W
h20g 158 G2
h21s 151 G1
h22s 137 + N

**4 CRAZY HORSE (IRE)**

10 11-10

b.g. Little Bighorn – Our Dorcet (Condorcet (FR)) [2001/2 23m* :: 2002/3 20s^{pu} 20d6 Mar 1] smallish, leggy, plain gelding: twice-raced novice chaser (let down by jumping): very smart hurdler: won Merewood Homes Long Distance Hurdle at Haydock in May 2001, convincingly beating Manx Magic 3½ lengths: first outing since (due to leg injury), still travelling strongly when pulled up after 4 out (reportedly lost action) at Haydock: well beaten there last time: stays easy 23f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: hard ride (often finds less than seems likely and has hung badly right more than once).

L. LUNGO

A. Dobbin

Beige, brown hooped sleeves, orange cap (Ashleybank Investments Limited)

?

h20d 131 151
h20s 151
h23m 166 W

**5 DEANO'S BEENO**

11 11-10

b.g. Far North (CAN) – Sans Dot (Busted) [2001/2 25s 24d :: 2002/3 23f2 24g3 25v* 23s2 24m* Feb 21] leggy gelding: has had hobday and tie-back operations: successful in novice at Newbury in February 2000, only run over fences: top-class hurdler: back to very best when making all in 5-runner Grade 1 Cantor Sport Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot in December, closed down straight but finding extra to beat Baracouda a length (pair long way clear): straightforward task in Grade 2 Rendlesham Hurdle at Kempton (mulish after being kicked at start) latest outing: best at 3m+: acts on any going: blinkered once: fluent-jumping front runner, though often races lazily.

M. C. PIPE

R. Greene

Dark blue, white sleeves, dark blue diamonds, white cap, dark blue diamonds (Axom)

181

h24m 160 G2
h23s 167 G2
h25v 181 G1
h24g 157 G2
h23f 164 154
h24d 155 G1

**6 GALILEO (POL)**

7 11-10

b.g. Jape (USA) – Goldika (POL) (Dakota) [2001/2 21g* 21s* Mar 13 :: 2002/3 NR] medium-sized, workmanlike gelding: successful from 5f to 1¾m on Flat in Poland (useful form): made excellent start to hurdling career when winning both starts in 2001/2, namely novice at Kempton (scored in tremendous style) and 27-runner Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham: 12/1, off bridle with fair bit to do after 4 out but picked up very well to lead before last when beating Over The Bar 3½ lengths in latter (amongst the best novice hurdle form of 2001/2): not seen since due to injury: will stay beyond 21f: capable of better still.

T. R. GEORGE

J. M. Maguire

White, dark blue star, sleeves and cap (Mrs S.Nelson, Allan Stennett, Terry Warner)

161 p

h21s 159 + G1
h21g 137 + N

**7 IRIS'S GIFT**

6 11-10

gr.g. Gunner B – Shirley's Gift (Scallywag) [2001/2 F16m* F16m* F16d* F16s5 F17m2 :: 2002/3 20d* 25m* 24d* 20v* 23d* Mar 1] big, workmanlike gelding: useful bumper performer in 2001/2, won 3 times: has made excellent start to hurdling career and is unbeaten in 5 starts, winning novices at Bangor and Cheltenham (impressive) in October and Grade 2 novices at Cheltenham (got up close home to beat Ad Hoc a neck) in December, Uttoxeter (made all with relentless display of galloping, beat Battle Warning a distance) in February and Haydock (easily, by 17 lengths from Priests Bridge) in March: will stay beyond 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: has hung, but is genuine and hasn't finished improving.

JONJO O'NEILL

B. J. Geraghty

Mauve, black sash, yellow sleeves and cap (Mr Robert Lester)

160 p

h23d 153 + G2
h20v + G2
h24d 154 G2
h25m 135 + N
h20d 116 + N
F17m 121 G2

**8 LIMESTONE LAD (IRE)**

11 11-10

b.g. Aristocracy – Limestone Miss (Raise You Ten) [2001/2 c20g2 20d2 20s* 16s* 20d* 20d* 24d2 20v* 24g* :: 2002/3 20s* 16s* 20v* 20s* 24s* 16d2 Jan 26] strong, lengthy gelding: smart chaser: outstanding hurdler, successful 29 times and beaten only twice in last 13 starts: successful this winter in Phillips Electronics Lismullen Hurdle, Morgiana Hurdle and minor event at Navan (beat Liss A Paoraigh each time), Grade 1 Ballymore Properties Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse and 6-runner woodiesdiy.com Christmas Hurdle at Leopardstown: beat Boss Doyle impressively by 9 lengths for latest success: lost nothing in defeat back at 2m when head second of 5 to Like-A-Butterfly in AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown, headed last then rallying: stays 3m: best form on good going or softer (acts on heavy): fast and accurate jumper of hurdles: exceptionally tough and genuine front runner (has finished out of frame just twice in 51 outings over jumps).

JAMES BOWE, IRELAND

P. Carberry

Red, green sash and sleeves, black cap, white hoop (James Bowe)

183

h16d 174 + G1
h24s 170 + G2
h20s 179 + W
h20v 163 + G1
h16s 175 G2
h20s 176 G2

**9 NATIVE EMPEROR**

7 11-10

br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Fiona's Blue (Crash Course) [2001/2 21g 22v* 24s2 25s* 22v* 25g4 :: 2002/3 25d* 24g2 25v3 Dec 20] tall, useful-looking gelding: will make a chaser: smart hurdler: won listed handicap at Newbury (looked very well) in November by 1¼ lengths from Yeoman's Point: improved form when 5 lengths second to Bacchanal in Grade 2 at Newbury next time: well-beaten last of 3 finishers to Deano's Beeno in Grade 1 at Ascot latest outing, losing second after 3 out and tiring badly in straight: will stay beyond 25f: raced only on good going or softer (acts well on heavy): patiently ridden.

JONJO O'NEILL

L. Cooper

Light blue and orange diamonds, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, orange star (R. & E. H. Investments Ltd)

164

h25v G1
h24g 164 G2
h25d 148 133
h25g 141 + 131
h22v 139 + 122
h25s 126 + 111

**10 PALUA**

6 11-10

b.g. Sri Pekan (USA) – Reticent Bride (IRE) (Shy Groom (USA)) [2001/2 20d4 :: 2002/3 20s2 20v* 24m2 Feb 21] useful-looking gelding: fairly useful but ungentle stayer on Flat, sold out of I. Balding's stable 11,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: won 16-runner maiden hurdle at Folkestone in February by ½ length from Faugere, idling in front: appeared to improve considerably when 12 lengths second to Deano's Beeno in 5-runner Grade 2 event at Kempton 10 days later: stays 3m: found little on reappearance: quirky, and will be suited by well-run races.

MISS E. C. LAVELLE

T. J. Murphy

Red, yellow stars, checked sleeves and cap (Mark Barrett And Partners)

142

h24m 142 G2
h20v 122 + N
h20s 125 N
h20d 112 N

**11 SUDDEN SHOCK (GER)**

8 11-10

b.g. Motley (USA) – Santalina (Relko) [2001/2 25g 24g⁶ 25spu 20spu 24g* 24m² :: 2002/3 c25m^F c20d^F 21s³ c25d⁴ c24m² c32g* Mar 12] useful-looking gelding: has had soft palate operation: smart hurdler at best: often left down by jumping over fences but much better when winning 24-runner National Hunt Chase (Amateurs) at Cheltenham on latest start by a length from Stormez, pair clear: stays 4m: had form in France on heavy going, best efforts in Britain on good or firmer.

JONJO O'NEILL

J. R. Kavanagh

*Black, white hoops, black sleeves, white spots (Mr Darren C. Mercer)***154**

c32g 141 NA
c24m 127? N
c25d 96 N
h21s 140 G1
c20d 127? N
c25m N

**12 LISS A PAORAIGH (IRE)**

8 11-5

b.m. Husyan (USA) – Shuil Liss (Deep Run) [2001/2 16s³ 20d* 20d² 16d^F 16v² 16g :: 2002/3 20s² 16s² 20s² 16v* 16d² Feb 15] rangy, useful-looking mare: very smart hurdler: clear throughout when winning Grade 1 Evening Herald December Festival Hurdle at Leopardstown in December by 25 lengths from Stage Affair: runner-up all other starts this season, though well below best when 1½ lengths second of 6 to Sacundai in Grade 2 at Gowran on latest: effective at 2m given good test, should stay 3m: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

J. E. KIELY, IRELAND

C. F. Swan

*Blue, bird's-eye, white cap (Mrs N. Flynn)***174**

h16d 161 + G2
h16v 174 + G1
h20s 164 W
h16s 164 G2
h20s 174 G2
h16g 136 + G1

THIRD RACE CHELTENHAM (TV CH4)

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3.15 THE TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE 3¼m110y (SHOWCASE) (Grade 1) (A)

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**1 BEEF OR SALMON (IRE)**

7 12-0

ch.g. Cajetano (USA) – Farinella (IRE) (Salmon Leap (USA)) [2001/2 F16g³ F16s* F16d² 20s^F F16s* 18v* 18v 16s⁵ 20d :: 2002/3 c20v* c16s* c24v* c24s* Feb 9] strong gelding: useful hurdler: has progressed remarkably over fences, unbeaten in 4 graded events, producing high-class effort to win 5-runner Grade 1 Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown in February by 4 lengths from Colonel Braxton: earlier successful in Morris Oil Chase at Clonmel, O'Connell Transport Hilly Way Chase at Cork and Grade 1 Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown (came from last to lead flat when winning impressively by 6 lengths from Colonel Braxton): likely to prove best at 2½m+ (will stay 3¼m): raced mainly on soft/heavy going (badly hampered only start over jumps on good to soft): held up, and has good turn of foot: likely to do even better still.

M. HOURIGAN, IRELAND

T. J. Murphy

*Yellow, emerald green seams, green cap (Mr B. J. Craig)***171 p**

c24s 166 + G1
c24v 163 + G1
c16s 138 + G3
c20v 142 + G2
h20d W
h16s 114 N

**2 BEHRAJAN (IRE)**

8 12-0

b. or br.g. Arazi (USA) – Behera (Mill Reef (USA)) [2001/2 23m³ c24g³ c26d² c25d* c24v² c26d^{pu} :: 2002/3 c24s⁶ c24v* c25s* Jan 25] big, angular gelding: very smart hurdler: top-class chaser: made virtually all to win cantorsport.co.uk Silver Cup (Handicap) at Ascot (found plenty for pressure to beat Exit To Wave a neck) in December and Grade 2 Pillar Property Chase at Cheltenham (by 14 lengths from Foly Pleasant) in January: stays 3¼m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: let down by jumping in 2002 Cheltenham Gold Cup (reportedly returned with active splint) and not convincing last time.

H. D. DALY

R. Johnson

*Yellow, purple and yellow striped sleeves (The Behrajan Partnership)***175**

c25s 175 G2
c24v 168 + 158
c24s 159W
c26d G1
c24v 173 + G1
c25d 173 + 153

**3 BEST MATE (IRE)**

8 12-0

b.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Katday (FR) (Miller's Mate) [2001/2 c17g* c19m² c24g² c26d* :: 2002/3 c20d* c24s* Dec 26] big, rangy gelding: usually takes the eye: smart hurdler: top-class chaser, successful on 7 of 9 starts over fences, most notably Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup last March by 1¾ lengths from Commanche Court and Pertemps King George VI Chase at Kempton in December by 1½ lengths from Marlborough, in latter leading after 6 out, strongly challenged last and keeping on gamely: successful on reappearance in Grade 2 McCallum Corporate Consulting Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon by 8 lengths from Douze Douze: stays 3¼m: yet to race on firm going, acts on any other: jumps well: genuine and consistent.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

J. Culloty

*Maroon and light blue stripes, light blue sleeves, hooped cap (Mr Jim Lewis)***180**

c24s 177 + G1
c20d 178 G2
c26d 180 G1
c24g 178 + G1
c19m 177 + 169
c17g 174 + 157

**4 CHIVES (IRE)**

8 12-0

b.g. Good Thyne (USA) – Chatty Actress (Le Bavard (FR)) [2001/2 c20g³ c24s* c24g^F c25s* c26s³ c24s³ :: 2002/3 c24d² c29v² c24g² Feb 8] well-made gelding: usually impresses in appearance: very smart chaser: second all starts this season, to Kingsmark in Grade 2 limited handicap at Haydock, Mini Sensation in Coral Welsh National (Handicap) at Chepstow (would have finished closer but for landing awkwardly last) and Valley Henry in Grade 2 at Newbury: stays 29f: acts on heavy going, bumper form on good to firm: reportedly bled from nose on 2001/2 reappearance: sound jumper nowadays: usually patiently ridden (much more handy at Newbury).

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

Richard Guest

*Emerald green and yellow (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Trevor Hemmings)***169**

c24g 157 + G2
c29v 161 + 147
c24d 155 + 143
c24s 155 G1
c26s 129 N
c25s 120 + N

BONUSPRINT STAYERS' HURDLE (Gr 1) (Cheltenham 3m)

1997	154	Karshi 7-11-10: 20/1	Miss H C Knight	<i>J Osborne</i>	17
1998	161	Princeful 7-11-10: 16/1	Mrs J Pitman	<i>R Farrant</i>	9
1999	162	Anzum 8-11-10: 40/1	D Nicholson	<i>R Johnson</i>	12
2000	161	Bacchanal 6-11-10: 11/2	N J Henderson	<i>M A Fitzgerald</i>	10
2001		Abandoned			
2002	164	Baracouda 7-11-10: 13/8	F Doumen (Fr)	<i>T Doumen</i>	16

**5 COLONEL BRAXTON (IRE)**

8 12-0

b.g. Buckskin (FR) – Light The Lamp (Miner's Lamp) [2001/2 c18bd c24d2 c20v* c24s5 :: 2002/3 20v4 c24v2 c17s* c24s2 Feb 9] well-made gelding: smart hurdler: backward when distant fourth in Grade 1 at Fairyhouse on reappearance: very smart chaser: twice good second to impressive Beef Or Salmon in Grade 1 events at Leopardstown, beaten 6 lengths in Ericsson Chase (gave 5 lb) in December and 4 lengths in Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup in February: won listed race at Fairyhouse in January by 2 lengths from Go Roger Go, jumping badly left: successful around 2m, will stay 3¼m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): races up with pace.

D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND
Dark blue (Mrs John Magnier)

N. Williamson

163

c24s 163 G1
c17s 150 + L
c24v 163 G1
h20v + G1
c24s 141 G1
c20v 146 + G3

**10 KEEN LEADER (IRE)**

7 12-0

b.g. Supreme Leader – Keen Gale (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2001/2 21v* 20v* 20v* 21sF :: 2002/3 c24dF c22d* c25d* c24s* c24g Mar 12] tall, angular, rather raw-boned gelding: has stringhalt: very smart novice hurdler in 2001/2: most impressive when winning novice chases at Haydock in November and Grade 2 events in February at Wetherby (Weatherbys Towton Novices' Chase) and Ascot (Amlin Reynoldstown Novices' Chase), jumped soundly and cruised clear in straight when beating Whereareyounow a distance): not fluent and beaten 3 out when disappointing favourite in Royal & SunAlliance Chase at Cheltenham last time: will stay 3¼m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): strong-running sort.

*JONJO O'NEILL**Maroon, grey disc and armlets, quartered cap (Mrs Stewart Catherwood)*

L. Cooper

163 p

c24g G1
c24s 163 + G2
c25d 158 + G2
c22d 145 + N
c24d N
h21s 153 + G1

**6 COMMANCHE COURT (IRE)**

10 12-0

ch.g. Commanche Run – Sorceress (FR) (Fabulous Dancer (USA)) [2001/2 c29m5 20d5 c24s3 c26d 20v2 c16v4 c26d2 c29dpu :: 2002/3 c16s3 c20d* Feb 16] lengthy, good sort: very smart hurdler at best: top-class chaser: 25/1, excelled himself when 1¾ lengths second to Best Mate in Cheltenham Gold Cup in 2001/2, leading when hitting 2 out then staying on gamely: well below form over inadequate trips this season, though won very weak 4-runner handicap at Navan by ½ length from Kings Valley: best at 3m+ on good going or softer (acts on heavy): usually held up: usually sound jumper.

T. M. WALSH, IRELAND

White, dark blue hoop, white sleeves, dark blue armlets, white cap, dark blue star (Mr D. F. Desmond)

R. Walsh

178 ?

c20d 151 + G4
c16s 141 G3
c29d 164
c26d 178 G1
c16v 144 G2
h20v 147 + W

**11 MARLBOROUGH (IRE)**

11 12-0

br.g. Strong Gale – Wrekenogan (Tarqogan) [2001/2 c24d3 c26d4 c36mF c33m :: 2002/3 c25d* c26g c24s2 c24gF Feb 8] strong gelding: top-class chaser: fourth to Best Mate in 2002 Cheltenham Gold Cup: won Peterhouse Group Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby in November by 2 lengths from Hussard Collonges, leading last and idling: excellent 1½ lengths second to Best Mate in King George VI Chase at Kempton in December, challenging when mistake last: fell last (running below form) in Grade 2 at Newbury won by Valley Henry next time: stays 3¼m (has twice weakened markedly closing stages over 33f): acts on good to firm and heavy going: best held up.

*N. J. HENDERSON**Mauve and pink check, white sleeves (Sir Robert Ogden)*

M. A. Fitzgerald

176

c24g 164 + G2
c24s 176 G1
c26g 159 159
c25d 157 + G2
c33m 160
c36m 158

**7 FIRST GOLD (FR)**

10 12-0

b.g. Shafoun (FR) – Nuit d'Or II (FR) (Pot d'Or (FR)) [2001/2 c29d5 24s3 c24g4 :: 2002/3 c20s3 c24v c25d3 Feb 15] tall gelding: lightly-raced hurdler: top-class chaser, won 2000 King George VI Chase: missed second half of 2001/2 due to injury: not at best on return though has had excuses (reportedly had mucus in lungs penultimate start), looked in need of race when 10 lengths third of 5 to See More Business in listed event at Wincanton on latest: stays 29f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): usually jumps well.

*F. DOUMEN, FRANCE**Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr J. P. McManus)*

T. Doumen

161 +

c25d 160 + L
c24v G1
c24g 161 + G1
c24s 151 G1
h24s 155 + G2
c29d 162 + G1

**12 MODULOR (FR)**

11 12-0

ch.g. Less Ice – Chaumontaise (FR) (Armos) [2001/2 18d 20s 19g5 c19s4 c21f* c18g* c19g4 c17g2 c19g* c18gF :: 2002/3 c18d c21d c21d4 c23d6 c21gpu c18v2 c19v2 c17s4 c19s5 Dec 28] fairly useful hurdler: useful chaser: in frame in handicaps and claimer at Cagnes-sur-Mer 3 starts prior to latest: has left Y. Fertillet: stays 21f: probably acts on any going: usually blinkered of late: held up.

*M. C. PIPE**Red, white star, black and red striped sleeves, white cap, black star (Mr F. G. Wilson)*

R. Greene

?

h20s C
h18d C

**8 HARBOUR PILOT (IRE)**

8 12-0

(blinkers)

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Las-Cancellas (Monksfield) [2001/2 c22v* c20d* c24d6 c21v* c24su c20d2 :: 2002/3 c26g3 c24v3 c24s3 Feb 9] rangy gelding: very smart chaser: improved form when third to impressive Beef Or Salmon in Grade 1 events at Leopardstown last 2 starts, making much of running when beaten just over 4 lengths in 5-runner Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup on latest (blinkered): will stay beyond 3¼m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): prone to the odd mistake.

*N. MEADE, IRELAND**Red, black sash, red cap, black spots (Kays Syndicate)*

P. Carberry

163

c24s 163 G1
c24v 163 G1
c26g 152 + 139
c20d 137 G1
c24s G1
c21v 155 G1

**13 SEE MORE BUSINESS (IRE)**

13 12-0

(blinkers)

b.g. Seymour Hicks (FR) – Miss Redlands (Dubassoff (USA)) [2001/2 c24dF c29dpu c25g* c26d3 c25m5 :: 2002/3 c24s2 c26s* c25d* Feb 15] leggy, lengthy gelding: high-class chaser nowadays, won 1999 Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup and third to Best Mate in 2002 renewal: made virtually all when winning John Hughes Rehearsal Chase (Limited Handicap) at Chepstow (for third time, by 7 lengths from Bindaree) in December and listed contest at Wincanton (second win in race, jumped well and kept on strongly to beat Iris Bleu 9 lengths) in February: stays 3¼m: acts on soft and good to firm going (soundly beaten both starts on heavy): blinkered: usually races prominently nowadays.

*P. F. NICHOLLS**Dark green, white chevron, light green sleeves, dark green and white check cap (Mr Paul K. Barber & Sir Robert Ogden)*

J. Tizzard

171

c25d 168 L
c26s 169 162
c24s 147 + G1
c25m 137 G2
c26d 171 G1
c25g 167 L

**9 HUSSARD COLLONGES (FR)**

8 12-0

b.g. Video Rock (FR) – Ariane Collonges (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2001/2 c24s2 c20d* c20sF c24d2 c24s* :: 2002/3 c25d2 c26g5 c24d2 Jan 18] useful-looking gelding: impresses in appearance: high-class chaser: won Royal & SunAlliance Chase at Cheltenham in 2001/2: further progress on return, second to Marlborough in Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby, fifth to Be My Royal in Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup (Handicap) at Newbury and second to Trickers Tavern in Peter Marsh Chase (Handicap) at Haydock: will stay beyond 3¼m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): fine jumper: front runner/races prominently: genuine: probably hasn't finished improving.

*P. BEAUMONT**Dark blue, lilac sleeves, lilac and white quartered cap (Mr N. W. A. Bannister)*

R. Garritty

176 p

c24d 171 + 155
c26g 165 154
c25d 160 + G2
c24s 160 G1
c24d 142 + 125
c20s + G2

**14 TRUCKERS TAVERN (IRE)**

8 12-0

(tongue strap)

ch.g. Phardante (FR) – Sweet Tulip (Beau Chapeau) [2001/2 c16s* c16s* c16v* c21v2 c16g4 c20d6 :: 2002/3 c25v3 c24vF c24d* c24g3 Feb 8] big, well-made gelding: won only start over hurdles: smart chaser: better than ever last 2 starts, winning Bet Direct Peter Marsh Chase (Handicap) at Haydock in January by 2½ lengths from Hussard Collonges, pulling clear with runner-up after 2 out, and third of 5 finishers to Valley Henry in Grade 2 at Newbury: will stay 3¼m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tongue tied first and last 3 starts: effective held up or ridden from front: may yet be capable of better.

*FERDY MURPHY**Light blue and yellow (halved), sleeves reversed, striped cap (Mrs M. B. Scholey)*

D. N. Russell

163 +

c25d 157 + G2
c24d 158 + 140
c24v 140
c25v 149 + 138
c26d 140
c16g 151 + G1

**15 VALLEY HENRY (IRE)**

8 12-0

b.g. Step Together (USA) – Pineway VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2001/2 c19m* c24g* c24g^F c20d^{ur} c19d² c24s^F c25g* c20m* :: 2002/3 c21m* c24s* c25s⁴ c24g* Feb 8] rangy gelding: very smart chaser: best effort when winning AON Chase at Newbury by 2½ lengths from Chives, wandering run-in after travelling smoothly much of way and jumping more fluently than usual: landed odds first 2 starts, in handicap at Wincanton (Grade 2, beat Upgrade 7 lengths) in October and intermediate at Sandown (simple task) in December: favourite, ran no sort of race in Grade 2 at Cheltenham third start: will probably stay 3¼m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

P. F. NICHOLLS

B. J. Geraghty

Dark green, white chevron, light green sleeves, white cap (Mr Paul K. Barber)

171

c24g 165 + G2
c25s G2
c24s 148 + W
c21m 160 + 151
c20m 156 + G2
c25g 82 + N

**16 YOU'RE AGOODUN**

11 12-0

(visor)

ch.g. Derrylin – Jennie Pat (Rymer) [2001/2 c24g* c27m⁴ c24g³ c29d⁵ c24g⁴ c36m c29m^{pu} :: 2002/3 c24d* c24s^{pu} c28d² Mar 1] medium-sized gelding: useful handicap chaser: won at Ascot in November (for second year running), beating Infrasonique 4 lengths: 40/1, excellent effort when ¾-length second of 17 to Shotgun Willy in valuable event at Haydock last time, travelling easily to lead 3 out but jumping right at last 2 fences and caught close home: stays 3½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: visored/blinkered: often let down by jumping, badly so on penultimate start.

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

Red and emerald green diablo, emerald green sleeves and cap (Mr J. S. Lammiman)

153 X

c28d 153 141
c24s 143
c24d 149 136
c29m 140
c36m 113 140
c24g 148 140

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**1 BACKSHEESH (IRE)**

8 12-0

(tongue strap)

b.g. Bob Back (USA) – Kottna (USA) (Lyphard (USA)) [2001/2 c17f c21d³ c25g⁴ c25d* Mar 16 :: 2002/3 NR] tall gelding: bumper winner: modest maiden hurdler: fair chaser: won 2-finisher hunter at Market Rasen in 2002: won point Mar 2: stays 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going: tongue tied.

G. TUER

Mr G. Tuer

Dark green, yellow braces, striped sleeves and striped cap (Mr G. Tuer)

117 +

c25d 117 + WA
c25g 91 N
c21d 82 + N
c17f W

**2 BRIGHT APPROACH (IRE)**

10 12-0

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Dysart Lady (King's Ride) [2001/2 c23m* c24g⁴ c33m* c28m^{pu} c23f⁶ c26g⁶ :: 2002/3 c33g* c31m² c27g* Feb 27] smallish gelding: fairly useful hunter chaser: won at Cheltenham (second successive win in race, by head from Barryscourt Lad) in May and Ludlow (led 4 out and kept on well to beat Devonshire 8 lengths) in February: also won point in January: suited by thorough test of stamina: acts on good to firm going.

MRS O. BUSH

Miss P. Gundry

Light blue, royal blue sash, sleeves and cap (Mr J. H. Burbidge)

121

c27g 119 + WA
c31m 107 + WA
c33g 121 WA
c26g 101 WA
c23f 94 100
c28m NA

**3 COUNTY DERRY**

10 12-0

b.g. Derrylin – Colonial Princess (Roscoe Blake) [2001/2 c28m* c33m⁴ c26d⁵ c22d² c23g³ :: 2002/3 c25d* c28m⁴ c26v^{F2} Feb 4] strong gelding: smart hunter chaser: won quite valuable event at Towcester in May: won points in January/February: staying on in second when falling last (remounted) in race won by Earthmover at Chepstow in between: best at 3¼m+: acts on good to firm and heavy going: sometimes makes mistakes.

J. SCOTT

Mr N. Harris

Emerald green, light blue cross belts, striped sleeves (Mr G. T. Lever)

136

c26v 136 WA
c28m 95 WA
c25d 128 + WA
c26g 109 + WA
c22d 116 WA
c26d 124? WA

**4 DORANS PRIDE (IRE)**

14 12-0

ch.g. Orchestra – Marians Pride (Pry) [2001/2 20d⁴ c29m :: 2002/3 c24s² Feb 9] leggy gelding: former top-class hurdler/chaser: won 3 points prior to showing fairly useful form when 10 lengths second of 4 finishers to Sheltering in hunter chase at Leopardstown (tended to jump low) last time: stays 3¼m: unraced on firm going, acts on any other: thoroughly game and genuine: a credit to connections.

M. HOURIGAN, IRELAND

Mr R. O. Harding

Emerald green, red stars, emerald green cap, red star (Mr T. J. Doran)

136

c24s 135 W
c29m 136 147
h20d 136 + W

**5 EARTHMOVER (IRE)**

12 12-0

ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Clare's Crystal (Tekoah) [2001/2 c24m* c27m³ c25g⁴ c26d² c24g^{pu} c21m³ :: 2002/3 c24d^{pu} c25d* c26v* Feb 4] rangy gelding: smart handicap chaser in 2001/2: formerly high-class hunter chaser (won 1998 Christie's Foxhunter at Cheltenham), and made all at Wetherby and Chepstow (fifth course success) within 4 days last 2 starts, left well clear when County Derry fell last on latter course: best at 3m+: acts on any going: lame on reappearance: usually races up with pace: has been prone to mistakes (early casualty in 2 Grand Nationals): game.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Mr Christian Williams

Yellow, brown disc, striped sleeves, hooped cap (Mr R. M. Penny)

145

c26v 135 + WA
c25d 145 WA
c24d 145
c21m G2
c24g 149
c26d 153 145

**6 FAIR WIND (IRE)**

11 12-0

(blinkers)

b.g. Strong Gale – Corcomroe (Busted) [2001/2 c33m^{pu} c26v* c26d⁶ c26g⁴ :: 2002/3 c26g² c26v^{pu} c24s^R Feb 28] workmanlike gelding: useful hunter chaser: won at Warwick in 2002: lacklustre efforts both starts in hunters this year (below-par third in point in between): stays 3¼m: acts on heavy going: usually held up: blinkered first time.

MRS H. BARTLETT

Mr M. G. Miller

White, maroon diamond, diablo on sleeves, quartered cap (Mrs H. Bartlett)

?

c24s WA
c26v WA
c26g 120 WA
c26g 109 WA
c26d 120 WA
c26v 120 WA

TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Gr 1) (Cheltenham 3m2½f)

1997	169	Mr Mulligan 9-12-0: 20/1	N T Chance	A P McCoy	14
1998	173	Cool Dawn 10-12-0: 25/1	R H Alner	A Thornton	17
1999	173	See More Business 9-12-0: 16/1	P F Nicholls	M A Fitzgerald	12
2000	176	Looks Like Trouble 8-12-0: 9/2	N T Chance	R Johnson	12
2001		Abandoned			
2002	173	Best Mate 7-12-0: 7/1	Miss H C Knight	J Culloty	18



7 FALSE TAIL (IRE) 11 12-0 ?
 b.g. Roselier (FR) – Its Good Ere (Import) [2001/2 NR :: 2002/3 c25spu Jan 18] sturdy gelding: winning pointer/winning hunter chaser: sold out of P. Nicholls' stable only 2,000 gns Doncaster May (2000) Sales after disappointing both starts in 1999/00: successful 4 times in Irish points since, including in October and November: pulled up in hunter won by Sheltering at Punchestown latest start.
 J. J. LAMBE, IRELAND Mr D. W. Cullen
 Yellow, purple spots, quartered cap (Mr Mike Futter)



8 FAMILY BUSINESS (IRE) 7 12-0 (visor) **113 X**
 ch.g. Over The River (FR) – Morego (Way Up North) [2001/2 21m⁴ c23g* c24dF² c24vF* c24d² c32s c22g³ :: 2002/3 c24m⁴ c25d² c24s³ c24sF Mar 7] lengthy gelding: fairly useful pointer, successful twice in 2003: fair chaser: creditable placed efforts in hunter at Wincanton and amateur event at Sandown in February: fell fourth following month: likely to prove better around 3m than shorter (seemed not to stay 4m): acts on soft and good to firm going, probably heavy: has worn near-side pricker: sometimes let down by jumping: visored first time.
 D. PIPE Mr L. Jefford
 Dark green, yellow triple diamond (Mrs Caroline Donnan & Mr P. J. Finn)



9 GALWAY (IRE) 10 12-0 ?
 b.g. Jurado (USA) – Solanum (Green Shoon) [2001/2 c21m Jun 1 :: 2002/3 NR] lengthy gelding: useful hunter chaser in 2001, won at Musselburgh (beat Trade Dispute 2 lengths, rated c113), not seen out after running poorly over unsuitable trip at Stratford that summer: should stay beyond 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: often forces pace.
 MRS MARILYN SCUDAMORE Mr R. Burton
 Red and yellow stripes, yellow sleeves, red armlets, red cap (The "Yes" - "No" - "Wait"....Sorries)



10 GAROLO (FR) 13 12-0 (blinkers) **108 X**
 b.g. Garde Royale – Valgoya (FR) (Valdingran (FR)) [2001/2 22dpu c25s* c22d⁵ Mar 30 :: 2002/3 NR] strong, close-coupled gelding: one-time fair handicap hurdler: fairly useful pointer, successful twice in 2003, latest Mar 8: less than convincing when landing odds in 3-runner hunter at Towcester in 2002 (idled in straight), again jumped very hesitantly at times when well held there later in month: stays 25f: acts on soft going: sometimes blinkered: has had tongue tied.
 MRS F. BROWNE Miss S. Samworth
 Maroon, white star, stars on sleeves, white cap, maroon star (Miss S. L. Samworth)



11 JABIRU (IRE) 10 12-0 **122**
 b. or br.g. Lafontaine (USA) – Country Glen (Furry Glen) [2001/2 c23m* :: 2002/3 c21g² c26g* c28m² c24s³ Feb 27] good-topped gelding: useful pointer/hunter chaser: won hunter at Newton Abbot in May: walked over in point in February, respectable second later in month: well below form when 3 lengths third of 12 to Track O'Profit in hunter at Taunton last time, none too fluent and tending to hang left: stays 3 1/2m: best efforts on good/good to firm ground.
 MRS K. M. SANDERSON Mr R. Woollacott
 Orange, black hoop, orange and black hooped sleeves, white cap (Mrs K. M. Sanderson)



12 KINGSCLIFF (IRE) 6 12-0 **129 P**
 b.g. Toulon – Pixies Glen (Furry Glen) [2001/2 NR :: 2002/3 c25d* Feb 6] big, rangy gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to fairly useful bumper winner Mister Felix (by Ore): dam, well beaten in bumpers in Ireland, half-sister to useful staying chaser Fighting Words: unbeaten in 3 points, including Feb 16: most impressive start to hunter chase career when winning 4-finisher event at Wincanton by 30 lengths from Family Business, tending to jump left but galloping on strongly: sure to improve considerably.
 MRS S. ALNER Mr R. Young
 Purple, white hoop, white sleeves, purple armlets, emerald green cap (Mr A. J. Sendell)



13 LAST OPTION 11 12-0
 br.g. Primitive Rising (USA) – Saint Motunde (Tyrant (USA)) [2001/2 c26m⁴ c24d³ c26d* c21g^{ur} c33m⁶ :: 2002/3 c24g⁴ c28m³ c25d³ c22d³ c24g² Feb 12] good-bodied gelding: smart hunter chaser, won Christie's Foxhunter Chase at Cheltenham in 2002 by 1/2 length from Gunner Welburn: bit below best all 3 starts on return from 8-month absence, though insufficient test of stamina on last 2 (odds on, 3 lengths second of 6 to Coole Abbey at Musselburgh last time) and probably retains his ability: suited by 3 1/4m+: acts on good to firm and heavy going: reportedly finished lame second start this term: takes good hold.
 R. TATE Mrs F. Needham
 Gold, maroon hoops, gold sleeves (Mr R. Tate)



14 MR DOW JONES (IRE) 11 12-0 **126**
 b.g. The Bart (USA) – Roseowen (Derring Rose) [2001/2 c25m³ c24g³ c21m c28m c25s* c25g* c20s⁴ c24g³ c26g* :: 2002/3 c25fpu c22d⁵ c26d³ c24s² Feb 28] medium-sized gelding: useful hunter chaser: creditable placed efforts last 2 starts, second of 3 finishers to Quetal at Newbury on latest: stays 3 1/4m: acts on heavy going: generally none too fluent.
 K. GOLDSWORTHY Mr G. Barber
 Beige, red seams, emerald green sleeves, red seams, red cap (Mrs L. A. Goldsworthy)



15 MR SMUDGE 11 12-0 **103**
 ch.g. Fearless Action (USA) – American County (American (USA)) [2001/2 c30mpu c25m* :: 2002/3 c25g² c25d⁵ c24spu Mar 7] workmanlike gelding: fair pointer, successful in February: took little interest back in hunter last time: stays 25f: acts on good to firm going: none too consistent.
 MRS F. J. MARRIOTT Mr Andrew Martin
 Yellow, black triangle, green and yellow quartered cap (Mr C. Marriott)



16 NAHTHEN LAD (IRE) 14 12-0 (visor) **97**
 b.g. Good Thyne (USA) – Current Call (Electrify) [2001/2 c25spu c31s³ c26g² c21g :: 2002/3 c25dpu Feb 10] tall gelding: one-time useful chaser: only fair pointer/hunter nowadays, paid price for trying to race with early leaders when pulled up at Hereford last time: best sort of 3 1/2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually blinkered, visored final 2002 outing: often races lazily: inconsistent.
 J. A. DANAHAR Miss V. Sturgis
 Yellow, royal blue star, white sleeves and cap (Mr J. A. Danahar)



17 OUR BOY (IRE) 8 12-0 (tongue strap) **106**
 b.g. Convinced – Miss Polymer (Doulab (USA)) [2001/2 c24s³ c25g² c24g* c25g³ c24spu c21g c25gF Apr 24 :: 2002/3 NR] good-topped gelding: twice raced over hurdles: fair hunter chaser, won at Navan in 2001 (trained by F. Flood): appeared to run above himself when seventh of 30 to Torduff Express in Fox Hunters at Aintree in 2002, though never dangerous (possibly flattered): won point Feb 1: stays 25f: raced on good going or softer: tongue tied.
 J. G. CROMWELL, IRELAND Mr B. R. Hamilton
 Red, yellow spots, red sleeves, yellow cap (Mr Denis J. Reddan)



18 QUETAL (IRE) 10 12-0 **133 +**
 ch.g. Buckskin (FR) – Cantafleur (Cantab) [2001/2 c26g* c25m* :: 2002/3 c24s* Feb 28] rather sparely-made gelding: maiden hurdler: unbeaten in hunter chases, none too fluent but leading eleventh and galloping on well when beating Mr Dow Jones 9 lengths in 3-finisher event at Newbury on reappearance: will stay beyond 3 1/4m: acts on good to firm going, probably on heavy: may do better still.
 MRS LAURA J. YOUNG Mr James Young
 Dark green and white (quartered), diablo on sleeves, white cap (Miss K. J. Kitching)



19 SHELTERING (IRE) 11 12-0 **143**
 b.g. Strong Gale – Lady Brenda (IRE) (Crash Course) [2001/2 c29m³ c25v* c24v² c26dur c21g⁴ c25g* :: 2002/3 c25s* c24s* Feb 9] lengthy, good sort: has had several wind operations, including one after 2001/2: high-class hunter chaser: successful both starts this season, at Punchestown (second successive victory in race) in January and Leopardstown in February: looking very well, made all by 10 lengths from Dorans Pride in 4-finisher event at latter course: stays 29f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: has had tongue tied: usually jumps boldly up with pace.
 E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND Mr Gordon Elliott
 Maroon, grey "c", grey hoop on sleeves, quartered cap (Mrs Stewart Catherwood)



20 SPOT THE DIFFERENCE (IRE) 10 12-0
 b.g. Lafontaine (USA) – Spotted Choice (IRE) (Callernish) [2001/2 c24m³ c25g* c24g* c25g* c23g² 22s⁶ c36m^{ur} c25gp^u Apr 25 :: 2002/3 NR] tall, useful-looking gelding; fairly useful chaser: won hunter at Kilbeggan in and handicaps at Roscommon and Kilbeggan in early-2001/2: running respectably when hampered and unseating 4 out in Grand National at Aintree seventh start: won point Mar 2: probably stays 4m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy): ran well only run in blinkers.
 ENDA BOLGER, IRELAND Mr J. T. McNamara
 Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr J. P. McManus)

136
c25g [*] 130
c36m ^{ur} 132
h22s ⁷ N
c23g [*] 136 124
c25g [*] 130 111
c24g [*] 121 104



21 STORM CASTLE (IRE) 11 12-0
 b.g. Carlingford Castle – Strong Rum (Strong Gale) [2001/2 c26s² :: 2002/3 c25f* c26m² c28m⁶ Jun 1] sturdy gelding; winning hurdler: fair pointer, successful in February, runner-up next time (Feb 22): similar form when runner-up first 3 starts in hunter chases (later awarded race at Exeter in May on technical grounds), well beaten in valuable contest at Stratford in June: stays 3¼m: acts on soft and firm going.
 MISS J. WICKENS Mr J. Wickens
 Pink, black seams, armlets and cap (Mr Noel Cronin)

100
c28m 81 WA
c26m 95 + NA
c25f 95 WA
c26s ² 100 WA



22 VIADUCT (IRE) 7 12-0 (tongue strap)
 b.g. Archway (IRE) – Decent Essence (Decent Fellow) [2001/2 20d 16m 16m c24d⁴ c25g³ :: 2002/3 c28g² c24s³ c24v³ c25s⁴ Feb 22] strong gelding; winning pointer: fair hunter chaser: blinkered, well held last time: stays 3½m: best efforts on good ground: tongue tied.
 I. KINGSTON, IRELAND Mr P. Cashman
 Pink, yellow diamond, black cap (Mr I. Kingston)

93
c25s W
c24v 93 W
c24s 93 W
c28g 102 NA
c25g [*] 106 + W
c24d ⁴ 96 W



23 ARAMINTA 9 11-9
 ch.m. Carlingford Castle – Abinovian (Ra Nova) [2001/2 20g* 20m⁶ 20g⁶ 24s³ 20v⁴ 20v⁴ 20d 21g⁵ Apr 3 :: 2002/3 NR] sparsely-made mare: fair pointer, successful twice in February: failed to complete both starts in steeplechases: poor hurdler, won novice at Fakenham in 2001/2: stays 3m: acts on heavy going.
 MRS L. POMFRET Mr M. Mackley
 Royal blue, white triple diamond, striped sleeves (Mrs A. J. Higgins)

103
h21g [*] 78 83A
h20d ¹ 85
h20v ⁷ N
h20v ⁷ 86 N
h24s ⁴ 86 + N
h20g [*] 86 83



24 POLARIS FLAME (IRE) 10 11-9
 b.m. Mandalus – Polar Crash (Crash Course) [2001/2 c25g* c25v^F c24v³ c25s³ c25d² c20d³ :: 2002/3 c25s* c25s³ c24s c25s² Feb 22] compact mare: fairly useful hunter chaser on her day, won at Kilbeggan in May by length from The Whipper: below that form in 2003 (won 2-runner point Feb 16), now rated on 3½ lengths second of 14 to What Odds at Fairyhouse latest start: stays 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going.
 MRS DENISE FOSTER, IRELAND Mr P. Buchanan
 White, scarlet sash, white cap, scarlet hoop (Mrs M. E. Foster)

102
c25s 102 W
c24s 98 WA
c25s W
c25s 115 91
c20d ³ 95 W
c25d ² 115 W

CHRISTIE'S FOXHUNTER CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (Cheltenham 3m2½f)

1997	136	Fantus 10-12-0: 10/1	R Barber	Mr T Mitchell	18
1998	140	Earthmover 7-12-0: 3/1	R Barber	Mr J Tizzard	11
1999	148	Castle Mane 7-12-0: 9/2	Mrs C Bailey	Mr B Pollock	24
2000	135	Cavalero 11-12-0: 16/1	H J Manners	Mr A Charles-Jones	24
2001		Abandoned			
2002	126	Last Option 10-12-0: 20/1	R Tate	Mrs F Needham	20

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1 ESKLEYBROOK 10 11-10
 b.g. Arzanni – Crystal Run VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2001/2 19s⁴ c21v^F c17d³ c16d c21g^{ur} c16g⁶ :: 2002/3 c16s* c16m* Feb 21] tall gelding: smart handicap chaser: largely disappointing in 2001/2 (reluctant to race refitted with blinkers final start) then left N. Twiston-Davies: amateur ridden and back to best to win both outings this season: 50/1, rallied to beat Tutchev by 2 lengths at Sandown, then 3 weeks later (when rider unable to claim) again showed plenty of determination to beat Turgeonev by 1¼ lengths in 5-runner minor event: best around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: seems best making running/racing prominently.
 V. Y. GETHIN Mr D. Mansell (7)
 Dark blue, red diamond, armlets and diamond on cap (Mr V. Y. Gethin)

157
c16m 156 W
c16s 157? 148
c16g [*] 124 132
c21g 132
c16d ¹ 130 135
c17d ¹ 150 C2



2 DARK'N SHARP (GER) 8 11-2
 b.g. Sharpo – Daytona Beach (GER) (Königsstuhl (GER)) [2001/2 c16d^F c16d² c16d³ c16m* c16m* :: 2002/3 16d³ c16v^F c16g³ Jan 18] sturdy gelding: winning hurdler, good third to Rooster Booster in listed handicap at Cheltenham on reappearance: smart novice chaser in 2001/2, successful twice, notably valuable handicap at Aintree by 9 lengths from Lord York: creditable third of 9 to Young Devereaux in Grade 2 handicap at Kempton last time: raced around 2m (will probably stay further): acts on soft and good to firm going.
 R. T. PHILLIPS R. Johnson
 Royal blue, emerald green hollow box and sleeves (Ascot Five Plus One)

164
c16g 164 148
c16v 148
h16d 148 + 129
c16m ¹ 128 + N
c16m ¹ 162 133
c16d ¹ 154 131



3 TURGEONEV (FR) 8 11-1
 gr.g. Turgeon (USA) – County Kerry (FR) (Comrade In Arms) [2001/2 c16g⁴ c16g* c16d* c16d* c16g* c21v^{pu} c16s c16m^{ur} c16m² :: 2002/3 c20d³ c20d c16s² c16g^{ur} c16d⁶ c16m² Feb 21] tall gelding: smart handicap chaser: massively improved in 2001/2 and won 4 races, notably Grade 2 events at Wetherby and Ascot: best efforts this season when placed, beaten 1¼ lengths by Eskleybrook in 5-runner minor event at Kempton latest outing: best around 2m: acts on any going: usually sound jumper: usually held up nowadays.
 T. D. EASTERBY R. Garrity
 Black and orange check, black sleeves, orange armlets, black cap (Mr D. F. Sills)

164
c16m 164 W
c16d 158 146
c16g 146
c16s 164 146
c20d 149 148
c20d 164 148



4 EXIT SWINGER (FR) 8 11-0
 b.g. Exit To Nowhere (USA) – Morgarella (FR) (D'Arras (FR)) [2001/2 c20m³ c17d* 16g⁶ c16g⁴ c16d² c21m :: 2002/3 c20d^{ur} c21d c21v⁴ Jan 1] angular gelding: fairly useful hurdler: smart handicap chaser: won at Newbury and good placed efforts in Thomas Pink Gold Cup (for second year running) and Grand Annual at Cheltenham in 2001/2: shaped better than previously this season when respectable fourth to Ballinclair King at Cheltenham latest start, ridden closer to pace than usual: stays 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually held up.
 M. C. PIPE R. Greene
 Red, yellow diamond and sleeves, yellow cap, red diamond (Sandicroft Stud I)

165
c21v 165 146
c21d 150
c20d + 150
c21m ¹ G1
c16d ¹ 173 145
c16g [*] 162 145



5 GOT ONE TOO (FR) 6 10-11 (inc 3lb ex)
 ch.g. Green Tune (USA) – Gloria Mundi (FR) (Saint Cyrien (FR)) [2001/2 17d* 19g* 16s* 16g⁵ 16d* 16d⁴ 16g :: 2002/3 c16g* c16s² c16d^{ur} c18s* Mar 1] angular gelding: useful hurdler: useful novice chaser: won at Leicester in November (made all) and Newbury in March, latter 3-finisher event easily by 16 lengths from Canadiane: held in second when unseating last in race won by Azertyuiop at Wincanton penultimate start: stays 19f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually races up with pace/jumps soundly.
 N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
 Light blue, white cross belts, red cap (Sir Eric Parker & Mary Anne Parker)

153 +
c18s 152 N
c16d 153 + N
c16s 145 + N
c16g 148 + N
h16g 146 G1
h16d ¹ 157 133

**6 BLEU SUPERBE (FR)**

8 10-9

b.g. Epervier Bleu – Brett's Dream (FR) (Pharly (FR)) [2001/2 c16g^F c16g³ c20g^{pu} :: 2002/3 c16g* c16g* c20d^{pu} c20g^{pu} c17g* c16d* c16s^{pu} Feb 1] rather sparsely-made gelding; useful handicap chaser: successful on all 4 completed starts (saddle slipped when pulled up on fourth) this season, at Aintree and Towcester in May, Newbury in November and Doncaster (by 1¾ lengths from Abalvino) in January; possibly hadn't recovered from Doncaster race when running poorly week later: ideally suited by 2m with emphasis on speed nowadays: acts on good to firm and heavy going: front runner/races prominently: improved jumper this season.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

Mr A. O'Keeffe (5)

Dark blue, yellow cross belts, collar and cuffs, striped cap (Mr P. A. Deal)

162

c16s	138
c16d	132
c17g	126
c20g	126
c20d	128
c16g	150 + 124

**7 NATIVE SCOUT (IRE)**

7 10-8

(tongue strap)

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Carmels Castle (Deep Run) [2001/2 F17g* 16g³ 18s 16v* 16d* 18d² 16s* 16s² 16g⁶ 16d⁴ :: 2002/3 c16s* c16v^F c20v^{pu} c16v* c17s² Jan 26] close-coupled gelding; developed into a useful novice hurdler in 2001/2: successful over fences in maiden at Wexford in October and 6-runner novice at Uttoxeter in December: possibly fortunate at latter course, left well clear when No Need For Alarm fell 2 out: good length second of 8, rallying splendidly, to Bust Out in Grade 1 novice at Leopardstown latest start: raced mainly around 2m (worth another try over further) on good going or softer (acts on heavy): usually tongue tied: consistent.

D. HASSETT, IRELAND

B. J. Geraghty

Royal blue, white stripe and armllets, hooped cap (Mr Mark F. Sheasby)

157

c17s	153	G1
c16v	157	N
c20v	+	G1
c16v	+	G3
c16s	143 + W	
h16d'	163	G1

**8 FADOUAL DU COCHET (FR)**

10 10-8

b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Eau de Vie (FR) (Dhaudevi (FR)) [2001/2 c16d³ c16s² 16s* c16d* c16d³ c16d³ :: 2002/3 c16s³ c16s³ c16g c16d² Feb 23] well-made gelding; useful hurdler/chaser: won 2002 Grand Annual Chase (Handicap) at Cheltenham: out of sorts over fences this season prior to good ½-length second of 8 to Arctic Copper in Grade 2 at Naas last time: raced mainly around 2m, only on good going or softer (acts on heavy): genuine.

A. L. T. MOORE, IRELAND

D. J. Casey

Black and white hoops, emerald green cap, white star (Sir Anthony O'Reilly)

167 +

c16d	167 +	G2
c16g	141	
c16s	138	G3
c16s	142	G3
c16d	157	G1
c16d'	166	136

**9 VOL SOLITAIRE (FR)**

5 10-8 (inc 3lb ex)

b.g. Loup Solitaire (USA) – Vol Sauvage (FR) (Always Fair (USA)) [2001/2 15v³ 15d² 17d⁴ 18s³ 16s* 16d⁵ 17v* 16s³ 17d 16d* 16m² 16m⁵ :: 2002/3 c17s* c16g^F c16d* c16d² c16s* c17d* Mar 1] good-topped gelding: one of the leading juvenile hurdlers of 2001/2, successful 3 times: useful novice chaser: successful in small fields at Bangor in October, Warwick (4-y-o event, by 3½ lengths from Palarshan) in November, Cheltenham in December and Kelso (beat Byron Lamb 6 lengths) in March: should stay 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: front runner: likely to prove ideally suited by left-handed track: sound jumper.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

Orange, black epaulets, orange and black hooped sleeves (Mr B. C. Marshall)

157

c17d	152 + N
c16s	140 + N
c16d	146 + N
c16d	155 + N
c16g	149 + N
c17s	129 + N

**10 GOLDEN ALPHA (IRE)**

9 10-6

b.g. Alphabatim (USA) – Gina's Love (Golden Love) [2001/2 16d* 16g³ 16d* 21s 16m⁶ 20m⁴ :: 2002/3 c16f* c16s* c16g* c16g* c16d² c16d^{ur} c16s² c16g² Jan 18] well-made gelding: fairly useful hurdler: made good start to chasing career, very easy winner of novices at Warwick, Newton Abbot (2) and Wolverhampton between May and July: running well (still 3 lengths up) when unseating 2 out in handicap won by Kadaranan at Cheltenham in December, but below best both starts since: best form around 2m: acts on firm and soft going (bumper winner on heavy): front runner: has found little/looked less than when over hurdles (visored last 3 outings in 2001/2).

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)

165

c16g	152	N
c16s	143 + N	
c16d	165 + 130	
c16d	160 + G2	
c16g	130 + N	
c16g	135 + N	

**11 WAVE ROCK**

8 10-2

(blinkers)

br.g. Tragic Role (USA) – Mooncape (Ribero) [2001/2 18s⁶ c16g⁵ c16g² c16d³ c16d⁵ c16g⁵ c20m² :: 2002/3 19d* 20g² c21m⁵ c20d³ c21d c20g^{pu} c16s⁴ Feb 1] neat gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler, won at Hereford in May: useful handicap chaser: creditable third to Cyfor Malta in Thomas Pink at Cheltenham in November: below that form since, though not discredited when fourth of 7 to Eskleybrook at Sandown last time: stays 2½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: blinkered: sometimes hangs left: tough.

P. J. HOBBS

A. Dobbin

Red, black sash, black and red diabolo on sleeves (Sterling Racing Syndicate)

167 ?

c16s	159	131
c20g	132	
c21d	138	
c20d	167	133
c21m	140	136
h20g	153	118

**12 RISK ACCESSOR (IRE)**

8 10-1

b.g. Commanche Run – Bellatollah (Bellman (FR)) [2001/2 20g* c22d* c20m^F c20d² c20s³ c24v³ c16s* c24s^F c24g² :: 2002/3 c22d⁴ c20d c20v² Feb 6] tall gelding: useful hurdler: fairly useful chaser: creditable second of 18 to The Premier Cat in minor event at Clonmel last time: probably best short of 3m: acts on heavy going: tongue tied on reappearance: usually held up (often finds little), but is effective making running.

C. ROCHE, IRELAND

N. Williamson

Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr J. P. McManus)

163

c20v	163	W
c20d	134 + 131	
c22d	157	126
c24g'	151 + W	
c24s'		G1
c16s'	143 + W	

**13 ROSS MOFF (IRE)**

10 10-0

(tongue strap)

b.g. Good Thyne (USA) – Miss Kamsy (Kambalda) [2001/2 NR :: 2002/3 c17v^F c25d⁵ c20v^F Feb 6] good-topped gelding: useful chaser: every chance when falling 1st in handicap won by Macs Gildoran at Fairyhouse on reappearance and minor event won by The Premier Cat at Clonmel last time: effective at 2m to 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tongue tied this season: genuine.

A. J. MARTIN, IRELAND

T. J. Murphy

Maroon and yellow check, striped sleeves, maroon cap, yellow spots (Mr Seamus Ross)

169

c20v	161 + W	
c25d	161	131
c17v	169 + 127	

**14 RED ARK**

10 10-0 (9-12) (cheekpieces and tongue strap)

ch.g. Gunner B – Minim (Rymer) [2001/2 c16m⁴ c24m^{pu} c20g⁵ c20d c16s* c16d* c19d c16d c36m^{ur} :: 2002/3 c20d c16d⁶ c24m Feb 22] good-bodied gelding: has been hobbled: useful handicap chaser in 2001/2 (unseated first in Grand National at Aintree): best effort this season (reportedly had breathing problem on reappearance) when sixth of 11 to Harvis at Sandown (reportedly gurgled), going well 3 out but unable to sustain run and not knocked about: no impression 5 out when well held in valuable contest at Kempton last time: effective at 2m to 23f: yet to race on firm going, acts on any other: tongue tied: sound jumper.

R. C. GUEST

Mr L. McGrath (5)

Red, royal blue chevron, halved sleeves, red and royal blue quartered cap (Mrs D. B. Mason)

168

c24m	155 + 132	
c16d	166 + 132	
c20d	135	
c36m'	132	
c16d'	168	138
c19d'	112 + 136	

**15 KORAKOR (FR)**

9 10-0 (9-11)

ch.g. Nikos – Aniflore (FR) (Satingo) [2001/2 c20m c20m⁵ c19g* c20g² c21g³ c20m² :: 2002/3 c20m^{pu} c20d^{pu} c20d² c20d c19s³ Dec 14] good-topped gelding: useful handicap chaser, won at Doncaster in 2001/2: best effort this term when 4 lengths second of 5 finishers to Goguenard at Wetherby in November: raced around 2½m of late, worth trying at 2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

IAN WILLIAMS

D. R. Dennis

Yellow, purple hoops and armllets, hooped cap (Mr and Mrs J. D. Cotton)

163 +

c19s	163	130
c20d	158 + 133	
c20d	172	133
c20d	135	
c20m	135	
c20m'	170 + 135	

**16 ROYAL JAKE (IRE)**

9 10-0 (9-10)

(blinkers)

b.g. Jolly Jake (NZ) – Wee Mite (Menelek) [2001/2 c16d² c18d* c16s² c16s* c20d c25d⁵ :: 2002/3 c20s* c22d c22v⁶ c17m* c17v³ c16s² c24v Jan 12] well-made gelding: fairly useful chaser: won minor events at Killarney in May and Cork (amateurs) in September: good placed efforts in handicaps 2 starts prior to well beaten in valuable event at Leopardstown last time: effective at 2m to 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: effective blinkered or not.

N. MEADE, IRELAND

P. Carberry

White and black chevrons, white sleeves, black seams, black cap, white diamonds (Gerard Callaghan)

161

c24v	129	
c16s	161	123
c17v	161	121
c17m	147 + W	
c22v	122	
c22d	123	

**17 PALARSHAN (FR)**

5 10-0 (9-10)

b. or br.g. Darshaan – Palavera (FR) (Bikala) [2001/2 14g* 16g³ 17m* :: 2002/3 c16g² c16d² c19v³ c16g* Feb 25] tall, good-topped gelding: fairly useful hurdler: similar form in novice chases, placed in races won by Impek at Hereford, Vol Solitaire at Warwick and Tarxien at Ascot (Grade 2) prior to easily winning 5-runner event at Leicester by 19 lengths from Captains Table: stays 19f: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

H. D. DALY

M. Bradburne

Green, yellow sleeves, pale blue cap (Mrs A. L. Wood)

155 +

c16g	152 + N
c19v	147 + G2
c16d	154 + N
c16g	151 + N
h17m'	160 + N

**18 LORD GREY (IRE)**

10 10-0 (9-9)

gr.g. Celio Rufo – Clooragh Rose (Boreen (FR)) [2001/2 c16m* 18d c16m* c16m2 c17d2 c16dur :: 2002/3 17g6 c16f* c16g2 c16f* 16m* 16d4 Feb 23] workmanlike gelding: progressive form over fences this season, winning handicaps at Tipperary in August and Listowel (made all and jumped well when beating Mykon Gold 3 lengths) in September: fair handicap hurdler: won at Tipperary in October by 2 lengths from Mr Wong: off 4½ months, creditable fourth of 12 to True Blue Victory at Naas last time: best form around 2m: acts on good to soft going, goes particularly well on good to firm/firm.

D. P. KELLY, IRELAND

J. Culloty

Yellow, royal blue hoop, royal blue sleeves, yellow armlets, striped cap (Mrs Barbara Marchant)

**19 HARVIS (FR)**

8 10-0 (9-7)

b.g. Djarvis (FR) – Tirana (FR) (Over) [2001/2 c20s* c16d2 c16v4 c20m2 c17m2 :: 2002/3 c24mF c20d3 c24d2 c19v2 20s6 c16d* Feb 14] smallish, angular gelding: winning hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: often fails to impress with jumping and/or attitude, but jumped soundly in main and led close home when winning 11-runner event at Sandown in February by ½ length from Abalvino: effective around 2m to easy 3m: acts on heavy and good to firm going.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

G. Lee

Black, black and yellow check cap (Mr Peter Richardson)

**20 PASSEREAU (FR)**

7 10-0 (9-0)

b.g. Fijar Tango (FR) – Becebege (FR) (Iron Duke (FR)) [2001/2 c20m c25dpw c17d2 c17d* c16s3 c16v2 c19g2 c17vpw c20v5 c16dpw c20spw c16g5 c20g* :: 2002/3 c20spw c17mwr c20g6 c17m2 c17sF2 c20m2 c16g3 c17g6 c17d* c16s3 c16v* c16d Feb 14] strong, lengthy gelding: fair handicap chaser: generally running creditably this season, winning at Bangor in October and Fakenham (beat Marigliano 8 lengths) in January: well beaten at Sandown last time: stays 2½zm when conditions aren't testing: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried visored/tongue tied: formerly moody.

C. N. KELLETT

T. Doyle

Royal blue, white braces, checked sleeves, royal blue cap, white star (Mr Sean A. Taylor)

**21 CASTLE PRINCE (IRE)**

9 10-0 (8-11)

b.g. Homo Sapien – Lisaleen Lady (Miner's Lamp) [2001/2 c16g3 c16m3 c16s* c16s4 c16d4 c16g5 c16m* c16m5 :: 2002/3 c16f2 c16f3 c17g4 c16d5 c20d5 c16dur c21d3 c17g4 c16d Feb 14] tall gelding: winning chaser: often highly tried of late, well held in handicap last time: best around 2m: acts on firm and soft going: has looked less than easy ride.

R. J. HODGES

A. Honeyball (5)

Dark green, red seams, hooped sleeves, quartered cap (Miss R. Dobson)

160

129
106
99
119
116
109
100

158

129
116
125
120
120
120
W
W

147

129
116
107
108
99
100
100A

?

129
115
G2
W
115
G2
120

5.10**THE CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP CHASE****2m5f****(Grade 2) (A)**

£80,000 5yo+

**1 BARTON**

10 11-12

ch.g. Port Etienne (FR) – Peanuts (FR) (Mistigri) [2001/2 c16g2 c20g* c24s* c16d* c20s* c16g c25m* :: 2002/3 c24d c20d3 Feb 1] tall, lengthy gelding: one of the best novice chasers in 2001/2, won at Newcastle (3 times, including Grade 2 'Dipper' Novices' Chase) and Wetherby between November and January and at Aintree (Grade 2 Mildmay Novices' Chase, much improved when beating Southern Star 10 lengths) in April: had reappearance delayed by torn ligament in foot and well below best in handicaps at Haydock and Wetherby (went in snatches/made mistakes) on return: effective at testing 2m to 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: has worn near-side brush pricker, including at Aintree: best watched at present.

T. D. EASTERBY

A. Dobbin

Dark green and white stripes, black and white striped sleeves (Sir Stanley Clarke)

**2 IZNOGOU (FR)**

7 11-7

br.g. Shafoun (FR) – Vancia (FR) (Top Dancer (FR)) [2001/2 c16g3 c19d* c24s2 c25mF :: 2002/3 c26gpw c24d5 c24gwr Mar 11] leggy gelding: has a markedly round action: useful hurdler: smart novice chaser in 2001/2, excellent 2 lengths second to Hussard Collonges in Royal & SunAlliance Chase at Cheltenham: generally let down by jumping since, found less than expected when only fifth to Truckers Tavern in valuable handicap at Haydock on penultimate start: stays 3m well: possibly needs going softer than good (acts on heavy): twice visored (including last time).

M. C. PIPE

P. Carberry

Yellow, maroon cross belts, royal blue sleeves, royal blue and yellow quartered cap (County Stores-Avalon Surfacing)

**3 POLIANTAS (FR)**

6 11-7

b.g. Rasi Brasak – Popie d'Ecorcei (FR) (Balsamo (FR)) [2001/2 17g* c20d* c19d2 c19s* c19d2 c24m* :: 2002/3 c20d2 c21d* c21d2 c21s6 Jan 25] leggy gelding: smart chaser: won quite valuable 6-runner intermediate limited handicap at Wincanton (beat Golden Goal 1½ lengths, value bit extra) in December: stiff task when runner-up to Edredon Bleu in valuable minor event there following month, shaped as if race came too soon when sixth of 15 to Lady Cricket in handicap at Cheltenham last time: stays 3m: acts on heavy and good to firm going.

P. F. NICHOLLS

T. J. Murphy

Dark green, yellow disc, hooped cap (Mr Mark Tincknell)

**4 LE COUDRAY (FR)**

9 11-3

(tongue strap)

b.g. Phantom Breeze – Mos Lie (FR) (Tip Moss (FR)) [2001/2 NR :: 2002/3 c22sF c16s* c20v* c17v* c21sF Feb 9] rangy gelding: top-class hurdler in 1999/00: has created very good impression over fences on return, won maiden at Naas (impressive) in November and Grade 1 novices at Fairyhouse (beat Barrow Drive 6 lengths, pair well clear, in Piere Group Drinmore Novices' Chase) and Leopardstown (Denny Gold Medal Novices' Chase, made all when beating Bust Out ½ length) in December: upsides Barrow Drive, pair well clear, when falling last in another Grade 1 novice at Leopardstown last time: effective at testing 2m and stays 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tongue tied first 2 starts: open to further improvement over fences.

C. ROCHE, IRELAND

B. J. Geraghty

Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr J. P. McManus)

**5 MACS GILDORAN**

9 11-3

b.g. Gildoran – Shamrock Bridge (Golden Love) [2001/2 c20s* c20d3 c20dro c24d5 :: 2002/3 c17v* c24vpw Jan 12] good-topped gelding: useful hurdler: won maiden chase at Navan in 2001/2: lost his way after (ran out once) but won handicap at Fairyhouse on return in December impressively by 2 lengths from Ballyamber, leading 2 out and finding plenty when shaken up: reportedly lame following month: should stay 3m: raced on going softer than good (acts on heavy): remains capable of better.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

R. Walsh

Emerald green and yellow chevrons, emerald green sleeves, emerald green cap, yellow stars (Mrs Margaret McManus)

?

150
153
G2
G1
G2
G2
N

155

143
147
147
G2
G1
G1
N

160

147
145 + W
143
140
140
139 + N
130 N

160 p

G1
G1
G1
G1
G1
W

148 p

131
121
N
N
G1
G1
W

CHELTENHAM GRAND ANNUAL CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (HANDICAP) (Listed)

(Cheltenham 2m½f)

1997	147	Uncle Ernie 12-11-4: 20/1	J G FitzGerald	G Bradley	16
1998	145	Edredon Bleu 6-11-6: 7/2	Miss H C Knight	A P McCoy	17
1999	129	Space Trucker 8-10-1: 7/2	Mrs J Harrington (Ir)	J R Barry	15
2000	139	Samakaan 7-10-11: 9/2	Miss V Williams	N Williamson	16
2001		Abandoned			
2002	139	Fadoudal Du Cochet 9-10-0: 6/1	A L T Moore (Ir)	D J Casey	18



6 TARXIEN 9 11-3 (tongue strap)
 b.g. Kendor (FR) – Tanz (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA)) [2001/2 24g 22g* 19g* 22g* 20m* 21m* 24g* 21sbd 24g2 :: 2002/3 c20d* c19v* c21v2 c20s* Feb 1] strong, sturdy gelding: useful hurdler: has made very good start over fences, winning novices at Cheltenham (by 23 lengths from Iverain) in November, Ascot (Grade 2, beat Scots Grey 15 lengths) in December and Sandown in February, not particularly fluent but staying on well to beat Farmer Jack 3 lengths in Scilly Isles Novices' on last-named: would probably have remained unbeaten over fences but for hitting 2 out in novice at Cheltenham penultimate start, beaten short head by Joss Naylor: effective around 2½m, will stay beyond 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tongue tied: reliable.
 M. C. PIPE A. P. McCoy
Emerald green, scarlet hooped sleeves and cap (Mr B. A. Kilpatrick)

164
 c20s 158 G1
 c21v 160 + N
 c19v 164 G2
 c20d 152 + N
 h24g 154 + G1
 h21s' + G1



7 IRISH HUSSAR (IRE) 7 11-0
 b.g. Supreme Leader – Shuil Ard (Quayside) [2001/2 16d2 19d* 21s :: 2002/3 c21d* c21sF c23g* Feb 25] useful-looking gelding: useful form over hurdles (open to improvement): successful in novice chases at Wincanton (showed good turn of foot to beat Ask Henry ½ length) in December and Leicester (simple task, no more than workmanlike) in February: keeping on in third when falling 2 out in novice handicap at Cheltenham won by La Landiere in between: stays 23f: acts on heavy ground: remains capable of better over fences.
 N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
Yellow, maroon cap (Major Christopher Hanbury)

159 p
 c23g 132 + N
 c21s 159 + 130
 c21d 150 + N
 h21s' G1
 h19d 143 + N
 h16d 151 N



8 REGAL EXIT (FR) 7 11-0
 ch.g. Exit To Nowhere (USA) – Regalante (Gairloch) [2001/2 16d 16d 16g :: 2002/3 c16g* c16s2 16g c19d* Mar 1] good-topped gelding: useful hurdler at best, off 20 months due to leg injury prior to disappointing 2001/2 campaign: stiff task when well held in valuable handicap at Newbury on penultimate start: fairly useful form over fences: won novices at Ludlow in December and Doncaster in March, making most and driven clear closing stages when beating eased Fireball Macnamara by 16 lengths on latter course last time: should stay beyond 17f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: jumps fences soundly: has found little.
 N. J. HENDERSON Richard Guest
Emerald green and pink (quartered), emerald green sleeves (Mr Brian Buckley)

143
 c19d 143 N
 h16g 142 133
 c16s 143 N
 c16g 134 + N
 h16g 140? G1
 h16d 135 + 134



9 LA LANDIERE (FR) 8 10-12
 b. or br.m. Synefos (USA) – As You Are (FR) (Saint Estephe (FR)) [2001/2 16s5 16d4 16d 16g :: 2002/3 c16g2 c20m* c19m* c21d* c20s* c21s* c24m* Feb 22] rangy mare: fair handicap hurdler: significantly better over fences, very smart form when winning Racing Post Chase (Handicap) at Kempton latest start by 3 lengths from Gunther McBride, always handy and jumping well in main: earlier successful in novices at Market Rasen in June, Chepstow in October, Wincanton (mares) in November, Kempton (handicap) in December and Cheltenham (handicap, impressively by 6 lengths from Ibis Rochelais) in January: stays easy 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually races prominently: sound jumper: looked extremely well last time: hasn't finished progressing.
 R. T. PHILLIPS R. Johnson
Light blue and royal blue diablo, light blue sleeves and cap (Mrs R. J. Skan)

180 p
 c24m 180 147
 c21s 171 + 135
 c20s 164 + 122
 c21d 153 N
 c19m 140 N
 c20m 109 + N

SEVENTH RACE CHELTENHAM

5.45

THE VINCENT O'BRIEN COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3) (A)

2m1f

£65,000 5yo+



1 POLAR RED 6 11-12 (visor)
 ch.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – Sharp Top (Sharpo) [2001/2 20g2 20s2 19g2 17v* 16d* 17d :: 2002/3 16vp^u 16g Feb 8] angular gelding: smart on Flat (very best form around 1¼m), though ran poorly in November: of similar ability over hurdles, winning handicaps at Cheltenham (novice) and Sandown (Imperial Cup, beat Impek a head) in 2001/2: easily better effort in very valuable handicaps this season (ran no sort of race on reappearance) when tenth to Spirit Leader in Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury in February, no extra after mistake 3 out: probably best around 2m: acts on heavy going: visored last 5 starts.
 M. C. PIPE A. P. McCoy
Black and white stripes, emerald green and white striped sleeves (Lady Clarke)

151 +
 h16g 151 148
 h16v 148
 h17d 118 143
 h16d 158 + 136
 h17v 135 + 113
 h19g 117 + N



2 NEVER (FR) 6 11-9
 b.g. Vettori (IRE) – Neraida (USA) (Giboulee (CAN)) [2001/2 18v4 17v* 16d* 16d 16g 16m :: 2002/3 16g* 17d5 Dec 14] tall, sparsely-made gelding: smart hurdler: won listed intermediate limited handicap at Newbury on reappearance impressively by 8 lengths from Jaboune: improved form when fifth of 9 to Rooster Booster in Grade 2 at Cheltenham following month: raced around 2m, not sure to stay further: acts on heavy going.
 F. DOUMEN, FRANCE T. Doumen
Black, yellow cross belts and armlets, yellow cap (Sir Peter O'Sullivan)

162
 h17d 162 G2
 h16g 154 + 130
 h16m 129 135
 h16g 118 G1
 h16d 128 G2
 h16d 155 G2



3 SPIRIT LEADER (IRE) 7 11-7
 b. or br.m. Supreme Leader – That's The Spirit (Mandalus) [2001/2 20g2 17g2 16s2 20s2 18s2 20s2 16s* 20d2 :: 2002/3 16s2 16v3 16s* 16s5 16g* Feb 8] sturdy mare: useful hurdler: progressive form in handicaps this season, winning William Hill Handicap at Sandown (beat Moving On Up 4 lengths) in December and Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury in February, in latter leading after last having travelled smoothly when beating Non So 1½ lengths: good fifth to Xenophon in Pierse Hurdle at Leopardstown fourth start: effective at 2m to 2½m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): genuine and consistent.
 MRS J. HARRINGTON, IRELAND B. J. Geraghty
Red and dark blue (halved), sleeves reversed, striped cap (Mr D. Thompson)

153
 h16g 153 131
 h16s 147 132
 h16s 145 122
 h16v 142 122
 h16s 136 119
 h20d 132 + L



4 NON SO (FR) 5 11-5
 b.g. Definite Article – Irish Woman (FR) (Assert) [2001/2 16d 16d2 17s* 18s* 17dpu :: 2002/3 18d5 16s* 16d* 16g2 Feb 8] good-topped gelding: progressive handicap hurdler: won at Kempton in December (by 2 lengths from Serenus) and January (Tote Scoop6 Lanzarote Hurdle, quickly settled issue when kicking for home 2 out and beat Hawadeth 2½ lengths): further improvement when 1½ lengths second to Spirit Leader in Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury following month, leading before last but unable to quicken and slightly impeded by loose horse flat: will prove best around 2m: raced on good going or softer (acts on soft): pulls hard: may do better still.
 N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
Yellow, light blue spots on sleeves (ROA Dawn Run Partnership)

153
 h16g 153 138
 h16d 144 + 124
 h16s 136 + 118
 h18d 119 + 118
 h17d G1
 h18s 116 N



5 THE GATHERER (IRE) 9 11-5
 b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Reaper's Run (Deep Run) [2001/2 16g4 16d2 20gF 16s* 16d6 17d2 16m :: 2002/3 16gF c17sF c16s3 c16dF Feb 16] good-topped gelding: useful hurdler: in lead and travelling well when falling 3 out in strongly-contested maiden won by One Night Out at Fairyhouse on chasing debut: failed to confirm that form next time, fell sixth latest start: should stay 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually held up: consistent.
 A. L. T. MOORE, IRELAND C. O'Dwyer
Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr J. P. McManus)

153
 c16d 138 G2
 c16s 129 + W
 c17s 143 + W
 h16g W
 h16m 140
 h17d 153 135

CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Gr 2) (Cheltenham 2m5f)

1997	146	Sparky Gayle 7-11-3: 3/1	C Parker	B Storey	10
1998	133	Cyfor Malta 5-10-8: 9/4	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	8
1999	147	Stormyfairweather 7-11-3: 9/1	N J Henderson	M A Fitzgerald	10
2000	158	Stormyfairweather 8-11-12: 11/2	N J Henderson	M A Fitzgerald	8
2001		Abandoned			
2002	138	Royal Auclair 5-10-11: 2/1	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	11



6 COMEX FLYER (IRE) 6 11-2 (tongue strap)
 ch.g. Prince of Birds (USA) – Smashing Pet (Mummy's Pet) [2001/2 16g* 16m² 16m⁴ 16m³ 16m* 18g* 18g* 18s* 18s* 16g² 20g :: 2002/3 c16m³ c16g* c16fwo c19m⁴ 20s³ 21d* 22d³ 20s² 21s⁵ 20d³ 20d² Mar 1] rather leggy gelding: very easy winner of novice chase at Fakenham in October, walked over at Kempton later in month: useful hurdler: won handicap at Warwick in December: mainly creditable efforts since, beaten 1½ lengths by Quazar in similar event at Haydock last time: stays 2¾m: acts on soft and good to firm going: tongue tied nowadays: patiently ridden.
P. F. NICHOLLS
 Red, yellow triple diamond, diamonds on sleeves (Mr Neil Smith) R. Walsh

156

h20d	156	135
h20d	156	G2
h21s	129	G1
h20s	155	138
h22d	149	+ 138
h21d	150	+ 132



7 SAY AGAIN (IRE) 7 11-2
 gr.g. Celio Rufo – Tricias Pet (Mandalus) [2001/2 16f* 16d³ 16dF 16s² 16d* 16s² 16v² 16s⁴ 16g⁴ :: 2002/3 16s* 16s² 16d* c16s² c17v⁴ c20s² Jan 28] good-topped gelding: useful handicap hurdler: much improved this season, winning at Navan in May and Galway (Guinness Galway Hurdle) in August: fairly useful form first 2 starts over fences, around 21 lengths fourth of 5 to Le Coudray in Grade 1 novice at Leopardstown on second occasion: trip too far when ½-length second of 15 to Garvivonnian in maiden at Tramore last time: best around 2m: acts on any going.
PAUL NOLAN, IRELAND
 Red, emerald green sleeves, white cap, red spots (Sean Duggan) J. Cullen

150

c20s	127	+ W
c17v	141	G1
c16s	131	W
h16d	150	126
h16s	150	122
h16s	139	113



8 FULL IRISH (IRE) 7 11-1
 ch.g. Rashar (USA) – Ross Gale (Strong Gale) [2001/2 F17d* F16d* 16dF 17v* 20d* 16g* :: 2002/3 21v* 16s² Dec 14] workmanlike gelding: useful bumper winner: useful hurdler: successful in 3 novices in late-2001/2 and in handicap at Sedgfield (3 ran, by 3½ lengths from Noel's Pride) in November: odds on, no match for Benbyas (rec. 11 lb) when well-held second of 5 in handicap at Doncaster last time: stays 21f: raced only on good ground or softer (acts on heavy).
L. LUNGO
 Yellow, red diamond, red sleeves, yellow armlets (Mr D. Stronach) A. Dobbin

151

h16s	146	137
h21v	146	+ 130
h16g	119	+ N
h20d	144	+ N
h17v	114	+ N
h16d	121	+ N



9 IMAGE DE MARQUE II (FR) 7 11-1 (tongue strap)
 b.m. Royal Charter (FR) – Tourbrune (FR) (Pamponi (FR)) [2001/2 17g^{pu} 17m^{pu} 19f 17m⁴ 16m* 16m* 17g* 21d* 16s² 16d² 16d³ :: 2002/3 22d⁶ 20dF Mar 1] small, angular mare: winning chaser, fell both starts in Britain: useful hurdler: much improved after being refitted with tongue strap in 2001/2, winning 4 times in handicap company: not at best either start this season, fading in share of fourth when fell heavily last in handicap at Haydock won by Quazar last time: stays 21f: acts on soft and good to firm going: held up.
M. C. PIPE
 Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson) D. J. Casey

151

h20d	+	134
h22d	138	134
h16d	136	+ N
h16d	151	G2
h16s	151	126
h21d	135	+ 111A



10 MONKERHOSTIN (FR) 6 10-12
 b.g. Shining Steel – Ladoun (FR) (Kaldoun (FR)) [2001/2 c16v³ c16d⁵ c16g² c16g² 17s* 16d⁵ 16m 16g* :: 2002/3 16f⁵ 16g² c16gF c16m* c16g³ 16v⁵ 16d⁴ 16g⁶ Feb 8] lengthy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: good efforts in very competitive events last 2 starts, fourth to Non So at Kempton and strong-finishing sixth to Spirit Leader in Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury: similar form in novice chases despite jumping none too fluently, won at Warwick in November by short head from Bonus Bridge: seems best around 2m: acts on any going: takes strong hold: wore cheekpieces sixth and seventh starts.
O. SHERWOOD
 Pink and yellow diamonds, yellow sleeves and cap (Mr M. G. St Quinton) T. J. Murphy

154 +

h16g	154	+ 131
h16d	150	128
h16v	146	130
c16g	139	N
c16m	143	N
c16g	+	N



11 XENOPHON (IRE) 7 11-4 (inc 7lb ex)
 b.g. Toulon – Fureen (Furry Glen) [2001/2 20f 16s² 19v* :: 2002/3 16s² 16s* 21g* Mar 12] third foal: half-brother to fair hurdler Magua (by Be My Native), stays 2½m: dam, won twice around 1m, half-sister to fairly useful hurdler up to 2½m Lottie's Fury: most progressive hurdler: impressive when winning valuable handicaps at Leopardstown (Pierse Hurdle, led on bridle last when beating Colourful Life by 2 lengths) and Cheltenham on last 2 starts: heavily-backed favourite, quickened clear run-in when beating Samon by 3½ lengths in Coral Cup on latter course: stays 21f: acts on heavy going: patiently ridden: hasn't finished improving.
A. J. MARTIN, IRELAND
 Emerald green, red spots, emerald green cap (Lane Syndicate) R. P. McNally (3)

160 p

h21g	160	130
h16s	144	+ 120
h16s	134	+ 117
h19v	120	+ N
h16s	122	N
h20f		N



12 PHARDANTE FLYER (IRE) 9 10-11
 b.g. Phardante (FR) – Shannon Lek (Menelek) [2001/2 c16m² c18g^{pu} Dec 29 :: 2002/3 NR] tall, lengthy, angular gelding: useful hurdler (rated 140 at best): let down by jumping both starts over fences in 2001/2 (reportedly suffered suspensory problem after second one and not seen since): will stay 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: has shown tendency to hang.
P. J. HOBBS
 Red, white chevron, hooped sleeves and cap (Mrs Karola Vann) P. Flynn

?

c18g	N	
c16m	133	+ N



13 NATIVE NEW YORKER (IRE) 8 10-11
 b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Sunbath (Krayyan) [2001/2 18s* :: 2002/3 18mF 19m* 20sF 16d 17s* Jan 25] rangy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: successful at Stratford in October by 1¼ lengths (value extra) from Spectrometer and, after shaping well on previous start, Cheltenham in January: improved effort when beating Benbyas by 7 lengths at latter course, smooth headway to lead between last 2 and ridden clear: would also have won at Fontwell on reappearance but for falling 2 out: will stay 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: has had 2 handlers in paddock.
R. ROWE
 Light blue and white stripes, light blue sleeves, red cap (Ann & John Symes) L. Aspell

154 +

h17s	152	+ 120
h16d	+	120
h20s		120
h19m	144	+ 113
h18m	141	+ 110
h18s	117	+ N



14 TURTLEBACK (IRE) 5 10-11
 b.g. Turtle Island (IRE) – Mimicry (Thatch (USA)) [2001/2 16d* 16v³ 17d⁶ 16d² 16d* :: 2002/3 16v² 18s* 16v³ 16d⁵ Jan 26] strong, well-made gelding: useful hurdler: second to Scottish Memories in minor event at Down Royal on reappearance: nowhere near that form since, though won similar contest at Fairyhouse in November by 2 lengths from Star Clipper: out of depth last time: will prove best around 2m: raced only on going softer than good over hurdles (acts on heavy).
E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND
 White, dark blue hoop, white sleeves, dark blue armlets, white cap, dark blue star (Mr D. F. Desmond) N. Williamson

153

h16d		130
h16v	138	G1
h16v	153	W
h16d	145	+ W
h16d	144	+ W



15 THROUGH THE RYE 7 10-9
 ch.g. Sabrehill (USA) – Baharlilys (Green Dancer (USA)) [2001/2 19g 16s* 17s* 16d* 16d⁴ 18v* :: 2002/3 16s⁶ 16v² 16d 16d³ Feb 1] strong, angular gelding: useful handicap hurdler, won 4 times in 2001/2: creditable efforts at Uttoxeter (second of 7 to Anatar) and Wetherby (3 lengths third of 8 to Militaire) second/latest starts: raced mainly around 2m: acts on heavy going: tongue tied once: usually front runner/races prominently.
E. W. TUEB
 Dark blue, yellow stars, striped sleeves and star on cap (Nice to See You Euro-Racing) G. Lee

153

h16d	153	128
h16d	143	+ 131
h16v	153	127
h16s		129
h18v	153	120
h16d	148	121



16 HOLY ORDERS (IRE) 6 10-8 (blinkers)
 b.g. Unblest – Shadowglow (Shaadi (USA)) [2001/2 16m³ :: 2002/3 16v 16s 16g 16g Mar 11] smallish, workmanlike gelding: smart on Flat (stays 2m), better than ever in 2002: useful form over hurdles, won twice in 2000/1, notably Grade 1 Champion 4-Y-O Hurdle at Fairyhouse: well beaten in valuable handicaps this season, probably flattered when never-nearer eighth of 17 to Rooster Booster in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham (reluctant to race) last time: likely to stay beyond 2m: has won on heavy, probably ideally suited by less testing ground (acts on good to firm): blinkered this season: less than genuine.
W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND
 Dark blue, white hoops, chevrons on sleeves, striped cap (Mr A. McLuckie) J. R. Barry

154 +

h16g	171	G1
h18g		131
h16s		133
h16v	113	130
h16m	154	W



17 JABOUNE (FR) 6 10-8
 ch.g. Johann Quatz (FR) – Seasonal Pleasure (USA) (Graustark) [2001/2 16s² 16d³ 17d² 17s³ :: 2002/3 16g² 17m* 17g* 17m* 17d^{pu} 16d* 16d² 16g² 16s 16g³ 16m² 16g Mar 11] compact gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won novices at Hereford and Newton Abbot and handicap at Market Rasen in June and novice at Wetherby in November: creditable efforts most starts since, seventh of 19 to Back In Front in Grade 1 novice at Cheltenham last time: raced around 2m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going, possibly not soft: tongue tied first 5 starts: genuine.
A. KING
 Light blue and royal blue diablo, light blue sleeves and cap (Mrs R. J. Skan) R. Johnson

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h16g	156	G1
h16m	156	G2
h16g	149	N
h16s		127
h16g	156	125
h16d	150	G2

**18 IDAHO D'OX (FR)** 7 10-7 (visor)

b.g. Bad Conduct (USA) – Queseda (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2001/2 c20g c20d4 22f* 21d3 16s* 21d2 17v3 16s2 20d 17d 16m* 16m2 16g :: 2002/3 c17g^{pu} 16v 16s 16v2 16d 16v Mar 8] sparely-made gelding: fairly useful hurdler: 50/1, 15 lengths second of 20 to Chauvinist in valuable handicap at Ascot in December, keeping on late past beaten horses and probably flattered (well held otherwise this season): jumped appallingly when pulled up only outing over fences in Britain: has won at 2³/₄m, best form around 2m: acts on any going: blinkered/visored: held up: probably doesn't have ideal attitude.

M. C. PIPE T. Scudamore
Red and white (quartered), black and white halved sleeves, black cap, white star (The Dionysius Partnership)

**19 MIXSTERTHETRIXSTER (USA)** 7 10-7

b.g. Alleged (USA) – Parliament House (USA) (General Assembly (USA)) [2001/2 NR :: 2002/3 16m⁵ 16s 19s² 16d* 16m Feb 21] tall, angular gelding: useful hurdler in 1999/00 for T. Easterby, missed next 2 seasons: bought 6,500 gns Doncaster May (2002) Sales: back to best when winning 13-runner handicap at Doncaster in January impressively by 13 lengths from Tissifer: unable to repeat form last time: stays 2¹/₂m: acts on soft and good to firm going: keen sort (takes good hold and early to post): usually makes running/races prominently.

MISS T. M. IDE Mr G. Barfoot-Saunt (5)
Light blue, mauve diamond, black sleeves (Miss Tracey Ide)

**20 WARJAN (FR)** 6 10-7

b.g. Beaudelaire (USA) – Twilight Mood (USA) (Devil's Bag (USA)) [2001/2 16s 16spu :: 2002/3 16s* 16d 16g Feb 8] lengthy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: disappointing in 2001/2 (subsequently had breathing operation): better than ever when winning at Sandown in November, quickening smartly in falsely-run race to beat Hawadeth a neck: better form still when ninth to Spirit Leader in Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury latest start: lost action in between: raced around 2m, mainly on going softer than good (acts on heavy).

R. T. PHILLIPS W. Marston
White, royal blue disc, royal blue sleeves, white armlets, light blue and white hooped cap (Mr Graeme Love)

**21 HAWADETH** 8 10-6

ch.g. Machiavellian (USA) – Ghzaalh (USA) (Northern Dancer) [2001/2 16v4 16s2 20d4 17v* 16s2 16d* 17v6 17d* 16g2 :: 2002/3 16g3 16s2 16v5 16s3 16d2 16v Mar 8] compact gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: in good form this season, staying on well to be placed in valuable events on fourth/fifth starts: ridden closer to pace when bit below best at Sandown on latest: should stay beyond 2m: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tried blinkered, not since early-2001/2: consistent, though often soon off bridle.

V. R. A. DARTNALL J. Culloty
White, royal blue star, red sleeves, red and white hooped cap (Mr Nick Viney)

**22 CASTLESHANE (IRE)** 6 10-5

b.g. Kris – Ahbab (IRE) (Ajdal (USA)) [2001/2 16m^F 19s⁵ 16m* 16g2 16d4 16d2 16d 16g5 17d3 :: 2002/3 16g2 16d5 Nov 30] tall, quite good-topped gelding: should make a chaser: fairly useful hurdler: won maiden at Cheltenham last season: fit from Flat (won 3 times), ran well when 1/2-length second of 6 to Santenay in Grade 2 limited handicap at Wincanton on reappearance, looking to be holding that horse until rider lost iron run-in: not discredited in face of stiff task (reportedly distressed) next time: raced mainly around 2m: acts on firm and good to soft going: blinkered once: free-going front runner.

S. GOLLINGS R. Thornton
Dark blue, light blue cross of lorraine, red cap, light blue star (W.Hobson,J.King,G.King,P.Winfrow)

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h16v	142	126
h16d	141	128
h16v	156?	125
h16s	146	128
h16v	141	130
c17g		N

155

h16m	143	126
h16d	155 + 118	
h19s	146	115
h16s	132	118
h16m	142	118

153

h16g	153	126
h16d	135	126
h16s	146 + 121	
h16s*		124

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h16v	143	125
h16d	152	122
h16s	152	122
h16v	146	122
h16s	144 + 118	
h16g	146	115

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h16d	148	124
h16g	154 + 122	
h17d	140	N
h16g	138 + G2	
h16d	123	122
h16d	149	119

**23 BELLE D'ANJOU (FR)** 6 10-5

b.m. Saint Cyrien (FR) – Epsibelle (IRE) (Darshaan) [2001/2 16m* 19g* 16s 16g* 16dbd 21d3 :: 2002/3 16f c16g^{pu} 17m⁶ Sep 14] small mare: fairly useful hurdler: won handicaps at Chepstow (4-v-o event) and Taunton and intermediate at Newbury in first half of 2001/2: left M. Pipe, reportedly struck into when pulled up after second on chasing debut in June: ran poorly back over hurdles last time: stays 19f when emphasis is on speed: has won on soft going, best efforts in Britain on good or firmer.

P. J. HOBBS S. Durack
Black and white check, white sleeves, black armlets (Network Training)

**24 TACTFUL REMARK (USA)** 7 10-5

ch.g. Lord At War (ARG) – Right Word (USA) (Verbatim (USA)) [2001/2 NR :: 2002/3 16s* 17g* 17v3 Feb 11] angular gelding: one-time useful on Flat (stays 10.4f), only fair in 2001 and no encouragement in 2 starts in 2002, leaving J. Osborne after second (blinkered): won novices at Worcester (by distance from Per Amore) and Newton Abbot (made all on bridle to beat Ferzao 3¹/₂ lengths), both in June: probably found conditions too testing when 12 lengths third of 9 to Hale Bopp in similar event at Folkestone 8 months later, couple of mistakes in front and weakening before last: raced around 2m on good going or softer.

M. C. PIPE R. Greene
Yellow, maroon and yellow hooped sleeves, quartered cap (Professor D.B.A.Silk & Mrs Heather Silk)

**25 DIRECT BEARING (IRE)** 6 10-5

b.g. Polish Precedent (USA) – Uncertain Affair (IRE) (Darshaan) [2001/2 16v* 21s 16d² 16g4 :: 2002/3 16d2 16s 20s Feb 22] well-made gelding: useful on Flat, best effort when second to Miss Fara in Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket in 2002: useful form at best over hurdles: well beaten in handicaps last 2 starts: should prove suited by 2¹/₂m+: acts on heavy going: blinkered first time.

D. K. WELD, IRELAND P. Carberry
Yellow, royal blue epaulets, yellow cap, royal blue star (Dr Michael Smurfit)

**26 MISS COOL** 7 10-5

b.m. Jupiter Island – Laurel Diver (Celtic Cone) [2001/2 16s* 19g3 :: 2002/3 16m3 16d3 16d4 Mar 1] angular mare: fairly useful hurdler: easily best effort this season when third of 21 to Non So in valuable handicap at Kempton in January: failed to take the eye and wandered under pressure last time: often takes good hold, but likely to stay 2¹/₂m: acts on soft going (bumper form on good to firm): visored last 2 appearances.

M. C. PIPE Mr J. E. Moore (7)
White, black button on cap (Mr N. G. Mills)

**27 BALAPOUR (IRE)** 5 10-5

b.g. Kahyasi – Balaniya (USA) (Diesis) [2001/2 16g5 16f* 16d 16s3 16d* 16d 16v 16v 17d4 16d2 16g3 :: 2002/3 16d 20s^{ur} 20v5 20s3 16v4 16s^{ur} 20v^F Mar 1] smallish gelding: useful juvenile hurdler in 2001/2: out of sorts this season: should stay at least 2¹/₂m: acts on firm and good to soft going (possibly not heavy): tongue tied: held up.

PATRICK O. BRADY, IRELAND M. F. Mooney (5)
Black, red spots, black cap, white spots (Miss Rita Shah)

**28 MARAGUN (GER)** 7 10-4

b.g. General Assembly (USA) – Marcelia (GER) (Priamos (GER)) [2001/2 22d3 17g* 16m* 18s2 16m6 16d* 16g3 16m 16m4 :: 2002/3 c16g^{pu} 16s2 21g6 19f2 16d 17d2 Jan 16] tall gelding: better than result suggests when pulled up on chasing debut (should do better): fairly useful handicap hurdler: creditable second of 16 to Canadiane at Taunton last time: stays 19f when conditions aren't testing: acts on soft and firm going: visored twice: has had tongue tied: usually takes strong hold.

M. C. PIPE G. Supple
Black, white hoops and sleeves (Stuart Mercer & Emlyn Hughes)

**29 JOE CULLEN (IRE)** 8 10-3

ch.g. River Falls – Moycullen (Le Moss) [2001/2 16m4 16d2 16s* 16s 16v5 16d 17d 16d :: 2002/3 17d3 16g Feb 8] lengthy ex-Irish gelding: won 2000 Champion Bumper at Cheltenham: fairly useful hurdler: won minor event at Punchestown in November 2001: best effort in valuable handicaps since when third to Patsy Veale at Killarney in May, final start for W. Mullins: well held at Newbury 9 months later: will stay beyond 17f: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

IAN WILLIAMS W. Hutchinson (3)
Royal blue, white stripe and armlets, hooped cap (Mr Mark F. Sheasby)

**30 MISE RAFTURAI (IRE)**

5 10-2

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b. or br.g. Erins Isle – Nordic Union (IRE) (Nordico (USA)) [2001/2 16v 16v 16s 16v :: 2002/3 17s* 16g* 17g* 16s* 16v Nov 9] brother to fair 2m Irish hurdle winner Consalvo: fair 11f winner on Flat (best efforts when blinkered): has progressed really well in handicap hurdles in 2002/3, winning at Cork, Gowran (2) and Killarney, beating Spirit Leader readily by 1½ lengths at Gowran for latest success: well held in valuable event at Down Royal last time: raced around 2m on good going or softer.

PAUL NOLAN, IRELAND

C. F. Swan

Yellow, black braces, yellow and white striped cap (Donal O'Gorman)

h16v	129	123
h16s	152	113
h17g	143	104
h16g	141	96
h17s	124	85
h16v'		N

VINCENT O'BRIEN COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Gr 3) (Cheltenham 2m1f)

1997	136	Barna Boy 9-10-12: 14/1	N J Henderson	R Dunwoody	20
1998	154	Blowing Wind 5-11-8: 15/8	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	27
1999	150	Sir Talbot 5-10-0: 10/1	J A B Old	T J Murphy	28
2000	135	Master Tern 5-10-3: 9/2	J J O'Neill	A Dobbins	21
2001		Abandoned			
2002	147	Rooster Booster 8-11-1: 8/1	P J Hobbs	R Johnson	21



Thursday, March 13th

HEXHAM	SOUTHWELL	4.20 1m3f Hcp Stakes
2.15 2m110y Hcp Hurdle	1.20 1m4f Hcp Stakes (D.I)	1 Westbound Road 10-0 96
1 Feanor 11-12 100 ?	1 Down To The Woods 9-10 75 §	2 Dream Magic 9-12 94
2 Miss Ellie 11-11 ?	2 Michaels Dream 9-7 76	3 Kilkenny 9-12 92
3 Able Native 11-7 113	3 Toni Alcalá 9-5 77	4 Mi Odds 9-12 88
4 Tina Thyne 11-2 105	4 Celtic Blaze 9-1 79	5 Star Member 9-6 91
5 True Rose 10-13 97	5 Monsal Dale 9-1 75	6 Gingko 8-13 94
6 Maggie's Well 10-9 102	6 Windshift 8-12 75 §	7 Twilight Haze 8-13 98
7 Murchan Benwood 10-8 100	7 River of Fire 8-4 76	8 Elheba 8-9 92
8 Just Sal 10-0 101	8 Kentucky Bullet 8-1 74 §	9 Bhutan 8-4 94
	9 Western Command 7-12 63	10 Critical Stage 8-3 95
	10 Blue Water 7-12 47	11 Duc's Dream 8-3 94
		12 Aleron 8-1 95
2.50 2m110y Chase	1.50 1m Stakes (D.I)	4.55 1m Stakes (D.II)
TRW 129 105 114 - 116 (Av 116)	TRW -----	TRW -----
1 Fred's In The Know 122 p	1 Crusoe 66	1 Cowboys And Angels ?
2 Didifon 117	2 Red Delirium 68 §	2 Marengo ?
3 Enzo de Baune 97	3 Jamestown 63 §	3 Oundle Scoundrel 67
4 Michael Finnegan 114	4 Love's Design 80	4 Bond Mirage 61
5 Ill Swing By -	5 No Mercy 58 §	5 Erupt - §
6 Midlem Melody -	6 Royal Cascade 57	6 Havoc ?
	7 Tefi 59	7 Mr Stylish 71 §
3.30 3m Hurdle	8 Uno Mente 67	8 Weetman's Weigh 59
TRW 113 100 105 - 115 (Av 108)	9 Lord Invincible 48 ?	9 All On My Own 58 ?
1 True North 122	10 Prince Minata 63	10 Two Jacks 49
2 Vicars Destiny 118 p	11 Roller 52 §	11 Air of Esteem 72
3 Alderley Edge -	12 Call The Mark 59	12 Grove Lodge 44 +
4 Finbar's Law 84	13 Simply The Guest 48	13 Tirana ?
5 Old Rolla 109	14 Sudra 63	14 Mimas Girl 53
6 Shelu -	15 Ryeland ?	15 Tempting Tilly -
7 Riviere -	16 Rosetta Roebuck ?	16 Angel Annie ?
8 Rosie Redman 109		
4.10 4m Hcp Chase	2.25 6f Stakes	5.30 1m4f Hcp Stakes (D.II)
1 Roman Outlaw 11-12 99 x	TRW -- 79 83 63 (Av 75)	1 Inver Gold 10-0 82
2 Scotmail Boy 11-11 106	1 Delta Force -	2 Beady 9-6 81
3 What A Fiddler 11-9 112 ?	2 Dont Talk Shop 46 +	3 Golden Fact 9-3 76
4 Lively Dessert 11-8 ?	3 Mr Uppity 55	4 Prize Ring 8-13 ?
5 Who Dares Wins 11-0 ?	4 Musical Sleuth 69	5 Eurolink Artemis 8-12 79
6 Gimme Shelter 10-5 103	5 Sefton Lodge 61	6 Lazzaz 8-10 74
7 Follow The Flow 10-4 -	6 Superapparos 59	7 Spanish Star 8-6 77
8 St Bee 10-0 -	7 Angelus Domini 56	8 Diamond Darren 8-5 68
9 Tall Tale 10-0 - §	8 Fonthill Road -	9 Flat Stanley 7-13 ?
10 Briar Rose 10-0 -	9 Magic Mamma's Too 67	10 Noble Cyrano 7-12 74 §
	10 Penalty Clause ?	
4.45 3m Hcp Hurdle	11 Procreate -	
1 Fishki's Lad 11-12 104 §	12 Time To Regret 67	
2 Jim Bell 11-12 116	13 Victory Vee 62	
3 Forest Ivory 11-9 ?	14 Winthorpe 75	
4 Vilprano 11-9 105	15 Melody's Lass -	
5 Clonshire Paddy 11-8 ?	16 Notanother ?	
6 Sir Ruscott 11-3 106 §		
7 Broom Close 10-13 107	3.00 7f (S) Stakes	
8 Menelek Lord 10-12 108	TRW -----	
9 Mr Christie 10-9 ?	1 Davos 66	
	2 Curragh Gold 67	
5.20 2m4f110y Hcp Chase	3 Jade Star 62	
1 Red Rampage 12-1 108	4 Cesare Borgia 63 ?	
2 Lambrini Gold 11-12 ?	5 Half Hunter 86	
3 Grangewick Flight 11-8 114	6 Kickback -	
4 Charming Admiral 11-4 108 §	7 Let's Celebrate 61	
5 Dan de Man 10-0 - §	8 Midnight Chief 70 +	
6 Cameron Jack 10-0 110	9 Sir Night 70	
7 Red Alert Man 10-0 ?	10 Tough Nut 79	
	11 Dorothys Swift 63 +	
	12 Inca Moon 64	
	13 Magically -	
	14 Miss Inquisitive -	
	3.40 6f Hcp Stakes	
	1 Bond Playboy 9-7 94	
	2 Effective 8-10 96	
	3 Royal Grand 8-10 92	
	4 St Ivian 8-3 90 §	
	5 Davids Mark 8-1 90	
	6 Blue Circle 7-12 -	