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DECLARED RUNNERS
CHELTENHAM
Friday 18th March

WITH TODAY'S COURSE-TO-COURSE
RUNNERS AND RATINGS FOR
FAKENHAM
LINGFIELD

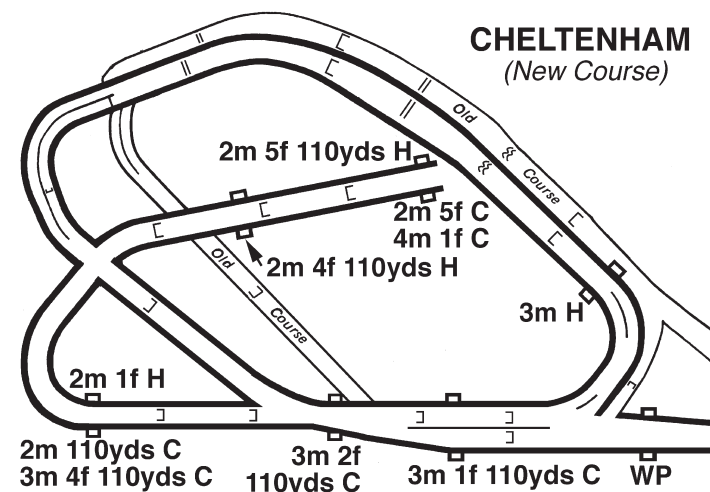
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There are two left-handed courses at Cheltenham, the Old Course and the New Course. The Old Course is oval in shape and about one and a half miles in extent. There are nine fences to a circuit, only one of which is jumped in the final straight. The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



Most Successful Trainers 1999/2000 to 2003/4



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

Course winners records

| Time | No | Horse | Wins | 2nd | 3rd | Runs |
|------|----|--------------------------|----------|-----|-----|------|
| 2.00 | 2 | AKILAK (IRE) | 1 (1 CD) | | | 1 |
| 2.00 | 7 | CERIUM (FR) | 1 | | | 1 |
| 2.00 | 24 | YANKEEDOODLEDANDY (IRE) | 1 (1 CD) | 1 | | 2 |
| 2.35 | 3 | BREWSTER (IRE) | 2 (1 CD) | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 2.35 | 11 | OVER THE CREEK | 1 | | | 1 |
| 3.15 | 4 | CELESTIAL GOLD (IRE) | 2 | 1 | | 3 |
| 3.15 | 5 | GREY ABBEY (IRE) | 1 | | 1 | 3 |
| 3.15 | 7 | PIZARRO (IRE) | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| 3.15 | 8 | ROYAL AUCLAIR (FR) | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 3.15 | 9 | RULE SUPREME (IRE) | 1 | | | 1 |
| 3.15 | 10 | SIR REMBRANDT (IRE) | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| 3.15 | 13 | THEREALBANDIT (IRE) | 4 | 1 | | 8 |
| 3.15 | 14 | TIUTCHEV | 3 | | 1 | 8 |
| 4.00 | 4 | COUNTY DERRY | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 4.00 | 5 | EARTHMOVER (IRE) | 5 (4 CD) | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| 4.00 | 7 | FOLY PLEASANT (FR) | 1 | 3 | 1 | 10 |
| 4.00 | 14 | LORD ATTERBURY (IRE) | 1 | | | 2 |
| 4.40 | 1 | ARMATURK (FR) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 4.40 | 2 | FLAGSHIP UBERALLES (IRE) | 3 (1 CD) | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 4.40 | 6 | BONUS BRIDGE (IRE) | 1 (1 CD) | | | 1 |
| 4.40 | 11 | TANGO ROYAL (FR) | 1 (1 CD) | | | 6 |
| 4.40 | 15 | GREENHOPE (IRE) | 1 | | | 2 |
| 4.40 | 21 | LATALOMNE (USA) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 4.40 | 24 | DAVOSKI | 2 (1 CD) | | 3 | 7 |
| 5.20 | 1 | RIGMAROLE | 2 | | | 4 |
| 5.20 | 2 | PEROUSE | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 5.20 | 3 | GEOS (FR) | 1 (1 CD) | | 1 | 6 |
| 5.20 | 6 | KING REVO (IRE) | 1 (1 CD) | | | 2 |
| 5.20 | 7 | COPELAND | 1 (1 CD) | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 5.20 | 14 | DEMI BEAU | 1 (1 CD) | | | 2 |
| 5.20 | 15 | GRAVE DOUBTS | 1 | | | 3 |
| 5.20 | 16 | BONGO FURY (FR) | 1 | | | 2 |
| 5.20 | 18 | CALATAGAN (IRE) | 1 | | | 1 |
| 5.20 | 20 | CASTLESHANE (IRE) | 1 | | 1 | 3 |

2.00 THE JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE (Grade 1) (A) 2m1f

£100,000 4yo

| | | | | |
|--|----------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|  | 1 | ADMIRAL (IRE) | 4 11-0 | 131 p |
| <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 1½/2m), 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. <i>R. C. GUEST</i> H. Oliver <i>Royal blue, white hoops, royal blue sleeves, white diamonds, royal blue cap (Mr Willie McKay)</i></p> | | | | |
|  | 2 | AKILAK (IRE) | 4 11-0 | 153 p |
| <p>brg. 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 1¼/4m), 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. <i>J. HOWARD JOHNSON</i> G. Lee <i>White, black braces, chevrons on sleeves, striped cap (ADA Partnership)</i></p> | | | | |
|  | 3 | BARATI (IRE) | 4 11-0 | 147 p |
| <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 1¾/4m) 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. <i>M. J. P. O'BRIEN, IRELAND</i> B. J. Geraghty <i>Yellow and dark blue diablo, dark blue sleeves, white cap (Mr S. Mulryan)</i></p> | | | | |
|  | 4 | BISCAR TWO (IRE) | 4 11-0 (blinkers) | 135 |
| <p>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 1¼/4m), 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. <i>B. J. LLEWELLYN</i> Christian Williams <i>Black and mauve stripes, mauve sleeves, black cap (Maenllwyd Racing Club)</i></p> | | | | |
|  | 5 | BONBON ROSE (FR) | 4 11-0 | 141 + |
| <p>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 2¾/4m: 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. <i>A. CHAILLE-CHAILLE, FRANCE</i> C. O'Dwyer <i>Yellow and dark blue diablo, dark blue sleeves, check cap (Mr S. Mulryan)</i></p> | | | | |



6 CARTE DIAMOND (USA) 4 11-0 (tongue strap) **144 +**
 ch.c. Theatrical – Liteup My Life (USA) (Green Dancer (USA)) [2004/5 16d* 16d3 16m* Feb 6] smart on Flat (effective at 1½/4m/1¾/4m), 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 Newcastle (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 R. Johnson
 Dark green and orange (quartered), white sleeves and cap (Mr Ashley Carr)

h16m 141+N
 h16d 135 G2
 h16d 137+N



7 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 1¼/4m 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 R. Walsh
 Royal blue and orange check, royal blue sleeves, royal blue cap, orange star (B Fulton, T Hayward, S Fisher, L Brady)

h16d 150+N
 h16v G1
 h16d 143+G2
 h16s 125+N
 h15s* 135+W



8 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 16g 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 P. J. Brennan
 Emerald green, white hoops, white and emerald green halved sleeves, red cap (Mr J. T. Billson)

h17g N
 h16d 110 N
 h16d 126? G2
 h17s 125 99
 h16g 114+N
 h17g 114 C



9 DANAW (FR) 4 11-0 (tongue strap) **149**
 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.
 F. DOUMEN, FRANCE L. Metais
 Green, orange hoop, green sleeves, orange cap (Comtesse C. A. Armand)

h17s 133 G2
 h17s 143+G3
 h16s 135+W



10 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 1¼/4m), 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 J. E. 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+W



11 DON'T BE BITIN (IRE) 4 11-0 **144**
 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 1½/4m): 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 D. J. Condon
 Light blue and dark blue stripes, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, orange star (A. Mulvey)

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



12 ETENDARD INDIEN (FR) 4 11-0 (blinkers) **137 +**
 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 (blinkered first time today).
 N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
 Pink, white striped sleeves, white cap (Mrs Belinda Harvey)

h16d 127 N
 h16d 137+N



13 FAASEL (IRE) 4 11-0 (visor) **163**
 b.g. Unfuwain (USA) – Waqood (USA) (Riverman (USA)) [2004/5 16v* 16d* 16v* 18v2 Mar 5] close-coupled gelding: useful on Flat (stays 2m, usually blinkered at 3 yrs), successful 3 times in 2004, sold out of K. Prendergast'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 2½/4m: visored first time today.
 N. G. RICHARDS A. Dobbin
 Red, yellow epaulets (Mr Jim Ennis)

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



14 LOYAL FOCUS (IRE) 4 11-0 (visor) **141**
 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: visored first time today.
 D. K. WELD, IRELAND P. Carberry
 Yellow, royal blue epaulets, yellow cap, royal blue star (Dr Michael Smurfit)

h16s 141 G3
 h16v 137+W



15 MAJLIS (JPN) 4 11-0 **144 +**
 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 1¾/4m) 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 A. P. McCoy
 Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)

h16s 144 G3
 h16v 144 W
 h16v 135 N
 h16d 130 N



16 NEW ENTIC (FR) 4 11-0 **141**
 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 P. Hide
 Black, grey epaulets, halved sleeves (Mr H. R. Hunt)

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



17 PENZANCE 4 11-0 **144 p**
 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 1¼/4m) 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 R. Thornton
 White, large black spots, black cap (Elite Racing Club)

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

**18 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

J. Culloty

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

136

h16v 136 N
h16d 136 G1
h16g 133+N
h16d 136 G2
h16s 127+L

**19 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

T. Doyle

White, mauve stripe, striped cap (Mrs Deborah Potter)

120

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

**20 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

Denis O'Regan

Emerald green, white cross of lorraine and sleeves, quartered cap (Mr David O. Moon)

122 p

h16v 120+N

**21 SOUND BLASTER (IRE)**

4 11-0

(blinkers)

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: blinkered first time today.

L. MCATEER, IRELAND

D. N. Russell

Red and white stripes, black cap, red star (Ormond Park Syndicate)

136

h16s 110 W
h16d 131+N
h16d 118 W

**22 STRANGELY BROWN (IRE)**

4 11-0

b.g. Second Empire (IRE) – Damerela (IRE) (Alzao (USA)) [2004/5 16v* 16v* 16s* Feb 6] sparely-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

D. J. Casey

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

**23 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 2½m: acts on soft going.

B. G. POWELL

J. Tizzard

Black, red halved sleeves (David Cliff and Philippa Clunes)

140

h20s 140 N
h18s 140 N
h16g 92 N
h18s 122? N

**24 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 2½m Chivite (by Alhaarth): fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m), 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

F. Keniry

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

150

h17s 150 G2
h17d 145 N
h16d 141 N
h16d 129+N

JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE (4-y-o) (Gr 1) (Cheltenham 2m1f)

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|------|-----|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|----|
| 1999 | 151 | Katarino 11-0: 11/4 | N J Henderson | M A Fitzgerald | 23 |
| 2000 | 135 | Snow Drop 10-9: 7/1 | F Doumen (Fr) | T Doumen | 28 |
| 2001 | | Abandoned | | | |
| 2002 | 147 | Scolardy 11-0: 16/1 | W P Mullins (Ir) | C F Swan | 28 |
| 2003 | 134 | Spectroscope 11-0: 20/1 | J O'Neill | B J Geraghty | 27 |
| 2004 | 134 | Made In Japan 11-0: 20/1 | P J Hobbs | R Johnson | 23 |

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2.35 THE BRIT INSURANCE NOVICES' HURDLE 3m**(Spa) (Grade 2) (A)**

£75,000 4yo+ TWFA 4 11-11

**1 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

**2 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 Cheltenham 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 and hung left, 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

**3 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 1¼ 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

R. Johnson

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

**4 DALVENTO (IRE)**

7 11-7

122

b.h. Monsun (GER) – Dream of You (GER) (Music Boy) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 16d 21s* 16v^F 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

A. J. McNamara

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

h16v 111
h21s 122 W
h16d W

**5 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

M. Batchelor

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

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

**6 GET MY DRIFT (IRE)**

6 11-7

(blinkers)

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: blinkered first time today.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

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

h24d 133 N
c25d W
c24s 133+W

**7 JACKSON (FR)**

8 11-7

136

b.g. Passing Sale (FR) – Tynia (FR) (Djarvis (FR)) [2003/4 c25^{sur} :: 2004/5 c24^{gur} 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 Folkestone fourth/fifth starts: favourite, ran poorly at Wincanton last time: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer: tried tongue tied.

A. KING

W. Hutchinson

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

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

**8 KELTIC ROCK**

6 11-7

122

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 2¾m: raced only on good to soft/soft going: bled from nose third start.

J. A. GEAKE

M. Bradburne

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

Bloodstock & Tony Geake)

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

**9 LASKA DE THAIX (FR)**

6 11-7

143

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 1¼m/1½m winner Belle Orca (by Mont Basile): dam winning chaser from 2m to 21f: modest maiden hurdler/chaser for G. Chere! 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: was engaged to run in the 4.40 race here yesterday.

P. J. HOBBS

P. J. Brennan

Black and white diamonds, white sleeves, black armlets (D. F. P. Racing)

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

**10 MOULIN RICHE (FR)**

5 11-7

154

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: 1½m 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 1½ 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

R. Thornton

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

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

**11 OVER THE CREEK**

6 11-7

b.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 3½ 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

T. J. Murphy

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

158 p

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| h24d | 158+129 |
| h20s | 129 |
| h20s | 135+117 |
| h16d | 123+105 |
| h16d | 120+N |
| h18v | N |

**12 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

P. Carberry

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

128

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| h19g | 128 | N |
| h23s | 128 | N |
| h24d | 124+G2 | |

**13 SENOR 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

James Davies

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

134

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| h22s | 134 | N |
| h21d | 134 | N |
| h24d | 125+G2 | |
| h20d | 82+N | |
| F16g | 109 | W |
| F16v | 109 | WA |

**14 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* 16d* 22g* 22g* 20f² 25g² 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

J. A. McCarthy

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

135

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| h21d | 125 | N |
| h25g | 135 | N |
| h20f | 132+118 | |
| h22g | 124+112 | |
| h22g | 111+N | |
| h16d | 110+N | |

**15 THAMES (IRE)**

7 11-7

b.g. Over The River (FR) – Aon Dochas (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2003/4 20d³ 24gp^u :: 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

M. A. Fitzgerald

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

136 p

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| h20s | 128+N |
| h20s | 122+N |
| h20d | 136 |
| h24g | G1 |
| h20d | 119+N |

**16 VA VAVOOM (IRE)**

7 11-7

(tongue strap)

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

T. Scudamore

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

136

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

**17 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

A. P. McCoy

White and emerald green chevrons, striped cap (Garrafrauns Syndicate)

136

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

**18 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

S. Durack

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

133

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| h20d | 106 | 122 |
| h17v | 127 | N |
| h16d | 124+123 | |
| h16g | 132 | N |
| h16d | 133 | N |
| h17s | 128+N | |

**19 KINGS BAY**

6 11-0

ch.m. Beveled (USA) – Storm of Plenty (Billion (USA)) [2003/4 F17v* F18g² F16s² :: 2004/5 24d* 22d 24v² 20s^f Feb 9] angular mare: fairly useful form in mares bumpers in 2003/4, winning at Folkestone: won novice hurdle at Windsor 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

J. Crowley

Emerald green, royal blue seams, royal blue cap, emerald green spots (Mr P. J. Doherty)

122

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| h20s | 122 | N |
| h24v | 122 | N |
| h22d | 124 | 99 |
| h24d | 117 | N |
| F16s | 121 | L |
| F18g | 121 | W |

**20 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

C. Llewellyn


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

146

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


3.15 THE totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE 3¼m110y (Grade 1) (A)

£350,000 5yo+

 **1 ASTONVILLE (FR)** 11 11-10 ?
 b.g. Top Ville – Astonishing (BRZ) (Vacilante (ARG)) [2003/4 18s⁴ 19v³ :: 2004/5 c18s 20s⁴ 20d⁵ 20v c24s^{pu} 16g Mar 15] 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: off 5 months, very stiff tasks and soundly beaten all starts in Britain: stays 25f: raced mainly on soft/heavy going: visored 3 starts prior to latest.

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| h16g | G1 |
| c24s | 142 |
| h20v | 135 |
| h20d | W |
| h20s | 119 C |
| c18s | W |

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

 **2 BALLYCASSIDY (IRE)** 9 11-10 ?
 br.g. Insan (USA) – Bitofabreeze (IRE) (Callernish) [2003/4 c21g* c24m* c20m* c22s c22m* c19m³ c25g* c24g* c24m* c24g² c25s^{pu} :: 2004/5 c27d² c25s⁵ c24d^{pu} 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.


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| c24d | G2 |
| c25s | G2 |
| c27d | 160 148 |
| c25s | G2 |
| c24g | 159+G1 |
| c24m | 160 N |

P. BOWEN S. Durack
 White, red chevron, emerald green and red striped sleeves, red cap (R Owen & P Fullagar)

 **3 BEEF OR SALMON (IRE)** 9 11-10 **183**
 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.


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

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

 **4 CELESTIAL GOLD (IRE)** 7 11-10 **173**
 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.

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

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

 **5 GREY ABBEY (IRE)** 11 11-10 **179**
 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.

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

J. HOWARD JOHNSON G. Lee
 Orange, black spots on sleeves and cap (The Roper Family and Norman Furness)

 **6 KICKING KING (IRE)** 7 11-10 **193**
 b.g. Old Vic – Fairy Blaze (IRE) (Good Thyme (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 3¼m: acts on soft going: usually jumps boldly and well: races prominently.


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

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND B. J. Geraghty
 Purple, white diamond and sleeves, purple cap (Mr Conor Clarkson)

 **7 PIZARRO (IRE)** 8 11-10 (visor) **165**
 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: visored first time today.

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

E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND D. N. Russell
 Royal blue and yellow diablo, yellow diamonds on sleeves, red cap (Mr E. Wallace)

 **8 ROYAL AUCLAIR (FR)** 8 11-10 (tongue strap) **165**
 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: tinged blinkered: tongue tied.

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

P. F. NICHOLLS Christian Williams
 Emerald green, yellow spots, yellow and emerald green halved sleeves, purple cap (Mr Clive D. Smith)

**9 RULE SUPREME (IRE)**

9 11-10

b.g. Supreme Leader – Book of Rules (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2003/4 c25g* c20sur c24g* c24g3 c24s3 c28v3 c24g* c25gur c29m5 :: 2004/5 c25g5 21s3 25d* 24s* 20d3 25s3 c24vF 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: was engaged to run in the 3.15 race here yesterday.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

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

D. J. Casey

**10 SIR REMBRANDT (IRE)**

9 11-10

b.g. Mandalus – Sue's A Lady (Le Moss) [2003/4 c26gF c26d* c29d2 c25dpu 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

Yellow, red stars, red sleeves, yellow stars, yellow cap, red star (Mr A. Hordle)

A. Thornton

**11 STRONG FLOW (IRE)**

8 11-10

b.g. Over The River (FR) – Stormy Skies (Strong Gale) [2003/4 c23g* c25g* c25gF 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 3¼m: has been prone to the odd serious error, but superb jumper in the main: may have further improvement in him.

P. F. NICHOLLS

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

R. Walsh

**12 TAKE THE STAND (IRE)**

9 11-10

b.g. Witness Box (USA) – Denys Daughter (IRE) (Crash Course) [2003/4 c32mF c26m* c23m2 c24m* c26gbd c25g* c29d4 c24sF :: 2004/5 22g2 c32m* c21d* c20s2 c20d6 c24dpu c29vF 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 2½2m to 4m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tends to jump left: tough and genuine: a credit to his trainer.

P. BOWEN

Yellow, emerald green braces, armllets and star on cap (The Courtiers)

A. Dobbin

**13 THERREALBANDIT (IRE)**

8 11-10

b.g. Torus – Sunrise Highway VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2003/4 22s2 27d* 22m* 22g* 25g* c25d* c21d* c25dF c26g :: 2004/5 25d c25d* c24g c25s2 Jan 29] tall, lengthy, rather sparely-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, royal blue cap (Mr D. A. Johnson)

A. P. McCoy

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

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c24d 161+G2
c24d 167 G2
c23d + W
c25s 177 G2
c26g 177 G1
c24g 143 G2

173 +

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

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

167

c25s 163+G2
c24g 158+G1
c25g 164+150
h25d + 145
c26g G1
c25d 165+G2

**14 TIUTCHEV**

12 11-10

b.g. Soviet Star (USA) – Cut Ahead (Kalaglow) [2003/4 20g4 c20d2 c24g2 c19sF c16g3 c25g* :: 2004/5 c24gpu 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)

R. Thornton

**15 TRUCKERS TAVERN (IRE)**

10 11-10

ch.g. Phardante (FR) – Sweet Tulip (Beau Chapeau) [2003/4 22s4 c24d2 c25dF c25dur c26gpu :: 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

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

B. Harding

**16 VENN OTTERY**

10 11-10

b.g. Access Ski – Tom's Comedy (Comedy Star (USA)) [2003/4 c20dpu c16g3 c16d4 c16dF c16g2 c17gpu c16g4 c20s6 c17gpu c16g4 c16s c16g* c16m* c17g* c17s2 c16m* c16g5 c16g c16gF c20dpu :: 2004/5 c16g3 17g c20dpu c16g Mar 16] 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, unsuitable conditions in valuable handicap at Newbury on penultimate start, never on terms when last of 7 finishers in latest renewal of Champion Chase on latest: 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)

J. E. Moore

totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Gr 1) (Cheltenham 3m2½f)

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|------|-----|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----|
| 1999 | 173 | See More Business 9-12-0: 16/1 | P F Nicholls | M A Fitzgerald | 12 |
| 2000 | 176 | Looks Like Trouble 8-12-0: 9/2 | N T Chance | R Johnson | 12 |
| 2001 | | Abandoned | | | |
| 2002 | 173 | Best Mate 7-12-0: 7/1 | Miss H C Knight | J Culloty | 18 |
| 2003 | 174 | Best Mate 8-12-0: 13/8 | Miss H C Knight | J Culloty | 15 |
| 2004 | 169 | Best Mate 9-11-10: 8/11 | Miss H C Knight | J Culloty | 10 |

CHRISTIE'S FOXHUNTER CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (Cheltenham 3m2½f)

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|------|-----|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------|----|
| 1999 | 148 | Castle Mane 7-12-0: 9/2 | Mrs C Bailey | Mr B Pollock | 24 |
| 2000 | 135 | Cavalero 11-12-0: 16/1 | H J Manners | Mr A Charles-Jones | 24 |
| 2001 | | Abandoned | | | |
| 2002 | 126 | Last Option 10-12-0: 20/1 | R Tate | Mrs F Needham | 20 |
| 2003 | 128 | Kingscliff 6-12-0: 11/4 | Mrs S Alner | Mr R Young | 24 |
| 2004 | 133 | Earthmover 13-12-0: 14/1 | P F Nicholls | Miss A Goschen | 24 |

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

157 x

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

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c16g 157? G1
c20d 145
h17g N
c16g 143 W
c20d G2
c16g N

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1 BALLYSICYOS (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 Mr G. Weatherley
Dark blue, yellow hoop, diablo on sleeves, yellow cap (Mrs P. A. Deal)



2 CANTARINHO 7 12-0 (tongue strap) **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 2½m to 3½m: acts on soft going: usually travels strongly up with pace.
D. J. KEMP Mr D. Kemp
Emerald green and light blue check, light blue sleeves, hooped cap (Mrs M. M. Harrison)



3 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 Mrs Olivia Jackson
Emerald green, scarlet hooped sleeves and cap (Mr B. A. Kilpatrick)



4 COUNTY DERRY 12 12-0 (cheekpieces) **127**
b.g. Derrylin – Colonial Princess (Roscoe Blake) [2003/4 c26d² c24g* c26v* c28gp^u c26g* c26d³ c26m⁴ :: 2004/5 c33s* c34d² c26d³ Feb 20] strong gelding: smart hunter chaser: won 11-runner event at Cheltenham in April by 2½ 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 Mr N. Harris
Emerald green, light blue cross belts, striped sleeves (Mr G. T. Lever)



5 EARTHMOVER (IRE) 14 12-0 **140**
ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Clare's Crystal (Tekoah) [2003/4 c26d* c24g* c28gp^u 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 Miss A. Goschen
Yellow, brown disc, striped sleeves, hooped cap (Mr R. M. Penny)



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



7 FOLY PLEASANT (FR) 11 12-0 (tongue strap) **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 Mr R. Burton
Emerald green, black seams, emerald green sleeves, black spots and spots on cap (Mr Nick Shutts)



8 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 Thyme): 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 Mr D. Jacob
Dark blue, white seams, white sleeves, dark blue seams, dark blue cap (T.Chadney, D.Guyer, V.Howard, P.Tozer)



9 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. GROUCOTT Mr J. M. Pritchard
Royal blue, white epaulettes, royal blue sleeves, white stars, royal blue cap, white star (Mrs J. K. Powell)



10 GENERAL CLAREMONT (IRE) 12 12-0 (tongue strap) **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 Mr L. Heard
Red and yellow (quartered), yellow spots on red sleeves and cap (Mr K. G. Manley)



11 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 Punchestown 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 Mr J. T. McNamara
Red and white chevrons, white stars on sleeves and cap (Mr G. F. Mahony)



12 JABIRU (IRE) 12 12-0 (blinkers) **115**
b. or br.g. Lafontaine (USA) – Country Glen (Furry Glen) [2003/4 c25m c26m* c25d^{pu} 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 3½m: 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)

**13 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 last 2 starts, beating Ballysicys on second occasion: stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: effective visored/blinkered or not.

MISS C. PARFITT

Mr J. Barnes

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

**14 LORD ATTERBURY (IRE)**

9 12-0

ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Tammyiris (Arapahos (FR)) [2003/4 c33d* c26dp^u 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 4½m: acts on good to soft going: front runner.

M. C. PIPE

Mr Gordon Elliott

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

**15 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 3¼m: raced on going softer than good (acts on heavy): tried blinkered.

JOHN BLEAHEN, IRELAND

Mr Derek O'Connor

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

**16 OURMAN (IRE)**

9 12-0

b.g. Good Thyne (USA) – Magic Minstrel (Pitpan) [2003/4 c25d* c26v² :: 2004/5 c25s c24vp^u 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: runner-up in point Mar 6: 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)

**17 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 3½m event won by Torduff Express at Stratford latest start: won point in January 2005 (for T. Bryce): bred to stay beyond 2½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going.

MS A. E. EMBRICOS

Ms A. Embricos

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

**18 POLAR CHAMP**

12 12-0

(visor)

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

Miss Lucy Bridges

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

124 +**140**

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

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c24s 135 WA
c22s 135 130
c20v 138+ 130

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c25s 93+ WA
c26v 105 WA
c25d 105 WA

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c20g 120+ WA
c20d 126 WA

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

**19 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)

**20 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: ungenune.

NICK KENT

Mr N. Kent

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

**21 TANAGER**

10 12-0

(blinkers)

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 2½ lengths from Silence Reigns, rallying well as runner-up faltered run-in: probably stays 3¼m: acts on heavy going: blinkered: unreliable.

MRS K. LAWTHER

Mr B. King

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

R Owen P Yacomine)

**22 THE WIPPER (IRE)**

9 12-0

(blinkers)

b.g. Alhabatim (USA) – Musical Millie (IRE) (Orchestra) [2003/4 c24g^{ur} :: 2004/5 c24vp^u 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 2½m Shekels: fairly useful hunter chaser: won at Thurles in 2002/3: pulled up at Down Royal in December, but successful in 3 of his 4 starts in points since, latest Mar 6: stays 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually races prominently.

SEAN AHERNE, IRELAND

Mr B. Hassett

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

**23 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

Mr G. Hanmer

White, emerald green hoop, emerald green and white halved sleeves, emerald green and pink quartered cap (Mr Ken Hamer)

**24 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

Mr M. J. O'Connor

Dark blue, yellow star, yellow stars on sleeves, royal blue cap (John Phelan)

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

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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 WA
c22v 95+ NA
c26s 117? WA

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c24v WA
c24g W


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c26g WA
c24g 103+ NA

101


c23g 96+ W
c22d 97 W
c20v 97 W
c22v N
h16m N
h20d N


4.40 THE JOHNNY HENDERSON GRAND ANNUAL CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (HANDICAP) (Grade 3) (A) **2m110y**
 £75,000 5yo+


 **1 ARMATURK (FR)** 8 11-12 **167**
 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 Christian Williams
 Orange, black epaulets, orange and black hooped sleeves (Mr B. C. Marshall)


 **2 FLAGSHIP UBERALLES (IRE)** 11 11-8 **?**
 br.g. Accordion – Fourth Degree (Oats) [2003/4 c16g* c16d³ c16d² c16g² c20g^{pu} :: 2004/5 c17s⁵ c16s⁵ c16s Jan 29] rangy gelding: high-class chaser: in-and-out form in 2003/4: ran well when third to Moscow Flyer in Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown and second to Azertyuiop in Champion Chase at Cheltenham: little encouragement this season, suffered breathing problem reappearance: form only at 2m: acts on soft going, below best on good to firm: well held only run in blinkers: often goes well fresh: usually sound jumper: carries head high: inconsistent.
 P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
 Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)


 **3 IMPEK (FR)** 9 11-1 **172**
 b.g. Lute Antique (FR) – Attualita (FR) (Master Thatch) [2003/4 c16d² c24d* c24s⁵ c21d^{wr} 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)


 **4 GREAT TRAVEL (FR)** 6 10-13 (tongue strap) **172**
 b.g. Great Palm (USA) – Travel Free (Be My Guest (USA)) [2003/4 17g² 16g³ c16ff² 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)


 **5 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 M. Foley
 White, large royal blue spots, royal blue cap (Mr P. J. D. Pottinger)

 **6 BONUS BRIDGE (IRE)** 10 10-9 **164 ?**
 b.g. Executive Perk – Corivia (Over The River (FR)) [2003/4 c23g³ c20m² c16d* c16g* c16s³ c16g⁴ c17spu :: 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 M. Bradburne
 Black, orange sleeves, red cap (Lady Knutsford)

 **7 MASTER REX** 10 10-8 **167**
 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 N. Fehily
 Dark blue and light blue diablo, dark blue and white hooped sleeves and hooped cap (Miss Louise Challis)

 **8 PALUA** 8 10-7 **161**
 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)

 **9 BLEU SUPERBE (FR)** 10 10-7 **168 x**
 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)

 **10 L'ANGE AU CIEL (FR)** 6 10-7 **163 p**
 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: probably capable of further improvement over fences.
 P. F. NICHOLLS R. Walsh
 Orange, black epaulets, orange and black hooped sleeves, black cap (Mr B. C. Marshall)



11 TANGO ROYAL (FR)

9 10-7 (tongue strap)
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 2³/₄m: probably acts on any going: tongue tied: usually held up: tends to make mistakes over fences.

M. C. PIPE

T. J. Murphy

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



12 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 4 1/2 lengths) in December: useful chaser: best effort when 2 1/2 lengths second of 14 finishers to St Pirran in valuable handicap at Cheltenham in March: better effort this season when 1/2-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 2 3/4m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): reliable.

C. F. SWAN, IRELAND

D. J. Casey

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



13 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 Armatürk 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

M. A. Fitzgerald

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



14 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 3 3/4 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 1 1/4 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

R. Thornton

Orange, large light green spots, light green sleeves, orange spots (George Brookes & Family)



15 GREENHOPE (IRE)

7 10-2
b.g. Definite Article – Unbidded 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 Kadount in novice there previous start: will stay 2 1/2m+: acts on good to firm and soft going: jumped left chasing debut: usually races up with pace.

N. J. HENDERSON

A. Tinkler

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

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16 FOTA ISLAND (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-12)
b.g. Supreme Leader – Mary Kate Finn (Saher) [2003/4 16g³ 20d^F 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 2 1/2m: acts on heavy going: effective making running or ridden more patiently.

M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND

P. Carberry

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



17 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 c16s^{wr} c17g^{ro} c16d² c16d^{wr} 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

G. Lee

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



18 ATUM RE (IRE)

8 10-0 (9-11) (visor)
br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Collopy's Cross (Pragmatic) [2003/4 c19g² c16m^{bd} c17m* c16m³ c16d² c16g³ c20m² c17s* :: 2004/5 c20s^{wr} c20s^{pu} 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 2 1/2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: usually sound jumper: free-going sort.

P. R. WEBBER

James Davies

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



19 STORMY LORD (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-9) (inc 6lb ex)
br.g. Lord Americo – Decent Shower (Decent Fellow) [2003/4 NR :: 2004/5 c16s^F 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

B. Harding

Maroon, white hooped sleeves (Mr John Wade)



20 BATSWING

10 10-0 (9-7)
b.g. Batshoof – Magic Milly (Simply Great (FR)) [2003/4 c16d³ c17g² c21g² c16m⁴ c20m^{pu} c16m⁶ c16m^{pu} 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 out: not one to trust implicitly.

G. L. MOORE

J. E. Moore

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



21 LATALOMNE (USA)

11 10-0 (9-7)
ch.g. Zilzal (USA) – Sanctuary (Welsh Pageant) [2003/4 c16g⁴ c16f² 17m⁵ c16g³ 16d⁴ c16s^{pu} 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)

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22 FIGARO DU ROCHER (FR) 5 10-0 (9-5) (tongue strap)
 ch.g. Beyssac (FR) – Fabinou (FR) (Cavan) [2003/4 17g* 17m² 16g 16m² 16g 17g
 19g 17m⁵ 17g² 17s² 17g⁵ :: 2004/5 17g³ 16g⁵ 17m⁴ 19g^F 19m⁴ 16g* c16d^F 24s^{pu} 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 T. J. Malone (5)
 White, black diamond, dark blue and white hooped sleeves, black cap, white star (Pipe
 Monkees)



23 JERICHO III (FR) 8 10-0 (9-4) (blinkers and eyeshields)
 b.g. Lute Antique (FR) – La Salamandre (FR) (Pot d'Or (FR)) [2003/4 c16g^{pu} c16m
 17m^{pu} c20d^{pu} c21d^{pu} c20d³ c20g³ :: 2004/5 c20m⁵ c16d² c17m^{ro} c17g^{ur} c17g³ c17s^F
 c16d² c16m² c16d² c19g⁶ c17v* c16d* c16v* c16s* c16d⁵ Feb 18] leggy gelding:
 winning hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: won at Kelso, Leicester (conditional
 jockeys, beat Barton Nic 11 lengths) and Ayr (easily) in January and Towcester (made
 all to beat Compton Amica 6 lengths) in February: shaped as if still in form at
 Sandown last time, helping force overly-strong pace: probably best around 2m: acts on
 good to firm and heavy going: wears headgear: tried tongue tied (has had breathing
 problems): bold jumper: free-going front runner: hasn't always looked straightforward
 (ran out run-in third 2004/5 start).

R. C. GUEST L. McGrath (3)
 Dark blue, pink and dark blue hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mr Paul Beck)



24 DAVOSKI 11 10-0 (9-0)
 b.g. Niniski (USA) – Pamela Peach (Habitat) [2003/4 c20s^{pu} c19g⁵ c17g³ c16m³ ::
 2004/5 c20d⁵ c21d⁵ c16m c20g⁴ c16g^{pu} 20d⁵ 16g c20d* Nov 14] angular gelding:
 useful hurdler/smart 2m chaser at one time: sold out of Ms B. Nicholls' stable 7,800
 gns Doncaster May Sales after second outing: fair form when 50/1-winner of 9-finisher
 handicap chase at Cheltenham latest start, drawing clear after 2 out to beat Cigarillo 7
 lengths: stays 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried in cheekpieces: often
 jumps poorly: none too genuine.

DR P. PRITCHARD D. P. Pritchard (5)
 Brown, light blue striped sleeves, light blue cap (Lady Maria Coventry)

JOHNNY HENDERSON GRAND ANNUAL CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (HANDICAP) (Gr 3)
 (Cheltenham 2m½f)

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| 2000 | 139 | Samakaan 7-10-11: 9/2 | Miss V Williams | N Williamson | 16 |
| 2001 | | Abandoned | | | |
| 2002 | 139 | Fadoudal Du Cochet 9-10-0: 6/1 | A L T Moore (Ir) | D J Casey | 18 |
| 2003 | 137 | Palarshan 5-10-0: 8/1 | H D Daly | M Bradburne | 21 |
| 2004 | 135 | St Pirran 9-10-1: 4/1 | P F Nicholls | R Walsh | 21 |

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 HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade 3) (A)**

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1 RIGMAROLE 7 11-12 (tongue strap)
 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 P. J. Brennan
 Dark green, yellow cross belts, diablo on sleeves (Mr & Mrs Mark Woodhouse)

156 ?
 h16d 144 G2
 h16d 137 G1
 h16d 156 162
 h16d 142+160
 h16s 151+W
 h16m' 155 W



2 PEROUSE 7 11-6 (tongue strap)
 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 totespot Elite Hurdle (Limited Handicap) at Wincanton in
 November, making all by 7 lengths from Chief Yeoman: creditable efforts since when
 third to Accordion Ettoile 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 Christian Williams
 Emerald green, yellow chevron, white sleeves, yellow cap (J. Dickson & S. McVie)

160
 h16d 160 G2
 h16g 153 G1
 h16d 154 G1
 h16d 160 149
 h16d 163 141
 h16d' 143



3 GEOS (FR) 10 11-5
 b. or brg. 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 T. J. Phelan (5)
 White, large royal blue spots, royal blue cap (Thurloe Finsbury)

163
 h20d 141 G2
 h16d 163? 149
 h25s G1
 h16d 151 153
 h16m' 149 W
 h16g' G1



4 MARBLE ARCH 9 11-5 (cheekpieces)
 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 (first-time cheekpieces today).

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

?
 h24s G2
 c18d 139 N
 c16m' + N



5 TAMARINBLEU (FR) 5 11-3
 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 A. P. McCoy
 White, royal blue sash, white sleeves, red armlets, red cap (The Arthur White
 Partnership)

160
 h16v 160 143
 h16d 160 142
 h16d 159+130
 h20g' G2
 h17g' 136 G1
 h17v' N



6 KING REVO (IRE) 5 11-1
 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 F. Keniry
 Black, white disc, white sleeves, black spots, black cap, white spots (Dick Renwick & Mrs C. Barclay)

164

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|------|-----|------|
| h16d | 164 | 143 |
| h17d | 158 | 132 |
| h19d | 147 | +132 |
| h21d | 152 | +132 |
| h16g | 144 | +G2 |
| h16s | 144 | +N |



7 COPELAND 10 10-13 (cheekpieces)
 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 J. E. Moore
 Yellow, maroon and yellow hooped sleeves, quartered cap (Professor D.B.A. Silk & Mrs Heather Silk)

161

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|------|------|-----|
| h20d | 161 | G2 |
| h16d | 161 | 143 |
| h16g | 153 | L |
| h16v | W | G2 |
| h16d | 156 | 145 |
| h16d | 160? | 147 |



8 BALAPOUR (IRE) 7 10-9 (tongue strap)
 b.g. Kahyasi – Balaniya (USA) (Diesis) [2003/4 16d 19s⁶ 16s^{ur} 16s 16g⁴ 17d⁴ 16d⁴ :: 2004/5 20g 20d² 20g* 16g c17d^F 20s c17s⁶ c20d³ c17d⁶ c16s^{ur} c20s* c24s^{pu} Mar 5] smallish gelding: useful handicap hurdler on his day, in frame last 2 renewals of County Hurdle at Cheltenham: didn't need to be at best when winning 6-runner minor event at Ballinrobe in July: fair form over fences, winning 15-runner maiden at Down Royal in February by 4 lengths from Ace of Spades: let down by jumping in novice handicap at Navan last time: stays 2½m: acts on firm and soft going (possibly not heavy): usually tongue tied: not one to rely on.
 P. O. BRADY, IRELAND J. Cullen
 Black, red spots, black cap, white spots (Miss Rita Shah)

157 \$

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|------|-----|------|
| c24s | 137 | 109 |
| c20s | 129 | W |
| c16s | 133 | +109 |
| c17d | W | |
| c20d | 133 | W |
| c17s | W | |



9 RISKY REEF 8 10-8
 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 C. O'Dwyer
 White, black stars, black sleeves, white cap (Ergon Syndicate)

163 ?

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| h16g | 147 | +140 |
| h16d | 163 | G2 |
| h16d | 145 | G1 |



10 SILVERTOWN 10 10-8
 b.g. Danehill (USA) – Docklands (USA) (Theatrical) [2003/4 17mp^u 20vp^u :: 2004/5 19gp^u 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)

164

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|------|-----|------|
| h17g | 163 | +130 |
| h20m | 156 | +124 |
| h16m | 155 | 122 |
| h19g | 126 | |
| h20v | 125 | |
| h17m | 125 | |



11 FOOL ON THE HILL 8 10-7
 b.g. Reprimand – Stock Hill Lass (Air Trooper) [2003/4 16d² 16d² 17s⁵ 16m* 16g² 16g⁴ :: 2004/5 18g² c17s⁴ c16d³ c18d⁴ c17d^F c20g^F 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 R. Johnson
 Purple, yellow stripe, striped cap (Louisville Syndicate)

157

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|------|-----|----|
| c19g | 139 | +W |
| c20g | 122 | |
| c17d | W | |
| c18d | 139 | W |
| c16d | 139 | W |
| c17s | 133 | +W |



12 TORRID KENTAVR (USA) 8 10-7
 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
 Black and white diamonds (Get Into Racing UK)

161

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|------|-----|------|
| c17s | 129 | +114 |
| h16d | 151 | G2 |
| h16d | 161 | 130 |
| h16d | 155 | 132 |
| h16g | 149 | 134 |
| h16d | 143 | |



13 CROSSBOW CREEK 7 10-6
 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 totesport Lanzarote Handicap Hurdle then McBain by 2½ lengths in 11-runner event despite idling: better form again when under 10 lengths fourth to Madison 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)

162

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|------|-----|------|
| h16d | 162 | 134 |
| h16d | 157 | +126 |
| h16d | 151 | 115 |
| h16v | 145 | +113 |
| h16d | | +113 |
| h16d | 133 | W |



14 DEMI BEAU 7 10-5
 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)

163

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|------|-----|------|
| h16d | 163 | +131 |
| h17d | 139 | |
| h17g | 159 | +118 |
| h17g | 144 | 118 |



15 GRAVE DOUBTS 9 10-5 (tongue strap)
 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 J. A. McCarthy
 Black and yellow (quartered), diablo on sleeves, yellow cap (Bill Davies & Bernard Tottle)

162

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|------|-----|------|
| h16d | 140 | |
| h19g | | +136 |
| h17d | 145 | 138 |
| h16m | 160 | +G2 |
| h16d | 162 | +125 |
| h20d | | 125 |



16 BONGO FURY (FR) 6 10-5 (visor)
 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 T. Scudamore
 Red, pink sleeves and cap (Lord Donoughmore & Countess Donoughmore)

162

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|------|-----|------|
| h16d | 162 | 127 |
| h16d | 156 | +123 |
| h16d | 152 | +115 |
| h17g | 141 | +115 |
| h17d | 145 | 115 |
| h16d | | 118 |



17 NAWAMEES (IRE) 7 10-5 (cheekpieces)
 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: first-time cheekpieces today.
 G. L. MOORE M. A. Fitzgerald
 Royal blue, black seams, quartered cap (Mr Paul Stamp)

162

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|------|-----|-----|
| h16d | 155 | 135 |
| h20d | 155 | G2 |
| h16m | 162 | 130 |
| h16g | 154 | 119 |
| h18d | 142 | N |
| h16g | 144 | N |

**18 CALATAGAN (IRE)**

6 10-3

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 armlets, striped cap (Mr & Mrs J. M. Davenport)

**19 GRANDE JETE (SAF)**

8 10-2

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

M. Foley

Purple, purple and yellow check sleeves, quartered cap (L. Westwood A. Chandler J. J. Hindley)

**20 CASTLESHANE (IRE)**

8 10-1

(cheekpieces)

b.g. Kris – Ahbab (IRE) (Ajdal (USA)) [2003/4 16f³ :: 2004/5 16m 16g³ 16m 16d² 16g² 16g⁶ 16d 16d c16d^{ur} 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: often front runner, though not 4 starts prior to latest: blinkered once, tried in cheekpieces today.

S. GOLLINGS

W. Kennedy (7)

Dark blue, light blue cross of Lorraine, red cap, light blue star (W.Hobson,J.King,G.King,P.Winfrow)

**21 DESERT AIR (JPN)**

6 10-0

(tongue strap)

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

T. J. Malone (5)

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

**22 ANOTHER DUDE (IRE)**

8 10-0 (9-13)

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

G. Lee

Black, white hoop, white cap (Mr Maurice Hutchinson)

**23 MONTE CINTO (FR)**

5 10-0 (9-13)

br.g. Burlington (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 at Sandown last time: likely to stay beyond 17f: acts on heavy going.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

Red, yellow chevrons and armlets (Mrs Monica Hackett)

161

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|------|---------|------|
| h16d | 149 | 131 |
| h16d | 144+133 | |
| h16g | 161 | 122A |
| h16g | 148+114 | |
| h16d | 139+115 | |
| h16g | 137+116 | |

**24 BEEHCOURT**

8 10-0 (9-13)

b.g. Son Pardo – Calametta (Oats) [2003/4 18d³ 16s* 16s :: 2004/5 c17s² c19v² c19v^{ur} 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

P. Carberry

Yellow, red diamond, red and royal blue quartered cap (Pierse Contracting Limited)

161

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|------|---------|-----|
| h16s | 157+116 | 128 |
| h16v | 150 | 118 |
| c19v | 152 | W |
| c17s | 156 | W |
| h16s | | 117 |

156 +

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|------|-------|---|
| h16v | 134 | N |
| h16d | 151+N | |
| h17d | 151 | N |

**25 MCBAIN (USA)**

6 10-0 (9-11)

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

P. Flynn

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

157

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

162

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|------|-----|-----|
| h16s | 162 | 129 |
| c16d | N | 130 |
| h16d | 133 | |
| h16d | 135 | |
| h16g | 164 | G1 |
| h16g | 164 | 134 |

**26 BORORA**

6 10-0 (9-10)

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

T. Doyle

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

156

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

159

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| h16d | 159 | 128 |
| h16d | 159 | 127 |
| h16d | 164? | 125 |
| h17d | 159 | 126 |
| h16d | 126 | |
| h16g | 153 | 127A |
| h19g | 159 | 122 |

**27 STANCE**

6 10-0 (9-10) (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 in 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

D. J. Casey

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

167

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

160

| | | |
|------|---------|-----|
| h16m | 158+120 | |
| c16s | W | |
| c17v | N | |
| h16m | 155 | 119 |
| h17d | 142 | 119 |
| h16d | | 122 |

**28 DANCING PEARL**

7 10-0 (9-10) (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

W. Hutchinson

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

156

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|------|---------|-----|
| h16g | 156 | 120 |
| h16d | 155+119 | |
| h16d | 155 | 120 |
| h16s | 151 | 120 |
| h16g | 146 | 120 |
| h16g | 151+110 | |

161

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| h16d | 161 | 128 |
| h16d | 161 | 127 |
| h16d | 156 | 127 |
| h16d | 159? | 116 |
| h17d | 148 | 108 |
| h16d | 143 | 100 |

**29 ITS CRUCIAL (IRE)**

5 10-0 (9-9)

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

C. Llewellyn

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

157

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

**30 FONTANESI (IRE)**

5 10-0 (9-9)

159 \$

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Northern Script (USA) (Arts And Letters (USA)) [2003/4 17g* 16g³ 21g 18d* 17g* :: 2004/5 16d* 16g² 18g* 17d 22dp^u 16d⁶ 19v⁶ 21g 21d 19d⁴ 16s Feb 10] smallish, 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

T. J. Murphy

*Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)***VINCENT O'BRIEN COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Gr 3) (Cheltenham 2m1f)**

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| 1999 | 150 | Sir Talbot 5-10-0: 10/1 | J A B Old | T J Murphy | 28 |
| 2000 | 135 | Master Tern 5-10-3: 9/2 | J O'Neill | A Dobbin | 21 |
| 2001 | | Abandoned | | | |
| 2002 | 147 | Rooster Booster 8-11-1: 8/1 | P J Hobbs | R Johnson | 21 |
| 2003 | 143 | Spirit Leader 7-11-7: 10/1 | Mrs J Harrington (Ir) | B J Geraghty | 28 |
| 2004 | 146 | Sporazene 5-10-13: 7/1 | P F Nicholls | R Walsh | 23 |

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



Friday, March 18th

| FAKENHAM | | LINGFIELD PARK | | 5.00 1m5f Hcp Stakes | |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| 1.40 2m Hurdle (D.I) | | 1.20 6f Hcp Stakes (D.I) | | 1 Strength 'n Honour 9-7 106 | |
| TRW 105 - 121 123 116 (Av 116) | | 1 What-A-Dancer 9-11 93 | | 2 Cold Turkey 9-3 110 | |
| 1 Charlie Castellan - | | 2 Presto Shinko 9-9 93 | | 3 Hello It's Me 9-1 107 | |
| 2 Hail The King 109 | | 3 Who's Winning 9-8 97 | | 4 Top Seed 9-1 111 | |
| 3 Seiff 94 + | | 4 Vienna's Boy 9-4 96 | | 5 Ringsider 8-10 108 | |
| 4 Classic Croco - | | 5 Cherokee Nation 9-3 95 | | 6 Gavroche 8-9 100 + | |
| 5 Drizzle - | | 6 Pawan 9-0 93 | | 7 Land 'n Stars 8-9 109 | |
| 6 Magnetic Pole - | | 7 Mandarin Spirit 9-0 97 | | 8 Easter Ogil 7-12 99 | |
| 7 Pererin - | | 8 Salon Prive 8-11 93 | | 5.40 7f Stakes | |
| 8 Ragasah - | | 9 Online Investor 8-11 85 \$ | | TRW - - - - - | |
| 9 Sriology - | | 1.50 1m4f Stakes | | 1 Desert Dreamer 98 ? | |
| 10 Sweet Oona 126 | | TRW - - - 74 86 | | 2 Marko Jadeo 97 | |
| 11 Hum - | | 1 Brother Edward - ? | | 3 Northern Desert 98 | |
| 12 Tignasse 98 + | | 2 Discomania 80 | | 4 Smith N Allan Oils 79 ? | |
| 2.15 3m110y Chase | | 3 Fabulous Emperor 86 p | | 5 Smokin Joe 105 | |
| TRW - - - - 122 | | 4 Kirkhamerton 65 | | 6 Stage Secret 101 | |
| 1 Bright Present - | | 5 Piper General 81 | | 7 Waterside 99 | |
| 2 Camdenation ? | | 6 Viscount Rossini 57 | | 8 Indian Steppes 101 | |
| 3 Fullards 128 | | 7 War Pennant ? | | 9 River of Babylon 90 + | |
| 4 Harry Collins 122 | | 8 Weet N Measures 69 | | 10 Linda's Colin 93 | |
| 5 King of The Light 77 | | 9 Entertain 77 | | | |
| 6 Starshipenterprise 89 | | 10 Golden Treasure 80 | | | |
| 7 Dickens 115 \$ | | 11 Subtle Affair 87 p | | | |
| 8 No Further Comment - | | 12 The Chequered Lady - | | | |
| 2.50 2m5f110y Hcp Chase | | 13 Trials 'n Tribs - p | | | |
| 1 Spring Lover 11-13 124 | | 2.25 6f Hcp Stakes (D.II) | | | |
| 2 Giorgio 11-12 118 | | 1 No Time 9-11 94 | | | |
| 3 Poly Amanshaa 11-7 ? | | 2 Foley Millennium 9-9 98 | | | |
| 4 Sir Toby 11-4 119 | | 3 Hurricane Coast 9-7 95 | | | |
| 5 Walcot Lad 10-3 121 | | 4 Million Percent 9-3 97 | | | |
| 3.30 2m (S) Hcp Hurdle | | 5 Chimali 9-2 95 | | | |
| 1 Grand Prairie 11-12 93 | | 6 Indian Maiden 9-0 101 | | | |
| 2 Protocol 11-11 85 | | 7 Skip of Colour 8-11 94 | | | |
| 3 Prince Slayer 11-11 92 | | 8 Willheconquertoo 8-11 93 | | | |
| 4 Book's Way 11-6 87 | | 9 Legal Set 8-11 78 + | | | |
| 5 La Mulette 11-5 90 | | 3.00 7f Stakes | | | |
| 6 Francken 11-1 90 | | TRW - - - 93 91 | | | |
| 7 Wyoming 10-13 - | | 1 Cayman Colony - | | | |
| 8 Isleofhopeanteers 10-10 - | | 2 Coeur Courageux 101 p | | | |
| 9 All On My Own 10-4 88 | | 3 Height of Spirits 76 | | | |
| 10 Urban Knight 10-0 - | | 4 Hope An Glory 86 | | | |
| 11 Yeoman Lad 10-0 - | | 5 Princelywallywogan 69 | | | |
| 4.10 2m Hcp Hurdle | | 6 Topiary Ted - | | | |
| 1 De Blanc 11-12 132 | | 7 Victor Rossini - | | | |
| 2 Transit 11-3 132 | | 8 Wembury Point 73 ? | | | |
| 3 Emperors Guest 11-1 ? | | 9 Alsharq 84 p | | | |
| 4 Sovereign State 10-11 131 | | 10 Imperial Treasure - | | | |
| 5 All Bleevable 10-8 125 | | 11 Ten Cents 89 | | | |
| 6 Shaman 10-4 128 | | 3.40 1m2f Hcp Stakes | | | |
| 4.50 2m Hurdle (D.II) | | 1 Najaaba 9-7 99 | | | |
| TRW 105 - 121 123 116 (Av 116) | | 2 Tight Squeeze 9-4 99 | | | |
| 1 Blazing The Trail 100 p | | 3 Boot 'n Toot 9-2 102 | | | |
| 2 Husky 93 | | 4 Miss Polaris 8-12 96 | | | |
| 3 Common Girl 115 | | 5 Another Faux Pas 8-11 89 | | | |
| 4 Flying Patriarch 120 | | 6 Saffron Fox 8-9 96 + | | | |
| 5 Glowing Ember - | | 7 Gaelic Princess 8-8 102 | | | |
| 6 Lazy Lena - | | 8 Island Rapture 8-7 95 | | | |
| 7 Ma Yahab 114 | | 4.20 1m Stakes | | | |
| 8 Pirouettes 103 | | TRW - - - - - | | | |
| 9 Three Ships - | | 1 Del Mar Sunset 101 | | | |
| 10 Trickstep 98 | | 2 Takes Tutu 95 | | | |
| 11 Festive Chimes - | | 3 Distant Country 95 | | | |
| 5.30 2m5f110y Chase | | 4 Best Before 82 + | | | |
| TRW 113 - 117 120 110 (Av 115) | | 5 Night Wolf 65 \$ | | | |
| 1 Durham Dandy 84 ? | | 6 Pins 'n Needles ? | | | |
| 2 Hadeqa 108 \$ | | 7 Grand Ideas 84 | | | |
| 3 Lord Euro 97 | | 8 Meelup ? | | | |
| 4 Rooster 95 + | | 9 Good Article 73 | | | |
| 5 Round The Bend - | | 10 Ryan's Bliss 86 | | | |
| 6 Royal Alibi - | | 11 Must Be So 71 | | | |
| 7 Socarineau ? | | | | | |
| 8 Jupiter's Fancy 87 | | | | | |
| 9 Mashve - | | | | | |
| 10 Mydante 93 + | | | | | |