

Stewards R. R. Evans, Esq., S. J. A. Webb, Esq., R. J. Shepherd, Esq., M. P. Wiggin, Esq.,
S. E. Allday, Esq., J. B. O. Carleton Paget, Esq., T. D. Holland-Martin, Esq., A. J. D. Dennis, Esq.,
Sir John Cotterell

DECLARED RUNNERS
CHELTENHAM
Thursday 18th March

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

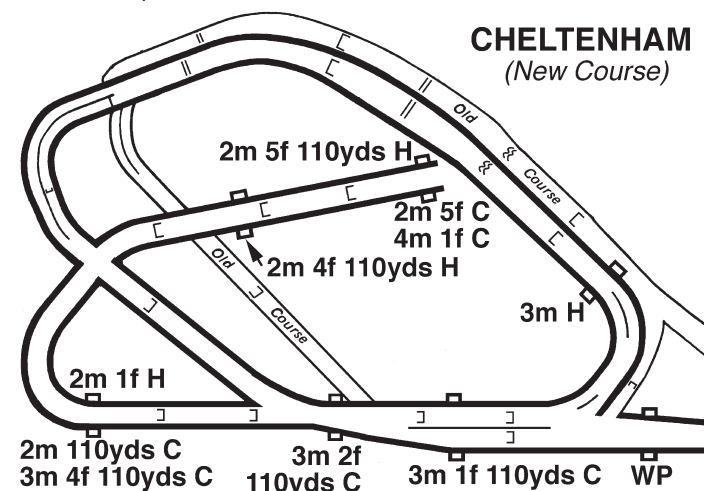
© Portway Press Limited 2004

COPYRIGHT AND LIABILITY Copyright in all Timeform Publications is strictly reserved by the Publishers and no material therein may be reproduced stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means electronic mechanical photocopying recording or otherwise without written permission of Portway Press Ltd.

The Timeform Race Card registered at Stationers Hall is published and printed by Portway Press Ltd, Halifax, West Yorkshire HX1 1XF (Tel: 01422 330330 Fax: 01422 398019). It is supplied to the purchaser for his personal use and on the understanding that its contents are not disclosed. Except where the purchaser is dealing as a consumer (as defined in the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 Section 12) all conditions warranties or terms relating to fitness for purpose merchantability or condition of the goods and whether implied by Statute Common Law or otherwise are excluded and no responsibility is accepted by the Publishers for any loss whatsoever caused by any acts errors or omissions whether negligent or otherwise of the Publishers their Servants Agents or otherwise.

The horses are listed on the Timeform Race Card with their official race card numbers. The jockeys listed are those declared to ride at the time of going to press and are subject to amendment. The weights, owners' and trainers' names, and the colours to be worn by jockeys, have been added for convenience and are not guaranteed to be correct.

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. Two races a year are run on the cross-country course which is laid out in the centre of the conventional tracks.



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

1998	145	Upgrade 11-0: 14/1	N A Twiston-Davies	C Llewellyn	25
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

* The Timeform Ratings (second column) are those recorded by the winner in the race and, unlike the other Timeform Ratings published in this Card, are not adjusted to the weights carried, or for weight-for-age. The figure in the final column is the number of runners.


Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3


Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	67	480	14
P. F. Nicholls	29	199	15
N. J. Henderson	28	180	16
P. J. Hobbs	26	186	14
Miss Venetia Williams	21	120	18
Jonjo O'Neill	18	104	17
Miss H. C. Knight	14	123	11
N. A. Twiston-Davies	10	207	5
H. D. Daly	9	48	19
A. J. Martin, Ireland	8	33	24


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


£100,000 4yo


-  **1 ADOPTED HERO (IRE)** 4 11-0 **144 p**
 b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Lady Liberty (NZ) (Noble Bijou (USA)) [2003/4 16s³ 16s* Feb 12] smallish, attractive gelding: brother to winning 2m hurdler State Power and half-brother to fairly useful 2½m hurdler Outer Limit (by Caerleon): useful on Flat (will stay 2m), successful 3 times in 2003, sold out of J. Gosden's stable 120,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: shaped well when 6½ lengths third of 8 to Sunray in Grade 1 juvenile at Chepstow on hurdling debut in December: impressive winner of 11-runner juvenile at Huntingdon next time, again racing freely, jumping fluently in main, and cruising through to lead 2 out, beating Chief Yeoman easily by 2½ lengths: open to further improvement.
 G. L. MOORE A. P. McCoy
Red, white sleeves, red cap, white star (Mr N J Jones, Phil Collins)
-  **2 AL EILE (IRE)** 4 11-0 **145**
 b.g. Alzao (USA) – Kilcsem Eile (IRE) (Commanche Run) [2003/4 16m* 16g* 16d² Dec 26] rather leggy, useful-looking gelding: fair maiden on Flat (stays 1m): useful form in juvenile hurdles: won at Listowel in September and Cheltenham (beat Web Perceptions 9 lengths) in November: lost nothing in defeat when 3½ lengths second of 14 to Top Strategy in Grade 2 at Leopardstown last time.
 J. QUEALLY, IRELAND T. J. Murphy
Dark blue, emerald green hoops, quartered cap (Mr M. A. Ryan)
-  **3 ANALOGY (IRE)** 4 11-0 (blinkers) **138**
 ch.g. Bahhare (USA) – Anna Comnena (IRE) (Shareef Dancer (USA)) [2003/4 18f* 17g² 16g⁶ Feb 28] lengthy gelding: fair on Flat (stays 13f), successful in June, sold out of Sir Mark Prescott's stable 27,000 gns Doncaster August Sales: won juvenile at Fontwell on hurdling debut in August: good second to Barneys Lyric at Bangor following month: several mistakes when respectable sixth to Trouble At Bay in Grade 2 at Kempton 5 months later: will stay 2½m: tongue tied first 2 starts: blinkered first time.
 C. J. MANN N. Fehily
Red, purple and red check sleeves (Mr Hugh Villiers)
-  **4 BORDER TALE** 4 11-0 **133**
 b.g. Selkirk (USA) – Likely Story (IRE) (Night Shift (USA)) [2003/4 17g³ 16m* 16g^{pu} 16s^{pu} 16g³ 16s Jan 31] sturdy gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 12.3f), successful in February: fairly useful juvenile hurdler, won at Haydock in November: improved form when third of 18 to Tusk at Kempton penultimate start: has had breathing problem more than once, again shaped as if something amiss when well held at Doncaster last time: acts on good to firm ground, possibly not soft.
 C. WEEDON C. Llewellyn
Black, white diamond, diablo on sleeves and diamond on cap (Chadwick, Dyer & Flynn)
-  **5 CHERUB (GER)** 4 11-0 (tongue strap) **138**
 b.c. Winged Love (IRE) – Chalkidiki (GER) (Nebos (GER)) [2003/4 16g⁴ 16s² Feb 7] compact ex-German colt: trained by A. Schutz, successful over 1m at 2 yrs, placed twice over 11f at Cologne from 6 starts in 2003 (useful form on first occasion): in frame behind Tusk in juvenile hurdles at Kempton and Sandown (tongue tied), at latter beaten 1¼ lengths after travelling smoothly and leading narrowly last.
 JONJO O'NEILL L. Cooper
Emerald green, white sleeves, emerald green armlets, emerald green cap, white stars (Atlantic Joinery Limited)


-  **6 CHIEF YEOMAN** 4 11-0 **142**
 b.g. Machiavellian (USA) – Step Aloft (Shirley Heights) [2003/4 16m* 16m² 16g⁴ 16s* 16s² Feb 12] tall gelding: useful on Flat (should stay 1½m), sold out of Sir Michael Stoute's stable 21,000 gns Doncaster August Sales: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won at Kempton (maiden) in October and Newbury in January, beating Lord of Beauty 3½ lengths in 19-runner event at latter course: creditable 2½ lengths second of 11 to Adopted Hero at Huntingdon last time, leading 3 out but no match for impressive winner: acts on soft and good to firm going.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS A. Dobbin
Emerald green and royal blue diablo, hooped sleeves and cap (B. Moore & E. C. Stephens)

-  **7 CUPLA CAIRDE** 4 11-0 (blinkers) **139**
 b.c. Double Eclipse (IRE) – Four-Legged Friend (Aragon) [2003/4 16m⁶ 16d² 16d³ 16s² 16v* 16s² 16s 16g* Mar 15] compact colt: modest up to 1½m on Flat: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won Grade 3 at Punchestown in January and 16-runner event at Stratford in March: fortunate to beat Diamond Orchid by head in latter, getting back up after that rival blundered at last: acts on heavy going: best efforts when blinkered: usually makes running: consistent.
 D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND G. Cotter
Royal blue, light blue sash and sleeves, hooped cap (Ceathrar Le Ceile Syndicate)

-  **8 EDMO YEWKAY (IRE)** 4 11-0 **136**
 b. or br.g. Sri Pekan (USA) – Mannequin (IRE) (In The Wings) [2003/4 16d⁶ 16d* 16s² 16d⁴ 16s* 16s⁴ Feb 12] fairly useful at 2 yrs (stays 1¼m, successful twice), mostly disappointing in 2003: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won at Newcastle in November and Doncaster in January: suited by good test at trip when beating Emerging Star a length in 11-runner event on latter course: insufficient test of stamina when fourth of 11 to Adopted Hero at Huntingdon last time: will stay beyond 2m: raced only on good to soft/soft ground over hurdles.
 T. D. EASTERBY R. Garrity
Royal blue and orange diablo, diamonds on sleeves, quartered cap (Edmolift UK Ltd)

-  **9 HASANPOUR (IRE)** 4 11-0 **122 +**
 b.g. Dr DeVious (IRE) – Hasainiya (IRE) (Top Ville) [2003/4 16s* 16s Feb 8] good-topped gelding: lightly raced on Flat, useful form when winning over 13f in September: sold out of Sir Michael Stoute's stable 150,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: 13/8-on, easily accounted for modest opposition when making all in minor event at Cork on hurdling debut: reportedly suffering from respiratory infection when well held in Grade 2 at Leopardstown.
 C. F. SWAN, IRELAND D. J. Casey
White, mauve stars, mauve cap (Mrs G. Smith)

-  **10 HOWLE HILL (IRE)** 4 11-0 **149 +**
 b.g. Ali-Royal (IRE) – Grandeur And Grace (USA) (Septieme Ciel (USA)) [2003/4 16m* 16s² 16d* 17d⁴ Jan 24] leggy gelding: smart on Flat (stays 1¼m), successful in July: good start over hurdles, winning listed juvenile at Wetherby in November by 8 lengths from Mezereon with plenty in hand and 16-runner novice at Wincanton (odds on) in January by 3 lengths from Dictum: creditable fourth to Mondul in Grade 2 at Cheltenham latest start, travelling strongly held up but no extra at last: will prove best with emphasis on speed at 2m: has worn crossed noseband: may yet be capable of better.
 A. KING W. Hutchinson
Yellow, black star, hooped sleeves, red cap (J.E.Brown,R.Benton,R.Devereux,R.A.Lucas)

-  **11 MADE IN JAPAN (JPN)** 4 11-0 **133**
 b.g. Baratheia (IRE) – Darrery (Darshaan) [2003/4 16d³ 17s³ 16s* Feb 19] tall, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¾m), mostly good efforts in 2003, sold out of M. Magnusson's stable 35,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: third start over hurdles when winning 7-runner juvenile at Sandown by length from Royal Katidoki: didn't look straightforward (wandered under pressure) on hurdling debut.
 P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
Dark blue and yellow stripes (Mr Terry Evans)



12 MAJOR SPECULATION (IRE) 4 11-0 (visor) **124**
 b.g. Spectrum (IRE) – Pacific Grove (Persian Bold) [2003/4 16g* 17d 16g⁶ 16s^{pu} Feb 7] smallish, leggy gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 7f) for G. Butler: favourite, won juvenile at Newbury on hurdling debut by 12 lengths from Pequenita: hasn't progressed, failed to take eye and visored when running poorly at Sandown latest start: likely to prove best around 2m with emphasis on speed.
 M. C. PIPE T. Scudamore
 Red, black hoop and armllets, primrose cap (Latona Leisure Limited)

h16s 139 N
 h16g 124 N
 h17d 124 N
 h16g 124+N



13 MONDUL (GER) 4 11-0 **152**
 b.c. Colon (GER) – Morgenrote (EG) (Aveiro) [2003/4 16g* 16s* 16s² 17d* 16g⁵ Feb 28] leggy colt: trained by C. Von Der Recke, successful 4 times up to around 11f from 10 starts on Flat in Germany in 2003: useful juvenile hurdler: won at Warwick and Lingfield (made all in Grade 2 Summit Junior Hurdle, beating Zimbabwe 12 lengths) in December and Cheltenham (Grade 2 Wragge & Co Finesse Juvenile Novices' Hurdle, by 1¼ lengths from Val du Don, quickening 2 out in steadily-run event) in January: wearing pricker off side, hung right after halfway and blundered 3 out when well below form in another Grade 2 at Kempton in February: raced around 2m: possibly ideally suited by going softer than good: races prominently.
 M. F. HARRIS O. McPhail
 Light blue, brown stripe and armllets (Let's Live Racing)

h16g 139 G2
 h17d 152 G2
 h16s 136+G1
 h16s 150+G2
 h16g 132+N



14 MOULIN RICHE (FR) 4 11-0 (blinkers) **139 +**
 b.g. Video Rock (FR) – Gintonique (FR) (Royal Charter (FR)) [2003/4 15s² 16s^{ro} Feb 7] tall, lengthy gelding: first foal: dam won 4 times up to around 15f on Flat: twice-raced at 3 yrs on Flat, won at 1½m on debut: fairly useful form when 3 lengths second to Alarm Call in juvenile at Auteuil on hurdling debut in between: favourite, travelling strongly when short of room and ran out after 3 out in similar event won by Tusk at Sandown: blinkered first time.
 F. DOUMEN, FRANCE T. Doumen
 Grey, orange hoops, sleeves and cap (J. C. Seroul)

h16s + N
 h15s 139 W



15 RAIKKONEN (IRE) 4 11-0 **137**
 b.g. Lake Coniston (IRE) – Jour Ferie (IRE) (Taufan (USA)) [2003/4 16m² 16m³ 16s⁴ 16s⁴ 16s* Feb 14] fair on Flat (stays 9f), claimed out of A. Leahy's stable after winning (blinkered) in August: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won 20-runner maiden at Gowran by length from Diego Garcia: acts on good to firm and soft ground.
 W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND D. N. Russell
 Pink, black epaulets, halved sleeves, striped cap (Austin Fanning)

h16s 137 N
 h16s 116 N
 h16s 131 G3
 h16m 127 N
 h16m 133 N



16 SEAFORDE (IRE) 4 11-0 **133**
 ch.g. Titus Livius (FR) – Rosy Affair (IRE) (Red Sunset) [2003/4 16d⁵ 16d⁴ 16d* 16d* 16s⁶ Feb 8] leggy gelding: half-brother to one-time useful hurdler Environment (by Mujadil), probably stays 2½m: fairly useful on Flat (stays 11f): fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won at Clonmel in December and Thurles in January, beating Nopekan by head at latter course: creditable sixth of 11 to Power Elite in Grade 2 at Leopardstown last time: raced at 2m on good to soft/soft going: makes running.
 M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND C. O'Dwyer
 Black and white hoops, emerald green cap, white star (Sir Anthony O'Reilly)

h16s 126 G2
 h16d 133 W
 h16d 133 W
 h16d 126 N
 h16d 117 N



17 TAMARINBLEU (FR) 4 11-0 **142**
 b.g. Epervier Bleu – Tamainia (FR) (Lashkari) [2003/4 16s* 16s² 17v³ Feb 2] angular gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to winning hurdler/chaser around 2m Tamarindor (by Noir Et Or): dam winning hurdler in France around 2m: won juvenile hurdle at Ascot in November on debut impressively by 10 lengths from Earlsfield Raider, making all: 7 lengths second to Trouble At Bay in stronger event at Cheltenham, having hard race after forcing pace to 2 out: most disappointing when long odds on at Exeter 7 weeks later.
 M. C. PIPE R. Greene
 White, royal blue sash, white sleeves, red armllets, red cap (The Arthur White Partnership)

h17v 142 N
 h16s 142 N
 h16s 127+N



18 TARQUE (IRE) 4 11-0 (tongue strap) **141**
 b.g. Revoque (IRE) – Tarquinia (IRE) (In The Wings) [2003/4 16s^{ur} 18v² 18s^{bd} 17s² 16g* Dec 27] tall gelding: second foal: half-brother to French 7.5f and 11f winner Polar Fleet (by Grand Lodge): dam unraced out of sister to Prix du Jockey Club winner Top Ville: lightly-raced maiden on Flat: fairly useful form in juvenile hurdles last 2 starts, winning 17-runner event at Kempton on latest (tongue tied, looked very well) by 11 lengths from After Eight, taking good hold up with pace, leading after 3 out and clear when mistakes last 2: has left F. Doumen: will stay beyond 2¼m.
 MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS S. Thomas
 Royal blue, white epaulets, checked sleeves (John Nicholls (Banbury) Ltd)

h16g 138+N
 h17s 139 W
 h18s W
 h18v 126 W
 h16s + W



19 TOP STRATEGY (IRE) 4 11-0 (blinkers) **146**
 b.g. Hernando (FR) – Sudden Stir (USA) (Woodman (USA)) [2003/4 16d 16s² 16d* 16v² 16s⁴ 16d 16d⁶ Mar 7] useful-looking gelding: first foal: dam ran once: blinkered, won 1¼m maiden only start on Flat, subsequently sold out of D. Weld's stable €43,000 Goffs June Sales: useful juvenile hurdler: won Grade 2 Denny Juvenile Hurdle at Leopardstown in December: at least respectable efforts next 2 starts, well below form last 2 (blinkered on latest).
 T. M. WALSH, IRELAND R. Walsh
 Emerald green and yellow quartered, white sleeves, yellow cap (Mr W. J. Kane)

h16d 122 N
 h16d 126 G3
 h16s 138 G2
 h16v 142 G3
 h16d 146 G2
 h16s 139 G3



20 TROUBLE AT BAY (IRE) 4 11-0 **156 p**
 b.g. Slip Anchor – Fight Right (FR) (Crystal Glitters (USA)) [2003/4 16m⁴ 17m* 16m* 16s* 17d* 16g* Feb 28] smallish, close-coupled gelding: useful on Flat (probably better at 1½m than 1¾m): has taken very well to hurdling, winning juveniles at Hereford, Wincanton, Cheltenham (2, beat Meryl ¾ length in steadily-run event on second occasion) and Kempton: again looking very well, led last when beating Locksmith ½ length in Grade 2 Adonis Juvenile Hurdle at last-named track: raced around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: probably hasn't finished improving.
 A. KING R. Thornton
 Dark blue, maroon star, maroon cap (Mr Nigel Bunter)

h16g 152+G2
 h17d 149+N
 h16s 145+N
 h16m 130+N
 h17m 135+N
 h16m 104 N



21 TUSK 4 11-0 **145 p**
 ch.g. Fleetwood (IRE) – Farmer's Pet (Sharrod (USA)) [2003/4 16d⁴ 16g* 16s* Feb 7] well-made gelding: half-brother to winning 2m hurdlers Fleet Street (by Wolfhound) and Never Can Tell (by Emarati): useful on Flat (stays 11f), successful 4 times in 2003, sold out of M. Channon's stable 55,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: progressive form in juvenile hurdles, winning at Kempton (by neck from Fantastic Arts) in January and Sandown (beat Cherub 1¼ lengths) in February, never far away and staying on gamely each time: raced on good going or softer: likeable sort, probably open to further improvement.
 MISS H. C. KNIGHT J. Culloty
 Royal blue and yellow stripes, white sleeves (Hogarth Racing)

h16s 143+N
 h16g 129+N
 h16d 126+N



22 WEB PERCEPTIONS (USA) 4 11-0 (blinkers and tongue strap) **141**
 ch.c. Distant View (USA) – Squaw Time (USA) (Lord At War (ARG)) [2003/4 16m* 16m* 16f* 16g² 16s³ 16g Feb 28] good-topped colt: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1¾m), successful 4 times in 2003, claimed from P. Cole £40,000 final occasion: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: won at Huntingdon in September and Chepstow and Cheltenham in October, leading near finish when beating After Eight a neck, pair clear, for latest win: respectable efforts when placed at Cheltenham and Ascot next 2 starts, looked less than hearty when tailed off in Grade 2 at Kempton last time: blinkered and tongue tied.
 M. F. HARRIS B. Hitchcott
 Light blue, brown stripe and armllets, brown cap (Let's Live Racing)

h16g 135 N
 h16s 136+N
 h16f 141 N
 h16m 129+N
 h16m 110+N



23 WILD PASSION (GER) 4 11-0 **145 p**
 b.g. Acatanango (GER) – White On Red (GER) (Konigsstuhl (GER)) [2003/4 16d² Feb 21] ex-German gelding: half-brother to winning 2m hurdler Wild Power (by Turtle Island): useful form on Flat (stays 1¾m), successful twice from 7 starts at 3 yrs for R. Suerland: 12/1, fairly useful form when ½-length second of 10 to Power Elite in Grade 3 juvenile at Fairyhouse on hurdling debut: entitled to improve.
 N. MEADE, IRELAND P. Carberry
 Purple, gold sleeves, hooped cap (Mr D. P. Sharkey)

h16d 145 G3

**24 ZIMBABWE**

4 11-0

144 p

b.g. Kahyasi – Zeferina (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA)) [2003/4 16s² 17d⁴ 18s* Jan 26] sturdy gelding: half-brother to bumper winner Zaffre (by Mtoto): useful on Flat (stays 2m), successful 3 times in 2003, sold out of J. Oxx's stable €125,000 Goffs October Sale after winning Irish Cesarewitch: has made good start in juvenile hurdles, second to Mondul in Grade 2 at Lingfield and fourth to Trouble At Bay at Cheltenham: easy winner of 11-runner event at Fontwell, quickening clear after 4 out to beat Hoh Viss 11 lengths: open to further improvement.

G. L. MOORE

J. E. Moore

Royal blue, orange hoops, royal blue sleeves, orange cap (Sargent Gillespie)

Course winners records

Time	No	Horse	Wins	2nd	3rd	Runs
2.00	2	AL EILE (IRE)	1			1
2.00	13	MONDUL (GER)	1 (1 CD)			1
2.00	20	TROUBLE AT BAY (IRE)	2 (1 CD)			2
2.00	22	WEB PERCEPTIONS (USA)	1	1		2
2.35	1	BARACOUDA (FR)	2 (2 CD)			2
2.35	2	CRYSTAL D'AINAY (FR)	2	1		3
2.35	6	IRIS'S GIFT	2 (1 CD)	1		4
2.35	7	REDEMPTION	1			9
2.35	9	SH BOOM	1 (1 CD)	1		3
2.35	10	TARXIEN	2	1		7
3.15	1	ALEXANDER BANQUET (IRE)	1	1		4
3.15	3	BEST MATE (IRE)	4 (2 CD)	1		5
3.15	8	SIR REMBRANDT (IRE)	1			2
3.15	9	THEREALBANDIT (IRE)	3			4
4.00	3	BOSUNS MATE	1			3
4.00	4	BRIGHT APPROACH (IRE)	2	1		5
4.00	8	EARTHMOVER (IRE)	4 (3 CD)	1	2	11
4.00	9	GAME GUNNER	1			1
4.00	12	LORD ATTERBURY (IRE)	1			1
4.00	19	RED BROOK LAD	1			1
4.35	1	SEEBALD (GER)	2	1		5
4.35	2	PALARSHAN (FR)	2 (1 CD)			2
4.35	3	GOT ONE TOO (FR)	1			3
4.35	7	LATALOMNE (USA)	1		1	7
4.35	8	SANTENAY (FR)	1 (1 CD)			4
4.35	9	FADOUDAL DU COCHET (FR)	1 (1 CD)			3
4.35	17	ST PIRРАН (IRE)	1			3
4.35	20	HIT AND RUN (FR)	1	1		5
4.35	24	REIZIGER (FR)	1			3
5.10	4	IRIS ROYAL (FR)	1			5
5.10	7	WHEREAREYOU NOW (IRE)	2 (1 CD)		1	9
5.10	8	LA LANDIERE (FR)	2 (2 CD)	1	1	6
5.10	10	PENTHOUSE MINSTREL	1		1	2
5.10	11	DON FERNANDO	2	1		4
5.45	1	RIGMAROLE	2			3
5.45	3	IN CONTRAST (IRE)	4 (1 CD)	1	2	9
5.45	6	COPELAND	1 (1 CD)	1	1	6
5.45	7	BENBYAS	1 (1 CD)	1		5
5.45	9	ALBUHERA (IRE)	1	1		3
5.45	13	GRAVE DOUBTS	1			2
5.45	14	REGAL EXIT (FR)	1 (1 CD)	1		4
5.45	17	DEMI BEAU	1 (1 CD)			1
5.45	22	GREENHOPE (IRE)	1			1
5.45	25	IDAHO D'OX (FR)	1 (1 CD)		1	6
5.45	27	THE LAST CAST	1 (1 CD)			2

2.35**THE bonusprint.com STAYERS' HURDLE (Grade 1) (A)****3m**

£140,000 4yo+ TWFA 4 11-11

**1 BARACOUDA (FR)**

9 11-10

186 +

b.g. Alesso (USA) – Peche Aubar (FR) (Zino) [2002/3 20v* 25v² 24g* :: 2003/4 24d* 25d* 22s* Feb 7] tall, leggy gelding: outstanding staying hurdler, successful on 14 of last 15 starts: showed himself better than ever when winning Bonusprint Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham (for second successive year) last March by ¾ length from Iris's Gift: successful this season in Ballymore Properties Long Distance Hurdle (by 7 lengths from Deano's Beenoo) at Newbury, Cantor Sport Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot (for third time, beat Mr Cool 30 lengths) and Tote Scoop6 Sandown Hurdle (Handicap), in last-named didn't have to be at best when beating Yogi 2 lengths: effective around 2½m given test, and stays 25f well: raced solely on good going or softer (acts on heavy): held up, and often idles in front: fluent jumper: tremendously consistent.

F. DOUMEN, FRANCE

T. Doumen

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

h22s 177+170
h25d 180+G1
h24d 158+G2
h24g 184+G1
h25v 177+G1
h20v 163+G2

**2 CRYSTAL D'AINAY (FR)**

5 11-10

166 +

b.g. Saint Preuil (FR) – Guendale (FR) (Cadoudal (FR)) [2002/3 16d⁴ 18s* c18s* c17s² 16d² 16s* 20g² :: 2003/4 20d² 21s* 24g² 20d* Jan 24] tall, good-topped gelding: will make a chaser: twice-raced winning chaser in France: has progressed into smart hurdler this season, winning intermediate minor event at Cheltenham in December by length from Sh Boom and Grade 2 Byrne Bros Cleeve Hurdle there in January by 3 lengths from Hardy Eustace: length second to Sh Boom in minor event at same course in between: stays 3m: acts on soft going: tends to idle in front: may be capable of better still.

A. KING

R. Thornton

Yellow, dark blue star, armlets and star on cap (Mr Tony Fisher & Mrs Jeni Fisher)

h20d 166 G2
h24g 139+W
h21s 160+W
h20d 149+130
h20g 140 G2
h16s 128+N

**3 DAVENPORT MILENIUM (IRE)**

8 11-10

159

b.g. Insan (USA) – Society Belle (Callernish) [2002/3 16s³ :: 2003/4 20d⁴ 16s² 16d⁵ 16g Mar 16] useful-looking gelding: smart hurdler: third in Christmas Hurdle at Kempton only start in 2002/3 (missed rest of season reportedly due to strained tendon): back to form on second/third outings, length second to Rigmarole in Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham and fifth of 8 to Foreman in steadily-run Grade 1 at Leopardstown: last of 13 finishers in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham latest start: will stay beyond 2½m: raced on good going or softer (won bumper on heavy).

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

T. J. Murphy

White, dark blue diamond and sleeves, white armlets, quartered cap (Mrs N. O'Callaghan)

h16g 147 G1
h16d 159 G1
h16s 155 G2
h20d 142 G1
h16s 160+G1

**4 GRALMANO (IRE)**

9 11-10

154

b.g. Scenic – Llangollen (IRE) (Caerleon (USA)) [2002/3 16f² 17d^{pu} c16g* c20m* 16g 20d² :: 2003/4 16m⁴ 25m* 25g⁶ Nov 15] sturdy gelding: fairly useful on Flat, well held Feb 21: successful both starts in novice chases (open to improvement): useful hurdler: improved form when winning Grade 2 West Yorkshire Hurdle at Wetherby in November by 3 lengths from Royal Emperor, mistakes last 3: respectable sixth of 8 to Therealbandit in listed handicap at Cheltenham later in month: stays 25f with emphasis on speed: acts on firm and soft going: hung left final start in 2002/3: tough and genuine.

K. A. RYAN

G. Lee

Black, white sash, black sleeves, white stars, white cap, black stars (Coleorton Moor Racing)

h25g 149 149
h25m 150+G2
h16m 142 134
h20d 146 128
h16g 134 131
c20m 106+N



5 HOLY ORDERS (IRE) 7 11-10 (blinkers) **155**
 b.g. Unblest – Shadowglow (Shaadi (USA)) [2002/3 16v 16s 16g 16g :: 2003/4 24g* 21s 20d Nov 30] smallish, workmanlike gelding: smart on Flat (stays 2m), successful twice in 2003, well beaten in Melbourne Cup in November: useful hurdler on his day: won Grade 1 Ballymore Properties Champion Stayers Hurdle at Punchestown in May, well ridden by J. R. Barry to beat Sacundai ½ length: well held in Group 2 at Auteuil later in month and Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse in November: stays 3m: has won on heavy, probably ideally suited by less testing ground (acts on good to firm): blinkered nowadays: not one to rely on.
 W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND R. Walsh
 Dark blue, white hoops, chevrons on sleeves, striped cap (Mr A. McLuckie)

h20d 111 G1
 h21s G2
 h24g 155+G1
 h16g 155? G1
 h16s 131
 h16s 133



6 IRIS'S GIFT 7 11-10 **183**
 gr.g. Gunner B – Shirley's Gift (Scallywag) [2002/3 20d* 25m* 24d* 20v* 23d* 24g2 24d* :: 2003/4 23s2 Feb 14] big, workmanlike gelding: very much a chasing type in appearance: progressed in leaps and bounds over hurdles in 2002/3, putting up outstanding performance for a novice when ¾-length second to Baracouda in Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham in March: successful in novices 6 other starts, including 3 Grade 2 events and Grade 1 Martell Cognac Sefton Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (beat Royal Emperor impressively by 8 lengths): off 10 months, highly satisfactory return when 1¾ lengths second of 18 to stable-companion Tardar (rec 24 lb) in handicap at Haydock, travelling powerfully and staying on well: will stay beyond 25f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: has hung, but is thoroughly genuine.
 JONJO O'NEILL B. J. Geraghty
 Mauve, black sash, yellow sleeves and cap (Mr Robert Lester)

h23s 173 167
 h24d 168+G1
 h24g 183 G1
 h23d 153+G2
 h20v + G2
 h24d 154+G2



7 REDEMPTION 9 11-10 **150**
 b.g. Sanglamore (USA) – Ypha (USA) (Lyphard (USA)) [2002/3 c16v3 c16vF c16g5 c16sF c21m* :: 2003/4 c20fW c20gpW c20g* c20sF 21d* c16gW 20d5 21g Mar 17] workmanlike gelding: smart handicap chaser: jumped better than usual when winning quite valuable event at Newbury in November readily by 9 lengths from Claymore: again running well when falling 2 out in valuable contest at Cheltenham next time: useful hurdler: easily won handicap at Cheltenham in January by 1¼ lengths from Monkerhostin: has weakened closing stages in Grade 2 and handicap at same course last 2 starts: stays 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: blinkered once (went in snatches): usually makes mistakes over fences.
 N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES C. Llewellyn
 Royal blue, orange hoop, orange sleeves, royal blue armllets, quartered cap (Mr John Duggan & Mr Michael Purtill)

h21g 139
 h20d 130+G2
 c16g 148
 h21d 143+123
 c20s + 142
 c20g 153+131



8 ROSAKER (USA) 7 11-10 **157**
 b.g. Pleasant Tap (USA) – Rose Crescent (USA) (Nijinsky (CAN)) [2002/3 16v5 16s* 20d* 16g :: 2003/4 20d 20m* 20s2 24s* 24s* 21g Mar 17] leggy, rather sparsely-made gelding: smart hurdler: won at Navan (made all by 8 lengths from Hardy Eustace) in November, Gowran (Grade 3 betfair.com Galmoy Stayers Hurdle Trial) in January and Navan again (beat Prince of Tara easily by 4 lengths in 4-runner Grade 2 McCabe Builders Ltd Boyne Hurdle) in February: excellent second to Solerina in Grade 3 at Navan in between, unable to challenge when below form in valuable strongly-contested handicap at Cheltenham last time: stays 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.
 N. MEADE, IRELAND P. Carberry
 Emerald green and yellow (quartered), emerald green sleeves, yellow armllets, white cap (High Street Ceathar Syndicate)

h21g 148
 h24s 146+G2
 h24s 141+W
 h20s 157+G3
 h20m 150+G2
 h20d G1



9 SH BOOM 6 11-10 **160**
 b.g. Alderbrook – Muznah (Royal And Regal (USA)) [2002/3 F16v* 20v* 21d2 20g* 21g5 20gpW :: 2003/4 24d2 21s2 24g* 23s* Jan 10] useful-looking gelding, unfurnished at present: smart hurdler: has shown further improvement this season, winning 6-runner minor event at Cheltenham (by a length from Crystal d'Ainay) in December and Grade 2 Commhoist Premier Stayers' Hurdle at Haydock in January: got on top under pressure between last 2 when beating Royal Rosa by 8 lengths at latter course: stays 3m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): usually held up.
 JONJO O'NEILL L. Cooper
 White, maroon hoops, sleeves and cap (T. G. K. Construction Ltd)

h23s 160 G2
 h24g 134+W
 h21s 158+W
 h24d 148+138
 h20g G2
 h21g 152+G1



10 TARXIEN 10 11-10 (tongue strap) **134**
 b.g. Kendor (FR) – Tanz (IRE) (Sadler's Wells (USA)) [2002/3 c20d* c19v* c21v2 c20s* c21gF c20m2 :: 2003/4 c19d3 c21dF 20d4 23s Feb 14] strong, sturdy gelding: useful chaser: let down by jumping of late, third of 4 finishers to Iris Royal in valuable intermediate handicap at Ascot on reappearance: returned to hurdles first time since 2001/2 last 2 starts, better effort when remote fourth of 6 to Crystal d'Ainay in Grade 2 at Cheltenham: effective around 2½m, will stay beyond 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tongue tied.
 M. C. PIPE J. E. Moore
 Emerald green, scarlet hooped sleeves and cap (Mr B. A. Kilpatrick)

h23s 124 141
 h20d 134 G2
 c21d 147
 c19d 154+148
 c20m 149 G2
 c21g G2



11 YOGI (IRE) 8 11-10 **149**
 ch.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Good Performance VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2002/3 20g 16s 18s 16g4 16mP 20s 16s 16d 16v2 20s4 16s* 20s5 16s* 20s* 16v* 20s 16g5 :: 2003/4 20g 20s* 16d6 24s2 22s2 Feb 7] leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won handicap at Clonmel in November: good efforts since, in valuable handicaps at Sandown (beaten 2 lengths by Baracouda last time out) and Grade 3 at Gowran (second of 6 to Rosaker) in between: ideally suited by 2½m+: acts on heavy going: below form all starts in blinkers: races prominently.
 THOMAS FOLEY, IRELAND G. Cotter
 Dark green and royal blue diablo, halved sleeves, striped cap (Mr Patrick Delaney Jnr)

h22s 149 144
 h24s 137 W
 h16d 134+130
 h20s 137 119
 h20g 120
 h16g 122 G2



12 SOLERINA (IRE) 7 11-3 **170 +**
 b.m. Toulon – Deep Peace (Deep Run) [2002/3 F20d5 16d* 20s2 22s* 16s* 20s* 16v* 20d* 18s* :: 2003/4 16d3 20d* 20s* 16d4 19s* Jan 24] small, leggy mare: successful 10 of 13 starts over hurdles, making all in Grade 1 Ballymore Properties Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse (by 8 lengths from Florida Coast), Grade 3 Giltspur Scientific Tara Hurdle at Navan (beat Rosaker 7 lengths) and minor event at Naas (impressive when beating Bob Justice 6 lengths) this season: probably best at 2½m+: raced on going softer than good (acts on heavy): jumps well: tough and game.
 JAMES BOWE, IRELAND G. T. Hutchinson
 Red, emerald green sash and sleeves, black cap (John P. Bowe)

h19s 157+W
 h16d 159+G1
 h20s 167+G3
 h20d 156+G1
 h16d 153+G2
 h18s 167+G1

bonusprint.com STAYERS' HURDLE (Gr 1) (Cheltenham 3m, 3m½f before 2002)

1998	161	Princeful 7-11-10: 16/1	Mrs J Pitman	R Farrant	9
1999	162	Anzum 8-11-10: 40/1	D Nicholson	R Johnson	12
2000	161	Bacchanal 6-11-10: 11/2	N J Henderson	M A Fitzgerald	10
2001		Abandoned			
2002	164	Baracouda 7-11-10: 13/8	F Doumen (Fr)	T Doumen	16
2003	173	Baracouda 8-11-10: 9/4	F Doumen (Fr)	T Doumen	11

3.15 THE totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE 3¼am110y (Grade 1) (A)

£350,000 5yo+



1 ALEXANDER BANQUET (IRE) 11 11-10 **168 ?**
 b.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Black Nancy (Monksfield) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c24d6 c24s6 c24s c24d4 c25d2 Feb 21] strong gelding: top-class chaser at best: missed 2002/3 reportedly due to suspensory problem: seemingly easily best effort on return when fourth of 7 to Florida Pearl in Grade 1 Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown in February, though stayed on strongly as leaders tired and possibly flattered (below that form when 2½ lengths second to Takagi in Grade 3 at Fairyhouse later in month): will stay beyond 3¼am: has form on good to firm going, goes particularly well on soft/heavy: genuine.
 W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND R. Walsh
 White, dark blue diamond and sleeves, white armlets, quartered cap (Mrs N. O'Callaghan)

c25d 152 G3
 c24d 168? G1
 c24s 155
 c24s 159
 c24d G1



2 BEEF OR SALMON (IRE) 8 11-10 **180**
 ch.g. Cajetano (USA) – Farinella (IRE) (Salmon Leap (USA)) [2002/3 c20v* c16s* c24v* c24s* c26gF :: 2003/4 c20s3 c20d* c16d* c24d3 Dec 28] strong gelding: top-class chaser, won Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown in 2002/3: successful this season in Grade 1 John Durkan Memorial Punchestown Chase (ridden more prominently than usual and ran on well to beat Tutchev 3½ lengths) and Grade 2 O'Connell Warehousing Hilly Way Chase (at Cork, second successive win in race), both in December: reportedly gurgled when creditable third of 8 to Best Mate in Grade 1 at Leopardstown last time: successful at 2m, best form at 2½m to 3m: raced mainly on going softer than good (acts on heavy): has good turn of foot: often none too fluent.
 M. HOURIGAN, IRELAND T. J. Murphy
 Yellow, emerald green seams, green cap (Mr B. J. Craig)

c24d 171 G1
 c16d 161+G2
 c20d 180 G1
 c20s 150+G2
 c26g 170+G1
 c24s 170+G1



3 BEST MATE (IRE) 9 11-10 **193**
 b.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Katday (FR) (Miller's Mate) [2002/3 c20d* c24s* c26g* :: 2003/4 c20s2 c24d* Dec 28] big, rangy gelding: usually takes the eye: top-class chaser, successful on 9 of 12 starts, including last 2 runnings of Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup: showed himself one of the very best chasers of the last 10 years when beating Truckers Tavern by 10 lengths for latest renewal, leading on bridle 3 out and quickening clear: looked as though run would bring him on when 8 lengths second to Jair du Cochet in Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon on reappearance, and impressive when landing odds by 9 lengths from Le Coudray in 8-runner Grade 1 Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown following month: stays 3¼am: yet to race on firm going, acts on any other: superb jumper: most genuine and consistent.
 MISS H. C. KNIGHT J. Culloty
 Maroon and light blue stripes, light blue sleeves, hooped cap (Mr Jim Lewis)

c24d 182+G1
 c20s 174+G2
 c26g 185+G1
 c24s 181+G1
 c20d 182 G2



4 FIRST GOLD (FR) 11 11-10 (blinkers) **180**
 b.g. Shafoun (FR) – Nuit d'Or II (FR) (Pot d'Or (FR)) [2002/3 c20s3 c24v c25d3 c26gpu c25g* :: 2003/4 c25g* 19v5 c24g3 Dec 26] tall gelding: top-class chaser: won Martell Cognac Cup Chase at Aintree (for second time, by 14 lengths from Lady Cricket) and Punchestown Heineken Gold Cup (beat Rince Ri 6 lengths) in April: creditable 2¼ lengths third of 12 to Edredon Bleu in King George VI Chase at Kempton last time, possibly still in need of run after going best turning for home: stays 29f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): best recent form in blinkers: usually jumps well: usually races prominently.
 F. DOUMEN, FRANCE T. Doumen
 Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)

c24g 176+G1
 h19v 137+W
 c25g 180 G1
 c25g 180 G2
 c26g 180 G1
 c25d 162+L



5 HARBOUR PILOT (IRE) 9 11-10 (blinkers) **179**
 b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Las-Cancellas (Monksfield) [2002/3 c26g3 c24v3 c24s3 c26g3 :: 2003/4 24d c24d^{ur} Feb 8] rangy gelding: top-class chaser: third on all 4 starts in 2002/3, to Best Mate in Cheltenham Gold Cup on final one, never going with much fluency but nearest finish: running really well when unseated 2 out in Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown on latest start, upsides winner Florida Pearl and yet to be asked for maximum effort at time: hampered 3 out when below form over hurdles on reappearance: thorough stayer: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): blinkered last 3 starts over fences: prone to the odd bad mistake.
 N. MEADE, IRELAND P. Carberry
 Red, black sash, red cap, black spots (Kays Syndicate)

c24d 179+G1
 h24d 130+125
 c26g 175? G1
 c24s 167 G1
 c24v 167 G1
 c26g 156+139



6 IRISH HUSSAR (IRE) 8 11-10 **167 +**
 b.g. Supreme Leader – Shuil Ard (Quayside) [2002/3 c21d* c21sF c23g* c21g2 c25d* :: 2003/4 c26g^{pu} c24g2 Feb 14] tall, useful-looking gelding: lightly-raced winning hurdler: had very good first season over fences, jumping soundly, won novices at Wincanton, Leicester and Aintree (Grade 2 Mildmay Novices' Chase, beat It Takes Time 5 lengths): also ran well when second to La Landiere in Cathcart Chase at Cheltenham: easily better effort this season at Newbury (several mistakes and reportedly returned with sore shins in very valuable handicap on reappearance) when ¾-length second to Shooting Light in Grade 2 in February, staying on after being unable to quicken 3 out: should stay beyond 25f: raced on good going or softer (won bumper on heavy).
 N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
 Yellow, maroon cap (Major Christopher Hanbury)

c24g 167+G2
 c26g 144
 c25d 153+G2
 c21g 156+G2
 c23g 122+N
 c21s 150+130



7 KEEN LEADER (IRE) 8 11-10 **179**
 b.g. Supreme Leader – Keen Gale (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2002/3 c24dF c22d* c25d* c24s* c24g5 :: 2003/4 c26d^{ur} c24d* c24g3 Feb 14] tall, angular, rather raw-boned gelding: has stringhalt: unbeaten all 3 completed starts over hurdles (smart form): a leading novice chaser in 2002/3: jumped soundly when putting up top-class effort to win 7-runner Tommy Whittle Chase at Haydock in December by 17 lengths from Truckers Tavern, leading after 3 out and running on strongly: odds on, length third to Shooting Light in Grade 2 at Newbury next time, staying on late after lacking turn of foot to challenge 3 out: will stay beyond 25f: raced on good going or softer (goes well on soft/heavy): strong-running sort.
 JONJO O'NEILL B. J. Geraghty
 Maroon, grey disc and armlets, quartered cap (Mrs Stewart Catherwood)

c24g 172+G2
 c24d 179+G2
 c26d 156
 c24g 128+G1
 c24s 162+G2
 c25d 162+G2



8 SIR REMBRANDT (IRE) 8 11-10 **170**
 b.g. Mandalus – Sue's A Lady (Le Moss) [2002/3 c22d* c25d* :: 2003/4 c26gF c26d* c29d2 c25d^{pu} c24g6 Feb 14] big, strong, lengthy gelding: has shown himself a very smart chaser this season, easily winning John Hughes Rehearsal Chase (Limited Handicap) at Chepstow by 8 lengths from Bindaree and ½-length second of 14 to same horse in Welsh National there later in December, blundering 5 out but keeping on well: has run as if amiss in Grade 2 events last 2 starts, blundered twice when pulled up soon after halfway at Cheltenham (reportedly tweaked hamstring) then lacklustre effort at Newbury (tended to jump right): stays 29f: raced only on good/good to soft going.
 R. H. ALNER A. Thornton
 Yellow, red stars, red sleeves, yellow stars, yellow cap, red star (Mr A. Hordle)

c24g 142 G2
 c25d G2
 c29d 170+147
 c26d 168+143
 c26g 143
 c25d 151 G2



9 THERREALBANDIT (IRE) 7 11-10 **168 p**
 b.g. Torus – Sunrise Highway VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2002/3 19d 17s6 20d3 22g* :: 2003/4 22s2 27d* 22m* 22g* 25g* c25d* c21d* c25dF Jan 24] tall, lengthy, rather sparely-made gelding: most progressive hurdler, won handicap at Stratford and 2 weak novices at Newton Abbot early in season, and listed handicap at Cheltenham in November impressively by 7 lengths from Ambry: impressive start to chasing career, won novices at Cheltenham in December (didn't have to come off bridle when beating Rosslea 8 lengths) and January: still going strongly when falling 4 out in Grade 2 Pillar Property Chase at same course won by Jair du Cochet latest start: stays 27f: acts on soft and good to firm going: at least a high-class chaser in the making.
 M. C. PIPE A. P. McCoy
 Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)

c25d 168+G2
 c21d 152+N
 c25d 146+N
 h25g 140+127
 h22g 120+N
 h22m 114+N

**10 TRUCKERS TAVERN (IRE)**

9 11-10

(tongue strap)

166

ch.g. Phardante (FR) – Sweet Tulip (Beau Chapeau) [2002/3 c25v³ c24v^F c24d* c24g³ c26g² :: 2003/4 22s⁴ c24d² c25d^F c25d^{ur} Jan 24] big, well-made gelding: 33/1, excelled himself when 10 lengths second to Best Mate in Cheltenham Gold Cup last March, staying on well from rear: smart chaser on balance of form, far from discredited when 17 lengths second to Keen Leader in Grade 2 at Haydock in November: let down by jumping since, particularly so in Grade 2 at Cheltenham last time, weakening in third when unseating rider 3 out behind Jair du Cochet: suited by 3m+: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): usually tongue tied: effective held up or ridden from front.

FERDY MURPHY

A. Dobbin

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

c25d G2
c25d + 162
c24d 166+G2
h22s 131+125
c26g¹ 177? G1
c24g¹ 161+G2

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

1998	173	Cool Dawn 10-12-0: 25/1	R H Alner	A Thornton	17
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

4.00**THE CHRISTIE'S FOXHUNTER CHASE
CHALLENGE CUP (B)****3¼m110y**

£40,000 5yo+

**1 ALWAYS ON THE LINE (IRE)**

10 12-0

103

gr.g. Arapahos (FR) – Fiona's Waltz (General Ironside) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 NR] ex-Irish gelding: poor form on second of 2 starts in hunters in Ireland in 2001 for R. Tyner: won maiden point in Ireland, and has won 5 times in Britain, including in 2004 (poor second Jan 31).

R. BARBER

Mr A. Merriam

White, dark green epaulets and sleeves, dark green and white check cap (Mrs M. Merriam)

**2 ARCTIC TIMES (IRE)**

8 12-0

109 +

ch.g. Montelimar (USA) – Miss Penguin (General Assembly (USA)) [2002/3 c24v² c24d* c25g² :: 2003/4 c24g⁵ c24m* May 9] novice hurdler: winning pointer: fairly useful hunter chaser: second success when winning at Wexford in May by 1½ lengths from Mucky Man: off 8 months, has won 2 of 3 starts in points on return, including latest Jan 25: stays 25f: acts on heavy going.

EUGENE M. O'SULLIVAN, IRELAND

Mr W. M. O'Sullivan

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

c24m 105 WA
c24g 105 W
c25g 105+NA
c24d 95+W
c24v 96 W

**3 BOSUNS MATE**

11 12-0

(blinkers)

105

ch.g. Yachtsman (USA) – Langton Lass (Nearly A Hand) [2002/3 c20s* c23d² c26d³ :: 2003/4 c28g^{pu} c22s^{ur} c20d³ Feb 19] useful-looking gelding: fair pointer/hunter chaser: creditable third of 18 to Red Brook Lad at Sandown last time: suited by 3m+: acts on heavy and good to firm going: effective visored/blinker or not: often forces pace: usually let down by jumping.

M. KEIGHLEY

Mrs B. Keighley

Beige, maroon star and stars on cap (Mr M. Keighley)

c20d 105 WA
c22s WA
c28g WA
c26d 114 WA
c23d 106 WA
c20s 114 WA

**4 BRIGHT APPROACH (IRE)**

11 12-0

133 ?

gr.g. Roselier (FR) – Dysart Lady (King's Ride) [2002/3 c33g* c31m² c27g* c26g² c24m² :: 2003/4 c33d^{ur} c31f* c28g² c25d^{pu} Feb 12] smallish gelding: smart hunter chaser: better than ever in 2003, winning at Ludlow and Folkestone (simple task) and good efforts when runner-up in Foxhunter at Cheltenham and Intrum Justitia Cup at Stratford (beaten ½ length by Bitofamixup, might have won but for mistake 3 out): won 4m point in January, disappointing in hunter at Wincanton following month: has left Mrs O. Cann: suited by thorough test of stamina: acts on firm and good to soft going.

MRS O. BUSH

Miss P. Gundry

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

c25d WA
c28g 124+WA
c31f 116+WA
c33d 133 WA
c24m 106+WA
c26g 133 WA

**5 CASTLE WEIR (IRE)**

7 12-0

105

b.g. Lord Americo – Alchymya (Cosmo) [2002/3 c24s* c24s⁴ :: 2003/4 c24s² c24d³ c25d⁴ Feb 21] IR 2,800 3-y-o: sturdy gelding: second foal: dam winning pointer: winning pointer: fair hunter chaser: in frame all 3 starts this term, 11½ lengths fourth to Glenduff Bridge in 16-runner event at Fairyhouse last time: stays 25f: acts on soft ground.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

Mr J. J. Codd

Emerald green, pink sash, white cap (Castle Racing Club)

c25d 102 WA
c24d 105 W
c31f 116+WA
c24s 105 W
c24s 101+W
c24s 78 W

**6 CHARLIE STRONG (IRE)**

11 12-0

107

b.g. Strong Gale – The Village Vixen (Buckskin (FR)) [2002/3 c21f* c28m^{pu} Jun 1 :: 2003/4 NR] fairly useful hunter chaser: won at Wincanton in May: failed to get beyond halfway in valuable event at Stratford next time: runner-up in point in January, unseated last next time Feb 15: should stay beyond 23f: acts on firm and soft going.

R. KELVIN-HUGHES

Mr A. Charles-Jones

Grey, white seams, grey sleeves and cap (Mr R. Kelvin-Hughes)

c28m 106 WA
c21f 106 WA

**7 COUNTY DERRY**

11 12-0

(cheekpieces)

b.g. Derrylin – Colonial Princess (Roscoe Blake) [2002/3 c25d* c28m⁴ c26vF² c26g⁵ :: 2003/4 c26d² c24g* c26v* c28g^{pu} c26g* Feb 22] strong gelding: smart hunter chaser, fifth in last 2 renewals of Foxhunter at Cheltenham: odds on, workmanlike winner in small fields at Uttoxeter twice in May: fit from points, particularly good effort when winning 6-finisher event at Fontwell on latest start by 4 lengths from Earthmover, leading after tenth: suited by good test of stamina: acts on good to firm and heavy going: often makes mistakes.

J. SCOTT

Mr N. Harris

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

135

c26g	135	WA
c28g		WA
c26v	113	WA
c24g	116	WA
c26d	128	WA
c26g	128	WA

**8 EARTHMOVER (IRE)**

13 12-0

ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Clare's Crystal (Tekoah) [2002/3 c24d^{pu} c25d* c26v* c26g⁴ c27m* c26m* :: 2003/4 c26d* c24g* c28g^{pu} c26g² Feb 22] rangy gelding: smart hunter chaser nowadays: won 6 out of 8 starts in 2003, including at Cheltenham (beat County Derry 10 lengths) in April and Uttoxeter (simple task) in May: reportedly finished distressed penultimate start, off 9 months before below-form second to County Derry at Fontwell on latest, no extra after diving at last: best at 3m+: acts on any going: still prone to mistakes: usually races prominently: game.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Miss A. Goschen

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

142

c26g	132	WA
c28g		WA
c24g	112	WA
c26d	142	WA
c26m	142	WA
c27m	143	WA

**9 GAME GUNNER**

12 12-0

b.g. Gunner B – The Waiting Game (Cruise Missile) [2002/3 c25d^{pu} :: 2003/4 c25d* c24g* Feb 11] big, rangy gelding: fair pointer: useful hunter chaser: won 14-runner event at Cheltenham (beat Carbonado by 3½ lengths) and 10-runner event at Ludlow last 2 starts, off 9 months in between: beat Mrs Be by 3 lengths for latest success, jumping well: stays 25f: acts on good to firm and good to soft going.

MISS B. LEWIS

Miss C. Stucley

Dark blue, white epaulets (Miss B. Lewis)

123

c24g	123	WA
c25d	103	WA
c25d		WA

**10 GEORDIES EXPRESS**

12 12-0

b.g. Tina's Pet – Maestros Beauty (Music Maestro) [2002/3 c25d⁵ c24g^{pu} c25g^{ur} c25g* :: 2003/4 c22s⁴ c24f⁴ Feb 29] leggy, lengthy gelding: fairly useful hunter chaser: won at Kelso (not extended to beat Go Nomadic 10 lengths) in 2003: successful in point in January: creditable fourth of 9 to Gun'n Roses II at Haydock penultimate start: not discredited when fourth of 7 finishers to Guilsborough Gorse last time: stays 27f: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

G. T. BEWLEY

Mr D. Jewett

Yellow, black triple diamond, black and yellow diablo on sleeves, black cap, yellow diamond (Mr G. T. Bewley)

111

c24f	94	WA
c22s	111	WA
c25g	112	WA
c25g		WA
c24g		WA
c25d	96	WA

**11 IRBEE**

12 12-0

(blinkers)

b.g. Gunner B – Cupids Bower (Owen Dudley) [2002/3 c20s² c24s² c26s* c25g³ c21g⁴ :: 2003/4 c21s* c16g⁴ c23v³ c26m⁶ c20d⁵ Feb 19] tall, well-made gelding: useful chaser at best: won handicap hunter at Newton Abbot in April: below that form since, off 7 months before fifth to Red Brook Lad in hunter at Sandown last time: effective at 2½m to 3¼m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: blinkered: carries head high: irresolute.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Miss C. Tizzard

Red, yellow stars and armlets (Mrs Bunty Millard)

104 \$

c20d	104	WA
c26m		117
c23v	87	WA
c16g	94	WA
c21s	117	109A
c21g	111	WA

**12 LORD ATTERBURY (IRE)**

8 12-0

ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Tammyiris (Arapahos (FR)) [2002/3 c23d* c25g* :: 2003/4 c33d* Apr 30] sturdy gelding: winning pointer, successful Jan 18: unbeaten in 3 hunter chases in 2003, at Leicester (maiden) and quite valuable events at Aintree (novice, by distance from Arctic Times) and Cheltenham in April: favourite, still going strongly in front when left well clear by Bright Approach's departure 3 out at last-named: stays 33f: acts on good to soft going: bold-jumping front runner: sure to improve further, and is a very exciting prospect.

D. PIPE

Mr A. Farrant

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

133 p

c33d	125	WA
c25g	133	NA
c23d	118	NA

**13 MULLENSGROVE**

10 12-0

b.g. Derrylin – Wedding Song (True Song) [2002/3 c24g* c27g^{pu} c24v⁶ c25g² c21g^{ur} c24m :: 2003/4 c22g² c28g⁵ c24g³ c26g⁴ c25m* Mar 4] good-topped gelding: fair pointer/hunter chaser: won 6-finisher event at Ludlow on latest start by 2 lengths from Dam The Breeze, leading sixteenth and finding plenty for pressure: stays 3¼m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: has been reluctant to race, and not one to rely on.

D. LOWE

Miss S. Phizacklea

Royal blue, red cross of Lorraine, quartered cap (Mr D. Lowe)

109 \$

c25m	106	WA
c26g	106	WA
c24g	109	WA
c28g	101	WA
c22g	96	WA
c24m	90	WA

**14 NEVER COMPROMISE (IRE)**

9 12-0

br.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Banderole (IRE) (Roselier (FR)) [2002/3 c17s⁵ 24s³ F17g² F16g⁴ c22s⁵ c22d³ c22v² 24s :: 2003/4 c22d* c24s* c24d* Feb 8] strong gelding: maiden hurdler: fair chaser: successful all 3 starts in hunters this season, at Downpatrick and Down Royal in December, and Leopardstown (beat Spot The Difference 1½ lengths) in February: stays 3m: acts on heavy going: blinkered last 2 starts in 2002/3.

T. M. WALSH, IRELAND

Mr Derek O'Connor

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

117

c24d	109	W
c24s	109	W
c22d	108	N
h24s		98
c22v	108	W
c22d	101	W

**15 OMNI COSMO TOUCH (USA)**

8 12-0

b.g. Tremolino (USA) – Wooden Pudden (USA) (Top Ville) [2002/3 24m⁶ 20d^{tr} 17m⁶ 17d^{tr} :: 2003/4 c21s* Feb 24] good-topped gelding: fair hurdler on his day: won 2 points and 14-runner novice hunter at Sedgfield (best effort in steeplechases, left clear 2 out and eased run-in to beat Tor Head 9 lengths) this year: stays 21f: acts on firm and soft going: tried blinkered: has refused to race several times and one to treat with plenty of caution.

JOSS SAVILLE

Mr N. Saville

Yellow, dark blue chevron, white sleeves, red cap (Mr Alan Potts)

107 \$

c21s	104	NA
h17d		112
h17m		110
h20d		C
h24m	112	117

**16 ONEMINUTETO FIVE**

7 12-0

b.g. Neltino – Island Beat (Jupiter Island) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 NR] 8,500 3-y-o: first foal: dam placed in point: successful 4 times in points, including 3 times in 2004 latest Feb 28.

D. PIPE

Mr Gordon Elliott

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

112**17 POLAR CHAMP**

11 12-0

(visor)

b.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – Ceramic (USA) (Raja Baba (USA)) [2002/3 24m³ c26g* c24m* c26m* c26m² c23g* 24s⁴ c33v² c34s^{pu} c36d^{ur} 27g³ :: 2003/4 27g^{pu} 27g Jun 28] sturdy gelding: useful hurdler, went with little zest last 3 starts: has won 4 out of 8 outings over fences, novices at Newton Abbot (2), Stratford and Exeter (positive ride, beat Arctic Gamble 20 lengths) in 2002/3: left M. Pipe, in good form in points this year, winning all 3 starts, latest Feb 21: stays 27f: acts on any going: blinkered twice, usually visored nowadays.

D. PIPE

Mr T. J. Malone

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

114 +

h27g	117	
h27g	125	
h27g	104	C
c36d		136
c34s		136
c33v	139	130

**18 QUETAL (IRE)**

11 12-0

ch.g. Buckskin (FR) – Cantafleur (Cantab) [2002/3 c24s* c26g :: 2003/4 c33d⁶ c25g^{pu} May 13] rather sparely-made gelding: maiden hurdler: useful hunter chaser: beat Mr Dow Jones 9 lengths in 3-finisher event at Newbury in 2003, very disappointing since: should stay beyond 3¼m: acts on soft and good to firm going, probably heavy: tends to make mistakes.

MRS LAURA J. YOUNG

Mr James Young

Dark green and white (quartered), diablo on sleeves, white cap (Miss K. J. Kitching)

?

c25g		WA
c33d		WA
c26g		WA
c24s	124	WA

**19 RED BROOK LAD**

9 12-0

ch.g. Nomadic Way (USA) – Silently Yours (USA) (Silent Screen (USA)) [2002/3 c22d^{ur} c25d^f c19f² :: 2003/4 c21d* c25m* c20d* Feb 19] leggy gelding: maiden hurdler (tried blinkered): fairly useful pointer: won hunters at Cheltenham (maiden) in April, Wincanton (novice) in May and Sandown in February, beating Hermes III in good style by 11 lengths for latest success: stays 25f: acts on firm and good to soft going: still prone to mistakes.

C. ST V. FOX

Mr N. R. Mitchell

Black, emerald green cross belts, emerald green cap (Mr C. St V. Fox)

123

c20d	123	WA
c25m	105	NA
c21d	103	NA
c19f	111	WA
c25d		WA
c22d		NA



20 SHERIFF'S FRIEND (IRE) 9 12-0 **112**
 b. or br.g. Supreme Leader – Arctic Scale (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c28d* May 30] first foal: dam unraced: modest form over hurdles/in steeplechases for S. Mellor: fairly useful pointer nowadays, successful on 9 of his 10 starts in Britain, including in February, fell last time Mar 7: led from fourteenth when winning valuable novice hunter at Stratford by neck from Coole Venture: likely to stay beyond 3½m: tried visored.
 MRS JENNY GORDON Mr C. Gordon
Royal blue, yellow sleeves, white cap (Mr S. P. Tindall)



21 SPOT THE DIFFERENCE (IRE) 11 12-0 **116 +**
 b.g. Lafontaine (USA) – Spotted Choice (IRE) (Callernish) [2002/3 c26g⁶ c21g^{ur} c29g :: 2003/4 c33g^{ur} 16d 20d⁴ c32m² c24d² Feb 8] tall, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful chaser: back to form when ½-length second to Jurancon II in valuable handicap at Uttoxeter on penultimate start, though off bridle virtually throughout: well below form when second to Never Compromise in hunter at Leopardstown on latest: stays 4m: acts on good to firm and heavy ground: ran well only outing in tried in cheekpieces final start in 2002/3.
 E. BOLGER, IRELAND Mr J. T. McNamara
Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)



22 TORDUFF EXPRESS (IRE) 13 12-0 (blinkers) **125**
 b.g. Kambalda – Marhabtain (Touching Wood (USA)) [2002/3 c22d² c26d* c36d^{ur} c31d⁴ :: 2003/4 c22s² Feb 14] rather leggy gelding: useful hunter chaser, won at Fontwell (for second year running) in 2003: creditable 13 lengths second of 9 to Gun'n Roses II at Haydock on reappearance: stays 4m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: effective blinkered or not: has flashed tail under pressure, but is reliable.
 P. F. NICHOLLS Mr N. Williams
Orange and yellow diamonds, striped sleeves, yellow cap, orange diamond (Two Plus Two)



23 UPHAM LORD (IRE) 11 12-0 **120**
 b.g. Lord Americo – Top O The Mall (Don) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c21g* c24d³ Mar 10] tall gelding: fairly useful hurdler/winning chaser (twice fell) in 1999/00 when usually blinkered: prolific winning pointer since, unbeaten all 8 starts in 2003: useful form in hunter chases, landing odds easily in uncompetitive event at Fakenham in February and 12 lengths third of 9 to Whether The Storm at Bangor (hung left) following month: effective at 2½m to 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: front runner.
 P. BEAUMONT Mr G. Brewer
White, maroon cross belts, maroon cap, white star (Mrs E. W. Wilson)



24 WOODLANDS BEAU (IRE) 12 12-0 (blinkers) **105 X**
 b.g. Beau Sher – Never Intended (Sayyaf) [2002/3 c26m⁴ c25g² :: 2003/4 c33d² c25m³ c31f² May 21] workmanlike gelding: modest handicap chaser: won 3 times in points in 2003: similar form when placed last 2 starts in hunters, 8 lengths second of 4 finishers to Bright Approach at Folkestone on latest: well held all 3 starts in points in 2004: stays 31f: acts on any going: usually blinkered/visored: sketchy jumper.
 MRS S. ALNER Mr T. J. Dreaper
White, emerald green seams, sleeves and cap (Club Ten)

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

1998	140	Earthmover 7-12-0: 3/1	R Barber	Mr J Tizzard	11
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

4.35 THE CHELTENHAM GRAND ANNUAL CHASE 2m110y
CHALLENGE CUP (HANDICAP) (Grade 3) (A)

£75,000 5yo+



1 SEEBALD (GER) 9 11-10 **162**
 b.g. Mulberry (FR) – Spartina (USA) (Northern Baby (CAN)) [2002/3 c17g² c16v² c16g² c16g^F c20d² c16m* :: 2003/4 c17g⁴ c16d⁶ c24g^{ur} c24g c20g³ Mar 6] leggy gelding: high-class chaser: won very valuable minor event at Sandown in 2002/3 by 1¼ lengths from Cenkos: not so good this season, though signs of returning to form when 10 lengths third to Isio in very valuable handicap at Newbury latest start, held in third when mistake 2 out: stays 2½m: acts on any going: visored once: genuine.
 M. C. PIPE A. P. McCoy
White, white cap, royal blue star (The Macca & Growler Partnership)



2 PALARSHAN (FR) 6 11-4 **166 +**
 b. or br.g. Darshaan – Palavera (FR) (Bikala) [2002/3 c16g² c16d² c19v³ c16g* c16g* :: 2003/4 c16g c16s² Feb 7] tall, good-topped gelding: smart chaser: won novice at Leicester and Grand Annual Chase (Handicap) at Cheltenham in 2002/3: best forgiven effort on reappearance, and improved form when ½-length second of 9 to Farmer Jack in handicap at Sandown next time, staying on well despite hanging right run-in: will stay 2½m: acts on good to firm and soft going, probably heavy.
 H. D. DALY R. Johnson
Green, yellow sleeves, pale blue cap (Mrs A. L. Wood)



3 GOT ONE TOO (FR) 7 11-3 **170**
 ch.g. Green Tune (USA) – Gloria Mundi (FR) (Saint Cyrien (FR)) [2002/3 c16g* c16s² c16d^{ur} c18s* c16g :: 2003/4 c16s* c16s⁵ c16g³ Jan 10] strong gelding: useful hurdler: useful novice chaser in 2002/3: improved form this season, winning handicap at Cheltenham on reappearance by 18 lengths from Tysou: better effort since (possibly found race coming too soon penultimate start) when third of 13 to Isio in valuable handicap at Ascot last time: effective at 2m, will stay 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually races up with pace: usually sound jumper.
 N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
Orange, purple cross belts (Sir Eric Parker & Mary Anne Parker)



4 STRONG RUN (IRE) 11 11-2 (tongue strap) **159**
 b.g. Strong Gale – Arctic Run (Deep Run) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c16v⁵ c16d* Feb 22] workmanlike gelding: useful hurdler/chaser: missed 2002/3: some encouragement in 2m maiden on Flat debut in October: much better effort back over fences when making all in 4-runner Grade 2 Paddy & Helen Cox Memorial Newlands Chase at Naas, beating Native Scout 2½ lengths: stays 2½m: raced only on good going or softer: tongue tied: carries head awkwardly under pressure.
 N. MEADE, IRELAND P. Carberry
Yellow, red cross of Lorraine and sleeves, striped cap (Michael D. McGrath)



5 YOUNG DEVEREAUX (IRE) 11 10-13 **162**
 b. or br.g. Lord Americo – Miss Iverk (Torus) [2002/3 c16v* c16g* c19spu :: 2003/4 c16g c21d Jan 24] rangy, good-looking gelding: has had leg trouble and been fired: smart chaser, very lightly raced: better than ever in 2002/3, beating Seebald a length when winning valuable handicaps at Ascot and Kempton (Grade 2 Tote Exacta Chase) in January: off 11 months, better effort in valuable handicaps this season when eighth to Hunters Tweed at Cheltenham latest start, ridden after mistake twelfth: effective at 2m to 2½m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).
 P. F. NICHOLLS Christian Williams (3)
Dark green, white chevron, light green sleeves, dark green and white check cap (Paul K.Barber,Mick Coburn,Colin Lewis 2)



6 WAHIBA SANDS 11 10-10 (visor) **161**
 b.g. Pharly (FR) – Lovely Noor (USA) (Fappiano (USA)) [2002/3 c16s³ c24s⁶ c16g⁶ c19s⁴ c16m³ c20d⁵ c21m⁵ c16m³ :: 2003/4 c21f¹ c17g² c16g⁴ c16m⁴ c16s³ c16d² c16g³ c20g Mar 6] tall, useful-looking gelding: useful chaser, in-and-out form this season: best recent effort when 3½ lengths second of 8 to St Pirran in handicap at Sandown in January: well held in very valuable handicap at Newbury latest start: stays 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: can race lazily and tried visored (including last 4 starts)/in cheekpieces.
 M. C. PIPE J. Culloty
 Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, white cap, emerald green spots (Mr D. A. Johnson)

c20g	139
c17g	161
c16g	160
c16d	165
c16s	142
c16m	154



7 LATALOMNE (USA) 10 10-9 (visor) **?**
 ch.g. Zilzal (USA) – Sanctuary (Welsh Pageant) [2002/3 c17g⁵ 16d⁵ 17d c16g^F :: 2003/4 c16g⁴ c16f² 17m⁵ c16g³ 16d⁴ c16s^{pu} 16g Feb 14] leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: creditable fourth to The French Furze in Grade 2 at Newcastle in November: well held after helping force strong pace in very valuable handicap at Newbury latest start, looking none too hearty when weakening straight: useful chaser on balance of form: every chance when falling 2 out in 2 most recent renewals of Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham: poor efforts in handicaps there this season, reluctant to race on latest occasion (final start for B. Ellison): stays easy 21f: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: usually races prominently (free-going sort): visored latest start, blinkered previous 2.
 M. C. PIPE J. E. Moore (3)
 Orange, light green and white hooped sleeves, white cap, orange star (Alderclad Roofing/Mr K. M. Everitt)

h16g	138
c16s	140
h16d	138
h16d	154 + G2
c16g	143
h17m	140
c16f	170



8 SANTENAY (FR) 6 10-8 **165**
 b.g. Mister Mat (FR) – Guigone (FR) (Esprit du Nord (USA)) [2002/3 16m* 16g* 16s² 16g 16f* :: 2003/4 c16f² c19m² c16f^{wo} c16m* c16d* c16s^F c16g* c20m³ Feb 28] tall gelding: very smart hurdler: useful novice chaser: successful at Kempton (walked over) in October, Sandown (match) and Aintree in November, and Cheltenham (didn't find much off bridle but still beat Tikram 3 lengths) in December: running best race over fences when falling 2 out in handicap won by Got One Too at Cheltenham in December (would have finished second): upped in trip, left impression stamina stretched when 12½ lengths third of 5 to Calling Brave in Grade 2 at Kempton last time, no extra after 3 out: likely to prove best around 2m: acts on firm and soft going.
 P. F. NICHOLLS J. Tizzard
 White, crimson hoops, black cap (The Hon Mrs Townshend)

c20m	159 + G2
c16g	157 + N
c16s	165 + 135
c16d	151
c16m	137 + N
c16f	N



9 FADOUDAL DU COCHET (FR) 11 10-8 (cheekpieces) **164**
 b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Eau de Vie (FR) (Dhaudevi (FR)) [2002/3 c16s³ c16s³ c16g c16d² c16g^{pu} :: 2003/4 16s c16v³ Feb 1] well-made gelding: useful hurdler/chaser: only 1 worthwhile effort from 5 starts in 2002/3: came on for reappearance (over hurdles) when creditable 15 lengths third to Native Scout in Grade 3 chase at Punchestown last time: raced mainly around 2m, only on good going or softer (acts on heavy).
 A. L. T. MOORE, IRELAND C. O'Dwyer
 Black and white hoops, emerald green cap, white star (Sir Anthony O'Reilly)

c16v	164
h16s	130
c16g	137
c16d	165
c16g	141
c16s	138



10 GROUND BALL (IRE) 7 10-5 **163**
 b. or br.g. Bob's Return (IRE) – Bettyhill (Ardross) [2002/3 c16s^F c16g² c20s* c21v² c20s³ c24d^F 20s² :: 2003/4 c18d² 20g³ 16d* c16d³ c22s^F c18d* Jan 6] well-made gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won minor event at Punchestown in November: useful chaser: ran very well when length third of 5 to Kadoun in Grade 3 at Naas fourth start, and matching effort when falling heavily last in minor event at Tramore (would have finished second to Barrow Drive) next time: easily beat Jurado Express 12 lengths in minor event at Thurles latest outing: needs good test at 2m and likely to stay 2¾m: acts on heavy going: reliable.
 C. F. SWAN, IRELAND D. J. Casey
 Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)

c18d	156 + W
c22s	163 + W
c16d	163
h16d	151
h20g	141
c18d	154



11 KANDJAR D'ALLIER (FR) 6 10-3 **?**
 gr.g. Royal Charter (FR) – Miss Akarad (FR) (Akarad (FR)) [2002/3 c20v^F c17d⁴ c20s 18d² 18s c19s^F c17v* 18s³ 19s³ c21s⁵ :: 2003/4 c21s* 21f⁴ 20g⁴ 20d c16s^F c16s^{pu} 16s⁵ Jan 4] leggy gelding: maiden hurdler: useful chaser on his day: won valuable handicap at Auteuil in May, then sold privately from J. Bertran de Balanda: poor form in Britain, best effort when fifth to Shaman in handicap over hurdles at Plumpton latest start: stays 21f: acts on heavy going: sometimes let down by jumping: front runner/races prominently.
 M. F. HARRIS B. Hitchcott
 Light blue, brown stripe and armlets (Let's Live Racing)

h16s	126
c16s	141
c16s	139
h20d	N
h20g	114
h21f	114



12 TANGO ROYAL (FR) 8 10-3 (tongue strap) **164 x**
 gr.g. Royal Charter (FR) – Nazia (FR) (Zino) [2002/3 c16d^F c17g^F 16s 17d⁶ 19d⁶ 19v³ 17g⁵ :: 2003/4 16m* 17m⁴ 22d* 22g² c17g² c16s⁴ c20g² 20d Feb 21] leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Stratford in May and Newton Abbot in July: below form last time: useful handicap chaser: typically none too fluent when creditable second of 7 to Jardin de Beaulieu at Warwick on penultimate start: effective at 2m to 2¾m: probably acts on any going: tongue tied.
 M. C. PIPE R. Greene
 Emerald green, scarlet hooped sleeves and cap (Mr B. A. Kilpatrick)

h20d	129
c20g	164
c16s	130
c17g	164
h22g	154
h22d	154



13 COLCA CANYON (IRE) 7 10-1 **171**
 b.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Golden Flats (Sonnen Gold) [2002/3 20s 20s⁴ :: 2003/4 F16g* 16m* 16g* c16f² c19m* c16s^{ur} c21m² c17d³ c16g⁵ Mar 16] big, lengthy gelding: brother to fair 2m hurdle winner Come Alive and a thoroughly temperamental maiden hurdler and half-brother to winning 2m to 2½m hurdler Coast Along (by Satco): dam modest sprinter: successful first 3 starts this season, in bumper at Ballinrobe, maiden hurdle at Navan and novice hurdle at Limerick: further improvement since being switched to chasing, winning maiden at Listowel in September: excellent third to Kicking King in Grade 1 novice at Leopardstown on penultimate start, raced up with good pace long way when well-held fifth behind Well Chief in similar event at Cheltenham on latest: best around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going.
 MRS J. HARRINGTON, IRELAND R. M. Power (3)
 Pink and white diamonds, white sleeves, pink cap (Mr Philip F. Myerscough)

c16g	157 + G1
c17d	171
c21m	160
c16s	160 + N
c19m	152 + W
c16f	130 + N



14 IBAL (FR) 8 10-1 **?**
 b.g. Balsamo (FR) – Quart d'Hekla (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2002/3 c16d³ c20v* c19v* c26v* c16v* :: 2003/4 c19d⁴ c16d c16s⁵ Feb 7] big, useful-looking gelding: useful form over fences last season, hurdling 4 novices: well beaten in handicaps all 3 outings this term, needing race on reappearance and not fluent last 2 starts: best form up to 2½m (finished very tired when winning at 3¼m): raced on good going or softer (acts well on heavy): usually front runner: genuine.
 MRS N. SMITH L. Aspell
 Red, white seams, royal blue and white hooped sleeves and cap (Tony Hayward and Barry Fulton)

c16s	136
c16d	138
c19d	140
c16v	167
c26v	159 + N
c19v	167 + N



15 SIMPLY GIFTED 9 10-1 (visor) **160 +**
 b.g. Simply Great (FR) – Souvenirs (Relko) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c16s* Jan 23] well-made gelding: useful hurdler/chaser: left T. Easterby and returned from long absence (has reportedly had wind operation) to win 10-runner handicap chase at Chepstow, responding well to lead close home and beat Imaginaire 1¼ lengths: probably stays 2½m: acts on heavy going, below best on good to firm: usually blinkered, not at Chepstow: sometimes jumps none too fluently.
 JONJO O'NEILL L. Cooper
 Red, white sash, emerald green sleeves, white armlets, emerald green cap (Mr Steve Hammond)

c16s	155 + 125
------	-----------

**16 TIDOUR (FR)**

8 10-1

b.g. Rahotep (FR) – Softway (FR) (Tyrant (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c16s* c17s2 c16v2 c17s* c16g^F Mar 16] leggy gelding: ran 3 times in bumpers and twice over hurdles in 2000/1: has taken well to fences: won maiden at Uttoxeter in December and novice at Plumpton in February, jumping well and having plenty to spare when beating Idiome by 10 lengths at latter course: 33/1, in process of showing much improved form when fell 2 out in Grade 1 at Cheltenham on latest start, still close up and yet to be asked for maximum effort at time (kicked whilst on ground): raced around 2m on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

P. R. WEBBER

T. Doyle

Royal blue and yellow diablo, chevrons on sleeves, yellow cap, royal blue star (Mrs M. Fisher)

176

130
c16g 176+G1
c17s 144+N
c16v 158 N
c17s 150+N
c16s 144+W

**17 ST PIRAN (IRE)**

9 10-1

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Guess Twice (Deep Run) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 c20g⁶ c16d* c16s^F Feb 7] tall gelding: useful handicap chaser: won at Sandown in January by 3½ lengths from Wahiba Sands: fell fourth latest start: best efforts around 2m: acts on soft going: tried blinkered: has broken blood vessel: free-going sort, usually patiently ridden: remains open to improvement.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

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

167 P

130
c16s 162+123
c20g 139+125

**18 NO VISIBILITY (IRE)**

9 10-0 (9-11)

b.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Duhallow Lady (IRE) (Torus) [2002/3 22s 17v3 c16s* c16v* c17g^F :: 2003/4 c16m3 c16s^{ur} c20g3 c20g4 c20g4 Feb 13] big, useful-looking gelding: maiden hurdler: fairly useful handicap chaser: better than distance beaten suggests when around 12 lengths fourth of 11 to Iznogoud at Kempton last time, joined when blundering 3 out and fading: probably stays 2½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: front runner.

R. H. ALNER

T. J. Murphy

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

162

129
c20g 158+129
c20g 161 132
c20g 162 136
c16s 163 138
c16m 165 140
c17g 165+N

**19 JUNGLI (IRE)**

11 10-0 (9-11)

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Simple Mind (Decent Fellow) [2002/3 c20d^F Nov 2 :: 2003/4 NR] lengthy, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful hurdler: useful handicap chaser: every chance when fell 2 out in race won by Goguenard at Wetherby, only outing in 2002/3: effective at 2m to 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: usually jumps soundly up with pace: game and consistent.

P. R. WEBBER

J. A. McCarthy

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

?

129
c20d + 139

**20 HIT AND RUN (FR)**

9 10-0 (9-10)

(visor)

ch.g. River Mist (USA) – La Dunanerie (FR) (Guadanini (FR)) [2002/3 c16f3 c16m* c20m5 20mp^u Aug 26 :: 2003/4 NR] leggy gelding: smart handicap hurdler at best: fairly useful over fences: easily landed odds in 6-runner intermediate event at Hereford in 2002/3: reportedly lame final outing: best around 2m: has won on good to firm going, best efforts on good or softer (acts on soft): usually blinkered/visored, has won when not: has run well when sweating: usually forces pace: tends to jump right over fences.

M. C. PIPE

T. Scudamore

Dark blue and emerald green (quartered), striped sleeves, dark blue cap (Mr Gerry Scanlon & Miss J. Kirk)

160 ?

129
h20m' C
c20m' 137 132
c16m' 149+W
c16f 134 W

**21 KORAKOR (FR)**

10 10-0 (9-9)

ch.g. Nikos – Aniflore (FR) (Satingo) [2002/3 c20mp^u c20dp^u c20d2 c20d c19s3 c16g c16m* c16m2 :: 2003/4 c20d3 c21m3 c20m^F c17g c21d4 Jan 1] good-topped gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: creditable fourth of 7 to Waterlaw at Cheltenham last time: probably best up to 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

IAN WILLIAMS

A. Dobbin

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

154

129
c21d 152 127
c17g 130
c20m 130
c21m 163 132
c20d 156 133
c16m' 165 131

**22 NOSHINANNIKIN**

10 10-0 (9-8)

ch.g. Anshan – Preziosa (Homing) [2002/3 c16g4 16v 20d 19s 16d 16d6 16d 16d6 20g4 16g2 16g* 16m* :: 2003/4 16d5 16d2 c19g2 c19g3 Feb 21] big, strong gelding: fair handicap hurdler: sold out of M. W. Easterby's stable 4,500 gns Doncaster August Sales after reappearance: fairly useful handicap chaser: good efforts when placed last 2 starts, beaten a neck by Deep Water at Catterick and 4½ lengths by Trouble Ahead at Ascot: stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: tried blinkered: effective tongue tied or not: sketchy jumper of fences: quirky.

MRS S. J. SMITH

D. Elsworth

Grey, dark blue diamond, sleeves and cap (M.C.V.Racing)

157 X

129
c19g 156+123
c19g 155+120
h16d 145 115
h16d 137+107
h16m' 140+105A
h16g' 133+95

**23 OLD MARSH (IRE)**

8 10-0 (9-6)

(tongue strap)

b.g. Grand Lodge (USA) – Lolly Dolly (Alleged (USA)) [2002/3 16g* 17s3 16m* 16m* 16m2 16m5 17s^{co} 20g^F 19d 16m4 :: 2003/4 c19d4 c20g2 c16s2 c16d2 Feb 20] strong, medium-sized gelding: fairly useful hurdler: similar form when in frame all 4 starts over fences, neck second of 11 to idling Great Travel in handicap at Sandown on latest: barely stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: tried blinkered: has had tongue tied: races prominently: prone to mistakes.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

S. Thomas (3)

Light blue, dark blue cross of lorraine, hooped sleeves, striped cap (Seasons and Paradise)

154

129
c16d 154 116
c16s 149+W
c20g 143 N
c19d 151+W
h16m' 152 118
h19d' 139+120

**24 REIZIGER (FR)**

8 10-0 (9-4)

gr.g. Balleroy (USA) – Dany Ohio (FR) (Script Ohio (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16m4 16s 17g c19s2 c20g5 c20m2 c20g4 c16d* Mar 13] neat gelding: fairly useful hurdler/chaser: generally creditable efforts over fences of late, won handicap at Sandown on latest start by length from Super Nomad, jumping better than is sometimes the case: effective at 2m, barely stays 2½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: usually held up: sometimes none too fluent.

P. J. HOBBS

P. J. Brennan (3)

Light blue, red stars, light blue sleeves (D. Jones & B. Thomas)

156


129
c16d 156 119
c20g 151+119
c20m 155 119
c20g 154 120
c19s 155+120
h17g 151 120

CHELTENHAM GRAND ANNUAL CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (HANDICAP) (Gr 3)

(Cheltenham 2m½f)

1998	145	Edredon Bleu 6-11-6: 7/2	Miss H C Knight	A P McCoy	17
1999	129	Space Trucker 8-10-1: 7/2	Mrs J Harrington (Ir)	J R Barry	15
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

5.10 THE CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP CHASE 2m5f (Grade 2) (A) £80,000 5yo+

 **1 BARROW DRIVE** 8 11-9 (tongue strap) **154**
b.g. Gunner B – Fille de Soleil (Sunyboy) [2002/3 c21s^F c17s² c20s* c22d* c17s* c20g* c20s* c20v² c20s² c21s* c24g³ :: 2003/4 c20g^F c25m³ c24f³ c26g⁶ c22s* c20s² c18d⁴ Mar 4] sturdy gelding; useful chaser; generally in good form this season, winning minor event at Tramore in January; creditable efforts both starts since, second to Rathgar Beau in Grade 3 at Gowran and fourth of 7 to Alcapone in minor event at Thurles (trip on short side); best at 2½m+: probably acts on any going; usually tongue tied, though effective when not; races prominently; tough and consistent; was engaged to run in the 5.10 race here yesterday.
ANTHONY MULLINS, IRELAND B. J. Geraghty
Red, black stars, red sleeves, red cap, white stars (Exors of the Late Mrs B. Lenehan)


c18d	151	W
c20s	154	G3
c22s	154	W
c26g	126+142	
c24f	149	G1
c25m	152	G2

 **2 IMPEK (FR)** 8 11-9 **170**
b.g. Lute Antique (FR) – Attualita (FR) (Master Thatch) [2002/3 c16g* c16g* c16s* c16g² c16g³ :: 2003/4 c16d² c24d* c24s⁵ c21d^{ur} c19s² Jan 31] rather leggy gelding; high-class chaser; easily won 4-runner intermediate event at Sandown in December; ran to best when 4 lengths second to Hand Inn Hand in Grade 1 at Ascot last time; effective at 2m to easy 3m; acts on soft and good to firm going; disappointed when tried in blinkers; edgy sort, has given trouble at start; patiently ridden; jumps well.
MISS H. C. KNIGHT J. Culloty
Maroon and light blue stripes, light blue sleeves, hooped cap (Mr Jim Lewis)

c19s	170	G1
c21d	155	
c24s	149+157	
c24d	162+W	
c16d	151	G1
c16g	164	G1

 **3 CALLING BRAVE (IRE)** 8 11-5 **156 +**
ch.g. Bob Back (USA) – Queenie Kelly (The Parson) [2002/3 16g* 20s^{ur} 19g* 21s² 21m² 21g 24g :: 2003/4 24d* c25g* c20d* c20m* c24g^{ur} Mar 17] well-made gelding; useful hurdler; improved form when winning handicap at Aintree in November easily by 5 lengths from Sh Boom; also successful on all 3 completed starts over fences, in maiden at Folkestone in December, 3-runner novice at Sandown (battled splendidly to beat Patrickninetenth ¾ length) in January and Grade 2 novice at Kempton in February; beat Atom Re 11 lengths for latest success, jumping more fluently and making all; still moving comfortably when blinkered and unseated 4 out in Grade 1 novice at Cheltenham won by Rule Supreme last time; stays 25f; acts on soft and good to firm going.
N. J. HENDERSON B. Fenton
Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, emerald green cap (Sir Robert Ogden)


c24g	G1	
c20m	156+G2	
c20d	156+N	
c25g	133+W	
h24d	146+127	
h24g	121	125

 **4 IRIS ROYAL (FR)** 8 11-5 **165**
b.g. Garde Royale – Tchela (FR) (Le Nain Jaune (FR)) [2002/3 c24g² c24g* c24m* c24g^{pu} c20g^{pu} c20f² :: 2003/4 c20m* c19d* c20s* c21d^{pu} Jan 1] smallish gelding; useful hurdler; much improved over fences this season, winning handicaps at Sandown and Ascot (First National Gold Cup) in November and Cheltenham in December; best effort when beating Risk Accessor a head in Tripleprint Gold Cup at last-named, again jumping fluently, disputing lead on bridle 2 out and finding extra when challenged near line; looking very well, niggled at when badly hampered and pulled up 4 out in fairly valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time; effective at 19f to 3m; acts on any going; genuine.
N. J. HENDERSON M. A. Fitzgerald
Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)

c21d	153	
c20s	165	142
c19d	158	137
c20m	151+128	
c20f	152	128
c20g	152	128

 **5 OUR ARMAGEDDON (NZ)** 7 11-5 **158**
b.g. Sky Chase (NZ) – Monte d'Oro (NZ) (Cache of Gold (USA)) [2002/3 17s² 16s* 16d³ 17d*^d 17g* :: 2003/4 c21g² c17g* c20g* c19d* c20d* c16d² c20s* c16g^{pu} Mar 16] rather leggy gelding; progressive hurdler in 2002/3; useful novice chaser; won at Kelso (intermediate), Ayr and Ascot (jumped badly left, beat Rainbows Aglitter 23 lengths) in November, Wetherby (beat Silver Knight 3½ lengths) in December and Haydock (by 18 lengths from Full Irish) in January; lost nothing in defeat when 4 lengths second of 3 to Caracciola (rec. 8 lb) at Haydock on sixth start, soon struggling for speed in Grade 1 at Cheltenham on latest; stays 2½m well; acts on soft going; may prove best on left-handed tracks; fluent-jumping front runner; tough and reliable.
R. C. GUEST L. McGrath
Light blue, dark blue disc, striped sleeves and cap (Mr Leslie Garrett)


c16g	G1	
c20s	158	N
c16d	158+N	
c20d	140+N	
c19d	150+N	
c20g	127+N	

 **6 PATRICKSNINETEENTH (IRE)** 7 11-5 **155**
b.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Many Miracles (Le Moss) [2002/3 F16s³ F16s* F17g :: 2003/4 c20d² c20d² c20s* c24g⁴ Mar 17] well-made gelding; fairly useful bumper winner; useful form over fences; won Grade 1 Tote Scilly Isles Novices' Chase at Sandown in February by 6 lengths (value 8) from L'Adventure; no impression from 4 out when creditable fourth to Rule Supreme in Grade 1 Royal & SunAlliance Chase at Cheltenham last time; stays 3m; raced on good going or softer; sound jumper.
P. R. WEBBER T. Doyle
Dark blue and white (halved), emerald green sleeves, orange cap (The Large G & T Partnership)


c24g	155	G1
c20s	155	G1
c20d	150+N	
c20d	140	N
F17g	G2	
F16s	117	W

 **7 WHEREAREYOUNOW (IRE)** 7 11-5 **151**
ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Angie's Delight (London Gazette) [2002/3 22d⁴ 21d⁵ c25d⁵ c21v³ c21s⁴ c24s² c24g :: 2003/4 c20m* c24g* c21d³ c25d⁴ c21d* c21d Jan 24] workmanlike gelding; useful chaser; won small-field novices at Stratford in October and Cheltenham in November and fairly valuable handicap at Cheltenham in January; beat Spring Grove 7 lengths with something to spare in 9-runner race for latest success; respectable seventh to Hunters Tweed in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time; effective at 21f to 25f; best efforts on going softer than good (acts on heavy); sound jumper; was engaged to run in the 5.10 race here yesterday.
N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES C. Llewellyn
Emerald green, white stars, emerald green cap, white star (Mr H. R. Mould)

c21d	146	138
c21d	151+128	
c25d	146	N
c21d	145+125	
c24g	141+N	
c20m	+	N

 **8 LA LANDIERE (FR)** 9 11-2 **173**
b. or br.m. Synefos (USA) – As You Are (FR) (Saint Estephe (FR)) [2002/3 c16g² c20m* c19m* c21d* c20s* c21s* c24m* c21g* :: 2003/4 c20s⁴ c24g⁶ c21d³ Jan 24] rangy mare; impresses in appearance; winning hurdler; significantly better over fences and one of the leading novice chasers of 2002/3, winning 7 races including Racing Post Chase (Handicap) at Kempton and Cathcart Chase at Cheltenham; well below form in graded events first 2 starts, much more encouraging effort when third to Hunters Tweed in valuable handicap at Cheltenham on latest; stays easy 3m; acts on soft and good to firm going; usually races prominently; sound jumper; tough.
R. T. PHILLIPS R. Johnson
Light blue and royal blue diablo, light blue sleeves and cap (Mrs R. J. Skan)

c21d	168+151	
c24g	G1	
c20s	G2	
c21g	163+G2	
c24m	173	147
c21s	168+135	

 **9 HAZELJACK** 9 11-0 **118 ?**
b.g. Sula Bula – Hazelwain (Hard Fact) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 20g 21g c26v⁴ c20g^{ur} c20d⁶ c21d c25v^{pu} c20g³ Feb 22] tall gelding; maiden hurdler; best effort over fences when falling last in handicap won by Lord Youky at Ludlow, 25 lengths clear at time; form since only when third to Tikram in quite valuable novice at Fontwell last time, weakening only 2 out; should stay beyond 2½m; acts on good to soft going.
A. J. WHITING James Davies
Emerald green, yellow braces and armllets, check cap (Mr A. J. Whiting)

c20g	118?	N
c25v	93	
c21d	101	
c20d	90	
c20g	124?	90
c26v	94	N

 **10 PENTHOUSE MINSTREL** 10 11-0 (visor) **107**
b. or br.g. Seven Hearts – Pentameron (Heres) [2002/3 22m^{pu} c25d^{pu} :: 2003/4 c25d³ c19m⁴ c20d³ c28d^{pu} c20m⁴ c25f^{wo} c20f* c25f⁴ c19g² c18g^{pu} c21d⁴ c21m⁴ Feb 21] lengthy gelding; modest chaser; left Miss N. Stephens after fourth start; walked over in novice at Wincanton in October; won novice handicap at Cheltenham later in month; creditable 12½ lengths fourth of 6 finishers to Jasmin Guichois in handicap at Wincanton last time (3 lb out of weights); effective at 19f to 25f; acts on firm and good to soft going; usually visored.
R. J. HODGES R. Greene
White, royal blue cross of lorraine and armllets, red cap (Mr Bob Andrews)

c21m	107	90
c21d	107	90
c18g	80	84
c19g	107	82
c25f	95	84
c20f	105	77

**11 DON FERNANDO**

5 10-9

135 p

b.h. Zilzal (USA) – Teulada (USA) (Riverman (USA)) [2002/3 16d* 17d* 17s2 17gbd 16d :: 2003/4 17m3 16m3 c19s2 c20g* Mar 1] leggy horse: fairly useful on Flat (stays 2½/2m): useful hurdler, won Grade 2 juvenile at Cheltenham in 2002/3: good third in handicaps at Newton Abbot and Chepstow first 2 starts on return: less than fluent on chasing debut when second of 5 to L'Aventure in novice at Doncaster in January: won 5-runner similar event at Plumpton next time readily by 5 lengths from Sossus Vlei, leading after 2 out: stays 2½/2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: remains open to improvement over fences.

M. C. PIPE

A. P. McCoy

Black, white chevron hoop and cap (Lucayan Stud)

c20g 130+N
c19s 130 N
h16m 159 130
h17m 159+130
h16d' G2
h17g' + G1

CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Gr 2) (Cheltenham 2m5f)

1998	133	Cyfor Malta 5-10-8: 9/4	M C Pipe	<i>A P McCoy</i>	8
1999	147	Stormyfairweather 7-11-3: 9/1	N J Henderson	<i>M A Fitzgerald</i>	10
2000	158	Stormyfairweather 8-11-12: 11/2	N J Henderson	<i>M A Fitzgerald</i>	8
2001		Abandoned			
2002	138	Royal Auclair 5-10-11: 2/1	M C Pipe	<i>A P McCoy</i>	11
2003	144	La Landiere 8-10-12: 5/4	R T Phillips	<i>R Johnson</i>	9

SEVENTH RACE CHELTENHAM

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

£65,000 5yo+

**1 RIGMAROLE**

6 11-12

(tongue strap)

160

b.g. Fairy King (USA) – Cattermole (USA) (Roberto (USA)) [2002/3 18m3 17d 16g2 16d 16d 16m2 :: 2003/4 c18g2 16m4 17mF 17mF 17m* 17g* 16f2 16m* 16f4 16m* 16s* 16m* 16g Mar 16] compact gelding: second in maiden at Fontwell on chasing debut (open to improvement over fences): vastly improved over hurdles this season and has developed into smart performer: successful in handicaps at Newton Abbot in August and Bangor in September, minor event at Kempton in October, Greatwood Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham in November, slowly-run Grade 2 Tote Bula Hurdle there (by length from Davenport Millenium) in December and Grade 2 Axminster Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton (by 3½ lengths from Intersky Falcon) in February: below-form eighth in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham last time, no impression 2 out: best around 2m: acts on soft and firm going: tongue tied: held up.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

Dark green, yellow cross belts, diablo on sleeves (Mr & Mrs Mark Woodhouse)

h16g 153 G1
h16m 160+G2
h16s 158+G2
h16m 160 140
h16f 127 140
h16m 127+W

**2 SPORAZENE (IRE)**

5 10-13

175

gr.g. Cozzene (USA) – Sporades (USA) (Vaguely Noble) [2002/3 16d3 16s3 16m* :: 2003/4 16g* 16d2 16g3 16g Feb 14] tall, lengthy, angular gelding: impresses in appearance: won over 11f on Flat in France at 3 yrs: put up best performance in juvenile hurdles in Britain and Ireland last spring when beating Spectroscope by 2 lengths in IAWS Champion Four Year Old Hurdle at Punchestown: smart form in open company since, placed in intermediate handicap at Newbury and Christmas Hurdle at Kempton (third to Intersky Falcon, wandering under pressure) and around 4 lengths eighth to Geos in very valuable handicap at Newbury (close fourth last but no extra): likely to prove best around 2m: raced mainly on good ground or softer: sometimes jumps none too fluently.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Thornton

White, royal blue epaulets, white sleeves, red spots, royal blue cap (Ged Mason & David Jackson)

h16g 172 151
h16g 175 G1
h16d 172+140
h16g 160+G1
h16m 130+N
h16s 118+N

**3 IN CONTRAST (IRE)**

8 10-12

172

b. or br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Ballinamona Lady (IRE) (Le Bavard (FR)) [2002/3 16m3 16dF 21d3 16g4 16g6 16m* :: 2003/4 16m3 c17dpu 20g5 Feb 22] leggy gelding: smart hurdler: won 4-finisher Samsung Electronics Scottish Champion Hurdle (Limited Handicap) at Ayr last April: good close third of 14 to Altay in Swinton Hurdle (Handicap) at Haydock following month: off 9 months (pulled up lame after first on chasing debut), below best, soon niggled at, in Grade 2 at Fontwell in February: effective around 2m to 21f: acts on good to firm and good to soft going (well held on heavy in bumpers): hangs left under pressure: sometimes makes mistakes: held up and suited by truly-run race: consistent.

P. J. HOBBS

R. Johnson

Emerald green and pink check, striped sleeves, emerald green cap (Mr Tony Staple)

h20g 144 G2
c17d N
h16m 171 150
h16m 172 146
h16g 171 G1
h16g 169 144

**4 LIMERICK BOY (GER)**

6 10-10

175

b.g. Alwuhush (USA) – Limoges (GER) (Königsstuhl (GER)) [2002/3 16d* 16g6 16d* :: 2003/4 16g2 16dpu 16g* 16grr 16g Mar 16] close-coupled gelding: smart on Flat (stays 1¼/4m) for A. Schutz: useful hurdler: improved effort when winning Tote Scoop6 Lanzarote Hurdle (Handicap) at Kempton in January, travelling well close up before rallying run-in to beat Perouse a neck, pair clear: unseated first penultimate start, well beaten upped in class in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on latest: should stay beyond 2m: raced only on good/good to soft going: ran as if amiss second start.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

S. Thomas (3)

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

h16g 163 G1
h16g 148
h16g 175+140
h16d 140
h16g 158+G1
h16d 157 G2

**5 MONKERHOSTIN (FR)**

7 10-13 (inc 4lb ex)

b.g. Shining Steel – Ladoun (FR) (Kaldoun (FR)) [2002/3 16f⁵ 16g² c16g^F c16m* c16g³ 16v⁵ 16d⁴ 16g⁶ 17g 16m⁵ 20d :: 2003/4 19g* 16d³ 16s⁴ 21d² 16g³ 24g* 21g* Mar 17] lengthy gelding: useful chaser, though often let down by jumping: smart hurdler: better than ever this season, winning at Newbury in November, Kempton (Grade 2 betfair.com Rendlesham Hurdle, showed easily best turn of foot when beating Mistanooora 4 lengths) in February and Coral Cup at Cheltenham in March: best effort when beating Court Shareef a length in strongly-contested handicap at last-named course, smooth headway to lead between last 2 and holding on gamely: effective at 2m to easy 3m: acts on any going: has worn visor/cheekpieces: free-going sort, usually held up: most reliable.

P. J. HOBBS

M. A. Fitzgerald

Pink and yellow diamonds, yellow sleeves and cap (Mr M. G. St Quinton)

171

h21g	171	151
h24g	162+G2	147
h16g	167	142
h21d	167	137
h16s	151	137
h16d	160	136

**6 COPELAND**

9 10-4

(visor)

b.g. Generous (IRE) – Whitehaven (Top Ville) [2002/3 16g 16g^F 20g⁶ 16f² :: 2003/4 c17d³ 16s⁴ 16g Feb 14] smallish, sturdy gelding: very smart hurdler at best: second when fell 3 out in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham second start in 2002/3: well held last 2 starts, in Grade 2 at Haydock and very valuable handicap at Newbury (eased after racing prominently to after 4 out): odds on, very awkward at fourth and no extra 2 out when 12 lengths third to easy winner Non So in novice at Plumpton on chasing debut on reappearance: stays 2½m, raced mainly over shorter: acts on heavy and good to firm going: formerly blinkered, visored nowadays: often races up with pace.

M. C. PIPE

J. E. Moore (3)

Yellow, maroon and yellow hooped sleeves, quartered cap (Professor D.B.A.Silk & Mrs Heather Silk)

171 ?

h16g	142	142
h16s	137	G2
c17d	132	N
h16f	171	W
h20g	170	G1
h16g	+	G1

**7 BENBYAS**

7 10-4

b.g. Rambo Dancer (CAN) – Light The Way (Nicholas Bill) [2002/3 16d⁴ 16g 16s* 16v³ 17s² 16g⁵ 21g :: 2003/4 16d⁵ 16s 16v* 16g Feb 14] medium-sized gelding: useful handicap hurdler: best effort when winning at Uttoxeter in January by 10 lengths from Talarive, setting good gallop and readily quickening clear again after 4 out, eased around 5 lengths on run-in: well held after helping force pace in much more competitive company at Newbury next time: best around 2m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy): rare poor effort when sweating and on toes second start: usually forces pace: superb jumper: most genuine and reliable.

D. CARROLL

P. J. Brennan (3)

Red, white seams, check sleeves, white cap (The Irish Sun)

170

h16g	+	144
h16v	165+133	
h16s	137	135
h16d	154+135	
h21g	135	
h16g	165	134

**8 ADAMANT APPROACH (IRE)**

10 10-2

b.g. Mandalus – Crash Approach (Crash Course) [2002/3 c16s⁴ c16v* c16g^F c20g* c20m^F :: 2003/4 c16d⁵ c20s 16s⁶ c18d² Mar 4] sturdy gelding: smart hurdler at best: useful chaser: out of sorts this season prior to 2 lengths second of 7 to Alcapone in minor event at Thurles (favourite) last time: best form around 2m: acts on heavy going, probably on good to firm.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

D. J. Casey

Royal blue, emerald green star, white cap, emerald green star (Greenstar Syndicate)

174

c18d	174	W
h16s	161	G2
c20s	166	145
c16d	150+G3	
c20m*	+	G1
c20g*	147+N	

**9 ALBUHERA (IRE)**

6 10-0

(tongue strap)

b.g. Desert Style (IRE) – Morning Welcome (IRE) (Be My Guest (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16m⁶ 17f* 16m* 16f* 16m⁶ 16g² 16d* 17d* 16d⁵ 16g* 16g Mar 16] good-topped gelding: smart on Flat (stays 1¼m) at 3 yrs for M. Johnston: missed 2002 (reportedly fractured pedal bone), useful nowadays: useful novice hurdler: successful at Exeter, Chepstow and Cheltenham (handicap) in October, Newbury in November, Taunton in December and Newbury again (quickened in good style to beat Scorned 6 lengths) in February: best effort when short-headed by Self Defense in Grade 2 at Cheltenham sixth start: only tenth in Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham last time, unable to make much impression: will prove best around 2m with emphasis on speed: acts on firm and good to soft going: tongue tied: held up.

P. F. NICHOLLS

J. Tizzard

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

173

h16g	161	138
h16g	160+N	G1
h16d	166+G2	
h17d	143+N	
h16d	162+N	
h16g	173	G2

**10 THROUGH THE RYE**

8 10-0 (9-13)

ch.g. Sabrehill (USA) – Baharlilys (Green Dancer (USA)) [2002/3 16s⁶ 16v² 16d 16d³ 17g³ 18g^{pu} :: 2003/4 c16f^F 16s 16v 16s* 16g Feb 14] strong gelding: useful handicap hurdler for E. Tuer in 2002/3, close third of 28 to Spirit Leader in County Hurdle at Cheltenham: returned to form when winning at Wetherby in February by length from Avitta, headed 3 out but battling back to lead again last: helped force strong pace when well held in much more competitive event at Newbury next time: fell fourth on chasing debut on reappearance: raced mainly around 2m on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tongue tied once: usually front runner/races prominently.

G. A. SWINBANK

J. Crowley

Dark blue, yellow stars, striped sleeves and star on cap (Nice to See You Euro-Racing)

166

h16g	+	140
h16s	166	131
h16v	167	133
h16s	156	135
c16f		N
h18g*		128

**11 LE PASSING (FR)**

5 10-0 (9-13)

b.g. Passing Sale (FR) – Petite Serenade (FR) (Trac) [2002/3 16v⁴ c17s² :: 2003/4 16g² 17s* 17s* 16d² 16s² Feb 7] good-topped gelding: half-brother to winning French jumper by Djarvis: dam winner on Flat in France: maiden on Flat: in frame over hurdles and fences at Pau for P. Peltier: progressed into useful novice hurdler for current connections, winning 4-y-o event at Bangor in May and 14-runner race at Taunton in December: best efforts when second to Cloudy Grey at Ascot and Mon Villez at Wetherby last 2 starts, though didn't find so much as looked likely when beaten 2 lengths in Grade 2 event at latter track: will stay at least 2½m: raced only on good going or softer.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. P. McNally

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

175

h16s	175	G2
h16d	171	N
h17s	156+N	
h17s	153+N	
h16g	145+N	

**12 MAN O'MYSTERY (USA)**

7 10-0 (9-13)

b.g. Diesis – Eurostorm (USA) (Storm Bird (CAN)) [2002/3 17s² 17g* 16d² :: 2003/4 16m^{tr} 16s^{pu} 16g Feb 14] smallish gelding: smart around 1¼m on Flat for J. Nosedad: useful form at best over hurdles, best effort when around 7 lengths ninth to Geos in very valuable handicap at Newbury (9 lb out of handicap) in February, settling better than previous start and making headway straight until before last: thoroughly mulish display when refusing to line up in valuable handicap at Haydock in May: likely to prove best with waiting tactics in well-run races around 2m: acts on good to soft going.

P. R. WEBBER

T. Doyle

Black, yellow cap (Mr B. E. Nielsen)

171 \$

h16g	171	140
h16s	131	
h16m	130	
h16d	163	G2
h17s	139+N	
h17s	142+N	

**13 GRAVE DOUBTS**

8 10-0 (9-11)

(tongue strap)

ch.g. Karinga Bay – Redgrave Girl (Deep Run) [2002/3 16f 17g³ 17m 17d⁶ 16m* 17f* 17g* 16m* 16g^{pu} 17m^F :: 2003/4 20d 16d* 16m³ Feb 21] good-topped gelding: useful handicap hurdler: better than ever when winning 8-runner event at Wincanton in February by 6 lengths from Nathos: stiff task, ran well when 12½ lengths third of 8 to Rigmarole in Kingwell Hurdle there later in month, not given hard time when unable to go with first 2 in straight: raced mainly around 2m: acts on firm going, probably on good to soft: tongue tied.

K. BISHOP

R. Greene

Black and yellow (quartered), diablo on sleeves, yellow cap (Bill Davies & Bernard Tottle)

167 +

h16m	165+G2	
h16d	167+125	
h20d	125	
h17m*	+	N
h16g*	123	
h16m*	153+109	

**14 REGAL EXIT (FR)**

8 10-0 (9-10)

ch.g. Exit To Nowhere (USA) – Regalante (Gairloch) [2002/3 c16g* c16s² 16g c19d* c21g c16g^{pu} :: 2003/4 c17g 16d* 16s c20g³ c19g^F Feb 21] good-topped gelding: shows traces of stringhalt: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won 7-runner event at Doncaster in December by 5 lengths from Noshinannikin: not quite so good over fences, won novices at Ludlow and Doncaster in 2002/3: better completed effort this season when respectable third to Zaffamore in handicap at Kempton: fading when fell heavily 4 out in handicap at Ascot last time: probably stays 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: has found little.

N. J. HENDERSON

P. Flynn

Emerald green and pink (quartered), emerald green sleeves (Mr Brian Buckley)

164

c19g	123	
c20g	159	125
h16s	135	
h16d	164	129
c17g	127	
c16g*	127	



15 LILIUM DE COTTE (FR) 5 10-0 (9-7)
 b.g. Ragmar (FR) – Vanille de Cotte (FR) (Italic (FR)) [2002/3 15v³ 16g* 16g² 17d² 16v⁴ 16v* 17g⁴ :: 2003/4 c16d* c19spu Dec 20] good-topped gelding: useful juvenile hurdler in 2002/3 for G. Macaire, fourth to Spectroscope in Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham: highly promising start over fences when winning maiden at Uttoxeter on reappearance readily by 5 lengths from Polar Red, jumping fluently, leading on bridle seventh and quickening clear after 3 out: failed to give running when pulled up before 2 out in 4-runner Grade 2 novice at Ascot next time: should stay beyond 17f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

N. J. HENDERSON

T. J. Murphy

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



16 ARCH STANTON (IRE) 6 10-0 (9-7)
 b.g. Lahib (USA) – Sweet Repose (High Top) [2002/3 16s⁵ 16s³ 16v² 16d² 16g^{su} :: 2003/4 16d² 16d* 16s⁵ 18s⁴ 16g⁶ Mar 16] angular gelding: useful hurdler: won maiden at Leopardstown in December: good efforts in Pierse Hurdle (fifth to Dromleash Express) and Grade 1 novice (fourth to Brave Inca) at Leopardstown and Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (weakened run-in when sixth of 19 to Brave Inca) since: likely to stay beyond 2½m: acts on heavy going.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

A. Dobbin

Yellow and purple quartered, yellow sleeves, purple armband, quartered cap (Mr J. J. Brennan)



17 DEMI BEAU 6 10-0 (9-7)
 b.g. Dr Devious (IRE) – Charming Life (NZ) (Sir Tristram) [2002/3 16d* 16m⁴ 16m⁴ :: 2003/4 17g⁵ 17g* Dec 31] tall gelding: fairly useful hurdler: improved effort when winning 14-runner handicap at Cheltenham by ¾ length from Prouse, leading before last and responding well: will stay beyond 17f.

C. J. MANN

N. Fehily

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



18 HARCHIBALD (FR) 5 10-0 (9-7) (inc 4lb ex)
 b.g. Perugino (USA) – Dame d'Harvard (USA) (Quest For Fame) [2002/3 16s* 16v⁴ 16s 16s³ 16d² 16g⁵ 16g² :: 2003/4 16g* 16m⁴ 16g* Feb 29] rather leggy, useful-looking gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: useful hurdler: won 4-y-o minor event at Punchestown in late-April and 14-runner handicap at Leopardstown in February, beating King Carew 5 lengths in good style at latter course: raced at 2m: acts on heavy ground: effective tongue tied or not: carries head high, and has failed to go through with effort.

N. MEADE, IRELAND

P. Carberry

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



19 BALAPOUR (IRE) 6 10-0 (9-6) (tongue strap)
 b.g. Kahyasi – Balaniya (USA) (Diesis) [2002/3 16d 20sur 20v⁵ 20s³ 16v⁴ 16sur 20v^F 17g² 20g 16m^F :: 2003/4 16d 19s⁶ 16sur 16s 16g⁴ Feb 29] smallish gelding: fairly useful hurdler: creditable fourth of 14 to Harchibald in handicap at Leopardstown last time: should stay at least 2½m: acts on firm and soft going (possibly not heavy): usually tongue tied: held up: inconsistent.

PATRICK O. BRADY, IRELAND

C. Llewellyn

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



20 RATHGAR BEAU (IRE) 8 10-0 (9-6)
 b. or br.g. Beau Sher – Salerina (Orchestra) [2002/3 c16s² c17s^{bd} c17s⁴ c16s³ c16s² c17v* c17s³ c16d² c16d* c16v* c16g^F :: 2003/4 c16d³ c16m³ c16d² c16d² c17d^F c17s³ c16v² c20s* Feb 14] useful-looking gelding: useful chaser: numerous creditable efforts this season prior to winning 8-runner Grade 3 Red Mills Chase at Gowran (led run-in to beat Barrow Drive ¾ length with bit to spare): stays 2½m: raced mainly on going softer than good (acts on heavy): blinkered fourth/fifth starts: patiently ridden: inclined to make the odd bad mistake: consistent.

E. SHEEHY, IRELAND

J. R. Barry

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

165

138
 c19s
 c16d 148+W
 h17g 165 G1
 h16v 154 N
 h16v* G1
 h17d 162 G2



21 BOUND 6 10-0 (9-5)
 b.g. Kris – Tender Moment (IRE) (Caerleon (USA)) [2002/3 16m³ 16m 16m² 17d³ 16d 16v 16m :: 2003/4 17d^F 16s* 17g³ 17d² Jan 24] tall gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: would have been convincing winner at Market Rasen on reappearance but for falling last: won at Huntingdon 7 days later: good placed efforts at Cheltenham since, third to Demi Beau and second to Idaho d'Ox: will prove best around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: formerly tongue tied: races freely, has found little: consistent.

MRS L. WADHAM

Emerald green, orange star and sleeves, white cap (Hebomapa)



22 GREENHOPE (IRE) 6 10-0 (9-5)
 b.g. Definite Article – Unbidden Melody (USA) (Chieftain) [2002/3 16m :: 2003/4 16g* 16g³ Jan 17] leggy, useful-looking gelding: useful on Flat (stays 21f): useful hurdler: sustained overreach only start in 2002/3, better than ever on return, making all in 12-runner handicap at Kempton in December by 1¾ lengths from Hawadeth: good third of 11 to Limerick Boy in valuable event there next time, racing prominently again but already held when fluffing last: will stay 2½m+: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: usually races up with pace: may do better still.

N. J. HENDERSON

A. Tinkler (3)

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



23 DOWNPOUR (USA) 6 10-0 (9-3)
 b.g. Torrential (USA) – Juliac (USA) (Accipiter (USA)) [2002/3 19g* 16g 19d³ :: 2003/4 16g* Nov 21] useful-looking gelding: generally progressive form over hurdles, definite lead into straight and running on well when beating Going Global 4 lengths in 8-runner handicap at Ascot on reappearance: stays 19f: raced on good/good to soft going: may do better again.

IAN WILLIAMS

D. R. Dennis

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



24 NEWHALL (IRE) 6 10-0 (9-3)
 b.m. Shernazar – Graffog (IRE) (Red Sunset) [2002/3 16s 16s⁶ 16s^F 20v⁴ 16v² 16g⁶ 16m :: 2003/4 20s⁴ 16s² 16s⁴ Feb 15] smallish, sturdy mare: fairly useful hurdler: bit backward on reappearance and ran creditably when second to She'll Be Lucky in mares handicap at Leopardstown next time: respectable fourth of 6 to Jolly Sharp in similar event at Navan latest start: probably stays 2½m: acts on heavy going.

F. FLOOD, IRELAND

F. J. Flood

Red, white hoop and sleeves, pink cap (Mr T. McParland)



25 IDAHO D'OX (FR) 8 10-0 (9-3)
 b.g. Bad Conduct (USA) – Queseda (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2002/3 c17g^{pu} 16v 16s 16v² 16d 16v 17g 16g⁵ :: 2003/4 c17g* c17g* c16g* c17g* c20g^{pu} 16d 17g 16g⁶ 17d* 16s Mar 13] sparsely-made gelding: fairly useful chaser/handicap hurdler: successful first 4 starts over fences this season, novice at Exeter in April, intermediate at Bangor in May, novice at Newton Abbot in June and handicap at Southwell (idled) in July: easily best effort over hurdles this season when winning handicap at Cheltenham in January by 1¼ lengths from Bound: has won at 2¾m, best form around 2m: acts on any going: used to be blinkered/visored (not in 2003/4): normally held up: has failed to impress with attitude over hurdles.

M. C. PIPE

J. P. Elliott (5)

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



26 HAWADETH 9 10-0 (9-1) (cheekpieces)
 ch.g. Machiavellian (USA) – Ghzaalh (USA) (Northern Dancer) [2002/3 16g³ 16s² 16v⁵ 16s³ 16d² 16v 17g^{bd} 16g :: 2003/4 20g 16g² 16g⁵ 16g³ Mar 6] compact gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: good efforts at Kempton on second/third starts this season, never-nearer third (beaten 14 lengths) to Fundamental at Newbury on latest: should stay beyond 17f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tried blinkered: consistent, though a hard ride (often soon off bridle).

V. R. A. DARTNALL

Mr T. J. Malone (7)

White, royal blue star, red sleeves, red and white hooped cap (Mr Nick Viney)

164

138
 h17d 164 127
 h17g 161 121
 h16s 150+113
 h17d 157+113
 h16m 144+111
 h16v 137+114

167

138
 h16g 164+129
 h16g 158+122
 h16m 133? 122

166

138
 h16g 166 118
 h19d 141+N
 h16g 124 N
 h19g 131+N

162

138
 h16s 156 126
 h16s 162 123
 h20s 157+131
 h16m 152+126
 h16g 160+127
 h16v 162 124

160

138
 h16s 160 127
 h17d 160 122
 h16g 155? 123
 h17g 142 125
 h16d 126
 c20g 128

157

138
 h16g 154 125
 h16g 157 125
 h16g 157 123
 h20g 141+125
 h16g 153 123
 h17g 125

**27 THE LAST CAST**

5 10-0 (8-13) (inc 4lb ex)

ch.g. Prince of Birds (USA) – Atan's Gem (USA) (Sharpen Up) [2002/3 16d5 16s3 17s* 17s* 17v* :: 2003/4 16g 17d6 21g* Mar 5] workmanlike gelding: fairly useful hurdler: made virtually all when winning juvenile events at Bangor, Market Rasen and Cheltenham in 2002/3 (trained by C. Egerton): improved form when winning 15-runner handicap at Newbury last time by short head from Legal Lunch, leading last and rallying to get back in front close home: stays 21f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

H. MORRISON

S. Durack

Dark blue, yellow star, hooped sleeves and star on cap (Mr D. P. Barrie)**28 SCORNE (GER)**

9 10-0 (8-12) (inc 4lb ex)

b.g. Selkirk (USA) – Spurned (USA) (Robellino (USA)) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 16v6 16g2 16s* Mar 13] tall, useful-looking gelding: useful at one time on Flat: progressive hurdler: 14/1, improved form to gain first win in 23-runner Sunderlands Imperial Cup at Sandown on handicap debut, always close up and rallying well to lead again run-in, beating Bold Bishop 4 lengths: will stay beyond 2m: may do better still.

A. M. BALDING

B. Fenton

Black, gold cross and stripe on cap (Kingsclere Stud)**29 ITALIAN COUNSEL (IRE)**

7 10-0 (8-11)

b.g. Leading Counsel (USA) – Mullaghroe (Tarboosh (USA)) [2002/3 16m5 16m 17d* 18m2 17d3 17gp c16g c16d3 c16v2 c17v6 c16s5 c21mpu :: 2003/4 16m^{ur} 16m* 16g6 16m* 17m* 19m* 16g 16s Mar 13] angular gelding: poor maiden chaser: fairly useful handicap hurdler: better than ever in summer, winning twice at both Worcester (including seller) and Market Rasen (beat Showpiece 7 lengths in valuable event on first occasion): off 6 months, better effort in valuable handicaps on return (very stiff task first time) when eighth to Scorned at Sandown: stays 19f: acts on good to firm going, probably on heavy: tried in cheekpieces/tongue tied: has drifted left.

L. A. DACE

D. Laverty (7)

Purple, yellow cross of lorraine, yellow sleeves, purple armlets, yellow cap (Mr B. V. Ward & Mr C. Feeney)**30 BARTON NIC**

11 10-0 (8-8)

(blinkers)

b.g. Nicholas Bill – Dutch Majesty (Homing) [2002/3 20v5 24v* 24v3 16v* c26s5 :: 2003/4 20s* 22vpu 16d* 18s4 20vF 20s Feb 14] workmanlike gelding: winning pointer: fair handicap hurdler: won at Bangor (seller) in May and Plumpton in December: still going well when falling 2 out at Chepstow on penultimate start: respectable effort at Haydock last time: thrice-raced over fences over 3 1/4m, showing poor form: has won at 3m, best form over shorter: acts on heavy going: wears blinkers/cheekpieces.

D. P. KEANE

G. Lee

*White, red star, red and white striped sleeves, white cap, red star (Proverbial Optimists)***VINCENT O'BRIEN COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Gr 3) (Cheltenham 2m1f)**

1998	154	Blowing Wind 5-11-8: 15/8	M C Pipe	<i>A P McCoy</i>	27
1999	150	Sir Talbot 5-10-0: 10/1	J A B Old	<i>T J Murphy</i>	28
2000	135	Master Tern 5-10-3: 9/2	J O'Neill	<i>A Dobbin</i>	21
2001		Abandoned			
2002	147	Rooster Booster 8-11-1: 8/1	P J Hobbs	<i>R Johnson</i>	21
2003	143	Spirit Leader 7-11-7: 10/1	Mrs J Harrington (Ir)	<i>B J Geraghty</i>	28

154

h21g	154	138
h17d	153	119
h16g	137	121
h17v	151	N
h17s	140+N	
h17s	130	N

161 +

h16s	161+118	138
h16g	146	N
h16v	126+N	

151

h16s	143	121
h16g	140	
h19m	150+113	
h17m	151+103	
h16m	138	97
h16g	115	97

147

h20s	144	120
h20v	+	113
h18s	146+113	
h16d	146+101	
h22v	101	
h20s	125+88	



Thursday, March 18th

HEXHAM

2.15 2m110y Hcp Hurdle		
1 Killutagh Dawn	11-12	91
2 Celtic Blaze	11-5	102+
3 Farne Isle	11-4	98
4 Jolika	11-3	113
5 Little Flora	10-13	?
6 Minstrel Hall	10-13	99
7 The Fairy Flag	10-7	111
8 Ameras	10-0	107
9 Peggy Sioux	10-0	103
10 Just Sal	10-0	103

2.50 2m110y Chase		
TRW - - - - -		
1 Ambushed		112
2 Fayrway Rhythm		
3 Gaucho		108
4 Hopeful Chance		
5 Loch Sound		-
6 The Nomad		125
7 Tor Head		110
8 Chicago Breeze		
9 Dark Mandate		
10 Sharp Single		98?

3.30 3m Hurdle		
TRW 100 105 - 115 110 (Av 108)		
1 Kidithou		115
2 Bertie O'Toole		-
3 Cionn Mhalanna		?
4 Hayton Boy		-
5 Just For Fun		?
6 Melitma		-
7 Now And Again		-
8 Pharagon		-
9 Torosay		-
10 Albany		129
11 Sea Maize		-

4.10 4m Hcp Chase		
1 Rarchnamara	11-12	89\$
2 Hades de Sienne	11-10	110
3 Iron Express	11-2	108\$
4 Gimme Shelter	11-2	?
5 Lambriani Prince	10-13	-
6 Hotters	10-9	-
7 Rosalyons	10-5	104x
8 Lantern Leader	10-4	?
9 Red Perk	10-3	-
10 Trooper	10-1	112\$
11 Young Claude	10-0	?
12 Always Something	10-0	-

4.45 3m Hcp Hurdle		
1 Tobesure	11-12	101
2 Warrlin	11-7	101
3 Frankincense	11-4	99
4 Captain's Leap	11-2	95+
5 Cottam Grange	11-2	93
6 Amber Moss	10-12	99?
7 Underley Park	10-12	100
8 Petrea	10-11	104
9 Elio Ollie	10-10	100
10 Mr Christie	10-5	\$5
11 Northern Raider	10-0	?
12 You're The Man	10-0	97
13 Kings Square	10-0	91
14 Celtic Flow	10-0	-

5.20 2m4f110y Hcp Chase		
1 Looking Forward	12-0	101
2 Grangewick Flight	11-12	108\$
3 Just Sooty	11-10	99+
4 Jericho III	11-8	?
5 Double You Cubed	10-12	107
6 Jumbo's Dream	10-7	102
7 Pornic	10-1	107\$
8 Catch The Perk	10-0	-
9 Brandsby Stripe	10-0	?
10 Harem Scarem	10-0	96
11 Was A Drive	10-0	-

SOUTHWELL

2.25 1m4f Hcp Stakes		
1 Daunted	10-6	62
2 Munfarid	9-12	66
3 Jungle Lion	9-10	59
4 Piste Bleu	9-10	67
5 Disabuse	9-6	69
6 Spanish Star	9-5	64
7 Coolfore Jade	9-4	69
8 Kentucky Bullet	9-3	67\$
9 Top of The Class	8-13	65
10 Berrywhite	8-13	?
11 Seraph	8-6	67
12 It Must Be Speech	8-4	61
13 Court One	8-3	?
14 Antony Ebenezzer	8-3	68
15 Ipledgeallegiance	7-12	?
16 Western Command	7-12	56

3.00 1m Stakes		
TRW - - - - -		
1 Havoc		?
2 Nod's Nephew		63
3 Crusoe		69
4 Mutarafa		65
5 Rocinante		?
6 Call of The Wild		67
7 Supreme Salutation		74\$
8 Bulawayo		58
9 Noble Pursuit		63
10 Pancakehill		52

3.40 6f Stakes		
TRW - 79 83 63 67 (Av 73)		
1 Dark Champion		61
2 Second Minister		76
3 Shadowfax		61
4 Zak Facta		64
5 Boavista		72
6 Miss Fleurie		-
7 Fit To Fly		77
8 Sir Galahad		68
9 Uhuru Peak		54p
10 Brooklands Time		?
11 Time To Relax		83

4.20 1m4f Hcp Stakes		
1 Harelda	9-10	84p
2 Moon Shot	9-3	85+
3 Sudden Flight	9-1	91
4 Glory Quest	8-13	96
5 Call Me Sunshine	8-6	88
6 Jamaican Flight	7-12	86

4.55 7f (S) Stakes		
TRW - - - - -		
1 Maybe Someday		74
2 Smart Boy Prince		78
3 Lady Mo		75
4 Dancing Prince		63
5 Garnock Venture		61
6 Knickyknackienoo		?
7 Son of Rembrandt		?
8 Bookiesindexdotcom		72\$
9 Eminent Aura		-
10 Quarry Island		66

5.30 6f Hcp Stakes		
1 Barbilyrifle	9-7	?
2 Sahara Silk	9-6	76
3 Piccolo Prince	9-4	80
4 Megabond	9-2	76
5 Head of State	9-0	74
6 Back At de Front	9-0	77
7 Lizhar	8-11	76
8 Jaolins	8-10	73
9 Desert Light	8-8	79
10 Sparkling Clear	8-1	75
11 Indrani	7-13	79