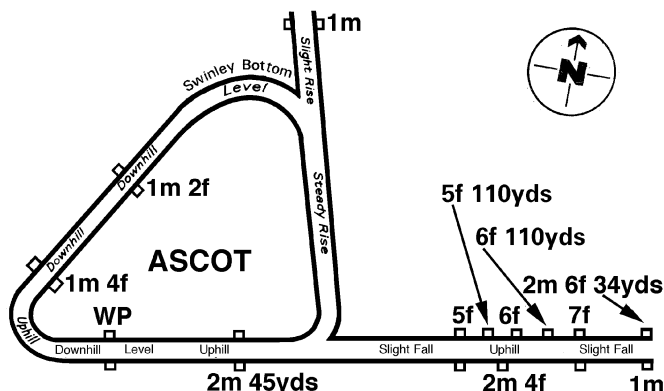


CHARACTERISTICS OF RACECOURSES

The following A-Z guide covers all racecourses in England, Scotland and Wales that stage racing over the flat. The map of each racecourse is accompanied by a thumbnail sketch of its characteristics, and statistics on the most successful trainers at each course over a five-year period. Also provided is the address and telephone number of each course.

ASCOT

The Ascot round course is a right-handed, triangular circuit of fourteen furlongs and 34 yards, with a run-in of 2½ furlongs. There is a straight mile course, over which the Royal Hunt Cup is run, and the Old Mile course which joins the round course in Swinley Bottom. All races shorter than a mile are decided on the straight course. From the mile-and-a-half starting gate the round course runs downhill to the bend in Swinley Bottom, where it is level, then rises steadily to the turn into the straight, from where it is uphill until less than a furlong from the winning post, the last hundred yards being more or less level. The straight mile is slightly downhill from the start and then rises to the five-furlong gate, after which there is a slight fall before the junction with the round course. Despite the downhill run into Swinley Bottom and the relatively short run-in from the final turn, the Ascot course is galloping in character; the turns are easy, there are no minor surface undulations to throw a long-striding horse off balance, and all races are very much against the collar over the last half mile. The course is, in fact, quite a testing one and very much so in soft going, when there is a heavy premium on stamina. In such circumstances races over two miles to two and three quarter miles are very severe tests.



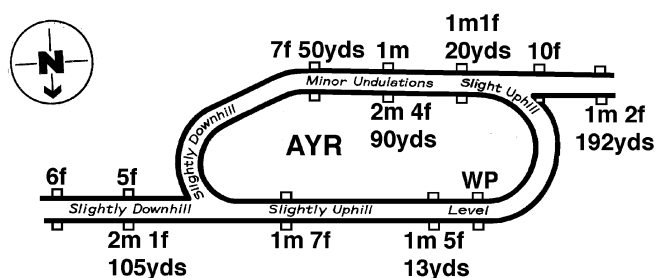
Royal Enclosure, Ascot SL5 7JN
Telephone: (01344) 874567

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	42	197	21
Sir Michael Stoute	28	177	16
R. Hannon	28	274	10
J. H. M. Gosden	24	172	14
M. P. Tregoning	15	55	27
A. P. O'Brien, Ireland	15	103	15
M. R. Channon	14	214	7
Saeed bin Suroor	13	97	13
J. L. Dunlop	13	135	10
T. G. Mills	10	81	12

AYR

The Ayr round course is a left-handed, oval track, about twelve furlongs in extent, with a run-in of half a mile. Eleven-furlong races start on a chute, which joins the round course after about a furlong. There is a straight six-furlong course of considerable width. The course is relatively flat, but there are gentle undulations throughout, perhaps more marked in the straight. It has a good surface and well-graded turns, and is a fair track.



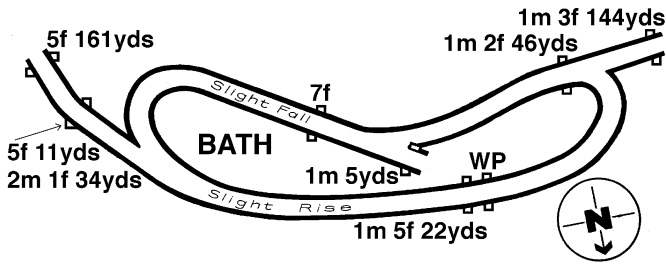
Ayr Racecourse, Whitletts Road, Ayr KA8 0JE
Telephone: (01292) 264179

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	37	180	21
B. W. Hills	23	90	26
Miss L. A. Perratt	22	347	6
J. S. Goldie	21	322	7
M. R. Channon	16	102	16
D. Nicholls	14	173	8
A. Bailey	13	127	10
M. H. Tompkins	12	74	16
W. J. Haggas	11	30	37
T. D. Easterby	10	106	9

BATH

The Bath round course is a left-handed, elongated oval track, just over a mile and a half in extent, with a run-in of nearly half a mile. There is an extension for races over five furlongs and five furlongs and 161 yards. The run-in bends to the left, and is on the rise all the way. The track generally is galloping rather than sharp.



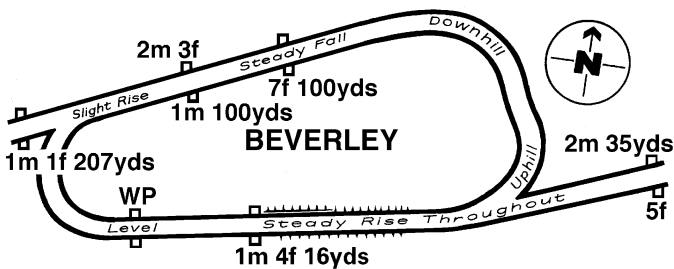
Bath Racecourse, Lansdown, Bath
Telephone: (01225) 424609

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. R. Channon	28	185	15
R. Hannon	18	137	13
B. W. Hills	17	120	14
J. M. Bradley	14	219	6
Mrs A. J. Perrett	13	60	22
J. L. Dunlop	12	60	20
R. Charlton	11	51	22
R. J. Hodges	11	148	7
G. A. Butler	10	53	19
L. M. Cumani	9	27	33

BEVERLEY

The Beverley round course is a right-handed, oval track, just over a mile and three furlongs in extent, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. The five-furlong track bends right at halfway. The general galloping nature of the track is modified by the downhill turn into the straight and the relatively short run-in. The five-furlong course is on the rise throughout, and so is rather testing even in normal conditions; in soft going it takes some getting, particularly for two-year-olds early in the season.



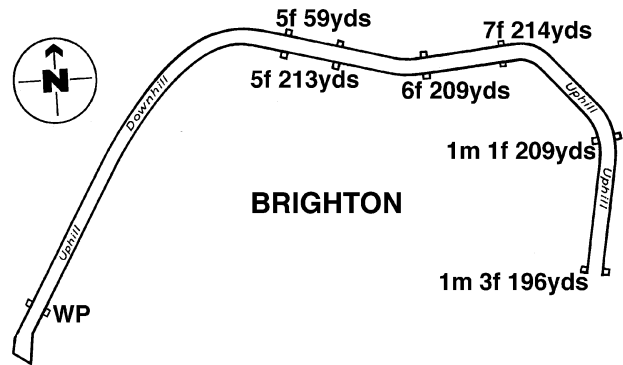
Beverley Racecourse, York Road,
Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 8QZ
Telephone: (01482) 867488

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
T. D. Easterby	49	423	12
M. Johnston	28	151	19
R. A. Fahey	18	127	14
Sir Mark Prescott	14	41	34
M. W. Easterby	14	246	6
B. Smart	12	86	14
D. Nicholls	12	142	8
J. L. Dunlop	11	40	28
M. R. Channon	11	62	18
T. D. Barron	11	79	14

BRIGHTON

The Brighton course takes the shape of an extended 'U' and is around twelve furlongs in length. The first three furlongs are uphill, following which there is a slight descent followed by a slight rise to about four furlongs from home; the track then runs more sharply downhill until a quarter of a mile out, from where it rises to the last hundred yards, the finish being level. The run-in is about three and a half furlongs, with a marked camber towards the inside of the track, and there is no straight course. This is essentially a sharp track. While the turns are easy enough, the pronounced gradients make Brighton an unsuitable course for big, long-striding horses and resolute gallopers. Handy types are much more at home on the course. There are no opportunities for long-distance plodders at Brighton.



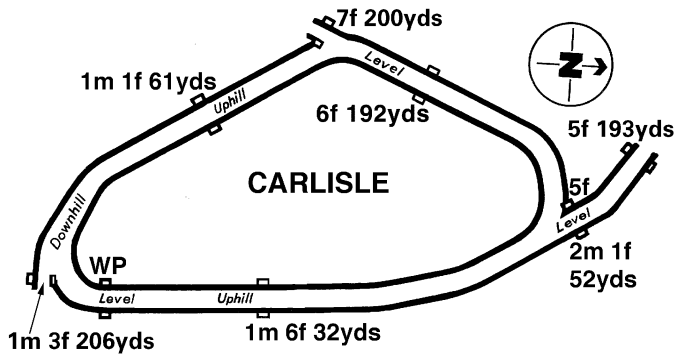
Brighton Racecourse, Brighton, Sussex BN2 2XZ
Telephone: (01273) 603580

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	34	223	15
M. R. Channon	24	158	15
G. L. Moore	23	255	9
Andrew Reid	17	103	17
Sir Mark Prescott	15	50	30
C. E. Brittain	15	98	15
J. M. Bradley	15	251	6
G. A. Butler	12	43	28
E. A. L. Dunlop	12	47	26
J. L. Dunlop	12	66	18

CARLISLE

Carlisle is a right-handed, pear-shaped course, just over a mile and a half in extent, with a run-in of a little more than three furlongs. The six-furlong course, of which the five-furlong course is a part, the mile course, and the mile-and-a-half course start on three separate off-shoot extensions. For the first three furlongs or so the course runs downhill, then rises for a short distance, levelling out just beyond the mile post. From there until the straight course is flat, apart from minor undulations. The six-furlong course, which bears right soon after the start, and again at the turn into the straight, is level for two furlongs, then rises fairly steeply until over a furlong out, from which point it is practically level. The track is galloping in character, and the six-furlong course is a stiff test of stamina for a two-year-old.



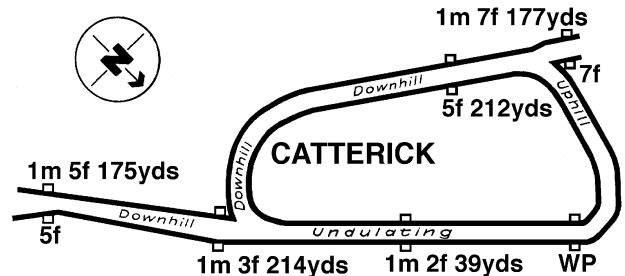
The Racecourse, Durdar Road, Carlisle CA2 4TS
Telephone: (01228) 522973

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
A. Berry	11	114	10
D. Nicholls	10	75	13
M. Johnston	9	53	17
Sir Mark Prescott	7	21	33
K. R. Burke	6	27	22
T. D. Barron	6	44	14
J. L. Eyre	6	47	13
E. J. Alston	6	65	9
I. Semple	5	34	15
R. A. Fahey	5	55	9

CATTERICK BRIDGE

The Catterick round course is a left-handed, oval track, measuring just under nine furlongs, with a run-in of three furlongs. The five-furlong course bears left before and at the junction with the round course. From the seven-furlong starting gate the round course is downhill almost all the way, and there is a sharp turn on the falling gradient into the straight. The five-furlong course is downhill throughout, quite steeply to start with, and less so thereafter. Catterick is an exceedingly sharp track with pronounced undulations of surface, and it is therefore a difficult course for a big, long-striding animal. Experience of the track counts for a great deal, and jockeyship is of great importance.



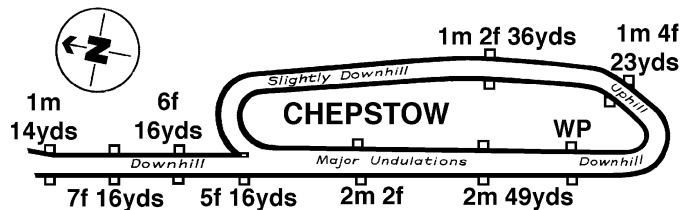
The Racecourse, Catterick Bridge, Richmond,
North Yorkshire, DL10 7PE
Telephone: (01748) 811478

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
D. Nicholls	33	196	17
M. Johnston	22	112	20
T. D. Easterby	22	175	13
Mrs M. Reveley	13	100	13
P. D. Evans	10	66	15
A. Berry	10	179	6
P. F. I. Cole	9	23	39
K. A. Ryan	9	77	12
D. W. Barker	9	96	9
Sir Mark Prescott	8	37	22

CHEPSTOW

The Chepstow round course is a left-handed, oval track, about two miles in extent, with a run-in of five furlongs. There is a straight mile course, over which all races up to a mile are run. The round course has well-marked undulations, and the straight course is generally downhill and level alternately as far as the run-in, thereafter rising sharply for over two furlongs, and then gradually levelling out to the winning post. Notwithstanding the long run-in and general rise over the last five furlongs, this is not an ideal galloping track because of the changing gradients.



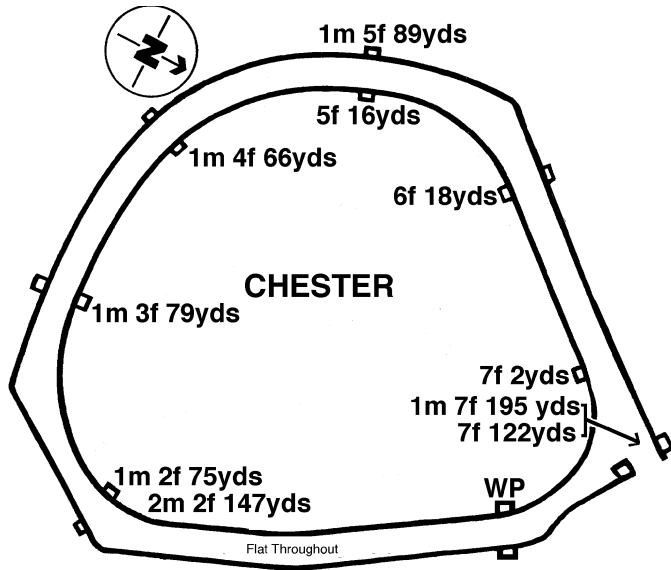
Chepstow Racecourse, Chepstow
Monmouthshire NP6 5YH
Telephone: (01291) 622260

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	15	137	11
J. L. Dunlop	12	48	25
J. M. Bradley	12	236	5
B. J. Meehan	11	45	24
B. Palling	11	90	12
E. A. L. Dunlop	10	33	30
H. Candy	10	45	22
M. R. Channon	9	117	8
R. Charlton	8	30	27
P. D. Evans	8	65	12

CHESTER

Chester is a left-handed, circular course, only a few yards over a mile round, the smallest circuit of any flat-race course in Great Britain. It is quite flat and on the turn almost throughout, and the run-in is less than two furlongs in length. Apart from extreme distance events, such as the Chester Cup and other two-and-a-quarter-mile races, the course is against the long-striding, resolute galloper and greatly favours the handy type.



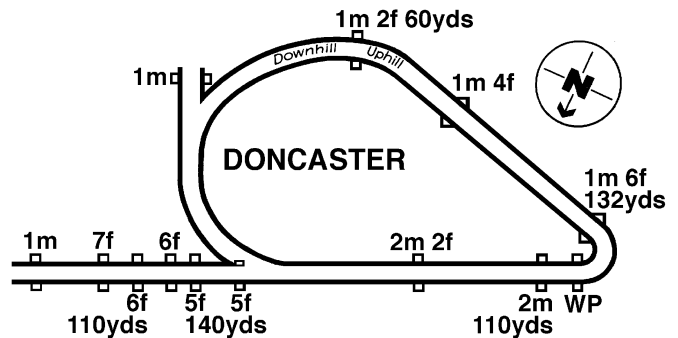
Chester Race Co Ltd, The Racecourse,
Chester, CH1 2LY
Telephone: (01244) 304600

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
B. W. Hills	28	126	22
E. J. Alston	15	150	10
P. F. I. Cole	13	64	20
R. Hannon	12	71	17
J. L. Dunlop	11	37	30
P. D. Evans	11	153	7
Sir Michael Stoute	10	52	19
A. Berry	10	166	6
G. Wragg	8	25	32
G. A. Butler	8	26	31

DONCASTER

Doncaster is a left-handed, pear-shaped course, over fifteen furlongs round and quite flat, except for a slight hill about one and a quarter miles round and quite flat, except for a slight hill about one and a quarter miles from the finish. There is a perfectly straight mile, and a round mile starting on an off-shoot of the round course. The run-in from the turn is about four and a half furlongs. This is one of the fairest courses in the country, but its flat surface and great width, its sweeping turn into the straight, and long run-in, make it galloping in character, and ideal for the big, long-striding stayer.



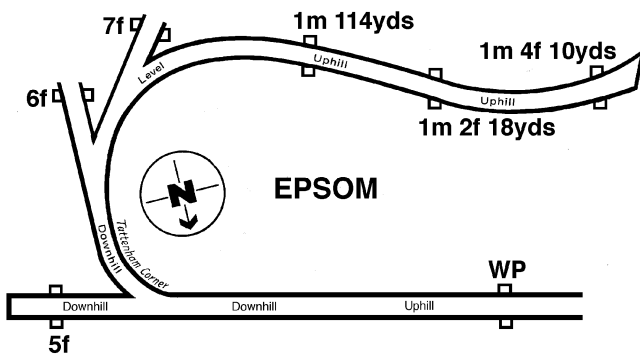
International Racecourse Management Ltd, Leger Way,
Doncaster DN2 6BB
Telephone: (01302) 320066

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
B. W. Hills	47	277	17
M. Johnston	33	228	14
J. L. Dunlop	21	147	14
M. R. Channon	18	192	9
Sir Michael Stoute	17	100	17
J. H. M. Gosden	17	111	15
T. D. Easterby	17	238	7
R. Hannon	16	182	9
Saeed bin Suroor	14	39	36
H. R. A. Cecil	13	89	15

EPSOM

Epsom is a left-handed, U-shaped course, one and a half miles in extent. The Derby course is decidedly uphill for the first half-mile, level for nearly two furlongs and then quite sharply downhill round the bend to Tattenham Corner and all the way up the straight until approaching the final furlong, from where there is a fairish rise to the winning post. The run-in is less than four furlongs. The seven-furlong and six-furlong courses start on tangential extensions. The five-furlong course is quite straight and sharply downhill to the junction with the round course. Races over one and a half miles can be testing if the pace over the first uphill four furlongs is strong, as it frequently is in the Derby. Otherwise the track is not really testing in itself, and races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp indeed, the sprint courses being the fastest in the world. Owing to its bends, camber and pronounced downhill gradients Epsom favours the handy type: big horses sometimes handle the course well enough, but cumbersome horses, long-striding gallopers, or those with pronounced 'knee-action' are often not suited by it and are frequently quite unable to act upon it, especially when the going is firm or hard. Any hesitation at the start or slowness into stride results in considerable loss of ground over the first furlong in sprint races. For this reason Epsom is no course for a green and inexperienced two-year-old, slow to realise what is required.



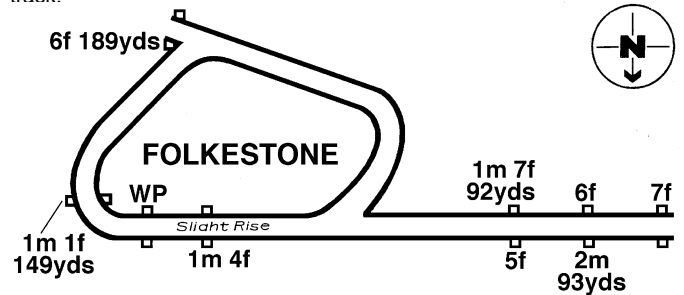
The Racecourse, Epsom Downs, Surrey, KT18 5LQ
Telephone: (01372) 726311

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	16	140	11
M. Johnston	15	80	19
D. Nicholls	14	83	17
S. Dow	10	118	8
J. L. Dunlop	9	45	20
E. A. L. Dunlop	8	54	15
P. W. Harris	8	66	12
Saeed bin Suroor	7	36	19
N. A. Callaghan	7	37	19
Sir Michael Stoute	7	44	16

FOLKESTONE

The Folkestone round course is a right-handed, pear-shaped track, about ten and a half furlongs in extent, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. There is a straight seven-furlong course. There is a short run to the first relatively sharp bend in races over a mile and a half. The course is undulating, with the last part slightly on the rise, but notwithstanding its width and the uphill finish, it is by no means a galloping track.



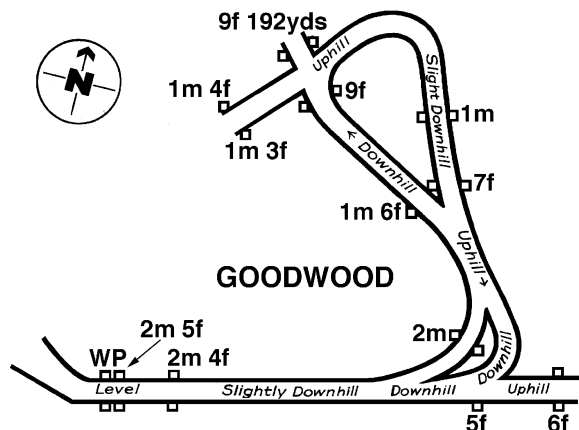
Folkestone Racecourse, Westenhanger, Hythe, Kent
Telephone: (01303) 266407

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Mrs A. J. Perrett	11	37	30
M. R. Channon	11	81	14
S. C. Williams	9	42	21
J. M. Bradley	9	99	9
J. W. Payne	7	19	37
Sir Mark Prescott	7	20	35
P. W. Harris	7	45	16
B. J. Meehan	6	22	27
B. W. Hills	6	27	22
P. F. I. Cole	6	38	16

GOODWOOD

The Goodwood track consists of a nearly straight six-furlong course, with a triangular right-handed loop circuit. Races over two miles five furlongs are started by flag near the winning post: the horses run the reverse way of the straight, branch left at the first or lower bend, go right-handed round the loop and return to the straight course via the top bend. Races over distances down to one and a half miles are also run on this course. Over distances between seven furlongs and eleven furlongs all running is done in the direction of the finish, with all but the mile-and-a-quarter races using the lower bend. Although there is a five-furlong run-in from the top bend, the turns and, more specially, the pronounced downhill gradients from the turn, make Goodwood essentially a sharp track, favouring the active, handy, fluent-mover rather than the big, long-striding horse. This is of lesser importance in long-distance races, where the emphasis is on sound stamina, and of great importance in the shorter-distance races, particularly in sprints and especially when the going is on top. The five-furlong course is one of the fastest in the country.



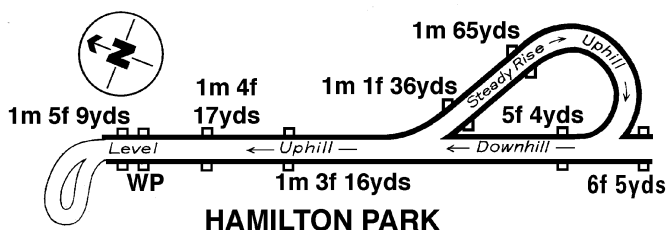
Goodwood Racecourse Ltd, Goodwood, Chichester, Sussex PO18 0PX
Telephone: (01243) 755022

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
J. H. M. Gosden	38	170	22
R. Hannon	32	424	8
M. Johnston	27	162	17
M. R. Channon	27	257	11
Sir Michael Stoute	21	111	19
Saeed bin Suroor	20	56	36
M. P. Tregoning	20	78	26
P. F. I. Cole	20	121	17
D. Nicholls	19	168	11
J. L. Dunlop	19	206	9

HAMILTON PARK

The Hamilton Park track is a perfectly straight six-furlong course, with a pear-shaped, right-handed loop, the whole being a mile and five furlongs in extent from a start in front of the stands, round the loop and back to the winning post. The run-in is five furlongs. The turns are very easy, and the course is undulating for the most part, but just over three furlongs from the winning post there are steep gradients into and out of a pronounced hollow, followed by a severe hill to the finish.



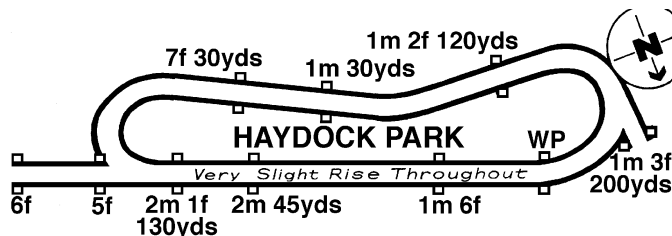
Hamilton Park Racecourse Co Ltd, Bothwell Road, Hamilton, Lanarkshire ML3 0DW
Telephone: (01698) 283806

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	32	178	18
Miss L. A. Perratt	28	389	7
J. S. Goldie	20	282	7
M. R. Channon	17	58	29
T. D. Barron	17	79	22
R. A. Fahey	17	90	19
I. Semple	14	160	9
P. C. Haslam	13	71	18
Sir Mark Prescott	12	27	44
K. A. Ryan	11	62	18

HAYDOCK PARK

Haydock Park is a left-handed, oval-shaped course, about thirteen furlongs round, with a run-in of four and a half furlongs (with a slight rise throughout), and a straight six-furlong course. Races of one and a half miles start on an extension to the round course. Haydock is rather galloping in character.



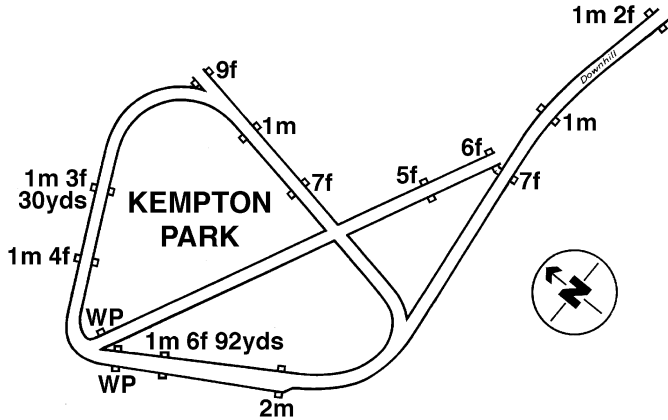
Haydock Park Racecourse, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside WA12 0HQ
Telephone: (01942) 725963

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
T. D. Easterby	27	282	10
M. A. Jarvis	24	81	30
M. Johnston	24	157	15
J. L. Dunlop	22	113	19
Sir Michael Stoute	18	69	26
J. H. M. Gosden	17	88	19
M. R. Channon	17	104	16
B. W. Hills	15	121	12
W. M. Brisbourne	14	113	12
H. R. A. Cecil	12	37	32

KEMPTON PARK

Kempton Park is a right-handed, triangular course, just over thirteen furlongs round, with a one-and-a-quarter-mile Jubilee Course which is nearly straight for six furlongs and bends right to join the round course at the turn, three and a half furlongs from home. Mile races are run on either the round course or the Jubilee Course. A separate straight course cuts across the round track and is used for races over five and six furlongs. Apart from a slight fall over the first two furlongs of the Jubilee Course, the Kempton track is perfectly flat. The home turn on the round course is on the sharp side.



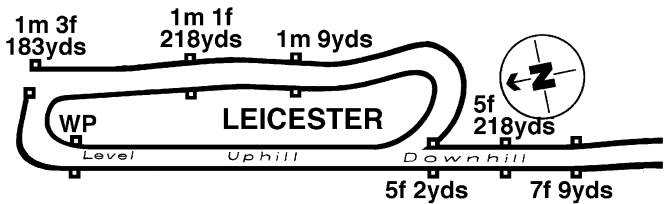
Kempton Park Racecourse, Sunbury-on-Thames,
Middlesex TW16 5AQ
Telephone: (01932) 782292

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	28	286	10
J. L. Dunlop	19	127	15
D. R. C. Elsworth	17	114	15
J. R. Fanshawe	15	67	22
Sir Michael Stoute	14	82	17
B. J. Meehan	14	127	11
Mrs A. J. Perrett	13	76	17
M. R. Channon	13	155	8
M. A. Jarvis	12	68	18
M. P. Tregoning	11	41	27

LEICESTER

The Leicester round course is a right-handed, oval track, about a mile and three quarters in extent, with a run-in of four and a half furlongs. The straight course, on which all races of up to seven furlongs are run, is mainly downhill to halfway, then rises gradually for over two furlongs, finishing on the level. The track is galloping. For two-year-olds early in the season it poses a test of stamina.



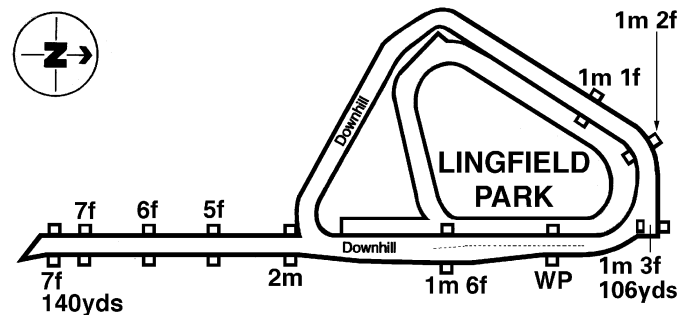
Leicester Racecourse, Oadby, Leicester LE2 3QH
Telephone: (0116) 2716515

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Sir Michael Stoute	24	86	28
J. L. Dunlop	23	164	14
R. Hannon	22	164	13
M. Johnston	17	84	20
J. H. M. Gosden	14	49	29
J. R. Fanshawe	13	58	22
P. F. I. Cole	13	81	16
M. L. W. Bell	13	88	15
E. A. L. Dunlop	13	100	13
P. W. Harris	11	81	14

LINGFIELD PARK

Turf—The Lingfield Park round course is a left-handed loop of about a mile and a half, which intersects the straight of seven furlongs and 140 yards nearly half a mile out. For nearly half its length the round course is quite flat, then rises with easy gradients to the summit of a slight hill, after which there is a downhill turn to the straight. The straight course has a considerable downhill gradient to halfway, and is slightly downhill for the rest of the way. The straight course is very easy, and the track as a whole is sharp, putting a premium on speed and adaptability, and making relatively small demands upon stamina, though this does not, of course, apply to races over two miles. The mile-and-a-half course, over which the Derby Trial and the Oaks Trial are run, bears quite close resemblance to the Epsom Derby course.



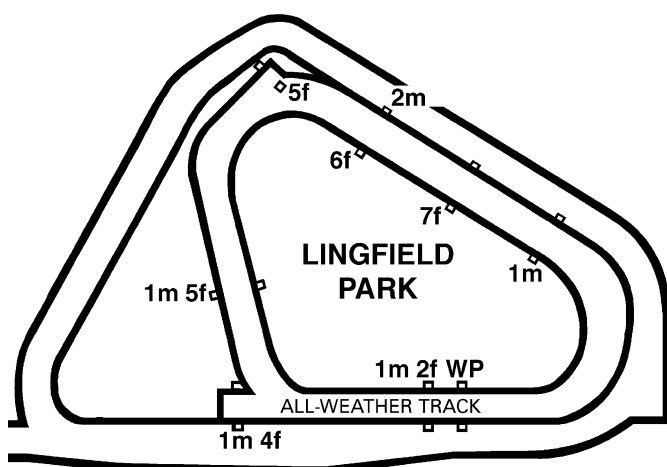
Lingfield Park Racecourse Ltd, Lingfield, Surrey
RH7 6PQ
Telephone: (01342) 831720

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	28	201	14
J. L. Dunlop	25	111	23
Sir Michael Stoute	11	41	27
E. A. L. Dunlop	11	64	17
H. R. A. Cecil	10	30	33
B. J. Meehan	10	75	13
R. Charlton	9	41	22
M. L. W. Bell	9	50	18
W. J. Haggas	9	67	13
M. R. Channon	9	117	8

LINGFIELD PARK

All-Weather—The all-weather track is laid out inside the turf track, following much the same line in the straight and the back straight then turning sharply for home at the top corner, so that it is only a mile and a quarter in extent. There is no straight sprint course, the fields at five furlongs and six furlongs having two bends to negotiate and the emphasis being very much on speed. The polytrack surface, which replaced the original equitack surface, was first used in November 2001.



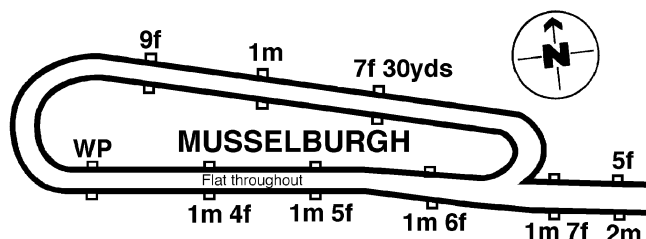
Lingfield Park Racecourse Ltd, Lingfield, Surrey
RH7 6PQ
Telephone: (01342) 831720

AW - Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
G. L. Moore	85	594	14
G. A. Butler	66	287	23
K. R. Burke	47	364	13
R. Hannon	41	331	12
N. P. Littmoden	41	433	9
Andrew Reid	37	269	14
T. G. Mills	31	139	22
J. Nosedá	29	112	26
B. W. Hills	25	128	20
B. J. Meehan	25	160	16

MUSSELBURGH

The Musselburgh (Edinburgh) round course is a right-handed, oval track, over a mile and a quarter in extent, with a run-in of half a mile. There is a straight five-furlong course. The track is flat, with slight undulations and a gentle rise from over a furlong out to the winning post. The turns at the top end of the course and into the straight are very sharp, and handiness and adaptability to negotiate the bends is of the utmost importance. The big, long-striding, cumbersome horse is at a distinct disadvantage on the round track, especially in races at up to a mile and a half, but to a lesser extent in races over longer distances.



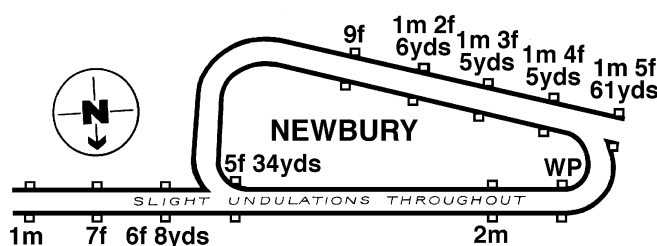
Musselburgh Racecourse, Linkfield Road, Musselburgh,
E. Lothian EH21 7RG
Telephone: (0131) 6652859

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
A. Berry	29	251	12
M. Johnston	27	130	21
J. S. Goldie	22	265	8
I. Semple	13	150	9
T. D. Easterby	12	67	18
M. L. W. Bell	11	27	41
G. A. Butler	11	28	39
Miss L. A. Perratt	11	275	4
Sir Mark Prescott	10	27	37
M. R. Channon	10	49	20

NEWBURY

The Newbury round course is a left-handed, oval track, about a mile and seven furlongs in extent, with a run-in of nearly five furlongs. There is a straight mile course, which is slightly undulating throughout, though notwithstanding that, this is a galloping track.



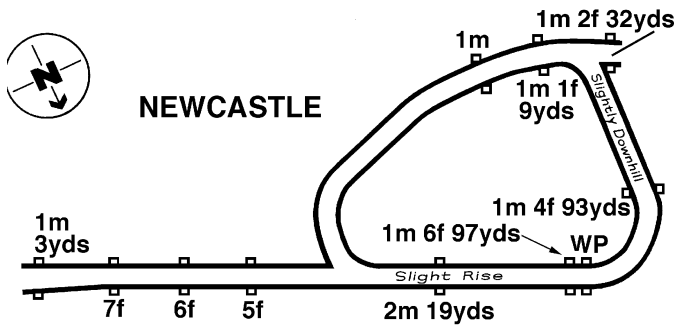
The Racecourse, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 7NZ
Telephone: (01635) 40015

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	35	468	7
J. L. Dunlop	30	219	14
J. H. M. Gosden	26	182	14
B. W. Hills	23	267	9
M. P. Tregoning	21	81	26
M. Johnston	18	83	22
R. Charlton	18	115	16
M. R. Channon	18	266	7
P. F. I. Cole	17	123	14
B. J. Meehan	16	233	7

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle is a left-handed, oval-shaped course of one mile six furlongs in circumference. There is also a straight course, over which races at up to a mile can be run. The course is decidedly galloping in character, and a steady climb from the turn into the straight makes it a testing track, particularly for two-year-olds early in the season. Ability to see the distance out thoroughly is most important.



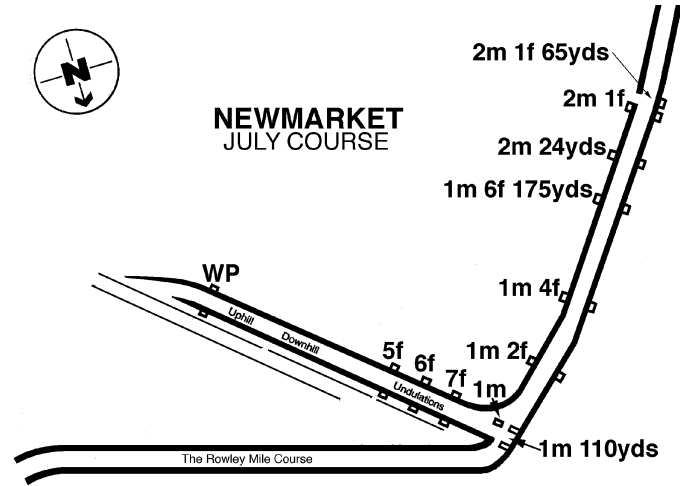
High Gosforth Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE3 5HP
Telephone: (0191) 2362020

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	26	177	15
T. D. Easterby	25	271	9
M. R. Channon	20	66	30
Mrs M. Reveley	18	116	16
J. L. Dunlop	16	50	32
R. A. Fahey	16	130	12
W. J. Haggas	14	38	37
B. W. Hills	10	42	24
M. L. W. Bell	10	42	24
J. J. Quinn	10	85	12

NEWMARKET (Summer July Course)

The Newmarket Summer (July) Course is two miles and a furlong in extent, with a right-handed bend at halfway, the first mile being part of the Cesarewitch course, and the last the straight Bunbury Mile. The course runs generally downhill to a sharp rise just before the turn. There are undulations for the first three quarters of a mile of the straight, then the course runs downhill for a furlong and uphill for the last furlong to the winning post. This is a galloping track, ideal for the big, long-striding horse, except for the descent into the dip, which is more than counterbalanced by the final hill. Ability to see the trip out thoroughly is essential.



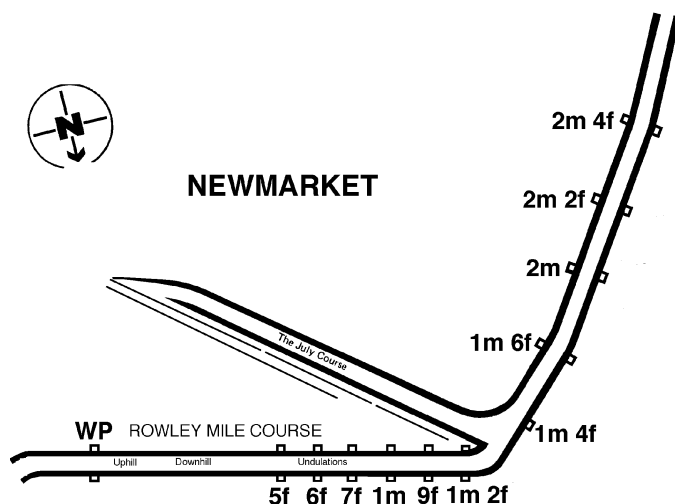
Westfield House, The Links, Newmarket, Suffolk
CB8 0TG
Telephone: (01638) 675504

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
J. L. Dunlop	34	221	15
R. Hannon	29	304	10
J. H. M. Gosden	25	140	18
B. W. Hills	25	237	11
J. R. Fanshawe	22	133	17
Sir Michael Stoute	22	159	14
N. A. Callaghan	17	135	13
P. F. I. Cole	16	88	18
L. M. Cumani	16	97	16
D. R. Loder	15	49	31

NEWMARKET (Rowley Mile Course)

The Cesarewitch course is two and a half miles in extent, with a right-handed bend at halfway, the last mile and a quarter being the straight Across the Flat. From the Cesarewitch start the course runs generally downhill to a sharp rise just before the turn. There are undulations throughout the first mile of the straight, then the course runs downhill for a furlong to the Dip, and uphill for the last furlong to the winning post. This is an exceedingly wide, galloping track, without minor irregularities of surface, so it is ideal for the big, long-striding horse, except for the descent into the Dip, which is more than counterbalanced by the final hill. Ability to see the trip out thoroughly is essential.



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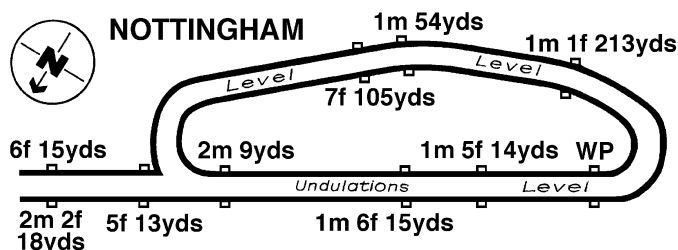
Westfield House, The Links, Newmarket, Suffolk
CB8 0TG
Telephone: (01638) 675504

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	34	329	10
J. H. M. Gosden	32	152	21
B. W. Hills	27	289	9
Sir Michael Stoute	25	214	12
J. L. Dunlop	25	272	9
H. R. A. Cecil	22	147	15
M. Johnston	16	137	12
E. A. L. Dunlop	15	174	9
M. R. Channon	15	198	8
Mrs A. J. Perrett	14	98	14

NOTTINGHAM

The Nottingham round course is a left-handed, oval track, about a mile and a half in extent, with a run-in of four and a half furlongs. There is a straight six-furlong course. The course is flat but the final turn is sharp. The old hurdles track, inside the traditional Flat track, is used at some meetings.



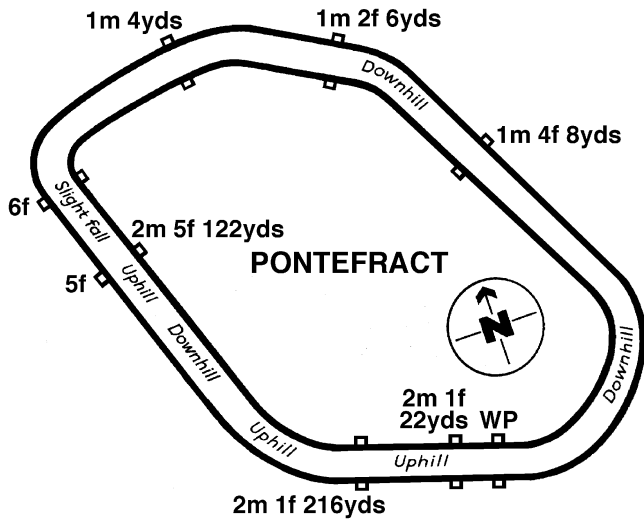
The Racecourse, Colwick Park, Nottingham NG2 4BE
Telephone: (0115) 9580620

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
J. L. Dunlop	26	151	17
M. R. Channon	20	137	15
J. H. M. Gosden	16	60	27
M. L. W. Bell	16	101	16
E. A. L. Dunlop	14	92	15
R. Charlton	12	46	26
H. R. A. Cecil	12	49	24
B. R. Millman	12	89	13
R. Hollinshead	12	140	9
J. R. Fanshawe	11	53	21

PONTEFRACT

Pontefract is a left-handed, oval track, about two miles in extent. There is no straight course, and the run-in is only just over two furlongs. There are considerable gradients and a testing hill over the last three furlongs. The undulations, the sharp bend into the straight, and the short run-in disqualify it from being described as a galloping track, but there is a premium on stamina.



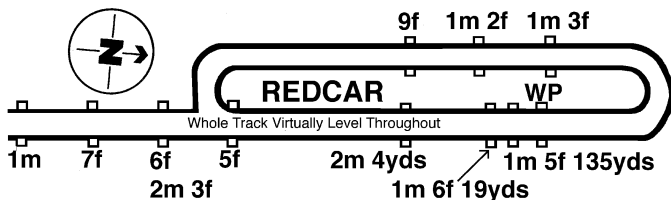
Pontefract Park Race Co Ltd, The Park, Pontefract,
West Yorkshire
Telephone: (01977) 703224

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	21	135	16
T. D. Easterby	21	219	10
D. Nicholls	20	157	13
Sir Michael Stoute	16	52	31
B. W. Hills	16	82	20
M. W. Easterby	13	123	11
E. A. L. Dunlop	12	46	26
J. L. Dunlop	12	52	23
A. C. Stewart	11	41	27
M. R. Channon	11	83	13

REDCAR

Redcar is a narrow, left-handed, oval track, about a mile and three quarters in extent, with a run-in of five furlongs, which is part of the straight mile course. The course is perfectly flat with normal characteristics, and with the exception of its two sharp bends provides an excellent gallop.



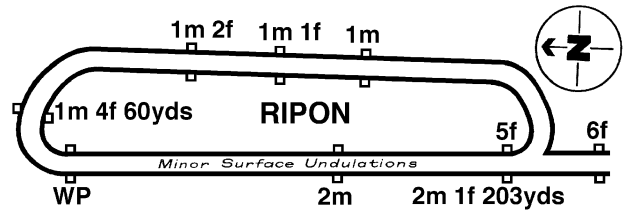
Redcar Racecourse, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 2BY
Telephone: (01642) 484068

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	25	132	19
T. D. Easterby	18	279	6
Mrs M. Reveley	17	184	9
K. A. Ryan	16	118	14
J. Noseda	13	30	43
D. Nicholls	12	134	9
P. W. Harris	11	52	21
J. H. M. Gosden	10	33	30
J. L. Dunlop	10	52	19
T. D. Barron	10	113	9

RIPON

The Ripon course is a right-handed, oval circuit of thirteen furlongs, with a run-in of five furlongs, and a straight six-furlong course. Owing to the rather cramped bends and the surface undulations in the straight, the Ripon track is rather sharp in character.



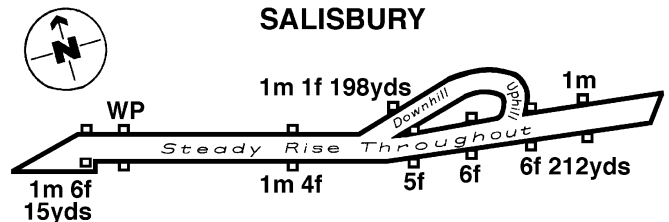
Ripon Race Co Ltd, 77 North Street, Ripon,
North Yorkshire, HG4 1DS
Telephone: (01765) 602156

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. Johnston	23	148	16
B. W. Hills	22	81	27
T. D. Easterby	22	283	8
J. L. Dunlop	18	71	25
M. R. Channon	13	67	19
H. R. A. Cecil	9	18	50
Sir Michael Stoute	9	42	21
R. M. Whitaker	9	73	12
T. D. Barron	8	72	11
J. M. Bradley	8	78	10

SALISBURY

The Salisbury track is a right-handed loop course, with a run-in of seven furlongs, which, however, is not straight, for the mile course, of which it is a part, has a right-handed elbow after three furlongs. For races over a mile and three quarters horses start opposite the Club Enclosure, and running away from the stands, bear to the left, and go round the loop. The course, which is uphill throughout the last half-mile, is galloping and rather testing.



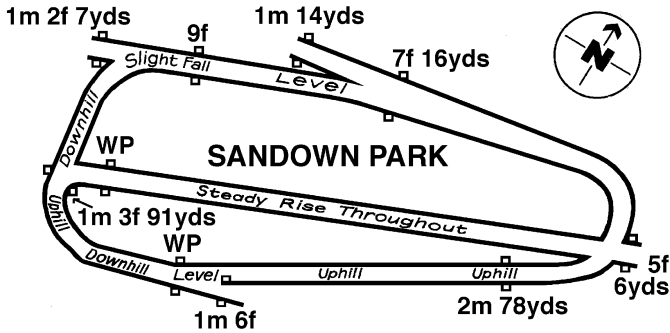
Salisbury Racecourse, Netherhampton, Salisbury,
Wiltshire SP2 8PN
Telephone: (01722) 326461

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	56	378	15
J. H. M. Gosden	23	90	26
D. R. C. Elsworth	22	201	11
J. L. Dunlop	21	134	16
M. R. Channon	21	241	9
R. Charlton	17	78	22
Sir Michael Stoute	10	47	21
B. W. Hills	10	84	12
G. L. Moore	9	61	15
Mrs A. J. Perrett	9	78	12

SANDOWN PARK

Sandown is a right-handed, oval-shaped course of thirteen furlongs, with a straight run-in of four furlongs. There is a separate straight course which runs across the main circuit over which all five-furlong races are decided. From the mile-and-a-quarter starting gate, the Eclipse Stakes course, the track is level to the turn into the straight, from there it is uphill until less than a furlong from the winning post, the last hundred yards being more or less level. The five-furlong track is perfectly straight and rises steadily throughout. Apart from the minor gradients between the main winning post and the mile-and-a-quarter starting gate, there are no undulations to throw a long-striding horse off balance, and all races over the round course are very much against the collar from the turn into the straight. The course is, in fact, a fairly testing one, and over all distances the ability to see the trip out well is important.



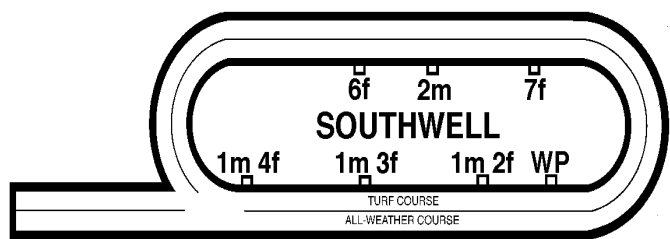
Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey KT10 9AJ
Telephone: (01372) 463072

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Sir Michael Stoute	26	123	21
R. Hannon	24	247	10
P. F. I. Cole	16	57	28
J. H. M. Gosden	14	75	19
A. C. Stewart	13	47	28
J. L. Dunlop	13	88	15
M. P. Tregoning	12	51	24
M. Johnston	12	68	18
B. W. Hills	12	87	14
D. R. C. Elsworth	12	138	9

SOUTHWELL

The turf track is laid out inside the all-weather track and is essentially sharp in nature.



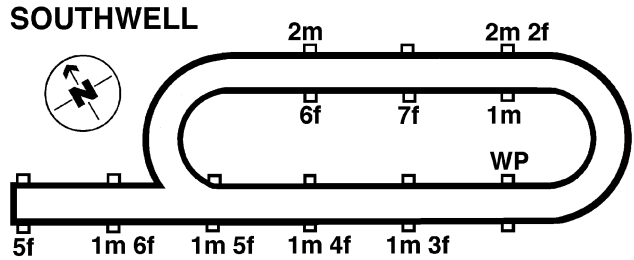
Southwell Racecourse, Rolleston, Newark,
Nottinghamshire NG25 0TS
Telephone: (0870) 2202332

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
J. R. Fanshawe	4	7	57
R. F. Fisher	4	7	57
W. J. Musson	3	3	100
J. L. Eyre	3	6	50
W. M. Brisbourne	3	9	33
A. C. Stewart	2	2	100
N. A. Graham	2	3	67
G. A. Butler	2	3	67
R. Charlton	2	4	50
E. A. L. Dunlop	2	6	33

SOUTHWELL

The all-weather track at Southwell goes left-handed in a sharp, flat mile-and-a-quarter oval which has a run-in of three furlongs and a spur to provide a straight five furlongs. Nearly all races here are truly run. The surface is fibreglass, as is Wolverhampton's, whereas Lingfield's is poly-track.



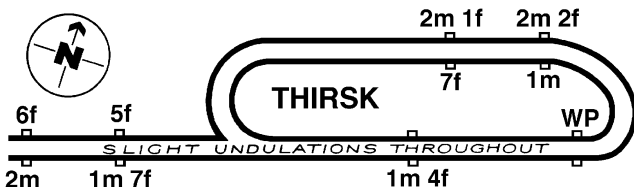
Southwell Racecourse, Rolleston, Newark,
Nottinghamshire NG25 0TS
Telephone: (0870) 2202332

AW - Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
T. D. Barron	86	402	21
Mrs N. Macauley	50	625	8
P. C. Haslam	48	292	16
R. Hollinshead	46	467	10
M. J. Polglase	43	511	8
Sir Mark Prescott	40	133	30
S. R. Bowring	40	474	8
D. Shaw	39	497	8
N. P. Littmoden	35	332	11
D. Nicholls	31	407	8

THIRSK

The Thirsk round course is a left-handed, oval track, just over a mile and a quarter in extent, with a run-in of half a mile. There is a straight six-furlong course, which is slightly undulating throughout. The round course itself is almost perfectly flat, but though the turns are relatively easy and the ground well levelled all round, the track is on the sharp side and by no means ideal for a horse that requires time to settle down, and time and space to get down to work in the straight.



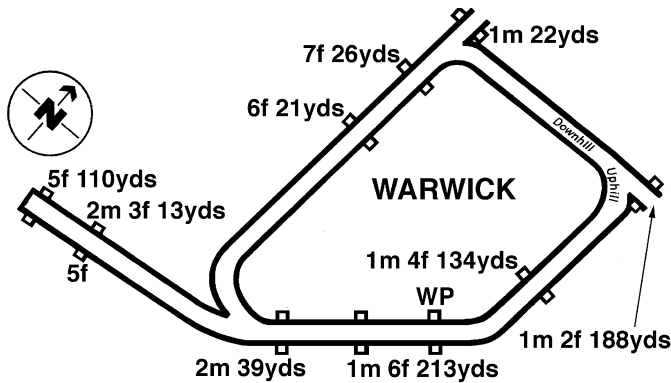
The Racecourse, Station Road, Thirsk,
N. Yorkshire YO7 1QL
Telephone: (01845) 522276

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
T. D. Easterby	25	254	10
M. Johnston	16	99	16
T. D. Barron	16	143	11
D. Nicholls	16	240	7
J. L. Dunlop	13	30	43
M. R. Channon	12	69	17
K. A. Ryan	10	135	7
Sir Michael Stoute	9	32	28
E. J. Alston	9	87	10
M. W. Easterby	9	187	5

WARWICK

Warwick is a broad, left-handed oval track, just over a mile and three quarters in extent, with a run-in of around two furlongs. There is no straight course—the five-furlong course having a left-hand elbow at the junction with the round course. Mile races start on an extension from the round course, the first four and a half furlongs being perfectly straight. This is a sharp track, with the emphasis on speed and adaptability rather than stamina. The laboured galloper is at a disadvantage, especially in races at up to a mile, but to a lesser extent in races over longer distances. While the grandstand is being rebuilt the winning post has been moved approximately 60 yards and race distances on the round course have been shortened accordingly.



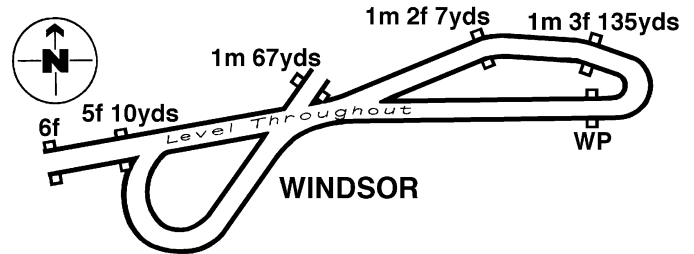
Warwick Racecourse, Hampton Street, Warwick CV34 6HN
Telephone: (01926) 491553

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
B. W. Hills	15	71	21
M. R. Channon	12	78	15
Sir Michael Stoute	11	28	39
J. R. Fanshawe	11	45	24
A. Berry	11	63	17
J. L. Dunlop	10	34	29
R. Hannon	10	83	12
M. Johnston	9	33	27
P. F. I. Cole	9	53	17
C. E. Brittain	7	48	15

WINDSOR

Windsor racecourse, laid out in the form of a figure eight, is twelve and a half furlongs in extent. In races at around one and a half miles both left-handed and right-handed turns are encountered, but in races over a mile and a quarter only right-handed turns are met. The last five furlongs of the course is straight, except for a slight bend to the right three furlongs from the finish. The six-furlong start is on an extension of this straight. Although perfectly flat throughout, the track is rather sharp in character. However, as there is a nearly straight five-furlong run-in the relative sharpness of the track is of little consequence in the longer races. Big, long-striding horses which normally require a more galloping course are at little or no disadvantage over these trips.



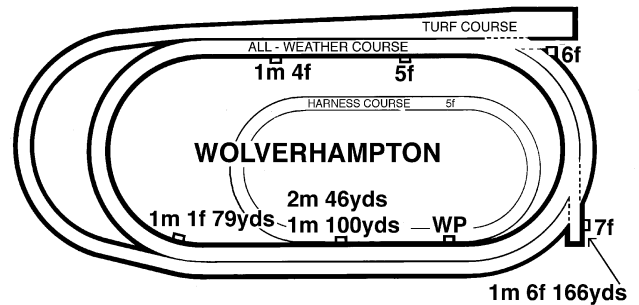
The Racecourse, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 5JJ
Telephone: (01753) 498400

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
R. Hannon	51	445	11
Sir Michael Stoute	37	116	32
B. J. Meehan	19	213	9
J. H. M. Gosden	17	74	23
B. W. Hills	14	88	16
P. F. I. Cole	14	114	12
Mrs A. J. Perrett	13	86	15
J. L. Dunlop	13	109	12
M. R. Channon	13	187	7
R. Charlton	12	63	19

WOLVERHAMPTON

The all-weather fibreglass course at Wolverhampton is a flat, oval circuit of just under a mile in length. The bends are fairly sharp and with a narrow straight of under two furlongs it favours horses with the ability to hold a good position as opposed to those who need time to find full stride.



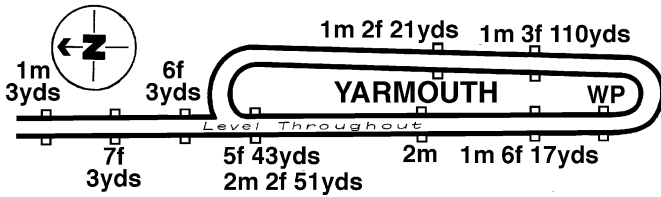
Wolverhampton Racecourse, Dunstall Park,
Wolverhampton WV6 0PE
Telephone: (01902) 421421

AW - Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
N. P. Littmoden	120	792	15
Sir Mark Prescott	55	183	30
Mrs N. Macauley	42	461	9
R. Hollinshead	41	548	7
J. A. Osborne	36	241	15
T. D. Barron	35	206	17
P. C. Haslam	33	192	17
D. W. Chapman	32	316	10
D. Shaw	31	358	9
P. D. Evans	31	488	6

YARMOUTH

The Yarmouth round course is a narrow, left-handed, oval track, about thirteen furlongs in extent, with a run-in of five furlongs. There is a straight mile course. Apart from a slight fall just before the run-in, the track is perfectly flat, with sharpish bends.



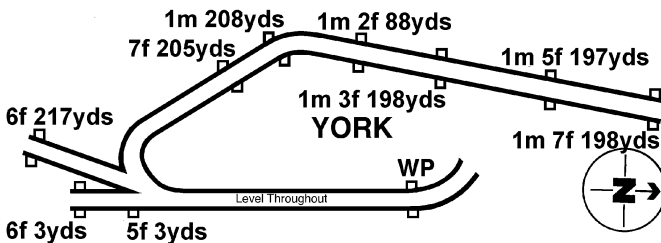
The Racecourse, Jellicoe Road,
Great Yarmouth, NR30 4AU
Telephone: (01493) 842527

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Sir Michael Stoute	20	71	28
J. L. Dunlop	16	61	26
M. L. W. Bell	16	111	14
J. H. M. Gosden	15	66	23
W. J. Haggas	15	75	20
E. A. L. Dunlop	15	110	14
H. R. A. Cecil	14	44	32
J. R. Fanshawe	14	78	18
M. A. Jarvis	12	51	24
Sir Mark Prescott	12	57	21

YORK

York is a left-handed, U-shaped course, two miles in extent, and quite flat throughout. There is also a perfectly flat straight course over which all five-furlong and six-furlong races are run. Seven-furlong races start on a spur which joins the round course after about two furlongs. The run-in from the turn is nearly five furlongs. This is one of the best courses in the country, of great width throughout and with a sweeping turn into the long straight. The entire absence of surface undulations make it ideal for a long-striding, resolute galloper, but it really is a splendid track, bestowing no great favours on any type of horse.



The Racecourse, York YO23 1EX
Telephone: (01904) 620911

Most Successful Trainers 1999 to 2003

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Sir Michael Stoute	30	143	21
M. Johnston	25	214	12
T. D. Easterby	25	293	9
P. F. I. Cole	16	119	13
J. L. Dunlop	15	82	18
R. Hannon	14	100	14
M. R. Channon	14	142	10
B. W. Hills	14	190	7
D. Nicholls	14	209	7
Saeed bin Suroor	13	40	33