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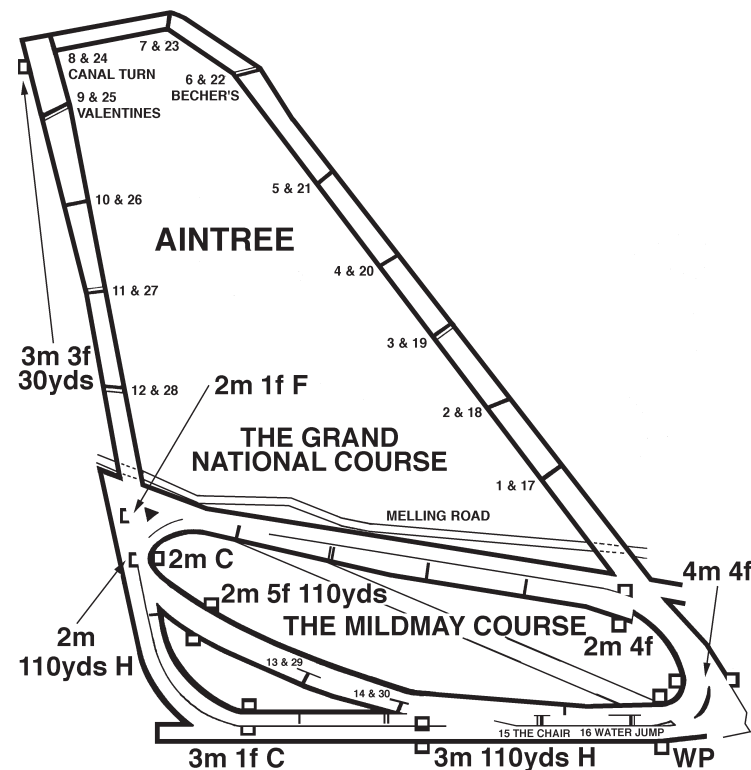
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The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. It covers two and a quarter miles and is perfectly flat throughout. Inside is the easier Mildmay course, providing a circuit of one and a 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.


The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time round and fourteen the second, and, in spite of welcome modifications to the fences in recent years, the race still provides one of the toughest tests ever devised for horse and rider. The run from the final fence to the winning post is 494 yards long and includes an elbow.




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

1.45 THE MARTELL CORDON BLEU HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed) (A) **2m110y**
 £45,000 5yo+

 **1 LIMERICK BOY (GER)** 6 11-12 **157**
 b.g. Alwuhush (USA) – Limoges (GER) (Konigsstuhl (GER)) [2002/3 16d* 16g⁶ 16d* :: 2003/4 16g² 16d^{pu} 16g* 16g^{ur} 16g Mar 16] close-coupled gelding: smart on Flat (stays 1¹/₄m) 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 penultimate start, well beaten upped in class in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on latest: should stay beyond 2m: raced only on good/good to soft going: ran as if amiss second start.
MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS S. Thomas (3)
Dark blue, white star, red sleeves, white stars, red cap, white star (Favourites Racing)

h16g 146 G1
 h16g 148
 h16g 157 + 140
 h16d 140
 h16g 142 + G1
 h16d 141 G2

 **2 IN CONTRAST (IRE)** 8 11-11 **?**
 b. or br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Ballinamona Lady (IRE) (Le Bavard (FR)) [2002/3 16m³ 16d^F 21d³ 16g⁴ 16g⁶ 16m* :: 2003/4 16m³ c17d^{pu} 20g⁵ 17d Mar 18] leggy gelding: smart hurdler: won 4-finisher Scottish Champion Hurdle (Limited Handicap) at Ayr last April: good close third of 14 to Altay in Swinton Hurdle (Handicap) at Haydock following month: off 9 months (pulled up lame after first on chasing debut), little encouragement in Grade 2 at Fontwell and valuable handicap at Cheltenham on return: effective around 2m to 21f: acts on good to firm and good to soft going (well held on heavy in bumpers): hangs left under pressure: sometimes makes mistakes: held up and suited by truly-run race.
P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
Emerald green and pink check, striped sleeves, emerald green cap (Mr Tony Staple)


h17d 147
 h20g 150
 c17d G2
 h16m 158
 h16m 159
 h16g 157 G1

 **3 SPECTROMETER** 7 11-8 **154**
 ch.g. Rainbow Quest (USA) – Selection Board (Welsh Pageant) [2002/3 16s² 17d⁵ 18g² 19m² 20d² 17d* 21g³ 24g⁵ :: 2003/4 20g Apr 1] leggy gelding: useful handicap hurdler: trained by P. Hobbs, won 16-runner contest at Cheltenham in 2002/3 by 1/2 length from Telimar Prince, also very good staying-on third of 27 to Xenophon in Coral Cup there: trained by M. Johnston, successful on Flat in August: shaped as if outing was needed when mid-field in 23-runner event at Aintree won by Zibeline on return: barely stays 3m: acts on firm and soft going: takes good hold and is held up: sometimes drifts left: consistent.
R. C. GUEST L. McGrath (3)
Orange, red seams, orange cap, red stars (Concertina Racing)


h20g 140 + 144
 h24g 153 + 144
 h21g 154 138
 h17d 144 132
 h20d 149 + 126
 h19m 142 123

 **4 MAN O'MYSTERY (USA)** 7 11-0 **156 §**
 b.g. Diesis – Eurostorm (USA) (Storm Bird (CAN)) [2002/3 17s² 17g* 16d² :: 2003/4 16m^{rt} 16s^{pu} 16g 17d Mar 18] smallish gelding: smart around 1¹/₄m on Flat for J. Nosedo: useful handicap hurdler: best effort when 7 lengths ninth to Geos in very valuable event at Newbury (9 lb out of handicap) in February: dropped himself out and late headway when only tenth to Sporazene at Cheltenham following month: likely to prove best with waiting tactics in well-run races around 2m: acts on good to soft going: refused to line up on reappearance.
P. R. WEBBER B. J. Geraghty
Black, yellow cap (Mr B. E. Nielsen)


h17d 134 138
 h16g 156 140
 h16s 131
 h16m 130
 h16d 149 G2
 h17g 125 + N

 **5 DEMI BEAU** 6 10-9 **155**
 b.g. Dr Devious (IRE) – Charming Life (NZ) (Sir Tristram) [2002/3 16d* 16m⁴ 16m⁴ :: 2003/4 17g⁵ 17g* 17d Mar 18] tall gelding: useful handicap hurdler: improved effort when winning 14-runner event at Cheltenham in December by 3/4 length from Perouse, leading before last and responding well: dropped out tamely other 2 starts this season: raced around 2m: yet to race on extremes of going.
C. J. MANN N. Fehily
Red, purple and red check sleeves (Mr Hugh Villiers)


h17d 131
 h17g 139
 h17g 155 + 118
 h17g 138 116
 h16m 95 N
 h16m 119 + G2
 h16d 135 + N

 **6 JABOUNE (FR)** 7 10-8 **159**
 ch.g. Johann Quatz (FR) – Seasonal Pleasure (USA) (Graustark) [2002/3 16g² 17m* 17g* 17m* 17d^{pu} 16d* 16d² 16g² 16s 16g³ 16m² 16g 17g⁵ 16d :: 2003/4 c19g* c16g* c21g² 16m⁴ 16m⁴ c16d⁵ c20d⁴ Dec 17] compact gelding: type to carry condition: useful handicap hurdler: good fourth to Visibility at Ascot and Rigmarole at Cheltenham (beaten 7³/₄ lengths in valuable event) in November: not yet quite so good over fences, landed odds in novices at Hereford and Fakenham in May: creditable fourth to Mister Banjo (rec. 12 lb) in much stronger race at Bangor last time: stays 19f: acts on good to firm and good to soft going, possibly not on soft: has had tongue tied: genuine and consistent.
A. KING W. Marston
Light blue and royal blue diablo, light blue sleeves and cap (Mrs R. J. Skan)


c20d 146 N
 c16d 143 G2
 h16m 159 130
 h16m 156 129
 c21g + N
 c16g 118 + N

 **7 GREENHOPE (IRE)** 6 10-7 **159**
 b.g. Definite Article – Unbidden Melody (USA) (Chieftain) [2002/3 16m :: 2003/4 16g* 16g³ 17d Mar 18] leggy, useful-looking gelding: useful on Flat (stays 21f): useful handicap hurdler: sustained overreach only start in 2002/3, better than ever on return, making all in 12-runner event at Kempton in December: good third of 11 to Limerick Boy there next time: off 2 months, shaped as if still in good form when eighth of 23 to Sporazene from 9 lb out of weights at Cheltenham latest start: will stay 2¹/₂m+: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: usually races up with pace.
N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
Dark blue, emerald green hoop, quartered cap (Lynn Wilson Giles Wilson Martin Landau)


h17d 144 + 138
 h16g 155 + 129
 h16g 159 + 122
 h16m 126 ? 122

 **8 NOWELL HOUSE** 8 10-5 **153**
 ch.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – Langtry Lady (Pas de Seul) [2002/3 17s² 16d⁵ 16v* 16d⁵ :: 2003/4 17d* 16d* Mar 22] smallish, sparely-made gelding: useful at best on Flat (stays 13f): fairly useful handicap hurdler: fit from Flat, improved efforts when winning at Carlisle and Wetherby both starts this term, sustained effort to lead close home and beat Petrula a neck in 11-runner event at Wetherby: may prove best around 2m: raced on ground softer than good over hurdles (acts on heavy): has raced freely, but settling much better of late.
M. W. EASTERBY Mr T. Greenall (7)
Pink and white stripes, yellow sleeves and cap (Mr John Walsh)

h16d 153 127
 h17d 148 113
 h16d 133 109
 h16v 136 + 101
 h16d 122 + 104A
 h17s 127 103

 **9 IDAHO D'OX (FR)** 8 10-4 **154**
 b.g. Bad Conduct (USA) – Queseda (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2002/3 c17g^{pu} 16v 16s 16v² 16d 16v 17g 16g⁵ :: 2003/4 c17g* c17g* c16g* c17g* c20g^{pu} 16d 17g 16g⁶ 17d* 16s 17d Mar 18] sparely-made gelding: fairly useful chaser/handicap hurdler: successful first 4 starts over fences this season, novice at Exeter in April, intermediate at Bangor in May, novice at Newton Abbot in June and handicap at Southwell (idled) in July: easily best effort over hurdles this season when winning at Cheltenham in January by 1¹/₄ lengths from Bound: has won at 2³/₄m, best form around 2m: acts on any going: used to be blinkered/visored (not in 2003/4): best failed to impress with attitude over hurdles.
M. C. PIPE A. P. McCoy
Red and white (quartered), black and white halved sleeves, black cap, white star (The Dionysius Partnership)

h17d 126
 h16s 138
 h17d 127
 h17d 154 122
 h16g 149 ? 123
 h17g 138 125
 h16d 126

 **10 PUCK OUT (IRE)** 6 10-3 **158**
 ch.g. Topanoora – Prosaic Star (IRE) (Common Grounds) [2002/3 F16s* 16s* 16d⁴ :: 2003/4 16d* 16d 16m² 16s² 16s Dec 20] half-brother to 2 winners on Flat: dam 2-y-o 1m winner: fairly useful form when third in 1³/₄m maiden on Flat debut in June: won only start in bumpers: fairly useful hurdler: won minor event at Roscommon in June: good second third and fourth starts, beaten 1/2 length by Commonchero in handicap at Fairyhouse on latest occasion: well held in very valuable handicap at Ascot latest start: raced at 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going.
C. ROCHE, IRELAND M. P. Walsh (7)
Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)

h16s 125
 h16s 127
 h16s 158 121
 h16m 154 W
 h16d 139 122
 h16d 16d 151 + W
 h16d 141 N



11 DESERT AIR (JPN) 5 10-2 (visor and tongue strap)
 ch.g. Desert King (IRE) – Greek Air (IRE) (Ela-Mana-Mou) [2002/3 16d² 17s* 16d³ :: 2003/4 16s Mar 13] angular gelding: fair on Flat (stays easy 1½zm) at 3 yrs for P. Cole: fairly useful form at best as juvenile hurdler: failing to take eye, respectable ninth to Scorned in valuable handicap at Sandown on belated reappearance, held up in rear and nearest finish (had forced pace previously): will prove best around 2m: raced only on soft/good to soft going: visored since debut.
 M. C. PIPE R. Greene
Pink, white striped sleeves, white cap (Mrs Belinda Harvey)

150
 h16s 141+124
 h16d¹ 150 N
 h17s¹ 142+N
 h16d² 145 N



12 RED SUN 7 10-1 (tongue strap)
 b.g. Foxhound (USA) – Superetta (Superlative) [2002/3 16g² 17g* 17m⁶ 16m² 16m³ 19s* 17s 17g⁴ 19m³ :: 2003/4 19g* 19g² 17f* 16g* 16m 16g 16d⁵ Dec 13] small, leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: successful in small fields at Hereford in May and Market Rasen and Uttoxeter in October (made all at last 2): below best in 3 starts since: stays 19f: acts on soft and firm going: consistent.
 J. MACKIE L. Vickers (3)
White, purple chevron and star on cap (Bulls Head Racing Club)

147
 h16d 146 125
 h16g 146 127
 h16m 147 130
 h16g 155² 120
 h17f 147+113
 h19g 144+109



13 ANNO JUBILO (GER) 7 10-1
 b. or br.g. Lando (GER) – Anna Maria (GER) (Night Shift (USA)) [2002/3 16v² 16g* 16d⁴ 16d* 16g² :: 2003/4 16s⁶ Mar 14] won up to 11f on Flat in Germany: fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Ballinrobe (maiden) and Roscommon in 2002/3: below form on handicap debut at Cork on reappearance: raced at 2m.
 C. F. SWAN, IRELAND D. J. Casey
White and maroon chevrons, white sleeves, white cap, maroon diamonds (Mr N. O'Flaherty)

150
 h16s 129 122
 h16g¹ 150 N
 h16d¹ 150 N
 h16d² 146 W
 h16g² 131+N
 h16v¹ 122 N



14 FUNDAMENTAL 5 10-1
 ch.g. Rudimentary (USA) – I'll Try (Try My Best (USA)) [2002/3 16d³ 16v² 16d* 16s⁴ :: 2003/4 16m 16m² 16m⁴ 20s* 16g* Mar 6] leggy gelding: half-brother to high-class 2m hurdler Intersky Falcon (by Polar Falcon): lightly-raced maiden up to 1½zm on Flat: fairly useful hurdler: improved form last 2 starts, making all in handicaps at Leicester (ridden out after mistake last to beat Will of The People 5 lengths) and Newbury (galloped on strongly when beating Gone Far 4 lengths): stays 2½zm: acts on soft and good to firm going: on the upgrade, and will go well again.
 JONJO O'NEILL L. Cooper
Beige, pink sleeves, quartered cap (Mr D. N. Green)

155
 h16g 155 115
 h20s 147+102
 h16m 131 97
 h16m 136 96
 h16m 120+98
 h16s¹ 114 N



15 BERNARDON (GER) 8 10-0 (cheekpieces)
 b.g. Suave Dancer (USA) – Bejaria (GER) (Konigsstuhl (GER)) [2002/3 16s* 17m² 17m⁴ 16v 16d 16g 16dpu 16v :: 2003/4 16gpu 16s⁴ 16spu 16d⁴ 18g³ Mar 28] close-coupled gelding: one-time useful hurdler: best effort in handicaps for present stable in 2003/4 when third to Paddy The Piper at Kelso latest outing: will prove best around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: tried visored: taking good hold (saddle slipped first and third starts).
 R. C. GUEST H. Oliver
White, white cap, royal blue star (The Macca & Growler Partnership)

150
 h18g 150 122
 h16d 145 123
 h16s 123
 h16s 145+125
 h16g 125
 h16v 126



16 KING SOLOMON (FR) 5 10-0 (9-12) (tongue strap)
 gr.h. Simon du Desert (FR) – All Square (FR) (Holst (USA)) [2002/3 17d² 17g 16g :: 2003/4 16g³ 16d* 17s² 20v⁶ 16g² 21g 17d* Mar 27] close-coupled horse: useful on Flat (stays 1½zm) at best: fairly useful hurdler: won maiden at Chepstow in December and novice at Bangor (simple task, comfortably) in March: good efforts in between, out of depth in Grade 1 novice at Cheltenham on penultimate outing: stays 2½zm: raced on good ground or softer (acts on heavy): tongue tied last 2 starts.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS R. McGrath
Light blue, dark blue cross of lorraine, hooped sleeves, striped cap (Seasons Holidays)

153
 h17d 138+N
 h21g G1
 h16g 153 N
 h20v 150 120
 h17s 150 N
 h16d 142+N



17 ITALIAN COUNSEL (IRE) 7 10-0 (9-12)
 b.g. Leading Counsel (USA) – Mullaghroe (Tarboosh (USA)) [2002/3 16m⁵ 16m 17d* 18m² 17d³ 17gpu c16g c16d³ c16v² c17v⁶ c16s⁵ c21mpu :: 2003/4 16m^{ur} 16m* 16g⁶ 16m* 17m* 19m* 16g 16s Mar 13] angular gelding: poor maiden chaser: fairly useful handicap hurdler: better than ever in summer, winning twice at both Worcester (including seller) and Market Rasen (beat Showpiece 7 lengths in valuable event on first occasion): off 6 months, better effort in valuable handicaps on return (very stiff task first time) when eighth to Scorned at Sandown: stays 19f: acts on good to firm going, probably on heavy: tried in cheekpieces/tongue tied: has drifted left.
 L. A. DACE D. Lavery (7)
Purple, yellow cross of lorraine, yellow sleeves, purple armlets, yellow cap (Mr B. V. Ward & Mr C. Feeney)

151
 h16s 143 121
 h16g 140
 h19m 150+113
 h17m 151+103
 h16m 138 97
 h16g 115 97



18 ANOTHER DUDE (IRE) 7 10-0 (9-12)
 br.g. Shardari – Gemma's Fridge (Frigid Aire) [2002/3 17g² 16g* 19d² 16g² 19d* 18gpu :: 2003/4 20d 16dpu 16d³ 16g* Feb 18] lengthy gelding: type to make a chaser: fair handicap hurdler: favourite, back to form at Musselburgh last 2 starts, leading or disputing throughout when winning 15-runner event on latest by 2½ lengths from Bodfari Signet: stays 19f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).
 J. HOWARD JOHNSON G. Lee
Black, white hoop, white cap (Mr Maurice Hutchinson)

147
 h16g 147 110
 h16d 143+110
 h16d 114
 h20d 133+113
 h18g¹ 110
 h19d¹ 142+N



19 SHAYADI (IRE) 7 10-0 (9-11) (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 S. J. Craine (7)
Dark green and orange (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Ashley Carr)

151 +
 h16s 122
 h16d 145+N
 h16m 121+S



20 PORTANT FELLA 5 10-0 (9-10)
 b.g. Greensmith – Jubilata (USA) (The Minstrel (CAN)) [2002/3 16v 16d⁵ 16d :: 2003/4 16v⁴ 16f* 16m* 16f* 16f² 16g 16m 16m Nov 8] fairly useful on Flat (stays 9.5f), successful twice in 2003: fairly useful handicap hurdler: successful at Sligo, Navan and Cork this summer: respectable efforts last 2 starts: will be best at 2m: acts on firm ground.
 MS J. MORGAN, IRELAND P. Carberry
Maroon and white stripes, emerald green and yellow hooped cap (Portant Fellas Syndicate)

150
 h16m 142 117
 h16m 146 118
 h16g 128 119
 h16f 150 114
 h16f 150 107
 h16m 141 97




21 JACK DAWSON (IRE) 7 10-0 (9-7)
 b.g. Persian Bold – Dream of Jenny (Caerleon (USA)) [2002/3 17m* 16m² Oct 7 :: 2003/4 NR] fairly useful on Flat (stays 2m), successful twice in 2002: second outing over hurdles, easily won novice at Southwell in September 2002: finished lame when beaten at long odds on in similar event at Plumpton: should stay beyond 17f.
 JOHN BERRY J. Culloty
Red and white diablo, halved sleeves, red cap (The Premier Cru)


145
 h16m¹ 140+N
 h17m¹ 138+N


MARTELL CORDON BLEU HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed) (Aintree 2m½f)					
1998	?	Bellator 5-10-8: 9/4	G B Balding	B Fenton	5
1999	137	Kinnescash 6-10-0: 7/1	P Bowen	T J Murphy	12
2000	133	Sharpaten 5-10-4: 16/1	P Hughes (Ir)	P A Carberry ⁵	13
2001	134	Docklands Limo 8-10-0: 20/1	N A Twiston-Davies	C Llewellyn	19
2002	133	Intersky Falcon 5-10-0: 10/1	J O'Neill	L Cooper	17
2003	129	Risky Reef 6-10-7: 20/1	A Lee (Ir)	R Walsh	19

MARTELL COGNAC MAGHULL NOVICES' CHASE (Gr 1) (Aintree 2m)					
1998	140	Direct Route 7-11-4: 9/2	J H Johnson	P Carberry	6
1999	141	Flagship Uberalles 5-10-11: 5/2	P F Nicholls	J Tizzard	7
2000	146	Cenkos 6-11-4: 7/2	O Sherwood	D J Casey	6
2001	139	Ballinclay King 7-11-4: 6/1	F Murphy	A Maguire	7
2002	144	Armaturk 5-11-1: 5/2	P F Nicholls	T J Murphy	5
2003	156	Le Roi Miguel 5-11-1: 9/4	P F Nicholls	R Walsh	5


2.20 THE MARTELL COGNAC MAGHULL NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 1) (A) 2m
 £100,000 5yo+


 **1 BONUS BRIDGE (IRE)** 9 11-4 **133**
 b.g. Executive Perk – Corivia (Over The River (FR)) [2002/3 c16m² c16g⁵ c19d² c19s² c24g² :: 2003/4 c23g³ c20m² c20m² c16d* c16g* c16s³ Jan 31] tall gelding; winning hurdler; fairly useful novice chaser: won in small fields at Chepstow in November and Ludlow (jumped well, beat irresolute Le Duc 5 lengths) in January; creditable third of 5 to Puntal at Ascot last time; stays 2½m; acts on soft and good to firm going; races prominently; has wandered under pressure/finished weakly.
 H. D. DALY M. Bradburne
Black, orange sleeves, red cap (Lady Knutsford)


 **2 EMPERORS GUEST** 6 11-4 **142**
 b.g. Emperor Jones (USA) – Intimate Guest (Be My Guest (USA)) [2002/3 16d 16s⁵ 16s^F 16d 16g 16m :: 2003/4 c17d* c20f^{ur} c17g² c16s² c18d⁵ c16s⁴ c20d⁵ c16d* Mar 7] tall gelding; fair hurdler; fairly useful chaser: won maiden at Galway in August and novice at Naas (made all by 8 lengths from Camden Tanner) in March; raced mainly around 2m; acts on heavy going; tried in cheekpieces.
 PATRICK MULLINS, IRELAND R. M. Power
Orange, black star, diabolo on sleeves, white and black hooped cap (Mrs P. Duffin)

 **3 KALCA MOME (FR)** 6 11-4 **145 +**
 b.g. En Calcat (FR) – Belle Mome (FR) (Grand Tresor (FR)) [2002/3 16m² 16d* 16s 17s* 16v⁵ 16d* :: 2003/4 c16g* c16d² c16s* c20s⁴ c16v* c16m³ c16d* Mar 13] leggy gelding; fairly useful hurdler in 2002/3; similar standard over fences: won novices at Newton Abbot in November, Hereford in December, Haydock (4 ran, beat Tidour 1¼ lengths) in January and Sandown (match, by 3 lengths from No Shenanigans) in March; went well for long way in 3-runner novice won by Thisthatandtother at Wincanton in February, still close second when hitting 3 out and 15 lengths down when unseating last (remounted); best around 2m; acts on heavy ground: reportedly lost action and dismounted after line second start.
 P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
Mauve, white sash, red cap (Miss I. D. Du Pre)


 **4 MISTER MCGOLDRICK** 7 11-4 **147 p**
 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 c16g^{ur} Mar 16] workmanlike gelding; useful hurdler: won handicap at Wetherby in October by 2½ lengths from Torrid Kentavr; at least as 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 tasks last 2 starts, though acquitted himself really well long way in Grade 1 novice at Cheltenham won by Well Chief on latest, weakening in fourth when unseating last; stays 2½m; acts on good to firm and heavy going; effective held up or ridden prominently; bold jumper of hurdles: game: will probably do better still over fences.
 MRS S. J. SMITH D. Elsworth
Dark blue, yellow disc, halved sleeves, dark blue and yellow quartered cap (Mr Richard Longley)


 **5 NEV BROWN (IRE)** 8 11-4 **131 p**
 b. or br.g. Executive Perk – Brandy Hill Girl (Green Shoon) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 21g c16s³ c17d² Mar 10] IR 18,000 4-y-o: fourth foal; brother/half-brother to winning pointers: dam unraced; tailed off in novice hurdle at Kempton on belated debut; promising efforts in maidens at Hereford (third of 10 to Idiome) and Bangor (4 lengths second of 8 to Maragun) both starts over fences, would have won but for stumbling on landing 2 out in latter, 3 lengths up at time having made most at good pace: should improve.
 N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES C. Llewellyn
Dark blue, maroon epaulets and armlets (Geoffrey & Donna Keeys)

 **6 NO SHENANIGANS (IRE)** 7 11-4 **126 p**
 b.g. King's Ride – Melarka (Dara Monarch) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c16s³ c16d² Mar 13] strong, good sort: fifth foal: half-brother to fairly useful bumper winner Kingfisher Flyer (by King's Ride); dam, placed over hurdles/1m winner in Ireland, half-sister to useful hurdler up to 2¾m Koshear: promising in bumpers in 2001/2, winning at Sandown and fourth to Kickham in Grade 2 at Aintree; missed 2002/3, promising efforts in novice chases on return, remote third to Well Chief at Taunton (needed race) and beaten 3 lengths by Kalca Mome in match at Sandown: bred to stay beyond 2m: should improve further over fences.
 N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
Maroon, yellow cap, maroon spots (Mrs Christopher Hanbury)

 **7 PALUA** 7 11-4 **144**
 b.g. Sri Pekan (USA) – Reticent Bride (IRE) (Shy Groom (USA)) [2002/3 20s² 20v* 24m² 24g :: 2003/4 c20g* c25d⁵ c20d⁶ c16g* c16g^{pu} Mar 16] 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) 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 otherwise, out of depth last time; effective from 2m to 3m; acts on good to firm and heavy ground: has found little.
 MISS E. C. LAVELLE J. A. McCarthy
Red, yellow stars, checked sleeves and cap (Mark Barrett And Partners)

 **8 THISTHATANDTOTHER (IRE)** 8 11-4 **161 +**
 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* c16g^F Mar 16] 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 6 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); favourite, hit first and fell second in Grade 1 at Cheltenham on latest 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)


 **9 VENN OTTERY** 9 11-4 **166 +**
 b.g. Access Ski – Tom's Comedy (Comedy Star (USA)) [2002/3 19g^{pu} c20g⁴ c16s^{pu} 19m c16g⁴ c16m^F c22m c25m^F :: 2003/4 c20d^{pu} c16g³ c16d⁴ c16d^F c16g² c17g^{pu} c16g⁴ c20s⁶ c17g^{pu} c16g⁴ c16s c16g* c16m* c17g* c17s² c16m* c16g⁵ Mar 17] rangy gelding; smart novice chaser: left O. Carter after eleventh start and massively improved for new stable, winning maiden at Leicester and handicaps at Ludlow, Newbury and Hereford in February/March: further appreciable improvement when 23 lengths fifth of 7 finishers to Azertyuiop in Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham last time, weakening straight having still been travelling strongly approaching 2 out: best at 2m, probably on good going or firmer: tongue tied 5 starts prior to latest: headstrong.
 P. F. NICHOLLS T. J. Murphy
White, red and white hooped sleeves, black and white hooped cap (Mr O. J. Carter)

 **10 WELL CHIEF (GER)** 5 11-1 **166 p**
 ch.g. Night Shift (USA) – Wellesiena (GER) (Scenic) [2002/3 17s* 16m* 17g² 16g³ :: 2003/4 16f* 16d⁵ c16s* c16g* Mar 16] angular gelding; a leading juvenile hurdler in 2002/3: 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: second start over fences, won Irish Independent Arkle Trophy at Cheltenham by length from Kicking King, travelling comfortably to lead 2 out and holding on after mistake last: easily won novice at Taunton previous month on chasing debut: likely to prove best around 2m: has won on soft going, best form on good going or firmer: raced prominently over hurdles, ridden with more patience over fences: likely to progress further over fences.
 M. C. PIPE A. P. McCoy
Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)


2.55 THE MARTELL COGNAC AINTREE HURDLE 2 1/2m


(Grade 1) (A)


£150,000 4yo+ TWFA 4 12-0


 **1 FOREMAN (GER)** 6 11-7 (blinkers) **169**
 ch.h. Monsun (GER) – Fleurie (GER) (Dashing Blade) [2002/3 17m* 16g* 19s³ 18s² 19s³ 20v² 16v³ 21m* 21g* 19s* :: 2003/4 18s* 19s^F 16g⁴ 16d* 16g⁴ Mar 16] lengthy, angular horse: very smart hurdler: won minor event at Enghien in November and steadily-run 8-runner Grade 1 AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown (just held Georges Girl) in January: again in excellent shape, very good fourth to Hardy Eustace in Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on latest start, no impression straight: effective at 2m, should stay 3m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: blinkered last 3 starts.
 T. DOUMEN, FRANCE T. Doumen
Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)


 **2 INTERSKY FALCON** 7 11-7 (blinkers and tongue strap) **172**
 ch.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – I'll Try (Try My Best (USA)) [2002/3 16f* 16m* 16d* 16s* 16g⁵ :: 2003/4 16m* 16d³ 16g* 16m² 16g³ Mar 16] leggy gelding: high-class hurdler: 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 2 1/2 lengths from Rooster Booster, ridden more patiently than usual and leading after 2 out) in December, both races for second year running: creditable third to Hardy Eustace in Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on latest start, again held up and unable to make any impression on first 2 in straight having travelled strongly long way: below best other starts this season, failing to settle and not finding much when second to Rigmarole in Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton on penultimate outing: best around 2m: acts on firm and soft going: blinkered: has idled: usually races up with pace: tough.
 JONJO O'NEILL L. Cooper
White, dark blue and light green striped sleeves, light green cap (Interskyracing.com & Mrs Jonjo O'Neill)


 **3 MONKERHOSTIN (FR)** 7 11-7 **164 +**
 b.g. Shining Steel – Ladoun (FR) (Kaldoun (FR)) [2002/3 16f⁵ 16g² c16g^F c16m* c16g³ 16v⁵ 16d⁴ 16g⁶ 17g 16m⁵ 20d :: 2003/4 19g* 16d³ 16s⁴ 21d² 16g³ 24g* 21g* Mar 17] lengthy gelding: useful chaser, though often let down by jumping: smart hurdler: better than ever this season, winning handicap at Newbury in November, Grade 2 betfair.com Rendlesham Hurdle at Kempton (showed easily best turn of foot) in February and Coral Cup (Handicap) at Cheltenham in March: beat Court Shareef a length in 27-runner event for last-named success, leading after 2 out and holding on well: effective at 2m to easy 3m: acts on any going: tried in visor/cheekpieces in 2002/3: free-going sort: held up: most reliable.
 P. J. HOBBS C. Llewellyn
Pink and yellow diamonds, yellow sleeves and cap (Mr M. G. St Quinton)


 **4 QUAZAR (IRE)** 6 11-7 (cheekpieces and tongue strap) **167**
 b.g. Inzar (USA) – Evictress (IRE) (Sharp Victor (USA)) [2002/3 16g³ 16d² 16s 20s* 16g 20d* 21g 20g⁴ :: 2003/4 16d* 16f² 20g² 16s⁴ 16g⁵ 20g⁴ 21g Mar 17] strong, compact gelding: smart hurdler: won Grade 1 Emo Oil Champion Hurdle at Punchestown (beat Back In Front a length) in May: in-and-out form since, not discredited when ninth of 27 to Monkerhostin in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: effective at 2m to 2 1/2m: acts on any going: tongue tied: ran in snatches penultimate start: tends to idle.
 JONJO O'NEILL A. Dobbin
Orange, dark blue chevron, dark blue sleeves, orange armllets, orange cap, dark blue star (Mr C. D. Carr)

 **5 RHINESTONE COWBOY (IRE)** 8 11-7 **180 +**
 b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Monumental Gesture (Head For Heights) [2002/3 F16d* 16d* 17d* 16d* 16g³ :: 2003/4 20s* 16d⁶ 16s* 21g³ Mar 17] medium-sized, well-made gelding: one of the best hurdlers around: won handicap at Haydock in December and Agfa Hurdle at Sandown in February: put up top-class performance under top weight when 2 1/4 lengths third of 27 to Monkerhostin in Coral Cup (Handicap) at Cheltenham last time, travelling strongly on heels of leaders and leaving impression would have won if asked for effort (carried head shade awkwardly) sooner: well below best in Grade 1 at Leopardstown second start: stays 21f: raced on good going or softer (acts on soft): ridden by Mr J. P. Magnier this season: held up.
 JONJO O'NEILL Mr J. P. Magnier
Dark blue (Mrs John Magnier)

 **6 ROOSTER BOOSTER** 10 11-7 **183**
 gr.g. Riverwise (USA) – Came Cottage (Nearly A Hand) [2002/3 16d* 16d* 17d* 16v* 16g* 20g² :: 2003/4 16s⁵ 16g² 16s* 16g² 16g² Mar 16] sparsely-made gelding: top-class hurdler: ran a cracker when short-head second to Geos (rec. 17 lb) in strongly-run Tote Gold Trophy (Handicap) at Newbury on penultimate start, leading last but caught on line: below that form when 5 lengths second to Hardy Eustace when attempting repeat success in Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on latest, smooth headway from rear to dispute lead at last: led from third when winning Red Square Vodka Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock in January by 7 lengths from Hasty Prince: 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.
 P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
Yellow, black chevron, check cap (Mr Terry Warner)

 **7 SLEEP BAL (FR)** 5 11-7 **134 p**
 b.g. Sleeping Car (FR) – Balle Six (FR) (Balsamo (FR)) [2002/3 16s* :: 2003/4 20g⁶ Feb 22] angular gelding: third foal: half-brother to winning 17f hurdler Petite Margotte (by Roi de Rome): dam unraced: trained by T. Trapeard, won 4-y-o hurdle at Enghien on debut last March by 3 lengths from Great Travel: better for race, not fluent at times but travelled well until lack of fitness told when sixth of 8 finishers to Stuurzaan in Grade 2 at Fontwell in February: likely to do better.
 N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
Light blue, dark blue diamond and sleeves, red cap (Mrs M. O. Bryant)

 **8 SPORAZENE (IRE)** 5 11-7 **167**
 gr.g. Cozzene (USA) – Sporades (USA) (Vaguely Noble) [2002/3 16d³ 16s³ 16m* :: 2003/4 16g* 16d² 16g³ 16g 17d* Mar 18] tall, lengthy, angular gelding: impresses in appearance: smart hurdler: won IAWS Champion Four Year Old Hurdle at Punchestown in May and Vincent O'Brien County Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham in March: beat Hawadeth 1/2 length in 23-runner event in latter, going 4 lengths clear after last but idling markedly: good efforts in between when placed in intermediate handicap at Newbury and Christmas Hurdle at Kempton (third to Intersky Falcon, wandered under pressure) and when 4 lengths eighth to Geos in very valuable handicap at Newbury: likely to prove best around 2m: raced mainly on good ground or softer: sometimes jumps none too fluently.
 P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
White, royal blue epaulets, white sleeves, red spots, royal blue cap (Ged Mason & David Jackson)

 **9 STARZAAN (IRE)** 5 11-7 **159**
 b.g. Darshaan – Stellina (IRE) (Caerleon (USA)) [2002/3 16g⁴ 17s* 17g 16g⁴ :: 2003/4 16g⁴ 22g² 16d⁴ 21s³ 25d³ 20g* 21g Mar 17] tall, angular gelding: has scope: smart hurdler: generally in good form this season, better than ever when winning Grade 2 Tote National Spirit Hurdle at Fontwell in February by 6 lengths from Vic Toto, leading last and quickening clear: well held in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: effective at 2m to 25f: raced on good going or softer (acts on soft).
 H. MORRISON T. J. Murphy
Royal blue, yellow cross of lorraine, diablo on sleeves (Mr Ben Arbib)

**10 THE FRENCH FURZE (IRE)**

10 11-7

ch.g. Be My Guest (USA) – Exciting (Mill Reef (USA)) [2002/3 16f 16d² 17d⁶ 16s⁵ c21s* c16g^F :: 2003/4 16f 20m* 16d* 16s 23s⁵ 20d³ 21g Mar 17] leggy, close-coupled gelding: tended to jump left in 2 novice chases at Sedgfield in 2002/3, winning on first occasion: smart hurdler: won handicap at Ayr and Pertemps Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle (back to very best to beat Geos 3/4 length, stayed on well after leaders went for home too soon) in November: creditable 18 lengths third of 6 to Crystal d'Ainay in Grade 2 at Cheltenham penultimate start, respectable eighth of 27 to Monkerhostin in valuable handicap there on latest: stays 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: has worn blinkers (jumped and hung markedly left when last tried in them): effective ridden from front or held up.

N. G. RICHARDS

G. Lee

Red, yellow epaulets (Mr Jim Ennis)

152

h21g 152 145
h20d 157 G2
h23s 133+ G2
h16s G2
h16d 160 G2
h20m 141 132

**11 WESTENDER (FR)**

8 11-7

(blinkers)

168

b.g. In The Wings – Trude (GER) (Windwurf (GER)) [2002/3 17v³ 16g² 16m³ :: 2003/4 16dp^u 16g⁶ 16g⁵ Mar 16] tall, close-coupled gelding: very smart hurdler: back to form last 2 starts (reportedly distressed on reappearance), around 2 lengths sixth to Geos in very valuable handicap at Newbury and just over 10 lengths fifth behind Hardy Eustace in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham: raced around 2m: acts on good to firm going: blinkered: has looked none too keen.

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

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

h16g 168 G1
h16g 168 153
h16d G2
h16m 165 157
h16g 172? G1
h17v 154+ 145

MARTELL COGNAC AINTREE HURDLE (Gr 1) (Aintree 2½m)

1998	168	Pridwell 8-11-7: 6/1	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	6
1999	170	Istabraq 7-11-7: 1/2	A P O'Brien (Ir)	C F Swan	7
2000	159	Mister Morose 10-11-7: 16/1	N A Twiston-Davies	C Llewellyn	10
2001	157	Barton 8-11-7: 9/1	T D Easterby	A Dobbin	8
2002	156	Ilnamar 6-11-7: 9/1	M C Pipe	R Walsh	14
2003	159	Sacundai 6-11-7: 9/1	E J O'Grady (Ir)	R Walsh	11

* The Timeform Ratings (second column) are those recorded by the winner in the race and, unlike the other Timeform Ratings published in this Card, are not adjusted to the weights carried, or for weight-for-age. The figure in the final column is the number of runners.

Course winners records

Time	No	Horse	Wins	2nd	3rd	Runs
1.45	1	LIMERICK BOY (GER)	1 (1 CD)			1
1.45	2	IN CONTRAST (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			2
2.55	2	INTERSKY FALCON	1			1
2.55	4	QUAZAR (IRE)	1			2
3.45	2	MONTY'S PASS (IRE)	1 (1 CD)	1		2
3.45	3	WHAT'S UP BOYS (IRE)	1	1	1	3
3.45	5	KINGSMARK (IRE)	1			2
3.45	9	BINDAREE (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			6
3.45	17	AMBERLEIGH HOUSE (IRE)	1	2	1	6
3.45	21	GUNNER WELBURN	1	1		3
3.45	27	CLAN ROYAL (FR)	2			2
3.45	31	ARDENT SCOUT	1	1	1	4
3.45	33	LORD ATTERBURY (IRE)	1			1
4.35	3	LE DUC (FR)	1			1

3.45 THE MARTELL COGNAC GRAND NATIONAL CHASE 4½m (HANDICAP) (Grade 3) (A)

£600,000 6yo+ (Rated 110+)

**1 LE COUDRAY (FR)**

10 11-12

(tongue strap)

173

b.g. Phantom Breeze – Mos Lie (FR) (Tip Moss (FR)) [2002/3 c22s^F c16s* c20v* c17v* c21s^F c21g⁴ :: 2003/4 c20d⁴ c24d² c24d² Feb 8] rangy, good-topped gelding: one-time top-class hurdler: created very good impression over fences in 2002/3, and has progressed further in Grade 1 events this season, second to impressive Best Mate in Ericsson Chase and to Florida Pearl in Hennessy last 2 starts, both at Leopardstown: effective at testing 2m and stays 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): effective tongue tied or not.

C. ROCHE, IRELAND

C. O'Dwyer

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

c24d 173 G1
c24d 173 G1
c20d 162 G1
c21g 146+ G2
c21s 151+ G1
c17v 151 G1

**2 MONTY'S PASS (IRE)**

11 11-10

166

b.g. Montelimar (USA) – Friars Pass (Monksfield) [2002/3 20g² 20s³ c20mp^u c22d⁶ c20m³ c24f* c24g³ 16v⁶ 16s⁴ c36d* :: 2003/4 20g⁵ c24g 20s 16d Mar 7] sturdy gelding: modest maiden hurdler: very smart handicap chaser: best effort when winning Martell Cognac Grand National at Aintree in 2002/3, beating Supreme Glory 12 lengths: well below best this season, mostly over hurdles (didn't fare too badly over unsuitable trip last time): stays 4½m: acts on any going: blinkered once (ran poorly): very sound jumper (also runner-up in 2002 Topham Chase).

JAMES JOSEPH MANGAN, IRELAND

B. J. Geraghty

Emerald green, red stars, white sleeves, white cap, red stars (Dee Racing Syndicate)

h16d + N 153
h20s + N 108
c24g 152
h20g 104+ N
c36d 160+ 139
h16s 94 N

**3 WHAT'S UP BOYS (IRE)**

10 11-9

(blinkers)

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g.r.g. Supreme Leader – Maryville Bick (Malacate (USA)) [2002/3 c25d^F :: 2003/4 c25m⁴ Feb 21] leggy, lengthy gelding: high-class chaser: won Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury and second in Grand National at Aintree in 2001/2: fell sixth in Grade 2 at Wetherby on reappearance in 2002/3, reportedly sustaining injuries which kept him out for rest of season: off over 15 months, race not run to suit and readily outpaced in straight when 13½ lengths fourth of 6 to Exit Swinger in listed race at Wincanton on reappearance (typically jumped less than fluently): stays 4½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: effective blinkered or not: has gone in snatches and not looked easiest of rides.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Johnson

Pink, large purple spots and spots on cap (Mrs J. F. Deithrick)

c25m 132 L
c25d 62

**4 ALEXANDER BANQUET (IRE)**

11 11-8

154

b.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Black Nancy (Monksfield) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c24d⁶ c24s⁶ c24s c24d⁴ c25d² c26g Mar 18] strong gelding: top-class chaser at best: unseated sixth (Becher's) in 2002 Grand National: missed 2002/3 reportedly due to suspensory problem and not the force of old: flattered when fourth of 7 to Florida Pearl in Grade 1 Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown in February, staying on strongly as leaders tired: soon tailed off in Cheltenham Gold Cup last time: will stay beyond 3¼m: has form on good to firm going, goes particularly well on soft/heavy: genuine.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

J. R. Barry

White, dark blue diamond and sleeves, white armlets, quartered cap (Mrs N. O'Callaghan)

c26g G1
c25d 154 G3
c24d 170? G1
c24s 155
c24s 159
c24d G1

**5 KINGSMARK (IRE)**

11 11-7

?

g.r.g. Roselier (FR) – Gaye Le Moss (Le Moss) [2002/3 c24d* c24d³ :: 2003/4 c24g³ c24d⁶ Dec 13] smallish gelding: high-class chaser: better than ever when winning Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase (Limited Handicap) at Haydock in 2002/3 for third year running: missed Grand National in April (fourth to Bindaree previous year) due to injured tendon, and has looked light of other days in 2 starts at Haydock this season: stays 3¼m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy): sound jumper: patiently ridden.

M. TODHUNTER

M. A. Fitzgerald

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

c24d G2
c24g 163
c24d 153+ G2
c24d 177 157

**6 ARTIC JACK (FR)**

8 11-7

b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Si Jamais (FR) (Arctic Tern (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c28s* c25d³ c24s* c28m³ Feb 28] big, rangy gelding: winning hurdler: smart chaser: left N. Henderson, has shown improvement when making all in handicaps at Haydock (by 9 lengths from Rugged River) in November and January: drew clear again run-in when beating Kingscliff by 13 lengths in Peter Marsh Chase for latest success: remote third behind Gunner Welburn at Wetherby and Jurancon II at Haydock on other starts this season, headed thirteenth on latest: stays 3½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: best on galloping tracks: bold-jumping front runner.

MRS S. J. SMITH

D. Elsworth

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

164

c28m	149	150
c24s	164	142
c25d	144	144
c28s	160	133

**7 RISK ACCESSOR (IRE)**

9 11-4

b.g. Commanche Run – Bellatollah (Bellman (FR)) [2002/3 c22d⁴ c20d c20v² c16g² c16g³ :: 2003/4 16v* c22s⁶ c18m* c20g^F c20s² c20g Mar 6] tall gelding: useful hurdler/chaser: won minor events at Tipperary (hurdle) in July and Thurles (chase, hard held by length from sole rival Splendour) in October: mainly creditable efforts in valuable handicap chases other starts this season, head second, faltering close home after coming very late to challenge, to Iris Royal at Cheltenham on penultimate: lost chance when all but unseating ninth at Newbury on latest: effective at 2m to 2¾m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: twice tongue tied: effective held up or ridden prominently: has found little.

C. ROCHE, IRELAND

S. Durack

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

156

c20g	+	146
c20s	156	137
c20g	+	137
c18m	152	W
c22s	152	133
h16v	143	W

**8 DAVIDS LAD (IRE)**

10 11-4

b.g. Yashgan – Cool Nora (IRE) (Lafontaine (USA)) [2002/3 c25s⁴ c16d c29g⁴ :: 2003/4 c20g³ c22s⁵ c17s⁶ c20s² c18d⁶ Mar 4] strong, lengthy gelding: smart chaser: easily best effort in 2002/3 when fourth under top weight to Timbera in Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse: shaped as if retaining all of his ability when length second to easy winner Native Upmanship in Grade 2 at Thurles in February: not at all knocked about most other starts this season: stays 29f: acts on any going: tongue tied prior to last 4 outings (has reportedly had palate operation): held up: usually sound jumper (still close up when falling 4 out in 2002 Grand National): game.

A. J. MARTIN, IRELAND

T. J. Murphy

Red, white stripe, striped sleeves, check cap (Eddie Joe's Racing Syndicate)

169 ?

c18d	+	W
c20s	155	G2
c17s	147	G3
c22s	+	W
c20g	134	W
c29g	169	146

**9 BINDAREE (IRE)**

10 11-4

ch.g. Roselier (FR) – Flowing Tide (Main Reef) [2002/3 25d c27d^F c26g^{ur} c26s² c24d⁴ c28d c36d⁶ :: 2003/4 c27d^F c26d² c29d* c29g⁶ Jan 10] leggy gelding: smart handicap chaser: won Martell Grand National at Aintree in 2002: still full of running and narrowly in front when falling 6 out in Becher Chase there on reappearance: back to best when runner-up to Sir Rembrandt in listed event at Chepstow in December then beat same horse (pair clear) by ½ length in Coral Welsh National on same course later in month: distant third when falling last (remounted) in very valuable event at Warwick latest start: stays 4½m: yet to race on firm going, acts on any other: blinkered last 3 outings in 2000/1: usually jumps soundly: game.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

C. Llewellyn

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

174

c29g	142	147
c29d	174	138
c26d	172	142
c27d	+	138
c36d	137	143
c28d	145	140

**10 ALCAPONE (IRE)**

10 11-0

b.g. Roselier (FR) – Ann's Cap (IRE) (Cardinal Flower) [2002/3 17d c20g³ c16s* c20v^{ur} c20s⁵ c17v^{pu} c16d^F c20d⁵ c25d⁶ c17g² c16m⁴ :: 2003/4 c20g² c25m⁵ c20s⁵ c24d⁵ c24s^{pu} c18d* Mar 4] workmanlike gelding: has had wind operation: smart chaser: won 7-runner minor event at Thurles in March by 2 lengths from Adamant Approach: has form up to 3m, at least as effective at shorter: acts on good to firm and heavy going: has worn near-side pricker.

M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND

N. Fehily

Emerald green and orange diablo, orange sleeves, emerald green cap, white star (Mrs

A. M. Daly)

167

c18d	167	W
c24s	144	144
c24d	159	G1
c20s	157	G2
c25m	147	G2
c20g	167	G3

**11 PUNTAL (FR)**

8 10-13

(tongue strap)

b.g. Bering – Saveur (Adross) [2002/3 16m* 17d* 16g* 16g* 18d^{bd} 17d* 16v² 16d² 16g 16m* 21g 20g^{pu} :: 2003/4 c16f* c19g² c20g* c20g* c16d⁴ c16s* c20s⁵ c16g^{ur} Mar 16] 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

D. J. Howard

White, large red spots and armlets, red and white quartered cap (Mr Terry Neill)

158 \$

c16g	G1	142
c20s	G1	
c16s	N	158
c16d	G2	147
c20g	L	158
c20g	N	158

**12 SOUTHERN STAR (IRE)**

9 10-13

ch.g. Montelimar (USA) – Flying Pegus (Beau Chapeau) [2002/3 c27d² c26g c26s² c28d c24g c36d :: 2003/4 c27g⁴ c33d³ c29g* Jan 10] big, lengthy gelding: useful handicap chaser: last of 14 finishers in 2003 Grand National: back to best when winning very valuable 6-finisher Tote Classic Chase at Warwick by 3½ lengths from Jurancon II (pair well clear), good progress early final circuit, leading 6 out and tending to idle straight: stays 33f: acts on soft and good to firm going.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

J. Tizzard

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

166

c29g	166	133
c33d	154	133
c27g	151	134
c36d	140	140
c24g	155	140
c28d	140	140

**13 HEDGEHUNTER (IRE)**

8 10-12

b.g. Montelimar (USA) – Aberedw (IRE) (Caerwent) [2002/3 c20s² c22s² c20s³ c28s* c32g :: 2003/4 c25g² c26g⁴ c29d³ c24s* Jan 2] useful-looking gelding: useful handicap chaser: improved form when convincing winner of 10-runner Goulding Thyestes Handicap Chase at Gowran, making virtually all and jumping well to beat I'vehadit 8 lengths: stays 3½m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): often sweats: has hung right, and tends not to find much.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

D. J. Casey

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

165

c24s	162	129
c29d	156	131
c26g	154	130
c25g	152	125
c32g	115	NA
c28s	148	115

**14 SHARDAM (IRE)**

7 10-11

b.g. Shardam – Knockea Hill (Buckskin (FR)) [2002/3 19d³ 24s* c24d^{ur} c19d² c22s* c24d⁵ c24s* c25d² :: 2003/4 c25g^{ur} c25g* c27g* c26g^{pu} c24g c24m⁴ c24g² Mar 16] tall, leggy gelding: fair hurdler: smart chaser: won intermediate at Kelso in May and listed handicap at Cheltenham (made all) in November: career-best effort when 2 lengths second of 11 to Fork Lightning in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time, travelling well up with pace and staying on strongly: will stay beyond 27f: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually sound jumper: consistent.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

T. Scudamore

Yellow, maroon chevron and sleeves, maroon and orange quartered cap (Mr Howard Parker)

170

c24g	170	138
c24m	163	140
c24g	151	G2
c26g	136	136
c27g	156	130
c25g	149	W

**15 TAKAGI (IRE)**

9 10-11

(visor)

b.g. Husyan (USA) – Ballyclough Gale (Strong Gale) [2002/3 c24s* c26g^{pu} c24s² c28s^{pu} c25s² 24d³ c29g :: 2003/4 c25d⁴ c24d³ 24s⁵ c24s⁶ 24v c25d* Feb 21] lengthy, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: useful chaser: blinkered, back to form when making all in 6-runner Grade 3 Bobbyjo Chase at Fairyhouse, beating Alexander Banquet 2½ lengths: should stay beyond 25f: probably ideally suited by going softer than good (acts on heavy).

E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND

D. N. Russell

Dark blue, emerald green seams, white cap (Mr D. Cox)

163

c25d	163	G3
h24v	126	
c24s	142	
h24s	143	126
c24d	163	142
c25d	158	144

**16 JOSS NAYLOR (IRE)**

9 10-11

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Sister Ida (Bustino) [2002/3 c24s* c20s* c21v* c24g :: 2003/4 c26g² Nov 29] leggy, close-coupled gelding: useful hurdler: unbeaten first 3 starts over fences in 2002/3, in novices at Uttoxeter, Bangor and Cheltenham (beat Tarxien a short head): reportedly not right when well held in valuable handicap at Cheltenham first start: good second to impressive Strong Flow in very valuable handicap at Newbury on reappearance, held up going well long way, every chance 4 out until outpaced 2 out: will stay beyond 3¼m: goes well on soft/heavy going: held up: tends to be on toes.

JONJO O'NEILL

P. Carberry

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

170

c26g	162	135
c24g	140	140
c21v	166	N
c20s	152	N
c24s	137	N



17 AMBERLEIGH HOUSE (IRE) 12 10-10
 br.g. Buckskin (FR) – Chancy Gal (Al Sirat) [2002/3 c24d³ c23m⁶ c24d³ c27d² 17s⁴ c28d c20g³ c36d³ :: 2003/4 23m³ c24m⁴ c27d² 20spu c24g⁵ Mar 6] lengthy gelding: fair hurdler: useful handicap chaser: has very good record over National fences at Aintree (third to Monty's Pass in Grand National in 2002/3), beaten short head by Clan Royal in 4-finisher Becher Chase in November: not discredited when never-dangerous fifth to Grey Abbey at Doncaster last time: stays 4½/2m, effective at much shorter: acts on good to firm and heavy going: sound jumper.
 D. MCCAIN G. Lee
Black, red and white striped sleeves, hooped cap (Halewood International Ltd)

160

c24g	150	139
h20s	160	111
c27d	160	133
c24m	141	134
h23m	130	111
c36d	160	136



18 THE BUNNY BOILER (IRE) 10 10-8
 b.g. Tremblant – Danny's Charm (IRE) (Arapahos (FR)) [2002/3 24s² 24s* c29vpu c24s c24g c36d^{ur} c29m :: 2003/4 20s c24spu c21g Feb 29] tall, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful hurdler/progressed handicap chaser at best: has shown little since second start in 2002/3: stays 4¼m: best on going softer than good (acts on heavy): tried blinkered: often let down by jumping over fences (unseated first in 2003 Grand National).
 N. MEADE, IRELAND R. Geraghty
Purple and mauve chevrons, mauve cap (The Usual Suspects Syndicate)

?

c21g	137	137
c24s	140	140
h20s	G3	
c29m	142	142
c36d	142	142
c24g	142	142



19 TYNEANDTHYNEAGAIN 9 10-8 (cheekpieces)
 b.g. Good Thyne (USA) – Radical Lady (Radical) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c21m² c23d² c26dpu c24g² c24s* c24s c33d* c24g^{pu} Mar 16] 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: ridden much more positively than usual when beating Robbo 3 lengths in latter: pulled up in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: needs thorough test of stamina: best form on going softer than good (acts well on soft/heavy): wore cheekpieces last 2 starts: usually held up: jumps none too fluently.
 R. C. GUEST H. Oliver
Red, royal blue hoop, hooped sleeves and cap (Mr N. B. Mason)

171 X

c24g	137	137
c33d	171	146
c24s	160	137
c24s	160	123
c24g	146	N
c26d	146	N



20 BRAMBLEHILL DUKE (IRE) 12 10-0 (9-1)
 b.g. Kambalda – Scat-Cat (Furry Glen) [2002/3 c24g³ c24v* c25d² c26s c24s c24g c36d^F :: 2003/4 c25dpu c24d⁶ c26dpu c24s³ c27s² c26v⁵ c28d Feb 23] medium-sized gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: best efforts this season when placed, 6 lengths second of 10 to Atlastaboy at Taunton fifth start: stays 27f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: often takes strong hold: often let down by jumping (fell second in 2003 Grand National): none too consistent.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS James Davies
Black, yellow cross belts and armlets (Mr Mel Davies)

148 X

c28d	129	114
c26v	136	116
c27s	148	116
c24s	148	116
c26d	124	124
c24d	126	126



21 GUNNER WELBURN 12 10-8
 ch.g. Gunner B – Vedra (IRE) (Carlingford Castle) [2002/3 c24s* c29v³ c24d c24s* c36d⁴ :: 2003/4 c20g^{pu} c25d* c29g^{pu} c24d* Feb 19] strong, lengthy gelding: useful chaser: has good record over National fences, won 2001 Fox Hunters' (also runner-up in 2002), made most until stamina ran out when fourth to Monty's Pass in 2003 Grand National: won listed handicap at Wetherby (by 4 lengths from Skippers Cleuch) in December and Royal Artillery Gold Cup at Sandown (beat Mercato 7 lengths) in February: best form up to 3¼m: acts on heavy going (below form only outing on good to firm): usually sound jumper: genuine.
 A. M. BALDING A. Dobbin
Dark blue, light blue cap (W. A. Ritson/D. H. Hall/R. D. Ellis)

169

c24d	157	WA
c29g	142	142
c25d	169	136
c20g	140	140
c36d	148	134
c24s	163	130



22 KELAMI (FR) 6 10-7 (tongue strap)
 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* c24g⁴ Mar 16] tall gelding: has had soft palate operation: lightly-raced maiden over hurdles, fairly useful at best: useful chaser: won handicap at Kempton in December by 1½ lengths from Itsonlyme: good 12¾ lengths fourth of 11 to Fork Lightning in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time, though failed to get home under attacking ride: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tried blinkered (failed to settle)/tongue tied.
 F. DOUMEN, FRANCE T. Doumen
Black, red and white striped sleeves, red cap (Halewood International Ltd)

164

c24g	164	136
c24g	158	126
c21s	155	W
c21s	155	H
c21s	151	H
c23s	155	G3



23 JURANCON II (FR) 7 10-7
 b.g. Scooter Bleu (IRE) – Volniste (FR) (Olmato) [2002/3 21d* 21spu c21v* c34s³ :: 2003/4 c32m* c29v⁴ c29d⁵ c29g² c28m* Feb 28] tall, leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: smart handicap chaser: won valuable events at Uttoxeter in June and Haydock in February: ridden by 5-lb claimer, always prominent and led from thirteenth when beating Bear On Board by 15 lengths in Red Square Vodka Gold Cup at Haydock on latest start, jumping soundly: also good second of 6 finishers to Southern Star in valuable event at Warwick on penultimate outing: effective at testing 21f, stays 4m: acts on good to firm and heavy going.
 M. C. PIPE A. P. McCoy
Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)

176

c28m	176	136
c29g	168	132
c29d	160	130
c29v	142	130
c32m	155	122
c34s	137	123



24 ROYAL ATALZA (FR) 7 10-6 (cheekpieces)
 gr.g. Saint Preuil (FR) – Crystalza (FR) (Crystal Palace (FR)) [2002/3 19s c17d c17s^F c17s⁴ c20s* c21v 18v 19s⁶ c19s 20s⁶ :: 2003/4 21s c20d⁶ 24s c21v* c19spu Jan 31] angular ex-French gelding: half-brother to several winners, including smart hurdler around 2½/2m Crylza Royal (by Northern Fashion), winning hurdler/chaser Ytalsa Royale (by Arokar) and smart bumper winner/very promising hurdler Royal Rosa (by Garde Royale): fairly useful hurdler: useful chaser: won 16-runner handicap at Auteuil in November, final start for B. Barbier: stiff task, well behind when pulled up 4 out in Grade 1 at Ascot (sweating) on British debut: stays 3m: acts on heavy going: has won with/without blinkers: successful on Flat in February.
 C. N. ALLEN Paul Moloney
Black, light blue and white hooped sleeves (Mr T. P. Ramsden)

163 ?

c19s	135	G1
c21v	163	H
h24s	150	G1
h21s	160	G2
h20s	160	G2
c19s	143	W



25 JUST IN DEBT (IRE) 8 10-5
 b. or br.g. Montelimar (USA) – No Debt (Oats) [2002/3 24f² 20g³ c22s* c24s^F c20s⁵ c24g⁶ :: 2003/4 c25g 20d³ 24f* 20m² c23g² 22f c24g³ c20s⁵ c28m^{pu} c25g* Mar 13] useful-looking ex-Irish gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won novice at Kilbeggan in June: fairly useful handicap chaser: left P. Doyle/off 5 months after seventh start: fortunate winner of 3-finisher event at Ayr on latest, holding on by length from Tyndarius (who'd been hampered by faller 6 out): stays 25f: acts on soft and firm going.
 M. TODHUNTER J. Culloty
Red, royal blue stars, royal blue sleeves, red diamonds, white cap (Mr J. W. Hazeldean)

153

c25g	153	125
c28m	134	134
c20s	147	134
c24g	158	131
h22f	141	117
c23g	162	128



26 EXIT TO WAVE (FR) 8 10-5 (tongue strap)
 ch.g. Exit To Nowhere (USA) – Hereke (Blakeney) [2002/3 c24d⁴ c20g³ c24v² c24m c34spu c21dur c33mpu :: 2003/4 c24d³ c25d⁵ c24d³ c24s³ c28m⁶ Feb 28] small, strong gelding: has reportedly had breathing operations: useful handicap chaser: running creditably this season, third of 16 to Kings Mistral at Sandown on penultimate start: stays 3m: acts on heavy going, seemingly not on firmer than good: blinkered once: tongue tied prior to 2003/4: sound jumper in main nowadays (hampered and unseated first in 2003 Topham Chase).
 P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
Pink and purple (quartered), pink sleeves (Mr Malcolm Pearce & Mr Gerry Mizel II)

163

c28m	143	133
c24s	163	134
c24d	163	134
c25d	152	134
c24d	165	134
c33m	137	137



27 CLAN ROYAL (FR) 9 10-5
 b.g. Chef de Clan II (FR) – Allee du Roy (FR) (Rex Magna (FR)) [2002/3 c19d³ c16d⁵ c18s* c16d⁴ c20s* c21d* :: 2003/4 c27d* Nov 23] leggy gelding: winning hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: won 3 times in 2002/3, including 29-runner Martell Cognac Sainsbury's Topham Chase at Aintree by 2½ lengths from Macs Gildoran: successful reappearance in 4-finisher Tote Becher Chase there, rallying really gamely to lead again near line when beating Amberleigh House a short head: likely to stay beyond 27f: acts on soft and good to firm ground: has jumped less than fluently, but soundly enough both starts at Aintree.
 JONJÓ O'NEILL L. Cooper
Emerald green, orange hoops, emerald green cap, white star (Mr John P. McManus)

164

c27d	158	126
c21d	153	116
c20s	164	108
c16d	138	109
c18s	139	102
c16d	128	105

**28 AKARUS (FR)**

9 10-4

b.g. Labus (FR) – Meris (FR) (Amarko (FR)) [2002/3 c21s 19s c21s² c22s 18s c21s³ c23s* 20v⁶ c20g^{pu} c21s c34s² :: 2003/4 c29d^F c29g^{pu} Jan 10] fair maiden hurdler: useful handicap chaser: upped in trip, best effort in Britain when 1½ lengths second of 6 finishers to Intelligent in valuable event at Uttotter in 2002/3: disputing lead and still going well when falling heavily 4 out in Welsh National at Chepstow on reappearance: left impression he hadn't recovered from that in very valuable contest at Warwick following month: stays 4¼am: acts on heavy going: effective with/without blinkers.

M. C. PIPE

R. Greene

Maroon and yellow diamonds, halved sleeves, yellow cap (Mr A. J. White)

166

c29g	133
c29d	135
c34s	+ 136
c21s	162
c20g	132
c20g	136
h20v	144
	H

**29 SPOT THE DIFFERENCE (IRE)**

11 10-4

b.g. Lafontaine (USA) – Spotted Choice (IRE) (Callernish) [2002/3 c26g⁶ c21g^{ur} c29g :: 2003/4 c33g^{ur} 16d 20d⁴ c32m² c24d² c26d⁵ Mar 18] tall, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful chaser: still in touch when unseating 4 out in 2002 Grand National, but didn't take to National fences when disappointing in Fox Hunters' there in 2003: back to best when ½-length second to Jurancon II in valuable handicap at Uttotter in June: well below form in hunters last 2 starts, fifth of 10 finishers in Foxhunter at Cheltenham on latest: stays 4m: acts on good to firm and heavy ground: tried in cheekpieces.

E. BOLGER, IRELAND

R. McGrath

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

136

c26d	136	WA
c24d	132	+W
c32m	160	124
h20d	123	N
h16d		N
c33g		+W

**30 BOUNCE BACK (USA)**

8 10-4

(blinkers)

ch.g. Trempolino (USA) – Lattaquie (FR) (Fast Topaze (USA)) [2002/3 c26g c29v^{pu} c29m⁶ :: 2003/4 c29d³ c29d^{pu} Dec 27] tall gelding: smart hurdler/chaser in 2001/2: easily best effort of 2002/3 when sixth to Ad Hoc in attheraces Gold Cup Chase (Handicap) at Sandown: well held this season: stays 29f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: tried blinkered/visored: makes mistakes: often soon off bridle.

M. C. PIPE

A. Thornton

Pink, white striped sleeves, white cap (Mrs Belinda Harvey)

159

c29d	133
c29d	140
c29d	159
c29m	172
c29v	143
c29v	147
c26g	+ 147

**31 ARDENT SCOUT**

12 10-3

b.g. Ardross – Vidette (Billion (USA)) [2002/3 c24d* c25d³ c32m³ c22s² c27d* c28v² c28d :: 2003/4 c20m⁴ c27d³ c29g⁴ c24s⁴ c33d Feb 21] rangy gelding: useful handicap chaser: won Becher Chase at Aintree in 2002/3, in frame all 3 other starts in that race: promising reappearance at Wetherby, staying on strongly over inadequate trip when ¾ lengths fourth to Turgeonev, trainer and rider found guilty under non-triers rule: easily best effort since when staying-on fourth of 12 to Mr Cospector at Haydock on penultimate start: stays 4m: has form on good to firm going, goes well on softer than good (acts on heavy): sound jumper: often used to race lazily.

MRS S. J. SMITH

W. Marston

White, black seams, mauve sleeves, black and yellow quartered cap (Mrs Alicia Skene & W. S. Skene)

161

c33d	132
c24s	129
c24s	161
c29g	138
c27d	132
c20m	161
c28d	+ 130
	132

**32 BEAR ON BOARD (IRE)**

9 10-1

b.g. Black Monday – Under The River (Over The River (FR)) [2002/3 c24v^{pu} c25s³ c23s³ c24v* c26s² :: 2003/4 c26s^{pu} c24s* c30d* c33d* c28m² Feb 28] well-made gelding: useful handicap chaser: successful at Haydock in November, Bangor (beat Harlov by ½ length) in December and Cheltenham (by 2 lengths from Fasgo) in January: creditable second of 6 finishers to Jurancon II in very valuable event at Haydock on latest start, no further impression straight: thorough stayer: acts on good to firm and heavy going: game and reliable.

A. KING

R. Thornton

Yellow, black star, black and yellow hooped sleeves, red cap (Mr J. E. Brown)

164

c28m	164	130
c33d	161	+125
c30d	156	+118
c24s	156	+114
c26s		W
c26s	149	109

**33 LORD ATTERBURY (IRE)**

8 10-1

ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Tammyiris (Arapahos (FR)) [2002/3 c23d* c25g* :: 2003/4 c33d* c26d^{pu} Mar 18] sturdy gelding: winning pointer, including in January: unbeaten in 3 hunter chases in 2003, at Leicester (maiden) and quite valuable events at Aintree (novices, by distance from Arctic Times) and Cheltenham (still going strongly in front when left well clear by Bright Approach's departure 3 out): laboured effort in Foxhunter at Cheltenham last time: has left D. Pipe: stays 33f: acts on good to soft going: usually bold-jumping front runner.

M. C. PIPE

M. Bradburne

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

146 +

c26d	130
c33d	146
c25g	160
c23d	+145
	+NA

**34 MANTLES PRINCE**

10 10-1

(visor)

ch.g. Emarati (USA) – Miami Mouse (Miami Springs) [2002/3 c20s² c36d^{ur} 16f⁶ Apr 25 :: 2003/4 NR] sturdy gelding: one-time very smart hurdler/useful chaser: behind when unseating 6 out in Grand National at Aintree, ran moody race back over hurdles final start: barely stays 2½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: best left alone nowadays: well held on Flat Mar 5.

A. G. JUCKES

O. McPhail

Red, white seams, white sleeves, orange armlets, orange cap (Emlyn Hughes' Cleobury Golfers)

?

h16f	130
c36d	W
c20s	135
	152
	W

**35 BLOWING WIND (FR)**

11 10-1

b. or br.g. Fabulous Dancer (USA) – Bassita (Bustino) [2002/3 c27d³ c21v⁶ c21s c20g c36d :: 2003/4 c20g⁴ c19g c24s^R Feb 7] lengthy gelding: one-time smart handicap chaser: eighth of 14 finishers to Monty's Pass in Grand National at Aintree final start in 2002/3 (placed in previous 2 renewals): long way below best this season: best form up to 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: tried blinkered, not since 1998/9.

M. C. PIPE

J. A. McCarthy

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

151

c24s	130
c19g	122
c20g	151
c36d	125
c20g	151
c20g	130
c20g	141
c20g	152
c21s	139
	141

**36 SKYCAB (IRE)**

12 10-0

b.g. Montelimar (USA) – Sams Money (Pry) [2002/3 c20d³ c19v³ c24d* c24s^{pu} c25d³ c20g* c20m* :: 2003/4 c25g³ c20g c24d^{ur} c25d c24d⁵ Feb 19] useful-looking gelding: useful handicap chaser: good third at Kelso in May: no form since: effective at 2½m to 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going.

N. J. GIFFORD

L. Aspell

Yellow, blue braces, striped sleeves, hooped cap (P. H. Betts (Holdings) Ltd)

?

c24d	129
c25d	129
c24d	131
c20g	133
c25g	168
c20m	164
	130

**37 WONDER WEASEL (IRE)**

11 10-0 (9-10)

(cheekpieces)

b.g. Lancastrian – The She Weasel (Gulf Pearl) [2002/3 c27d⁴ c25s* c33v³ c28d⁴ c36d^F :: 2003/4 21g⁵ c27d^F c29d^{pu} c25v^{pu} c24s c29d³ c32g Mar 28] sturdy gelding: useful handicap chaser, generally disappointing in 2003/4: twice-raced over hurdles, well held in handicap on reappearance: stays 3½m: acts on soft and good to firm going, probably heavy: blinkered (reportedly choked) once, usually wears cheekpieces nowadays (visored last 2 starts): has fallen both starts over National fences.

K. C. BAILEY

J. P. McNamara

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

151

c32g	129
c29d	116
c29d	151
c24s	116
c25v	125
c29d	130
c29d	134
c27d	+ 134

**38 SMARTY (IRE)**

11 10-0 (9-10)

b. or br.g. Royal Fountain – Cahernane Girl (Bargello) [2002/3 c31d c27d⁵ :: 2003/4 c24g⁴ c24g Mar 27] tall, close-coupled gelding: winning hurdler: one-time useful handicap chaser: nothing like the force of old, best effort in a long time when seventh to Bee An Bee at Newbury latest start, late headway in well-run race and possibly flattered: stays 3½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: often wears headgear, didn't at Newbury: sound jumper (runner-up in 2001 Grand National and Becher Chase).

M. PITMAN

A. Tinkler

Dark blue, pink sash, pink sleeves, dark blue armlets, dark blue cap, pink spots (Mrs T. Brown)

145 ?

c24g	129
c24g	145
c27d	120
c31d	131
	135
	131
	W

**39 MONTREAL (FR)**

7 10-0 (9-3)

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 c24g^{pu} Mar 16] 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

J. P. Elliott

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

?

c24g	129
c24s	118A
c24s	123
c21d	123
c21d	128
c22m	123
c20m	152
c25g	+ 130
	W

**40 LUZCADOU (FR)**

11 10-0 (9-5)

(blinkers)

149 \$

b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Luzenia (FR) (Armos) [2002/3 c20s* :: 2003/4 c21d 20s^F c20d⁵ c20v* c20s⁴ c33dbd c22g^{pu} Mar 6] good-topped gelding; fairly useful handicap chaser: fortunate winner of 5-finisher event at Ayr in January by 1¾ lengths from Lord Jack, held in second when Thosewerethedays fell last: not discredited when 12 lengths fourth of 9 to Jakari there following month: moody display latest start, soon sulking in rear: best form around 2½m on soft/heavy going; usually blinkered/visored: sometimes let down by jumping; needs treating with caution.

FERDY MURPHY

B. Harding

Emerald green and orange (quartered), orange sleeves and cap (Mr A. G. Chappell)

c22g 129
c33d 119
c20s 149 120
c20v 153 118
c20d 121
h20s 131

NOTE: numbers 20 and 39 have come into the race from the reserve list and carry bottom weight

MARTELL COGNAC GRAND NATIONAL CHASE (HANDICAP) (Gr 3) (Aintree 4½m)

1998	156	Earth Summit 10-10-5: 7/1	N A Twiston-Davies	<i>C Llewellyn</i>	37
1999	152	Bobbyjo 9-10-0: 10/1	T Carberry (Ir)	<i>P Carberry</i>	32
2000	154	Papillon 9-10-12: 10/1	T M Walsh (Ir)	<i>R Walsh</i>	40
2001	?	Red Marauder 11-10-11: 33/1	N B Mason	<i>Richard Guest</i>	40
2002	146	Bindaree 8-10-4: 20/1	N A Twiston-Davies	<i>J Culloty</i>	40
2003	149	Monty's Pass 10-10-7: 16/1	J J Mangan (Ir)	<i>B J Geraghty</i>	40

FIFTH RACE AINTREE

4.35**THE MARTELL COGNAC NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Amateur Riders) (B)****2½m**

£30,000 added 5yo+

**1 OUR ARMAGEDDON (NZ)**

7 11-12

157

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* c16d* c20s* c16g^{pu} c21d* Mar 18] rather leggy gelding; progressive hurdler in 2002/3: smart novice chaser: won at Kelso (intermediate), Ayr and Ascot (jumped badly left) in November, Wetherby in December, Haydock (by 18 lengths from Full Irish) in January and Cheltenham (Cathcart Chase) in March: made all and found plenty when beating Iris Royal 2½ lengths in 7-runner event for latest success: probably better around 2½m than 2m: acts on soft going; may prove best on left-handed tracks: fluent-jumping front runner: tough and reliable.

R. C. GUEST

Mr D. Jewett (3)

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

c21d 155+G2
c16g 151 N
c20s 151 N
c16d 151+N
c20d 133+N
c19d 143+N

**2 POLAR RED**

7 11-9

151

ch.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – Sharp Top (Sharpo) [2002/3 16v^{pu} 16g 17g 16g :: 2003/4 c16d² c19s* c16v* c17s^{ur} c20g⁶ Mar 17] angular gelding; useful hurdler: won novice chases at Chepstow in December and February: useful effort when around 8 lengths sixth of 16 to Tikram in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time, improving to hold every chance 3 out but no extra before last: barely stays 2½m: acts on heavy going: visored over hurdles.

M. C. PIPE

Mr T. J. Malone (5)

Black and white stripes, emerald green and white striped sleeves (Lady Clarke)

c20g 151 140
c17s N
c16v 126+N
c19s 138 N
c16d 131 W
h16g¹ 133 142

**3 LE DUC (FR)**

5 11-3

156 \$

b.g. Villez (USA) – Beberova (FR) (Synefos (USA)) [2002/3 15v² 17g² 16d² 16s⁴ 16v^F 17s⁴ 17g⁶ 16g* :: 2003/4 c16m* c16m⁴ c19s^F c16g² 16g c17g* c16g³ Mar 16] tall, good-topped gelding; useful hurdler: respectable eleventh to Geos in very valuable handicap at Newbury on fifth start: also useful novice chaser: won at Wetherby (maiden) in October and Kelso (didn't have to come off bridle to beat Rodber 3 lengths) in March: let down by jumping and/or temperament most other starts over fences, though ran really well when 8 lengths third of 8 finishers to Well Chief in Arkle Chase at Cheltenham on latest: 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

Mr N. Williams (3)

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

c16g 156 G1
c17g 107+N
h16g 150 140
c16g 120 N
c19s 141+N
c16m 123+G2

**4 KELTIC BARD**

7 11-1

147

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 c16g Mar 16] 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: seemed to take little interest in Grade 1 at Cheltenham last time: raced around 2m: acts on soft going: held up.

C. J. MANN

Mr P. Cashman

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

c16g 134? G1
c16s 147 N
c16g 137+W
c16s 118 W
c17g 145 N
h16g¹ 154 G1

**5 THE BANDIT (IRE)**

7 10-9

148

b.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Sweet Friendship (Alleging (USA)) [2002/3 17g 19d^F 19d⁶ 20m² :: 2003/4 22g 20m* 20g⁶ c20s* c20s* c20m^{pu} Feb 28] useful-looking gelding: fair hurdler: much improved when easy winner of handicap at Ascot in November, making virtually all: fairly useful form when winning novice chases at Huntingdon (made all) in December and Plumpton (beat Tanikos 2 lengths in 4-runner event) in January: ran poorly in Grade 2 novice at Kempton last time: should stay beyond 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: wandered and found little under pressure final start in 2002/3.

MISS E. C. LAVELLE

Mr R. Widger

White, red star, sleeves and cap (Mr R. J. Lavelle)

c20m 125A
c20s 148 N
c20s 148 N
h20g 125 N
h20m 125+91
h22g 97 88

**6 BLACK FROST (IRE)**

8 10-8

ch.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Black Tulip (Pals Passage) [2002/3 20d³ 16d⁵ 20s* 20spu 20g* :: 2003/4 c22g* c20d⁴ c19s⁴ c22m* c25g^F Mar 13] sturdy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: similar form over fences, winning novices at Haydock (beat Full Minty 4 lengths in 4-finisher event) in November and February (best effort, beat Burundi by 1½ lengths in 6-finisher handicap); led until falling 6 out at Ayr last time: stays 2¾am: acts on good to firm and heavy going: bled from nose both starts in 2001/2: less than reliable.

MRS S. J. SMITH

Mr J. J. Codd

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

**7 RODBER (USA)**

8 10-6 (inc 6lb ex)

ch.g. Rodrigo de Triano (USA) – Berceau (USA) (Alleged (USA)) [2002/3 F16d³ 20dpu 20v⁴ 20dpu :: 2003/4 20s⁴ 24v⁶ 24v⁶ c20s² c17g² c16s² c17d* c17g* Mar 28] fair form in bumpers: poor maiden hurdler: modest chaser: won maiden at Bangor (8 ran, beat Heartache by neck) and novice at Market Rasen (beat Call Me Jack by 7 lengths, again racing bit lazily but soon in control after leading 3 out) on consecutive days in March: probably stays 3m, effective at much shorter: acts on heavy going: has broken blood vessels.

MRS L. B. NORMILE

Mr R. Loughran

Red, white diamond, checked sleeves, emerald green cap (Mr K. J. Fehilly and Mr A. K. Collins)

**8 JARDIN DE BEAULIEU (FR)**

7 10-5

(blinkers)

ch.g. Rough Magic (FR) – Emblem (FR) (Siberian Express (USA)) [2002/3 c20dpu c20s² c20v⁴ c19d⁵ :: 2003/4 c20m c18g² c20g* c20g* c20s³ c24g^{pu} Mar 16] well-made gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: successful at Kempton (novice) in December and Warwick (made all) in January: much better effort since when creditable third to Jakari at Ayr: stays 2½zm (beaten well before stamina became issue last time): raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on soft): has worn blinkers/cheekpieces last 3 starts.

IAN WILLIAMS

Mr A. P. Crowe

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

**9 MOUNSEY CASTLE**

7 10-5

ch.g. Carlingford Castle – Gay Ticket (New Member) [2002/3 F16g* 20g² 21m² 19m* 22g* :: 2003/4 22g³ c23m* c24m² c24d³ c24d⁴ c20g* Mar 12] good-topped gelding: fair hurdler: fairly useful chaser: won novice at Worcester in September and handicap at Sandown in March, off 3 months before beating Burundi by ¾ length in latter (mistakes, led 2 out): effective at 2½zm to 3m: acts on good to firm and good to soft ground.

P. J. HOBBS

Mr R. Stephens (5)

Black and light blue (quartered), black sleeves, white cap (Mr Alan Peterson)

**10 MERCATO (FR)**

8 10-4

b.g. Mansonnien (FR) – Royal Lie (FR) (Garde Royale) [2002/3 c19v⁴ c16s³ c16d^{ur} c16g⁵ c16v² 21v* 20v 16v⁵ 18g⁵ :: 2003/4 c16g³ c16g³ c16g⁴ c24d² c24g³ c24g* c25g^F Apr 2] good-topped gelding: fair handicap hurdler: fairly useful chaser: best effort when winning 12-runner Grand Military Gold Cup at Sandown in March by 15 lengths from Kings Mistral: taking closer order and yet to be asked for effort when fell heavily 6 out in handicap at Aintree last time: stays 3m: acts on heavy going (won bumper on good to firm): has had tongue tied: usually held up.

J. R. BEST

Mr E. Selter

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

**11 JASMIN GUICHOIS (FR)**

7 10-1

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* c24g⁵ Mar 16] compact gelding: modest hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: improved when winning at Cheltenham (conditional jockeys, beat You're Special 1½ lengths) in December and Wincanton (beat Newick Park comfortably by 7 lengths) in February: stays 21f (not beaten by trip in valuable amateur event at Cheltenham last time): acts on good to firm and heavy going.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

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

147

c25g	+	124A
c22m	147	115
c19s	116	N
c20d	134	N
c22g	138+	N
h20g	122	N

**12 HEHASALIFE (IRE)**

7 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Safety Catch (USA) – America River (IRE) (Lord Americo) [2002/3 F16s⁶ F16s⁶ 18s 16d 22s 20s :: 2003/4 20d 24g² 24f³ 24m² 20g² 20g* 20d c17m⁶ c22g* 20s² 20m⁶ c20f² 20m⁴ c20g³ Mar 7] tall, shallow-girthed gelding: first foal: dam unraced: won maiden Irish point on debut in 2002: fair hurdler: won 16-runner maiden at Limerick in July: similar over fences, winning maiden at Galway in September by 2 lengths from Wests Awake: sold out of M. Hourigan's stable 25,000 gns Doncaster November Sales: ran well on British debut when 5¼ lengths third of 7 to Ifni du Luc in handicap at Kempton last time: stays 3m: acts on firm and soft ground: effective with/without blinkers.

MRS H. DALTON

Mr T. Greenall (3)

Dark blue, pink hollow box, striped sleeves and cap (Norton House Racing)

147

c20g	147	114
h20m	137	N
c20f	138	N
h20m	127	W
h20s	138	N
c22g	130	W

125

c17g	125	N
c17d	120	N
c16s	125	N
c17g	114?	N
c20s	120?	N
h24v		100

**13 PHARPOST (IRE)**

9 10-0 (9-11)

(blinkers)

b.g. Phardante (FR) – Branstown Lady (Deep Run) [2002/3 c25g² c25d^F c24s³ c21s^F c21d⁴ c22s² c19g⁴ :: 2003/4 c20m* c20f² c26m³ c20g² c20g² c20f* c24f³ c24g² c24m³ 22g c24m³ Feb 25] lengthy, deep-girthed gelding: fair chaser: won weak handicap at Uttoxeter in June and novice at Carlisle (left well clear when only danger Green Ideal fell 2 out) in October: weakened quickly after bad mistake 5 out when 25 lengths third of 4 to The Rebel Lady in novice at Ludlow last time: lightly-raced winning hurdler: seventh of 15 to Kitte Ou Double in handicap at Market Rasen on penultimate start: stays 25f: acts on firm and soft going: often finds little: blinkered first time.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

Mr D. Jacob (7)

Red, white disc, halved sleeves (Direct Sales UK Ltd)

139 \$

c24m	125	N
h22g	134	108
c24m	139	115
c24g	139	N
c24f	129	N
c20f	142	N

152

c24g		121A
c20s	150+	123
c20g	152	117
c20g	146	109
c18g	139	107
c20m		110

**14 BENRAJAH (IRE)**

7 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Lord Americo – Andy's Fancy (IRE) (Andretti) [2002/3 20d³ 20d³ 20v⁵ 21s 25g* 26m³ :: 2003/4 c21m^F c25f* c26g² c25g* c20d⁴ c24g² c22g³ Mar 6] well-made gelding: winning hurdler: sold out of H. Daly's stable 20,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: fair chaser: won novice at Kelso and handicap at Catterick in December: creditable efforts last 3 starts, third of 11 to Mac Hine at Kelso on latest: stays 3¼am: acts on good to soft going (second in bumper on soft), simple task on firm: front runner/races prominently.

M. TODHUNTER

Mr K. Mercer (5)

Red, yellow disc, yellow and red diablo on sleeves, red cap, yellow diamonds (Mr Brian Murfin)

147

c22g	147	110
c24g	147	108A
c20d	142	110
c25g	139+	103
c26g	144	N
c25f	135?	N

147

c20g	146	116
c24d		N
c24d	147	113
c24m	129+	N
c23m	137+	N
h22g	136+	105

**15 TALBOT LAD**

8 10-0 (9-7)

(tongue strap)

b.g. Weld – Greenacres Girl (Tycoon II) [2002/3 17d³ 20g⁵ c20mpu 16s c19d⁴ c17v² c16g³ c17g⁵ 20m² 20g⁶ :: 2003/4 c19m² c20g* c16m² c18g* Mar 6] leggy gelding: poor maiden hurdler: much better over fences (reportedly had breathing operation after reappearance), won novice handicaps at Ludlow in February and Newbury (beat Motcomb Jam 1¼ lengths) in March: good second to easy winner Venn Ottery in handicap at Ludlow in between, blundering 4 out: stays 2½zm: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tongue tied.

S. A. BROOKSHAW

Mr N. P. Madden

Orange, black sash, hooped sleeves (Mr M. J. Talbot)

144

c18g	144	102
c16m	144	100
c20g	132+	86
c19m	119	N
h20g		86
h20m	118	N

154 ?

c25g		120A
c24g	154?	WA
c24g	144	118
c24d	141	WA
c16g		N
c16g	144?	G2

**16 CYANARA**

8 10-0 (6-1)

b.m. Jupiter Island – Shamana (Broadsword (USA)) [2002/3 16d 16v 17v^{ro} 22g :: 2003/4 c16m⁵ c21g³ c24g⁵ c20m^F c26mpu c26m⁵ c26m² c22g⁶ c26g³ c24f⁴ c20m³ c19g³ c19s^{bd} c22v² c19s⁵ 24g c22g² c22d³ Mar 21] compact mare: winning hurdler: poor maiden chaser: distant third to Latitude in mares novice at Fontwell last time: seems to stay 3¼am: acts on soft and good to firm going.

DR P. PRITCHARD

Dr P. Pritchard

White, red cross belts and sleeves, pink cap (Mr Steven R. Hanney)

?

c22d		116A
c22g	100?	W
h24g	87?	72A
c19s		74
c22v	111?	N
c19s		67

154

c24g	147	120A
c21m	149+	108
c20d	145	100A
c20d	127+	100
c20s	154+	94
c24s	123+	95

5.10 THE MARTELL COGNAC CHAMPION **2m1f****STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT
(Grade 2) (A)**

£30,000 4, 5 and 6yo TWFA 4 12-2



- 1 ALL THINGS EQUAL (IRE)** 5 11-4 **112**
 b.g. Supreme Leader – Angel's Dream (King's Ride) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F16g² Feb 28] lengthly, useful-looking gelding; fifth foal: half-brother to winning pointer by Un Desperado: dam, fair hurdler, stayed 3¼am: won maiden Irish point on debut in 2003: 4/1, encouraging head second of 9 to Kimono Royal in bumper at Kempton, smooth headway to lead narrowly 2f out but headed final 1f and just unable to get back up.
 S. E. H. SHERWOOD Mr R. Burton (5)
 Yellow, red star, yellow sleeves, white armlets, yellow cap, red star (Mr J. Hales)



- 2 ENHANCER** 6 11-4 **122**
 b.g. Zafonic (USA) – Ypha (USA) (Lyphard (USA)) [2002/3 F16f* F16g* Mar 17 :: 2003/4 NR] good-topped gelding; fairly useful in bumpers, successful all 3 starts, including at Hexham and Wetherby (beat Sir Rowland Hill 8 lengths) in 2002/3: sold out of G. Swinbank's stable 67,000 gns Doncaster May Sales.
 MRS L. C. JEWELL C. Eddery (7)
 Emerald green and white stripes, emerald green sleeves, white armlets, orange cap (Gallagher Equine Ltd)



- 3 FLYING FALCON** 5 11-4 **127**
 b.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – Lemon Balm (High Top) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F17g³ F16s⁶ F16m* F14d* Mar 22] half-brother to 3 winners, including 1994 2-y-o 7f winner Quintus Decimus (by Nordico): dam, ran twice on Flat, showed a little ability over hurdles: progressive form in bumpers, making all at Wincanton and Hereford in March: useful performance when beating Dads Gift 26 lengths in 14-runner event at latter course, quickening clear final 4f.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS S. Thomas (3)
 Dark blue, light green diamond (Mr Peter Diamond)



- 4 RATHOWEN (IRE)** 5 11-4
 b.g. Good Thyne (USA) – Owenageera (IRE) (Riot Helmet) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 NR] third foal: dam, placed in point, from good jumping family.
 J. I. A. CHARLTON L. Berridge (7)
 Tan, black and green hooped sleeves, black cap (Mr J. I. A. Charlton)



- 5 REBEL RHYTHM** 5 11-4 **125 p**
 b.g. Robellino (USA) – Celt Song (IRE) (Unfuwain (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F16d* Mar 22] 6,000 4-y-o: good-bodied gelding; third foal: half-brother to smart 6f/7f winner Princess Ellen (by Tirol): dam never ran: 10/1, most impressive when winning 16-runner bumper at Wetherby on debut by 17 lengths from Gay Oscar, leading over 3f out and not having to be hard ridden to draw clear: sure to improve and win more races.
 MRS S. J. SMITH G. Carenza (5)
 Black, yellow epaulets, diablo on sleeves, quartered cap (The Fees R Us Syndicate)



- 6 RENDOVA** 5 11-4 **103**
 b.g. Darshaan – Mary Astor (FR) (Groom Dancer (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F16g Feb 14] leggy gelding; fourth foal: half-brother to winner around 1m in Germany by Barathe: dam, won several times up to around 1½m on Flat in France, half-sister to winning hurdler: 20/1, shaped quite well when 31 lengths tenth of 24 to Secret Ploy in Grade 2 bumper at Newbury on debut, seeming in need of experience.
 A. M. BALDING Mr T. J. Malone (7)
 Light blue and orange diamonds, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, orange star (J. C., J. R. and S. R. Hitchins)



- 7 THYNE FOR INTERSKY (IRE)** 5 11-4 **122**
 ch.g. Good Thyne (USA) – One Last Chance (Le Bavard (FR)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F17m* F17m* Oct 10] €18,000 3-y-o: sturdy gelding; second foal: dam bad maiden hurdler: favourite, won bumpers at Market Rasen in September and Carlisle in October, improving to lead 3f out and staying on strongly when beating Weston Rock 6 lengths in 16-runner event at latter course.
 JONJO O'NEILL W. Jones (10)
 White, dark blue and light green striped sleeves, light green cap (Interskyracing.com)



- 8 TIGERS LAIR (IRE)** 5 11-4 **116**
 b. or br.g. Accordion – Eadie (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F16s⁴ F16g² Feb 28] €92,000 3-y-o: leggy, rather unfurnished gelding; second foal: dam lightly raced in points: favourite both starts in bumpers, easily better effort when second of 20 to Lord Gale at Haydock on latest, never far away and staying on.
 JONJO O'NEILL Mr J. P. Magnier (7)
 White, mauve stars (Mrs G. Smith)



- 9 WITHOUT A DOUBT** 5 11-4 **108**
 b.g. Singspiel (IRE) – El Rabab (USA) (Roberto (USA)) [2002/3 F16d³ F16m :: 2003/4 F16m² F16d⁶ Feb 2] leggy gelding; fifth foal: half-brother to 3 winners, including useful 6f (including at 2 yrs)/7f winner Filfilah (by Cadeaux Genereaux) and Canadian Grade 2 11f winner Muntej (by Muhtarram): dam 2-y-o 1m winner out of Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Brave Raj: bought unraced out of J. Hammond's stable 14,000 gns Newmarket Autumn (2002) Sales: fair form in bumpers, first start for over 8 months when around 12 lengths sixth of 16 to Itsa Legend at Kempton last time.
 M. PITMAN James Davies (3)
 Black and white check, yellow sleeves, black and white quartered cap (Mr Malcolm C. Denmark)



- 10 HISTORIC PLACE (USA)** 4 10-12 **120**
 b.g. Dynaformer (USA) – Captive Island (Northfields (USA)) [2003/4 F13d² F12d³ F16v* Jan 31] medium-sized gelding; half-brother to several winners, notably very smart staying hurdler Rubhahunish (by Darshaan): dam French 6f and 1m winner: sold unraced out of J. Gosden's stable 5,500 gns Newmarket Autumn (2002) Sales: placed in bumpers at Exeter and Cheltenham prior to winning 17-runner event over longer trip at Ascot by length from Senor Sedona, hampering runner-up when hanging left 1f out but running on well.
 G. B. BALDING T. Best (5)
 Dark blue, grey stars, dark blue sleeves, dark blue cap, grey star (Miss Georgina Bishop)



- 11 TEN PRESSED MEN (FR)** 4 10-12 **113**
 b.g. Video Rock (FR) – Recolte d'Estruval (FR) (Kouban (FR)) [2003/4 F16g³ Mar 7] good-topped gelding; fifth foal: half-brother to 11f winner Grain d'Estruval (by Tropular): dam winner up to 11f on Flat, won around 2m over hurdles and fences in France: 10/1, showed ability when close third of 18 to Toemac in bumper at Kempton, travelling comfortably and keeping on well after losing crucial ground when hampered turning for home.
 JONJO O'NEILL Mr R. Widger
 Mauve and white diamonds, striped sleeves, white cap (Mrs Valda Burke)



- 12 YOUNG SCOTTON** 4 10-12 **117 +**
 b.g. Cadeaux Genereux – Broken Wave (Bustino) [2003/4 F16v* F16d* Feb 8] 10,000Y: leggy gelding; half-brother to several winners, including French 1¼m winner Bressay (by Nureyev) and fairly useful hurdler/chaser Levallois (by Trepolino), stays 21f: dam, won up to 15f in Britain/France, out of Oaks third Britannia's Rule: won 12-runner bumper at Wetherby (by 4 lengths from Aces Four) and 15-runner similar event at Musselburgh 3 weeks later by ¾ length from Baby Sister, on both occasions getting on top final 1f.
 K. A. RYAN Mr N. P. Madden (5)
 Light blue and yellow diamonds, yellow sleeves and cap (The I.B. & B.D.F. Partnership)

**13 CANDELLO**

6 10-11

b.m. Supreme Leader – Oubava (FR) (Groom Dancer (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F16g* Mar 4] third known foal: half-sister to French middle-distance winner Belle Oubava (by Linamix): dam French middle-distance winner: 6/5-on favourite, won 13-runner mares bumper on debut by 2 lengths from Polyanthus Jones (pair clear), travelling comfortably to lead 4f out: likely to improve.

N. J. HENDERSON

A. Tinkler (3)

Red, white stars and armlets (Mr Erik Thorbek)

**14 DIAMOND SAL**

6 10-11

b.m. Bob Back (USA) – Fortune's Girl (Ardross) [2002/3 F16d2 :: 2003/4 F16d2 F16s2 F16s5 Mar 13] close-coupled mare: second foal: dam, fair hurdler who stayed 27f, also 1½m winner on Flat: best effort in bumpers when second of 16 to Crossbow Creek at Wetherby on debut: fair form all 3 starts this season, fifth to Marsh Run in valuable event at Sandown on latest occasion: will stay 2½m.

MRS M. REVELEY

F. King (5)

Maroon, white braces, quartered cap (Mr R. Haggas)

**15 FIRST HARMONY**

5 10-11

ch.m. First Trump – Enchanting Melody (Chief Singer) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F16f* F16d* F16g* F16s6 Mar 13] workmanlike mare: fourth foal: half-sister to 7.5f winner Nunthorpe (by Mystiko) and 9f winner in Italy by Petoski: dam maiden who should have stayed 1m: fairly useful form in bumpers: won at Hexham (by short head from Marsh Run) in September and Wetherby (mares event, beat Averse 3½ lengths) in November: creditable efforts since, sixth to Marsh Run in valuable mares race at Sandown latest start: will stay beyond 2m.

M. BRITTAIN

S. J. Craine (7)

Maroon and yellow check, maroon sleeves, yellow cap (Mr Mel Brittain)

**16 QUEEN SORAYA**

6 10-11

b.m. Persian Bold – Fairlead (Slip Anchor) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 F16m* F16g* F16s Mar 13] rather unfurnished mare: third foal: half-sister to fair hurdler Follow Me (by Keen), stays 3m: dam 1m winner: won bumpers at Ludlow in November (maiden) and December (mares), making steady headway under patient ride to get on top close home when beating Doce Vida ¾ length on latter occasion: well held in valuable event at Sandown latest start, possibly unsuited by much softer ground.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

R. Biddlecombe (5)

Dark blue, black cap (Mrs Oliver Fox-Pitt)

**17 SCAMP**

5 10-11

b.m. Selkirk (USA) – Cut And Run (Slip Anchor) [2002/3 F12g2 F16g F17m* :: 2003/4 F16m2 May 15] leggy mare: third foal: half-sister to smart stayer Ski Run (by Petoski): dam no worthwhile form on Flat: fair form in bumpers (trained on debut by D. Cantillon), hampered 1f out and finished strongly when beaten short head by Mrs Philip in 9-runner mares event at Exeter in April (awarded race): creditable second of 8 to Marchensis at Ludlow last time: sold out of H. Daly's stable 20,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: free-going sort.

S. GOLLINGS

R. P. McNally

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

**18 GOLDEN ODYSSEY (IRE)**

4 10-5

ch.f. Baraatha (IRE) – Opus One (Slip Anchor) [2003/4 F13g* F16g2 F17g* Mar 28] unfurnished filly: fourth foal: half-sister to modest hurdler Sun King (by Zilzal), stays 2½m: dam, 1¾m winner, half-sister to high-class hurdler/smart chaser up to 2½m Squire Silk: progressive form in bumpers: won at Doncaster in November and Market Rasen (mares) in March: fairly useful form when beating Monte Rosa by 6 lengths in 15-runner event for latest success.

MRS M. REVELEY

Mr O. Nelses (7)

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

MARTELL COGNAC CHAMPION STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (Gr 2)

(Aintree 2m1f, 2m110y before 2001)

1998	115	King's Road 5-11-8: 3/1	N A Twiston-Davies	M Keighley	12
1999	112	King of The Castle 4-11-2: 7/2	Mrs J Pitman	L Corcoran	17
2000	129	Quadco 6-11-8: 33/1	P A Fahy (Ir)	Mr D N Russell	19
2001	128	The Bajan Bandit 6-11-1: 9/4	L Lungo	B Gibson	17
2002	113	Kickham 6-11-4: 3/1	E J O'Grady (Ir)	Mr P Fenton	20
2003	116	Classic Native 5-11-1: 25/1	J O'Neill	R Flavin	21

122 p
F16g 122 W**113**
F16s 113 L
F16g 110+W
F16d 112 W
F16f 120 W**119**
F16s 119 L
F16g 119 W
F16d 119 W
F16f 113+W**120**
F16s 97+L
F16g 120 W
F16m 120 N**114**
F16m 114 W
F17m 113+N
F16g 110 W
F12g 110 W**127**
F17g 127 W
F16g 121 W
F13g 112+W**Course to Course**

Saturday, April 3rd

HEREFORD

1.50 2m3f110y Hurdle	
TRW 114 111 - 118 116 (Av 115)	
1 Avadi	112
2 Boundary House	-
3 Earls Rock	-
4 Gaye Trigger	101 P
5 Hopesarising	-
6 Lord Luker	98
7 Luckycharm	-
8 New Diamond	-
9 Solve It Sober	-
10 Toomebridge	-
11 Tricky Thyme	-
12 Trinket	121
13 Come The Dawn	-
14 Fairly Smart	-
15 Misty Memory	-
16 Queen of Jazz	-

2.25 2m1f Hcp Hurdle	
1 Marrel	11-12 116
2 Misty Dancer	11-11 110
3 Day du Roy	11-7 120 S
4 Shirazi	11-6 ?
5 Spring Pursuit	11-5 120
6 Irish Distinction	11-4 119
7 Deferlant	11-4 113 S
8 Salinas	11-4 113
9 Ken Scott	11-3 118
10 Cooldine King	11-3 122 +
11 Speed Venture	10-10 ?
12 Khaysar	10-9 111
13 Route Sixty Six	10-9 117
14 Erins Lass	10-7 113
15 Major Shark	10-6 116
16 Scarlet Fantasy	10-6 112
17 Wages	10-6 116
18 Burdens Girl	10-4 114

3.00 3m1f110y Hcp Chase	
1 Infrasonique	11-12 117
2 Mazileo	11-12 ?
3 Mamideoos	11-8 117
4 Dragon King	11-5 118
5 Intrepid Mogal	11-1 115
6 Double Bogey Blues	10-13 114 x
7 Fielding's Hay	10-12 114
8 Choisty	10-9 ?
9 Team Captain	10-4 ?
10 Alpha Gold	10-0 122 x
11 Mr Jake	10-0 ?
12 Prince Sandrovitich	10-0 -
13 Seef	10-0 108 x

3.30 2m3f Chase	
TRW 123 120 - 129 99 (Av 118)	
1 Idiome	128
2 Bambi de L'Orme	134 P
3 Borehill Joker	95 ?
4 Brady Boys	104
5 Brooks	114
6 Bunkum	120
7 Our Man Dennis	86
8 Luneray	128

4.10 2m1f (S) Hurdle	
TRW 96 97 - 92 104 (Av 97)	
1 Khaladjistan	97
2 Elheba	?
3 Eljay's Boy	106
4 Hickerthriftcastle	-
5 Laggan Minstrel	-
6 Master Elect	-
7 Mazamet	?
8 Mr Lehman	90
9 Mr Whizz	-
10 Oh So Brave	-
11 Hayley's Pearl	-
12 Hidden Smile	103
13 Susy Wells	-
14 Kinda Crazy	-
15 Port Moreno	-
16 Twentytwosilver	93

4.45 2m Chase

TRW 101 121 - 85 99 (Av 102)	
1 Caher Society	90 x
2 Parte Prima	106
3 Bold Tactics	103
4 Cloudy Bay Boy	-
5 Come On Boy	-
6 Jazz Night	95
7 Saint-Declan	-
8 Viscount Bankes	78
9 Drumdowney Lad	63
10 Crystal Brook	-
11 Sheila McKenzie	90

5.20 3m2f Hcp Hurdle

1 Ela La Senza	11-12 109 x
2 Monti Flyer	11-12 105 +
3 Sungates	11-12 106
4 Castleford	11-0 110
5 Supreme Priority	10-8 ?
6 General Custer	10-6 106
7 Normandy Sands	10-6 ?
8 Native Cunning	10-2 108
9 Mensch	10-0 96
10 Ginski	10-0 -
11 Glorious Welcome	10-0 -

LINGFIELD PARK

1.55 1m Stakes	
TRW - - - 125 133	
1 Milk It Mick	134
2 Bravo Maestro	112 P
3 Crocodile Dundee	107
4 Ile Facile	89
5 Kings Point	120
6 Leitrim House	109
7 Parkview Love	120
8 Rosencrans	129
9 Skidmark	117 P

2.30 5f 2yo Stakes	
TRW - - - - -	
1 Bold Cheverak	-P
2 Canton	-
3 Majestic	-
4 Von Wessex	76 P
5 Cubic Confessions	73 P
6 Evanesece	90 P

3.05 1m Stakes	
TRW - - - - -	
1 Steely Dan	86 +
2 Katiypour	92
3 Omaha City	85 +
4 The Best Yet	90
5 Deeper In Debt	89
6 Greenwood	92
7 Agilis	?
8 College Delinquent	88
9 Desert Dance	84
10 Meelup	80
11 Spinning Dove	85
12 Redi	88 P

3.35 7f Stakes	
TRW - - - - 120	
1 Vanderlin	121
2 Aleutian	121 P
3 Hidden Dragon	120
4 Will He Wish	114 +
5 Lygton Lad	128
6 Quito	129
7 Grey Pearl	114
8 Miss George	116

4.20 6f Stakes	
TRW - - - 86 100	
1 Alderney Race	103 P
2 Hatch A Plan	83 P
3 King of Diamonds	85 +
4 Nebraska City	79
5 Samara Sound	-
6 Sussex Style	65 ?
7 Adorata	-
8 Andaluz	-
9 Bohola Flyer	94
10 Cheeky Chi	80
11 Radlett Lady	-
12 Sapphire Sky	-

4.55 1m Hcp Stakes	
1 Wanna Shout	9-10 71
2 Kindness	9-5 69
3 Marnie	9-4 67
4 My Lilli	9-2 68
5 Lark In The Park	9-2 69
6 Seelay	9-1 -
7 Miss Peaches	9-0 69
8 Taiyo	9-0 69
9 Titian Lass	8-13 70
10 Theatre Lady	8-13 65
11 Vizulize	8-13 65
12 Summerise	8-2 68 ?

1.40 1m4f93y Hcp Stakes	
1 La Muette	10-0 ?
2 Alnaja	9-10 86 P
3 Regal Vintage	9-8 -
4 Toni Alcala	9-3 86
5 Archie Babe	9-1 82
6 Esabibet Dot Net	9-0 82
7 Lucky Judge	9-0 ?
8 Noul	8-13 85
9 Bramantino	8-12 80
10 Nakwa	8-10 84
11 Scurra	8-7 73 S
12 Archirondel	8-6 83
13 Dark Cut	8-3 ?
14 Weaver of Dreams	8-1 -
15 Staff Nurse	7-12 79

2.10 7f Hcp Stakes	
1 Fantasy Believer	10-0 102
2 Digital	9-12 107
3 Tough Love	9-11 105
4 Silver Seeker	9-9 88
5 Namroud	9-8 103
6 Chappel Crescent	9-7 101
7 Zilch	9-3 108
8 Loyal Tycoon	9-3 101
9 Go Tech	9-3 102
10 Sawvaah	9-0 104
11 Moayed	9-0 106 ?
12 Flowerdrum	8-11 109 P
13 Colemanstown	8-8 101
14 Tidy	8-8 100
15 Fair Shake	8-1 98

3.15 5f 2yo Stakes		
TRW 98 85 - 90 98 (Av 93)		
1	Next Time Around	83 p
2	Mount Ephram	
3	Procrastinate	
4	Bibury Flyer	88 p
5	Mitchelland	82 p

4.05 1m4f93y Stakes		
TRW 106 97 -- 83 (Av 95)		
1	Celtic Vision	-
2	October Mist	77
3	Transit	73
4	Southern Star	?
5	Templet	70 p
6	Nofa's Magic	97
7	Fiddlers Ford	80
8	Hathlen	81

4.40 1m3y Stakes		
TRW - - - - -		
1	Shardda	75 ?
2	Baboushka	71 p
3	Barton Flower	-p
4	Charmatic	-p
5	Glen Innes	
6	Hana Dee	81 ?
7	Lyford Lass	
8	Miss Adelaide	94
9	Saratoga Splendour	-