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DECLARED RUNNERS
CHELTENHAM
Tuesday 16th March

WITH TODAY'S COURSE-TO-COURSE
RUNNERS AND RATINGS FOR
SEDFIELD
SOUTHWELL

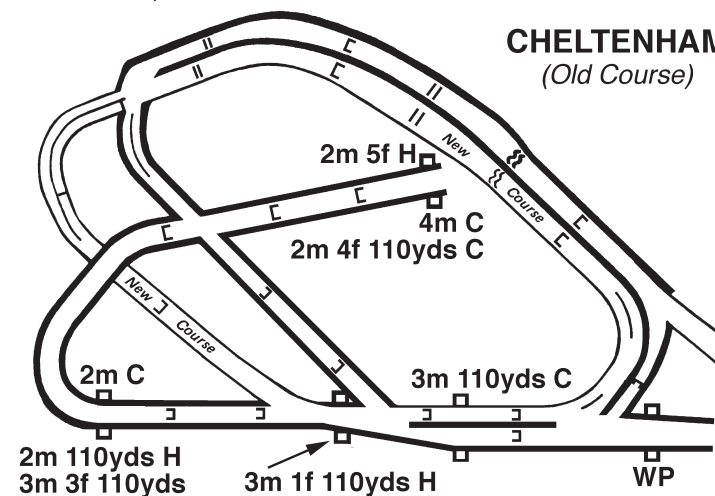
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There are two left-handed courses at Cheltenham, the Old Course and the New Course. The Old Course is oval in shape and about one and a half miles in extent. There are nine fences to a circuit, only one of which is jumped in the final straight. The 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 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	67	480	14
P. F. Nicholls	29	199	15
N. J. Henderson	28	180	16
P. J. Hobbs	26	186	14
Miss Venetia Williams	21	120	18
Jonjo O'Neill	18	104	17
Miss H. C. Knight	14	123	11
N. A. Twiston-Davies	10	207	5
H. D. Daly	9	48	19
A. J. Martin, Ireland	8	33	24

2.00

THE LETHEBY & CHRISTOPHER SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE (Grade 1) (A)

2m110y

£100,000 4yo+ TWFA 4 12-1

**1 ALBUHERA (IRE)**

6 11-7

(tongue strap)

154 +

b.g. Desert Style (IRE) – Morning Welcome (IRE) (Be My Guest (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16m⁶ 17f* 16m* 16f* 16m⁶ 16g² 16d* 17d* 16d⁵ 16g* Feb 14] good-topped gelding: smart on Flat (stays 1¼m) at 3 yrs for M. Johnston: missed 2002 (reportedly fractured pedal bone), useful nowadays: useful novice hurdler: successful at Exeter, Chepstow and Cheltenham (handicap) in October, Newbury in November, Taunton in December and Newbury again (quickenen clear in good style having still been on bridle last when beating Scorned 6 lengths) in February: best effort when short-head second to Self Defense in Grade 2 at Cheltenham sixth start: will prove best around 2m with emphasis on speed: acts on firm and good to soft going: tongue tied.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

Yellow, maroon seams, sleeves and star on cap (D. J. & F. A. Jackson)

h16g 139+N
h16d 145+G2
h17d 122+N
h16d 141+N
h16g 154 G2
h16m 128+119

**2 ARCH STANTON (IRE)**

6 11-7

147

b.g. Lahib (USA) – Sweet Repose (High Top) [2002/3 16s⁵ 16s³ 16v² 16d² 16g^{su} :: 2003/4 16d² 16d* 16s⁵ 18s⁴ Feb 8] angular gelding: useful hurdler: won maiden at Leopardstown in December: good efforts in Pierce Hurdle (fifth to Dromlease Express) and Grade 1 novice (fourth to Brave Inca) there since: likely to stay beyond 2¼m: acts on heavy going.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

J. R. Barry

Yellow and purple quartered, yellow sleeves, purple armband, quartered cap (Mr J. J. Brennan)

h18s 147 G1
h16s 141 125
h16d 135 N
h16g 127 N
h16d 125+N

**3 BOURBON MANHATTAN**

6 11-7

139

b.g. Alflora (IRE) – Vanina II (FR) (Italic (FR)) [2002/3 F17s* F16d* F16g⁶ :: 2003/4 16d* 16v² 16d³ 16m² Feb 21] useful-looking gelding: useful bumper performer: very promising start to hurdling career when winning novice at Aintree in November smoothly by 11 lengths from Bold Bishop: hasn't gone on as expected, though creditable neck second of 14 to Fool On The Hill in similar event at Wincanton last time, drawing clear with winner from 2 out: bred to stay at least 2½m: acts on good to firm and soft going, possibly unsuited by heavy: reportedly returned lame when jumping sloppily in Grade 1 at Sandown penultimate start.

A. KING

R. Thornton

Red, white sleeves, red spots, brown cap (A Longman, T. Warner, R. Devereux & Ptnrs)

h16m 139 N
h16s 141 125
h16v 118+N
h16d 135+N
F16g 125 G1
F16d 125+W

**4 BRAVE INCA (IRE)**

6 11-7

158

b.g. Good Thyne (USA) – Wigwam Mam (IRE) (Commanche Run) [2002/3 16s 16s F16v* F16d* :: 2003/4 20d* 16s* 18s* Feb 8] strong gelding: will make a chaser: unbeaten in 2 bumpers: much improved back over hurdles this season, winning handicaps at Fairyhouse in November and Navan in December, and 7-runner Grade 1 Deloitte Novice Hurdle at Leopardstown in February: led run-in when beating Newmill ¾ length for latest success: raced only on going softer than good (acts on heavy): will prove ideally suited by further than 2m.

C. A. MURPHY, IRELAND

B. M. Cash

Purple, yellow disc, sleeves and cap (Novices Syndicate)

h18s 153+G1
h16s 126+105
h20d 119 93
F16d 126+W
F16v 125 W
h16s 78 91

**5 CARDENAS (GER)**

5 11-7

142 p

b. or br.h. Acatenango (GER) – Cocorna (Night Shift (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 17g² 16d* 20g* Feb 15] ex-German trained horse: successful 3 times up to 1¾m on Flat in Germany in 2003: short-head second of 11 to Regland in maiden at Rome on hurdling debut: successful both starts since, 17-runner novice at Newbury (50/1, fairly useful form when beating Fool On The Hill by 4 lengths) in December and Group 1 at Rome (by length from Game of Emotions) in February: has left M. Hofer: probably capable of better.

C. R. EGERTON

J. A. McCarthy

Black, black and red check sleeves (Dr G. Madan Mohan)

h16d 137+N

**6 DICTUM (GER)**

6 11-7

ch.g. Secret 'n Classy (CAN) – Doretta (GER) (Aspros (GER)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16d² 16v* 16g⁴ Feb 14] good-topped ex-German gelding: successful 8 times up to around 11f from 18 starts at 3/4 yrs for H. Remmert, in Group 3 at Frankfurt on final outing: confirmed debut promise over hurdles when winning novice at Ascot by 19 lengths from Contraband, always going well: favourite, well below that form when fourth of 16 to Albuhera in similar event at Newbury following month, far from fluent under less testing conditions.

MRS SUSAN NOCK

J. Culloty

Purple, emerald green cross of lorraine, emerald green cap (Mr Gerard Nock)

141

h16g 127 N
h16v 141 N
h16d 131+N

**7 EURO LEADER (IRE)**

6 11-7

b.g. Supreme Leader – Noreaster (IRE) (Nordance (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F20g* F16m* F17d⁵ 16d* 18v² 16v² Feb 1] IR £30,000 3-y-o: leggy gelding: first foal: dam winning 2m hurdler: won bumpers at Listowel in September and Tipperary in October: fairly useful novice hurdler: won 23-runner maiden at Cork in December: second at Punchestown both starts since, improved form when beaten 7 lengths by Kahuna in Grade 2 at Punchestown latest: raced around 2m: acts on heavy and good to firm ground.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

D. N. Russell

Yellow and royal blue stripes, yellow sleeves, striped cap (Mr John Cox)

134

h16v 134 G2
h18v 117 W
h16d 122 N
F17d 122+W
F16m 122 W
F20g 111+W

**8 FLEET STREET**

5 11-7

ch.g. Wolfhound (USA) – Farmer's Pet (Sharrood (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16m* 16d³ 17s* Jan 22] leggy gelding: half-brother to winning 2m hurdlers Never Can Tell (by Emarati) and Tusk (by Fleetwood): fairly useful on Flat, successful at 6.5f (at 2 yrs) and 7f in Germany for H-J. Groschel: fairly useful form over hurdles, winning maiden at Stratford in October and novice at Taunton in January, beating Dileer 3½ lengths in 14-runner event at latter course: likely to prove best around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

N. J. HENDERSON

A. Tinkler

White, red seams, red and white quartered cap (Mr W. H. Ponsonby)

135

h17s 127+N
h16d 135 N
h16m 121+N

**9 GARDE CHAMPETRE (FR)**

5 11-7

b.g. Garde Royale – Clementine Fleurie (FR) (Lionel (FR)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16v² 17d* 16d² 16s² Feb 7] tall, close-coupled gelding: half-brother to several winners over jumps, including prolific cross-country chasers up to 3m Chou Farci (by Le Gregol) and Un Chouia (by Faucon Noir): trained by G. Macaire, successful on 3 of 4 starts around 1½m on Flat in French Provinces: promising start over hurdles, won novice at Bangor in December by short head from Mister Mustard: useful form since, looking very well when second at Sandown to Lingo in Grade 1 and Rhinestone Cowboy in Agfa Hurdle: likely to stay beyond 2m.

P. F. NICHOLLS

T. J. Murphy

Emerald green and red diablo, white sleeves, emerald green diamonds, white cap, red diamond (Million in Mind Partnership)

153

h16s 153+L
h16d 153 G1
h17d 130+N
h16v 129 N

**10 ISLAND STREAM (IRE)**

5 11-7

b.g. Turtle Island (IRE) – Tilbrook (IRE) (Don't Forget Me) [2002/3 16d 16v⁴ 16d 16g⁴ :: 2003/4 16g³ 16m⁶ 20m^{pu} 16m^{pu} 16m 16g² 16g* 16g* 16g^{ur} 16s⁵ 16d 17d 19g^{ur} Mar 5] strong gelding: fair hurdler: won handicaps at Uttoxeter and Kempton (conditional jockeys novice) in November: shaped as if returning to form when seventh to Ela Re in well-contested novice handicap at Cheltenham on penultimate start: unseated fifth on latest: raced mainly around 2m: acts on heavy going: saddle slipped fourth start: has pulled hard.

J. R. JENKINS

W. Marston

Yellow, emerald green diamond, armlets and diamond on cap (Mr Mark Apps)

117

h19g 105A
h17d 112+105
h16d 110 107
h16s 107 110
h16g + N
h16g 117+95A

**11 JOHN OLIVER (IRE)**

6 11-7

gr.g. Lure (USA) – Glitter Grey (Nishapour (FR)) [2002/3 F16d* F16v* F17g :: 2003/4 16d⁵ 16d* Jan 25] well-made gelding: type to make a chaser: won bumpers at Naas and Navan (useful form when beating Kildare by 6 lengths) in 2002/3: promising fifth in maiden hurdle at Leopardstown on reappearance and won 17-runner similar event at same course month later by head from Poachin Again, leading going well before last then idling: raced around 2m: acts on heavy going.

E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND

B. J. Geraghty

Light blue, yellow chevron and sleeves, quartered cap (Mr P. F. Lehane)

124

h16d 123+N
h16d 124+N
F17g + G2
F16v 121+W
F16d 110 W

**12 LACDOUDAL (FR)**

5 11-7

gr.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Belfast (FR) (Royal Charter (FR)) [2002/3 16g³ :: 2003/4 17s^F 16v* 16g* Mar 7] smallish ex-French gelding; fourth foal: half-brother to 2 winners by Kadalko, including fair chaser Idealko, stays 2½m: dam winning chaser up to 19f: 11f winner on Flat: fairly useful form over hurdles: won 17-runner 4-y-o event at Pau in December and, having left F. Nicolle, 17-runner novice at Kempton in March: beat Fool On The Hill 4 lengths for latest success, always going well tracking pace (jumped fluently) and quickening clear between last 2: likely to progress again.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Johnson

Light blue and royal blue diablo, light blue sleeves and cap (Mrs R. J. Skan)

137 P

h16g 137 N
h16v 137 W
h17s

**13 SIMOUN (IRE)**

6 11-7

(tongue strap)

b.g. Monsun (GER) – Suivez (FR) (Fioravanti (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16d⁵ 17s* 16s² Feb 20] compact ex-German gelding; trained by P. Schiergen, smart on Flat (stays 11f), successful 5 times at 3/4 yrs, poor efforts both starts in 2003: fair form over hurdles, winning novice at Taunton easily by 2 lengths from Downtherefordancin: bit disappointing when 3 lengths second of 9 to easy winner Bold Bishop in similar event at Sandown later in month: tongue tied last 2 outings.

M. C. PIPE

R. Greene

White, white cap, royal blue star (The Macca & Growler Partnership)

125 +

h16s 121 N
h17s 122 +N
h16d 125 +N

**14 WAR OF ATTRITION (IRE)**

5 11-7

br.g. Presenting – Una Juna (IRE) (Good Thyne (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16d² 16g 16d* 16s* 20s Jan 4] €15,000 3-y-o: first foal: dam, once raced in points, sister to fairly useful staying chaser Max Pride: fairly useful novice hurdler: won maiden at Punchestown and minor event at Navan in December, landing odds by 1½ lengths from Macs Joy in 18-runner race at latter course: reportedly had mucus in lungs when disappointing in Grade 3 novice at Naas latest start: should stay beyond 2m: raced on good going or softer.

M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND

C. O'Dwyer

Maroon, white disc and armllets, maroon cap, pink star (Gigginstown House Stud)

128

h20s G3
h16s 125 +W
h16d 115 N
h16g 100 N
h16d 117 N

**15 ZIBELINE (IRE)**

7 11-7

(blinkers)

b.g. Cadeaux Geneueux – Zia (USA) (Shareef Dancer (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 21g* 17g³ 16g⁴ 16d⁵ 16m⁴ Feb 21] leggy gelding; half-brother to modest hurdler Zeliba (by Doyoun), stays 2½m: useful on Flat (barely stays 2¼m) for B. R. Millman: landed odds in novice at Sedgefield in September on debut over hurdles: good efforts in handicaps at Cheltenham behind Gone Too Far (in novice event) and Perouse 2 starts prior to probably being flattered when 23½ lengths fourth of 8 to Rigmorale in Grade 2 at Wincanton last time: blinkered last 3 starts.

B. ELLISON

G. Lee

Dark green and orange (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Ashley Carr)

119

h16m 134? G2
h16d 119 W
h16g 117 +108
h17g 114 +N
h21g 93 +N

**16 ZUM SEE (IRE)**

5 11-7

ch.g. Perugino (USA) – Drew (IRE) (Double Schwartz) [2002/3 F16s⁶ F16s* :: 2003/4 F16g 16d* 16m 16s² 16d* Mar 7] sturdy gelding; second foal: dam unraced, out of half-sister to disqualified Irish Oaks winner Sorbus: best effort in bumpers when winning maiden at Punchestown in 2002/3 (didn't look easy ride there in April): successful at Naas twice from 4 starts over hurdles, maiden in November and novice (beat Corrib Boy cheekily by 2 lengths) in March: beaten 13 lengths when second of 9 to impressive Sadlers Wings in minor event at Navan penultimate start: raced at 2m: acts on soft going.

N. MEADE, IRELAND

P. Carberry

White, red stars, red sleeves, white stars, white cap, red stars (Alex Syndicate)

140

h16d 131 +N
h16s 129 W
h16m G3
h16d 126 +N
F16g G1
F16s 103 W

**17 LOCKSMITH**

4 11-0

gr.g. Linamix (FR) – Zenith (Shirley Heights) [2003/4 F12s* F13d⁴ F12d⁴ 18s* 17s² 16g² Feb 28] angular gelding; fifth foal: half-brother to useful 1¼m winner Spinning Top (by Alzao) and US 7f/9f winner Daytime (by Danehill): dam, 2-y-o 8.5f winner, out of smart miler Soprano: won 3-y-o event at Ascot on first of 3 starts in bumpers: won juvenile at Fontwell on hurdling debut by 29 lengths from Croix de Guerre: second both starts since, better effort when beaten ½ length by Trouble At Bay in Grade 2 at Kempton last time, leading to last: raced on good going or softer.

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

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

138

h16g 138 G2
h17s 128 N
h18s 138 N
F12d 114 W
F13d 112 W
F12s 106 +W

**18 MARIAH ROLLINS (IRE)**

6 11-0

b. or br.m. Over The River (FR) – Clonloo Lady (IRE) (Nearly A Nose (USA)) [2002/3 F16d F16s⁴ F16s F16d* :: 2003/4 F20d² 16m* 16m* 16d² 16d* 18s³ Feb 8] lengthy, narrow mare: first foal: dam well held in bumper only start: fair form in bumpers, winning mares event at Thurles in 2002/3: useful novice hurdler: won at Galway (maiden) in October, Down Royal (listed mares event) in November and Leopardstown (beat Newmill 8 lengths in Grade 2 paddypower.com Future Champions Novice Hurdle) in December: below form in Grade 1 at Leopardstown last time: should prove effective over further than 2m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going.

P. A. FAHY, IRELAND

D. J. Casey

Orange, black hoop, chevrons on sleeves, quartered cap (Gone West Racing Syndicate)

159

h18s 150 G1
h16d 159 G2
h16d 149 +G1
h16m 123 +L
h16m 111 +N
F20d 112 W

**19 PERLE DE PUCE (FR)**

5 11-0

b.m. Snurge – Ma Puce (FR) (Tip Moss (FR)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 17s² 18v* 18dpu 18s 18v³ 19s 18v* 16d* 16d^F Jan 3] useful-looking ex-French mare: half-sister to winning hurdler/chaser up to 2¾m Reine Elodie (by Cadoudal) and 2m hurdle winner Jolie Puce (by General Assembly): 15f winner on Flat: useful novice hurdler: won 4-y-o fillies event in May and handicap in November, both at Auteuil, and Grade 2 novice at Ascot in December: 33/1 and first start since leaving A. Hosselet, much improved when beating Lingo by 1¼ lengths at Ascot: just headed by same horse but running another good race when fell last in Grade 1 at Sandown 2 weeks later: should stay beyond 2¼m: raced on ground softer than good (acts on heavy).

N. J. HENDERSON

M. A. Fitzgerald

Brown, orange sleeves, quartered cap (Mr Robert Waley-Cohen)

157

h16d 153 +G1
h16d 157 G2
h18v 135 H
h19s H
h18v 135 H
h18s H

LETHEBY & CHRISTOPHER SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE (Gr 1) (Cheltenham 2m½f)

1998	144	French Ballerina 5-11-3: 10/1	P J Flynn (Ir)	G Bradley	30
1999	162	Hors La Loi III 4-11-0: 9/2	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	20
2000	143	Sausalito Bay 6-11-8: 14/1	N Meade (Ir)	P Carberry	15
2001		Abandoned			
2002	138	Like-A-Butterfly 8-11-3: 7/4	C Roche (Ir)	C F Swan	28
2003	151	Back In Front 6-11-8: 3/1	E J O'Grady (Ir)	N Williamson	19

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2.40 THE IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE 2m**CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE (Grade 1) (A)**

£140,000 5yo+

**1 CARACCIOLA (GER)**

7 11-7

b.g. Lando (GER) – Capitolina (FR) (Empery (USA)) [2002/3 16v² 16g* 16s³ 16g* 16m³ 16d^{pu} :: 2003/4 16m* 16m² c16d* c16g* c16g² Jan 17] leggy gelding: useful hurdler: won handicap at Sandown in November: good second to Rigmorole in valuable similar event at Cheltenham 8 days later: made excellent start over fences, winning 3-runner novice events at Haydock (by 4 lengths from Our Armageddon) and Kempton (beat Thisthatandtother 3½ lengths, again jumping soundly): odds on, reportedly returned slightly lame when only second to Palua at Kempton last time: raced at 2m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: worth another chance to show himself capable of better again.

N. J. HENDERSON

White, large royal blue spots, royal blue cap (Mr P. J. D. Pottinger)

M. A. Fitzgerald

155 p

c16g	142+N
c16g	155 N
c16d	152+N
h16m	149+125
h16m	143+122
h16d	G2

**2 CENTRAL HOUSE**

7 11-7

b.g. Allora (IRE) – Fantasy World (Kemal (FR)) [2002/3 F16s* 16s* 16s* 16v² 16s² 20d³ 16m² :: 2003/4 16g⁶ c20d² c17s* c17d* c17d² Jan 25] tall, rather leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: useful novice chaser: won maiden at Fairyhouse in November and Grade 1 Denny Gold Medal Novice Chase at Leopardstown (left clear by Kicking King's fall 2 out) in December: creditable second of 7 to same horse in another Grade 1 novice at Leopardstown last time: stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: effective tongue tied or not: jumps well: consistent.

D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND

White, royal blue spots, royal blue cap, white diamond (John. F. Kenny)

P. Carberry

154

c17d	154 G1
c17d	154+G1
c17s	130+W
c20d	138 W
h16g	122 G1
h16m	135 W

**3 COLCA CANYON (IRE)**

7 11-7

b.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Golden Flats (Sonnen Gold) [2002/3 20s 20s⁴ :: 2003/4 F16g* 16m* 16g* c16f² c19m* c16s^{ur} c21m² c17d³ Jan 25] big, lengthy gelding: brother to fair 2m hurdle winner Come Alive and a thoroughly temperamental maiden hurdler and half-brother to winning 2m to 2½m hurdler Coast Along (by Satco): dam modest sprinter: successful first 3 starts this season, in bumper at Ballinrobe, maiden hurdle at Navan and novice hurdle at Limerick: further improvement since being switched to chasing, winning maiden at Listowel in September: excellent third of 7 to Kicking King in Grade 1 novice at Leopardstown last time: best around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

MRS J. HARRINGTON, IRELAND

Pink and white diamonds, white sleeves, pink cap (Mr Philip F. Myerscough)

R. M. Power

151

c17d	151 G1
c21m	140 G3
c16s	140+N
c19m	132+W
c16f	110+N
h16g	127 N

**4 JAHASH**

6 11-7

ch.g. Hernando (FR) – Jalsun (Jalmood (USA)) [2002/3 17s* 19d² 17s² 16d³ 24m* :: 2003/4 24d 20m³ c17f* c19d³ c16s² c16s⁴ c16m² Feb 21] rather leggy gelding: fair hurdler: landed odds by neck from Dream With Me in 3-runner novice at Exeter in October on chasing debut: left P. Hobbs, best effort over fences when ½-length second of 7 to Monte Cristo in handicap at Fakenham fifth start: lacklustre effort behind Thisthatandtother in 3-runner novice at Wincanton last time: effective at 2m to easy 3m: unraced on heavy going, acts on any other.

A. KING

Light green, mauve epaulets (Mr J. Hawkins)

R. Thornton

132

c16m	N
c16s	125 N
c16s	132 115
c19d	106 N
c17f	110 N
h20m	125 117

**5 JOHN JAMES (IRE)**

8 11-7

b.g. Bravefoot – Glitter Grey (Nishapour (FR)) [2002/3 19g* 18s⁴ 20d⁵ 17g⁶ 16d :: 2003/4 20d c18d^F c17s^F c24s³ c18s* Feb 14] angular gelding: second foal: dam, winning hurdler/fair chaser over 2½m+, half-sister to high-class middle-distance horse Oscar Schindler: fair hurdler: fourth start over fences (going well in lead when departing first 2), made all in 18-runner maiden at Gowran last time, beating Light On The Broom 13 lengths: stays 2½m: acts on soft ground (bumper win on good to firm): has worn cheekpieces.

J. H. SCOTT, IRELAND

Black and yellow chevrons, black sleeves, yellow cap (Mrs M. Cogan)

K. Whelan

131

c18s	131 W
c24s	G2
c17s	+ W
c18d	127+W
h20d	102 104
h16d	112

**6 KELTIC BARD**

7 11-7

b.g. Emperor Jones (USA) – Broughton Singer (IRE) (Common Grounds) [2002/3 16g* 16v 16d² 17s* 16d^F 16g⁴ :: 2003/4 c17g² c16s⁵ c16g* c16s² Jan 31] good-topped gelding: useful novice hurdler in 2002/3: useful novice chaser: favourite, won maiden at Leicester in January by 2 lengths from Sir Talbot: best effort over fences when 6 lengths second of 5 to Puntal at Ascot later in month: raced around 2m: acts on soft going: held up.

C. J. MANN

Maroon, yellow chevrons, maroon sleeves, yellow stars, yellow cap, maroon stars (M. Rowland, M. Collins & P. Cox)

N. Fehily

144

c16s	144 N
c16g	131+W
c16s	112 W
c17g	139 N
h16g	148 G1
h16d	122

**7 KICKING KING (IRE)**

6 11-7

b.g. Old Vic – Fairy Blaze (IRE) (Good Thyme (USA)) [2002/3 16s* 20s² 18s* 16s* 16g² :: 2003/4 c16d⁵ c17d^F c16s* c17d* Jan 25] rangy, well-made gelding: progressive hurdler in 2002/3: smart novice chaser: won at Punchestown (most impressive when beating Houdunnit by distance) and Leopardstown in January: responded willingly to beat Central House 3½ lengths in 7-runner Grade 1 Baileys Arkle Perpetual Challenge Cup Novice Chase at latter course: in front travelling well when falling 2 out in another Grade 1 novice at Leopardstown in December: stays 2½m, raced mainly around 2m: acts on heavy going.

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND

Purple, white diamond and sleeves, purple cap (Mr Conor Clarkson)

B. J. Geraghty

166

c17d	157 G1
c16s	166+N
c17d	155+G1
c16d	120 G2
h16g	155 G1
h16s	132+G2

**8 MISTER MCGOLDRICK**

7 11-7

b.g. Sabrehill (USA) – Anchor Inn (Be My Guest (USA)) [2002/3 16v* 16g 16s* 16s⁴ 20d³ 16v 16g 20m⁴ :: 2003/4 16m* c16d^F 16d⁶ c16d³ c16d* c20s* c16m⁴ Feb 28] workmanlike gelding: useful hurdler: won handicap at Wetherby in October by 2½ lengths from Torrid Kentavr: not quite so good over fences: won 4-runner maiden at Wetherby (easily) in December and 7-runner novice at Ayr (in command when left clear last) in February: much stiffer task, held up and no impression straight when fourth to Upgrade in handicap at Haydock last time: stays 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: effective held up or ridden prominently: bold jumper of hurdles: game: probably hasn't finished improving over fences.

MRS S. J. SMITH

Dark blue, yellow disc, halved sleeves, dark blue and yellow quartered cap (Mr Richard Longley)

D. Elsworth

144 p

c16m	144+138
c20s	120+N
c16d	124+W
c16d	115 W
h16d	110 G2
c16d	N

**9 OUR ARMAGEDDON (NZ)**

7 11-7

b.g. Sky Chase (NZ) – Monte d'Oro (NZ) (Cache of Gold (USA)) [2002/3 17s² 16s* 16d³ 17d*^d 17g* :: 2003/4 c21g² c17g* c20g* c19d* c20d* c16d² c20s* Jan 10] rather leggy gelding: progressive hurdler in 2002/3: useful novice chaser: won at Kelso (intermediate), Ayr and Ascot (jumped badly left, beat Rainbows Aglitter 23 lengths) in November, Wetherby (beat Silver Knight 3½ lengths) in December and Haydock (by 18 lengths from Full Irish) in January: lost nothing in defeat when 4 lengths second of 3 to Caracciola (rec. 8 lb) at Haydock on penultimate start: stays 2½m well, but not short of speed: acts on soft going: may prove best on left-handed tracks: fluent-jumping front runner: tough and reliable: probably hasn't finished improving.

R. C. GUEST

Light blue, dark blue disc, striped sleeves and cap (Mr Leslie Garrett)

L. McGrath

156 p

c20s	156 N
c16d	156+N
c20d	138+N
c19d	148+N
c20g	125+N
c17g	105+W

**10 PALUA**

7 11-7

b.g. Sri Pekan (USA) – Reticent Bride (IRE) (Shy Groom (USA)) [2002/3 20s² 20v* 24m² 24g :: 2003/4 c20g* c25d⁵ c20d⁶ c16g* Jan 17] useful-looking gelding: idled when winning maiden hurdle at Folkestone in 2002/3: appeared to run best race when 12 lengths second to Deano's Beeno in Grade 2 at Kempton: won novice chases at Huntingdon (2 finished, made) in November and Kempton in January, seeming to show improvement when beating Caracciola by 1½ lengths in 4-runner event at latter course (jumped markedly left on occasions): well held in similar events at Hereford and Bangor in between: effective from 2m to 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy ground: has found little.

MISS E. C. LAVELLE

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

B. Fenton

141 +

c16g	141 N
c20d	124 N
c25d	110+N
c20g	133+N
h24g	G1
h24m	145 G2



11 PUNTAL (FR) 8 11-7 (tongue strap) **153 \$**
 b.g. Bering – Saveur (Ardross) [2002/3 16m* 17d* 16g* 16g* 18bd 17d* 16v2 16d2 16g 16m* 21g 20g^{pu} :: 2003/4 c16f* c19g2 c20g* c20g* c16d4 c16s* c20s5 Feb 7] medium-sized gelding: useful novice hurdler in 2002/3: useful novice chaser: won at Cheltenham in October and November (beat Tikram 9 lengths in 2-finisher event), Newbury (listed race, beat sole rival Buckley Lane 20 lengths) later in November and Ascot (by 6 lengths from Keltic Bard) in January: had hard race there and downed tools after headed ninth when visored and tongue tied at Sandown week later: stays 2½m: acts on any going: front runner: sometimes takes plenty of driving: not one to trust.
 M. C. PIPE T. J. Murphy
 White, large red spots and armlets, red and white quartered cap (Mr Terry Neill)

c20s G1
 c16s 153 N
 c16d 139 G2
 c20g 150 +L
 c20g 153 N
 c19g 123 G2



12 THISTHATANDTOTHER (IRE) 8 11-7 **158 +**
 b.g. Bob Back (USA) – Baden (IRE) (Furry Glen) [2002/3 16m* 16g* 20s2 16d* 16d2 16g5 16m2 :: 2003/4 c17g* c16m* c16d* c16g2 c16m* Feb 21] useful-looking gelding: smart novice hurdler in 2002/3, winning 3 times at Wincanton, notably Grade 1 Tolworth Hurdle: has made good start to chasing career this season, successful on 4 of 5 starts, namely maiden at Bangor, Grade 2 events at Cheltenham (November Novices' Chase) and Sandown (Henry VIII Novices' Chase, beat Atum Re 4 lengths) and novice at Wincanton (3 ran, beat Jahash a distance): ran close to form when 3½ lengths second of 3 to Caracciola in novice at Kempton penultimate start: probably ideally suited by 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: fluent jumper.
 P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
 Red, white cross belts, hooped sleeves and star on cap (Mr C. G. Roach)

c16m 158 +N
 c16g 151 N
 c16d 150 +G2
 c16m 151 +G2
 c17g 133 +W
 h16m 159 145



13 TIDOUR (FR) 8 11-7 **141 +**
 b.g. Rahotep (FR) – Softway (FR) (Tyrant (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c16s* c17s2 c16v2 c17s* Feb 16] leggy gelding: ran 3 times in bumpers and twice over hurdles in 2000/1: fairly useful form over fences: won maiden at Uttoxeter in December and novice at Plumpton in February, jumping well and having plenty to spare when beating Idiome by 10 lengths last time: better form when 1¼ lengths second to Non So and Kalca Mome in novices at Plumpton and Haydock in between: raced around 2m, mainly on soft/heavy going.
 P. R. WEBBER T. Doyle
 Royal blue and yellow diablo, chevrons on sleeves, yellow cap, royal blue star (Mrs M. Fisher)

c17s 124 +N
 c16v 138 N
 c17s 130 +N
 c16s 124 +W



14 LE DUC (FR) 5 11-3 **136 \$**
 b.g. Villez (USA) – Beberova (FR) (Synefos (USA)) [2002/3 15v2 17g2 16d2 16s4 16vF 17s4 17g6 16g* :: 2003/4 c16m* c16m4 c19sF c16g2 16g c17g* Mar 6] tall, good-topped gelding: useful hurdler: respectable eleventh to Geos in very valuable handicap at Newbury penultimate start: fairly useful chaser: won maiden at Wetherby in October and novice at Kelso (didn't have to come off bridle to beat Rodber 3 lengths) in March: let down by jumping and/or temperament all other starts over fences, hanging violently right off bridle when 5 lengths second of 6 to Bonus Bridge in novice at Ludlow in January: raced mainly around 2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried blinkered: usually fails to go through with effort and not to be trusted.
 P. F. NICHOLLS J. Tizzard
 Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (Mrs J. Stewart)

c17g 107 +N
 h16g 151 140
 c16g 120 N
 c19s 136 +N
 c16m 123 +G2
 c16m 110 +W



15 ROYALEETY (FR) 5 11-3 **146**
 b.g. Garde Royale – La Grive (FR) (Pharly (FR)) [2002/3 15s* 17s3 17d* 18s3 18s* 18s2 18v* 18s 18s5 19vpu :: 2003/4 18s c17s* c17s* c20s5 c19s* c22s c20sF Feb 14] ex-French gelding: sixth foal: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Freedoc (by Freedom Cry), stays 2½m, and to Flat winners up to 1½m in France and Morocco: dam won at 7.5f and 11f in Belgium: twice-raced maiden on Flat: useful hurdler, raced exclusively at Auteuil, winning 6 of 13 starts: similar form over fences, winning 4-y-o events at Enghien and Auteuil in September and Enghien (listed event, by length from Licara d'Airy) in October: left T. Cível, off 3½ months and tongue tied, in second when falling last (blundered 2 out) in novice won by Mister McGoldrick at Ayr on British debut last time: stays 2¾m: raced mainly on soft/heavy going.
 IAN WILLIAMS Paul Moloney
 Black and yellow diamonds, checked sleeves, yellow cap (Mr & Mrs John Poynton)

c20s + N
 c22s 140 G1
 c19s 145 +W
 c20s 146 G3
 c17s 140 W
 c17s 129 W



16 WELL CHIEF (GER) 5 11-3 **141 p**
 ch.g. Night Shift (USA) – Wellesiena (GER) (Scenic) [2002/3 17s* 16m* 17g2 16g3 :: 2003/4 16f* 16d5 c16s* Feb 3] angular gelding: leading juvenile hurdler in 2002/3, head second to Spectroscope in Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham: further improvement when winning 4-runner Grade 2 K J Pike & Sons Elite Hurdle (Limited Handicap) at Wincanton on reappearance in October by 1¾ lengths from Quazar: won novice at Taunton on chasing debut easily by 3 lengths from Saint Esteben, failing to settle held up and mixed round of jumping (blundered last): likely to prove best around 2m: has won on soft going, best form over hurdles on good going or firmer: exuberant sort who usually races prominently: has plenty of potential as a chaser.
 M. C. PIPE A. P. McCoy
 Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)

c16s 136 +N
 h16d 152 142
 h16f 160 + 138
 h16g 154 G2
 h17g 154 G1
 h16m 145 G2


IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE (Gr 1) (Cheltenham 2m)


1998	137	Champleve 5-11-0: 13/2	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	16
1999	153	Flagship Uberalles 5-11-0: 11/1	P F Nicholls	J Tizzard	14
2000	152	Tiutchev 7-11-8: 8/1	N J Henderson	M A Fitzgerald	12
2001		Abandoned			
2002	159	Moscow Flyer 8-11-8: 11/2	Mrs J Harrington (Ir)	B J Geraghty	12
2003	158	Azertyuioip 6-11-8: 5/4	P F Nicholls	R Walsh	9


Course winners records


Time	No	Horse	Wins	2nd	3rd	Runs
2.00	1	ALBUHERA (IRE)	1 (1 CD)	1		2
2.40	6	KELTIC BARD	1			2
2.40	11	PUNTAL (FR)	2 (1 CD)			3
2.40	12	THISTHATANDTOTHER (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			3
3.20	4	GEOS (FR)	1		1	4
3.20	6	HARDY EUSTACE (IRE)	1	1		2
3.20	10	RIGMAROLE	2 (2 CD)			2
3.20	11	ROOSTER BOOSTER	4 (2 CD)	2		8
3.20	12	SELF DEFENSE	1 (1 CD)			2
3.20	14	WESTENDER (FR)	2 (2 CD)	2	1	5
4.00	1	MARLBOROUGH (IRE)	2		1	5
4.00	3	ROYAL AUCLAIR (FR)	2			5
4.00	5	SHARDAM (IRE)	1			1
4.00	8	FORK LIGHTNING (IRE)	1			1
4.00	9	YOU'RE AGOODUN	1		1	7
4.00	10	MASTER TERN (USA)	2		1	7
4.00	11	DARK STRANGER (FR)	1		1	7
4.40	1	HORUS (IRE)	2			7
4.40	6	ROYAL PREDICA (FR)	1 (1 CD)	1		3
4.40	12	PROMINENT PROFILE (IRE)	1			5
4.40	15	BALLYCONNELL (IRE)	1			2
4.40	17	LANMIRE TOWER (IRE)	1			4
4.40	18	MONTREAL (FR)	1		1	4
4.40	20	JASMIN GUICHOIS (FR)	1			1
4.40	22	SUPER FELLOW (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			2
5.20	2	FREETOWN (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			1
5.20	3	MISTANOORA	1	1		2
5.20	7	INCHING CLOSER	1 (1 CD)			2
5.20	8	STORMEZ (FR)	1	2		4
5.20	10	STROMNESS (USA)	1			3
5.20	20	HIDDEN BOUNTY (IRE)	1			1
5.20	24	IMPERIAL DE THAIX (FR)	1	2		5


3.20 THE SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Grade 1) (A) **2m110y**
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 **1 DAVENPORT MILENIUM (IRE)** 8 11-10 (blinkers) **158**
 b.g. Insan (USA) – Society Belle (Callernish) [2002/3 16s³ :: 2003/4 20d⁴ 16s² 16d⁵ Jan 25] useful-looking gelding: smart hurdler: third in Christmas Hurdle at Kempton only start in 2002/3 (missed rest of season reportedly due to strained tendon): back to form last 2 outings, length second to Rigmarole in Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham and fifth of 8 to Foreman in steadily-run Grade 1 at Leopardstown: will stay beyond 2½m: raced on good going or softer (won bumper on heavy).
 W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND T. J. Murphy
 White, dark blue diamond and sleeves, white armlets, quartered cap (Mrs N. O'Callaghan)


 **2 FOREMAN (GER)** 6 11-10 (blinkers) **161**
 ch.h. Monsun (GER) – Fleurie (GER) (Dashing Blade) [2002/3 17m* 16g* 19s³ 18s² 19s³ 20v² 16v³ 21m* 21g⁴ 19s* :: 2003/4 18s* 19s^F 16g⁴ 16d* Jan 25] lengthy, angular horse: smart hurdler: won minor event at Enghien in November and steadily-run 8-runner Grade 1 AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown in January: in superb shape, just held Georges Girl by head at latter course: effective at 2m, should stay 3m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: blinkered last 2 starts.
 T. DOUMEN, FRANCE T. Doumen
 Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)

 **3 FOTA ISLAND (IRE)** 8 11-10 (blinkers) **159**
 b.g. Supreme Leader – Mary Kate Finn (Saher) [2002/3 c22s^{ur} c17s³ c20s⁴ 20s³ 16s² 19v² 16v* 16s* :: 2003/4 16g³ 20d^F 16d³ 16d³ Jan 25] big, good sort: let down by jumping 2 of 3 runs over fences: smart hurdler: below form when odds on penultimate start, excellent third of 8 to Foreman in steadily-run Grade 1 at Leopardstown on latest: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going: has made running 3 times this season.
 M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND D. J. Casey
 Emerald green, orange hoops, red cap (Mr John P. McManus)


 **4 GEOS (FR)** 9 11-10 (cheekpieces) **164**
 b. or br.g. Pistolet Bleu (IRE) – Kaprika (FR) (Cadoudal (FR)) [2002/3 c20d³ 17d³ c16v* c19s² c16g⁴ 20g c16m⁵ :: 2003/4 16d² 16g* Feb 14] smallish, strong gelding: smart chaser: won 4-runner skybet.com Castleford Chase at Wetherby in 2002/3: very smart hurdler at best: right back to form when winning 25-runner Tote Gold Trophy (Handicap) at Newbury by short head from Rooster Booster (gave 17 lb), strong run to lead post (also won race in 2001): ¾-length second of 8 to The French Furze in Grade 2 at Newcastle on reappearance: stays 2½m, at least with emphasis on speed: acts on heavy going, possibly unsuited by good to firm.
 N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
 White, large royal blue spots, royal blue cap (Thurloe Finsbury)


 **5 GOLDEN CROSS (IRE)** 5 11-10 (cheekpieces) **156**
 b.g. Goldmark (USA) – Fordes Cross (Ya Zaman (USA)) [2002/3 16s* 16v⁶ 16s² 16s* 17g³ :: 2003/4 16g³ 16d* 16d Jan 25] close-coupled gelding: useful on Flat (stays 2m): smart hurdler: best effort when winning Grade 1 Bewleys Hotels December Festival Hurdle at Leopardstown, beating Spirit Leader ½ lengths: below form in another Grade 1 there following month, not suited by steady pace: will be suited by 2½m+: acts on soft ground: has worn cheekpieces last 2 starts.
 M. HALFORD, IRELAND P. Carberry
 White, royal blue hoop, red sleeves, red cap, white stars (Exors of the Late Mrs H. Johnson)

 **6 HARDY EUSTACE (IRE)** 7 11-10 (blinkers) **163**
 b.g. Archway (IRE) – Sterna Star (Corvaro (USA)) [2002/3 16s*d 16v* 20s* 18s² 21g* 24d⁵ :: 2003/4 20m² 16d 20d² 16s² Feb 14] good-topped gelding: smart hurdler: back to best when second in Grade 2 events last 2 starts, beaten 3 lengths by Crystal d'Ainay at Cheltenham and short head by Georges Girl at Gowran: effective at 2m and should stay 3m: acts on heavy going: blinkered first time.
 D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND C. O'Dwyer
 Light blue, yellow hoop, white sleeves, light blue and white striped cap (Mr Laurence Byrne)

 **7 HASTY PRINCE** 6 11-10 **157**
 ch.g. Halling (USA) – Sister Sophie (USA) (Effervescing (USA)) [2002/3 16v² 16d* 16g^{bd} 19d* :: 2003/4 20g* 16m³ 16s³ 16s² 16g Feb 14] leggy, sparely-made gelding: has progressed into smart hurdler this season, impressive when winning Tote Silver Trophy Handicap at Chepstow in November by 5 lengths from Tik-A-Tai: placed in valuable handicap and Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham and Grade 2 at Haydock since, 7 lengths second to Rooster Booster at Haydock: never going well when down the field in very valuable handicap at Newbury latest start: likely to prove better at 2½m than around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: patiently ridden.
 JONJO O'NEILL A. Dobbin
 Pink, light blue and royal blue chevrons on sleeves, light blue cap (F. F. Racing Services Partnership III)

 **8 INTERSKY FALCON** 7 11-10 (blinkers and tongue strap) **169**
 ch.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – I'll Try (Try My Best (USA)) [2002/3 16f* 16m* 16d* 16g* 16g⁵ :: 2003/4 16m* 16d³ 16g* 16m² Feb 21] leggy gelding: high-class hurdler: successful 4 of 5 starts in 2002/3: won Grade 1 John James McManus Memorial Hurdle at Tipperary (by 12 lengths from Back In Front) in October and Grade 1 Jobs@Pertemps City Christmas Hurdle at Kempton (by 2½ lengths from Rooster Booster, ridden more patiently than usual and leading after 2 out) in December, both races for second year running: below best when third to The French Furze in Grade 2 at Newcastle in between and when 3½ lengths second of 8 to Rigmarole in Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton last time, failing to settle and not finding much for pressure when winner challenged in straight: best around 2m: acts on firm and soft going: blinkered: has idled: usually races up with pace: tough and game.
 JONJO O'NEILL L. Cooper
 White, dark blue and light green striped sleeves, light green cap (Interskyracing.com & Mrs Jonjo O'Neill)

 **9 LIMERICK BOY (GER)** 6 11-10 **163 +**
 b.g. Alwuhush (USA) – Limoges (GER) (Kongststuhl (GER)) [2002/3 16d* 16g⁶ 16d* :: 2003/4 16g² 16d^{pu} 16g* 16g^{ur} Feb 14] close-coupled gelding: smart on Flat (stays 1¼m) for A. Schutz: useful hurdler: improved effort when winning Tote Scoop6 Lanzarote Hurdle (Handicap) at Kempton in January, travelling well close up before rallying run-in to beat Perouse a neck, pair clear: unseated first next time: should stay beyond 2m: raced only on good/good to soft going: ran as if amiss second start: may do better still.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS S. Thomas
 Dark blue, white star, red sleeves, white stars, red cap, white star (Favourites Racing)

 **10 RIGMAROLE** 6 11-10 (tongue strap) **164 +**
 b.g. Fairy King (USA) – Cattermole (USA) (Roberto (USA)) [2002/3 18m³ 17d 16g² 16d 16d 16m² :: 2003/4 c18g² 16m⁴ 17m^F 17m^F 17m* 17g* 16f² 16m* 16f⁴ 16m* 16s* 16m* Feb 21] compact gelding: second in maiden at Fontwell on chasing debut (open to improvement over fences): vastly improved over hurdles this season and has developed into smart performer: successful in handicaps at Newton Abbot in August and Bangor in September, minor event at Kempton in October, Greatwood Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham in November, slowly-run Grade 2 Tote Bula Hurdle there (by length from Davenport Millenium) in December and Grade 2 Axminster Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton in February: beat Intersky Falcon by 3½ lengths in 8-runner event for latest success, smooth progress to lead 2 out and running on well from last: best around 2m: acts on soft and firm going: tongue tied: held up.
 P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
 Dark green, yellow cross belts, diablo on sleeves (Mr & Mrs Mark Woodhouse)

**11 ROOSTER BOOSTER**

10 11-10

gr.g. Riverwise (USA) – Came Cottage (Nearly A Hand) [2002/3 16d* 16d* 17d* 16v* 16g* 20g2 :: 2003/4 16s5 16g2 16s* 16g2 Feb 14] sparsely-made gelding: top-class hurdler: won Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in 2003 by 11 lengths from Westender: at least as good when short-head second to Geos (rec. 17 lb) in Tote Gold Trophy (Handicap) at Newbury on latest start, travelling really well in strongly-run race and leading last but caught on line: led from third when winning Red Square Vodka Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock previous outing by 7 lengths from Hasty Prince: unsuited by tactical affairs first 2 starts: best form around 2m: probably acts on any going: usually held up, and ideally suited by well-run race: usually jumps quickly and accurately: splendidly tough and consistent: will take all the beating in Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Johnson

Yellow, black chevron, check cap (Mr Terry Warner)

**12 SELF DEFENSE**

7 11-10

b.h. Warning – Dansara (Dancing Brave (USA)) [2002/3 16g4 20s3 16d3 16v2 16g4 20gpu :: 2003/4 16g* 20d2 16d4 16g Feb 14] sturdy horse: useful on Flat (stays 15.5f) in France: useful novice hurdler on balance of form: excelled himself when in frame behind Rooster Booster in minor event at Sandown and Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in 2002/3: best effort this season when under 9 lengths tenth to Geos in very valuable handicap at Newbury last time, travelling strongly turning for home but steadied briefly and failing to pick up when hitting 2 out: earlier won Grade 2 Sharp Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham in November by short head from Albuhera: should prove as effective at 2½m as 2m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy) over hurdles.

MISS E. C. LAVELLE

F. Keniry

Orange, dark blue sash, diablo on sleeves, orange cap (Fraser Miller Racing)

**13 SPECULAR (AUS)**

8 11-10

b.g. Danehill (USA) – Spyglass (NZ) (Sir Sian (NZ)) [2002/3 15v* 14s2 14g* 15d* 16g* 15g* 16s* :: 2003/4 17s* 17g* 20g2 16s3 Jan 10] smallish, strong gelding: half-brother to Australian Group 1 winner at 1m Iron Horse (by Zephyr Zip): dam won 2m Auckland Cup: raced over 40 times on Flat, won over 1½m in March: leading hurdler in Australia, successful on 8 of 10 starts, including Lachal Hurdle at Flemington after end of British season: reportedly sold Aus \$750,000 from T. Rosolini, shaped as though probably in need of run when 17 lengths third of 6 to Rooster Booster in Grade 2 at Haydock on British debut, travelling strongly to 3 out then carrying head awkwardly off bridle and tiring when mistake last: stays 2½m: raced on good going or softer: probably capable of improvement on his Haydock form.

JONJO O'NEILL

B. J. Geraghty

Emerald green, orange hoops, emerald green cap, white star (Mr John P. McManus)

**14 WESTENDER (FR)**

8 11-10

(blinkers)

b.g. In The Wings – Trude (GER) (Windwurf (GER)) [2002/3 17v3 16g2 16m3 :: 2003/4 16dpu 16g6 Feb 14] tall, close-coupled gelding: very smart hurdler: 33/1, best effort when 11 lengths second to Rooster Booster in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham last March, reluctant to race then staying on well from rear despite looking none too keen: easily better effort this season (reportedly distressed on reappearance) when around 2 lengths sixth to Geos in very valuable handicap at Newbury: raced around 2m: acts on good to firm going: blinkered.

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

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

SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Gr 1) (Cheltenham 2m½f)

1998	172	Istabraq 6-12-0: 3/1	A P O'Brien (Ir)	C F Swan	18
1999	164	Istabraq 7-12-0: 4/9	A P O'Brien (Ir)	C F Swan	14
2000	163	Istabraq 8-12-0: 8/15	A P O'Brien (Ir)	C F Swan	12
2001		Abandoned			
2002	161	Hors La Loi III 7-12-0: 10/1	J R Fanshawe	D Gallagher	15
2003	170	Rooster Booster 9-12-0: 9/2	P J Hobbs	R Johnson	17

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h16g 181 166
h16s 172+G2
h16g 165 G1
h16s 158+G2
h20g 167+G1
h16g 181 G1

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h16g 155 149
h16d 146 G2
h20d 151 G2
h16g 144+G2
h20g 166? G1
h16g 166? G1

150 p

h16s 150+G2

166

h16g 166 153
h16d G2
h16m 162 157
h16g 170? G1
h17v 151+G4

FOURTH RACE CHELTENHAM (TV CH4)

4.00**THE WILLIAM HILL NATIONAL HUNT
HANDICAP CHASE (Grade 3) (A)****3m110y**

£80,000 5yo+

**1 MARLBOROUGH (IRE)**

12 11-12

br.g. Strong Gale – Wrekenogan (Tarqogan) [2002/3 c25d* c26g c24s2 c24gF c26g c25g5 :: 2003/4 c25m2 c25d3 c24g5 c24m* Feb 28] strong gelding: top-class chaser at best, runner-up to Best Mate in 2002 King George VI Chase: very smart form this season, won 11-runner Racing Post Chase (Handicap) at Kempton in February by 4 lengths from Gunther McBride, travelling well long way and leading 2 out: earlier placed behind Ballybough Rasher in Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby (several mistakes) and impressive Kingscliff in handicap at Cheltenham: stays 3¼m (has twice weakened markedly closing stages over 33f): acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried in cheekpieces.

N. J. HENDERSON

M. A. Fitzgerald

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

**2 TYNEANDTHYNEAGAIN**

9 11-1

(cheekpieces)

b.g. Good Thyme (USA) – Radical Lady (Radical) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c21m2 c23d2 c26dpu c24g2 c24s* c24s c33d* Feb 21] lengthy gelding: one-time useful hurdler: has progressed into even better chaser this season, winning Skybet Chase (Handicap) at Doncaster (beat Magical Bailiwick 6 lengths with plenty in hand) in January and 20-runner Tote Eider (Handicap) at Newcastle in February: wearing cheekpieces, ridden much more positively than usual when beating Robbo 3 lengths in latter, leading/disputing throughout and staying on strongly, eased close home: needs thorough test of stamina: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts well on soft/heavy): usually held up: jumps none too fluently (badly let down by jumping at Haydock on penultimate start).

R. C. GUEST

H. Oliver

Red, royal blue hoop, hooped sleeves and cap (Mr N. B. Mason)

**3 ROYAL AUCLAIR (FR)**

7 10-9

(tongue strap)

ch.g. Garde Royale – Carmonera (FR) (Carmont (FR)) [2002/3 c21d4 c24g2 c24g :: 2003/4 c20s4 c21dF c19g c20s4 c24g2 c25m2 c24g2 Mar 6] good-topped gelding: useful chaser: good efforts in frame in Grade 2 at Newbury, listed race at Wincanton and handicap at Doncaster last 3 starts, 10 lengths second of 8 to Grey Abbey in last-named, patiently ridden after mistake first: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: blinkered third start: tongue tied this season: often front runner.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

Emerald green, yellow spots, yellow and emerald green halved sleeves, purple cap (Mr Clive D. Smith)

**4 HAUT CERCY (FR)**

9 10-9

b.g. Roi de Rome (USA) – Mamoussia (FR) (Laniste) [2002/3 c24d* c22d4 c24s3 c25d* c25d3 c24g2 :: 2003/4 c25d2 Dec 12] leggy gelding: useful chaser: won novice at Chepstow and handicap at Wincanton in 2002/3: in frame all other starts last season, running particularly well when second to Youlneverwalkalone in this corresponding race at Cheltenham on final outing: ran on strongly in vain pursuit of winner when good second of 7 to impressive Kingscliff in handicap at Cheltenham on reappearance: better around 3m than shorter (possibly failed to stay 4m): has won on soft going, best form on good/good to soft: usually sound jumper.

H. D. DALY

R. Johnson

Crimson, gold sleeves, hooped cap (The Wiggin Partnership)

165

c24m 165 150
c24g 149 G1
c25d 165 155
c25m 162+G2
c25g 159 G2
c26g 159 G1

164 x

146
c33d 164+137
c24s 137
c24s 153+137
c24g 139 N
c26d 125
c23d 144 122

167

140
c24g 167 140
c25m 167 L
c24g 167 G2
c20s 162 144
c19g 147
c21d 147

169

140
c25d 168+137
c24g 165 131
c25d 147+G2
c25d 158+120
c24s 146+W
c22d 154 N

**5 SHARDAM (IRE)**

7 10-7

b.g. Shardari – Knockea Hill (Bucksin (FR)) [2002/3 19d³ 24s* c24d^{ur} c19d² c22s* c24d⁵ c24s* c25d² :: 2003/4 c25g^{ur} c25g* c27g* c26g^{pu} c24g c24m⁴ Feb 28] tall, leggy gelding: fair hurdler: useful chaser: won intermediate at Kelso in May and listed handicap at Cheltenham in November, making all and clear by third when beating Stormez 8 lengths at latter: good fourth to Marlborough in valuable handicap at Kempton latest start: badly hampered first and run best ignored fourth outing: will stay beyond 27f: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually sound jumper: consistent.
N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES C. Llewellyn
Yellow, maroon chevron and sleeves, maroon and orange quartered cap (Mr Howard Parker)

167

c24m	167	138
c24g	155	G2
c26g		136
c27g	160+130	
c25g	153+W	
c25g		128

**6 CHICUELO (FR)**

8 10-7

(visor)

b.g. Mansonnien (FR) – Dovapas (FR) (Paseo (FR)) [2002/3 c20d* c20d^{pu} c19v* c24d* c24m^{pu} 21g c25f* :: 2003/4 c20m 24m* c24m* c25f³ c24d² 24d c21d⁴ 22s c24m⁵ Feb 28] compact gelding: useful handicap hurdler/chaser: won over hurdles at Worcester in August and over fences at Ascot (by 6 lengths from Moor Lane) in November: creditable efforts when in frame over fences since, lacklustre effort last time: poor efforts last 2 starts over hurdles (seemed to take little interest first occasion): stays easy 25f: probably acts on any going: tried blinkered, visored nowadays: not a fluent jumper of fences.

164

c24m	155	140
h22s		144
c21d	164	141
h24d		135
c24d	166	W
c25f	166	144

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

Pink, white striped sleeves, white cap (Mrs Belinda Harvey)**7 KELAMI (FR)**

6 10-5

b.g. Lute Antique (FR) – Voltige de Nievre (FR) (Brezzo (FR)) [2002/3 17v⁴ c17s³ c20s c19s² c20v³ c17s* c23s⁵ :: 2003/4 c21s³ c21s⁶ c21s⁵ c24g* Dec 27] tall gelding: has had soft palate operation: lightly-raced maiden over hurdles, fairly useful at best: better over fences: won handicaps at Auteuil in March and Kempton on latest start, rallying after 5 out and leading after last to beat Itsonlyme 1½ lengths in latter: stays 3m: raced mainly on soft/heavy going: tried blinkered (failed to settle)/tongue tied.

160

c24g	160	126
c21s	157	W
c21s	157	H
c21s	153	H
c23s'	157	G3
c17s'	153	H

F. DOUMEN, FRANCE

T. Doumen

Black, red and white striped sleeves, hooped cap (Halewood International Ltd)**8 FORK LIGHTNING (IRE)**

8 10-5

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Park Breeze (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2002/3 20v⁴ 19d⁴ 21s* 22d³ 20g² 24m* :: 2003/4 c23g³ c25d* c24s^{ur} c24g² c25d* Feb 12] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful hurdler: useful novice chaser: won at Hereford in December and Wincanton (looked very well) in February, not jumping so fluently when beating Silver Birch ½ length at latter course: best effort when beaten 1¼ lengths by Lord Sam in 3-finisher event at Kempton penultimate start: stays 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going.

164 +

c25d	150+N	136
c24g	164+N	
c24s	159+N	
c25d	145+N	
c23g	133+N	
h24m'	147	115

A. KING

R. Thornton

Emerald green, red cross belts, striped sleeves, red cap (Mr & Mrs F. C. Welch)**9 YOU'RE AGOODUN**

12 10-4

(visor)

ch.g. Derylin – Jennie Pat (Rymer) [2002/3 c24d* c24s^{pu} c28d² c26g c36d^{ur} :: 2003/4 c24s³ c28m⁵ Feb 28] medium-sized gelding: useful handicap chaser in 2002/3, excellent ¾-length second to Shotgun Willy in valuable event at Haydock: below form there both starts this season, fifth of 6 finishers behind Jurancon II in latest running of same race last time: stays 3½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: visored/blinkered: often let down by jumping (unseated nineteenth in Grand National final start last season).

158 +

c28m	150	138
c24s	158	145
c36d'		141
c26g'	175	G1
c28d'	175	141
c24s'		143

M. C. PIPE

Mr T. J. Malone (7)

Red and emerald green diabolo, emerald green sleeves and cap (Mr J. S. Lammiman)**10 MASTER TERN (USA)**

9 10-0 (9-13)

(cheekpieces)

ch.g. Generous (IRE) – Young Hostess (FR) (Arctic Tern (USA)) [2002/3 c20s⁴ c20g^{pu} c16d⁴ c20g² c25d* :: 2003/4 c20g c25d c21d c24s 20g Feb 28] big, leggy gelding: shows traces of stringhalt: has reportedly had wind operation: useful handicap hurdler/chaser: yet to show his form this season: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: patiently ridden: less than fluent jumper of fences: wearing cheekpieces for first time.

162 x

h20g	153+139	131
c24s	+ 131	
c21d	154+133	
c25d		136
c20g		139
c25d'	174+129	

JONJO O'NEILL

A. Dobbin

Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)**11 DARK STRANGER (FR)**

13 10-0 (9-12)

(blinkers)

b.g. Iveday (FR) – Abeille Royale (USA) (Turn To Mars (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 NR] workmanlike gelding: useful handicap chaser: back near very best when 8 lengths second to stable-companion Bounce Back in attheraces Gold Cup at Sandown in April 2002, jumping boldly in front and headed only before last: not seen since: stays 29f: acts on any going: blinkered: unreliable, and often looks less than keen.

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M. C. PIPE


P. Carberry


*White, large red spots and armlets, red and white quartered cap (Mr Terry Neill)***WILLIAM HILL NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP CHASE (Gr 3) (Cheltenham 3m½f)**


1998	163	Unguided Missile 10-11-10: 10/1	G Richards	<i>P Carberry</i>	13
1999	141	Betty's Boy 10-10-2: 25/1	K C Bailey	<i>N Williamson</i>	18
2000	154	Marlborough 8-10-3: 11/2	N J Henderson	<i>MA Fitzgerald</i>	12
2001		Abandoned			
2002	148	Frenchman's Creek 8-10-5: 8/1	H Morrison	<i>P Carberry</i>	23
2003	151	Youlneverwalkalone 9-10-11: 7/1	C Roche (Ir)	<i>B J Geraghty</i>	18


4.40 THE FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (AMATEUR RIDERS) (B)
 £50,000 5yo+ (Rated 0-140) **3m110y**

 **1 HORUS (IRE)** 9 12-0 **152**
 b.g. Teenoso (USA) – Jennie’s First (Idiot’s Delight) [2002/3 c26g* c25d³ c24m* c20g* c25d* c26s⁴ c21s c20g⁶ c25d^{pu} :: 2003/4 c24d² c24s* c24s^{ur} c21d⁶ c24g⁵ c24m^{ur} Feb 28] good-topped gelding; smart handicap chaser: better than ever in valuable events at Ascot first 2 starts, no match for most impressive Kingscliff on reappearance and winning cantorsport.co.uk Silver Cup by 1½ lengths from Behrajan, gradually asserting runner-in after travelling strongly to last: running best race since when unseating 2 out in valuable event at Kempton won by Marlborough, travelling well long way and holding slight lead when departing: effective at 2½m to easy 3¼m: acts on soft and good to firm going: pulled too hard in visor once: held up, and has raced freely.
 M. C. PIPE Mr A. Farrant
Emerald green, scarlet hooped sleeves and cap (Mr B. A. Kilpatrick)


 **2 RED STRIKER** 10 11-9 (tongue strap) **?**
 ch.g. Gunner B – Cover Your Money (Precipice Wood) [2002/3 c20d⁵ c26g c20v² c20d² c36d^{ur} Apr 5 :: 2003/4 NR] workmanlike gelding: useful handicap chaser: good efforts when runner-up at Ayr (beaten 1½ lengths by A Piece of Cake) in January and Haydock (6 lengths behind Goguenard) in March: should stay 3¼m: best form on going softer than good (acts on heavy): tongue tied: patiently ridden.
 R. C. GUEST Mr D. Jewett (3)
Red, royal blue hoop, hooped sleeves and cap (Mr N. B. Mason)

 **3 INNOX (FR)** 8 11-8 (blinkers) **149**
 b.g. Lute Antique (FR) – Savane III (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2002/3 c21s c23s⁴ c27v³ c22v⁴ c24v⁴ c24s^{pu} c22s⁵ c22s :: 2003/4 c19s^{pu} c21s c23s³ c24d² Feb 19] good-topped gelding: useful chaser: good placed efforts in handicaps at Auteuil and Sandown last 2 starts, despite losing place after 4 out when 3 lengths second of 7 to Prominent Profile at latter course: probably stays 27f: acts on heavy going: effective blinkered or not: usually sound jumper.
 F. DOUMEN, FRANCE Mr D. H. Dunsdon
Red, light green cap (Marquesa de Moratalla)


 **4 MONTIFAULT (FR)** 9 11-2 **?**
 ch.g. Morespeed – Tarde (FR) (Kashtan (FR)) [2002/3 c25g^{pu} c24m² c36d⁵ c29m^{pu} :: 2003/4 c26g³ c29g⁵ c24s^{pu} Jan 31] lengthy, rather sparely-made gelding: has had soft palate operation: useful handicap chaser: creditable third of 8 to Lord Noelle at Cheltenham on reappearance, though didn’t find so much as seemed likely: has shaped as if something amiss both starts since, tongue tied on latest: stays 3¼m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: jumps well: not one to rely on.
 P. F. NICHOLLS Mr Derek O’Connor
Emerald green and white check, emerald green sleeves, white armlets and star on cap (Mrs A. E. Fulton)


 **5 TOTO TOSCATO (FR)** 10 11-2 **?**
 b.g. Lesotho (USA) – Tosca de Bellouet (FR) (Olmeto) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 NR] rangy gelding: smart hurdler: took well to fences (rated 151) in 1999/00, winning novices at Uttoxeter, Ascot (Grade 2) and Haydock: also very good third to Lord Noelle in Royal & SunAlliance Chase at Cheltenham final start: suffered tendon injury and not seen out since, has left A. King: will prove best up to 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going: has finished weakly.
 M. C. PIPE Mr G. Weatherley (7)
Black and white stripes, emerald green and white striped sleeves (Lady Clarke)

 **6 ROYAL PREDICA (FR)** 10 11-2 (tongue strap) **?**
 ch.g. Tip Moss (FR) – Girl Vamp (FR) (Kaldoun (FR)) [2002/3 c24g* c36d c29m^{pu} :: 2003/4 c26g c24s^{pu} c20g⁵ Jan 17] leggy gelding: useful handicap chaser: 33/1, career-best effort when winning Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup at Cheltenham in 2002/3 by 10 lengths from Ibis Rochelais: no form since, lost chance with bad mistake 6 out back over shorter trip at Kempton last time: stays 25f: acts on any going: formerly blinkered/visored: tongue tied: often let down by jumping.
 M. C. PIPE Mr Gordon Elliott
Dark blue, yellow cross belts, collar and cuffs, striped cap (Mr P. A. Deal, J. S. Dale & A. Stennett)

 **7 MAXIMIZE (IRE)** 10 10-13 **151** **§**
 b.g. Mandalus – Lone Run (Kemal (FR)) [2002/3 c25g⁴ c24s⁴ c24m c24g⁴ c36d^F :: 2003/4 c25f⁴ c24g² c27d^{pu} c33d Feb 21] strong gelding: useful handicap chaser: sold out of Miss H. Knight’s stable 62,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: creditable efforts first 2 starts this season but has gone wrong way temperamentally since, looking most unenthusiastic last time: should stay beyond 25f: probably acts on any going: visored 2 starts prior to latest: races prominently: usually sound jumper: one to treat with caution.
 M. C. PIPE Mr D. Edwards (7)
Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, royal blue cap (Mr D. A. Johnson)

 **8 MERCHANTS FRIEND (IRE)** 9 10-11 (cheekpieces) **151** **x**
 b.g. Lord Americo – Buck Maid (Buckskin (FR)) [2002/3 20d 16s³ 19s 20v* c20d* c20d* c20g² c24s⁴ c24s² c23s² :: 2003/4 c24s* c25g⁴ c26g⁵ c24g^F c25d³ c24s⁵ Feb 7] good-topped gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Uttoxeter in May: generally creditable efforts since, fifth of 16 to Kings Mistral at Sandown latest outing: should stay beyond 25f: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy): has worn cheekpieces last 3 starts: held up: not a fluent jumper: consistent.
 C. J. MANN Mr P. Cashman
Light blue and emerald green (quartered), emerald green and light blue halved sleeves, white cap (Magic Moments)

 **9 WAGNER (IRE)** 7 10-11 **150** **+**
 b. or br.g. Lure (USA) – Tapaculo (Tap On Wood) [2002/3 16g 17g 20s* 21d² 20v 24g* 24d⁴ 27g³ :: 2003/4 27d³ 22g* 20m² c20m* c23d* c21g^F c24m c20g² Nov 12] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won convincingly at Newton Abbot in June: impressive start to chasing career when winning novices at Market Rasen in July and Uttoxeter in August: best effort when 4 lengths second of 8 to ready winner Mighty Strong in handicap at Newbury last time, sticking to task well: best at 2½m+: acts on good to firm and heavy going: effective tongue tied or not.
 JONJO O’NEILL Mr R. Harding (3)
Royal blue, light green disc, striped sleeves, quartered cap (Ossian Construction Ltd)

 **10 SULPHUR SPRINGS (IRE)** 12 10-10 (tongue strap) **?**
 ch.g. Don’t Forget Me – Short Wave (FR) (Trepan (FR)) [2002/3 c24g³ c28m c20m^{pu} :: 2003/4 c28g^{pu} Dec 26] leggy gelding: useful chaser: creditable effort on reappearance, but very disappointing both subsequent starts in early-2002/3 and no show on reappearance: effective at 2½m to 3¼m: acts on soft and firm going: tongue tied: races prominently.
 M. C. PIPE Mr B. King (7)
Dark blue, yellow striped sleeves (Mr P. A. D. Scouller)

 **11 JARDIN DE BEAULIEU (FR)** 7 10-9 (cheekpieces) **148** **+**
 ch.g. Rough Magic (FR) – Emblem (FR) (Siberian Express (USA)) [2002/3 c20d^{pu} c20s² c20v⁴ c19d⁵ :: 2003/4 c20m c18g² c20g* c20g* c20s³ Feb 14] well-made gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: successful at Kempton (novice) in December and Warwick in January, making all by 2 lengths from Tango Royal in 7-runner event at latter course: blinkered, creditable 8 lengths third of 9 to Jakari at Ayr last time, leading fourth until approaching 3 out: stays 2½m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on soft): wore cheekpieces penultimate start.
 IAN WILLIAMS Mr A. P. Crowe
Black and yellow diamonds, checked sleeves, yellow cap (Mr & Mrs John Poynton)



12 PROMINENT PROFILE (IRE) 11 10-7
 ch.g. Mazaad – Nakuru (IRE) (Mandalus) [2002/3 c22m^{ur} c18g* c20spu c20s4 :: 2003/4 c17m² c22g^{ur} c20d* c16s^{bd} c20d² c18s² c24d* Feb 19] angular gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Aintree in November and Sandown in February, jumping fluently when beating Innox 3 lengths in 7-runner event at latter course: effective around 2m and stays 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried blinkered: front runner.
 N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES Mr R. Widger
Red and royal blue stripes, light blue sleeves, red and royal blue quartered cap (The Son Partnership)

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121A
 c24d 146 113
 c18s 143 110
 c20d 140 110
 c16s 116
 c20d 130+99
 c22g 99



13 IBIS ROCHELAIS (FR) 8 10-7
 b.g. Passing Sale (FR) – Ta Rochelaise (FR) (Carmont (FR)) [2002/3 c20d² c24g³ c20s² c21s² c24s* c24g² c25d^{pu} :: 2003/4 c24d³ Feb 19] big, lengthy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: ran as if race was needed when third of 7 to Prominent Profile at Sandown on reappearance: stays 3m: acts on soft going: has reportedly broken blood vessels: sound jumper nowadays.
 A. ENNIS Mr T. Greenall (3)
Navy blue, green sash, cerise cap (Mr A. T. A. Wates)

153

121A
 c24d 144+122
 c25d² G2
 c24g² 152 122A
 c24s² 153 116
 c21s² 153 116
 c20s² 153 116



14 JASMIN D'OUDAIRIES (FR) 7 10-7
 b.g. Apeldoorn (FR) – Vellea (FR) (Cap Martin (FR)) [2002/3 c17s⁶ c16s c20s⁵ c17d* :: 2003/4 c19d c20s³ Feb 15] fair hurdler: best effort over fences (fairly useful form) when winning novice at Navan in 2002/3 by 1½ lengths from Goldstreet: well behind Over The First and Native Sessions in handicap there latest start: should stay 2½m: acts on soft going.
 W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND Mr J. J. Codd
Royal blue and white quartered, hooped sleeves, royal blue cap (Decies & Dubs Syndicate)

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121A
 c20s 138 122
 c19d 132 123
 c17d² 146 N
 c20s² 125+W
 c16s² W
 c17s² 131 W



15 BALLYCONNELL (IRE) 8 10-7
 b.g. Insan (USA) – Stormy Skies (Strong Gale) [2002/3 c22s² c24f^{ur} c22d⁵ c25s^{ur} c21v⁵ :: 2003/4 20f² c22s² c23g² c20f* c24g^{pu} c25g⁴ c21d* Jan 22] lengthy, useful-looking ex-Irish gelding: first foal: half-brother to winning hurdler/smart chaser Strong Flow (by Over The River), stays 3¼m: dam, maiden jumper, half-sister to useful staying chaser Plenty Crack: runner-up only start over hurdles: fair chaser: first past post in maidens at Tipperary (demoted) and Tralee in August: sold out of D. Weld's stable 21,000 gns Doncaster October Sales: apparently much improved on second start since when winning novice handicap at Cheltenham by 17 lengths from Curtins Hill, only runner not involved in melee 4 out: stays 3m: acts on firm and soft going: sound jumper: has shown signs of temperament.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS Mr B. R. Hamilton
Royal blue and light blue check, diablo on sleeves (Gallant Denco Wallace Whittle)

149

121A
 c21d 149 112
 c25g 134 114
 c24g 117
 c20f 136+W
 c23g 130 W
 c22s 136 W



16 DOMINIKUS 7 10-6
 b.g. Second Set (IRE) – Dolce Vita (GER) (Windwurf (GER)) [2002/3 c16g⁵ c20m² c20m* c20d² :: 2003/4 c16d⁵ c24g³ c20m² c24g* Jun 22] leggy gelding: fairly useful chaser: career-best effort when winning fairly valuable 8-runner handicap at Perth by 13 lengths from Kaki Crazy, always travelling comfortably under patient ride, leading before 2 out and pushed clear: stays 3m: acts on firm and good to soft going.
 FERDY MURPHY Mr K. Mercer (5)
White, red chevron, white sleeves, red stars (The Aarons Archer Partnership)

148

120A
 c24g 148+110
 c20m 139 105
 c24g 134 W
 c16d 126 105
 c20d 134 N
 c20m² 125+N



17 LANMIRE TOWER (IRE) 10 10-4 (blinkers)
 b.g. Celio Rufo – Lanigans Tower (The Parson) [2002/3 c24g⁴ c28d³ c25d* c27g⁴ c24d⁴ c24g c32g⁵ c24m⁴ c28m² :: 2003/4 c24d⁵ c32m^{pu} Jun 29] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: good second of 7 to Random Harvest at Sedgefield final start in 2002/3: well below form this term: stays 4m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually blinkered/visored: has jumped markedly right: no easy ride (refused to race once).
 S. GOLLINGS Mr A. Fitzgerald
Yellow, dark green star, striped sleeves, yellow cap, dark green star (Mrs D. Dukes)

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118A
 c32m 118
 c24d 135 120
 c28m² 153 119
 c24m² 153 120
 c32g² 149 123
 c24g² 124A



18 MONTREAL (FR) 7 10-4
 b. or br.g. Chamberlin (FR) – Massada (FR) (Kashtan (FR)) [2002/3 c19g* c19v² c20d² c24m⁵ c24g⁴ c22f* c20g⁴ c16m^{ur} c20f³ :: 2003/4 c25g^f c20m⁶ c22m⁴ c21d^{su} c24s⁶ Jan 31] leggy, useful-looking gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser at best, largely out of sorts this season: stays 25f when conditions aren't testing: acts on any going: tried visored: held up, and has idled/found little: has been let down by jumping over fences.
 M. C. PIPE Mr L. Jefford
Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)

148 ?

118A
 c24s 123
 c21d 123
 c22m 128
 c20m 148 130
 c25g + W
 c20f 161 132



19 ROYAL BELUGA (USA) 7 10-4
 b.g. Rahy (USA) – Navratilovna (USA) (Nureyev (USA)) [2002/3 16m³ 17m² 17g 16d c17v* c20s* c20d⁵ c20g³ c20s² c18m* c20g⁵ c21m² :: 2003/4 20m⁵ c20m⁴ c21d^{pu} c19d* c20s² c20g⁴ c24m⁴ Mar 4] smallish gelding: modest maiden hurdler (has hinted at temperament): fairly useful handicap chaser: made all at Doncaster in December by distance from Hit Royal: good fourth to Dealer's Choice at Ludlow on penultimate start: stays 21f (faded over 3m last time): acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried visored/tongue tied: didn't seem to take to Grand National fences at Aintree third start.
 T. R. GEORGE Mr N. P. Madden
Light blue, pink diamond, pink cap (Mr M. R. C. Opperman)

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118A
 c24m 137+118
 c20g 148 118
 c20s 145 118
 c19d 148 112
 c21d 113
 c20m 139 113



20 JASMIN GUICHOIS (FR) 7 10-3
 ch.g. Dom Alco (FR) – Lady Belle (FR) (Or de Chine) [2002/3 16d 20s* 20v c25d³ c24s³ c20s^f :: 2003/4 c20d³ c20d* c21m* Feb 21] compact gelding: modest hurdler: fairly useful chaser: improved form last 2 starts, winning conditional jockeys handicap at Cheltenham (beat You're Special 1½ lengths, pair well clear) in December and handicap at Wincanton in February: beat Newick Park comfortably by 7 lengths in 6-finisher event for latest success, travelling strongly in touch and readily going clear after leading 3 out: stays 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS Mr N. Williams (5)
Light blue, dark blue cross of Lorraine, hooped sleeves, striped cap (Seasons Holidays)

152 +

117A
 c21m 147+108
 c20d 143 100A
 c20d 125+100
 c20s 152+94
 c24s 121+95
 c25d 113+97



21 MONDIAL JACK (FR) 5 10-1
 ch.g. Apple Tree (FR) – Cackle (USA) (Crow (FR)) [2002/3 17s* c17g⁵ :: 2003/4 c17v^f c17d² 19m^{pu} c19d* c20g* c20g^{ur} c20g* Mar 7] workmanlike gelding: twelfth foal: brother to fair hurdler/chaser up to 2¾m Line Apple and half-brother to 6 other winners, notably very smart French staying chaser Grey Jack (by Bikala): dam French 1½m winner on Flat: won 4-y-o minor event over hurdles at Pau on debut in 2002/3, left C. Aubert prior to third start: fairly useful form over fences: won maiden at Hereford in January and novices at Kempton in February and March: jumped well when beating Baton Charge 27 lengths in 5-runner event for latest success: will prove at least as effective at 3m as 2½m: acts on soft going: capable of better still over fences.
 M. C. PIPE Mr T. J. Malone (5)
Emerald green and maroon (quartered), halved sleeves, emerald green cap (C. M., B. J. & R. F. Batterham II)

152 p

125A
 c20g 152 N
 c20g N
 c20g 142+N
 c19d 149+W
 h19m 122
 c17d 138 W



22 SUPER FELLOW (IRE) 10 10-0 (cheekpieces and tongue strap)
 b.g. Shy Groom (USA) – Killough (Lord Gayle (USA)) [2002/3 c17s⁵ c20s³ c20s c26m* c23f² c24d* c24v⁵ c25d⁴ :: 2003/4 c24s c20m c19d² c24d c24s³ c24d Dec 27] angular gelding: one-time useful handicap hurdler: fair handicap chaser: best effort this season when 1½ lengths second of 16 to easy winner Take Five at Naas in November: stays 3¼m: acts on any going: tried in blinkers/cheekpieces, effective without: usually tongue tied: none too consistent.
 D. P. MURPHY, IRELAND Mr Colin Motherway (5)
Purple, yellow star and stars on sleeves, yellow cap (R & P Syndicate)

149

114A
 c24d 116
 c24s 143 116
 c24d 134 117
 c19d 149 114
 c20m 138 116
 c24s 132



23 GIELGUD 7 10-0 (tongue strap)
 b.g. Faustus (USA) – Shirl (Shirley Heights) [2002/3 24d 20v 20g 19m² :: 2003/4 20m* 21m³ c22g² c24g^{pu} c20g³ c24g^{pu} c22m^f Feb 28] strong, sturdy gelding: has reportedly had hairline fracture of cannon bone: fair hurdler: similar form over fences, third to Jardin de Beaulieu in handicap at Kempton (mistakes) in December: has failed to complete on 3 of last 4 starts, just starting to lose prominent position when falling 5 out in handicap at Haydock on latest: stays 2¾m: acts on soft and good to firm going: often tongue tied (has reportedly suffered breathing problems).
 P. R. WEBBER Mr S. Morris (3)
Royal blue, white epaulets, royal blue sleeves, white stars, royal blue cap, white star (Mrs J. K. Powell)

146

114A
 c22m 114
 c24g N
 c20g 146 114
 c24g G2
 c22g 146 N
 h21m 124+104

**24 WILD KNIGHT (IRE)**

7 10-0 (9-12)

143 X

b.g. Jurado (USA) – Knight's Maid (Giolla Mear) [2002/3 F17f² F16m* 22d^F 20s⁴ 22d^{pu} 16m² 16g³ :: 2003/4 c19g³ c21m* c20g^{pu} c21d^{ur} c21m^{ur} c22g^{pu} c21m³ Mar 11] medium-sized gelding: fair chaser/maiden hurdler: won novice chase at Wincanton in December: first form since when about 10 lengths last of 3 finishers to Alvino in similar event there last time: stays easy 21f: acts on good to firm going (bumper form on firm): takes strong hold: not a fluent jumper of fences: of suspect temperament.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Miss C. Tizzard (5)

Black, yellow stars, black sleeves, yellow cap (Hunt & Co (Bournemouth) Ltd)

c21m 143 N
c22g 112
c21m + 112
c21d 112
c20g 120
c21m 143 N

FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Cheltenham 3m½f)

1998	129	In Truth 10-10-0: 20/1	S Gollings	Mr S Durack ⁵	14
1999	125	Celtic Giant 9-10-10: 20/1	L Lungo	Mr B Gibson ³	22
2000	124	Honey Mount 9-9-12: 8/1	R H Alner	Mr R Walford ⁵	23
2001		Abandoned			
2002	137	The Bushkeeper 8-11-2: 9/2	N J Henderson	Mr D Crosse	23
2003	144	Royal Predica 9-10-13: 33/1	M C Pipe	Mr S McHugh ⁷	23

SIXTH RACE CHELTENHAM

5.20**THE PERTEMPS FINAL
(HANDICAP HURDLE) (Listed) (A)****3m1f110y**

£60,000 5yo+

**1 TARDAR (NZ)**

8 11-12

148 +

b.g. Prince Ferdinand – La Magnifique (NZ) (Kampala) [2002/3 16d³ 16s* 16v* 21g :: 2003/4 20d 23s* Feb 14] angular gelding: successful 7 times from 1m to around 1½zm from 17 starts on Flat in New Zealand: useful hurdler, lightly raced: won maiden and novice at Chepstow in 2002/3: upped in trip and 19 lb out of weights, much improved when winning handicap at Haydock last time, travelling smoothly into contention and staying on well to beat Iris's Gift 1¾ lengths in 18-runner event: will stay 25f: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy): has had tongue tied: may be capable of better still.

JONJO O'NEILL

E. Cooper (7)

Emerald green, white seams, white sleeves, emerald green seams, emerald green cap, white star (Ray & Sue Dodd Partnership)

h23s 148+143
h20d 123 122
h21g' 122 123
h16v' 124+N
h16s' 121+N
h16d' 111+N

**2 FREETOWN (IRE)**

8 11-11

?

b.g. Shirley Heights – Pageantry (Welsh Pageant) [2002/3 23f :: 2003/4 25d^{pu} 23v⁴ Jan 24] tall, leggy gelding: successful once from 2 outings over fences: smart handicap hurdler: won Pertemps Final at Cheltenham in 2001/2: well below form all 3 starts since that season: suited by 3m+: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy), probably unsuited by firm.

L. LUNGO

M. A. Fitzgerald

White, dark green braces, striped sleeves and cap (Miss S. Blumberg & Mr R. Nairn)

h23v 124+148
h25d 148
h23f 153

**3 MISTANOORA**

5 11-8

(blinkers)

156

b.g. Topanoora – Mistinguett (IRE) (Doyoun) [2002/3 16g⁴ 16m⁶ 17g³ 16s² 16s* 16d⁵ 16v* 16g 17m² :: 2003/4 16f* 20g⁵ 16d 21s⁵ 25d* 22s⁴ 24g² Feb 28] small, leggy gelding: useful handicap hurdler: won at Cheltenham (conditional jockeys) in October and Warwick in January, soon recovering from mistake 4 out to lead next and running on strongly when beating Campaign Trail 3½ lengths at latter course: easily better effort since when 4 lengths second to Monkerhostin in Grade 2 at Kempton, hanging left flat and outpaced: stays 25f well: acts on any going: blinkered: effective held up or ridden prominently.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

C. Llewellyn

Royal blue, red disc, striped sleeves and cap (Mr A. M. J. Duggan)

h24g 151+G2
h22s 137 144
h25d 156 133
h21s 125+134
h16d 128 135
h20g 151 135

**4 THE BAJAN BANDIT (IRE)**

9 11-6

152

b.g. Commanche Run – Sunrise Highway VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2002/3 c20v* c21s* c22d² c25d^{pu} c24g^{pu} :: 2003/4 23m 25d^{pu} 20v* Jan 31] medium-sized gelding: useful handicap hurdler: easy winner of 8-runner event at Ayr on latest start, leading after sixth and always well in command after 4 out, eased run-in to beat Crystal Gift by 6 lengths (pair clear): fairly useful form in novice chases in 2002/3, winning at Carlisle (unimpressive) and Ayr: ran poorly in Grade 2 at Wetherby (found to have had nasal discharge) and Grade 1 at Cheltenham last 2 starts: stays 2¾m: raced mainly on going softer than good (acts on heavy): sketchy jumper of fences.

L. LUNGO

A. Dobbin

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

h20v 146+130
h25d + 130
h23m 130
c24g' G1
c25d' G2
c22d' 144 N

**5 ALEXANDERTHEGREAT (IRE)**

6 11-6

147

b.g. Supreme Leader – Sandy Jayne (IRE) (Royal Fountain) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 21d* 19d² 24s* 22s³ 23s Feb 14] 9,000 (privately) 4-y-o: lengthy gelding: third foal: dam unraced half-sister to useful staying jumper Fissure Seal: won first of 2 starts in points in 2003: successful twice in novice hurdles, at Plumpton in December and Exeter (beat Billy Ballbreaker 6 lengths with something to spare) in January: nearly 2 stone wrong at weights, much better form (useful) when 2½ lengths third to Baracouda in Grade 3 handicap at Sandown on penultimate start: probably found race coming too soon at Haydock next time: should be fully effective around 3m.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

Royal blue, orange and white striped sleeves, white cap (The Irish Connection)

h23s 129 147
h22s 147 145
h24s 112+N
h19d 130 N
h21d 116 N

**6 AR MUIN NA MUICE (IRE)**

8 11-6

ch.m. Executive Perk – Raashideah (Dancer's Image (USA)) [2002/3 20s* 24dF 24v2 20d* 21m* :: 2003/4 c24s2 c24gF 23s5 Feb 14] good-topped mare: largely progressive over hurdles in 2002/3, winning mares novices at Bangor, Wetherby and Newbury (valuable handicap, made most to beat Glenmoss Tara 2½ lengths): encouraging start over fences when ½-length second to Rum Pointer in 4-finisher novice at Uttoxeter on reappearance: fell tenth at Warwick following month: faded straight when 22½ lengths fifth of 18 to Tardar in handicap back over hurdles at Haydock last time: stays 3m: acts on good to firm and soft going: not the most fluent jumper over hurdles.

JONJO O'NEILL

White, mauve stars (Mrs G. Smith)

B. J. Geraghty

149

h23s	133+141
c24g	+ N
c24s	133+N
h21m	149+121
h20d	129+N
h24v	122+N

**7 INCHING CLOSER**

7 11-6

b.g. Inchinor – Maiyaasah (Kris) [2002/3 20s* 25g* 24g :: 2003/4 c22s2 c24d* c23vpu 23s Feb 14] tall, leggy gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: smart hurdler: won Pertemps Final at Cheltenham in 2003: short-head second to Celestial Gold in 3-finisher novice at Towcester on chasing debut, then sold out of J. O'Neill's stable 150,000 gns Doncaster November Sales: simple task in similar event at Newcastle next time: disappointing both starts since, returned to hurdles on latest: best at 2½m+ (stays 27f): acts on soft going: blinkered last 3 outings: reportedly bled from nose final start in 2002/3.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

Black and beige (halved), chevrons on sleeves, beige cap (Andrea & Graham Wylie)

G. Lee

?

h23s	140
c23v	N
c24d	93+N
c22s	128+N
h24g	142
h25g	158+130

**8 STORMEZ (FR)**

7 11-6

(tongue strap)

b.g. Ezzoud (IRE) – Stormy Scene (USA) (Storm Bird (CAN)) [2002/3 c23m* c23g* c21g2 c32m* c27d* c26g c24g* c24g* c24m* c32g2 c33m2 c29m2 :: 2003/4 c27g2 c26d3 23s3 Feb 14] smallish gelding: useful hurdler: creditable third of 18 to Tardar in handicap back over hurdles at Haydock last time, travelling with more fluency than is often case: smart chaser: had excellent first season over fences in 2002/3, winning 7 times: better effort over fences this term when 8 lengths second of 8 to Shardam in listed handicap at Cheltenham on reappearance: best at 3m+: unraced on firm going, acts on any other: visored once: tongue tied: tough but no easy ride (tends to go in snatches/jump none too fluently).

M. C. PIPE

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

A. P. McCoy

149 +

h23s	140
h23s	149+141
c26d	149
c27g	160+149
c29m	164
c33m	164
c32g	150+NA

**9 ROSTROPOVICH (IRE)**

7 11-5

(cheekpieces and tongue strap)

g.r.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Infamy (Shirley Heights) [2002/3 16m4 24g5 24s2 24s4 24s2 24d4 25g 24g2 24m* :: 2003/4 24g3 25m3 16d 24d3 24v 23s6 Feb 14] well-made gelding: useful hurdler: well ridden to win valuable minor event at Sandown in April by short head from Deano's Beeno: good third to Sacundai in Grade 2 at Leopardstown in December: laboured efforts when below form last 2 starts: stays 3m well: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually wears cheekpieces nowadays (tried blinkered once): tongue tied: possibly best ridden up with pace: has hung left.

M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND

Red and yellow quartered, hooped sleeves and cap (Mr M. A. Kilduff)

P. Flynn

149

h23s	130+141
h24v	136
h24d	149 G2
h16d	125+G2
h25m	149+G2
h24g	149 G1

**10 STROMNESS (USA)**

7 11-4

ch.g. Trepolino (USA) – Caithness (USA) (Roberto (USA)) [2002/3 25d6 24s* 23s3 20d6 24m3 24g3 :: 2003/4 c23g2 c23m2 c23m* 25m4 25g4 c24d* c23mF 25d6 24g4 Mar 6] compact gelding: has had several wind operations: fairly useful novice chaser: won at Worcester in July and Doncaster (beat sole rival Alias a distance) in December: again less than fluent prior to falling twelfth next time: useful hurdler: 5½ lengths fourth of 7 to After Me Boys at Doncaster, better effort in handicaps last 2 starts: stays 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually tongue tied prior to last 2 outings.

A. KING

Mauve and yellow check, yellow sleeves (Lady Harris)

R. Thornton

147

h24g	138
h24g	147 138
h25d	139 140
c23m	N
c24d	+ N
h25g	152 141
h25m	149 G2

**11 BREWSTER (IRE)**

7 11-3

b.g. Roselier (FR) – Aelia Paetina (Buckskin (FR)) [2002/3 F16v* 20s3 20d2 20v2 :: 2003/4 23s4 Feb 14] rather leggy gelding: fairly useful form when winning 15-runner bumper at Sligo on debut (trained by I. Buchanan): fair form when placed all 3 starts in novice hurdles later in 2002/3: much improved when fourth of 18 to Tardar from 35 lb out of handicap at Haydock on belated reappearance, travelling smoothly into contention over longer trip and keeping on: likely to prove better around 3m than shorter: raced only on going softer than good (acts on heavy).

IAN WILLIAMS

Black and yellow diamonds, checked sleeves, yellow cap (Mr & Mrs John Poynton)

James Davies (3)

150

h23s	150 141
h20v	124 N
h20d	120 N
h20s	118 N
F16v	118 W

**12 MUTINEER (IRE)**

5 10-11

(blinkers and tongue strap)

g.r.g. Highest Honor (FR) – Miss Amy R (USA) (Deputy Minister (CAN)) [2002/3 16v3 16s3 16s3 16s3 16v* 16s* 16s* 17g :: 2003/4 16g5 20d 20s 20s6 24s 19s* 24s3 Feb 15] good-topped gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won handicap at Naas in January, running on well to beat Red Or White 4 lengths: creditable third of 4 to Rosaker in Grade 2 at Navan following month: stays 3m: acts on heavy going: effective with or without blinkers: usually tongue tied.

D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND

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

P. Carberry

Sydney (care)

153

h24s	150 G2
h19s	153 120
h24s	123
h20s	153 G3
h20s	125
h20d	142 125

**13 CARLOVENT (FR)**

9 10-9

(visor)

b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Carlaya (FR) (Carmarthen (FR)) [2002/3 24s5 25d 20v3 22d4 22vpu 20v5 25g 24g* 24m3 24m3 :: 2003/4 23m 25d 22d3 20d5 22s6 Feb 7] angular gelding: reportedly blind in one eye: useful hurdler/chaser, raced only over hurdles since 2000/1: moody efforts of late: races mainly around 3m nowadays: acts on heavy and good to firm going (looked ill at ease on firm): blinkered once, visored nowadays: sketched jumper: difficult ride.

M. C. PIPE

Emerald green and maroon (quartered), halved sleeves, emerald green cap (C. M., B. J. & R. F. Batterham)

T. Scudamore

?

h22s	144
h20d	134? 133
h22d	133 136
h25d	136
h23m	135
h24m	W

**14 HIS NIBS (IRE)**

7 10-8

b.g. Alfiora (IRE) – Mrs Jennifer (River Knight (FR)) [2002/3 17s* 17s3 21s3 20vpu :: 2003/4 c25dR 23m* 22g* 25d4 25d2 25d4 23v2 22m5 Feb 21] medium-sized gelding: refused first on chasing debut: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Lingfield and Market Rasen in November: has remained in form, 11 lengths fifth of 16 to Inca Trail at Wincanton last time: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: consistent.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

White, red stripe (Mr John Galvanoni)

R. Johnson

151

h22m	151 129
h23v	145 129
h25d	150 129
h25d	151 125
h25d	148 125
h22g	151 120

**15 DERIVATIVE (IRE)**

6 10-7

b. or b.r.g. Erins Isle – Our Hope (Dancing Brave (USA)) [2002/3 16v3 16s2 17s6 20v* 20v5 :: 2003/4 20g* 19g5 21m4 20d5 22d* 21d3 20v 24g2 Feb 14] smallish gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Perth in May and Wincanton (beat Homeleigh Mooncoin 23 lengths) in December: creditable placed efforts since, third to Redemption at Cheltenham and second to Joly Bey at Newbury (raced lazily): bad mistake sixth when below form in between: stays 3m: acts on heavy going: blinkered fourth outing: not an easy ride (has idled/jumped less than fluently).

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

Royal blue, emerald green stars, royal blue sleeves, emerald green diamonds (Mr P. Ryan)

S. Thomas (3)

149

h24g	149 121
h20v	133 125
h21d	147 122
h22d	146+111
h20d	138 112
h21m	141 112

**16 BACK ON TOP (IRE)**

10 10-7

b.g. Bob Back (USA) – Top Girl (IRE) (High Top) [2002/3 c28s4 24s 20d* 20s2 :: 2003/4 c25d* c22s4 24s Jan 11] good-topped gelding: much improved over fences when winning Castlemartin Stud Pat Taaffe Handicap at Punchestown in early-May by 20 lengths from Wotsitooya: again ran well when under 5 lengths fourth of 22 to Nearly A Moose in Galway Plate in July: fairly useful handicap hurdler, jumped poorly and soon behind last time: should stay beyond 25f: acts on soft going.

J. L. HASSETT, IRELAND

Dark blue (Mrs John Magnier)

C. O'Dwyer

150

h24s	127
h24s	125
c22s	161 130
c25d	160+116
h20s	150 120
h20d	146 114
h24s	120

**17 KEEPATEM (IRE)**

8 10-7

ch.g. Be My Native (USA) – Ariannrun (Deep Run) [2002/3 20s 20s 16s 22s⁵ 24s* 19v⁴ 24s* 24g³ :: 2003/4 24s³ Jan 11] workmanlike gelding; fairly useful handicap hurdler: won twice in 2002/3, and better than ever when third of 16 to Royal All Star at Leopardstown on reappearance, outpaced before staying on well: better at 3m than shorter: raced mainly on soft/heavy going.

*M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND**Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)*

D. J. Casey

154

127
h24s 154 122
h24g¹ 148 +120
h24s¹ 146 +109
h19v¹ 131 +109
h24s¹ 135 +104
h22s¹ 115 104

**18 G V A IRELAND (IRE)**

6 10-5

b.g. Beneficial – Dippers Daughter (Strong Gale) [2002/3 17g F16s³ F16v* 18v² 19v⁴ 20d 24s :: 2003/4 20s 20d² 20d⁵ 24s* 24d³ 20s* 24s² Jan 11] fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Navan and Punchestown in December: very good second head second of 16 to Royal All Star at Leopardstown last time, keeping on well: stays 3m: acts on heavy going.

*F. FLOOD, IRELAND**Royal blue and yellow diablo, red sleeves and cap (Donal O'Buachalla)*

F. J. Flood

154

125
h24s 154 120
h20s 151 +111
h24d 142 111
h24s 140 104
h20d 133 104
h20d 134 101

**19 PERSONAL ASSURANCE**

7 10-4

b.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Steel Typhoon (General Ironside) [2002/3 F17d³ F17d² F16d³ 21s³ 16v* 16s⁵ 21m⁴ :: 2003/4 21m* 20m² 22d² 21s⁴ 23s Feb 14] rather unfurnished gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won 5-runner handicap at Southwell (reluctant at start) on reappearance in October hard held by 1/2 length from Three Eagles: good second in similar events next 2 starts, below best last 2 outings: likely to stay 3m: yet to race on firm going, acts on any other.

*JONJO O'NEILL**Red, large black spots, black cap (Mr Christopher W. T. Johnston)*

L. Cooper

154

124
h23s 154 124
h21s 146 124
h22d 154 122
h20m 151 122
h21m 135 +111
h21m 137 N

**20 HIDDEN BOUNTY (IRE)**

8 10-2

b.g. Generous (IRE) – Sought out (IRE) (Rainbow Quest (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 20m³ 24g* 22s* 23s^F 20d* Feb 21] lengthy, rather leggy gelding: progressive handicap hurdler: successful last 3 completed starts, at Ayr and Haydock in November and Newcastle in February: beat Undeniable a neck in 12-runner event at last-named course, as usual patiently ridden and finding plenty to edge ahead run-in: still to be asked for effort when falling 4 out at Haydock penultimate start: will prove best at 3m+: acts on soft and good to firm going: carries head awkwardly under pressure but seems genuine: open to further improvement.

*MRS M. REVELEY**Orange, black triple diamond and armlets (Mr M. E. Foxton)*

A. Dempsey

155 p

122
h20d 154 +116
h23s + 141
h22s 147 +109
h24g 134 +103
h20m 131 +103

**21 COLUMBUS (IRE)**

7 10-0 (9-13)

(visor)

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Northern Script (USA) (Arts And Letters (USA)) [2002/3 17g⁴ 19s² 20s⁶ 19d² 19s² 22f² 24m² :: 2003/4 24d² 25g^{pu} 24d⁵ 25d⁵ 25g² Feb 6] angular gelding: fair handicap hurdler: creditable 1/2-length second of 18 to Grey Abbey at Catterick last time, running in snatches before staying on well: stays 25f: acts on firm and soft going: blinkered/visored: reportedly distressed second start: often looks none too keen: consistent.

*MRS J. CANDLISH**White, red sash, white sleeves, royal blue armlets, royal blue cap (Racing For You Limited)*

S. Durack

148

120
h25g 148 113
h25d 143 122
h24d 148 115
h25g 115
h24d 145 108
h24m 145 105

**22 CREON**

9 10-0 (9-12)

(cheekpieces)

b.g. Saddlers' Hall (IRE) – Creake (Derring-Do) [2002/3 24s 24v* 25g⁶ :: 2003/4 c22v³ 25d c24d 23v^{pu} 20v⁶ Feb 7] leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler/modest chaser: let down by jumping in very valuable handicap chase at Leopardstown third start: ridden by 10-lb claimer, better effort back over hurdles when sixth of 15 to Jonanaud at Chepstow last time: stays 3 1/4m: has won on good to firm going, best form on softer (acts on heavy): tried blinkered/tongue tied: usually held up and often finds little: sketchy jumper of fences: wearing cheekpieces first time.

*JONJO O'NEILL**Emerald green, orange hoops, emerald green cap, white star (Mr John P. McManus)*

T. J. Murphy

142 +

120
h20v 142 +120
h23v 122
c24d 103
h25d 123
c22v 125 +96
h25g¹ 155 122

**23 HOMELEIGH MOONCOIN**

9 10-0 (9-12)

150

ch.g. Jamesmead – Super Sol (Rolfe (USA)) [2002/3 20m⁶ 20g* 21g* 26g* 25m⁴ :: 2003/4 24d⁴ 22d² 24d^{pu} Feb 2] angular gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: rare poor effort last time: stays 3 1/4m: acts on good to soft going.

*MRS L. WADHAM**Yellow, black chevrons, hooped sleeves, yellow cap (Miss S. Wilson)*

L. Aspell

120
h24d 120
h22d 142 120
h24d 150 122
h25m' N
h26g¹ 138 +N
h21g¹ 140 +N

**24 IMPERIAL DE THAIX (FR)**

8 10-0 (9-11)

(tongue strap)

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b.g. Roi de Rome (USA) – Soiree d'Ete (FR) (Prove It Baby (USA)) [2002/3 23f c23g³ c26v² c25d^{pu} 21s 24s 21m 22f^{pu} :: 2003/4 c23g 22d 25d² c26g² c24s c26g³ Mar 1] leggy, close-coupled gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: good 1/2-length second to Battle Warning at Cheltenham third start: fair chaser: creditable placed efforts 2 of last 3 starts, 3 lengths third of 6 finishers to French Executive in amateur handicap at Plumpton last time: stays 3 1/4m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: often tongue tied: has been let down by jumping.

*M. C. PIPE**Red and emerald green diablo, emerald green sleeves and cap (Mr J. S. Lammiman)*

Mr T. J. Malone (7)

120
114A
c26g 150
c24s 117
c26g 150
h25d 150
h22d 109
c23g 125

PERTEMPS FINAL (HANDICAP HURDLE) (Listed) (Cheltenham 3m1 1/2f, 3 3/4m before 2002)

1998	143	Unsinkable Boxer 9-10-12: 5/2	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	24
1999	139	Generosa 6-10-1: 12/1	J L Hassett (Ir)	N Williamson	24
2000	149	Rubhahunish 9-11-2: 8/1	N A Twiston-Davies	C Lewellyn	24
2001		Abandoned			
2002	145	Freetown 6-11-2: 20/1	L Lungo	A Dobbins	24
2003	143	Inching Closer 6-11-2: 6/1	J O'Neill	B J Geraghty	24

SEDGEFIELD

1.40 2m5f110y Hurdle (D.I)	
TRW 100 98 - 112 106 (Av 104)	
1 Kindle Ball	101
2 Bonnie Parker	91 +
3 Garden Feature	?
4 Kobyla	
5 Lady Janal	92 ?
6 Minster Blue	-
7 Secret Order	-
8 Squeeze Box	97
9 Rouge Blanc	-
2.15 2m5f110y Hurdle (D.II)	
TRW 100 98 - 112 106 (Av 104)	
1 Beacon of Light	91
2 Miss Chinchilla	113 p
3 Katies Dolphin	-
4 Nod Ya Head	80 ?
5 River Mist	-
6 Shady Grey	104
7 Tango Bojangles	
8 Teeno Rossi	
9 Silver Squirrel	
2.50 2m5f Chase	
TRW 113 108 - 109 123 (Av 113)	
1 Lazy But Lively	118
2 Quincy's Perk	105 ?
3 Bunkum	129
4 Captaintwothousand	?
5 Comte de Chambord	-
6 Red Society	108
7 Sweet Auburn	
3.30 3m3f110y (S) Hcp Hurdle	
1 Alfie Twofourtwo	11-12 ?
2 Arthurs Kingdom	11-10 81 §
3 The Eens	11-9 -
4 Prince of Perils	11-8 -
5 Mr Christie	11-8 84 §
6 Oubus Hill	11-7 -
7 Jazz du Forez	11-0 81
8 Christy Jnr	10-12 -
9 Son of Ross	10-11 84
10 Pink Harbour	10-7 -
11 Amber Go Go	10-6 -
4.10 2m5f Hcp Chase	
1 Xaipete	11-12 118
2 Simlet	11-9 97
3 Mulkev Prince	11-7 120 +
4 Transit	11-0 123
5 Stormhill Stag	10-13 ?
6 Looking Forward	10-8 115
7 Native Eire	10-0 118 +
4.50 3m3f Chase	
TRW 120 113 - 104 102 (Av 110)	
1 Go Nomadic	97
2 Gus Berry	81
3 Sad Mad Bad	92
4 Who Dares Wins	92
5 Kilcaskin Gold	99
6 Commanche Spirit	-
7 Havetwotaketwo	?
8 Noble Hymn	91
9 Royal Plum	-
10 Sean's Minstrel	-
5.30 2m1f Hcp Hurdle	
1 Lucky Duck	11-12 97
2 Spider Music	11-7 ?
3 Bill's Echo	11-4 105
4 Green Admiral	10-8 103
5 Fairy Skin Maker	10-6 97 +
6 Northern Minster	10-6 99
7 Upswing	10-2 121
8 Spanchil Hill	10-0 -
9 Inn From The Cold	10-0 -
10 Hill Track	10-0 -
11 Russian Sky	10-0 -

SOUTHWELL

1.50 5f Hcp Stakes (D.I)	
1 Scary Night	10-0 75
2 Cash	9-11 73
3 Sharp Hat	9-10 74
4 Miss Trinity	9-10 63
5 Pays d'Amour	9-9 67
6 Ladies Knight	9-1 78
7 Italian Mist	9-0 76 §
8 Henry Tun	8-11 78 §
9 Off Hire	8-8 74
10 Catchthebatch	8-7 74
11 Never Without Me	8-6 71
12 Cellino	8-2 75
2.25 1m6f Stakes	
TRW - - - -	
1 Orinocovsky	77
2 Daunted	84
3 Mr Smithers Jones	80
4 King Priam	62 §
3.00 1m Hcp Stakes	
1 Denver	9-7 92
2 Senor Bond	9-0 88
3 Book Matched	8-11 90
4 Rare Coincidence	8-9 90
5 Alexander Ambition	8-5 92 +
6 Jomus	8-4 93
7 Mission Affirmed	8-4 94
8 Myannabanana	8-3 92
9 Masafi	7-12 87
3.40 1m4f Hcp Stakes	
1 Maniatias	10-0 ?
2 Mr Mischief	9-7 107
3 Tempsford	9-6 103
4 Midshipman	9-5 ?
5 Kylkeny	9-3 103
6 Qudrah	9-1 100 ?
7 Cruise Director	8-12 106
8 Bella Pavlina	7-13 101
9 George Stubbs	7-12 100
10 General	7-12 99
4.20 1m3f (S) Stakes	
TRW - - - -	
1 Game Guru	74
2 Captain Crusoe	?
3 Ballyrush	69
4 Devious Paddy	?
5 Galaxy Fallon	-
6 Moon Royale	-
7 Elegant Gracie	79
8 Hymns And Arias	59
5.00 7f Stakes	
TRW - - - -	
1 Drury Lane	?
2 Effective	73
3 Fingleton Connor	-
4 Galloway Mac	76
5 Kennington	72
6 Mon Secret	77
7 Nearly A Fool	79
8 Prime Offer	?
9 Simply The Guest	80
10 Stoic Leader	73
11 Tanaffus	?
12 Xaloc Bay	71
13 Largs	64
5.40 5f Hcp Stakes (D.II)	
1 Far Note	9-13 74
2 Blueberry Rhyme	9-11 72 §
3 Lakelands Lady	9-10 66 +
4 Yorkie	9-10 74
5 Sea The World	9-7 76
6 Dunn Deal	9-4 76 §
7 Aintnecessarilyso	8-12 77
8 River Lark	8-8 75
9 King's Ballet	8-7 81
10 Cleveland Way	8-6 77
11 Torrent	8-5 76 §