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CHELTENHAM

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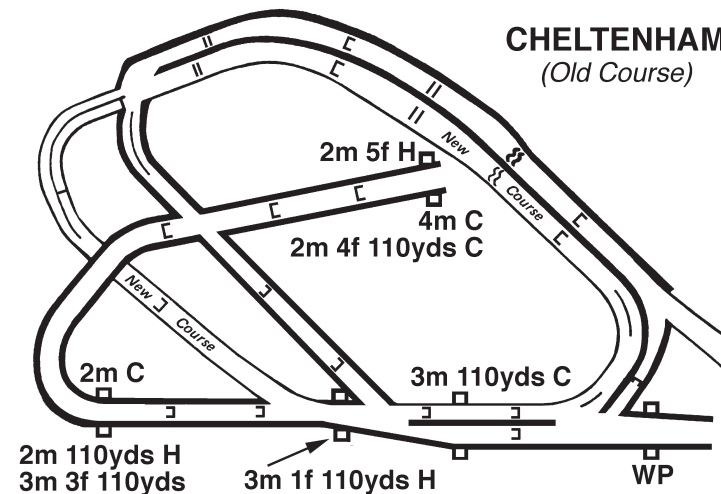
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Most Successful Trainers 1999/2000 to 2003/4

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 ROYAL & SUNALLIANCE NOVICES' HURDLE 2m5f (Grade 1) (A)

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AKHTARI (IRE)

5 11-7

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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

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

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

AMBOBO (USA)

5 11-7

160 +

b.g. Kingmambo (USA) – Bold Bold (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 17g* 17s* 17d* 18s² 17s* 20s* Jan 29] small, sturdy gelding: third foal: half-brother to 10.5f winner True Wooman (by Capote): dam, 1¼m winner, sister to Galway Hurdle winner Sabadilla: winner around 1½m on Flat: useful novice hurdler, has won 5 of 6 starts, 4-y-o events at Gramat and Clairefontaine in August, Cholet in September, Enghien in November and Royal Gloucestershire Hussars Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham in January: beat Brewster by 2½ lengths in last-named, jumped fluently and lead after 2 out: raced around 2m on good ground or softer.

A. CHAILLE-CHAILLE, FRANCE

Yellow and dark blue diabolo, dark blue sleeves, check cap (Mr S. Mulryan)

h20s 160 G2
h17s 138 W

BAGAN (FR)

6 11-7

143 +

b.h. Rainbow Quest (USA) – Maid of Erin (USA) (Irish River (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 17g⁴ 21d* 21d* 19g* Mar 5] strong, rangy horse: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Mizyan (by Melyno), stayed 3m: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m), mostly respectable efforts in 2004, sold out of H. Cecil's stable 26,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: some promise on hurdling debut: upped in trip, fairly useful form when winning maiden at Ludlow and novices at Kempton and Doncaster since, again idled in front when beating Savannah Bay 2½ lengths in last-named: stays 21f: raced on good/good to soft going: may do better still.

C. J. MANN

N. Fehily

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

Partnership III)

h19g 142+N
h21d 141+N
h21d 130+N
h17g 104+N

BLACK APALACHI (IRE)

6 11-7

144

b.g. Old Vic – Hattons Dream (IRE) (Be My Native (USA)) [2003/4 F16s* :: 2004/5 F16v² F16v 18s* 24v³ 18s⁶ 20s* Feb 20] €48,000 3-y-o: tall gelding: first foal: dam unraced half-sister to useful hurdler up to 21f Erintante and fairly useful chaser up to 25f Delgany Royal: useful form in bumpers: won at Down Royal on debut: best effort when length second of 13 to L'Antartique at Listowel in September: fairly useful form over hurdles: won maiden at Downpatrick (by 20 lengths) in December and Grade 2 at Naas in February, beating Homer Wells by 2 lengths in latter: 26 lengths third of 24 to Cloudy Bays in handicap at Leopardstown on second start over hurdles: should stay beyond 2½m: raced only on soft/heavy going.

P. J. ROTHWELL, IRELAND

Emerald green, royal blue chevrons on sleeves, emerald green cap, royal blue star (Gerard

Burke)

h20s 144 G2
h18s G1
h24v 125+116
h18s 133+N
F16v 106 WA
F16v 120 W

BREWSTER (IRE)

8 11-7

158

b.g. Roselier (FR) – Aelia Paetina (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 23s⁴ 25g 21m³ :: 2004/5 20s⁴ 21d* 24d* 21d* 20s² Jan 29] rather leggy gelding: useful novice hurdler: won at Cheltenham in November and December (Grade 2 Brit Insurance Novices', by 12 lengths from Jackson), and Newbury later in December: edged ahead run-in when beating Ladalko by 1¾ lengths (pair clear) in Grade 1 Challow Novices' Hurdle at Newbury: good 2½ lengths second to Ambobo in Grade 2 at Cheltenham next time: stays 3m well: acts on good to firm and heavy going: genuine and reliable.

IAN WILLIAMS

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

h20s 158 G2
h21d 151+G1
h24d 153 G2
h21d 139 N
h20s 130 G2
h21m 145 N

DARKNESS

6 11-7

ch.g. Accordion – Winnowing (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 F16g³ :: 2004/5 F18s* 20s² 21s* 21v² 19s* Feb 3] tall, lengthy, unfurnished gelding: third live foal: dam, winning hurdler who stayed 2½m, out of half-sister to top-class 2m to 25f hurdler Aonoch: fairly useful in bumpers, won intermediate at Plumpton in December: fairly useful novice hurdler: landed odds at Plumpton in January and Towcester (beat Jaunty Times 11 lengths despite hanging left) in February: will stay at least 2¾m: raced on soft/heavy going: reliable.

C. R. EGERTON

Pink and grey diamonds, pink cap (Lady Lloyd-Webber)

148

h19s 137 N
h21v 148 N
h21s 119+N
h20s 135 N
F18s 113 W
F16g 109+W

ESCOMPTEUR (FR)

5 11-7

143

b.g. Poliglote – Escopette (FR) (Tourangeau (FR)) [2003/4 15d 18s 18v 18s c17d² 16v⁵ c17s⁵ :: 2004/5 c17s² c17d² c20s⁴ c20s^{ur} 17g* 21g* 19s^F 16d 18s² 16d 20d Mar 12] sturdy ex-French gelding: eighth foal: half-brother to several winners, including 15f hurdle winner Excusez Moi (by Kadrou), 13f hurdle winner Escoduc (by Iron Duke) and 21f chase winner Escorteur (by Roi de Rome): dam 1¼m/11f winner: useful hurdler: left G. Cherel, created good impression when winning novices at Bangor and Plumpton in October: well held in valuable handicaps 3 of last 4 starts: fair form over fences: runner-up in handicaps at Auteuil in May and June and fourth in Group 3 there (beaten 10½ lengths by Fiumicino) later in June: stays 2½m: raced on good ground or softer: free-going sort.

M. C. PIPE

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

h20d 129
h16d 129
h18s 134+N
h16d 132+129
h19s + N
h21g 141+N

FORAGER

6 11-7

147

ch.g. Faustus (USA) – Jolimo (Fortissimo) [2003/4 F16m* :: 2004/5 16d 20s* 21s* Feb 26] angular gelding: half-brother to several winning hurdlers, notably good 2m winner Osric (by Radetzky): dam won from 1½m to 2¼m: won bumper at Huntingdon on debut in May 2003: off 18 months afterwards: has quickly shown himself useful over hurdles on return, winning maiden at Windsor in December by 2 lengths from Darkness and novice at Kempton in February by neck from irresolute Ladalko, pair clear: will stay beyond 21f: may yet progress further.

M. J. RYAN

S. Durack

Royal blue, yellow sash, chevrons on sleeves, royal blue cap, yellow diamond (Mr Joseph

Curran)

h21s 145 N
h20s 137+N
h16d 104? N
F16m 107 W

GOLD MEDALLIST

5 11-7

156 p

ch.g. Zilzal (USA) – Spot Prize (USA) (Seattle Dancer (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 19d* 24d* 20s* Feb 24] good-topped gelding: half-brother to fair hurdler Prize Ring (by Bering), stays 2½m: trained by D. Elsworth, smart on Flat (stays 2m), won Group 2 at Deauville in 2004: most promising start over hurdles, winning novices at Exeter (by 1¼ lengths from Secret Ploy, pair well clear in well-contested event) in December, Kempton (straightforward task) in January and Huntingdon in February, made all and again jumped fluently when beating Pole Star ½ length on latest occasion: smart hurdler in the making.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Johnson

Dark blue, light blue hoop, checked sleeves and cap (Mrs D. L. Whateley)

h20s 156 N
h24d 138+N
h19d 146+N

MEPHISTO (IRE)

6 11-7

160 p

b.g. Machiavellian (USA) – Cunning (Bustino) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 20s³ 23s* 18v* Mar 5] close-coupled, quite good-topped gelding: half-brother to useful hurdler/fairly useful chaser Almaydan (by Marju), stays 2½m: smart on Flat (stays 1¾m), successful 4 times in 2004, including in Ebor: sold out of L. Cumani's stable 220,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: highly promising start to hurdling career: 10½ lengths third to Ambobo in Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham on debut: has since won 5-runner Grade 2 Brit Insurance Prestige Novices' Hurdle at Haydock (barely came off bridle to beat Moulin Riche 3 lengths) and Grade 2 Premier Kelso Hurdle, pulling long way clear of rest when edging out Faasel by a head at latter course: stays 23f, effective at much shorter: smart novice in making.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

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

h18v 160 G2
h23s 149+G2
h20s 144+G2

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 2½m: 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 6½ lengths fifth of 9 to Marcel in Grade 1 at Sandown penultimate start: will stay beyond 2m: acts on heavy going.

A. KING

*Red, white sleeves, red spots, brown cap (B Winfield, A Longman, J Wright & C Fenton)***NO REFUGE (IRE)**

5 11-7

ch.g. Hernando (FR) – Shamarra (FR) (Zayyani) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 20d* 20d² 21s* Jan 15] rather leggy gelding: smart on Flat (stays 15f), sold out of Sir Mark Prescott's stable 180,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: useful novice hurdler: landed odds at Aintree on hurdling debut in November and in Grade 2 totepool Leamington Novices' Hurdle at Warwick in January, again not jumping fluently but holding on readily from 2 out (despite edging left) to beat Lady Zephyr 3 lengths in latter: 1½ lengths second to Ladalko in Grade 2 novice at Sandown in between: stays 21f: open to further progress.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

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

6 11-7

b.g. Law Society (USA) – Olaya (GER) (Acatenango (GER)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16g* 17s² Mar 6] tall, useful-looking ex-German gelding: smart on Flat (stays 2m), successful 6 times from 15 starts, including at Bremen in April and Cologne in May for P. Vovcenko: impressive hurdling debut when winning 25-runner maiden at Newbury by 3½ lengths from Allumee, travelling easily into contention and not hard pressed to assert: odds on, jumped hesitantly when 2 lengths second to Jair Ohmsford in falsely-run novice at Market Rasen 3 months later: looked very promising at Newbury, and worth another chance to show himself capable of improvement.

JONJO O'NEILL

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

6 11-7

ch.g. Presenting – Forest Pride (IRE) (Be My Native (USA)) [2003/4 F16d* F16g :: 2004/5 F16g 16d* 20s³ 22v* 24v³ Jan 16] rather unfurnished gelding: fairly useful bumper winner: useful form over hurdles, winning maiden at Clonmel in November and Grade 3 novice at Limerick (beat Kerryhead Windfarm 25 lengths) in December: distant third to Sweet Kiln in novice at Fairyhouse last time: should stay 3m: acts on heavy going.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

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

7 11-7

b. or br.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – Ellie Ardensky (Slip Anchor) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16g² 19g* 19d* 20s² Feb 24] leggy, useful-looking gelding: smart on Flat (stays 2½m), good placed efforts in 2003: useful novice hurdler: easily landed odds at Doncaster in December and Newbury in January: further improvement when ½-length second to Gold Medallist at Huntingdon next time, jumping none too fluently: will stay beyond 2½m: may do better still.

J. R. FANSHAWE

*Light blue, dark blue diamond and diamond on cap (Mr Paul Green)***RACING DEMON (IRE)**

5 11-7

b.g. Old Vic – All Set (IRE) (Electric) [2003/4 F16d* :: 2004/5 16g² 17d* 16d³ 19s* Jan 3] useful-looking gelding: dam unraced half-sister to top-class chaser up to 25f Merry Gale: won bumper at Huntingdon on debut in 2003/4 by 4 lengths from Reel Missile: fairly useful form in novice hurdles: won at Exeter in November and January, quickening on 3 out to beat Laska de Thaix 11 lengths with something to spare for latter success: not ideally suited by less truly-run race when creditable third to Murphy's Quest at Sandown in between: likely to stay at least 2½m: should continue to progress.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

Dark green, maroon stars, maroon cap (Mrs T. P. Radford)

J. Culloty

153h17v 153 L
h16d 141+G1
h17g 134+N
h16g 127 N**156 p**h21s 153+G2
h20d 150+G2
h20d 139 N**135 p**h17s 119+N
h16g 131+N**149**h24v N
h22v 149 G3
h20s 141 G2
h16d 122+N
F16g 110 W
F16g 105 G1**152**h20s 152 N
h19d 139+N
h19g 113+N
h16g 129+N**152 p**h19s 137+N
h16d 132+N
h17d 133+N
h16g 128+N
F16d 119 W**RED GEORGIE (IRE)**

7 11-7

ch.g. Old Vic – Do We Know (Derrylin) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F17g* F16d* F16d⁵ 20v³ 23v^{pu} 23s* 24s* Mar 6] lengthy, workmanlike gelding: chasing type: half-brother to several winners, including useful hurdler/fair chaser Bo Knows Best (by Burslem), stayed 21f: dam ran 3 times: useful form in bumpers, winning at Hereford in May and Worcester in October: fairly useful form in novice hurdles, making all in 6-runner events at Wetherby (beat Romany Prince 3 lengths) and Kempton (beat Miko de Beauchene 8 lengths) last 2 starts: will stay beyond 3m: raced only on good going or softer: finished distressed when running poorly fifth start.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

*Light blue, emerald green stripe, hooped sleeves, white cap, light blue star (Mr M. P. Wareing)***REGENTS WALK (IRE)**

7 11-7

b.g. Phardante (FR) – Raw Courage (IRE) (The Parson) [2003/4 16m⁶ :: 2004/5 19g* Dec 8] sturdy gelding: third in bumper on debut in 2002/3: better effort over hurdles 10 months apart when winning 18-runner novice at Newbury by 3 lengths from Quid Pro Quo, travelling easily into contention and soon settling issue when shaken up 2 out: evidently not the easiest to train, but open to further improvement.

B. DE HAAN

*Pink, dark blue chevron and star on cap (Mrs D. Vaughan)***REVEILLEZ**

6 11-7

gr.g. First Trump – Amalancher (USA) (Alleged (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16s* 19g* Jan 17] tall, leggy gelding: useful on Flat (stays 15f), successful twice in 2003: promising start to hurdling career, winning novices at Windsor in November and Doncaster in January, fairly useful form when beating Pretty Star 2 lengths at latter track, travelling strongly long way and not having to be subjected to maximum pressure: open to further improvement.

J. R. FANSHAWE

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

7 11-7

gr.g. Terimon – Larksmore (Royal Fountain) [2003/4 23d³ 20s² :: 2004/5 16d² 17v* 16v* 16v* 16d Feb 12] strong, lengthy gelding: will make a chaser: useful novice hurdler: won at Carlisle in November and Haydock in December and January: easily best effort when beating Baby Run by 8 lengths in 5-runner Grade 2 Rossington Main Novices' Hurdle for latest success, always going strongly and ridden clear after 3 out: never much better than mid-division in valuable handicap at Newbury latest start: should be effective at 2½m+: raced only on ground softer than good (acts particularly well on heavy).

J. M. JEFFERSON

White, royal blue chevron, pink cap (Mr Richard Collins)

A. Dobbin

ROYAL HECTOR (GER)

6 11-7

b.g. Hector Protector (USA) – Rudolfina (CAN) (Pleasant Colony (USA)) [2003/4 20m 16g 16m⁴ 17d⁴ 16s⁵ 20s⁵ 19g⁵ 19d⁴ 21d 20d :: 2004/5 18d* 16d* 17g* 20s* 16v* 16d 20s Jan 29] leggy, good-topped gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: useful handicap hurdler: left A. Hobbs after final start in 2003/4: won at Fontwell, Plumpton, Bangor (conditional jockeys), Windsor and Haydock, all in December, further marked improvement when beating Pure Mischief ½ length, pair well clear, at last-named course: poor efforts in valuable handicap at Kempton and Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham last 2 outings: stays 2½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: held up.

M. C. PIPE

*Yellow, dark blue stripe (Three Counties Racing 2)***ROYAL PARADISE (FR)**

5 11-7

b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Crystalza (FR) (Crystal Palace (FR)) [2003/4 F16s* F16g⁴ :: 2004/5 16d* 19s* 16d³ 16v* 18s* Feb 6] lengthy, angular gelding: won bumper at Sandown on debut in 2003/4: better form when fourth to Total Enjoyment in Champion Bumper at Cheltenham, subsequently sold privately out of F. Doumen's stable: useful novice hurdler: won at Roscommon (by head from Wild Passion) and Naas (beat Petertheknot ½ length) in October and at Leopardstown in December (made all to beat Leonardo de Vinci 6 lengths in Grade 2 paddypower.com Future Champions Novice Hurdle) and February: beat The Railway Man 3 lengths in 8-runner Grade 1 Deloitte Novice Hurdle for latest success, always prominent and ridden out after leading into straight: likely to prove better around 2½m than 2m: acts on heavy going: open to further improvement.

THOMAS FOLEY, IRELAND

Dark green and royal blue diablo, halved sleeves, striped cap (Mr Patrick Delaney Jr)

M. A. Fitzgerald

131h24s 123 N
h23s 131 N
h23v N
h20v 117 N
F16d 109+W
F16d 115+W**122 p**h19g 122+N
h16m 115+N**145 p**h19g 127+N
h16s 129+N**150**h16d 139+128
h16v 150 G2
h16v 132+N
h17v 129+N
h16d 121+N
h20s 119 N**140**h20s G2
h16d 134+130
h16v 138+120
h20s 123+103
h17g 115+103A
h16d 117+103**151 p**h18s 145+G1
h16v 145 G2
h16d 140 G1
h19s 144+N
h16d 139 N
F16g 129 G1

SECRET PLOY

5 11-7

b.g. Deploy – By Line (High Line) [2003/4 F12g* F12d* F16g* :: 2004/5 16d³ 19d² 20v² Jan 15] quite attractive gelding; unbeaten in 3 bumpers in 2003/4, smart form when beating Mount Clerigo 4 lengths in Grade 2 event at Newbury: best effort over hurdles (useful form) when clear second to Gold Medallist in 18-runner novice at Exeter, spoiling chance by hanging left: made hard work of it and carried head awkwardly when never-nearer 3 lengths second to Mount Clerigo in similar event at Wetherby month later: will stay 3m: possibly not at best on heavy going: well up to winning a race over hurdles.

H. MORRISON

Red, purple star and star on cap (Mr A. M. Carding)

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 1½m): 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 3½ lengths fourth to Ladalko in similar event at Sandown next time: stays 2½m.

P. R. WEBBER

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

J. Dowd)

SNOOPY LOOPY (IRE)

7 11-7

ch.g. Old Vic – Lovely Snoopy (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2003/4 F16d* :: 2004/5 20g* 20v³ 20v³ 24d³ Feb 12] leggy gelding: seventh foal: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Royal Snoopy, stays 27f, and winning hurdler Royal Signature, stays 21f, both by Royal Fountain: won both completed starts in Irish points in 2004: successful in 18-runner bumper at Huntingdon (by ¾ length from Into The Shadows) in April and 15-runner maiden hurdle at Hexham in May: third all starts since, fading when beaten 21½ lengths by Over The Creek in handicap at Newbury on latest: should stay beyond 2½m.

MISS V. SCOTT

Light blue, mauve star (Miss Victoria Scott Jnr.)

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 1¼m 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

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

THE MARKET MAN (NZ)

5 11-7

ch.g. Grosvenor (NZ) – Eastern Bazaar (IRE) (King Persian) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16s* 19s² 16d* Jan 28] medium-sized New Zealand-bred gelding: successful once over 1¼m from 6 starts up to 1½m on Flat at 3 yrs in native country, latest outing in January 2004: fairly useful form when winning novice hurdles at Kempton (by 2½ lengths from McBain) in November and Doncaster in January, landing odds by 15 lengths from Sta What You See at latter course: 14 lengths second to It's Just Harry in similar event at Hereford in between: should stay beyond 2m.

N. J. HENDERSON

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

VA VAVOOM (IRE)

7 11-7

b.g. Supreme Leader – Shalom Joy (Kemal (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F17v² 16s 17d² 21d⁴ 20s 24d³ Mar 5] well-made gelding: sixth foal: half-brother to winning pointer by Commanche Run: dam won bumper, up to 2m on Flat and 2m over hurdles: won maiden Irish point in 2003: well-backed favourite, had plenty of use made of him when short-head second to Golden Measure in heavy-ground maiden bumper at Market Rasen: best effort in novice hurdles (fairly useful form) when around 17 lengths fourth of 7 finishers in Grade 1 event at Newbury: well below form in Grade 2 at Cheltenham on penultimate start, possibly didn't stay 3m in novice at Newbury on latest (blundered 2 out): stays 21f: raced on good going or softer.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

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

145

h20v 128 N
h19d 145 N
h16d 135 N
F16g³ 137 G2
F12d² 120 W
F12g² 121 W

145

h20d 145 G2
h16d 145 G2
h16d 133+N
h16m 110+N
h16g³ 131 G2
h16g² 134 G2

128

h24d 124+113
h20v 124+N
h20v 128+N
h20g 114+N
F16d² 122+W

124

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

141 +

h16d 133+N
h19s 129 N
h16s 135+N

136

h24d 126+N
h20s 136 G2
h21d 136 G1
h17d 126 N
h16s + N
F17v 110 N

WILD PASSION (GER)

5 11-7

b.g. Acatenango (GER) – White On Red (GER) (Königsstuhl (GER)) [2003/4 16d² 17g^F :: 2004/5 16d² 16s* 16d* 16d⁴ Jan 8] tall, good-topped gelding: useful on Flat (stays 1¾am): 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

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

WITHOUT A DOUBT

6 11-7

b.g. Singspiel (IRE) – El Rabab (USA) (Roberto (USA)) [2003/4 F16m² F16d⁶ F17d :: 2004/5 21g² 21d² 17s* 16d² 16g³ 16d 17v³ 20d Mar 12] leggy gelding: fairly useful novice hurdler: made all at Folkestone in November: good efforts at Sandown and Kempton (2½ lengths third of 9 to Coat of Honour) in December: well beaten in valuable handicaps 2 of last 3 starts (looked extremely well on latest): unsuited by setting steady gallop in between: likely to prove better around 2½m than 2m: acts on soft going (bumper form on good to firm).

M. PITMAN

Black and white check, yellow sleeves, black and white quartered cap (Mr Malcolm C.

Denmark)

COURT LEADER (IRE)

7 11-0

b.m. Supreme Leader – Droichidin (Good Thyme (USA)) [2003/4 F18d :: 2004/5 F17d³ F16m⁵ F16m⁶ F20v² F16d⁴ 19s⁶ 20d³ 20s³ 19s⁵ 19v² 18s² 24s⁵ 16v* Mar 6] angular mare: fifth foal: dam, placed in Irish point, sister to top-class hurdler Mighty Mogul: fair form in bumpers: fair hurdler: favourite, easy winner of maiden at Leopardstown on latest start: better form in defeat previous 3 outings: effective at 2m, barely at 3m: acts on heavy going.

THOMAS MULLINS, IRELAND

Orange, black star, diablo on sleeves, white and black hooped cap (Mrs P. Duffin)

GOLDEN ODYSSEY (IRE)

5 11-0

ch.m. Baratheia (IRE) – Opus One (Slip Anchor) [2003/4 F13g* F16g² F17g* F17m* :: 2004/5 19d* 19d² 21d⁴ 20g* 20g³ Feb 27] unfurnished mare: useful form in bumpers in 2003/4, won 3 of 4 starts: fair novice hurdler: won at Market Rasen (made hard work of landing odds) in October and Musselburgh (beat Simply Mystic by 3 lengths) in January: best effort when fourth of 18 to Lady Zephyr in mares event at Newbury third start: not discredited when 5 lengths third to Diamond Sal at Musselburgh last time: stays 21f: yet to race on extremes of going.

K. G. REVELEY

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

INCH PRIDE (IRE)

6 11-0

b.m. Beneficial – Stradbally Bay (Shackleton) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F17d F20g F16s* 20s* 16s* Feb 3] leggy mare: eighth foal: sister to smart bumper performer Lennon and half-sister to modest hurdler Goodnight Irene (by Crash Course), stays 3m, and to 2 winning pointers: dam unraced: won both starts in Irish points in 2004: easily best effort in bumpers (fairly useful form) when winning 20-runner mares event at Clonmel in December: left W. Burke, has created good impression when winning mares novice hurdles at Fontwell (by 11 lengths from Amber Starlight) in January and Towcester (7/4-on, comfortably beat Horcott Bay 5 lengths) in February: will stay 3m: useful prospect.

M. C. PIPE

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

LADY ZEPHYR (IRE)

7 11-0

b.m. Toulon – Sorimak Gale (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 F17g³ F16s* :: 2004/5 F16g* F17d* 16s² 16s* 21d* 20d³ 21s² 21d* 21s² 20s⁴ Jan 29] rangy, useful-looking mare: winning Irish pointer: won 3 out of 4 starts in mares bumpers (useful form), including at Towcester and Bangor in early-2003/4: fairly useful novice hurdler: won mares events at Towcester (far from fluent) and Warwick in November and Newbury (led just after last to beat Mistress Banjo 6 lengths) in December: also good efforts when 2 lengths third to Ladalko in Grade 2 at Sandown and 3 lengths second to No Refuge in similar event at Warwick sixth/penultimate outings: likely to stay beyond 21f: raced on good ground or softer: has idled, throwing away winning chance twice.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

Dark blue and emerald green stripes, red cap, dark blue star (Mr David Langdon)

145

h16d 142 G1
h16d 144+G1
h16s 123+G3
h16d 139 N
h17g² G1
h16d² 140 G3

133

h20d 106 122
h17v 122 N
h16d 124+123
h16g 132 N
h16d² 133 N
h17s 128+N

131

h16v 126+N
h24s 129+106W
h18s 129 103
h19v 131 N
h19s N
h20s 121 N

133

h20g 123 N
h20g 127 N
h21d 132 N
h19d 123+N
h19d 102+N
F17m² 120+W

139 p

h16s 106+N
h20s 133+N
F16s 120 WA
F20g 103 WA
F17d 86 W

146

h20s 141 G2
h21s 143 G2
h21d 145+N
h21s 136+N
h20d 141 G2
h21d 123+N

QUEEN ASTRID (IRE)

5 11-0

b.m. Revoque (IRE) – Talina's Law (IRE) (Law Society (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 18v* 19s* Mar 3] half-sister to fair 2m hurdler Mujalina (by Mujadil): dam fairly useful hurdler, should have stayed beyond 2m: useful on Flat (will stay 2m) for L. Browne: has justified favouritism both starts over hurdles, namely 18-runner maiden at Leopardstown (made all to beat Letterman 6 lengths) in December and 16-runner mares minor event at Limerick (led 2 out, beat Cake It Easy 20 lengths) in March: will stay at least 2½m: open to improvement.

*D. K. WELD, IRELAND**Purple, yellow cross of lorraine, purple cap (Dr R. Lambe)***146 p**h19s 137 W
h18v 146 N**RUMOUR (USA)**

6 11-0

b.m. Quest For Fame – Never A Care (USA) (Roberto (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16v 16s 16v Feb 17] fairly useful at best on Flat (stays 13.5f) in France, sold out of J. de Roualle's stable 6,000 gns Newmarket December Sales: best effort in maiden hurdles (modest form) when 23½ lengths seventh of 18 to Doctor Linton at Thurles second start.

*JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, IRELAND**White, dark green diamond, diamonds on sleeves and cap (John Joseph Murphy)***110**h16v 103 N
h16s 110 N
h16v N**SHOETTE (IRE)**

5 11-0

b.m. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Sumava (IRE) (Sure Blade (USA)) [2003/4 16gF :: 2004/5 16s³ 16d⁴ 16vF 16s³ Jan 3] sister to fair bumper winner Sahem: fair on Flat (will stay 1½m) for B. Hills at 3 yrs, well held both starts in 2004: modest form over hurdles, third to Sea Skate in 16-runner maiden at Cork last time: raced at 2m.

*JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, IRELAND**Dark blue, yellow stripe, sleeves and cap (O. Finetto)***110**h16s 110 N
h16v + N
h16d 106+N
h16s 110 W
h16g W**TUDOR BELL (IRE)**

4 10-13

b.g. Definite Article – Late Night Lady (IRE) (Mujadil (USA)) [2004/5 19s⁴ 17s Feb 17] fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¾m), successful 3 times in 2004: better effort over hurdles when 15 lengths fourth to Almah in novice at Exeter, not fluent last 3 flights: hampered start and lost place after mistake fourth in maiden at Taunton over 2 weeks later.

*J. G. M. O'SHEA**White, red stripe, royal blue sleeves, red and white striped cap (K. W. Bell & Son Ltd)***107**h17s 88+N
h19s 104+N**Timeform Horses In Focus: Cheltenham 16th March**

The following horses were identified as being of particular betting interest following their most recent performance:

Time	Horse	Time	Horse
2.00	BREWSTER (IRE)	4.00	SUPREME SERENADE (IRE)
2.00	GOLD MEDALLIST	4.00	DISTANT PROSPECT (IRE)
2.00	MEPHISTO (IRE)	4.40	JOLY BEY (FR)
2.00	NO REFUGE (IRE)	4.40	IRIS BLEU (FR)
2.00	RACING DEMON (IRE)	4.40	THE BANDIT (IRE)
2.00	REVEILLEZ	4.40	INDALO (IRE)
2.00	ROYAL PARADISE (FR)	5.20	KARANJA
3.15	MOSCOW FLYER (IRE)	5.20	RASHARROW (IRE)
4.00	UNLEASH (USA)	5.20	THE MICK WESTON
4.00	KASTHARI (IRE)	5.20	REFINEMENT (IRE)
4.00	FOUNTAIN HILL (IRE)		

2.35**THE ROYAL & SUNALLIANCE CHASE
(Grade 1) (A)****3m110y****£140,000 5yo+****ANOTHER RUM (IRE)**

7 11-4

b.g. Zaffaran (USA) – Sharp Fashion VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2003/4 F18d³ 22m* 24d 20s³ 24s* 24d² 22s⁶ 22g² :: 2004/5 c20s² c25d² c24vF c24v⁴ Feb 13] quite good-topped gelding: fairly useful hurdler: similar form when second first 2 completed starts over fences, behind Joes Edge in novice at Ayr and Point Barrow in maiden at Fairyhouse: respectable fourth to latter in Grade 3 novice at Navan last time: will stay beyond 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going, probably on heavy.

*I. A. DUNCAN, IRELAND**Emerald green and royal blue (quartered), emerald green sleeves, striped cap (Ronald Lilley)*

A. Ross

136c24v 128 G3
c24v G1
c25d 136 W
c20s 135 N
h22g 138+118
h22s 123 N**BACKBEAT (IRE)**

8 11-4

b.g. Bob Back (USA) – Pinata (Deep Run) [2003/4 c18g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c17s² c19d* c19d* c24gF Dec 26] sturdy gelding: modest hurdler: useful novice chaser: won at Exeter in November (handicap) and December, beating Liverpool Echo by 5 lengths in latter: let down by jumping in Grade 1 at Kempton last time, held in fifth when falling 2 out: sold out of D. Elsworth's stable £50,000 Ascot February Sales: will probably stay 3m: raced only on good ground or softer: blinkered (jumped badly right) chasing debut: tends to sweat.

*J. HOWARD JOHNSON**Black and beige (halved), chevrons on sleeves, beige cap (Andrea & Graham Wylie)*

G. Lee

151c24g + G1
c19d 151+N
c19d 136+105
c17s 135+N
c18g 110**BRAVE SPIRIT (FR)**

7 11-4

b.g. Legend of France (USA) – Guerre Ou Paix (FR) (Comrade In Arms) [2003/4 17g⁵ 17g 16s c20sF c25g^{pu} c24g² :: 2004/5 c25m² c24s⁴ c24d^{ur} c26s* c24s* c23d² c26d* c28s* c27s* c25v² c24d⁴ Feb 19] rather leggy gelding: little form in 4 starts over hurdles: has had remarkable run over fences since start of November (left I. Williams 16,000 gns after reappearance), winning handicaps at Fontwell (3), Lingfield (novice) and Taunton: further improvement when second to Headliner in handicap at Exeter penultimate start: far from discredited when 10½ lengths fourth to Distant Thunder in Grade 2 novice at Lingfield latest outing, seeming to find emphasis too much on speed: stays 3½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually wears cheekpieces: tried tongue tied.

*C. L. TIZZARD**White, emerald green cross belts, white sleeves, red armlets, white cap, royal blue diamond (The Con Club)*

J. Tizzard

147c24d 147 G2
c25v 147 120
c27s 137 111
c28s 134 103
c26d 123 93
c23d 123 93**COMPLY OR DIE (IRE)**

6 11-4

b.g. Old Vic – Madam Madcap (Furry Glen) [2003/4 16m* 21m* 20g² 25s* 21g⁴ :: 2004/5 c20g* c24g² c21d* c24d* c24gF Nov 28] tall, rather unfurnished gelding: useful novice hurdler in 2003/4: similar level over fences: won maiden at Bangor in October and novices at Wincanton (beat Distant Thunder 1¼ lengths in Grade 2 totescoop6 Rising Stars Novices' Chase) and Cheltenham in November: has made all for last 2 wins, impressive when beating Northern Deal 20 lengths in 5-finisher event at Cheltenham: best effort when 2½ lengths second to Ollie Magern in similar event there in October: fell 4 out in Grade 2 novice at Newbury latest start: will prove ideally suited by 3m+: acts on soft and good to firm going: fine jumper in the main.

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

T. J. Murphy

161c24g + G2
c24d 160+N
c21d 160 G2
c24g 161 N
c20g 135+W
h21g 160 G1**CORNISH REBEL (IRE)**

8 11-4

br.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Katday (FR) (Miller's Mate) [2003/4 20d* 21d* 24g :: 2004/5 c20g* c24g* c25d* c21s³ Jan 29] rangy, good-topped gelding: created good impression when winning first 2 starts over hurdles, novice at Chepstow and Grade 1 Stan James Challow Novices' Hurdle (beat Big Moment ½ length) at Newbury: seemed to down tools after 5 out when tailed off in Grade 1 novice at Aintree final start: won first 3 starts over fences, namely maiden at Lingfield in October (looked less than keen), Grade 2 cantorsport.co.uk Novices' Chase at Newbury (idled markedly when beating Distant Thunder by 4 lengths) in November and novice at Cheltenham in December: good 5½ lengths third to Lacdoudal in novice handicap at Cheltenham next time, running in snatches and finding less than seemed likely after blundering 2 out: stays 3m: raced only on good going or softer (acts on soft): patiently ridden: has tended to hang left.

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

R. Walsh

157c21s 157 142
c25d 139+N
c24g 157+G2
c20g 119+W
h24g 129 G1
h21d 164+G1

JAZZ D'ESTRIVAL (FR)

8 11-4

gr.g. Bayolidaan (FR) – Caro d'Estrival (FR) (Caramo (FR)) [2003/4 24g* 22s2 25d3 :: 2004/5 c21v* c22v* c25s2 Mar 6] strong, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful hurdler, lightly raced (has reportedly been fired): won handicap at Perth early in 2003/4: further improvement when placed in similar events at Haydock and Wetherby: off 12 months, impressive start over fences when winning novices at Ayr (by 10 lengths from Tribal Venture) in December and Haydock (again jumped soundly when beating Trabolgan by 9 lengths (eased) in 3-finisher event) in January: 8/1-on, blundered and unseated seventh in match at Market Rasen (remounted) last time: stays 25f: raced on good ground or softer (acts on heavy): probably hasn't finished improving.

N. G. RICHARDS

*Beige, brown hooded sleeves, orange cap (Ashleybank Investments Limited)***KEEPATEM (IRE)**

9 11-4

ch.g. Be My Native (USA) – Ariannrun (Deep Run) [2003/4 24s3 25g 24g2 :: 2004/5 c18v5 c17d4 c23d* c18s5 c24v* c21v3 Jan 9] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: similar form over fences, winning maiden at Downpatrick (by ¾ length from Calladine) in November and very valuable 18-finisher Paddy Power Chase (Handicap) at Leopardstown in December: always going well and led run-in when beating Jaquouille 4 lengths in latter: inadequate test but still ran creditably when 2¼ lengths third of 5 finishers to Newmill in Grade 2 novice at Leopardstown last time: better around 3m than shorter: raced on good ground or softer (acts on heavy).

M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND

*Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***KING HARALD (IRE)**

7 11-4

b.g. King's Ride – Cuilin Bui (IRE) (Kemal (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c24gF c20sF c24g2 c24d* c25s2 Feb 5] close-coupled gelding: fair novice hurdler in 2002/3, winning conditional jockeys handicap at Newbury final start: off 20 months before reappearance: useful form over fences: made virtually all and rallied to get up again close home when winning 12-runner handicap at Newbury in January by short head from The Bandit, pair long way clear: improved again when 4 lengths second of 6 to Ollie Magern in Grade 2 novice at Wetherby last time: stays 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going.

M. BRADSTOCK

M. Batchelor

*White, large royal blue spots, royal blue cap (Piers Pottinger and P B-J Partnership)***L'AMI (FR)**

6 11-4

ch.g. Lute Antique (FR) – Voltige de Nievre (FR) (Brezzo (FR)) [2003/4 c17s2 c17s2 c17s5 c20v5 c18s4 c21s2 :: 2004/5 c22gF c21s 20s5 c21sF c17s c21s* c21v2 c24d* c24gF c24s* Jan 15] good-topped gelding: third foal: brother to useful chaser Kelami, stays 25f: dam ran once: maiden on Flat: fairly useful maiden hurdler: useful chaser: won handicap at Auteuil in November, December Novices' Chase at Lingfield (by 1¾ lengths from Distant Thunder) and quite valuable novice at Warwick in January: best effort when beating Control Man by 9 lengths last time, pulling readily clear after 2 out: mistakes before falling eleventh in Grade 1 novice at Kempton penultimate start: stays 3m: raced only on good ground or softer.

F. DOUMEN, FRANCE

R. Thornton

*Orange, emerald green chevron, white cap (Mr Jim McCarthy)***LIGHT DES MULOTTES (FR)**

6 11-4

gr.g. Solidoun (FR) – Tango Girl (FR) (Tip Moss (FR)) [2003/4 F16d F16m* 16g4 17s3 16g :: 2004/5 19d6 18m2 c20s* c20d* c19s2 Nov 30] leggy gelding: bumper winner: modest novice hurdler, largely let down by jumping: left O. Sherwood, successful in novices first 2 starts over fences, at Uttoxeter (handicap) in October (idled) and Southwell in November: length second to Toulouse in 5-runner handicap at Hereford last time, drawing well clear with winner and looking set for hat-trick but faltering after last and caught near line: stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: blinkered last 4 starts: possibly not straightforward.

C. R. EGERTON

*Black, white hoops, emerald green sleeves and cap (Mr R. K. Carvill)***163 p**

c25s	+	N
c22v	157+	N
c21v	155+	N
h25d	145+	130
h22s	146+	125
h24g	135+	115

OLLIE MAGERN

7 11-4

b.g. Alderbrook – Outfield (Monksfield) [2003/4 26g4 27d2 22m* 26m* 22m2 22g* 26m* 25f* 21g 24g5 21m6 24d4 :: 2004/5 c24g* c21s* c24g* c20d4 c26g2 c24g* c25s^{sur} c25s* c20d2 Feb 19] smallish gelding: fairly useful hurdler: has proved himself one of the best staying novice chasers this season, winning at Stratford in September, Fakenham and Cheltenham in October, Kempton (Grade 1 Stan James Feltham Novices' Chase by short head from Trabolgan) in December and Wetherby (Grade 2 Totty Construction Towton Novices' Chase, eased to beat King Harald 4 lengths) in February: also good efforts in frame behind Celestial Gold in valuable handicaps at Cheltenham and Newbury (beaten 1½ lengths in Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup) and It Takes Times in Grade 1 at Lingfield (2 lengths second): effective at 2½m to 27f: acts on firm and soft going: usually makes running: normally a sound jumper (tended to jump left at Kempton, unseated early seventh outing): game and genuine.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

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

7 11-4

b.g. King's Ride – Derrella (Derrylin) [2003/4 16dF 20d* 19s* 19g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c20d* c24g2 c22v2 Jan 22] rangy gelding: landed odds in maiden at Ascot and novice at Newbury on only completed outings over hurdles: reported to have sustained knee injury after final start in 2003/4: already much better over fences: won maiden at Lingfield in November by 2½ lengths from Kadount: smart effort when short-headed by Ollie Magern in Grade 1 novice at Kempton on penultimate start, almost certainly not in same form when beaten 9 lengths by eased Jazz d'Estrival in 3-finisher novice at Haydock on latest: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer over jumps.

N. J. HENDERSON

M. A. Fitzgerald

*Emerald green and yellow (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Trevor Hemmings)***TRIBAL VENTURE (FR)**

7 11-4

gr.g. Dom Alco (FR) – Babacha (FR) (Latnabc (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c25d* c24d3 c21v2 c24s^{wr} c24d* c24s Feb 26] tall, angular gelding: useful hurdler in 2002/3: off 19 months (reportedly suffered leg trouble) prior to this season: at least as good over fences, won maiden at Wetherby in November and novice at Kempton in January: better form when 3 lengths third to L'Ami in Grade 2 novice at Lingfield (mistake at critical stage 2 out) and 10 lengths second to Jazz d'Estrival in novice at Ayr second and third starts: ridden much less prominently than of late when eighth to Farmer Jack in valuable handicap at Kempton last time: best at 3m+: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

FÉRDY MURPHY

B. Harding

*Black and white check, white sleeves, black armlets (Hill, Trembath, Bryan and Outhart)***LIKE-A-BUTTERFLY (IRE)**

11 10-11

b.m. Montelimar (USA) – Swifts Butterfly (Furry Glen) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c16s* c17v^{pu} Dec 26] big mare: smart hurdler: won AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown in January 2003 by head from Limestone Lad: reportedly suffered tendon injury final start that season: first outing since, won maiden at Naas on chasing debut impressively by 4 lengths from Aye Aye Popeye, jumping well: favourite, found to have blood disorder in Grade 1 novice at Leopardstown month later: suited by good test at 2m and stays 2½m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): sometimes idles: genuine: remains open to improvement over fences.

C. ROCHE, IRELAND

*Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***168**

c20d	168	G1
c25s	157+	G2
c25s		G2
c24g	166+	G1
c26g	168+	146
c20d	168	146

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c22v	147+	N
c24g	166+	G1
c20d	148	W
h19g		N
h19s	123+	N
h20d	139+	N

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c24s	145+	139
c24d	147+	N
c24s		N
c21v	152	N
c24d	147+	G2
c25d	133+	W

147 p

c17v		G1
c16s	137+	W

3.15 THE QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE 2m

(Grade 1) (A)

£250,000 5yo+

ARMATURK (FR)

8 11-10

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ch.g. Baby Turk – Armalita (FR) (Goodland (FR)) [2003/4 24g⁵ c20s⁶ c21d⁴ c16s* c17g² c16m⁶ c16g² c16d⁴ :: 2004/5 c16g* c16d* c21d⁴ c16v³ c16s c17d³ Feb 12] tall, angular gelding: winning hurdler: very smart handicap chaser: reportedly had breathing operation in summer: successful first 2 starts on return, beating Bleu Superbe 4 lengths in listed event at Lingfield in October and Well Chief by head at Cheltenham in November, leading 3 out both times: credible fourth to Monkerhostin in valuable event at Cheltenham next time: best effort since when remote third to Azertyuiop in Grade 2 at Newbury latest start: effective at 2m to 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: often tongue tied in 2003/4, on fifth outing only this season: usually races with plenty of zest.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Christian Williams

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

8 11-10

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b.g. Baby Turk – Temara (FR) (Rex Magna (FR)) [2003/4 c17g^{ur} c16d² c16g² c17g* c16g* :: 2004/5 c17s* c16d² c24g³ c17d* Feb 12] tall, good-topped gelding: often impresses in appearance: outstanding chaser: won Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham in 2003/4 by 9 lengths from Flagship Uberalles: successful in William Hill Haldon Gold Cup (Limited Handicap) at Exeter (by 5 lengths from Seebald) in November and totopool Game Spirit Chase at Newbury in February, in latter running right up to best when beating Well Chief (rec. 4 lb) 2½ lengths: placed in Grade 1s in between, 1½ lengths second to Moscow Flyer in Tingle Creek Trophy Chase at Sandown and 3¾ lengths third to Kicking King in King George VI Chase at Kempton: very best form at 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going, not discredited only outing on heavy: fine jumper: consistent.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

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

11 11-10

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ch.g. Nikos – Vincenza (Grundy) [2003/4 c16f* 16g⁶ c16g* c16d⁵ c16s⁴ c16g⁴ c20g⁴ c16m* :: 2004/5 c16g* c16d^{ur} c16d⁴ c16v⁶ c16s c16g⁵ Feb 5] strong, lengthy gelding: winning hurdler: high-class chaser at best, in frame last 3 runnings of Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham: won 4-runner minor event at Warwick (for third time in last 4 years) in May, making all and beating Kadarann 7 lengths with plenty in hand: remote fourth to Moscow Flyer in Tingle Creek Trophy Chase at Sandown third start: poor efforts next 2 outings, well-held fifth of 6 to Oneway in handicap at Sandown last time: best around 2m: has form on soft/heavy going, possibly ideally suited by less testing conditions nowadays: blinkered once (ran badly): usually a fluent jumper: has got on toes.

P. F. NICHOLLS

J. Tizzard

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

8 11-10

164

b.g. Alflora (IRE) – Fantasy World (Kemal (FR)) [2003/4 16g⁶ c20d² c17s* c17d* c17d² c16g^{ur} c20d⁴ :: 2004/5 c20s⁵ c16s² c16s² c17v* c17v* c20s² c16s* Feb 20] tall, rather leggy gelding: smart chaser: won 4-runner Grade 1 Paddy Power Dial-A-Bet Chase at Leopardstown (held on well by 2 lengths from Native Scout) in December, 5-finisher Grade 2 John Keogh Car Sales Normans Grove Chase at Fairyhouse (left clear by fall of same rival 2 out) in January and Grade 2 Newlands Chase at Naas in February, landing odds in comfortable fashion from Native Upmanship for latest success: 7 lengths second of 7 to Rathgar Beau in Grade 2 at Thurles on penultimate start: stays 2½m, very best form around 2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: blinkered last 4 starts: effective tongue tied or not: usually jumps well: often makes running: consistent.

D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND

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

8 11-10

162

b.g. Bigstone (IRE) – Kadassa (IRE) (Shardari) [2003/4 c17g³ c16g² c16d* c17g⁴ c20g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c16g² c17s³ c16v² c16s³ c17d⁵ Feb 12] tall, close-coupled gelding: has reportedly had soft palate operation: very smart chaser on his day: creditable efforts first 4 starts this season (off 6 months after reappearance), second to Mister McGoldrick in Grade 2 at Wetherby and third to Well Chef in valuable handicap at Cheltenham on last 2 occasions: flat performance when remote fifth to Azertyuiop in Grade 2 at Newbury last time: best around 2m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually front runner: jumps soundly: often led in.

P. F. NICHOLLS

P. J. Brennan

*Red, emerald green star (Notalottery)***MOSCOW FLYER (IRE)**

11 11-10

194

b.g. Moscow Society (USA) – Meelick Lady (IRE) (Duky) [2003/4 c16g^{ur} c16m* c16d* c17d* c16g^{ur} c20g* :: 2004/5 c16g* c16s* c16d* c16v* Jan 30] strong, lengthy gelding: outstanding chaser, unbeaten in 17 completed starts: put up one of his very best performances when winning William Hill Tingle Creek Trophy Chase (second successive win in race) at Sandown in December by 1½ lengths from Azertyuiop, jumping boldly and in little danger of defeat after quickening decisively 3 out: also successful this season in Grade 1 Betdaq.com Champion Chase at Punchestown (by 2 lengths from Rathgar Beau) in April, Grade 2 Ballymore Properties Fortria Chase at Navan (in command when left well clear last by fall of Rathgar Beau) in November and Grade 3 Byrne Group PLC Tied Cottage Chase at Punchestown (beat Steel Band 2½ lengths) in January: effective at 2m to 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: idles in front: game.

MRS J. HARRINGTON, IRELAND

*Black and white chevrons, white sleeves, striped cap (Mr Brian Kearney)***ONEWAY (IRE)**

8 11-10

163 p

b.g. Bob's Return (IRE) – Rendezvous (Lorenzaccio) [2003/4 c16v³ c20s* c22m⁵ c19d^{pu} :: 2004/5 c20d* c16d* c16d* c16d* c16g* Feb 5] workmanlike gelding: modest form in novice hurdles: most progressive handicap chaser: successful all 5 starts this season, showing smart form when winning at Sandown on latest by 1½ lengths from Impek: earlier won at Worcester in October, Wetherby in November, Haydock in December and Sandown (beat Bleu Superbe 2 lengths) in January: effective at 2m to 2½m: raced on good going or softer: has taken strong hold: hasn't finished progressing.

M. G. RIMMEL

G. Lee

*Black and red stripes, hooped sleeves, quartered cap (Mr Mark Rimell)***RATHGAR BEAU (IRE)**

9 11-10

168

b. or br.g. Beau Sher – Salerina (Orchestra) [2003/4 c16d³ c16m³ c16d² c16d² c17d^F c17s³ c16v² c20s*d 17d c20s* c17d⁵ :: 2004/5 c16g² c20s² c16s^{ur} c20s* c20s² c16s* c17v⁴ c20s* c20v* Feb 12] useful-looking gelding: winning hurdler: very smart chaser: winner of 4 Grade 2 events this season, namely Clonmel Oil Chase in November, Hilly Way Chase at Cork in December, MacLochlainn Road Markings Limited Kinloch Brae Chase at Thurles in January and Red Mills Chase at Gowran in February: beat Barrow Drive easily by 9 lengths in 5-runner event for latest success: good second to Kicking King in Grade 1 at Punchestown fifth start: stays 2½m: raced mainly on going softer than good (acts on heavy): tried blinkered: patiently ridden: inclined to make the odd bad mistake: consistent.

E. SHEEHY, IRELAND

*Grey, pink star, hooped cap (One-O-Eight Racing Club)***VENN OTTERY**

10 11-10

?

b.g. Access Ski – Tom's Comedy (Comedy Star (USA)) [2003/4 c20d^{pu} c16g³ c16d⁴ c16d^F c16g² c17g^{pu} c16g⁴ c20s⁶ c17g^{pu} c16g⁴ c16s c16g* c16m* c17g* c17s² c16m* c16g⁵ c16g^F c20d^{pu} :: 2004/5 c16g³ 17g c20d^{pu} Mar 5] rangy gelding: smart novice chaser for P. Nicholls in 2003/4, winning 4 times and fifth to Azertyuiop in Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham: had breathing problem 2 of last 3 outings in 2003/4, then found little in 2 starts for owner O. Carter very early this season, including over hurdles: reportedly after wind operation, pulled up under unsuitable conditions in valuable handicap at Newbury in March, pulling very hard and jumping boldly until weakening and not at all knocked about 5 out: best at 2m, probably on good going or firmer: effective tongue tied or not: headstrong.

M. C. PIPE

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

WELL CHIEF (GER)

6 11-10

ch.g. Night Shift (USA) – Wellesiena (GER) (Scenic) [2003/4 16f* 16d⁵ c16s* c16g* c16g* :: 2004/5 c16d² c16d³ c16v^F c16s* c17d² Feb 12] angular gelding: useful hurdler: progressed into top-class chaser this season, one of best handicap performances in recent times when winning Victor Chandler Chase at Cheltenham in January by 1¾ lengths from Thisthatandtother (rec. 20 lb), quickening decisively 2 out: had earlier run really well when around 1½ lengths third to Moscow Flyer in Tingle Creek Trophy Chase at Sandown in December: couple of mistakes when 2½ lengths second, well clear of remainder, to Azertyuio in Grade 2 at Newbury latest start: likely to prove best around 2m: acts on soft and firm going: raced prominently over hurdles, ridden more patiently over fences: sweating and edgy third start: game and reliable.

M. C. PIPE

T. J. Murphy

*Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)***190**

c17d 187+G2
c16s 190 176
c16v + G2
c16d 190 G1
c16g 168+153
c16g 157+G1

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LOUGH DERG (FR)

5 11-12

b.g. Apple Tree (FR) – Asturias (FR) (Pistolet Bleu (IRE)) [2003/4 16g* 16d* 17d⁵ 17s² 17m* :: 2004/5 16g⁵ 21d* 22d⁴ 24s⁶ Jan 29] rather sparely-made gelding: useful hurdler: improved effort when winning 6-runner Relkeel Hurdle at Cheltenham in December by 8 lengths from Exotic Dancer: creditable sixth to Patriarch Express in Grade 2 there latest outing: stays 3m: acts on good to firm and soft going.

M. C. PIPE

*Emerald green and white (quartered), orange and white halved sleeves, orange cap, white star**(Mr W. Frewen)***154**

h24s 154 G2
h22d 147 144
h21d 154 W
h16g 145 135
h17m 140 N
h17s 112 N

TAMARINBLEU (FR)

5 11-10

b.g. Epervier Bleu – Tamainia (FR) (Lashkari) [2003/4 16s* 16s² 17v³ 17g 20g :: 2004/5 16d* 16d 16v² Feb 25] angular gelding: useful hurdler: won 23-runner Ladbroke Handicap at Sandown in January by 4 lengths from Self Defense, jumping fluently and quickening clear after 2 out: creditable eighth of 25 to Essex in valuable handicap at Newbury and second to Kalca Mome in handicap at Warwick since: should stay beyond 2m: raced on good going or softer.

M. C. PIPE

*White, royal blue sash, white sleeves, red armlets, red cap (The Arthur White Partnership)***153**

145
h16v 153 143
h16d 151 142
h16d 152+130
h20g G2
h17g 129 G1
h17v N

UNLEASH (USA)

6 11-8

ch.g. Benny The Dip (USA) – Lemhi Go (USA) (Lemhi Gold (USA)) [2003/4 16g* 16m² 20g² Apr 1 :: 2004/5 NR] leggy gelding: useful on Flat (stays 2m), won Northumberland Plate in 2003: progressive handicap hurdler: won at Worcester in May 2003: further improvement when second in similar company to Duke of Earl at Chepstow and Zibeline in listed event at Aintree: better suited by 2½m than 2m and will stay further: acts on good to firm going: probably capable of better yet.

P. J. HOBBS

*Red, white sash, royal blue cap (Cheveley Park Stud)***154 p**

143
h20g 152+135
h16m 147+130
h16g 142+118

EXOTIC DANCER (FR)

5 11-8

b.g. Turgeon (USA) – Northine (FR) (Northern Treat (USA)) [2003/4 15d* 15s* :: 2004/5 16g^F 21d² 20d Feb 20] rather leggy gelding: seventh foal: half-brother to several winners, including smart chaser up to around 2¾m Pasquane (by Dom Pasquini): dam, winning hurdler around 2m, out of half-sister to good French chaser around 2¾m Moncourt: runner-up over 1½m only start on Flat: won both starts in juvenile hurdles at Auteuil in 2003/4 for M. Rolland: useful form first 2 starts in Britain, staying on in fifth when falling last in valuable intermediate handicap at Newbury won by Distant Prospect on reappearance and 8 lengths second of 6 to Lough Derg in intermediate minor event at Cheltenham: off 2 months, well held in Grade 2 at Fontwell last time, weakening from prominence straight: will stay beyond 21f.

JONJO O'NEILL

*Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)***155**

143
h20d 135 G2
h21d 154+W
h16g 151+137
h15s 132+W
h15d 131+W

ANSAR (IRE)

9 11-7

b.g. Kahyasi – Anaza (Darshaan) [2003/4 c18d⁵ c22s⁵ :: 2004/5 c22m* 21f⁵ 16v³ Feb 12] leggy gelding: best effort over fences (useful form) when winning Galway Plate (Handicap) in July by 1½ lengths from Risk Accessor, fifth success from 6 starts over jumps at course: one-time smart hurdler: soundly beaten in Grade 1 in USA penultimate start: below form in Grade 2 at Gowran last time: will stay 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

D. K. WELD, IRELAND

*Pink, light blue stars, pink sleeves and cap (Mrs Kay Devlin)***142 +**

142
h16v 138+G2
h21f G1
c22m 144 127
c22s 142 126
c18d 117 N

KASTHARI (IRE)

6 11-5
gr.g. Vettori (IRE) – Karlyka (IRE) (Last Tycoon) [2003/4 16d³ 20d* 20s* 24g^{pu} :: 2004/5 20d⁶ 20m³ 19d* Jan 29] tall gelding: smart stayer on Flat, won Doncaster Cup (dead-heated with Millenary) in September: useful hurdler: improved form when winning handicap at Doncaster last time, jumping more fluently and asserting turning for home, beating Lord of Beauty 15 lengths: stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: open to further improvement.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

G. Lee
Light blue and royal blue (quartered), royal blue sleeves, light blue stars, royal blue cap, light blue star (Elliott Brothers)

153 p

140
h19d 148+121
h20m 137+118
h20d 127+120
h24g¹ G1
h20s¹ 133+N
h20d¹ 129+N

TURTLE SOUP (IRE)

9 11-5
b.g. Turtle Island (IRE) – Lisa's Favourite (Gorytus (USA)) [2003/4 22g⁴ 20d³ 21s* 21d⁵ 23s³ 20v⁴ 22s⁵ :: 2004/5 20s 20s³ 20v* 20v⁴ 20d⁴ Feb 20] medium-sized gelding: useful handicap hurdler: won at Haydock in December by 3 lengths from Very Optimistic, leading between last 2 and possibly idling: went rather in snatches when respectable fourth to Olney Lad at Wetherby on penultimate start: below-form fourth in Grade 2 at Fontwell last time: stays 3m: acts on heavy going: races prominently: consistent.

T. R. GEORGE

Light green and brown stripes, light green sleeves and cap (Mr M. K. George)

154

140
h20d 138 G2
h20v 149 141
h20v 154 135
h20s 150 135
h20s 150 135
h22s¹ 147+144

ILNAMAR (FR)

9 11-4
b.g. Officiel (FR) – Quillemare (FR) (Le Pontet (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 20d³ 25s 16d Jan 31] good-topped gelding: useful chaser: high-class hurdler in his prime: much improved last 2 starts in 2001/2, winning Coral Eurobet Cup (Handicap) at Cheltenham and Grade 1 Aintree Hurdle: raced only 4 times since (reported to have suffered tendon strain after only outing in 2003/4), only encouragement this season when 5¼ lengths third of 7 to Monet's Garden in Grade 2 at Windsor on reappearance: should stay 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: on toes last time.

M. C. PIPE

Purple, yellow chevron, diablo on sleeves (Mr Joe Moran)

152

139
h16d 144
h25s G1
h20d 152 G2

BALAPOUR (IRE)

7 11-2
b.g. Kahyasi – Balaniya (USA) (Diesis) [2003/4 16d 19s⁶ 16s^{ur} 16s 16g⁴ 17d⁴ 16d⁴ :: 2004/5 20g 20d² 20g* 16g c17d^F 20s c17s⁶ c20d³ c17d⁶ c16s^{ur} c20s* c24s^{pu} Mar 5] smallish gelding: useful handicap hurdler on his day, in frame last 2 renewals of County Hurdle at Cheltenham: didn't need to be at best when winning 6-runner minor event at Ballinrobe in July: fair form over fences, winning 15-runner maiden at Down Royal in February by 4 lengths from Ace of Spades: let down by jumping in novice handicap at Navan last time: stays 2½m: acts on firm and soft going (possibly not heavy): usually tongue tied: not one to rely on.

PATRICK O. BRADY, IRELAND

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

147 \$

137
c24s 109
c20s 122 W
c16s 126+109
c17d W
c20d 126 W
c17s W

JACK DAWSON (IRE)

8 11-2
b.g. Persian Bold – Dream of Jenny (Caerleon (USA)) [2003/4 16d³ :: 2004/5 16m⁶ 22g* 17d⁴ Jul 17] smallish gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 2m), creditable second Mar 3: useful handicap hurdler: won at Kelso earlier in month by length from Hirvine: creditable fourth of 12 to Alrida in another quite valuable race at Market Rasen last time, keeping on not able to challenge: stays 2¾m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going.

JOHN BERRY

Red and white diablo, halved sleeves, red cap (The Premier Cru)

151

137
h17d 149 137
h22g 148+129
h16m 147 135
h16d¹ 138+122

J. Culloty

FOUNTAIN HILL (IRE)

6 11-2
b.g. King's Theatre (IRE) – Highest Land (FR) (Highest Honor (FR)) [2003/4 F17m* F17d³ 17g² 21g* 24g² :: 2004/5 22g² Feb 5] has scope: fair form in bumpers, winning at Exeter in early-2003/4: progressed well over hurdles as upped in trip, winning novice at Newbury and second to Tom's Prize in similar event at same course: further improvement in valuable handicap at Sandown on reappearance, travelling strongly close up and edged out only near finish when beaten neck by Supreme Serenade: will prove as effective at 3m+ as at 2¾m: raced mainly on good going: probably capable of better again.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Yellow, purple stars, yellow sleeves, yellow cap, purple star (The Fountains Partnership)

157 p

137
h22g 153+130
h24g¹ 145 N
h24g¹ 138+N
h17g¹ 127 N
F17d¹ 113 W
F17m¹ 112+N

SUPREME SERENADE (IRE)

6 11-2
b.m. Supreme Leader – Strong Serenade (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 F17s* 17g² 17s* 19d³ 20s² 21g³ :: 2004/5 17d³ 21d* 22g* Feb 5] good-topped mare: useful handicap hurdler: much improved last 2 starts, winning at Kempton impressively by 1¼ lengths from Croix de Guerre and totescoop6 Sandown Handicap Hurdle by neck from Fountain Hill, recovering from diving left and mistake last then veering right in latter: will stay 3m: raced on good going or softer: hard ride (has hung/found little off bridle), and suited by exaggerated waiting tactics in a well-run race: quirky, but possibly capable of better yet.

P. J. HOBBS

Red, white chevron, hooped sleeves and cap (Mrs Karola Vann)

P. Flynn

154 +

137
h22g 148+125
h21d 138+113
h17d 124 113
h21g¹ 129+110
h20s¹ 127 N
h19d¹ 135+N

DANCING BAY

8 11-1
b.g. Suave Dancer (USA) – Kabayil (Dancing Brave (USA)) [2003/4 16d* 16v⁶ 16s 16g* 20g :: 2004/5 16m² 17d Jul 17] sturdy gelding: useful handicap hurdler: in-and-out form in 2003/4, showing improvement when winning at Hexham and Newbury: ran well when 2½ lengths second of 19 to Mac's Joy in valuable event at Haydock in May: in good form on Flat prior to running poorly in quite valuable race at Market Rasen (favourite, sweating badly) back over hurdles: stays 21f: acts on soft and good to firm going: held up: below-form fourth on Flat Oct 16.

N. J. HENDERSON

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

157 +

136
h17d 136
h16m 155+135
h20g¹ 135 132
h16g¹ 148+128
h16s¹ 130
h16v¹ 132 131

TOP STRATEGY (IRE)

5 11-1
b.g. Hernando (FR) – Sudden Stir (USA) (Woodman (USA)) [2003/4 16d 16s² 16d* 16v² 16s⁴ 16d 16d⁶ 17g³ :: 2004/5 16g 20s² 16s³ 16s³ 16v³ 16v 16v* Feb 14] useful-looking gelding: useful juvenile hurdler in 2003/4, best effort when third to Made In Japan in Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham: fairly useful form this season, winning 5-runner minor event at Navan last time by head from Lisbonney Project, leading before 2 out: seventh of 17 finishers to Essex in valuable handicap at Leopardstown penultimate start: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going: effective blinkered or not: has looked none too keen, particularly in Grade 1 at Punchestown in April.

T. M. WALSH, IRELAND

Emerald green and yellow quartered, white sleeves, yellow cap (Mr W. J. Kane)

141 +

136
h16v 141 W
h16v 141 121
h16v 137 120
h16s 126 W
h16s 137 W
h20s 127+W

TUMBLING DICE (IRE)

6 11-1
b.g. King's Theatre (IRE) – Eva Fay (IRE) (Fayruz) [2003/4 16m 16d 16d 16d² 16s³ 20s* 22d⁵ 20s 20s* 20g⁴ :: 2004/5 20g 16s^F 22v⁴ 20d* 20s* 21g² 19v^F Jan 22] leggy gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to 2 Flat winners, including fair up to 1¾m Brisbane Road (by Blues Traveller): dam unraced half-sister to top-class chaser Remittance Man and smart Italian middle-distance performer Teach Dha Mhile: twice-raced on Flat: fairly useful hurdler: won handicaps at Punchestown in November and December: good neck second to Famous Grouse in handicap at Kempton penultimate start: may well have won minor event at Naas last time but for falling 2 out, 2 lengths clear of eventual winner Sher Beau at time: stays 2¾m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy): consistent.

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND

Black, red hollow box, check cap (Mrs John Donegan)

B. J. Geraghty

EBINZAYD (IRE)

9 11-0
b.g. Tenby – Sharakawa (IRE) (Darshaan) [2003/4 18g* 16s 20d 20g^{pu} 17d* :: 2004/5 18m* 19g⁴ c19d* c24g* Feb 16] angular gelding: fair on Flat in 2004: useful handicap hurdler: better than ever in 2004, winning at Carlisle and Kelso in April and fourth to Football Crazy in valuable event at Market Rasen: successful both completed starts over fences, in maiden at Catterick and novice at Musselburgh, with plenty in hand and jumping fluently in main both times: stays easy 3m: acts on any ground: usually held up over hurdles, ridden much more prominently over fences: remains capable of fair bit better over fences.

L. LUNGO

Emerald green, yellow star, hooped sleeves, emerald green cap (Mr R. J. Gilbert)

G. Berridge (5)

ZIBELINE (IRE)

8 11-0
b.g. Cadeaux Genereux – Zia (USA) (Shareef Dancer (USA)) [2003/4 21g* 17g³ 16g⁴ 16d⁵ 16m⁴ 16g 20g* :: 2004/5 c21v⁵ c16s⁴ 16d Feb 12] leggy gelding: useful on Flat (barely stays 2¼m): useful novice hurdler in 2003/4, won at Sedgefield and Aintree (23-runner listed handicap, beat Unleash 3 lengths): has achieved nothing in maiden chases at Sedgefield (badly let down by jumping) and Ludlow, and last of 25 in valuable handicap at Newbury (visored) back over hurdles last time: stays 2½m: usually blinkered.

B. ELLISON

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

N. Fehily

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135
h16d 135
c16s W
c21v W
h20g¹ 152+124
h16g¹ 152 G1
h16m¹ 139? G2

FOOTBALL CRAZY (IRE)

6 11-0

b.g. Mujadil (USA) – Schonbein (IRE) (Persian Heights) [2003/4 16d2 17s4 16m4 19m2 19g4 :: 2004/5 24d* 24m* 24m* 24m* 22d2 19g* 25g* 20s3 20d2 20s 24d3 Dec 11] sturdy, lengthy gelding: useful hurdler: has made tremendous progress in 2004/5, winning maiden at Uttoxeter, novices at Market Rasen and Worcester, handicaps at Worcester and Market Rasen (valuable event, beat East Tycoon 5 lengths) and novice at Cheltenham (by 1½ lengths from Stage By Stage): not quite at best of late, including when just over 12 lengths third of 10 to Brewster in Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham last time: effective at 19f to 25f: acts on good to firm and good to soft going (below best on soft): tried blinkered/in cheekpieces (not when successful).

*P. BOWEN**White, black stripe, halved sleeves (Ken Bevan, Stuart Brain)***THE DARK LORD (IRE)**

8 10-13

b.g. Lord Americo – Khalkeys Shoon (Green Shoon) [2003/4 20m* 21g^F 20g* 21g⁴ 19g³ 20s^F :: 2004/5 20g* 21g* 25d* 24d⁵ 24d^{bd} 22g⁶ Feb 5] lengthy gelding: has progressed into useful handicap hurdler this season, winning at Uttoxeter in May and Cheltenham in October and November (led on bridle 2 out when beating Mistanoora 1¼ lengths in listed Lombard Properties Handicap Hurdle): creditable efforts on completed starts since, fifth to Quick at Cheltenham and sixth to Supreme Serenade in valuable event at Sandown: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: held up: consistent.

*MRS L. WADHAM**Mauve, mauve and white check sleeves, white cap (Mr A. E. Pakenham)***ROYALEETY (FR)**

6 10-10

b.g. Garde Royale – La Grive (FR) (Pharly (FR)) [2003/4 18s c17s* c17s* c20s5 c19s* c22s c20s^F c16g^{pu} c16g^{ur} :: 2004/5 20s 20v6 20v5 c22v5 Feb 19] leggy gelding: useful hurdler, successful 6 times at Auteuil: well held in handicaps this season but shaped better than result suggests at Wetherby on penultimate start: useful chaser: won 4-y-o events at Enghien (twice) and Auteuil in first half of 2003/4 (trained by T. Civel): unable to sustain effort straight when fifth to Whereareyounow in valuable handicap at Uttoxeter last time: stays 2¾am, likely to be at least as effective dropped back in trip: raced on good ground or softer: has had tongue tied.

IAN WILLIAMS

D. R. Dennis

*Black and yellow diamonds, checked sleeves, yellow cap (Mr & Mrs John Poynton)***IDOLE FIRST (IRE)**

6 10-10

b.g. Flemensfirth (USA) – Sharon Doll (IRE) (Shahrastani (USA)) [2003/4 19g* 20g3 20v2 19g* :: 2004/5 16d* 16d6 16v2 16d6 Feb 12] smallish, angular gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Huntingdon in December: good 1¼ lengths second to Dom d'Orgeval (pair clear) at Uttoxeter penultimate start: far from discredited when sixth of 25 to Essex in valuable event at Newbury on latest outing, disputing lead to 3 out and no extra after mistake last: effective around 2m, will stay beyond 2½2m: acts on heavy going.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

A. O'Keefe

*Red, white disc, halved sleeves (Direct Sales UK Ltd)***MYTHICAL KING (IRE)**

8 10-9

b.g. Fairy King (USA) – Whatcombe (USA) (Alleged (USA)) [2003/4 16g5 20d 20m5 16d6 20v* 20g5 20g :: 2004/5 20s^F 21s 20v6 20v* 23s Feb 19] workmanlike gelding: type to make a chaser: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won William Hill Handicap at Ascot in 2003/4: career-best effort when winning 12-runner race at Chepstow in February by 20 lengths from Nick's Choice, stretching clear of tiring rivals from 3 out: upped in trip, never dangerous at Haydock next time: should stay beyond 2½2m: acts on heavy going, probably good to firm: patiently ridden.

*R. LEE**White, red and black striped sleeves, white cap (Mr Richard Edwards)***ROYAL HECTOR (GER)**

6 10-8

b.g. Hector Protector (USA) – Rudolfina (CAN) (Pleasant Colony (USA)) [2003/4 20m 16g 16m4 17d4 16s5 20s5 19g5 19d4 21d 20d :: 2004/5 18d* 16d* 17g* 20s* 16v* 16d 20s Jan 29] leggy, good-topped gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: useful handicap hurdler: left A. Hobbs after final start in 2003/4: won at Fontwell, Plumpton, Bangor (conditional jockeys), Windsor and Haydock, all in December, further marked improvement when beating Pure Mischief ½ length, pair well clear, at last-named course: poor efforts in valuable handicap at Kempton and Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham last 2 outings: stays 2½2m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: held up.

*M. C. PIPE**Yellow, dark blue stripe (Three Counties Racing 2)***156**

h24d	150	G2	135
h20s		G2	140
h20d	150	N	
h20s	146+	G2	
h25g	143+	N	
h19g	156	130	

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h22g	154	135
h24d		135
h24d	154	135
h25d	153+	126
h21g	144	120
h20g	140+	113

153 +

c22v	147+	135
h20v	150+	135
h20v	147+	140
h20s		144
c16g	157+	N
c16g		G1

153

h16d	151+	127
h16v	153	127
h16d	151	128
h16d	148+	119
h19g	136	N
h20v	140	NA

153

h23s	144	133
h20v	153	120
h20v		135
h21s		121
h20s		122
h20g	142	123

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h20s		G2	129
h16d	147+	G2	130
h16v	151+	120	
h20s	136+	103	
h17g	128+	103A	
h16d	130+	103	

SPRING PURSUIT

9 10-8

b.g. Rudimentary (USA) – Pursuit of Truth (USA) (Irish River (FR)) [2003/4 16d2 16d5 16s5 16g3 16d* 17d4 20s4 16d4 16g5 16m5 16g 17g6 20d3 :: 2004/5 19g5 17g5 19v3 20s* 20s 16d3 21d 20s4 16s3 20v3 24s6 20v* 20v3 20d* Feb 24] neat gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Chepstow in October and Leicester and Haydock in February, leading between last 2 when beating Nick's Choice by 5 lengths on last-named course: stays 2½2m: acts on heavy going: usually held up: tough.

*E. G. BEVAN**Green, plum sleeves, hooped cap (Mr E. G. Bevan)***ESCOMPTEUR (FR)**

5 10-8

b.g. Poliglote – Escopette (FR) (Tourangeau (FR)) [2003/4 15d 18s 18v 18s c17d2 16v5 c17s5 :: 2004/5 c17s2 c17d2 c20s4 c20s^{ur} 17g* 21g* 19s^F 16d 18s2 16d 20d Mar 12] sturdy ex-French gelding: eighth foal: half-brother to several winners, including 15f hurdle winner Excuse Moi (by Kadrou), 13f hurdle winner Escoduc (by Iron Duke) and 21f chase winner Escorteur (by Roi de Rome): dam 1¼m/11f winner: useful hurdler: left G. ChereL, created good impression when winning novices at Bangor and Plumpton in October: well held in valuable handicaps 3 of last 4 starts: fair form over fences: runner-up in handicaps at Auteuil in May and June and fourth in Group 3 there (beaten 10½ lengths by Fiumicino) later in June: stays 2½2m: raced on good ground or softer: free-going sort.

*M. C. PIPE**Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)***DISTANT PROSPECT (IRE)**

8 10-8

b.g. Namaqualand (USA) – Ukraine's Affair (USA) (The Minstrel (CAN)) [2003/4 16d2 16m* 21d6 17d5 :: 2004/5 16g* Nov 27] angular gelding: useful on Flat (stays 21f), good second in November Handicap at Doncaster last autumn: improved form returned to hurdling later in month, winning Gerry Feilden Hurdle (Limited Handicap) at Newbury by ½ length from Albuhera, staying on well after leading 2 out: should be effective well beyond 2m: unraced on extremes of going over hurdles (acts on any on Flat): sure to progress further, and likely to continue to do well in valuable handicaps.

A. M. BALDING

A. P. McCoy

*Royal blue, yellow braces, red cap (The Rae Smiths and Pauline Gale)***LACDOUDAL (FR)**

6 10-8

gr.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Belfastar (FR) (Royal Charter (FR)) [2003/4 17s^F 16v* 16g* 16g 17s2 17m4 :: 2004/5 c16d2 c16d2 c19m3 c21d2 c19g* c20d* c21s* c20g3 c20s2 Feb 26] smallish, angular gelding: fairly useful novice hurdler in 2003/4: has taken well to fences, winning maiden at Doncaster in December and handicaps at Kempton (beat Run For Paddy 1¼ lengths) and Cheltenham (novice, by 5 lengths from Joes Edge) in January: creditable placed efforts in graded company since, third of 5 to El Vaquero at Sandown and second of 5 finishers to Limerick Boy at Kempton: likely to stay beyond 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: takes good hold: genuine and consistent.

*P. J. HOBBS**Light blue and royal blue diablo, light blue sleeves and cap (Mrs R. J. Skan)***SHARP RIGGING (IRE)**

5 10-7

b.g. Son of Sharp Shot (IRE) – In The Rigging (USA) (Topsider (USA)) [2003/4 16s3 17d* 16g* :: 2004/5 16g 16g6 16g 16s* 16d4 16d Feb 12] tall, angular gelding: fair maiden on Flat (stays 1¼am): fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Windsor in December by 3½ lengths from Thesis: better effort in valuable events since when fourth to Crossbow Creek at Kempton: likely to prove suited by sharp 2m: raced on good going or softer (acts on soft): races prominently.

A. M. HALES

J. A. McCarthy

*Purple, yellow star, sleeves and stars on cap (The Sharpshooters)***DESERT AIR (JPN)**

6 10-7

ch.g. Desert King (IRE) – Greek Air (IRE) (Ela-Mana-Mou) [2003/4 16s 16d :: 2004/5 17d2 19g 19g* 16g5 16d 17d6 16d4 16d Feb 12] angular gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won 6-runner race at Exeter in October by length from Mumbling, looking held until runner-up faltered near finish: has looked tricky ride since, but ran creditably when never-nearer fourth to Tamarinbleu in 23-runner event at Sandown penultimate start: dropped out and never dangerous in valuable event at Newbury last time: stays 19f: raced on good going or softer: usually visored (not last 3 starts): tongue tied.

*M. C. PIPE**Pink, white striped sleeves, white cap (Mrs Belinda Harvey)***149**

h20d	149	120
h20v	125+	117
h20v	140+	110
h24s	125+	111
h20v	138+	113
h16s	129	114

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h20d	129	129
h16d		129
h18s	147+	N
h16d	145+	129
h19s		N
h21g	154+	N

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h16g	159+	124
h17d	147+	123
h21d	128	G1
h16m	123+	N
h16d	146+	N

160

c20s	166	G2
c20g	166	G1
c21s	168	138
c20d	164+	130
c19g	151+	W
c21d	162	W

154

h16d	152	128
h16d	152+	128
h16s	149+	120
h16g	135	121
h16g	140	122
h16g		122A

152

h16d	150	127
h16d	157?	125
h17d	152	126
h16d		126
h16g	146	127A
h19g	152	122

COVENT GARDEN

7 10-7

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Temple Row (Ardross) [2003/4 22d³ :: 2004/5 24d 22g⁵ Feb 5] sturdy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: close third to Hersov at Sandown, only outing in 2003/4: off another year, better effort this season when fifth to Supreme Serenade at same course last time: effective at 2m to easy 3m: acts on firm and good to soft going, unraced on soft/heavy.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

A. Dobbin

*White, black braces, chevrons on sleeves, striped cap (ADA Partnership)***FAIRWOOD PRESENT (IRE)**

7 10-7

ch.g. Presenting – Lady's Wager (Girandole) [2003/4 F16g 20s 20m* 20d³ 16m³ 16m⁵ 20g* 20m² 21m² 20s⁵ 20d³ :: 2004/5 20g 16m³ 20g* 16s³ Mar 6] tall, quite good-topped gelding: fair performer on Flat (stays 2m): fairly useful hurdler: won minor event at Bellewstown in June by ³/₄ length from Moydram Castle: off 8 months, encouraging third to Joueur d'Estruval in 7-runner minor event at Clonmel latest start: likely to stay beyond 21f: acts on good to firm and good to soft going, bumper winner on heavy.

P. J. ROTHWELL, IRELAND

*White, maroon striped cap (R. J. Bagnall)***OMNI COSMO TOUCH (USA)**

9 10-7 (inc 4lb ex)

b.g. Trempolino (USA) – Wooden Pudden (USA) (Top Ville) [2003/4 c21s*^d c26d^{ur} c24s² :: 2004/5 c20s^f c23d³ c25d³ c24d^{ur} 25d* 24d² 24g* Mar 5] good-topped gelding: winning pointer: maiden chaser: fairly useful hurdler: better than ever of late, won handicaps at Catterick and Doncaster 2 of last 3 starts, beating Ballybough Rasher 3 lengths despite idling at latter course: very good second to Over The Creek (pair clear) in similar event at Newbury in between: stays 25f: acts on firm and soft going: tried blinkered: often refuses/reluctant to race.

MRS S. J. SMITH

*Yellow, dark blue chevron, white sleeves, red cap (Mr Alan Potts)***DANTES REEF (IRE)**

9 10-5

b.g. Phardante (FR) – Thousand Flowers (Take A Reef) [2003/4 17g² 20d³ c20d^f c16s c17s* 20d* 20d³ :: 2004/5 c16v^f c20s² c17v^f c18s* Feb 10] fairly useful handicap hurdler/chaser: won 11-runner event over fences at Thurles on latest start by 6 lengths from Oh Be The Hokey, leading before last: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going, probably good to firm: makes mistakes over fences.

A. J. MARTIN, IRELAND

*Black and yellow hoops, black cap, yellow spots (T. McGoldrick)***LADY ZEPHYR (IRE)**

7 10-5

b.m. Toulon – Sorimak Gale (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 F17g³ F16s* :: 2004/5 F16g* F17d* 16s² 16s* 21d* 20d³ 21s² 21d* 21s² 20s⁴ Jan 29] rangy, useful-looking mare: winning Irish pointer: won 3 out of 4 starts in mares bumpers (useful form), including at Towcester and Bangor in early-2003/4: fairly useful novice hurdler: won mares events at Towcester (far from fluent) and Warwick in November and Newbury (led just after last to beat Mistress Banjo 6 lengths) in December: also good efforts when 2 lengths third to Ladalko in Grade 2 at Sandown and 3 lengths second to No Refuge in similar event at Warwick sixth/penultimate outings: likely to stay beyond 21f: raced on good ground or softer: has idled, throwing away winning chance twice.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

*Dark blue and emerald green stripes, red cap, dark blue star (Mr David Langdon)***RED RUFFLES (IRE)**

6 10-5

b.g. Anshan – Rosie Ruffles (IRE) (Homo Sapien) [2003/4 F16d* 16v⁴ 16v² 19g* 22g² :: 2004/5 20d² 21g² 21d³ 24d Dec 10] unfurnished gelding: fairly useful hurdler: good efforts in handicaps at Cheltenham on last 3 starts, unable to quicken when seventh of 17 to Quick on latest: stays 3m: raced only on good going or softer.

NOEL T. CHANCE

*Red, yellow epaulets, hooped sleeves (T. F. C. Partnership)***TOUCH CLOSER**

8 10-5

b.g. Inchinor – Ryewater Dream (Touching Wood (USA)) [2003/4 17d 20d⁵ 21s* 20g⁶ 16s² c20d⁵ 22d*^d 20d³ :: 2004/5 20v⁴ 22d² 21g⁶ 25s² 22g Feb 5] angular gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: further improvement this season, upped in trip and best effort when 3 lengths second to ready winner Celtic Son at Warwick last time, keeping on well despite wandering: rare poor effort in valuable handicap at Sandown last time: fifth of 7 finishers to Mister Friday in maiden at Carlisle on chasing debut: stays 25f: acts on heavy going.

MISS V. SCOTT

D. Gallagher

*Light blue, emerald star (Miss Victoria Scott Jnr.)***153**

h22g	153	128
h24d	141	+127
h22d	151	+125

TEAM TASSEL (IRE)

7 10-5

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Alcmena's Last (Pauper) [2003/4 19g* :: 2004/5 21d* 24d 22g Feb 5] tall gelding: chasing type: third in maiden Irish point in 2003: easily won novice at Market Rasen on hurdling debut: fairly useful form when winning 17-runner handicap at Cheltenham 9 months later by short head from Billyvoddan, staying on to lead post: hasn't progressed as expected and well held in similar events at Cheltenham and Sandown since: should stay 3m: raced on good/good to soft going.

M. C. PIPE

*Light blue, maroon chevron, halved sleeves, light blue and maroon quartered cap (Mr M. Archer & The Late Jean Broadhurst)***CHRISTOPHER**

8 10-4

gr.g. Arzanni – Forest Nymph (NZ) (Oak Ridge (FR)) [2003/4 21m⁵ 20m³ c19d* c20g⁵ :: 2004/5 c20s² c20s* c21d² c24d⁶ 22s* c22v⁶ Feb 19] close-coupled gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler/chaser: better than ever this term, winning over fences at Aintree in November despite going rather in snatches: favourite, never going well when running poorly in valuable event at Uttoxeter last time: took advantage of much lower mark over hurdles when winning 15-runner event at Wincanton in January by 5 lengths from Darjeeling, eased after jumping last 13 lengths clear: probably stays 3m: acts on any going.

P. J. HOBBS

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

7 10-4

b.g. Caerleon (USA) – Anaza (Darshaan) [2003/4 22g 20d 20d⁴ 17d 20s 21g 18d⁵ :: 2004/5 c20m⁴ c20g³ c16g⁶ 20s* Feb 18] leggy gelding: has failed to impress with jumping and/or attitude over fences: fairly useful handicap hurdler: off 6½ months, seemed to return to best when winning 8-runner event at Sandown last time by 11 lengths from Phar Out Phavorite, though benefited from well-judged ride in strongly-run race: will prove best up to 2½m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

M. C. PIPE

*Emerald green and yellow (quartered), emerald green sleeves, yellow stars and star on cap (Eminence Grise Partnership)***MIGWELL (FR)**

5 10-4

b.g. Assessor (IRE) – Uquette IV (FR) (Chamberlin (FR)) [2003/4 18s³ 16s⁴ 16d 16s⁴ 16g^f :: 2004/5 20s² 22v³ 22d* 24v^{pu} 16v² 21s* Feb 26] useful-looking gelding: twice-raced on Flat: fairly useful hurdler: won handicaps at Sandown (by 2 lengths from Touch Closer) in December and Kempton in January: improved effort when beating Mind How You Go by 12 lengths in quite valuable event at latter track, leading on bridle after 3 out and drawing easily clear: will stay 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): bled from nose once.

MRS L. WADHAM

*White, pink cross of lorraine (DGM Partnership)***YOU OWE ME (IRE)**

8 10-4

b.g. Jurado (USA) – Bodyline (Crash Course) [2003/4 20g³ 21g* 20s* :: 2004/5 22d⁶ Feb 19] strong, lengthy gelding: will make a chaser: second foal: half-brother to useful chaser Terao (by Furry Glen), stayed 3m: dam unraced out of smart chaser up to 2½m Grangewood Girl: won maiden Irish point in 2003: progressive hurdler in 2003/4, making running when winning maiden at Warwick and novice at Uttoxeter last 2 outings, beating Joes Edge 5 lengths in latter: off 14 months and better for race, tailed off in handicap at Wincanton on return: should stay beyond 21f.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

*Black and orange stripes, black sleeves, orange stars, orange cap (Mr C. Cornes)***LILIUM DE COTTE (FR)**

6 10-4

b.g. Ragmar (FR) – Vanille de Cotte (FR) (Italic (FR)) [2003/4 c16d* c19s^{pu} 17d :: 2004/5 c20s^{pu} 21s^{pu} Feb 26] good-topped gelding: useful juvenile hurdler in 2002/3: odds on, won maiden at Uttoxeter last season on chasing debut by 5 lengths from Polar Red: has run badly since (breathing problem on reappearance), in handicap hurdle at Kempton last time: should stay beyond 17f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

N. J. HENDERSON

*Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***153**

h22g	145	126
h24d	153	127
h21d	153	+120
h19g	135	+N

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c22v	123	125
h22s	150	+112
c24d	151	+125
c21d	159	125A
c20s	156	+118
c20s	143	118

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h20s	157	117
c16g	112	
c20g	109?	W
c20m	120?	W
h18d	123	120
h21g	139	

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h21s	155	+113
h16v	138	+N
h24v	115	
h22d	146	+106
h22v	149	102
h20s	136	N

146

h22d	125	
h20s	140	+N
h21g	133	+N
h20g	135	+N

?

h21s	125	
c20s	130	
h17d	126	
c19s	138	
c2	G2	
c16d	130	+W

AFTER EIGHT (GER)

5 10-2

b.g. Sir Felix (FR) – Amrei (Ardross) [2003/4 16f2 16s* 16s4 16g2 :: 2004/5 20v3 20v6 16d5 Mar 12] compact gelding; fairly useful form in juvenile hurdles for C. Von Der Recke and M. Harris: off a year, has run well in handicaps this season, especially when around 10 lengths fifth to Medison in valuable event at Sandown on latest: stays 2½m, at least as effective at 2m: acts on any going.

*MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS**Light blue, brown stripe and armlets (Let's Live Racing)***GIVE ME LOVE (FR)**

5 10-2

ch.g. Bering – Cout Contact (USA) (Septieme Ciel (USA)) [2003/4 18s5 16v2 18s3 :: 2004/5 18v3 19d 19d4 18s 18s3 17s* 18s 19s* 18v* 20d6 21s4 17v2 21s4 Feb 26] leggy gelding; second foal: dam 6f winner: 11f winner on Flat: fairly useful hurdler: won claimers at Enghien in October and Auteuil (claimed from F. Belmont €13,000) in November, and handicap at Auteuil later in November: in cheekpieces, seemed to run very well when 15 lengths sixth to Ladalko in Grade 2 novice at Sandown next time: left Y. Porzier, creditable efforts last 3 starts, never-dangerous fourth behind easy winner Migwell in handicap at Kempton on latest: stays 21f: acts on heavy ground: tongue tied 3 of last 4 outings.

*P. F. NICHOLLS**Red and yellow diamonds, white cap (Mr C. J. Harriman)***ITS CRUCIAL (IRE)**

5 10-2

b.g. Beneficial – Balda Girl (IRE) (Mandalus) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d 16v4 17s* 16d3 Feb 17] compact gelding; fourth foal: dam unraced: twice-raced in Irish points in 2004, runner-up on completed start: some promise in bumper at Warwick: fairly useful form in novice hurdles: won at Hereford in February: further improvement when 6½ lengths third of 7 to Sea Captain at Sandown later in month, leading until before last: will be well suited by further than 2m.

*N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES**Emerald green, yellow stars, striped sleeves, royal blue and yellow striped cap (Mrs Caroline Beresford-Wylie)***MR FLUFFY**

8 10-2

br.g. Charmer – Hinton Bairn (Balinger) [2003/4 24m^{ur} 21m2 20m^F 21m :: 2004/5 24d 24m5 c21m2 c21d^F c24g* Nov 17] leggy gelding; fair handicap hurdler: fairly useful form both completed outings over fences, winning 5-runner maiden at Kempton on latest by 6 lengths from Champagne Harry, leading eighth and jumping better than runner-up: stays 3m: acts on good to soft and good to firm going.

*P. J. HOBBS**Yellow, dark blue chevron, diamonds on sleeves, yellow cap, dark blue diamond (The Cockpit Crew)***FONTANESI (IRE)**

5 10-2

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Northern Script (USA) (Arts And Letters (USA)) [2003/4 17g* 16g3 21g 18d* 17g* :: 2004/5 16d* 16g2 18g* 17d 22dp^u 16d6 19v6 21g 21d 19d4 16s Feb 10] smallish, sparsely-made gelding; fairly useful hurdler: won intermediates at Ludlow and Kelso in May: has shaped quite encouragingly in handicaps last 2 starts, not unduly knocked about when eighth to Broke Road at Wincanton on latest: should stay 2½m: acts on good to soft ground: often visored (not last 4 starts): has looked unenthusiastic and is one to treat with caution.

*M. C. PIPE**Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)***LORD OF BEAUTY (FR)**

5 10-1

ch.g. Medaaly – Arctic Beauty (USA) (Arctic Tern (USA)) [2003/4 16g^F 16g4 16s2 18s3 16g4 19g3 16g2 :: 2004/5 18d2 20d* 19d* 21g 19d2 Jan 29] leggy, angular gelding; fairly useful hurdler: won maiden (easily) at Fontwell in November and handicap at Doncaster (by 2 lengths from Migration) in December: not fluent both starts since, though ran well when 15 lengths second to Kasthari in handicap at Doncaster on latest: stays 2½m: raced on good going or softer.

*NOEL T. CHANCE**B. J. Crowley
Grey, dark blue and purple hooped sleeves, grey and red hooped cap (Warren, Upton & Chenkin & Townson)***155**

h16d	155	123
h20v	153	123
h20v	151+125	
h16g	148	N
h16s	151	N
h16s	146+N	

149

h21s	149	123
h17v	149	L
h21s	149	G2
h20d	156?	G2
h18v	149	H
h19s	149	C

155

h16d	155	123
h17s	147+N	
h16v	136	N
F16d	113	W

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c24g	149+W	123
c21d		G2
c21m	153+W	
h24m	146	125
h24d		127
h21m	147	127

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h16s	145+125	123
h19d	148	127
h21d		130
h21g		133
h19v		135
h16d	157	138

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h19d	152	121
h21g		122
h19d	148+115	
h20d	129+N	
h18d	142+W	
h16g	128	N

MEDISON (FR)

5 10-1 (inc 4lb ex)

b. or br.g. Video Rock (FR) – Colombia III (FR) (Altayan) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16s 16d3 17s* 16d* 16d* Mar 12] tall, angular ex-French gelding; will make a chaser: third foal: dam, 11f and 1½m winner, half-sister to 2 winning chasers: successful both starts over 1½m on Flat at 4 yrs, at Saint-Cloud in April and Lyon Parilly (left B. Secly) in May: most progressive hurdler: won novices at Taunton in January and Ludlow (by short head) in March, and valuable handicap at Sandown also in March: favourite, very impressive when beating Fenix by 3½ lengths in 19-runner Sunderlands Imperial Cup at last-named course, always cruising and going clear run-in without being asked any sort of question (value good deal extra): raced around 2m on good to soft/soft going: patiently ridden: remains open to plenty more improvement, and is one to keep on the right side.

*M. C. PIPE**Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)***PRETTY STAR (GER)**

5 10-1 (inc 4lb ex)

b.h. Lando (GER) – Pretty Ballerina (Sadler's Wells (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16g 16d2 19g2 20g* 21d* Mar 4] rather leggy horse: useful on Flat (stays 1½m), successful 3 times in Germany at 3 yrs for E. Groschel: good second on British debut in August when trained by M. Johnston: fairly useful novice hurdler: won handicaps at Sandown in February and Newbury in March: beat Bohemian Boy 2½ lengths in 13-runner event in latter, leading 2 out and just kept up to work: stays 21f.

*A. KING**Yellow, dark blue hollow box, armlets and cap (Exterior Profiles Ltd)***RED GEORGIE (IRE)**

7 10-1 (inc 4lb ex)

ch.g. Old Vic – Do We Know (Derrylin) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F17g* F16d* F16d5 20v3 23vp^u 23s* 24s* Mar 6] lengthy, workmanlike gelding; chasing type: half-brother to several winners, including useful hurdler/fair chaser Bo Knows Best (by Burslem), stayed 21f: dam ran 3 times: useful form in bumpers, winning at Hereford in May and Worcester in October: fairly useful form in novice hurdles, making all in 6-runner events at Wetherby (beat Romany Prince 3 lengths) and Kempton (beat Miko de Beauchene 8 lengths) last 2 starts: will stay beyond 3m: raced only on good going or softer: finished distressed when running poorly fifth start.

*N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES**Light blue, emerald green stripe, hooped sleeves, white cap, light blue star (Mr M. P. Wareing)***OULART**

6 10-0

ch.g. Sabrehill (USA) – Gaye Fame (Ardross) [2003/4 F16d5 F16s6 :: 2004/5 F16d4 16d4 16d2 20s* 24v* 24v 22v2 Feb 3] 30,000 4-y-o: second foal: half-brother to fairly useful bumper winner Round The Horn (by Master Willie): dam, modest hurdler who stayed 3m, from family of top-class 2m to 3m hurdler Gaye Brief and very smart staying jumper Gaye Chance: fair hurdler: won maiden at Clonmel and handicap at Leopardstown, both in December: beat Eagles High by 4 lengths in 19-runner event for latest success: creditable second to easy winner Carraig Blue in 8-runner novice at Clonmel last time: stays 3m: acts on heavy ground.

*D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND**Yellow, red diamond, yellow cap, black spots (Mr G. T. Pierse)***SINDAPOUR (IRE)**

7 10-0

b.g. Priolo (USA) – Sinntara (IRE) (Lashkari) [2003/4 16d* 21g 17s3 22g3 :: 2004/5 21sp^u Feb 26] lengthy gelding; fairly useful on Flat (stays 2½m): fair form over hurdles in 2003/4: odds on, won maiden at Plumpton: best subsequent effort when third to Almaydan in novice at Exeter third outing: off 10 months and tongue tied, weakened quickly 3 out when pulled up in quite valuable handicap at Kempton on return: should be suited by 2½m+: has made mistakes.

*M. C. PIPE**Royal blue and yellow stripes, royal blue sleeves, yellow stars, yellow cap (Mrs Mary Burke)***FAMOUS GROUSE**

5 10-0

b.g. Selkirk (USA) – Shoot Clear (Bay Express) [2003/4 16g 16d2 16g :: 2004/5 20s* 21g* 24d4 21s3 Feb 26] useful-looking gelding: useful on Flat (should stay beyond 1¼m): fairly useful form over hurdles: left C. Mann, won handicaps at Aintree (by 2½ lengths from Kinburn) in November and Kempton in December, hampered on turn and edging ahead final strides when beating Tumbling Dice by neck at latter course: creditable efforts in similar events at Kempton last 2 starts, third behind easy winner Migwell on latest: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer.

*P. BOWEN**Red, white epaulets, emerald green sleeves, white armlets and cap (Mr Gwilym J. Morris)***161 P**

h16d	161+118	122
h16d	149+N	
h17s	143+N	
h16d	147	N
h16s	111+N	

156

h21d	156	112
h20g	150	112
h19g	138+N	
h16d	149	N
h16g	109+N	

151

h24s	143	N
h23s	151	N
h23v		N
h20v	137	N
F16d	129+W	
F16d	135+W	

148

h22v	148	121
h24v	148	119
h24v	148	109
h20s	148	N
h16d	133	N
h16d	129?	N

153

h21s	155	121
h22g	133	N
h17s	148+N	
h21g		G1
h16d	148+N	

155

h21s	155	121
h24d	153+119	
h21g	152+108	
h20s	138+100	
h16g	112	N
h16d	147+N	

BILLYVODDAN (IRE)

6 10-0

b.g. Accordion – Derryclare (Pollerton) [2003/4 F17d F16s³ 16d³ 20s⁶ 16g³ :: 2004/5 20d* 21d² 20s² 20v³ 19d* 20d² Mar 12] lengthy, workmanlike gelding: chasing type: fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Uttoxeter (easily) in May and Doncaster (made all, by 1¼ lengths from Killone King) in January: best effort when beaten a head by Julius Caesar in valuable novice handicap at Sandown on latest start, leading 3 out until final strides: will stay 3m: acts on heavy going: genuine.

*H. D. DALY**Emerald green and yellow (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Trevor Hemmings)***WINSLEY**

7 10-0 (9-13)

gr.g. Sula Bula – Dissolve (Sharrood (USA)) [2003/4 F17g* F17d 21d* 21g³ 22d 24d⁴ 19g⁴ :: 2004/5 16g² 16s³ 17s^{pu} 16d² 16d 16d Mar 12] good-topped gelding: fairly useful hurdler: improved form when beaten length by Monte Cinto in strongly-run listed handicap at Sandown fourth start this season: ran as though amiss third outing, unable to challenge in other valuable handicaps at Sandown on last 2: ideally suited by good test at 2m, stays 21f: acts on soft going: wore cheekpieces final start in 2003/4.

*O. SHERWOOD**Light blue, orange sash (Absolute Solvents Ltd)***RAIKKONEN (IRE)**

5 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Lake Coniston (IRE) – Jour Ferie (IRE) (Taufan (USA)) [2003/4 16m² 16m³ 16s⁴ 16s⁴ 16s* 17g 16d :: 2004/5 16g 16s 20s* 22d² 24s 20v⁴ 20v³ 20s⁴ Feb 19] smallish gelding: fair on Flat (stays 2m), successful only outing in 2004: fairly useful hurdler, won 11-runner handicap at Naas in October: creditable efforts in frame 4 out of 5 starts since, very close fourth of 10 to Kadoun in handicap at Fairyhouse on latest: stays 2¾m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tongue tied penultimate start.

*W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND**Pink, black epaulets, halved sleeves, striped cap (Austin Fanning)***PAPILLON DE IENA (FR)**

5 10-0 (9-12)

ch.g. Varese (FR) – Belle du Chesne (FR) (R B Chesne) [2003/4 17s³ 18d* 16d :: 2004/5 16d⁵ 17d 22d³ 16d Mar 12] smallish, lengthy gelding: fair hurdler: creditable efforts in handicaps this season when fifth of 7 to Atahuelpa at Windsor and third of 8 finishers to Dangerously Good at Wincanton: visored and off 3 months, not knocked about when unable to reach leaders in valuable 19-runner handicap at Sandown last time: effective at 2m to 2¾m: raced mainly on good to soft going.

*M. C. PIPE**Purple, yellow chevron, diablo on sleeves (Mr Joe Moran)***WISCALITUS (GER)**

6 10-0 (9-9)

b.g. Lead On Time (USA) – Wiscaria (GER) (Ashmore (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 17g* 16g³ 16s 17d³ 19s⁴ Mar 1] good-topped gelding: successful 6 times from 12 starts up to 1½m on Flat, including 4 times in France in 2003 (useful form) for D. Fechner: fair hurdler: won maiden at Market Rasen on debut in August with great deal in hand: ran well when 11½ lengths third to Noble Request in novice at Taunton penultimate start: failed to get home over longer trip at Catterick last time, beaten quickly after 2 out: seemed unsuited by track at Towcester second outing.

*MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS**Red, white disc, halved sleeves (Direct Sales UK Ltd)***JACDOR (IRE)**

11 10-0 (9-9)

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Bellalma (Belfalas) [2003/4 20d⁶ 20g c24d² c30d c20g⁴ c25v⁵ c24g* c24g* Feb 19 :: 2004/5 NR] tall gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler/chaser: won over fences at Kempton (conditional jockeys) and Taunton in February: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: blinkered/visored: has had tongue tied.

R. DICKIN

B. Hitchcott

*Yellow, large royal blue spots, yellow sleeves, royal blue spots and spots on cap (Jackie**Matthews & Doreen Evans)***162**

h20d	162	121
h19d	152	N
h20v	144	N
h20s	152	116
h21d	154	116
h20d	147	+N

154 ?

h16d	146	7	120
h16d	150	120	
h16d	154	7	112
h17s		112	
h16s	143	+110	
h16g	143	108	

153

h20s	153	116
h20v	151	W
h20v	149	116
h24s	131	117
h22d	151	W
h20s	150	113

150

h16d	136	119
h22d	150	119
h17d		120
h16d	150	120
h16d	137	N
h16d	140	+N

145

h19s	139	+N
h17d	145	N
h16s		N
h16g	138	+N
h17g	137	+N

?

c24g	153	+102
c24g	144	102A
c25v		104
c20g	128	108
c30d	113	+105
c24d	141	+102

FLORIDA DREAM (IRE)

6 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Florida Son – Ice Pearl (Flatbush) [2003/4 F16d F16s 16g 17s :: 2004/5 20d* 23v* 21d 20d Mar 12] well-made gelding: will make a chaser: fair hurdler: much improved since leaving Ms B. Nicholls, winning novice at Newcastle in November and handicap at Haydock (by 2½ lengths from Huka Lodge) in December: well beaten in handicaps at Kempton and Sandown (valuable novice event) last 2 starts: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

*N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES**Emerald green, white star, diablo on sleeves and star on cap (D. J. & S. A. Goodman & T.Puffett)***LEADERS WAY (IRE)**

10 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Supreme Leader – Mind Me Back (Kambalda) [2003/4 24d 16v* 19sF 16v⁴ 24d c17s^{pu} :: 2004/5 16d⁴ 18s⁵ 20d* 20s⁵ 16v* 22v² 20s² 20s⁵ Mar 5] sturdy gelding: pulled up on chasing debut: fair handicap hurdler: won at Fairyhouse in November and January: creditable efforts last 3 starts, particularly when neck second to Kadoun in bunch finish at Fairyhouse penultimate one: probably best up to 2¾m: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy): often wears cheekpieces.

T. K. GERAGHTY, IRELAND

R. Garritty

*Royal blue, large white spots, white sleeves, white cap, royal blue spots (Mrs B. Geraghty)***TIGERS LAIR (IRE)**

6 10-0 (9-8)

b. or br.g. Accordion – Eadie (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 F16s⁴ F16g² F17d⁴ :: 2004/5 20d² 16g* 16m² 17d⁴ 22s² 16g³ 22s⁴ Nov 18] leggy, rather unfurnished gelding: fairly useful novice hurdler: made all to win at Aintree in May: good efforts last 3 starts, going freely when 13¾ lengths fourth to Liberman in handicap at Market Rasen on latest: effective at 2m to 2¾m: acts on soft going: blinkered last 2 outings: sometimes jumps none too fluently.

*JONJO O'NEILL**White, mauve stars (Mrs G. Smith)***COURT LEADER (IRE)**

7 10-0 (9-7) (inc 4lb ex)

b.m. Supreme Leader – Droichidin (Good Thyne (USA)) [2003/4 F18d :: 2004/5 F17d³ F16m⁵ F16m⁶ F20v² F16d⁴ 19s⁶ 20d³ 20s³ 19s⁵ 19v² 18s² 24s⁵ 16v* Mar 6] angular mare: fifth foal: dam, placed in Irish point, sister to top-class hurdler Mighty Mogul: fair form in bumpers: fair hurdler: favourite, easy winner of maiden at Leopardstown on latest start: better form in defeat previous 3 outings: effective at 2m, barely at 3m: acts on heavy going.

*THOMAS MULLINS, IRELAND**Orange, black star, diablo on sleeves, white and black hooped cap (Mrs P. Duffin)***BUNKUM**

7 10-0 (9-6)

b.g. Robellino (USA) – Spinning Mouse (Bustino) [2003/4 20d⁵ 20s⁶ c19d⁴ c16s⁵ c24s^F c21d² c19g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c23g* c23g² c22s² c20s³ c20v^F 25s 20v Feb 19] good-topped gelding: fairly useful hurdler: well beaten in handicaps at Warwick and Uttoxeter last 2 starts: at least as good over fences, winning maiden at Worcester in May by 7 lengths from Undeniable: in touch when falling 5 out in novice handicap at Haydock fifth outing: stays 23f: acts on heavy ground.

*R. LEE**Black, red seams, white cap (John Jackson and Maggie Pope)***JUST BETH**

9 10-0 (9-6)

ch.m. Carlingford Castle – One For The Road (Warpath) [2003/4 24g 27d 20v 24g* 21m² 22g 20m⁵ 24g² 17d² 25d^{pu} 16d 17s^{pu} 24d² :: 2004/5 21g³ 24d³ 21g* 22m⁴ 24g² 24d* 24d³ 24g² 25s⁶ 21d 20v² 20v⁵ 24g³ Mar 5] angular mare: fair handicap hurdler: won at Southwell (conditional jockeys event) in May and Ludlow in November: has held her form well since, creditable third to Omni Cosmo Touch at Doncaster last time: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried blinkered, not this season: tough.

*G. FIERRO**Black, red chevrons and armllets (Mr G. Fierro)***STAN (NZ)**

6 10-0 (9-5)

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 1¼m 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**Dark blue, pink and dark blue hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mr Paul Beck)***148**

h20d		121
h21d	+	115
h23v	145	+109
h20d	135	N
h17s		N
h16g	110	N

148

h20s	143	112
h20s	148	110
h22v	143	+107
h16v	141	99
h20s	141	100
h20d	136	93

148 +

h22s	146	+115
h16g	148	+112
h22s	148	NA
h17d	125	N
h16m	141	N
h16g	148	+N

145

h16v	140	+N
h24s	143	+106W
h18s	143	103
h19v	145	N
h19s		N
h20s	135	N

?

h20v	121	117
h25s		122
c20v		112
c20s	131	N
c22s	152	N
c23g	152	N

146

h24g	146	113
h20v	144	113
h20v	146	110
h21d	137	+110
h25s	140	110
h24g	144	102

145

h16d	139	113
h19g	145	N
h17v	141	N
h16s	130	+N
h19v	128	+N

BARON DE FEYPO (IRE)

7 10-0 (9-1)

b.g. Simply Great (FR) – Fete Champetre (Welsh Pageant) [2003/4 20g 16d⁵ 16d^F 24m 20g :: 2004/5 16s 16s 18v* 16v 19v* 20v⁴ 20s Feb 26] angular gelding: fair handicap hurdler: won at Leopardstown in December and Naas (by 2 lengths from One Four Shannon) in January: good fourth of 16 to Slyguff Rory at Gowran penultimate start: below form at Thurles last time: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going: has found little.

PATRICK O. BRADY, IRELAND

*Black, red spots, black cap, white spots (Miss Rita Shah)***137**

h20s	121
h20v	104
h19v	136 104
h16v	137+96
h18v	128 97
h18v	130 90
h16s	93

KAPAROLO (USA)

6 10-0 (8-12)

ch.g. El Prado (IRE) – Parliament House (USA) (General Assembly (USA)) [2003/4 16m² 18g* 21m² 16m³ 17s³ 22g² 18d* 18d :: 2004/5 16g³ 18d² 19d 17d Feb 11] strong gelding: fairly useful hurdler in 2003/4, winning novice and handicap at Fontwell: below form both outings on Flat in 2004: modest form this season, best effort when 16 lengths third to Fait Le Jojo in claimer at Plumpton on reappearance: sold out of Mrs A. Perrett's stable 12,000 gns Doncaster November Sales after second start: stays 2¾m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going.

JOHN A. HARRIS

*Light blue, yellow chevron, armlets and cap (Mr N. Morgan)***133**

h17d	121
h19d	110
h18d	122 113
h18d	129 C
h16g	133+C
h18d	117
h18d	148+109

HORDAGO (IRE)

5 10-0 (8-10)

gr.g. Highest Honor (FR) – Mirmande (Kris) [2003/4 16s 16s 16v 16v³ :: 2004/5 16f 20m² 20v* 22s 21d* 21v² 24vp^u 22s² Mar 3] big, leggy gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to fairly useful winner around 1m Eric Le Beau (by Great Commotion): dam maiden half-sister to smart 1¼m performer Dartrey: fair handicap hurdler: won at Tralee in August and Cheltenham (beat Brigadier Brown 8 lengths) in November: creditable second at Limerick 2 of last 3 starts, beaten 2 lengths by An Culainn Beag in 16-runner event on latest, collared after going clear early in straight: should stay 3m: acts on heavy ground.

ERIC MCNAMARA, IRELAND

*Royal blue, light blue chevron and chevrons on sleeves, royal blue cap (Seamus Braddish)***140**

h22s	121
h24v	135+97
h21v	97
h21d	140+94
h21d	140+90A
h22s	113 85
h20v	120 79

OSCARS VISION (IRE)

5 10-0 (7-11)

ch.m. Oscar Schindler (IRE) – Eyelet (IRE) (Satco (FR)) [2003/4 F12m* 16g :: 2004/5 16s² 16s⁴ 16d³ 21d 20d Jan 26] angular mare: 100/1, won 3-y-o fillies bumper at Newbury on debut in 2003/4 by 1½ lengths from Into The Shadows: poor form over hurdles: stiff task, not discredited when eighth in novice handicap at Huntingdon last time: likely to stay beyond 2m, but didn't see race out over 21f penultimate start.

B. W. DUKE

*Pink, light blue seams and sleeves, grey cap (Brendan W. Duke Racing)***114**

h20d	109? 92
h21d	108 N
h16d	114 N
h16s	114 N
h16s	124? N
h16g	N

C. M. Studd (7)

HANDICAPS: OVERNIGHT ALTERING OF WEIGHTS

The ratings for this race have been adjusted to the weights currently allocated. If these change at the overnight stage then simply *subtract* 1 lb for each pound carried above the weight shown or *add* 1 lb for each pound below the present weight (the weights shown in brackets are those originally allocated in the long handicap and are included for information only).

4.40**THE FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR
CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(AMATEUR RIDERS) (B)****3m110y**

£50,000 5yo+ (Rated 0-140)

JOLY BEY (FR)

8 12-5

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

*Royal blue, maroon epaulets (Mr David Dunsdon)***156**

c24g	156 139
c21d	135+140
c25d	140+140
h20s	130+134
c21g	+ 140
c20g	141+147

IRIS BLEU (FR)

9 11-12

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

*Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)***157 +**

c24g	157 138
	140A

SIMPLY GIFTED

10 11-7

b.g. Simply Great (FR) – Souveniers (Relko) [2003/4 c16s* c16d^{ur} c16g⁴ c20g* :: 2004/5 c20g c20s⁵ c24s⁴ c20d⁴ Mar 5] well-made gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: useful handicap chaser: off over 2 years before reappearance in 2003/4: creditable efforts 3 of 4 starts this season (off 6 months before second), 3½ lengths fourth, keeping on well, to Supreme Prince in valuable event at Newbury last time: probably stays 3m: acts on heavy going, below best on good to firm: tried visored/blinkered, best efforts when not: sometimes jumps none too fluently.

JONJO O'NEILL

*Red, white sash, emerald green sleeves, white armlets, emerald green cap (Mr Steve Hammond)***149**

c20d	149 135
c24s	145 138
c20s	135
c20g	149 137
c20g	148 130
c16g	144+130

PERSIAN WATERS (IRE)

9 11-5

b.g. Persian Bold – Emerald Waters (Kings Lake (USA)) [2003/4 23m* :: 2004/5 c20d* c21d³ c24d³ c24d² Feb 19] leggy gelding: useful handicap hurdler: off 18 months, similar form in novice chases this season: won at Huntingdon in November impressively by 3 lengths from Liverpool Echo: has run well all 3 starts since, especially when 3 lengths second to ready winner Distant Thunder in Grade 2 at Lingfield last time, pulling clear of remainder: stays 3m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: reportedly bled from nose once in 2002/3: races prominently.

J. R. FANSHAWE

*Light blue, dark blue diamond and diamond on cap (Mr Paul Green)***152**

c24d	152 G2
c24d	145 N
c21d	144+N
c20d	147 N
h23m	152 129

BOLD INVESTOR

8 11-4

b.g. Anshan – Shirlstar Investor (Some Hand) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c20s^F 21d Mar 4] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: useful novice chaser in 2002/3, successful at Carlisle and Kempton (beat Iris Royal 7 lengths) before third to Jair du Cochet in Grade 1 at Kempton: off 18 months, mistakes and well beaten when fell 3 out in valuable handicap at Aintree on return: well held back over hurdles over 4 months later: stays 3m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on soft): usually sound jumper.

JONJO O'NEILL

*Royal blue, large pink spots, royal blue sleeves, pink spots and spots on cap (Mrs A. R. Thompson)***?**

h21d	111 116
c20s	136

	132A
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ARTIC JACK (FR)

9 11-3
 b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Si Jamais (FR) (Arctic Tern (USA)) [2003/4 c28s* c25d³ c24s* c28m³ c36d^F c29d^{pu} :: 2004/5 c25^{spu} c27s c26g c26d^{ur} c24d^{pu} Jan 29] big, rangy gelding: smart chaser: off 19 months, improved form when winning 2 handicaps at Haydock in 2003/4, drew clear again run-in when beating Kingscliff 13 lengths in Peter Marsh Chase for second win: below that form otherwise, and little encouragement this season: stays 3½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: best on galloping tracks: usually bold-jumping front runner (fell first in Grand National, and also made mistakes in Becher Chase at same course second start).

MRS S. J. SMITH

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

MAXIMIZE (IRE)

11 11-3
 b.g. Mandalus – Lone Run (Kemal (FR)) [2003/4 c25^{f4} c24g² c27d^{pu} c33d c24g* c33d³ :: 2004/5 c32m c26g² c24d c25d c29d c29d³ c25d* c29s c24g c28s Feb 19] strong gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: last-gasp winner of Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup (Amateurs) at Cheltenham in 2003/4: generally disappointing since, though won at Exeter in December by ½ length from Walter's Destiny: soundly beaten in valuable event at Haydock last time: probably stays 33f: acts on any going: tried visored: usually sound jumper: temperamental (tends to get behind), and one to treat with caution.

M. C. PIPE

Mr D. Edwards (5)

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

THE BANDIT (IRE)

8 11-2
 b.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Sweet Friendship (Alleging (USA)) [2003/4 22g 20m* 20g⁶ c20s* c20s* c20m^{pu} c20g² c20m³ :: 2004/5 c20g⁴ c24d² 21d³ Jan 26] useful-looking gelding: fair hurdler: good third to Juncanoo in handicap at Huntingdon last time: useful handicap chaser: best effort when short-head second of 12 to King Harald (pair well clear) at Newbury penultimate start, never far away and leading approaching 2 out until close home: stays 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

MISS E. C. LAVELLE

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

KNOCK DOWN (IRE)

6 11-2
 b.m. Oscar (IRE) – Bottle A Knock (IRE) (Le Moss) [2003/4 18d c20s* 18s⁵ c20s⁶ c20s 18s³ 18d⁵ c19m^f 18d^{pu} 18s² 17v* 19s³ c22s⁴ :: 2004/5 18d 18d² c22d^{pu} 20s 20s 18s² 20v⁶ 16d c24s Feb 26] lengthy, angular mare: first foal: dam 2¼am chase winner: winner up to 12.5f on Flat: useful hurdler/chaser at best in France: left R. Collet after third start and sold out of F. Cottin's stable €60,000 Goffs (France) November Sale after sixth: well held since, off very stiff mark in valuable handicap over fences last time: stays 2¾am: acts on heavy ground.

H. D. DALY

Light blue, maroon hoops, striped sleeves, light blue cap (Patrick Burling Developments Ltd)

KEEPATEM (IRE)

9 11-1
 ch.g. Be My Native (USA) – Ariannrun (Deep Run) [2003/4 24s³ 25g 24g² :: 2004/5 c18v⁵ c17d⁴ c23d* c18s⁵ c24v* c21v³ Jan 9] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: similar form over fences, winning maiden at Downpatrick (by ¾ length from Calladine) in November and very valuable 18-finisher Paddy Power Chase (Handicap) at Leopardstown in December: always going well and led run-in when beating Jaquouille 4 lengths in latter: inadequate test but still ran creditably when 2¼ lengths third of 5 finishers to Newmill in Grade 2 novice at Leopardstown last time: better around 3m than shorter: raced on good ground or softer (acts on heavy).

M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND

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

JUVEIGNEUR (FR)

8 11-0
 ch.g. Funny Baby (FR) – Azurea (FR) (On My Way (USA)) [2003/4 c22m² c21g³ c20g :: 2004/5 c20g* c21g^f c20s³ c20d* c21v⁵ c24d² c24d² Dec 29] close-coupled, good-topped gelding: second foal: dam unraced: useful chaser: successful 4 times in French Provinces, including at Craon in September and Durtal in November: runner-up in Britain last 2 starts, better effort when very good neck second of 17 to Ulusaba in handicap at Newbury on latest: has left G. Macaire: stays 3m: acts on soft ground.

N. J. HENDERSON

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

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c24d	131A
c26d	136
c26g	136
c27s	143
c27s	143
c25s	G2
c29d ^f	149

145 \$

c28s	131A
c24g	131
c29s	125
c29s	128
c25d	140
c29d	144
c29d	128

155

h21d	124	110
c24d	153	125
c20g	133	127
c20m	144	127
c20g	147	125A
c20m		G2

140

c24s	130A
h16d	133
h20v	130
h18s	147
h20s	131
h20s	134

152 +

c21v	147	G2
c24v	149	115
c18s	131	115
c23d	143	W
c17d	108	W
c18v	134	N

152

c24d	150	124
c24d	144	119
c21v	137	H

LIBERTHINE (FR)

6 11-0
 b.m. Chamberlin (FR) – Libertina (FR) (Balsamo (FR)) [2003/4 c20d* c25g⁴ :: 2004/5 c20s² c20d³ c21s c22v⁴ Feb 19] angular mare: winning hurdler: useful chaser: placed in handicaps behind Kandjar d'Allier at Windsor and Laccoudal at Kempton first 2 starts this season: better effort in valuable handicaps since when eighth behind Buckby Lane at Cheltenham on penultimate start, tiring after blunder at last: stays 21f: raced on good ground or softer (acts on soft): ridden by Mr S. Waley-Cohen in 2004/5.

N. J. HENDERSON

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

PARSONS LEGACY (IRE)

7 10-13
 b.g. Leading Counsel (USA) – The Parson's Girl (IRE) (The Parson) [2003/4 19g* 21v^{pu} 20d* 20s 22m⁴ 24s^{pu} 24m² :: 2004/5 c20s* c20g³ c23d² c23g* c24d⁶ Mar 5] angular gelding: fair hurdler: fairly useful novice chaser: won maiden at Ludlow in October and 9-runner handicap at Leicester in December, beating Ulusaba ¾ length at latter course: taken on for lead when below form behind Zeta's River in well-contested handicap at Newbury last time: stays 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going: races prominently.

P. J. HOBBS

Maroon, yellow hoop, sleeves and cap (Mr R. A. S. Offer)

LORD OF THE RIVER (IRE)

13 10-12
 br.g. Lord Americo – Well Over (Over The River (FR)) [2003/4 c25s c24g² c24s* c25g* :: 2004/5 c25g c26g c26g² c25v³ Jan 15] tall, close-coupled gelding: usually looks well: useful handicap chaser in 2003/4, successful at Ascot and Aintree (valuable event, by 7 lengths from Midland Flame): below that form this season, let down by jumping latter stages when 20 lengths second of 3 finishers to Gunther McBride at Doncaster on penultimate start: stays 25f: has form on good to firm going, raced mainly on good or softer (acts on heavy): sometimes sweats: probably best ridden up with pace: bold jumper.

N. J. HENDERSON

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

WORLD WIDE WEB (IRE)

9 10-12
 b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Meldrum Lass (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 c20s* c19d² c24d* c28m^{pu} :: 2004/5 24s c24d^{ur} Mar 5] tall, good sort: fairly useful hurdler/chaser: won handicap chases at Huntingdon and Leopardstown (very valuable 28-runner Grade 2 Paddy Power Handicap Chase, beat Kymandjen 9 lengths) in 2003/4: well below form in quite valuable handicap hurdle at Chepstow on reappearance: unseated early next time: should stay beyond 3m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on soft), distressed when pulled up on good to firm final 2003/4 outing: ran well only try in blinkers.

JONJO O'NEILL

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

HEART MIDOLTIAN (FR)

8 10-12
 gr.g. Royal Charter (FR) – Pride of Queen (FR) (Saint Henri) [2003/4 c20g* 20m³ c22s^{pu} 20f⁶ c25d⁵ c21g c21g^{ur} c29d^f :: 2004/5 c20g^{pu} c20s^{pu} Oct 8] medium-sized, long-necked ex-Irish gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: fairly useful hurdler/chaser: won Grade 3 novice at Punchestown very early in 2003/4: generally well held off stiff marks in handicaps subsequently: has left S. Neville: stays 2¾am: acts on firm and soft going: usually tongue tied.

M. C. PIPE

Orange and emerald green (quartered), hooped sleeves (Mrs S. Neville)

MONTREAL (FR)

8 10-11
 b. or br.g. Chamberlin (FR) – Massada (FR) (Kashtan (FR)) [2003/4 c25g^f c20m⁶ c22m⁴ c21d^{su} c24s⁶ c24g^{pu} c36d^f c24d⁴ :: 2004/5 c20d* c24m* c24f* c20d c21d³ c22g c24d⁶ c20g³ c25d^{pu} c22d⁶ c24v^{pu} Jan 21] leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: back to best when winning at Bangor (twice) in May and Perth in June, holding on by ¾ length from Glynn Dingle at latter: creditable 13½ lengths third of 9 finishers to Spring Grove at Cheltenham eighth start: poor efforts all 3 outings since: stays 25f when conditions aren't testing: acts on any going: tried visored, wore cheekpieces 4 starts prior to latest: held up, and has idled/found little.

M. C. PIPE

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

154 +

c22v	144	129
c21s	152	134
c20d	151	129
c20s	154	125
c25g		G2
c20d	126	W

150

c24d	137	127
c23g	150	117
c23d	150	117
c20g	142	119
c20s	132	W
h24m	135	113

149

c25v	126A	
c23g	130	
c26g	144	132
c26g	140	137
c25g	135	
c25g	156	124
c24s	149	116

151

c24d	126A	
h24s	126	
c28m	128	
c24d	126	
c24d	145	111
c19d	141	111
c20s	134	102

?

c20s	126A	
c20g	128	
c29d	130	
c21g	130	
c21g	145	132
c25d		G3

145

c24v	125A	
c22d	125	
c25d	129	
c20g	145	130
c24d	142	130
c22g	142	131

THE BUSHKEEPER (IRE)

11 10-11

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Our Little Lamb (Prince Regent (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 NR] tall gelding: much improved for present stable in 2001/2 after lengthy absence, impressive winner of handicaps at Huntingdon (heavily bandaged in front) and Cheltenham (amateur event): justified favouritism in 23-runner Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup at latter by 7 lengths from stable-mate Ceanannas Mor: stays 3¼m: acts on soft going: sound jumper: reportedly hard to train, and very lightly raced as a result.

N. J. HENDERSON

*Royal blue, pink epaulets, pink cap (Mr B. T. Stewart-Brown)***DAVIDS LAD (IRE)**

11 10-11

b.g. Yashgan – Cool Nora (IRE) (Lafontaine (USA)) [2003/4 c20g³ c22s⁵ c17s⁶ c20s² c18d⁶ c36d :: 2004/5 24g⁶ c20d³ 22m* 22g⁵ c19s³ c16s c19s c21d c18s 18s⁴ Feb 26] strong, lengthy gelding: fair hurdler: odds on, ended long losing sequence in handicap at Kelso in May: well-held fourth in minor event at Thurles last time: smart chaser at best, looks very much on downgrade: stays 29f: acts on any going: effective tongue tied or not (has had breathing operation): held up: usually sound jumper.

A. J. MARTIN, IRELAND

*Red, white stripe, striped sleeves, emerald green cap (Eddie Joe's Racing Syndicate)***ITSONLYME (IRE)**

12 10-11

b.g. Broken Hearted – Over The Arctic (Over The River (FR)) [2003/4 c25g^{pu} c20g² c20d* c20m³ c24g* c20g c24g² c26g⁶ c25d⁶ c24s^{pu} c24m^{pu} c26m^{pu} :: 2004/5 c24v^{pu} c24g* c24d^{pu} Jan 29] useful-looking gelding: fairly useful chaser: best effort for some time when winning 6-runner handicap at Doncaster in January by 5 lengths from The Manse Brae: weakened quickly when well beaten at same course next time: stays 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going: has found little.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

*Black, yellow cross belts and armlets (Mr Mel Davies)***KOQUELICOT (FR)**

7 10-10

ch.g. Video Rock (FR) – Ixia Des Saccarts (FR) (Laniste) [2003/4 20g⁵ 21v³ 16s c20s* c21d* c20d* c24d⁶ c24g* c24s⁵ :: 2004/5 24g* 24s⁶ c23g⁴ c24v⁴ c24d² Jan 31] leggy gelding: fair hurdler, won novice at Worcester in October: fairly useful handicap chaser: better than ever when 3½ lengths second of 9 to Longshanks at Kempton latest start, unable to quicken after slight mistake last: stays 3m: raced on good ground or softer (acts on heavy): tried blinkered: usually jumps soundly.

P. J. HOBBS

Mr T. J. O'Brien (7)

*Black and light blue (quartered), black sleeves, white cap (Mr Alan Peterson)***SPRING MARGOT (FR)**

9 10-10

b.g. Kadalko (FR) – La Brunante (FR) (Chaparral (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c20d* c20g⁵ c24d⁴ c24d^{wr} c20s² Mar 6] tall, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: won 3-finisher event at Sandown in November by neck from Shalako: creditable efforts all 3 completed starts since (though found less than seemed likely second occasion), ½-length second of 5 to Soeur Fontenail at Kempton latest start: probably stays 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

P. F. NICHOLLS

*Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)***TOM'S PRIZE**

10 10-10

ch.g. Gunner B – Pandora's Prize (Royal Vulcan) [2003/4 c24d^{pu} 26g* c26g 25s² c24d⁴ 24g* c24s² :: 2004/5 24s⁵ c24d³ c24v^{pu} Nov 26] plain gelding: fairly useful hurdler/chaser: won novice hurdles at Southwell and Newbury in 2003/4: good third of 12 to Smile Pleeze in amateur handicap chase at Cheltenham: well held in handicap chase at Bangor next time: stays 3¼m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: front runner: usually jumps soundly: game.

J. L. SPEARING

*Light blue, dark blue seams, dark blue cap, light blue star (Mrs P. Joynes)***CHRISTOPHER**

8 10-10

gr.g. Arzanni – Forest Nymph (NZ) (Oak Ridge (FR)) [2003/4 21m⁵ 20m³ c19d* c20g⁵ :: 2004/5 c20s² c20s* c21d² c24d⁶ 22s* c22v⁶ Feb 19] close-coupled gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler/chaser: better than ever this term, winning over fences at Aintree in November despite going rather in snatches: favourite, never going well when running poorly in valuable event at Uttoxeter last time: took advantage of much lower mark over hurdles when winning 15-runner event at Wincanton in January by 5 lengths from Darjeeling, eased after jumping last 13 lengths clear: probably stays 3m: acts on any going.

P. J. HOBBS

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

125A

?

125A	
h18s	118
c18s	127
c21d	130
c19s	132
c16s	134
c19s	W

147

125A	
c24d	126
c24g	142+118
c24v	122
c26m'	122
c24m'	127
c24s'	127

151

124A	
c24d	151
c24v	130+123
c23g	142
h24s	119
h24g	122+N
c24s	139
125	

152

124A	
c20s	152
c24d	125
c24d	149+126
c20g	148
c20d	152
125	

148

124A	
c24v	124
c24d	148+124A
h24s	123+131
c24s	148
h24g	152
c24d	125

153

124A	
c22v	117
h22s	144+112
c24d	145+125
c21d	153
c20s	150+118
c20s	137
118	

LATITUDE (FR)

6 10-10

b.m. Kadalko (FR) – Diyala III (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2003/4 c18d⁵ c20s* c20d³ c22s^F c20s⁶ c19g* c22d* :: 2004/5 c20s³ c22d³ c19v^F c21s Jan 29] angular ex-French mare: fairly useful hurdler: at least as good over fences: good efforts when third in handicaps first 2 completed starts this season, beaten 5½ lengths by Massac at Windsor (valuable event) and 12 lengths by Mighty Strong at Newbury: well held at Cheltenham last time: stays 2¾m: acts on soft ground: tried blinkered.

M. C. PIPE

*Royal blue, emerald green armlets (Mr Neil J. Edwards)***OH BE THE HOKEY (IRE)**

7 10-10

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Lucky Perk (IRE) (Executive Perk) [2003/4 F16s^{wr} F16g² 22d⁴ 18g* 16s⁴ 16s c17s^F c18d* c18v² :: 2004/5 16s³ 20d² c22d* c24v⁴ c24v^F 20s* c18s² Feb 10] fairly useful hurdler/chaser: won minor events at Thurles (over fences, by 3 lengths from The Young Bishop, with something in hand) in November and Cork (over hurdles, by length from Joueur d'Estival) in January: ran well when 6 lengths second to Dantes Reef in 11-runner handicap back over fences at Thurles last time: effective around 2m and stays 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

C. F. SWAN, IRELAND

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

9 10-9

b.g. Supreme Leader – Knocknagow (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 F16g 16d* 17s* 16d 20g* 16m⁴ c17s c18d⁶ c19d³ :: 2004/5 c20m* c17g³ c17d* c20s² c17v² c16d³ Nov 14] tall gelding: fairly useful hurdler/chaser: won over fences at Tipperary (maiden) in July and Ballinrobe (minor event) in August: placed in graded novices last 3 starts, behind Mirpour at Tipperary and Sir Oj at Galway and Punchestown: stays 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: effective ridden prominently or held up.

E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND

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

10 10-9

b.g. Lord Americo – Parson's Princess (The Parson) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c22v³ c24d c21s³ c23s* c24d* Feb 24] compact gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser, off 20 months prior to this season: back to best when winning at Leicester (by 21 lengths from Calcot Flyer) and Haydock on last 2 starts, soon helping force strong pace when beating Ebony Light by 2½ lengths at latter course: stays 3m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: takes strong hold: often makes mistakes: has made running last 3 starts.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

*Yellow, mauve spots on sleeves (ROA Arkle Partnership)***RATHBAWN PRINCE (IRE)**

13 10-9

ch.g. All Haste (USA) – Ellis Town (Camden Town) [2003/4 c20d^{pu} c25d² c24g² :: 2004/5 c24d^{pu} c26g⁶ c24d⁵ c21s* c21s⁶ Jan 29] good-bodied gelding: smart chaser at best, fairly useful handicapper nowadays: won 7-runner event at Wincanton in January by 4 lengths from Roschal, getting on top after mistake 2 out: creditable sixth of 16 to Buckby Lane in valuable race at Cheltenham week later, though never a danger: stays 29f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried in cheekpieces.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

Maroon, white star, stars on sleeves, white cap maroon star (Mrs S. L. Culloty)

Mr J. Jarrett (7)

CARRYONHARRY (IRE)

11 10-9

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Bluebell Avenue (Boreen Beag) [2003/4 c24g⁶ c24s⁴ c33d c30g c33d c29m :: 2004/5 c25d* c25d² c24d c25s³ c24d c24d Mar 5] leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: back to form when winning at Ludlow in November by 27 lengths from Midnight Gunner: well held in well-contested events at Doncaster and Newbury last 2 starts: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually visored: usually held up: often let down by jumping.

M. C. PIPE

*Yellow, maroon and yellow hooped sleeves, quartered cap (Drs' D Silk J Castro M Gillard P Walker)***146**

124A	
c21s	124
c19v	127
c22d	146
c20s	146
c22d'	146
c19g'	133+N

150

124A	
c18s	147+122
h20s	144+W
c24v	122
c24v	144
c22d	142+W
h20d	144
W	

154

123A	
c16d	151
c17v	154
c20s	151
c17d	139+W
c17g	147
c20m	122+W

157

123A	
c24d	153+118
c23s	157
c21s	141
c24d	125+114
c22v	136+115

154

123A	
c21s	153?
c21s	154
c24d	138
c26g	123
c24d	128A
c24g'	123+WA

147 X

123A	
c24d	135
c24d	125
c25s	147
c24d	137
c25d	147+124
c25d	147+117A

LOU DU MOULIN MAS (FR)

6 10-7

b.g. Sassanian (USA) – Houf (FR) (Morespeed) [2003/4 17v 18s2 c16s4 c20g2 21g :: 2004/5 c21g* c23g2 20g2 c21g3 24m2 c24g2 c24d3 c24d6 c24g2 c24g2 Mar 5] rather leggy gelding: fair novice hurdler: fairly useful chaser: landed odds in maiden at Newton Abbot in late-April: improved form since, very good efforts when placed in handicaps 4 of last 5 starts, pulled clear of remainder when short-headed by Run For Paddy in quite valuable event at Doncaster on latest: stays 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going: tongue tied: sound jumper: reliable.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Mr C. J. Sweeney (3)

Red, emerald green epaulets, red and emerald green striped sleeves, emerald green cap (The Eight Amigos Racing Syndicate)

SMILE PLEEZE (IRE)

13 10-7

b.g. Naheez (USA) – Harkin Park (Pollerton) [2003/4 c25d5 c28dpu :: 2004/5 c23m3 c23g* c23m* c23g* 24m c24d c24g c24d* c26d^h Jan 1] smallish gelding: lightly-raced maiden hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: fitted with cheekpieces and better than ever this season, winning at Worcester in July and August (twice), and at Cheltenham (12-runner amateur event) in November: possibly flattered in race where leaders went off too fast at latter course, leading run-in and beating Willie John Daly 2 lengths: last when fell thirteenth there on latest start: probably stays 3¼m: acts on soft and good to firm going: difficult ride, and one to treat with caution.

M. SHEPPARD

Miss P. Gundry

Grey, orange star, brown sleeves, grey cap, royal blue star (Miss S. Troughton)

ZETA'S RIVER (IRE)

7 10-7 (inc 4lb ex)

ch.g. Over The River (FR) – Laurebon (Laurence O) [2003/4 c17g^{ur} c19g2 :: 2004/5 19d c20d2 c24d* Mar 5] sturdy gelding: once-raced over hurdles: fairly useful chaser, lightly raced: favourite, won 14-runner handicap at Newbury on latest start by ½ length from Harrycone Lewis, jumping soundly, travelling easily long way under patient ride and ridden out after leading 2 out: will stay beyond 3m: raced on good/good to soft ground: may do better still.

M. C. PIPE

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

PEARLY JACK

7 10-4

ch.g. Weld – Pearly Lady (Tycoon II) [2003/4 F18d* 16d 18g 16s2 18s2 20s2 20s* 24d 20s :: 2004/5 20g 20d c20s c16s c18s c16s c18v* c20v2 c22v* c16v2 c22v3 c16s* Feb 24] dam unraced from family of top-class chaser Pearlyman: bumper winner: fair hurdler: fairly useful chaser: won handicaps at Thurles and Limerick in December and Thurles in February: beat Randwick Roar 1½ lengths (pair 20 lengths clear) in 10-runner event for latest success, leading 4 out: effective at 2m, should stay 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

D. E. FITZGERALD, IRELAND

Yellow, maroon disc and spots on sleeves, maroon cap (Mrs A. McCarthy)

BEE AN BEE (IRE)

8 10-3

b.g. Phardante (FR) – Portia's Delight (IRE) (The Parson) [2003/4 c24d* c24d2 c25g^F c25s* c25s4 c24g* c24s^{ur} :: 2004/5 23d c22d2 c24d c25v^{pu} Feb 13] well-made gelding: fair hurdler: not fluent when below form in handicap at Haydock on reappearance: fairly useful handicap chaser: back to form when 7 lengths second to Mighty Strong at Newbury, finding less than seemed likely: poor efforts both starts since: will stay beyond 25f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tried visored.

T. R. GEORGE

Light green, brown hoops, light green and light blue hooped sleeves (Mr Stan Moore)

CHAMPAGNE HARRY

7 10-3

b.g. Sir Harry Lewis (USA) – Sparkling Cinders (Netherkelly) [2003/4 16g4 17g* 20v2 20m* 20g* 24m2 24g* 21f3 20g* 21m3 25s3 24g5 24s6 21g 24g3 24m5 :: 2004/5 c25g2 c23s3 c24g2 c24s4 c24g Feb 5] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful novice hurdler in 2003/4: placed in maidens first 3 starts over fences, 6 lengths second of 4 finishers to Mr Fluffy at Kempton on last occasion: well held last 2 starts: stays 3m: acts on any going: has run well sweating.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

Mr G. Tumelty (7)

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

155

c24g	155	121A
c24g	155	121
c24d	146	121
c24d	150	118
c24g	154	118
h24m	124	N

145 \$

c26d	121A	
c24d	121	
c24d	145?	114A
c24g	140?	114A
c24d	115	
h24m	96?	73
c23g	136+	111

150 +

c24d	150+	117	121A
c20d	143+	117	
h19d		N	
c19g	148	W	
c17g		W	

149

c16s	149	118A
c22v	147	110
c16v	145	106
c22v	143+	99
c20v	139	99
c18v	127	89

151

c25v	117A	
c24d	125	121
c22d	151	121
h23d	123	109
c24s	+	121
c24g	153+	116

143

c24g	125	121	117A
c24s	104	N	
c24g	143	W	
c23s	143	W	
c25g	128+	W	
h24m	159	135	

ULUSABA

9 10-3

b.g. Alflora (IRE) – Mighty Fly (Comedy Star (USA)) [2003/4 c16m5 c20g3 c20g2 c19m* c19d2 c20s3 c20g6 :: 2004/5 c21m^{pu} c20d c20g* c23d* c23g2 c24d* c24d3 c24d3 Jan 31] neat gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: better than ever of late, won twice at Leicester in November and at Newbury (career-best effort, beat Juveigneur a neck in 17-runner event) in December: ran respectably when never-nearer 14½ lengths third of 9 to Longshanks at Kempton last time: stays 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going (no form on heavy): usually wears headgear: has had tongue tied: patiently ridden.

FERDY MURPHY

Mr T. J. Dreaper (3)

Emerald green, purple star, hooped sleeves, purple cap (Dorothy Clinton, Chris McHugh, Jon King)

JUST IN TIME

10 10-3

b.g. Night Shift (USA) – Future Past (USA) (Super Concorde (USA)) [2003/4 c20m^{ur} 19f2 19m* 21f2 20g6 19g4 20g 21m4 :: 2004/5 24d^{pu} 17d 20g3 20f5 24g3 24s4 16s 24d 20v Jan 10] leggy gelding: won 3 novice chases in first half of 2002/3, let down by jumping over fences since: fairly useful handicap hurdler: creditable efforts at Ludlow and Aintree (just over 2 lengths fourth to Caesar's Palace) fifth and sixth starts: poor efforts all 3 outings since: stays 3m: acts on soft and firm going.

MRS L. B. NORMILE

White, red stripe and sleeves, dark blue cap (Mr James Clements)

TANTERARI (IRE)

7 10-1

b.g. Safety Catch (USA) – Cobblers Crest (IRE) (Step Together (USA)) [2003/4 F16d* c23v^{pu} c26s^F 24m5 :: 2004/5 17d4 25s* 22d* 24g* 24v^{pu} c25v* c24s* c24d5 Feb 24] rangy gelding: twice-raced in bumpers for D. Ahern, won at Gowran in 2003/4: progressive hurdler: easily justified favouritism in handicaps at Plumpton (novice), Fontwell (conditional jockeys) and Bangor in December: first completions over fences when winning handicaps at Hereford and Taunton in February, asserting on bridle before 2 out when beating Beau Supreme by 5 lengths at latter course: again odds on, travelled comfortably long way when well-held last of 5 finishers in similar event at Haydock last time: stays 25f: raced mainly on ground softer than good (acts on heavy): held up.

M. C. PIPE

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

EVEN MORE (IRE)

10 10-1

b.g. Husyan (USA) – Milan Moss (Le Moss) [2003/4 c25m4 c23m^{ur} c24m* c24m* c23f2 c25d5 c24g6 c30g6 c25g2 c25m2 :: 2004/5 c25g4 c25g^{pu} c24d2 c24d4 c24d4 c27m* c25d5 c25s3 c24s^{ur} c24d c25s* Feb 10] workmanlike gelding: fair handicap chaser: won at Taunton in November and Wincanton in February: beat Henrietta 24 lengths in 4-finisher event in latter, regaining lead before 3 out: barely stays 3¼m: acts on soft and good to firm going: consistent.

R. H. ALNER

Maroon, black hoops, white sleeves, maroon and white quartered cap (Mr G. Keirle)

JACDOR (IRE)

11 10-0 (9-13)

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Bellalma (Belfalas) [2003/4 20d6 20g c24d2 c30d c20g4 c25v5 c24g* c24g* Feb 19 :: 2004/5 NR] tall gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler/chaser: won over fences at Kempton (conditional jockeys) and Taunton in February: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: blinkered/visored: has had tongue tied.

R. DICKIN

Yellow, large royal blue spots, yellow sleeves, royal blue spots and spots on cap (Jackie Matthews & Doreen Evans)

PROMINENT PROFILE (IRE)

12 10-0 (9-13)

ch.g. Mazaad – Nakuru (IRE) (Mandalus) [2003/4 c17m2 c22g^{ur} c20d* c16s^{bd} c20d2 c18s2 c24d* c24g c24g5 c24d2 :: 2004/5 c24g^F c23s^{ur} c24s2 c24d c26v2 c26v6 Feb 19] angular gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: probably failed to stay last 2 starts, 9 lengths second of 6 to Philson Run at Chepstow on penultimate: effective around 2m to 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried blinkered: front runner.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

Red and royal blue stripes, light blue sleeves, red and royal blue quartered cap (The Son Partnership)

149

c24d	146+	118
c24d	140+	118
c24d	149	112
c23g	149	107
c23d	143	100
c20g	131	94

?

h20v	124	117A
h24d	120	
h16s	117	
h24s	149+	121
h24g	150	121
h20f	142	123

147 +

c24d	116	104	115A
c24s	140+	104	
c25v	136+	97	
h24v	+	117	
h24g	139+	103	
h22d	140+	104A	

147

c25s	147	108	115A
c24d	110		
c24s	+	112	
c25s	138	112	
c25d	138	112	
c27m	147	106	

?

c24g	153+	102	114A
c24g	144	102A	
c25v	+	104	
c20g	128	108	
c30d	113+	105	
c24d	141+	102	

149 x

c26v	153+	116	114A
c26v	149+	117	
c24d	119		
c24s	153	120	
c23s	120		
c24g	120		

FARINEL

9 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. In The Wings – Dame de L'Oise (USA) (Riverman (USA)) [2003/4 c20g⁴ c20s⁶ c23g³ 22d c17d⁴ c24d⁶ c24s³ c25d^{*} :: 2004/5 c25g c24v* c32m⁴ c22g c28s c24d^F c21d⁵ c24d⁴ Mar 5] good-topped ex-Irish gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler at best: fair handicap chaser: won at Down Royal in May: left A. Moore after seventh start, ran creditably on return from over 3 months off when 5½ lengths fourth to Zeta's River in well-contested event at Newbury on latest, staying on having been under pressure in rear long way out: stays 4m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: tried blinkered/in cheekpieces.

*JONJO O'NEILL**Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***BAK TO BILL**

10 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Nicholas Bill – Kirstins Pride (Silly Prices) [2003/4 22s⁴ c23m^{ur} 22g⁵ c24g^{ur} c23g² c24s² c23g c23s² c19s⁴ c24g³ c23d^{ur} c24g² :: 2004/5 c21s⁴ c23s² c24d^{ur} c24s* c26d³ c23s⁴ c24s* c24d⁴ c24d⁵ Mar 3] lengthy gelding: fair chaser: won novice (3 finished, made most) at Uttoxeter in November and novice handicap at Ludlow in January, beating Pollensa Bay by 14 lengths at latter course: rare below-par effort at Ludlow last time: stays 3¼am: acts on any going: tried in cheekpieces: usually ridden by Miss L. Gardner: consistent.

MRS S. GARDNER

Miss L. Gardner (5)

*Royal blue, yellow sash, royal blue sleeves, yellow stars, hooped cap (Mr D. V. Gardner)***I HEAR THUNDER (IRE)**

7 10-0 (9-11)

b.g. Montelimar (USA) – Carrigeen Gala (Strong Gale) [2003/4 19s 20s⁵ 19s³ 20s c20d² 22g :: 2004/5 c24d^F 21g³ c23s⁵ c22s² c23d³ c25d³ c20v³ c25s² c21s⁴ c21s* c22g² Mar 4] lengthy gelding: modest maiden hurdler: fair chaser: won maiden at Folkestone in February: good length second of 4 finishers to Kosmos Bleu in novice handicap at Newbury last time: stays 25f: raced on good going or softer (acts on soft): genuine.

*R. H. BÜCKLER**White, red cross of lorraine and armlets (Mr Nick Elliott)***LIGHT DES MULOTTES (FR)**

6 10-0 (9-10)

gr.g. Solidoun (FR) – Tango Girl (FR) (Tip Moss (FR)) [2003/4 F16d F16m* 16g⁴ 17s³ 16g :: 2004/5 19d⁶ 18m² c20s* c20d* c19s² Nov 30] leggy gelding: bumper winner: modest novice hurdler, largely let down by jumping: left O. Sherwood, successful in novices first 2 starts over fences, at Uttoxeter (handicap) in October (idled) and Southwell in November: length second to Toulouse in 5-runner handicap at Hereford last time, drawing well clear with winner and looking set for hat-trick but faltering after last and caught near line: stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: blinkered last 4 starts: possibly not straightforward.

*C. R. EGERTON**Black, white hoops, emerald green sleeves and cap (Mr R. K. Carvill)***MAC HINE (IRE)**

8 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Eurobus – Zoe Baird (Aragon) [2003/4 c20m³ c22d² c20d³ c24g^{pu} c22g* c32g⁶ c25d⁵ :: 2004/5 c21g³ c20s² c23m* c21d^{ur} Nov 20] tall gelding: fair chaser: won 3-finisher novice at Worcester (tongue tied) in September by 1½ lengths from Gunley Gale: hampered and unseated tenth (Becher's) in valuable handicap at Aintree last time: stays 23f (seemingly not 4m): acts on good to firm and heavy going: unreliable.

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

8 10-0 (9-7)

b.g. Kris – Surf Bird (Shareef Dancer (USA)) [2003/4 20v^{ur} 20g* c16s⁴ c18g⁴ c24s* c23g⁴ c20s³ c22g² c31d⁴ :: 2004/5 c24v⁴ c25d² c25s² c24s* c30d Mar 8] tall gelding: won completed outing over hurdles: fair handicap chaser: won at Huntingdon in February by 1½ lengths from Rakassa: weakened before 4 out at Exeter last time: stays 25f: acts on soft going: often wears cheekpieces.

*K. C. BAILEY**Royal blue, emerald green epaulets, emerald green sleeves, royal blue armlets (Have Fun Racing Partnership)***PAXFORD JACK**

9 10-0 (9-4)

ch.g. Alflora (IRE) – Rakajack (Rakaposhi King) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c22s* c22v^{pu} c24s⁵ c23s⁴ c21d³ Feb 19] lengthy gelding: modest hurdler: fair handicap chaser, missed 2003/4: 40/1, won 6-finisher event at Towcester in November by short head from Fin Bec: below form all 4 starts since: should stay beyond 25f: raced mainly on going softer than good (acts on heavy): blinkered last time: races prominently: usually sound jumper.

*M. F. HARRIS**Red, black sash, sleeves and diamond on cap (Mrs Ruth Nelmes)***147**

c24d	147?	112
c21d	144+	114
c24d	+	114A
c28s		115
h24s		113
c22g		117

BEAU COLINA (IRE)

8 10-0 (8-10)

b.g. Jolly Jake (NZ) – Decent Daisy (Decent Fellow) [2003/4 F20v* 20d 18d 16s 24s* 24s³ :: 2004/5 c17s c20v² c16v^{su} c20v^F c17v* c20s* Mar 5] IR 6,200 3-y-o: fourth foal: dam, lightly raced, from family of useful jumpers Ross Moff and Gee-A: bumper winner: modest hurdler: fair chaser: won handicaps at Navan in February and March: beat Coolnahilla comfortably by 4½ lengths in 8-finisher event for latter success, leading after 2 out: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer: open to further improvement over fences.

*A. J. MARTIN, IRELAND**Maroon, yellow sash, quartered cap (Mr Nicholas Butterly)***HAZELJACK**

10 10-0 (8-6)

b.g. Sula Bula – Hazelwain (Hard Fact) [2003/4 20g 21g c26v⁴ c20g^{ur} c20d⁶ c21d c25v^{pu} c20g³ c21d⁴ :: 2004/5 c21g⁶ c20m⁶ c24s² c20s² c24v² c24v* c25s^{pu} c24d⁶ c23v* Mar 1] tall gelding: modest maiden hurdler: modest chaser: won handicaps at Warwick in December and Leicester in March, leading before last and beating Rudolf Rassendyll 5 lengths in latter: stays 3m: acts on heavy going: races prominently: sound jumper.

*A. J. WHITING**Emerald green, yellow braces and armlets, check cap (Mr A. J. Whiting)***HAPPY HUSSAR (IRE)**

12 10-0 (8-5)

b.g. Balinger – Merry Mirth (Menelek) [2003/4 27g⁶ 27g⁶ 16m⁵ 26m² 26m^{pu} 19f* 24g 24d 25d 22g³ 19d³ 20g 25d :: 2004/5 22g⁵ 24d 24d 21g c24d⁴ c25d c21s² c25s* c19v^F Feb 20] workmanlike gelding: has stringhalt: winning hurdler: modest handicap chaser: won 9-runner event at Exeter in January by head from Kittenkat: held in share of remote second when falling heavily 2 out in race won by Jordans Lad at Towcester next time: stays 3¼am: acts on any going: has broken blood vessels: sketchy jumper of fences.

*DR P. PRITCHARD**Yellow, purple epaulets, purple and yellow diablo on sleeves (Dr J. J. Kabler)***138 p**

c20s	138+	96
c17v	130+	88
c20v		88
c16v	+	88
c20v	131+	W
c17s	113	W

132

c23v	132	92
c24d		G2
c25s		92
c24v	132	82
c24v	120	82
c20s	132	W

128 x

c19v		91
c25s	125	85
c21s	128	82A
c25d		128
c24d	136?	103A
h21g		113

HANDICAPS: OVERNIGHT ALTERING OF WEIGHTS

The ratings for this race have been adjusted to the weights currently allocated. If these change at the overnight stage then simply *subtract* 1 lb for each pound carried above the weight shown or *add* 1 lb for each pound below the present weight (the weights shown in brackets are those originally allocated in the long handicap and are included for information only).

5.20 THE WEATHERBYS CHAMPION BUMPER 2m110y (STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT)

(Grade 1) (A)

£40,000 4, 5 and 6yo TWFA 4 12-1

BEAUTIFUL VISION (IRE)

5 11-5

122

ch.g. Moscow Society (USA) – Rumi (Nishapour (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16v⁶ F16v* Jan 23] second foal: dam 1¹/₄m/1¹/₂m winner: better effort in bumpers at Leopardstown (fairly useful form) when winning 13-runner event by 8 lengths from Extra Pickins.

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND

Black, yellow disc and armllets, yellow cap (Mr Enda Hunston)

B. J. Geraghty

F16v 119+W
F16v 107 WA

BE BE KING (IRE)

6 11-5

133

b.g. Bob Back (USA) – Trimar Gold (Goldhill) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d* F16d² Feb 12] 46,000 3-y-o: lengthy gelding: seventh foal: half-brother to 3 winners, including fairly useful hurdler/useful chaser up to 4¹/₄m Ackzo and fair chaser around 2m Count Karmuski (both by Ardross): dam fair jumper up to 2¹/₂m: well backed, has looked smart prospect both starts in bumpers, won at Wincanton on debut in December most impressively by 11 lengths from Sea The Light and 3¹/₂ lengths second to Karanja in Grade 2 at Newbury in February: will stay at least 2¹/₂m.

P. F. NICHOLLS

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

F16d 133 G2
F16d 121+W

BLUE BUSTER

5 11-5

115 +

b.g. Young Buster (IRE) – Lazybird Blue (IRE) (Bluebird (USA)) [2003/4 F17d⁶ :: 2004/5 F17d* F17d² F16m* Dec 12] tall, good sort: third foal: half-brother to Strong Presence (by Anshan), winner up to 9f in Britain/Hong Kong: dam unraced: fairly useful form in bumpers: won at Sedgfield (maiden) in October and Musselburgh (favourite, asserted inside final 1f to beat Rogues Gallery ¹/₂ length) in December: good second to Refinement at Aintree in between.

M. W. EASTÉRBY

Black, yellow sleeves, black armllets, black cap, yellow stars (Mr John Connor)

F16m 111+W
F17d 115+W
F17d 112 NA
F17d 102 W

CAPTAIN AUBREY (IRE)

6 11-5

108

b.g. Supreme Leader – Hamers Girl (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F17d⁴ May 12] €26,000 3-y-o: lengthy gelding: seventh foal: half-brother to fair hurdlers My Name's Not Bin Hamers Flame: joint favourite, shaped quite encouragingly when 5 lengths fourth of 18 to Philomena in maiden bumper at Exeter on debut, travelling like winner for much of way but found out by lack of experience off bridle inside final 1f.

J. A. B. OLD

Dark blue and white check, dark blue sleeves, white cap, dark blue star (Mr W. E. Sturt)

F17d 108+N

CLEW BAY COVE (IRE)

5 11-5

118

ch.g. Anshan – Crashrun (Crash Course) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F18spu F16s* F19s⁶ Feb 20] €26,000 3-y-o: lengthy gelding: seventh foal: half-brother to fair hurdlers My Name's Not Bin (by Good Thyne), stays 3m, and Cumbrian Knight (by Presenting), stays 2¹/₂m: dam unraced: 16/1, easily best effort in bumpers (useful form) when winning 24-runner event at Leopardstown in February by 4 lengths from O'Muircheartaigh, always prominent and keeping on strongly: possibly unsuited by right-handed track when pulled up final 1f at Downpatrick on debut: tongue tied last 2 starts.

COLIN A. MURPHY, IRELAND

Orange, black hollow box, halved sleeves, black cap, orange spots (Mr Liam Walsh)

F19s 106 W
F16s 118 W
F18s W

CORRIB DRIFT (USA)

5 11-5

107

ch.g. Sandpit (BRZ) – Bygones (USA) (Lyphard (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16f F18m³ F18g aF16s³ Feb 19] eleventh foal: half-brother to fair performer Elapse (by Sharpen Up), stayed 6f, and several winners in North America: dam, winner up to 9f in USA, half-sister to useful 1986 2-y-o 6f and 7f winner At Risk: left T. M. Walsh and off 6 months, best effort in bumpers (fair form) when 2³/₄ lengths third of 14 to Royal Stardust at Lingfield last time, dictating pace.

JAMIE POULTON

Royal blue, pink stripe, halved sleeves, striped cap (R. W. Huggins, J. Godfrey & G. Tiney)

F16s 107 W
F18g 83 WA
F18m 80 WA
F16f 96 W

DUNSFOLD DUKE

5 11-5

129

b.g. Cloudings (IRE) – Rositary (FR) (Trenel) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16s² Feb 18] tall, useful-looking gelding: sixth foal: brother to winning pointer: dam useful staying hurdler/winning chaser: 33/1, 6 lengths second of 15 to Mendo in bumper at Sandown, travelling smoothly held up but running green when shaken up.

P. WINKWORTH

Royal blue and yellow diamonds, royal blue sleeves, red cap (Mr P. Winkworth)

F16s 129 W

DUSKY LORD

6 11-5

127

b.g. Lord Americo – Red Dusk (Deep Run) [2003/4 F18g³ :: 2004/5 F18d* F16d³ Dec 29] 10,000 4-y-o: sixth foal: brother to winning 2m hurdler Spud One: dam, poor novice hurdler who stayed 2¹/₂m, sister to high-class 2m to 2¹/₂m chaser Deep Sensation: useful form in bumpers: won 13-runner maiden event at Plumpton on reappearance by 4 lengths from Netherley: good 3¹/₄ lengths third of 15 to Earth Man in Grade 2 at Newbury 8 weeks later, tracking pace and keeping on.

N. J. GIFFORD

Yellow, black hoops, yellow sleeves, black seams (The American Dream)

L. Aspell

F16d 127 G2
F18d 122+N
F18g 96+W

EYE ON THE BALL

6 11-5

125

b.g. Slip Anchor – Elaine Tully (IRE) (Persian Bold) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16fsu F16d* F16s² Dec 29] 20,000 3-y-o: third foal: brother to winning hurdler up to 2¹/₂m Maiden Voyage: dam fairly useful hurdler who should have stayed beyond 2³/₄m: second start in bumpers (slipped up on debut) when justifying favouritism in 16-runner event at Roscommon in August by 4 lengths from Lorna's Star: better form when 4¹/₂ lengths second of 10 to Merdeka at Leopardstown: has left T. Hyde.

M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND

Emerald green, orange star, emerald green sleeves, orange stars, green cap, orange stars (R. A. Scott)

C. O'Dwyer

F16s 125 W
F16d 116+W
F16f W

FLINDERS BAY (IRE)

5 11-5

121

b. or br.g. Luso – McMufins Princess (Decent Fellow) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d⁴ F16s* F16d Feb 12] €25,000 3-y-o: good sort: fifth foal: dam, lightly raced in points, half-sister to fairly useful staying chaser Indian Tonic: favourite, confirmed debut promise when winning 13-runner bumper at Ludlow easily in December, leading off home turn and not extended to beat The Cool Guy 5 lengths: well-held eighth of 17 in Grade 2 at Newbury (coughing) next time.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

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

S. Thomas

F16d 103 G2
F16s 116+WA
F16d 112 W

GLASKER MILL (IRE)

5 11-5

122 p

b.g. Old Vic – Lucey Allen (Strong Gale) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16s* Feb 26] good sort: eighth foal: half-brother to 27f hurdle winner Moonlite Magic (by Phardante): dam, lightly-raced maiden pointer, half-sister to useful but temperamental staying chaser Sister Stephanie: won maiden Irish point on debut in November 2004: 14/1, looked promising when winning 13-runner bumper at Kempton by 4 lengths from Promise To Be Good, patiently ridden and travelling strongly to lead 2 out, well on top at line: sure to progress.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

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

J. Culloty

F16s 116+W

HIGH TECH MADE (FR)

5 11-5

119

br.g. Nononito (FR) – Home Made (FR) (Appiani II) [2003/4 F16s* :: 2004/5 F16g³ Jan 24] half-brother to several winners, including useful chaser up to 25f Gue Made (by Guenole): dam, won from 7f (at 2 yrs) to 2¹/₂m on Flat, from family of good French stayers Pompon Rouge and Le Chouan: won 4-y-o maiden bumper at Leopardstown (for E. Hales) in January 2004: similar form when 10¹/₄ lengths third of 14 to Oscardeal in bumper at Southwell year later: bred to stay at least 2¹/₂m.

C. R. EGERTON

Dark blue, orange triple diamond and diamond on cap (Mr R. F. Bailey)

F16g 119 W
F16s 119 W

ITSMYBOY (IRE)

5 11-5

131

br.g. Frimaire – Hawkfield Lass (IRE) (The Parson) [2003/4 F18g* Apr 22 :: 2004/5 NR] third foal: dam ran once in Ireland: favourite, overcame signs of inexperience to win 13-runner bumper at Fontwell by 8 lengths from Earth Man, going into clear lead down back straight and keeping on well.

M. C. PIPE

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

T. J. Murphy

F18g 117+W

KARAGHAN (IRE)

5 11-5

b.h. Darshaan – Kadissya (USA) (Blushing Groom (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d* F16s4 F16v4 F16s3 Mar 5] half-brother to several winners, notably 1988 Derby winner Kahyasi (by Ile de Bourbon) and fairly useful hurdler Kadiskar (by Ashkalani), stays 2½m: dam French 1¼m listed winner: useful form in bumpers: won 4-y-o event at Fairyhouse in November: best effort when 10½ lengths third to Firth of Forth at Navan last time: raced prominently all 4 starts.

S. J. MAHON, IRELAND

*Emerald green, yellow sash, striped sleeves, yellow cap (Mr James Gough)***121**

F16s	121	W
F16v	116	W
F16s	117	W
F16d	109	W

KARANJA

6 11-5

b.g. Karinga Bay – Proverbial Rose (Proverb) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d* F16s* F16d* Feb 12] 15,000 4-y-o: rangy, useful-looking gelding: fifth foal: closely related to 2½m hurdle winner Bansa House (by Ardross) and half-brother to fairly useful 17f and 2½m winning chaser Flinders Chase (by Terimon): dam, won 4 points, out of half-sister to very useful jumper Potentate: successful on all 3 starts in bumpers, at Sandown in November, Windsor in December and Newbury in February, best bumper performance of season when beating Be Be King 3½ lengths in Grade 2 event at last-named, keeping on well: will stay 2½m.

V. R. A. DARTNALL

Miss N. Carberry

*Light blue, maroon hoops and armlets (Mr D. G. Staddon)***140**

F16d	140	G2
F16s	132	W
F16d	111	W

LENNON (IRE)

5 11-5

b. or br.g. Beneficial – Stradbally Bay (Shackleton) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d2 F16m* F16s2 F16g* Feb 27] €12,000 3-y-o: leggy gelding: ninth foal: brother to fairly useful hurdler Inch Pride, stays 2½m, and half-brother to modest hurdler Goodnight Irene (by Crash Course), stays 3m, and to 2 winning pointers: dam unraced: landed odds in bumpers at Musselburgh in November (maiden) and February (easily beat Monsieur Delage 12 lengths): better form when 1½ lengths second to Oscar Park in listed event at Warwick last time, leading for much of final 2f.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

G. Lee

*Black and beige (halved), chevrons on sleeves, beige cap (Andrea & Graham Wylie)***134**

F16g	120+	W
F16s	134	L
F16m	117+	N
F16d	117	W

MATELOT (FR)

5 11-5

ch.g. Epervier Bleu – Gloria IV (FR) (Video Rock (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d5 F16s6 F18s2 Feb 4] lengthy gelding: has scope: first foal: dam, unbeaten in 6 starts up to 1½m on Flat in France, out of half-sister to fairly useful staying jumpers Farfadet V and Uron V: best effort in bumpers (fairly useful form) when head second of 10 to Bumper at Fontwell, always prominent and sticking on really well to pull long way clear of remainder.

F. DOUMEN, FRANCE

*Light blue, yellow armlets and cap (J. R. De Fruaiguier)***119**

F18s	119	WA
F16s	104	W
F16d	111	W

MISSED TANT

6 11-5

b.g. Overbury (IRE) – Not Enough (Balinger) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F18m F16s* F16v* Feb 5] 15,500 3-y-o: eighth foal: half-brother to 3 winners, notably winning hurdler/fairly useful chaser around 2m Sandy Duff (by Scottish Reel): dam 2m selling hurdler: won maiden point on debut in February 2004: successful last 2 starts in bumpers, at Clonmel in December and Naas in February, well backed again when beating Miss Toulon 6 lengths at latter, staying on well to go clear final 1f: likely to progress further.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

*Red, white hooped sleeves, red cap, white spots (Mrs V. O'Leary)***138 p**

F16v	133+	W
F16s	114+	WA
F18m		W

MISTER QUASIMODO

5 11-5

b.g. Busy Flight – Dubacilla (Dubassoff (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16s* F16s4 F17v* Feb 13] 20,000 4-y-o: tall gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to winning pointer by Terimon: dam top-class staying chaser: has won 2 of 3 starts in bumpers, at Chepstow (looked green) in November and Exeter in February: useful form when beating Dare Too Dream 29 lengths in 14-runner intermediate last time, pulling clear final 1f: staying type.

C. L. TIZZARD

J. Tizzard

*Purple, pink epaulets, striped sleeves and cap (J. M. Dare, T. Hamlin, J. W. Snook)***126**

F17v	126	W
F16s	101	L
F16s	114	W

MISTER TOP NOTCH (IRE)

6 11-5

b.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Turn A Coin (Prince Hansel) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16v* F16v3 F19s* Feb 20] €600 4-y-o: seventh foal: brother to fairly useful chaser Cash Flow, stayed 3m: dam 2¼m hurdle winner: runner-up in point on debut in November 2004: fairly useful form in bumpers: won at Limerick in December and Naas in February: beat Graduand by ½ length in 13-runner event in latter, making most and holding on gamely.

D. E. FITZGERALD, IRELAND

*Emerald green, royal blue chevron and chevrons on sleeves, quartered cap (Mrs Marie Cronin)***119**

F19s	119	W
F16v	116	WA
F16v	116	WA

NOTAPROBLEM (IRE)

6 11-5

b.g. Oscar (IRE) – Smashed Free (IRE) (Carlingford Castle) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16s2 F16v3 F16v* F16v2 Jan 29] sturdy gelding: fifth foal: dam unraced daughter of sister to high-class 2½m chaser Half Free: runner-up in maiden Irish point in 2004: fairly useful form in bumpers: won 17-runner event at Wetherby by ½ length from Cantgeton, staying on well to lead close home: creditable ½-length second of 9 to Treasured Memories in slowly-run event at Ayr later in month: raced on soft/heavy ground.

G. A. HARKER

*Emerald green, white braces, yellow cap (Mr John J. Maguire)***113**

F16v	113	WA
F16v	113	N
F16v	109	W
F16s	102	W

OSCAR'S ADVANCE (IRE)

6 11-5

b.g. Oscar (IRE) – Banna's Retreat (Vitiges (FR)) [2003/4 F16f F17g* F16g* Sep 18 :: 2004/5 NR] half-brother to bumper winner Winter Break (by Executive Perk): dam selling hurdler: progressive form in bumpers, winning at Killarney in July and Listowel in September, useful form when beating Strike Back 3 lengths at latter: has left Ms M. Mullins.

C. ROCHE, IRELAND

*Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***123 ?**

F16g	123	W
F17g	107	WA
F16f		W

OSCARDEAL (IRE)

6 11-5

b.g. Oscar (IRE) – Sleepy Bye Byes (IRE) (Supreme Leader) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F17v F16g* F16d5 F16g2 Mar 5] 5,000 5-y-o: workmanlike gelding: fifth foal: half-brother to fair hurdler Brave Dream (by Commanche Run), stayed 23f: dam never ran: useful form in bumpers: won at Southwell in January by 9 lengths from Montecorvino: good ½-length second of 15 to No Regrets in 15-runner event at Doncaster last time, making most and hanging left under pressure: races prominently.

C. T. POGSON

A. Pogson

*Emerald green and red (quartered), red sleeves, emerald green stars, red cap (Mr C. T. Pogson)***122**

F16g	122	WA
F16d	115	G2
F16g	122	W
F17v		N

PARROT CAY (IRE)

6 11-5

b.g. Welsh Term – Auntie Prickle Pin (IRE) (Sexton Blake) [2003/4 F16s :: 2004/5 F16v F16s F16s3 Feb 16] €19,000 4-y-o: third foal: dam, maiden, half-sister to very smart 2m chaser Wolf of Badenoch: fair form in bumpers, creditable 3½ lengths third of 20 to Wheresben at Down Royal last time.

T. M. WALSH, IRELAND

*Yellow, green sash, red cap (Mrs Helen Walsh)***102**

F16s	102	WA
F16s		W
F16v	102	W
F16s		W

RASHARROW (IRE)

6 11-5

ch.g. Rashar (USA) – Fleeting Arrow (IRE) (Commanche Run) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d* Nov 13] €26,000 3-y-o: has scope: second foal: dam unraced from family of useful hurdler/chaser around 2½m Belvederian: 9/4 favourite, won 16-runner bumper at Wetherby on debut, travelling strongly and coming clear on bridle final 2f to beat Lennon impressively by 5 lengths: exciting prospect.

L. LUNGO

A. Dobbin

*Beige, brown hooped sleeves, orange cap (Ashleybank Investments Limited)***135 p**

F16d 122+W

SERIOUS WEAPON (IRE)

6 11-5

b.g. Simply Great (FR) – Woolly (Giolla Mear) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16v3 F16v4 Jan 23] chunky gelding: half-brother to winning hurdler/chaser Baltic Magic (by Yashgan), stayed 3m: dam, winning chaser who stayed 3m, half-sister to dams of smart juvenile hurdler Snow Drop and one-time very smart chaser up to 23f Rubissimo: fairly useful form in frame in bumpers at Leopardstown, favourite when beaten just over 10 lengths by Beautiful Vision on second occasion.

L. P. CUSACK, IRELAND

*Dark blue and light blue stripes, black and red striped cap (Mr Liam Breslin)***113**

F16v	113	W
F16v	113	W

SNAKEBITE (IRE)

5 11-5

gr.g. Taipan (IRE) – Bee In The Rose (IRE) (Roselier (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d3 F16s2 F17v2 Feb 15] leggy gelding: third foal: dam unraced half-sister to useful staying chaser Stay On Tracks: useful form when placed in bumpers at Newbury (third to Lutea, hanging left off bridle) and Windsor (led to 1f out when beaten 1½ lengths by Karanja) first 2 starts: well below that level on heavy going latest outing.

M. PITMAN

*Black and white check, yellow sleeves, black and white quartered cap (Mr Malcolm C.**Denmark)***127**

F17v	110	W
F16s	127	W
F16d	118	W

THE MICK WESTON

6 11-5

b.g. North Col – Zalina (Tyrnavos) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F17s² F16g* F16d³ F16v* Dec 28] useful-looking gelding; second foal: dam poor maiden on Flat/novice hurdler: smart form in bumpers: won at Cheltenham (by 16 lengths from Prestbury Knight) in October and Chepstow (travelled smoothly and led 2f out when beating Victom's Chance by 6 lengths) in December: failed to settle when below form at Cheltenham in between: acts on heavy ground.

*R. T. PHILLIPS**Black and orange stripes, orange sleeves, black spots (Mr Mick Weston)***WEE ROBBIE**

5 11-5

b.g. Bob Back (USA) – Blast Freeze (IRE) (Lafontaine (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F18s* F16d⁶ Feb 12] 81,000 3-y-o: useful-looking gelding: first foal: dam useful hurdler up to 2¹/₂m: encouraging start in bumpers, winning 10-runner event at Plumpton in January and sixth of 17 to Karanja in Grade 2 at Newbury in February, fairly useful form.

*N. J. GIFFORD**Yellow, blue braces, striped sleeves, hooped cap (P. H. Betts (Holdings) Ltd)***YABOYA (IRE)**

6 11-5

b.g. King's Theatre (IRE) – Oh Jemima (Captain James) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d* Feb 19] rangy gelding: half-brother to several winners, including smart sprinter Oh Bej Oh Bej (by Distinctly North) and winning 2m hurdlers Balmyra (by Digamist) and She's Wonderful (by Magical Wonder): dam placed up to 11f in Ireland: 11/4, overcame greenness to make successful debut in 16-runner bumper at Wincanton, picking up well after 2f out and soon in control final 1f, beating Hollywood 2 lengths: was attended by 2 handlers in paddock: sure to improve.

*P. J. HOBBS**Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***A FEW KIND WORDS (IRE)**

4 10-12

b.g. Darazari (IRE) – Aussieannie (IRE) (Arapahos (FR)) [2004/5 F16v² Feb 19] €120,000 3-y-o: first foal: dam, lightly raced in points, sister to fairly useful chaser Call Me Dara and fairly useful hurdler Be Home Early, both effective around 3m: 12/1, 6 lengths second to Dancing Partner in 16-runner bumper at Uttoxeter on debut, never far away.

*MISS K. MARKS**Emerald green, black seams, emerald green sleeves, black spots and spots on cap (Mr Nick Shutts)***BUENA VISTA (IRE)**

4 10-12

b.g. In The Wings – Park Special (Relkino) [2004/5 F12g⁶ F12d⁴ F16d* Jan 29] 675,000Y: leggy gelding: tenth foal: brother to Central Park, very smart up to 2m, and Lancashire Oaks winner Mellow Park and half-brother to 3 winners, including fair 2m hurdler Majal (by Caerleon) and useful Velvet Moon (by Shaadi), herself dam of Dubai World Cup winner Moon Ballad: dam Irish 1¹/₄m winner: unraced on Flat for A. P. O'Brien: progressive form in bumpers, useful effort when winning 17-runner event at Doncaster last time by 8 lengths from Bougoure, leading over 4f out and not having to be hard ridden to come clear.

*M. C. PIPE**Light blue, maroon chevron, halved sleeves, light blue and maroon quartered cap (Mr M. Archer & The Late Jean Broadhurst)*

J. P. Spencer

CEOPERK (IRE)

6 10-12

ch.m. Executive Perk – Golden Mela (Golden Love) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F17s* F16s⁶ F16d² Mar 3] 5,000 4-y-o: rather unfurnished mare: half-sister to several winners, including modest hurdler Kaygebe (by Moscow Society), stayed 21f, poor hurdler around 2m Old Ale and fair hurdler/modest chaser Tory Bush (both by Tale Quale): dam, winning pointer, in frame in maiden hurdle in Ireland: fair form in bumpers: won 9-runner mares event at Folkestone in November by 8 lengths from Lamp's Return: creditable 6 lengths second of 18 to Giovanna in mares intermediate at Ludlow last time, though no match for winner.

*D. J. WINTLE**Black, red stripe, sleeves and cap (Mr John W. Egan)***138**F16v 138 W
F16d 121+L
F16g 129+W
F17s 113 W**113**F16d 113 G2
F18s 108+W**118 p**

F16d 114+WA

109

F16v 109 N

123 +F16d 123+N
F12d 117+L
F12g 105 W**118**F16d 118 W
F16s 115 W
F17s 118 W**DANCING PARTNER (USA)**

4 10-12

b.g. Distant View (USA) – Bold Ballerina (Sadler's Wells (USA)) [2004/5 F16v* Feb 19] fifth foal: half-brother to fairly useful 2001 2-y-o 7f winner Ballet Fame (by Quest For Fame): dam, second at 1m in France, half-sister to Lowther winner Kingscote out of smart performer up to 1m Bold Fantasy: sold unraced out of B. Hills's stable 3,500 gns Doncaster August (2004) Sales: 11/2, won 16-runner bumper at Uttoxeter on debut by 6 lengths from A Few Kind Words, ridden clear final 1f despite looking green.

*M. W. EASTERBY**Yellow, royal blue disc, yellow sleeves, royal blue spots (Mr Nigel Gravett)***DE SOTO**

4 10-12

b.g. Hernando (FR) – Vanessa Bell (IRE) (Lahib (USA)) [2004/5 F16d³ Feb 12] leggy gelding: third foal: brother to fair winning French hurdler up to 2m Cent Prime and half-brother to 1¹/₂m winner Angelica Garnett (by Desert Story): dam, 6f winner in Italy at 2 yrs, out of half-sister to disqualified Oaks winner Aliysa, herself grandam of Alamshar: well-backed 6/1 chance, outstayed closing stages when 5¹/₄ lengths third of 17 to Karanja in Grade 2 bumper at Newbury on debut, travelling best to over 1f out: sure to win a bumper.

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

T. Doyle

FLINTOFF (USA)

4 10-12

ch.g. Diesis – Sahibah (USA) (Deputy Minister (CAN)) [2004/5 F16g⁴ F14s² Feb 9] \$250,000Y: lengthy gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to winner in USA by Quest For Fame: dam unraced half-sister to useful 1m/9f winner Badawi (by Diesis): sold unraced out of J. Gosden's stable 16,000 gns Newmarket July (2004) Sales: much better effort in juvenile bumpers when 3¹/₂ lengths second to Sotovik in 14-runner event at Carlisle, no more late on having looked big threat over 1f out.

*R. C. GUEST**Dark blue, pink and dark blue hooped sleeves, pink cap (Andrew Flintoff & Paul Beck)***HIGH KICK**

4 10-12

gr.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – High Tern (High Line) [2004/5 F16m* Feb 6] half-brother to several winners, including Derby winner High-Rise (by High Estate) and fairly useful hurdler up to 2¹/₂m Gamekeeper (by Mujtahid): dam, 1³/₄m/2m winner, half-sister to very smart stayer High Hawk, herself dam of In The Wings (by Sadler's Wells): sold unraced out of M. Bell's stable 13,000 gns Newmarket Autumn (2004) Sales: 6/1, made winning debut when beating Love Supreme 1¹/₄ lengths in 9-runner bumper at Musselburgh, running on well to assert final 1f despite some scrimmaging: may do better.

*R. A. FAHEY**Yellow, dark blue triple diamond and armllets (Mr M. Tedham)*

P. Whelan

KHUDABAD (IRE)

4 10-12

ch.g. Ashkalani (IRE) – Kozana (Kris) [2004/5 F16s F18d³ Feb 27] €6,000 3-y-o: brother to 1m winner Khanata and half-brother to several winners, including useful Irish 1992 2-y-o 7f winner Khoraz (by The Minstrel) and 1³/₄m and 2m winner Kauser (by Vaguely Noble): dam French 1m/1¹/₄m winner (third in Arc) out of Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Koblenza: better effort in maiden bumpers (fair form) when 6³/₄ lengths third to In The High Grass in 13-runner event at Downpatrick.

*FREDERICK JOHN BOWLES, IRELAND**Black, pink stars, pink star on cap (Mr R. S. Blandford)***LIMESTREAM (IRE)**

5 10-12

ch.m. Old Vic – Miss Lime (Aristocracy) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16s² Feb 19] third foal: dam, bumper/2¹/₄m hurdle winner, sister to top-class hurdler Limestone Lad: 12/1, 1/2-length second of 20 to Echo Point in maiden bumper at Fairyhouse.

*J. G. CARR, IRELAND**Light blue and maroon hoops, blue sleeves, striped cap (Mr W. Hennessy)***NICE HORSE (FR)**

4 10-12

ch.g. River Bay (USA) – Tchela (FR) (Le Nain Jaune (FR)) [2004/5 F18d* Feb 20] 60,000 3-y-o: leggy gelding: ninth foal: half-brother to several winners, notably very smart hurdler/fairly useful chaser Galant Moss (by Tip Moss), stays 25f, and useful hurdler/chaser Iris Royal (by Garde Royale), stays 3m: dam placed around 2m over jumps in France: 3/1, impressive winning debut in 9-runner bumper at Fontwell, leading over 2f out and eased to beat Aspiring Actor 12 lengths: useful prospect.

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

J. E. Moore

115

F16v 115 N

126

F16d 126+G2

112F14s 109+W
F16g 95+W**115**

F16m 112+W

107F18d 107 W
F16s WA**116**

F16s 116 W

124 p

F18d 123+W

REFINEMENT (IRE)

6 10-12

b.m. Oscar (IRE) – Maneree (Mandalus) [2003/4 F17g* F16s* F16g² :: 2004/5 F17d* Nov 20] smallish mare: second foal: half-sister to very promising bumper winner Manners (by Topanoora): dam, winning hurdler/chaser, effective at 2m to 3m: smart bumper performer, successful in mares event at Bangor and quite valuable contest at Ascot (impressively) in 2003/4, and 2½ lengths second of 24 to Total Enjoyment in Champion Bumper at Cheltenham: readily landed odds in 5-runner event at Aintree on return.

*JONJO O'NEILL**Royal blue, orange disc, orange and royal blue striped sleeves and cap (Mr M. Tabor)***138**F17d 122+W
F16g 138 G1
F16s 129+W
F17g 115+W**SHE'S OUR DAISY (IRE)**

5 10-12

b.m. Supreme Leader – Tell A Tale (Le Bavard (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16d F17s* F17v F16d^{su} Mar 12] tall mare: fifth foal: dam winning 2½m Irish hurdler: only form in bumpers when winning 11-runner mares event at Taunton in January by 1½ lengths from Irish Totty, taking keen hold: well beaten penultimate start, slipped up 6f out in valuable mares event at Sandown on latest.

*S. C. BURROUGH**Orange and royal blue (quartered), hooped sleeves (Mr G. Regan)*

Mr W. P. Kavanagh

102F16d N
F17v W
F17s 102 W
F16d G2**SOTOVIK (IRE)**

4 10-12

gr.g. Aahsaylad – Moenzi (IRE) (Paris House) [2004/5 F14s* Feb 9] €13,000 3-y-o: sturdy gelding: first foal: dam unraced: 40/1, won 14-runner 4-y-o bumper at Carlisle on debut by 3½ lengths from Flintoff, improving to lead over 2f out and finding more than runner-up: should stay beyond 1¾m.

*A. C. WHILLANS**Royal blue, white sleeves (Mr & Mrs C Bird)***116**

F14s 113+W

SUPREME OCEAN (IRE)

5 10-12

b.m. Supreme Leader – Shannon Spray (Le Bavard (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 F16s⁴ Feb 10] half-sister to useful chaser Eirespray (by Executive Perk), stayed 25f, and useful hurdler/chaser Shannon Gale (by Strong Gale), stays 3¾m: dam, very useful hurdler up to 2¾m, half-sister to dam of Royal & SunAlliance Chase winner One Knight: 10/3 and tongue tied, shaped like a stayer when 6½ lengths fourth of 13 to Classic Quart in mares bumper at Huntingdon.

*NOEL T. CHANCE**Red, white epaulets, white sleeves, red armlets and star on white cap (Mrs Norma Kelly)***115**

F16s 115 W

THERE IS NO DOUBT (FR)

4 10-12

b.g. Mansonnien (FR) – Ma Chance (FR) (Dancehall (USA)) [2004/5 F13d* F13s* F16s³ Feb 18] useful-looking gelding: second foal: dam won twice over hurdles at 19f: smart form in bumpers, winning 3-y-o events at Exeter and Towcester (beat Giovanna 9 lengths) in December: good 10 lengths third of 15 to Mendon at Sandown (got worked up beforehand) last time, clear with winner early in straight: made running all 3 starts.

*MRS H. M. BRIDGES**White, black armlets, quartered cap (Mrs H. M. Bridges)*

Miss Lucy Bridges

134F16s 134 W
F13s 134 W
F13d 117 W**SEJORITA RUMBALITA**

4 10-5

b.f. Alflora (IRE) – Lavenham's Last (Rymer) [2004/5 F12g* F12d² Jan 1] 11,000 3-y-o: useful-looking filly: eighth foal: sister to 17f hurdle winner Gohh and half-sister to bumper winner Raven's Last (by Sea Raven): dam unraced half-sister to high-class staying chaser Cybrandian: 11/4 joint favourite, pleasing debut when winning 19-runner 3-y-o fillies bumper at Newbury by 4 lengths from Accordello: similar form when head second to Openide in 13-runner listed event at Cheltenham following month, leading final 1f until close home.

*A. KING**Pink and emerald green diamonds, white sleeves, pink cap (Let's Get Ready To Rumble**Partnership)***126**F12d 126 L
F12g 120 W**TIDDLE ABOUT (IRE)**

4 10-5

b.f. In The Wings – Danishkada (Thatch (USA)) [2004/5 F16v² F16s² Feb 10] half-sister to smart French performer up to 6.5f Danakal (by Diesis) and 1m/9f winner in USA by Lyphard: dam won Grand Criterium but failed to train on: runner-up both outings in bumpers, fairly useful form when beaten head by Nicanor in 17-runner event at Thurles last time.

*J. T. GORMAN, IRELAND**Light blue, yellow hoop, white sleeves, light blue and white striped cap (Mr Laurence Byrne)***119**F16s 119 WA
F16v 114 WA