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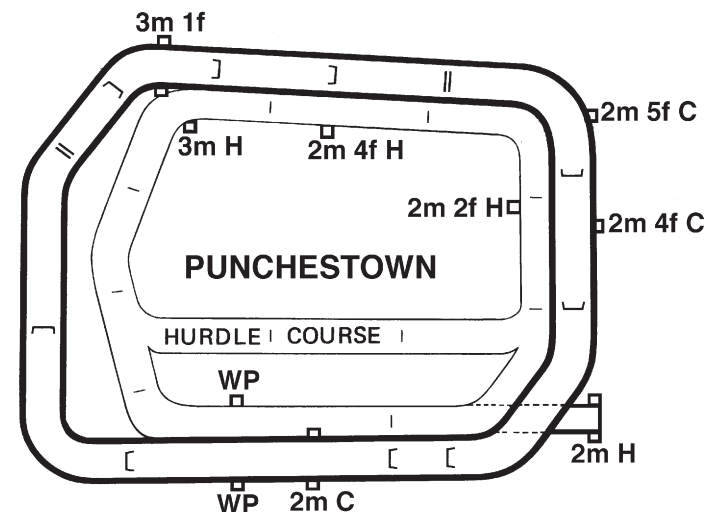
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Punchestown is a right-handed, galloping, undulating track with a steady climb through the last five furlongs. On the two-mile chase circuit the ground rises after the winning post, before a turn and a downhill run. The back straight is level followed by the uphill run from the fourth last. The two-furlong shorter hurdles course has a similar configuration. Punchestown is a very fair test of a jumper. There are eleven fences to a circuit which are not stiff by British standards and they pose few problems to a sound jumper. The cross-country course at Punchestown is a long and twisting one over a variety of banks and other obstacles, few of which are jumped more than once. The turns are both left- and right-handed and only the final brush fence is on the racecourse proper. The start for both the three-mile Ladies Cup and the four-mile one-furlong La Touche Cup is situated behind the winning post.



Course winners records

Time	No	Horse	Wins	2nd	3rd	Runs
2.40	1	BARROW DRIVE	1 (1 CD)			1
2.40	6	NEARLY A MOOSE (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			3
3.15	2	FADOUDAL DU COCHET (FR)	2 (2 CD)		1	5
3.15	4	KILLULTAGH STORM (IRE)	1	2		4
3.15	5	KNIFE EDGE (USA)	1			3
3.15	7	MOSCOW FLYER (IRE)	6 (3 CD)			6
3.50	4	AIMEES MARK (IRE)	2 (2 CD)	1		4
3.50	12	SNOWY FORD (IRE)	2 (2 CD)			2
4.25	2	CENTRAL HOUSE	1	1	1	3
4.25	3	FOTA ISLAND (IRE)	1 (1 CD)			1
4.25	4	WOODYS DEEP OCEAN (IRE)	1		1	2
4.25	10	AINE DUBH (IRE)	1	1		2

2.40 THE ELLIER DEVELOPMENTS NOVICE CHASE 2¹/₂m (Grade 3) €40,000 5yo+

1 BARROW DRIVE 7 11-10 (tongue strap) **151 +**
b.g. Gunner B – Fille de Soleil (Sunyboy) [2002/3 c21s^F c17s² c20s* c22d* c17s* c20g* c20s* c20v² c20s² c21s* c24g³ Mar 12 :: 2003/4 NR] sturdy gelding; fairly useful hurdler: useful chaser: won maiden at Kilbeggan and minor event at Galway in July, novice at Galway in September, minor event at Gowran in October, Grade 3 novice at PuncHESTOWN in November and Grade 1 Dr. P. J. Moriarty Novice Chase at Leopardstown (upsides Le Coudray when left well clear last) in February: good 11³/₄ lengths third of 9 to One Knight in Grade 1 Royal & SunAlliance Chase at Cheltenham last time, one paced from 2 out: will prove best at 3m+: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy): usually tongue tied, though effective when not: tough and consistent: capable of better still, and will win more races.

ANTHONY MULLINS, IRELAND

B. J. Geraghty

Red, black stars, red sleeves, red cap, white stars (Mrs B. Lenihan)

2 I'VEHADIT (IRE) 9 11-6 **150**
ch.g. Treasure Hunter – Had Enough (Hadeer) [2002/3 16f⁴ 24spu c17s⁵ c25spu c22v* c24v* c20v³ c20d³ c24d² c29g Apr 21 :: 2003/4 NR] lengthy gelding; fairly useful hurdler: useful novice chaser: won maiden at Limerick in December and Grade 3 at Naas (by short head from The Premier Cat) in January: good length second of 7 to Jenniferjo in listed race at former course in March: badly let down by jumping when well held in Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse last time: stays 3m: acts on heavy going, poor efforts on firmer than good.

D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND

K. A. Kelly

Maroon and turquoise qtd., turquoise slvs. and cap (Mr D. A. Pim)

3 JOLY BEY (FR) 6 11-6 **152**
ch.g. Beyssac (FR) – Rivolie (FR) (Mistigri) [2002/3 c20s* c17d⁵ c21d² c21v* c24d² c24g³ c24v* c20d* 24s* c20s² c25d³ Apr 4 :: 2003/4 NR] tall, angular gelding; useful novice chaser: won at Auteuil (non-thoroughbred event, left G. Macaire after next outing) in May, Newton Abbot in November, Fakenham in January and Sandown in February: second start over hurdles, easily made all in amateur novice at Chepstow later in February (open to improvement): better effort back over fences when 12 lengths third of 9 to Irish Hussar in Grade 2 at Aintree last time: stays 25f: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy): folded tamely sixth appearance: fluent jumper.

P. F. NICHOLLS

R. Walsh

(Million In Mind P'ship 12)

4 ESKIMO JACK (IRE) 7 11-3 **149**
ch.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Covette (Master Owen) [2002/3 c20s³ c18s* c20s* c24v³ c21s⁴ c20d² c29g Apr 21 :: 2003/4 NR] useful-looking gelding; fairly useful hurdler: useful novice chaser: easily won maiden at Thurles in November and handicap at Navan in December: 8/1 favourite, no extra after 3 out when respectable seventh to Timbera in Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse latest start: stays 3m (possibly not 29f), effective at much shorter: acts on heavy going.

A. L. T. MOORE, IRELAND

C. O'Dwyer

White and emerald green chevrons, white sleeves, yellow cap (Mrs B. M. McKinney)

5 HEART MIDOLTIAN (FR) 6 11-0 (tongue strap) **136 p**
gr.g. Royal Charter – Pride of Queen (FR) (Saint Henri (FR)) [2002/3 18s* 19s² 20s² 20d⁵ 20g* 20g⁴ c16v⁴ 24spu c20f^F c22g* Apr 20 :: 2003/4 NR] first foal: dam, lightly raced on Flat, half-sister to fairly useful French chaser around 2m Again The Queen (by Royal Charter): fairly useful hurdler, won novice at Navan and minor event at Cork early in season: easily better effort on completed starts over fences (tongue tied first time, reportedly gurgled on debut) when winning maiden at Fairyhouse in April by 7 lengths from Star Performance, in little danger after 4 out: stays 2³/₄m: acts on soft going: sure to progress over fences.

SEAMUS NEVILLE, IRELAND

D. N. Russell

Emerald green and orange quartered, hooped sleeves, qtd. cap (Mrs S. Neville)

6 NEARLY A MOOSE (IRE) 7 11-0 (tongue strap) **141**
b.g. Supreme Leader – Miss Tarbow (Targogan) [2002/3 c17s^F c16s⁵ c18s³ c20s* c24v³ c21v c18s⁶ c16v² c20g Mar 30 :: 2003/4 NR] IR 7,000 4-y-o: tenth foal: half-brother to fair hurdler Haveityourway (by Glacial Storm), stays 2¹/₂m, and a winning pointer by Carlingford Castle: dam, maiden hurdler, out of half-sister to useful staying chaser Rainbow Valley: fair hurdler: fairly useful novice chaser: won maiden at PuncHESTOWN in December: good efforts since when placed, well held last time: effective at testing 2m, though will probably prove best at 2¹/₂m+ (stays 3m): raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): effective tongue tied or not.

PATRICK MULLINS, IRELAND

R. M. Power (5)

Emerald green, white braces, yellow sleeves, em.green and yellow quartered cap (Mr Michael J.

McGinley)

7 COME IN MOSCOW (IRE) 7 10-9 **?**
ch.m. Over The River (FR) – Kiria Mou (USA) (To-Agori-Mou) [2002/3 c20s² c20vpu c20s⁶ c24vpu c17s³ c20s* c24v^R c21d^F c24m⁴ Apr 20 :: 2003/4 NR] lengthy, angular mare: sister to modest chaser Meandering By, stays 2³/₄m, and half-sister to fairly useful chaser up to 2³/₄m Lord Heavens (by Lord Americo): dam lightly-raced maiden: modest hurdler: fair chaser: won valuable listed mares novice at Thurles in January: let down by jumping next 2 starts (fell first in Topham Chase at Aintree) and well below form on latest: stays 3m, effective at much shorter: raced mainly on soft/heavy ground.

JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, IRELAND

K. Hadnett (3)

White, dark green diamond, diamonds on sleeves and cap (Mr John Joseph Murphy)

8 KAMILLO (FR) 5 10-7 **130**
b.g. Agent Bleu (FR) – Detroit III (FR) (Video Rock (FR)) [2002/3 c18v³ c17d³ c17d c18d^F c17s³ c17s* c20s 16s c16d⁶ c17d^{ur} Mar 22 :: 2003/4 NR] maiden hurdler: fair chaser, won 4-y-o event at Auteuil (idled) in October: well held in Grade 3 there later in month (final start for T. Civel): respectable sixth to Rathgar Beau in novice at Thurles in March: fell first next time: raced mainly around 2m, on going softer than good.

FRANCOIS COTTIN, IRELAND

P. A. Carberry

Black, orange panel and armlet, orange cap, red star (Mr Jean-Paul Senechal)

3.15 THE B.M.W. CHASE (Grade 1) 2m

€120,000 5yo+

1 ARCTIC COPPER (IRE) 9 12-0 (cheekpieces) **149**
 b.g. Montelimar (USA) – Miss Penguin (General Assembly (USA)) [2002/3 c24g² c16s² c24s² c17v⁵ c24s⁵ c20s² c20d² c16d* c20g c17g³ Apr 20 :: 2003/4 NR] good-topped gelding: useful chaser: won Grade 2 Paddy & Helen Cox Memorial Newlands Chase at Naas in February: good third of 6 to Killultagh Storm in handicap at Fairyhouse last time: effective at 2m to 29f: raced only on good going or softer (acts on heavy): often blinkered, effective when not: has had tongue tied: jumped left throughout sixth start: has finished weakly.
N. MEADE, IRELAND N. Williamson
Emerald green,royal blue cross sashes,royal blue sleeves,yellow cap,green spots (Grand Alliance Racing Club)

2 FADOUDAL DU COCHET (FR) 10 12-0 **145**
 b.g. Cadoudal (FR) – Eau de Vie (FR) (Dhaudevi (FR)) [2002/3 c16s³ c16s³ c16g c16d² c16g^{pu} Mar 13 :: 2003/4 NR] well-made gelding: useful hurdler/chaser: largely out of sorts over fences this season, creditable effort only when second to Arctic Copper in Grade 2 at Naas on penultimate outing: 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)

3 FLAGSHIP UBERALLES (IRE) 9 12-0 **?**
 br.g. Accordion – Fourth Degree (Oats) [2002/3 c16s⁴ c24s^{pu} c16g⁵ Mar 12 :: 2003/4 NR] rangy gelding: top-class chaser: won Tingle Creek Trophy at Sandown (for third year running) and Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham (under pressure long way out) in 2001/2: had soft palate operation in between: well below best last 4 starts, blinkered when well-held fifth to Moscow Flyer in this year's Champion Chase: should stay beyond 2m: acts on soft going, below form all starts on good to firm: usually sound jumper: carries head high: needs treating with some caution nowadays.
P. J. HOBBS R. Johnson
Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr J. P. McManus)

4 KILLULTAGH STORM (IRE) 9 12-0 (blinkers) **146**
 b.g. Mandalus – Rostrevor Lady (Kemal (FR)) [2002/3 c16s^{pu} c20d⁵ c21d c17s⁵ c16s⁴ c16d⁶ c20d⁴ c17g* Apr 20 :: 2003/4 NR] strong gelding: useful chaser: back near best when winning 6-runner handicap at Fairyhouse by head from Alcapone, leading last: stays 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: effective held up or ridden prominently: genuine.
W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND R. Walsh
Royal blue and white stripes, white sleeves, striped cap (Mrs Rose Boyd)

5 KNIFE EDGE (USA) 8 12-0 **155**
 b. or br.h. Kris S (USA) – My Turbulent Miss (USA) (My Dad George (USA)) [2002/3 c16s 16s³ c17v² c17s³ c20d² Mar 22 :: 2003/4 NR] tall gelding: very smart hurdler at best: smart chaser: ran well when length second of 8 to Rince Ri in listed contest at Navan last time: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going (possibly not good to firm).
M. J. P. O'BRIEN, IRELAND M. A. Fitzgerald
Emerald green and orange hooped, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)

6 LATALOMNE (USA) 9 12-0 **169**
 ch.g. Zilzal (USA) – Sanctuary (Welsh Pageant) [2002/3 c17g⁵ 16d⁵ 17d c16g^F Mar 12 :: 2003/4 NR] leggy gelding: high-class chaser: easily won handicap at Cheltenham in 2001/2: every chance when falling 2 out in 2 most recent renewals of Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham (rated as having finished 5 lengths behind winner Moscow Flyer in latest): fairly useful hurdler: forced strong pace when seventh of 16 to Spectrometer in handicap on same course penultimate outing: stays easy 21f: acts on good to soft going: usually races prominently (free-going sort).
B. ELLISON A. Dobbin
Orange, light green and white hooped sleeves, white cap, orange star (Alderclad Roofing/Mr K. M. Everitt)

7 MOSCOW FLYER (IRE) 9 12-0 **177 p**
 b.g. Moscow Society (USA) – Meelick Lady (IRE) (Duky) [2002/3 c18s* c16s^{sur} c17v* c16s* c16g* Mar 12 :: 2003/4 NR] strong, lengthy gelding: top-class hurdler: at least as good and unbeaten when completing over fences, winner of Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham in 2001/2: successful this season in Grade 3 Killultagh Properties Ltd Chase at Down Royal in November, Grade 2 Paddy Power Dial-A-Bet Chase at Leopardstown in December, Grade 3 Byrne Group plc Tied Cottage Chase at Punchestown (survived mistake last) in February and Grade 1 Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham in March: justified favouritism at Cheltenham by 7 lengths from Native Upmanship, tracking leaders when mistake 4 out then left clear at second last: effective at 2m to 2½m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tends to idle in front: game and consistent: remains open to improvement over fences, and will continue to take the beating at the highest level.
MRS J. HARRINGTON, IRELAND B. J. Geraghty
Black and white chevrons, white sleeves, striped cap (Mr Brian Kearney)

8 TRESOR DE MAI (FR) 9 12-0 **155 x**
 ch.g. Grand Tresor (FR) – Lady Night (FR) (Pompon Rouge) [2002/3 c20d⁴ c19s³ c20g Mar 12 :: 2003/4 NR] sparsely-made gelding: smart chaser: successful twice at Ascot in 2001/2, including substandard Grade 1 Ritz Club Ascot Chase: creditable effort this season only when third of 7 to Tiutchev in Grade 1 there in February: effective around 2½m to 3m: acts on heavy going: blinkered prior to 2001/2: sketchy jumper.
M. C. PIPE R. Greene
Purple, yellow chevron, diabolo on sleeves (Mr Joe Moran)

3.50 THE MURPHY INTERNATIONAL LTD 2¹/₂m HANDICAP HURDLE

€35,000 4yo+ (Rated 0-140) TWFA 4 12-0

- 1 WHISTLING DIXIE (IRE)** 7 12-0 **134**
 ch.g. Forest Wind (USA) – Camden’s Gift (Camden Town) [2002/3 16f³ 17d⁴ 16v 16s⁶ 16v^F 16s 22v³ Feb 1 :: 2003/4 NR] angular gelding; useful handicap hurdler: looked back to best in valuable event won by Chauvinist at Ascot fifth start, still travelling strongly when falling 2 out: disappointing at Leopardstown next time, then creditable third of 13 to Chopneyev at Sandown: effective at 2m and stays 2³/₄m: acts on any going; patiently ridden.
 MRS M. REVELEY A. J. Dempsey
Dark green, pink sleeves, dark green armlets, pink cap (Mrs P. D. Savill)
- 2 SUM LEADER (IRE)** 7 11-13 **132**
 b.g. Leading Counsel (USA) – Greenodd (Green Shoon) [2002/3 24s* 20s² 24s* 16d 22g⁵ 22g⁴ Apr 21 :: 2003/4 NR] lengthy gelding; fairly useful handicap hurdler: won twice at Navan early in season: first outing since August, good fourth to April Allegro at Fairyhouse last time: stays 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: consistent.
 G. KEANE, IRELAND R. C. Colgan (7)
Purple, mauve stars, mauve sleeves, purple diamonds, mauve cap, purple stars (Mr John E. Smyth)
- 3 BERENGARIUS (IRE)** 7 11-11 (tongue strap) **?**
 b. or br.g. Grand Lodge (USA) – Special Display (Welsh Pageant) [2002/3 NR :: 2003/4 NR] modest on Flat nowadays, creditable third in 1³/₄m handicap Mar 29: fairly useful handicap hurdler in first half of 2001/2: raced around 2m: acts on firm going, probably on good to soft: tongue tied since debut.
 M. HALFORD, IRELAND R. Johnson
Red and white diabolos, red sleeves, striped cap (Mr M. Woods)
- 4 AIMEES MARK (IRE)** 7 11-10 **131**
 b. or br.g. Jolly Jake (NZ) – Wee Mite (Menelek) [2002/3 20s* 22d 20s* 20s* 20v* 20s⁴ 24s 21g Mar 12 :: 2003/4 NR] medium-sized gelding; fairly useful bumper winner: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Cork in June, Naas in October and Punchestown twice in December: stiffish task, creditable ninth of 27 in Coral Cup at Cheltenham last time: stays 2³/₄m: raced only on good going or softer: races prominently.
 F. FLOOD, IRELAND F. J. Flood
Royal blue and yellow diabolos, yellow cap, royal blue star (Mr Raymond McConn)
- 5 ALPHA BLUES** 8 11-8 (blinkers) **134 ?**
 ch.g. Acatenango (GER) – Alpha Belle (GER) (Runnett) [2002/3 c20v⁴ c17s⁴ c25s⁴ 20v⁴ 23s 16g 18g³ Apr 21 :: 2003/4 NR] strong gelding; useful hurdler at best: not so good nowadays, best effort this season when 3¹/₂ lengths third to subsequently-demoted Moore’s Law in minor event at Fairyhouse: easily best effort in maiden chases (fairly useful form) when fourth to One Night Out at Fairyhouse in November: should stay beyond 2¹/₂m: raced on good going or softer (poor efforts on heavy): blinkered fifth and latest starts: front runner.
 J. T. R. DREAPER, IRELAND K. A. Kelly
Pink, white hoop, royal blue cap (Mrs P. J. Conway)
- 6 VATIRISK (FR)** 6 11-7 **134**
 gr.g. Take Risks (FR) – Vatipan (FR) (Trepan (FR)) [2002/3 16s⁴ 17g² 22d* 20f⁵ 16s⁶ 16v Mar 2 :: 2003/4 NR] lengthy gelding; fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Galway in August: below form last 2 starts: stays 2³/₄m: acts on soft and firm going: has worn blinkers/tongue strap.
 E. J. O’GRADY, IRELAND N. Williamson
Royal blue and yellow diabolos, royal blue sleeves, yellow diamonds, hooped cap (Mrs Patricia Wallace)

- 7 YOGI (IRE)** 7 11-7 **128**
 ch.g. Glacial Storm (USA) – Good Performance VII (Non-Thoroughbred) [2002/3 20g 16s 18s 16g⁴ 16mp^u 20s 16s 16d 16v² 20s⁴ 16s* 20s⁵ 16s* 20s* 16v* 20s 16g⁵ Apr 21 :: 2003/4 NR] second foal: dam unraced half-sister to top-class chaser Very Promising: fair handicap hurdler: won at Thurles in January, Clonmel (ladies event) in February and Thurles (novice) and Naas in March, last 2 within 4 days: creditable seventh to Marcus du Berlais at Punchestown next time: stiffish task in Grade 3 novice at Fairyhouse latest outing: stays 2¹/₂m: acts on heavy going: below form all starts in blinkers.
 THOMAS FOLEY, IRELAND A. P. Lane (5)
Dark green and royal blue diabolos, halved sleeves, striped cap (Mr P. E. Delaney)
- 8 ALBATROS (FR)** 6 11-5 **130**
 b. or br.g. Shining Steel – Abalvina (FR) (Abdos) [2002/3 c20s² c16m* c17d² c16f* c17g^F c16v² c16v⁴ c17d⁶ c20m^F 18g⁴ Apr 21 :: 2003/4 NR] angular gelding; fairly useful hurdler, well held in minor event at Fairyhouse latest start: fairly useful novice chaser: won at Wexford in July and Listowel in September: well below form latest completed start, struggling when falling 4 out in handicap next time: likely to prove best around 2m: acts on any going: effective tongue tied or not.
 E. J. O’GRADY, IRELAND K. Hadnett (3)
Royal blue and red chevrons, royal blue sleeves, striped cap (Mrs C. McCabe)
- 9 FORMAL BID (USA)** 6 11-4 **132**
 b. or br.g. Dynaformer (USA) – Fantastic Bid (USA) (Auction Ring (USA)) [2002/3 16d³ 16d³ 19d* 20d³ 16s 20s* 19s² 20v³ Feb 15 :: 2003/4 NR] medium-sized gelding; fairly useful hurdler: won maiden at Market Rasen in October and novice at Leicester in December: good placed efforts in handicaps last 3 starts, particularly when third of 12 to Korelo in valuable event at Ascot on latest: stays 2¹/₂m: raced on going softer than good (acts on heavy): patiently ridden: sometimes none too fluent: reliable.
 C. C. BEALBY N. D. Fehily
Royal blue, white cross of lorraine and armlets, check cap (Mr Michael Hill)
- 10 STASHEDAWAY (IRE)** 6 11-4 **136**
 b.m. Treasure Hunter – Mugs Away (Mugatpura) [2002/3 20g⁵ 17d² 16d³ 20sur 20s* 18v⁶ c20s c18s^{bd} 16d² 16g* 20g² Apr 20 :: 2003/4 NR] lengthy mare: half-sister to several winners, notably Irish National winner Glebe Lad (by Le Bavard): dam lightly raced: poor form on completed outing over fences: fairly useful hurdler: won maiden at Gowran in December and competitive handicap at Cork (by 6 lengths from King’s Opera, value extra) in April: creditable second to Nobody Told Me in listed mares novice at Fairyhouse last time: stays 2¹/₂m: acts on soft going.
 M. J. P. O’BRIEN, IRELAND R. Walsh
Black, white chevron and sleeves, em. green and royal blue striped cap (Mr T. B. Conroy)
- 11 ALBRIGHTON** 8 11-3 **131**
 b.g. Terimon – Bright One (Electric) [2002/3 c17s^F 20s 16s 16s 22g² Apr 21 :: 2003/4 NR] angular gelding: fair on Flat, won twice at 1³/₄m in 2002: fair handicap hurdler nowadays, held up in rear when good second to April Allegro at Fairyhouse latest start: fell only start over fences: stays 2³/₄m: acts on good to firm going, probably on soft.
 N. MEADE, IRELAND A. Dobbins
White and black chevrons, orange cap (Mr John Gurhy)
- 12 SNOWY FORD (IRE)** 6 11-3 **135**
 b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Monalee Stream (Paddy’s Stream) [2002/3 20s 20s 18s 20s* 20d⁴ 24d Feb 23 :: 2003/4 NR] fairly useful handicap hurdler: won at Punchestown in February by 3 lengths from Howaya Pet: creditable fourth to Back On Top at Gowran later in month: well held otherwise this season: stays 2¹/₂m: raced on going softer than good (acts on heavy): races prominently.
 PAUL NOLAN, IRELAND J. L. Cullen
Orange, emerald green cross sashes, sleeves and cap (T. HATTON)
- 13 SAMASAKHAN (IRE)** 7 10-11 **134**
 b.h. Slip Anchor – Samarzana (USA) (Blushing Groom (FR)) [2002/3 20s⁵ 20d³ 22s* 19m² 24s 21d² 24s 24s⁴ 24m⁵ Apr 13 :: 2003/4 NR] workmanlike gelding: half-brother to useful 2m/2¹/₂m chaser Samakaan (by Darshaan) and fairly useful 2m hurdler Samanid (by Shardari): formerly useful on Flat (stays 1³/₄m): fair hurdler: won maiden at Kilbeggan in July: respectable fifth of 14 to Periwinkle Lad in handicap at Listowel last time: stays 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going: jumped poorly and looked ungenueine penultimate start.
 P. HUGHES, IRELAND S. A. Curtis (5)
Dark green, large yellow spots, white sleeves, maroon cap (Mr Gerald Love)

14 DANTES REEF (IRE) 7 10-9 **127**
 b.g. Phardante (FR) – Thousand Flowers (Take A Reef) [2002/3 F16m² 16s 16s³ F16s² 19v⁴ 16d* 22g Apr 21 :: 2003/4 NR] fifth foal: dam, winning hurdler/chaser, stayed 2½m: fair hurdler: won maiden at Down Royal in March by 3 lengths from Mr Murchan: well held in handicap at Fairyhouse latest start: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going.
A. J. MARTIN, IRELAND M. A. Fitzgerald
Black and yellow hoops, black cap, yellow spots (Mr T. McGoldrick)

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 h22g' N
 h16d' 127 N
 h19v' 125 + N
 F16s' 127 W
 h16s' 127 N
 h16s' 100 113

15 HORNER ROCKS (IRE) 7 10-8 **134**
 b.g. Phardante (FR) – Horner Water (IRE) (Over The River (FR)) [2002/3 20d* 16s 20s* 20v⁵ 24s 19v⁶ 20s 19v³ Mar 9 :: 2003/4 NR] smallish gelding: first foal: dam, winning hurdler who stayed 2¾am, half-sister to one-time smart chaser up to 2½m Mr Baxter Basics: fair handicap hurdler: won at Killarney in May and Clonmel in November: returned to form when third to On The Jetty at Naas latest start: likely to stay beyond 2½m: acts on heavy going, well held only start on good to firm.
M. HOURIGAN, IRELAND T. J. Murphy
Red and yellow quartered, emerald green sleeves and cap (Mr P. M. Prior-Wandesforde)

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 h19v' 128
 h20s' 108
 h19v' 109
 h24s' 112
 h20v' 126 112
 h20s' 134 105

16 TEKNASH (FR) 8 10-8 **135**
 ch.g. Nashwan(USA) – Te Kani (USA) (Northern Dancer) [2002/3 16m⁵ 16s² 16s⁴ 20d³ 16m* 20d* 18d² 20s⁵ 16s⁵ 16g³ 20m³ Apr 19 :: 2003/4 NR] angular gelding: fair handicap hurdler: missed 2001/2: won at Wexford and Galway in July: in good form since, third twice at Cork returning from break last 2 starts, behind Endless Magic last time: stays 2½m: acts on any going: has had tongue tied: tough, and consistent nowadays.
NIALL MADDEN, IRELAND Mr N. P. Madden (7)
Pink, black hollow box and cap (Mrs P. Madden)

107
 h20m' 135 106
 h16g' 135 105
 h20s' 116 107
 h16s' 133 107
 h16s' 133 107
 h18d' 131 104

17 WATERSHED (IRE) 8 10-8 **131**
 gr.g. Beau Sher – Jirao (Walshford) [2002/3 20s 16d³ 20v⁴ 18s² 20s² 24m² Apr 13 :: 2003/4 NR] half-brother to smart 2m hurdler Lady Daisy (by Lepanto): dam lightly raced and little form: bumper winner: fair maiden hurdler: runner-up last 3 starts, beaten length by Hemisphere Man at Listowel last time: stays 3m: probably acts on any going.
S. J. TREACY, IRELAND M. D. Grant (3)
Light blue, yellow sleeves and cap (Mr T. P. Waters)

107
 h24m' 131 N
 h20s' 131 N
 h18s' 131 N
 h20v' 129 N
 h16d' 123 N
 h20s' 112 N

18 ALPHAZAR (IRE) 8 10-5 **131**
 br.g. Alphabatim (USA) – Ravaleen (IRE) (Executive Perk) [2002/3 20v² 20s 20s² 16v* 20s* Mar 17 :: 2003/4 NR] fair hurdler: missed 2001/2: won handicaps at Fairyhouse and Wexford (beat Boolavogue Leader 2 lengths) in March, ridden close to pace each time: stays 2½m: raced mainly on soft/heavy going.
ANTHONY MULLINS, IRELAND R. Geraghty (3)
Black, amber cross sashes, amber slvs. and cap (Mr John Brophy)

104
 h20s' 131 98
 h16v' 129 91
 h20s' 119 89
 h20s' 100 89
 h20v' 132 N

19 BARON DE FEYPO (IRE) 5 10-5 **128**
 b.g. Simply Great (FR) – Fete Champetre (Welsh Pageant) [2002/3 16s⁵ 20v⁵ 16s 16d 16v⁴ 18m Apr 10 :: 2003/4 NR] angular gelding: fair up to 1¼m on Flat in 2002, well held on reappearance in March: fairly useful juvenile hurdler in 2001/2: well held all starts this season: raced mainly around 2m on going softer than good (acts on heavy): tried blinkered, wore cheekpieces latest start: has found little.
S. J. MAHON, IRELAND D. J. Casey
Royal blue, white cross of lorraine, royal blue cap, white star (Mr James J. Swan)

104
 h18m' 107
 h16v' 128 107
 h16d' 111
 h16s' 113
 h20v' 124 ? W
 h16s' 97 W

20 GREYWELL (IRE) 6 10-5 **135**
 b. or br.g. Camden Town – Bellalma (Belfalas) [2002/3 16s* 16s* 16s 20d⁵ 20v³ 16s² Mar 16 :: 2003/4 NR] useful bumper winner: fair hurdler: easy winner of handicaps at Cork and Thurles within 5 days in December: good efforts in similar events of late, ½-length second of 12 to Healy's Pub at Punchestown last time: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going.
MISS ELIZABETH DOYLE, IRELAND B. J. Geraghty
Grey, red cross sashes, red cap, grey star (Mr F. W. Doyle)

104
 h16s' 135 101
 h20v' 133 99
 h20d' 128 99
 h16s' 105
 h16s' 125 + 86
 h16s' 117 + 80

21 MEASURE OF THE MAN 5 10-2 (tongue strap) **125**
 b.g. Dr Devious (IRE) – Run Faster (IRE) (Commanche Run) [2002/3 16d F17g⁶ 16d* 20d Nov 24 :: 2003/4 NR] fifth foal: half-brother to several winners on Flat, including 2001 5f winner Swiftly: dam Italian 1m/9f winner: modest hurdler: won 20-runner handicap at Cork in October by 2½ lengths from Beaufort Belle: weakened rapidly when well beaten in similar event at Aintree following month: seems best at 2m: raced only on good going or softer: tongue tied last 2 starts.
C. ROCHE, IRELAND P. Moloney
Emerald green and orange hooped, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)

101
 104
 h20d' N
 h16d' 125 91
 F17g' 109 W
 h16d' 95

22 KILT D'ESTRUAL (FR) 5 9-13 **132**
 b.g. Cyborg (FR) – Vapeur (FR) (Rose Laurel) [2002/3 16s 20v⁵ 16d⁵ 18s* Mar 5 :: 2003/4 NR] workmanlike gelding: first known foal: dam, winner on Flat, half-sister to Barton: well held only start in bumpers: much improved effort over hurdles when making all in maiden at Downpatrick in March, beating Mossland 6 lengths: should stay 2½m.
A. L. T. MOORE, IRELAND D. J. Howard (3)
Maroon and white stripes, emerald green and grey quartered cap (Mrs A. L. T. Moore)

98
 h18s' 132 N
 h16d' 109 N
 h20v' 110 N
 h16s' N

23 SHEAN TOWN (IRE) 10 9-11 **?**
 b.g. Camden Town – Tops O'Crush (Menelek) [2002/3 c20s^{pu} c20s^{pu} Dec 21 :: 2003/4 NR] tall gelding: fairly useful hurdler in 1998/9 for Mrs J. Harrington, won maiden at Navan and minor event at Leopardstown: pulled up in 2 maiden chases on return, reportedly lost action on latest: stays 2½m: acts on soft going.
ARTHUR CRAIGIE, IRELAND G. T. Hutchinson (3)
Purple, emerald green sleeves, orange cap, emerald green star (Mr Arthur Craigie)

96
 W
 c20s' N
 c20s' W

24 SILENT REGARD (IRE) 8 9-10 **120**
 b.g. Satco (FR) – Song of Love (Raise You Ten) [2002/3 F16s 16s 16f³ 16g Apr 20 :: 2003/4 NR] half-brother to useful hurdler Torboy (by Torus), stayed 2¾am: dam well beaten in 3 bumpers: third in weakly-contested maiden hurdle at Down Royal in March, only worthwhile form: will stay 2½m: acts on firm going.
P. E. I. NEWELL, IRELAND K. P. Gaule
Dark blue and yellow quartered, quartered cap (Mr P. E. I. Newell)

95
 h16g' N
 h16f' 120 N
 h16s' N
 F16s' W

25 SHAIYRAN (IRE) 7 9-8 **?**
 b.g. Darshaan – Shaiybara (IRE) (Kahyasi) [2002/3 16v 16g Mar 30 :: 2003/4 NR] good-topped gelding: fair hurdler: no form in 3 outings since 2000/1: stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: won 1½m handicap on Flat Apr 10, only poor form.
MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, IRELAND J. P. Elliott (3)
Royal blue, emerald green diamond and sleeves, quartered cap (Mr John Joseph Kelly)

93
 97
 h16g' N
 h16v' 100

26 BLUE AWAY (IRE) 5 9-7 **128**
 b. or br.g. Blues Traveller (IRE) – Lomond Heights (IRE) (Lomond (USA)) [2002/3 17g 16s 16s⁵ 16d 19m 16v⁴ 16v 16s³ 16m⁴ Apr 6 :: 2003/4 NR] fair on Flat (stays 2m) in 2001, sold out of C. Wall's stable 25,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales, well held only start in 2002: modest maiden hurdler: should stay beyond 2m: yet to race on firm going, acts on any other: held up.
P. HUGHES, IRELAND M. P. Madden (3)
Black and yellow diablo, yellow sleeves, white cap, yellow star (Astolfi Syndicate)

92
 91
 h16m' 128 91
 h16s' 128 90
 h16v' 90
 h16v' 128 90
 h19m' 94
 h16d' 119 N

4.25 THE EVENING HERALD CHAMPION NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 1) 2m

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1 BACK IN FRONT (IRE)

6 11-12

160 p

br.g. Bob Back (USA) – Storm Front (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2002/3 16v² 16d* 20s* 16g* Mar 11 :: 2003/4 NR] workmanlike gelding: smart bumper performer in 2001/2: has made into one of the best novice hurdlers, justifying favouritism at Leopardstown (maiden) in January, Limerick in February and Cheltenham in March: 3/1, impressive when beating Kicking King by 10 lengths in 19-runner Grade 1 Gerrard Wealth Management Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham, jumping fluently, travelling strongly and quickening clear from 2 out: effective at 2m to 2½m: acts on heavy going, won bumper on good to firm: capable of better still, and likely to make his mark against the top hurdlers.

E. J. O'GRADY, IRELAND

N. Williamson

Dark blue, emerald green seams, white cap (Mr D. Cox)

h16g' 160 + G1
h20s' 136 + N
h16d' 125 + N
h16v' 138 + G1

2 CENTRAL HOUSE

6 11-12

130

b.g. Alflora (IRE) – Fantasy World (Kemal (FR)) [2002/3 F16s* 16s* 16s* 16v² 16s² 20d³ 16m² Apr 22 :: 2003/4 NR] useful form in bumpers, winning at Punchestown in November: fairly useful novice hurdler: won maiden at Clonmel later in November and novice at Cork in December: creditable second of 10 to Swordplay in minor event at Fairyhouse last time: probably stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going: effective with or without tongue tie.

D. T. HUGHES, IRELAND

K. A. Kelly

White, royal blue spots, royal blue cap, white diamond (Mr John F. Kenny)

h16m' 130 W
h20d' 126 G2
h16s' 130 G2
h16v' 130 G2
h16s' 130 N
h16s' 124 N

3 FOTA ISLAND (IRE)

7 11-12

135 +

b.g. Supreme Leader – Mary Kate Finn (Saher) [2002/3 c22s^{ur} c17s³ c20s⁴ 20s³ 16s² 19v² 16v* 16s* Mar 16 :: 2003/4 NR] promising third to One Night Out in strongly-contested maiden at Fairyhouse, but let down by jumping both other starts over fences: fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Leopardstown (maiden) and Punchestown in March, beating Talking Tactics 7 lengths in 4-runner event at latter course: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going: sometimes jumps none too fluently.

M. F. MORRIS, IRELAND

D. J. Casey

Dark blue (Mrs John Magnier)

h16s' 133 + N
h16v' 135 N
h19v' 131 + N
h16s' 125 N
h16s' 129 N
c20s' 118 N

4 WOODYS DEEP OCEAN (IRE)

7 11-12

126

b.g. Be My Native (USA) – Von Carty (IRE) (Supreme Leader) [2002/3 19g 18d² 16s³ 16s* 16s* 16s³ 16d 16g⁴ Apr 21 :: 2003/4 NR] fairly useful hurdler: won maiden at Fairyhouse in November and novice at Gowran in December: good third to Kicking King in Grade 2 novice at Punchestown in February: below best last 2 starts, reportedly had nasal discharge on first occasion: raced mainly at 2m: acts on soft going.

N. MEADE, IRELAND

R. Johnson

Dark blue, yellow diamond and sleeves, yellow cap, red diamond (Mrs P. Sloan)

h16g' 118 G2
h16d' 97 N
h16s' 126 G2
h16s' 110 + N
h16s' 115 N
h16s' 111 N

5 CARLESIMO (IRE)

5 11-11

131

b. or br.g. Erins Isle – Diamond Display (IRE) (Shardari) [2002/3 16d³ 16s⁵ 16s* 17m* 16d² 16f* 16f² 16g³ Apr 21 :: 2003/4 NR] fair on Flat (stays 2m): fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Kilbeggan in June and Bellewstown and Tipperary in July: fit from Flat, below-form third to Glenhaven Nugget in Grade 2 at Fairyhouse last time, failing to settle in steadily-run race: raced around 2m: acts on any going.

N. MEADE, IRELAND

M. A. Fitzgerald

Yellow, emerald green sleeves, green cap, yellow spots (Mrs P. Towey)

h16g' 122 G2
h16f' 131 121
h16f' 108 + N
h16d' 120 + N
h17m' 117 + N
h16s' 117 N

6 KHETAAM (IRE)

5 11-11

(blinkers)

128

b.g. Machiavellian (USA) – Ghassak (IRE) (Persian Bold) [2002/3 16g³ 16s² 18s* 16s² 16s³ 20v* 20g⁴ Apr 20 :: 2003/4 NR] fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m): similar standard over hurdles: won 4-y-o maiden (easily) at Gowran in December and intermediate at Fairyhouse (by ¾ length from Catalpa Cargo) in March: respectable fourth of 7 to Pay It Forward in Grade 3 novice at latter course last time: stays 2½m, at least as effective around 2m: acts on heavy going.

N. MEADE, IRELAND

B. J. Geraghty

Royal blue, white sash, striped sleeves and cap (Mrs J. Hurley)

h20g' 124 G3
h20v' 124 W
h16s' 128 N
h16s' 128 N
h18s' 119 + N
h16s' 123 W

7 LIMERICK BOY (GER)

5 11-11

b.h. Alwuhush (USA) – Limoges (GER) (Königsstuhl (GER)) [2002/3 16d* 16g⁶ 16d* Apr 4 :: 2003/4 NR] close-coupled, ex-German horse: smart on Flat (stays 1¼m), successful 3 times at 2/3 yrs for A. Schutz: has won 2 out of 3 starts over hurdles, namely maiden at Wincanton in March and Grade 2 Laurel Pub Company Top Novices' Hurdle at Aintree in April: useful form when beating Man O'Mystery 4 lengths in 12-runner event in latter, off bridle after third but staying on well to lead approaching last: also ran well when sixth of 19 to Back In Front in Grade 1 novice at Cheltenham in between (took good hold): should stay beyond 2m.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

A. Dobbin

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

142

h16d' 142 G2
h16g' 141 G1
h16d' 125 + N

8 STACUMNY BRIDGE (IRE)

5 11-11

b.g. Flying Spur – Karoi (IRE) (Kafu) [2002/3 F16m² F16s* 16v* 16d⁴ 16d³ Mar 22 :: 2003/4 NR] fourth foal: half-brother to several winners on Flat: dam 9.5f winner on Flat: fairly useful form in 2 bumpers, winning at Fairyhouse in December: fairly useful form over hurdles: won 4-y-o maiden at Leopardstown later in month, beating Arch Stanton a length: possibly flattered in Grade 2 at Gowran next time, about 7 lengths third of 27 to Kenilworth in novice at Navan latest start: raced at 2m: acts on heavy going.

M. HALFORD, IRELAND

T. J. Murphy

Dark green, dark green cap, light green star (Mr Cathal M. Ryan)

130

h16d' 130 N
h16d' 135? G2
h16v' 126 N
F16s' 109 W
F16m' 106 W

9 SWORDPLAY

5 11-11

ch.g. Kris – Throw Away Line (Cragador) [2002/3 16s² 16m* 16m² 16f* 16d³ 16m* Apr 22 :: 2003/4 NR] leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won maiden at Tramore in August and minor events at Listowel in September and Fairyhouse in April: enterprisingly ridden when putting up improved effort to beat Central House 2 lengths in 10-runner event at last-named course: will prove best around 2m: acts on firm and good to soft going: has had tongue tied.

M. J. P. O'BRIEN, IRELAND

R. Walsh

Dark blue, yellow panel, check cap (Mr S. Mulryan)

134

h16m' 132 + W
h16d' 126 + N
h16f' 114 + W
h16m' 109 + N
h16m' 111 N
h16s' 101 N

10 AINE DUBH (IRE)

6 11-7

b.m. Bob Back (USA) – Deep Thyme (IRE) (Good Thyme (USA)) [2002/3 16s³ 16v 20s* 20g³ 20g⁶ Apr 20 :: 2003/4 NR] leggy mare: first foal: dam, Irish bumper winner, sister to top-class hurdler Mighty Mogul: maiden on Flat: fair bumper winner: fair hurdler: won mares maiden at Tramore in March: further improvement when 24 lengths third of 15 to Leinster in Grade 2 novice at Aintree (hampered 3 out and 2 out) next time, but well held in Grade 3 novice at Fairyhouse latest start: likely to stay beyond 2½m: acts on soft ground.

KEVIN F. O'DONNELL, IRELAND

P. Moloney

Green, white sash, red cap, white spots (Mr Kevin O'Donnell)

118

h20g' 118 G3
h20s' 109 N
h16v' 96 N
h16s' 96 N