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DECLARED RUNNERS

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Friday 2nd April

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

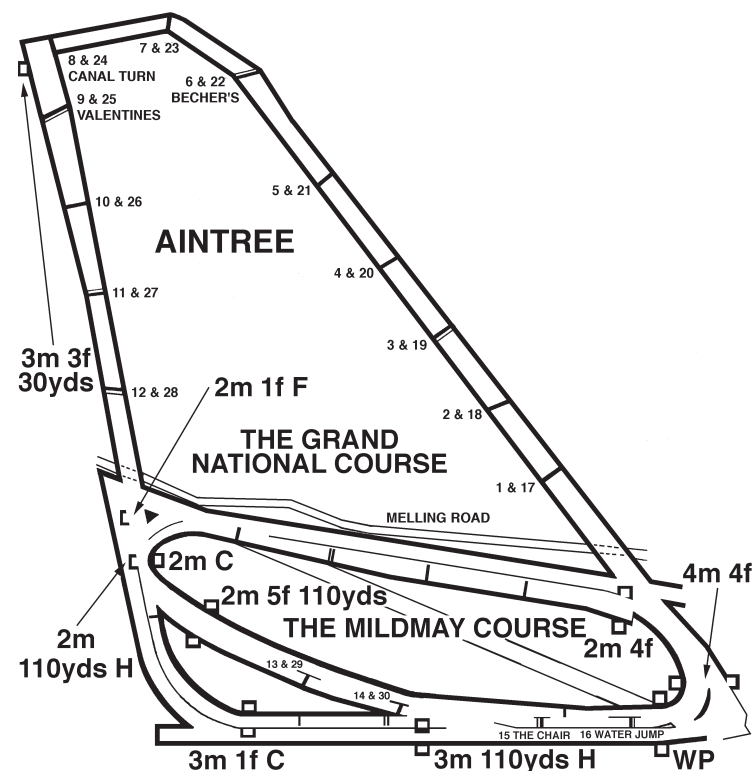
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The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. It covers two and a quarter miles and is perfectly flat throughout. Inside is the easier Mildmay course, providing a circuit of one and a half miles, which has birch fences. Despite realignment of the last two bends in 1989, a major feature of the Mildmay course remains its sharpness.




Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Jonjo O'Neill	14	48	29
M. C. Pipe	14	180	8
P. J. Hobbs	10	68	15
Miss Venetia Williams	8	72	11
P. F. Nicholls	8	74	11
T. D. Easterby	6	28	21
J. Howard Johnson	5	34	15
N. A. Twiston-Davies	5	67	7
L. Lungo	4	23	17
N. B. Mason	4	30	13


2.00 THE MARTELL COGNAC EMBER INNS HANDICAP CHASE (B) 3m1f
£40,000 5yo+

1 TURGEONEV (FR) 9 11-12 **161**

 g.f.g. Turgeon (USA) – County Kerry (FR) (Comrade In Arms) [2002/3 c20d3 c20d c16s2 c16g^{ur} c16d⁶ c16m² c16g c16g :: 2003/4 c20m* c16m⁶ c20s* c20g² c20g⁵ Mar 17] tall gelding: smart handicap chaser: won at Wetherby in November and February (beat Tremallt 3 lengths) and excellent second to Isio in very valuable event at Newbury in March: not discredited when fifth to Tikram in valuable event at Cheltenham latest start: effective at 2m to 2½m (uncertain to stay 25f): acts on any going: effective held up or ridden prominently: usually sound jumper.
 T. D. EASTERBY D. O'Meara (3)
Black and orange check, black sleeves, orange armllets, black cap (Mr D. F. Sills)


c20g	157+148
c20s	161 148
c20s	155 142
c16m	142
c20m	149+138
c16g*	140

2 ROYAL AUCLAIR (FR) 7 11-1 (tongue strap) **161**

 ch.g. Garde Royale – Carmonera (FR) (Carmont (FR)) [2002/3 c21d⁴ c24g⁴ c24g :: 2003/4 c20s⁴ c21d^F c19g c20s⁴ c24g⁴ c25m² c24g² c24g³ Mar 16] good-topped gelding: useful chaser: good efforts in frame last 4 starts, 11 lengths third of 11 to Fork Lightning in valuable handicap at Cheltenham on latest, tracking leaders and keeping on: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: blinkered third start: tongue tied this season.
 P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
Emerald green, yellow spots, yellow and emerald green halved sleeves, purple cap (Mr Clive D. Smith)


c24g	161 140
c24g	161 140
c25m	161 L
c24g	161 G2
c20s	156 144
c19g	147

3 HUNTERS TWEED 8 11-0 **159**

 ch.g. Nashwan (USA) – Zorette (USA) (Zilzal (USA)) [2002/3 c24m* c25g² c22d³ c24s³ c20v³ c24g² c22d* c20g^{ur} c20g* :: 2003/4 c25g⁶ c20d* c20d² c21d* c24m^{pu} c20g^{pu} Mar 17] leggy gelding: useful handicap chaser, won at Wetherby in December and Cheltenham in January, beating Kelrev 8 lengths in Ladbroke Trophy Chase at latter track: good second to Be My Manager at Wetherby in between, poor efforts at Kempton and Cheltenham last 2 starts: stays 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually races prominently: sound jumper: genuine.
 P. BEAUMONT R. Garritty
Emerald green and yellow (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Trevor Hemmings)


c20g	138
c24m	141
c21d	159 132
c20d	159 127
c20d	148+124
c25g	+ 126

4 GUNTHER MCBRIDE (IRE) 9 10-9 **161**

 b.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – What Side (General Ironside) [2002/3 25v* c26g c24s⁵ c24m² c33m^{ur} c29m³ :: 2003/4 c25f² c26g^{pu} c26g⁴ c24m² Feb 28] good-topped gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won handicap at Kempton in 2002/3: useful handicap chaser: creditable efforts in frame 3 of 4 starts this season (badly hampered first and run best ignored on other occasion), placed in race for third time when 4 lengths second to Marlborough in Racing Post Chase at Kempton last time: stays 33f: acts on any going: races prominently: game and consistent.
 P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
Dark green and white diamonds, white sleeves (Mr M. J. Tuckey)


c24m	161 132
c26g	155+136
c26g	136
c25f	158 136
c29m	163 136
c33m*	+ 136

5 HUGO DE GREZ (FR) 9 10-6 **160**

 b.g. Useful (FR) – Piqua Des Gres (FR) (Waylay) [2002/3 c26s^{ur} c26v* c25v* c20v² c28d 24d⁵ :: 2003/4 c25d⁴ c25d⁵ Dec 27] rather leggy, close-coupled gelding: winning hurdler: useful handicap chaser: better than ever in 2002/3, winning at Carlisle (sixth course success) and Kelso: creditable fourth to Cill Churnain at latter on reappearance: well beaten at Wetherby next time: needs thorough test at 2½m and should stay beyond 3½m: goes well on heavy going: effective tongue tied or not: sound jumper.
 A. PARKER R. McGrath
Emerald green, yellow sash and star on cap (Mr & Mrs Raymond Anderson Green)


c25d	130
c25d	136
c25d	156 135
b24d	122+105
c28d	150 137
c20v*	165+135
c25v*	160+126

6 MERCHANTS FRIEND (IRE) 9 10-6 (cheekpieces) **165 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 c24g² Mar 16] good-topped gelding: useful handicap chaser: won at Uttoxeter in May: excellent length second of 10 finishers to Maximize in valuable amateur event at Cheltenham (again looked very well) last time, jumping much better than usual, long way clear 2 out but tiring run-in and caught close home: should stay beyond 25f: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy): has worn cheekpieces last 4 starts: usually held up: consistent.
 C. J. MANN N. Fehily
Light blue and emerald green (quartered), emerald green and light blue halved sleeves, white cap (Magic Moments)


c24g	165 125A
c24s	156 129
c25d	156 129
c24g	+ 129
c26g	151 129
c25g	158 129

7 MIDLAND FLAME (IRE) 9 10-5 **162**

 b.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Lathanona (Reformed Character) [2002/3 c17g² c19s^{pu} c16g² c16d³ c20g* :: 2003/4 c20g⁵ c19d⁴ c20g c24g* Mar 6] well-made gelding: usually looks very well: fair hurdler: fairly useful chaser: upped in trip, back to form to win 13-runner handicap at Newbury by 2½ lengths from Lord of The River, always in first 2: stays 3m: best efforts on good going: takes strong hold, and probably best ridden up with pace (formerly looked tricky ride when held up): usually sound jumper.
 MISS H. C. KNIGHT J. Culloty
Emerald green and yellow (quartered), white sleeves, red cap (Mr Trevor Hemmings)


c24g	160+113
c20g	124
c19d	126
c20g	143+127
c20g	160+118
c16d	138 N

8 MASTER TERN (USA) 9 10-2 (cheekpieces) **152 X**

 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 c24g Mar 16] 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: wore cheekpieces last time: patiently ridden: less than fluent jumper of fences.
 JONJO O'NEILL A. Dobbin
Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)


c24g	152 131
h20g	151+139
c24s	+ 131
c21d	152+133
c25d	136
c20g	139

9 TOTO TOSCATO (FR) 10 10-1 **?**

 b.g. Lesotho (USA) – Tosca de Bellouet (FR) (Olmeto) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c24g^{pu} Mar 16] rangy gelding: smart hurdler: similar form over fences in 1999/00 for A. King, winning 3 times: suffered tendon injury and first outing since when possibly amiss in valuable amateur handicap at Cheltenham: will prove best up to 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going: has finished weakly.
 M. C. PIPE T. Scudamore
Black and white stripes, emerald green and white striped sleeves (Lady Clarke)

c24g	125
	130A

10 UN JOUR A VASSY (FR) 9 10-0 **162**

 b.g. Video Rock (FR) – Bayalika (FR) (Kashtan (FR)) [2002/3 c24m² c20d^F c20d⁶ c24m² c24f² :: 2003/4 c25m* c25m² c24g² c26m^{pu} c24f* c25f⁵ c22g⁴ c25g³ Dec 18] leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Wincanton in May and Cheltenham (amateurs) in October: creditable third of 7 to Take The Stand at Exeter last time: stays 25f when emphasis is on speed: acts on firm and good to soft going.
 P. F. NICHOLLS R. P. McNally
Red, yellow stars and armllets (Mrs Bunty Millard)

c25g	160+125
c22g	145 127
c25f	136 130
c24f	160 122A
c26m	122
c24g	162 122

11 LORD OF THE RIVER (IRE) 12 10-0 **161**

 b.g. Lord Americo – Well Over (Over The River (FR)) [2002/3 c24s⁶ c24s⁵ :: 2003/4 c25s c24g² c24s* Mar 20] tall, close-coupled gelding: usually looks well: one-time smart chaser, lightly raced and fairly useful nowadays: best effort this season when winning 5-finisher handicap at Ascot on latest start by 7 lengths from Tremallt, leading 5 out and galloping on strongly: stays 25f: has form on good to firm going, goes well on softer than good (acts on heavy): sometimes sweats: probably best ridden up with pace: usually a sound jumper.
 N. J. HENDERSON P. Carberry
Royal blue, pink epaulets, pink cap (Mr B. T. Stewart-Brown)

c24s	161 116
c24g	156 112
c25s	WA
c24s	140 124
c24s	147+127

**12 MONDIAL JACK (FR)**

5 10-0 (9-13)

ch.g. Apple Tree (FR) – Cackle (USA) (Crow (FR)) [2002/3 17s* c17g⁵ :: 2003/4 c17vF c17d² 19mpu c19d* c20g* c20g^{ur} c20g* c24g^{pu} Mar 16] workmanlike gelding: twelfth foal: brother to fair hurdler/chaser up to 2³/₄m Line Apple and half-brother to 6 other winners, notably very smart French staying chaser Grey Jack (by Bikala): dam French 1¹/₂m 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 (beat Baton Charge 27 lengths): let down by jumping in valuable amateur handicap at Cheltenham last time: should prove at least as effective at 3m as 2¹/₂m: acts on soft going.

M. C. PIPE

R. Greene

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

& R. F. Batterham II)

**13 SIR FROSTY**

11 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Arctic Lord – Snowy Autumn (Deep Run) [2002/3 c32d* c33v* c33m^{ur} :: 2003/4 c29v^{pu} c30g Mar 9] lengthy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser, lightly raced: won at Exeter and Cheltenham (quite valuable event) in 2002/3: well held at Plumpton and Exeter (without tongue strap after 3¹/₂-month absence) this season, though not knocked about after being bumped 6 out at latter course: stays 33f: acts on heavy going: usually tongue tied.

B. J. M. RYALL

T. J. Murphy

Black, maroon cross belts, sleeves and cap (Mr J. F. Tucker)

**14 MERCATIO (FR)**

8 10-0 (9-10)

b.g. Mansonnien (FR) – Royal Lie (FR) (Garde Royale) [2002/3 c19v⁴ c16s³ c16d^{ur} c16g⁵ c16v² 21v* 20v 16v⁵ 18g⁵ :: 2003/4 (16g³ c16g³ c16g⁴ c24d² c24g³ c24g* Mar 12)] good-topped gelding: fair handicap hurdler: fairly useful chaser: best effort when winning 12-runner Grand Military Gold Cup at Sandown last time by 15 lengths from Kings Mistral, patiently ridden and forging clear from 2 out: stays 3m: acts on heavy going (won bumper on good to firm): has had tongue tied: usually held up.

J. R. BEST

S. Thomas (3)

White, maroon disc (Mr D. S. Nevison)

153

c24g 133
c20g 153 N
c20g N
c20g 143+N
c19d 150+W
h19m 122

158

c30g + 125
c29v 128
c33m 135
c33v 158+121
c32d 155 116

158 ?

c24g 124
c24g 158? WA
c24g 148 118
c24d 145 WA
c16g N
c16g 148? G2
c16g 156 N

2.35**THE PREMIER CONVENIENCE STORES
TOP NOVICES' HURDLE (Grade 2) (A)****2m110y**

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**1 ALBUHERA (IRE)**

6 11-5

(tongue strap)

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* 16g Mar 16] good-topped gelding: smart on Flat (stays 1¹/₄m) 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 (quicken in good style to beat Scorned 6 lengths) in February: best effort when short-headed by Self Defense in Grade 2 at Cheltenham sixth start: only tenth in Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham last time, unable to make much impression: will prove best around 2m with emphasis on speed: acts on firm and good to soft going: tongue tied: held up.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

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

154

h16g 142 G1
h16g 141+N
h16g 147+G2
h17d 124+N
h16d 143+N
h16g 154 G2

**2 DAD'S ELECT (GER)**

5 11-5

b.g. Lomitas – Diamond Lake (USA) (Cox's Ridge (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 17g^{ro} c18f² 17g⁴ 16g³ 16s 18v* 20g² 17v* 20s⁵ Mar 13] good-topped ex-German gelding: won over 1¹/₂m on Flat at 3 yrs: twice successful over hurdles in Italy for P. Vovcenko, in handicap at Milan in November and minor event at Rome in December: fair form when fifth to Distant Thunder in novice at Sandown on British debut, travelling best into straight but finding little approaching last: second at Bad Harzburg on chasing debut in July: stays 2¹/₂m, likely to be at least as effective over shorter when conditions are testing: acts on heavy going, probably on firm.

C. J. MANN

N. Fehily

Dark blue, white cross belts, yellow sleeves and cap (Mr A. L. R. Morton)

125 +

h20s 125+N

**3 CONTRABAND**

6 11-3

b.g. Red Ransom (USA) – Shortfall (Last Tycoon) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16g³ 17m* 16m* 16g* 16v² 16g 21g Mar 17] good-topped gelding: useful middle-distance stayer on Flat, sold out of W. Haggas' stable 64,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: useful novice hurdler: won at Taunton (maiden) in November and Musselburgh and Kempton (best effort, beat Nawamees 8 lengths) in December: well held in valuable handicaps at Newbury and Cheltenham last 2 starts: likely to prove best around 2m with emphasis on speed (below form on heavy going): free-going front runner.

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

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

144

h21g 139
h16g + 140
h16v 137+N
h16g 143 N
h16m 133 N
h17m 144+N

**4 MY LAST BEAN (IRE)**

7 11-3

gr.g. Soviet Lad (USA) – Meanz Beanz (High Top) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16s⁴ 16d⁴ 16g* 16d Feb 21] lengthy gelding: half-brother to 2 winning hurdlers, including fairly useful around 2m Bean King (by Ardross): fair on Flat (stays 13f, usually blinkered): fair novice hurdler: much improved when winning 15-runner event at Musselburgh in January by 6 lengths from Factor Fifteen: creditable seventh of 16 to Salhood from stiff mark on handicap debut at Newcastle last time: will stay beyond 2m.

B. SMART

T. Scudamore

Purple and yellow (quartered), orange sleeves and cap (The Coopyline Racing Club Ltd)

125

h16d 124 122
h16g 125 N
h16g 102 N
h16s 113 N

**5 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE (FR)**

5 11-3

b.g. King's Theatre (IRE) – Persian Walk (FR) (Persian Bold) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 17s* 19g* Mar 6] first foal: dam 1¹/₂m winner: successful once over 11f from 5 starts on Flat in UAE, sold out of K. McLaughlin's stable 52,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: fairly useful form when winning novice hurdles at Sedgefield (beat Mobasher by 7 lengths) in February and Doncaster (blundered third, beat same rival by 3 lengths) in March: should continue to progress.

S. GOLLINGS

R. Thornton

White, red stars, red and white hooped sleeves (Mr J. B. Webb)

137 p

h19g 135+N
h17s 129 N

Course winners records

Time	No	Horse	Wins	2nd	3rd	Runs
2.00	7	MIDLAND FLAME (IRE)	1			2
2.00	8	MASTER TERN (USA)	1 (1 CD)			1
3.10	1	CENKOS (FR)	1			3
3.10	2	FLAGSHIP UBERALLES (IRE)	1			3
3.10	4	LE ROI MIGUEL (FR)	1			1
3.10	6	NATIVE UPMANSHIP (IRE)	2 (2 CD)			2
3.10	7	STRONG MAGIC (IRE)	1			1
3.45	8	BETTER DAYS (IRE)	1			2
3.45	17	SUPER NOMAD	1			2
3.45	20	DARK ROOM (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			1
5.30	1	MUGHAS (IRE)	1			2
5.30	16	CARLOVENT (FR)	2 (2 CD)			2

**6 BOLD BISHOP (IRE)**

7 11-0

b.g. Religiously (USA) – Ladybojangles (IRE) (Buckskin (FR)) [2002/3 F16d⁴ F16g F16g⁴ :: 2003/4 16d² 17d* 20s² 16s* 16s² Mar 13] rangy gelding: smart bumper performer (blinkered final outing): has made good start to hurdling career, easily winning novices at Market Rasen and Stratford in December and Sandown (landed odds by 3 lengths from Simoun) in February: much improved form when 4 lengths second to Scorned in valuable handicap at Sandown in March, leading on bridle 2 out but not finding quite so much as winner: should stay 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

JONJO O'NEILL

White, mauve stars (Mrs G. Smith)

B. J. Geraghty

160

h16s 160 135
h16s 136+N
h16s 145+N
h20s 134 N
h17d 109+N
h16d 131+N

**7 FLEET STREET**

5 11-0

ch.g. Wolfhound (USA) – Farmer's Pet (Sharrood (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16m* 16d³ 17s* 16g³ Mar 16] 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: useful novice hurdler: won maiden at Stratford in October and novice at Taunton in January: much improved when 7 lengths third of 19 to Brave Inca in Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham last time, disputing lead to 2 out and keeping on: likely to prove best around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

N. J. HENDERSON

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

M. A. Fitzgerald

158

h16g 158 G1
h17s 137+N
h16d 144 N
h16m 128+N

**8 FOOL ON THE HILL**

7 11-0

b.g. Reprimand – Stock Hill Lass (Air Trooper) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16d² 16d² 17s⁵ 16m* 16g² Mar 7] rather leggy gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m), sold out of L. G. Cottrell's stable 20,000 gns Doncaster November Sales: fairly useful novice hurdler: won 14-runner event at Wincanton in February by neck from Bourbon Manhattan: ran well when 4 lengths second of 17 to Laccoudal at Kempton last time, staying on late on: raced around 2m: none too fluent and showed signs of temperament third start.

P. J. HOBBS

Purple, yellow stripe, striped cap (Louisville Syndicate)

R. Johnson

144

h16g 140 N
h16m 144 N
h17s 119 N
h16d 140 N
h16d 142 N

**9 GREEN TANGO**

5 11-0

br.g. Greensmith – Furry Dance (USA) (Nureyev (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F16g³ F16d* F16g² 16s* 16g* Mar 4] 9,000 3-y-o: good-topped gelding: half-brother to fairly useful 2m hurdler Nuvellino (by Robellino): dam once-raced close relation of smart Flat performer/winning hurdler Florid: fairly useful form in bumpers: won at Uttoxeter in November: successful both starts over hurdles, in 13-runner novice at Huntingdon (by 3½ lengths from Easter Present) and 12-runner similar event at Ludlow (by 3½ lengths from King Solomon), on both occasions jumping fluently and showing plenty of speed: open to further improvement.

H. D. DALY

Royal blue, white sleeves, red cap (Mrs Strachan, Gabb, Lady Barlow & Harford)

M. Bradburne

148 p

h16g 143+N
h16s 132+N
F16g 124 WA
F16d 117+WA
F16g 116 N

**10 MAN FROM HIGHWORTH**

5 11-0

b.g. Ballet Royal (USA) – Cavisoir (Afzal) [2002/3 F16m⁵ :: 2003/4 F16m⁴ F16v F16d⁵ 16s⁴ 17s 20s 16g³ 16g⁶ 16d* Mar 21] sturdy gelding: sign of ability on final bumper start: improved effort over hurdles when easy winner of 14-runner novice at Stratford, leading 3 out and beating Spike And Divel 10 lengths: best efforts at 2m.

H. J. MANNERS

Dark blue, red cap, green spots (Mr H. J. Manners)

Mr J. A. Jenkins

125

h16d 121+N
h16g 112?N
h16g 109 N
h20s 103+N
h17s 109 N
h16s 104?N

**11 SHAYADI (IRE)**

7 11-0

(tongue strap)

b.g. Kahyasi – Shayrdia (IRE) (Storm Bird (CAN)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16m* 16d* 16s Jan 16] useful-looking gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 2m), sold out of M. Johnston's stable 5,500 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: successful first 2 starts over hurdles, in seller at Leicester (well-backed favourite) and novice at Newcastle (beat Wet Lips 2 lengths): disappointing in handicap at Kelso last time: will stay beyond 2m: tongue tied.

B. ELLISON

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

G. Lee

137 +

h16s 120
h16d 131+N
h16m 107+S

**12 STEPPES OF GOLD (IRE)**

7 11-0

b.g. Moscow Society (USA) – Trysting Place (He Loves Me) [2002/3 F16g* :: 2003/4 16s* 18s* 18g² Mar 6] tall gelding: will make a chaser: unbeaten first 3 starts, bumper at Newcastle in 2002/3 and novice hurdles at Haydock in December and Kelso in January: looking very well, best effort when 1¾ lengths second of 11 to Paddy The Piper in Grade 2 novice hurdle at Kelso last time, travelling smoothly into contention and staying on after landing bit awkwardly 2 out: should continue to improve.

N. G. RICHARDS

Emerald green, black cross of lorraine, white sleeves, black and emerald green hooped cap (Independent Twine Manufacturing Co Ltd)

B. Harding

149 p

h18g 149 G2
h18s 133+N
h16s 130+N
F16g' 125 W

**13 YOUR ADVANTAGE (IRE)**

4 10-8

(blinkers)

b.g. Septieme Ciel (USA) – Freedom Flame (Darshaan) [2003/4 16g^{pu} 16s 16d 16g 16d* 16d^{pu} Mar 25] good-topped ex-French gelding: successful 3 times (useful form) up to 1¼m on Flat in France, including in handicap in July, final start for R. Gibson: best effort over hurdles (reportedly distressed on debut) when winning 10-runner juvenile handicap at Warwick by 5 lengths from The Local: favourite, still going strongly in lead when rider took wrong course before 3 out in handicap at Ludlow 6 days later: will prove best around 2m: possibly ideally suited by going softer than good: blinkered last 2 starts.

JONJO O'NEILL

White, mauve stars, dark blue cap (Mrs G. Smith)

T. Siddall

129


h16d + 101
h16d 124+94
h16g 101 95
h16d 119+N
h16s 91 N
h16g N

PREMIER CONVENIENCE STORES TOP NOVICES' HURDLE (Gr 2) (Aintree 2m½f)


1998	137	Fataliste 4-10-12: 7/2	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	10
1999	142	Joe Mac 5-11-8: 6/4	C Roche (Ir)	C O'Dwyer	9
2000	139	Phardante Flyer 6-11-10: 5/1	P J Hobbs	R Johnson	13
2001	133	Ilico II 5-11-5: 16/1	P J Hobbs	A Maguire	15
2002	144	In Contrast 6-11-5: 5/2	P J Hobbs	R Johnson	11
2003	132	Limerick Boy 5-11-0: 5/1	Miss V Williams	A Dobbins	12

3.10 THE MARTELL COGNAC MELLING CHASE ^{2 1/2}m


(Grade 1) (A)
£150,000 5yo+

 **1 CENKOS (FR)** 10 11-10
ch.g. Nikos – Vincenza (Grundy) [2002/3 c16s* c17g² c16g³ c20d⁴ c16m² :: 2003/4 c16f* 16g⁶ c16g* c16d⁵ c16s⁴ c16g⁴ Mar 17] strong, lengthy gelding: winning hurdler: top-class chaser: successful first 2 starts over fences this season, in minor event at Warwick in May and 5-runner quite valuable handicap at Cheltenham (made all to beat stable-companion Kadarann 1¼ lengths) in November: in frame in last 3 runnings of Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham, making a few jumping errors when fourth to Azertyuiop in latest: best around 2m: acts on any going: blinkered once (ran badly) in 2001/2: usually a fluent jumper: has got on toes.
P. F. NICHOLLS J. Tizzard
Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (Mrs J. Stewart)


174
c16g 171? G1
c16s 149 167
c16d 170 G1
c16g 174 165
h16g 139+140
c16f 170+W

 **2 FLAGSHIP UBERALLES (IRE)** 10 11-10
br.g. Accordion – Fourth Degree (Oats) [2002/3 c16s⁴ c24spu c16g⁵ :: 2003/4 c16g* c16d³ c16d² c16g² Mar 17] rangy gelding: one-time top-class chaser: won Tingle Creek Trophy at Sandown (for third year running) and Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham in 2001/2: not quite so good nowadays, left clear by departure of Moscow Flyer 2 out when winning Grade 1 BMW Chase at Punchestown in April: creditable placed efforts behind Moscow Flyer in latest renewal of Tingle Creek and Azertyuiop in latest renewal of Champion Chase, beaten 9 lengths at Cheltenham: yet to show his form beyond 2m: acts on soft going, below form all starts on good to firm: well held only start in blinkers: usually sound jumper: carries head high: none too consistent (tends to be best fresh).
P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)

175
c16g 175 G1
c16d 146 G2
c16d 175+G1
c16g 159+G1
c16g 158 G1
c24s G1

 **3 ISIO (FR)** 8 11-10
b.g. Silver Rainbow – Swifty (FR) (Le Riverain (FR)) [2002/3 c16g* c16d* c16g* c16g³ :: 2003/4 16d⁵ c16g* c20g* Mar 6] angular gelding: useful hurdler: creditable fifth to Overstrand in listed handicap at Sandown on reappearance: high-class form over fences since, winning Victor Chandler Chase (Limited Handicap) at Ascot (gamely, by neck from Azertyuiop) in January and Vodafone Gold Cup Handicap Chase at Newbury in March: looking extremely well, always well placed and quickened clear 2 out when beating Turgeonev 4 lengths in latter: effective at 2m and stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: jumps well.
N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
Dark blue, red seams, white cap (Sir Peter And Lady Gibbings)


176
c20g 174+155
c16g 174 149
h16d 137 130
c16g 164+G1
c16g 138+N
c16d 137+N

 **4 LE ROI MIGUEL (FR)** 6 11-10
b.g. Point of No Return (FR) – Loumir (USA) (Bob's Dusty (USA)) [2002/3 c19s² c16s² c16g^F c16g* :: 2003/4 c16d* c19d² c16d⁴ c24g^F c19s⁴ Jan 31] tall, useful-looking gelding: winning hurdler: high-class chaser: won Grade 1 novices at Aintree and Punchestown last spring: good efforts when second to Iris Royal in valuable handicap at Ascot in November and fourth to Moscow Flyer in Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown in December: ran badly when tongue tied latest start: stays 19f: raced on good going or softer.
P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
Black and white (halved), red sleeves, yellow cap (Mrs J. Stewart)


171
c19s G1
c24g 164+G1
c16d 171 G1
c19d 171+157
c16d 149+G1
c16g 171+G1

 **5 MOSCOW FLYER (IRE)** 10 11-10
b.g. Moscow Society (USA) – Meelick Lady (IRE) (Duky) [2002/3 c18s* c16sur c17v* c16s* c16g* :: 2003/4 c16gur c16m* c16d* c17d* c16gur Mar 17] strong, lengthy gelding: outstanding chaser, unbeaten in 12 completed starts, including Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham last March: successful this season in Grade 2 Fortria Chase at Navan (made all), Grade 1 William Hill Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown (best effort, led ninth and quickened after 3 out when beating Azertyuiop 4 lengths) and 6-runner Grade 2 Paddy Power Dial-a-Bet Chase (for second successive year) at Leopardstown: odds on, close up and going strongly when unseated 4 out in latest renewal of Queen Mother Champion Chase: effective at 2m to 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: has idled: game and consistent.
MRS J. HARRINGTON, IRELAND B. J. Geraghty
Black and white chevrons, white sleeves, striped cap (Mr Brian Kearney)

194
c16g + G1
c17d 168+G2
c16d 186+G1
c16m 161+G2
c16g + G1
c16g 178+G1

 **6 NATIVE UPMANSHIP (IRE)** 11 11-10
ch.g. Be My Native (USA) – Hi' Upham (Deep Run) [2002/3 c16s² c20s* c24s⁵ c20s* c16g² c20d* :: 2003/4 c25g³ c20d⁵ c20s* c16d³ Feb 22] tall gelding: shows traces of stringhalt: top-class chaser: gained second consecutive success in Grade 1 Martell Cognac Melling Chase at Aintree in 2002/3: not at best this season, despite winning Grade 2 Maclochlainn Road Markings Limited Kinloch Brae Chase at Thurles (third successive win in race) in February, more forcefully ridden than usual and barely coming off bridle to hold Davids Lad by length: very disappointing when 5/2-on in Grade 2 at Naas last time: effective at 2m to easy 25f, probably ideally suited by 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually held up.
A. L. T. MOORE, IRELAND C. O'Dwyer
Dark blue (Mrs John Magnier)

167 +
c16d 148 G2
c20s 154+G2
c20d 162 G1
c25g 167 G1
c20d 175+G1
c16g 171+G1

 **7 STRONG MAGIC (IRE)** 12 11-10
br.g. Strong Gale – Baybush (Boreen (FR)) [2002/3 c20s⁵ c24g c24s⁴ c21m² c20d² c24d² c24s⁴ c23g⁴ c22g c24d⁵ :: 2003/4 c24gpu c20m^{ur} c25f⁵ c24g³ c20g³ c24g² c20s⁵ c24g⁴ c20s² c21s³ c20s² c24g* c24d⁵ c19s* Mar 24] workmanlike gelding: modest chaser: won handicap at Ascot in February and minor event at Towcester (5 ran, beat Athnowen 12 lengths) in March: ran poorly at Stratford (didn't jump fluently) in between: stays 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going: often makes running: none too consistent.
J. R. CORNWALL R. Hobson
Yellow, black chevrons, striped cap (Mr J. R. Cornwall)

106
c19s 106 W
c24d 94
c24g 104 86
c20s 99 84
c21s 76 84
c20s 94 83

MARTELL COGNAC MELLING CHASE (Gr 1) (Aintree 2½m)

1998	155	Opera Hat 10-11-5: 10/1	J R H Fowler (Ir)	C O'Dwyer	5
1999	166	Direct Route 8-11-10: 7/2	J H Johnson	N Williamson	6
2000	160	Direct Route 9-11-10: 11/8	J H Johnson	N Williamson	5
2001	167	Fadalko 8-11-10: 9/2	P F Nicholls	R Walsh	7
2002	158	Native Upmanship 9-11-10: 10/3	A L T Moore (Ir)	C O'Dwyer	8
2003	168	Native Upmanship 10-11-10: 5/4	A L T Moore (Ir)	C O'Dwyer	6

MARTELL COGNAC TOPHAM CHASE (HANDICAP) (Aintree 2m5½f, 2½m prior to 2001)

1998	142	Cyfor Malta 5-11-1: 7/2	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	22
1999	148	Listen Timmy 10-11-8: 14/1	S A Brookshaw	A Dobbin	20
2000	141	Northern Starlight 9-11-5: 7/1	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	23
2001	143	Gower-Slave 9-10-7: 14/1	P J Hobbs	R Johnson	24
2002	142	Its Time For A Win 10-10-12: 10/1	W P Mullins (Ir)	R Walsh	28
2003	123	Clan Royal 8-10-2: 12/1	J O'Neill	L Cooper	29

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THE MARTELL COGNAC TOPHAM CHASE (HANDICAP) (B)

£70,000 5yo+ (Rated 0-150)

**1 SCOTS GREY**

9 11-12

151

gr.g. Terimon – Misowni (Niniski (USA)) [2002/3 c20d* c20g2 c19v2 c20d* c20m3 c20g3 c33mF :: 2003/4 c20g* Dec 27] sturdy gelding; fairly useful hurdler: useful chaser: successful in novice events at Huntingdon and Kempton in 2002/3: won 6-runner handicap on latter course on reappearance by short head from Hand Inn Hand, pair well clear, taking advantage of second's error at the last: may prove best up to 2½m: acts on any going: sound jumper: races prominently.

N. J. HENDERSON

M. A. Fitzgerald

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

c20g	151	141
c33m'		133
c20g'		139
c20m'	146	G2
c20d'	136	N
c19v'	141	G2

**2 JOLY BEY (FR)**

7 11-11

153

ch.g. Beyssac (FR) – Rivolie (FR) (Mistigri) [2002/3 c20s* c17d5 c21d2 c21v* c24d2 c24g3 c24v* c20d* 24s* c20s2 c25d3 :: 2003/4 c20g2 c19s5 24g* c20g5 Mar 6] tall, angular gelding: useful chaser: sold out of P. Nicholls' stable 240,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: 10 lb overweight, shaped really well when fifth to Isio in very valuable handicap at Newbury on latest start, travelling strongly behind leaders long way and not at all knocked about when unable to quicken: thrice-raced hurdler, much improved form when winning handicap at Newbury in February comfortably by 2 lengths from Derivative, ridden less prominently than usual: stays 25f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): fluent jumper: ridden by Mr D. Dunsdon last 3 starts: should continue to be of interest in handicap chases.

N. J. GIFFORD

Mr D. H. Dunsdon (3)

Royal blue, maroon epaulets (Mr David Dunsdon)

c20g	148	+147
h24g	134	+122
c19s	141	+W
c20g	138	G3
c25d'	147	G2
c20s'	127	+N

**3 IZNOGOU (FR)**

8 11-11

150

br.g. Shafou (FR) – Vancia (FR) (Top Dancer (FR)) [2002/3 c26g^{pu} c24d5 c24g^{ur} c21g c29m5 :: 2003/4 25d c26g c24s^{pu} c20g* c24m3 c20g2 Mar 17] tall, leggy gelding: has a markedly round action: winning hurdler, out of depth on reappearance: useful handicap chaser: back to form when winning at Kempton in February by 1¼ lengths from Zaffamore: placed in valuable events there and at Cheltenham since, particularly good effort when 2½ lengths second of 16 to Tikram at latter course: stays 29f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: visored twice (departed early on both occasions): formerly prone to mistakes.

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

Yellow, maroon cross belts, royal blue sleeves, royal blue and yellow quartered cap

(County Stores-Avalon Surfacing)

c20g	150	136
c24m	141	130
c20g	148	+130
c24s		137
c24g		142
h25d		G1

**4 IL'ATHOU (FR)**

8 11-10

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b.g. Lute Antique (FR) – Va Thou Line (FR) (El Badr) [2002/3 c20d^F c20d2 c20g^{pu} c20d* c20d3 :: 2003/4 c20g^{pu} 20m6 Dec 10] tall, lengthy gelding: smart handicap chaser: won at Wetherby in February by 13 lengths from Dorans Gold: good third to Goguenard at Haydock final start in 2002/3: folded tamely when pulled up at Newbury on reappearance: lightly raced over hurdles, favourite when sixth behind Welcome To Unos in handicap at Leicester on latest start, again finding little: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going: tends to get on toes and sometimes sweats: bold-jumping front runner who races freely.

S. E. H. SHERWOOD

T. J. Murphy

Emerald green, orange chevrons, emerald green sleeves, quartered cap (Lady Thompson)

h20m	109	109
c20g		142
c20d'	155	142
c20d'	151	134
c20g'		134
c20d'	144	130

**5 WHEREAREYOUNOW (IRE)**

7 11-6

150

ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Angie's Delight (London Gazette) [2002/3 22d4 21d5 c25d5 c21v3 c21s4 c24s2 c24g :: 2003/4 c20m* c24g* c21d3 c25d4 c21d* c21d c20g Mar 17] workmanlike gelding: useful chaser: won novices in small fields at Stratford in October and Cheltenham in November and fairly valuable handicap at Cheltenham in January: respectable efforts in valuable handicaps at Cheltenham last 2 starts, eighth of 16 to Tikram on latest: effective at 2½m to 25f: best efforts on going softer than good (acts on heavy): sound jumper.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

C. Llewellyn

Emerald green, white stars, emerald green cap, white star (Mr H. R. Mould)

c20g	145	137
c21d	145	138
c21d	150	+128
c25d	145	N
c21d	144	+125
c24g	140	+N

**6 HERMES III (FR)**

9 11-6

136 +

b.g. Quart de Vin (FR) – Queenly (FR) (Pot d'Or (FR)) [2002/3 20d* 20d* c20s* c21s3 c20g^{pu} :: 2003/4 c24s3 c20d2 Feb 19] useful-looking gelding: fairly useful hurdler: useful form at best over fences: left N. Henderson, well below that level when 11 lengths second of 18 to Red Brook Lad in hunter at Sandown last time: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on soft).

M. W. EASTERBY

Mr T. Greenall (7)

Emerald green, black stars, light blue sleeves, emerald green cap, black star (The Grand National Racing Club Limited)

c20d	118	+WA
c24s	152	+136
c20g'		138
c21s'	152	136
c20s'	152	126
h20d'	119	+N

**7 WAHIBA SANDS**

11 11-5

(visor)

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b.g. Pharly (FR) – Lovely Noor (USA) (Fappiano (USA)) [2002/3 c16s3 c24s6 c16g6 c19s4 c16m3 c20d5 c21m5 c16m3 :: 2003/4 c21F c17g2 c16g4 c16m4 c16s3 c16d2 c16g c17g3 c20g c16d Mar 18] tall, useful-looking gelding: useful chaser, in-and-out form this season: stays 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: can race lazily and tried visored (including last 5 starts)/in cheekpieces.

M. C. PIPE

R. Greene

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

c16d	125	139
c20g		139
c17g	152	G2
c16g	151	148
c16d	156	139
c16s	133	142

**8 BETTER DAYS (IRE)**

8 11-3

150

b.g. Supreme Leader – Kilkilrun (Deep Run) [2002/3 c21v^{pu} :: 2003/4 c21m* c20s^F c16d3 c20d* c20s5 c24g^{pu} Feb 21] useful-looking gelding: useful form in novice chases this season (previously with N. Henderson), winning at Southwell in November and Haydock in December: best efforts around 2½m (weakened 3 out having travelled comfortably long way in Grade 2 3m novice at Ascot last time): acts on soft and good to firm ground: bold-jumping front runner (twice well beaten when unable to dominate this season).

MRS S. J. SMITH

D. Elsworth

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

c24g		G2
c20s	116	N
c20d	150	N
c16d		N
c20s	143	+N
c21m	121	+N

**9 HEART MIDOLIAN (FR)**

7 11-1

(tongue strap)

146

gr.g. Royal Charter (FR) – Pride of Queen (FR) (Saint Henri) [2002/3 18s* 19s2 20s2 20d5 20g* 20g4 c16v4 24s^{pu} c20f c22g* :: 2003/4 c20g* 20m3 c22s^{pu} 20f6 c25d5 c21g Feb 29] medium-sized, long-necked gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: fairly useful hurdler/chaser: won over fences at Punchestown (Grade 3 novice, beat Joly Bey 4 lengths) in late-April: creditable tenth of 15 to Hume Castle in listed handicap at Leopardstown last time: stays 2¾am: acts on firm and soft going: usually tongue tied: reportedly gurgled on chasing debut.

S. NEVILLE, IRELAND

J. Cullen

Emerald green and orange quartered, hooped sleeves, quartered cap (Mrs S. Neville)

c21g	142	132
c25d		G3
h20f	140	120
c22s		134
h20m	125	W
c20g	146	G3

**10 BARITO (GER)**

7 10-13

144 +

b.g. Winged Love (IRE) – Blumme (CHI) (Jadar (CHI)) [2002/3 18d4 c17s2 c20s* c20s6 :: 2003/4 c21d6 c22g2 c19g* c25d5 c20f* c24d3 c20g^{pu} Dec 27] leggy gelding: fair hurdler: fairly useful chaser: won at Merano in August and Cheltenham in October, beating Mr Baxter Basics 9 lengths in 8-runner handicap at latter: probably flattered when last of 3 finishers in intermediate won easily by Impek at Sandown penultimate start: poor effort last time: stays 2¾am: acts on soft and firm going: has pulled hard.

C. VON DER RECKE, GERMANY

P. Carberry

Black, light blue and red sash, light blue sleeves, red cap (Gestut Karlshof)

c20g		128
c24d	151	? W
c20f	144	+119
c25d		W
c20s'		N
c20s'	142	N

**11 MONTIFAULT (FR)**

9 10-10

(tongue strap)

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ch.g. Morespeed – Tarde (FR) (Kashtan (FR)) [2002/3 c25g^{pu} c24m2 c36d5 c29m^{pu} :: 2003/4 c26g3 c29g5 c24s^{pu} c24g Mar 16] lengthy, rather sparsely-made gelding: has had soft palate operation: useful handicap chaser: creditable third to Lord Noelle at Cheltenham on reappearance, though didn't find so much as seemed likely: no form since, shaping as if something amiss next 2 starts and paying for helping force pace on latest: stays 3¾am: acts on good to firm and heavy going: has had tongue tied: jumps well: not one to rely on.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

Emerald green and white check, emerald green sleeves, white armlets and star on cap (Mrs A. E. Fulton)

c24g		125
c24s		132
c29g		135
c26g	154	135
c39m'		136
c36d'	139	136

**12 CHERGAN (IRE)**

11 10-10

b.g. Yashgan – Cherry Bright (IRE) (Miner's Lamp) [2002/3 c16g⁵ c16g* c20m* c16d⁵ c24m² c24g³ c20d⁶ c20g c16f² c21d c16g² :: 2003/4 c20g³ c21m^F c25f* c20g⁵ c16m² c16d⁴ c24m² c19g* Mar 6] lengthy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Kelso in October and Doncaster in March: off 11 weeks, beat Super Nomad 1¾ lengths in 9-runner event in latter, leading 4 out: effective at 2m, stays 25f with emphasis on speed: acts on any going: has won/been placed on 14 of 15 outings at Musselburgh: very sound jumper.

MRS S. C. BRADBURNE

M. Bradburne

Light blue and royal blue (quartered), red and white hooped sleeves and cap (Copland, Hardie and Steel)

**13 YOUNG WHACK (IRE)**

10 10-9

br.g. Phardante (FR) – Flash Parade (Boreen (FR)) [2002/3 c22m* 20m³ c23s c17dp^u c20m* :: 2003/4 c16m³ c20g* c20d⁶ Nov 23] big, good sort: winning hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: sold out of N. Meade's stable 26,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: confirmed reappearance promise when winning at Ayr in November by 5 lengths from Carrick Troop, making running and jumping well apart from blunder last: well below that form at Aintree 8 days later: stays 3m: acts on soft and firm going: has had tongue tied.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

R. McGrath

Dark blue, orange epaulets (Gordon Brown/Bert Watson)

**14 MR BOSSMAN (IRE)**

11 10-8 (cheekpieces and tongue strap)

b.g. Jolly Jake (NZ) – Imperial Greeting (Be My Guest (USA)) [2002/3 c22sp^u c16d⁵ c16s⁶ c19d⁶ c20m*^d c19d² c21g* c21d⁴ c16m⁴ :: 2003/4 c22m* c22g⁶ Mar 6] rangy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Kelso in May by 2 lengths from Act In Time: not fluent there 10 months later: effective at 19f, will stay 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going: tried blinkered, usually wears cheekpieces: often tongue tied: reliable.

R. C. GUEST

H. Oliver

Royal blue, red hoops, red sleeves and cap (Mr T. N. Siviter)

**15 WINDROSS**

12 10-8

b.g. Ardross – Dans Le Vent (Pollerton) [2002/3 c24sp^u c25d^F :: 2003/4 c24sp^u c24d* c25g c26g⁵ c24dp^u Feb 2] rangy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Stratford in May: easily best effort since when creditable fifth of 8 to Lord Noelle at Cheltenham in December: stays 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually waited with/had found little.

A. KING

R. Thornton

Royal blue, yellow stars, yellow cap (Mrs Peter Prowting)

**16 KORAKOR (FR)**

10 10-7

ch.g. Nikos – Aniflore (FR) (Satingo) [2002/3 c20mp^u c20dp^u c20d² c20d c19s³ c16g c16m* c16m² :: 2003/4 c20d³ c21m³ c20m^F c17g c21d⁴ c16d Mar 18] good-topped gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: below form from out of weights in valuable event at Cheltenham last time: probably best up to 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

IAN WILLIAMS

A. Dobbin

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

**17 SUPER NOMAD**

9 10-6

b.g. Nomadic Way (USA) – Super Sue (Lochnager) [2002/3 c16g⁵ c16d^F c19gp^u c19d² 16d⁴ c16g² c17m² :: 2003/4 c16d³ c20d³ c16d² c20d³ c16s c19g² c16d² Mar 13] strong gelding: winning hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: placed 9 of last 10 starts over fences (ran badly when blinkered other occasion), good second to Reiziger at Sandown on latest, making running: effective at 2m to 2½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: has had tongue tied: sound jumper in main.

M. W. EASTERBY

A. Dempsey

Red and royal blue stripes, red and white striped sleeves, royal blue and white striped cap (Brian Hutchinson & David & Steven Dudley)

150

c19g	150	125
c24m	141	120
c16d	141	120
c16m	148	121
c20g	144	121
c25f	142	116

**18 LONGSHANKS**

7 10-5

b.g. Broadsword (USA) – Brass Castle (IRE) (Carlingford Castle) [2002/3 20s⁴ c21d 20v² 20sp^u 20s² :: 2003/4 22d* 24gp^u c22g* c20d* c24d* c24d³ Feb 2] workmanlike gelding: modest hurdler: won novice at Uttoxeter in May: has done very well since switched back to chasing, winning handicaps at Haydock and Ayr (novice) in November and Haydock in December (made all first 2 occasions): good third of 11 to Dear Deal in handicap at Kempton latest start: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer: sound jumper.

K. C. BAILEY

J. P. McNamara

Royal blue, dark green sleeves and cap (Mr D. A. Halsall)

152 +

c24d	152	122
c24d	149	115
c20d	140	104
c22g	141	97
h24g		103
h22d	126	N

149

c20d	124	124
c20g	149	117
c16m	142	118
c20m	142	111
c17d		109
c23s		111

**19 FLINDERS CHASE**

9 10-5

gr.g. Terimon – Proverbial Rose (Proverb) [2002/3 c17d³ c16g³ c20v³ c18g³ c16s² c20s² c24d³ c21d^{ur} :: 2003/4 c17g* c18g³ c20s² c18s^{ur} c21d⁴ c20d* c16dp^u Mar 13] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful chaser: won novice handicap at Exeter in November and novice at Sandown in February, travelling strongly but leading only on line when beating Tanikos a short head in 3-finisher event at latter course: lost 15 lengths at start when well below best in handicap at Sandown last time: has form up to 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): has found little: consistent.

C. J. MANN

N. Fehily

Dark blue and white (quartered), hooped sleeves, dark blue cap (Mr P. M. Warren)

149

c16d	120	122
c20d	148	N
c21d	123	118
c18s		118
c20s	146	N
c18g	149	118

150

c22g	128	126
c22m	150	122
c16m	143	122
c21d	149	122
c21g	146	116
c19d	143	116

**20 DARK ROOM (IRE)**

7 10-4

b.g. Toulon – Maudlin Bridge (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2002/3 c20s⁶ c22d^{ur} c21v⁵ c25v* c24d² c24d² c22s³ c32gp^u c32g :: 2003/4 c20g⁴ c21d* c24d c33dp^u Feb 21] lengthy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: improved form when winning betfair.com Grand Sefton Chase at Aintree in November by 3 lengths from Scotmail Boy, still in last place approaching final fence but storming home in final 100 yds: well held in valuable events since, never in contention after being slightly hampered by faller at third last time: stays 25f: acts on heavy going: jumps none too fluently.

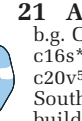
JONJO O'NEILL

L. Cooper

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

149

c33d	119	119
c24d	117	117
c21d	148	108
c20g	137	108
c32g		111
c32g		NA

**21 AELRED**

11 10-3

b.g. Ovac (ITY) – Sponsorship (Sparkler) [2002/3 18g⁴ c17d² c16g⁶ c17g³ c16d² c16s³ c16s* c20d c17d⁴ c16g² c16g⁶ c20g :: 2003/4 c17g⁴ c20g c20g³ c16g* c16d⁵ c20s* c20v⁵ c20v⁵ c20d* c22g⁵ Mar 6] sturdy gelding: fair handicap chaser: won at Southwell and Newcastle in December, and Newcastle again in February: allowed to build up long lead from start when beating Man On The Hill 9 lengths for latest success: below form at Kelso last time: stays 2½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: tried in cheekpieces: has had tongue tied: has won or been placed in 12 of 15 races at Newcastle: usually races prominently.

R. JOHNSON

K. Johnson

Light blue, white braces and armlets, red cap (Mr J. L. Gledson)

150 ?

c22g	135	118
c20d	150	117
c20v		114
c20v	143	114
c20s	144	106
c16d	133	107

**22 SCOTMAIL BOY (IRE)**

11 10-1

b.g. Over The River (FR) – Princess Paula (Smoggy) [2002/3 c24d c30d⁴ c20d⁴ c32v³ c21d⁴ c26g² :: 2003/4 c24m⁴ c21d² c24d* c20d* Feb 23] lengthy gelding: fair handicap chaser: won at Sandown in December and Carlisle in February: off nearly 3 months, beat Mumaris by 2½ lengths in 7-runner event for latest success, jumping well and regaining lead after headed last: stays 27f: acts on any going: tried blinkered/in cheekpieces.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

G. Lee

Light blue, pink sleeves, check cap (Mr George Tobitt)

145

c20d	145	111
c24d	144	105
c21d	142	102
c24m	119	91
c26g	122	91
c21d	117	95

**23 SIGMA DOTCOMM (IRE)**

8 10-0 (9-11)

b.g. Safety Catch (USA) – Dream Academy (Town And Country) [2002/3 c20s c20s³ c19sp^u c20d³ c16v :: 2003/4 c16d^{ur} c19d c28g³ c29sp^u c24sp^u Jan 22] good-topped gelding: fair handicap chaser: form this season only when 2½ lengths third to Montayral at Cork in November: stays 3½m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tried blinkered/in cheekpieces.

JAMES JOSEPH MANGAN, IRELAND

G. Cotter

Royal blue and white (halved), royal blue sleeves and cap (Mr J. A. Boyle)

147

c24s	127	115
c29s		113
c28g	147	111
c19d	126	113
c16d		115
c16v		116

**24 NATIVE BEAT (IRE)**

9 10-0 (9-10)

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Deeprunontheound (IRE) (Deep Run) [2002/3 c20d c20s5 c20s5 c19s4 c20d6 c24d6 c21d c25g3 :: 2003/4 c24g* c19d3 c18d c20s3 c25s3 c22s* c21g Feb 29] medium-sized gelding; fair chaser: won cross-country event at Punchestown in late-April and handicap there in February, beating Lisaan 3 lengths in 15-runner event on latter occasion: not discredited in valuable handicap won by Hume Castle at Leopardstown last time: stays 3m: acts on any going.

J. R. H. FOWLER, IRELAND

Miss D. Duggan (7)

Dark green, light blue crossbelts, white cap, yellow spots (Miss D. Duggan)

145

c21g	141	112
c22s	144	105
c25s	138	105
c20s		106
c18d		107
c19d	133	107

**25 CASSIA HEIGHTS**

9 10-0 (9-6)

(tongue strap)

b.g. Montelimar (USA) – Cloncoose (IRE) (Remainder Man) [2002/3 c24d2 c22m2 c24d4 c24s2 c27g2 c24v4 c24g2 c24m6 c24f3 c21d c24m4 :: 2003/4 c24g2 c22f* c21d4 c31g2 c24d3 c24dpu c24m2 Mar 4] tall gelding; fair handicap chaser: made most when winning at Haydock in October: back to form when second to Rodalko at Ludlow last time: stays 31f: acts on soft and firm going: tongue tied: has run well sweating: usually sound jumper.

S. A. BROOKSHAW

J. Culloty

Royal blue, large white spots, royal blue sleeves, white spots (Mr B. Ridge & Mr D.

Hewitt)

143

c24m	143	107
c24d		107
c24g		107
c31g	143	107
c21d	143	107
c22f	140	105

**26 TENSHOOKMEN (IRE)**

10 10-0 (9-1)

ch.g. Cardinal Flower – April Rise (Prominer) [2002/3 c20d c19fpu c18d* c18s* c20d c20v4 c21s6 c20m5 c25gpu :: 2003/4 c22d c16d5 c20d c21d 22s6 Feb 5] strong gelding; fair handicap chaser: won at Thurles and Punchestown in 2002/3: only modest form at best this season: best form up to 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: tried blinkered.

W. F. CODD, IRELAND

J. R. Barry

Light blue, black cross belts and cap (W. J. Codd)

134

h22s	N	115
c21d		104
c20d	126	106
c16d	118	107
c22d	134	108
c25g		108

**27 BLAZING BATMAN**

11 10-0 (8-13)

ch.g. Shaab – Cottage Blaze (Sunyboy) [2002/3 c20d4 c23s4 17d4 24d6 17s3 25d2 24s3 26m6 27g :: 2003/4 23g2 c24m c26g3 c26dF c26gpu 27f5 c22fpu c26m3 c23m5 c28f3 c23f* c26m3 c25m2 c24m2 c26d5 c25v3 c16s3 c17g5 c24s2 Mar 21] sturdy gelding; maiden hurdler: fair handicap chaser: won match at Exeter in October, idling late on: better form since, 1¼ lengths second of 3 finishers to Finbar's Revenge at Stratford last time: stays 29f: acts on any going: blinkered (pulled up) once: has broken blood vessels/looked unenthusiastic.

DR P. PRITCHARD

Dr P. Pritchard (5)

Yellow and purple diablo, yellow cap, purple star (Jumping Jokers)

135

c24s	135	100
c17g	148?	G2
c16s	128?	99
c25v	105	72
c26d		142
c24m	107	90A

**28 THE MAJOR (NZ)**

11 10-0 (8-12)

ch.g. Try To Stop Me – Equation (NZ) (Palatable (USA)) [2002/3 c21gpu c20m3 c20d5 c27dF :: 2003/4 c20dpu c20d5 c20v3 c17g6 c24g Mar 6] tall gelding; fairly useful chaser in 2001/2 for Mrs M. Reveley: best effort this season (fair form) when third to Cruise Leader in handicap at Wetherby in January, jumping more fluently and keeping on: very stiff task next time: stays 3m: best efforts on going softer than good (acts on heavy): idles, and best held up: makes mistakes.

J. R. CORNWALL

A. Ross

Yellow, black chevrons, striped cap (Mr J. R. Cornwall)

?

c24g		115
c17g	141?	G2
c20v	137	104
c20d	120?	108A
c20d		113
c27d		+ 123

**29 GRANGEWICK FLIGHT**

10 10-0 (8-9)

b.g. Lighter – Feathery (Le Coq d'Or) [2002/3 c24dpu c23mro c21dpu c20v2 c24d2 c21d2 c20sF c27v c20s* c22dru c20vur c20g2 c24g3 c20g3 :: 2003/4 c24g3 c20d2 c20gpu c21d5 c20d c20d4 c22g3 c20g3 c20d3 c20g4 Mar 28] workmanlike gelding; fair handicap chaser: at least respectable efforts last 4 starts, 6¾ lengths fourth of 9 finishers to Atticus Finch at Market Rasen on latest: stays 3m: acts on heavy going: effective in cheekpieces or not: blinkered 3 of last 4 starts: sometimes let down by jumping: unreliable.

N. WILSON

G. Carenza (5)

Royal blue, light blue epaulets, diablo on sleeves and quartered cap (Mrs H. D.

Marks)

131

c20g	128	96
c20d	128	100
c22g	131	100
c20d		103
c20d		103

4.20**THE MARTELL COGNAC SEFTON
NOVICES' HURDLE (Grade 1) (A)****3m110y**

£80,000 4yo+ TWFA 4 11-12

**1 ACCIPITER**

5 11-4

b.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – Accuracy (Gunner B) [2002/3 F16d5 F17d3 :: 2003/4 F17s3 F17g* 16d2 22s* 19s* 20s5 20d* Mar 20] lengthy gelding; progressive in bumpers, won at Newton Abbot in November: has improved into a useful novice hurdler: won at Wincanton and Taunton (beat Sweet Diversion ½ length) in January and Ascot in March: best effort when beating Paperprophet by 5 lengths in valuable 20-runner handicap at last-named course, travelling easily to lead before 2 out and staying on really strongly: will stay 3m: raced only on good going or softer: genuine.

G. B. BALDING

T. Best

Lilac, rose quartered cap (Miss B. Swire)

157

h20d	152	+129
h20s	142	+129
h19s	141	+N
h22s	134	+N
h16d	116	N
F17g	121	W

**2 CARAPUCE (FR)**

5 11-4

ch.g. Bigstone (IRE) – Treasure City (FR) (Moulin) [2002/3 16g5 16g 16dbd 20g :: 2003/4 16g 20g* 20g* 24d3 17s* Feb 11] sturdy ex-French gelding; fairly useful at best on Flat: progressive form over hurdles, winning novice handicaps in small fields at Ayr and Hexham within 5 days in November and 9-finisher novice at Carlisle (by 25 lengths, left well clear when main rival Dileer fell last when upsides) in February: clearly effective around 2m and stays 3m: raced only on good ground or softer (acts on soft): wore cheekpieces on hurdling debut.

L. LUNGO

A. Dobbin

Emerald green, yellow sash and star on cap (Mr & Mrs Raymond Anderson Green)

139

h17s	139	N
h24d	133	110
h20g	119	+99
h20g	102	+92
h16g		N
h20g		+ N

**3 CHAMPAGNE HARRY**

6 11-4

b.g. Sir Harry Lewis (USA) – Sparkling Cinders (Netherkelly) [2002/3 F17s3 F16d 19gur :: 2003/4 16g4 17g* 20v2 20m* 20g* 24m2 24g* 21f3 20g* 21m3 25s3 24g5 24s6 21g Mar 17] workmanlike gelding; fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Hereford in May, Worcester and Uttoxeter in June, Perth in September and Chepstow (Grade 2, beat Comply Or Die 5 lengths) in November: very stiff task, creditable ninth of 15 in Grade 1 novice at Cheltenham last time: stays 3m: acts on any going.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

C. Llewellyn

Dark blue, yellow stripe, yellow sleeves, dark blue armlets and star on yellow cap (Mr Gavin MacEchern)

145

h21g	145?	G1
h24s		G2
h24s	145	W
h25s	134	G2
h21m	126	+N
h20g	145	G2

**4 CONTROL MAN (IRE)**

6 11-4

(visor)

ch.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Got To Fly (IRE) (Kemal (FR)) [2002/3 F18v* F16v* F16g5 :: 2003/4 17g* 20d3 21d4 18s* 20s* Mar 13] angular gelding; smart bumper performer in 2002/3: useful novice hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in November, Fontwell in February and Sandown in March: 8/1 and visored, most improved form when winning 16-runner Grade 3 EBF Sunderlands NH Novices' Handicap Hurdle on last-named course, leading after 3 out and beating Eric's Charm 2½ lengths despite jumping badly left last, also idling: likely to prove best at 2½m+: acts on heavy going: races prominently/front runner: tricky ride.

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

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

152

h20s	152	+120
h18s	132	+N
h21d	140	G1
h20d	135	+G2
h17g	126	+N
F16g	124	+G2

**5 CORNISH REBEL (IRE)**

7 11-4

br.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Katday (FR) (Miller's Mate) [2002/3 F16g* F16g :: 2003/4 20d* 21d* Dec 29] IR £110,000 4-y-o: rangy, good sort, rather unfurnished at present: third foal: brother to top-class chaser Best Mate, stays 3¼am, and winning hurdler Inca Trail, and half-brother to winning Irish pointer and bumper winner in Ireland: dam winner around 11f on Flat in French Provinces/placed over hurdles in Ireland: won Grade 2 bumper at Newbury on debut in 2002/3 most impressively by 11 lengths from Cloudy Grey: again created good impression when winning both starts over hurdles, novice at Chepstow and Grade 1 Stan James Challow Novices' Hurdle at Newbury: rallied strongly on flat to beat Big Moment ½ length in latter: will stay 3m: patiently ridden: has tended to hang left: very exciting prospect, sure to win more good races.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

Red, white cross belts, hooped sleeves and star on cap (Mr C. G. Roach)

165 p

h21d	164	+G1
h20d	131	+N
F16g	117	G1
F16g	135	+G2

**6 ERIC'S CHARM (FR)**

6 11-4

b.g. Nikos – Ladoun (FR) [Kaldoun (FR)] [2002/3 F18d* F16g* F17g5 :: 2003/4 19m* 19d* 16d3 21d2 21g* 20s2 Mar 13] tall, angular gelding: smart novice hurdler: easily landed odds at Lingfield in November, Hereford in December and Kempton in February: better form on other starts, third to Perle de Puca at Ascot and second to Inglis Drever at Warwick in Grade 2 events and excellent second to Control Man, well clear of rest, in valuable novice handicap at Sandown: will stay beyond 21f: acts on soft going, won only start on good to firm: free-going front runner: genuine and consistent.

O. SHERWOOD

B. J. Geraghty

*Pink and yellow diamonds, yellow sleeves and cap (M. St Quinton & P. Deal)***165**

h20s 165 135
h21g 141+N
h21d 151 G2
h16d 151 G2
h19d 132+N
h19m 137+N

**7 GREY REPORT (IRE)**

7 11-4

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Busters Lodge (Antwerp City) [2002/3 F17dsu F19d4 F16d :: 2003/4 16d* 16d* 21d3 18v* 21s* 21g2 21g3 Mar 17] compact ex-Irish gelding: fourth foal: brother to modest hurdler The Merry Mason, stays 25f, and half-brother to fair staying chaser Port Na Son (by Over The River): dam lightly raced in points: won twice in Irish points in 2003: modest form on last of 3 starts in bumpers in 2002/3, sold out of D. Brennan's stable 20,000 gns Doncaster August Sales: smart novice hurdler: won at Newbury (maiden, hung badly left) in November, Cheltenham in December and Fontwell and Plumpton in January: 25/1, further improvement when 4½ lengths third of 15 to Fundamentalist in Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham last time, mistakes last 2 and headed entering straight: likely to prove suited by 3m+: raced on good going or softer: front runner.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Johnson

*Dark blue, flame sleeves, striped cap (Mrs D. A. La Trobe)***160**

h21g 160 G1
h21g 142 N
h21s 144+N
h18v 149 N
h21d 149+G1
h16d 143 N

**8 KASTHARI (IRE)**

5 11-4

gr.g. Vettori (IRE) – Karliyka (IRE) (Last Tycoon) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16d3 20d* 20s* Mar 13] tall gelding: smart on Flat (probably best short of 2½m), creditable efforts all 3 starts in 2003, sold out of Sir Michael Stoute's stable 95,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: fair form when winning novice hurdles in large fields at Newcastle in February (by 9 lengths from Abzuson) and March, landing odds ridden out by 6 lengths from Roman Ark last time: stays 2½m: probably capable of further improvement.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

G. Lee

*Light blue and royal blue (quartered), royal blue sleeves, light blue stars, royal blue cap, light blue star (Elliott Brothers)***132 p**

h20s 129+N
h20d 125+N
h16d 110+N

**9 MANX ROYAL (FR)**

5 11-4

b.g. Cyborg (FR) – Badj II (FR) (Tadj (FR)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 NR] third foal: brother to winning 2½m hurdler Kampala II: dam, maiden, half-sister to 2002 Champion Hurdle winner Hors La Loi III and high-class hurdler/chaser Cyborgo.

M. C. PIPE

R. Greene

Emerald green and maroon (quartered), checked sleeves and cap (James and Antoinette Kennedy)**10 PATRIARCH EXPRESS**

7 11-4

b.g. Noble Patriarch – Jaydeeglen (Bay Express) [2002/3 F16g* F16m* F16g F16g :: 2003/4 20d* 20s* 21s6 18s2 19s6 18g3 Mar 6] strong, good sort: fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Newcastle and Haydock in November: good 9¾ lengths third of 11 to Paddy The Piper in Grade 2 at Kelso last time, staying on from rear: stays 21f: acts on soft ground (won bumper on good to firm): found little penultimate start.

G. A. HARKER

N. Hannity

*Royal blue, orange sash, sleeves and cap (Mr A. P. Muir)***138**

h18g 138 G2
h19s 126
h18s 131+N
h21s 138 W
h20s 127+N
h20d 112+N

**11 SIXO (IRE)**

7 11-4

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Miss Mangaroo (Oats) [2002/3 F17v* F16s* F16g3 :: 2003/4 16d* 20d4 21d3 20s Mar 13] leggy gelding: dam, winning 2½m hurdler, from family of top-class hurdler/chaser Celtic Shot: useful form in bumpers, won at Newton Abbot and Newbury in 2002/3: odds on, all out to beat Gods Token ½ length in 12-runner novice at Sandown in December on hurdling debut: hasn't progressed since, though badly hampered first when never-nearer eighth in novice handicap at Sandown last time: should be suited by 2½m+: front runner.

M. C. PIPE

T. Scudamore

*Light blue, maroon chevron, halved sleeves, light blue and maroon quartered cap (Mr Matt Archer & Miss Jean Broadhurst)***132 +**

h20s 128+122
h21d 118+N
h20d 119 N
h16d 132+N
F16g 130 G2
F16s 131 W

**12 THAMES (IRE)**

6 11-4

b.g. Over The River (FR) – Aon Dochas (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2002/3 F16d3 F17g4 :: 2003/4 20d3 Nov 22] lengthy, angular gelding: first foal: dam, won 2m chase, half-sister to smart chaser up to 21f Native Charm and useful 2½m chaser Sir Dante: better effort in bumpers when 20 lengths fourth of 21 to Classic Native in Grade 2 at Aintree: 7/2, 14½ lengths third of 10 to Inglis Drever in novice at Aintree on hurdling debut, travelling comfortably long way but unable to quicken: likely to prove best at 2½m+: sure to do better.

N. J. HENDERSON

M. A. Fitzgerald

*Emerald green and yellow (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Trevor Hemmings)***122 p**

h20d 122+N
F17g 113 G2
F16d 103 W

**13 QUICK**

4 10-10

(visor)

b.g. Kahyasi – Prompt (Old Vic) [2003/4 17m* 22f* 24m* 25s* 24g 22d* 24s4 Mar 20] leggy gelding: lightly-raced maiden on Flat (bred to be suited by 1½m+) for R. Cowell: has progressed into a fairly useful hurdler, winning juvenile seller at Market Rasen, novice handicaps at Exeter, Taunton and Plumpton and handicap at Sandown, beating Midnight Creek by 4 lengths in last-named in March: good fourth of 15 to Lorgnette in handicap at Ascot later that month: stays 25f: acts on firm and soft going: visored: usually races prominently.

M. C. PIPE

P. Carberry

*Pink, white stars, pink sleeves, purple armlets, pink cap, white star (Kinsford Champagne Partnership)***138**

h24s 138 130
h22d 134+119
h24g + 119
h25s 120+112
h24m 120+105
h22f 110+99

MARTELL COGNAC SEFTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Gr 1) (Aintree 3m½f)

1998	145	Unsinkable Boxer 9-11-4: 10/11	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	12
1999	141	King's Road 6-11-4: 3/1	N A Twiston-Davies	C Llewellyn	15
2000	148	Sackville 7-11-4: 12/1	Ms F M Crowley (Ir)	B J Geraghty	17
2001	140	Garruth 7-11-4: 16/1	T D Easterby	R Garrity	13
2002	139	Stromness 5-11-4: 8/1	A King	R Thornton	15
2003	159	Iris's Gift 6-11-4: 10/11	J O'Neill	B J Geraghty	9

4.55 THE MARTELL COGNAC SAINSBURY'S 3m1f**MILDMAY NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 2) (A)**

£75,000 5yo+

**1 ROYAL EMPEROR (IRE)**

8 11-9

165

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Boreen Bro (Boreen (FR)) [2002/3 24d* 24d* 24d* 23v* 23s* 25g² 24d² :: 2003/4 25m² c22d* c24g^F c25s* c24g² Mar 17] workmanlike gelding; progressed into smart hurdler in 2002/3; below best when second to Gralmano in West Yorkshire Hurdle at Wetherby on reappearance: has developed into smart chaser this season, winning maiden at Kelso (simple task) in December and novice at Wetherby (most impressive in Grade 2, taking over at eighth and staying on strongly to beat Native Emperor 20 lengths) in February: lost nothing in defeat when beaten 1¼ lengths by Rule Supreme in Royal & SunAlliance Chase at Cheltenham last time, especially as blundered 4 out and rider dropped whip before next: not fluent prior to falling 3 out in novice won by D'Argent at Warwick on other start: will stay beyond 25f: best form on good going or softer (acts on heavy): front runner: most genuine and reliable.

MRS S. J. SMITH

D. Elsworth

Maroon and light blue (quartered), maroon sleeves (Widdop Wanderers)

c24g	160+G1
c25s	165 G2
c24g	150+N
c22d	120+W
h25m	148+G2
h24d	162 G1

**2 RULE SUPREME (IRE)**

8 11-9

161 x

b.g. Supreme Leader – Book of Rules (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2002/3 c21v⁴ c20g⁵ :: 2003/4 c25g* c20s^{ur} c24g* c24g³ c24s³ c28v² c24g* Mar 17] well-made gelding; useful hurdler: smart novice chaser: won valuable novice handicap at Punchestown in April, minor event at Thurles in December and Royal & SunAlliance Chase at Cheltenham in March: 25/1, jumped better than usual and stayed on to lead last when beating Royal Emperor by 1¼ lengths at Cheltenham: also placed in valuable handicaps previous 2 starts, clear of rest when ¾-length second to Coq Hardi Diamond at Punchestown on penultimate one: stays 3½m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): often let down by jumping.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

D. J. Casey

Emerald green, white chevron, striped cap (Mr John P. Lynch)

c24g	161 G1
c28v	159 140
c24s	153+140
c24g	140 G1
c24s	146+W
c20s	W

**3 D'ARGENT (IRE)**

7 11-7

162 +

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Money Galore (IRE) (Monksfield) [2002/3 20d 20g :: 2003/4 22g³ 22g⁵ c26m* c24d* c24g* c25m⁵ Feb 21] leggy, useful-looking gelding; fairly useful handicap hurdler: already much better over fences, winning 3 novices at Warwick in December/January: smart performance when beating Tyneandthyneagain 26 lengths in 5-finisher contest for latest success, always jumping and travelling well and left long way clear 3 out: didn't jump so fluently when below-form fifth of 6 to Exit Swinger in listed race at Wincanton last time, readily left behind in straight: best at 3m+: acts on good to soft and good to firm going.

A. KING

R. Thornton

Dark blue, maroon star, maroon cap (Mr Nigel Bunter)

c25m	135 L
c24d	162+N
c24d	150+N
c26m	132+N
h22g	130+123
h22g	130+124

**4 BUZYBAKSON (IRE)**

7 11-2

122

b. or br.g. Bob Back (USA) – Middle Verde (USA) (Sham (USA)) [2002/3 F16g F16m⁶ 20s^F 19s* 22v³ :: 2003/4 17g^{pu} c20d⁵ c20s⁴ c24s^{pu} c20g c24s² c24g⁵ c25s⁴ Mar 7] winning hurdler: sold out of A. Hales's stable 10,500 gns Doncaster May Sales: fair novice chaser: 2 lengths second of 6 finishers to Mulligatawny in handicap at Huntingdon in February: stays 3m: acts on heavy going: hasn't impressed with jumping over fences, particularly on latest outing.

J. R. CORNWALL

R. Hobson

Yellow, black chevrons, striped cap (Mr J. R. Cornwall)

c25s	110 N
c24g	G2
c24s	122 103
c20g	100? N
c24s	N
c20s	119? N

**5 DOUBLE HONOUR (FR)**

6 11-2

152

gr.g. Highest Honor (FR) – Silver Cobra (USA) (Silver Hawk (USA)) [2002/3 16d* 19d* 21m³ 21g 17m* :: 2003/4 20d 20d² 20s² c19d³ c22s* c24g³ c24m* Mar 4] close-coupled gelding; useful hurdler: similar form when 7½ lengths third to impressive Our Vic in Grade 2 novice at Ascot penultimate start: has also won 2 novice chases, 5-finisher at Newbury in January by 12 lengths from First Flight and 14-runner at Taunton (made hard work of straightforward task) in March: will stay beyond 3m: acts on good to firm and soft going: effective held up or making running: looks tricky ride on occasions.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Johnson

Purple, pink stripe, halved sleeves, striped cap (The 4th Middleham Partnership)

c24m	133+N
c24g	152 G2
c22s	143+N
c19d	141+W
h20s	147 133
h20d	153 129

**6 EARLY EDITION**

8 11-2

113 p

b.g. Primitive Rising (USA) – Ottery News (Pony Express) [2002/3 c22m^{pu} c20m^F :: 2003/4 17g⁴ 17d* 20g⁶ 17g^{pu} c20s^{pu} c20s^{ur} 20s 21s³ 24v^{pu} 17s 19v 22d^F c25g* Mar 25] tall gelding; easily best effort over hurdles when winning novice at Newton Abbot in July: left O. Carter, first completed start over fences when winning handicap at Wincanton last time by neck from Even More despite bad mistakes 3 out and 2 out: stays 25f: acts on good to soft going: will improve further over fences as long as jumping holds up.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

White, red and white hooped sleeves, black and white hooped cap (Mr O. J. Carter)

c25g	107+86
h22d	N
h19v	95
h17s	99? N
h24v	N
h21s	104? N

**7 ONE NATION (IRE)**

9 11-2

141

br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Diklers Run (Deep Run) [2002/3 c19s^{pu} 21s³ 21d 17s :: 2003/4 c19g* c17g⁵ c19s³ c21d* c20s³ Feb 7] big, strong gelding; winning hurdler, below form in 2002/3: fairly useful novice chaser: won at Exeter (maiden) in November and Wincanton (third course win, all out to beat Ruby Gale ½ length in 6-runner event) in January: stiffish task when third of 5 finishers to Patrickstineenth in Grade 1 novice at Sandown latest start: stays 21f: acts on heavy going (placed in bumper on good to firm): free-going sort.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

J. Culloty

Eton blue (The Earl Cadogan)

c20s	141 G1
c21d	141 N
c19s	141 G2
c17g	139 N
c19g	141 W
h17s	+ 118

**8 SEE YOU SOMETIME**

9 11-2

144 +

b.g. Sharp Deal – Shepani (New Member) [2002/3 21s⁴ 22d* 21g 21m* :: 2003/4 c19s² c19s³ c20s^F c20g⁶ Mar 6] medium-sized gelding; useful handicap hurdler: better than ever in 2002/3, winning at Wincanton (made all) and Cheltenham: highly tried all starts over fences, fairly useful form when second of 3 finishers to Supreme Prince in Grade 2 novice at Ascot and sixth to Isio in very valuable handicap at Newbury: effective around 2½m, probably stays 3¼m: acts on soft and good to firm going (bumper form on heavy): genuine: may yet be open to improvement over fences.

J. W. MULLINS

J. Tizzard

Light blue, purple hoop, yellow cap (Mr J. A. G. Meaden)

c20g	142+137
c20s	G1
c19s	+ G1
c19s	144 G2
h21m	155 135
h21g	144 137

**9 SIMPLY SUPREME (IRE)**

7 11-2

144

b.g. Supreme Leader – Some Gift (Avocat) [2002/3 22s* 20s* 20v* 20s² 23d⁴ 24d⁴ :: 2003/4 c16g² c20d² c20s³ 23s⁴ c23v* c25s^F Feb 7] leggy gelding; fairly useful hurdler: useful novice chaser: impressive when making all in 2-finisher event at Wetherby, jumping well and never in danger, beating Sylviesbuck by distance: favourite, fell eighth in Grade 2 event there next time: stays 3m: acts on heavy going: usually free-going front runner.

MRS S. J. SMITH

R. McGrath

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

c25s	+ G2
c23v	144 N
h23s	139 G2
c20s	139 N
c20d	128+N
c16g	132+W

**10 L'AVENTURE (FR)**

5 10-0 (blinkers and tongue strap)

154

b. or br.m. Cyborg (FR) – Amphitrite (FR) (Lazer (FR)) [2002/3 17g⁴ 16d³ 17v³ 15d⁴ 16v* 16s* 17s⁶ :: 2003/4 18s^{pu} 18d* 18d⁴ c17s² c19s² c16m² c16g^F c20d* c19s* c20s² c24g⁴ Feb 21] leggy, angular mare: first foal: dam winning cross-country chaser: fair hurdler: successful 3 times, including in 4-y-o claimer at Auteuil in June (left R. Chotard after next start): fairly useful chaser: left Y. Porzier after runner-up in 3-finisher 4-y-o novice at Warwick in November: won maiden at Ludlow (simple task) and novice at Doncaster (improved form, led before 3 out and beat Don Fernando 17 lengths) in January: better effort in graded events since when creditable second to Patrickninetenth at Sandown following month: stays 2½/2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: successful with/without blinkers: has had tongue tied: has looked quirky/gone in snatches.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. P. McNally

Red and yellow diamonds, white cap (Mr C. J. Harriman)

c24g	147	G2
c20s	154	G1
c19s	154	N
c20d	116+	W
c16g		N
c16m	146	N

**11 LIBERTHINE (FR)**

5 10-0

142 p

b.m. Chamberlin (FR) – Libertina (FR) (Balsamo (FR)) [2002/3 16d⁶ 15d⁶ 15g* 17s* 18d² 18s* 18v⁵ :: 2003/4 c20d* Mar 15] ex-French mare: seventh foal: half-sister to 1m to 11f winner Aubisquini (by Dom Pasquini): dam won 15f hurdle in France: fairly useful juvenile hurdler in 2002/3: won at Dieppe in June and Auteuil (twice) in September: left G. Macaire and off 16 months, successful chasing debut in 14-runner maiden at Stratford on reappearance, jumping soundly in main and soon well in control when taking it up 3 out, beating I Hear Thunder by 8 lengths: stays 2½/2m: raced on good ground or softer (acts on soft): open to improvement over fences.

N. J. HENDERSON

P. Carberry

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

c20d	134+	W
h18v	142	W
h18s	154	W
h18d	150	W
h17s	134	W
h15d	129	W

MARTELL COGNAC SAINSBURY'S MILDMAY NOVICES' CHASE (Gr 2) (Aintree 3m1f)

1998	148	Boss Doyle 6-11-7: 5/4	M F Morris (Ir)	A P McCoy	8
1999	140	Spendid 7-11-9: 10/3	D Nicholson	R Johnson	7
2000	147	High Game 6-11-4: 9/1	S E H Sherwood	N Williamson	8
2001	?	Whats Up Boys 7-11-4: 12/1	P J Hobbs	R Johnson	7
2002	154	Barton 9-11-9: 3/1	T D Easterby	A Dobbins	9
2003	142	Irish Hussar 7-11-2: 3/1	N J Henderson	M A Fitzgerald	9

SEVENTH RACE AINTREE

5.30**THE MARTELL COGNAC SOMERFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed) (A)****3m110y**

£40,000 5yo+

**1 MUGHAS (IRE)**

5 11-12

153

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Quest of Passion (FR) (Saumarez) [2002/3 16s* 16v* 16m² 17g⁵ 16g⁶ :: 2003/4 20d 20d* 20d* 21s³ 16g⁴ 21g⁴ Mar 17] good-topped gelding: useful handicap hurdler: much improved this season, winning at Aintree in November and Chepstow (beat Double Honour by 3 lengths) in December: good efforts when fourth in valuable events at Newbury (to Geos in Tote Gold Trophy) and Cheltenham (beaten 4¾ lengths by Monkerhostin in 27-runner Coral Cup, stayed on well for sustained pressure) last 2 starts: ideally needs good test at 2m, will probably stay 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: carries head awkwardly.

A. KING

R. Thornton

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

h21g	152	144
h16g	152	+142
h21s	147	142
h20d	153	+135
h20d	145	126
h20d	109	124

**2 CLAYMORE (IRE)**

8 11-7

151

b.g. Broadsword (USA) – Mazza (Mazilier (USA)) [2002/3 c20d³ c16v* c16d⁴ c19v* c22d³ c22d* c18s^{ur} c21s^{pu} :: 2003/4 19g* c20g² c19d^F 20v* 20g² 21g Mar 17] leggy, lengthy gelding: useful handicap chaser: good second to Redemption at Newbury second start, mistakes 3 out and last: running well when fell heavily 2 out at Chepstow next time: as good over hurdles, successful in handicaps at Exeter in November and Wetherby (beat Kivotos 1½ lengths) in January: good second of 16 to Paperprophet at Haydock penultimate start, not discredited when mid-field in valuable event at Cheltenham on latest: effective at 2m to 3m: acts on heavy going: races prominently: reliable.

O. SHERWOOD

L. Aspell

Royal blue, pink epaulets, pink cap (Mr B. T. Stewart-Brown)

h21g	139	+141
h20g	150	138
h20v	151	+131
c19d		+132
c20g	147	+130
h19g	143	+123

**3 GALILEO (POL)**

8 11-6

(blinkers)

?

b.g. Jape (USA) – Goldika (POL) (Dakota) [2002/3 24g 24g⁶ :: 2003/4 20g 21g Mar 17] workmanlike gelding: made excellent start to hurdling career when winning both starts in 2001/2, novice at Kempton and Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham: reportedly injured sesamoid and well held since, in handicaps at Haydock (visored) and Cheltenham (valuable event) this season: should stay beyond 21f: acts on soft ground.

T. R. GEORGE

J. M. Maguire

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

h21g	142	143
h20g		143
h24g		G2
h24g		G1

**4 FREETOWN (IRE)**

8 11-6

?

b.g. Shirley Heights – Pageantry (Welsh Pageant) [2002/3 23f :: 2003/4 25d^{pu} 23v⁴ 25g Mar 16] tall, leggy gelding: successful once from 2 outings over fences: smart handicap hurdler: well below form since 2001/2: suited by 3m+: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy), probably unsuited by firm.

L. LUNGO

A. Dobbins

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

h25g		140
h23v	129	+148
h25d		148
h23f		153

**5 EMOTIONAL MOMENT (IRE)**

7 11-4

152

b.g. Religiously (USA) – Rosceen Bui (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2002/3 16s* 16v* 16s* 16s⁴ 24d* 21g⁴ 20d⁴ :: 2003/4 c22d⁵ c16g* c24d^F c21s* c24s^{ur} 16s⁵ 21g⁵ Mar 17] leggy gelding: successful on 2 of 3 completed starts over fences, namely maiden at Thurles in December and Grade 3 Paddy Fitzpatrick Memorial Novice Chase at Leopardstown (beat Stashedaway 2½ lengths) in January: useful hurdler: creditable fifth to Georges Girl in Grade 2 at Gowran and Monkerhostin in Coral Cup (Handicap) at Cheltenham last 2 starts, staying on well when beaten 7¾ lengths in latter: effective at 2m to 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tough and consistent.

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND

B. J. Geraghty

Red, white disc, royal blue sleeves, red and royal blue quartered cap (Watercork Syndicate)

h21g	152	139
h16s	152	G2
c24s		G2
c21s	148	+G3
c24d		G1
c16g	131	W

**6 BOW STRADA**

7 11-1

ch.g. Rainbow Quest (USA) – La Strada (Niniski (USA)) [2002/3 20m² c17g² c19g³ c16m* 21g c19g* c20m⁴ :: 2003/4 21g Mar 17] angular, close-coupled gelding: fairly useful chaser: won novices at Leicester and Ascot in 2002/3: reportedly distressed when tailed off final start: useful hurdler: well held in valuable handicap at Cheltenham on reappearance: stays 21f: acts on firm and good to soft going: hung left under pressure on chasing debut: consistent.

P. J. HOBBS

Dark green and white diamonds, white sleeves (Mr M. J. Tuckey)

S. Durack

151

h21g	140	135
h24g	140	139
c20m		G2
c19g		145+N
h21g	151	134
c16m		145+N
c19g		136 N

**7 ROSTROPOVICH (IRE)**

7 11-1

(tongue strap)

gr.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 25g Mar 16] well-made gelding: useful hurdler: laboured efforts when below form last 3 starts: stays 3m well: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually wears cheekpieces nowadays (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

153

h25g	135	135
h23s	134	+141
h24v		136
h24d	153	G2
h16d	129	+G2
h25m	153	+G2

**8 SUD BLEU (FR)**

6 11-1

b.g. Pistolet Bleu (IRE) – Sudaka (FR) (Garde Royale) [2002/3 17d* 16d³ 16g² 16s 17v⁴ 17s³ 22d⁵ 18d⁵ :: 2003/4 16g² 16s² 17d 16g 16s 21g Mar 17] tall, useful-looking gelding: useful handicap hurdler: formerly a weak finisher, and operated on for breathing problem after final outing in 2002/3: better than ever when 2 lengths second to Thesis in Ladbrooke Hurdle at Ascot second start: not discredited 3 of 4 starts since: best around 2m: raced on good going or softer: held up, and suited by well-run race.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Yellow, black chevron, check cap (Barry Marshall & Terry Warner)

R. Walsh

148

h21g	148	140
h16s		135
h16g	147	140
h17d	147	+135
h16s	155	126
h16g	150	120

**9 HIS NIBS (IRE)**

7 10-10

b.g. Allflora (IRE) – Mrs Jennifer (River Knight (FR)) [2002/3 17s* 17s³ 21s³ 20v^{pu} :: 2003/4 c25d^R 23m* 22g* 25d⁴ 25d⁴ 23v² 22m⁵ 25g⁴ Mar 16] medium-sized gelding: refused first run on chasing debut: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Lingfield and Market Rasen in November: has remained in form, good fourth of 24 to Creon in Pertemps Final at Cheltenham last time: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: consistent.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

White, red stripe (Mr John Galvanoni)

S. Thomas (3)

151

h25g	151	130
h22m	149	128
h23v	143	129
h25d	145	129
h25d	151	125
h25d	142	125

**10 OLLIE MAGERN**

6 10-8

b.g. Alderbrook – Outfield (Monksfield) [2002/3 F17d F16d 16d 22g² :: 2003/4 26g⁴ 27d² 22m* 26m* 22m² 22g* 26m* 25f* 21g Mar 17] smallish gelding: fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Stratford in May, Hereford (conditional jockeys) in June, Stratford in July and Huntingdon and Cheltenham in October: 66/1 (19 lb out of weights), ran lot better than result suggests when mid-field in valuable handicap won by Monkerhostin at Cheltenham last time, pulling way to prominence 4 out and weakening only after mistake 2 out: stays 27f: acts on firm and good to soft going: usually makes running.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

Light blue, maroon stars and sleeves, light blue cap (Mr Roger Nicholls)

C. Llewellyn

152

h21g	152	139
h25f	136	N
h26m	128	+N
h22g	133	N
h22m	117	+N
h26m	131	NA

**11 DERIVATIVE (IRE)**

6 10-8

b. or br.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 25g Mar 16] smallish gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Perth in May and Wincanton in December: creditable efforts since when placed, third to Redemption at Cheltenham and second to Joly Bey at Newbury: again off bridle long way out last time: 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)

A. Thornton

148

h25g	148	128
h24g	148	121
h20v	132	125
h21d	148	122
h22d	145	+111
h20d	136	112

**12 STRONG PROJECT (IRE)**

8 10-8

ch.g. Project Manager – Hurricane Girl (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2002/3 20s^F 24s³ 24s³ 20m* c20s^F 22d² 22g c22s^F c21m c20d⁶ :: 2003/4 20m³ 22g* 20s³ 24d⁶ 24d² Feb 22] workmanlike gelding: maiden chaser: fairly useful hurdler: won minor event at Thurles in December: creditable 2 lengths second of 16 to Brave Eagle in handicap at Naas last time: stays 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

C. F. SWAN, IRELAND

Yellow, purple cross belts, yellow cap, purple star (John J. Buckley)

P. Carberry

153

h24g	153	128
h24d		G2
h22g	126	W
h20m	143	+W
h20m	153	G2
c20d	122	W

**13 GLACIAL SUNSET (IRE)**

9 10-8

ch.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Twinkle Sunset (Deep Run) [2002/3 22f* 20g² 26g* 24d* 24m⁴ :: 2003/4 21g^{bd} Jan 17] workmanlike gelding: trained by A. Lidderdale, progressive hurdler in 2002/3, winning handicap at Wincanton, conditional jockeys novice at Hereford and competitive 14-runner handicap at Cheltenham (beat Ennel Boy 1½ lengths): off 9 months, travelling comfortably when brought down fifth in handicap at Kempton won by Cotopaxi on return: stays 3¼m: acts on firm and good to soft going.

C. TINKLER

White, light blue spots, light blue cap (Mr George Ward)

J. Culloty

148 +

h21g	+	128
h24m	+	W
h24d		142+116
h26g		132+NA
h20g		136 N
h22f		131+96

**14 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 25g Mar 16] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: good third to Royal All Star at Leopardstown on reappearance: favourite, didn't find much when seventh of 24 to Creon in Pertemps Final at Cheltenham 2 months later: better around 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

h25g	150	127
h24s	154	122
h24g	148	+120
h24s	146	+109
h19v	131	+109
h24s	135	+104

**15 WILLIE JOHN DALY (IRE)**

7 10-5

b.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Murphy's Lady (IRE) (Over The River (FR)) [2002/3 F16s⁴ F16s² F19v* F16s⁶ :: 2003/4 20s² 20d⁴ 22s² 22v* 24d² 24g³ 24m* Mar 4] IR £9,500 4-y-o: leggy gelding: first foal: dam winning pointer: winning Irish pointer: bumper winner: fairly useful novice hurdler: left D. Coffey after second start: won at Fontwell in January and Taunton (readily made all by 10 lengths from Blue Business) in March: good placed efforts in handicaps in between, third to Joly Bey at Newbury on second occasion: stays 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: jumps less than fluently.

P. J. HOBBS

Dark blue, yellow sleeves, white armlets, white and yellow quartered cap (Mr D. R. Peppiatt)

R. Johnson

152 +

h24m	144	+N
h24g	149	+120
h24d	149	+113
h22v	144	N
h22s	145	N
h20d	128	N

**16 CARLOVENT (FR)**

9 10-5

(visor)

b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Carlaya (FR) (Carmarthen (FR)) [2002/3 24s⁵ 25d 20v³ 22d⁴ 22v^{pu} 20v⁵ 25g 24g* 24m³ 24m³ :: 2003/4 23m 25d 22d³ 20d⁵ 22s⁶ 25g^{pu} Mar 16] 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: sketchy jumper: difficult ride.

M. C. PIPE

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

A. P. McCoy

?

h25g	125	125
h22s	144	144
h20d	138?	133
h22d	137	136
h25d	136	136
h23m	135	135

**17 PERSONAL ASSURANCE**

7 10-3

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 25g Mar 16] rather unfurnished gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Southwell (reluctant at start) on reappearance in October: at least respectable efforts most starts since, eighth of 24 to Creon in valuable event at Cheltenham on latest: stays 25f: 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

152

h25g	150	124
h23s	142	141
h21s	147	124
h22d	152	122
h20m	152	122
h21m	136	+111

**18 MASTER TRIX (IRE)**

7 10-1

b.g. Lord Americo – Bannow Drive (IRE) (Miner's Lamp) [2002/3 17s* 21d² 20v³ 22v² 20vpu 24dur :: 2003/4 20d* Dec 19] compact gelding: bumper winner: fairly useful hurdler: won conditional jockeys event at Folkestone in 2002/3: much improved when winning 15-runner handicap at Ascot on return by 7 lengths from Bell Lane Lad, leading from seventh and having something to spare: should stay 3m: raced on going softer than good (acts on heavy).

M. PITMAN

T. J. Murphy

Emerald green and yellow check, yellow sleeves and cap (Mr Patrick Bancroft)

156 p

121
h20v 156+109
h24d' G1
h20v' 108
h22v' 129+N
h20v' 142 N
h21d' 142 N

**19 LORGNETTE**

10 10-0

b.m. Emperor Fountain – Speckyfourneys (Blue Cashmere) [2002/3 22g⁴ c24d c24m² c19s² c24d⁴ 24s 22d² 22s⁵ 22d³ 22f² 22f³ :: 2003/4 22d 24s² 22g³ 26g² 24s* Mar 20] rather sparely-made mare: fair handicap hurdler: in good form: won 15-runner event at Ascot latest start by 9 lengths from Victory Gunner, held up and leading before 2 out: novice chaser, hasn't convinced with her jumping: stays 3¹/₄m: acts on firm and soft going.

R. H. ALNER

R. Walford (3)

Red, grey diamond, grey cap (Mr Alvin Trowbridge)

144

120
h24s 144 108
h26g 136 103
h22g 136 103
h24s 133 100
h22d 100 100
h22f 119 98

**20 ILABON (FR)**

8 10-0

ch.g. Secret Haunt (USA) – Ahuille (FR) (Haltea (FR)) [2002/3 19g⁴ 18s⁵ 16v³ 16m² :: 2003/4 20s² 16s Mar 13] angular gelding: fourth known foal: brother to 13f winner on Flat in France: dam never ran: won non-thoroughbred event around 11f on Flat at 5 yrs: twice-raced over hurdles for L. Viel, sold €30,000 Goffs November (2002) Sale: placed first 3 starts in Britain, good second to Special Rate in novice at Leicester on reappearance: not fluent when well held in valuable handicap at Sandown next time: stays 2¹/₂m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

M. C. PIPE

R. Greene

White, dark blue stripe, striped sleeves and cap (Beau Girls)

152

120
h16s 120
h20s 149+N
h16m' 152 N
h16v' 140 N
h18s' 116 W

**21 HEY REF (IRE)**

7 10-0

b.g. King's Ride – Jeanarie (Reformed Character) [2002/3 F17d* 20s⁴ 16s* :: 2003/4 c16s³ c16v^{ur} 20g⁶ Feb 28] good-bodied gelding: impressive winner on second of 2 starts in novice hurdles at Haydock in 2002/3: well backed, weakened after 3 out when sixth of 16 in handicap there latest outing: shaped well on chasing debut when around 2¹/₂ lengths third of 11 to Tidour in maiden at Uttoxeter: unseated fifth next time: should stay 2¹/₂m: acts on soft going: remains open to improvement.

JONJO O'NEILL

R. McGrath

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

145 +

120
h20g 139+121
c16v W
c16s 142 W
h16s' 141+N
h20s' 144+N
F17d' 132+W

**22 LEGAL LUNCH (USA)**

9 10-0 (9-13) (inc 4lb ex)

b.g. Alleged (USA) – Dinner Surprise (USA) (Lyphard (USA)) [2002/3 23s 24d⁵ 22s^{pu} 20g :: 2003/4 c19d^{pu} 24d³ 24d 22s* 22g* 21g² 20d* Mar 24] smallish, well-made gelding: no encouragement on chasing debut: fairly useful hurdler: left R. Stronge before reappearance: won seller (easily) and handicap (beat Valerun ³/₄ length despite mistakes) at Fontwell in February, and handicap at Chepstow in March: back to best when beating Harapour 3 lengths (pair clear) for latest success, leading after 4 out and holding on well (had idled in front when beaten short head previous start): stays 3m: acts on soft going: tried visored.

W. K. GOLDSWORTHY

G. Lee

White, red seams, black sleeves, red seams, black cap (Greenacre Racing Partnership Ltd)

158

120
h20d 158 115
h21g 145 108
h22g 141+101
h22s 129+S
h24d 103
h24d 132 104

Course to Course

Friday, April 2nd

LINGFIELD PARK**1.40 1m Stakes (D.II)**

TRW - - - - 82

1 Sewmore Character	87
2 Antigiotto	
3 Appolonius	-P
4 Extra Cover	84p
5 Fancy Foxtro	?
6 Habitual	-P
7 Trifti	
8 Beach Party	73
9 Donastrela	69?
10 Laurens Girl	

2.10 1m Stakes (D.II)

TRW - - - - 82

1 Ballinger Express	77p
2 Instructor	90
3 Raheed	73
4 Solor	
5 Stop The Nonsense	?
6 Fiddles Music	-
7 Fresh Connection	?
8 Sunisa	88
9 Witches Broom	

2.45 5f Stakes

TRW 67 73 75 76 100 (Av 78)

1 Confuzed	67
2 Horizontal	64p
3 Multahab	72+
4 Bahamian Belle	65
5 Ryan's Quest	67
6 Four Kings	
7 Imperium	?
8 Point Calimere	90
9 Simpsons Mount	62
10 Shrink	86

3.20 7f Hcp Stakes

1 Michelle Ma Belle	10-0 88
2 And Toto Too	9-8 83
3 Estimation	9-6 ?
4 Miss Poppets	9-6 81
5 I Wish	9-0 82
6 Dixie Dancing	8-13 77
7 Sahara Storm	8-13 79
8 Just One Look	8-12 84
9 Poppyline	8-11 83
10 Artistry	8-10 82
11 A Woman In Love	8-6 87
12 Amelia	8-2 83

3.55 6f Hcp Stakes

1 Don't Tell Rosey	10-0 80
2 Another Glimpse	9-13 86
3 Further Outlook	9-13 81+
4 Cormorant Wharf	9-12 82
5 Mayzin	9-9 77
6 Tayif	9-5 86
7 Goodenough Mover	9-5 84
8 Madrasee	9-5 84
9 Double M	9-4 84
10 B A Highflyer	9-2 81
11 Sharp Hat	9-2 81
12 Dunn Deal	8-13 80\$
13 Effective	8-12 81
14 Illusive	8-12 85

4.30 1m2f (S) Stakes

TRW - - - -

1 Decelerate	64
2 Muqtadi	56\$
3 Paradise Valley	59\$
4 Dissident	?
5 Ipledgeallegiance	?
6 Nod's Nephew	62
7 Prince Ivor	42\$
8 Pyrrhic	55
9 Senor Toran	51?

5.05 1m2f Hcp Stakes

1 Tight Squeeze	10-0 88
2 Brilliant Red	9-13 85
3 Barry Island	9-12 92
4 Paragon of Virtue	9-11 90
5 Bank On Him	8-10 90
6 Giunchiglio	8-10 88
7 Inchconnel	7-12 ?

SOUTHWELL**2.20 1m Hcp Stakes**

1 Our Destiny	11-1 74
2 Hoh's Back	11-0 ?
3 Crusoe	11-0 79
4 Thunderclap	11-0 81
5 Sorbiesharry	10-13 72
6 Mutarafa	10-12 77
7 Rust En Vrede	10-12 75
8 Sunridge Fairy	10-10 ?
9 Kumakawa	10-8 75\$
10 Ace-Ma-Vahra	10-7 71
11 Secam	10-6 ?
12 Wilson Bluebottle	10-5 80
13 Nimbus Twothousand	10-5 70\$
14 Prince Minata	10-5 74?
15 Illustrious Duke	10-5 65
16 Tern Intern	10-5 -

2.55 5f 2yo Stakes

TRW - - - - 102

1 Kilkenny Kitten	-
2 Lady Erica	
3 Sahara Mist	-
4 Glasson Lodge	
5 Nova Tor	
6 Nutty Times	68
7 Voice of An Angel	

3.30 1m4f Stakes

TRW - - - - 83

1 Dance World	?
2 Marino Mou	-
3 Masjoor	67+
4 Border Saint	84p
5 It Must Be Speech	73
6 Pepe	?
7 Prairie Sun	65

4.05 5f Hcp Stakes

1 Only If I Laugh	9-7 84
2 Demolition Molly	8-13 83
3 Blue Power	8-13 80?
4 Lakeside Guy	8-8 79?
5 Loveisdangerous	8-6 76
6 Desert Light	8-4 78\$
7 Lavish Times	8-2 82\$
8 Indrani	7-12 73

4.40 6f (S) Stakes

TRW - - - -

1 On The Trail	56\$
2 Polar Haze	66
3 Czar Wars	?
4 Festive Affair	61
5 Keltic Flute	40
6 Pawan	65
7 Rathmullan	-
8 Countrywide Girl	43

MARTELL COGNAC SOMERFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed) (Aintree 3m110y)

1998	145	The Proms 7-11-7: 7/1	N A Twiston-Davies	C Llewellyn	15
1999	134	Papo Kharisma 9-10-0: 12/1	P J Hobbs	A Maguire	14
2000	140	Ross Moff 7-10-10: 9/2	A J Martin (Ir)	P Carberry	12
2001	144	Carlovent 6-10-1: 25/1	M C Pipe	Mr T Scudamore ³	16
2002	129	Sudden Shock 7-10-1: 33/1	J O'Neill	J R Kavanagh	14
2003	131	Carlovent 8-10-11: 16/1	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	22