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ENTRIES WITH WEIGHTS

CHELTENHAM

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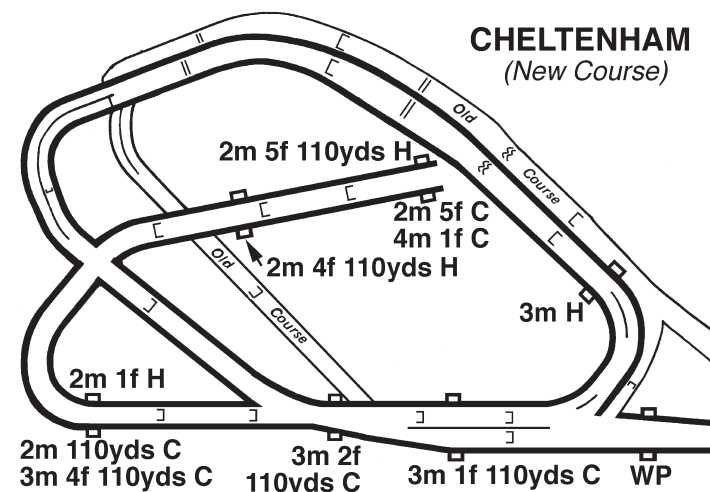
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Most Successful Trainers 1999/2000 to 2003/4

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

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LE PASSING (FR)

6 11-10

150

b.g. Passing Sale (FR) – Petite Serenade (FR) (Trac) [2003/4 16g² 17s* 17s* 16d² 16s² 17d :: 2004/5 c16s³ c16d³ c19m² c19v* c20v* c20g² c24d⁵ Feb 19] good-topped gelding: progressed into useful novice hurdler in 2003/4: already at least as good over fences, won maiden at Chepstow in December and handicap at Uttoxeter (beat The Villager 6 lengths) in January: second to El Vaquero start either side, in Grade 1 novice at Sandown on latter occasion, not staying on so strongly after last in well-run race: stays 2½m, below form at 3m last time: acts on heavy and good to firm going: ran as if amiss final start in 2003/4 and on reappearance: jumps soundly.

P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
Royal blue and yellow (halved), royal blue sleeves, yellow cap (The Hon Mrs Townshend & Mr J.R. Townshend)

LACDOUDAL (FR)

6 11-10

152

gr.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Belfaster (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)

MY WILL (FR)

5 11-10

147

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

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

QUAZAR (IRE)

7 11-6

152

b.g. Inzar (USA) – Evictress (IRE) (Sharp Victor (USA)) [2003/4 16d* 16f² 20g² 16s⁴ 16g⁵ 20g⁴ 21g 20d :: 2004/5 16g c21m³ c16d* c20d* c24g³ Dec 26] strong, compact gelding: smart hurdler: useful novice chaser: won at Perth in September and Wetherby (idled) in December: best effort when 14 lengths third of 9 to Ollie Magern in Grade 1 at Kempton last time, no extra from 2 out: barely stays 3m: acts on any going: tongue tied: tried in blinkers/cheekpieces: has run in snatches.

JONJO O'NEILL
Orange, dark blue chevron, dark blue sleeves, orange armlets, orange cap, dark blue star (Mr C. D. Carr)

SLEEP BAL (FR)

6 11-5

155 +

b.g. Sleeping Car (FR) – Balle Six (FR) (Balsamo (FR)) [2003/4 20g⁶ 20d 16m :: 2004/5 c17d² c18d³ c19v* c18d² Feb 20] angular gelding: trained by T. Trapenard, won 4-y-o hurdle at Enghien on debut in 2002/3: seemingly best effort over hurdles (useful form) when ninth of 11 to Rhinestone Cowboy in steadily-run Aintree Hurdle on second 2003/4 start: useful form over fences: confirmed promise of first 2 outings when winning 5-finisher novice at Exeter in February by 18 lengths from Limerick Boy: odds on, beaten 1¼ lengths by Mondul in novice at Fontwell last time: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going.

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

ERIC'S CHARM (FR)

7 11-5 (inc 4lb ex)

144

b.g. Nikos – Ladoun (FR) (Kaldoun (FR)) [2003/4 19m* 19d* 16d³ 21d² 21g* 20s² 24g⁴ :: 2004/5 c20g^F c25g* c23d² c20s* Mar 6] tall, angular gelding: smart novice hurdler in 2003/4: fairly useful form over fences, winning maiden at Folkestone in December by 3 lengths from Hirvine and easily landing odds in 5-runner novice at Kempton (led from sixth) in March: none too fluent and also hung right when second to Hirvine in novice at Leicester in between: likely to stay beyond 25f: acts on soft going, won only start on good to firm: free-going front runner.

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

SEE YOU SOMETIME

10 11-3

157

b.g. Sharp Deal – Shepani (New Member) [2003/4 c19s² c19s³ c20s^F c20g⁶ c25g^F :: 2004/5 c18d* c20g³ c20s* c21d^F c22d² c20g⁵ c24s⁵ Feb 26] medium-sized gelding: useful novice chaser: won maiden at Fontwell in November and 4-finisher Noel Novices' Chase at Windsor (by ½ length from My Will, sticking on most gamely) in December: at least creditable efforts on completed starts since, neck second to Mixstheretrixster at Newbury, last of 5 to El Vaquero in Grade 1 at Sandown and fifth to Farmer Jack in valuable handicap at Kempton: effective around 2½m, probably at 3¼m: acts on soft and good to firm going (bumper form on heavy): front runner/races prominently: genuine and consistent.

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

A. Thornton

ST MATTHEW (USA)

7 11-1

150

b.g. Lear Fan (USA) – Social Crown (USA) (Chief's Crown (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 20d^F 20m² 20m² c23m* 24g* c26m* 25s³ 20s³ c24g³ c20v* c22v^{ur} c25s^F 23s⁶ Feb 19] sturdy gelding: useful hurdler: won handicap at Worcester in August: very good third to Telemoss in Grade 2 at Wetherby seventh start: creditable sixth of 15 to The Bajan Bandit in handicap at Haydock last time: useful novice chaser: successful at Worcester in July, Uttoxeter (2 finished) in September and Haydock (made all to beat Garryvoe 9 lengths in 5-runner handicap event) in December: just starting to weaken when falling 4 out in Grade 2 novice at Wetherby on penultimate start: stays 3¼m: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

MRS S. J. SMITH
Orange, black triple diamond, black and orange diablo on sleeves, orange cap, black diamond (Mr Keith Nicholson)

SONEVAFUSHI (FR)

7 11-0

152

b.g. Ganges (USA) – For Kicks (FR) (Top Ville) [2003/4 16d³ 16g² 16m 16m 25g³ 24s⁴ 21s^{pu} 20d² 22s 20g⁴ 20d 21m :: 2004/5 c22s* c21s* c22s* c24s² c24s* c22v³ c22s³ Feb 19] leggy, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful but irresolute handicap hurdler: has taken well to fences, winning maiden at Fontwell in October and novice events at Haydock (by 17 lengths from Bunkum) in November and Warwick (well clear long way out and heavily eased) in December: creditable third of 7 to Captain Corelli in novice handicap at Haydock last time: effective at 2m to 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually blinkered over hurdles: good jumper: formerly held up, ridden much more positively over fences.

MISS VENETA WILLIAMS
Emerald green, black hoops, halved sleeves, emerald green cap (Mr B. C. Dice)

S. Thomas

TANA RIVER (IRE)

9 11-0

153

b.g. Over The River (FR) – Home In The Glen (Furry Glen) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c25s^{pu} c20s* c20d² Jan 25] sturdy gelding: won maiden Irish point in 2002: had good first season over hurdles in 2002/3, won 3 times, notably Grade 3 novice handicap at Sandown: 4/1, fully confirmed promise of comeback effort (needed run) when winning 6-runner maiden chase at Fontwell in January, making most and beating Liverpool Echo 7 lengths: well below form next time (scoped dirty): should stay 3m: acts on heavy going.

MISS E. C. L'AVELLE
Maroon and grey stripes, grey sleeves, maroon armlets, striped cap (The Frisky Fillies)

PERSIAN WATERS (IRE)

9 11-0

157

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)

CAPTAIN CORELLI

8 10-12

b.g. Weld – Deaconess (The Parson) [2003/4 F16s⁴ 20d⁶ 16g² :: 2004/5 16d⁴ c19v² c22d³ c23v* c22s* Feb 19] good-topped gelding: lightly raced: fairly useful form in bumpers: fair novice hurdler: very much caught the eye when 5¼ lengths fourth to Signature Tune at Plumpton on reappearance: useful form over fences: successful in maiden at Leicester (didn't have to be at best) and novice handicap at Haydock last 2 starts, beating Nas Na Riogh 11 lengths at latter track, soon clear after travelling smoothly to lead last: will probably stay 3m: acts on heavy ground.

M. PITMAN

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

GRAPHIC APPROACH (IRE)

7 10-12

b.g. King's Ride – Sharp Approach (Crash Course) [2003/4 F17d* 20s* 19s^F 16s³ :: 2004/5 c19s* c24g* c24d³ Feb 12] strong, lengthy gelding: fairly useful form over hurdles: chaser on looks, and made highly promising start over fences when winning maiden at Hereford (beat Wrags To Riches easily by 11 lengths) and novice at Southwell (made all to beat Columbus 23 lengths in 3-finisher event) in January, jumping fluently in main both times: failed to improve as expected in better company when 24 lengths third of 5 finishers to Distant Thunder in novice at Newbury latest start: stays 3m: acts on soft going.

C. R. EGERTON

Dark green, pink and white striped sleeves, pink cap (Mr & Mrs Peter Orton)

SIR OJ (IRE)

8 10-11

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

N. MEADE, IRELAND

Maroon and pink check (Mr Brian Keenan)

DUNGARVANS CHOICE (IRE)

10 10-11

ch.g. Orchestra – Marys Gift (Monksfield) [2003/4 20d :: 2004/5 c16v* c16v^F c24d³ Feb 19] sturdy, useful-looking gelding: useful hurdler: running at least respectably when blundering 2 out in handicap at Uttoxeter only outing in 2003/4: fairly useful novice chaser: won 3-finisher maiden at same venue on return in December: upped in trip, creditable 10 lengths third of 6 to Distant Thunder in Grade 2 at Lingfield last time, fading before last: likely to prove best short of 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): edgy sort.

N. J. HENDERSON

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

MIXSTERTHETRIXSTER (USA)

9 10-8

b.g. Alleged (USA) – Parliament House (USA) (General Assembly (USA)) [2003/4 c17s³ :: 2004/5 c16g³ c19s² c18d⁴ c22d* c24d⁴ Feb 12] tall, angular gelding: fairly useful hurdler: at least as good over fences, winning 6-runner novice at Newbury in January by neck from See You Sometime, leading close home: possibly failed to stay when 31 lengths fourth of 5 finishers to Distant Thunder in similar event there last time, weakening before 2 out: stays 2¾m: acts on soft and good to firm going: effective making running/waited with.

MRS TRACEY BARFOOT-SAUNT

Light blue, mauve diamond, black sleeves (Mrs Tracey Barfoot-Saunt)

JOES EDGE (IRE)

8 10-8

b. or br.g. Supreme Leader – Right Dark (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 17d² 20s² 20d* 20v 20d* 20s :: 2004/5 20d⁵ c20s* c25s² c21d² c21s² Jan 29] well-made gelding: fair hurdler: won novices at Ascot and Carlisle in 2003/4: left Miss V. Williams prior to reappearance: fairly useful novice chaser: won at Ayr on chasing debut in November by 9 lengths from Another Rum: runner-up all 3 starts since, beaten 5 lengths by Lacdoudal in novice handicap at Cheltenham on latest: should stay beyond 21f: raced mainly on going softer than good.

FERDY MURPHY

Grey, red cross of lorraine, checked sleeves, red cap (Chemipetro Limited)

B. Harding

153

c22s	150+120
c23v	121+N
c22d	150 N
c19v	147+W
h16d	108+N
h16g	122 N

153 +

c24d	151 N
c24g	149+N
c19s	138+W
h16s	129+N
h19s	149+N
h20s	151+N

162

c17v	160 G1
c17v	162+G1
c16d	160 G2
c17v	153 G3
c17s	149 W
h17g	150 W

150

c24d	150+G2
c16v	N
c16v	150 W
h20d	120+129

156

c24d	149+N
c22d	156 N
c18d	156 N
c19s	153 W
c16g	120+N
c17s	117 N

153

c21s	153
c21d	163? N
c25s	N
c20s	153 N
h20d	120
h20s	120

COPSALE LAD

8 10-7

ch.g. Karinga Bay – Squeaky Cottage (True Song) [2003/4 19d* 18s³ 20s 21m* :: 2004/5 c19g^{ur} c20d² c20s⁴ Feb 26] strong, lengthy gelding: chasing type: largely progressive form over hurdles: won novices at Exeter and Cheltenham (quite valuable event, by ½ length from Grey Report despite mistakes) in 2003/4: better completed effort over fences when 3½ lengths second of 8 to Liverpool Echo in maiden at Kempton: jumped more fluently but unable to make any impression after 4 out when well held in Grade 2 novice there next time: will be suited by 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

N. J. HENDERSON

Emerald green, yellow chevrons, diablo on sleeves, emerald green cap (Swallow Partnership)

ALMOST BROKE

8 10-6

ch.g. Nearly A Hand – Teletex (Pollerton) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c26d* c19v* c25s⁵ c21d* Feb 19] tall gelding: very lightly raced: modest form in novice hurdles in 2002/3: off 18 months, fairly useful form to win 3 times from 4 starts in handicap chases this season, at Newton Abbot (readily) in November, Chepstow (jumped right) in December and Wincanton (led 2 out and beat Saucy Night by short head) in February: raced keenly and found little penultimate outing: has won at 3¼m, at least as effective at shorter: acts on heavy ground.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Orange, blue and chocolate hoops, orange cap (Mr A. G. Fear)

LIVERPOOL ECHO (FR)

5 10-6

b.g. Poliglote – Miss Echo (Chief Singer) [2003/4 15g⁵ 16d* 17d* 18d² 16s* 17s² 18s 18s⁶ :: 2004/5 17d² 19d⁶ c16d³ c20d² c19d² c20s² c20d* Feb 11] stocky gelding: 1m winner on Flat: fairly useful juvenile hurdler in 2003/4, won 3 times: creditable sixth in Group 1 4-y-o event at Auteuil in June, final start for S. Wattel: placed all 5 starts over fences (fairly useful form), jumping well in main when winning 8-runner maiden at Kempton last time by 3½ lengths from Copsale Lad: stays 2½m: acts on soft going.

H. D. DALY

Emerald green and red diablo, white sleeves, emerald green diamonds, white cap, red

diamond (Million in Mind Partnership)

R. Johnson

BIZET (IRE)

9 10-6

b.g. Zaffaran (USA) – Annie Sue VI (Snuff Matter) [2003/4 16v* c16d⁵ c20s^F c24d^F c17s⁴ c24s :: 2004/5 c16s⁶ c25v* c24v³ c18v* Feb 17] workmanlike gelding: half-brother to fair staying chaser Woodlands Boy (by Hawaiian Return): dam won 4¼m hunter chase: fair hurdler: fairly useful chaser: much improved since leaving A. Martin after reappearance, winning handicap at Fairyhouse in January and minor event at Clonmel in February, and third to Numbersixvalverde in valuable handicap at Gowran in between: not so fluent as on previous 2 starts when beating Caishill 8 lengths at Clonmel: stays 25f, effective at much shorter: raced mainly on going softer than good (acts on heavy): effective tongue tied or not: has been let down by jumping.

F. FLOOD, IRELAND

Light blue, red sleeves, light blue cap, emerald green spots (Mr Aidan Foley)

BALL O MALT (IRE)

9 10-4

b.g. Star Quest – Vera Dodd (IRE) (Riot Helmet) [2003/4 24d³ 20s⁴ c20g⁶ :: 2004/5 22v² 16d c16g* c16v² c16d³ 20v⁴ Feb 19] big, lengthy gelding: bumper winner: fair novice hurdler: creditable fourth to Olney Lad in quite valuable handicap at Uttoxeter on latest start: fairly useful form over fences: won 10-runner novice at Catterick in December by 3½ lengths from Waterspray: creditable third of 7 to Palua in handicap at Doncaster on penultimate start: effective at 2m to 3m: raced on good going or softer over jumps (acts on heavy): reportedly bled from nose second start.

R. A. FAHEY

Black, yellow cross of lorraine, diamonds on sleeves and cap (Mr Declan Kinahan)

P. Whelan (3)

KICKHAM (IRE)

9 10-4

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)

149

c20s	142 G2
c20d	149+W
c19g	W
h21m	149+N
h20s	135 +N
h18s	138+N

153

c21d	153
c25s	122
c19v	147+112
c26d	139+103

145

c20d	145 W
c20s	145 W
c19d	142 N
c20d	145 N
c16d	127 N
h19d	149 G1

152

c18v	147+W
c24v	152 118
c25v	143+106
c16s	107
c24s	108
c17s	124 W

151

h20v	143 115
c16d	151 123
c16v	151 N
c16g	150+N
h16d	110
h22v	143 N

159

c16d	156 G2
c17v	159 G3
c20s	156 G3
c17d	144+W
c17g	152 N
c20m	127+W

KING HARALD (IRE)

7 10-4 (10-2)

b.g. King's Ride – Cullin Bui (IRE) (Kemal (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c24g^F c20s^F 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)***BIG ROB (IRE)**

6 10-4 (10-2)

b.g. Bob Back (USA) – Native Shore (IRE) (Be My Native (USA)) [2003/4 F16s⁵ 16s⁶ 21g^{pu} :: 2004/5 21s⁴ c18g* c16v* c16d² Jan 26] tall, good-topped gelding: fifth of 12 in bumper at Huntingdon on debut: modest form over hurdles: off 8 months, creditable fourth of 16 finishers to Alpha Gioconda in novice at Kempton on reappearance: impressive when winning novice handicaps at Newbury and Wetherby first 2 starts over fences, fairly useful form when beating Caribbean Cove 11 lengths at latter track: again made odd mistake when 7 lengths second to Almaydan in novice at Huntingdon next time: stays 21f: raced only on good going or softer: open to more improvement over fences.

B. G. POWELL

J. Tizzard

*Yellow, royal blue braces, royal blue sleeves, yellow stars and stars on cap (Mr P. H. Betts)***ZETA'S RIVER (IRE)**

7 10-4 (10-2) (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)***WRAGS TO RICHES (IRE)**

8 10-4 (10-1)

b.g. Tremblant – Clonea Lady (IRE) (Lord Ha Ha) [2003/4 F17g³ 17d⁵ 16v³ 18v² 20s^{pu} 22d 17s :: 2004/5 c17f^{ur} c17s⁵ c16s^F c16v² c19s² c21g* c21s⁶ Jan 29] big, good-topped gelding: modest maiden hurdler: fair form over fences: won novice at Fakenham in January, in control 4 out and beat Shaadiva 5 lengths: stiffish task, poor effort in novice handicap at Cheltenham next time: stays 21f: acts on any going.

J. D. FROST

C. Honour (5)

*Black, grey star and star on cap (No Illusions Partnership)***GAZUMP (FR)**

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

b.g. Iris Noir (FR) – Viva Sacree (FR) (Maiymad) [2003/4 17d 19d 20s 21d⁵ :: 2004/5 21d* 24d² 20g* 19g⁶ c20g* c21d^{pu} c18d⁶ c18d* Mar 5] rangy gelding: fair hurdler: made most when winning novice handicaps at Ludlow in May and Perth (not at all extended to beat Panmure 11 lengths) in September: fairly useful form when winning 5-finisher novice handicaps at Cheltenham (by 2½ lengths from Lord of Illusion) in October and Newbury in March, leading 2 out and idling when beating Glengarra by 1¾ lengths in latter: disappointing both starts in between: probably stays 3m: raced on good going or softer: free-going sort, races up with pace.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

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

7 10-4 (9-13)

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)***161**

c25s	161	123
c24d	155	115
c24g	155	W
c20s	150	+W
c24g		110

152 p

c16d	145	+N
c16v	148	+107
c18g	140	+94
h21s	119	N
h21g		N
h16s	116	?N

153 +

c24d	153	+117
c20d	146	+117
h19d		N
c19g	151	W
c17g		W

145

c21s		123
c21g	145	+N
c19s	136	W
c16v	141	W
c16s	142	+N
c17s	135	?W

155

c18d	152	+115
c18d		115
c21d		+ N
c20g	152	+105
h19g		97
h20g	131	+90

149

c16s	149	111
c22v	147	110
c16v	145	106
c22v	143	+99
c20v	139	99
c18v	127	89

SPECULAR (AUS)

9 10-4 (9-13)

b.g. Danehill (USA) – Spyglass (NZ) (Sir Sian (NZ)) [2003/4 17s* 17g* 20g² 16s³ 16g 16d^{ur} :: 2004/5 c17d* c19d⁴ c16s* Feb 24] smallish, strong gelding: leading hurdler in Australia: third to Rooster Booster in Grade 2 at Haydock (carried head awkwardly) and ninth to Hardy Eustace in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham first 2 outings in Britain: won maiden at Market Rasen in May and novice at Huntingdon in February from 3 starts over fences, despite jumping none too fluently, leading last and beating Golden Crusader by neck at latter course: stays 2½m: raced on good going or softer.

JONJO O'NEILL

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

7 10-4 (9-13)

ch.g. Gunner B – Wing On (Quayside) [2003/4 F16s⁶ 18s³ 20v⁴ 20d⁵ 22g² 20s² :: 2004/5 20d² c23d^F c25d² c20s* c25s³ c20v* Jan 15] big, good-topped gelding: fair novice hurdler, made most when second of 10 to Rambling Minster at Wetherby in May: similar form over fences, winning novices at Bangor (made all) in December and Wetherby (by 2 lengths from Onyourheadbeit in 5-runner event) in January: stays 25f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): sound jumper.

P. BEAUMONT

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

7 10-4 (9-11)

ch.g. Kingmambo (USA) – Sporades (USA) (Vaguely Noble) [2003/4 16m² 16m⁵ 20d⁴ 16d² 16s 21d⁴ 21g⁶ 16s⁶ 20g 16m :: 2004/5 c19d² c20m* c20d² c19d² c20d² c20g^F c21s³ c20s⁴ Feb 26] angular gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: similar form over fences, despite not always convincing with jumping: won maiden at Worcester in August: below form last 2 starts, running badly in 4-runner handicap at Kempton on latest: stays 2½m: acts on good to firm going, probably on heavy: blinkered/visored last 3 starts in 2003/4.

P. J. HOBBS

*Light blue, red stars, light blue sleeves (Mr D. J. Jones)***LIVINGSTONEBRAMBLE (IRE)**

9 10-4 (9-10)

b.g. Supreme Leader – Killiney Side (General Ironside) [2003/4 c20d^F :: 2004/5 c20d³ c20s* c20s⁴ c24v⁵ c24v^F Jan 20] compact gelding: fairly useful chaser: won maiden at Wexford in November by 3½ lengths from Moscow Court: good 3¾ lengths fourth of 8 to The Galway Man in minor event at Clonmel next time: made couple of serious errors when 18 lengths fifth of 18 finishers to Keapatem in Paddy Power Chase (Handicap) at Leopardstown penultimate start, beaten when falling 2 out in Thystes Handicap at Gowran last time: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

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

7 10-4 (9-10)

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)***IMPERIAL DREAM (IRE)**

7 10-4 (9-9)

b.g. Roselier (FR) – Royal Nora (IRE) (Dromod Hill) [2003/4 17d^{ur} 19g² 22s^{pu} 22g³ :: 2004/5 19d³ c21d² c21d² c20d* c24d* c25d⁴ Jan 13] tall gelding: placed all 3 completed starts over hurdles (modest form): left Miss H. Knight and off 5 months, much better form over fences: unlucky loser at Sedgfield prior to winning at Newcastle in November (maiden, improved form to beat Supreme Developer a short head) and December (novice, by 7 lengths from Carriage Ride): creditable fourth of 8 to Time To Relect in handicap at Catterick last time: stays 25f: raced only on good going or softer: reportedly had throat infection third 2003/4 outing.

H. P. HOGARTH

Royal blue and yellow stripes, white sleeves (Hogarth Racing)

D. O'Meara

145 +

c16s	139	N
c19d	142	+N
c17d	126	+W
h16d		147
h16g	169	G1
h16s	170	+G2

143

c20v	141	+N
c25s	135	N
c20s	138	+N
c25d	143	+W
c23d		110
h20d	136	N

G. Lee

147

c20s		123
c21s	145	+N
c20g		123
c20d	156	123
c19d	156	N
c20d	148	N

145

c24v		123
c24v	145	115
c20s	152	?W
c20s	144	W
c20d	145	W
c20d		+ W

144 +

c24d	113	104
c24s	137	+104
c25v	133	+97
h24v		+ 117
h24g	136	+103
h22d	137	+104A

151

c25d	143	115
c24d	141	+N
c20d	151	W
c21d	122	+N
c21d	135	N
h19d	116	+97

SCOTCH CORNER (IRE)

7 10-4 (9-8)

b.g. Jurado (USA) – Quennie Mo Ghra (IRE) (Mandalus) [2003/4 F16g* 20dp^u 26sp^u :: 2004/5 20g* 20s² 20d⁴ c20g² c20g⁶ c24d³ c24d^F Feb 18] lengthy gelding: won maiden Irish point in 2003: fair form in novice hurdles, winning at Huntingdon in October: best effort over fences when 2½ lengths second to Hasty Prince in novice at Ludlow in December: would probably have won but for falling last in maiden won by Fireaway at Fakenham latest start, rallying at time: should stay 3m: raced on good going or softer: races prominently: sometimes hangs left.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

*Emerald green, white stars, emerald green cap, white star (Mr H. R. Mould)***LIGHT DES MULOTTES (FR)**

6 10-4 (9-5)

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)***BALAPOUR (IRE)**

7 10-4 (9-4)

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)***DOLLAR LAW**

9 10-4 (9-1) (inc 4lb ex)

ch.g. Selkirk (USA) – Western Heights (Shirley Heights) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16dp^u 16g³ 16s⁶ 16s⁴ 17d c16v³ c16d³ c16d³ c16v³ c19d⁴ c16v* c19d³ Mar 12] angular, close-coupled gelding: fair hurdler: similar form over fences: won 6-runner maiden at Leicester in March by neck from lambe de La See: led to 4 out when good 10 lengths third of 5 finishers to Harapour in handicap at Chepstow last time: stays 19f: acts on heavy going: wears cheekpieces/tongue strap: has been let down by jumping: waited with.

R. J. PRICE

*White, red hollow box, check sleeves and cap (The Cleobury Partnership)***KEW JUMPER (IRE)**

6 10-4 (8-13)

b.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Pharisee (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2003/4 16s^{su} 20s 16g⁵ :: 2004/5 16d² 16m⁵ c20g* c20s c16g² c24d² c21s^F Feb 10] tall, good-topped gelding: modest maiden hurdler: fair form in novice handicap chases: won at Huntingdon in October: creditable 13 lengths second to Lodestar at Kempton penultimate start: 10 lengths down and held in third when falling heavily last at Wincanton on latest outing: will probably prove best short of 3m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going.

ANDREW TURNELL

*Black, red disc, armllets and cap (Robinson Webster (Holdings) Ltd)***DABUS**

10 10-4 (8-10)

b.g. Kris – Licorne (Sadler's Wells (USA)) [2003/4 16d 19g^{rr} 16d^{ur} 17g 17m* 17g⁵ :: 2004/5 17d 17d 16m 17m³ 19dp^u 17g² 17d* 16g 17d⁴ 16s 22v^{pu} 16s³ 16d⁵ 17s* 21d^{ur} 22sp^u 17d² 16s* 17d c16g⁵ c16g⁶ c16v³ c16g² c16d³ c16d⁶ c17d⁴ c16s³ c16s³ c16g^F Mar 4] small gelding: modest handicap hurdler: won at Cartmel in August and Market Rasen and Leicester in November: fair form over fences: mostly good efforts of late, length third to Specular in novice at Huntingdon penultimate start: would have run respectably but for falling last behind Alcopop in novice handicap at Doncaster next time, 10 lengths down at time: barely stays 19f: acts on any going: takes good hold: has refused to race, virtually did so final circuit eleventh outing: not one to trust implicitly.

M. C. CHAPMAN

*Yellow, purple epaulets, sleeves and star on cap (Mr J. C. Greenway)***137 ?**

c24d	+	123
c24d	117	W
c20g	137	120
c20g	141	N
h20d	130	N
h20s	131	N

140

c19s	140+106
c20d	134+N
c20s	130+95
h18m	115 93
h19d	110 95
h16g'	116+N

138 \$

c24s	123
c20s	134
c16s	138+109
c17d	W
c20d	138
c17s	W

139

c19d	139
c16v	137
c19d	W
c16v	128+106
c16d	135 107
c16d	139

143

c21s	+	106
c24d	140+106	
c16g	143	106
c20s	105	105
c20g	138+98	
h16m	123	98

132

c16g	+	101
c16s	132	N
c16s	131	102
c17d	132	104
c16d	108	N
c16d	132	N

DANGEROUSDANMAGRU (IRE)

9 10-4 (8-10)

b.g. Forest Wind (USA) – Blue Bell Girl (Blakeney) [2003/4 c16s⁵ :: 2004/5 c20d³ c16s^{ur} c19s² c16v* c20v⁴ c16d⁴ Jan 27] ex-Irish gelding: fair handicap hurdler: fair novice chaser: won handicap at Listowel in September, final outing for N. Glynn: not at best either start since: stays 2½m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

A. E. JONES

*White, light blue sash, brown cap (Mr N. F. Glynn)***ACERTACK (IRE)**

8 10-4 (8-5)

b.g. Supreme Leader – Ask The Madam (Strong Gale) [2003/4 c21dp^u c16g c16g^F c20s³ c17s⁵ c24g⁶ c18g² :: 2004/5 c17d⁶ c17g* c17d² c18g⁵ c20d² c17s^{ur} c17v² c17v* c21s⁴ c22g^{ur} Mar 4] lengthy gelding: thrice-raced over hurdles: modest chaser: won novice handicaps at Plumpton in October and January (beat Brigadier du Bois 6 lengths): well held in novice handicap at Wincanton next time: beaten when unseating 3 out in similar event at Newbury latest start: may prove best up to 2½m: raced on good going or softer: tends to make odd mistake.

R. ROWE

*Dark blue, pink triple diamond, diablo on sleeves and diamond on cap (Mr Keith Hunter)***130**

c16d	128+105
c20v	113+105
c16v	135 97
c19s	135 97
c16s	97
c20d	132

124

c22g	96
c21s	96
c17v	124 89
c17v	121+89
c17s	93
c20d	121 87

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).

Timeform Horses In Focus: Cheltenham 17th March

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

Time	Horse	Time	Horse
2.00	BIG ROB (IRE)	5.20	BASILEA STAR (IRE)
2.00	ZETA'S RIVER (IRE)	5.20	ATTORNEY GENERAL (IRE)
2.35	OUR VIC (IRE)	5.20	HAUTCLAN (FR)
4.00	JOLY BEY (FR)	5.20	RAVENSWOOD (IRE)

2.35 THE DAILY TELEGRAPH FESTIVAL TROPHY CHASE (Grade 2) (A) 2m5f

£150,000 5yo+

CENTRAL HOUSE

8 11-5

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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)*

c16s 169+G2
c20s 163 G2
c17v 166+G2
c17v 169 G1
c16s 164 G2
c16s 150 G3

EDREDON BLEU (FR)

13 11-5

?

b.g. Grand Tresor (FR) – Nuit Bleue III (FR) (Le Pontet (FR)) [2003/4 c21f* c17g* c20s* c24g* c21d* :: 2004/5 c17s⁶ c24g 21d⁴ c25d^{pu} Feb 19] useful-looking gelding: top-class chaser: as good as ever in 2003/4, unbeaten in limited handicaps at Wincanton and Exeter (William Hill Haldon Gold Cup, for second successive year), Grade 2 Clonmel Oil Chase, Grade 1 Pertemps King George VI Chase at Kempton and minor event at Wincanton: no show in this season's Haldon Gold Cup, King George VI Chase and listed event at Wincanton (sore throat): thrice-raced over hurdles, fair form when 8½ lengths fourth to Bagan in novice at Kempton penultimate start: stays easy 3m: acts on firm and good to soft going, possibly not at best on soft/heavy: tongue tied: goes well fresh: bold-jumping front runner.

*MISS H. C. KNIGHT**Light blue and maroon stripes, light blue sleeves, hooped cap (Mr Jim Lewis)*

J. Culloty

c25d L
h21d 130 N
c24g G1
c17s 169
c21d 140+W
c24g 183+G1

HAND INN HAND

9 11-5

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b.g. Alflora (IRE) – Deep Line (Deep Run) [2003/4 20d³ c20s^{bd} c20g² c21d^f c19s* c20g⁴ c25g³ c24g⁵ 25s⁴ c26d³ c20d* c20d Mar 5] angular gelding: very smart hurdler at one time, apparently back to best when fourth to Baracouda in Grade 1 at Windsor in December: smart chaser: easily best efforts last 2 starts, winning Grade 1 totesport Chase at Lingfield in February by 2 lengths from Ollie Magern and seventh, nearest finish, to Supreme Prince in valuable handicap at Newbury in March: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: has run well when sweating: sometimes edges left under pressure: tends to idle: often let down by jumping (more fluent last 2 starts).

*H. D. DALY**Light blue, maroon hoops, striped sleeves, light blue cap (Patrick Burling Developments Ltd)*

M. Bradburne

c20d 165+149
c20d 165+G1
c24v 171? 160
c20d 166 G2
h16d 131 140
c25g 175 G2

IT TAKES TIME (IRE)

11 11-5

169

b.g. Montelimar (USA) – Dysart Lady (King's Ride) [2003/4 c20g^f c20s⁵ c24g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c20d⁵ 24g⁵ 25s⁴ c26d³ c20d* c20d Mar 5] angular gelding: very smart hurdler at one time, apparently back to best when fourth to Baracouda in Grade 1 at Windsor in December: smart chaser: easily best efforts last 2 starts, winning Grade 1 totesport Chase at Lingfield in February by 2 lengths from Ollie Magern and seventh, nearest finish, to Supreme Prince in valuable handicap at Newbury in March: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: has run well when sweating: sometimes edges left under pressure: tends to idle: often let down by jumping (more fluent last 2 starts).

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

c20d 168 153
c20d 169 G1
c26d 156+141
h25s 172? G1
h24g 151 G2
c20d 158 143

CALLING BRAVE (IRE)

9 11-3

169

ch.g. Bob Back (USA) – Queenie Kelly (The Parson) [2003/4 24d* c25g* c20d* c20m* c24g^{ur} :: 2004/5 c24d² c24g^{pu} Dec 26] well-made gelding: useful hurdler: won handicap at Aintree in 2003/4 by 5 lengths from Sh Boom: took well to chasing subsequently, winning maiden at Folkestone, novice at Sandown and Grade 2 novice at Kempton: best effort when 1¾ lengths second to Colonel Frank in intermediate at Sandown on return, challenging when blundering last: stiff task, struggling long way out when pulled up in King George VI Chase at Kempton last time: stays 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going.

*N. J. HENDERSON**Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)*

c24g G1
c24d 169+W
c24g 165+G1
c20m 160+G2
c20d 165+N
c25g 135+W

LE ROI MIGUEL (FR)

7 11-3

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b.g. Point of No Return (FR) – Loumir (USA) (Bob's Dusty (USA)) [2003/4 c16d* c19d² c16d⁴ c24g^f c19s⁴ c20g^f c21m⁶ :: 2004/5 20s⁵ c20d* c24g⁴ Dec 26] tall, useful-looking gelding: high-class chaser: lost his way in second half of 2003/4: reportedly had wind operation before reappearance: better than ever when winning Grade 2 totesport Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon in November, beating Farmer Jack 20 lengths: unsuitable trip when well-held fourth of 14 to Kicking King in King George VI Chase at Kempton last time: very lightly raced over hurdles, fairly useful form when fifth to Mistanoora in valuable handicap at Chepstow on reappearance: stays 2½m: raced mainly on good going or softer: tried tongue tied.

*P. F. NICHOLLS**Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (Mrs J. Stewart)*

A. P. McCoy

c24g 171+G1
c20d 181+G2
h20s 146 126
c21m 158
c20g + G1
c19s G1

NATIVE UPMANSHIP (IRE)

12 11-3

167

ch.g. Be My Native (USA) – Hi' Upham (Deep Run) [2003/4 c25g³ c20d⁵ c20s* c16d³ c20g³ :: 2004/5 c16g⁴ c20s⁴ c17v³ c20s⁵ c16s² Feb 20] tall gelding: has stringhalt: top-class chaser at best, smart nowadays: below-form fifth to Rathgar Beau in Grade 2 at Thurles on penultimate start, no chance with Central House in 4-runner Grade 3 at Naas on latest: probably best around 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

*A. L. T. MOORE, IRELAND**Dark blue (Mrs John Magnier)*

c16s 164 G2
c20s 159 G2
c17v 167+G1
c20s 170 G1
c16g 161 G1
c20g 171 G1

OUR VIC (IRE)

7 11-3

177 p

b.g. Old Vic – Shabra Princess (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 16d² c19v* c24g* c24g³ :: 2004/5 c21d^f Dec 11] tall, good-topped gelding: useful hurdler: very good second in listed handicap at Sandown on 2003/4 reappearance: looked top-notch novice chaser in making when winning at Exeter and Ascot subsequently, again impressing with jumping (despite tendency to go left) when easily beating Rosslea 6 lengths in Grade 2 Reynoldstown Chase on latter course: didn't settle and not fluent early when third to Rule Supreme in Royal & SunAlliance Chase at Cheltenham final start: well-backed favourite, would have shown further improvement but for falling last in valuable handicap at last-named course on reappearance, travelling strongly up with pace and still over length up though ridden when falling last in race won by Monkerhostin (rated as finishing alongside): stays 3m: raced on good going or softer: often front runner: remains a potentially high-class chaser.

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

c21d 177+149
c24g 166+G1
c24g 163+G2
c19v 135+N
h16d 164+140

RATHGAR BEAU (IRE)

9 11-3

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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)*

c20v 162+G2
c20s 169+G2
c17v 167 G1
c16s 171+G2
c20s 175 G1
c20s 169+G2

SEEBALD (GER)

10 11-3

b.g. Mulberry (FR) – Spartina (USA) (Northern Baby (CAN)) [2003/4 c17g⁴ c16d⁶ c24g^{ur} c24g c20g³ c16d^{ur} c25g⁵ c21m* c16m :: 2004/5 c17s² c23d² c24g⁶ c16s⁵ c20d^{pu} Feb 19] leggy gelding: very smart chaser: won Grade 2 Silver Trophy (Limited Handicap) at Cheltenham in April by ½ length from Tikram: good second in valuable events at Exeter first 2 starts this season, beaten 5 lengths by Azertyuiop in handicap then short-headed by Best Mate in minor event: stiff task, well-held sixth of 14 to Kicking King in King George VI Chase at Kempton next time: reportedly struck into himself at eighth in Grade 1 at Lingfield latest start: stays 3m, seemed unsuited by drop to 2m penultimate outing: acts on any going: visored once: sometimes let down by jumping.

*M. C. PIPE**White, white cap, royal blue star (The Macca & Growler Partnership)***THISTHATANDTOTHER (IRE)**

9 11-3

b.g. Bob Back (USA) – Baden (IRE) (Furry Glen) [2003/4 c17g* c16m* c16d* c16g² c16m* c16g^F c16g² c20d² :: 2004/5 c20d² c21d² c16s² Jan 29] strong, useful-looking gelding: has reportedly been pin-fired during summer: smart hurdler: very smart over fences, second in valuable handicaps at Cheltenham all 3 starts this season, beaten 1¾ lengths by Celestial Gold in November, 7 lengths by Monkerhostin in December (again made at least one notable mistake) and 1¾ lengths by Well Chief in January: stays 21f: acts on soft and good to firm going.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

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

12 11-3

b.g. Soviet Star (USA) – Cut Ahead (Kalaglow) [2003/4 20g⁴ c20d² c24g² c19s^F c16g³ c25g* :: 2004/5 c24g^{pu} Dec 26] rangy gelding: impresses in appearance: smart hurdler: top-class chaser: won Grade 2 Martell Cognac Cup at Aintree in 2003/4 by 3½ lengths from First Gold: placed earlier in season in King George VI Chase at Kempton and Champion Chase at Cheltenham: finished lame in King George VI Chase at Kempton on reappearance: effective at 2m to 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going, unseated first on heavy.

*M. C. PIPE**Red and yellow stripes, halved sleeves, yellow cap (The Liars Poker Partnership)***ASHLEY BROOK (IRE)**

7 11-0

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

K. BISHOP

P. J. Brennan

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

9 11-0

b.g. Nomadic Way (USA) – Buckby Folly (Netherkelly) [2003/4 c20g² c20s* :: 2004/5 c21s* c20d Mar 5] tall, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful hurdler: off over a year and only third start over fences, useful form when winning Grade 3 Ladbrokes Trophy Chase (Handicap) at Cheltenham in January by 1¼ lengths from Kandjar d'Allier, jumping really well in front: respectable tenth, again making most and weakening only last, to Supreme Prince in similar valuable event at Newbury next time (reportedly suffering from sore shins): should stay 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

P. R. WEBBER

T. Doyle

*Emerald green, white epaulets and cap (Mrs P. Starkey)***FONDMORT (FR)**

9 11-0

b.g. Cyborg (FR) – Hansie (FR) (Sukawa (FR)) [2003/4 c20g* c24g⁴ c19s^{F5} c20g³ c25g⁴ c21m^F :: 2004/5 c20d c21d c24g Dec 26] rather leggy gelding: high-class chaser: won Paddy Power Gold Cup (Handicap) at Cheltenham in 2003/4: well held in valuable handicaps at Cheltenham and King George VI Chase at Kempton this season: effective at 2½m to easy 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried blinkered, not since 1999/00: usually goes well fresh.

*N. J. HENDERSON**Brown, red stars, brown sleeves, red cap, brown star (Mr W. J. Brown)***MIXSTERTHETRIXSTER (USA)**

9 11-0

b.g. Alleged (USA) – Parliament House (USA) (General Assembly (USA)) [2003/4 c17s³ :: 2004/5 c16g³ c19s² c18d⁴ c22d* c24d⁴ Feb 12] tall, angular gelding: fairly useful hurdler: at least as good over fences, winning 6-runner novice at Newbury in January by neck from See You Sometime, leading close home: possibly failed to stay when 31 lengths fourth of 5 finishers to Distant Thunder in similar event there last time, weakening before 2 out: stays 2¾am: acts on soft and good to firm going: effective making running/waited with.

*MRS TRACEY BARFOOT-SAUNT**Light blue, mauve diamond, black sleeves (Mrs Tracey Barfoot-Saunt)***RISK ACCESSOR (IRE)**

10 11-0

b.g. Commanche Run – Bellatollah (Bellman (FR)) [2003/4 16v* c22s⁶ c18m* c20g^F c20s² c20g c36d^{ur} c21m⁴ :: 2004/5 c20d² 16g³ c22m² c19s* c24s² c20s Nov 18] tall gelding: useful hurdler: smart chaser: easy winner of minor event at Listowel in September: several good efforts in top handicap company, including when runner-up in Galway Plate (to Ansar) in July and Munster National at Limerick (beaten ½ length by Colca Canyon) in October: well held in Grade 2 at Clommel latest start: effective at 2m to 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: often tongue tied: effective held up or ridden prominently (takes good hold): bold jumper, prone to odd bad mistake (hampered when unseating sixth in Grand National): often weak finisher.

*C. ROCHE, IRELAND**Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***VALLEY HENRY (IRE)**

10 11-0

b.g. Step Together (USA) – Pineway VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2003/4 c25m^F c20s³ c24g^F c25d^{pu} c25g⁶ :: 2004/5 c24d⁶ Feb 12] big, rangy gelding: high-class chaser on his day: form in 2003/4 only when third of 6 to Jair du Cochet in Grade 2 at Huntingdon (final outing for P. Nicholls), generally let down by jumping otherwise: needed race and went with little zest when tailed off in Grade 2 at Newbury on reappearance: stays 3¼am: acts on soft and good to firm going.

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

G. Lee

173 X

c20d	G1
c16s	163+156
c24g	167 G1
c23d	173 W
c17s	173 156
c16m	149 W

175

c16s	175 156
c21d	173+151
c20d	175 146
c20d	155 G2
c16g	164+G1
c16g	G1

183

c24g	G1
c25g	183 G2
c16g	179+G1
c19s	G1
c24g	184 G1
c20d	182 G1

163

c20g	160+G1
c16v	162+G2
c21d	160 N
c17s	163 N
h21m	135 N
h19s	139+N

163

c20d	157 140
c21s	163+131
c20s	155+N
c20g	136+L

182 ?

c24g	162 G1
c21d	169+157
c20d	+ 160
c21m	+ 161
c25g	174 G2
c20g	182 159

150

c24d	143+N
c22d	150 N
c18d	150 N
c19s	147 W
c16g	114+N
c17s	111 N

166

c20s	G2
c24s	166 145
c19s	166+W
c22m	166 143
h16g	160 W
c20d	166 W

165 X

c24d	127 G2
c25g	165+G2
c25d	G2
c24g	+ G1
c20s	183? G2
c25m	+ G2

3.15 THE LADBROKES WORLD HURDLE 3m

(Grade 1) (A)
£200,000 4yo+ TWFA 4 11-11

BARACOUDA (FR)

10 11-10

b.g. Alesso (USA) – Peche Aubar (FR) (Zino) [2003/4 24d* 25d* 22s* 24g² :: 2004/5 24g* 25s* Dec 18] tall, leggy gelding: outstanding staying hurdler, successful on 16 of last 18 starts: won Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham in 2002 and 2003 (by ¾ length from Iris's Gift): beaten 1½ lengths by same rival in latest renewal in March: hasn't needed to be at best to win Ballymore Properties Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury (for second time) and Teletronics Systems Long Walk Hurdle at Windsor (fourth success in race usually run at Ascot) this season, narrowly beating Crystal d'Ainay each time after typically idling close home: effective around 2½m given test, and stays 25f well: raced solely on good going or softer (acts on heavy): held up, and often idles: fluent jumper: tremendously consistent.

F. DOUMEN, FRANCE

A. P. McCoy

*Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***CRYSTAL D'AINAY (FR)**

6 11-10

b.g. Saint Preuil (FR) – Guendale (FR) (Cadoudal (FR)) [2003/4 20d² 21s* 24g² 20d* 24g³ 24g⁴ :: 2004/5 25s² 24g² 25s² 24s⁴ 24s* Feb 26] tall, good-topped gelding: twice-raced winning chaser in France: high-class hurdler, third to Iris's Gift in Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham in 2003/4: visored, won 5-runner betfair.com Rendlesham Hurdle at Kempton latest start by 3 lengths from Monet's Garden, keeping on well once ridden: second on first 3 starts, beaten less than a length by idling Baracouda in Grade 2 at Newbury and Grade 1 at Windsor on last 2 occasions: stays 25f: acts on soft going: tends to idle: consistent.

A. KING

R. Thornton

*Yellow, dark blue star, armllets and star on cap (Mr Tony Fisher & Mrs Jeni Fisher)***EMOTIONAL MOMENT (IRE)**

8 11-10

b.g. Religiously (USA) – Rosceen Bui (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2003/4 c22d⁵ c16g* c24d^F c21s* c24s^{ur} 16s⁵ 21g⁵ 24g :: 2004/5 c25g^F 20v 20s⁴ 16d⁵ 24d³ 24v* 24v* 24v* Feb 13] leggy gelding: useful novice chaser in 2003/4, though generally let down by jumping: useful hurdler: won in small fields Grade 2 woodiesdiy.com Christmas Hurdle at Leopardstown (by distance from Yogi) in December, Grade 3 Alo Duffin Memorial Galmoy Hurdle at Gowran (beat Homer Wells 25 lengths) in January and Grade 2 McCabe Builders Ltd Boyne Hurdle at Navan (simple task after Solerina fell) in February: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND

B. J. Geraghty

*Red, white disc, royal blue sleeves, red and royal blue quartered cap (Watercork Syndicate)***EXOTIC DANCER (FR)**

5 11-10

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)***INGLIS DREVER**

6 11-10

b.g. In The Wings – Cormorant Creek (Gorytus (USA)) [2003/4 20d* 20d* 21d* 21g² 20g⁴ :: 2004/5 16d² 17d² 16v* 16d* Feb 19] sturdy, close-coupled gelding: smart hurdler: won Commhoist Logistics Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock (beat Mister McGoldrick 8 lengths) in January and Axminster Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton in February, made all despite jumping left (markedly so at last 2 flights) at latter venue, beating Perouse 5 lengths: creditable efforts earlier when runner-up to impressive Harchibald in Grade 1 at Newcastle and Back In Front in Grade 2 at Cheltenham: probably needs testing conditions around 2m, stays 21f well: raced on good ground or softer (acts on heavy): genuine and reliable.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

G. Lee

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

10 11-10

b. or br.g. Kris S (USA) – My Turbulent Miss (USA) (My Dad George (USA)) [2003/4 c16g⁶ c22s c20d⁶ c16d³ c17d³ c17s⁴ :: 2004/5 c20s³ c20d^{pu} Mar 5] tall gelding: smart chaser, though hasn't won since 2001/2: in cheekpieces, at least respectable efforts when in frame last 3 outings in 2003/4: left M. O'Brien, respectable third to Mister McGoldrick in handicap at Wetherby on reappearance: off 4 months, soon struggling after early mistakes in valuable handicap at Newbury next time: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going, possibly not on good to firm.

JONJO O'NEILL

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

7 11-10

b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Lora du Charmil (FR) (Panoramic) [2003/4 c17g⁴ c20m³ c16g³ c16s⁶ c18g^{pu} 21g 20g 21m³ 20m* :: 2004/5 24d⁶ 24d* 24s² Jan 29] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful chaser, though largely let down by jumping over fences in Britain: very smart hurdler: much improved this season, winning 14-runner handicap at Cheltenham in January by short head from Attorney General, leading line despite wandering under pressure: beaten only head by Patriarch Express in Grade 2 there later in month after jumping left at last: stays 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: poor efforts when visored: usually held up: has looked hard ride but not this season.

M. C. PIPE

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

9 11-10

b.g. Supreme Leader – Book of Rules (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2003/4 c25g* c20s^{ur} c24g* c24g³ c24s³ c28v² c24g* c25g^{ur} c29m⁵ :: 2004/5 c25g⁵ 21s³ 25d* 24s* 20d³ 25s³ c24v^F c24s* Feb 6] well-made gelding: very smart hurdler: won Group 1 Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil in June and handicap at Clonmel in November: good third to Baracouda in Grade 1 at Windsor in December, running on strongly from off pace: high-class chaser: improved efforts in Grade 1 events at Leopardstown last 2 starts, fell last later in December, pressing Best Mate for second at time behind Beef Or Salmon, and won Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup in February by 14 lengths from below-form Beef Or Salmon: stays very well: probably acts on good to firm going, goes well on soft/heavy: often let down by jumping over fences.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

*Emerald green, white chevron, emerald green cap (Mr John J. Fallon)***SH BOOM**

7 11-10

b.g. Alderbrook – Muznah (Royal And Regal (USA)) [2003/4 24d² 21s² 24g* 23s* 24g^F 24g :: 2004/5 25s⁵ Dec 18] lengthy, useful-looking gelding: smart hurdler: won minor event at Cheltenham (by length from Crystal d'Ainay) and Grade 2 Premier Stayers' Hurdle at Haydock (beat Royal Rosa 8 lengths) in 2003/4: let down by jumping last 2 starts: respectable fifth to Baracouda in Grade 1 at Windsor on reappearance, no extra after 2 out in muddling race: stays at least 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): usually held up.

JONJO O'NEILL

*White, maroon hoops, sleeves and cap (T. G. K. Construction Ltd)***THE FRENCH FURZE (IRE)**

11 11-10

ch.g. Be My Guest (USA) – Exciting (Mill Reef (USA)) [2003/4 16f 20m* 16d* 16s 23s⁵ 20d³ 21g 20d 16d⁴ :: 2004/5 16m 20s* 16d⁵ 17d⁵ 16v³ Jan 22] leggy, close-coupled gelding: tended to jump left in 2 novice chases at Sedgfield in 2002/3, winning on first occasion: useful hurdler: back to form when winning handicap at Ayr (for second successive year) in November by 3 lengths from Paperprophet: has run creditably in face of stiffer tasks since, 18 lengths third to Inglis Drever in Grade 2 at Haydock last time: stays 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: tried blinkered, not since 1999/00: effective ridden from front or held up.

N. G. RICHARDS

*Red, yellow epaulets (Mr Jim Ennis)***WESTENDER (FR)**

9 11-10

b.g. In The Wings – Trude (GER) (Windwurf (GER)) [2003/4 16d^{pu} 16g⁶ 16g⁵ 20d³ 16m³ :: 2004/5 16m⁵ c16g² c16g^R 16d² 17d³ 20d* 24s³ Jan 29] tall, close-coupled gelding: very smart hurdler: first win since 2001 when beating Big Moment by 9 lengths in minor event at Cheltenham in January, making all: had also run well there when second to Accordion Etoile in Grade 3 handicap on fourth start: respectable third to Patriarch Express in Grade 2 at same course last time: only fair form on completed start over fences (refused first next time): stays 3m: acts on good to firm and soft going, probably heavy: blinkered: sometimes looks none too keen.

M. C. PIPE

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

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c20d 145
c20s 152 148
c17s 154 G3
c17d 157 G2
c16d 157 G2
c20d 157 G1

170
h24s 165+G2
h24d 169? 143
h24d 151+143
h20m 150 135
h21m 145 135
h20g 145 137

170
c24s 178 G1
c24v 175+G1
h25s 167+G1
h20d 160 G1
h24s 149 140
h25d 160+G1

160
h25s 156 G1
h24g 147+G2
h24g 147+G2
h23s 160+G2
h24g 145+W
h21s 158+W

M. A. Fitzgerald

151
h16v 151 G2
h17d 151 G2
h16d 151 G1
h20s 151 140
h16m 132 141
h16d 133 143

B. Harding

168
h24s 162 G2
h20d 168 W
h17d 159 G2
h16d 168 160
c16g W
c16g 114+N

YOGI (IRE)

9 11-10

151

ch.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Good Performance VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2003/4 20g 20s* 16d⁶ 24s² 22s² 24g⁶ :: 2004/5 24s 20s⁴ 24v² 22g 24v² Feb 13] leggy gelding: useful hurdler: best effort this season when seventh to Supreme Serenade in valuable handicap at Sandown, keeping on after losing place: laboured effort when 9 lengths second, well below best, to Emotional Moment in Grade 2 at Navan 8 days later: ideally suited by 2½m+: acts on heavy going: below form all starts in blinkers: races prominently.

THOMAS FOLEY, IRELAND

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

h24v	116	G3
h22g	149+141	
h24v	133	G2
h20s	146?	G2
h24s		137
h24g	153?	G1

FOURTH RACE CHELTENHAM (TV CH4)

4.00**THE MILD MAY OF FLETE HANDICAP CHASE
(Grade 3) (A)****2m5f**

£75,000 5yo+

FLAGSHIP UBERALLES (IRE)

11 11-12

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br.g. Accordion – Fourth Degree (Oats) [2003/4 c16g* c16d³ c16d² c16g² c20g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c17s⁵ c16s⁵ c16s Jan 29] rangy gelding: high-class chaser: in-and-out form in 2003/4: ran well when third to Moscow Flyer in Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown and second to Azertyuiop in Champion Chase at Cheltenham: little encouragement this season, suffered breathing problem reappearance: form only at 2m: acts on soft going, below best on good to firm: well held only run in blinkers: often goes well fresh: usually sound jumper: carries head high: inconsistent.

P. J. HOBBS

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

c16s	152
c16s	142
c17s	163
c20g	G1
c16g	172
c16d	144
G2	

FONDMORT (FR)

9 11-9

173 ?

b.g. Cyborg (FR) – Hansie (FR) (Sukawa (FR)) [2003/4 c20g* c24g⁴ c19s^{F5} c20g³ c25g⁴ c21m^F :: 2004/5 c20d c21d c24g Dec 26] rather leggy gelding: high-class chaser: won Paddy Power Gold Cup (Handicap) at Cheltenham in 2003/4: well held in valuable handicaps at Cheltenham and King George VI Chase at Kempton this season: effective at 2½m to easy 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried blinkered, not since 1999/00: usually goes well fresh.

N. J. HENDERSON

Brown, red stars, brown sleeves, red cap, brown star (Mr W. J. Brown)

c24g	153	G1
c21d	160+	157
c20d		160
c21m		161
c25g	165	G2
c20g	173	159

GEOS (FR)

10 11-8

?

b. or br.g. Pistolet Bleu (IRE) – Kaprika (FR) (Cadoudal (FR)) [2003/4 16d² 16g* 16g^{pu} 16m :: 2004/5 16d 25s 16d 20d⁶ Feb 20] smallish, strong gelding: smart hurdler/chaser: won Tote Gold Trophy Hurdle (Handicap) at Newbury in 2003/4 by short head from Rooster Booster (gave 17 lb), strong run to lead post (also won race in 2001): best effort since when twelfth of 25 to Essex in latest renewal: well held in Grade 2 at Fontwell last time: stays 2½m, at least with emphasis on speed: acts on heavy going, possibly unsuited by good to firm.

N. J. HENDERSON

White, large royal blue spots, royal blue cap (Thurloe Finsbury)

h20d	138	G2
h16d	158	149
h25s		G1
h16d	149	153
h16m	146	W
h16g		G1

SUPREME PRINCE (IRE)

8 11-8 (inc 6lb ex)

160

b.g. Supreme Leader – Strong Serenade (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 c23g² c19d* c19s* c24g^{pu} c23s² :: 2004/5 20s c20s^F c20g* c21d c24d⁵ c20d* Mar 5] tall gelding: useful hurdler: probably needed run in valuable handicap at Chepstow on reappearance: smart handicap chaser: successful twice at Newbury this season, beating Claymore ¾ length in well-contested event in November and Horus ½ length in Vodafone Gold Cup in March, always close up each time: better effort in between when respectable fifth to Colourful Life in valuable event at Doncaster in January: effective at 2½m to 3m: raced on good ground or softer (acts on soft): generally jumps more fluently nowadays.

P. J. HOBBS

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

c20d	158	142
c24d	157+	143
c21d	130+	144
c20g	160	136
c20s		136
h20s	150+	139

RISK ACCESSOR (IRE)

10 11-7

159

b.g. Commanche Run – Bellatollah (Bellman (FR)) [2003/4 16v* c22s⁶ c18m* c20g^F c20s² c20g c36d^{ur} c21m⁴ :: 2004/5 c20d² 16g³ c22m² c19s* c24s² c20s Nov 18] tall gelding: useful hurdler: smart chaser: easy winner of minor event at Listowel in September: several good efforts in top handicap company, including when runner-up in Galway Plate (to Ansar) in July and Munster National at Limerick (beaten ½ length by Colca Canyon) in October: well held in Grade 2 at Clonmel latest start: effective at 2m to 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: often tongue tied: effective held up or ridden prominently (takes good hold): bold jumper, prone to odd bad mistake (hindered when unseating sixth in Grand National): often weak finisher.

C. ROCHE, IRELAND

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

c20s		147
c24s	159	145
c19s	159+	W
c22m	159	143
h16g	153	W
c20d	159	W

JOLY BEY (FR)

8 11-7
 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)

NATIVE UPMANSHIP (IRE)

12 11-6
 ch.g. Be My Native (USA) – Hi' Upham (Deep Run) [2003/4 c25g³ c20d⁵ c20s* c16d³ c20g³ :: 2004/5 c16g⁴ c20s⁴ c17v³ c20s⁵ c16s² Feb 20] tall gelding: has stringhalt: top-class chaser at best, smart nowadays: below-form fifth to Rathgar Beau in Grade 2 at Thurles on penultimate start, no chance with Central House in 4-runner Grade 3 at Naas on latest: probably best around 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

A. L. T. MOORE, IRELAND
 Dark blue (Mrs John Magnier)

COLCA CANYON (IRE)

8 11-6
 b.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Golden Flats (Sonnen Gold) [2003/4 F16g* 16m* 16g* c16f² c19m* c16s^{ur} c21m² c17d³ c16g⁵ c17d² :: 2004/5 c16g^F c20d* c20d² c22m^{bd} c24s* c24s⁵ c20d^{pu} Nov 13] big, lengthy gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser: beat Risk Accessor ½ length when winning minor event at Killarney in May and Anglo Irish Bank Munster National (Handicap) at Limerick in October, all out after being left with definite lead 2 out in latter: well held in Grade 1 at Down Royal and valuable handicap at Cheltenham (mistakes) last 2 starts: stays 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

MRS J. HARRINGTON, IRELAND
 Pink and white diamonds, white sleeves, pink cap (Mr Philip F. Myerscough)

LE PASSING (FR)

6 11-3
 b.g. Passing Sale (FR) – Petite Serenade (FR) (Trac) [2003/4 16g² 17s* 17s* 16d² 16s² 17d :: 2004/5 c16s³ c16d³ c19m² c19v* c20v* c20g² c24d⁵ Feb 19] good-topped gelding: progressed into useful novice hurdler in 2003/4: already at least as good over fences, won maiden at Chepstow in December and handicap at Uttoxeter (beat The Villager 6 lengths) in January: second to El Vaquero start either side, in Grade 1 novice at Sandown on latter occasion, not staying on so strongly after last in well-run race: stays 2½m, below form at 3m last time: acts on heavy and good to firm going: ran as if amiss final start in 2003/4 and on reappearance: jumps soundly.

P. F. NICHOLLS
 Royal blue and yellow (halved), royal blue sleeves, yellow cap (The Hon Mrs Townshend & Mr J.R. Townshend)

LACDOUDAL (FR)

6 11-3
 gr.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Belfast (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)

MY WILL (FR)

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

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

168

	147
c24g	168 139
c21d	147 + 140
c25d	152 + 140
h20s	142 + 134
c21g	+ 140
c20g	153 + 147

164

	146
c16s	161 G2
c20s	156 G2
c17v	164 + G1
c20s	167 G1
c16g	158 G1
c20g	168 G1

156

	146
c20d	147
c24s	G1
c24s	155 + 140
c22m	138
c20d	154 138
c20d	154 W

157

	143
c24d	148 G2
c20g	157 G1
c20v	156 + 134
c19v	151 + W
c19m	150 W
c16d	134 W

159

	143
c20s	157 G2
c20g	157 G1
c21s	159 138
c20d	155 + 130
c19g	142 + W
c21d	153 W

154

	148
c16v	154 G2
c21d	153 G2
c20s	153 + G2
c16d	145 G2
c16d	137 + N
c16g	N

MOUSESKI

11 11-3
 b.g. Petoski – Worth Matravers (National Trust) [2003/4 c19s* :: 2004/5 c16s* c20g* c24m^F c16s* c18s* c16s³ c19s* c16s² c20s* c20d⁶ Mar 5] smallish gelding: winning hurdler: has made remarkable progress in handicap chases this season, winning at Chepstow (twice), Fontwell and Wetherby (not off bridle to beat Royal Emperor) between October and February and excellent under 4 lengths sixth to Supreme Prince in valuable event at Newbury in March: successful much earlier in season in hunters at Cheltenham and Ludlow for R. Barber: stays 2½m: acts on soft going.

P. F. NICHOLLS
 Dark blue, dark blue and purple quartered cap (Mr M. H. Dare)

REDEMPTION

10 11-2
 b.g. Sanglamore (USA) – Ypha (USA) (Lyphard (USA)) [2003/4 c20f^{ur} c20g^{pu} c20g* c20s^F 21d* c16g^{ur} 20d⁵ 21g 24g 20g³ :: 2004/5 21g c21d^{ur} c21d² c21s c24s Feb 26] workmanlike gelding: smart handicap chaser: trained by M. Pipe second and third starts, more fluent than usual and best effort when 4 lengths second to Le Duc in valuable event at Cheltenham in January: well held since, though shaped as if still in form when well held over unsuitable trip at Kempton last time: did well over hurdles in 2003/4, creditable seventh to The Dark Lord in handicap on reappearance, finding less than seemed likely: stays 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: blinkered once (went in snatches): sketchy jumper of fences.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES
 Royal blue, orange hoop, orange sleeves, royal blue armlets, quartered cap (Mr John Duggan & Mr Michael Purtill)

IZNOGOUD (FR)

9 11-2
 br.g. Shafoun (FR) – Vancia (FR) (Top Dancer (FR)) [2003/4 25d c26g c24s^{pu} c20g* c24m³ c20g² c21g^F c29m⁶ :: 2004/5 c21s c24s² Feb 26] tall, leggy gelding: has a markedly round action: winning hurdler: useful handicap chaser: well beaten on reappearance: placed for second year running when 6 lengths second to Farmer Jack in Racing Post Chase at Kempton following month, keeping on well: effective at 2½m to easy 29f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: visored twice (departed early both times).

M. C. PIPE
 Yellow, maroon cross belts, royal blue sleeves, royal blue and yellow quartered cap (The County Stores and Avalon Surfacing)

BUCKBY LANE

9 11-0
 b.g. Nomadic Way (USA) – Buckby Folly (Netherkelly) [2003/4 c20g² c20s* :: 2004/5 c21s* c20d Mar 5] tall, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful hurdler: off over a year and only third start over fences, useful form when winning Grade 3 Ladbrokes Trophy Chase (Handicap) at Cheltenham in January by 1¼ lengths from Kandjar d'Allier, jumping really well in front: respectable tenth, again making most and weakening only last, to Supreme Prince in similar valuable event at Newbury next time (reportedly suffering from sore shins): should stay 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

P. R. WEBBER
 Emerald green, white epaulets and cap (Mrs P. Starkey)

PALARSHAN (FR)

7 11-0
 b. or br.g. Darshaan – Palavera (FR) (Bikala) [2003/4 c16g c16s² c16d :: 2004/5 20s⁵ c21d c21s³ c24s⁶ Feb 26] tall, good-topped gelding: smart handicap chaser: back to form when third to Buckby Lane in valuable 16-runner event at Cheltenham in January, nearest finish: not beaten through lack of stamina when respectable staying-on sixth to Farmer Jack in another valuable event at Kempton last time: winning hurdler, second outing in Britain when fifth to Patriarch Express in valuable handicap at Haydock on reappearance: probably stays 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

H. D. DALY
 Green, yellow sleeves, pale blue cap (Mrs A. L. Wood)

TIKRAM

8 11-0
 ch.g. Lycius (USA) – Black Fighter (USA) (Secretariat (USA)) [2003/4 16m³ c20g² c16g² c22s* c20s⁴ c20g* c20g* c21m² :: 2004/5 c20d c21d⁵ c16d⁵ c24d² c24s⁴ Feb 26] tall gelding: useful chaser: won Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup Handicap at Cheltenham in 2003/4: running consistently this season, in frame last 2 starts in valuable handicaps at Doncaster (second to Colourful Life) and Kempton (fourth to Farmer Jack): stays 3m: acts on any going: tried visored/blinkered (pulled hard), wore cheekpieces third start: not an easy ride (takes plenty of driving), but is consistent.

G. L. MOORE
 Light green, orange sleeves and cap (Mike Charlton And Rodger Sargent)

161

	143
c20d	161 143
c20s	148 + 135
c16s	154 135
c19s	153 + 129
c16s	147 + 132
c18s	142 + 123

165 X

	142
c24s	+ 143
c21s	+ 144
c21d	165 142
c21d	142
h21g	151 139
h20g	154 137

163

	142
c24s	163 138
c21s	140
c29m	146 136
c21g	140
c20g	159 136
c24m	147 130

163

	140
c20d	157 140
c21s	163 + 131
c21d	155 + N
c20g	136 + L

167

	140
c24s	161 141
c21s	167 141
c21d	145
h20s	146 131
c16d	138 147
c16s	167 + 142

164

	140
c24s	164 140
c24d	164 141
c16d	163 + 141
c21d	164 143
c20d	153 145
c21m	164 141

JAKARI (FR) 8 10-13
 b.g. Apeldoorn (FR) – Tartifume II (FR) (Mistigri) [2003/4 c20m* c19d* c21d⁵ c20s* c20g c21m³ :: 2004/5 c21s Jan 29] rather leggy gelding; winning hurdler: useful handicap chaser: won at Cheltenham, Ascot and Ayr in 2003/4: creditable third to Seebald in Grade 2 at Cheltenham final start: stopped quickly there on reappearance: should stay beyond 21f: acts on soft and good to firm going: races prominently.

H. D. DALY
Eton blue (The Earl Cadogan)

?	
c21s	139
c21m'	141
c20g'	142
c20s'	145
c21d'	163 137
c19d'	+ 138
	160 130

LE DUC (FR) 6 10-12
 b.g. Villez (USA) – Beberova (FR) (Synefos (USA)) [2003/4 c16m* c16m⁴ c19s^F c16g² 16g c17g* c16g³ c20g^{pu} c16g⁴ :: 2004/5 c20s⁴ c20d 20s⁴ c24s^{pu} c21d* c21s 20d³ c20d Mar 5] tall, good-topped gelding; impresses in appearance: useful hurdler: creditable 4 lengths third of 8 to Blue Canyon in Grade 2 at Fontwell in February: similar level over fences on his day, winning valuable handicap at Cheltenham in January by 4 lengths from Redemption: creditable efforts in similar events since, though didn't apply himself so well when seventh to Buckby Lane there or ninth to Supreme Prince at Newbury: stays 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried blinkered: ungenune.

P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (Mrs J. Stewart)

161 §	
c20d	158 138
h20d	158 + G2
c21s	161 139
c21d	161 131
c24s	161 131
h20s	156 136

POLAR RED 8 10-11
 ch.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – Sharp Top (Sharpo) [2003/4 c16d² c19s* c16v* c17s^{ur} c20g⁶ c20g³ c19m* :: 2004/5 c17d* c21m² c20d 20v⁵ 16d Feb 12] angular gelding; useful chaser: won intermediate at Bangor (easily, by 8 lengths from Marked Man) in May: good second of 8 to Gladiateur IV in handicap at Stratford later in month: winning hurdler: well held in valuable handicaps at Haydock and Newbury last 2 starts: stays 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: often visored over hurdles.

M. C. PIPE
Black and white stripes, emerald green and white striped sleeves (Lady Clarke)

?	
h16d	137
h20v	+ 137
c20d	138
c21m	163 138
c17d	163 + W
c19m'	144 + N

WHEREAREYOUNOW (IRE) 8 10-11
 ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Angie's Delight (London Gazette) [2003/4 c20m* c24g* c21d³ c25d⁴ c21d* c21d c20g c21g^F c24s² :: 2004/5 c21d⁶ c21s c22v* c20d Mar 5] workmanlike gelding; useful handicap chaser: back to best when winning valuable event at Uttoxeter in February by 17 lengths from Gunner Welburn, making all and jumping well: soon struggling under much less testing conditions in similar contest at Newbury next time: effective at 2½m to 25f: very best efforts on going softer than good (acts on heavy): sound jumper: usually races prominently.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES C. Llewellyn
Emerald green, white stars, emerald green cap, white star (Mr H. R. Mould)

161	
c20d	137
c22v	161 126
c21s	147 130
c21d	141 + 132
c24s'	148 + N
c21g'	135

SIMPLY GIFTED 10 10-9
 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)

161	
c20d	161 135
c24s	157 138
c20s	135
c20g	161 137
c20g'	160 130
c16g'	156 + 130

EUROPA 9 10-9
 b.g. Jupiter Island – Dublin Ferry (Celtic Cone) [2003/4 c16s³ c20g^{pu} 16g :: 2004/5 16g c20s^{pu} c20g* c20g³ c21d³ c21d^F c21s Jan 29] big, well-made gelding; winning hurdler: useful handicap chaser: sold out of T. Tate's stable 33,000 gns Doncaster August Sales before second start: back to best since, winning 6-runner event at Kempton in November: third to Supreme Prince and Monkerhostin in well-contested races at Newbury and Cheltenham next 2 starts: lacklustre effort last time: should stay beyond 21f: acts on heavy going, probably on good to firm.

FERDY MURPHY J. M. Maguire
Emerald green and yellow (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Trevor Hemmings)

165	
c21s	135
c21d	+ 136
c21d	165 + 135
c20g	165 136
c20g'	159 131
c20s	136

BROOKLYN BREEZE (IRE) 8 10-8
 b. or br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Moss Gale (Strong Gale) [2003/4 c20d* :: 2004/5 24v⁵ 20s c21s c16d³ Feb 18] rangy, useful-looking gelding; successful first 3 starts over hurdles in 2002/3: travelled well long way when well held in handicaps first 2 starts this term: useful chaser: won novice at Carlisle most impressively by 25 lengths from Simply Supreme (missed remainder of 2003/4 after reportedly straining tendon): back to best when 2¾ lengths third of 7 to L'Ange Au Ciel in handicap at Sandown last time, dropped out in strongly-run race and unable to quicken after hampered 2 out: effective at 2m (given a test) to 3m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going.

L. LUNGO A. Dobbin
Beige, brown hooped sleeves, orange cap (Ashleybank Investments Limited)

158	
c16d	158 134
h20s	131
c21s	133
h20s	125
h24v	123 + 125
c20d'	158 + N

SCOTS GREY 10 10-7
 gr.g. Terimon – Misowni (Niniski (USA)) [2003/4 c20g* c21g^F :: 2004/5 c21d^{ur} c21d c20d Mar 5] sturdy gelding; useful chaser: better than ever when winning handicap at Kempton in 2003/4 by short head from Hand Inn Hand, pair well clear: close up and going well when fell heavily twelfth (Canal Turn) in Topham Chase at Aintree only subsequent start: has contested valuable handicaps this season, easily best effort when over 6 lengths eighth to Supreme Prince at Newbury latest start: may prove best up to 2½m: acts on any going: usually races prominently (held up at Newbury): usually sound jumper.

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

159	
c20d	159 133
c21d	136
c21d	141
c21g'	141
c20g'	169 133

BANKER COUNT 13 10-6
 b.g. Lord Bud – Gilzie Bank (New Brig) [2003/4 c20s^{pu} c24s c24d^{pu} c24g^F c20g² :: 2004/5 c20g^{ur} c20g⁵ c20g⁵ c20d² c21d³ c20s* c19v* c20d* c24s³ Feb 26] big gelding; useful handicap chaser: revitalized this season, winning at Leicester in December, Towcester in January and Kempton (jumped very well, beat Zeta's River by 8 lengths) in February: again jumped well when creditable third to Farmer Jack in valuable event at Kempton latest start: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: used to be held up, though ridden prominently last 4 starts.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS
Red, dark blue seams, white sleeves, dark blue seams, dark blue cap, white star (Mrs H. Brown)

161	
c24s	161 128
c20d	161 127
c19v	159 121
c20s	144 114
c21d	144 115A
c20d	152 + 115

HUNTERS TWEED 9 10-5
 ch.g. Nashwan (USA) – Zorette (USA) (Zilzal (USA)) [2003/4 c25g⁶ c20d* c20d² c21d* c24m^{pu} c20g^{pu} c25g :: 2004/5 c25d² c22v^{pu} 20d⁶ Feb 24] leggy gelding; useful handicap chaser: won at Wetherby and Cheltenham in 2003/4, beating Kelrev 8 lengths in Ladbroke Trophy Chase at latter track: in cheekpieces, back to form when creditable second of 5 finishers to Joe Blake at Wetherby on reappearance: off 10 months, well behind when pulled up in valuable event at Uttoxeter on penultimate start: blinkered, went with more zest when sixth to Spring Pursuit in handicap hurdle at Haydock on latest, travelling strongly to lead 4 out and no extra when headed 2 out: stays 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually races prominently.

P. BEAUMONT G. Lee
Emerald green and yellow (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Trevor Hemmings)

164	
h20d	146 + 125
c22v	135
c25d	164 135
c25g'	138
c20g'	141
c24m'	141

LIBERTHINE (FR) 6 10-2
 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)

166 +	
c22v	156 + 129
c21s	164 + 134
c20d	163 + 129
c20s	166 + 125
c25g'	G2
c20d'	138 + W

MARKED MAN (IRE) 9 10-1
 b.g. Grand Plaisir (IRE) – Teazle (Quayside) [2003/4 17d* 20d 19d⁶ c16s⁶ c19g⁴ c19d* :: 2004/5 c16m* c17d² c16g* c16m^{pu} c16d² c16d² c21d c17g² Mar 4] good-topped gelding; fair handicap hurdler: fairly useful chaser: won novice at Ludlow in April and handicap at Uttoxeter in June: creditable efforts in handicaps since when runner-up, beaten 12 lengths by Tanikos in 8-runner event at Newbury last time, niggled along in rear after mistake fourth and staying on without threatening winner: stays 21f: acts on good to soft and good to firm going: reliable.

R. LEE
Yellow, dark green star, hooped sleeves, quartered cap (Mr & Mrs C. R. Elliott)

160	
c17g	160 127
c21d	127 127
c16d	160 125
c16d	160 122
c16m	122
c16g	153 115

HEART MIDOLTIAN (FR)

8 10-0

gr.g. Royal Charter (FR) – Pride of Queen (FR) (Saint Henri) [2003/4 c20g* 20m³ c22spu 20f⁶ c25d⁵ c21g c21g^w c29d^F :: 2004/5 c20g^{pu} c20spu Oct 8] medium-sized, long-necked ex-Irish gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: fairly useful hurdler/chaser: won Grade 3 novice at Punctestown very early in 2003/4: generally well held off stiff marks in handicaps subsequently: has left S. Neville: stays 2¾m: acts on firm and soft going: usually tongue tied.

*M. C. PIPE**Orange and emerald green (quartered), hooped sleeves (Mrs S. Neville)*

?	
c20s	126
c20g	G2
c29d ^F	128
c21g ^w	130
c21g ^w	130
c25d ^F	157
	132
	G3

MULTEEN RIVER (IRE)

9 10-0

b.g. Supreme Leader – Blackwater Mist (IRE) (King's Ride) [2003/4 c17m* c16g* c19d⁴ c16v^F c16s c18g⁴ c32g :: 2004/5 c21m* c20g^{su} c20d⁴ c16d* Dec 5] tall, useful-looking gelding: winning hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Uttoxeter in September and Warwick (by length from Marked Man) in December: stays 21f: acts on soft and good to firm going: often fails to impress with jumping/temperament.

*JONJO O'NEILL**Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***158 X**

	126
c16d	157+120
c20d	139
c20g	122
c21m	158
c32g ^w	116
c18g ^w	139
	119

DAVIDS LAD (IRE)

11 10-0 (9-13)

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)***?**

	126
h18s	129
W	W
c18s	127
c21d	130
c19s	132
c16s	134
c19s	W

ROVERETTO

10 10-0 (9-13)

b.g. Robellino (USA) – Spring Flyer (IRE) (Waajib) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c23m⁴ c20g² c20m² c20d⁶ c21d^{pu} 22s⁵ 24d c27s⁴ c24g^{wr} Feb 5] sturdy gelding: one-time useful hurdler, well beaten in handicaps in November/December: fairly useful handicap chaser: not discredited penultimate start: mid-field when unseating ninth in valuable event at Sandown last time: stays easy 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going: visored/blinker 6 of last 7 outings: temperamental.

*M. C. PIPE**Yellow, large red spots, dark blue sleeves, yellow cap, red spots (Swanvista Limited)***158 \$**

	126
c24g	125
c27s	158+127
h24d	123
h22s	125
c21d	129
c20d	154
	130

GHADAMES (FR)

11 10-0 (9-13)

b.g. Synefos (USA) – Ouargla (FR) (Armos) [2003/4 c20m⁶ c21g² c20m^{pu} c20g^F 20v* 17s⁵ :: 2004/5 c16s* c16s* c16s* c16s* c16s² Feb 19] modest hurdler, won conditional jockeys selling handicap at Newcastle in 2003/4: fairly useful handicap chaser: left M. Todhunter and wearing cheekpieces, back to very best this season, winning at Sedgfield and Leicester in February: good second of 6 finishers to Town Crier at Haydock last time: stays 21f: acts on any going: has broken blood vessels.

*R. C. GUEST**Dark blue, pink and dark blue hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mr Paul Beck)***163**

	126
c16s	160
c16s	159+114
c16s	159+107
h17s ^w	121+103
h20v ^w	126+95SA
c20g ^w	109

S. Fox

LATITUDE (FR)

6 10-0 (9-12)

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)***156**

	126
c21s	127
c19v	127
c22d	156
c20s	156
c22d ^w	156
c19g ^w	143+N

SPRING MARGOT (FR)

9 10-0 (9-12)

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)***162**

	126
c20s	162
c24d	125
c24d	159+126
c20g	158
c20d	162
	125

CHRISTOPHER

8 10-0 (9-12)

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)***163**

	126
c22v	127
h22s	154+112
c24d	153+125
c21d	163
c20s	160+118
c20s	147
	118

OH BE THE HOKEY (IRE)

7 10-0 (9-12)

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'Estruval) 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)***160**

	126
c18s	157+122
h20s	154+W
c24v	122
c24v	154
c22d	152+W
h20d	154
	W

BALL O MALT (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-11)

b.g. Star Quest – Vera Dodd (IRE) (Riot Helmet) [2003/4 24d³ 20s⁴ c20g⁶ :: 2004/5 22v² 16d c16g* c16v² c16d³ 20v⁴ Feb 19] big, lengthy gelding: bumper winner: fair novice hurdler: creditable fourth to Olney Lad in quite valuable handicap at Uttoxeter on latest start: fairly useful form over fences: won 10-runner novice at Catterick in December by 3½ lengths from Waterspray: creditable third of 7 to Palua in handicap at Doncaster on penultimate start: effective at 2m to 3m: raced on good going or softer over jumps (acts on heavy): reportedly led from nose second start.

*R. A. FAHEY**Black, yellow cross of lorraine, diamonds on sleeves and cap (Mr Declan Kinahan)***155**

	126
h20v	147
c16d	155
c16v	155
c16g	154+N
h16d	110
h22v	147
	N

STAMPARLAND HILL

10 10-0 (9-10)

b.g. Gildoran – Woodland Flower (Furry Glen) [2003/4 17d⁵ 24d c16d² c16d² :: 2004/5 c16d* c16s^F 16v⁶ 19d³ 25d³ 20g² Feb 27] lengthy gelding: fairly useful but error-prone handicap chaser, won 6-runner event at Carlisle in October: fair handicap hurdler: placed last 3 starts, ran well when 2½ lengths second of 13 to Mr Midaz at Musselburgh on latest: barely stays 25f: raced on good ground or softer (acts on soft): free-going sort.

*J. M. JEFFERSON**Light blue, black seams, light blue sleeves, hooped cap (Mr J. R. Salter)***156 X**

	126
h20g	144
h25d	136+105
h19d	138
h16v	125
c16s	122
c16d	151+117

THE VILLAGER (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-8)

br.g. Zaffaran (USA) – Kitty Wren (Warpath) [2003/4 c21d⁵ c20g⁵ :: 2004/5 c24d^{pu} c27d⁴ c24v² c28v^F c24v⁵ c20v² c20d^{pu} Feb 9] workmanlike gelding: winning hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: creditable efforts this season only when in frame, 6 lengths second to Le Passing at Uttoxeter penultimate start: effective at 2½m to 27f: acts on heavy going, won bumper on good to firm: tried tongue tied: often let down by jumping.

*M. SCUDAMORE**Grey, red sleeves, black and red check cap (Mrs S. Tainton)***156 X**

	126
c20d	120
c20v	156
c24v	140
c28v	122
c24v	156+122
c27d	156
	124

JERICHO III (FR)

8 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Lute Antique (FR) – La Salamandre (FR) (Pot d'Or (FR)) [2003/4 c16g^{pu} c16m 17m^{pu} c20d^{pu} c21d^{pu} c20d³ c20g³ :: 2004/5 c20m⁵ c16d² c17m^{ro} c17g^{wr} c17g³ c17s^F c16d² c16m² c16d² c19g⁶ c17v* c16d* c16v* c16s* c16d⁵ Feb 18] leggy gelding: winning hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Kelso, Leicester (conditional jockeys, beat Barton Nic 11 lengths) and Ayr (easily) in January and Towcester (made all to beat Compton Amica 6 lengths) in February: shaped as if still in form at Sandown last time, helping force overly-strong pace: probably best around 2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: wears headgear: tried tongue tied (has had breathing problems): bold jumper: free-going front runner: hasn't always looked straightforward (ran out run-in third 2004/5 start).

*R. C. GUEST**Dark blue, pink and dark blue hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mr Paul Beck)***154**

	126
c16d	+ 120
c16s	149+107
c16v	149+100
c16d	154+100A
c17v	137+95
c19g	114
	97

DAVOSKI

11 10-0 (9-4)

b.g. Niniski (USA) – Pamela Peach (Habitat) [2003/4 c20spu c19g5 c17g3 c16m3 :: 2004/5 c20d5 c21d5 c16m c20g4 c16g^{pu} 20d5 16g c20d* Nov 14] angular gelding: useful hurdler/smart 2m chaser at one time: sold out of Ms B. Nicholls' stable 7,800 gns Doncaster May Sales after second outing: fair form when 50/1-winner of 9-finisher handicap chase at Cheltenham latest start, drawing clear after 2 out to beat Cigarillo 7 lengths: stays 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried in cheekpieces: often jumps poorly: none too genuine.

DR P. PRITCHARD*Brown, light blue striped sleeves, light blue cap (Lady Maria Coventry)***SHALAKO (USA)**

7 10-0 (9-4)

ch.g. Kingmambo (USA) – Sporades (USA) (Vaguely Noble) [2003/4 16m2 16m5 20d4 16d2 16s 21d4 21g6 16s6 20g 16m :: 2004/5 c19d2 c20m* c20d2 c19d2 c20d2 c20g^F c21s3 c20s4 Feb 26] angular gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: similar form over fences, despite not always convincing with jumping: won maiden at Worcester in August: below form last 2 starts, running badly in 4-runner handicap at Kempton on latest: stays 2½/2m: acts on good to firm going, probably on heavy: blinkered/visored last 3 starts in 2003/4.

P. J. HOBBS*Light blue, red stars, light blue sleeves (Mr D. J. Jones)***GENUINE ARTICLE (IRE)**

9 10-0 (9-2)

ch.g. Insan (USA) – Rosemount Rose (Ashmore (FR)) [2003/4 c17m2 c19m* c19d^{ur} c20g^{pu} c19s^F :: 2004/5 c17m* c16g^{pu} 16g* 16m* 16g Oct 30] sturdy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser (often let down by jumping), won at Stratford in May by 2½ lengths from Montpelier: has done well back over hurdles, winning handicaps at Stratford in July and September: fifth win from as many starts at track when making all to beat Forever Dream ¾ length in 10-runner race for latest success: joint favourite, brushed aside early in straight when well held at Lingfield last time: best form up to 19f: acts on firm and good to soft going.

M. PITMAN*Black and white check, yellow sleeves, black and white quartered cap (Mr Malcolm C. Denmark)***GATORADE (NZ)**

13 10-0 (9-1)

ch.g. Dahar (USA) – Ribena (NZ) (Battle-Waggon) [2003/4 c21m* c21g* :: 2004/5 c20g6 c21m3 c24f2 c25m2 c24d* c25s^{F2} c20d2 c25s2 c20s* c20v3 c19d2 c20d Feb 9] leggy gelding: winning hurdler: fair handicap chaser: won at Carlisle in October and Wetherby (by 5 lengths from Winchester) in December: creditable 5 lengths second to Noisetine at Doncaster penultimate start: rare poor effort at Ludlow last time: stays 25f: acts on any going: wears cheekpieces: has broken blood vessels: held up: tough and reliable.

R. C. GUEST*Dark blue, pink and dark blue hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mr Paul Beck)***LORD 'N' MASTER (IRE)**

9 10-0 (8-10)

b.g. Lord Americo – Miss Good Night (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 c23g4 c20m5 c24d2 c24d5 c20m3 c24d2 c24g^{bd} c23s^F c29m :: 2004/5 c20d Feb 11] useful-looking gelding: modest hurdler: fair handicap chaser: jumped poorly when well held at Kempton on reappearance: stays 3m (stiff task over 29f): acts on soft and good to firm going: often makes mistakes.

R. ROWE*Brown, light blue cross belts, striped sleeves, light blue cap (Dr B. Alexander)***148 \$**

c20d	148	126
h16g		107
h20d	135?	118A
c16g		120
c20g	135?	109
c16m		115

151

c20s		126
c21s	149+N	119
c20g		123
c20d	160	123
c19d	160	N
c20d	152	N

150

h16g	126	126
h16m	140	110
h16g	134+99	104
c16g		114
c17m	147+109	123
c19s		N

147

c20d		126
c19d	147	113
c20v	147	113
c20s	146+106	
c25s	142	106
c20d	146	106

145

c20d		126
c29m	135	121
c23s		+ 113
c24g		113
c24d	145	110
c20m	148	108

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CONTROL MAN (IRE)

7 12-0

ch.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Got To Fly (IRE) (Kemal (FR)) [2003/4 17g* 20d3 21d4 18s* 20s* 24g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c19s* c21d* c24g^{ur} c25s* c24s2 c28s^{pu} Feb 19] angular gelding: useful hurdler, won 3 times in 2003/4, notably Grade 3 EBF Novices' Handicap Hurdle at Sandown: similar form over fences, won maiden at Chepstow and novice (beat Joes Edge 9 lengths) at Cheltenham in December and novice at Exeter in January: creditable 9 lengths second to L'Ami in quite valuable novice at Warwick on penultimate start: let down by jumping in valuable handicap at Haydock last time: stays 25f: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy): races prominently: sometimes looks tricky ride (visored nowadays), but is consistent.

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

9 12-0

b. or br.g. Supreme Leader – Sno-Sleigh (Bargello) [2003/4 22d2 25d* c24s^{ur} 26g :: 2004/5 c23s* c23s3 c24v* Feb 15] sturdy gelding: modest hurdler, won novice handicap at Wetherby in 2003/4: already a better chaser: won novice at Leicester in December and 4-runner handicap at Newcastle in February, asserting between last 2 when beating eased Toulon Rouge by 19 lengths at latter course: third to Home James in handicap at Exeter in between (may have finished second but for mistake 3 out): stays 25f: raced on good ground or softer (acts on heavy): tried tongue tied.

R. T. PHILLIPS*White, dark blue stripe, white and dark blue halved sleeves, striped cap (The Early Birds)***GOLDEN RAMBLER (IRE)**

9 12-0

br.g. Roselier (FR) – Goldiyana (FR) (Glint of Gold) [2003/4 20g 24d 20g :: 2004/5 c24d* c26d* c24f^F c22s^{pu} Feb 19] good-topped gelding: fairly useful hurdler: jumped soundly in main when easily landing odds in weak novice chases at Southwell and Uttoxeter in May: ran poorly on return from 5-month break last time: suited by 3m+: acts on soft going.

JONJO O'NEILL*Light blue and orange diamonds, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, orange star (J. C., J. R. and S. R. Hitchins)***KEEPATEM (IRE)**

9 12-0

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)***OH SO LIVELY (IRE)**

7 12-0

b.g. King's Ride – Borgina (Boreen (FR)) [2003/4 20d^{pu} :: 2004/5 19g6 16f6 16f c20m c25f c22f* c23m2 c25m^F c24s* 24g4 c24v^F 22v c28s^{ro} c20v2 Feb 5] sixth foal: half-brother to fair bumper winner Merry Shot (by Cataldi): dam unraced: poor hurdler: fair chaser: won handicaps at Fairyhouse in July and Cork in August: best effort when 3½ lengths second of 9 finishers to Alberoni in novice handicap at Naas last time: should stay beyond 25f: acts on any going: ran out penultimate start.

E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND*Emerald green, red hoop, halved sleeves, red cap (Mr K. T. Clancy)***148**

c28s	148	N
c25s	142	N
c24g		G1
c21d	148+N	
c19s	136+W	

126

c24v	124+110	
c23s	115+111	
c23s	114+N	
h26g		104
c24s		+ 104
h25d	100+90	

122 ?

c22s	118	
c24f		N
c26d	105+N	
c24d	122+N	
h20g		120
h24d	110+120	

139 +

c21v	134+G2	
c24v	136+115	
c18s	118	115
c23d	130+W	
c17d	95+W	
c18v	121+N	

117

c20v	117	105
c28s		105
h22v		86
c24v		108
h24g	91	81
c24s	104+93	

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).

PEARLY JACK

7 12-0
 ch.g. Weld – Pearly Lady (Tycoon II) [2003/4 F18d* 16d 18g 16s2 18s2 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)

POINT BARROW (IRE)

7 12-0
 b.g. Arctic Lord – Credit Transfer (IRE) (Kemal (FR)) [2003/4 F16d* 19sF 20g* 22s5 20d2 :: 2004/5 20g5 c24s4 c22d2 c25d* c24v* c24v* Feb 13] good-topped gelding: fairly useful hurdler: similar form over fences, best effort when winning Grade 3 Ladbroke Ten Up Novices' Chase at Navan in February by ¾ length from Mullacash, staying on dourly: earlier won maiden at Fairyhouse (by 3½ lengths from Another Rum) in December and Grade 2 Woodlands Park 100 Club Novices' Chase at Naas (beat Lincam by 2½ lengths) in January: will be well suited by long distances: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

PATRICK HUGHES, IRELAND

Grey, purple seams, quartered cap (Mrs P. Clune Hughes)

SMILE PLEEZE (IRE)

13 12-0
 b.g. Naheez (USA) – Harkin Park (Pollerton) [2003/4 c25d5 c28dpu :: 2004/5 c23m3 c23g* c23m* c23g* 24m c24d c24g4 c24d* c26dF 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

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

TORCHE (IRE)

7 12-0
 b.g. Taos (IRE) – Orchette (IRE) (Orchestra) [2003/4 F17s 20g4 20s^{tr} 23d 25s4 25s* 24s4 25d3 :: 2004/5 c23g4 c24g2 c30d2 c26d* c25s* c24d Mar 5] strong gelding: fair hurdler: already better over fences, winning 4-runner events at Warwick (maiden) and Wetherby (novice, beat Calvic 5 lengths) in December: inadequate test of stamina last time: dour stayer (will stay beyond 29f): acts on soft going: usually visored nowadays: refused to race once: made mistakes third outing.

M. SCUDAMORE

Grey, red sleeves, black and red check cap (Mrs S. Tainton)

WHITFORD DON (IRE)

7 12-0
 b.g. Accordion – Whitford Breeze (Le Bavard (FR)) [2003/4 19d^{ur} 22s2 24v3 24g* :: 2004/5 c25s2 c26v* c26spu c26vF c26v* Feb 25] well-made gelding: improved form over hurdles when winning well-run novice at Newbury in 2003/4: fairly useful novice chaser: won maiden at Warwick in December and novice there in February, travelled well but typically looked none too keen under pressure when beating Concert Pianist 4 lengths in latter: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): will stay long distances: has hung: blinkered last 2 starts: temperamental, and one to treat with caution.

P. F. NICHOLLS

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

WILLIE JOHN DALY (IRE)

8 12-0
 b.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Murphy's Lady (IRE) (Over The River (FR)) [2003/4 20s2 20d4 22s2 22v* 24d2 24g3 24m* 24gF 27dpu :: 2004/5 c23g2 c23s* c24d2 c26g* c26d5 c24s4 Jan 15] leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler (none too fluent): has quickly progressed into an even better chaser, winning maiden at Exeter in October and handicap at Newbury (best effort when beating Desailly by short head) in December: well below form both outings since, making mistakes on first: stays 3¼m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: races prominently: game and reliable.

P. J. HOBBS

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

125

c16s	125	111
c22v	123	110
c16v	121	106
c22v	119	99
c20v	115	99
c18v	103	89

137 +

c24v	133	G3
c24v	129	G2
c25d	129	W
c22d	124	G3
c24s	115	N
h20g	127	G1

124 \$

c26d	121	
c24d	124?	114A
c24g	119?	114A
c24d	115	
h24m	75?	73
c23g	115	+11

130

c24d	113	+123
c25s	126	+N
c26d	130	W
c30d	114	+108
c24g	119	+108
c23g	113	N

123 \$

c26v	123	N
c26v	+	120
c26s		N
c26v	123	+W
c25s	123	+W
h24g	116?	N

139

c24s		N
c26d	121	135
c26g	139	128
c24d	133	+125A
c23s	121	W
c23g	122	+W

YOUR A GASSMAN (IRE)

7 12-0
 b.g. King's Ride – Nish Bar (Callernish) [2003/4 F17g* 18s 19g2 21d2 20s2 :: 2004/5 20d* 26g* c22s2 c24d* c25s* c24g^{bd} c24d6 Jan 29] tall, useful-looking gelding: fair form over hurdles: won maiden at Perth and novice at Cartmel in May: has made good start to chasing career, winning novices at Newcastle in November and Kelso (beat Gingerbread House 18 lengths) in December, jumping well each time: still travelling strongly when brought down eleventh in Grade 1 novice at Kempton on penultimate start: disappointing favourite in valuable handicap at Doncaster last time: stays 3¼m: raced on good going or softer.

FERDY MURPHY

Red and white diamonds, royal blue sleeves, royal blue cap, red diamond (Mr W. J. Gott)

CAISLEAN UI CUAIN (IRE)

9 11-11
 b.g. Satco (FR) – Poundworld (IRE) (Orchestra) [2003/4 c24d c20d2 c24s^{ur} :: 2004/5 26g* 24d2 c26g6 24s3 c26d* c24d^{pu} 24g3 c22s5 c27d5 27d3 22s c20v6 20v c28d c23g Mar 12] winning pointer: modest hurdler/chaser: won handicap over hurdles at Cartmel in May and 2-runner novice over fences there in August: poor efforts last 5 starts: suited by 3m+: acts on soft going: blinkered 4 of last 6 outings: sometimes let down by jumping over fences.

J. J. LAMBE

Light green, black epaulettes, green cap, black star (Mr Seamus O'Farrell)

CLASSIC NATIVE (IRE)

7 11-11
 b. or br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Thats Irish (Furry Glen) [2003/4 20d2 20s4 19g6 24d5 :: 2004/5 c24v* c28v5 Dec 18] tall, good sort: fair form over hurdles: winning chasing debut in 7-runner handicap at Bangor on reappearance by 8 lengths from The Villager: unable to sustain effort straight when below that form in quite valuable handicap at Haydock won by Merchants Friend following month: best at 3m+: acts on heavy ground: strong-galloping sort.

JONJO O'NEILL

Emerald green, white seams, white sleeves, emerald green seams, emerald green cap, white star

(Ray & Sue Dodd Partnership)

EARL'S KITCHEN

8 11-11
 ch.g. Karinga Bay – Rempstone (Coronash) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 21s5 20s3 19d c20d6 c26d* Feb 26] deep-girthed gelding: chasing type: fairly useful form in bumpers: won at Fontwell in 2002/3: reportedly finished lame final outing and off 20 months: best effort over hurdles (fair form) when 18½ lengths third to Blushing Bull in novice at Chepstow: tongue tied and upped in trip, much better effort over fences when winning 8-runner handicap at Chepstow last time by 8 lengths from Howdydoddy, jumping soundly, leading by halfway and staying on strongly: stays 3¼m: raced only on good going or softer.

C. L. TIZZARD

Royal blue, light blue sash and sleeves, royal blue and white check cap (Mrs J. E. Purdie)

EVA SO CHARMING

7 11-11
 ch.g. Karinga Bay – Charming Gale (Strong Gale) [2003/4 21g3 21v2 22s3 23s* 24s2 24g^{pu} 24d3 :: 2004/5 c26g* c24g^{pu} c26d2 c26d2 c29d2 c28spu c25s3 c26s3 Feb 14] strong gelding: fair hurdler, won amateur maiden at Fakenham in 2003/4: similar form over fences, won maiden at Southwell in May: good efforts when placed since (possibly amiss both other starts), 7½ lengths third of 5 to Calvic in novice at Plumpton last time: stays 29f: raced only on good going or softer: didn't look straightforward penultimate start.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

White, red chevrons on sleeves, red cap (Eva so Charming Partnership)

GALLIK DAWN

7 11-11
 ch.g. Anshan – Sticky Money (Relkino) [2003/4 F16g 24m3 20d 25spu 26spu 16g 19d2 21d :: 2004/5 c21d4 c21g2 c22g* c23d^{pu} c24g c24d2 c24d^{pu} Feb 18] sturdy gelding: poor maiden hurdler: modest novice chaser: won weak maiden at Uttoxeter in May: creditable 5 lengths second to Gray's Eulogy in novice handicap at Huntingdon penultimate start: ran poorly in similar event at Sandown last time: stays 3m: acts on good to soft going.

A. HOLLINGSWORTH

Black, large yellow spots, yellow cap (Mr Perry Adams)

144

c24d		133
c24g	+	G1
c25s	138	+N
c24d	133	N
c22s	126	+120
h26g	101	+N

95

c23g	87	
c28d	82	90
h20v	86	
c20v	92	
h22s	87	
h27d	98	93

130

c28v	110	122
c24v	128	+113
h24d	120	112
h19g	101	N
h20s	89	N
h20d	118	+N

123

c26d	123	105
c20d	97	W
h19d		N
h20s	111	+N
h21s	94	+N

123

c26s	123	N
c25s	123	N
c28s	112	112
c29d	120	+110
c26d	123	N
c26d	123	110

97

c24d	84	
c24d	97	84
c24g		N
c23d		N
c22g	87	+W
c21g	97	W

Mr G. Hammer

GARRYVOE (IRE)

7 11-11

b.g. Lord Americo – Cottage Theme (Brave Invader (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c23d* c20v2 25v2 25v2 Feb 25] €7,000 4-y-o: sixth foal: half-brother to winning pointer by Buckskin: dam placed in bumpers and once over fences: thrice-raced in Irish points, won maiden in 2004: won maiden chase at Leicester in December, better form when 9 lengths second of 5 to St Matthew in novice handicap at Haydock later in month despite several mistakes: also made mistakes over hurdles both outings since, good 7 lengths second to The Listener in novice at Warwick on latest: stays 25f.

*T. R. GEORGE**Black and white stripes, emerald green and white striped sleeves (Lady Clarke)***119 p**

h25v	122	N
h25v	114+N	
c20v	119+112	
c23d	104+N	

SIXO (IRE)

8 11-11

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Miss Mangaroo (Oats) [2003/4 16d* 20d4 21d3 20s 24g6 :: 2004/5 21g3 c26v* c24d2 Feb 12] leggy, close-coupled gelding: useful hurdler: best effort when staying-on third to Famous Grouse in handicap at Kempton on reappearance: promising start over fences since, winning maiden at Chepstow on debut readily by 3 lengths from Sonnant and 10 lengths second of 5 finishers to comfortable winner Distant Thunder in novice at Newbury (blundered 2 out): will stay beyond 3¼m: raced on good ground or softer (acts on heavy): often front runner over hurdles: likely to improve further over fences.

M. C. PIPE

Mr A. Glassonbury

*Light blue, maroon chevron, halved sleeves, light blue and maroon quartered cap (Mr M. Archer & The Late Jean Broadhurst)***148 p**

c24d	146+N	
c26v	127+W	
h21g	144	129
h24g	136	G1
h20s	121+122	
h21d	124+N	

THIEVES'GLEN

7 11-11

b.g. Teenoso (USA) – Hollow Creek (Tarqogan) [2003/4 25s5 20d5u :: 2004/5 17d c25g5 c16s* c18dpu Mar 5] good sort: fairly useful form in bumpers: shaped well when fifth to Comply Or Die in Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham on hurdling debut: reportedly lame next time: easily best effort on return when winning strongly-run 8-finisher maiden chase at Leicester in February, always close up and leading 3 out when beating flattered Squeeze by head: possibly amiss in handicap at Newbury last time: stays 25f: raced on good ground or softer (acts on soft).

*H. MORRISON**Black (Panda Christie & Rory Sweet)***120 +**

c18d	115	
c16s	105+N	
c25g	103+W	
h17d	N	
h20d	+ N	
h25s	120+G2	

ANOTHER RUM (IRE)

7 11-7

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)***133**

c24v	125	G3
c24v		G1
c25d	133	W
c20s	132	N
h22g	135+118	
h22s	120	N

ARDASHIR (FR)

6 11-7

b.g. Simon du Desert (FR) – Antea (FR) (Esprit du Nord (USA)) [2003/4 20g 16d2 17d 20s2 24d 24s* 20m :: 2004/5 23d2 16g* c20d5 c16g2 c20dF c21dpu c21s5 c22s4 Feb 19] leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won handicap at Bangor in late-2003/4 and 16-runner novice at Perth (didn't need to be at best) in September: fair form in novice handicaps over fences last 2 starts, though merely closing late having been off bridle long way out both occasions: stays 3m: acts on soft going, probably on good to firm: broke blood vessel sixth start.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

Mr G. Tumelty

*Red, royal blue chevrons, armlets and star on cap (Mrs Caroline Mould)***121**

c22s	116	109
c21s	121?	116
c21d		115A
c20d		120
c16g	96	N
c20d	+ W	

BALLYWALTER (IRE)

9 11-7

ch.g. Commanche Run – Call Me Honey (Le Bavard (FR)) [2003/4 c22g c19fpu :: 2004/5 c25v5 c19v c24d4 Mar 12] lengthy gelding: winning pointer: poor maiden hurdler: lame final outing in 2003/4 (when trained by N. Gaselee): trained by C. Egerton on reappearance only: 100/1, best effort over fences when 7¾ lengths fourth of 10 finishers to Cinnamon Line in steadily-run maiden at Chepstow last time, though always prominent and possibly flattered: stays 25f: acts on good to firm ground, probably on heavy.

*DR P. PRITCHARD**Dark blue and white stripes, black sleeves, red cap (Mr Barry Marsden)***111 ?**

c24d	111?	W
c19v		74
c25v	80?	79
c19F		N
c22g	+ 84	

GO WHITE LIGHTNING (IRE)

10 11-7

gr.g. Zaffaran (USA) – Rosy Posy (IRE) (Roselier (FR)) [2003/4 c26vpu c22s2 c26s3 c32g :: 2004/5 c26dpu Dec 5] leggy gelding: twice-raced hurdler: fair maiden chaser: made mistakes when pulled up at Warwick on reappearance: should stay 4m: acts on soft going (won bumpers on good to firm and heavy): free-going front runner: often shapes as if amiss.

*M. BRADSTOCK**Royal blue and white check, white sleeves, red armlets, white cap (Mr J. Macleod)***?**

c26d	W
c32g	103+NA
c26s	111 N
c22s	115 W
c26v	N

LASKA DE THAIX (FR)

6 11-7

gr.g. Saint Preuil (FR) – Orca II (FR) (Danoso) [2003/4 19s4 18s c19s c19vpu :: 2004/5 c20s6 19s2 24d3 24d* Mar 8] lengthy, well-made ex-French gelding: chasing type: fifth foal: half-brother to 1¼m/1½m winner Belle Orca (by Mont Basile): dam winning chaser from 2m to 21f: modest maiden hurdler/chaser for G. Chereil: best effort in novice hurdles in Britain (fairly useful form) when winning 14-runner event at Exeter by 12 lengths from Lord Killeshanra, always close up and soon settling issue off home turn: looked hard ride (and on edge beforehand) penultimate start: will stay 3m: probably capable of better over fences.

*P. J. HOBBS**Red, black star, hooped sleeves and cap (D. F. P. Racing)***111 p**

h24d	139+N
h24d	132+N
h19s	120+N
c20s	111 W
c19v	W
c19s	W

MAJOR BLUE

10 11-7

ch.g. Scallywag – Town Blues (Charlottown) [2003/4 16g2 26s* 21v2 :: 2004/5 24s4 22d2 24v5 c23s3 c24vF c26d4 c24d3 Mar 12] rangy gelding: fair handicap hurdler: similar form when third in maiden chases at Exeter and Chepstow (cheekpieces, beaten 3¾ lengths by Cinnamon Line): let down by jumping in between: stays 3¼m, effective over shorter: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

*J. G. M. O'SHEA**Red, black sash, sleeves and diamond on cap (Mrs Ruth Nelmes, C L Dubois, P Smith)***114**

c24d	114	W
c26d	107	103
c24v	+ W	
c23s	114	W
h24v	89+103A	
h22d	118	96

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THE BAJAN BANDIT (IRE)

10 11-12

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b.g. Commanche Run – Sunrise Highway VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2003/4 23m 25dpu 20v* 25g^{pu} :: 2004/5 20s 24d 23s* Feb 19] medium-sized gelding: fairly useful chaser (sketchy jumper): useful handicap hurdler: visored, best effort when winning 15-runner event at Haydock on latest start by 6 lengths from Hirvine, travelling strongly and leading last: stays 23f: acts on heavy going.

L. LUNGO

A. Dobbin

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

5 11-7

144

b.g. Kahyasi – Prompt (Old Vic) [2003/4 17m* 22f* 24m* 25s* 24g 22d* 24s⁴ 24g 24m³ 20m :: 2004/5 22m² 24d* 24d 24s 24s⁵ Feb 26] leggy gelding: useful hurdler: 50/1, won 17-runner handicap at Cheltenham in December by 17 lengths from Attorney General, soon allowed to build long lead and never challenged: tailed off since, looking none too keen in Grade 2 events on last 2 starts: suited by 2^{3/4}m+: acts on firm and soft going: visored: usually races prominently.

M. C. PIPE

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

7 11-7

152

ch.g. Snurge – Guadanella (FR) (Guadanini (FR)) [2003/4 16d* 17s* 22v* 25dur 24d* :: 2004/5 23m 22g² c24s⁴ c22s³ c25s⁴ c25g² c23d* c24s* 23s² Feb 19] good-topped gelding: progressive hurdler, useful form when second of 15 to The Bajan Bandit in handicap at Haydock last time (wore cheekpieces): fairly useful novice chaser, winning at Leicester and Newcastle in January, surviving a few mistakes when beating Meneur de Jeu a short head at latter track: stays 25f: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

P. BOWEN

T. Greenway (5)

*Beige, black hoops and armlets (Mr B. A. Crumbley)***PENNY PICTURES (IRE)**

6 11-2

150

b.g. Theatrical – Copper Creek (Habitat) [2003/4 16g⁶ 16g 16g⁶ 20g 19g³ :: 2004/5 17g* 16m⁴ 22d³ 22d* 24d Dec 10] small gelding: useful handicap hurdler: has progressed well this season, winning at Bangor in April and Newton Abbot in November: best effort when beating Ice Crystal 2 lengths in 6-runner event at latter course, pushed clear on bend and eased flat: effective at 2m to 2^{3/4}m (below form over 3m last time): acts on soft and good to firm going: races freely.

M. C. PIPE

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

11 11-2

153

ch.g. Primo Dominie – Tuppy (USA) (Sharpen Up) [2003/4 23s³ 21d 20d⁴ :: 2004/5 24s* 21d* 22g³ 24m² 22v² 24s* 24v² 25s⁴ 23s³ Feb 19] leggy gelding: useful handicap hurdler: won at Chepstow (amateurs) and Huntingdon in May and Chepstow (quite valuable event, best effort when beating Bramlynn Brook 13 lengths) in December: has remained in form since, good third of 15 to The Bajan Bandit at Haydock latest start, never nearer: stays 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: tried blinkered/visored: has worn tongue tie: held up, and usually set plenty to do.

FERDY MURPHY

K. Mercer (3)

*Black, orange diamond, orange cap (Ms L. Neville)***KADARA (IRE)**

6 11-2

150

b.m. Slip Anchor – Kadassa (IRE) (Shardari) [2003/4 20d 24g² 16d* 20v² 23s 24g⁵ 20d 20m :: 2004/5 c23s^F 22d⁵ 24g³ 25s⁶ 24d² Jan 31] tall, useful-looking mare: will make a chaser: usually looks very well: useful handicap hurdler on balance: won valuable mares event at Sandown in 2003/4: running well this season, especially when 1^{1/2} lengths second of 14 to Chamoss Royale at Kempton on latest start: off 6 months and better for race, promising start over fences until falling 2 out behind Willie John Daly in maiden at Exeter in October, jumping fluently in main but held when departing: effective at well-run 2m to 3m: acts on heavy going, probably on good to firm: reportedly unsuited by left-handed track fifth outing last season.

R. H. ALNER

*Red, white epaulets, white sleeves, red armlets and star on white cap (Mrs Norma Kelly)***THE DARK LORD (IRE)**

8 11-1

152

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 1^{1/4} 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)

L. Aspell

BASILEA STAR (IRE)

8 11-1

152 p

b.g. Fourstars Allstar (USA) – Swiss Castle (IRE) (Carlingford Castle) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 20s⁶ 20s^{wr} 22s* 22s* 25g* 20v* 24d³ Jan 31] well-made gelding: second foal: half-brother to bumper/2m hurdle winner Roman Native (by Be My Native): dam placed in bumper: won both starts in Irish points in 2004: sold out of J. Kiely's stable 15,000 gns Doncaster May Sales before reappearance: progressive handicap hurdler, winning at Kelso (2), Catterick and Uttoxeter (beat Celtic Son by 1^{3/4} lengths, leading last and tending to idle): good staying-on third of 14 to Chamoss Royale at Kempton last time: stays 25f: acts on heavy going: tried tongue tied, including last 4 starts: probably hasn't finished improving.

FERDY MURPHY

Royal blue, emerald green stars, emerald green sleeves, royal blue stars, royal blue cap, emerald green star (Mr Brendan J. O'Rourke)

G. Lee

CHAMOSS ROYALE (FR)

5 11-1

154

ch.m. Garde Royale – Chamoss (FR) (Tip Moss (FR)) [2003/4 17v* 22g* :: 2004/5 22d³ c21g^F 24s³ 24d³ 24d* 22d² Feb 19] angular mare: useful hurdler: won handicap at Kempton in January by 1^{1/2} lengths from Kadara: very good 1^{3/4} lengths second to Blue Business in similar event at Wincanton next time, stretching field some way out: still going well when falling 4 out in mares novice won by Nas Na Riogh at Wincanton on chasing debut: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Dark blue, pink epaulets and star on cap (Mrs Kathy Stuart)

R. Walsh

VAL DU DON (FR)

5 11-1

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b.g. Garde Royale – Vallee Normande (FR) (Bellypha) [2003/4 15s³ 16s³ 18s* 17d³ 17d² :: 2004/5 c17g* c20s² c20s^F c20s^{wr} c16d² c22d⁵ 25s^{pu} Jan 15] leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: reportedly distressed when pulled up in handicap at Warwick last time: fair chaser: won 9-runner 4-y-o event at Meslay-du-Maine in August: left G. Macaire after third start this season: best effort for current stable (distressed last time) when 8 lengths second of 4 to Le Seychellois in 4-y-o novice at Warwick, none too fluent: stays 2^{1/2}m: raced on good ground or softer (acts on soft).

N. J. HENDERSON

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

6 11-0

155

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Her Ladyship (Polish Precedent (USA)) [2003/4 17g* 16s^F 17d³ 16g⁴ :: 2004/5 20g³ 20s^F 24d² 24d² 22g⁴ Feb 5] medium-sized gelding: useful handicap hurdler: good efforts last 2 starts, second to Korelo at Cheltenham and fourth to Supreme Serenade in valuable event at Sandown, keeping on strongly in latter: will stay 3^{1/4}m: raced on good going or softer: not a straightforward ride (has carried head high under pressure).

J. A. B. OLD

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

W. Hutchinson

PETITE MARGOT

6 10-13

b.m. Alderbrook – Outfield (Monksfield) [2003/4 F16m F16m⁴ F17m³ F16f* 24m* 25m* 21g* 24d⁴ 24g² 24g³ 21m⁴ 24s* :: 2004/5 23mp^u 22d* 25s⁵ 20v³ 22g 23s Feb 19] smallish mare: useful hurdler: off 6 months, beat Darjeeling ¾ length in quite valuable mares handicap at Wincanton in November: good efforts in handicaps at Warwick and Haydock next 2 starts: left impression still in form in valuable event at Sandown penultimate start, racing prominently in strongly-run event: possibly hadn't got over that when below form at Haydock last time: will stay beyond 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going (won bumper on firm): front runner/races prominently: tough, genuine and reliable.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

C. Llewellyn

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

7 10-13

b.g. Minster Son – Howcleuch (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 F17m² F17g³ F16g* F16s⁵ 19g² 16g⁶ :: 2004/5 20d* 24d* 24g* 24g* 24d 19g⁴ Mar 5] tall, good-topped gelding: fairly useful in bumpers: progressed well over hurdles when winning novice at Wetherby in May and handicaps at Newcastle in November and December, beating Just Beth by 3½ lengths with something in hand for latest success: not discredited when seventh of 14 behind Chamoss Royale in handicap at Kempton next time: probably better at 3m than shorter (unsuited by drop in trip latest start): acts on good to soft ground: has hung: patiently ridden.

K. G. REVELEY

*White, purple star and stars on sleeves, purple cap (The Lingdale Optimists)***HAUTCLAN (FR)**

6 10-11

b.g. Chef de Clan II (FR) – Haute Tension (FR) (Garde Royale) [2003/4 c17s* c20s³ c20s⁵ 18d* c22s⁴ c20s⁴ :: 2004/5 24s³ 24d² 24d⁴ Dec 10] workmanlike ex-French gelding: first foal: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/chaser Positive Thinking (by Nikos), stays 2½/2m: dam won over hurdles on only start: winner up to 1½/2m on Flat: fairly useful hurdler: won at Bordeaux in October 2003: off 11 months, has shaped encouragingly in handicaps all starts this season, travelling well under patient ride long way and nearest finish when fourth of 17 behind Quick at Cheltenham on latest: useful chaser (raced exclusively at Auteuil), successful in May: left G. Macaire after final start last season: stays 3m: raced only on ground softer than good: remains one to keep an eye on in handicaps.

JONJO O'NEILL

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

7 10-9

b.g. Standiford (USA) – Hail To You (USA) (Kirtling) [2003/4 20m* 22sp^u 16v⁴ 19g⁵ :: 2004/5 17d* 17d^{ur} 22g* 22s* 22g 22g Feb 5] won Champion Bumper at Cheltenham in 2002/3: fairly useful form over hurdles: won first 3 completed starts this season, handicaps at Tralee in August (trained by T. Mullins, also successful on Flat there previous week) and Market Rasen in September and November, best effort when beating Patriarch Express by 2 lengths on last occasion: off much higher mark when respectable eighth to Supreme Serenade in valuable handicap at Sandown 11 weeks later: should stay 3m: acts on soft going, simple task on good to firm: not a fluent jumper.

M. C. PIPE

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

11 10-8

b.g. Kendor (FR) – Tanz (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA)) [2003/4 c19d³ c21d^F 20d⁴ 23s 24g 24m⁶ :: 2004/5 23m⁶ 24d 24d 22d⁴ Feb 19] strong, sturdy gelding: useful chaser: let down by jumping of late, third of 4 finishers to Iris Royal in valuable intermediate handicap at Ascot on 2003/4 reappearance: fairly useful hurdler on balance of form nowadays, looked less than keen when fourth to Blue Business in handicap at Wincanton last time: effective around 2½/2m, will stay beyond 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tongue tied, also visored on reappearance (ran creditably).

M. C. PIPE

*Emerald green, scarlet hooped sleeves and cap (Mr B. A. Kilpatrick)***TOUCH CLOSER**

8 10-7

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, mauve star (Miss Victoria Scott Jnr.)***153**

	132
h23s	139 134
h22g	145 + 135
h20v	153 135
h25s	153 135
h22d	149 + 125
h23m	125

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	132
h19g	140 + N
h24d	143 + 132
h24g	151 + 119
h24d	140 + 112
h20d	128 + N
h16g	115 + N

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	130
h24d	152 + 130
h24d	149 + 130
h24s	151 + 130
c20s ^e	138 G3
c22s ^e	155 G1
c20s ^e	145 G3

155

	128
h22g	147 + 130
h22s	146 + 112
h22g	135 + 106
h17d	+ 106
h17d	131 + 104
h19g	126 109

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	127
h22d	151 130
h24d	148 133
h24d	133
h23m	155 135
h24m	156 137
h24g	168? G1

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	126
h22g	126
h25s	153 120
h21g	149 120
h22d	147 113
h20v	134 + 113
h20d	136 113A

TEAM TASSEL (IRE)

7 10-7

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)***RED RUFFLES (IRE)**

6 10-7

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)***RAVENSWOOD (IRE)**

8 10-6

b.g. Warning – Green Lucia (Green Dancer (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 23s⁵ Feb 19] rather leggy, useful-looking gelding: useful handicap hurdler: around 14 lengths fourth of 24 to Inching Closer in Pertemps Final at Cheltenham in 2002/3: first start since, clear signs of retaining ability when fifth of 15 to The Baján Bandit at Haydock, travelling smoothly long way and not knocked about once no further impression 2 out: stays 25f: successful on good to soft going, best efforts on good/good to firm: tongue tied.

M. C. PIPE

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

7 10-6

b.g. Supreme Leader – Whistling Doe (Whistling Deer) [2003/4 19g^F 20d* :: 2004/5 22g^F 22g* 25g³ 21d⁶ 24s* c24g⁴ 25s 22d⁵ Feb 19] useful-looking gelding: chasing type: fairly useful hurdler: won novices at Fontwell and Wincanton in April/May and handicap at Windsor in November: made all to beat Dream Falcon 5 lengths for latest success: poor efforts last 2 starts: odds on, made numerous mistakes on chasing debut when 28 lengths fourth of 9 to Dunccliffe in maiden at Taunton: stays 25f: acts on soft going: should do better over fences.

P. J. HOBBS

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

P. Flynn

VICTORY GUNNER (IRE)

7 10-3

ch.g. Old Vic – Gunner B Sharp (Gunner B) [2003/4 22d⁵ 20dp^u 19s* 22s 19g* 24s² 24m :: 2004/5 22d 24s⁶ 24s³ 24s* 24g⁶ 24v* 20v 24d Feb 12] medium-sized gelding: fairly useful hurdler: improved this season, winning handicaps at Chepstow in November and December, best effort when beating Carlys Quest by 25 lengths in latter: well held in similar events last 2 starts: stays 3m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy): usually races prominently.

C. ROBERTS

Emerald green, white sleeves, red stars, red cap (Ron Bartlett & F. J. Ayres)

L. Stephens (5)

OULART

6 10-2

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)***151**

	126
h22g	143 127
h24d	127
h21d	151 + 120
h19g	133 + N

152

	126
h24d	150 127
h21d	152 124
h21g	149 + 120
h20d	127 N
h22g	142 + N
h19g	140 + N

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	125
h23s	148 + 125

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	125
h22d	127
h25s	127
c24g	122 + W
h24s	143 + 115
h21d	142 115
h25g	142 + 115

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h24d	125
h20v	125
h24v	152 114
h24g	138 114
h24s	146 107
h24s	134 106

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	121
h22v	146 N
h24v	119
h24v	146 109
h20s	146 N
h16d	131 N
h16d	127? N

TAKE FIVE (IRE)

12 10-1

br.g. Satco (FR) – Shan’s Moss (Le Moss) [2003/4 c19d* c24d^F 18s^F 19s³ 16s⁴ c20s⁵ c20d^F c18v⁴ :: 2004/5 24g 22d 24d Dec 10] tall, leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: fair chaser: missed 2002/3: won handicap chase at Naas in 2003/4: left J. E. Keily, always behind in handicap hurdles at Newton Abbot and Cheltenham last 2 starts: effective around 2m to 3³/₄m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually tongue tied in 2003/4: sometimes let down by jumping over fences.

*JONJO O’NEILL**Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***FAIRWOOD HEART (IRE)**

8 10-1

b. or br.g. Broken Hearted – Bowery Lass (IRE) (Abednego) [2003/4 24d⁴ c24f⁵ c16g⁴ c20s² 24s⁶ :: 2004/5 24v^{pu} 24s⁶ Feb 20] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: below par both starts this term, though not disgraced when under 17 lengths sixth of 12 to Lord Who at Naas on latest: only fair form at best over fences: stays 3m: acts on soft going (won bumper on good to firm).

*P. J. ROTHWELL, IRELAND**Brown, orange seams, hooped cap (Mr Tom Stronge)***PAPILLON DE IENA (FR)**

5 10-0

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: fairly useful hurdler, lightly raced: creditable third to Dangerously Good in handicap at Wincanton in December (off 3 months after): visored, not knocked about when unable to reach leaders in valuable handicap at Sandown last time: effective at 2m to 2³/₄m: raced mainly on good to soft going.

*M. C. PIPE**Purple, yellow chevron, diablo on sleeves (Mr Joe Moran)***BROKEN KNIGHTS (IRE)**

8 10-0 (inc 4lb ex)

ch.g. Broken Hearted – Knight’s Row (Le Bavard (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 20v² 23s^F 20s* Mar 12] well-made gelding: fairly useful form in bumpers, winning at Ayr: progressive hurdler: created good impression when winning novices at Ayr and Hexham (reportedly finished lame) in 2002/3: again well backed, won 11-runner handicap at Ayr on latest start by 5 lengths from Red Man, travelling strongly long way and leading 2 out: still going well when fell eighth in handicap at Haydock on penultimate start: stays 2¹/₂m: raced on good ground or softer (acts on heavy).

*N. G. RICHARDS**Yellow, light blue sash, armlets and diamond on cap (The Broken Knights)***MICHE D’ESTRUAL (FR)**

5 10-0 (9-13)

bl.g. Lute Antique (FR) – Charme d’Estrual (FR) (Mistigri) [2003/4 16d* 17s* 16s² 16s :: 2004/5 16g⁵ 22d* 24d⁶ Jan 31] angular gelding: fair hurdler: upped in trip, best effort when winning 10-runner handicap at Newton Abbot in November by ³/₄ length from Lesdream, dropped right out then produced to lead run-in: always mid-field when creditable sixth to Chamoss Royale in more competitive handicap at Kempton 2 months later: probably stays 3m: acts on soft going: tried visored: probably ungenune.

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

10 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Rakaposhi King – Divine Affair (IRE) (The Parson) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c25spu 25s c23s^F c21s³ c26v² c26s^F Mar 9] stocky gelding: one-time useful hurdler: off over 3 years prior to this season: fair novice chaser: best effort when 4 lengths second to Whitford Don at Warwick on penultimate start, again less than fluent: fell seventh in handicap at Fontwell on latest: should stay 3m: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy): needs to brush up his jumping.

*P. WINKWORTH**L. Aspell
Yellow and emerald green diamonds, yellow sleeves and cap (Ms J. Segal, Mrs C. Barber)***SHARP BELLINE (IRE)**

8 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Robellino (USA) – Moon Watch (Night Shift (USA)) [2003/4 22g⁴ 19g⁶ c24s⁵ c24spu c20d⁶ 27d :: 2004/5 c26g⁴ 21d³ 21d 24d² 24g³ 23s* 23s⁴ Feb 19] small, close-coupled gelding: fair handicap hurdler: has raced with much more enthusiasm last 4 starts and gained first success in 19 months at Wetherby in December, finding plenty for pressure to hold Monolith by length: creditable fourth of 15 to The Bajan Bandit at Haydock last time: modest form over fences: stays 3³/₄m: acts on firm and soft going: races up with pace.

*MRS S. J. SMITH**White, dark blue chevron, white and red hooped sleeves, dark blue and red quartered cap**(Townville C. C. Racing Club)***?**

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122
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145 W
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141 119
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146 120
143 W
129 W
119 W

150

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136+119
150 119
120
150 120
137 N
140+N

157 p

119
157+115
+ 115
146+110

149 \$

119
144 118
149+113
133 115
N
133 N
122 N

?

119
108
142 N
126 W
W
122
W

148

119
148 117
148 111
148 107
141 101
135 102A
133? 103

COMMANCHE COURT (IRE)

12 10-0 (9-8)

ch.g. Commanche Run – Sorceress (FR) (Fabulous Dancer (USA)) [2003/4 24g⁵ 24d⁶ c16v c25dpu :: 2004/5 20d 20s 24d 24v 24v 24v 24s Feb 20] lengthy, good sort: one-time very smart hurdler/top-class chaser: amateur ridden, no form in handicap hurdles in 2004/5: best at 3m+ on good going or softer (acts on heavy): blinkered once.

*T. M. WALSH, IRELAND**Yellow, green sash, red cap (Mrs Helen Walsh)***?**

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JUST BETH

9 10-0 (9-8)

ch.m. Carlingford Castle – One For The Road (Warpath) [2003/4 24g 27d 20v 24g* 21m² 22g 20m⁵ 24g² 17d² 25dpu 16d 17spu 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 armlets (Mr G. Fierro)***146**

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146 113
144 113
146 110
137+110
140 110
144 102

GENERAL DUROC (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-7)

ch.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Satula (Deep Run) [2003/4 24dpu 20s⁴ 24d³ 24s* 27d :: 2004/5 22dpu 24g 22d⁶ c26vpu 24d 22dpu Mar 11] well-made gelding: type to make a chaser: fair handicap hurdler: won at Newcastle in 2003/4: well below form this season: jumped poorly in maiden at Chepstow on chasing debut: should stay beyond 3m: raced on good ground or softer over hurdles.

*R. T. PHILLIPS**Pink, emerald green and pink chevrons on sleeves, pink cap, emerald green diamonds (Mr S. F. Benton)***—**

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LAGGAN BAY (IRE)

5 10-0 (9-0)

b.g. Alzao (USA) – Green Lucia (Green Dancer (USA)) [2003/4 16m :: 2004/5 17g 17s⁶ 24d Jan 31] smallish gelding: half-brother to 2 winning hurdlers, notably useful up to 25f Ravenswood (by Warning): fair on Flat (stays 2m) for J. S. Moore: blinkered, modest form in novice hurdlers at Taunton second/third starts: stiff task and no headgear, not fluent when well held in handicap at Kempton on latest: should be suited by 2¹/₂m+.

*P. R. RODFORD**K. Burke (10)
White, royal blue triple diamond, royal blue and white halved sleeves, white cap, royal blue**diamonds (Mr Mitchell Block)***135**

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135 112
123 N
135 N
108 N

HORDAGO (IRE)

5 10-0 (8-12)

gr.g. Highest Honor (FR) – Mirmande (Kris) [2003/4 16s 16s 16v 16v³ :: 2004/5 16f 20m² 20v* 22s 21d* 21v² 24vpu 22s* 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 1¹/₄m 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.

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

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135+97
97
140+94
140+90A
113 85
120 79

BLAZING BATMAN

12 10-0 (7-0)

ch.g. Shaab – Cottage Blaze (Sunyboy) [2003/4 23g² 24m c26g³ c26d^F c26gpu 27f⁵ c22fpu c26m³ c23m⁵ c28f³ c23f* c26m³ c25m² c24m² c26d⁵ c25v³ c16s³ c17g⁵ c24s² c21g :: 2004/5 24s⁵ c31d c16d⁶ c16d⁵ c21dpu c19v⁶ c16vpu 23s 24s⁴ Mar 6] sturdy gelding: fair chaser: little worthwhile form this season, including when last of 4 finishers in novice hurdle last time: stays 29f: acts on any going: blinkered (pulled up) once: has broken blood vessels/looked unenthusiastic.

*DR P. PRITCHARD**Yellow and purple diablo, yellow cap, purple star (Jumping Jokers)***?**

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116? N
113
100
100
123
119

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).