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ENTRIES WITH WEIGHTS

CHELTENHAM

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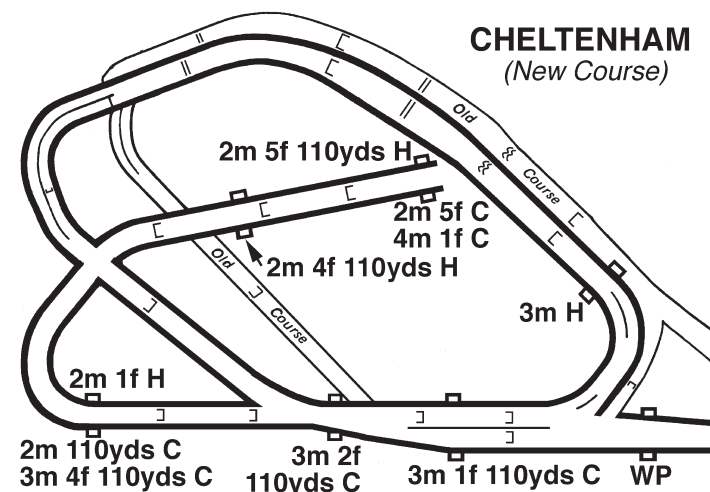
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Most Successful Trainers 1999/2000 to 2003/4

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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ADMIRAL (IRE)

4 11-0

131 p

b.c. Alhaarth (IRE) – Coast Is Clear (IRE) (Rainbow Quest (USA)) [2004/5 16d⁵ 16g* Feb 27] quite attractive colt: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m), successful twice in 2004, sold out of Sir Michael Stoute's stable 60,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: 5/4-on, confirmed hurdling debut promise when easily winning 15-runner maiden at Musselburgh last time, making most and not at all extended to beat Summer Special 7 lengths: races freely and likely to prove best around 2m for time being: remains open to improvement.

R. C. GUEST

*Royal blue, white hoops, white sleeves, royal blue diamonds, royal blue cap (Mr Willie McKay)*h16g 121+N
h16d 123+N**AKILAK (IRE)**

4 11-0

153 p

br.g. Charnwood Forest (IRE) – Akilara (IRE) (Kahyasi) [2004/5 17s* 16s* Feb 19] well-made gelding: half-brother to winning 2m hurdler Akshar (by Danehill): fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¼m), sold out of J. Oxx's stable €100,000 Goffs October Sale: most impressive start to hurdling career, winning 16-runner Wragge & Co Juvenile Novices' Hurdle (Finesse) at Cheltenham (jumped fluently and led on bridle last to beat Yankeedoodledandy 6 lengths) and Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock, leading after last to beat Karelian 1½ lengths at latter track: useful already, and open to more improvement.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

*White, black braces, chevrons on sleeves, striped cap (ADA Partnership)*h16s 145+N
h17s 151+G2

G. Lee

AMARULA RIDGE (IRE)

4 11-0

130 +

b.c. Indian Ridge – Mail Boat (Formidable (USA)) [2004/5 17s² 17v⁴ 16s² Feb 26] rather leggy colt: useful on Flat (stays 9f) at 3 yrs, sold out of K. Prendergast's stable 21,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: best effort over hurdles (fair form) when 7 lengths second of 8 to Penzance in Grade 2 juvenile at Kempton on latest outing, unable to quicken with winner between last 2: failed to see race out on heavy going at Exeter second start: may do better still under less testing conditions.

P. J. HOBBS

*Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)*h16s 130+G2
h17v 98+L
h17s 122+N**BARATI (IRE)**

4 11-0

147 p

b.c. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Oriane (Nashwan (USA)) [2004/5 16v^F 16v³ 16s² Feb 6] lengthy, useful-looking colt: useful on Flat (will stay 1¾m) for J. Oxx: yet to be asked for effort when falling 3 out in Grade 2 juvenile (won by Arch Rebel) at Leopardstown in December: fairly useful form when placed behind Strangely Brown in graded juveniles at Punchestown and Leopardstown since, 2 lengths second of 6 at latter track, taking good hold and leading going best before last but outstayed final 150 yds: likely to progress further, particularly under less testing conditions.

M. J. P. O'BRIEN, IRELAND

*Yellow and dark blue diablo, dark blue sleeves, check cap (Mr S. Mulryan)*h16s 146+G2
h16v 140 G3
h16v + G2**BISCAR TWO (IRE)**

4 11-0

137 ?

b.g. Daggers Drawn (USA) – Thoughtful Kate (Rock Hopper) [2004/5 16d⁴ 16d³ 16d³ 17d⁴ 16s³ 16v² 17s⁵ 16s⁴ Feb 19] leggy, angular gelding: modest on Flat (stays 1¼m), sold out of R. Whitaker's stable £5,200 Ascot August Sales: maiden juvenile hurdler, seemingly fairly useful form when second to Phar Bleu in Grade 1 at Chepstow and fifth to Akilak in Grade 2 at Cheltenham sixth/seventh starts: below that form when fourth to latter horse at Haydock last time: will stay beyond 17f: raced on going softer than good (acts on heavy): blinkered last 4 outings: hard ride, usually soon off bridle.

B. J. LLEWELLYN

*Black and mauve stripes, mauve sleeves, black cap (Maenllwyd Racing Club)*h16s 124 N
h17s 137? G2
h16v 137? G1
h16s 114 N
h17d 112 N
h16d 109 N

Christian Williams

BONBON ROSE (FR)

4 11-0

143 +

ch.c. Mansonnien (FR) – Rose Angevine (FR) (Master Thatch) [2004/5 16s* 17s* 15s* 18v* 17s⁶ Jan 29] smallish, sturdy colt: fourth foal: half-brother to winning chasers Rose Palma (by Great Palm) and Rose Beryl (by Lost World): dam winning hurdler/chaser up to around 2¾m: unbeaten first 4 starts in juvenile hurdles at Royan La Palmyre and Auteuil (3), beating Royale Athenia by length on last occasion: travelled strongly long way when sixth of 16 to Akilak in Grade 2 at Cheltenham: raced on soft/heavy going: may do better yet.

A. CHAILLE-CHAILLE, FRANCE

*Yellow and dark blue diablo, dark blue sleeves, check cap (Mr S. Mulryan)*h17s 143+G2
h18v 137 W
h15s 138 W
h17s 129 W**CANNI THINKAAR (IRE)**

4 11-0

109

b.g. Alhaarth (IRE) – Cannikin (IRE) (Lahib (USA)) [2004/5 16f⁶ 17g³ 16s⁵ 17d⁴ 16s⁴ 18d⁵ 16d⁴ 16s⁵ 17s* 16s⁶ Feb 14] small gelding: modest maiden on Flat (stays 1¼m): modest juvenile hurdler: best effort when winning maiden at Folkestone in January, dictating pace and getting first run on Novacella, holding on by neck: well held last time: acts on soft going: hasn't convinced with attitude more than once (has worn cheekpieces/visor since debut).

P. BUTLER

Black and yellow check, halved sleeves (Homewoodgate Racing Club)

R. Lucey-Butler

h16s 91 N
h17s 109 N
h16s 98 N
h16d 109? N
h18d 88 N
h16s 90 S**CARTE DIAMOND (USA)**

4 11-0

144 +

ch.c. Theatrical – Liteup My Life (USA) (Green Dancer (USA)) [2004/5 16d* 16d³ 16m* Feb 6] smart on Flat (effective at 1½m/1¾m), successful 3 times in 2004, sold out of M. Johnston's stable 105,000 gns Doncaster October Sales: has made good start over hurdles, winning juveniles at Newcasttle (by 5 lengths from Iron Man) in November and Musselburgh (tongue tied, made all despite mistakes to beat Credit 2½ lengths) in February: favourite, similar form when 9 lengths third to Salut Saint Cloud in Grade 2 at Lingfield in between: may do better still.

B. ELLISON

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

R. Johnson

h16m 141+N
h16d 135 G2
h16d 137+N**CERIUM (FR)**

4 11-0

150 +

b.g. Vaguely Pleasant (FR) – Tantatura (FR) (Akarad (FR)) [2003/4 15s² :: 2004/5 16s* 16d* 16v 16d* Feb 19] tall, good-topped gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to 3 winners, including winning hurdler/chaser around 2m Apple Crumble (by Apple Tree): dam unraced: won over 1¼m at Mont-de-Marsan on debut in January: second to Balko in newcomers juvenile hurdle at Auteuil in March for J-P. Totain: has progressed into useful performer from 4 starts in Britain since, winning maiden at Kempton (impressively), Grade 2 Jet UK Juvenile Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (not fully extended by 3½ lengths from Phar Bleu) and novice at Wincanton: best effort when beating Fandani by 5 lengths in last-named, quickening to lead before last: raced around 2m: acts on soft going: possibly amiss penultimate outing.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Royal blue and orange check, royal blue sleeves, royal blue cap, orange star (B Fulton, T

R. Walsh

*Hayward, S Fisher, L Brady)*h16d 150+N
h16v G1
h16d 145+G2
h16s 125+N
h15s 135+W**COURANT D'AIR (IRE)**

4 11-0

?

b.g. Indian Rocket – Red River Rose (IRE) (Red Sunset) [2004/5 17g⁶ 17d⁵ 17g* 16g³ 17s* 16d⁴ 16d 17g Feb 16] small gelding: poor 7f winner on Flat: fair juvenile hurdler: won claimer at Taunton (claimed from P. Haslam £5,000) in October and handicap at Market Rasen (improved form, made all to beat Frambo 5 lengths) in November: off 2 months, well below form both starts on return: likely to prove best around 2m: has found little: often races prominently.

MRS LUCINDA FEATHERSTONE

*Emerald green, white hoops, white and emerald green halved sleeves, red cap (Mr J. T. Billson)*h17g N
h16d 110 N
h16d 128? G2
h17s 125 99
h16g 114+N
h17g 114 C**DANAW (FR)**

4 11-0

146 +

b.g. Lomitas – Damanka (IRE) (Slip Anchor) [2004/5 16s* 16s* 17s* 17s Jan 29] tall gelding: fairly useful middle-distance maiden on Flat: unbeaten first 3 starts over hurdles, fairly useful form when winning Group 3 Prix General de Saint-Didier at Enghien in November impressively by 2 lengths from King's Daughter: earlier won at Fontainebleau and Enghien: tongue tied, still to be asked for effort when bad mistake 3 out in Grade 2 juvenile at Cheltenham: remains likely to do better.

F. DOUMEN, FRANCE

*Green, orange hoop, green sleeves, orange cap (Comtesse C. A. Armand)*h17s 135 G2
h17s 143+G3
h16s 135+W**DIEGO CAO (IRE)**

4 11-0

142

b.g. Cape Cross (IRE) – Lady Moranbon (USA) (Tremolino (USA)) [2004/5 16d* 16d² 16d* Jan 8] sturdy gelding: useful on Flat (stays 1¼m), successful in April (sold out of A. Fabre's stable 6,500 gns Newmarket July Sales) and September: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won at Huntingdon in November and Sandown in January, leading 2 out and responding well to beat stable-companion Nation State ¾ length in 13-runner event at latter track: raced around 2m on good to soft going.

G. L. MOORE

*Royal blue, orange chevron, orange and royal blue diablo on sleeves, orange cap (Vetlab**Supplies Ltd)*h16d 142 N
h16d 133+N
h16d 128+N

DON'T BE BITIN (IRE)

4 11-0

b.g. Turtle Island (IRE) – Shonara's Way (Slip Anchor) [2004/5 16s* 16d² 16v² 16s⁴ 16s² Feb 19] leggy, angular gelding: dam, fair hurdler, stayed 3m: fair on Flat (stays 1½m): fairly useful form in juvenile hurdles: won maiden at Cork in November: in frame in graded company all starts since, beaten a neck by Majlis in 8-runner Grade 3 at Fairyhouse on latest (made most): raced at 2m on going softer than good.

*E. GRIFFIN, IRELAND**Light blue and dark blue stripes, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, orange star (A. Mulvey)***144**

h16s	144	G3
h16s	143	G2
h16v	144	G2
h16d	137	G3
h16s	134	N

DUNLEA DANCER

4 11-0

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

*P. J. HOBBS**Beige and emerald green check, beige sleeves (Mr Allan Stennett)***128**

h16s		G2
h16s	128	N
h16d	122	N

ETENDARD INDIEN (FR)

4 11-0

b.c. Selkirk (USA) – Danseuse Indienne (IRE) (Danehill (USA)) [2004/5 16d* 16d⁵ Mar 4] angular colt: smart on Flat (stays 15f) for A. Fabre, successful twice in 2004: made impressive hurdling debut in 10-runner juvenile at Kempton in February, jumping fluently in main and making all by 12 lengths from Reservoir: 13/8-on, below that form when disappointing fifth of 14 to L'Oudon at Newbury following month, unable to quicken once headed 2 out: may yet do better.

*N. J. HENDERSON**Pink, white striped sleeves, white cap (Mrs Belinda Harvey)***137 +**

h16d	127	N
h16d	137+N	

FAASEL (IRE)

4 11-0

b.g. Unfuwain (USA) – Waqood (USA) (Riverman (USA)) [2004/5 16v* 16d* 16v* 18v² Mar 5] close-coupled gelding: useful on Flat (stays 2m), successful 3 times in 2004, sold out of K. Pendergast's stable 230,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: has made highly promising start over hurdles, landing odds in novices at Kelso in January and Kelso and Ayr in February, not having to come off bridle to beat Ambition Royal 5 lengths for latest win: lost unbeaten record but smart form when head second to Mephisto (pair long way clear) in Grade 2 Premier Kelso Hurdle last time, travelling strongly to challenge last but just held run-in: will stay 2½m.

*N. G. RICHARDS**Red, yellow epaulets (Mr Jim Ennis)***163**

h18v	163	G2
h16v	121+N	
h16d	120+N	
h16v	100+N	

A. Dobbin

LISS ARD (IRE)

4 11-0

b.c. In The Wings – Beguine (USA) (Green Dancer (USA)) third foal: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/fair chaser Master Papa (by Key of Luck), stays 19f: dam, lightly-raced maiden, half-sister to high-class 1m/1¼m performer Grand Lodge: useful on Flat (stays 1¾m), reportedly injured hind pastern when well held latest start in August.

*JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, IRELAND**White, dark green diamond, diamonds on sleeves and cap (John Joseph Murphy)***LOYAL FOCUS (IRE)**

4 11-0

ch.g. Definite Article – Temporary Lull (USA) (Super Concorde (USA)) [2004/5 16v* 16s³ Feb 19] half-brother to useful 2m hurdler/winning chaser Blazing Spectacle and useful 2m hurdler Rare Holiday: fairly useful form when winning 9f maiden at Listowel on second of 2 starts on Flat: favourite, successful in 12-runner juvenile at Fairyhouse on hurdling debut, confidently ridden and leading close home to beat Majlis a short head: less than fluent when just over 3 lengths third behind same rival in Grade 3 juvenile at same course 3 weeks later.

*D. K. WELD, IRELAND**Yellow, royal blue epaulets, yellow cap, royal blue star (Dr Michael Smurfit)***141**

h16s	141	G3
h16v	137+W	

MAJLIS (JPN)

4 11-0

b.g. Commander In Chief – Prayer Wheel (CAN) (Conquistador Cielo (USA)) [2004/5 16d² 16v* 16v² 16s* Feb 19] fair maiden on Flat (probably stays 1¾m) for A. Fabre, sold 27,000 gns Newmarket July Sales: fairly useful form over hurdles: won maiden at Naas in January and Grade 3 Tattersalls (Ireland) Derby Sale Winning Fair Juvenile Hurdle at Fairyhouse in February: always prominent and all out to beat Don't Be Bitin by neck in 8-runner event in latter: will stay beyond 2m.

*M. J. P. O'BRIEN, IRELAND**Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***144 +**

h16s	144	G3
h16v	144	W
h16v	131	N
h16d	130	N

NEW ENTIC (FR)

4 11-0

b.g. Ragmar (FR) – Entiqua Des Sacart (FR) (Lute Antique (FR)) [2004/5 16d* 16d² 16d⁴ 16dbd 17s Jan 29] good-topped gelding: second foal: dam, in frame over jumps around 2m in France, half-sister to fairly useful chaser up to 3m Koquelicot: won 18-runner juvenile hurdle at Huntingdon in October on debut by 5 lengths from Young Patriarch: fairly useful form when head second to Yankeedoodledandy in quite valuable event there next time: below best both completed outings since: will stay beyond 2m.

*G. L. MOORE**Black, grey epaulets, halved sleeves (Mr H. R. Hunt)*

P. Hide

141

h17s	131	G2
h16d		+ G1
h16d	129	G2
h16d	141+N	
h16d	124+N	

OBAY

4 11-0

ch.g. Kingmambo (USA) – Parade Queen (USA) (A P Indy (USA)) [2004/5 18d² 18s³ 16g⁶ Feb 5] good-topped gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m), sold out of E. Dunlop's stable 28,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales, twice well held in March: head second to Verasi in juvenile at Fontwell on hurdling debut, looking likely winner most of way but worn down close home: well below that level there and at Sandown since, jumping less than fluently and failing to settle.

*B. G. POWELL**Pink, light blue and royal blue chevrons on sleeves, light blue cap (FF Racing Services**Partnership XVIII)***121**

h16g		N
h18s	93	N
h18d	121+N	

PENZANCE

4 11-0

ch.g. Pennekamp (USA) – Kalinka (IRE) (Soviet Star (USA)) [2004/5 17s* 16d* 16s* Feb 26] sturdy gelding: half-brother to high-class miler Soviet Song (by Marju): fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¼m) for J. Fanshawe: has created good impression when winning first 3 starts over hurdles, novices at Taunton and Huntingdon (by 7 lengths from La Professoressa) and Grade 2 Adonis Juvenile Hurdle at Kempton: odds on, best effort when beating Amarula Ridge by 7 lengths (value extra) at last-named course, travelling strongly to lead between last 2 and quickening clear: likely to prove best around 2m for time being: almost certainly remains capable of better.

*A. KING**White, large black spots, black cap (Elite Racing Club)*

R. Thornton

142 p

h16s	137+G2	
h16d	125+N	
h17s	130+N	

PHAR BLEU (FR)

4 11-0

b.g. Agent Bleu (FR) – Guilt Less (FR) (Useful (FR)) [2004/5 16d⁵ 16s³ 16d² 16g* 16v* 16d⁶ 16v² Feb 25] €27,000 3-y-o: useful-looking gelding: second foal: half-brother to 13.5f winner Manon des Bois (by Perrault): dam unraced: fairly useful novice hurdler: won juvenile at Newbury in November and 16-runner Grade 1 Finale Hurdle at Chepstow (led 4 out, beat Biscar Two 1¼ lengths) in December: below form in Grade 1 at Sandown and juvenile at Warwick since: will stay beyond 2m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

*MISS G. BROWNE**Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (Mrs J. Stewart)*

J. Culloty

138

h16v	131	N
h16d		G1
h16v	138	G1
h16g	133+N	
h16d	138	G2
h16s	127+L	

SALUT SAINT CLOUD

4 11-0

b.g. Primo Dominie – Tiriana (Common Grounds) [2004/5 16d* 16d² 16d^F 16d* 16v⁴ 17s³ Jan 29] leggy gelding: fair on Flat (stays 2m): fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won at Chepstow in October and Lingfield in December, beating Patrixprial 4 lengths with plenty to spare in Summit Junior Hurdle at latter: much better effort since when third to impressive Akilak in Grade 2 at Cheltenham, staying on for pressure in straight: will stay beyond 17f: raced on ground softer than good.

*G. L. MOORE**Orange, black stripe, black sleeves, orange armlets (Mr A. Grinter)***146**

h17s	146	G2
h16v	128	G1
h16d	140+G2	
h16d		+ G2
h16d	127+N	
h16d	129+N	

SIMONOVSKI (USA)

4 11-0

b.g. Miswaki (USA) – Earthra (USA) (Rahy (USA)) [2004/5 16g 16g² 16s⁴ 17s 16d⁶ 16d⁴ Mar 4] sturdy gelding: modest maiden on Flat (stays 2m): fair juvenile hurdler: 40/1 and looked very well, good effort when just over 13 lengths fourth of 14 to L'Oudon at Newbury last time: likely to be suited by further than 2m.

*S. C. BURROUGH**White, mauve stripe, striped cap (Mrs Deborah Potter)*

Mr W. P. Kavanagh

120

h16d	120	N
h16d	117	N
h17s		G2
h16s	117	N
h16g	120	N
h16g		N

SKYHAWK (IRE)

4 11-0

b.c. In The Wings – Babushka (IRE) (Dance of Life (USA)) [2004/5 16v* Feb 12] fair maiden on Flat (stays 1½m), sold out of M. J. Grassick's stable €21,000 Goffs October Sales: 7/1, won 16-runner maiden at Gowran on hurdling debut, beating Slightly Shifty 7 lengths: should improve.

*H. DE BROMHEAD, IRELAND**Emerald green, white cross of lorraine and sleeves, quartered cap (Mr David O. Moon)***122 p**

h16v	120+N	
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SOUND BLASTER (IRE)

4 11-0

ch.g. Zafonic (USA) – Blasted Heath (Thatching) [2004/5 16d⁴ 16d* 16s⁴ Feb 26] lightly raced on Flat, won over 1m at 2 yrs; sold out of A. Balding's stable 9,000 gns Newmarket July Sales: shaped well on hurdling debut, then won 19-runner juvenile maiden at Fairyhouse in December on bridle by length from Majlis, pair clear: reportedly suffered skin complaint after, and well below that form when fourth in juvenile at Thurles last time: will prove best at 2m.

*L. MCATEER, IRELAND**Red and white stripes, black cap, red star (Ormond Park Syndicate)***136 +**h16s 110 W
h16d 131+N
h16d 118 W**SOVIET JOY (IRE)**

4 11-0

b. or brg. Russian Revival (USA) – Danny's Joy (IRE) (Maelstrom Lake) [2004/5 16g² 20v⁶ 16v² Mar 5] close-coupled ex-Irish gelding; second foal: half-brother to Irish 6f winner Kompressor (by Petorius); dam, maiden who stayed 8.5f, half-sister to useful winner around 7f Sea Storm: claimed from Ms J. Morgan £6,500 second start: improved effort when 8 lengths second to Andre Chenier in 12-runner juvenile at Kelso on latest, leading from fourth until run-in: likely to prove best at 2m.

*D. CARROLL**Red and yellow diamonds, white sleeves and cap (Mr Alan Mann)***120**h16v 120 N
h20v 66+S
h16g 108+N

A. Dempsey

STRANGELY BROWN (IRE)

4 11-0

b.g. Second Empire (IRE) – Damerela (IRE) (Alzao (USA)) [2004/5 16v* 16v* 16s* Feb 6] sparsely-made gelding: fair on Flat (stays 17.5f) for S. Williams, successful 3 times in 2004: sold 11,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: successful all 3 starts in juvenile hurdles, namely maiden at Limerick in December, Grade 3 A Space Modular Accomodation Juvenile Hurdle at Punchestown in January and Grade 2 Cashmans Juvenile Hurdle at Leopardstown in February: useful form when beating Barati 2 lengths in 6-runner event for latest win, losing place 3 out and rallying to lead final 150 yds: will stay beyond 2m.

*E. MCNAMARA, IRELAND**Dark blue, light green triple diamond, hooped sleeves, dark blue cap (We Didn't Name Him Syndicate)***151**h16s 151 G2
h16v 146 G3
h16v 126+N**TUDOR BELL (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.g. Definite Article – Late Night Lady (IRE) (Mujadil (USA)) [2004/5 19s⁴ 17s Feb 17] fairly useful on Flat (stays 1³/₄m), successful 3 times in 2004: better effort over hurdles when 15 lengths fourth to Almah in novice at Exeter, not fluent last 3 flights: hampered start and lost place after mistake fourth in maiden at Taunton over 2 weeks later.

*J. G. M. O'SHEA**White, red stripe, royal blue sleeves, red and white striped cap (K. W. Bell & Son Ltd)***115**h17s 96+N
h19s 112+N**VOY POR USTEDS (FR)**

4 11-0

b.g. Villez (USA) – Nuit d'Ecajeul (FR) (Matahawk) [2004/5 16s^F 16s³ 17s* 16s³ 17s* 16d^{ur} 16d* 16d⁶ Feb 19] leggy, angular gelding: eighth foal: half-brother to winning 2¹/₄m hurdler Le Pero (by Perrault) and Slovak middle-distance winner Erik d'Ecajeul (by Synefos): dam, won over 15f in France, half-sister to very smart French hurdler Roi d'Ecajeuil: fairly useful hurdler: successful in juveniles at Nancy in October and Enghien in November, and (having left G. Macaire) novice at Huntingdon in January: best effort when beating Prins Willem readily by 2 lengths in last-named, asserting 2 out under no more than hands and heels: not discredited when 22¹/₂ lengths sixth of 7 to Inglis Drever in Grade 2 at Wincanton latest start: raced around 2m on good to soft/soft going.

*A. KING**Emerald green and red diablo, white sleeves, emerald green diamonds, white cap, red diamond (Million in Mind Partnership)***147**h16d 145 G2
h16d 146+N
h16d G2
h17s 143 W
h16s 136 W
h16s 115 W**WALTZING BEAU**

4 11-0

ch.g. Dancing Spree (USA) – Blushing Belle (Local Suitor (USA)) [2004/5 18s* 16g⁵ 18s* 20s³ Feb 24] tall gelding: modest maiden on Flat (stays 2m): fairly useful hurdler, well suited by thorough test of stamina at trip when winning maiden juvenile in October and juvenile in January (beat Innocent Rebel by distance), both at Fontwell: stiff task, well beaten by Gold Medalist in novice at Huntingdon latest start: should stay 2¹/₂m: acts on soft going.

*B. G. POWELL**Black, red halved sleeves (David Cliff and Philippa Clunes)***140**h20s N
h18s 140 N
h16g 92 N
h18s 122? N**WOODY VALENTINE (USA)**

4 11-0

ch.g. Woodman (USA) – Mudslinger (USA) (El Gran Senor (USA)) [2004/5 16d* 16v 16d³ Jan 15] leggy gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¹/₄m), successful twice in 2004: sold out of M. Johnston's stable 30,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: won 8-runner juvenile at Warwick on hurdling debut in December by 2¹/₂ lengths from Diego Cao, leading after fifth: easily better effort since (possibly had stamina stretched when well held in Grade 1 at Chepstow) when 16 lengths third of 14 to Zalda in similar event at Kempton: may prove best around 2m with emphasis on speed: tends to be on toes.

*MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS**Dark blue, white star, red sleeves, white stars, red cap, white star (Favourites Racing)***131**h16d 122 N
h16v G1
h16d 131 N**YANKEEDOODLEDANDY (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.g. Orpen (USA) – Laura Margaret (Persian Bold) [2004/5 16d* 16d* 17d* 17s² Jan 29] compact gelding: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler around 2¹/₂m Chivite (by Alhaarth): fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¹/₂m), won twice in 2004: successful first 3 starts in juvenile hurdles, at Sandown and Huntingdon (quite valuable event) in November and Cheltenham in December, beating Napolitain 4 lengths at last-named: further improvement (useful form) when 6 lengths second to impressive Akilak in Grade 2 back at Cheltenham, responding well to pressure: will stay beyond 17f: raced on good to soft/soft going over hurdles: genuine.

*P. C. HASLAM**Dark blue and mauve diablo, dark blue cap, mauve diamond (K. Tyre & Mrs C. Barclay)*

F. Keniry

MISS ACADEMY (FR)

4 10-7

ch.f. Video Rock (FR) – Mademoiselle Wo (FR) (Prince Wo (FR)) [2004/5 16s* 17s⁴ 16v^F Feb 25] leggy ex-French filly: third foal: half-sister to winning hurdler around 2m La Pommerai (by Apple Tree): dam winning hurdler around 2m: successful on 5 of 6 starts up to 13f on Flat at 3 yrs for J. Bertran de Balanda: easily landed odds in mares maiden at Newcastle on hurdling debut by 10 lengths from Diamond Sal: favourite, 13¹/₂ lengths fourth of 16 to Akilak in well-run Grade 2 juvenile at Cheltenham 10 days later: about to be collared when fell last in juvenile won by New Rock at Warwick latest start: races prominently.

*M. C. PIPE**Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)***145**h16v 140+N
h17s 138+G2
h16s 135+N**ZALDA**

4 10-7

ch.f. Zilzal (USA) – Gold Luck (USA) (Slew O' Gold (USA)) [2004/5 16d* 17s 16s³ Feb 26] leggy filly: fair on Flat (stays 1³/₄m), successful twice in 2004, sold out of R. Charlton's stable 28,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: won 14-runner juvenile at Kempton on hurdling debut by 10 lengths from Dubai Ace, making all, jumping well and eased after last: easily better effort in Grade 2 events since when 8¹/₂ lengths third to impressive Penzance at same course last time.

*P. J. HOBBS**Red, black star, striped sleeves, yellow cap, black star (Mrs L. Field)***134**h16s 133 G2
h17s G2
h16d 132+N

Timeform Horses In Focus: Cheltenham 18th March

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

Time	Horse	Time	Horse
2.00	AKILAK (IRE)	3.15	KICKING KING (IRE)
2.00	CERIUM (FR)	3.15	KINGSCLIFF (IRE)
2.00	FAASEL (IRE)	4.00	EARTHMOVER (IRE)
2.35	BASILEA STAR (IRE)	4.40	ONEWAY (IRE)
2.35	BEWLEYS BERRY (IRE)	4.40	L'ANGE AU CIEL (FR)
2.35	BREWSTER (IRE)	4.40	ALMAYDAN
2.35	IDLE TALK (IRE)	4.40	BAMBI DE L'ORME (FR)
2.35	OVER THE CREEK	5.20	MANORSON (IRE)
3.15	GREY ABBEY (IRE)		

2.35 THE BRIT INSURANCE NOVICES' HURDLE 3m

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BASILEA STAR (IRE)

8 11-7

146 p

b.g. Fourstars Allstar (USA) – Swiss Castle (IRE) (Carlingford Castle) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 20s⁶ 20s^{ur} 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 1¾ 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)

h24d 144+130
h20v 143+115
h25g 121+102
h22s 110+95
h22s 105 90A
h20s N

BEWLEYS BERRY (IRE)

7 11-7

143 p

ch.g. Shernazar – Approach The Dawn (IRE) (Orchestra) [2003/4 F18s* :: 2004/5 16v* 20v² 24d* Jan 29] €28,000 4-y-o: lengthy, workmanlike gelding: has scope: brother to winning 2¼m hurdler Logical Approach and half-brother to winning 2½m chaser Majestic Approach (by Mandalus): dam unraced half-sister to useful chaser up to 3m Wise Approach: successful last 3 starts in points: landed odds impressively in bumper at Gowran (for J. A. Berry) on debut: has created good impression over hurdles since, winning novice at Hexham in December and Grade 2 River Don Novices Hurdle at Doncaster in January, beating Indy Mood 10 lengths with plenty in hand at latter track, soon in control after 4 out and able to be eased run-in: 5 lengths second to Villon in novice at Ayr in between: stays 3m: raced only on going softer than good: useful already and open to more improvement.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

G. Lee

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

h24d 138+G2
h20v 120+N
h16v 129+N
F18s* 112+W

BOB BOB BOBBIN

6 11-7

142

gr.g. Bob Back (USA) – Absalom's Lady (Absalom) [2003/4 F16s² F16g⁴ :: 2004/5 F16s* F16d² 19g³ 21s³ 22v* 19v* Feb 25] tall, leggy gelding: first foal: dam, very smart hurdler/winning chaser, stayed 3m: useful form in bumpers: easily landed odds at Chepstow in October, making most: 6 lengths second of 11 to Manners at Cheltenham following month: similar form in novice hurdles, won at Folkestone (not fluent, beat Jackson 5 lengths) and Warwick last 2 starts: best effort when 5 lengths third to No Refuge in Grade 2 at Warwick in January: will stay at least 3m: acts on heavy going.

C. L. TIZZARD

J. Tizzard

Emerald green, yellow spots, yellow sleeves, emerald green armlets, emerald green and yellow hooped cap (Mrs Sarah Tizzard)

h19v 134+N
h22v 140+N
h21s 142 G2
h19g 116+N
F16d 124 L
F16s 110+W

BREWSTER (IRE)

8 11-7

158

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

IAN WILLIAMS

D. R. Dennis

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

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

CARRAIG BLUE (IRE)

6 11-7

140 +

b.g. Roselier (FR) – It's All Taboo (Smartset) [2003/4 F18d⁶ :: 2004/5 22d³ 24s 22v* 22s³ 24v² 22v* Feb 3] ninth foal: half-brother to 2m hurdle winner Dolphins Peak (by Aristocracy): dam unraced: won completed start in Irish points in 2004: seventh in bumper at Fairyhouse in April 2004: useful novice hurdler: won at Limerick (maiden) in December and Clonmel in February: beat Oulart 17 lengths in 8-runner event in latter, leading from seventh and staying on strongly: good length second of 5 to Sweet Kiln at Fairyhouse penultimate start: stays 3m: raced only on going softer than good (acts on heavy).

E. SHEEHY, IRELAND

Royal blue and yellow chevrons, royal blue sleeves, striped cap (Noel O'Reilly)

h22v 139 N
h24v 140 N
h22s 131 N
h22v 127 N
h24s 90 N
h22d 99+N

DALVENTO (IRE)

7 11-7

122

b.h. Monsun (GER) – Dream of You (GER) (Music Boy) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16d 21s* 16vF Jan 9] second foal: dam 9f/1¼m winner in Germany: won 4 times up to 1½m from 16 starts on Flat in Germany at 3/5 yrs for U. Suter, well beaten both starts in 2004: second outing over hurdles, won minor event at Thurles in December by 3½ lengths from Hedgehunter: tailed off when falling last in valuable handicap at Leopardstown last time: stays 21f.

JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, IRELAND

Yellow, red diamond, yellow cap, black spots (Mr G. T. Piersie)

h16v 115
h21s 122 W
h16d W

DARKNESS

6 11-7

148

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

C. R. EGERTON

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

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

FINAL ACT (IRE)

9 11-7

113

b.g. Tidaro (USA) – Night Course (Crash Course) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 19v 24v⁴ 20v² Feb 17] IR 2,100 3-y-o: seventh foal: dam placed in bumpers: fairly useful form in bumpers in 2001/2, winning at Leopardstown: off nearly 3 years, modest form when in frame in maiden hurdles, 11 lengths second of 16 to American Jennie at Clonmel last time: probably stays 3m: acts on heavy going.

JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, IRELAND

Beige and brown stripes, beige sleeves, quartered cap (George Ross)

h20v 113 N
h24v 108 N
h19v N

FOOTBALL CRAZY (IRE)

6 11-7

149

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

P. BOWEN

W. Marston

White, black stripe, halved sleeves (Ken Bevan, Stuart Brain)

h24d 143 G2
h20s 140
h20d 143 N
h20s 139+G2
h25g 136+N
h19g 149 130

GAELIC MUSIC (IRE)

6 11-7

134

b.g. Accordion – Cuilin Bui (IRE) (Kemal (FR)) [2003/4 F17g* :: 2004/5 19d^{pu} 24d² 24g³ Mar 3] workmanlike gelding: chasing type: won bumper at Exeter on debut: best effort in novice hurdles (fair form) when 2½ lengths second to Blue Business at Taunton in February, making most: let down by jumping when favourite there last time: stays 3m.

M. BRADSTOCK

White, light blue epaulets, maroon sleeves, light blue cap (Mr P. J. Constable)

h24g 111 N
h24d 134 N
h19d + N
F17g* 107 W

GET MY DRIFT (IRE)

6 11-7

133

b.g. Beneficial – Boreen Bro (Boreen (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c24s² c25d^{pu} 24d² Mar 5] €95,000 3-y-o: tall gelding: fifth foal: half-brother to fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser Kings Valley (by Castle Keep), stays 29f, and 2 winners by Roselier, smart staying hurdler/chaser Royal Emperor and useful chaser up to 4m A Piece of Cake: dam once-raced from family of top-class chaser Kinloch Brae: won all 3 completed starts in Irish points in 2004: promising chasing debut when 2 lengths second of 7 to Limerick Leader in maiden at Chepstow: tongue tied, laboured effort in similar event at Wetherby (breathing problem) next time: again fairly useful form when 1½ lengths second to Ferimon in 9-runner novice at Newbury on hurdling debut: will stay beyond 3m.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Light green, mauve triple diamond, diamonds on sleeves, light green cap, mauve diamond (Mr Tony Ambler & Mr Paul K. Barber)

h24d 133 N
c25d
c24s 133+W

HOMER WELLS (IRE)

7 11-7
 b.g. Arctic Cider (USA) – Run And Shine (Deep Run) [2003/4 F16d⁴ F16v* F16s² F16d² 16d :: 2004/5 19s* 24s* 20v* 24v² 20s² Feb 20] lengthy, useful-looking gelding: useful bumper winner: of similar standard over hurdles, successful in maiden at Naas in November, Grade 3 O'Connell Transport Stayers Novice Hurdle at Cork (made nearly all and jumped left when beating Simon 4 lengths) in December and Grade 2 Woodlands Park 100 Slaney Novice Hurdle at Naas (not fluent early and got up close home to beat Sweet Kiln by head in 5-finisher contest) in January: runner-up last 2 starts, running well when beaten 2 lengths by Black Apalachi in Grade 2 novice at Naas on latest: stays 3m: raced on going softer than good (acts on heavy).

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

Purple, yellow chevron and cap (Mrs Margaret McMahon)

IDLE TALK (IRE)

6 11-7
 br.g. Hubby Bubbly (USA) – Belon Breeze (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 24s* 24d⁴ 23d* Feb 19] tall, rangy gelding: will make a chaser: second foal: dam ran once: won maiden Irish point in 2004: has won 2 from 3 starts over hurdles, maiden at Chepstow in October and novice at Lingfield in February, not extended to make all in 4-runner event at latter course, beating Theatre 7 lengths: under 13 lengths fourth of 10 to Brewster in Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham in between: raced around 3m: useful prospect.

T. R. GEORGE

Red and grey stripes, red sleeves, grey armlets, red cap (Mrs M. J. George)

JACKSON (FR)

8 11-7
 b.g. Passing Sale (FR) – Tynia (FR) (Djarvis (FR)) [2003/4 c25s^{ur} :: 2004/5 c24g^{ur} c24s² 22g³ 24d² 22v² 22s Feb 10] sturdy gelding: successful 3 times in points in 2004 (has shown little in steeplechases): left Mrs H. Dalton/off 5 months, much improved form in novice hurdles since, 12 lengths second to Brewster in Grade 2 at Cheltenham and 5 lengths second to Bob Bob Bobbin (pair well clear) at Folkstone fourth/fifth starts: favourite, ran poorly at Wincanton last time: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer: tried tongue tied.

A. KING

Pink, dark blue hoop, dark blue cap (Mr C. B. Brookes)

KELTIC ROCK

6 11-7
 ch.g. Bigstone (IRE) – Sibley (Northfields (USA)) [2003/4 F16s F16s :: 2004/5 F17d² 17d² 19d³ 19d⁵ 22s⁴ 21d³ Mar 3] tall gelding: progressive form in bumpers, length second of 18 to Philomena in maiden at Exeter on reappearance (final start for G. Balding): fair novice hurdler: creditable third to Go For Bust in 16-runner novice handicap at Ludlow on latest start: stays 2³/₄m: raced only on good to soft/soft going: bled from nose third start.

J. A. GEAKE

Royal blue, emerald green hoops, emerald green sleeves, white cap (D J Erwin Bloodstock &

Tony Geake)

B. J. Crowley

LASKA DE THAIX (FR)

6 11-7
 gr.g. Saint Preuil (FR) – Orca II (FR) (Danoso) [2003/4 19s⁴ 18s c19s c19v^{pu} :: 2004/5 c20s⁶ 19s² 24d³ 24d* Mar 8] lengthy, well-made ex-French gelding: chasing type: fifth foal: half-brother to 1¹/₄m/1¹/₂m 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)

LOUP CHARTER (FR)

6 11-7
 gr.g. Royal Charter (FR) – Easy III (FR) (Perrault) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 19s* 23d³ 20d 24s* 24d* Feb 11] well-made ex-French gelding: will make a chaser: first foal: half-brother to 13.5f and 2m winner Monty Python (by Video Rock): dam, won 4 times up to 1³/₄m on Flat, from family of useful 3m chaser Haut Cercy and fairly useful out-and-out staying chaser Rubika: won 17f event on Flat at Dieppe on debut at 4 yrs for E. Leenders: progressive form over hurdles, won novices at Exeter in November, Windsor in December and Bangor in February, fairly useful form when beating Reflected Glory 9 lengths in last-named, pulling clear after 3 out: will stay beyond 3m: raced on good to soft/soft going.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

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

J. Culloty

147

h20s 147 G2
 h24v 143 G3
 h20v 147 G2
 h24s 136 N
 h19s 130 N
 h16d[†] N

141 p

h23d 138+N
 h24d 135+G2
 h24s 118+N

136

h22s 85 N
 h22v 136 N
 h24d 136 G2
 h22g 128+N
 c24s 91 NA
 c24g NA

122

h21d 122 110
 h22s 122 N
 h19d 103 N
 h19d 122 N
 h17d 122 N
 F17d 110 N

143

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

142

h24d 142 N
 h24s 134+N
 h20d 124+G2
 h23d 123+N
 h19s 119+N

MILLENAIRE (FR)

6 11-7
 b. or br.g. Mister Mat (FR) – Mille Perles (FR) (Kashtan (FR)) [2003/4 F16v* F16g :: 2004/5 16g³ 20s⁵ Dec 17] leggy gelding: fourth foal: dam, winning 2m chaser, half-sister to top-class hurdler/useful chaser Mister Banjo (by Mister Mat): won bumper at Haydock on debut in 2003/4 by 1¹/₂ lengths from Monteforte, flashing tail and carrying head awkwardly under pressure: again looked temperamental when well held in Champion Bumper at Cheltenham: 14/1, stayed on well and not knocked about unduly when 6¹/₂ lengths third to ready winner Marcel in novice at Newbury on hurdling debut: badly let down by jumping in maiden at Windsor next time: should stay beyond 2m.

JONJO O'NEILL

crazy quilt (The Risky Partnership)

MOULIN RICHE (FR)

5 11-7
 b.g. Video Rock (FR) – Gintonique (FR) (Royal Charter (FR)) [2003/4 15s² 16s^{ro} 17g 18s² :: 2004/5 18v⁴ 19d* c17s* c17s^f c17s⁶ c19s² c20v* 20s⁶ 23s² Feb 19] tall, lengthy gelding: first foal: dam won 4 times up to around 15f on Flat: 1¹/₂m winner on Flat: useful hurdler: won listed 4-y-o handicap at Auteuil in early-June: best effort when 3 lengths second of 5 to Mephisto in Grade 2 novice at Haydock last time: fairly useful form over fences, winning 4-y-o events at Auteuil in September and November: beat Morte de Rire by 1¹/₂ lengths in 14-runner minor event for latter success: stays 23f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): blinkered twice.

F. DOUMEN, FRANCE

Grey, orange hoops, sleeves and cap (J. C. Seroul)

MR BABBAGE (IRE)

7 11-7
 b.g. Carroll House – Winsome Doe (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 F16d :: 2004/5 19s³ 16d 20d* 22s* 20v⁴ Jan 23] big, rangy gelding: fairly useful form in bumpers in 2002/3, won at Clonmel on debut: similar standard over hurdles, won maiden at Fairyhouse in December and novice at Thurles in January, better effort when beating Simon 2¹/₂ lengths at latter: ran as if amiss latest outing: will stay at least 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on soft).

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

Royal blue, emerald green triple diamond, royal blue cap, emerald green diamonds (Mr George

Creighton)

OUR BEN

6 11-7
 ch.g. Presenting – Forest Pride (IRE) (Be My Native (USA)) [2003/4 F16d* F16g :: 2004/5 F16g 16d* 20s³ 22v* 24v³ Jan 16] rather unfurnished gelding: fairly useful bumper winner: useful form over hurdles, winning maiden at Clonmel in November and Grade 3 novice at Limerick (beat Kerryhead Windfarm 25 lengths) in December: distant third to Sweet Kiln in novice at Fairyhouse last time: should stay 3m: acts on heavy going.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

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

Hemmings)

OVER THE CREEK

6 11-7
 br.g. Over The River (FR) – Solo Girl (IRE) (Le Bavard (FR)) [2003/4 19s⁵ 18v^{bd} 16d² :: 2004/5 16d* 20s* 20s 24d* Feb 12] tall, lengthy gelding: has shown most progressive form over hurdles this season, winning novice handicap at Cheltenham and handicap at Aintree (by 3 lengths from Billyvoddan, again idling), both in November, and handicap at Newbury in February: off 10 weeks, further appreciable improvement when beating Omni Cosmo Touch (pair clear) by 3¹/₂ lengths for latest success, asserting run-in without needing to be put to very best: disappointing in valuable handicap at Haydock on penultimate start: stays 3m: raced on ground softer than good: patiently ridden: almost certainly still on the upgrade.

M. C. PIPE

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

POLE STAR

7 11-7
 b. or br.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – Ellie Ardensky (Slip Anchor) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16g² 19g* 19d* 20s² Feb 24] leggy, useful-looking gelding: smart on Flat (stays 2¹/₂m), good placed efforts in 2003: useful novice hurdler: easily landed odds at Doncaster in December and Newbury in January: further improvement when 1¹/₂-length second to Gold Medallist at Huntingdon next time, jumping none too fluently: will stay beyond 2¹/₂m: may do better still.

J. R. FANSHAWE

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

128

h20s 114+N
 h16g 128+N
 F16g[†] G1
 F16v[†] 125+W

154

h23s 154 G2
 h20s 144 G2
 c20v 124+W
 c19s 134 W
 c17s 124 W
 c17s W

135

h20v 122 G3
 h22s 135 N
 h20d 119+N
 h16d G1
 h19s 125 N
 F16d[†] 112[†] W

149

h24v N
 h22v 149 G3
 h20s 141 G2
 h16d 122+N
 F16g 110 W
 F16g[†] 105 G1

158 p

h24d 158+129
 h20s 129
 h20s 135+117
 h16d 123+105
 h16d[†] 120+N
 h18v[†] N

152

h20s 152 N
 h19d 139+N
 h19g 113+N
 h16g 129+N

POLISH POWER (GER)

5 11-7

b.h. Halling (USA) – Polish Queen (Polish Precedent (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 17s Feb 17] seemingly useful up to 1½m on Flat in Germany for B. Hellier, well below that level on British debut: poor form when eighth of 14 in maiden at Taunton on hurdling debut.

J. S. MOORE

Pink, emerald green chevron, halved sleeves, quartered cap (Mrs Fitri Hay)

RAMBLING MINSTER

7 11-7

b.g. Minster Son – Howcleuch (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 F17m² F17g³ F16g* F16s⁵ 19g² 16g⁶ :: 2004/5 20d* 24d* 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)

RED GEORGIE (IRE)

7 11-7

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

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

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

REVEILLEZ

6 11-7

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

J. R. FANSHAWE

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

ROMANY PRINCE

6 11-7

b.g. Robellino (USA) – Vicki Romara (Old Vic) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 24d³ 23s² 19g³ Mar 5] useful on Flat (best form around 2m), sold out of D. Elsworth's stable 60,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales after not discredited in Doncaster Cup: fair form in novice hurdles, creditable 4¼ lengths third to Bagan at Doncaster last time: stays 3m: finished distressed second start.

S. GOLLINGS

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

SECRET PLOY

5 11-7

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

H. MORRISON

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

SENR SEDONA

6 11-7

b.g. Royal Vulcan – Star Shell (Queen's Hussar) [2003/4 F16v² F16g² :: 2004/5 20d⁵ 24d⁵ 21d² 22s* Feb 10] tall, useful-looking gelding: brother to 3 winners, notably very smart chaser up to 3m Royal Mountbrowne, and half-brother to 2 others: dam never ran: fairly useful form when second in 2 bumpers at Ascot: fairly useful novice hurdler: won 13-runner event at Wincanton last time by 1½ lengths from Lord Killeshanra, leading fifth and staying on well: likely to stay well: tends to swish tail under pressure.

N. J. GIFFORD

Beige, black hollow box and armlets, quartered cap (Felix Rosenstiel's Widow & Son)

James Davies

92

h17s 92 N

148h19g 132+N
h24d 135+132
h24g 143+119
h24d 132+112
h20d 120+N
h16g 107+N**131**h24s 123 N
h23s 131 N
h23v N
h20v 117 N
F16d 109+W
F16d 115+W**145 p**h19g 127+N
h16s 129+N**128**h19g 128 N
h23s 128 N
h24d 124+G2**145**h20v 128 N
h19d 145 N
h16d 135 N
F16g 137 G2
F12d 120 W
F12g 121 W**134**h22s 134 N
h21d 134 N
h24d 125+G2
h20d 81+N
F16g 109 W
F16v 109 WA**SEOMRA HOCHT (IRE)**

8 11-7

b.g. Standiford (USA) – Woodbury Princess (Never So Bold) [2003/4 18d 20s⁴ 19g :: 2004/5 20m 20g³ 22m² 20s² 20g⁴ 24s³ 18s⁴ 20s Dec 12] modest maiden hurdler: at least respectable efforts in frame second to seventh starts this season: well held in handicap last time: probably stays 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

WILLIAM COLEMAN O'BRIEN, IRELAND

Light blue, royal blue triple diamond, diamonds on sleeves, royal blue diamonds on cap (Mrs M. Monaghan)

STAGE BY STAGE (USA)

6 11-7

ch.g. In The Wings – Lady Thynn (FR) (Crystal Glitters (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 17d⁴ 16d* 20d* 22g* 22g* 20f² 20f² 21d⁶ Nov 14] smallish gelding: useful at best on Flat (will probably stay 2m) for M. Bell, well held in 2003: fairly useful hurdler: won maiden and novice at Hexham in June and novice at Cartmel and handicap at Uttoxeter in July: better efforts when runner-up next 2 starts, travelling well until mistake 2 out when 1½ lengths second of 7 to Football Crazy in novice at Cheltenham in latter: below form on same course latest start: stays 25f: winner on good to soft ground, best form on good or firmer (acts on firm).

C. R. EGERTON

Dark blue and maroon (quartered), white sleeves (Mrs Evelyn Hankinson)

TASMAN (IRE)

5 11-7

ch.g. Definite Article – Felin Special (Lyphard's Special (USA)) [2003/4 16s² :: 2004/5 16v* 20d* 20v³ Nov 21] fair maiden on Flat (stays 2m): progressive form over hurdles, winning maiden at Listowel in September and minor event at Cork (beat Oh Be The Hokey by 2 lengths, 22 ran) in October: 3½ lengths third of 7 finishers to Sweet Kiln in Grade 3 novice at Navan last time, staying on dourly: will stay beyond 2½m: raced only on going softer than good (acts on heavy).

D. K. WELD, IRELAND

Pink, purple sash, halved sleeves, pink cap, purple star (Mrs M. Cusack)

THAMES (IRE)

7 11-7

b.g. Over The River (FR) – Aon Dochas (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 20d³ 24gpu :: 2004/5 20d³ 20s* 20s* Feb 19] strong, lengthy gelding: better effort in bumpers in 2002/3 when fourth in Grade 2 at Aintree: fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Haydock in December/February, beating Corlande 2½ lengths for second success, leading on bridle 3 out and able to be eased run-in: likely to prove best at 2½m+: acts on soft going: open to more improvement.

N. J. HENDERSON

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

THEATRE (USA)

6 11-7

b.g. Theatrical – Fasta (USA) (Seattle Song (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16g⁴ 19dF 21d⁵ 23d² 22s* Mar 9] close-coupled gelding: fairly useful on Flat (effective at 1¾m to 2m): fair novice hurdler: always prominent and led from seventh when winning 7-runner event at Fontwell on latest start by 3½ lengths from Floreana, eased close home: would also have won 16-runner novice at Lingfield on second start but for falling last when holding 3-length lead over winner Hashid: stays 23f: raced on good going or softer: has jumped none too fluently.

JAMIE POULTON

Grey, pink stars, hooped sleeves and star on cap (Mr Chris Steward)

M. Batchelor

VA VAVOOM (IRE)

7 11-7

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

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

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

110h20s 97
h18s 110 N
h24s 106 N
h20g 110 N
h20s 110 N
h22m 110 93**135**h21d 125 N
h25g 135 N
h20f 132+118
h22g 124+112
h22g 111+N
h16d 110+N**146**h20v 146 N
h20d 131+W
h16v 115 N
h16s 122 N**133 p**h20s 128+N
h20s 122+N
h20d 133 N
h24g G1
h20d 119+N**126**h22s 124+N
h23d 126 N
h21d 122 G1
h19d 118+N
h16g 126 N**136**h24d 126+N
h20s G2
h21d 136 G1
h17d 126 N
h16s + N
F17v 110 N

WASHINGTON LAD (IRE)

5 11-7

ch.g. Beneficial – Kyle Lark (Miner's Lamp) [2003/4 F16s2 :: 2004/5 F16g2 F16v3 F16d2 F16d4 18v3 20v* 20v* Jan 23] leggy, quite good-topped gelding; seventh foal: brother to bumper/2½m hurdle winner Ardsallagh's Lark: dam unraced half-sister to fairly useful chaser Lake Teeren: fairly useful form in bumpers: successful last 2 starts over hurdles, in maiden at Fairyhouse (made all) and Grade 3 novice at Leopardstown week later, improved form at latter when beating Asian Maze 1½ lengths after idling and hitting last: likely to stay 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts well on heavy).

*P. A. FAHY, IRELAND**White and emerald green chevrons, striped cap (Garrafrauns Syndicate)***WILD CANE RIDGE (IRE)**

6 11-7

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Shuil Na Lee (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2003/4 F17v* F16d* :: 2004/5 20s2 20v* 24v* 23s4 Feb 19] leggy, good-topped gelding; second foal: half-brother to fairly useful 2m hurdler/useful novice chaser River City (by Norwich): dam unraced out of useful staying hurdler Gortnalee, from excellent jumping family: unbeaten in 2 bumpers (useful form): fairly useful novice hurdler: easy winner at Carlisle in November and Hexham in December, beating Narciso 13 lengths at latter: only 26 lengths fourth of 5 to Mephisto in Grade 2 at Haydock last time, making running but weakening once headed before 2 out: will stay beyond 3m: raced only on going softer than good.

L. LUNGO

A. Dobbin

*Beige, brown hooped sleeves, orange cap (Ashleybank Investments Limited)***WITHOUT A DOUBT**

6 11-7

b.g. Singspiel (IRE) – El Rabab (USA) (Roberto (USA)) [2003/4 F16m2 F16d6 F17d :: 2004/5 21g2 21d2 17s* 16d2 16g3 16d 17v3 20d Mar 12] leggy gelding; fairly useful novice hurdler: made all at Folkestone in November: good placed efforts at Sandown and Kempton (third to Coat of Honour) next 2 runs, but well beaten in valuable handicaps 2 of last 3 starts, despite looking very well latest: should stay 2½m: acts on soft going (bumper form on good to firm).

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

6 11-0

ch.m. Anshan – Mazuma (IRE) (Mazaad) [2003/4 F16d F16g2 :: 2004/5 F17d4 F20g2 F16m3 16g5 16g 16s2 18s* 20v* 24s* 20v* 20v2 Jan 23] third foal: dam, won 2m hurdle, half-sister to useful juvenile hurdler Lir: fair form in bumpers: fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Punchestown and Galway in October, Cork (listed event) in November and Punchestown (listed mares race, made all to beat Sunami Storm 4½ lengths) in December: best effort when 1½ lengths second to Washington Lad in Grade 3 at Leopardstown last time: stays 3m: acts on heavy going.

*PATRICK MULLINS, IRELAND**Black and red stripes, white cap (Mrs C. A. Moore)***KINGS BAY**

6 11-0

ch.m. Beveled (USA) – Storm of Plenty (Billion (USA)) [2003/4 F17v* F18g2 F16s2 :: 2004/5 24d* 22d 24v2 20sF Feb 9] angular mare: fairly useful form in mares bumpers in 2003/4, winning at Folkestone: won novice hurdle in mares bumpers in November by length from Heir To Be: ran well when second of 14 to Abzuson in similar event at Towcester penultimate start, fell fifth on latest: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

*H. MORRISON**Emerald green, royal blue seams, royal blue cap, emerald green spots (Mr P. J. Doherty)***LADY ZEPHYR (IRE)**

7 11-0

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

*N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES**Dark blue and emerald green stripes, red cap, dark blue star (Mr David Langdon)***136**

h20v	136	G3
h20v	132	N
h18v	136	N
F16d	111	W
F16d	109	W
F16v	109	W

140

h23s	127	G2
h24v	140	N
h20v	127	N
h20s	124	N
F16d	127	W
F17v	116	W

133

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

147

h20v	147	G3
h20v	142	L
h24s	142	N
h20v	135	N
h18s	121	N
h16s	109	N

122

h20s	N	
h24v	122	N
h22d	145	99
h24d	117	N
F16s	121	L
F18g	121	W

146

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

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ASTONVILLE (FR)

11 11-10

b.g. Top Ville – Astonishing (BRZ) (Vacilante (ARG)) [2003/4 18s4 19v3 :: 2004/5 c18s 20s4 20d5 20v c24spu Feb 26] lengthy ex-French gelding; very smart hurdler/useful chaser at one time, only fairly useful nowadays: claimed from M. Rolland €8,000 after second start: visored and off 5 months, very stiff tasks and soundly beaten all starts in Britain: stays 25f: raced mainly on soft/heavy going.

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

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

BALLYCASSIDY (IRE)

9 11-10

br.g. Insan (USA) – Bitofabreeze (IRE) (Callernish) [2003/4 c21g* c24m* c20m* c22s c22m* c19m3 c25g* c24g* c24m* c24g2 c25spu :: 2004/5 c27d2 c25s5 c24dpu Feb 12] strong, lengthy gelding: winning hurdler: smart chaser: enjoyed excellent 2003/4, won 7 times, including Summer Plate (Handicap) at Market Rasen and Grade 2 novice at Newbury: good second to Stormez in valuable handicap at Cheltenham on reappearance: poor efforts in Grade 2 events since, let down by jumping each time: effective at 2½m to 27f: acts on firm and good to soft going, unsuited by softer: blinkered once: often leads.

P. BOWEN

S. Durack

*White, red chevron, emerald green and red striped sleeves, red cap (R Owen & P Fullagar)***?**

c24d	G2	
c25s	G2	
c27d	160	142
c25s	G2	
c24g	159	G1
c24m	160	N

BEEF OR SALMON (IRE)

9 11-10

ch.g. Cajetano (USA) – Farinella (IRE) (Salmon Leap (USA)) [2003/4 c20s3 c20d* c16d* c24d3 c26g4 :: 2004/5 c25g* c24s5 c24s* c20s3 c24v* c24s2 Feb 6] strong gelding: top-class chaser: successful in 3 Grade 1 events this season, Punchestown Heineken Gold Cup (easily beat Harbour Pilot 4 lengths) in April, James Nicholson Wine Merchant Champion Chase at Down Royal (reportedly suffered overreach when comfortably beating Kicking King 3½ lengths) in November and Lexus Chase at Leopardstown (beat Best Mate 7 lengths, leading and quickening 3 out) in December: reported to have minor infection when below-form 14 lengths second to Rule Supreme in another Grade 1 at Leopardstown latest start, close second but held when mistake last: has won at 2m, ideally suited by further (stays 3¼m): raced mainly on going softer than good (acts on heavy): patiently ridden: sometimes none too fluent.

*M. HOURIGAN, IRELAND**Yellow, emerald green seams, green cap (Mr B. J. Craig)***183**

c24s	167	G1
c24v	183	G1
c20s	163	G1
c24s	182	G1
c24s	166	168
c25g	178	G1

CELESTIAL GOLD (IRE)

7 11-10

br.g. Persian Mews – What A Queen (King's Ride) [2003/4 c22s* c24g3 c24s3 c32g2 c25m* :: 2004/5 c20d* c26g* c24d3 Feb 12] tall gelding: useful novice chaser in 2003/4: much improved in valuable handicaps first 2 starts this season, winning Paddy Power Gold Cup at Cheltenham by 1¾ lengths from Thisthatandtother and Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury by 1½ lengths from Ollie Magern, travelling strongly held up each time: further improvement when around 1½ lengths third to Farmer Jack in Grade 2 at latter course last time, failing to settle and not finding much, tending to hang in behind, when asked for effort: stays 4m, effective at much shorter: acts on soft and good to firm going.

*M. C. PIPE**Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)***173**

c24d	173	G2
c26g	159	142
c20d	160	136
c25m	136	N
c32g	144	NA
c24s	144	N

FARMER JACK

9 11-10

b.g. Alflora (IRE) – Cheryl's Pet (IRE) (General Ironside) [2003/4 c19dpu c16g c16s* c20g c20g :: 2004/5 c20s* c20dF c20d2 c21dF c21s4 c24d* c24s* Feb 26] workmanlike gelding: had breathing operation after final start in 2003/4: high-class chaser: better than ever this season, won totesport Wigan Chase (Limited Handicap) at Aintree (by 11 lengths from Take The Stand) in October and AON Chase at Newbury (by 1½ lengths from Strong Flow) and Racing Post Chase (Handicap) in February, in last-named always handy when beating Iznogoud 6 lengths: stays 3m: acts on soft going (won bumper on firm): effective held up or making running.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Johnson

*Light blue, red chevrons, halved sleeves, quartered cap (Mr Peter Partridge)***174**

c24s	174	152
c24d	174	G2
c21s	167	153
c21d	167	155
c20d	162	G2
c20d	162	156

GREY ABBEY (IRE)

11 11-10

gr.g. Nestor – Tacovaon (Avocat) [2003/4 20d⁶ 25g* c24g* c33d* :: 2004/5 c25s* c25s* Jan 29] lengthy gelding: has had breathing operation: left F. Murtagh and off a year prior to 2003/4, successful in handicap hurdle at Catterick second outing on return: has won all 4 races over fences since and developed into top-class chaser, accounting for Sir Rembrandt by 3 lengths in 3-finisher bet365 Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby in October and again galloping on strongly when beating Therealbandit 16 lengths in Pillar Property Chase at Cheltenham 3 months later: stays 33f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: effective tongue tied or not: has gained all wins on left-handed tracks, first past post 7 times at Ayr: bold-jumping front runner: thoroughly game and genuine.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

G. Lee

*Orange, black spots on sleeves and cap (The Roper Family and Norman Furness)***IRISH HUSSAR (IRE)**

9 11-10

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

N. J. HENDERSON

*Yellow, maroon cap (Major Christopher Hanbury)***KICKING KING (IRE)**

7 11-10

b.g. Old Vic – Fairy Blaze (IRE) (Good Thyne (USA)) [2003/4 c16d⁵ c17d^F c16s* c17d* c16g² c20d² :: 2004/5 c16g^{bd} c20s* c24s² c20s* c24g* Dec 26] rangy, well-made gelding: useful hurdler: tip-top chaser: further improvement this season, winning Grade 2 National Lottery Agent Champion Chase at Gowran, Grade 1 John Durkan Memorial Punchestown Chase (beat Rathgar Beau by 11 lengths) and Grade 1 Stan James King George VI Chase at Kempton: best effort when beating Kingscliff by 2½ lengths in 14-runner race at Kempton, leading at twelfth and 8 lengths clear when blundering and all but coming down last: will probably stay 3¼am: acts on soft going: usually jumps boldly and well: races prominently.

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND

B. J. Geraghty

*Purple, white diamond and sleeves, purple cap (Mr Conor Clarkson)***KINGSCLIFF (IRE)**

8 11-10

b.g. Toulon – Pixies Glen (Furry Glen) [2003/4 c24d* c25d* c24s² :: 2004/5 c24g² Dec 26] big, rangy gelding: very promising chaser: unbeaten in first 7 starts, including Christie's Foxhunter at Cheltenham in 2002/3 and handicaps at Ascot (despite rein breaking early on) and Cheltenham in 2003/4: reportedly pulled muscles when only second of 4 finishers to Artic Jack in valuable handicap at Haydock final 2003/4 start: off 11 months, most encouraging reappearance when excellent 2½ lengths second of 14 to Kicking King in King George VI Chase at Kempton, chasing leaders and staying on: stays 3¼am: usually jumps soundly: may still do better, and sure to win more races.

R. H. ALNER

A. Thornton

*Purple, white hoop, white sleeves, purple armlets, emerald green cap (Mr A. J. Sendell)***PIZARRO (IRE)**

8 11-10

ch.g. Broken Hearted – Our Swan Lady (Swan's Rock) [2003/4 20d⁴ c17g* c20d^{pu} c24d* c21d* c24g^{bd} :: 2004/5 c24d³ c24v³ c24s^F c25s² Feb 19] workmanlike gelding: smart hurdler: very smart chaser: won 3 times in novice company in 2003/4, including 2 Grade 1 events at Leopardstown: good third first 2 starts this season, around 7 lengths behind Chives in Grade 2 at Haydock and beaten 22 lengths by Beef Or Salmon in Grade 1 at Leopardstown (slow jump 3 out when race was just taking shape): let down by jumping last 2 starts, below best when 1½ lengths second of 6 to Hedgehunter in Grade 3 at Fairyhouse on latest: stays 3m: acts on heavy going: has hung left.

E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND

*Royal blue and yellow diablo, yellow diamonds on sleeves, red cap (Mr E. Wallace)***179**

c25s	179	G2
c25s	179	G2
c33d	170+148	
c24g	172	142
h25g	126+113	
h20d	127?	G2

PRESENT BLEU (FR)

10 11-10

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

M. SCUDAMORE

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

8 11-10

ch.g. Garde Royale – Carmonera (FR) (Carmont (FR)) [2003/4 c20s⁴ c21d^F c19g c20s⁴ c24g⁴ c25m² c24g² c24g³ c25g c29m² :: 2004/5 c25d* c26g³ c25d² c25s³ c25d³ Feb 19] good-topped gelding: smart chaser: reportedly had wind operation in summer: better than ever when winning Badger Ales Trophy at Wincanton in November by 2 lengths from Gunther McBride, tending to jump left: good placed efforts in valuable handicaps at Newbury (third to Celestial Gold) and Cheltenham (beaten 3 lengths by Therealbandit) next 2 starts: better than distance beaten suggests when 28 lengths third to Grey Abbey in Grade 2 at Cheltenham penultimate outing, getting very tired: ran lifeless race when last of 3 finishers in listed event at Wincanton next time: stays 29f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried blinkered: tongue tied.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Christian Williams

*Emerald green, yellow spots, yellow and emerald green halved sleeves, purple cap (Mr Clive D. Smith)***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)***SIR REMBRANDT (IRE)**

9 11-10

b.g. Mandalus – Sue's A Lady (Le Moss) [2003/4 c26g^F c26d* c29d² c25d^{pu} c24g⁶ c26g² :: 2004/5 c25s² c23d⁴ c24d² c24d⁴ Feb 12] big, strong, lengthy gelding: top-class chaser on his day, notably when runner-up in Cheltenham Gold Cup (back to form after twice shaping as if amiss, keeping on strongly behind Best Mate) last March and to Grey Abbey in 3-finisher Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby in November: not at best since, soon off bridle when second to Chives in Tommy Whittle Chase at Haydock in December (now rated on this form): found wanting for pace when fourth to Farmer Jack in Grade 2 at Newbury latest start: ideally suited by good test at 3m, and stays 29f: raced on good going or softer: looked unsuited by right-handed track second outing.

R. H. ALNER

M. A. Fitzgerald

*Yellow, red stars, red sleeves, yellow stars, yellow cap, red star (Mr A. Hordle)***STRONG FLOW (IRE)**

8 11-10

br.g. Over The River (FR) – Stormy Skies (Strong Gale) [2003/4 c23g* c25g* c25g^F c21g* c26g* c24g* :: 2004/5 25s³ c24d² Feb 12] good sort: winning hurdler: off nearly 13 months and better for race, 6 lengths third to Celtic Son in handicap at Warwick on return, travelling well long way: created tremendous impression in first season over fences in 2003/4, unbeaten all 5 completed starts, notably Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup (Handicap) at Newbury and Grade 1 Network Design Feltham Novices' Chase at Kempton: always up with pace when 1½ lengths second to Farmer Jack in Grade 2 at Newbury latest start: stays 3¼am: has been prone to the odd serious error, but superb jumper in the main: may have further improvement in him.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

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

c29v 133

165

c25d	146	L
c25s	153+G2	
c25d	165	153
c26g	165	150
c25d	163	145
c29m	155	139

165

c26g	G1
c24g	165+G2
c26g	+ 144

193

c24g	188+G1	
c20s	178	G1
c24s	179	G1
c20s	168	G2
c16g	+ G1	
c20d	162	G1

178 x

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

186 +

c24g	186+G1
c24s	164+160
c25d	166+148
c24d	157+130

165

c25s	155	W
c24s	G1	
c24v	165	G1
c24d	165	G2
c24g	163+G1	
c21d	153	G1

167

c24d	161+G2	
c24d	167	G2
c23d	+ W	
c25s	177	G2
c26g	177	G1
c24g	140	G2

173 +

c24d	173+G2
h25s	135+122
c24g	166+G1
c26g	165+140
c21g	139+N
c25g	+ N

TAKE THE STAND (IRE)

9 11-10

b.g. Witness Box (USA) – Denys Daughter (IRE) (Crash Course) [2003/4 c32m^F c26m* c23m² c24m* c26g^{bd} c25g* c29d⁴ c24s^F :: 2004/5 22g² c32m* c21d* c20s² c20d⁶ c24d^{pu} c29v^F c24v³ Jan 22] leggy gelding; very smart handicap chaser: further significant improvement this season, winning Britannia Building Society English Summer National at Uttoxeter in July and Lord Mildmay Memorial Handicap at Newton Abbot (by 20 lengths from Gladiateur IV) in August: generally let down by jumping in valuable events since, though ran creditably when never-dangerous third to Lord Transcend in Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock last time: easily best effort over hurdles when second in handicap at Newton Abbot on return: effective around 2½m to 4m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tends to jump left: tough and genuine: a credit to his trainer.

P. BOWEN

A. Dobbin

*Yellow, emerald green braces, armlets and star on cap (The Courtiers)***THEREALBANDIT (IRE)**

8 11-10

b.g. Torus – Sunrise Highway VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2003/4 22s² 27d* 22m* 22g* 25g* c25d* c21d* c25d^F c26g :: 2004/5 25d c25d* c24g c25s² Jan 29] tall, lengthy, rather sparsely-made gelding: progressive hurdler in first half of 2003/4, winning 4 times: virtually pulled up run-in after setting strong pace in handicap at Cheltenham on reappearance: smart chaser: jumped fluently and idled run-in when winning valuable handicap at Cheltenham in December by 3 lengths from Royal Auclair: tired run-in when 16 lengths second to Grey Abbey in Grade 2 there latest outing: stays 27f: acts on soft and good to firm going.

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

12 11-10

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)***TRUCKERS TAVERN (IRE)**

10 11-10

ch.g. Phardante (FR) – Sweet Tulip (Beau Chapeau) [2003/4 22s⁴ c24d² c25d^F c25d^{ur} c26g^{pu} :: 2004/5 20s⁴ c24d⁴ c25s* c24v⁴ c28s⁵ Feb 19] big, well-made gelding: excelled himself when second in 2003 Cheltenham Gold Cup: smart chaser on balance of form: won 5-finisher skybet.com Rowland Meyrick Chase at Wetherby in December by ¾ length from Malek, looking held after mistake 2 out but left in front after runner-up slowed and blundered last: mistakes when creditable never-dangerous fourth to Lord Transcend in Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock on penultimate start: respectable effort at best when fifth of 11 to Forest Gunner in valuable handicap at same course last time: raced only 3 times over hurdles, shaping as though in need of run in handicap at Ayr on reappearance: suited by 3m+: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tongue tied: effective held up or ridden from front: reportedly had breathing problem when pulled up in Gold Cup final 2003/4 outing: usually let down by jumping.

FERDY MURPHY

B. Harding

*Light blue and yellow (halved), sleeves reversed, striped cap (Mrs M. B. Scholey)***TURNIUM (FR)**

10 11-10

b. or br.g. Turgeon (USA) – Royal Mia (FR) (Kashmir II) [2003/4 20s⁴ 18g² 20s⁵ 18d⁶ c18s² :: 2004/5 c18s⁴ 18s* 18d² 16v c28s^{pu} Feb 19] workmanlike ex-French gelding: half-brother to winning hurdler around 2m Nika Mia (by Nikos): 11f to 2m winner on Flat: useful chaser/fairly useful hurdler: has won 7 races over jumps (all at Auteuil), including 17-runner claiming hurdle in May by 6 lengths from Genie d'Axel: claimed from A. Chaille-Chaille €22,000 third start: off 7 months, no promise both starts in Britain (breathing problem latest): stays 3m: acts on heavy ground: usually blinkered nowadays, visored twice.

*M. SCUDAMORE**Red, white star, black and red striped sleeves, white cap, black star (Mr F. G. Wilson)***164**

c24v	160	150
c29v		153
c24d	+	G2
c20d	164	155
c20s	164	156
c21d	164	145

VENN OTTERY

10 11-10

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

*M. C. PIPE**White, red and white hooped sleeves, black and white hooped cap (Mr O. J. Carter)***?**

c20d		145
h17g		N
c16g	143	W
c20d ^F		G2
c16g ^F		N
c16g ^F	130	G1

167

c25s	163+G2	
c24g	158+G1	
c25d	164+150	
h25d	+	145
c26g ^F		G1
c25d ^F	165+G2	

176

c24g		G1
c25g ^F	176	G2
c16g ^F	172+G1	
c19s ^F		G1
c24g ^F	177	G1
c20d ^F	175	G1

157 x

c28s	149	147
c24v	157	148
c25s	137	143
c24d	140	G2
h20s	117+125	
c26g ^F		G1

?

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

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BALLSICYOS (FR)

10 12-0

131 x

b.g. Nikos – Bally Duke (FR) (Iron Duke (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 NR] tall, angular gelding; fair chaser/fairly useful handicap hurdler for M. Pipe: fairly useful pointer nowadays, successful 5 times in 2004, and both starts in 2005: will stay beyond 25f: acts on soft and firm going: blinkered once: usually made mistakes in steeplechases.

MRS O. C. JACKSON

*Dark blue, yellow hoop, diablo on sleeves, yellow cap (Mrs P. A. Deal)***CANTARINHO**

7 12-0

125

b.g. Alderbrook – Hot Hostess (Silly Season) [2003/4 c24s* :: 2004/5 c26d⁴ c20d* c28g* c21d² c24g³ Mar 4] useful-looking gelding: useful hunter chaser: won at Fakenham, Huntingdon and Stratford (valuable novice, beat News Flash 3 lengths) in 2004: easily best effort this term when 23 lengths second to Sleeping Night (rec. 10 lb) at Fakenham penultimate start: favourite, bad mistake tenth when below-form third at Newbury next time: effective at 2 1/2m to 3 1/2m: acts on soft going: usually travels strongly up with pace.

D. J. KEMP

*Emerald green and light blue check, light blue sleeves, hooped cap (Mrs M. M. Harrison)***CAUGHT AT DAWN (IRE)**

11 12-0

120

b.g. Supreme Leader – Pharisee (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c25s* c25s² Mar 7] seventh in bumper at Newcastle on debut in 1999 for J. O'Neill: won maiden point in 2000, but no show in 2 maiden chases in Ireland: left R. Lalor, successful several times in points in Britain, including 5 times in 2004: useful form when winning hunter at Cheltenham in April by 3/4 length from Balinova: well beaten in point on return prior to creditable 8 lengths second to Yeoman Sailor in hunter at Hereford last time: stays 25f: acts on soft going.

M. H. WESTON

*Maroon, light blue sleeves, light blue and white quartered cap (Mr M. H. Weston)***COLQUHOUN**

11 12-0

114 x

b.g. Rakaposhi King – Red Rambler (Rymer) [2003/4 c21g³ c21g³ c21g² c20m² c20m³ :: 2004/5 c24m* May 22] good-topped gelding: winning hurdler: fair but error-prone novice chaser in early-2003/4 for T. George: winning pointer: successful in hunter at Stratford in May: left D. Pipe, won second of 2 starts in points in 2005: stays 3m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: often let down by jumping.

MRS O. C. JACKSON

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

12 12-0

127

b.g. Derrylin – Colonial Princess (Roscoe Blake) [2003/4 c26d² c24g* c26v* c28g^{pu} c26g* c26d³ c26m⁴ :: 2004/5 c33s* c34d² c26d³ Feb 20] strong gelding: smart hunter chaser: won 11-runner event at Cheltenham in April by 2 1/2 lengths from General Claremont: below-form third to Earthmover at Fontwell last time: won twice in points in 2005, including latest Mar 6: suited by 3m+: has won on good to firm going, probably suited by more testing conditions (acts on heavy): wore cheekpieces 5 starts prior to latest: sometimes makes mistakes.

J. SCOTT

*Emerald green, light blue cross belts, striped sleeves (Mr G. T. Lever)***EARTHMOVER (IRE)**

14 12-0

140

ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Clare's Crystal (Tekoah) [2003/4 c26d* c24g* c28g^{pu} c26g² c26d* c26m³ :: 2004/5 c34d* c28m^{bd} c26d* Feb 20] rangy gelding: smart hunter chaser: won 3 races in 2003/4, notably Christie's Foxhunter Chase (for second time) at Cheltenham by 4 lengths from Never Compromise: successful this term at Uttoxeter in May and, after 9-month break, Fontwell in February, beating Mrs Be 2 lengths at latter track: best at 3m+: acts on any going: still prone to mistakes: game.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Yellow, brown disc, striped sleeves, hooped cap (Mr R. M. Penny)

Miss A. Goschen

FIRST DOWN JETS (IRE)

8 12-0

104

b.g. Arctic Lord – Kentish Town (Camden Town) [2003/4 c17s^{ur} c24s⁴ c24d^F c22d⁵ c24s* :: 2004/5 c24s⁵ c22s^F Feb 19] modest hurdler: winning pointer, including twice in 2004: fair form in hunters: won maiden at Gowran in 2004: better effort this year behind General Montcalm in 8-finisher event at Fairyhouse last time, third when falling 2 out: stays 3m: acts on soft going.

W. J. BURKE, IRELAND

Dark blue, white stars, red sleeves, white chevrons, red cap (J. O'Mahoney)

c22s 104+WA
c24s 80 W
c24s' 104 NA
c22d' 98 W
c24d' W
c24s' 88 W

FOLY PLEASANT (FR)

11 12-0

120

ch.g. Vaguely Pleasant (FR) – Jeffologie (FR) (Jefferson) [2003/4 c20s^{pu} c21d³ 20v 20s* 21g :: 2004/5 c20s² Feb 11] sturdy gelding: smart chaser/fairly useful hurdler: sold out of Miss H. Knight's stable 100,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: won point in January 2005: 5 lengths second to Silence Reigns on hunter chase debut at Bangor next time: barely stays 25f under testing conditions: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually tongue tied with former connections: edgy sort: sound jumper: genuine.

NICK SHUTTS

*Emerald green, black seams, emerald green sleeves, black spots and spots on cap (Mr Nick**Shutts)*

c20s 120 WA
h21g' 131 140
h20s' 131+126
h20v' 130+126
c21d' 159 150
c20s' 155

FREE GIFT

7 12-0

122 p

b.g. Presenting – Gladtogetit (Green Shoon) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c21m* c25s² Feb 15] €18,000 4-y-o: lengthy gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to fair staying chasers Little Brown Bear (by Strong Gale) and Swincombe (by Good Thyne): dam modest chaser, stayed 3m: pulled hard and well held in 2 bumpers at Newbury: successful all 7 starts in points, including well-contested event on return in January 2005: also won 8-runner novice hunter at Folkestone in May: odds on, 6 lengths second to Paddy For Paddy in steadily-run hunter at Folkestone last time, outpaced home turn: stays 25f: remains capable of better.

MRS S. ALNER

*Dark blue, white seams, white sleeves, dark blue seams, dark blue cap (T.Chadney, D.Guyer,**V.Howard, P.Tozer)*

c25s 114 WA
c21m 93+NA

GATSBY (IRE)

9 12-0

107 +

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Burren Gale (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 c24m² c24s* Feb 12 :: 2004/5 NR] lengthy gelding: modest form on first of 2 starts in novice hurdles: made good start in hunter chases, won 17-runner novice event at Huntingdon in 2004 by 7 lengths from Mighty Willing despite idling: will stay beyond 3m: acts on good to firm and soft going.

J. ROUGCOTT

*Royal blue, white epaulets, royal blue sleeves, white stars, royal blue cap, white star (Mrs J. K.**Powell)*

c24s' 103+NA
c24m' 103 NA

GENERAL CLAREMONT (IRE)

12 12-0

114 \$

gr.g. Strong Gale – Kasam (General Ironside) [2003/4 c24m³ c28d² c32m⁴ c24g² c26m³ 26m* 25m³ c21g^{bd} :: 2004/5 c33s² c31m* c32m^{ur} c26g⁴ c25d^{pu} Mar 3] workmanlike gelding: modest hurdler: one-time fairly useful chaser: fairly useful hunter nowadays, won at Folkestone in May: left behind from 4 out when fourth to easy winner Double Honour in handicap at Newton Abbot penultimate start: off 7 months, well beaten at Ludlow on return: stays well: acts on soft and firm going: tried blinkered: weak finisher.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Red and yellow (quartered), yellow spots on red sleeves and cap (Mr K. G. Manley)

Mr L. Heard

c25d WA
c26g 99 112
c32m 114
c31m 107+WA
c33s 114 WA
c21g' WA

GENERAL MONTCALM (IRE)

7 12-0

126 x

b.g. Roselier (FR) – Pamela's Princess (Black Minstrel) [2003/4 c24s² c24s* c25d² c24s* c25d³ :: 2004/5 c25g^{ur} c24m^F c24s^{ur} c22s* Feb 19] good-topped gelding: winning pointer: useful hunter chaser: won at Thurles and Gowran in 2003/4: looked likely winner until unseating last in Champion Hunters Chase at Punctestown in late-April: jumped better than usual when winning 16-runner event at Fairyhouse on latest start by 10 lengths from Van Ness: stays 25f: acts on soft ground: often let down by jumping.

E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND

Red and white chevrons, white stars on sleeves and cap (Mr G. F. Mahony)

c22s 120 WA
c24s WA
c24m 117+WA
c25g 113+WA
c25d' 103 WA
c24s' 126+WA

HIGH PEAK

8 12-0

– x

b.g. Alflora (IRE) – High Heels (IRE) (Supreme Leader) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c19s^{pu} c24d^{pu} c24d^{ur} Mar 11] sturdy gelding: poor maiden hurdler: left C. Grant, won all 4 completed starts in points in 2004: no encouragement over fences this season, let down by jumping: probably stays 2 1/2m: raced on good going or softer: visored last 3 starts in 2002/3.

J. W. MULLINS

Dark blue, yellow star, maroon sleeves, yellow cap (Mrs Dinah Webb-Bowen)

JABIRU (IRE)

12 12-0
 b. or br.g. Lafontaine (USA) – Country Glen (Furry Glen) [2003/4 c25m c26m* c25dpu c24m3 c22g2 c24g3 :: 2004/5 c21g2 c28m6 c26g* c24g* Mar 3] good-topped gelding: fairly useful hunter chaser: won at Newton Abbot (third successive win in race) in May and Taunton (third course win, not fully extended to beat Ready To Rumble 5 lengths) in March: stays 3½2m: best efforts on good ground or firmer (acts on firm): often blinkered.

MRS K. M. SANDERSON

Mr D. Edwards

Orange, black hoop, orange and black hooped sleeves, white cap (Mrs K. M. Sanderson)

KINGSTON VENTURE

9 12-0
 b.g. Interrex (CAN) – Tricata (Electric) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 NR] good-topped gelding: fair handicap hurdler: no form in 2 novice chases in 2002/3 for W. Turner: useful pointer in 2004, won final 2 starts, beating Ballysicyos on second occasion: stays 2½2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: effective visored/blinker or not.

MISS C. PARFITT

Mr J. Barnes

Black, yellow sash, hooped sleeves, yellow cap (Miss Corinne J. Overton)

LORD ATTERBURY (IRE)

9 12-0
 ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Tammyiris (Arapahos (FR)) [2003/4 c33d* c26dpu c36d3 :: 2004/5 c28m4 May 22] sturdy gelding: unbeaten first 3 starts in hunters: laboured effort when favourite for Foxhunter in 2003/4 final outing for D. Pipe, but ran really well when 5 lengths third of 11 finishers to Amberleigh House in Grand National (Handicap) at Aintree following month, several mistakes but always prominent in strongly-run race: favourite, let down by jumping when well below form in valuable hunter at Stratford next time: stays 4½2m: acts on good to soft going: front runner.

M. C. PIPE

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

LORD OF THE TURF (IRE)

12 12-0
 b.g. Supreme Leader – Avida Dancer (Ballymore) [2003/4 c20v2 c22s :: 2004/5 c24s* Feb 6] angular gelding: useful handicap chaser in first half of 2003/4: in excellent heart in points this season, winning in October (twice) and January: showed he retains all his ability when winning hunter at Leopardstown in February by 8 lengths from Never Compromise, jumping well and racing with plenty of zest: will probably stay 3¼4m: raced on going softer than good (acts on heavy): tried blinkered.

JOHN BLEAHEN, IRELAND

Light blue, white chevron, quartered cap (Mr J. F. O'Malley)

NEVER COMPROMISE (IRE)

10 12-0
 br.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Banderole (IRE) (Roselier (FR)) [2003/4 c22d* c24s* c24d* c26d2 c29dF :: 2004/5 c24s* c24s2 c22s Feb 19] strong gelding: maiden hurdler: smart hunter chaser, second in Foxhunter at Cheltenham in 2004: made all in 10-runner event at Thurles in January, beating Notabadskin easily by 11 lengths: bit below best when second to Lord of The Turf at Leopardstown following month, lacklustre effort at Fairyhouse last time: will stay beyond 3¼4m: acts on heavy going: tried blinkered.

T. M. WALSH, IRELAND

White, dark blue hoop, white sleeves, dark blue armlets, white cap, dark blue star (Mr D. F. Desmond)

OURMAN (IRE)

9 12-0
 b.g. Good Thyne (USA) – Magic Minstrel (Pitpan) [2003/4 c25d* c26v2 :: 2004/5 c25s c24vpu Feb 25] useful-looking gelding: fair hunter chaser, won at Hexham in 2003: possibly needed run when seventh of 14 to Sleeping Night at Wetherby on return: poor effort next time: likely to prove best at 3m+: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): has had tongue tied: often races up with pace: has raced lazily.

NICK BELL

Mr N. M. Bell

Purple, large pink spots, pink spots on purple sleeves and cap (Mrs Adrienne Bell)

PADDY FOR PADDY (IRE)

11 12-0
 b.g. Mandalus – Lady Rerico (Pamroy) [2003/4 c25dpu :: 2004/5 c30d* c25s* Feb 15] useful hunter: no point, and hunter at Huntingdon in 2004: off 9 months, justified support in hunter at Folkestone last time, led home turn and beat Free Gift 6 lengths: stays 3¾4m: acts on soft going.

G. L. LANDAU

Mr R. Burton

Dark blue, red triple diamond, diamonds on sleeves, red cap (Mrs Jane Thornton)

115

c24g 110+ WA
 c26g 115 WA
 c28m 95 WA
 c21g 109 103A
 c24g 103+ WA
 c22g 111 WA

124 +**140**

c28m 98 WA
 c36d 140 130
 c26d 140 WA
 c33d 119+ WA

138

c24s 135 WA
 c22s 135 130
 c20v 138+ 130

129 +

c22s WA
 c24s 129 WA
 c24s 111+ W
 c29d 123
 c26d 137 WA
 c24d 109+ W

93

c24v WA
 c25s 93+ WA
 c26v 105 WA
 c25d 105 WA

119

c25s 119 WA
 c30d 109 WA
 c25d 109 WA

PLACID MAN (IRE)

11 12-0
 br.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Sparkling Gale (Strong Gale) [2003/4 c20d* :: 2004/5 c20g* c28m^{ur} May 22] big, rangy gelding: lightly raced: third in novice only start over hurdles: successful all 3 completed outings in steeplechases, including in hunter chases at Fontwell in March and Warwick (beat Sikander A Azam by 3 lengths, pair clear) in May: raced prominently and every chance when unseated 3 out in valuable 3½2m event won by Torduff Express at Stratford latest start: won point in January 2005 (for T. Bryce): bred to stay beyond 2½2m: acts on heavy and good to firm going.

MS A. E. EMBIRICOS

Ms A. Embiricos

White, black and white check sleeves, black cap (Tim Jones and Partners)

POLAR CHAMP

12 12-0
 b.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – Ceramic (USA) (Raja Baba (USA)) [2003/4 27g^{pu} 27g c26d :: 2004/5 c24m^{ur} c32m^F c26g^{pu} Jul 12] sturdy gelding: useful hurdler/chaser at best: won 5 points in 2004: unfortunate not to win hunter chase at Stratford on reappearance, making running and around 4 lengths ahead of winner Colquhoun when unseating last: left D. Pipe, fell thirteenth in valuable handicap at Uttoxeter penultimate start, took little interest last time (for M. Pipe): won 3 times in points in 2005, latest Mar 5: stays 33f: acts on any going: blinkered twice, usually visored nowadays: has gone with little zest over hurdles/shown temperament in points.

MRS O. C. JACKSON

Pink, white stars, pink sleeves, purple armlets, pink cap, white star (Mrs Angie Malde)

SLEEPING NIGHT (FR)

9 12-0
 b.g. Sleeping Car (FR) – Doll Night (FR) (Karkour (FR)) [2003/4 24d5 :: 2004/5 c25s* c25s^{ur} c21d* Feb 18] rather leggy gelding: one-time high-class chaser/useful hurdler: off 20 months (reportedly due to leg injury) before only 2003/4 start: off further 14 months, smart form to win at Wetherby and Fakenham from 3 outings in hunter chases this season (unseated in between), drew away on bridle 2 out and beat Cantarinho 23 lengths at latter course: stays 25f: acts on heavy going: has high head carriage.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Mr C. J. Sweeney

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

SUPREME SILENCE (IRE)

8 12-0
 b.g. Bluebird (USA) – Why So Silent (Mill Reef (USA)) [2003/4 24g^{pu} c25s^{pu} c25s2 c21s^{pu} c25g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c20g c27g3 c25s* Mar 6] angular gelding: winning hurdler: won twice in points in 2004: apparently best effort in hunter chases when winning 4-runner novice event at Market Rasen on latest start by a distance from The Vintage Dancer, just getting on top when left long way clear at last: stays 25f: acts on soft going: tried blinkered/visored/tongue tied: unguanine.

NICK KENT

Mr N. Kent

Emerald green, orange star, armlets and star on cap (Mr Russel H. Lee)

TANAGER

10 12-0
 ch.g. Carlingford Castle – Tangara (Town Crier) [2003/4 c23g3 :: 2004/5 c26s^{ur} c22v^{ur} c28g c24s c20g c24g* Mar 4] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful hunter chaser on his day, would have probably won but for unseating at Cheltenham and Towcester in 2004: won point in January 2005: 16/1, back to form when winning 7-runner event at Newbury last time by 2½2 lengths from Silence Reigns, rallying well as runner-up faltered run-in: probably stays 3¼4m: acts on heavy going: blinkered: unreliable.

MRS K. LAWTHER

White, red chevron, emerald green and red striped sleeves, red cap (P Fullagar J Nash R Owen P Yacomine)

THE WIPPER (IRE)

9 12-0
 b.g. Alphabatim (USA) – Musical Millie (IRE) (Orchestra) [2003/4 c24g^{ur} :: 2004/5 c24v^{pu} Dec 27] sturdy gelding: second foal: half-brother to a winning Irish pointer by Black Monday: dam unraced sister to fairly useful chaser up to 2½2m Shekels: fairly useful hunter chaser: won at Thurles in 2002/3: pulled up at Down Royal in December, but successful 3 times in points this winter, latest Feb 13: stays 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually races prominently.

SEAN AHERNE, IRELAND

Dark blue, large red spots, red diamonds on sleeves, dark blue cap, red star (W. F. Casey)

126

c28m WA
 c20g 120+ WA
 c20d 126 WA

123 \$

c26g 125
 c32m 125
 c24m 117? WA
 c26d WA
 h27g 117
 h27g 125

138

c21d 135+ WA
 c25s WA
 c25s 121+ WA
 h24d 127+ G2

106 \$

c25s 106 NA
 c27g 83 WA
 c20g WA
 c25g WA
 c21s NA
 c25s 87 NA

117 \$

c24g 117 WA
 c20g 102+ WA
 c24s 89+ NA
 c28g NA
 c22v 95+ NA
 c26s 117? WA

114

c24v WA
 c24g W

EASTERN POINT

11 11-7
 b.m. Buckskin (FR) – Deep Creek (Deep Run) [2003/4 c21f³ c28d c20g c21m⁴ c23m³ c20mpu c21g² c23g* :: 2004/5 c25s³ c24g⁴ c23s³ Mar 11] lengthy mare: fair pointer: similar form when winning 8-runner maiden hunter at Leicester in 2004 by 1¼ lengths from Black Smoke: below form in face of stiffish tasks last 3 starts, hinting at temperament more than once.

P. YORK

Light blue and yellow stripes, hooped sleeves, light blue cap (Mrs K. H. York)

Mr P. York

104

c23s	90+WA
c24g	78 WA
c25s	96 WA
c23g'	104+NA
c21g'	96 NA
c20m'	83

JUST CLIQUOT

9 11-7
 b.m. Gunner B – Formidable Lady (Formidable (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c24g* c26g^{ur} May 26] 4,600 4-y-o: fifth foal: sister/half-sister to winning pointers: dam winning 2m hurdler: winning pointer, including on second of 2 starts in 2005: 5/2 favourite, winning debut in hunters in novice at Bangor in April by ½ length from Coole Venture: blundered and unseated eleventh next time: stays 3m.

MRS A. C. SWARBRICK

White, emerald green hoop, emerald green and white halved sleeves, emerald green and pink

quartered cap (Mr Ken Hamer)

Mr G. Hanmer

107

c26g	WA
c24g	103+NA

MRS BE (IRE)

9 11-7
 ch.m. Be My Native (USA) – Kilbrack (Perspex) [2003/4 c24g² :: 2004/5 c26g³ c28g³ c26d² Feb 20] lengthy mare: fairly useful pointer, successful in January: best effort in hunter chases when 2 lengths second of 7 to Earthmover at Fontwell last time: has left Mrs O. Bush: will stay at least 4m.

J. G. CANN

Light blue, royal blue sash, sleeves and cap (Mr J. H. Burbidge)

Miss P. Gundry

118

c26d	118 WA
c28g	113 NA
c26g	104 NA
c24g	111+WA

PHELANS FANCY (IRE)

7 11-7
 ch.m. Mister Lord (USA) – Forty Quid (IRE) (Exhibitioner) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 19g 20d 16m c22v³ c20v² c22d² c23g* Mar 12] IR £2,000 3-y-o: second foal: sister to winning pointer Lord Rockfield: dam placed once around 1½m: no form over hurdles: winning pointer: modest form in hunters, winning 14-runner maiden at Downpatrick last time by 20 lengths from Mexico Way: stays 23f: acts on heavy going.

MICHAEL WINTERS, IRELAND

(John Phelan)

Mr M. J. O'Connor

97

c23g	W
c22d	97 W
c20v	97 W
c22v	N
h16m	N
h20d	N

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ARMATURK (FR)

8 11-12
 ch.g. Baby Turk – Armalita (FR) (Goodland (FR)) [2003/4 24g⁵ c20s⁶ c21d⁴ c16s* c17g² c16m⁶ c16g² c16d⁴ :: 2004/5 c16g* c16d* c21d⁴ c16v³ c16s c17d³ Feb 12] tall, angular gelding: winning hurdler: very smart handicap chaser: reportedly had breathing operation in summer: successful first 2 starts on return, beating Bleu Superbe 4 lengths in listed event at Lingfield in October and Well Chief by head at Cheltenham in November, leading 3 out both times: creditable fourth to Monkerhostin in valuable event at Cheltenham next time: best effort since when remote third to Azertyuiop in Grade 2 at Newbury latest start: effective at 2m to 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: often tongue tied in 2003/4, on fifth outing only this season: usually races with plenty of zest.

P. F. NICHOLLS

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

Christian Williams

167

c17d	162 G2
c16s	+ 156
c16v	154 G2
c21d	167 158
c16d	167+154
c16g	164 148

FLAGSHIP UBERALLES (IRE)

11 11-8
 b.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	157
c16s	146 G2
c17s	163
c20g'	G1
c16g'	176 G1
c16d'	148 G2

ONEWAY (IRE)

8 11-5
 b.g. Bob's Return (IRE) – Rendezvous (Lorenzaccio) [2003/4 c16v³ c20s* c22m⁵ c19d^{pu} :: 2004/5 c20d* c16d* c16d* c16d* c16g* Feb 5] workmanlike gelding: modest form in novice hurdles: most progressive handicap chaser: successful all 5 starts this season, showing smart form when winning at Sandown on latest by 1½ lengths from Impek: earlier won at Worcester in October, Wetherby in November, Haydock in December and Sandown (beat Bleu Superbe 2 lengths) in January: effective at 2m to 2½m: raced on good going or softer: has taken strong hold: hasn't finished progressing.

M. G. RIMELL

Black and red stripes, hooped sleeves, quartered cap (Mr Mark Rimell)

G. Lee

168 p

c16g	168 143
c16d	156+135
c16d	155 124
c16d	137+115
c20d	133+107
c19d'	109

CONTRABAND

7 11-3
 b.g. Red Ransom (USA) – Shortfall (Last Tycoon) [2003/4 16g³ 17m* 16m* 16g* 16v² 16g 21g 16g² 17m* :: 2004/5 c16s² c16d² c16d* c16v³ Jan 22] good-topped gelding: useful novice hurdler in 2003/4: already as good over fences, won Grade 2 Sodexho Prestige Henry VIII Novices' Chase at Sandown in December by 5 lengths from The Last Cast, running on well after leading last: placed in similar events start either side, second to impressive Fundamentalist at Cheltenham and third to My Will at Uttoxeter (more patiently ridden than usual): likely to prove best around 2m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually free-going front runner.

M. C. PIPE

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

158

c16v	158 G2
c16d	158 G2
c16d	158 G2
c16s	145 L
h17m'	145 N
h16g'	156 G2

RISK ACCESSOR (IRE)

10 11-3
 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 (hampered when unseating sixth in Grand National): often weak finisher.

C. ROCHE, IRELAND

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

163

c20s	147
c24s	163 145
c19s	163+W
c22m	163 143
h16g	157 W
c20d	163 W

IMPEK (FR)

9 11-1

b.g. Lute Antique (FR) – Attualita (FR) (Master Thatch) [2003/4 c16d2 c24d* c24s5 c21d^{ur} c19s2 c21d3 c16m2 :: 2004/5 c20s4 c21d6 16g4 c16g2 Feb 5] rather leggy gelding: smart hurdler in 2001/2: first start over hurdles since when 22 lengths equal-fourth of 7 to Harchibald in Grade 1 at Kempton in December: very smart chaser, in frame on 9 of last 11 starts, though winning just once: back to form when 1½ lengths second to Oneway in handicap at Sandown latest start: effective at 2m to easy 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going: blinkered once in 2001/2 (ran poorly): edgy sort, has given trouble at start: patiently ridden: jumps well.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

J. Culloty

*Light blue and maroon stripes, light blue sleeves, hooped cap (Mr Jim Lewis)***VENN OTTERY**

10 11-1

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

*M. C. PIPE**White, red and white hooped sleeves, black and white hooped cap (Mr O. J. Carter)***RIVER CITY (IRE)**

8 11-0

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

NOEL T. CHANCE

T. Doyle

*Royal blue, white stars, red and white striped sleeves, white cap, royal blue stars (Mrs S. Rowley-Williams & Partners)***GREAT TRAVEL (FR)**

6 10-13

b.g. Great Palm (USA) – Travel Free (Be My Guest (USA)) [2003/4 17g2 16g3 c16g^F c16m3 c16s* c16d* c16g2 c16d4 c18d4 :: 2004/5 c16d* c17g* c16g3 Feb 5] good-topped gelding: fair form over hurdles: far better over fences, much improved when successful in handicaps at Kempton in October and Newbury in November, beating Tysou and Duchamp respectively, winning impressively by 8 lengths on each occasion: good third to Oneway in similar event at Sandown on latest start, failing to find much after last having travelled strongly (breathing problem): likely to prove best at 2m: acts on soft going: has proved troublesome at start/reluctant to race/idled.

P. F. NICHOLLS

A. P. McCoy

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

7 10-13

b.g. Ashkalani (IRE) – Bold Tango (FR) (In Fijar (USA)) [2003/4 16g^F 16d* 17d3 16g :: 2004/5 c16d* c16d^R c20s^{pu} c16d2 Mar 12] tall, leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won novice at Wetherby in 2003/4: won maiden at Sandown on chasing debut by 4 lengths from Lacdoudal: similar form when 4 lengths second of 6 to Dempsey in novice there on latest start: shaped as if amiss in Grade 2 novices both starts in between: probably best around 2m: raced on good ground or softer.

*N. J. HENDERSON**Pink, white striped sleeves, white cap (Mrs Belinda Harvey)***CARACCIOLA (GER)**

8 10-12

b.g. Lando (GER) – Capitolina (FR) (Empery (USA)) [2003/4 16m* 16m2 c16d* c16g* c16g2 c16g :: 2004/5 20d6 c21d^{pu} Jan 1] leggy gelding: useful hurdler: below form (didn’t take eye) in Grade 2 at Windsor on reappearance: useful novice chaser in 2003/4: won 3-runner novices at Haydock (by 4 lengths from Our Armageddon) and Kempton (beat Thisthatandtother 3½ lengths, again jumping soundly): below form last 2 starts last season, and struggling long way out in valuable handicap at Cheltenham on latest outing: raced at 2m prior to this season: acts on good to firm and good to soft going.

*N. J. HENDERSON**White, large royal blue spots, royal blue cap (Mr P. J. D. Pottinger)***172**

c16g	172	145
h16g	157	G1
c21d	166	153
c20s	151	+G2
c16m ^F	174	W
c21d ^F	158	+G2

?

c20d	145	145
h17g	N	N
c16g	152	W
c20d ^F	G2	G2
c16g ^F	N	N
c16g ^F	139	G1

154 p

c16s	154	+L
c16d	137	+N
c16g	143	+N
c17g	122	+N
c16g	132	+N
h16m	142	135

172

c16g	172	143
c17g	165	+130
c16d	147	+115
c18d ^F	127	N
c16d ^F	128	+116
c16g ^F	135	116

151

c16d	151	N
c20s	G2	G2
c16d	G2	G2
c16d	149	+W
h16g	120	120
h17d	140	+119

?

c21d	142	146
h20d	137	? G2
c16g	122	G1
c16g	154	+N
c16g	164	N
c16d	161	+N

TOWN CRIER (IRE)

10 10-11

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

*MRS S. J. SMITH**Emerald green and yellow (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Trevor Hemmings)***BONUS BRIDGE (IRE)**

10 10-9

b.g. Executive Perk – Corivia (Over The River (FR)) [2003/4 c23g3 c20m2 c20m2 c16d* c16g* c16s3 c16g4 c17s^{pu} :: 2004/5 c16d4 c17g^{pu} c16d* Dec 11] tall gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser: apparently improved form when winning handicap at Cheltenham in December by 12 lengths from Latalomne, ridden more patiently than usual and possibly flattered in well-run race: slipped badly early on and run best ignored previous outing: stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually races prominently: has wandered under pressure/finished weakly.

*H. D. DALY**Black, orange sleeves, red cap (Lady Knutsford)***MASTER REX**

10 10-8

ch.g. Interrex (CAN) – Whose Lady (USA) (Master Willie) [2003/4 c16d^{pu} c16s5 c16m* c16g* c16m^F :: 2004/5 16m3 16g4 c16d* c16d* c16d4 Jan 8] lengthy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: shaped well first 2 starts this season: useful handicap chaser: won at Windsor (idling) in November and Wincanton (in control when left clear when Bambi de L’Orme unseated last) in December: creditable fourth of 9 to Oneway at Sandown last time, though finishing weakly after travelling well to 2 out: raced around 2m: has won on soft ground, better form under less testing conditions (acts on firm): refused to line up intended third and final starts in 2003/4.

*B. DE HAAN**Dark blue and light blue diablo, dark blue and white hooped sleeves and hooped cap (Miss Louise Challis)***KADOUNT (FR)**

7 10-7

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

*A. KING**White, large black spots, black cap (Elite Racing Club)***MADE IN JAPAN (JPN)**

5 10-7

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

*P. J. HOBBS**Dark blue and yellow stripes (Mr Terry Evans)***PALUA**

8 10-7

b.g. Sri Pekan (USA) – Reticent Bride (IRE) (Shy Groom (USA)) [2003/4 c20g* c25d5 c20d6 c16g* c16g^{pu} c16g6 :: 2004/5 c20d^F c20f3 c16d c16d c16d6 c16d* Jan 29] useful-looking gelding: useful hurdler/chaser: back to form when winning 7-runner handicap chase at Doncaster last time by 7 lengths from Argento, left in front fifth and always in control straight: effective at 2m to 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy ground: has found little.

MISS E. C. LAVELLE

J. A. McCarthy

*White, red star, sleeves and cap (Mr R. J. Lavelle)***164**

c16s	164	141
c16d	130	N
c16v	143	+N
c16d	+	N
c16d	164	N
c16s	134	+W

164 ?

c16d	164	? 139
c17g	+	129
c16d	156	129
c17s	+	129
c16g	160	G1
c16s	150	N

167

c16d	167	138
c16d	167	129
c16d	152	+121
h16g	141	+122A
h16m	146	+121
c16m ^F	121	121

161

c16d	145	+G2
c16v	161	G2
c17s	156	+N
c21d	160	W
c20d	157	W
c16s	138	+W

153

c16d	134	N
c16d	153	G2
c16g	142	+N
h16g	152	+G1
h16g	166	G2
h17g	166	G1

161

c16d	161	128
c16d	131	131
c16d	132	133
c16d	133	133
c20f	161	133
c20d	135	135

BLEU SUPERBE (FR)

10 10-7

b.g. Epervier Bleu – Brett’s Dream (FR) (Pharly (FR)) [2003/4 c17g^{pu} c16m* c16s³ c16g⁶ c16s³ c16m³ c16g^{pu} c16d^F :: 2004/5 c16g² c20g c16d² c16d^F c16g⁶ Feb 5] rather sparely-made gelding: useful handicap chaser: best efforts this season when second at Lingfield and Sandown (behind Oneway): well held at latter on latest start: ideally suited by 2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried tongue tied: usually races prominently: often let down by jumping.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

S. Thomas

*Dark blue, yellow cross belts, collar and cuffs, striped cap (P.A. Deal, A. Hirschfeld & J. Tyndall)***L'ANGE AU CIEL (FR)**

6 10-7

b.g. Agent Bleu (FR) – Epopee II (FR) (Comrade In Arms) [2003/4 c17g* :: 2004/5 c20s^F c16d* Feb 18] big gelding: twice-raced at Pau for J. P. Totain, winning 1½m event on Flat and 4-y-o hurdle: successful on both completed starts over fences in Britain, namely novice at Exeter (reportedly chipped a bone and off nearly 12 months after) and handicap at Sandown: useful form when beating Supreme Developer a neck in strongly-run event at last-named track, closing after 4 out and challenging when left in front 2 out: will stay 2½m.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

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

9 10-7

gr.g. Royal Charter (FR) – Nazia (FR) (Zino) [2003/4 16m* 17m⁴ 22d* 22g² c17g² c16s⁴ c20g² 20d c16d^{wr} c16m* :: 2004/5 19d² 16m⁶ 20m³ 19g² c21d⁴ c22g² 21g⁴ c20g Nov 27] lengthy gelding: useful handicap chaser: good efforts in valuable events at Newton Abbot (fourth to Take The Stand) and Market Rasen (beaten 16 lengths by Bow Strada) fifth and sixth starts: never a factor in well-contested event at Newbury last time: also running well over hurdles this season, creditable fourth to The Dark Lord in handicap at Cheltenham on latest occasion: effective at 2m to 2¾m: probably acts on any going: tongue tied: usually held up: tends to make mistakes over fences.

*M. C. PIPE**Emerald green, scarlet hooped sleeves and cap (Mr B. A. Kilpatrick)***GROUND BALL (IRE)**

8 10-6

b. or br.g. Bob’s Return (IRE) – Bettyhill (Ardross) [2003/4 c18d² 20g³ 16d* c16d³ c22s^F c18d* c16d² c16g :: 2004/5 c20d 16v* 16v* c20v² Feb 3] well-made gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won listed event at Thurles (left clear by fall of Lissbonney Project 2 out) and handicap at Leopardstown (dictated pace and beat Kilbeggan Lad 4½ lengths) in December: useful chaser: best effort when 2½ lengths second of 14 finishers to St Pirran in valuable handicap at Cheltenham in March: better effort this season when ½-length second of 10 to The Galway Man in minor event at Clonmel, always prominent and leading from 2 out until near finish: needs good test at 2m and likely to stay 2¾m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): reliable.

*C. F. SWAN, IRELAND**Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***TYSOU (FR)**

8 10-6

b.g. Ajdayt (USA) – Pretty Point (Crystal Glitters (USA)) [2003/4 c16g^F c16s² c16d³ c16s c16m⁵ c16g^{pu} :: 2004/5 16m c16d² c16d³ Nov 12] smallish, angular gelding: one-time useful hurdler: useful handicap chaser: no match for winner when creditable second to Great Travel at Kempton in October: ran very well from 7 lb out of weights when third of 11 to Armatuur at Cheltenham following month: best around 2m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going, seemingly not on softer: races freely: held up.

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

7 10-3

b.g. Marju (IRE) – Cunning (Bustino) [2003/4 17g⁴ 19d² 17g* 16g² 17s* :: 2004/5 16m⁴ 16g⁴ c16d* c16d³ c16v* c16d* Jan 26] strong gelding: useful hurdler: good fourth in handicaps at Haydock (8 lb out of weights, beaten 3¾ lengths by Macs Joy in valuable event) and Aintree in May: has made encouraging start over fences: won maiden at Huntingdon in October and novices at Warwick in December (beat Indien Royal 1¼ lengths) and Huntingdon in January, again jumped soundly when beating Big Rob 7 lengths in last-named: raced mainly around 2m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: sort to improve further over fences, especially in handicaps.

*R. LEE**Orange, large light green spots, light green sleeves, orange spots (George Brookes & Family)***168 x**

	137
c16g	152+138
c16d	138
c16d	168
c20g	159+138
c16g	168
c16d*	137

163 p

	137
c16d	163
c20s	153+133
c17g	145+N

164 x

	137
c20g	154
h21g	159+132
c22g	164
c21d	157
h19g	155
h20m	157

162

	136
c20v	160
h16v	156+125
h16v	156+L
c20d	155
c16g	151+141
c16d*	166

170

	136
c16d	168+138
c16d	160
h16m	139
c16g*	131
c16m*	146+134
c16s*	135

167 p

	133
c16d	153+N
c16v	156+N
c16d	164+N
c16d	148
h16g	163
h16m	166

LOCKSMITH

5 10-3

gr.g. Linamix (FR) – Zenith (Shirley Heights) [2003/4 F12s* F13d⁴ F12d⁴ 18s* 17s² 16g² 16g :: 2004/5 c17d* c18d c16d* c16d^F Feb 19] angular gelding: useful form over hurdles in 2003/4, winning juvenile at Fontwell, and good seventh of 19 to Brave Inca in Supreme Novices’ Hurdle at Cheltenham: similar form over fences, winning maiden at Plumpton in December and novice at Doncaster (disputed strong pace and beat Minouchka by 12 lengths) in January: well below form 2 starts otherwise this term, making mistakes and already held when falling 3 out in Grade 2 novice won by Kadout at Wincanton last time: likely to prove best around 2m: raced on good going or softer (acts on soft): races prominently.

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

7 10-2

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

*PAUL A. ROCHE, IRELAND**Emerald green, white stripe, striped sleeves, emerald green and yellow striped cap (Irish World’s Partners Syndicate)***GREENHOPE (IRE)**

7 10-2

b.g. Definite Article – Unhidden Melody (USA) (Chieftain) [2003/4 16g* 16g³ 17d 16d⁴ :: 2004/5 16g c16g² 16d c17s² c17s* Feb 14] leggy, useful-looking gelding: useful handicap hurdler: well held both starts this season: fairly useful form over fences: won 4-runner maiden at Plumpton last time by 12 lengths from Mondul, asserting after 3 out but jumping poorly under pressure: at least as good an effort when 4 lengths second to idling Kadout in novice there previous start: will stay 2½m+: acts on good to firm and soft going: jumped left chasing debut: usually races up with pace.

*N. J. HENDERSON**Dark blue, emerald green hoop, quartered cap (Lynn Wilson Giles Wilson Martin Landau)***FOTA ISLAND (IRE)**

9 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Supreme Leader – Mary Kate Finn (Saher) [2003/4 16g³ 20d^F 16d³ 16d³ 16g⁶ :: 2004/5 16g³ c20s³ c17s² c17v* c16s² Dec 4] big, good sort: smart performances last 3 starts over hurdles in Grade 1 events at Leopardstown (under 2 lengths third to Foreman), Cheltenham (sixth to Hardy Eustace in Champion Hurdle) and Punchestown (4 lengths third to Hardy Eustace): fairly useful form over fences: still not most fluent jumper but won maiden at Naas in November by 8 lengths from Zum See: creditable head second of 9 finishers to Colonel Monroe in novice at Gowran following month: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going: effective making running or ridden more patiently.

*M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND**Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)***BAMBI DE L'ORME (FR)**

6 10-0 (9-12)

gr.g. True Brave (USA) – Princesse Ira (FR) (Less Ice) [2003/4 17s* c17s⁶ c17d³ 17s⁴ c17s² c16d* c16g^{F3} c19g² :: 2004/5 c16swr c17gr^o c16d² c16dwr c16s^F Feb 19] tall gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser: good second to Oneway at Haydock on completed start in handicaps this season: within length of winner Town Crier and still to really be asked for effort when falling last at same course last time: stays 19f: raced on good ground or softer: free-going sort, usually waited with.

*IAN WILLIAMS**Black and yellow diamonds, checked sleeves, yellow cap (Mr & Mrs John Poynton)***ATUM RE (IRE)**

8 10-0 (9-11)

br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Collopy’s Cross (Pragmatic) [2003/4 c19g² c16m^{bd} c17m* c16m³ c16d² c16g³ c20m² c17s* :: 2004/5 c20swr c20spu c16d⁴ c16d⁶ Dec 26] tall, good-topped gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser: won novices in small fields at Market Rasen and Bangor in 2003/4: placed in Grade 2 events on 3 of 4 starts in between: below form on completed starts this season, in visor on latest: likely to prove best up to 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually sound jumper: free-going sort.

*P. R. WEBBER**Light blue, dark blue diamond and diamond on cap (Mr Paul Green)***164**

	137
c16d	G2
c16d	164+N
c18d	N
c17d	164
h16g*	164
h16g*	161

163

	132
c16v	122
c16v	163
c17v	163+G1
c17v	163
c16d	150
c18v	152+N

157

	132
c17s	157
c17s	157
h16d	129
c16g	146
h16g	129
h16d*	159

162

	130
c16s	162
c17v	160
c17s	160
c20s	121
h16g	186
h16g*	186

171

	130
c16s	167+125
c16d	+ 124
c16d	167+120
c17g	+ 120
c16s	+ 120
c19g*	148+N

159

	130
c16d	151
c16d	159?
c20s	136
c20s	136
c17s*	153+N
c20m*	167+G2

MULTEEN RIVER (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-10)
 b.g. Supreme Leader – Blackwater Mist (IRE) (King's Ride) [2003/4 c17m* c16g* c19d4 c16vF c16s c18g4 c32g :: 2004/5 c21m* c20gsu 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

130
 c16d 157+120
 c20d 139 122
 c20g 139 122
 c21m 158 116
 c32g 138 NA
 c18g 139 119

GHADAMES (FR)

11 10-0 (9-9)
 b.g. Synefes (USA) – Ouargla (FR) (Armos) [2003/4 c20m6 c21g2 c20mpu c20gF 20v* 17s5 :: 2004/5 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

130
 c16s 160 122
 c16s 159+114
 c16s 159+107
 h17s 121+103
 h20v 126+95SA
 c20g 109

S. Fox

STORMY LORD (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-9) (inc 6lb ex)
 br.g. Lord Americo – Decent Shower (Decent Fellow) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c16sF c17s* c16g3 c20v2 c16s3 c17v* Mar 5] tall, quite good-topped gelding: fairly useful hurdler, won 3 times in 2002/3: as good over fences on return this season, winning 3-runner novice handicap at Market Rasen in December and quite valuable 5-finisher novice at Kelso on latest start, jumping well and holding on gamely by 1/2 length from Through The Rye in latter: seems best around 2m: acts on heavy going: has tended to hang/jump left: free-going front runner.

J. WADE

Maroon, white hooped sleeves (Mr John Wade)

154

130
 c17v 154 N
 c16s 149+N
 c20v 141+N
 c16g 135 N
 c17s 152+115
 c16s 154+N

B. Harding

BATSWING

10 10-0 (9-7)
 b.g. Batshoof – Magic Milly (Simply Great (FR)) [2003/4 c16d3 c17g2 c21g2 c16m4 c20mpu c16m6 c16mpu 19g5 16d 16d 16g :: 2004/5 c18s3 c20g6 c16s2 c17s* 16d3 Mar 6] lengthy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: best effort for some time when beating Just A Touch by 6 lengths at Plumpton penultimate start: fair hurdler: looked none too keen and lost place fourth but finished well when third of 13 to Broke Road in handicap at Kempton latest start: barely stays 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: tried in blinkers/cheekpieces: has had tongue tied: took little interest second outing: not one to trust implicitly.

G. L. MOORE

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

158 \$

130
 h16d 140 108
 c17s 158 119
 c16s 150 117
 c20g 117
 c18s 150+117
 h16g 113

BALL O MALT (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-7)
 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 3 1/2 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)

155

130
 h20v 147 115
 c16d 155 123
 c16v 155 N
 c16g 154+N
 h16d 110
 h22v 147 N

LATALOMNE (USA)

11 10-0 (9-7)
 ch.g. Zilzal (USA) – Sanctuary (Welsh Pageant) [2003/4 c16g4 c16f2 17m5 c16g3 16d4 c16spu 16g c16d c16g :: 2004/5 c20d5 c16d5 c16d2 Dec 11] leggy gelding: one-time smart chaser/useful hurdler: went wrong way temperamentally in 2003/4, leaving B. Ellison after sixth outing and M. Pipe after final one: in good form on Flat in 2004, fairly useful form over fences this season, 12 lengths second to Bonus Bridge in handicap at Cheltenham last time, tiring badly after kicking clear 3 out: successful at 21f, best form around 2m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: tried blinkered/visored.

N. WILSON

Orange, light green and white hooped sleeves, white cap, orange star (Alderclad Roofing/Mr K.

M. Everitt)

P. Robson

158

130
 c16d 155+123
 c16d 152 125
 c20d 151+126
 c16g 133
 c16g 136
 c16d 138
 h16g 140

KORAKOR (FR)

11 10-0 (9-6)
 ch.g. Nikos – Aniflore (FR) (Satingo) [2003/4 c20d3 c21m3 c20mF c17g c21d4 c16d c21gF :: 2004/5 c16d4 Jan 29] good-topped gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: largely below form in 2003/4: more encouragement when fourth of 7 to Palua at Doncaster on reappearance, not helped when badly hampered by faller fifth: best up to 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

IAN WILLIAMS

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

151 +

130
 c16d 151+122
 c21g 122
 c16d 139 129
 c21d 150 127
 c17g 130
 c20m 130

ISLAND FAITH (IRE)

8 10-0 (9-6)
 b. or br.g. Turtle Island (IRE) – Keep The Faith (Furry Glen) [2003/4 c16g* c16d2 c20d5 c16dpu c16s3 :: 2004/5 c16s* c16s5 Feb 19] strong, compact gelding: fair hurdler: fairly useful chaser: won maiden at Carlisle in 2003/4: left F. Murphy, won handicap at Warwick on return with plenty in hand, quickly settling issue 2 out and beating Mouseski 2 lengths (value 10): disappointing at Haydock next time, jumping with little fluency in back straight: best form at 2m: acts on heavy going, possibly unsuited by good to firm: weak finisher.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

Light blue, royal blue braces, royal blue cap (Mr K. Lee)

158 \$

130
 c16s 122
 c16s 150+112
 c16s N
 c16d 119
 c20d 134 N
 c16d 158+N

FIGARO DU ROCHER (FR)

5 10-0 (9-5)
 ch.g. Beyssac (FR) – Fabinou (FR) (Cavan) [2003/4 17g* 17m2 16g 16m2 16m2 16g 17g 19g 17m5 17g2 17s2 17g5 :: 2004/5 17g3 16g5 17m4 19gF 19m4 16g* c16dF 24spu c16g* c16d* c16v2 c16d4 c18d3 Mar 5] smallish gelding: fair hurdler: landed odds in seller at Leicester in November: fairly useful form over fences: won novice handicaps at Doncaster and Warwick in January: better form in defeat since, mistake 3 out and keeping on when around 2 lengths third of 5 finishers to Gazump in similar event at Newbury last time: best up to 19f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: effective visored/tongue tied or not: sound-jumping front runner.

M. C. PIPE

White, black diamond, dark blue and white hooped sleeves, black cap, white star (Pipe

Monkees)

161

134
 c18d 158 124
 c16d 153+125
 c16v 161 125
 c16d 151+112
 c16g 139+105
 h24s + 105

JERICHO III (FR)

8 10-0 (9-4)
 b.g. Lute Antique (FR) – La Salamandre (FR) (Pot d'Or (FR)) [2003/4 c16gpu c16m 17mpu c20dpu c21dpu c20d3 c20g3 :: 2004/5 c20m5 c16d2 c17mro c17gur c17g3 c17sF 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

130
 c16d + 120
 c16s 149+107
 c16v 149+100
 c16d 154+100A
 c17v 137+95
 c19g 114 97

DAVOSKI

11 10-0 (9-0)
 b.g. Niniski (USA) – Pamela Peach (Habitat) [2003/4 c20spu c19g5 c17g3 c16m3 :: 2004/5 c20d5 c21d5 c16m c20g4 c16gpu 20d5 16g c20d* Nov 14] angular gelding: useful hurdler/smart 2m chaser at one time: sold out of Ms B. Nicholls' stable 7,800 gms 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)

148 \$

130
 c20d 148 107
 h16g 118A
 h20d 135? 120
 c16g 109
 c20g 135? 109
 c16m 115

ROOFING SPIRIT (IRE)

7 10-0 (8-13)
 b.g. Beneficial – Vulcash (IRE) (Callernish) [2003/4 F17g2 16s6 16d 16d4 20s 16d2 :: 2004/5 c20gF c21g3 c23d3 c16s* c16g4 c16d2 Feb 19] rangy gelding: modest maiden hurdler: fair form over fences: won maiden at Folkestone in January, beating Mister Mustard 7 lengths: creditable effort when chasing home ready winner Kadount in 2-finisher Grade 2 novice at Wincanton latest start, beaten 6 lengths: effective at 2m, and stays 23f: raced on good going or softer: has flashed tail under pressure.

D. P. KEANE

Red, yellow sash, royal blue sleeves and cap (Mr F. J. Matthews)

142 +

130
 c16d 142 G2
 c16g 137+106
 c16s 140+N
 c23d 138+100
 c21g 139 N
 c20g + 100

TORRID KENTAVR (USA)

8 10-0 (8-12)

b.g. Trempolino (USA) – Torrid Tango (USA) (Green Dancer (USA)) [2003/4 c16s* c16m* 17g³ 16m* 16m² :: 2004/5 16m³ c16d* c17g³ 17d³ 16s⁵ 16d 16g⁴ 16d 16d² 16d⁵ c17s⁴ Mar 6] compact gelding: successful first 3 starts over fences, including handicap at Perth in May: weakened 3 out when well-held fourth of 5 in handicap at Market Rasen last time: useful hurdler: back to very best when 3½ lengths second to Crossbow Creek in valuable handicap at Kempton, coming from well off good pace and just holding second after mistake last: below form in Grade 2 at Wincanton next time: best around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: free-going sort.

*B. ELLISON**Red, yellow stripe, diamonds on sleeves (Mr Graeme Redpath)***152**

c17s	136+114	130
h16d	158	G2
h16d	168	130
h16d	162	132
h16g	156	134
h16d		143

DANGEROUSDANMAGRU (IRE)

9 10-0 (7-13)

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)***134**

c16d	132+105	130
c20v	117+105	
c16v	139	97
c19s	139	97
c16s		97
c20d	136	W

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).

SIXTH RACE CHELTENHAM

5.20**THE VINCENT O'BRIEN COUNTY
HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3) (A)****2m1f**

£65,000 5yo+

ROOSTER BOOSTER

11 11-12

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

*P. J. HOBBS**Yellow, black chevron, check cap (Mr Terry Warner)***172**

h16g	159+L	165
h16g	167+G1	
h17d	165+G2	
h16d	172+169	
h16g	163+G1	
h20d	166+G1	

RIGMAROLE

7 11-1

b.g. Fairy King (USA) – Cattermole (USA) (Roberto (USA)) [2003/4 c18g² 16m⁴ 17m^F 17m^F 17m* 17g* 16f² 16m* 16f⁴ 16m* 16s* 16m* 16g 16m² :: 2004/5 16s* 16d⁶ 16d 16d 16d⁴ Feb 19] compact gelding: second in maiden on chasing debut (open to improvement): smart hurdler: vastly improved in 2003/4, successful 6 times, notably slowly-run Grade 2 Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham and Grade 2 Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton (by 3½ lengths from Intersky Falcon): won quite valuable minor event at Kempton for second successive year on reappearance, beating Trouble At Bay comfortably by 2½ lengths: well held since, reportedly having wind operation prior to latest start: best around 2m: acts on soft and firm going: blinkered fourth outing: tongue tied: had breathing problem second appearance: held up.

*P. F. NICHOLLS**Dark green, yellow cross belts, diabolo on sleeves (Mr & Mrs Mark Woodhouse)***168 ?**

h16d	155	G2
h16d	148	G1
h16d	168	162
h16d	153+160	
h16s	162+W	
h16m'	166	W

PEROUSE

7 10-9

ch.g. Alderbrook – Track Angel (Ardoon) [2003/4 16m 16f⁶ 16s² 16m* 18g* 16d* 17g² 16g² 16m 16d^{pu} :: 2004/5 16d* 16d³ 16d⁶ 16g³ 16d² Feb 19] sturdy gelding: smart hurdler: bled from nose on 3 occasions in 2003/4: reportedly had wind operation in summer: back to best in totesport Elite Hurdle (Limited Handicap) at Wincanton in November, making all by 7 lengths from Chief Yeoman: creditable efforts since when third to Accordion Etoile in valuable handicap at Cheltenham following week and 5 lengths second to Inglis Drever in Grade 2 at Wincanton latest start: raced around 2m: acts on firm and soft going: effective tongue tied or not.

*P. F. NICHOLLS**Emerald green, yellow chevron, white sleeves, yellow cap (J. Dickson & S. McVie)***171**

h16d	171	G2
h16g	164	G1
h16d	165	G1
h16d	172	149
h16d	174	141
h16d'		143

GEOS (FR)

10 10-8

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)***172**

h20d	152	G2
h16d	172	149
h25s		G1
h16d	163	153
h16m'	160	W
h16g'		G1

MARBLE ARCH

9 10-8

b.g. Rock Hopper – Mayfair Minx (St Columbus) [2003/4 c16m^{pu} :: 2004/5 c18d⁵ 24s Jan 29] leggy gelding: very smart hurdler at best, hung left and weakened rapidly after mistake 3 out when tailed off in Grade 2 at Cheltenham latest outing: off 13 months after lame on chasing debut, never-dangerous fifth of 8 to Kauto Star in novice chase at Newbury on reappearance, not impressing with jumping: raced mainly around 2m: has won on heavy going, raced mainly under less testing conditions (acts on good to firm): held up: has high head carriage.

*H. MORRISON**Black and pink diamonds, pink sleeves and cap (M. S. Wilson, R. Sweet, Mrs Mary Morrison)***?**

h24s		147
c18d	150	N
c16m'		+ N

TAMARINBLEU (FR)

5 10-6

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

*M. C. PIPE**White, royal blue sash, white sleeves, red armlets, red cap (The Arthur White Partnership)***MY WAY DE SOLZEN (FR)**

5 10-5

b.g. Assessor (IRE) – Agathe de Solzen (FR) (Chamberlin (FR)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c17g^{pu} 17s2 16g* 17g* 16d5 17v* Feb 13] tall, strong gelding: chaser in the making: first foal: dam, winner around 13f on Flat, won several times over fences up to around 2½m: pulled up on chasing debut: runner-up in 4-y-o hurdle at Clairefontaine following month, then left A. Lamotte d'Argy: has quickly developed into useful novice hurdler in Britain, winning at Leicester in November, Bangor in December and listed event at Exeter in February: best effort when making all in last-named, beating Give Me Love 27 lengths: hampered fourth when 6½ lengths fifth of 9 to Marcel in Grade 1 at Sandown penultimate start: will stay beyond 2m: acts on heavy going.

*A. KING**Red, white sleeves, red spots, brown cap (B Winfield, A Longman, J Wright & C Fenton)***KING REVO (IRE)**

5 10-4

b.g. Revoque (IRE) – Tycoon Aly (IRE) (Last Tycoon) [2003/4 16g* 16d* 16v* 16s* 16g6 :: 2004/5 21d 19d3 17d* 16d3 Jan 8] tall, useful-looking gelding: useful hurdler: won 13-runner handicap at Cheltenham in December by 3½ lengths from Transit, hanging left briefly 2 out but getting on top from last: good third to Tamarinbleu in valuable 23-runner handicap at Sandown last time, always handy: effective at 2m to 21f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): reliable.

*P. C. HASLAM**Black, white disc, white sleeves, black spots, black cap, white spots (Dick Renwick & Mrs C.**Barclay)***BOLD BISHOP (IRE)**

8 10-4

b.g. Religiously (USA) – Ladybojangles (IRE) (Buckskin (FR)) [2003/4 16d2 17d* 20s2 16s* 16s* 16s2 16g6 :: 2004/5 c16g2 16d^{pu} Mar 12] rangy gelding: smart bumper winner (blinker final outing): useful novice hurdler in 2003/4, winning 3 times before second to Scorned in Imperial Cup at Sandown: no show in this year's renewal, only start over hurdles this season: had shown fairly useful form when 3 lengths second to Supreme Developer in novice at Newcastle on chasing debut in December, jumping soundly (looked sure to improve): should stay 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

*JONJO O'NEILL**White, mauve stars (Mrs G. Smith)***COPELAND**

10 10-2

b.g. Generous (IRE) – Whitehaven (Top Ville) [2003/4 c17d3 16s4 16g 17d3 20g 16d* :: 2004/5 16m 16d6 16d 16v5 16g5 16d 20d2 Feb 20] smallish, sturdy gelding: fair form only start over fences: useful hurdler nowadays, best effort this season when 4 lengths second of 8 to Blue Canyon in Grade 2 at Fontwell last time: stays 2½m, raced mainly over shorter: acts on heavy and good to firm going: formerly blinkered, usually visored of late but has worn cheekpieces last 2 starts: often races up with pace.

*M. C. PIPE**Yellow, maroon and yellow hooped sleeves, quartered cap (Professor D.B.A.Silk & Mrs Heather**Silk)***CHERUB (GER)**

5 10-0 (9-12)

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

*JONJO O'NEILL**Emerald green, white sleeves, emerald green armlets, emerald green cap, white stars (Atlantic**Joinery Limited)***171**

h16v	171	145
h16d	169	143
h16d	170+132	
h20g	G2	
h17g	147	G1
h17v		N

169

h17v	169	L
h16d	157+G1	
h17g	150+N	
h16g	143	N

175

h16d	175	138
h17d	169	132
h19d	158+132	
h21d	163+132	
h16g	155+G2	
h16s	155+N	

?

h16d	143	143
c16g	156	N
h16g	152	G2
h16s	170+135	
h16s	148+N	
h16s	155+N	

172

h20d	172	G2
h16d	143	
h16g	164	L
h16v	G2	
h16d	167	145
h16d	172?	147

169

h16s	168	G2
h17s	151+NA	
h16g	159+G1	
h16g	151	G2
h17g	169	G1
h16s	151	N

BALAPOUR (IRE)

7 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Kahyasi – Balaniya (USA) (Diesis) [2003/4 16d 19s6 16sur 16s 16g4 17d4 16d4 :: 2004/5 20g 20d2 20g* 16g c17dF 20s c17s6 c20d3 c17d6 c16sur 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)***RISKY REEF**

8 10-0 (9-11)

ch.g. Risk Me (FR) – Pas de Reef (Pas de Seul) [2003/4 16d4 16d4 16g Feb 14 :: 2004/5 NR] lengthy gelding: useful hurdler: off 6 months, good fourth to Back In Front in Grade 2 at Punchestown penultimate start: unable to sustain run after 2 out when twelfth to Geos in very valuable handicap at Newbury last time: will prove best at 2m: raced on good going or softer.

*ANDREW LEE, IRELAND**White, black stars, black sleeves, white cap (Ergon Syndicate)***SILVERTOWN**

10 10-0 (9-11)

b.g. Danehill (USA) – Docklands (USA) (Theatrical) [2003/4 17m^{pu} 20v^{pu} :: 2004/5 19g^{pu} 16m2 20m* 17g* Dec 29] sturdy, lengthy gelding: useful handicap hurdler: better than ever this season, winning twice at Musselburgh in December: beat Brooklyn's Gold by 1½ lengths in 12-runner race last time, making all: stays 2½m: best on good going or firmer: has reportedly had breathing problems: tail flasher: often races up with pace.

L. LUNGO

G. Berridge (5)

*Emerald green, yellow star, hooped sleeves (R J Gilbert & SW Transport (Swindon) Ltd)***TOP STRATEGY (IRE)**

5 10-0 (9-11)

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

*T. M. WALSH, IRELAND**Emerald green and yellow quartered, white sleeves, yellow cap (Mr W. J. Kane)***FOOL ON THE HILL**

8 10-0 (9-10)

b.g. Reprimand – Stock Hill Lass (Air Trooper) [2003/4 16d2 16d2 17s5 16m* 16g2 16g4 :: 2004/5 18g2 c17s4 c16d3 c18d4 c17dF c20gF c19g* Mar 5] rather leggy gelding: fairly useful novice hurdler in 2003/4, won at Wincanton: good fourth to Royal Shakespeare in Grade 2 at Aintree final start: fair form in maiden chases, justified favouritism in 4-finisher event at Doncaster last time with plenty in hand, beating Cumbrian Knight 15 lengths: raced mainly around 2m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: has tended to make mistakes over fences.

*P. J. HOBBS**Purple, yellow stripe, striped cap (Louisville Syndicate)***HOWLE HILL (IRE)**

5 10-0 (9-10)

b.g. Ali-Royal (IRE) – Grandeur And Grace (USA) (Septieme Ciel (USA)) [2003/4 16m* 16s2 16d* 17d4 17g5 16g :: 2004/5 16m 16m3 16d3 16g3 16d Feb 12] leggy gelding: smart on Flat (stays 1¼m), successful in January: useful handicap hurdler: creditable efforts this season when third, beaten 6½ lengths by Distant Prospect in valuable intermediate at Newbury penultimate start: will prove ideally suited by emphasis on speed at 2m: acts on good to soft and good to firm going: has sweated: patiently ridden.

*A. KING**Yellow, black star, hooped sleeves, red cap (Mrs J.Brown,R.Benton,R.Devereux,R.Lucas)***163**

c24s	139
c20s	138
c16s	142+109
c17d	W
c20d	142
c17s	W

171

h16g	155+140
h16d	171
h16d	153
G1	

172

h17g	171+130
h20m	164+124
h16m	163
h19g	126
h16v	125
h17m	125

156

h16v	156
h16v	156
h16v	152
h16s	141
h16s	152
h20s	142+W

164

c19g	146+W
c20g	122
c17d	W
c18d	146
c16d	146
c17s	140+W

175

h16d	162
h16g	175
h16d	175
h16m	171
h16m	157
h16g	152

TORRID KENTAVR (USA)

8 10-0 (9-10)

b.g. Trempolino (USA) – Torrid Tango (USA) (Green Dancer (USA)) [2003/4 c16s* c16m* 17g³ 16m* 16m² :: 2004/5 16m³ c16d* c17g³ 17d³ 16s⁵ 16d 16g⁴ 16d 16d² 16d⁵ c17s⁴ Mar 6] compact gelding: successful first 3 starts over fences, including handicap at Perth in May: weakened 3 out when well-held fourth of 5 in handicap at Market Rasen last time: useful hurdler: back to very best when 3½ lengths second to Crossbow Creek in valuable handicap at Kempton, coming from well off good pace and just holding second after mistake last: below form in Grade 2 at Wincanton next time: best around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: free-going sort.

B. ELLISON

B. Harding

*Red, yellow stripe, diamonds on sleeves (Mr Graeme Redpath)***CROSSBOW CREEK**

7 10-0 (9-9)

b.g. Lugana Beach – Roxy River (Ardross) [2003/4 F16s⁶ F16d⁶ 16v² 16g* 16d⁴ 16g⁴ :: 2004/5 16d⁴ 16d^F 16v² 16d* 16d* 16d⁴ Mar 12] rangy gelding: useful handicap hurdler: much improved this season, and won twice at Kempton in January, beating Torrid Kentavr 3½ lengths in totespot Lanzarote Handicap Hurdle then beating McBain in 11-runner event by 2½ lengths despite idling: better form again when under 10 lengths fourth to Medison in valuable race at Sandown last time: raced at 2m on good ground or softer (acts on heavy).

M. G. RIMELL

J. Crowley

*Purple, pink sleeves, green cap (Mrs M. R. T. Rimell)***DEMI BEAU**

7 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Dr Devious (IRE) – Charming Life (NZ) (Sir Tristram) [2003/4 17g⁵ 17g* 17d 16d^F Apr 3 :: 2004/5 NR] tall gelding: useful handicap hurdler: improved effort when winning at Cheltenham in December by ¾ length from Perouse: twice dropped out tamely in 2003/4, but running well when falling last in listed event won by Puck Out at Aintree latest start, close second at time: raced around 2m: yet to race on extremes of going.

C. J. MANN

N. Fehily

*Red, purple and red check sleeves (Mr Hugh Villiers)***GRAVE DOUBTS**

9 10-0 (9-8)

ch.g. Karinga Bay – Redgrave Girl (Deep Run) [2003/4 20d 16d* 16m³ 17d :: 2004/5 19g^F 16d Nov 6] good-topped gelding: useful handicap hurdler: won at Wincanton in 2003/4, when also third to Rigmarole in Kingwell Hurdle there: held up in rear and yet to be asked for effort when fell 4 out in valuable event at Market Rasen on reappearance: stiff task, well held in Grade 2 limited handicap at former course next time: raced mainly around 2m: acts on firm and good to soft going: tongue tied.

*K. BISHOP**Black and yellow (quartered), diablo on sleeves, yellow cap (Bill Davies & Bernard Tottle)***BONGO FURY (FR)**

6 10-0 (9-8)

b.m. Sillery (USA) – Nativelee (FR) (Giboulee (CAN)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16d 17d⁵ 17g^{UR} 16d* 16d* 16d² Feb 12] sparsely-made mare: useful handicap hurdler: won mares races at Sandown and Doncaster (again idled in front) in January: on toes, career-best effort when 3 lengths second of 25 to Essex in valuable event at Newbury last time, leading 3 out but no match for winner run-in: raced around 2m: has won on firm going, best efforts on good or softer (acts on heavy): visored since debut.

*M. C. PIPE**Red, pink sleeves and cap (Lord Donoughmore & Countess Donoughmore)***NAWAMEES (IRE)**

7 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Darshaan – Truly Generous (IRE) (Generous (IRE)) [2003/4 16m* 16d⁶ 16g² 16g⁴ 18d³ :: 2004/5 16g* 16m* 20d⁵ 16d Feb 12] leggy gelding: useful hurdler: won handicaps at Aintree in May and Wetherby (beat Turgeonev ½ length) in October: respectable fifth of 7 to Monet's Garden in steadily-run Grade 2 at Windsor penultimate start: below form in valuable handicap at Newbury last time: stays 2½m: acts on good to firm and good to soft ground: reliable.

*G. L. MOORE**Royal blue, black seams, quartered cap (Mr Paul Stamp)***168**

c17s	139
h16d	158
h16d	168
h16d	162
h16g	156
h16d	143

168

h16d	168
h16d	163
h16d	157
h16v	151
h16d	+
h16d	139

168

h16d	168
h17d	+
h17g	164
h17g	149

167

h19g	+
h17d	150
h16m	165
h16d	167
h20d	125

165

h16d	165
h16d	161
h16d	157
h17g	146
h17d	150
h16d	118

167

h16d	158
h20d	160
h16m	167
h16g	159
h18d	147
h16g	149

LATALOMNE (USA)

11 10-0 (9-8)

ch.g. Zizal (USA) – Sanctuary (Welsh Pageant) [2003/4 c16g⁴ c16f² 17m⁵ c16g³ 16d⁴ c16spu 16g c16d c16g :: 2004/5 c20d⁵ c16d⁵ c16d² Dec 11] leggy gelding: one-time smart chaser/useful hurdler: went wrong way temperamentally in 2003/4, leaving B. Ellison after sixth outing and M. Pipe after final one: in good form on Flat in 2004, fairly useful form over fences this season, 12 lengths second to Bonus Bridge in handicap at Cheltenham last time, tiring badly after kicking clear 3 out: successful at 21f, best form around 2m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: tried blinkered/visored.

N. WILSON

P. Robson

*Orange, light green and white hooped sleeves, white cap, orange star (Alderclad Roofing/Mr K.**M. Everitt)***IDOLE FIRST (IRE)**

6 10-0 (9-6)

b.g. Flemensfirth (USA) – Sharon Doll (IRE) (Shahrastani (USA)) [2003/4 19g* 20g³ 20v² 19g* :: 2004/5 16d* 16d⁶ 16v² 16d⁶ Feb 12] smallish, angular gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Huntingdon in December: good 1¼ lengths second to Dom d'Orgeval (pair clear) at Uttoxeter penultimate start: far from discredited when sixth of 25 to Essex in valuable event at Newbury on latest outing, disputing lead to 3 out and no extra after mistake last: effective around 2m, will stay beyond 2½m: acts on heavy going.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

A. O'Keefe

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

6 10-0 (9-6)

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

*IAN WILLIAMS**Black and yellow diamonds, checked sleeves, yellow cap (Mr & Mrs John Poynton)***CALATAGAN (IRE)**

6 10-0 (9-6)

ch.g. Danzig Connection (USA) – Calachuchi (Martinmas) [2003/4 17d* 17d³ 16d 16g⁶ 16d⁶ 16g* :: 2004/5 16g* 16d 16d Jan 31] good-topped gelding: fair on Flat (best up to 1½m), good fourth Mar 7: fairly useful handicap hurdler: further improvement when winning 21-runner conditional jockeys event at Cheltenham on reappearance by 1½ lengths from Valance, ridden out after being clear 3 out: below form last 2 starts, though shaped better than result suggests penultimate one (forced strong pace): likely to prove best at 2m: acts on good to soft going: free-going sort: reliable.

J. M. JEFFERSON

A. Dobbin

*Red, white chevron and armllets, striped cap (Mr & Mrs J. M. Davenport)***GRANDE JETE (SAF)**

8 10-0 (9-5)

ch.g. Jallad (USA) – Corps de Ballet (SAF) (Truely Nureyev (USA)) [2003/4 17d³ 16d* 16v⁵ Jan 31 :: 2004/5 NR] rather leggy gelding: useful on Flat, successful 7 times up to 1¼m in South Africa, including in Group 1 Cape of Good Hope Derby at Kenilworth at 4 yrs for M. de Kock: confirmed debut promise over hurdles when easily landing odds in novice at Wincanton in 2003/4: will prove best around 2m with emphasis on speed (jumped sloppily and reportedly lame when well beaten on heavy going).

*N. J. HENDERSON**Purple, purple and yellow check sleeves, quartered cap (L. Westwood A. Chandler J. J. Hindley)***ROYAL HECTOR (GER)**

6 10-0 (9-4)

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

*M. C. PIPE**Yellow, dark blue stripe (Three Counties Racing 2)***163**

c16d	155
c16d	152
c20d	151
c16g	133
c16d	138
h16g	140

163

h16d	161
h16v	163
h16d	161
h16d	158
h19g	146
h20v	150

163 +

c22v	157
h20v	160
h20v	157
h20s	144
c16g	167
c16g	161

164

h16d	152
h16d	147
h16g	164
h16g	151
h16d	142
h16g	140

158 +

h16v	136
h16d	153
h17d	153

161

h20s	139
h16d	155
h16v	159
h20s	144
h17g	136
h16d	138

CASTLESHANE (IRE)

8 10-0 (9-4)

b.g. Kris – Ahbab (IRE) (Ajdal (USA)) [2003/4 16f³ :: 2004/5 16m 16g³ 16m 16d² 16g² 16g⁶ 16d 16d c16d^w 16s³ Feb 5] tall, quite good-topped gelding: useful hurdler: back to form when third of 8 to Rob Leach in handicap at Wetherby last time: tended to jump right before unseating seventh in novice at Doncaster on chasing debut (should do better): raced mainly around 2m: acts on firm and soft going: blinkered once: often front runner, though not 4 starts prior to latest.

S. GOLLINGS

*Dark blue, light blue cross of lorraine, red cap, light blue star**(W.Hobson,J.King,G.King,P.Winfrow)***DESERT AIR (JPN)**

6 10-0 (9-3)

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

M. C. PIPE

*Pink, white striped sleeves, white cap (Mrs Belinda Harvey)***ANOTHER DUDE (IRE)**

8 10-0 (9-2)

br.g. Shardari – Gemma's Fridge (Frigid Aire) [2003/4 20d 16d^{pu} 16d³ 16g* 16d^{pu} 17d³ :: 2004/5 18m³ c17v^F c16s^F 16m* Feb 6] lengthy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: 14/1, better than ever when winning 14-runner event at Musselburgh last time by 1¼ lengths from Brave Effect, always prominent and keeping on strongly to lead close home: let down by jumping both starts over fences: stays 19f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: blinkered final start in 2003/4 (raced freely).

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

*Black, white hoop, white cap (Mr Maurice Hutchinson)***MONTE CINTO (FR)**

5 10-0 (9-2)

br.g. Bulington (FR) – Algue Rouge (FR) (Perouges (FR)) [2003/4 16s⁶ 16s³ 17v* 16d^F 16g :: 2004/5 18d 16d* 17d* 16d* 16d 16d 16d³ Mar 12] leggy gelding: placed up to around 1½m on Flat: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Warwick (flashed tail) and Exeter in November and Sandown (beat Winsley a length in William Hill Handicap Hurdle) in December: has held his form, 9½ lengths third of 17 to Medison in valuable event back at Sandown last time: likely to stay beyond 17f: acts on heavy going.

P. F. NICHOLLS

*Red, yellow chevrons and armlets (Mrs Monica Hackett)***BEECHCOURT**

8 10-0 (9-2)

b.g. Son Pardo – Calametta (Oats) [2003/4 18d³ 16s* 16s :: 2004/5 c17s² c19v² c19v^w 16v 16s* Feb 6] tall gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: fairly useful handicap hurdler: improved effort when winning at Leopardstown last time by 2 lengths (value 4) from Allez Petit Louis, quickening clear after leading last: similar form when runner-up both completed starts over fences, beaten 4½ lengths by Sir Oj in maiden at Gowran on debut: probably best around 2m: raced only on going softer than good: has hung left and doesn't always find much.

M. J. P. O'BRIEN, IRELAND

*Yellow, red diamond, red and royal blue quartered cap (Pierce Contracting Limited)***GREENHOPE (IRE)**

7 10-0 (9-2)

b.g. Definite Article – Unbidden Melody (USA) (Chieftain) [2003/4 16g* 16g³ 17d 16d⁴ :: 2004/5 16g c16g² 16d c17s² c17s* Feb 14] leggy, useful-looking gelding: useful handicap hurdler: well held both starts this season: fairly useful form over fences: won 4-runner maiden at Plumpton last time by 12 lengths from Mondul, asserting after 3 out but jumping poorly under pressure: at least as good an effort when 4 lengths second to idling Kadout in novice there previous start: will stay 2½m+: acts on good to firm and soft going: jumped left chasing debut: usually races up with pace.

N. J. HENDERSON

*Dark blue, emerald green hoop, quartered cap (Lynn Wilson Giles Wilson Martin Landau)***163**

h16s	163	139
c16d	N	130
h16d	133	
h16d	135	
h16g	165	G1
h16g	165	134

FENIX (GER)

6 10-0 (9-0)

b.g. Lavirco (GER) – Frille (FR) (Shareef Dancer (USA)) [2003/4 16d⁴ 16v⁴ 17s* 16s³ 16g² 20s² :: 2004/5 20s 16d 16s⁶ 16d^F 16d⁶ 16d 16d² Mar 12] good-topped gelding: useful handicap hurdler: good efforts last 3 starts, particularly so latest when 3½ lengths second of 17 to Medison in valuable event at Sandown, easily best of those to race prominently: should prove as effective at 2½m as 2m: raced on good ground or softer (acts on soft): blinkered/visored of late.

MRS L. WADHAM

Black, white sash and sleeves, gold cap (P.A.Philipps,T.S.Redman & J.S.Redman)

L. Aspell

MCBAIN (USA)

6 10-0 (9-0)

br.g. Lear Fan (USA) – River City Moon (USA) (Riverman (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16d⁴ 16s² 17m* 16d 17g³ 16d³ 16d² 16d³ 16d Mar 12] smallish, angular gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m), sold out of F. J. Houghton's stable 26,000 gns Newmarket Autumn (2003) Sales: fairly useful hurdler: won maiden at Taunton in November: improved form when placed behind Crossbow Creek in handicaps at Kempton sixth/seventh starts: ridden more prominently when below form last 2 starts: will prove best around 2m: successful on good to firm going, acts on soft.

P. J. HOBBS

*Black and white check, white sleeves, black armlets (Hill, Trembath, Bryan and Outhart)***MANORSON (IRE)**

6 10-0 (8-13)

ch.g. Desert King (IRE) – Familiar (USA) (Diesis) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 19d⁵ 17g* 17d* Feb 1] strong, compact gelding: useful on Flat (stays 1½m) at 3 yrs for D. Arbuthnot, missed 2003 and sold out of M. Magnusson's stable 55,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: confirmed encouraging debut over hurdles when winning novices at Taunton, leading 3 out and coasting home after last when beating Space Star 13 lengths on latest outing: likely to prove best around 2m for time being: useful hurdler in the making.

O. SHERWOOD

*Royal blue, white hollow box, halved sleeves (Byrne Bros (Formwork) Limited)***BORORA**

6 10-0 (8-13)

gr.g. Shareef Dancer (USA) – Bustling Nelly (Bustino) [2003/4 17m^F 16m⁵ 17m* 16g³ 17d^F 17d² 16d⁶ :: 2004/5 17g² 16g* 17g* 17d³ 16d² 16d⁴ 16d Mar 5] close-coupled gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Worcester and Newton Abbot within 6 days in July: off 4 months, better than ever fifth and sixth starts, fourth to Crossbow Creek at Kempton on latter occasion: below best in well-contested handicap at Newbury last time: best given test of speed around 2m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going.

R. LEE

*White, brown hoops, armlets and quartered cap (Mrs E. M. Clarke)***STANCE**

6 10-0 (8-13) (inc 4lb ex)

b.g. Salse (USA) – De Stael (USA) (Nijinsky (CAN)) [2003/4 19s 17g⁴ 20g⁴ 18d* :: 2004/5 16g* 17g* 16d* 16d Mar 12] close-coupled gelding: formerly useful on Flat: has made into a useful hurdler this season, winning novices at Wincanton and Newton Abbot last May, and well-contested handicap at Newbury in March (beat Tighe Caster 4 lengths): below form off 13 lb higher mark in valuable handicap at Sandown 7 days later: effective at 2m to 2½m: acts on good to soft going.

G. L. MOORE

*Red, white sleeves, red cap, white star (Mr N. J. Jones)***DANCING PEARL**

7 10-0 (8-13) (inc 4lb ex)

ch.m. Dancing Spree (USA) – Elegant Rose (Noalto) [2003/4 17d² 16g² 16d² 16g* 16g⁴ :: 2004/5 16s² 16d³ 16d² 16g* Mar 4] smallish, leggy mare: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won mares event at Doncaster in 2003/4: further improvement this term, won corresponding event at Doncaster last time, leading after last and beating Norma Hill 2½ lengths: raced around 2m, likely to stay further: acts on soft going, probably on good to firm: genuine and consistent.

C. J. PRICE

Red, red and emerald green chevrons on sleeves, emerald green cap, red diamond (Mr J. E. Heymans)

W. Hutchinson

165

h16d	165	125
h16d	157	124
h16d	156	124
h16d	+ 124	
h16s	153	125
h16d	144	126

157

h16d	148	125
h16d	149+N	
h16d	157	123
h16d	157	119
h17g	144+N	
h16d	142+120	

165 p

h17d	154+N	
h17g	143+N	
h19d	131+N	

156

h16d	140	124
h16d	156	124
h16d	156	121
h17d	149	121
h17g	145+112	
h16g	142+105	

167

h16d	157	133
h16d	163+120	
h17g	153+N	
h16g	150+N	
h18d	137	103
h20g	139	N

158

h16g	158	120
h16g	155+119	
h16d	155	120
h16s	151	120
h16g	146	120
h16g	151+110	

ITS CRUCIAL (IRE)

5 10-0 (8-12)

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

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

Emerald green, yellow stars, striped sleeves, royal blue and yellow striped cap (Mrs Caroline Beresford-Wylie)

FONTANESI (IRE)

5 10-0 (8-12)

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

M. C. PIPE

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

CHOCKDEE (FR)

5 10-0 (8-12)

b.g. King's Theatre (IRE) – Chagrin d'Amour (IRE) (Last Tycoon) [2003/4 16g⁵ 16g⁴ 16d :: 2004/5 16d³ 16v² 16g* 16g² 16d⁵ 16d Mar 12] useful-looking gelding: in frame all 5 starts on Flat (stays 1½m) in France for F. Rohaut, showing fairly useful form: similar form over hurdles, though hasn't impressed with attitude: won maiden at Cheltenham in October: creditable efforts at Kempton next 2 starts, including fifth to Crossbow Creek in valuable handicap in January: well below form last time: raced at 2m on good going or softer: usually patiently ridden: weak finisher: not to be trusted.

P. F. NICHOLLS

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

KING EIDER

6 10-0 (8-12)

b. or br.g. Mtoto – Hen Harrier (Polar Falcon (USA)) [2003/4 17s⁴ 19d⁶ 16g³ 16m* 16g 16d² :: 2004/5 16d* 16d 16d Mar 12] smallish gelding: formerly useful on Flat (stays 2m): fairly useful hurdler: bought out of N. Henderson's stable 36,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: won handicap at Huntingdon on return in November by 1¼ lengths from Atahuelpa: disappointing in 2 valuable events at Sandown since: should stay beyond 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

B. ELLISON

Light blue, dark green hoops, chevrons on sleeves, light blue cap (Angela Rix & Partners)

AFTER EIGHT (GER)

5 10-0 (8-12)

b.g. Sir Felix (FR) – Amrei (Ardross) [2003/4 16f² 16s* 16s⁴ 16g² :: 2004/5 20v³ 20v⁶ 16d⁵ Mar 12] small, compact gelding: fairly useful hurdler: trained by C. Von Der Recke and M. Harris as a juvenile: off a year, has run well in handicaps all 3 starts this season, especially when around 10 lengths fifth to Medison in valuable event at Sandown on latest: stays 2½m, at least as effective at 2m: acts on any going.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

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

IDAHO D'OX (FR)

9 10-0 (8-11)

b.g. Bad Conduct (USA) – Queseda (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2003/4 c17g* c17g* c16g* c17g* c20g^{pu} 16d 17g 16g⁶ 17d* 16s 17d 16d^{pu} 16m⁵ 20m⁵ :: 2004/5 20g 16d 16d Mar 5] sparely-made gelding: fairly useful chaser/handicap hurdler: won 4 races over fences and handicap hurdle in 2003/4: yet to show best form in handicap hurdles this season, though has shaped well more than once, particularly catching the eye when ninth to Stance at Newbury latest start, plenty to do into straight and keeping on not knocked about: has won at 2¾m, best form over shorter: acts on any going: used to be blinkered/visored (not since 2002/3): has failed to impress with attitude over hurdles.

M. C. PIPE

Red and white (quartered), black and white halved sleeves, black cap, white star (The Dionysius Partnership)

157

139
h16d 157 N
h17s 149+N
h16v 138 N
F16d 115 W

159

§ 139
h16s 147+125
h19d 150 127
h21d 130
h21g 133
h19v 135
h16d 159 138

153

§ 139
h16d 140 123
h16d 151 123
h16g 153 N
h16g 147+N
h16v 143+N
h16d 153 119

153

139
h16d 139 123
h16d 125
h16d 153 114
h16d 147 N
h16g 126 116
h16m 130 N

157

139
h16d 157 123
h20v 155 125
h20v 153+125
h16g 150 N
h16s 153 N
h16s 148+N

157

139
h16d 149+122
h16d 142 124
h16d 148+125
h20g 142 125
h20m 157 124
h16m 154 124

NATHOS (GER)

8 10-0 (8-10)

b.g. Zaizoom (USA) – Nathania (GER) (Athenagoras (GER)) [2003/4 20g² 16d* 16d* 19g² 16d⁴ 16d² 21g⁴ 16s* 20g :: 2004/5 c16d³ c17d* c19d^{pu} 17d 16s⁴ 16d 16d³ 17g 16d Mar 12] close-coupled gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: good 2½ lengths third to Crossbow Creek at Kempton in January: bit better than bare result both starts since, going well until blundering 3 out in valuable event at Sandown latest: form over fences only when winning 3-finisher maiden at Plumpton in November, beating Haafel 11 lengths: best around 2m: raced on good going or softer: usually waited with.

C. J. MANN

Light green, black and light green striped sleeves, light green cap, black spots (J.Davies, A.Merritt & J.Sunley)

S. J. Craine (5)

LEWIS ISLAND (IRE)

6 10-0 (8-10)

b.g. Turtle Island (IRE) – Phyllode (Pharly (FR)) [2003/4 16m c16m^{ur} 17g 17d 20s² 19m* 20d 20d :: 2004/5 16g³ 16g³ Mar 9] well-made gelding: unseated second on chasing debut: fairly useful handicap hurdler at best: sold out of N. Twiston-Davies' stable 17,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: only modest form when third of 14 to I Got Rhythm in seller at Catterick on reappearance: stays 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually front runner: not one to rely on.

B. ELLISON

Red, black triple diamond, white sleeves, red cap, white diamond (Mr Gus Williamson)

SINDAPOUR (IRE)

7 10-0 (8-10)

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

M. C. PIPE

Royal blue and yellow stripes, royal blue sleeves, yellow stars, yellow cap (Mrs Mary Burke)

WINSLEY

7 10-0 (8-9)

gr.g. Sula Bula – Dissolve (Sharrood (USA)) [2003/4 F17g* F17d 21d* 21g³ 22d 24d⁴ 19g⁴ :: 2004/5 16g² 16s³ 17s^{pu} 16d² 16d 16d Mar 12] good-topped gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: seemingly improved when length second to Monte Cinto in strongly-run listed race at Sandown fourth start: below that form when mid-field in valuable events there last 2 starts, behind Medison latest: needs good test at 2m, stays 21f: acts on soft going: wore cheekpieces final start in 2003/4.

O. SHERWOOD

Light blue, orange sash (Absolute Solvents Ltd)

LORD JOSHUA (IRE)

7 10-0 (8-9)

b.g. King's Theatre (IRE) – Lady Joshua (IRE) (Royal Academy (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16s⁶ 16d Mar 5] smallish, lengthy gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 14.5f) at 3 yrs for G. Butler: confirmed promise of hurdling debut when winning juvenile at Newbury in March 2002 by 4 lengths from Derivative, jumping much better: ran no sort of race in Triumph Hurdle: off nearly 3 years before reappearance, shaped quite well when tenth to Stance in handicap at Newbury next time, travelling well long way but unable to pick up when shaken up by inexperienced claimer 2 out: likely to stay 2½m: should come on for latest run.

N. J. HENDERSON

White, navy blue lacings (frogs), white cap (Mrs William S. Farish)

RED SUN

8 10-0 (8-9)

b.g. Foxhound (USA) – Superetta (Superlative) [2003/4 19g* 19g² 17f* 16g* 16m 16g 16d⁵ 16d^F :: 2004/5 16m May 1] small, leggy gelding: fair handicap hurdler: successful in small fields at Hereford, Market Rasen and Uttoxeter in first half of last season (made all at last 2): stiff task when well held in valuable event at Haydock latest outing: stays 19f: acts on soft and firm going: tongue tied last 2 starts: consistent: won on Flat in May/December.

J. MACKIE

White, purple chevron and star on cap (Bulls Head Racing Club)

PAPILLON DE IENA (FR)

5 10-0 (8-8)

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 2¾m: raced mainly on good to soft going.

M. C. PIPE

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

153

139
h16d 140+121
h17g 142+120
h16d 153+119
h16d 146+119
h16s 137+121
h17d 152+122

121 +

139
h16g 121 S
h20d 109 124A
h20d 124
h19m 150+118
h20s 147 118
h17d 131+120

153

139
h21s 121
h22g 133 N
h17s 148+N
h21g G1
h16d 148+N

154 ?

139
h16d 146+120
h16d 150 120
h16d 154? 112
h17s 112
h16s 143+110
h16g 143 108

146 +

139
h16d 146+120
h16s 142 120

148

139
h16m 135
h16d 123
h16d 148 125
h16g 147 127
h16m 148 130
h16g 156? 120

150

139
h16d 136+119
h22d 150 119
h17d 120
h16d 150 120
h16d 137 N
h18d 140+N

DOM D'ORGEVAL (FR)

5 10-0 (8-8)

b.g. Belmez (USA) – Marie d'Orgeval (FR) (Bourbon (FR)) [2003/4 F12g F12s 16m 16s⁶ 17s :: 2004/5 22gp^u 19g⁶ 19g* 17m* 16v* 19g² 17d² 16v* 20v² Feb 19] leggy gelding: progressive hurdler: won handicaps at Newton Abbot in July and September, Stratford (ladies, hung badly right after leading 3 out) in October and Uttoxeter in January: good 8 lengths second to Olney Lad in quite valuable similar event at Uttoxeter last time: stays 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy ground: patiently ridden: tried visored.

NICK WILLIAMS

*Orange, black star and star on cap (Mrs Jane Williams)***LUNAR CRYSTAL (IRE)**

7 10-0 (8-8)

b.g. Shirley Heights – Solar Crystal (IRE) (Alzao (USA)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16d⁵ 16d³ Mar 5] leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: off nearly 2 years before reappearance, has shown retains all his ability in handicaps this season, fifth to stable-companion Tamarinbleu in valuable contest at Sandown in January and third to comfortable winner Stance in competitive event at Newbury in March, doing particularly well in latter after being up with good pace: raced around 2m: acts on firm and soft going: tried visored (below form): likely to go well again.

M. C. PIPE

*Emerald green and white (quartered), black and white halved sleeves, black cap, white star (Teddington Racing Club)***MILORD LESCIBAA (FR)**

5 10-0 (8-7)

b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Mona Lisaa (FR) (Karkour (FR)) [2003/4 16d⁴ 16s* :: 2004/5 17v⁵ 21d Mar 4] angular gelding: third foal: half-brother to 2¼m hurdle winner Miss Lescibaa (by Epervier Bleu): dam winning hurdler/chaser up to around 21f in France: fair hurdler, lightly raced: won juvenile at Leicester by 6 lengths from Parknasilla on second of 2 starts in 2003/4: better effort in handicaps this season when 14½ lengths seventh to Pretty Star at Newbury last time, fading from prominence after 3 out: may prove best around 2m: carries head awkwardly.

M. C. PIPE

*White, black diamond, dark blue and white hooped sleeves, black cap (Mr M. C. Pipe)***RAYSHAN (IRE)**

5 10-0 (8-7)

b.g. Darshaan – Rayseka (IRE) (Dancing Brave (USA)) [2003/4 16g* 16g² :: 2004/5 17g 17g Feb 16] dam from family of smart French hurdler Tiger Groom: useful on Flat (stays 1¾m) for J. Oxx: fair form over hurdles, won juvenile at Musselburgh in 2003/4: stiffish tasks, has shaped as if in need of further when little impact in 2 handicaps there on return: should be suited by 2½m+: raced only on good ground over hurdles.

J. HOWARD JOHNSON

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

5 10-0 (8-6)

b.g. Lomitas – Alte Garde (FR) (Garde Royale) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16gp^u 17m² 16g 17g* 16s⁶ 16d⁴ 16d⁶ Mar 12] angular gelding: successful once around 1¼m (at 3 yrs) from 8 starts on Flat in Germany for P. Schiergen: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Taunton in December by 7 lengths from Senna da Silva, value much more: good fourth to Stance in well-contested race at Newbury in March: mistakes last 2 when only respectable sixth to Medison in valuable event at Sandown 7 days later: likely to prove best around 2m: acts on good to soft ground, possibly not soft.

N. J. HENDERSON

*Red, yellow cross of lorraine, hooped sleeves, black cap (Lynn Wilson, Nick Wilson, Martin Landau)***WISCALITUS (GER)**

6 10-0 (8-5)

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

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

*Red, white disc, halved sleeves (Direct Sales UK Ltd)***151**

h20v	151	139
h16v	147	109
h17d	144	104
h19g	139	+101
h16v	125	+91
h17m	123	+85

159

h16d	157	+119
h16d	155	+119

149

h21d	144	+118
h17v		118
h16s	149	+N
h16d	135	N

148

h17g	+	122
h17g	145	+125
h16g	148	+N
h16g	133	+N

153

h16d	144	+117
h16d	153	117
h16s	130	111A
h17g	143	+104
h16g	136	+N
h17m	131	+N

145

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

EMOTIONAL ARTICLE (IRE)

5 10-0 (8-5)

ch.g. Definite Article – Cairo Lady (IRE) (Persian Bold) [2003/4 F16v³ F16d* :: 2004/5 16s 16s² 16d² 16s* 16v* 16v^F Jan 9] fairly useful bumper winner: similar form over hurdles, winning handicap at Gowran (most impressive) and 4-y-o minor event at Limerick (made virtually all, beat Guest Artist readily by 3½ lengths) in December: took long time to settle and held when falling last in valuable handicap at Leopardstown last time: raced at 2m on going softer than good (acts on heavy).

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND

*White and royal blue hoops, halved sleeves, white cap, royal blue spots (Mr T. W. Walsh)***NATIVE STAG (IRE)**

7 10-0 (8-4)

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Celestial Dance (Scottish Reel) [2003/4 16d² 16d⁶ 16s 16s⁴ 16s* 20d 16d⁵ :: 2004/5 17g 16m 16g⁵ 16v⁴ 16d² 16d* 16v⁵ 16s³ Feb 6] leggy gelding: fairly useful 1½m winner on Flat: fair hurdler: better than ever of late, won 11-runner handicap at Fairyhouse in November by length from Hard Shoulder: good efforts in competitive handicaps at Leopardstown both starts since, 4½ lengths third of 18 to Beechcourt on latest: raced mainly around 2m: acts on heavy going.

P. A. FAHY, IRELAND

*Royal blue, white striped sleeves, check cap (Ms Marie McSharry)***CONSTANTINE**

5 10-0 (8-3)

gr.g. Linamix (FR) – Speremm (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA)) [2003/4 16m⁶ 16d 17s* 16s⁴ 16d³ :: 2004/5 18d* 16d⁶ 16g 16s 16d 18s² Jan 24] good-topped gelding: fairly useful on Flat (should stay 2m): fair hurdler: won 4-y-o event at Fontwell in May, enterprisingly ridden and holding off Lord of Beauty by ½ length: back to form when 2 lengths second to Come Bye in intermediate handicap at Fontwell last time, looking none too keen: will probably stay 2½m: acts on soft going: has shown signs of temperament.

G. L. MOORE

*Dark blue, yellow stripe, dark blue sleeves, yellow spots, yellow cap (Mrs B. Quinn)***STAN (NZ)**

6 10-0 (8-1)

b.g. Super Imposing (NZ) – Take Care (NZ) (Wham (AUS)) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 19v³ 16s² 17v⁴ 19g* 16d² Jan 1] compact gelding: has run 4 times on Flat in New Zealand, winning over 1¼m in July: fair form over hurdles: won 16-runner novice at Catterick in December by 2 lengths from Aleron, leading approaching last: good second of 9 to Debbie in handicap at same course last time: not sure to stay beyond 19f: acts on heavy going: patiently ridden.

R. C. GUEST

*Dark blue, pink and dark blue hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mr Paul Beck)***MADE IN FRANCE (FR)**

5 10-0 (8-1)

b.g. Luchiroverte (IRE) – Birgonde (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2003/4 18s :: 2004/5 17s 18s c20d³ 16m* 17f¹ 20d² 16s⁴ c16d* 16g c16d⁵ Mar 12] leggy gelding: third foal: half-brother to 19f chase winner Insoumise (by Royal Charter): dam, lightly-raced maiden, half-sister to fairly useful jumper around 2¼m En Couleurs: placed twice around 1½m from 3 starts on Flat at 3 yrs: sold out of F. Cottin's stable €50,000 Goffs July Sale: has since shown fair form over hurdles, winning maiden at Worcester in August and handicap at Exeter in September: second outing over fences, won 3-runner maiden at Newton Abbot in November by ¾ length from Emanic, setting sound pace and rallying to lead again run-in: folded tamely when fifth of 6 finishers to Dempsey in novice at Sandown last time: stays 2½m: acts on firm and soft going: front runner: carries head high:

M. C. PIPE

*White, large red spots and armllets, red and white quartered cap (Mr Terry Neill)***EXPERIMENTAL (IRE)**

11 10-0 (8-0)

b.g. Top of The World – Brun's Toy (FR) (Bruni) [2003/4 16g c17s⁴ c17v c18f^{su} c17g⁴ c16f⁴ c16f⁴ c18mp^u c16mp^u c16m⁶ c16gp^u :: 2004/5 16s 16s³ 16v Jan 9] sparsely-made gelding: fair on Flat nowadays (stays 1½m): modest maiden chaser: one-time useful handicap hurdler, fair nowadays: creditable third of 20 to Athlumney Lad at Down Royal penultimate start: respectable ninth to Essex in valuable event at Leopardstown last time: raced around 2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried in blinkers/cheekpieces/tongue strap.

G. T. LYNCH, IRELAND

*Red and yellow quartered, yellow sleeves, red cap (Northern Racing Syndicate)***154**

h16v		139
h16v	154	W
h16s	135	+95
h16d	130	N
h16s	149	N
h16s		W

148

h16s	148	111
h16v	148	111
h16d	146	+103
h16d	148	W
h16v	135	102
h16g	130	99

146

h18s	144	+111
h16d	136	115
h16s		118
h16g	+	120
h16d	145	122
h18d	149	W

145

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

141

c16d	145	N
h16g	127	N
c16d	145	W
h16s	140	+112
h20d	138	+109
h17f	138	+102

143

h16v	143	111
h16s	139	105
h16s	115	109
c16g		W
c16m		95
c16m		95

DAY DU ROY (FR)

7 10-0 (7-13)

b.g. Ajdayt (USA) – Rose Pomme (FR) (Rose Laurel) [2003/4 17g² 17g⁵ 17g² 20m* 19d⁵ 17g³ c20d³ c19s⁶ 20s³ 20g⁴ 17g² c20g* :: 2004/5 c20d* c17m⁵ 19d⁶ c17d² c17g² c16m⁵ 22d⁶ 20d³ 19d Mar 8] rather leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Southwell in May: good second at Stratford and Bangor in August: left J. O’Neill 20,000 gns and off 4½ months after next start: fair handicap hurdler: best effort for present connections when third to Spring Pursuit at Haydock: stays 2½m: acts on good to soft and good to firm going: below form both runs in blinkers: has had tongue tied: held up and often finds little.

*MISS L. C. SIDDALL**Royal blue, emerald green epaulets, white cap (Norman Webb & Geoff Kennington)***PRINCE OF PERSIA**

5 10-0 (7-13)

b.g. Turtle Island (IRE) – Sianiski (Niniski (USA)) [2003/4 16g^F 16s⁶ 16g⁴ 16s⁴ 16d* 16d⁵ :: 2004/5 16d² 17d² 16m 16d^{bd} 21s³ 16d² Mar 10] leggy, close-coupled gelding: fair hurdler: creditable efforts when runner-up this term, beaten 4 lengths by easy winner Handy Money in 8-runner handicap at Wincanton last time, keeping on no chance with winner: raced mainly around 2m, seemed to find stamina stretched at 21f penultimate start: acts on soft going, ran poorly on good to firm: wore cheekpieces last 8 starts.

*R. S. BROOKHOUSE**Light blue, pink chevrons, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, pink star (Mr R. S. Brookhouse)***COOLDINE KING (IRE)**

6 10-0 (7-11)

b.g. Germany (USA) – Tara’s Serenade (IRE) (Orchestra) [2003/4 F16m* 19s² 21d³ 16g^F 17g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c16d^{pu} c19m⁵ 16s² 18s³ 20d² 16d³ Mar 12] rather leggy gelding: fair novice hurdler: in frame last 4 starts, though not at best when 19½ lengths third to Genghis at Chepstow on latest: fair form when 32½ lengths fifth of 9 to El Vaquero at Taunton on completed start in maiden chases: probably stays 21f: acts on soft and good to firm ground: visored last 5 outings.

*P. R. WEBBER**Pink, yellow epaulets, yellow cap (Mrs Mary O’Connor)***BATSWING**

10 10-0 (7-11)

b.g. Batshoof – Magic Milly (Simply Great (FR)) [2003/4 c16d³ c17g² c21g² c16m⁴ c20m^{pu} c16m⁶ c16m^{pu} 19g⁵ 16d 16d 16d 16g :: 2004/5 c18s³ c20g⁶ c16s² c17s* 16d³ Mar 6] lengthy gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: best effort for some time when beating Just A Touch by 6 lengths at Plumpton penultimate start: fair hurdler: looked none too keen and lost place fourth but finished well when third of 13 to Broke Road in handicap at Kempton latest start: barely stays 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: tried in blinkers/cheekpieces: has had tongue tied: took little interest second outing: not one to trust implicitly.

*G. L. MOORE**Dark green and orange (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Ashley Carr)***BARON DE FEYPO (IRE)**

7 10-0 (7-11)

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

*PATRICK O. BRADY, IRELAND**Black, red spots, black cap, white spots (Miss Rita Shah)***KAPAROLO (USA)**

6 10-0 (7-8)

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

*JOHN A. HARRIS**Light blue, yellow chevron, armlets and cap (Mr N. Morgan)***RAINBOW RIVER (IRE)**

7 10-0 (7-3)

ch.g. Rainbows For Life (CAN) – Shrewd Girl (USA) (Sagace (FR)) [2003/4 17g :: 2004/5 16s 19g Mar 9] fair hurdler in 2002/3: no form in 2 runs since: stays 21f: acts on good to firm ground.

*M. C. CHAPMAN**Emerald green, yellow star, white and yellow striped sleeves and cap (Mr Patrick Darcy)***141**

h19d	139
h20d	141
h22d	110
c16m	125
c17g	158
c17d	158

146

h16d	146
h21s	134
h16d	+
h16m	113
h17d	146
h16d	146

138

h16d	125
h20d	138
h18s	138
h16s	137
c19m	140
c16d	W

151 §

h16d	140
c17s	158
c16s	150
c20g	150
c18s	150
h16g	113

137

h20s	139
h20v	136
h19v	137
h16v	128
h18v	130
h16s	93

133

h17d	139
h19d	122
h18d	129
h16g	133
h18d	117
h18d	148

?

h19g	100
h16s	102
h17g	108

ADECCO (IRE)

6 10-0 (6-12)

b.g. Eagle Eyed (USA) – Kharaliya (FR) (Doyoun) [2003/4 20d May 3 :: 2004/5 NR] useful-looking gelding: fair juvenile hurdler in 2002/3 for Miss V. Williams, won at Ludlow: trip too far when well held only outing in early-2003/4: has left R. C. Guest: likely to prove best around 2m: tried blinkered: flashes tail under pressure, and temperament under suspicion.

*G. L. MOORE**Red, white sleeves, red cap, white star (Mr N. J. Jones)***OSCARS VISION (IRE)**

5 10-0 (6-7)

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

*B. W. DUKE**Pink, light blue seams and sleeves, grey cap (Brendan W. Duke Racing)***FAST KING (FR)**

7 10-0 (5-11)

b.g. Housamix (FR) – Fast Girl (FR) (Gay Minstrel (FR)) [2003/4 c19g⁴ 20m³ 17m^{pu} :: 2004/5 c20g^{pu} 16s³ 18s^{pu} 22s 16v 17s 16d Mar 6] leggy gelding: maiden chaser: winning hurdler: only form since 2002 when third in seller at Chepstow in November and seventh of 13 in handicap at Kempton latest start: stays 2½m: used to wear blinkers.

*DR P. PRITCHARD**Red and white check, diablo on sleeves (Docs’R’Us)***131 ?**

h20d	139
	105

114

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

?

h16d	111
h17s	S
h16v	87SA
h22s	90S
h18s	S
h16s	109

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).