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DECLARED RUNNERS
CHELTENHAM
Tuesday 15th March

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

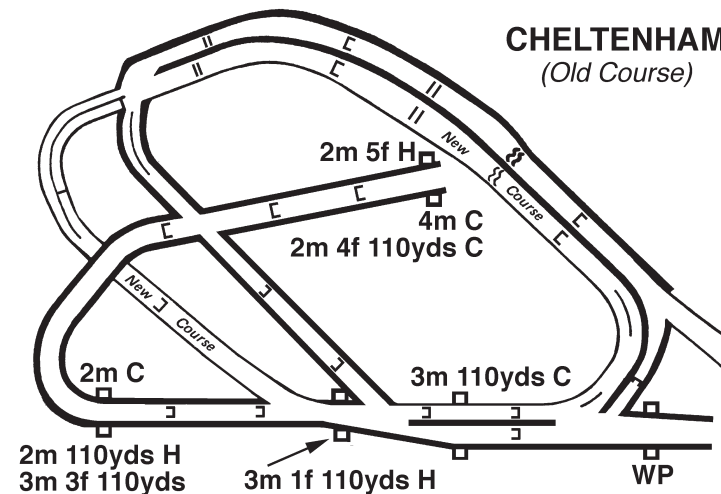
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There are two left-handed courses at Cheltenham, the Old Course and the New Course. The Old Course is oval in shape and about one and a half miles in extent. There are nine fences to a circuit, only one of which is jumped in the final straight. The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



Most Successful Trainers 1999/2000 to 2003/4

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	72	521	14
P. F. Nicholls	36	230	16
P. J. Hobbs	28	206	14
N. J. Henderson	27	181	15
Jonjo O'Neill	22	139	16
Miss Venetia Williams	19	138	14
Miss H. C. Knight	15	118	13
N. A. Twiston-Davies	12	203	6
H. D. Daly	10	53	19
A. King	10	95	11

2.00 THE LETHEBY & CHRISTOPHER 2m110y**SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE (Grade 1) (A)**

£100,000 4yo+ TWFA 4 12-1



1 AKHTARI (IRE) 5 11-7 **128**
 b.h. In The Wings – Akishka (Nishapour (FR)) [2003/4 16d⁴ 16d^F :: 2004/5 16s 16s 16v* Feb 15] half-brother to 3 winning hurdlers, notably useful Akasian (by Alzao), stays 3m: dam unraced, out of Arc winner Akiyda: twice-raced on Flat, 1½m winner on debut, fairly useful form over 2m only start in 2004: fair form over hurdles: won 22-runner maiden at Punchestown on latest start by 3½ lengths from Tycoon Hall: raced at 2m on going softer than good.
 D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND C. O'Dwyer
 Maroon, white disc and armlets, maroon cap, pink star (Gigginstown House Stud)

h16v 122+N
h16s N
h16t 102 N
h16d 126+G2
h16d 117 N

2 AKSHAR (IRE) 6 11-7 **146**
 b.h. Danehill (USA) – Akilara (IRE) (Kahyasi) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16v* 16v⁴ Jan 30] compact horse: half-brother to smart juvenile hurdler Akilak (by Charnwood Forest): dam half-brother to useful hurdler up to 3m Akasian: smart at 4 yrs on Flat (stays 10.5f) for Sir Michael Stoute, useful form at best in 4 starts in 2004: won maiden at Leopardstown on hurdling debut by neck from Ocras Mor, travelling well when mistake last and recovering to lead near finish: below that form when 27½ lengths fourth of 8 to Justified in Grade 2 novice at Punchestown following month, though eased when held.
 D. K. WELD, IRELAND B. J. Geraghty
 Purple, yellow cross of lorraine, purple cap (Dr R. Lambe)

h16v 126+G2
h16t 135+N

3 ALERON (IRE) 7 11-7 **129**
 b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – High Hawk (Shirley Heights) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 19s² 16d* 19g² 16g* 17g⁵ Feb 16] quite good-topped gelding: half-brother to winning pointer by Kings Lake: fair on Flat (effective at 1¼m, barely stays 2m): fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Wetherby in November and Musselburgh (beat Motive 6 lengths, pair well clear) in January: joint favourite, creditable fifth of 13 to Far Pavilions in handicap at latter course last time: stays 19f: raced on good going or softer: races prominently.
 J. J. QUINN R. Garrity
 White, royal blue hoop, white sleeves, royal blue stars, red cap (Mr Grahame Liles)

h17g 129 119
h16g 127+N
h19g 129 N
h16s 110 N
h19s 114+N

4 ARCALIS 5 11-7 **151**
 gr.g. Lear Fan (USA) – Aristocratique (Cadeaux Genereux) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16s* 16g* 16g⁴ 16d³ Feb 12] close-coupled gelding: useful on Flat (stays 1½m), won both starts in 2004, including John Smith's Cup in July: won novices at Ayr and Newcastle easily first 2 starts over hurdles: has made serious mistakes both starts since, easily better effort when 22 lengths equal-fourth of 7 to Harchibald in Grade 1 at Kempton: will probably prove best around 2m: raced on good going or softer over hurdles.
 J. HOWARD JOHNSON G. Lee
 Black and beige (halved), chevrons on sleeves, beige cap (Andrea & Graham Wylie)

h16d 125+N
h16g 151 G1
h16t 125+N
h16s 122+N

5 CHERUB (GER) 5 11-7 (tongue strap) **148**
 b.g. Winged Love (IRE) – Chalkidiki (GER) (Nebos (GER)) [2003/4 16g⁴ 16s² 17g⁴ 16g :: 2004/5 16g* 17s* 16s² Dec 17] compact gelding: useful novice hurdler: won first 2 starts this season, namely Grade 1 Colm McEvoy Auctioneers Champion 4-Y-O Hurdle at Punchestown (by a short head from Made In Japan) in late-April and amateur novice at Market Rasen in November: back to very best when 4 lengths second to Marcel in Grade 2 at Windsor next time, beginning to look held when mistake 2 out: raced around 2m: tongue tied since debut: takes good hold.
 JONJO O'NEILL M. A. Fitzgerald
 Emerald green, white sleeves, emerald green armlets, emerald green cap, white stars (Atlantic Joinery Limited)

h16s 147 G2
h17s 130+NA
h16g 138+G1
h16g 130 G2
h17g 148 G1
h16s 130 N

6 CHILLING PLACE (IRE) 6 11-7 **146**
 ch.g. Moscow Society (USA) – Ethel's Dream (Relkino) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16g* 17s* 17d* 16d³ Jan 8] lengthy gelding: second foal: dam poor form in bumpers: won maiden Irish point in May: useful novice hurdler: won at Wincanton in October, Exeter in November and Cheltenham (5/2-on, made most and rallied to lead again last when beating Va Vavoom by 1¼ lengths) in December: good 6 lengths third of 9 to Marcel in Grade 1 at Sandown last time, making running and still in second when stumbling after last: will stay beyond 17f: raced only on good going or softer.
 P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
 Dark green and white diamonds, white sleeves (Mr M. J. Tuckey)

h16d 142+G1
h17d 137+N
h17s 137+N
h16g 132+N

7 DUSKY WARBLER 6 11-7 **141**
 br.g. Ezzoud (IRE) – Bronzewing (Beldale Flutter (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16s* 20v³ 17v* Feb 15] half-brother to fair hurdler Minivet (by Midyan) and poor hurdler Snowy Petrel (by Petorius), both of whom stay 2¾m: useful on Flat (stays 2¼m), sold out of M. Bell's stable 68,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: winner of 2 of 3 starts in novice hurdles, at Leicester in January and Folkestone in February, showing useful form when beating Jair Ohmsford 10 lengths for latter success: let down by jumping in between: should stay 2½m.
 G. L. MOORE J. E. Moore
 Light green, orange sleeves and cap (Mike Charlton And Rodger Sargent)

h17v 141 N
h20v 121 N
h16s 125+N

8 JUSTIFIED (IRE) 6 11-7 **154**
 b. or br.g. Leading Counsel (USA) – Monkeylane (Monksfield) [2003/4 F16d² :: 2004/5 F16v* 16s² 16v* 16s² 16d⁴ 16s* 16v* Jan 30] lengthy gelding: encouraging second in bumper at Fairyhouse prior to winning similar event at Sligo later in April: smart novice hurdler: won maiden at Galway (by 11 lengths from Blazing Liss) in October, listed event at Punchestown (made all to beat Kerryhead Windfarm 3 lengths) in December and Grade 2 Byrne Group PLC Novice Hurdle at Punchestown in January: put up the best performance by an Irish novice this season when beating Blazing Liss impressively by 14 lengths in 8-runner event for latest success, leading after 3 out and galloping on strongly: will stay beyond 2m: raced only on going softer than good (acts on heavy).
 E. SHEEHY, IRELAND J. R. Barry
 Maroon and white stripes, white sleeves, maroon cap, white spots (Braybrook Syndicate)

h16v 153+G2
h16s 134+L
h16d 142 G1
h16t 125+G3
h16v 129+N
h16s 118 N

9 MADIBA 6 11-7 **110**
 b.g. Emperor Jones (USA) – Priluki (Lycius (USA)) [2003/4 19spu :: 2004/5 19d⁵ 17v⁵ Jan 28] leggy gelding: fairly useful on all-weather Flat, modest on turf (stays 2m), creditable second Feb 24: modest novice hurdler: fifth to Pole Star in 18-runner event at Newbury on reappearance: stiff task, well held in handicap at Folkestone last time.
 P. HOWLING S. Durack
 Emerald green, large pink spots, pink cap (Eastwell Manor Racing Ltd)

h17v 102 105
h19d 110 N
h19s N

10 MANORSON (IRE) 6 11-7 **144 P**
 ch.g. Desert King (IRE) – Familiar (USA) (Diesis) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 19d⁵ 17g* 17d* Feb 1] strong, compact gelding: useful on Flat (stays 1½m) at 3 yrs for D. Arbuthnot, missed 2003 and sold out of M. Magnusson's stable 55,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: confirmed encouraging debut over hurdles when winning novices at Taunton, leading 3 out and coasting home after last when beating Space Star 13 lengths on latest outing: likely to prove best around 2m for time being: useful hurdler in the making.
 O. SHERWOOD J. A. McCarthy
 Royal blue, white hollow box, halved sleeves (Byrne Bros (Formwork) Limited)

h17d 133+N
h17g 122+N
h19d 110+N

**11 MARCEL (FR)**

5 11-7

b.g. Bateau Rouge – Une Risetete (FR) (Air du Nord (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 17s² 18s³ 16d* 19d* 19m* 18m* 16s* 16d* 16g* 16s² 16s* 16d* 17v³ Feb 13] rather leggy gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to winning 2m hurdler Indecise (by Cyborg): dam, fairly useful chaser/winning hurdler, stayed 2³/₄m: runner-up over 12.5f on second of 2 starts on Flat: placed both starts in 4-y-o hurdles at Auteuil: sold out of F. Cottin's stable €125,000 Goffs July Sale: won 9 of 11 starts in novices in Britain, including Grade 2s at Cheltenham (Sharp Novices' Hurdle, beat Baby Run 2¹/₂ lengths) and Windsor (Kennel Gate Novices' Hurdle, beat Cherub 4 lengths) and Grade 1 ladbrokes.com Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown: beat It's Just Harry 2 lengths in 9-runner event at last-named, leading before last: also successful at Stratford, Newton Abbot, Hereford, Fontwell, Kempton (listed event) and Newbury: stays 19f: acts on soft and good to firm going, well below form on heavy last time: usually front runner/races prominently (held up at Cheltenham and Windsor): extremely tough.

M. C. PIPE

T. J. Murphy

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

**12 MY WAY DE SOLZEN (FR)**

5 11-7

b.g. Assessor (IRE) – Agathe de Solzen (FR) (Chamberlin (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c17g^{pu} 17s² 16g* 17g* 16d⁵ 17v* Feb 13] tall, strong gelding: chaser in the making: first foal: dam, winner around 13f on Flat, won several times over fences up to around 2¹/₂m: pulled up on chasing debut: runner-up in 4-y-o hurdle at Clairefontaine following month, then left A. Lamotte d'Argy: has quickly developed into useful novice hurdler in Britain, winning at Leicester in November, Bangor in December and listed event at Exeter in February: best effort when making all in last-named, beating Give Me Love 27 lengths: hampered fourth when 6¹/₂ lengths fifth of 9 to Marcel in Grade 1 at Sandown penultimate start: will stay beyond 2m: acts on heavy going.

A. KING

R. Thornton

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

**13 ONLY VINTAGE (USA)**

5 11-7

b.g. Diesis – Wild Vintage (USA) (Alysheba (USA)) [2003/4 F16v⁶ F16d⁴ F16g* F16g :: 2004/5 17s^F 16d* 19s* Jan 5] angular gelding: progressive form in bumpers for M. Hourigan, winning at Leopardstown and seventh to Total Enjoyment in Champion Bumper (failed to settle held up) at Cheltenham: looked good prospect when winning both completed starts over hurdles, maiden at Newbury (beat Moonstream 4 lengths) and novice at Hereford (by 8 lengths from stable-companion Smart Mover), travelling smoothly each time: stays 19f: likely to progress and win more races.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

J. Culloty

Purple, primrose diamond, collar and sleeves, quartered cap (Lady Bamford & Alice Bamford)

**14 PERFECT STORM**

6 11-7

(tongue strap)

b.g. Vettori (IRE) – Gorgeous Dancer (IRE) (Nordico (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 17d² Feb 1] smallish gelding: useful on Flat (stays 1¹/₂m), below form last 3 starts, leaving M. Blanshard after latest: 11/8 favourite, 1/2-length second to Noble Request in novice hurdle at Taunton, chased leaders and kept on well for pressure: likely to stay beyond 17f: should improve.

M. C. PIPE

T. Scudamore

Yellow and royal blue diablo, yellow sleeves, maroon armlets, maroon cap (The Newchange Syndicate)

**15 PRINS WILLEM (IRE)**

6 11-7

(tongue strap)

b.g. Alzao (USA) – American Garden (USA) (Alleged (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16d* 16d² 16d² Feb 12] good-topped gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1³/₄m), mostly creditable efforts in 2004: won novice at Huntingdon on hurdling debut in November with something to spare by 2¹/₂ lengths from Salsalino: progressive in similar events since, 2 lengths second to Voy Por Ustedes there in January and neck second to Clear Thinking at Newbury in February: will stay beyond 2m: capable of further improvement.

J. R. FANSHAWE

A. P. McCoy

Orange, white halved sleeves (Mr Chris van Hoorn)

153

h17v 119+L
h16d 148+G1
h16s 151+G2
h16s 141 L
h16g 144+N
h16d 151 G2

**16 PUBLICAN (IRE)**

5 11-7

b.g. Overbury (IRE) – Night Therapy (IRE) (Mandalus) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16g F16s³ F16v* F16d³ F16s* 16v³ 16s* Feb 20] tall, good sort: has scope: first foal: dam well held in 2 bumpers: useful form in bumpers, successful at Galway (beat Haggie Twins a neck) in October and Navan in December, beating below-form Dawadari 3¹/₂ lengths in Grade 2 at latter course: creditable third to Albert Mooney at Fairyhouse in between: has shaped encouragingly both starts in maiden hurdles, landing odds in 23-runner event at Naas on latest start with plenty in hand by 7 lengths from Lepidus: raced at 2m on good going or softer: remains capable of better.

P. A. FAHY, IRELAND

R. Walsh

Black, white sleeves, yellow and red quartered cap (Outback Syndicate)

**17 SHUHOOD (USA)**

5 11-7

b.g. Kingmambo (USA) – Nifty (USA) (Roberto (USA)) [2003/4 16g³ 16g :: 2004/5 16m* 16d* 16d³ 20d⁴ Dec 3] close-coupled gelding: fairly useful on Flat (should stay 1¹/₂m): successful over hurdles in 4-y-o novice at Ludlow in April and novice at Haydock in October, readily beating Roman Ark by 5 lengths at latter: back up in class, useful form when third of 9 to Marcel in Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham penultimate start, pulling well clear of rest: upped in trip, respectable 3¹/₂ lengths fourth to Ladalko in similar event at Sandown next time: stays 2¹/₂m.

P. R. WEBBER

T. Doyle

Royal blue, white triple diamond, checked sleeves, royal blue cap, white diamond (Mr & Mrs M. J. Dowd)

**18 STAN (NZ)**

6 11-7

b.g. Super Imposing (NZ) – Take Care (NZ) (Wham (AUS)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 19v³ 16s² 17v⁴ 19g* 16d² Jan 1] compact gelding: has run 4 times on Flat in New Zealand, winning over 1¹/₄m in July: fair form over hurdles: won 16-runner novice at Catterick in December by 2 lengths from Aleron, leading approaching last: good second of 9 to Debbie in handicap at same course last time: not sure to stay beyond 19f: acts on heavy going: patiently ridden.

R. C. GUEST

H. Oliver

Dark blue, pink and dark blue hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mr Paul Beck)

**19 VILLON (IRE)**

6 11-7

b.g. Topanoora – Deep Adventure (Deep Run) [2003/4 F17d* :: 2004/5 F16s* 16v* 20v* Dec 27] good sort: half-brother to several winners, including winning 2m hurdlers Windgap Hill and Deep C Diva (both by Supreme Leader): dam, unraced half-sister to several winners, including useful jumpers Denys Adventure and Miss Boon: successful both starts in bumpers (smart form), at Carlisle (beat Blairgowrie 18 lengths) in April and Haydock (despite hanging left final 2f) in November: also unbeaten in 2 novice hurdles, at Hexham in November and Ayr (better effort when beating Bewleys Berry 5 lengths) in December: stays 2¹/₂m: good prospect.

L. LUNGO

A. Dobbin

Dark blue and white diamonds, white sleeves, red cap (Mr R. A. Bartlett)

**20 WILD PASSION (GER)**

5 11-7

b.g. Acatenango (GER) – White On Red (GER) (Konigsstuhl (GER)) [2003/4 16d² 17g^F :: 2004/5 16d² 16s* 16d* 16d⁴ Jan 8] tall, good-topped gelding: useful on Flat (stays 1³/₄m): useful novice hurdler: won Grade 3 at Navan and Grade 1 Betfair Royal Bond Novices' Hurdle at Fairyhouse, both in November: improved effort when beating Rocket Ship 3 lengths in latter, finding plenty after leading 2 out: respectable 6 lengths fourth of 9 to Marcel in Grade 1 at Sandown last time: likely to stay beyond 2m: raced only on good going or softer.

N. MEADE, IRELAND

P. Carberry

Purple, gold sleeves, hooped cap (Mr D. P. Sharkey)

134 p

h16s 121+N
h16v 120+N
F16s 119+G2
F16d 118 W
F16v 118 W
F16s 105 WA

145

h20d 145 G2
h16d 145 G2
h16d 133+N
h16m 110+N
h16g 131 G2
h16g 134 G2

124

h16d 118 113
h19g 124 N
h17v 120 N
h16s 109+N
h19v 107+N

147 p

h20v 124+N
h16v 116+N
F16s 113+W
F17d 129 W

145

h16d 142 G1
h16d 144+G1
h16s 123+G3
h16d 139 N
h17g 140 G1
h16d 140 G3

**21 DALRIATH**

6 11-0

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b.m. Fraam – Alsiba (Northfields (USA)) [2003/4 16v 17dF :: 2004/5 17g^F 17g⁴ 17d⁶ 17dpu 16d⁵ 16g^{pu} 16g* 16d 16d⁵ 16d⁶ 16s² 16g^{ur} 16g^{bd} Mar 9] lengthy mare: poor on Flat (stays 1½m): modest hurdler: soon clear when winning maiden at Catterick in December, beating Italiano 9 lengths: good second to Jockser in handicap at Huntingdon: has set overly-strong pace both outings since: will prove best at 2m: raced on good going or softer (acts on soft): saddle slipped fourth and sixth outings: makes running/races prominently.

h16g + N
h16g + 94
h16s 109 88
h16d 103 N
h16d 98+N
h16d 88A

M. C. CHAPMAN

C. M. Studd

Emerald green and yellow diamonds, white sleeves, yellow cap, emerald green star (Mr Michael B. Gielty)

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

1999	162	Hors La Loi III 4-11-0: 9/2	M C Pipe	<i>A P McCoy</i>	20
2000	143	Sausalito Bay 6-11-8: 14/1	N Meade (Ir)	<i>P Carberry</i>	15
2001		Abandoned			
2002	138	Like-A-Butterfly 8-11-3: 7/4	C Roche (Ir)	<i>C F Swan</i>	28
2003	151	Back In Front 6-11-8: 3/1	E J O'Grady (Ir)	<i>N Williamson</i>	19
2004	147	Brave Inca 6-11-7: 7/2	C A Murphy (Ir)	<i>B M Cash</i>	19

* 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
2.00	6	CHILLING PLACE (IRE)	1			1
2.00	11	MARCEL (FR)	1 (1 CD)			1
2.35	2	CONTRABAND	1	1		4
2.35	10	THE LAST CAST	1		1	2
2.35	15	MADE IN JAPAN (JPN)	1			1
2.35	17	MONDUL (GER)	1			3
2.35	18	MY WILL (FR)	1		1	3
3.15	1	ACCORDION ETOILE (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			1
3.15	2	AL EILE (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			2
3.15	4	BACK IN FRONT (IRE)	3 (1 CD)		1	4
3.15	5	BRAVE INCA (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			1
3.15	8	HARDY EUSTACE (IRE)	2 (1 CD)	1		3
3.15	12	ROOSTER BOOSTER	4 (2 CD)	3		11
3.15	14	SELF DEFENSE	1 (1 CD)	1		4
4.00	3	MARLBOROUGH (IRE)	2		1	6
4.00	7	HUSSARD COLLONGES (FR)	1 (1 CD)			2
4.00	9	TIKRAM	1	4		8
4.00	10	IRIS BLEU (FR)	1 (1 CD)	2		3
4.00	12	JAKARI (FR)	1		1	5
4.00	13	FRENCHMAN'S CREEK	2 (1 CD)	1	2	7
4.00	14	WHEREAREYOUNOW (IRE)	2 (1 CD)		1	12
4.00	15	SPRING GROVE (IRE)	1	1		3
4.00	17	NATIVE EMPEROR	2			5
4.40	1	SPOT THEDIFFERENCE (IRE)	2 (2 CD)		1	5
4.40	2	LORD NOELIE (IRE)	2		1	11
4.40	7	UN JOUR A VASSY (FR)	2	1	1	7
4.40	8	VILLAGE KING (IRE)	3	1	1	10
4.40	15	FAMFONI (FR)	1 (1 CD)	1	1	7

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

£140,000 5yo+

**1 ASHLEY BROOK (IRE)**

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ch.g. Magical Wonder (USA) – Seamill (IRE) (Lafontaine (USA)) [2003/4 17g* 17d² 19s* 19s³ 21m⁵ :: 2004/5 c17s* c21d* c16v² c20g⁴ Feb 5] strong gelding: type to make a chaser: fairly useful hurdler: made most encouraging start over fences, making all in 4-finisher novices at Exeter (smart effort, by 25 lengths from Backbeat) and Newton Abbot (beat Indien Royal by distance), jumping particularly fluently both times: creditable efforts since, setting no more than fair pace when ½-length second to My Will in Grade 2 novice at Uttoxeter in January and strong one when over 2 lengths fourth of 5 to El Vaquero in Grade 1 novice at Sandown (rallying when mistakes last 2): stays 21f: acts on heavy going, possibly not ideally suited by firmer than good: usually front runner.

K. BISHOP

P. J. Brennan

Dark blue, white diamond, white cap, dark blue spots (Mrs E. K. Ellis)

c20g 153+G1
c16v 155+G2
c21d 153 N
c17s 156 N
h21m' 128 N
h19s' 132+N

**2 CONTRABAND**

7 11-7

154

b.g. Red Ransom (USA) – Shortfall (Last Tycoon) [2003/4 16g³ 17m* 16m* 16g* 16v² 16g 21g 16g² 17m* :: 2004/5 c16s² c16d² c16d* c16v³ Jan 22] good-topped gelding: useful novice hurdler in 2003/4: already as good over fences, won Grade 2 Sodexo Prestige Henry VIII Novices' Chase at Sandown in December by 5 lengths from The Last Cast, running on well after leading last: placed in similar events start either side, second to impressive Fundamentalist at Cheltenham and third to My Will at Uttoxeter (more patiently ridden than usual): likely to prove best around 2m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually free-going front runner.

M. C. PIPE

T. J. Murphy

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

c16v 154 G2
c16d 154 G2
c16d 154 G2
c16s 141 L
h17m' 141 N
h16g' 152 G2

**3 KADOUNT (FR)**

7 11-7

147

b.g. Our Account (USA) – Une de Lann (FR) (Spoleto) [2003/4 16g* 16s* 16d* 16g 16spu :: 2004/5 c16s² c20d² c21d³ c17s* c16v⁴ c16d* Feb 19] strong, good-bodied gelding: useful hurdler in 2003/4: similar form over fences this season: won novice at Plumpton in January and Grade 2 coralpoker.com Kingmaker Novices' Chase at Wincanton in February, beat only other finisher Roofing Spirit 6 lengths with plenty in hand in latter: also good fourth of 6 to My Will in Grade 2 novice at Uttoxeter penultimate start, fading after 2 out having been going best: effective at 2m to 21f: raced on good going or softer.

A. KING

R. Thornton

White, large black spots, black cap (Elite Racing Club)

c16d 131+G2
c16v 147 G2
c17s 142+N
c21d 146 W
c20d 143 W
c16s 124+W

**4 LIMERICK BOY (GER)**

7 11-7

157

b.g. Alwuhush (USA) – Limoges (GER) (Konigsstuhl (GER)) [2003/4 16g² 16dpu 16g* 16g^{ur} 16g 16d 16dF :: 2004/5 c17d³ c17s³ c16d* c16v^F c19v² c20s* Feb 26] close-coupled gelding: useful hurdler, won Tote Scoop6 Lanzarote Hurdle (Handicap) at Kempton in 2003/4: similar form over fences, best effort when winning Grade 2 Pendil Novices' Chase at Kempton by 12 lengths from eased Laccoudal, always in first 2 and running on well in straight: earlier won 5-runner maiden at Leicester in January: stays 2½m: raced on good ground or softer (acts on heavy).

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

S. Thomas

Dark blue, white star, red sleeves, white stars, red cap, white star (Favourites Racing)

c20s 157 G2
c19v 143+N
c16v N
c16d 139+W
c17s 129 N
c17d 147 W

**5 NED KELLY (IRE)**

9 11-7

ch.g. Be My Native (USA) – Silent Run (Deep Run) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c17v³ c17v³ c20s* Feb 19] big, strong gelding: high-class hurdler: won Grade 1 AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown in 2001/2: looked in need of race when distant third of 5 in Grade 1 at Fairyhouse (finished lame) only outing in 2002/3: better effort in Grade 1 novice chases when 11 lengths third of 8 to Ulaan Baatar at Leopardstown (still carrying plenty of condition and heavily bandaged in front) penultimate start, again jumping right and weakening run-in having travelled strongly: simple task when easily landing odds in maiden at Fairyhouse last time, jumping well and making all: best at 2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: reportedly bled once in 2001/2: capable of better yet over fences.

E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND
Dark blue (Mrs John Magnier)

D. N. Russell

157 p

c20s 125+W
c17v 153+G1
c17v 135+G1

**6 RIVER CITY (IRE)**

8 11-7

b.g. Norwich – Shuil Na Lee (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2003/4 16m* :: 2004/5 16m c16g* c17g* c16g* c16d* c16s* Oct 24] fairly useful hurdler: won well-contested handicap at Chepstow in late-2003/4 on first outing for nearly 13 months: unbeaten over fences in novices at Worcester (by 8 lengths from Westender) and Stratford in July, Newton Abbot (2) in August and Aintree in October: best effort when beating Contraband by 2 lengths in 3-finisher listed event at Aintree, patiently ridden and leading between last 2, idling run-in: should stay at least 2½m: acts on any going: probably hasn't finished improving over fences.

NOEL T. CHANCE T. Doyle
Royal blue, white stars, red and white striped sleeves, white cap, royal blue stars (Mrs S. Rowley-Williams & Partners)

147 p

c16s 147+L
c16d 130+N
c16g 136+N
c17g 115+N
c16g 125+N
h16m 135 135

**7 SIR OJ (IRE)**

8 11-7

(blinkers)

br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Fox Glen (Furry Glen) [2003/4 18s* 22d² 22s⁴ 20d :: 2004/5 17g* c17s* c17v* c16d* c17v^{ur} c17v⁵ Jan 23] close-coupled gelding: fairly useful hurdler: improved form when winning intermediate at Killarney in May: successful first 3 starts over fences, maiden at Gowran and Grade 3 novice at Galway (beat Kickham 5 lengths) in October and Grade 2 novice at Punchestown (reluctant approaching first, beat Mariah Rollins 2 lengths) in November: would also have won Grade 1 novice at Leopardstown penultimate start but for unseating last, about 4 lengths clear of Mariah Rollins at time: below form in Grade 1 novice at Leopardstown last time: best form around 2m: raced on good going or softer: blinkered last 2 outings.

N. MEADE, IRELAND M. A. Fitzgerald
Maroon and pink check (Mr Brian Keenan)

152

c17v 150 G1
c17v 152+G1
c16d 150 G2
c17v 143 G3
c17s 139 W
h17g 140 W

**8 STEEL BAND**

7 11-7

b.g. Kris – Quaver (USA) (The Minstrel (CAN)) [2003/4 16d³ 16d² 16s⁴ 16s³ 16s* 16s² 16d⁵ 16d :: 2004/5 16g⁶ 20v⁶ c17s^F c18v* c16d⁵ c17v² c17v^{ur} c16v² c16v³ Feb 13] workmanlike gelding: fair handicap hurdler: useful novice chaser: won at Clonmel in October: improved form when 4 lengths second of 10 to Mariah Rollins in Grade 1 at Leopardstown and 2½ lengths second of 5 to Moscow Flyer in Grade 3 at Punchestown: poor effort when remote third of 4 finishers to Watson Lake in Grade 2 novice at Navan latest start: best around 2m: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

PAUL A. ROCHE, IRELAND G. T. Hutchinson
Emerald green, white stripe, striped sleeves, emerald green and yellow striped cap (Irish World's Partners Syndicate)

144

c16v 103 G2
c16v 144 G3
c17v 144+G1
c17v 144 G1
c16d 131 G2
c18v 133+N

**9 SUPREME DEVELOPER (IRE)**

8 11-7

(cheekpieces)

b.g. Supreme Leader – Bettys The Boss (IRE) (Deep Run) [2003/4 16g :: 2004/5 16g 18m² c20d² c20d² c16g* c16d² c16d² Feb 18] well-made gelding: smart in bumpers in 2001/2: fair hurdler: left A. Mullins and off 6 months after second start: useful novice chaser: won at Newcastle in December: runner-up on other starts, best effort when beaten neck by L'Ange Au Ciel in handicap at Sandown last time, every chance when mistake last: stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: jumps hurdles none too fluently: wears cheekpieces first time today.

FERDY MURPHY
Royal blue, white hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mrs A. N. Durkan)

B. Harding

144

c16d 144 127
c16d 135 N
c16g 142+N
c20d 134 W
c20d 132 W
h18m 124 W

**10 THE LAST CAST**

6 11-7

ch.g. Prince of Birds (USA) – Atan's Gem (USA) (Sharpen Up) [2003/4 16g 17d⁶ 21g* 20d :: 2004/5 20s⁴ c16v* c16d² c16s Feb 9] workmanlike gelding: useful handicap hurdler: improved effort when fourth to Mistanoora in valuable event at Chepstow on reappearance: better form again first 2 starts over fences, won 3-finisher maiden at Uttoxeter (going the better when left well clear by fall of Hasty Prince 3 out) in November and 5 lengths second of 4 finishers to Contraband in Grade 2 novice at Sandown in December, jumping well each time: dropped right away after 2-month break last time: stays 21f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

H. MORRISON T. Scudamore
Dark blue, yellow star, hooped sleeves and star on cap (Mr D. P. Barrie)

149

c16s + N
c16d 149 G2
c16v 149 W
h20s 144 127
h20d 135 127
h21g 133 119

**11 TOWN CRIER (IRE)**

10 11-7

br.g. Beau Sher – Ballymacarett (Menelek) [2003/4 16m* 17m^F 16d* :: 2004/5 16d* c16s* c16d² c16d^F c16v* c16d³ c16s* Feb 19] tall gelding: successful on 3 of 4 completed starts over hurdles, off 14 months before winning 18-runner handicap at Kelso by 3 lengths from The Biker: better form over fences, winning 7-runner maiden at Wetherby in October, 3-finisher novice at Newcastle (looked held until left clear by fall of Mondul 2 out) in January and 6-finisher handicap at Haydock in February: best effort when beating Ghadames 3 lengths for latest success, though about to be challenged strongly by Bambi de L'Orme when that one fell last: should stay beyond 2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: sound jumper.

MRS S. J. SMITH D. Elsworth
Emerald green and yellow (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Trevor Hemmings)

154

c16s 154 134
c16d 120 N
c16v 133+N
c16d + N
c16d 154 N
c16s 124+W

**12 ULAAN BAATAR (IRE)**

8 11-7

b. or br.g. Jackson's Drift (USA) – Leinster Lady (IRE) (Lord Chancellor (USA)) [2003/4 F16m⁵ F16d* F16d² 20s* 20d⁶ :: 2004/5 20m c16v* c17v* c16v² Feb 13] tall, close-coupled gelding: useful in bumpers: fair form in 3 starts over hurdles: most promising start over fences, winning maiden at Punchestown (by 11 lengths from Kahuna) and Grade 1 Baileys Arkle Perpetual Challenge Cup Novices' Chase at Leopardstown in January: smart form when beating Foreman 9 lengths in 8-runner event at latter, jumping soundly and leading last, roused clear run-in: tied up badly after blundering 3 out when 20 lengths second of 4 finishers to Watson Lake in Grade 2 novice at Navan 3 weeks later (reportedly scoped dirty after): will stay beyond 2½m: acts on heavy going.

MRS J. HARRINGTON, IRELAND B. J. Geraghty
Yellow, royal blue hoop and armllets, white cap, royal blue star (J. O'Flaherty)

163

c16v 134 C2
c17v 163 G1
c16v 146 W
h20m 117 W
h20d 112 G2
h20s 119+N

**13 WAR OF ATTRITION (IRE)**

6 11-7

br.g. Presenting – Una Juna (IRE) (Good Thyne (USA)) [2003/4 16d² 16g 16d* 16s* 20s 16g² :: 2004/5 c22d* c16v* Feb 5] strong, sturdy gelding: smart novice hurdler in 2003/4, neck second of 19 to Brave Inca in Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham final start: justified favouritism on both starts over fences, in maiden at Thurles in November and novice at Naas in February: beat Healy's Pub easily by 4 lengths in 12-runner event at latter, jumping left early but leading on bridle after 2 out: stays 2¾m: raced on good going or softer (yet to race on heavy): sure to continue to progress over fences.

M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND C. O'Dwyer
Maroon, white disc and armllets, maroon cap, pink star (Gigginstown House Stud)

149 p

c16v 134+N
c22d 128+W
h16g 161 G1
h20s 117 G3
h16s 128+W
h16d 115 N

**14 WATSON LAKE (IRE)**

7 11-7

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Magneeto (IRE) (Brush Aside (USA)) [2003/4 19d² 18d² 18s* 20d* 18s⁶ :: 2004/5 20g c17s* c20d* c16v* Feb 13] tall, good sort: useful novice over hurdles in 2003/4: successful all 3 starts over fences, maiden at Navan (impressively by 6 lengths from Fota Island), Grade 1 Pierser Group Drinmore Novices' Chase at Fairyhouse (all out after blunders 3 out and next when beating Forget The Past 3 lengths) in November and Grade 2 Flyingbolt Novices' Chase again at Navan in February, easily pulling clear of Ulaan Baatar after latter blundered 3 out and winning by 20 lengths: effective at testing 2m, bred to stay beyond 2½m: acts on heavy going, disappointing on good in Grade 1 novice at Punchestown in April: free-going sort, has made running over fences: open to further improvement.

N. MEADE, IRELAND P. Carberry
Light tan, red hoop, black sleeves, red hoop, red cap (Mr John Corr)

153 p

c16v 153 G2
c20d 142+G1
c17s 145+W
h20g 127 G1
h18s 147 G1
h20d 137+G3



15 MADE IN JAPAN (JPN) 5 11-2 **144**
 b.g. Baratheia (IRE) – Darryer (Darshaan) [2003/4 16d³ 17s³ 16s* 17g* 16g² :: 2004/5 16g² c16g* c16d³ c16d⁴ Jan 15] tall, useful-looking gelding with scope: useful juvenile hurdler in 2003/4, won twice, notably Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham; also ran well when narrowly defeated in Grade 2 at Aintree and Grade 1 at Punchestown: fairly useful form first 2 starts over fences, jumping well and landing odds impressively in novice at Kempton on debut in November and 10 lengths third of 4 finishers to Contraband in Grade 2 at Sandown: disappointing favourite when last of 4 finishers in novice at Kempton latest start, jumping with little confidence: will probably stay beyond 2m: tends to wander under pressure.
 P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
Dark blue and yellow stripes (Mr Terry Evans)

c16d 125 N
 c16d 144 G2
 c16g 133+N
 h16g 143+G1
 h16g 157 G2
 h17g 157 G1



16 MAMBO DES MOTTES (FR) 5 11-2 **133 +**
 b.g. Useful (FR) – Julie Des Mottes (FR) (Puma Des Mottes (FR)) [2003/4 17s 17s³ :: 2004/5 c18g* c18d* c20d³ Feb 18] neat ex-French gelding: successful 3 times up to 1½m on Flat: modest form on second of 2 starts over hurdles: won first 2 starts over fences, at Cluny in August and Craon (4-y-o event) in September: left E. Lecoiffier, fair form when 14½ lengths third of 5 finishers to Chauvinist in novice at Sandown on British debut, not fluent at times and fading from 3 out.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS A. O'Keefe
Royal blue, white epaulets, checked sleeves (John Nicholls/Roy Robbins/David Nash)

c20d 133+N
 h17s 114 W
 h17s W



17 MONDUL (GER) 5 11-2 **132**
 b.g. Colon (GER) – Morgenrote (EG) (Aveiro) [2003/4 16g* 16s* 16s² 17d* 16g⁵ 17g 16d⁶ 19s² :: 2004/5 19s³ 19d^{pu} 21d⁶ c16v^F c16v^F c16v⁵ c17s² c18d* c17v³ Mar 5] leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler in 2003/4: fairly useful novice chaser: best effort when winning 6-runner event at Fontwell by 1¼ lengths from Sleep Bal, kicking for home after ninth and holding on all out: every chance when only respectable third of 5 finishers to Stormy Lord at Kelso following month: stays 19f: possibly suited by going softer than good (acts on heavy): has worn off-side prickler: races prominently.
 M. F. HARRIS S. Durack
Dark blue, yellow cross belts, yellow sleeves, dark blue stars and stars on cap (Partners In Crime)

c17v 129+N
 c18d 132 N
 c17s 125 W
 c17v G2
 c16v 131+N
 c16v 124+N



18 MY WILL (FR) 5 11-2 **155**
 b.g. Saint Preuil (FR) – Gleep Will (FR) (Laniste) [2003/4 16d* 16s* 16s² 16g³ :: 2004/5 16g c17v* c16g^{ur} c16d* c16d³ c20s² c21d* c16v* Jan 22] tall, leggy, close-coupled gelding: fairly useful hurdler: useful novice chaser: successful on 4 of 6 completed starts, at Market Rasen in October and Warwick in November (jumping well and impressive on both occasions) and Grade 2 events at Cheltenham (beat only other finisher El Vaquero by 4 lengths in Dipper Novices' Chase) and Uttoxeter (by ½ length from Ashley Brook in Lightning Novices' Chase) in January: effective at 2m under testing conditions, will probably stay 3m: acts on heavy going.
 P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (Mrs J. Stewart)

c16v 155 G2
 c21d 154 G2
 c20s 154+G2
 c16d 146 G2
 c16d 138+N
 c16g N



19 MARIAH ROLLINS (IRE) 7 11-0 **150**
 b. or br.m. Over The River (FR) – Clonloo Lady (IRE) (Nearly A Nose (USA)) [2003/4 F20d² 16m* 16m* 16d² 16d* 18s³ 16g^{ur} :: 2004/5 c20s* c16d² c17v* Dec 26] lengthy, narrow mare: useful novice hurdler in 2003/4: quickly reached similar level over fences, winning maiden at Down Royal in November and 10-runner Grade 1 Durkan New Homes Novice Chase at Leopardstown in December: beat Steel Band 4 lengths in latter, looking held when left clear by Sir Oj's last-fence exit: would have beaten Sir Oj in Grade 2 novice at Punchestown in between but for bad mistake last: should prove suited by 2½m+: acts on soft and good to firm going.
 P. A. FAHY, IRELAND D. J. Casey
Orange, black hoop, chevrons on sleeves, quartered cap (Gone West Racing Syndicate)

c17v 150 G1
 c16d 147+G2
 c20s 120+W
 h16g 144+G1
 h18s 151 G1
 h16d 154 G2

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1 ACCORDION ETOILE (IRE) 6 11-10 **164 +**
 b.g. Accordion – Royal Thimble (IRE) (Prince Rupert (FR)) [2003/4 F16s* 20m* 16m* 16d⁵ :: 2004/5 16m* 16g* 16s² 16d* 16v⁵ Jan 23] strong, lengthy, good sort: fifth in 1¾m maiden on Flat debut in June: smart hurdler, successful on 5 of 8 starts: won minor events at Punchestown in May and Tipperary (by 6 lengths from Grimes) in July, and valuable Greatwood Hurdle (Handicap) at Cheltenham in November: always travelling strongly, led into straight and beat Westender by 3 lengths with something in hand at Cheltenham: not discredited when second of 4 to comfortable winner Solerina in Grade 1 at Tipperary third start: ran better than distance beaten suggests when fifth of 6 behind Macs Joy in Grade 1 at Leopardstown last time, jumping none too fluently and eased in straight: successful at 2½m, raced mainly at 2m: has form on soft/heavy going, possibly better under less testing conditions: patiently ridden, and has a turn of foot.
 PAUL NOLAN, IRELAND J. Cullen
Brown, pink star, sleeves and cap (Banjo Syndicate)

h16v 140 G1
 h16d 160+149
 h16s 162+G1
 h16g 157 W
 h16m 131+W
 h16d 123 G1



2 AL EILE (IRE) 5 11-10 **154 p**
 b.g. Alzao (USA) – Kilcsem Eile (IRE) (Commanche Run) [2003/4 16m* 16g* 16d² 17g 16g* :: 2004/5 16g 16s⁶ 16v³ 16d³ Feb 12] rather leggy gelding: useful on Flat (stays 2m), successful all 3 starts in 2004: similar form over hurdles: won 3 juveniles in 2003/4, including Grade 2 Unwins Wine Group Anniversary 4-y-o Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (beat Made In Japan ¾ length): good third to Essex in valuable handicaps at Leopardstown and Newbury last 2 starts, again staying on well from long way back when beaten 3 lengths at latter course: will stay beyond 2m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: capable of further improvement.
 J. QUEALLY, IRELAND T. J. Murphy
Dark blue, emerald green hoops, quartered cap (Mr M. A. Ryan)

h16d 152+138
 h16v 140+125
 h16s G1
 h16g 120 G1
 h16g 146 G2
 h17g 110 G1



3 ASTONVILLE (FR) 11 11-10 **?**
 b.g. Top Ville – Astonishing (BRZ) (Vacilante (ARG)) [2003/4 18s⁴ 19v³ :: 2004/5 c18s 20s⁴ 20d⁵ 20v c24s^{pu} Feb 26] lengthy ex-French gelding: very smart hurdler/useful chaser at one time, only fairly useful nowadays: claimed from M. Rolland €8,000 after second start: visored and off 5 months, very stiff tasks and soundly beaten all starts in Britain: stays 25f: raced mainly on soft/heavy going.
 M. SCUDAMORE T. Scudamore
Red, white star, black and red striped sleeves, red cap (Mr F. G. Wilson)

c24s 142
 h20v 135
 h20d W
 h20s 119 C
 c18s W
 h19v 139 W



4 BACK IN FRONT (IRE) 8 11-10 **174**
 br.g. Bob Back (USA) – Storm Front (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 16g* 16d² 16m² 16d* 16d⁵ :: 2004/5 16d² 17d* Dec 11] workmanlike gelding: high-class hurdler: fit from Flat (won 2m maiden in October), ran well when 1½ lengths second of 5 to Harchibald (rec. 5 lb) in Grade 2 at Punchestown on reappearance: favourite, won 7-runner Grade 2 totesport Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham following month by 4 lengths from Inglis Drever, getting on top before last having been waited with and soon clear: has won at 2½m, raced mainly around 2m: acts on heavy going, bumper winner on good to firm.
 E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND R. Walsh
Dark blue, emerald green seams, white cap (Mr D. Cox)

h17d 172+G2
 h16d 174 G2
 h16d 156 G1
 h16d 154+G2
 h16m 141+G1
 h16d 163 G1

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

1999	153	Flagship Uberalles 5-11-0: 11/1	P F Nicholls	J Tizzard	14
2000	152	Tiutchev 7-11-8: 8/1	N J Henderson	M A Fitzgerald	12
2001		Abandoned			
2002	159	Moscow Flyer 8-11-8: 11/2	Mrs J Harrington (Ir)	B J Geraghty	12
2003	158	Azertyuiop 6-11-8: 5/4	P F Nicholls	R Walsh	9
2004	146	Well Chief 5-11-3: 9/1	M C Pipe	A P McCoy	16

**5 BRAVE INCA (IRE)**

7 11-10

b.g. Good Thyne (USA) – Wigwam Mam (IRE) (Commanche Run) [2003/4 20d* 16s* 18s* 16g* :: 2004/5 16g* 16s² 20d² 16s² 16v² Jan 23] strong, good-bodied gelding: will make a chaser: has progressed into a high-class hurdler: won all 4 starts in 2003/4, including Grade 1 Deloitte Novice Hurdle at Leopardstown and Grade 1 Letheby & Christopher Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (beat War of Attrition by neck): also successful in Grade 1 Evening Herald Champion Novice Hurdle at Punchestown in April, all out to beat Royal Shakespeare a short head: further improvement when runner-up all 4 starts on return, behind Macs Joy (rec 10 lb) in intermediate at Down Royal in October, Solerina in Grade 1 at Fairyhouse (none too fluent) in November and Macs Joy again in 6-runner Grade 1s at Leopardstown in December (beaten 3 lengths) and January (went down by short head, blundered third and stayed on stoutly after looking held between last 2): will prove ideally suited by 2½m+: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

C. A. MURPHY, IRELAND

B. M. Cash

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

**6 ESSEX (IRE)**

5 11-10

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Knight's Baroness (Rainbow Quest (USA)) [2003/4 16d* 16d* :: 2004/5 16g³ 16v* 16d* Feb 12] leggy, angular gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 2m): successful on 4 of 5 starts over hurdles, including Piere Hurdle (Handicap) at Leopardstown in January and totesport Trophy Hurdle (Handicap) at Newbury in February: smart form to beat Bongo Fury 3 lengths in 25-runner event in latter, never far away and asserting run-in: likely to stay beyond 2m: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy): wore cheekpieces second to fourth starts: likely to do better still.

M. J. P. O'BRIEN, IRELAND

A. P. McCoy

Black, pink cross of lorraine, pink sleeves, black armlets, check cap (B.P.S. Syndicate)

**7 HARCHIBALD (FR)**

6 11-10

b.g. Perugino (USA) – Dame d'Harvard (USA) (Quest For Fame) [2003/4 16g* 16m⁴ 16g* 17d⁵ :: 2004/5 16g⁴ 16s³ 16d* 16d* 16g* Dec 26] rather leggy, useful-looking gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: top-class hurdler: much improved this season, winning Grade 2 Mongey Communications Morgiana Hurdle at Punchestown (by 1½ lengths from Back In Front), Grade 1 Pertemps 'Fighting Fifth' Hurdle at Newcastle (beat Inglis Drever by 2 lengths with plenty in hand) and Grade 1 Stan James Christmas Hurdle at Kempton: best effort when beating Rooster Booster by 1½ lengths at Kempton, coming from well back to collar long-time leader run-in (pair clear): raced around 2m: best form on good/good to soft ground: tongue tied earlier in career: carries head high, and has failed to go through with effort: held up.

N. MEADE, IRELAND

P. Carberry

Purple, gold sleeves, hooped cap (Mr D. P. Sharkey)

**8 HARDY EUSTACE (IRE)**

8 11-10

(blinkers)

b.g. Archway (IRE) – Sterna Star (Corvaro (USA)) [2003/4 20m² 16d 20d² 16s² 16g* :: 2004/5 16g* 20s² 16s³ 16v³ 16v* Feb 12] good-topped gelding: top-class hurdler: 33/1, best effort when winning 2004 Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham by 5 lengths from Rooster Booster, dictating pace and forging clear again run-in having been joined by runner-up at last: beat same rival by length in Emo Oil Champion Hurdle at Punchestown following month: off 7 months, has shaped as good as ever last 4 starts, second to Solerina in Grade 2 at Navan and third of 6 to Macs Joy in Grade 1s at Leopardstown in December and January (beaten short head and a head on latest occasion): simple task when landing odds in Grade 2 Red Mills Trial Hurdle at Gowran last time: effective at 2m to 21f: acts on heavy going: blinkered for last 2 wins and also third start this season: reliable.

D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND

C. O'Dwyer

Light blue, yellow hoop, white sleeves, light blue and white striped cap (Mr Laurence Byrne)

171

h16v 171 G1
h16s 171 G1
h20d 168 G1
h16s 168 W
h16g 154+G1
h16g 158+G1

**9 INTERSKY FALCON**

8 11-10

(blinkers and tongue strap)

167

h16d 159 G1
h16m 155 W
h20d 167 G1
h16g 167 G1
h16m 158 G2
h16g 167+G1

ch.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – I'll Try (Try My Best (USA)) [2003/4 16m* 16d³ 16g* 16m² 16g³ 20d⁴ 16m⁵ :: 2004/5 16d⁴ Nov 27] leggy gelding: very smart hurdler: won Grade 1 John James McManus Memorial Hurdle at Tipperary (by 12 lengths from Back In Front) and Grade 1 Jobs@Peremps City Christmas Hurdle at Kempton (by 2½ lengths from Rooster Booster) in 2003/4, both races for second year running: off 7 months (reportedly had breathing operation over summer), never travelling fluently when below-form fourth to Harchibald in Grade 1 at Newcastle on reappearance: stays 2½m when conditions aren't testing: acts on firm and soft going: blinkered: tongue tied 3 outings prior to reappearance: has idled: effective held up or making running: tough.

JONJO O'NEILL

A. Dobbin

White, dark blue and light green striped sleeves, light green cap (Interskyracing.com & Mrs Jonjo O'Neill)

**10 MACS JOY (IRE)**

6 11-10

174

h16v 171 G1
h16s 174 G1
h16d 166 G2
h16s 159+W
h16m 149+135
h16d 141+122

b.g. Religiously (USA) – Snob's Supreme (IRE) (Supreme Leader) [2003/4 F16d* F16m³ 16g⁵ 16m² 16d 18d* 16s² 16s² 16s² 16d* :: 2004/5 16m* 16s* 16d³ 16s* 16v* Jan 23] medium-sized, quite good-topped gelding: has progressed into a high-class hurdler: first past post 6 of last 7 starts: successful this season in Swinton Handicap Hurdle at Haydock in May, intermediate at Down Royal in November and Grade 1 Bewleys Hotels December Festival Hurdle (beat Brave Inca 3 lengths) and Grade 1 AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown: beat Brave Inca a short head in 6-runner event for latest success, going freely and battling gamely after jumping last length up: third of 5 to Harchibald in Grade 2 at Punchestown third start: raced around 2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

MRS J. HARRINGTON, IRELAND

B. J. Geraghty

Royal blue, dark green sleeves, royal blue cap (Mac's J Racing Syndicate)

**11 PRESENT BLEU (FR)**

10 11-10

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c29v 133

b.g. Epervier Bleu – Lointaine (USA) (Lyphard's Wish (FR)) [2003/4 c19g⁶ c19g⁴ c22g³ :: 2004/5 c18d c17g⁴ c17g⁵ c18g⁶ c29v^u Feb 25] leggy gelding: one-time useful hurdler/fairly useful chaser: trained by M. Pipe in 2001/2: in excellent form over fences in 2002/3, successful 4 times in France/Italy for J. Dubois/E. de la Motte: well held in Italy in 2003/4: off 15 months, well held in 4 starts at Cagnes-sur-Mer on return: claimed from F. Kronauer €8,000, no encouragement in handicap chase at Warwick last time: stays 25f: acts on firm and soft going, possibly not on heavy: tried blinkered/visored.

M. SCUDAMORE

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

**12 ROOSTER BOOSTER**

11 11-10

174

h16g 161+L
h16g 169+G1
h17d 167+G2
h16d 174+169
h16g 165+G1
h20d 168+G1

gr.g. Riverwise (USA) – Came Cottage (Nearly A Hand) [2003/4 16s⁵ 16g² 16s* 16g² 16g² 20d² :: 2004/5 16g² 16d⁴ 17d⁴ 16g² 16g² Feb 5] sparsely-made gelding: high-class hurdler: won 2003 Champion Hurdle, and runner-up to Hardy Eustace in 2004 renewal: best effort this season when fourth to Accordion Etoile in valuable handicap at Cheltenham second start: probably hasn't had ideal circumstances since, forced too strong a pace in Grade 2 on same course and Grade 1 Christmas Hurdle at Kempton (still well clear 3 out, collared run-in and beaten 1½ lengths by Harchibald) next 2 outings: sent for home too soon and wandered when second to Self Defense in listed event at Sandown last time: stays easy 2½m: probably acts on any going: usually held up, and ideally suited by well-run race: normally fluent jumper: finds little off bridle nowadays.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Johnson

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

**13 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE (FR)**

6 11-10

163

h16d 154 G2
h16g 154 L
h16v 125 G2
h16d 163 G1
h16g 153 G1
h16g 149+G2

b.g. King's Theatre (IRE) – Persian Walk (FR) (Persian Bold) [2003/4 17s* 19g* 16g* :: 2004/5 16g² 16d³ 16v⁴ 16g⁴ 16d³ Feb 19] tall, useful-looking gelding: useful hurdler: won first 3 starts in novices, notably Top Novices' Hurdle at Aintree: further improvement when placed in Grade 1s, off 7 months before 4 lengths third to Harchibald at Newcastle in November: respectable efforts at best since, 6½ lengths third to Inglis Drever in Grade 2 at Wincanton latest start: stays 19f: raced on good ground or softer.

S. GOLLINGS

J. Culloty

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

**14 SELF DEFENSE**

8 11-10

b.g. Warning – Dansara (Dancing Brave (USA)) [2003/4 16g* 20d² 16d⁴ 16g 16g 16g* 17m² :: 2004/5 16g⁴ 16d² 16g* Feb 5] sturdy gelding: useful hurdler on balance of form: won Agfa Hurdle at Sandown on latest start by 3 lengths from Rooster Booster, drifting right but running on well from last: ran well in valuable handicaps at Newbury and Sandown earlier in season, 4 lengths second of 23 to Tamarinbleu at latter course: probably as effective at 2½m as 2m: acts on heavy going, below form on good to firm: has looked none too keen.

P. R. CHAMINGS

R. Thornton

Orange, dark blue sash, diablo on sleeves, orange cap (Fraser Miller Racing)**15 TURNIUM (FR)**

10 11-10

b. or br.g. Turgeon (USA) – Royal Mia (FR) (Kashmir II) [2003/4 20s⁴ 18g² 20s⁵ 18d⁶ c18s² :: 2004/5 c18s⁴ 18s* 18d² 16v c28sp^u Feb 19] workmanlike ex-French gelding: half-brother to winning hurdler around 2m Nika Mia (by Nikos): 11f to 2m winner on Flat: useful chaser/fairly useful hurdler: has won 7 races over jumps (all at Auteuil), including 17-runner claiming hurdle in May by 6 lengths from Genie d'Axel: claimed from A. Chaille-Chaille €22,000 third start: off 7 months, no promise both starts in Britain (breathing problem latest): stays 3m: acts on heavy ground: usually blinkered nowadays, visored twice.

M. SCUDAMORE

James Davies

*Red, white star, black and red striped sleeves, white cap, black star (Mr F. G. Wilson)***SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Gr 1) (Cheltenham 2m½f)**

1999	164	Istabraq 7-12-0: 4/9	A P O'Brien (Ir)	<i>C F Swan</i>	14
2000	163	Istabraq 8-12-0: 8/15	A P O'Brien (Ir)	<i>C F Swan</i>	12
2001		Abandoned			
2002	161	Hors La Loi III 7-12-0: 10/1	J R Fanshawe	<i>D Gallagher</i>	15
2003	170	Rooster Booster 9-12-0: 9/2	P J Hobbs	<i>R Johnson</i>	17
2004	165	Hardy Eustace 7-11-10: 33/1	D T Hughes (Ir)	<i>C O'Dwyer</i>	14

165

h16g 160+L
h16d 161+143
h16g 155 144
h17m 137 N
h16g 146+N
h16g 149 G1

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c28s 135
h16v G2
h18d 138 C
h18s 135 C
c18s 133 W
c18s 133 W

FOURTH RACE CHELTENHAM (TV CH4)

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

£80,000 5yo+

**1 KEEN LEADER (IRE)**

9 11-12

b.g. Supreme Leader – Keen Gale (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 c26d^{ur} c24d* c24g³ c26g⁶ :: 2004/5 c24s³ Nov 14] tall, angular, rather raw-boned gelding: has stringhalt: top-class chaser on his day: jumped soundly and best effort when winning 7-runner Tommy Whittle Chase at Haydock in 2003/4 by 17 lengths from Truckers Tavern: below that form on less testing ground both subsequent starts last season, tailed off in Cheltenham Gold Cup on final one: favourite and better for race, led after 5 out to last when 6½ lengths third of 5 finishers to Horus in valuable handicap at Haydock on return: should stay beyond 25f: raced on good going or softer, goes very well on soft/heavy: strong-running sort, still inclined to make the odd mistake over fences.

JONJO O'NEILL

B. J. Geraghty

*Maroon, grey disc and armlets, quartered cap (Mrs Stewart Catherwood)***169**

c24s 169 158
c26g 168+G1
c24g 168+G2
c24d 176+G2
c26d 156

**2 IRISH HUSSAR (IRE)**

9 11-7

b.g. Supreme Leader – Shuil Ard (Quayside) [2003/4 c26g^{pu} c24g² c26g^{pu} Mar 18 :: 2004/5 NR] tall, useful-looking gelding: smart chaser: ¾-length second to Shooting Light in Grade 2 at Newbury, staying on after being unable to quicken 3 out: let down by jumping both other outings in 2003/4, reportedly returned with sore shins after reappearance in valuable handicap at Newbury, stiff task in Cheltenham Gold Cup final start: should stay beyond 25f: raced on good going or softer (won bumper on heavy).

N. J. HENDERSON

M. A. Fitzgerald

*Yellow, maroon cap (Major Christopher Hanbury)***168**

c26g 152
c24g 168+G1
c26g 144

**3 MARLBOROUGH (IRE)**

13 11-5

br.g. Strong Gale – Wrekenogan (Tarqogan) [2003/4 c25m² c25d³ c24g⁵ c24m* c24g^{pu} c23sp^u Apr 24 :: 2004/5 NR] strong gelding: top-class chaser at best: not so good in 2003/4, though won 11-runner Racing Post Chase (Handicap) at Kempton by 4 lengths from Gunther McBride: ran badly both subsequent starts, including in listed event at Auteuil (trained by J. Bertran de Balanda) final one: stays 3¼m (has twice weakened markedly closing stages over 33f): acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried in cheekpieces.

N. J. HENDERSON

M. Foley

*Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)***169 ?**

c23s 150
c24g 157
c24m 169 150
c24g 156 G1
c25d 169 155
c25m 167+G2

**4 CHIVES (IRE)**

10 11-3

b.g. Good Thyne (USA) – Chatty Actress (Le Bavard (FR)) [2003/4 c24d⁴ c29d^{pu} :: 2004/5 c24s² c24d* c29v³ c24v c28sp^u Feb 19] well-made gelding: usually impresses in appearance: very smart chaser: left Miss H. Knight and off a year before reappearance: back to best when winning 7-runner Tommy Whittle Chase at Haydock in December by 6 lengths from Sir Rembrandt: creditable 3¼ lengths third of 17 to Silver Birch in Welsh National at Chepstow later in month: poor efforts back at Haydock last 2 starts (distressed in latter): stays 29f: acts on heavy going: usually sound jumper: has broken blood vessels.

MRS S. J. SMITH

D. Elsworth

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

?

c28s 148
c24v 149
c29v 165 145
c24d 173 G2
c24s 161 141
c29d 155

**5 BALLYBOUGH RASHER (IRE)**

10 11-2

b.g. Broken Hearted – Chat Her Up (Proverb) [2003/4 24m² c25m* :: 2004/5 c25d^{ur} 24d⁴ 24g² Mar 5] sturdy gelding: lightly-raced hurdler: better than ever last 2 starts (fairly useful form), 3 lengths second to Omni Cosmo Touch in handicap at Doncaster on latest: smart chaser: much improved when 40/1-winner of bet365 Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby in 2003/4, beating Marlborough 6 lengths: better for race, in rear when unseated eighth in handicap at Cheltenham on return: effective at 2½m to 4m: acts on soft and good to firm going: often let down by jumping over fences.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

G. Lee

*White and red stripes, white sleeves, red stars, black cap (BDR Partnership)***165 x**

h24g 139 120
h24d 135 120
c25d 147
c25m 165 G2
h24m 135+102

**6 JOLY BEY (FR)**

8 11-2

(tongue strap)

ch.g. Beyssac (FR) – Rivolie (FR) (Mistigri) [2003/4 c20g² c19s⁵ 24g* c20g⁵ c21g^F :: 2004/5 20s c25d⁵ c21d⁴ c24g* Feb 17] tall, angular gelding; smart chaser: tongue tied, improved form when winning handicap at Sandown last time by 6 lengths from Iris Bleu, making most of running; in front when falling 4 out in Topham Chase (Handicap) at Aintree on final start in 2003/4: lightly-raced hurdler, easily won handicap at Newbury in 2003/4: raced freely and not at all knocked about in valuable handicap at Chepstow on reappearance this season: stays 25f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): fluent jumper: owner ridden nowadays.

N. J. GIFFORD

Mr D. H. Dunsdon (3)

Royal blue, maroon epaulets (Mr David Dunsdon)

173

c24g	173	147
c21d	152+140	139
c25d	157+140	
h20s	147+134	
c21g'	+ 140	
c20g'	158+147	

**7 HUSSARD COLLONGES (FR)**

10 11-0

b.g. Video Rock (FR) – Ariane Collonges (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2003/4 c25g^F c24g² c24d³ c25d^F :: 2004/5 20d c24g⁵ Mar 5] useful-looking gelding; impresses in appearance: top-class chaser on his day: below best both completed starts in 2003/4, fell heavily 6 out in listed handicap at Wetherby (reportedly cracked pelvis) final outing: off 14 months, well held in handicap hurdle at Haydock and quite valuable handicap chase at Doncaster this season, not knocked about either occasion: will stay beyond 3¼am: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): races prominently.

P. BEAUMONT

R. Garritty

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

161 +

c24g	142+145	145
h20d	99+110	
c25d'	+ 154	
c24d'	161 G2	
c24g'	174+159	
c25g'	G1	

**8 HEROS COLLONGES (FR)**

10 10-12

b.g. Dom Alco (FR) – Carmen Collonges (FR) (Olmato) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 21s⁵ c25d* Feb 19] tall, rather leggy, close-coupled gelding; useful chaser: won last 4 starts in 2001/2, notably valuable handicap at Auteuil and novice at Kempton: left G. Macaire and off 3 years (reportedly suffered tendon injury), better for race when well beaten in Grade 2 hurdle at Warwick on reappearance: showed he retains all of his ability when winning Country Gentlemen's Association Chase at Wincanton next time, leading eleventh and beating Bathwick Annie 4 lengths with plenty in hand: stays 25f: raced on good going or softer.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Christian Williams

Yellow, red star, yellow sleeves, white armlets, yellow cap, red star (Mr J. Hales)

163 +

c25d	154+L	143
h21s	130+G2	

**9 TIKRAM**

8 10-9

ch.g. Lycius (USA) – Black Fighter (USA) (Secretariat (USA)) [2003/4 16m³ c20g² c16g² c22s* c20s⁴ c20g* c20g* c21m² :: 2004/5 c20d c21d⁵ c16d⁵ c24d² c24s⁴ Feb 26] tall gelding; useful chaser: won Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup Handicap at Cheltenham in 2003/4: running consistently this season, in frame last 2 starts in valuable handicaps at Doncaster (second to Colourful Life) and Kempton (fourth to Farmer Jack): stays 3m: acts on any going: tried visored/blinkered (pulled hard), wore cheekpieces third start: not an easy ride (takes plenty of driving), but is consistent.

G. L. MOORE

A. P. McCoy

Light green, orange sleeves and cap (Mike Charlton And Rodger Sargent)

169

c24s	169	140
c24d	169	141
c16d	168+141	
c21d	169	143
c20d	158	145
c21m'	169	141

**10 IRIS BLEU (FR)**

9 10-9

ch.g. Beyssac (FR) – Dear Blue (FR) (Cyborg (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c24g² Feb 17] stocky gelding; smart handicap chaser: won at Cheltenham (amateur event) and Sandown (Agfa Diamond Chase) in 2002/3, when also pulled up badly lame in Grand National at Aintree: first start since (looked fit), fine return when 6 lengths second of 7 finishers to Joly Bey in handicap at Sandown: stays 29f: acts on heavy and good to firm going, possibly not firm: consistent.

M. C. PIPE

T. J. Murphy

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

174

c24g	174	138
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**11 COLOURFUL LIFE (IRE)**

9 10-8

ch.g. Rainbows For Life (CAN) – Rasmara (Kalaglow) [2003/4 16m 20d 20s 20d⁵ 20g³ 20g⁴ 24m² :: 2004/5 23m^{wr} 22g c24g* c21v³ c26d* c26s⁶ c24d* Jan 29] big, lengthy gelding; fairly useful handicap hurdler: left Mrs M. Reveley after second 2004/5 outing, improved form over fences for new stable, winning handicaps at Bangor in October, Newton Abbot in November and Sky Bet Chase (Handicap) at Doncaster in January: useful effort when beating Tikram 7 lengths in 12-runner event at last-named, travelling strongly and leading 3 out: has had jumping problems in past and none too frequent when below form at Chepstow on penultimate start: stays 3¼am: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried in cheekpieces: usually held up, and tends to carry head awkwardly under pressure: consistent.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

Pink, dark blue spots (Andy Peake & David Jackson)

169

c24d	165+130	139
c26s	141	132
c26d	160	124
c21v	151	126
c24g	152+113	
h22g	141	125

**12 JAKARI (FR)**

8 10-8

b.g. Apeldoorn (FR) – Tartifume II (FR) (Mistigri) [2003/4 c20m* c19d* c21d⁵ c20s* c20g c21m³ :: 2004/5 c21s Jan 29] rather leggy gelding; winning hurdler: useful handicap chaser: won at Cheltenham, Ascot and Ayr in 2003/4: creditable third to Seebald in Grade 2 at Cheltenham final start: stopped quickly there on reappearance: should stay beyond 21f: acts on soft and good to firm going: races prominently.

H. D. DALY

R. Johnson

Eton blue (The Earl Cadogan)

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c21s	168	141
c20g'	145	
c20s'	170	137
c19d'	165	130

**13 FRENCHMAN'S CREEK**

11 10-7

b.g. Emperor Fountain – Hollow Creek (Tarqogan) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c23d³ c26g^{pu} c25d³ c26d⁴ Jan 1] big, useful-looking gelding; smart handicap chaser in 2001/2, winning twice at Cheltenham, notably William Hill National Hunt Handicap Chase: reportedly sprained tendon final start that season: most encouraging effort on return when 4½ lengths third of 12 to Therealbandit at Cheltenham: in cheekpieces, again went in snatches when well-held fourth of 5 finishers behind Lord of Illusion there next time, blundering 3 out: probably stays 29f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: has broken blood vessel earlier in career: sound jumper: probably best with exaggerated waiting tactics.

H. MORRISON

P. Carberry

Black (Rory Sweet & Panda Christie)

169

c26d	149	138
c25d	165+138	
c28g	140	
c23d	164	W

**14 WHEREAREYOU NOW (IRE)**

8 10-6

ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Angie's Delight (London Gazette) [2003/4 c20m* c24g* c21d³ c25d⁴ c21d* c21d c20g c21g^F c24s² :: 2004/5 c21d⁶ c21s c22v* c20d Mar 5] workmanlike gelding; useful handicap chaser: back to best when winning valuable event at Uttoxeter in February by 17 lengths from Gunner Welburn, making all and jumping well: soon struggling under much less testing conditions in similar contest at Newbury next time: effective at 2½m to 25f: very best efforts on going softer than good (acts on heavy): sound jumper: usually races prominently.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

C. Llewellyn

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

166

c20d	166	137
c22v	166	126
c21s	152	130
c21d	146+132	
c24s'	153+N	
c21g'	135	

**15 SPRING GROVE (IRE)**

10 10-4

b.g. Mandalus – Lucy Lorraine (IRE) (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 22g⁵ c16m* c17g⁴ c20d* c21d² c20g c24g³ c20g⁴ :: 2004/5 c24d c20g* c20g³ c20g⁴ c24s* c21d⁵ c20d⁴ Feb 19] workmanlike gelding; fair hurdler: useful chaser: won handicaps at Cheltenham in October and Windsor in December, apparently better than ever when beating Prominent Profile 9 lengths in listed event at latter: stiff task, ran as well as could be expected when 22½ lengths fourth of 5 finishers to It Takes Time in Grade 1 at Lingfield latest start: stays 3m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: has run well when sweating and on toes: usually races prominently.

R. H. ALNER

A. Thornton

Green, gold sash and armlets, gold and white hooped cap (Exors of the late Mr H. V. Perry)

164

c20d	164	G1
c21d	156	136
c24s	164	128
c20g	157	129
c20g	153	130
c20g	158	124



16 KOCK DE LA VESVRE (FR) 7 10-3
 b.g. Sassanian (USA) – Csardas (FR) (Maiymad) [2003/4 c16g* c20g³ c20m c19d² c21d⁵ c20g c19s* c19g^{pu} c24s^{ur} c24d* :: 2004/5 c24d* c25g² c24f³ c22v³ c24g⁶ Mar 5] leggy, lengthy gelding: useful handicap chaser: improved when winning at Perth in April and Uttoxeter (beat Longshanks 1¼ lengths) in May, jumping more fluently and sticking to task well each time: off over 8 months, encouraging third to Whereareyounow in valuable event at Uttoxeter penultimate start: well below that level at Doncaster 2 weeks later: stays 3m: acts on any going: tried blinkered in France.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS S. Thomas
 Grey, pink stars, pink cap, grey star (Mr O. P. Dakin)

167

c24g	142	134
c22v	163	135
c24f	167	136
c25g	167	136
c24d	167	132
c24d	165	127



17 NATIVE EMPEROR 9 10-3
 br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Fiona's Blue (Crash Course) [2003/4 c24g² c24s² c24s* c25s² c32g* c33d^{pu} :: 2004/5 c27s c26s⁵ Dec 4] tall, useful-looking gelding: one-time smart hurdler: useful novice chaser in 2003/4, won at Stratford (fortunate) and Cheltenham (National Hunt Chase Challenge Cup, stayed on to beat Celestial Gold 1¾ lengths): well below that form all 3 starts since, never travelled or jumped with any fluency when fifth of 9 finishers to One Knight in listed handicap at Chepstow last time: stays 4m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): patiently ridden.
 JONJO O'NEILL A. Dobbin
 Light blue and orange diamonds, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, orange star (J. C., J. R. and S. R. Hitchins)

166

c26s	153	134
c27s	+	140
c33d	+	140
c32g	166	NA
c25s	166	G2
c24s	151	N



18 KELAMI (FR) 7 10-2 (tongue strap)
 b.g. Lute Antique (FR) – Voltige de Nievre (FR) (Brezzo (FR)) [2003/4 c21s³ c21s⁶ c21s⁵ c24g* c24g⁴ c36d^{ur} c23s :: 2004/5 20s c19s c23v c25s³ c25d^F c29s⁴ c28s³ Feb 19] Oall gelding: has had soft palate operation: useful chaser: won handicap at Kempton in 2003/4 by 1½ lengths from Itsonlyme: creditable efforts last 3 completed starts, 2 lengths third of 11 to Forest Gunner in valuable handicap at Haydock on latest: stays 29f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tried blinkered (failed to settle)/tongue tied.
 F. DOUMEN, FRANCE R. Thornton
 Black, red and white striped sleeves, hooped cap (Halewood International Ltd)

165

c28s	165	133
c29s	161	131
c25d	+	131
c25s	165	G2
c23v	148	H
c19s		W



19 SWANSEA BAY 9 10-1 (cheekpieces and tongue strap)
 b.g. Jurado (USA) – Slave's Bangle (Prince Rheingold) [2003/4 c23m* c24f* c25f* c24g* c24g :: 2004/5 c24d⁴ c25g⁶ 24m* 26d² c25d⁶ c26g c25d Dec 10] lengthy gelding: useful handicap chaser, won 4 times in 2003/4, notably Badger Brewery Chase at Wincanton (second successive year) and Edward Hammer Chase at Haydock: well held all starts over fences since: off 4 months, took advantage of much lower mark over hurdles when winning at Worcester (unbeaten in 6 starts there) in September by 1¼ lengths from Rosemauve: 7/4-on, laboured effort when 14 lengths second of 13 to Magical Liaison in similar event at Hereford next time: best at 3m+: has form on heavy ground, best efforts on good or firmer: tried in cheekpieces/visor (found nothing under pressure): idles.
 P. BOWEN L. Aspell
 Yellow, light blue braces and armlets (Mr Peter Bowling)

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c25d	149	135
c26g		140
c25d	162	145
h26d	125	100
h24m	136	+93
c25g		148



20 BLAZING BATMAN 12 10-0 (7-8)
 ch.g. Shaab – Cottage Blaze (Sunyboy) [2003/4 23g² 24m c26g³ c26d^F c26g^{pu} 27f⁵ c22f^{pu} c26m³ c23m⁵ c28f³ c23f* c26m³ c25m² c24m² c26d⁵ c25v³ c16s³ c17g⁵ c24s² c21g :: 2004/5 24s⁵ c31d c16d⁶ c16d⁵ c21d^{pu} c19v⁶ c16v^{pu} 23s 24s⁴ Mar 6] sturdy gelding: fair chaser: little worthwhile form this season, including when last of 4 finishers in novice hurdle last time: stays 29f: acts on any going: blinkered (pulled up) once: has broken blood vessels/looked unenthusiastic.
 DR P. PRITCHARD Dr P. Pritchard (5)
 Yellow and purple diablo, yellow cap, purple star (Jumping Jokers)

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h24s	116?	131
h23s		113
c16v		100
c19v		100
c21d		123
c16d	138?	119

4.40 THE SPORTING INDEX HANDICAP CHASE (CROSS COUNTRY) (B) 3m7f

£40,000 5yo+



1 SPOT THE DIFFERENCE (IRE) 12 11-12
 b.g. Lafontaine (USA) – Spotted Choice (IRE) (Callernish) [2003/4 c33g^{ur} 16d 20d⁴ c32m² c24d² c26d⁵ c36d⁵ :: 2004/5 c34g* c19s c31d* c31d* 16v⁴ Feb 14] tall gelding: fairly useful chaser: won cross-country events at Punchestown (La Touche Cup) in late-April and Cheltenham in November (hampered 2 out but stayed on well to lead near finish and beat Star Performance ¾ length) and December (best effort, beat French Executive by 4 lengths in handicap): maiden hurdler: well-held fourth of 5 to Top Strategy in minor event at Navan last time: thorough stayer: acts on good to firm and heavy ground: tried in blinkers/cheekpieces: probably best with strong handling.
 E. BOLGER, IRELAND Mr J. T. McNamara
 Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)

146 +

h16v	93	W	143
c31d			146+134
c31d			137? W
c19s			122
c34g			101+W
c36d	123		133



2 LORD NOELIE (IRE) 12 11-8
 b.g. Lord Americo – Leallen (Le Bavard (FR)) [2003/4 c27g⁵ c25d⁴ c26g* c33d^{pu} :: 2004/5 c24d² c27d³ c25d^{pu} c26d^{pu} Jan 1] useful-looking gelding: usually impresses in appearance: not a good walker: smart chaser nowadays: first win in nearly 4 years when beating Imperial de Thaix 4 lengths in handicap at Cheltenham in 2003/4: creditable placed efforts when second to Ballyvaddy at Chepstow and third to Stormez in valuable event at Cheltenham: ran poorly last 2 starts: will stay beyond 27f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually sound jumper.
 MS BRIDGET NICHOLLS J. M. Maguire
 Emerald green, dark blue diamond and diamond on cap (Executive Racing)

?

c26d			139
c25d			140
c27d	154		142
c24d	154		141
c33d			145
c26g	152		+140



3 WILD TEMPO (FR) 10 11-2
 ch.g. Irish River (FR) – Fast Queen (FR) (Bon Sang (FR)) [2003/4 c25g* 20d* 18g⁴ :: 2004/5 c19s⁵ c21s 17d⁴ 19f² 19v 20d⁶ Jan 12] ex-French gelding: fairly useful hurdler/chaser: successful on 14 occasions, including over fences at Enghien and over hurdles at Auteuil in 2003/4: has run over hurdles at Pau on last 3 starts, sixth of 18 in claimer (claimed from J. Ortel €16,500) on latest: stays 25f: probably acts on any going.
 M. SCUDAMORE T. Scudamore
 Red, white star, black and red striped sleeves, white cap, black star (Mr F. G. Wilson)

?

h20d			C
h19v			W
h19f			W
c21s			H
c19s			143 W
h18g			144 W



4 FRENCH EXECUTIVE (IRE) 10 10-13
 br.g. Beau Sher – Executive Move (IRE) (Executive Perk) [2003/4 c24sp^u c28m* c24g³ c25m⁵ c28d^{pu} c26g* c26m :: 2004/5 c28g⁶ c26g* c29d* c31d² Dec 10] lengthy, angular gelding: winning hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Plumpton (has good record there) in October and November, beating Dads Lad by 4 lengths in quite valuable event on second occasion: ran well when 4 lengths second to Spot The Difference in 10-runner cross-country event (handicap) at Cheltenham on latest start, hanging left under pressure: stays 31f: acts on any going: tried blinkered/tongue tied earlier in career: often let down by jumping/looks none too keen: unreliable.
 P. F. NICHOLLS P. J. Brennan
 Dark green, black sash, dark green sleeves, red armlets, black and red check cap (T.Chappell, R.Eddy, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Solman)

149 \$

c31d	149		127
c29d			145+120
c26g			141+113
c28g			115
c26m			116
c26g	135		112A



5 LUZCADOU (FR) 12 10-13 (blinkers)
 b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Luzenia (FR) (Armos) [2003/4 c21d 20s^F c20d⁵ c20v* c20s⁴ c33d^{bd} c22g^{pu} c36d^F c33d^{pu} :: 2004/5 c24g c34g^{pu} c34m^R c31d³ c31d⁵ c20v⁴ Jan 15] good-topped gelding: fair chaser on balance nowadays: ran in cross-country events first 5 starts this season, third and fifth respectively behind Spot The Difference at Cheltenham on fourth/fifth outings: stayed on when around 2 lengths fourth of 6 finishers to King of The Arctic in handicap at Wetherby last time: stays 31f, best around 2½/2m on conventional tracks: goes well on soft/heavy going: blinkered/visored: sometimes let down by jumping: needs treating with caution.
 FERDY MURPHY A. O'Keefe
 Emerald green and orange (quartered), orange sleeves and cap (Mr A. G. Chappell)

136 \$

c20v	136		116
c31d			149? 132
c31d			149? W
c34m			W
c34g			W
c24g			W

WILLIAM HILL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (Gr 3) (Cheltenham 3m½f)

1999	141	Betty's Boy 10-10-2: 25/1	K C Bailey	N Williamson	18
2000	154	Marlborough 8-10-3: 11/2	N J Henderson	M A Fitzgerald	12
2001		Abandoned			
2002	148	Frenchman's Creek 8-10-5: 8/1	H Morrison	P Carberry	23
2003	151	Youlneverwalkalone 9-10-11: 7/1	C Roche (Ir)	B J Geraghty	18
2004	140	Fork Lightning 8-10-5: 7/1	A King	R Thornton	11



6 GUN'N ROSES II (FR) 11 10-11 (blinkers)
 g.g. Royal Charter (FR) – Offenbach II (FR) (Ermitage (FR)) [2003/4 c22s* c21g³ :: 2004/5 c22d* Feb 24] rangy gelding: useful hunter chaser nowadays: favourite, won 13-runner event at Haydock (for second year running) on reappearance by 12 lengths from The Butterwick Kid, having things under control long way out: joint favourite, several mistakes when 15 lengths third of 25 to Forest Gunner in Fox Hunters' at Aintree final outing in 2003/4: stays 3m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy): blinkered last 4 starts: front runner: often let down by jumping.
 D. P. KEANE N. Fehily
 Black and white stripes, emerald green and white striped sleeves (Lady Clarke)

145
 c22d 128
 c21g 138+WA
 c22s 134 WA
 c22s 145 WA



7 UN JOUR A VASSY (FR) 10 10-9
 b.g. Video Rock (FR) – Bayalika (FR) (Kashtan (FR)) [2003/4 c25m* c25m² c24g² c26mpu c24f* c25f⁵ c22g⁴ c25g³ c25g³ :: 2004/5 c25gur c24dur c24g* c24d⁵ c31d³ c26dpu Jan 1] leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: won amateur event at Cheltenham (for second successive year) in October, beating Bright Approach 1½ lengths: creditable third to Spot The difference in slowly-run cross-country event there on penultimate start, travelling strongly under patient ride long way: bad mistake ninth when pulled up there last time: likely to prove best around 3m: acts on firm and good to soft going.
 P. F. NICHOLLS Christian Williams
 Red, yellow stars and armlets (Mrs Bunty Millard)

153
 c26d 126
 c31d 126
 c24d 150+126
 c24d 140 126A
 c24g 148 122A
 c24d 123
 c25g + 123



8 VILLAGE KING (IRE) 12 10-8
 b.g. Roi Danzig (USA) – Honorine (USA) (Blushing Groom (FR)) [2003/4 c24m² Oct 4 :: 2004/5 NR] good-bodied gelding: useful handicap chaser: creditable second to Take The Stand at Chepstow only start in 2003/4: probably stays 3½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: blinkered once (ran creditably): sometimes takes little interest.
 P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
 Light blue, scarlet collar, sash and sleeves, check cap (Capt. E. J. Edwards-Heathcote)

160 ?
 c24m 125
 160+133



9 GALAPIAT DU MESNIL (FR) 11 10-8
 b.g. Sarpedon (FR) – Polka de Montrin (FR) (Danoso) [2003/4 c33g² c25d² Feb 17 :: 2004/5 NR] leggy, angular gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser at best: has deteriorated considerably since early-2002/3, though second in hunter at Folkestone in February 2004, only start for R. Phillips: stays 31f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually races prominently: sound jumper.
 P. F. NICHOLLS J. Tizzard
 Red, white star, striped sleeves, yellow cap (Mr Mel Fordham)

129 +
 c25d 121+WA
 c33g W



10 JUST MAYBE (IRE) 11 10-6 (visor)
 b.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Purlace (Realm) [2003/4 c26spu 24m 26g² 25g³ :: 2004/5 23s* 26s⁵ Mar 5] good-bodied gelding: fairly useful chaser in 2002/3: best effort over hurdles (fair form) when winning 13-runner handicap at Wetherby in February, leading eighth and beating Standing Bloom 3 lengths: well below form at Huntingdon next time: suited by 3m+: acts on heavy going: best in blinkers/visor: tongue tied and ridden in spurs final outing in 2001/2: jumps none too fluently.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS S. Thomas
 Light blue, dark blue sash, light blue sleeves, dark blue stars, red cap (Mr W. E. Prichard)

?
 h26s 123
 h23s 112
 h25g 139 105
 h25g 130+100
 h26g 123 N
 h24m 108
 c26s W



11 COMANCHE WAR PAINT (IRE) 8 10-3
 b.g. Commanche Run – Galeshula (Strong Gale) [2003/4 26g⁵ c25m* c23m* c25f² c25f* c25d² c27s⁴ c30g² :: 2004/5 c23m⁶ c31d⁵ 24g* Mar 3] useful-looking gelding: has reportedly been pin-fired: fairly useful chaser: won novices in small fields at Wincanton and Worcester and handicap at former course in 2003/4: finished distressed when below form in cross-country event at Cheltenham second start this season (reportedly subsequently had breathing operation): lightly raced over hurdles, won novice at Taunton last time by 1½ lengths from Grande Creole: stays 3¾m: probably acts on any going.
 P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
 Dark blue, white and yellow hooped sleeves, yellow cap (Tony Fear & Tim Hawkins)

153
 h24g 120
 c31d 135 W
 c23m 148+118
 c30g 135 121
 c27s 152+118
 c25d 143 121
 c25d 153 118



12 MRS BE (IRE) 9 10-1
 ch.m. Be My Native (USA) – Kilbrack (Perspex) [2003/4 c24g² :: 2004/5 c26g³ c28g³ c26d² Feb 20] lengthy mare: fairly useful pointer, successful in January: best effort in hunter chases when 2 lengths second of 7 to Earthmover at Fontwell last time: has left Mrs O. Bush: will stay at least 4m.
 J. G. CANN Miss P. Gundry (3)
 Light blue, royal blue sash, sleeves and cap (Mr J. H. Burbidge)

138
 c26d 138 WA
 c28g 133 NA
 c26g 124 NA
 c24g 131+WA



13 SMARTY (IRE) 12 10-0 (9-12)
 b. or br.g. Royal Fountain – Cahernane Girl (Bargello) [2003/4 c24g⁴ c24g c36d⁶ c33d⁵ :: 2004/5 c26g² c27s³ c29d⁶ Dec 4] tall, close-coupled gelding: one-time useful handicap chaser: nothing like the force of old, 14 lengths third of 10 finishers behind Silver Birch in Becher Chase at Aintree in November: well held in listed event at Sandown next time: stays 3½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: often wears headgear: sound jumper.
 M. PITMAN T. J. Murphy
 Dark blue, pink sash, pink sleeves, dark blue armlets, dark blue cap, pink spots (Mrs T. Brown)

151 ?
 c29d 140 119
 c27s 151 122
 c26g 151 115
 c33d 133 129
 c36d 143 122
 c24g 143? 120



14 MAJED (FR) 9 10-0 (9-12) (blinkers)
 b.g. Fijar Tango (FR) – Full of Passion (USA) (Blushing Groom (FR)) [2003/4 c23m² c26v³ c26d⁴ c25s² c26s* c24g² c23d² c26g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c24s² c25g* c24g⁵ c28d⁴ Feb 27] compact gelding: one-time smart hurdler: fair handicap chaser: given tremendous ride by A. McCoy to win at Wincanton in May by ¾ length from Joe Deane (pair clear), soon setting strong pace and rallying to lead again run-in: sold out of P. Nicholls' stable 22,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: back to form when 11½ lengths fourth of 14 to Native Beat at Downpatrick last time: stays 3½m (probably not 4m): acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually blinkered/visored: races prominently: hasn't always looked straightforward ride.
 MRS L. B. NORMILE N. Mulholland
 Emerald green and white stripes, dark green and white striped sleeves (Mr A. J. Neill)

148
 c28d 148 115
 c24g 116
 c25g 148 110
 c24s 147 110
 c26g 110
 c23d 147 110



15 FAMFONI (FR) 12 10-0 (9-12)
 b.g. Pamponi (FR) – India Rosa (FR) (Carnaval) [2003/4 c24g^{pu} c24s^{pu} c24d^{pu} :: 2004/5 c31d⁶ c31d⁶ Dec 10] quite good-topped gelding: winning hurdler: fairly useful chaser on his day: sixth to Spot The difference in cross-country events at Cheltenham this season, not keen under pressure last time: stays 31f: acts on any going: sometimes wears headgear: far from fluent jumper of conventional fences: has looked reluctant.
 K. C. BAILEY J. Culloty
 Light blue, dark blue braces, white sleeves (The Propellers Partnership)

150 \$
 c31d 144 118
 c31d 150? W
 c24d 90
 c24s 102
 c24g 105









16 ANDREWJAMES (IRE) 11 10-0 (9-10)
 g.g. Van Der Linden (FR) – Tolaytala (Be My Guest (USA)) [2003/4 c25g^{bd} c24d c22d c25d c20s⁵ c25d c24s c20spu :: 2004/5 c24g* c21v⁴ c24v⁵ c20s* Feb 16] workmanlike gelding: winning hurdler: modest chaser on balance: won cross-country event at Punctestown in April and conditional jockeys handicap at Down Royal latest outing: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually blinkered prior to 2004/5: inconsistent.
 P. D. MCCREERY, IRELAND D. J. Casey
 Yellow and royal blue diablo, emerald green sleeves, yellow cap (Westside Syndicate)

145
 c20s 121 85A
 c24v 112 86
 c21v 110 86
 c24g 141+W
 c20s 79
 c24s 82

5.20 THE FRED WINTER JUVENILE NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed) (A) 2m110y

£75,000 4yo

-  **1 MISS ACADEMY (FR)** 4 11-12 **126**
 ch.f. Video Rock (FR) – Mademoiselle Wo (FR) (Prince Wo (FR)) [2004/5 16s* 17s* 16v^F Feb 25] leggy ex-French filly: third foal: half-sister to winning hurdler around 2m La Pommeraiie (by Apple Tree): dam winning hurdler around 2m: successful on 5 of 6 starts up to 13f on Flat at 3 yrs for J. Bertran de Baland: easily landed odds in mares maiden at Newcastle on hurdling debut by 10 lengths from Diamond Sal: favourite, 13½ lengths fourth of 16 to Akilak in well-run Grade 2 juvenile at Cheltenham 10 days later: about to be collared when fell last in juvenile won by New Rock at Warwick latest start: races prominently.
 M. C. PIPE T. J. Murphy
 Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)
-  **2 STROMSTAD (IRE)** 4 11-10 (blinkers) **131 ?**
 ch.c. Halling (USA) – Muscadel (Nashwan (USA)) [2004/5 16s* 16d* 16v³ 16v⁶ Jan 15] 10,000 3-y-o: workmanlike colt: third foal: half-brother to winner in UAE: dam, useful over middle distances in France, out of 1000 Guineas winner Musical Bliss: successful first 2 starts in juvenile hurdles, maiden at Down Royal and Grade 3 at Fairyhouse (by 4 lengths from Don't Be Bitin): well held in Grade 2 at Leopardstown and Grade 3 at Punchestown (not fluent) last 2 starts: blinkered first time today.
 S. J. MAHON, IRELAND J. P. Elliott (3)
 Emerald green, yellow sash, striped sleeves, yellow cap (Mr James Gough)
-  **3 PAPINI (IRE)** 4 11-10 **136**
 ch.g. Lomitas – Pariana (USA) (Bering) [2004/5 16g* 16d² 16d* Jan 12] well-made gelding: fourth known foal: half-brother to useful performer up to 1¼m Pappus (by Acatenango): dam lightly-raced German maiden: successful once around 1¼m from 8 starts on Flat in Germany, leaving D. Richardson in July: progressive form over hurdles, winning juveniles at Newbury (by 9 lengths from Tizi Ouzou) in November and January, making all and holding on all out by ½ length from At Your Request last time: ½-length second to Calomeria in similar event at Sandown in between: races prominently.
 N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
 Dark blue, yellow disc, yellow sleeves, dark blue spots (Newbury Racehorse Owners Group)
-  **4 NAPOLITAIN (FR)** 4 11-10 **129**
 b.g. Ajdayt (USA) – Damage II (FR) (Cyborg (FR)) [2004/5 18s* 16d⁴ 17d² 18s* 16v⁴ 17s Jan 29] useful-looking gelding: third foal: dam 11f winner/winner around 2m over hurdles in Italy: placed twice over 1¼m from 4 starts on Flat: successful twice over hurdles, in juvenile at Auteuil (final start for F. Cottin) in September and novice at Fontwell (odds on, by 6 lengths from One Cornetto) in January: more patiently ridden since, respectable effort when fourth to Dom d'Orgeval in handicap at Uttoxeter: will stay 2½m: raced on going softer than good.
 P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
 Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (Mrs J. Stewart)
-  **5 DABIROUN (IRE)** 4 11-9 **133**
 b.g. Desert Prince (IRE) – Dabaya (IRE) (In The Wings) [2004/5 16v² 16s² 16s⁵ Feb 6] compact gelding: useful on Flat (should stay 1½m) for J. Oxx, sold €20,000 Goffs October Sales: easily best effort in juvenile hurdles (fairly useful form) when 6 lengths fifth of 6 to Strangely Brown in Grade 2 at Leopardstown last time.
 PAUL NOLAN, IRELAND Miss N. Carberry (5)
 Yellow, black braces, yellow and white striped cap (Donal O'Gorman)

-  **6 FIRE DRAGON (IRE)** 4 11-4 (blinkers and tongue strap) **135**
 b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Cattermole (USA) (Roberto (USA)) [2004/5 17g* 17d* 16m* 16d³ 16d⁶ Dec 11] useful-looking gelding: closely related to smart 2m hurdler Rigmarole (by Fairy King): fairly useful 1½m winner on Flat (tried in headgear) for D. Wachman in Ireland: landed odds with something in hand in juvenile hurdles at Bangor in July, Newton Abbot in August and Stratford in September, beating Three Welshmen 2 lengths at last-named: creditable 11½ lengths third to Cerium in Grade 2 juvenile at Cheltenham 2 months later: well below form tried blinkered latest start (dropped away tamely).
 JONJO O'NEILL A. Dobbin
 White, mauve stars (Mrs G. Smith)
-  **7 NATION STATE** 4 11-4 (cheekpieces) **141**
 b.c. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Native Justice (USA) (Alleged (USA)) [2004/5 16d* 16d² 16d² Jan 28] medium-sized, useful-looking colt: fairly useful maiden on Flat (stays 15f), sold out of A. Fabre's stable 35,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: fairly useful form in juvenile hurdles, winning at Plumpton in December by 5 lengths from Harrycat: runner-up at Sandown (¾-length second of 13 to Diego Cao) and Doncaster (best work from 2 out when beaten 3 lengths by Karelian) since: will stay beyond 2m: first-time cheekpieces today.
 G. L. MOORE J. E. Moore
 Pink and royal blue (halved), sleeves reversed, check cap (Mr J. D. Brownrigg)
-  **8 DALTON (FR)** 4 11-3 **124**
 ch.c. Bering – Divination (FR) (Groom Dancer (USA)) [2004/5 16v² 16v* 16s⁶ Feb 6] rather leggy colt: fairly useful maiden on Flat (stays 1½m) in France for F. Head, sold €25,000: fair form in juvenile hurdles first 2 starts, winning 11-runner event at Gowran by ¾ length from Strides of Fire: well held in Grade 2 juvenile at Leopardstown following month.
 E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND D. N. Russell
 Royal blue, yellow inverted triangle and chevrons on sleeves, blue cap, yellow diamond (Malm Syndicate)
-  **9 ROLLING HOME (IRE)** 4 11-3 (blinkers) **130**
 br.g. Key of Luck (USA) – Belike The Wind (IRE) (Marju (IRE)) [2004/5 16g² 16m* 16d² 16s* 16v Jan 15] fair on Flat (probably stays 13f): fair juvenile hurdler: won at Tramore (by 4 lengths from Grangehill Dancer in maiden event) in August and Thurles (beat Ask Carol 2 lengths) in December: good 4 lengths second to Helensburgh at Punchestown in between: well held in Grade 3 there last time: acts on soft and good to firm going: blinkered last 2 starts.
 N. MEADE, IRELAND P. Carberry
 Emerald green, yellow chevrons, yellow sleeves, emerald green cap, yellow spots (M. Lydon)
-  **10 AMARULA RIDGE (IRE)** 4 11-3 **127 +**
 b.c. Indian Ridge – Mail Boat (Formidable (USA)) [2004/5 17s² 17v⁴ 16s² Feb 26] rather leggy colt: useful on Flat (stays 9f) at 3 yrs, sold out of K. Prendergast's stable 21,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: best effort over hurdles (fair form) when 7 lengths second of 8 to Penzance in Grade 2 juvenile at Kempton on latest outing, unable to quicken with winner between last 2: failed to see race out on heavy going at Exeter second start: may do better still under less testing conditions.
 P. J. HOBBS A. P. McCoy
 Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)
-  **11 REGAL SETTING (IRE)** 4 11-3 (tongue strap) **138**
 br.g. King's Theatre (IRE) – Cartier Bijoux (Ahoonora) [2004/5 16m* 17d⁵ 18d² Feb 3] leggy, useful-looking gelding: useful on Flat (will stay 2m), sold out of Sir Mark Prescott's stable 215,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: 2/1-on, won juvenile at Catterick on hurdling debut by 6 lengths from Classic Event, travelling smoothly to lead after 3 out and ridden clear: breathing problems last 2 starts, better effort when length second to Habitual Dancer in similar event at Kelso, leading briefly last and long way clear of rest: will probably stay 2½m: first-time tongue strap today.
 J. HOWARD JOHNSON G. Lee
 Black and beige (halved), chevrons on sleeves, beige cap (Andrea & Graham Wylie)

**12 AT YOUR REQUEST**

4 11-3

gr.g. Bering – Requesting (Rainbow Quest (USA)) [2004/5 16s⁶ 16s⁴ 16d² 16v² 16s* Feb 10] lengthy gelding: fair maiden on Flat (stays 1½m), sold out of E. Dunlop's stable 32,000 gns Newmarket July Sales: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won quite valuable event at Huntingdon on latest start by 12 lengths from La Lambertine, leading on bridle after 3 out and going clear despite carrying head awkwardly: raced at 2m on going softer than good: far from straightforward (also flashes tail under pressure).

IAN WILLIAMS

D. R. Dennis

Purple, emerald green chevrons and armlets, quartered cap (Cockbury Court Partnership)

136

h16s 136 N
h16v 114+N
h16d 134 N
h16s 110 N
h16s 85? N

**13 WOODY VALENTINE (USA)**

4 11-2

ch.g. Woodman (USA) – Mudslinger (USA) (El Gran Senor (USA)) [2004/5 16d* 16v 16d³ Jan 15] leggy gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¼m), successful twice in 2004: sold out of M. Johnston's stable 30,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: won 8-runner juvenile at Warwick on hurdling debut in December by 2½ lengths from Diego Cao, leading after fifth: easily better effort since (possibly had stamina stretched when well held in Grade 1 at Chepstow) when 16 lengths third of 14 to Zalda in similar event at Kempton: may prove best around 2m with emphasis on speed: tends to be on toes.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

S. Thomas

Dark blue, white star, red sleeves, white stars, red cap, white star (Favourites Racing)

129

h16d 120 N
h16v 129 G1
h16d 129 N

**14 LA LAMBERTINE (FR)**

4 11-2

(visor)

b.f. Glaieul (USA) – Mesoraca (IRE) (Assert) [2003/4 15s 15v 15s 15s 15s² :: 2004/5 15s³ 15d⁴ 17d* 17g⁵ 17d² 17m⁴ 17m* 16d* 16d² 16s² Feb 10] leggy filly: sixth foal: half-sister to winning hurdler/chaser around 2m Crystal Clara (by Northern Crystal): dam 1¼m winner: no form on Flat: fair hurdler: won claimer at Auteuil (claimed from R. Caget €20,000) in June, juvenile seller at Taunton in November and novice handicap at Sandown (beat Green Gamble 9 lengths) in December: odds on, just respectable second to At Your Request in quite valuable event at Huntingdon last time: raced around 2m: acts on good to firm going, best form on softer than good: usually wears headgear: carries head awkwardly: none too genuine.

M. C. PIPE

G. Supple

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

132

h16s 128+N
h16d 132 112
h16d 121+100
h16d 103+S
h17m 106 N
h17d 111 N

**15 DARYAL (IRE)**

4 11-1

b.c. Night Shift (USA) – Darata (IRE) (Vayrann) [2004/5 16s 17s* 16g² 16d² Mar 4] good-topped colt: half-brother to fair hurdler Darbela (by Doyoun), stays 2½m: fairly useful on Flat, placed 4 times up to around 1½m from 5 starts in 2004 for A. de Royer Dupre: progressive juvenile hurdler: won novice at Taunton in January by 1½ lengths from Jorobaden: better form when runner-up both starts since, beaten 4 lengths by L'Oudon in 14-runner event at Newbury on latest: likely to stay beyond 17f.

A. KING

R. Thornton

Light blue, brown stripe and armlets (Let's Live Racing)

135

h16d 135 N
h16g 130 N
h17s 122+N
h16s 90? N

**16 DUNLEA DANCER**

4 11-1

(tongue strap)

b.g. Groom Dancer (USA) – Be My Lass (IRE) (Be My Guest (USA)) [2004/5 16d* 16s³ 16s Feb 26] rather leggy gelding: fair on Flat (should stay 1¾m), successful in June, sold out of M. Johnston's stable 25,000 gns Newmarket July Sales: made all in 10-runner juvenile at Wincanton on hurdling debut in December, left clear when Nanga Parbat fell 2 out: has taken good hold both starts since, easily better effort and similar form when 2 lengths third to Rood Boy in novice at same course: first-time tongue strap today.

P. J. HOBBS

P. J. Brennan

Beige and emerald green check, beige sleeves (Mr Allan Stennett)

127

h16s 116 G2
h16s 127 N
h16d 121 N

**17 ZALDA**

4 11-1

ch.f. Zilzal (USA) – Gold Luck (USA) (Slew O' Gold (USA)) [2004/5 16d* 17s 16s³ Feb 26] leggy filly: fair on Flat (stays 1¾m), successful twice in 2004, sold out of R. Charlton's stable 28,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: won 14-runner juvenile at Kempton on hurdling debut by 10 lengths from Dubai Ace, making all, jumping well and eased after last: easily better effort in Grade 2 events since when 8½ lengths third to impressive Penzance at same course last time.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Johnson

Red, black star, striped sleeves, yellow cap, black star (Mrs L. Field)

126

h16s 125 G2
h17s 124+N
h16d 124+N

**18 BEAUCHAMP PRINCE (IRE)**

4 11-0

gr.g. Beauchamp King – Katie Baggage (IRE) (Brush Aside (USA)) [2004/5 16m⁴ 16s 17v* 16v⁵ 21v⁴ 17s 20d³ Feb 24] tall gelding: has scope: third foal: dam unraced: fair juvenile hurdler: 33/1, won 13-runner event at Bangor in November by 7 lengths from Vicario: just respectable third to Baron Monty in novice at Haydock on latest start: should stay at least 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy ground: hangs left.

M. SCUDAMORE

T. Scudamore

Red and yellow stripes, yellow sleeves, red armlets, red cap (The "Yes" - "No" - "Wait"....Sorries)

127

h20d 118 N
h17s 127 G2
h21v 113 N
h16v 127 G1
h17v 125 N
h16s 94 N

**19 MR DINGLAWI (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.g. Danehill Dancer (IRE) – Princess Leona (IRE) (Naiyli (IRE)) [2004/5 17d³ 18d³ 16s³ 16d⁵ 18s* 16s* Feb 14] lightly-raced maiden on Flat (tried blinkered), form only around 1½m: fair juvenile hurdler: won at Fontwell and Plumpton, both in February, making all to beat Jockser a neck at latter track: will probably stay 2½m: raced on good to soft/soft ground.

D. B. FEEK

James Davies

Dark blue and yellow check, diablo on sleeves, yellow cap (Brightling Folly Partnership)

126

h16s 126 N
h18s 126 N
h16d 113 N
h16s 119 N
h18d 116 N
h17d 113 N

**20 REDI (ITY)**

4 10-13

(tongue strap)

b.c. Danehill Dancer (IRE) – Rossella (Shareef Dancer (USA)) [2004/5 16s 16d⁵ 16g* 16d* Feb 17] angular colt: fair on Flat (stays 1½m), successful in August, sold out of L. Cumani's stable 52,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: fairly useful hurdler, winning maiden at Southwell in January and juvenile at Sandown in February: best effort when beating Dhehdaah by 3½ lengths in 8-runner race last time, dictating steady pace and responding well: should stay beyond 2m: tongue tied last 3 starts (breathing problem on debut).

A. M. BALDING

B. J. Geraghty

Emerald green, yellow stripe, yellow cap (Thurloe Thoroughbreds XI)

130 ?

h16d 130? N
h16g 118+N
h16d 113 N
h16s + N

**21 EASE THE WAY**

4 10-13

(blinkers)

b.c. Nashwan (USA) – Desert Ease (IRE) (Green Desert (USA)) [2004/5 16v⁶ 16v² 16v* Jan 30] half-brother to modest 2m hurdle winner Outside Investor: fairly useful form in maidens on Flat, successful over 1½m at Gowran in August: second start over hurdles, 1½ lengths second to Grangehill Dancer in juvenile maiden at Punchestown: again blinkered and favourite, didn't need to reproduce that form to win similar event at Tramore month later, in control when blundering last: raced only on heavy going over hurdles.

D. K. WELD, IRELAND

D. J. Casey

Yellow, royal blue epaulets, yellow cap, royal blue star (Dr Michael Smurfit)

131

h16v 119+N
h16v 131 N
h16v G2

**22 ARRAYOU (FR)**

4 10-12

(visor)

b.g. Valanjou (FR) – Cavatine (FR) (Spud (FR)) [2003/4 15s² :: 2004/5 15s³ 15s³ 17s⁵ 16s⁴ 16s* 16s² 16v 16s³ 18s Jan 24] good-topped ex-French gelding: second foal: half-brother to 15f hurdle winner Creatif (by Ecologist): dam, placed around 2m over hurdles, half-sister to 4 winners over jumps in France: once-raced on Flat: fair juvenile hurdler: left J. Bertran de Balanda after third start: won at Leicester in December by 4 lengths from Noble Request: creditable third to Dusky Warbler in novice there penultimate start: poor effort next time: likely to stay beyond 2m: raced on soft/heavy ground: blinkered/visored 2 outings prior to latest: held up.

O. SHERWOOD

C. O'Dwyer

Emerald green, dark blue chevron and armlets, white cap (Mr J. P. Ledwidge)

133

h18s 113
h16s 129+N
h16v G1
h16s 133 N
h16s 128+N
h16s 99 N

**23 ALIKAT (IRE)**

4 10-11

b.f. Alhaarth (IRE) – Be Crafty (USA) (Crafty Prospector (USA)) [2004/5 16m³ 17m⁴ 16g² 16d 19s 19s* 16s³ Feb 24] leggy filly: maiden on Flat: fair hurdler: trained on debut by J. J. Murphy: easily best effort when winning handicap at Taunton in February, beating Mark Equal 9 lengths: respectable third to Jockser in similar event at Huntingdon next time: stays 19f: acts on soft ground: visored fifth start.

M. C. PIPE

T. J. Malone (5)

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

130

h16s 123 105
h19s 126+98
h19s 93+101
h16d 84 N
h16g 115 N
h17m 88 S

**24 DUBAI ACE (USA)**

4 10-10

(tongue strap)

128

b.g. Lear Fan (USA) – Arsaan (USA) (Nureyev (USA)) [2004/5 16g⁶ 16d² 18s⁴ 16s⁴ Feb 26] smallish gelding; half-brother to Allgrit (by Shadeed), fairly useful juvenile hurdler in 1998/9; modest form in two 1¼m maidens in 2004, sold out of J. S. Bolger's stable 5,200 gns Newmarket July Sales; tongue tied, fair form in frame in juvenile hurdles at Kempton (2) and Fontwell, flashing tail under pressure last 2 starts (stiff task in Grade 2 on latest).

MISS S. WEST

J. Goldstein

Light blue, mauve hoop, dark blue cap (Mucky Duck II Partnership)

h16s 128 G2
h18s 128 N
h16d 126+N
h16g 108 N



Tuesday, March 15th

SEDGEFIELD		SOUTHWELL	
1.40 2m5f110y Hcp Hurdle		1.50 5f Stakes	
1 Simlet	11-12 ?	TRW - - - -	
2 Mazarreame	11-12 114	1 Arogant Prince	69 \$
3 Fairy Skin Maker	11-12 119	2 Beamsley Beacon	74
4 Deja Vu	11-11 115	3 Danakim	70 \$
5 Stamparland Hill	11-10 120	4 He's A Rocket	74
6 Moustique de L'Isle	11-5 108	5 Juwwi	68 \$
7 Page Point	11-4 122	6 Miss Ceylon	-
8 Al Mabrook	11-3 111 ?	7 Pay Time	56
9 Time Marches On	10-12 113	8 Percy Douglas	64 \$
10 Sir Lamb	10-6 ?	9 Pompey Blue	68
11 End of An Error	10-4 114 \$	10 Torrent	71 \$
12 Tiger Talk	10-1 ?	11 Velvet Touch	68
2.15 2m5f110y Hurdle		2.25 1m4f Stakes	
TRW 98 - 112 106 106 (Av 106)		TRW - - - -	
1 La Perrotine	120 p	1 Ben's Revenge	64
2 Farne Isle	119	2 Insignificance	60
3 Clichy	105 ?	3 Compass Point	64 \$
4 Nobodys Perfect	-	4 Hopeful Mission	?
5 Primitive Poppy	-	5 Johnny Alljays	?
6 Spot In Time	-	6 Lady Stratagem	?
7 My Sunshine	91	7 Miss Fleurie	66
2.50 2m5f Chase		8 Cloud Catcher	-
TRW - - - -		9 Ses Seline	-
1 Ravenscar	108	10 Shaamit's All Over	57
2 Green Ideal	109 \$	3.00 1m Stakes	
3 Kingfisher Sunset	-	TRW - - - -	
4 Rutledge Red	119 ?	1 Air of Esteem	67
5 Schoolhouse Walk	-	2 Haunt The Zoo	62
6 Ashnaya	118	3 Mary Carleton	66
7 Super Sammy	119	4 Nifty Roy	-
3.30 3m3f110y (S) Hcp Hurdle		5 Noble Pursuit	60 \$
1 Tam O'Shanter	11-12 89	6 Peregrine Hawk	70
2 Prince of Perils	11-9 -	7 Printsmith	64
3 Savannah River	11-2 ?	8 Sir Bond	78
4 Modulor	11-2 -	9 Xaloc Bay	?
5 Dark Thunder	10-12 102	10 Zonnebeke	56
6 Flemming	10-9 91	3.40 1m Stakes	
7 Chris And Ryan	10-7 -	TRW - - - -	
8 Amber Go Go	10-6 91	1 Josear	66
9 Jack Flush	10-3 ?	2 Parsley's Return	56 +
10 Rudi's Charm	10-0 -	3 Showtime Faye	62
4.10 2m5f Hcp Chase		4 So Elegant	58
1 Sands Rising	11-12 111	5 Validation	-
2 Xaipete	11-10 116 +	6 Preskani	60
3 Flake	11-3 123	7 Sahara Mist	?
4 Parish Oak	11-2 113	8 Dispol Charm	?
5 Rash Decision	11-1 -	4.20 7f Stakes	
6 Del Trotter	10-2 ?	TRW - - - -	
7 Pornic	10-2 115 \$	1 Repeat	65
8 Lord of The Land	10-0 ?	2 Semper Paratus	64 \$
9 York Rite	10-0 116 x	3 Chorus	63 \$
4.50 3m3f Chase		4 Rocky Reppin	68 \$
TRW 113 - 104 102 100 (Av 105)		5 Kumakawa	63 \$
1 Geordies Express	102	6 Mutassem	67
2 Gus Berry	67	7 Emperor Cat	61 \$
3 Lucky Master	87	8 Marabar	72 \$
4 Monty's Quest	106 ?	9 Mr Tuplin	64
5 Mr Mahdlo	101 \$	10 Smart Scot	61
6 Who Dares Wins	85	5.00 6f Stakes	
7 Involved	97	TRW - - - -	
8 Commanche Spirit	-	1 Baytown Flyer	65
9 Joe di Capo	85 x	2 Carmarthen Belle	-
10 Oscar Pepper	-	3 Foxies Future	65
11 Primitive Rites	99	4 Sharp Hat	67
12 Lee's Rosie	?	5 Thaayer	51
13 Imps Way	94	6 Vlasta Weiner	69
5.30 2m1f Hcp Hurdle		7 Diamond Heritage	68
1 Lunar Dram	11-12 102 ?	8 Dishdasha	72
2 Donovan	11-11 114	9 Mickledo	48
3 Dark Ben	11-10 112		
4 Assumetheposition	11-0 112		
5 Aelred	10-11 ?		
6 Polar Gunner	10-7 119 +		
7 Venturamore	10-3 -		
8 Casterflo	10-0 -		