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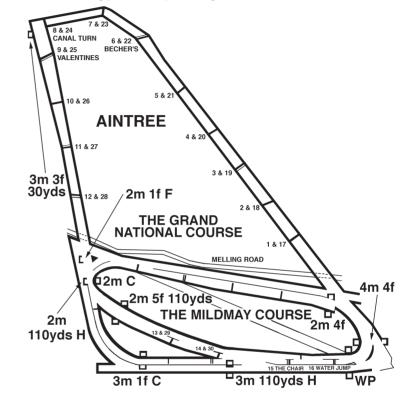
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The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. It covers two and a quarter miles and is perfectly flat throughout. Inside is the easier Mildmay course, providing a circuit of one and a half miles, which has birch fences. A major feature of the Mildmay course is its sharpness.

The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time round and fourteen the second, and, in spite of modifications to the fences in recent years, the race still provides one of the toughest tests ever devised for horse and rider. The run from the final fence to the winning post is 494 yards long and includes an elbow.



Most Successful Trainers 2000/1 to 2004/5				
Trainer	Wins	Runs	%	
Jonjo O'Neill	22	97	23	
M. C. Pipe	11	207	5	
P. F. Nicholls	9	104	9	
P. J. Hobbs	7	74	9	
N. J. Henderson	7	84	8	
Miss Venetia Williams	7	85	8	
T. D. Easterby	6	31	19	
Ferdy Murphy	6	51	12	
J. Howard Johnson	6	54	11	
P. Bowen	5	16	31	

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THE JOHN SMITH'S EXTRA SMOOTH HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed) (1)

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ARCALIS 6 11-12 164

gr.g. Lear Fan (USA) - Aristocratique (Cadeaux Genereux) [2004/5 16s* 16g* 16g4 16d3 16g* :: 2005/6 16s* 16vpu 16g5 Mar 14l close-coupled gelding; smart hurdler; won Supreme Novices' h16g 164 G1 Hurdle at Cheltenham final start in 2004/5, and improved again when justifying favouritism in his 158 + G2 Pertemps 'Fighting Fifth' Hurdle at Newcastle on return, showing good turn of foot to beat his 153 G1 Royal Shakespeare by 5 lengths: mistake 3 out and pulled up before next (lost his action) in h16d Grade 2 at Haydock won by Al Eile next time: improved effort when 111/4 lengths fifth of 18 to Brave Inca in Grade 1 Champion Hurdle at first-named track on latest start: will probably prove best around 2m: raced on good going or softer over hurdles: held up.

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

KAWAGINO (IRE)

b.g. Perugino (USA) - Sharakawa (IRE) (Darshaan) [2004/5 16g 17g* :: 2005/6 16v² c18g⁴ c17sur 16d 16m^{ur} 16s* 16g Mar 14] sturdy gelding: smart hurdler: won handicap at Wincanton (by 7 lengths from Lysander) in March: upped markedly in class, vast improvement when under 21 lengths seventh of 18 to Brave Inca in Chamnion Hurdle at Chaltenbam 5 days later sticking 108 lengths seventh of 18 to Brave Inca in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham 5 days later, sticking hi6d 116 110 to task well albeit never at threat: fair form over fences, fourth of 6 finishers to impressive c17s 127+N Taranis in novice handicap at Newbury on completed start: will prove best around 2m with emphasis on speed: sketchy jumper of fences.

I. W. MULLINS

Yellow and brown stripes, hooped sleeves (Mr K. J. Pike)

ADMIRAL (IRE)

b.g. Alhaarth (IRÉ) - Coast Is Clear (IRE) (Rainbow Quest (USA)) [2004/5 16d5 16g* 17g 17g* 16g* :: 2005/6 16d* 16d* 16s 16s 16g 17m Mar 17] tall gelding: smart hurdler: won valuable 4- h17m y-o handicaps at Chepstow in October and Haydock in November, beating Faasel a short head high in 4-runner event at latter: well below best since, in Grade 1 and valuable handicap at hi6s G1 Cheltenham 3 days apart last 2 outings: has left R. C. Guest: likely to prove best around 2m: hi6d 169 145 hi6d 169 134 acts on good to soft going: races freely, seems suited by front-running tactics.

Royal blue, white hoops, white sleeves, royal blue diamonds, royal blue cap (Mr Willie McKay)

DESERT QUEST (IRE)

6 10-12 b.g. Rainbow Quest (USA) - Jumilla (USA) (El Gran Senor (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 16s² 16d² 19m* 16s^{ur} 19d* 16g* 16d³ 16m* 17m* Mar 17] leggy gelding: useful up to 13.4f on Flat h_{17m} ₁₆₂₊₁₃₁ for A. Balding/D. Loder: useful form over hurdles: outbattled run-in first 2 starts but much hi6m 161+127 improved in blinkers since, winning 5 of last 6 completed outings, namely novice at Taunton https://doi.org/10.1011/j.j. in October and handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Doncaster (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus handicaps at Taunton and Briareus (hung left/stopped in front, beat Briareus (hung left/stopped in fron by head) in December and Newbury and Cheltenham in March: best effort when beating Noble Request impressively by 2½ lengths in 29-runner Vincent O'Brien County Hurdle on latest outing, pulling clear run-in having typically travelled strongly: stays 19f: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: patiently ridden: possibly capable of better yet.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Purple, grey hooped sleeves (Mrs M. Findlay)

DUSKY WARBLER

br.g. Ezzoud (IRE) – Bronzewing (Beldale Flutter (USA)) [2004/5 16s* 20v³ 17v* 16g³ 16d² :: 2005/6 16g 19s 16s² 17m Mar 17] lengthy gelding: useful stayer on Flat for M. Bell: useful h_{17m} 154+₁₃₅ h_{17m} 1st₁ 1st₁ 1st₂ 1st₂ 1st₂ 1st₃ 1st₂ 1st₃ 1st₄ 1st₂ 1st₄ 1st₃ 1st₄ handicap at Sandown: effort best excused in similar event at Cheltenham 6 days later, h16g stumbling badly after fourth: should stay 2½m: acts on heavy ground: in cheekpieces last 2 h16d 164 G2 h16e 164 G1 starts: not straightforward (carries head awkwardly).

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G. L. MOORE

Light green, orange sleeves and cap (Mike Charlton And Rodger Sargent)

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eleventh of 25 finishers in Coral Cup at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 21f: raced on good h17g 149 128 going or softer (acts on soft): formerly visored: tongue tied: has looked tricky ride.

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

NOBLE REQUEST (FR)

DESERT AIR (IPN)

gr.g. Highest Honor (FR) - Restless Mixa (IRE) (Linamix (FR)) [2004/5 16d² 16s 16s² 16d* 16v³

166 +17d* 16v³ 16s 16g⁵ :: 2005/6 16d 16d 16d* 17m² Mar 17] tall, good-topped gelding: chasing h_{17m} ₁₆₆₊₁₃₂ type: useful hurdler: much improved last 2 starts, winning 6-runner handicap at Wincanton hidd 139+120 (easily by 8 lengths from Lunar Crystal) before 2½ lengths second of 29 to Desert Quest in hied 139 120 County Hurdle at Cheltenham: raced around 2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: ridden hi6g 125 N

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with more restraint last 3 starts. P. J. HOBBS

Red, white chevron, hooped sleeves and cap (Mrs Karola Vann)

WHISPERED PROMISES (USA)

b.g. Real Quiet (USA) - Anna's Honor (USA) (Alleged (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 16g* 19m4 b.g. Real Quiet (USA) – Anna's Honor (USA) [Alleged (USA)] [2004/5 NK :: 2005/6 10g 1911 16d* 16s2 16d5 16g Mar 14] close-coupled gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays 1½m) at 2/3 yrs for M. Johnston: useful novice hurdler: won at Aintree (maiden) in June and Wetherby in November: creditable efforts in face of stiff tasks last 3 starts, including when beaten 5 lengths by Noland in Grade 1s at Sandown (dictated) and Cheltenham (eighth of 20): raced mainly at high 134 N high 119+N 2m: acts on soft going.

R. S. BROOKHŎUSE

R. Johnson

Light blue, pink chevrons, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, pink star (Mrs S. I. Brookhouse)

NOUS VOILA (FR)

b.g. Video Rock (FR) - Ability (FR) (Olmeto) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 16g* 16s* 17d 16v* 20v3 16s Mar 11] smallish, close-coupled gelding: fifth foal: brother to very smart hurdler/useful chaser h16s Homme du Joir and half-brother to 3 other winners, including fairly useful hurdler/chaser Jour $\frac{h20v}{h60v}$ $\frac{167+133}{160v}$ $\frac{h20v}{h60v}$ $\frac{167+133}{160v}$ I (by Royal Charter), stays 21f: dam maiden: twice-raced on Flat for G. Macaire, won over 1 1/4m h17d at Vichy: has taken well to hurdling, won novices at Leicester in November and December and high Grade 2 Rossington Main Novices' Hurdle at Haydock (made all and not extended to beat Livingonaknifedge 12 lengths) in January: best effort when third to Dom d'Orgeval in quite valuable handicap at Uttoxeter on penultimate start, ridden much more prominently than first 2: possibly hadn't recovered from that run when well beaten in valuable handicap at Sandown last time: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going.

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

POWER ELITE (IRE) gr.h. Linamix (FR) – Hawas (Mujtahid (USA)) [2004/5 16g 16d⁵ :: 2005/6 16d 17m Mar 17]

gr.h. Linamix (FR) – Hawas (Mujtahid (USA)) [2004/5 16g 16d⁵ :: 2005/6 16d 17m Mar 17] lengthy, well-made gelding: useful hurdler, lightly raced: best effort when fifth of 25 to Essex h_{17m} 163 140 in valuable handicap at Newbury final 2004/5 outing: in good form on Flat in autumn, but has h_{16d} 160 168+139 looked none too keen in valuable handicaps at Cheltenham back over hurdles last 2 starts high 143 G1 (finished lame first of them): raced at 2m, mainly on good going or softer (acts on soft):

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temperamental. N. MEADE. IRELAND

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

ASTRONOMIC

6 10-5 b.g. Zafonic (USA) - Sky Love (USA) (Nijinsky (CAN)) [2004/5 17d* 16s* 16dF 16v5 16dpu :: 2005/6 c16spu c16dpu Jan 28] strong, close-coupled gelding: useful on Flat: good start over c16d hurdles last season, winning novices at Sedgefield and Haydock (fairly useful form, beat below- hand) par Marcel 11/2 lengths in listed event): has shaped as if amiss last 3 starts, including both h16v outings over fences: raced around 2m on going softer than good (ran poorly on heavy).

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

twice-raced in bumpers, won at Killarney in July (final outing for J. E. Kiely): made good start htm 157+N in novice hurdles, won at Exeter (2) in October and Cheltenham (useful form, beat Buena Vista h17f 118+N F17f 124 W 2 lengths in Grade 2 event) in November: also ran creditably when 21³/₄ lengths third of 8 to Denman in Grade 1 at Cheltenham next time, unsuited by steady gallop when third to Noland in listed event at Exeter latest start: stays 2½m: acts on good to soft going, probably soft.

Dark blue, light blue hoop, checked sleeves and cap (Mrs D. L. Whateley)

TOWN CRIER (IRE)

11 10-0 (9-13)

br.g. Beau Sher – Ballymacarett (Menelek) [2004/5 16d* c16s* c16d² c16dF c16v* c16d³ c16s* c16g c16sF :: 2005/6 16m6 16d2 c17g* 16s* c16m c16dF Feb 18] tall gelding: useful hurdler: c16d easy winner of 12-runner handicap at Wetherby (by 11 lengths from Chef de Cour) in January: c16m 163 145 h16s 164+116 smart chaser: improved form when winning quite valuable 14-runner handicap at Newbury in c17g 177+137 November by 2½ lengths from Made In Japan: ran poorly in Grade 3 handicap at Sandown on h16d 148+114 h16m 138+114 penultimate start, fell heavily fifth at Haydock on latest: should stay beyond 17f: has won on good to firm going, possibly suited by more testing conditions (acts on heavy).

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

LUNAR CRYSTAL (IRE)

8 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Shirley Heights - Solar Crystal (IRE) (Alzao (USA)) [2004/5 16d⁵ 16d³ 16g² 16d :: 2005/6 16d² 16v² 16s⁴ 17m Mar 17] leggy gelding: useful handicap hurdler: has run well most starts h_{17m} ₁₅₂₊₁₂₇ this season, deserving particular credit when fourth to Victram in valuable event at Sandown on penultimate start, helping force strong pace: probably not over those exertions when mid- hi6d 165 123 field in similar contest at Cheltenham just 6 days later: raced around 2m (will stay further): acts [hield 143 125] on any going: tried visored (below form); often makes running; tough, genuine and reliable.

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

KHETAAM (IRE)

8 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Machiavellian (USA) - Ghassak (IRE) (Persian Bold) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 16d* 17m5 Mar 17] lengthy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: off 28 months, won 16-runner handicap at h17m 160 132 Leopardstown in good style by 2½ lengths from Feel Good Factor: creditable 8¼ lengths fifth of 29 to Desert Quest in valuable handicap at Cheltenham 12 days later, never nearer: stays 2½m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: stiff task only try in blinkers.

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

NIPPY DES MOTTES (FR)

5 10-0 (9-12) b.g. Useful (FR) - Julie Des Mottes (FR) (Puma Des Mottes (FR)) [2004/5 16v4 16d6 16d3 :: b.g. Useful (FK) – Julie Des Mottes (FK) (1 unia Des Mottes (FK)), [2004/5 1. 2005/6 20mbd 18g² 19d² 19d² 21dF 21g 17d* 17d* 16d* 16m Feb 5] useful-looking gelding: h16m 157 132 useful hurdler: won novice at Exeter (easily) in November: improved form since, winning handicaps at Taunton in December and January (by 5 lengths from Goldbrook) and Wincanton hard 156+111 (not extended to beat Silencio 2½ lengths) 2 days later: not at best when ninth of 17 in quite valuable handicap at Musselburgh last time: possibly ideally suited by strongly-run race around 2m (barely stays 21f): acts on heavy going: usually tongue tied: has failed to impress with finishing effort, but goes very well for L. Heard.

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

GRANDE IETE (SAF)

9 10-0 (9-11)

ch.g. Jallad (USA) - Corps de Ballet (SAF) (Truely Nurevey (USA)) [2004/5 17g4 16d :: 2005/6 17m Mar 17] rather leggy gelding: useful hurdler, very lightly raced: off over 11 months, shaped h17m 160+1512 as if retaining all his ability when ninth of 29 to Desert Quest in valuable handicap at h16d 132 h17g 164+130 Cheltenham on reappearance, travelling smoothly into contention before fading before last: will prove best around 2m with emphasis on speed: difficult to train.

N. Î. HENDERSON

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

BONGO FURY (FR)

7 10-0 (9-10) b.m. Sillery (USA) - Nativelee (FR) (Giboulee (CAN)) [2004/5 16d 17d5 17gur 16d* 16d* 16d2

17g 16g⁵ :: 2005/6 16s 19s Mar 29l sparely-made mare: useful handicap hurdler: won mares high 161+130 races at Sandown and Doncaster in 2004/5: much better effort on return when mid-field in 15runner event at Taunton, travelling well into contention and not unduly punished once held 2
out: stays 19f: has won on firm going, best efforts on good or softer (acts on heavy): visored

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since debut: has idled. M. C. PIPE

Red, pink sleeves and cap (Lord Donoughmore & Countess Donoughmore)

PIRATE FLAGSHIP (FR)

7 10-0 (9-10)

b.g. River Mist (USA) - Sacadu (Tyrant (USA)) [2004/5 F16v⁴ 22g³ :: 2005/6 16d² 16g* 19d⁶ 17d* 16m² 17m⁴ Mar 17] leggy gelding: useful hurdler: won maiden at Newbury in November h17m 158+122 and awarded novice handicap at Cheltenham (beaten short head by Armariver but hampered handicap at Cheltenham (beaten short head by Armariver but hampered hand 166+122 run-in) in January: best effort when 13/4 lengths second of 14 to Desert Quest in handicap at hird 135+11 Newbury on penultimate start: not discredited when 7 lengths fourth of 29 behind same horse high 139+N high 157+N in County Hurdle at Cheltenham last time, racing closer to pace than other principals: best form around 2m; acts on good to firm and good to soft going.

Dark green, vellow cross belts, diabolo on sleeves (Mr & Mrs Mark Woodhouse)

ACAMBO (GER)

5 10-0 (9-10)

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ro.g. Acambaro (GER) - Artic Lady (FR) (No Pass No Sale) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 17g* 16d* 16s3 16m⁵ 17m Mar 17] successful 4 times up to around 9f on Flat in Germany, including twice in h_{17m} ₁₄₆ 132 2005, left P. Rau in September: promising start to hurdling career, won maiden at Taunton in h16m 161 129 h16s 159+N November and handicap at Windsor (beat Chief Yeoman 2 lengths) in December: has failed to his 159+118 progress as expected since, eased straight when well held in valuable handicap at Cheltenham h17g 148+N latest outing (visored): likely to prove best around 2m for time being: held up.

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

NEVEESOU (FR)

5 10-0 (9-10)

gr.g. Kaldounevees (FR) – Tugend (GER) (Priamos (GER)) [2004/5 18sF 18s :: 2005/6 18s* 17d* 16s² Feb 24] quite good-topped gelding: sixth foal: half-brother to 2¹/₄m hurdle winner Troika h16s 158-128 de Sou (by Ajdayt): dam unraced half-sister to Tiberius, prolific 9.5f to 1½m winner in h17d 146+N h18s 139+W Germany: 13f winner on Flat: useful form over hurdles, won 4-v-o event at Auteuil in hiss 125 G2 November (for G. Cherel) and novice at Taunton (readily beat Vaughan 7 lengths) in December: h18s' improved form when 8 lengths second of 5 to Gods Token in handicap at Warwick last time, leading travelling well turning for home but finding less than seemed likely; will stay 21/2m: raced on good to soft/soft going.

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

BEAUTIFUL VISION (IRE)

6 10-0 (9-9)

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ch.g. Moscow Society (USA) - Rumi (Nishapour (FR)) [2004/5 F16v⁶ F16v* F16g:: 2005/6 16v* 16s* 16v³ 16v⁴ Jan 12] good-topped gelding: useful form in bumpers: fairly useful hurdler: won h16v 148 N maiden at Limerick in November and novice at Wexford 2 weeks later: pest enort when about hits 143+18 hits 139+18 hits 139+18

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND

Black, yellow disc and armlets, yellow cap (Mr Enda Hunston)

8 10-0 (9-9) b.g. Kris – Tender Moment (IRE) (Caerleon (USA)) [2004/5 c17m* c16g³ c17sur c16gF :: 2005/6

16g² Mar 24] tall gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: off 14 months, back to best when clear h16g 164 122 head second of 11 to Motorway at Newbury on return, soon close up and edged out only close c16g', home: easily landed odds in maiden at Market Rasen on chasing debut in June 2004: well held c16g 143 only subsequent completed start: best around 2m: acts on soft and good to firm going: c17m 140+W

MRS L. WADHAM

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

sometimes tongue tied: races freely: has found little.

L. Aspell

16d 17g³ 16g³ :: 2005/6 16g³ 17d² 17g³ 16d⁴ 16d 17d⁶ 16s⁶ 17m⁶ Mar 17 close-coupled gelding: h_{17m} ₁₆₁ ₁₂₇ fairly useful handicap hurdler, third in 2005 County Hurdle at Cheltenham: mainly creditable hits 156 129 efforts this season, 8½ lengths sixth of 29 to Desert Quest in latest renewal of race: best around hitd 159 134 2m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going: usually patiently ridden: consistent.

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

MOTORWAY (IRE)

5 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Night Shift (USA) - Tadkiyra (IRE) (Darshaan) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 16d3 16d* 16g* 17d* 16dF 16g* Mar 24] rather leggy gelding: lightly-raced 11/4m winner on Flat (fairly useful form), h16g 161+119 over hurdles: successful last 4 completed starts, maiden at Cheltenham in October and his 159 110A handicaps at Newbury (conditional jockeys) in November, Cheltenham (beat Desert Air 11/2 h16d 146+N h16d 120+N lengths) in December and Newbury in March: off 3 months and odds on, beat Bound a head (pair clear) in 11-runner event for latest success, jumping better and keeping on gamely to edge ahead close home: will stay beyond 17f: remains capable of better.

Red, vellow sash, brown sleeves, vellow cap, red star (Mr D. Allen)

TARLAC (GER) 5 10-0 (9-7)

ch.g. Dashing Blade - Tintina (USA) (General Assembly (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 17d3 17d* 16v* 16s5 Mar 11] smart on Flat (stays 1¹/₄m), successful 4 times in Germany for A. Schutz: h_{16s} 157+123 confirmed hurdling debut promise when winning novice at Folkestone in January and h16v 161+115 handicap at Sandown (beat Lunar Crystal 3/4 length, pair clear) in February: favourite, ran well hit/d 141+N when just over 3 lengths fifth to Victram in valuable 21-runner event at latter course last time, travelling strongly under patient ride and unable to sustain effort run-in having disputed lead at last: raced around 2m on going softer than good, will prove at least as effective under less testing conditions: remains capable of better.

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

LORD HENRY (IRE)

7 10-0 (9-7)

b.g. Lord Americo – Auntie Honnie (IRE) (Radical) [2004/5 F17g4 19d* 16g* :: 2005/6 16v3 17m Mar 17] lengthy gelding: fairly useful form when winning both starts in novice hurdles in h17m 158+125 2004/5: off 15 months prior to reappearance, good 93/4 lengths seventh of 29 to Desert Quest in https://doi.org/10.1009/j.com/seventh-10.1009/j.com/sevent valuable handicap at Cheltenham next time, leading in straight before fading last: free-going high 156+N sort, will probably prove best around 2m for time being: acts on good to firm and good to soft F17g' 128 W going.

Red, white chevron, hooped sleeves and cap (Mrs Karola Vann)

MONTE CINTO (FR)

6 10-0 (9-7) br.g. Bulington (FR) - Álgue Rouge (FR) (Perouges (FR)) [2004/5 18d 16d* 17d* 16d* 16d 16d

Warwick (flashed tail), Exeter and Sandown (improved again, beat Winsley a length in William nearer sixth to Victram in valuable 21-runner event at Sandown last time: should stay beyond hind 127 tacts on heavy going.

P. F. NICHOLLS

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Red, yellow chevrons and armlets (Mrs Monica Hackett)

MISS ACADEMY (FR)

5 10-0 (9-6)

ch.m. Video Rock (FR) - Mademoiselle Wo (FR) (Prince Wo (FR)) [2004/5 16s* 17s4 16vF 16g4 16s⁴ 16d* 16d* 16d6 16s 16dF 17m Mar 17] close-coupled mare: fairly useful hurdler: easily h17m 152 128 landed odds at Newcastle (mares maiden) and Plumpton (juvenile) in 2004/5: best effort when fourth of 24 to Dabiroun in valuable juvenile handicap at Cheltenham fourth start: below form high 140+N in valuable handicaps on completed outings this season: raced around 2m: acts on heavy going.

hidd '145+N
hids' 155-G1

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

HIGH DAY 6 10-0 (9-4)

b.g. Monsun (GER) - All Time Great (Night Shift (USA)) [2004/5 16gF 16m 16mF :: 2005/6 20s* 16v* 16d⁴ 16d⁵ 16m⁴ 17m Mar 17] short-backed gelding: fairly useful hurdler (trained by A. h17m 151 123 Mullins in 2004/5): off 15 months, easy winner of novices at Hexham and Uttoxeter in $\frac{h16m}{h16d}$ $\frac{155}{123}$ $\frac{123}{N}$ November on return: improved form when 81/4 lengths fourth of 17 to Crow Wood in handicap high 145+L at Musselburgh: shaped as though still in form when eleventh of 29 to Desert Quest in valuable h16v 1431+N h20s 131+N handicap at Cheltenham last time: stays 21/2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

Yellow and royal blue diabolo, royal blue sleeves, light blue cap (Mr Sean J. Murphy)

WELLBEING 9 10-0 (9-3)

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) - Charming Life (NZ) (Sir Tristram) [2004/5 16v² :: 2005/6 16d³ 17s³ 16m* 17d* Mar 21] rangy gelding: smart up to 1½m on Flat at 3/4 yrs for H. Cecil, successful h17d 162+110 twice in 2002 for P. Bary: curtailed career at stud: much improved over hurdles when winning hitem 152 103 hits 136+N handicaps at Newbury (novice, beat Jack The Giant short head) and Exeter last 2 starts: most his 136+14 had 143 N convincing when beating Idian Mix 3 lengths in 14-runner event latter occasion, smooth hi6v' 136+N headway and shaken up to lead run-in: raced around 2m, will probably stay further: acts on good to soft and good to firm going: useful prospect.

h16d 161 + 133A

165 p

161 p

161 +

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Apricot, black sash and cap (Gillian, Lady Howard de Walden)

FRENCH ACCORDION (IRE)

6 10-0 (9-3)

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b.g. Accordion - Royal Thimble (IRE) (Prince Rupert (FR)) [2004/5 16v4 16v4 20d 16s5 :: 2005/6 20g² 16f* 16s* 16d⁶ 16v 16s⁶ Mar 5] good-topped gelding: third foal: brother to high-class 2m his 137 W hurdler/useful chaser Accordion Etoile: dam fair 2m hurdler: fair hurdler: won at Tipperary in h16v 149 119 h16d 144 G2 hurdler/useful chaser Accordion Etoile: dam tair zm nuruier. iain nuruier. won at 1772 million 147 N May (maiden) and October (Grade 3 novice, beat Carthalawn 1½ lengths): creditable seventh hiss 147 N May (maiden) and October (Grade 3 novice, beat Carthalawn 1½ lengths): creditable seventh hiss 147 N hiss 141 N his 141 N Clonmel 3 months later: should be as effective at 2½m as 2m: probably acts on any going.

White, orange stars, white sleeves, white cap, emerald green stars (Mr Padraig Brady)

PEPE GALVEZ (SWE)

9 10-0 (9-3)

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br.g. Mango Express - Mango Sampaquita (SWE) (Colombian Friend (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 16d³ 16g³ 20d³ 16g³ Mar 24 sturdy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: missed h_{16g} 155 121 2004/5: creditable efforts when third all 4 starts this season, beaten 8 lengths by Motorway in head 155+121 high 158+121 (simple task when successful on soft).

MRS L. C. TAYLOR

Chocolate, primrose sleeves, green and primrose check cap (Mrs D. Barnett)

CHELSEA HARBOUR (IRE)

b.g. Old Vic - Jennyellen (IRE) (Phardante (FR)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F18s6 18v 20v6 F16d6 16s2 19s⁶ 16d⁶ 22s* Feb 23] second foal: half-brother to 19f hurdle winner Lady Lisa (by Supreme h22s 145+108 Leader): dam, modest hurdler, stayed 23/4m; modest form in 2 bumpers; fair novice hurdler; best effort when winning 18-runner handicap at Thurles last time comfortably by 3 lengths hifes 132 N from Take Your Mark; will stay 3m; raced on going softer than good (acts on soft); open to Fided 117 WA further improvement.

THOMAŜ MULLINS. IRELAND

Orange, black star, diabolo on sleeves, white and black hooped cap (Mrs P. Duffin)

SALUT SAINT CLOUD

5 10-0 (9-2)

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b.g. Primo Dominie – Tiriana (Common Grounds) [2004/5 16d* 16d* 16d* 16d* 16v4 17s3 18s 16s² :: 2005/6 20s 21d 16d⁵ 19s 22dpu Feb 18 (Mar3F*)] leggy gelding: fair on Flat (stays 2m), h22d 1052 ... 2007/0 205 21tt 10td 195 22td 19 10td 195 22td 195 21td 195 22td 195 21td 195 22td 195 21td 195 22td 195 21td 1 stays 21f: raced on going softer than good.

Ğ. L. MOORE

Orange, black stripe, black sleeves, orange armlets (Mr A. Grinter)

CLASSIC APPROACH (IRE)

6 10-0 (9-2)

h16s' 148 N

b.g. Luso - Vital Approach (IRE) (Mandalus) [2004/5 F17d4 :: 2005/6 F20m 18g 22f4 F16g* 20d* 16d 21d⁴ Oct 26 tall gelding: third foal: dam, maiden pointer, half-sister to useful but h21d 119 N temperamental staying chaser Harwell Lad: won maiden point on debut in 2004: won bumper h16d N h20d 138+N at Killarney (by 1½ lengths from Little Rascal) and maiden hurdle at Listowel (by 2 lengths fife 133+WA from Ponmeoath), both in September: well beaten in novices last 2 starts, fourth of 6 to Darrias half 121 N at Cheltenham on latest: will prove best at 2½m+: acts on good to soft ground.

J. QUEALLY, IRELAND

Dark blue, emerald green hoops, quartered cap (Mr M. A. Ryan)

SAIF SAREEA	6 10-0 (9-1)	156
	R)) [2004/5 16m* 16m6 16v4 17d 16d5 :: 2005/6 16s6 16dur	132
16g* 16m* 16m ² 16g ² 16d ² 16d ² Mar	17] smallish, sturdy gelding: fair on Flat (stays 11/4m): has	h16d 156 115
improved into fairly useful handica	p hurdler (claimed from A. Forbes £6,000 second start),	h16d 146 111
winning at Musselburgh in Novemb	er and December: runner-up next 4 starts, running well	h16m 144+110
when length second of 6 finishers to	Dhehdaah (pair long way clear) at Fakenham on latest,	h16m 137 + 102
edged out run-in: takes good hold, an	nd will prove best around 2m: has form on heavy ground,	1110g 129+90
probably suited by less testing con	ditions (acts on good to firm): fluent jumper: patiently	

R. A. FAHEY

Black, white seams, halved sleeves, dark green cap (The Ipso Facto Syndicate)

TEMPLE PLACE (IRE) 5 10-0 (8-13) b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) - Puzzled Look (USA) (Gulch (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 16d5 17d4 16d3 17s* Mar 25] useful on Flat (stays 1½m), sold out of M. Bell's stable 42,000 gns h17s 142+N Newmarket Autumn Sales: progressive form over hurdles: best effort when winning 14-runner hidd 143 N novice at Bangor last time by 13 lengths from Dandygrey Russett, travelling easily to lead before hidd 116+N 2 out and soon clear; hung and looked awkward under pressure previous outing; raced around 2m on good to soft/soft going: tongue tied since debut.

Red, yellow braces, white sleeves and cap (Brendan Richardson and Jon Glews)

146 ch.g. Polish Precedent (USA) - Bright Spells (Salse (USA)) [2004/5 18g2 16f3 16m6 16m3 16s:: 2005/6 16d* 17d⁶ May 8] sparely-made gelding: fair on Flat (stays 13f): fair hurdler: won 25- h17d 137 111 runner handicap at Punchestown in late-April by 5 lengths from Native Stag: bit below form at runner handicap at Punchestown in late-April by 5 lengths from Native Stag: bit below form at Kilbeggan next time: will prove best around 2m: acts on soft and firm going: tried in h16m' 140 101 h16m' 129 102 h16f 137 101

Red, black star and sleeves, yellow cap (Mr J. Stanley)

ALMIER (IRE) 8 10-0 (8-10) 147 gr.g. Phardante (FR) - Stepfaster (Step Together (USA)) [2004/5 16mur 16f3 17d* 19f2 20m5 20v $16v^6$ $16s^F$ $16s^*$ $16s^2$ $16s^*$ 16v 16v 16s :: 2005/6 $16m^*$ $16g^4$ 16m 20g 20g $c18g^*$ $16d^F$ 16d 16s 19v high Mar 12] small gelding: fair handicap hurdler: won at Navan in May: well held last 3 starts: fair handicap hurdler: won at Navan in May: well held last 3 starts: fair handicap hurdler: won at Navan in May: well held last 3 starts: fair + 113 form when winning maiden at Downpatrick on chasing debut in September by 3 lengths from hisd Amid The Chaos: stays 19f: acts on firm and soft going. 115

M. HOURIGAN, IRELAND

Emerald green, yellow stars, emerald green sleeves, red cap (C. Maune)

INTO THE SHADOWS

ch.m. Safawan - Shadows of Silver (Carwhite) [2004/5 16d3 16g* :: 2005/6 16s* 16g5 16g3 Dec 10 (Mar24F*)] angular mare: fairly useful in bumpers and on Flat (successful last time): fair hurdler, lightly raced: won 9-runner handicap at Huntingdon in November impressively by 5 hlss 135+99 lengths from Pirandello: much better effort since when good third of 12 to Desert Ouest in 1868 135+99 lengths from Pirandello: much better effort since when good third of 12 to Desert Quest in hi6g handicap at Doncaster last time: raced around 2m: acts on soft going.

Purple, red epaulets and sleeves, white cap (Mr R. C. Mayall)

BOGUS DREAMS (IRE) 9 10-0 (8-8)

ch.g. Lahib (USA) - Dreams Are Free (IRE) (Caerleon (USA)) [2004/5 c16s5 16g4 16s* :: 2005/6 17d* c16g* 19g Jan 25] strong, well-made gelding: has reportedly had wind operation: useful h19g on Flat (best around 11/4m) in Britain at 4 yrs for S. Woods: no form in 4 starts over hurdles in c16g 129+89 h17d 138+107 Ireland in 2002: favourite, much improved when winning handicaps at Ayr and Bangor in high 139+89 spring, leading 2 out and probably idling when beating Top Achiever 11/2 lengths at latter hies 117 +88 course: off 81/2 months and in need of run, held up and never a factor in similar event at Catterick on return: much better effort over fences when easy winner of 14-runner handicap at Hexham in May: likely to stay easy 19f; acts on soft going; probably hasn't finished improving. G. Berridge (3)

Black, red star, striped sleeves, red cap (Mrs Tracey O'Hare)

DOUBLE VODKA (IRE)

5 10-0 (8-5) b. or br.g. Russian Revival (USA) – Silius (Junius (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 16dF 16s² 16g² 16s⁵ 16d² Mar 19] workmanlike gelding: half-brother to winning hurdler/fairly useful chaser in h16d 144 N Discussion (by King's Theatre), stays 21f: fairly useful winner on Flat (stays 11f), sold out of hi6s 137 111 hi6s 136+N Mrs J. Ramsden's stable 26,000 gns Newmarket Autumn Sales: fair novice hurdler: runner-up hi6s 136+N hi6s 141+N 3 of 5 starts, beaten 10 lengths by Auenmoon in maiden at Kelso on latest: raced at 2m on good hi6d 144+N

R. McGrath

C. GRANT Black, yellow star, diabolo on sleeves and star on cap (Mr Steve Wilson)

LAGUDIN (IRE)

b.g. Eagle Eyed (USA) - Liaison (USA) (Blushing Groom (FR)) [2004/5 20d⁵ 20v 16s⁴ 16d 20d⁵ 18vpu :: 2005/6 16d 16mpu 16m 18m 16mpu 20s4 20v4 16v2 16s3 16v 18d 16v2 17s2 16s3 16s2 h16s 135 99 Mar 19] good-topped gelding: one-time smart 11/4m winner on Flat: fair maiden hurdler: placed hirs in handicaps last 4 starts, 41/2 lengths second to easy winner Royal County Star at Limerick hites latest: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going, no form on firmer than good: tongue tied once: seems h18d effective blinkered or not.

PAUL JOHN GILLIGAN, IRELAND Black, light blue star, light blue sleeves, black stars, light blue cap (Mr Brian Walsh (Co.

ROZNIC (FR) 8 10-0 (7-6)

128 b.g. Nikos - Rozamie (FR) (Azimut (FR)) [2004/5 20d⁵ 22s 16v⁵ 16s⁴ 16d⁵ 16d :: 2005/6 c16d^F c16s* c16s* c20s* c16s3 Mar 29] useful-looking gelding: modest maiden hurdler: has taken c16s 153+121 well to fences, successful in handicaps first 3 completed starts, at Folkestone and Warwick in class 148+111 class 144+103 January (both novices) and Sandown (beat Indian Gunner 5 lengths) in February: further c16s progress (fairly useful form) when 5 lengths third of 6 to Misty Dancer in similar event (novice) c16d 127+96 h16d' 100 98 at Taunton last time, challenging under pressure when blundering 2 out: stays 2½m, at least as effective over shorter: acts on soft ground.

P. WINKWORTH

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Light blue and pink diamonds, vellow sleeves and cap (Etoile Racing)

HANDICAPS: OVERNIGHT ALTERING OF WEIGHTS

The ratings for this race have been adjusted to the weights currently allocated. If these change at the overnight stage then simply subtract 1 lb for each pound carried above the weight shown or add 1 lb for each pound below the present weight (the weights shown in brackets are those originally allocated in the long handicap and are included for information only).

Timeform Horses In Focus: Aintree 8th April

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

Time	Horse	Time	Horse
1.45	DESERT QUEST (IRE)	3.25	ACES FOUR (IRE)
1.45	NOBLE REQUEST (FR)	3.25	KINGS ADVOCATE (IRE)
1.45	NOUS VOILA (FR)	3.25	ACCORDING TO JOHN (IRE)
1.45	MOTORWAY (IRE)	4.15	HEDGEHUNTER (IRE)
1.45	TARLAC (GER)	4.15	NUMBERSIXVALVERDE (IRE)
1.45	WELLBEING	5.00	MADISON DU BERLAIS (FR)
2.15	VOY POR USTEDES (FR)	5.00	NYCTEOS (FR)
2.50	AL EILE (IRE)	5.00	BOB THE BUILDER
2.50	MY WAY DE SOLZEN (FR)	5.00	NEW ALCO (FR)
2.50	SKY'S THE LIMIT (FR)	5.30	KICKS FOR FREE (IRE)
3.25	PHAR BLEU (FR)	5.30	PEPPORONI PETE (IRE)
3.25	TEMOIN	5.30	WICHITA LINEMAN (IRE)
3.25	UNGARO (FR)	5.30	YOUNG ALBERT (IRE)
3.25	MR POINTMENT (IRE)	5.30	ALFIE FLITS
3.25	REFINEMENT (IRE)		

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THE JOHN SMITH'S MAGHULL **NOVICES' CHASE (Grade 1) (1)**

£110,000 5yo+

ACCORDION ETOILE (IRE)

7 11-4 b.g. Accordion - Royal Thimble (IRE) (Prince Rupert (FR)) [2004/5 16m* 16g* 16s2 16d* 16v5 developed into high-class hurdler in 2004/5, 3½ lengths fourth to Hardy Eustace in Champion c16d 157+G2 Hurdle at Cheltenham: simple task when winning Grade 3 at Tipperary in July: smart novice hiem 166 159 chaser: won Grade 2 Independent Newspaper November Novices' Chase at Cheltenham in hiem 146+G3 November by short head from Tamarinbleu, running on well after not fluent last 2 fences; creditable third of 5 to Central House in Grade 2 at Punchestown next time (though finished weakly), fell eighth in Grade 1 Arkle at Cheltenham latest start; has form at 21/2m and on soft/heavy going, better at 2m under less testing conditions; patiently ridden, and has a turn of

PAUL NOLAN, IRELAND

Brown, pink star, sleeves and cap (Banjo Syndicate)

COAT OF HONOUR (USA)

6 11-4 141

gr.g. Mark of Esteem (IRE) - Ballymac Girl (Niniski (USA)) [2004/5 20m* 16m* 16g* 16g2 :: 2005/6 16g* c17dF c16d* c16g Mar 14] close-coupled, quite good-topped gelding: useful c16d 129+W hundler best effort when carried and c16d 129+W hurdler, best effort when winning 11-runner Stanleybet Handicap Hurdle at Haydock in May c17d 130+N hand 157 134 by 5 lengths from Definate Spectacle: odds on, confirmed chasing debut promise when high winning 6-runner maiden at Wetherby in December by 2½ lengths from Show Me The River: h16g 141 N 33/1, out of depth in Grade 1 Arkle at Cheltenham 11 weeks later (not fluent): stays 21/2m; effective blinkered or not.

I. HOWARD IOHNSON

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

FOREMAN (GER)

ch.g. Monsun (GER) - Fleurie (GER) (Dashing Blade) [2004/5 c18d² c17v² :: 2005/6 18v⁶ 19v c16d* c16g³ Mar 14] lengthy, angular gelding; usually impresses in appearance: very smart c16d 162+G2 hurdler, not knocked about when unpleaded in 162+G2 hurdler, not knocked about when unplaced at Enghien first 2 starts this term: similar form h19v when in frame all 4 starts over fences (sound jumper), won 4-runner Grade 2 Lightning c17v 158 C1 Novices' Chase at Lingfield in February impressively by 3 lengths from Le Volfoni: 5/1, also ran c18d' 167 N well when 61/4 lengths third of 12 finishers to Vov Por Ustedes in Grade 1 Arkle at Cheltenham last time, keeping on from rear: effective around 2m, should stay 3m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: blinkered final 4 starts in 2003/4.

T. DOUMEN, FRANCE

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

GREEN TANGO

br.g. Greensmith – Furry Dance (USA) (Nureyev (USA)) [2004/5 16g 16g* 16d 16d 16d 16d 16d :: c16m 158+139 2005/6 c17d4 c17g² c19s* c16d* c16m Mar 17] good-topped gelding: fairly useful handicap c16d 149+N January: creditable 61/2 lengths seventh of 23 to Greenhope in Grand Annual Chase at h16d' Cheltenham last time, hampered third and couple of mistakes after before some late headway: best at 2m; acts on soft and good to firm going; consistent.

Royal blue, white sleeves, red cap (Mrs Strachan, Gabb, Lady Barlow & Harford)

8 11-4

b.g. Rock Hopper – Polly's Teahouse (Shack (USA)) [2004/5 16g³ 16g⁴ 17d* :: 2005/6 16g May h16g 105 29] lengthy gelding: modest hurdler: won 13-runner novice at Cartmel in early-2004/5 by short h17d 115xN head from reluctant Alrida: left P. Beaumont, well held in handicap at Uttoxeter 12 months h16g 112 N h16g 109? W later, already on retreat when mistake 3 out: raced mainly around 2m on good going or softer. MRS L. B. NORMILE Ď. Flavin

Royal blue, white spots and sleeves, scarlet cap (Mr Robert Gibbons)

MANSONY (FR)

b.g. Mansonnien (FR) – Hairly (FR) (Air de Cour (USA)) [2004/5 20g 16s 16d6 16v² 16s² :: c16v 149+N 2005/6 20d* 17d c16v* c20s³ c17d⁶ c16v* c16v* c16v* Mar 12] big, workmanlike gelding: c16v 156+c2v 156+c3v useful handicap hurdler: won listed event at Punchestown in April: similar form over fences: successful in maiden at Naas in November, Grade 2 ladbrokes.com Flyingbolt Novice Chase at c20s 148 G1 Navan (beat Zum See easily by 25 lengths) in February and novice at Naas in March, in last- c16v 133+W named again making all to beat King Johns Castle 3 lengths; still close third when falling last in Grade 1 novice won by Missed That at Leopardstown in December: stays 2½m: acts on

A. L. T. MOORE. IRELAND

Black, pink star, pink cap (Mr M. Mulholland)

TAMARINBLEU (FR)

FAMARINBLEU (FR)

6 11-4

b.g. Epervier Bleu – Tamainia (FR) (Lashkari) [2004/5 16d* 16d 16v² 17g 20d² 16m⁴ :: 2005/6 c16g 153 G1 c16d² c16v² c16g* c16g* c16g* c16g Mar 14] angular gelding: useful hurdler: similar form at best over c16g 140+W c16d 15c G2 c16v 133 W c16d 15c G2 c16v 130 W c16d 15c reappearance: easily landed odds in maiden at Ludlow in January, stiff task and not discredited high 156 W when ninth of 12 finishers in Grade 1 Arkle at Cheltenham next time (33/1): effective at 2m to h20d' 161 143 2½m: unraced on firm going, acts on any other: consistent.

White, royal blue sash, white sleeves, red armlets, red cap (The Arthur White Partnership)

b.g. Vaguely Pleasant (FR) - Tantatura (FR) (Akarad (FR)) [2004/5 16s* 16d* 16v 16d* 17g4 16s :: 2005/6 c16d* c16d* c16s³ c16d* c16g Mar 14] leggy gelding: smart juvenile hurdler in c16d 2004/5 won 2 times includes C16g Mar 14] leggy gelding: smart juvenile hurdler in c16d 2004/5, won 3 times, including Grade 2 at Cheltenham: useful novice chaser: won at Warwick class in October, Aintree (left clear 2 out when beating Stance 5 lengths) in November and class 132+N Wincanton (handicap event, beat stable-companion Hors La Loi III 11/2 lengths) in February: h16s' blinkered, ran well for long way in face of stiff task when well held in Grade 1 Arkle at Cheltenham last time: raced around 2m: acts on soft going.

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

Hayward, S Fisher, L Brady)

DON'T BE SHY (FR)

b.g. Trempolino (USA) - Be Claimed (FR) (Al Nasr (FR)) [2004/5 15s² 17sF 17d* 18s³ 18s² 18s² 18s³ 18s² 18v* :: 2005/6 19s* 16d 24d c19s² c20v* c16s* c16g⁵ Mar 14] lengthy gelding: second c16s foal: dam 1¼m winner: useful hurdler, won 3 of 12 starts at Auteuil, including Group 2 4-y-o

event in May (final outing for T. Trapenard): has taken well to chasing, won novice at Haydock lead 155 + 140 (easily) in January and 4-runner Grade 2 Levy Board Game Spirit Chase at Lingfield (again had 152 140) impressed with jumping, beat Armaturk 13/4 lengths) in February: 8/1, outpaced under less

soft/heavy going.

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

HOO LA BALOO (FR)

b.g. Unfuwain (USA) - Via Saleria (IRE) (Arazi (USA)) [2004/5 18s* 18g* :: 2005/6 c17d* c16s² c16g* c16m5 c16d2 c16d* Mar 11] good-topped gelding: second foal: brother to 9f to 10.5f c16d 160 G2 winner Perfect Hedge and half-brother to 1m to 1ff winner Brave Apache (by Indian Ridge): c16m 158+147 dam 9f winner: 1m winner on Flat in Sweden at 2 yrs: won all 3 starts in 4-v-o hurdles for G. c16s Macaire: has taken well to chasing, won novices at Market Rasen in October and Sandown c17d 130+N (Grade 2 Wayward Lad, finished alone) in December and March (ridden more patiently than usual when beating Muhtenbar 8 lengths): also ran well when runner-up in Grade 2 events at Sandown and Wincanton (beaten 21/2 lengths by Voy Por Ustedes) and when fifth to Tysou in Grade 3 handicap at Sandown: raced around 2m; acts on soft going, probably good to firm; has run well when sweating: free-going front runner.

testing conditions when 11¹/₄ lengths fifth of 12 finishers to Voy Por Ustedes in Grade 1 Arkle

last time: probably needs good test around 2m, should stay beyond 2½m: raced mainly on

Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (The Stewart Family)

R. Walsh

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b.g. Sicyos (USA) – Brume (FR) (Courtroom (FR)) [2004/5 $15s^4$ $15s^*$ $17d^5$ $18s^4$ 18s $c15s^4$ $c17s^2$ $_{119s}$ $c17s^4$ $c17s^3$ $c19v^2$:: 2005/6 $18v^*$ $c20g^6$ $c20s^4$ $c16d^3$ $c16d^2$ $c16v^*$ $c16s^*$ $c17s^*$ $c16d^2$ $c20v^*$ c21g f c21g19s⁶ Mar 29] close-coupled gelding: sixth foal: half-brother to 3 winners on Flat in France: dam close close coupled gelding close clo unraced: fairly useful hurdler, won 4-v-o minor event at Enghien in April: left T. Trapenard cits 1139 +N after third outing: improved form in that sphere when under 8 lengths sixth of 15 to McBain in clos 141+N handicap at Taunton last time: useful form over fences: won maiden at Chepstow in December and novices at Haydock in December, Plumpton in January and Fontwell (easily landed odds) in February: no match for Foreman when second of 4 in Grade 2 contest at Lingfield ninth start, every chance and still to be asked for effort when fell 3 out in valuable novice handicap won

by Reveillez at Cheltenham on penultimate: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going. P. F. NICHOLLS

Emerald green and red diabolo, white sleeves, emerald green diamonds, white cap, red diamond (Million in Mind Partnership)

VOY POR USTEDES (FR)

5 11-1 b.g. Villez (USA) - Nuit d'Ecajeul (FR) (Matahawk) [2004/5 16sF 16s3 17s* 16s3 17s* 16dur 16d* 16d6 16d3 16g3 :: 2005/6 c16d* c17s* c16s* c16d* c16g* Mar 14] leggy, angular gelding: useful c16d 16d-G2 invoid burdles in 2004/5

R. Thornton

juvenile hurdler in 2004/5, won 3 times (first 2 for G. Macaire): has taken extremely well to chasing, unbeaten in 5 starts, namely novices at Warwick (4-v-o event) in November. Plumpton cliffold in December, Warwick (beat Royal Hector 4 lengths) in January, Wincanton (easily beat Hoo La hieg' 148 N Baloo 2½ lengths in Grade 2 Kingmaker Chasel in February and Cheltenham in March: 15/2. showed himself still very much on upgrade when beating Monet's Garden 11/4 lengths in 14runner Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy on last-named course, again jumping fluently in touch and keeping on to assert from home turn: raced around 2m on good going or

softer: races with plenty of zest; seems sure to win more good races. Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)

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THIRD RACE AINTREE (TV BBC1) TRW 171 170 173 173 173 (Av 172)

2.50 THE SCOTTISH AND NEWCASTLE AINTREE HURDLE (Grade 1) (1)

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AL EILE (IRE)

6 11-7 b.g. Alzao (USA) - Kilcsem Eile (IRE) (Commanche Run) [2004/5 16g 16s6 16v3 16d3 16g 20d* :: 2005/6 $16v^*$ $16g^4$ Mar 14] rather leggy gelding: useful stayer on Flat, good efforts both starts $\frac{116g}{168}$ $\frac{170 + G1}{168}$ in 2005; very smart hurdler: won at meeting for second year running when successful in Grade 120d 173 G1 lead near finish: off 7 months, won 7-runner Grade 2 Commhoist Logistics Champion Hurdle h16v 143+125 Trial at Haydock in January by neck from Mister McGoldrick: seemed to find emphasis too much on speed when 10½ lengths fourth of 18 to Brave Inca in Grade 1 Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham next time, improving into contention 3 out but unable to quicken before next: needs thorough test at 2m and will stay beyond 21/2m; acts on heavy and

J. QUEALLY, IRELAND

T. J. Murphy

Dark blue, emerald green hoops, quartered cap (Mr M. A. Ryan)

BRIAREUS

ch.g. Halling (USA) – Lower The Tone (IRE) (Phone Trick (USA)) [2004/5 $16v^2$ $16s^*$ $16m^*$:: h_{16g} $_{160}$ G₁ 2005/6 $16g^2$ 16s $16d^*$ $16g^6$ Mar 14] tall, good-topped gelding: fairly useful on Flat (stays $1^{1/2}m$): h_{16d} $_{165}$ G₂ smart hurdler: much improved when winning 9-runner Grade 2 Bathwick Tyres Kingwell high 152 138 Hurdle at Wincanton in February by 14 lengths (not fully extended) from Royal Shakespeare, https://lineary.com/lin

sixth of 18 to Brave Inca in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham last time: not certain to stay much

beyond 2m: has form on soft/heavy going, possibly best suited by less testing conditions.

Beige, white chevron, black cap (Miss E. J. Lambourne)

CAPTAIN ZINZAN (NZ)

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b.g. Zabeel (NZ) - Lady Springfield (NZ) (Sharivari (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 NR] leggv gelding: modest maiden chaser: fairly useful handicap hurdler: progressive form in early-2003/4, winning at Huntingdon and Worcester (2): completed hat-trick at latter in impressive fashion by 5 lengths from Wagner, not seen since: stays 23/4m when emphasis is on speed; acts

Dark blue and white check, dark blue sleeves, emerald green cap (Mr Michael H. Watt)

HARDY EUSTACE (IRE)

on good to firm going: held up.

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running on most gamely to hold Harchibald by neck: simple task when landing odds in 3- h16v runner minor event at Punchestown on reappearance: went in snatches and folded tamely in hiev 178 G1 Grade 1 at Leopardstown following month: visored, back to near best when 41/2 lengths third of 18 to Brave Inca in latest renewal of first-named race last time, soon close up, leading briefly fifth and no extra after last: effective at 2m to 21f: acts on heavy going: sometimes blinkered, including for both wins in Champion Hurdle: game and reliable.

D. T. HÜGHES, IRELAND

Light blue, yellow hoop, white sleeves, light blue and white striped cap (Mr Laurence Byrne)

INTERSKY FALCON

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ch.g. Polar Falcon (USA) – I'll Try (Try My Best (USA)) [2004/5 16d4 16g6 20d :: 2005/6 16d2 h16g Mar 14] leggy gelding: very smart hurdler: back to near best when runner up first/third starts this season, beaten 134 lengths by Harchibald in Grade 2 at Cheltenham h16s G1 h17d 165 G2 h16s G2 h1 latter occasion: well beaten in Grade 1 events last 2 starts, though lost all chance when his 159 159 hampered fourth and not knocked about in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on latest: stays h20d' 161 G1 2½m when conditions aren't testing: acts on firm and soft going: blinkered: has had breathing problems (tried tongue tied), including second outing this term: has idled.

IONIO O'NEILL

White, dark blue and light green striped sleeves, light green cap (Interskyracing.com & Mrs Jonjo O'Neill)

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b.g. Agent Bleu (FR) – Guilt Less (FR) (Useful (FR)) [2004/5 16d⁵ 16s³ 16d² 16g* 16v* 16d⁶ 16v² h21g 151+138 17g5 16s2 :: 2005/6 16d3 16g4 17d6 21g4 Mar 15] tall, leggy, useful-looking gelding: type to make h17d 141 G2 a chaser: useful juvenile hurdler for Miss G. Browne in 2004/5, won at Newbury and Chepstow high 153 138 136 153 136 (Grade 1 Finale Hurdle): has run well in frame in good handicap company this season, kept on hi6s; 155 lifes; 155 lifes; 150 lifes;

16d 16mur 16s* 16g Mar 14] sturdy gelding: smart hurdler: won handicap at Wincanton (by 7 hi6s 131+108 lengths from Lysander) in March: upped markedly in class, vast improvement when under 21 h16m 110 110 lengths seventh of 18 to Brave Inca in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham 5 days later, sticking c17s 121+N to task well albeit never at threat: fair form over fences, fourth of 6 finishers to impressive c18g 126+110 Taranis in novice handicap at Newbury on completed start: will prove best around 2m with

emphasis on speed: sketchy jumper of fences.

Yellow and brown stripes, hooped sleeves (Mr K. J. Pike)

MISTER MCGOLDRICK

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b.g. Sabrehill (USA) - Anchor Inn (Be My Guest (USA)) [2004/5 c20s* c16d5 16g3 c16v* 16v2 c17d⁴ c20d^F :: 2005/6 c17d⁶ c20g⁵ c24s⁴ c16s* 16v² 16g³ c16s³ c16g³ Mar 15] workmanlike c16s gelding: smart hurdler, excellent neck second of 7 to Al Eile in Grade 2 at Haydock fifth start: h169 146 L very smart chaser: has won 7 of 8 starts at Wetherby, including when besting Allella at 160 G2 lengths in 5-runner Grade 2 skybet.com Castleford Chase (for second year running) in c24s 152+153 December: good placed efforts last 2 starts, 10¹/₂ lengths third of 6 finishers to Newmill in Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham on latest (fading when mistake last): effective at 2m to 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going; effective held up or ridden prominently: bold jumper: free-going, enthusiastic sort: reliable.

MRS S. J. SMITH

Dark blue, vellow disc, halved sleeves, dark blue and vellow quartered cap (Mr Richard

MY WAY DE SOLZEN (FR)

b.g. Assessor (IRE) - Agathe de Solzen (FR) (Chamberlin (FR)) [2004/5 c17gpu 17s² 16g* 17g* 16d5 17v* 16g 20s2 :: 2005/6 23d2 24d* 20v* 24g* Mar 16] tall, strong gelding: pulled up on h20v 169 62 chasing debut in France: has developed into high-class hurdler, on latest outing winning 20- h23d 162-144 171 G1 runner Ladbrokes World Hurdle at Cheltenham by head from Golden Cross, always close up, have 159 G2 leading before last and holding on all out after drifting right run-in: also successful previous 2 h16g' starts in Long Walk Hurdle at Chepstow (by 5 lengths from Neptune Collonges) and totesport.com National Spirit Hurdle at Fontwell (made all, beat Dancing Bay 9 lengths): will stay beyond 3m: acts on heavy going (unraced on firmer than good).

Red, white sleeves, red spots, brown cap (B Winfield, A Longman, J Wright & C Fenton)

OVERSTRAND (IRE)

b.g. In The Wings – Vaison La Romaine (Arctic Tern (USA)) [2004/5 16gpu 22g4 :: 2005/6 17g h16s 122 124 17d 16m* 19d⁵ 16m⁵ 16s 16m⁶ 17v⁴ 16v⁶ 17s* 16s Feb 25] lengthy, angular gelding: fairly hi7s 133 115 useful hurdler nowadays; won claimer at Perth (claimed from M. Todhunter £15,000) in August and handicap at Market Rasen (beat Pseudonym 3 lengths) in February: respectable ninth to h16m 125 117 Torkinking in handicap at Newcastle 8 days later: probably needs good test at 2m nowadays h16s and stays 23/4m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried in blinkers/cheekpieces: usually

ROBĒRT GRAY

Light blue, large grey spots, pink sleeves and cap (Naughty Diesel Ltd)

PATRIARCH EXPRESS

b.g. Noble Patriarch - Jaydeeglen (Bay Express) [2004/5 20s* 22s² 20s* 20vF 24s* 24s⁴ :: 2005/6 24g⁴ 23v^F 24g Mar 16] strong, good sort: chasing type: very smart hurdler: off nearly a year, heavy creditable fourth of 11 finishers to Fire Dragon in Cleeve Hurdle at Sandown: looked very well, weakened after 2 out when below-par eighth of 20 to My Way de Solzen in Grade 1 at h24s' 169+G2 Cheltenham last time: stays 3m: acts on soft going (won bumper on good to firm): has failed to h20v' see race out several times: quick and accurate jumper.

MRS S. J. SMITH

Royal blue, orange sash and sleeves, yellow cap (Mr A. W. Muir)

well from rear when around 4 lengths fourth of 30 to Sky's The Limit in Coral Cup at h17g' 148+G1 Cheltenham on latest after 3 months off (reportedly had breathing operation): stays 21f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tongue tied last 2 starts: should continue to give good

P. F. NICHOLLS

PHAR BLEU (FR)

Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (The Stewart Family)

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE (FR)

b.g. King's Theatre (IRE) - Persian Walk (FR) (Persian Bold) [2004/5 16g² 16d³ 16v⁴ 16g⁴ 16d³ 16g 16g² 16m^F :: 2005/6 16gpu 16d* 20d3 16s² 17d5 16d3 16v⁴ 16g* 16d² 16g Mar 14] tall, hi6d 15s⁴ 16d useful-looking gelding: will make a chaser: smart hurdler: won totesport.com Elite Hurdle hife 153+L hife 158 G2 (Limited Handicap) at Wincanton (by 1½ lengths from Intersky Falcon) in November and 8- hi6d 158 G2 runner listed Agfa Hurdle at Sandown (fortunate, left clear at last) in February: creditable h17d 146 G2 second to Briareus in Grade 2 Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton next time: stiff task, far from discredited when tenth to Brave Inca in Grade 1 Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on latest start: best form around 2m: successful on soft going, probably ideally suited by less testing conditions: consistent.

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

blinkered/visored last 4 starts; open to further improvement.

T. Scudamore

SELF DEFENSE

BELF DEFENSE

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b.g. Warning – Dansara (Dancing Brave (USA)) [2004/5 16g4 16d2 16g* 16g 16m2 :: 2005/6 16d h16g 149 L h16s 153 149 16s⁴ 16d² 16s 16g⁶ Feb 4] sturdy gelding: smart middle-distance stayer on Flat: smart hurdler. hits trained by P. Chamings, won Agfa Hurdle at Sandown in 2004/5 by 3 lengths from Rooster hald 161 G1 halds 154 G1 Booster: back to best when 12 lengths second of 7 to impressive Feathard Lady in Grade 1 at hi6d 157 153 157 153 same track third start: below best both outings since, lacklustre effort when sixth to Royal hiem'i63 W Shakespeare in latest renewal of Agfa Hurdle: should prove as effective at 21/2m as 2m: unraced on firm going, acts on any other: held up: worth a try in headgear.

MISS E. C. LAVELLE

Orange, dark blue sash, diabolo on sleeves, orange cap (Fraser Miller Racing)

SKY'S THE LIMIT (FR)

gr.h. Medaaly – Highness Lady (GER) (Cagliostro (GER)) [2004/5 16v* 16v² 16s⁵ :: 2005/6 16m⁵ h21g 162+144

16m 18d* 16s² 18v* 21g* Mar 15] much improved hurdler: won minor events at Limerick (4y-o) in October and Fairyhouse (easily, by 15 lengths from Sirius Storm) in December and 30- h16s 142+W runner Coral Cup (Handicap) at Cheltenham in March: 11/1 and off over 3 months, looked top- h16m 82 125 class prospect when hugely impressive winner of 30-runner event on last-named course, h16m 126 G3 clearly going best in touch some way out and not at all extended to beat Strangely Brown 4 lengths: stays 21f, effective over shorter: acts on heavy going, possibly not good to firm:

E. I. O'GRADY. IRELAND

Black and yellow quartered, yellow sleeves, black cap with yellow hoop (Mr Raymond J. Roonev)

TIMOLINO (GER)

8 11-7 b.h. Monsun (GER) – Tilbury (USA) (Trempolino (USA)) [2004/5 18g* 20g* :: 2005/6 20d³ h19v 19vpu 20g3 Feb 19] successful 3 times up to 11/2m on Flat: successful 4 times over hurdles at 5/6 yrs, third in Group 1 at Rome last time: stays 2½m: acts on good to soft ground.

M. KELLER, GERMANY

White, black cross belts, vellow sleeves, white cap, black stars (Carsten Biedermann)

ASIAN MAZE (IRE)

in Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham won by Brave Inca last time: needs further than 2m (stays

ch.m. Anshan – Mazuma (IRE) (Mazaad) [2004/5 F17d⁴ F20g² F16m³ 16g⁵ 16g 16s² 18s* 20v* h16g G1 24s* 20v* 20v* 20v* 24d* :: 2005/6 20d* 16s² 16g^F Mar 14] smallish, rather leggy, close- h16s 161+G2 coupled mare: most progressive as a novice over hurdles, winning 7 times, notably at Aintree h20d 151+61 h24d' 163 G1 (Grade 1 John Smith's Nussl Sefton Novices' Hurdle, beating Brewster 21/2 lengths) and h20s 154+63 Punchestown (Grade 1 Menolly Homes Champion Novice Hurdle, eased to beat Kerryhead h20v' 151 G3 Windfarm 5 lengths): reportedly injured hind leg in October: encouraging staying-on 41/2 lengths second of 4 to Macs Joy in Grade 2 at Gowran on return: in touch when falling fourth

3m): acts on heavy going: races prominently: remains open to improvement. THOMAS MULLÍNS, IRELAND

Black and red stripes, white cap (Mrs C. A. Moore)

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THE JOHN SMITH'S EXTRA COLD HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed) (1)

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h20d' 154+G2

145 G1 146 ? G2

142 G1

h25d' 168 148 h20s' 165 142

h17g' 153+G1

+ 145

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BLUE CANYON (FR) 8 11-12 156 b.g. Bering - Nini Princesse (IRE) (Niniski (USA)) [2004/5 18s* 19s5 16g 20v* 20d* 20d :: 2005/6 20d² 23v⁵ 24g Mar 16l sturdy gelding: smart hurdler: won totesport National Spirit h^{24g} Hurdle at Fontwell penultimate outing in 2004/5: creditable second to No Refuge in Grade 2 at h250 Windsor on reappearance: ran poorly next outing, acted as pacemaker last time: should stay h20d 156 G1 h20d 156 G1

beyond 21/2m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy). F. DOUMEN. FRANCE Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)

MISTANOORA

blinkered

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

Black, white sleeves, vellow cap (Mr N. A. Twiston-Davies)

UNLEASH (USA)

ch.g. Benny The Dip (USA) - Lemhi Go (USA) (Lemhi Gold (USA)) [2004/5 21m2 :: 2005/6 c23mpu c21g² c20m* c21d³ c24s² c24g³ Nov 25] leggy gelding: useful handicap hurdler, good c24g 152? G2 second to Lough Derg at Cheltenham sole 2004/5 outing: has had jumping problems over c24s 142 N fences, but won 6-finisher maiden at Worcester in August by 13/4 lengths from Bold Bishop: c210m 137+W better form in defeat since, more fluent than previously when just over 13 lengths third of 5 c21g 136? W finishers to Darkness in Grade 2 novice at Newbury last time: stays 3m; acts on soft and good

P. J. HÖBBŠ

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

PHAR BLEU (FR)

5 11-2 b.g. Agent Bleu (FR) - Guilt Less (FR) (Useful (FR)) [2004/5 16d⁵ 16s³ 16d² 16g* 16v* 16d⁶ 16v² a chaser: useful juvenile hurdler for Miss G. Browne in 2004/5, won at Newbury and Chepstow (Grade 1 Finale Hurdle): has run well in frame in good handicap company this season, kept on hisd well from rear when around 4 lengths fourth of 30 to Sky's The Limit in Coral Cup at hins: 160 C1 Cheltenham on latest after 3 months off (reportedly had breathing operation): stays 21f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy); tongue tied last 2 starts; should continue to give good

P. F. NICHOLLS

Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (The Stewart Family)

DANCING BAY

b.g. Suave Dancer (USA) - Kabayil (Dancing Brave (USA)) [2004/5 16m² 17d 21g² 24s⁵ :: 2005/6 creditable efforts when placed this term, notably when 9 lengths second of 6 to My Way de Solzen in Grade 2 event at Fontwell: never dangerous in Coral Cup at Cheltenham last time: hadd in hadd 162 W hadd 182 with 164 w hadd 162 W hadd 182 with 184 hadd 182 with 1 should stay beyond 21f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: held up.

N. J. HEŇDEŘSON

White, large black spots, black cap (Elite Racing Club)

MUGHAS (IRE)

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) - Quest of Passion (FR) (Saumarez) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 20s² 20v³ 20v4 21g Mar 15] good-topped gelding: useful handicap hurdler: off 20 months, best effort on h21g 156 142 return when 4 lengths second of 13 to easy winner Jazz d'Estruval at Haydock on reappearance: h20v 148 G2 h20v 154 143 didn't convince with attitude next 2 starts, though not discredited when eighth of 30 to Sky's have 155 140 The Limit in Coral Cup at Cheltenham last time (gradually outpaced from 3 out): should stay 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

A. KING

Red, white sleeves, red spots, brown cap (B. Winfield, C. Fenton & A. Longman)

GUNGADU ch.g. Beneficial - Tsarella (Mummy's Pet) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 20s3 20s* 24d2 22d* 22d2 Feb 18] strong, sturdy gelding: fifth foal: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Mulligan Express (by h22d 161 135 Phardante), stays 2½m, and fairly useful bumper winner Alexander Nevsky (by Be My Native): h22d 142+N h22d 158+C2 dam. fair chaser up to 3m, sister to very smart chaser The Tsarevich, effective from 2½m to 1025 135+02 4½m: won 3 out of 4 starts in Irish points: useful novice hurdler: landed odds at Chepstow in h20s 139 G2 November and Wincanton (beat Hill Forts Timmy 17 lengths) in February: better form when runner-up in Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham (to Black Jack Ketchum) and quite valuable handicap at Wincanton (staying on, beaten 13/4 lengths by Material World): may prove best at 3m+: raced only on soft/good to soft going.

Dark green, white chevron, light green sleeves, dark green and white check cap (Mr Paul K Barber & Mrs M Findlay)

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b.g. Marju (IRE) - Lady Marguerrite (Blakeney) [2004/5 20m² 22m⁴ :: 2005/6 20d⁴ 17d 20g⁴ b.g. Marju (IRE) – Lady Marguerrite (Biakeney) (2004/3 20m² 22m² . 2005/2 24d 24d 24g 3 Mar 16) angular gelding: useful handicap hurdler, generally progressive: very good placed efforts at Cheltenham last 3 starts, in cheekpieces when 5 lengths third of 24 to h24d 156 129 125d 146 122 Kadoun in Pertemps Final on latest: stays 25f: acts on firm and soft going.

Royal blue, white seams, red cap (Modreeny Syndicate)

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b. or br.g. Polar Falcon (USA) - Ellie Ardensky (Slip Anchor) [2004/5 16g² 19g* 19d* 20s² 21g⁴ 20s⁴:: 2005/6 c16d^F c16d⁵ 21g Mar 15] leggy, useful-looking gelding: useful novice hurdler in h21g 149 143 2004/5, won twice prior to good fourth to No Refuge in Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle c16d c16d N W at Cheltenham: let down by jumping both starts over fences, never dangerous after bad mistake highes; 1448+62 second in Coral Cup at Cheltenham back over hurdles last time: will stay beyond 21f: raced on h21g/165 G1 h20s/161+N good going or softer (acts on soft).

J. R. FANSHAWE

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

b.g. Groom Dancer (USA) - Kowtow (USA) (Shadeed (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 16v* 20g* 21m* Mar 31 tall gelding: first foal: dam, ran once, from family of high-class Flat performers h21m 153+125 Precocious and Jupiter Island: fairly useful on Flat (stays 13f), successful 3 times: left Mlle H. h20g 145+110 van Zuylen, has made impressive start over hurdles in Britain, winning all 3 starts, namely novice at Plumpton, novice handicap at Sandown (beat Oscatello easily by 13/4 lengths) and handicap at Newbury: further progress (useful form) when beating Jaunty Times 1/2 length with plenty in hand in 17-runner event for latest success, leading on bridle close home: likely to stay beyond 21f: should improve further.

Ň. J. HENDERSON

Black and orange stripes, checked sleeves, black cap (The Unemployables)

CARLYS QUEST

ch.g. Primo Dominie - Tuppy (USA) (Sharpen Up) [2004/5 24s* 21d* 22g3 24m2 22v2 24s* 24v2

25s⁴ 23s³ 24g⁵ 24d :: 2005/6 24s* 25dpu 25d 24g⁵ 24d⁶ 25s 23s² 24g Mar 16] leggy gelding: h24g 143 140 useful hurdler: vastly improved in 2004/5: took advantage of below-par rivals when winning Grade 1 Ballymore Properties Champion Stayers' Hurdle at Punchestown in late-April, beating hadd 150 G1 Kadoun by 9 lengths: back to best when 11/4 lengths second to Olaso in 20-runner handicap at h24g 146 G2 Haydock on penultimate start: well below form in similar event at Cheltenham on latest: stays 25f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: tried blinkered (including last 3 outings), sometimes visored/tongue tied: held up, and usually left with plenty to do.

FERDY MÜRPHY

Black, orange diamond, orange cap (Ms L. Neville)

b.g. Kahyasi - Prompt (Old Vic) [2004/5 22m² 24d* 24d 24s 24s⁵ 24g³ 24d 24g⁴ :: 2005/6 23g c23mpu 23s 24g Mar 16] leggy gelding: useful hurdler on his day: allowed to build long lead h24g when 50/1-winner of 17-runner handicap at Cheltenham in 2004/5 by 17 lengths from Attorney had a compared to the compared to t General: also ran well when third to Oulart in valuable event there later that term: largely h23g 131 142 disappointing otherwise, running moody race when pulled up in maiden at Worcester on h24g 160 142 142 142 chasing debut (finished distressed): suited by 23/4m+: acts on firm and soft going: visored: usually front runner/races prominently: unreliable.

Pink, white stars, pink sleeves, purple armlets, pink cap, white star (Kinsford Champagne Partnership)

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K. Mercer

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White, light blue spots, light blue cap (Mr George Ward)

SPECTROMETER

ch.g. Rainbow Quest (USA) - Selection Board (Welsh Pageant) [2004/5 c17gF c17g* c16g2 c16g4 c20d² c16g* c22g5 c20m6 c16dF c20dF :: 2005/6 17d 17d² 19d 21d c17d³ c21d* Feb 18] leggy c21d d141+114 gelding: fair chaser: 17/2 from 12/1, back to best when winning 7-runner handicap at c17d 13d 147 138 Wincanton on return from 3-month absence, rallying after mistake last to beat irresolute Bee had An Bee a neck: useful handicap hurdler on his day, $\frac{1}{1/2}$ -length second to Kingkohler at Bangor $\frac{1}{1070}$ $\frac{1}{155}$ + $\frac{1}{135}$ in September: effective around 2m, barely stays 3m: acts on firm and soft going: takes good hold: effective making running or held up: sketchy jumper of fences.

IAN WILLIAMS

Orange, red seams, orange cap, red stars (Concertina Racing Too)

162 +b.g. Epervier Bleu - Harpyes (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2004/5 17g4 16sF 20s2 20s4 :: 2005/6 20g3 21s* 21v* 20s² 20d⁴ 22g* 21g⁶ Mar 15] medium-sized, well-made gelding: useful hurdler: h21g 156-135 much improved in 2005/6, winning novice at Huntingdon and handicap at Sedgefield (beat handicap at Sedgefield (beat handicap) San Piere 8 lengths) in November and Grade 3 handicap at Sandown (18-runner event, beat Sh h20s 153 H3 Boom $2^{1/2}$ lengths) in February: 14/1, also ran well when under 10 lengths sixth of 30 to Sky's help $\frac{147+115}{155+N}$ The Limit in Coral Cup at Cheltenham last time, finishing strongly having been left plenty to do: will probably stay 3m: acts on heavy going (won bumper on good to firm): should continue

to give good account. K. G. REVELEY

Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)

MR POINTMENT (IRE)

b.g. Old Vic - Bettyhill (Ardross) [2004/5 F17g* F16d4 :: 2005/6 19d* 19d4 20s* 21g5 Mar 15] strong, good sort: chasing type: third foal: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser half foal: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser half foal: Ground Ball (by Boh's Return): useful novice hurdler: won at Market Rasen in November and high fight 134 N Fakenham (5 ran, beat Dusky Lord 6 lengths) in February: further improvement when 1134 high 135+N lengths fifth to Nicanor in Grade 1 at Cheltenham last time, challenging 3 out: stays 21f: raced F16d' 134 G2 on good going or softer (acts on soft).

C. R. EĞERTON

Red and royal blue stripes, halved sleeves, red cap (Stockton Heath Racing)

BE BE KING (IRE)

b.g. Bob Back (USA) - Trimar Gold (Goldhill) [2004/5 F16d* F16d2 20d5 :: 2005/6 20g* 20d* Newbury: useful novice hurdler, winning at Huntingdon in November, Chepstow in December h20g 122+N and Grade 2 Learnington Hurdle at Warwick (beat Oscar Park 3½ lengths in January): favourite, h20d 125+N possibly amiss in handicap at Sandown last time: will stay 3m: raced on good going or softer.

P. F. NICHOLLS

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

DEAD SOUND (IRE)

ch.g. Bob Back (USA) - Tonto's Girl (Strong Gale) [2004/5 F16s² :: 2005/6 F18v⁶ 20s* 18s⁴ 24d³ 24d* 24s Feb 25] sixth foal: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler/smart chaser Go Roger Go, h24s barely stayed 23/4m, and fair chaser Hell-of-A-Shindy, stayed 3m (both by Phardante): dam h24d 151+118 bumper winner: better effort in maiden bumpers when second at Down Royal on debut: fairly had 152 116 h18s 138 W useful novice hurdler: won maiden at Fairyhouse in November and handicap at Punchestown h20s 123 N (beat Contact Dancer 2 lengths in 8-runner event) in February: well held in hanicap at Fairyhouse last time: stays 3m: raced on going softer than good.

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND

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

REFINEMENT (IRE)

164 p b.m. Oscar (IRE) - Maneree (Mandalus) [2004/5 F17d* F16g4 F17d4 :: 2005/6 F16d* 16d* 16g* 16d* 16s* 20s* 21g3 Mar 15 smallish, lengthy mare: leading bumper performer, blinkered only h21g 161+G1 time when winning Grade 1 Paddy Power Champion INH Flat at Punchestown in early 2005/6: h208 h168 1449+123

useful novice hurdler: won at Uttoxeter and Towcester (mares) in October, Wincanton in h16d 157+N November, Sandown (mares handicap) in January and Huntingdon (most impressive, beat h16g 134+N Raffaello 13 lengths) in February: good 8½ lengths third to Nicanor in Grade 1 Royal & Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham last time, further back than ideal when pace increased and nearest finish: bred to stay further than 21f: raced on good going or softer: probably capable of better still.

Royal blue, orange disc, orange and royal blue striped sleeves and cap (Mr M. Tabor)

HORDAGO (IRE)

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gr.g. Highest Honor (FR) - Mirmande (Kris) [2004/5 16f 20m² 20v* 22s 21d* 21v² 24vpu 22s² 19s* :: 2005/6 20d 22d 20d3 21d* 24d4 24v 24g2 Mar 16] big, leggy gelding: fairly useful h24g 157 125 handicap hurdler: won 23-runner event at Cheltenham in November by head from Il Duce: h24d 156 120 creditable efforts in frame 2 of 3 starts since, 11/2 lengths second of 24 to Kadoun in Pertemps high 155 127 Final at Cheltenham on latest, travelling comfortably in mid-field and staying on: will stay have the beyond 3m: acts on heavy going: effective in cheekpieces or not.

Ĕ. MCNAMARA, IRELAŇD

Royal blue, light blue chevron and chevrons on sleeves, royal blue cap (Seamus Braddish)

ALIKAT (IRE)

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b.m. Alhaarth (IRE) - Be Crafty (USA) (Crafty Prospector (USA)) [2004/5 16m3 17m4 16g2 16d 19s 19s* 16s³ 16g6 19g* 22m² :: 2005/6 20s⁴ 22f² 20g⁵ 24m⁵ 24f² 22m6 19d6 24m* 24s³ 23d6 h24g 156 132 22g 24g Mar 16] leggy mare: fairly useful handicap hurdler: largely creditable efforts this h23d 161 134 season, won 5-runner event at Ludlow in October by 9 lengths from September Moon: in h2st 161 134 cheekpieces, bounced back from rare poor effort when respectable seventh of 24 to Kadoun in h24m 155+125 h19d 156 127 valuable event at Cheltenham last time: stays 3m; acts on firm and soft going; visored once; tough and consistent.

M. C. PIPE

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

FAIR QUESTION (IRE)

b.g. Rainbow Quest (USA) - Fair of The Furze (Ela-Mana-Mou) [2004/5 22g 20f* :: 2005/6 22v* 23s³ 21g Mar 15] leggy, useful-looking gelding: useful hurdler: off 20 months and upped in trip, h21g 142 130 much improved in handicaps first 2 starts on return, easily won 15-runner event at Ayr in h23s 159 125 h22v 159+109 February prior to close third to Olaso in 20-runner event at Haydock 7 days later (again made h20f 130+N mostly unable to load and wall hald an algorithm of the hand result hald an algorithm of the hand result hald an algorithm. most): unable to lead and well held on less testing ground in Coral Cup at Cheltenham next h22g' 110 N time: stays 23f: acts on any going.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

A. O'Keeffe

Red and royal blue (quartered), white sleeves, emerald green armlets, emerald green and white hooped cap (The MerseyClyde Partnership)

SALTANGO (GER)

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br.g. Acatenango (GÉR) - Salde (GER) (Alkalde (GER)) [2004/5 16g² 17g² 16v³ :: 2005/6 17d³ 20s* 20s2 22d6 21g3 24d 22d2 22v* 22s* Mar 30] leggy gelding: fair on Flat (stays 13/4m): fairly h22s 157 120 useful hurdler: won novices at Worcester in November, Fontwell in February and Wincanton in March: best effort when beating Best Profile 11 lengths in 8-runner handicap for latest, going h24d on 3 out and soon in no danger: stays 23/4m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): consistent.

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Royal blue, white star, royal blue sleeves, white stars and stars on cap

(CohenClearyKaplanMinnsPayneWatsonWilson)

W. Kennedy (3)

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b.g. Glory of Dancer - Living Legend (ITY) (Archway (IRE)) [2004/5 20s² 25d³ 20v⁴ 24dpu :: 2005/6 20sF 20s6 Jan 2] leggy gelding: useful handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has when placed in quite valuable events at Ayr and Cheltenham: never travelling/jumping with handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has when placed in quite valuable events at Ayr and Cheltenham: never travelling/jumping with handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has when placed in quite valuable events at Ayr and Cheltenham: never travelling/jumping with handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has when placed in quite valuable events at Ayr and Cheltenham: never travelling/jumping with handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has when placed in quite valuable events at Ayr and Cheltenham: never travelling/jumping with handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has when placed in quite valuable events at Ayr and Cheltenham: never travelling/jumping with handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in quite valuable events at Ayr and Cheltenham: never travelling/jumping with handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in quite valuable events at Ayr and Cheltenham: never travelling/jumping with handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in quite valuable events at Ayr and Cheltenham: never travelling/jumping with handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in quite valuable events at Ayr and Cheltenham: never travelling/jumping with handicap hurdler: creditable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in quite valuable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in quite valuable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in quite valuable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in quite valuable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in quite valuable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in quite valuable efforts in 2004/5 has been placed in 2004/ any fluency at former track on completed start this season: stays 25f: acts on soft going: difficult h20v' 157 135 ride, usually soon off bridle.

N. G. RICHARDS

Royal blue, red disc, hooped sleeves and cap (The Jockeys Whips)

2¹/4m): fairly useful hurdler: successful in handicaps 2 of last 3 starts, at Ayr (by ³/4 length from h23s 150 120 h20s 148 115 Carapuce) in January and Newcastle in March: best effort when beating Pride of Finewood have easily by 17 lengths in 9-runner event for latter success, galloping on strongly: will prove half 120 ideally suited by good test of strongly. ideally suited by good test of stamina; stays 3m; raced on going softer than good over hurdles (acts on heavy): front runner/races prominently: game.

Red, white epaulets, black sleeves, white armlets, red cap, black star (The Country Stayers)

RIMSKY (IRE)

163 gr.g. Silver Patriarch (IRE) - Mistinguett (IRE) (Doyoun) [2004/5 F16d² F17g* F17d :: 2005/6 Maguire a length) in latter: creditable efforts last 2 starts, 7 lengths second of 5 to Neptune h24d Collonges in Grade 2 at Wetherby then 15¾ lengths sixth to Nicanor in Grade 1 at Cheltenham: hade stays 31/4m; raced on good going or softer; blinkered last 4 outings; has raced freely; not a fluent

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

Emerald green, white star, diabolo on sleeves and star on cap (D. I. & S. A. Goodman)

CAMPAIGN TRAIL (IRE)

152 +b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) – Ćampestral (USA) (Alleged (USA)) [2004/5 24spu 22s6 c26d² c22s* c26v⁴ :: 2005/6 22d⁴ c29s^F c24m c23s 24g Mar 16] good-topped gelding: useful handicap h24g 152 132 hurdler: good 5 lengths fourth of 15 to Nathos at Market Rasen on reappearance: fairly useful care form when second in maiden at Warwick on chasing debut: made hard work of easier task at care care form. Towcester 8 days later: largely let down by jumping/attitude since, though went with more hard some enthusiasm tried in blinkers when mid field in which hard is restaudable of the hard some hard s enthusiasm tried in blinkers when mid-field in valuable 24-runner event at Cheltenham last time: should stay beyond 31/4m: acts on soft going: edgy sort (tends to sweat): patiently ridden.

Royal blue, orange disc, orange and royal blue striped sleeves and cap (Mr M. Tabor)

MOUNT CLERIGO (IRE)

b.g. Supreme Leader - Fair Ava (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2004/5 16s³ 20v* 20v* :: 2005/6 24s⁴ c22v* c20dF c23d3 c24dpu c24v2 Mar 18] tall gelding: successful in novice hurdles at Uttoxeter and c24v 163 127 Wetherby in 2004/5: shaped better than result suggests in handicap at Chepstow on return: useful form over fences: won 4-finisher maiden at Uttoxeter in November: disappointing in c20d 163+G2 novice at Leicester and handicap at Sandown fourth/fifth starts, ran well when 3 lengths c227 151+W second of 4 finishers to Simon in novice handicap at Uttoxeter on latest, leading eleventh until run-in: stays 3m: acts on heavy ground.

V. R. A. ĎARTNALL

Black, orange chevron, hooped sleeves (Mr Stewart Andrew)

INCH PRIDE (IRE)

b.m. Beneficial - Stradbally Bay (Shackleton) [2004/5 F17d F20g F16s* 20s* 16s* 21g 22g* reappearance) when around 10 lengths seventh of 30 to Sky's The Limit in Coral Cup at house reappearance Cheltenham on latest, no extra last having forced issue from some way out: should stay 3m: h21g 154+121 acts on soft going.

M. C. PIPE

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

MATERIAL WORLD

b.m. Karinga Bay - Material Girl (Busted) [2004/5 25g2 :: 2005/6 22g3 22d* Feb 18] sturdy mare: has only one eye (wears eyecover): fairly useful handicap hurdler: has returned better than ever h22d 161 121 after 16-month absence, good third to Ungaro in Grade 3 at Sandown prior to winning quite h22g 151 120 valuable 20-runner event at Wincanton next time, jumping better than usual and staying on gamely to lead before last, beating Gungadu 13/4 lengths: stays 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going: jumps none too fluently: reliable.

MIŠS SUŽY SMITH

C. Bolger (3)

Yellow, purple diamond, purple and yellow halved sleeves, yellow cap, purple diamond (Southern Bloodstock)

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FREETOWN (IRE)

10 10-2 b.g. Shirley Heights - Pageantry (Welsh Pageant) [2004/5 20v⁵ c25v* c32vF :: 2005/6 22d c24spu 24d 23s³ 24g⁵ Mar 16] tall, leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: back to form in h24g 157 127 blinkers last 3 starts, 7 lengths fifth of 24 to Kadoun in Pertemps Final at Cheltenham last time: h23s 156 128 similar form when winning handicap chase at Wetherby (wore cheekpieces) in 2004/5 by 13/4 cized

lengths from Jungle Jinks, jumping far from fluently: has failed to complete both starts over fences since: suited by 3m+: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on heavy), probably unsuited by firm.

White, dark green braces, striped sleeves and cap (Miss S. Blumberg & Mr R. Nairn)

LIBERMAN (IRE)

8 10-2

159 b.g. Standiford (USA) - Hail To You (USA) (Kirtling) [2004/5 17d* 17dur 22g* 22s* 22g 24g6 :: 2005/6 23s 24g⁴ Mar 16] fairly useful handicap hurdler: progressive form in 2004/5, winning h24g 157+126 at Tralee (trained by T. Mullins) and Market Rasen (2), beating Patriarch Express by 2 lengths on last occasion: better effort on return when 61/4 lengths fourth of 24 to Kadoun in Pertemps h22g 154+130 Final at Cheltenham: stays 3m: acts on soft going, simple task on good to firm: not a fluent h22s' iumper.

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

ZIPALONG LAD (IRE)

6 10-2

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b.g. Zaffaran (USA) - Rosy Posy (IRE) (Roselier (FR)) [2004/5 F16s² F16s⁶ F16m :: 2005/6 24spu 20s³ 21v* 19v* 24m Mar 17] fair form in bumpers for C. Kellett: useful novice hurdler: won at h24m 158+G2 Plumpton (mistakes) in January and Lingfield in February, improved form when beating have 163+N Flumpton (mistakes) in January and Lingheid in February, improved form when beating $\frac{150+N}{150+N}$ Snakebite by 19 lengths at latter: probably unsuited by less testing conditions when eighth of $\frac{1}{140+N}$ 19 to Black Jack Ketchum in Grade 2 at Cheltenham last time: should stay 3m: acts on heavy h24s F16m ground.

Dark blue and white diabolo, hooped sleeves and cap (Walters Plant Hire Ltd)

DON FERNANDO

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b.g. Zilzal (USA) - Teulada (USA) (Riverman (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 24g Mar 16] leggy gelding: useful hurdler: just fair form over fences, won novice at Plumpton in 2003/4: let down h24g 152 127 by jumping in Cathcart Chase at Cheltenham final outing: off 20 months, shaped as if retaining plenty of ability when never-dangerous tenth in valuable handicap hurdle at latter track on return: stays 2½m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

M. C. PIPE

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

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ch.g. Alhaarth (IRE) - Tochar Ban (USA) (Assert) [2004/5 24d5 :: 2005/6 16s 23s* Feb 4] sturdy gelding: useful hurdler, lightly raced since 2003/4: 25/1, improved effort when winning 8- h23s 159+119 3 out and soon clear: stays 3m: acts on soft going.

I. HOWARD IOHNSON

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

LOUP CHARTER (FR)

7 10-0 (9-13)

gr.g. Royal Charter (FR) - Easy III (FR) (Perrault) [2004/5 19s* 23d3 20d 24s* 24d* 24dpu ::

2005/6 c23d⁵ c23s 24spu Mar 25] well-made gelding: fairly useful novice hurdler in 2004/5: h24s

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

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

h23s 130 h23s 146 131

h20s 134 h23d 166+135

h25s' 163 G2

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h22v

C. Honour (3)

ch.g. Fourstars Allstar (USA) - Special Trix (IRE) (Peacock (FR)) [2004/5 F16s :: 2005/6 17d2 17s4 16d3 22d3 24d* 20g* Mar 23] medium-sized gelding: runner-up twice from 4 starts in h20g 157+N bumpers (fair form): fairly useful novice hurdler: sold out of W. McKeown's stable 20,000 gns h24d 139+N h24d 1315 N Doncaster November Sales and off 3½ months, much improved form last 2 starts, winning at high 1120 N Ludlow (maiden, beat One Love 7 lengths) and Ayr: further progress when beating Canada hi7s 122+N h17d 115+N Street easily by 14 lengths in 8-runner event at latter track, jumping fluently in front and not at all extended to pull clear straight: should stay beyond 3m: raced only on good going or softer:

has hung left: open to further improvement. FERDY MURPHY

Black, orange star, sleeves and cap (The DPRP Aces Partnership)

9 10-0 (9-13)

INCHING CLOSER b.g. Inchinor - Maiyaasah (Kris) [2004/5 25s4 :: 2005/6 23d4 20s 23s 23s 24g6 Mar 16] tall, goodtopped gelding: winning chaser: one-time smart hurdler: best effort in handicaps on return h24g 154 125 (fairly useful form) when 10 lengths sixth of 24 to Kadoun in valuable event at Cheltenham last time: stays 27f: acts on soft going: tried blinkered.

I. HOWARD JOHNSON

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

MYTHICAL KING (IRE)

b.g. Fairy King (USA) - Whatcombe (USA) (Alleged (USA)) [2004/5 20sF 21s 20v6 20v* 23s 21g :: 2005/6 20s 23g6 24v2 24g 22v c24vur c20d5 c19s4 c19s5 22v5 Mar 18] workmanlike gelding: h22v 155 126 fairly useful handicap hurdler: not discredited when fifth behind Heir To Be at Uttoxeter last time: well held over fences, generally let down by jumping: stays 3m: possibly needs cook 137?N

soft/heavy ground nowadays: patiently ridden; none too consistent cook 2001 137?N soft/heavy ground nowadays: patiently ridden: none too consistent.

White, red and black striped sleeves, white cap (Mr Richard Edwards)

COOL ROXY 9 10-0 (9-13)

b.g. Environment Friend - Roxy River (Ardross) [2004/5 16m 20fF 19v² 20s⁶ 18d* 19d³ 16g⁶ b.g. Environment Friend — Koxy Kiver (Artuross) (2004/5 16h) 201 10h 2 hurdler, won at Fontwell in 2004/5: at least respectable efforts all starts this term, ninth of 24 to Kadoun in valuable event at Cheltenham on latest: stays 3m, effective at much shorter: acts h24g 158 129 on soft and good to firm going: wore cheekpieces on reappearance: races prominently: has high 158 128 high 157 147 130 gained 5 of 6 wins at Fakenham; reliable.

A. G. BLACKMORE

Black, crimson hoops, white cap, black spots (Mr A. G. Blackmore)

IEREMY CUDDLE DUCK (IRE) 5 10-0 (9-13)

b.g. Supreme Leader - Shean Bracken (IRE) (Le Moss) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F17g* 17s* 20s* 21dpu 23s⁵ 24m Mar 17] €2,200 3-y-o: big, lengthy gelding: sixth foal: half-brother to h24m 150 G2 bumper/21f hurdle winner Ask The Gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half to gatherer (by Be My Native): dam unraced sister to useful half t fairly useful novice hurdler: won at Bangor and Aintree (beat Karanja a head in slowly-run h17s 147 N F17g 137 + W event) in October: better effort in Grade 2 events when around 7 lengths fifth of 6 behind Neptune Collonges at Haydock penultimate start: should stay 3m: acts on soft going: bled from nose fourth outing.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

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

KINGS ADVOCATE (IRE) 6 10-0 (9-13)

b.g. Saddlers' Hall (IRE) - Definitely Maybe (IRE) (Brush Aside (USA)) [2004/5 F18s² 19v³ 16s⁵ 22v*:: 2005/6 24s² 20g 24v³ Jan 15] lengthy, rather unfurnished gelding: fairly useful novice h24v 155+119 hurdler: won maiden at Thurles in March 2005: good efforts in handicaps 2 of last 3 outings, h20g 144 118 improved form when under 4 lengths third of 18 finishers to Patsy Hall in Pertemps Qualifier h227 131+N at Leopardstown, keeping on steadily from well off pace: stays 3m: raced on good going or h16s' 117 N h19v' 131+N softer (acts on heavy): may be capable of better still.

T. I. TAAFFE. IRELAND

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

ILE MAURICE (FR) 6 10-0 (9-11) b.m. Dernier Empereur (USA) - Indesha (FR) (Top Ville) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 17sF 17d3 20v* 21s* 20v² 24s* Mar 25] medium-sized mare: fourth foal: half-sister to Le Diabolique (by h24s 151 110 Kahyasi), winner up to around 1½m on Flat/2m over hurdles, 13f winner Incognito (by Apple h20x 144 N Tree) and 2m hurdle winner Larry (by Trempolino): dam 11f/17f winner on Flat: well held in h20y 129+N 2 claimers (9f/1¹/₄m, blinkered) in Provinces at 3 yrs for Y. Porzier: progressive novice hurdler: ^{117d} ^{129+N} won mares events at Newcastle in December and Sedgefield in January: further improvement since, best effort when winning handicap at Bangor on latest start by 2 lengths from Cloudy Lane, dictating: stays 3m: raced on going softer than good (acts on heavy).

FERDY MURPHY Emerald green, black star, emerald green sleeves, black stars, emerald green cap, black star (Mr N Iveson & Mr F Murphy)

ACCORDING TO IOHN (IRE)

6 10-0 (9-11)

br.g. Accordion - Cabin Glory (The Parson) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 24v* 22s* 25v* Mar 9] sixth foal: half-brother to 3m hurdle winner Simple Glory (by Simply Great) and to 2 winning h25v 157 N pointers: dam never ran: in frame both starts in maiden Irish points in 2005: has made excellent start to hurdling career, winning novices at Newcastle in December, Ayr (beat Morgan Be 11/2 lengths) in January and Carlisle (by length from Capybara, knuckling down well after green initially off bridle) in March: stays 25f; remains open to improvement.

Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)

DRUMBEATER (IRE)

6 10-0 (9-11)

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b.g. Supreme Leader - Ballydrummund (IRE) (Henbit (USA)) [2004/5 F16d F16d⁴ F16s³ 19g 20s6 19g3 :: 2005/6 24m* 24g* 23g* 24d2 24d* 23s 24d2 Mar 22] rather unfurnished gelding: h24d 157 120 fairly useful handicap hurdler: generally progressive form this season, winning at Perth in August (novice) and September, Haydock in October and Chepstow (beating Keepers Mead a hadded 1844 1144 1140 neck in 18-runner event) in December: improved form when 2 lengths second to Ranelagh Gray h23g 143+100 h24g 139+92 in 11-runner event at Towcester last time, looking dangerous before mistake 2 out: stays 3m: acts on good to firm and good to soft going.

P. J. HÖBBS

Red, vellow sash, brown sleeves, vellow cap, red star (Mr D. Allen)

CONTACT DANCER (IRE)

b.g. Sadler's Wells (USA) - Rain Queen (Rainbow Quest (USA)) [2004/5 NR:: 2005/6 16v² 24d⁵ 16d* 24v4 24d² 20s² Feb 25] rangy gelding: useful stayer on Flat for M. Johnston: fair novice has 147 113 hundler was 18 miner maiden at Down Royal in December by 1/2 length from had 147 110 hurdler: won 18-runner maiden at Down Royal in December by 1/2 length from hurdler: won 18-runner maiden at Down Royal in December 2, 21 lengths second of 17 hied 145 N Blessyourpinksox: creditable efforts in frame in handicaps last 3 starts, 2 lengths second of 17 hied 145 N 18 lengths second of 17 hied 145 N 18 lengths second of 18 hied 145 N 18 lengths second of 18 hied 145 N 18 lengths second of 18 lengths second to Good Thyne Jack at Fairyhouse on latest, well clear long way: stays 3m: raced on going softer had than good (acts on heavy).

C. F. SWAN, IRELAND

Dark blue and white check, dark blue sleeves, emerald green cap (Mr Michael H. Watt)

KIVOTOS (USA) 8 10-0 (9-10)

gr.g. Trempolino (USA) - Authorized Staff (USA) (Relaunch (USA)) [2004/5 23m* :: 2005/6 23s Feb 18] leggy gelding: fairly useful handicap hurdler: won well-contested event at Haydock by h23s 2 lengths from True Lover: sold out of A. Whillans' stable 150,000 gns Doncaster May (2004) h23m' 162 125 Sales: off nearly 2 years, weakened 4 out when well held in 20-runner event at Haydock on return: stays 3m: unraced on firm going, acts on any other: genuine and reliable.

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

CAPTAIN ZINZAN (NZ)

11 10-0 (9-10)

b.g. Zabeel (NZ) - Lady Springfield (NZ) (Sharivari (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 NR] leggy gelding: modest maiden chaser: fairly useful handicap hurdler: progressive form in early-2003/4, winning at Huntingdon and Worcester (2): completed hat-trick at latter in impressive fashion by 5 lengths from Wagner, not seen since: stays 23/4m when emphasis is on speed: acts on good to firm going: held up.

L. A. DACE

Dark blue and white check, dark blue sleeves, emerald green cap (Mr Michael H. Watt)

9 10-0 (9-10)

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br.g. Phardante (FR) - Cold Evening (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 c21gpu c26f3 c24s2 21d 26s² 25d 24g 24d⁶ 24d Jan 1] lengthy, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful hurdler: mostly h24d 156 123 h24g 151 125 h25d 125 h26s 154 125 creditable efforts in handicaps this season, sixth of 15 to Valley Ride at Bangor penultimate outing: only modest form on 2 completed starts over fences: stays 27f: acts on firm and soft h21d 152+125

going.

Dark blue, grev seams, dark blue sleeves, striped cap (Mrs Sandra A. Roe)

IUST BETH

10 10-0 (9-10)

154 ch.m. Carlingford Castle - One For The Road (Warpath) [2004/5 21g3 24d3 21g* 22m4 24g2 24d* efforts this season, 3½ lengths third to Ile Maurice at Bangor last time: probably stays 27f: acts h24d 156 119 on good to firm and heavy going: tried blinkered: can take plenty of driving: tough. h24d 152 115 h24v 149+111

Black, red chevrons and armlets (Mr G. Fierro)

CRAVEN (IRE)

158 b.g. Accordion - Glen Dieu (Furry Glen) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16d* 16d* 16s2 19s Feb 12] tall gelding: has scope: sixth foal: half-brother to 3 winners, including winning hurdler/modest hiss staving chaser Gimme Shelter (by Glacial Storm): dam, placed over hurdles/fences, half-sister hidd 158+N to useful 2m to 3m chaser Bayard Dieu: overcame inexperience to win bumper at Wincanton F16d 128+W in November on debut by short head from Commander Kev: fairly useful form first 2 starts over hurdles, winning 25-runner maiden at Newbury in December by 1/2 length from Private Be: favourite, may well have followed up at Huntingdon but for hanging badly left run-in, beaten ³/₄ length by Idris (pair clear); seemingly amiss in novice at Exeter last time; will stay beyond

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2m.

Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)

PATMAN DU CHARMIL (FR)

4 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Robin Des Pres (FR) - Pacifie du Charmil (FR) (Dom Pasquini (FR)) [2004/5 15s4 15v4 :: 2005/6 16d* 16d6 16d* 16d3 20v 16g3 Mar 14] tall gelding: third foal: half-brother to winning h16g 151 124 To the land winning 2m hurdler Pablo du Charmil (both by Lyphard's held Wish): dam unraced half-sister to good French hurdler/chaser Lida du Riffray: fairly useful hied 126 N juvenile hurdler: twice in frame at Auteuil for T. Trapenard: won at Uttoxeter in October and hied 127 G2 Warwick in December: better form when placed twice in good company since, though shaped as if unsuited by return to shorter when staying-on 5 lengths third of 24 to Shamayoun in listed 4-v-o handicap at Cheltenham last time (tongue tied); should stay 2½m; raced on good going

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

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

CLASSIC APPROACH (IRE)

6 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Luso - Vital Approach (IRE) (Mandalus) [2004/5 F17d4 :: 2005/6 F20m 18g 22f4 F16g* 20d* b.g. Luso – Vital Approach (IKE) (Ivianualus) (2004/511/4 ii 2006/51 2011/51 2011/51 ii 2006/51 2011/51 2011/51 ii 2006/51 2011/51 2011/51 ii 2006/51 2011/5 temperamental staying chaser Harwell Lad: won maiden point on debut in 2004: won bumper h16d N h20d 138+N at Killarney (by 1½ lengths from Little Rascal) and maiden hurdle at Listowel (by 2 lengths F16g 133+WA from Ponmeoath), both in September: well beaten in novices last 2 starts, fourth of 6 to Darrias h22f at Cheltenham on latest: will prove best at 2½m+: acts on good to soft ground.

. OUEALLY. IRELAND

Dark blue, emerald green hoops, quartered cap (Mr M. A. Ryan)

ROSARIAN (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Fourstars Allstar (USA) - Only A Rose (Glint of Gold) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 24dF 23s Jan 7] angular gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won handicap at Chepstow only start in 2003/4 h23s 131 120 (finished lame): off 2 years and 9 lb out of weights, every chance when falling 2 out in Pertemps h24d Qualifier won by Attorney General at Cheltenham: well held next time: stays 27f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried visored, in cheekpieces last 3 outings.

V. R. A. DARTNALL

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

HARRYCONE LEWIS

8 10-0 (9-8)

c24d* c24d2 :: 2005/6 26m2 26mF c24g c23d6 26d* c24s2 26s* c24mpu Mar 4] sturdy gelding: c24m fairly useful hurdler/chaser: won novice hurdles at Huntingdon in December and February, class is 151+N idling run-in and beating Original Thought 5 lengths in latter: creditable second of 7 to Melford leaf 147 N in handicap chase at Fakenham in between: stays 31/4m: acts on soft going, probably on good c23d 129+123 c24g 125 to firm: tried in cheekpieces, effective blinkered or not; prone to odd bad run (as last time).

b.g. Sir Harry Lewis (USA) - Rosie Cone (Celtic Cone) [2004/5 21g² 26g³ c22s* c23dpu 25g²

Purple, yellow sash, light blue sleeves, yellow cap (The Craftsmen)

SORRY AL (IRE)

6 10-0 (9-8)

141 ch.g. Anshan – Just A Second (Jimsun) [2004/5 F16g² F16d² F19d⁵ :: 2005/6 F18s 16s 16f² 16g² 18g² 22m³ 24m* 22d² 20m* Sep 4] €25,000 3-y-o: fourth foal: dam, maiden hurdler/chaser, suited by test of stamina: fair hurdler: won maiden at Bellewstown (by 7 lengths from Flaming hazam 131 N lengths from Merry Star) in September: hazam 134 N lengths fr

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Č. F. SWAN. IRELAND

Yellow and light blue hoops, vellow sleeves, dark blue cap, light blue star (T & C Syndicate)

VICARIO

stays 3m: acts on firm and good to soft ground.

gr.g. Vettori (IRE) - Arantxa (Sharpo) [2004/5 17v² 16d³ 16v* 17spu 16d⁴ 19s³ 20d 19g³ :: 2005/6 21m⁴ 17m³ 20s* 22dpu 20s* 24dpu 20v⁴ 20v⁴ 20v⁴ c21s* c22s³ c19v⁴ Mar 9] leggy gelding: fairly c19v useful handicap hurdler: won at Haydock in November and December, beating Better Days c22s gamely by ½ length latter occasion; well below form next 3 starts; won maiden at Sedgefield 1220v on chasing debut by 2 lengths from Henry's Pride: similar form (fair) when 24 lengths third of h20v 118 123 6 to Bannister Lane in novice handicap at Haydock next time: well held in novice at Towcester

latest start; stays 21f; acts on heavy and good to firm going.

Red, vellow braces, white sleeves and cap (Mr Jon Glews)

KANDIAR D'ALLIER (FR)

gr.g. Royal Charter (FR) - Miss Akarad (FR) (Akarad (FR)) [2004/5 c20s* c20s* c21d3 c21s2 :: 2005/6 c20d3 c26gpu c21d c24v4 20d* Mar 22] leggy gelding: fair form over hurdles, won 8- h20d 145+108 runner handicap at Chepstow last time by 4 lengths from Rainbows Aglitter, travelling well in touch and readily asserting straight: useful handicap chaser, won at Plumpton and Windsor in 2014 2004/5: better than ever when 4 lengths third of 14 finishers to Our Vic in Paddy Power Gold 2014 173 130 Cup (Handicap) at Cheltenham on reappearance: let down by jumping in valuable event at Newbury later in November, ran poorly at Cheltenham and Haydock (stiff task) next 2 outings: stays 21f: acts on heavy going.

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

BACK TO BEN ALDER (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-8)

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b. or br.g. Bob Back (USA) - Winter Fox (Martinmas) [2004/5 16g 16s⁵ 16d⁶ 24d :: 2005/6 23gpu 20d4 Dec 26] good sort: fairly useful handicap hurdler, lightly raced: off 7½ months, fourth of h20d 152 120 9 to Afrad at Sandown on return, though looked less than straightforward, getting going all too late: stays 2½m: raced on good ground or softer: room for improvement in his jumping.

N. I. HENDERSON Maroon, yellow cap, maroon spots (Mrs Christopher Hanbury) h16d' 151+121 h16s' 150+121 h16g' 140 N

MY IMMORTAL

4 10-0 (9-6)

b.c. Monsun (GER) - Dame Kiri (FR) (Old Vic) [2005/6 16g² 16d⁶ 16d^{2d} 17m² 16g⁶ Mar 14] compact colt: useful on Flat (stays 2m), sold out of J. Gosden's stable 40,000 gns Newmarket high 148 126 Autumn Sales: fairly useful juvenile hurdler: generally creditable efforts, including when 9½ high 138+N high 138+N lengths sixth of 16 finishers to Shamayoun in 4-y-o listed handicap at Cheltenham last time, hidd 140+61 no extra after mistake last: disqualified after taking wrong course third outing: likely to be hies 148 N suited by further than 2m: races prominently.

M. C. PIPE

Dark blue, white chevron, chevrons on sleeves, striped cap (The Betfair Million Partnership)

LYES GREEN 5 10-0 (9-5)

November and Ludlow in March: off 10 weeks, improved form when beating Darn Good 4 h2g 143 N h2g 143 N h2g 143 N lengths in latter, leading 3 out and ridden clear; stays 3m.

O. SHERWOOD

Light blue, orange sash (Mr P. K. Gardner)

VINTAGE PORT (IRE)

6 10-0 (9-5) ch.g. In The Wings - Gay Bentley (USA) (Riverman (USA)) [2004/5 17d2 16m5 16g* 16s4 16s4 20v⁴ :: 2005/6 20s* 20d⁵ 20v⁶ 20d 22d⁶ 22s* 20s² 22v Mar 25] fair hurdler: won handicaps at h22v Punchestown in April and Galway (by head from Purple Shuffle) in October: creditable effort penultimate start, well beaten last time: stays 23/4m: acts on soft going.

T. J. O'MARA, IRELAND Emerald green, orange hoop, hooped sleeves, orange cap (Mr J. P. O'Shea)

b.g. Beneficial - Goforroad (IRE) (Mister Lord (USA)) [2004/5 F16d 20v3 21d* 20d4 20d2 :: 2005/6 c23spu c20d3 c21d2 23s 21m5 Mar 3] rangy gelding; fairly useful hurdler: dead-heated h21m 152 118 with Il Duce in novice at Newbury in 2004/5: blinkered, back to form when 9 lengths fifth of h23s 129 120 N 17 to Temoin in handicap at Newbury last time: best effort over fences when third to Alderburn c20d 146+W in fourth when leaders came down at last 2 fences: should stay beyond 21f: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

B. DE HAAN

Yellow, royal blue sleeves, yellow cap, royal blue star (Willsford Racing Incorporated)

DESERT TOMMY 5 10-0 (9-5)

b.g. Desert King (IRE) - Flambera (FR) (Akarad (FR)) [2004/5 16gur 17d* 17m² 17gpu :: 2005/6 b.g. Desert King (IRE) - Flambera (FK) (Akarad (FK)) [2004/3 10g. Flambera (FK) [2004/3 10g. Flamber raced: improved form when winning at Exeter (amateur event) and Towcester in February, h24v 148 107 h22s 148+100A beating Classic Sight 7 lengths in 18-runner event latter occasion: ran well when 3½ lengths h20s second of 12 to Carew Lad at Chepstow next time, fluffing 2 of last 3 flights: stays 3m: unraced h24v 118? 100 h17g' N on firm going, acts on any other.

EVAN WILLIAMS

Black and vellow check, red and white striped sleeves, red cap (All Adda Winna Racing Club)

OPENIDE 5 10-0 (9-5)

b.g. Key of Luck (USA) - Evelet (IRE) (Satco (FR)) [2004/5 F12d* 17s 16d 17m* :: 2005/6 16s6 24mpu 20m² 20f³ 21d 16d⁴d 19d² 20v² 22g 20s⁶ Feb 22] compact gelding: fairly useful hurdler: h20s 131 W won juvenile at Cheltenham in late-2004/5: creditable efforts when runner-up eighth/ninth h22g h20v starts, beaten 4½ lengths by Night Bridge in minor event at Leopardstown in latter: lost chance high 150 115 115 with blunder fourth at Sandown penultimate outing, well below form at Punchestown on high 145 125 latest: stays 21/2m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: visored/blinkered last 6 outings: bled from nose third 2004/5 outing: difficult ride.

Pink, light blue seams and sleeves, grey cap (Brendan W. Duke Racing)

PIPSSALIO (SPA) 9 10-0 (9-3)

b.g. Pips Pride - Tesalia (SPA) (Finissimo (SPA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 22s² Apr 1] leggy gelding: fair hurdler: won 18-runner maiden at Lingfield in 2003/4: off 18 months, good 13/4 lengths h22s 145 113 second of 7 to Sesame Rambler in handicap at Fontwell on return: should stay beyond 23/4m: acts on soft going: tongue tied in 2003/4.

IAMIE POŬLTON

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

TIME TO SELL (IRE) 7 10-0 (8-13)

b. or br.g. Executive Perk - Town of Trees (IRE) (Lancastrian) [2004/5 c24spu 19v5 18s 19s :: 2005/6 16d3 16d2 20m4 16v4 20v2 20s4 c17s5 22s4 c17s Mar 2] half-brother to winning 3m c17s chaser Carnival Buck (by Buckskin): modest maiden hurdler: winning pointer in 2004, seemingly only poor form on first of 2 starts in steeplechases: stays 2³/₄m: acts on heavy ground. h20s 133 N EUGENE M. O'SULLIVAN. IRELAND

White, red triple diamond, halved sleeves, quartered cap (Joseph Buckley)

NICE HORSE (FR)

ch.g. River Bay (USA) – Tchela (FR) (Le Nain Jaune (FR)) [2004/5 F18d* F16g F17d :: 2005/6 17dur 16d 19d 17d 19s⁴ 20g⁶ 20s Mar 11] leggy, close-coupled gelding: useful bumper winner: had 139 + 110 fair maiden hurdler: has shaped as though still in good heart in novice handicaps at Sandown on last 2 starts, seventh to Killaghy Castle in valuable 17-runner event on latest: stays 23/4m: h17d worth trying in headgear.

M. C. PIPE

h20d 114 106

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h20v 130 + 97 h16v 133 N

Emerald green and maroon (quartered), halved sleeves, emerald green cap (C. M., B. J. & R. F. Batterham II)

HANDICAPS: OVERNIGHT ALTERING OF WEIGHTS

h16d 110+N

The ratings for this race have been adjusted to the weights currently allocated. If these change at the overnight stage then simply subtract 1 lb for each pound carried above the weight shown or add 1 lb for each pound below the present weight (the weights shown in brackets are those originally allocated in the long handicap and are included for information only).

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ROYAL AUCLAIR (FR)

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ch.g. Garde Royale - Carmonera (FR) (Carmont (FR)) [2004/5 c25d* c26g³ c25d² c25s³ c25d³ c26g⁴ c36d² c29g^F :: 2005/6 c24d⁵ c25d* c24g⁵ c25d² c26m Mar 17] good-topped gelding: has c26m 165 G1 reportedly had breathing operation: very smart chaser: in frame all completed starts in 2004/5, c25d 147 G2 on last 2 fourth to Kicking King in Cheltenham Gold Cup and runner-up to Hedgehunter in c25d Grand National at Aintree: as good this season, winning listed handicap at Cheltenham in c24d 166 G1
December by 3½ lengths from All In The Stars: creditable ninth of 22 to War of Attrition in latest renewal of Cheltenham Gold Cup; stays 4½m; acts on good to firm and heavy going; tried blinkered: tongue tied: a credit to connections.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Christian Williams

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

HEDGEHUNTER (IRE)

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b.g. Montelimar (USA) - Aberedw (IRE) (Caerwent) [2004/5 24s 21s² 24d⁴ 24v 24v⁶ c25s* c36d* :: 2005/6 24s c24d4 c24d2 c26m2 Mar 17] useful-looking gelding: winning hurdler: top- c26m 176 G1 class chaser: won John Smith's Grand National Chase (Handicap) at Aintree in 2004/5 c24d 159+G1 impressively by 14 lengths from Royal Auclair: 16/1, improved effort when 2½ lengths second h24s of 22 to War of Attrition in Cheltenham Gold Cup last time, ridden more patiently than of late 184 186 144 and challenging 2 out: stays 4½m: unraced on firm going, acts on any other; has sweated; has taken strong hold: sound jumper.

W. P. MULLINS, IRELAND

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

CORNISH REBEL (IRE)

9 11-9

br.g. Un Desperado (FR) - Katday (FR) (Miller's Mate) [2004/5 c20g* c24g* c25d* c21s³ c24g³ c33g² :: 2005/6 c26g³ c29d³ c26m Mar 17] rangy, good-topped gelding: smart hurdler: smart novice chaser in 2004/5, winning 3 times: improved form when third to Trabolgan in Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup (Handicap) at Newbury on reappearance: blinkered and off 11 weeks, still to c3g 158+144 be asked for effort when blundered 3 out (not first mistake) in Cheltenham Gold Cup last time: c248 stays 33f: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on soft): patiently ridden: of suspect temperament, tends to idle/hang left and downed tools once over hurdles.

I. Tizzard

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

THEREALBANDIT (IRE)

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b.g. Torus - Sunrise Highway VII (Damsire Unregistered) [2004/5 25d c25d* c24g c25s2 c26g c20d³ c21m³ c29g :: 2005/6 c20d c21d c25d* Dec 26] tall, lengthy, rather sparely-made gelding: c25d 167 149 winning hurdler: very smart chaser: in-and-out form since 2003/4, back to best when winning c21d 154+150 152 valuable handicap at Wetherby on latest start by 1½ lengths from Take The Stand, leading on c29g bridle 5 out and ridden out: stays 27f: acts on soft and good to firm going: has worn headgear c21m; 163 155 c20d; 141 G1 5 of last 6 starts.

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

IT TAKES TIME (IRE)

12 11-8

b.g. Montelimar (USA) – Dysart Lady (King's Ride) [2004/5 c20d5 24g5 25s4 c26d3 c20d* c20d c36d⁴ c24s² :: 2005/6 c27d⁴ c25d c20s⁴ Feb 18] angular gelding: very smart hurdler, fourth to c20s 144 G1
Baracouda in Grade 1 at Windsor in 2004/5: smart chaser: won Grade 1 totesport Chase at c25d 152

167 152 Lingfield later last season by 2 lengths from Ollie Magern: ran well when close fourth of 19 to cz/ds 167 152 Garvivonnian in Becher Chase at Aintree on reappearance: below form both starts since: [35d] [53+13d] effective from 2½m to 27f (unable to sustain effort when fourth in 2005 Grand National over 4½m); acts on good to firm and heavy going; has run well when sweating; sometimes edges left under pressure: has idled.

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

LE ROI MIGUEL (FR)

b.g. Point of No Return (FR) – Loumir (USA) (Bob's Dusty (USA)) [2004/5 20s⁵ c20d* c24g⁴ c21g⁵ c20d² c21m² c16g⁵ :: 2005/6 c20s⁵ c20g 22g 24g Mar 16] tall, useful-looking gelding: has h24g 123 126

reportedly had wind operation: high-class chaser in prime: won Grade 2 totesport Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon in 2004/5 by 20 lengths from Farmer Jack: not at best since, often making c20s mistakes, notably first 2 starts this season: very lightly raced over hurdles, well held in c16g 159+G2 c21m 169+158

handicaps last 2 starts; stays 21f; acts on soft and good to firm going; tried tongue tied.

White, black disc, emerald green sleeves, white armlets, emerald green cap (Green/Rose/Cowell)

OLLIE MAGERN

8 11-6

b.g. Alderbrook – Outfield (Monksfield) [2004/5 c24g* c21s* c24g* c20d4 c26g2 c24g* c25sur c25s* c20d2 :: 2005/6 c25d* c24d c24g6 c25d4 c26m Mar 17] smallish gelding: winning hurdler: c26m high-class chaser: cracked off-hind cannon bone after final start in 2004/5: better than ever when winning Grade 2 bet365 Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby in October by 11/4 lengths from c24d Kingscliff: no form since, shaping as if amiss second/fourth outings: effective at 2½ m to 27f: c25d 177 G2 c20d 186 G1 acts on firm and soft going: usually makes running: normally a sound jumper.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

C. Llewellyn

Light blue, maroon stars and sleeves, light blue cap (Mr Roger Nicholls)

EUROTREK (IRE)

160 +

ch.g. Eurobus - Orient Jewel (Pollerton) [2004/5 c25s* c25spu :: 2005/6 c24d4 c26d* c29s* c28dpu Feb 18] tall gelding: very lightly raced: winning hurdler: useful chaser: won handicaps c28d c28dpu Feb 18] tall gelding: very lightly raced: winning nuruler: useful chasel, won handcaps at Newbury (easily by 25 lengths from Spring Grove) in December and Grade 3 totesport Classic cost of the cost of th at Newbury (easily by 25 lengths from Spring Grove) in December and Grade 5 total control of the Newbury (easily by 25 lengths from Spring Grove) in December and Grade 5 total control of the Newbury (easily by 25 lengths from Spring Grove) in December and Grade 5 total control of the Newbury (easily by 25 lengths from Spring Grove) in December and Grade 5 total control of the Newbury (easily by 25 lengths from Spring Grove) in December and Grade 5 total control of the Newbury (easily by 25 lengths from Spring Grove) in December and Grade 5 total control of the Newbury (easily by 25 lengths from Spring Grove) in December and Grade 5 total control of the Newbury (easily by 25 lengths from Spring Grove) in December and Grade 5 total control of the Newbury (easily by 25 lengths) in C24d 127+125 (easily by 25 lengths) in C24d 127+ last time: stays 29f: raced on good going or softer over jumps: tried tongue tied.

P. I. Brennan

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

SIR REMBRANDT (IRE)

170 +

+ 151

b.g. Mandalus - Sue's A Lady (Le Moss) [2004/5 c25s² c23d⁴ c24d² c24d⁴ c26g³ c25spu :: 2005/6 c27dpu c24spu c29dF c29s² c28d³ c26m Mar 17] big, strong, lengthy gelding: top-class chaser at c26m 179? Gi best: placed in Cheltenham Gold Cup for second year running in 2004/5: showed himself still c28d 170 145 c29s 164 147 capable of very smart form when seventh to War of Attrition in latest renewal of race, again c29d hard ridden some way out and merely plugging on: suited by good test at 3m, and stays 29f: c24a unraced on firm going, acts on any other: tried visored: looked unsuited by right-handed track second 2004/5 outing.

R. H. ALNER

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

A. Thornton

NATIVE UPMANSHIP (IRE)

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ch.g. Be My Native (USA) - Hi' Upham (Deep Run) [2004/5 c16g4 c20s4 c17v3 c20s5 c16s2 c21gpu c20v* :: 2005/6 c16d³ c16s⁴ c20s 20s² c20s⁵ c24d³ Feb 12] tall gelding: has stringhalt: c24d 166 G1 winning hurdler: top-class chaser at best, smart nowadays: made all in 3-runner Grade 3 at c20s 123 G2 winning hurdler: top-class chaser at best, smart nowadays: made all in 3-runner Grade 3 at c20s 123 G2 h20s 131+W Navan in late-2004/5: in-and-out form since, 19 lengths third of 6 finishers to Beef Or Salmon con Grade 1 at Leopardstown last time: probably best around 2½m: acts on good to firm and confident confidence. heavy going: wore headgear last 2 starts.

A. L. T. MOORE. IRELAND Dark blue (Mrs John Magnier)

GROUND BALL (IRE)

9 10-13

b. or br.g. Bob's Return (IRE) – Bettyhill (Ardross) [2004/5 c20d 16v* 16v* c20v² c16gur c17s* :: 2005/6 c16d⁴ c17d c16d⁴ 16d⁴ 16s³ c16m⁶ Mar 17] well-made gelding: useful chaser: good c16m 16s 143 $5\frac{1}{2}$ lengths sixth of 23 to Greenhope in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: useful $\frac{h16s}{h16d}$ $\frac{161}{155}$ $\frac{G2}{132}$ hurdler: good efforts this season, fourth of 13 to Escrea in handicap at Leopardstown then 6 c16d 167+145 lengths third of 4 to Macs Joy in Grade 2 at Gowran: likely to stay 23/4m: acts on heavy and good c17d c16d to firm going: reliable.

C. F. SWAN. IRELAND

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

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INNOX (FR) b.g. Lute Antique (FR) — Savane III (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2004/5 c21v6 c22s6 c22g c20s3 c27d c29d² c24g* c36d :: 2005/6 c25v c27d* c24d* Feb 25] good-topped gelding: smart chaser: won handicaps at Cheltenham (by 7 lengths from Lou du Moulin Mas) in November and Sandown in February: improved when beating stable-companion L'Ami 2½ lengths in Grade 3 Racing Post Chase at latter, jumping well under aggressive ride and finding plenty after leading again 3 out: stays 29f (weakened run-in when seventh in 2005 Grand National): raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): blinkered: none too consistent. F. DOUMEN, FRANCE Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus) 143 143 143 143 144 155 622 148 159 162 135 135 224g' 161 126 229d' 148 126	br.g. Buckskin (FR) — Amelioras Daughter (General Ironside) [2004/5 c24g³ c24d² c26spu c25d³ c28v³ c22v² c24s² c24d² c24g³ c24d² c24s³ :: 2005/6 c24d* c26v4 c21d c30s* c25sF c24v* c28d c28d Feb 18] tall gelding: useful handicap chaser: won at Bangor in October and December and Haydock in January: 33/1 and 22 lb out of weights, career-best effort when winning 5-runner Peter Marsh Chase at latter by 9 lengths from Kingscliff, leading 5 out: took no interest when tailed off in another valuable event there last time: thorough stayer: acts on good to firm and heavy going: wears cheekpieces: usually sound-jumping front runner: sometimes races lazily. **D. MCCAIN** S. J. Craine** 140 c28d 140 c28t 157 149 c25s 151 118 c21d 126 119 c26v 133 120 The Amelioras Daughter (General Ironside) [2004/5 c24g³ c24d² c26spu c25d³ c28d 140 c28d 157 149 c25s 151 118 c21d 126 119 c26v 133 120 The Amelioras Daughter (General Ironside) [2004/5 c24g³ c24d² c26spu c25d³ c28d 140 c28d 157 149 c25s 151 118 c21d 126 119 c26v 133 120 The Amelioras Daughter (General Ironside) [2004/5 c24g³ c24d² c24s² c24s² c24d² c26spu c25d³ c28d 157 149 c25s
b.g. Clearly Bust – All Gone (Giolla Mear) [2004/5 c26s* c27s* c29v* :: 2005/6 25s4 c25dPu 24sPu Feb 25] workmanlike gelding: fair hurdler: off 13 months due to leg injury, encouraging return when fourth to Passenger Omar in handicap at Warwick: useful chaser: much improved in 2004/5, won handicaps at Newton Abbot, Aintree (totesport Becher Chase) and Chepstow (Coral Welsh National): very disappointing last 2 starts, in handicap hurdle (blinkered) on latest: stays 29f: acts on heavy going: usually sound jumper. P. F. NICHOLLS S. Thomas Dark green, white chevron, light green sleeves, dark green and white check cap (P. K. Barber	FIRST GOLD (FR) b.g. Shafoun (FR) — Nuit d'Or II (FR) (Pot d'Or (FR)) [2004/5 c25g³ c26g c24g⁵ c24v² c20dp² c25s² :: 2005/6 c25d⁵ c27dp² c28dp² Feb 18] tall gelding: one-time top-class chaser, on downgrade: off 7 months, little show last 3 starts: stays 29f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): usually blinkered: sound jumper: usually makes running. F. DOUMEN, FRANCE Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus) CLAN ROYAL (FR) 11 10-10 169
WHISPERED SECRET (GER) b.g. Selkirk (USA) – Wells Whisper (FR) (Sadler's Wells (USA)) [2004/5 17d* 16g4 18m* 16m² 20g* 17d5 20s5 :: 2005/6 24s 21m* 22g² c16m² c20m³ c21m* c16m* c20m² c20d* c20g4 c21g Mar 16] rather leggy gelding: fairly useful hurdler: won handicap at Huntingdon in June: better over fences: won maiden at Southwell (easily) and 3-runner novice at Newton Abbot, both in August, and handicap at Cheltenham (improved form, beat Halexy a head) in October: off 4 control of the control o	b.g. Chef de Clan II (FR) — Allee du Roy (FR) (Rex Magna (FR)) [2004/5 24g4 c36dco :: 2005/6 22v5 25s3 24v* Mar 12] tall gelding: lightly-raced hurdler: won 9-runner handicap at Market Rasen last time by 2 lengths from Jack Martin, despite mistakes final 2 flights: useful handicap chaser: raced over National fences at Aintree last 4 starts in that sphere, won Topham Chase in 2002/3 and Becher Chase in 2003/4: travelled best for long way when 3 lengths second to Amberleigh House in 2004 Grand National (jockey dropped whip after mistake 5 out), pulled hard and led from halfway until carried out by loose horses second Becher's in 2005 renewal: stays 4½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: formerly sketchy jumper: takes good hold. JONJO O'NEILL Emerald green, orange hoops, white cap (Mr John P. McManus)
going. M. C. PIPE Royal blue, yellow seams, chevrons on sleeves, royal blue cap (David Manasseh and Dan Levine) RINCE RI (IRE) 13 10-12 ch.g. Orchestra – Mildred's Ball (Blue Refrain) [2004/5 c25g ⁴ c25s ⁶ c26d ⁵ :: 2005/6 24s 20s ⁴ 24d ⁵ 22d c25s ⁴ Feb 25] strong gelding: lightly raced over hurdles, fair form in handicaps this season: high-class chaser at best, just fairly useful form when 27 lengths fourth to Forget The Past in Grade 2 at Fairyhouse last time: stays 25f: acts on heavy going, probably on good to firm: usually blinkered nowadays: has had tongue tied. T. M. WALSH, IRELAND A. J. McNamara	LE DUC (FR) b.g. Villez (USA) – Beberova (FR) (Synefos (USA)) [2004/5 c20s ⁴ c20d 20s ⁴ c24spu c21d* c21s 20d ³ c20d c21g ^F c21d ³ c24s ³ c16g :: 2005/6 20s c27d ² c26d ^{ur} Jan 1] tall, good-topped gelding: impresses in appearance: has reportedly had breathing operation: useful hurdler: soundly beaten in handicap at Chepstow on reappearance: useful handicap chaser: back to best when 3/4-length second of 19 to Garvivonnian in Becher Chase at Aintree in November, staying on well: also placed over National fences in Topham Chase in 2004/5: several mistakes but staying on and likely to run creditably when blundered and unseated 2 out behind Joaaci at Cheltenham last time: stays 27f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried blinkered: doesn't always apply himself fully. P. F. NICHOLLS J. E. Moore
PUNTAL (FR) 10 10-12 b.g. Bering – Saveur (Ardross) [2004/5 c26g6 c25d Dec 10 :: 2005/6 NR] medium-sized gelding: smart chaser in 2003/4, won 5 times, notably Betfred Gold Cup (Handicap) at Sandown: well-held sixth to Celestial Gold in very valuable handicap at Newbury on 2004/5 reappearance: lost interest next time: not seen since, reportedly due to tendon problems: effective at 2m to easy 29f (prominent when unseated nineteenth in 2004 Grand National): acts on any going: visored once (downed tools): tongue tied last 6 starts: often front runner: has raced lazily. M. C. PIPE B. J. Geraghty White, large red spots and armlets, red and white quartered cap (Mr Terry Neill)	White, black disc, emerald green sleeves, white armlets, emerald green cap (Green/Rose/Cowell) SIR OJ (IRE) 9 10-10 br.g. Be My Native (USA) – Fox Glen (Furry Glen) [2004/5 17g* c17s* c17v* c16d* c17v* c16d* c17v* c17v* c16g c21g4 :: 2005/6 c21d6 c17s5 c21d* c16s* c21gF Mar 16] close-coupled gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser: won 16-runner Robin Cook Memorial Gold Cup (Handicap) at Cheltenham (stayed on well to beat Le Passing a length) in December and Grade 2 Tote "Online c17s 147 130 Eetting For Cheltenham" Newlands Chase at Naas (beat Nickname a neck) in February: much c18d c21d 158 130 c17s 147 130 c21d c21d c17s 147 130
b.g. Mister Lord (USA) – Jellaride (IRE) (King's Ride) [2004/5 c23m* c24m* c24g² c20g² c24d* c24g* c26d* :: 2005/6 21spu c26g c26d² c26m Mar 17] tall gelding: winning hurdler: smart chaser: back to best when 1³¼ lengths second to Joacci in handicap at Cheltenham: off 2¹½ months and stiff task, well held in Cheltenham Gold Cup last time, not unduly knocked about once beaten: will stay beyond 3¼m: successful on soft going, best efforts under less testing conditions: bold-jumping front runner. T. R. GEORGE 172 141 625m 615 + 136 + 138 + 1084 166 + 126 c24g' 150 + 116 178 179 180 180 180 180 180 180 180 18	FOREST GUNNER ch.g. Gunner B – Gouly Duff (Party Mink) [2004/5 c21d* c28s* c36d5 :: 2005/6 c27dur c25spu c25dpu Dec 26] leggy gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser: successful over National fences at Aintree in Fox Hunters' in 2003/4 and betfair.com Grand Sefton Handicap in 2004/5, also c25s fifth in 2005 Grand National: unseated third in Becher Chase there on return, has looked badly out of sorts both starts since: probably stays 4½m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on soft): front runner/races prominently: good jumper.

conditions: bold-jumping front runner.

T. R. GEORGE

J. M. Maguire

Emerald green, white chevrons, white sleeves, emerald green stars, orange and white quartered

cap (Mr P. J. Kennedy)

Miss N. Carberry

on soft): front runner/races prominently: good jumper. $R.\ FORD$

White, red braces, black sleeves, red cap (Mr John Gilsenan)

patient ride and keeping on strongly: let down by jumping both starts over National fences at c24g' 161 128A Aintree, falling first in valuable event there on reappearance: stays 29f: acts on soft going.

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

AMBERLEIGH HOUSE (IRE)

br.g. Buckskin (FR) - Chancy Gal (Al Sirat) [2004/5 23d c20s4 c27s5 c20s4 c24g c36d :: 2005/6 c24dpu c20d5 c27d c22v 26d Mar 20] lengthy gelding: winning hurdler: last in conditional h26d jockeys handicap at Hereford last time: smart handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap at Hereford last time: smart handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap at Hereford last time: smart handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap at Hereford last time: smart handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap at Hereford last time: smart handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap at Hereford last time: smart handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap at Hereford last time: smart handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap at hereford last time: smart handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jockeys handicap chaser at best: very good record over c22v jo National in 2003/4: seventh in valuable event there third start, only form for some time: stays c24d c36d 41/2m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: bled from nose on reappearance: sound jumper.

Black, red and white striped sleeves, hooped cap (Halewood International Ltd)

BALLYCASSIDY (IRE)

br.g. Insan (USA) - Bitofabreeze (IRE) (Callernish) [2004/5 c27d² c25s⁵ c24dpu c26g c36dur c29g⁵ :: 2005/6 c25m* 24m* c22g³ c26g c25d⁵ c24g c25d³ c24d⁵ c26m Mar 17] strong, lengthy c26m 159+G1 gelding: useful hurdler, won handicap at Worcester in June: smart handicap chaser: won at c24d 166 139 62 Kelso in May by 22 lengths from Double Honour: best recent effort when 41/2 lengths fifth of 7 c234g finishers to Innox in Grade 3 event at Sandown: stiff task in Cheltenham Gold Cup last time: c25d 156+142 stays 27f, effective at shorter: has won on good to soft going, possibly ideally suited by good or firmer (acts on firm): blinkered once: sometimes let down by jumping (unseated second in 2005 Grand National): often leads.

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

INCA TRAIL (IRE)

br.g. Un Desperado (FR) - Katday (FR) (Miller's Mate) [2004/5 c19d3 c25g2 c24g* c21g2 c25d* c27g6 c24d* c29g :: 2005/6 c24g5 c25d6 c28g* c31d5 c24s* c24s* Mar 10] tall, good sort: c24s 136+WA winning hurdler: useful chaser: won handicap at Wincanton in November and Royal Artillery c24s 137+WA Gold Cup and Grand Military Gold Cup at Sandown last 2 starts, last 2 narrowly after being case cajoled ahead run-in and not having to be anywhere near best: sold out of P. Nicholls' stable 110,000 gns Doncaster March Sales: probably stays 31f: acts on soft and good to firm going: blinkered nowadays: tried tongue tied: tends to find little, and well ridden by amateur for all wins this season.

D. MCCAIN Black, red and white striped sleeves, hooped cap (Halewood International Ltd)

GARVIVONNIAN (IRE)

165 b.g. Spanish Place (USA) - Garvivonne (Belfalas) [2004/5 c20g c20d4 16g c24v4 c19s6 c28s* c24v c24v c28vF c25s³ c29spu :: 2005/6 c25s 22d 20g c24g6 c24d5 c27d* c22s³ c25s² Feb 25] c25s 165 G2 rather leggy gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser: won listed totesport Becher Handicap rather leggy gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser: won listed totesport Becher Handicap (274 160 130 Chase at Aintree in November by 3/4 length from Le Duc, jumping well and battling on gamely (274 155 133 to lead again over 1f out: better form when placed both starts since, 5 lengths third of 5 (274 157 133) to lead again over 1f out: better form when placed both starts since, 5 lengths third of 5 c24g finishers to Kymandjen in listed race at Tramore then 8 lengths second to Forget The Past in Grade 2 at Fairyhouse: stays 3½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

EDWARD P. MITCHELL, IRELAND

Red and yellow diabolo, red cap, yellow diamonds (Mrs A. Long)

NUMBERSIXVALVERDE (IRE)

b.g. Broken Hearted - Queens Tricks (Le Bavard (FR)) [2004/5 24g c20s c22v² c23d³ c24s* 24v⁵ c24v* c24v3 c29s* :: 2005/6 c25d5 20s 24s4 c24dbd c24v4 24d4 19v3 Mar 12] lengthy gelding: h19v 140+118 useful handicap chaser: won at Navan, Gowran and Fairyhouse (Powers Gold Label Irish Grand 624v 1661+135 National) in 2004/5; good fourth to What A Native at Leopardstown in January: fair handicap 624d hurdler: ran creditably in frame at Punchestown and Naas (third to Leaders Way) last 2 starts: h24s 140 1116 will stay beyond 29f: acts on heavy going: tried in cheekpieces/blinkers, not for long time.

M. BRASSIL. IRELAND

Emerald green, black sleeves, white cap (Mr O. B. P. Carroll)

IZNOGOUD (FR) 10 10-8

br.g. Shafoun (FR) - Vancia (FR) (Top Dancer (FR)) [2004/5 c21s c24s2 c21g c36d :: 2005/6 c20m c26m Mar 17] tall, leggy gelding: has a markedly round action: winning hurdler: useful c26m 156 G1 handicap chaser: placed in race for second year running when 6 lengths second to Farmer Jack come 143? 138 in Racing Post Chase at Kempton in 2004/5: off 11 months after bad mistake first and never c21g dangerous in Grand Naional, well held in listed event at Newbury and Cheltenham Gold Cup c245, 171 138 this season: effective at 2½m to easy 29f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: visored twice (departed early both times).

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B. Harding

Yellow, maroon cross belts, royal blue sleeves, royal blue and yellow quartered cap (The County Stores and Avalon Surfacing)

IACK HIGH (IRE)

11 10-7 br.g. Erdelistan (FR) - Lyntim (Fidel) [2004/5 c22v3 c18d c24v* c24v4 c24v c24s4 20s6 c29s2 br.g. Erdelistan (rr) – Lyntini (ridei) [2004/3 c2245 c104 c247 c217 c218 c217 c218 c229 c298 :: 2005/6 20s3 c27d 20s4 c24d5 24d3 c24d5 c26v* Mar 17] smallish gelding: useful c26v 143 W hurdler/chaser: successful over fences in handicaps at Navan and Sandown (Grade 3 Betfred hadd Gold Cup, beat Juveigneur 1¹/₄ lengths) in 2004/5: won 3-finisher minor chase at Down Royal ^{10.2}/_{6.24d} 170 G1 last time by 2½ lengths from Nil Desperandum, left in front by fall of Romaha 2 out and half in front by fall of R flashing tail under pressure: largely stiff tasks otherwise this season, seemingly creditable efforts when third twice over hurdles: stays 29f: acts on heavy going; held up: not a fluent

T. M. WALSH, IRELAND D. Pink and royal blue triple diamond, diamonds on sleeves, white cap (Miss Brenda Ross) D. I. Casev

HAUT DE GAMME (FR)

ch.g. Morespeed - Chantalouette (FR) (Royal Charter (FR)) [2004/5 c24m4 c24vpu c20v* c31d4

c19s⁵ c20g c19v³ c22d³ c22vpu c22v* c21d² :: 2005/6 20d² c27d⁵ 20s³ 23d⁶ 20v* c22v⁵ Feb 18] c22v 151+137 sturdy gelding: useful hurdler: won handicap at Wetherby in December by 2 lengths from sturdy gelding: useful nurdier: won handicap at wednesdy in 2004/5, and handicap chaser: won at Ayr and Kelso in 2004/5, and handicap chaser: won at Ayr and Kelso in 2004/5, and hads 123 had 125 had 125 had 126 had 127 had 128 had second in Topham Chase at Aintree final outing: again ran well over National fences when cord 166 137 close fifth of 19 to Garvivonnian in valuable event in November: mistake first when never-

dangerous fifth of 7 finishers to Our Armageddon at Uttoxeter last time: stays 27f: raced mainly on going softer than good (acts on heavy).

FERDY MURPHY K. Mercer Black, light blue stripe, hooped sleeves and cap (The Haut De Gamme Partnership)

NIL DESPERANDUM (IRE)

9 10-7

b.g. Un Desperado (FR) - Still Hoping (Kambalda) [2004/5 c20g4 c26gpu c24s5 c22vsu c20s3 c25s⁴ c26d* c36d6 :: 2005/6 22s c27d c26dpu c24d⁴ c26v² Mar 17] useful-looking gelding: c26v late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful chaser: won minor event at Down Royal in 2004/5: not at best when c24d late winning hurdler: useful case winning hurdler: which 2½ lengths second of 3 finishers to Jack High in corresponding race last time: 33/1, apparently c27d best effort this season when 24 lengths fourth of 6 finishers to Beef Or Salmon in Grade 1 at h223 Leopardstown: probably stays 41/2m (sixth in 2005 Grand National): raced on good going or softer (acts on soft): tried in headgear: not one to trust.

MS F. M. CROWLEY, IRELAND Red, white sleeves, red and grey quartered cap (Mr M. L. Shone) T. P. Treacy

BARON WINDRUSH

b.g. Alderbrook - Dame Scarlet (Blakeney) [2004/5 c24v* c20gur c24dur c25s* c25d6 c26d2 c29s* c28s6 :: 2005/6 c25dpu c33s4 c33vpu Mar 18] tall gelding: fairly useful hurdler: useful c33v handicap chaser: reportedly suffered injury and off 10 months before reappearance: back near c3s 168 137 lbest when 3 lengths fourth of 8 finishers to Philson Run in valuable event at Newcastle, c28s 151 139 best when 3 lengths fourth of 8 finishers to Philson Run in valuable event at Newcastle, c258 to 151 159 probably hadn't recovered from that when pulled up in similar race at Uttoxeter latest outing: c26d 164+129 c26d 164+129 stays 29f: acts on heavy going: patiently ridden nowadays.

Ň. A. TWISTON-DAVĬEŠ

Antony Evans

Yellow and orange diamonds, yellow sleeves (The Double Octagon Partnership)

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b.g. Dom Alco (FR) - Carmen Collonges (FR) (Olmeto) [2004/5 21s⁵ c25d* c24gpu c36d :: 2005/6 c27d6 c29d2 24v4 Mar 7] tall, close-coupled gelding: useful chaser: won 4-runner listed event h24v 122+N at Wincanton in 2004/5: off 7½ months, easily better effort in valuable handicaps this season c29d 149+138 c27d 163+139 when sixth of 19 to Garvivonnian at Aintree: very lightly raced over hurdles: odds on, only 62/4 100+139 when sixth of 19 to Garvivonnian at Aintree: very lightly raced over hurdles: odds on, only 63/64 151+140 fourth of 7 finishers to Before Dark in novice at Exeter last time: stays 25f: raced on good going c24g 159+1. or softer; has tendency to finish weakly nowadays.

P. F. NICHOLLS

I. P. McNamara

Grey, royal blue chevron, sleeves and star on cap (Merchant Rentals Plc)

TYNEANDTHYNEAGAIN

11 10-7

b.g. Good Thyne (USA) - Radical Lady (Radical) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 c20v6 c28d4 Feb 18] lengthy gelding: winning hurdler: useful but error-prone handicap chaser in 2003/4, winning c28d 149 137 Skybet Chase at Doncaster and Tote Eider at Newcastle: sold out of R. C. Guest's stable 10,000 c^{20v} ¹⁴⁹⁺¹³⁷ gns Doncaster October (2005) Sales: off 21 months, shaped as though retaining ability both starts on return, distant fourth behind Ossmoses in very valuable event at Haydock on latest: needs thorough test of stamina: best form on going softer than good (acts well on soft/heavy): wore cheekpieces 4 of last 5 starts: usually held up.

I. HOWARD IOHNSON

P. Buchanan

Red, light blue chevrons on body, hooped cap (Mr J. Howard Johnson)

RISK ACCESSOR (IRE)

11 10-6

168 § b.g. Commanche Run – Bellatollah (Bellman (FR)) [2004/5 c20d² 16g³ c22m² c19s* c24s² c20s this season, fifth to You're Special in valuable amateur handicap at Cheltenham latest outing: C214 165-130 staying on well to dispute third when running out last in Grade 3 handicap at Sandown won c24d 138+140 c22d 145 by Innox time before: effective at 2m to 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried in cheekpieces: often tongue tied for former stable: bold jumper, prone to odd bad mistake (failed

JONJO O'NEILL

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

DIRECT ACCESS (IRE)

ch.g. Roselier (FR) - Spanish Flame (IRE) (Spanish Place (USA)) [2004/5 c25s* c24g4 :: 2005/6 c27dF c24s* Nov 26] tall, rangy, angular gelding: useful handicap chaser: off 9 months, fell first c24s 161 130 in valuable event at Aintree on reappearance: back to near best when winning Pagebet c27d 126 Rehearsal Chase (Handicap) at Newcastle next time by 6 lengths from Risk Accessor, leading 4 c25s 160+119 out and ridden clear; should stay beyond 25f; acts on heavy going, not discredited on good to firm: tried blinkered: has shaped as if amiss more than once.

to get beyond sixth in last 2 Grand Nationals): often finishes weakly, and one to treat with

N. G. RICHARDS

A. Dobbin

Orange, royal blue hoops and armlets (The Direct Access Partnership)

COLNEL RAYBURN (IRE)

b.g. Un Desperado (FR) - Super Boreen (Boreen (FR)) [2004/5 c16s* c24vpu c17v² c28v³ c20v⁵ c36dpu :: 2005/6 16s² c24d⁵ c16s⁵ Feb 26] tall gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser: good c16s 132 G2 fifth to Dun Doire in valuable handicap at Gowran penultimate start, though finished tamely: c24d 165+136 h16s 147 114 cheekpieces, below form in Grade 2 at Naas last time: effective at 2m to 3½m: raced on going 636d' softer than good since debut (acts well on heavy): usually held up: has his quirks (lost c20v. 145 C2 confidence after interference second Becher's when pulled up in 2005 Grand National).

PAUL NOLAN, IRELAND

White and red diabolo, white and black hooped sleeves and cap (Thatch (Ferns) Racing Syndicate)

IRIS ROYAL (FR)

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b.g. Garde Royale - Tchela (FR) (Le Nain Jaune (FR)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 c20g6 c21d c24mF c25d⁵ Feb 18] smallish gelding: winning hurdler: much improved over fences in 2003/4, won c25d 136 handicaps at Sandown, Ascot (First National Gold Cup) and Cheltenham (Tripleprint Gold c24m 136 Cup, beat Risk Accessor a head): off 20 months, shaped as if retaining some ability first 2 starts c20g 155 G2 on return: let down by jumping last 2 outings, finishing tired when well-beaten fifth to All In The Stars in limited handicap at Wincanton on latest: effective at 19f to 3m: acts on any going:

N. J. HENDERSON

Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)

ROSS COMM gr.g. Minster Son - Yemaail (IRE) (Shaadi (USA)) [2004/5 c20f* :: 2005/6 c23g* c21d2 c23m*

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c24d⁴ c24m* c26v* c26g^F 20v³ c20s* Mar 25] angular gelding: winning hurdler: off 4 months c20s 172 135 and inadequate trip, modest form when 19 lengths third of 8 to Silver Sedge in handicap at h20v 130+99 c26g + 130 Newcastle: useful handicap chaser: much improved this season, winning at Worcester (2), c26v Carlisle (2) and Bangor: led approaching 2 out and ridden clear when beating Noisetine by 12 c24m 151+113 c24d 140 116 lengths in 4-finisher event at Bangor, best effort; effective at testing 2½m, will stay long

distances: acts on any going: sound jumper.

Red, grey chevron, diabolo on sleeves, red cap, grey diamonds (Mr Kevin G. Treanor)

SPOT THEDIFFERENCE (IRE)

13 10-5

b.g. Lafontaine (USA) - Spotted Choice (IRE) (Callernish) [2004/5 c34g* c19s c31d* c31d* 16v4 c31d* c36d :: 2005/6 24s c31d* c31d 20v c24d6 c31g² Mar 14] tall gelding: maiden hurdler: c31g 176 176 was mart cross-country chaser (4 wins in 2004/5), gained second successive win in Sporting Index c24d 140 W h20v 111? W Chase at Cheltenham in November, beating Lord Jack 2½ lengths: refitted with cheekpieces, c31d back to best when 2 lengths second to Native Jack in Sporting Index Chase (Handicap) there call 161+W last time: little impact both completed outings in Grand National: thorough stayer: acts on good to firm and heavy going: also tried in blinkers: patiently ridden, and probably best with strong handling.

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

SHOTGUN WILLY (IRE)

ch.g. Be My Native (USA) - Minorettes Girl (Strong Gale) [2004/5 c29y c29spu c33dpu Mar 19 :: 2005/6 NR] tall, rather sparely-made gelding: has stringhalt: formerly high-class chaser: off 20 months, no show in valuable handicaps in 2004/5: sold out of P. Nicholls' stable 16,000 gns Doncaster May Sales: stays 33f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: twice blinkered: has hung/jumped left.

R. C. GUEST

Dark blue, pink and dark blue hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mr Paul Beck)

IUST IN DEBT (IRE)

b. or br.g. Montelimar (USA) - No Debt (Oats) [2004/5 c20m c24d* c27s² 20spu c36d :: 2005/6 c20m c26vpu c27d³ c31d⁶ c31g Mar 14] useful-looking gelding: winning hurdler: useful c31g 140+131 handicap chaser: has good record over National fences (completed 3 out of 4 starts), placed in c31d 160? 133 c27d 164 131 race for second successive year when close third to Garvivonnian in Becher Chase at Aintree c26v race for second successive year when close third to Garvivonnian in Becher Chase at Aintree c26v 133 in November: hasn't seen race out in cross-country events at Cheltenham last 2 starts: stays 27f: c20m 152 134 c36d' 149+136 acts on firm and soft going: tried in cheekpieces: sound jumper.

A. Dempsey Red, royal blue stars, royal blue sleeves red diamonds, white cap (Mr J. W. Hazeldean)

LORD ATTERBURY (IRE) ch.g. Mister Lord (USA) - Tammyiris (Arapahos (FR)) [2004/5 c28m4 c26g4 c36dF :: 2005/6 26spu 24m⁴ Mar 4] sturdy gelding: smart hunter chaser: fourth to Sleeping Night in Foxhunter h24m 127+N at Cheltenham second outing in 2004/5: fell first in Grand National at Aintree (third previous has cannot be caused by case) year) next time: in cheekpieces, better effort over hurdles in 2006 when 12 lengths fourth of 9 c26g 152+WA to Smart Mover in novice at Newbury: stays 4½m: acts on good to soft going: front runner: c28m' 122 WA prone to mistakes.

M. C. PIPE

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

LIBERTHINE (FR)

7 10-2

b.m. Chamberlin (FR) - Libertina (FR) (Balsamo (FR)) [2004/5 c20s² c20d³ c21s c22v⁴ c21g* c21d :: 2005/6 c20d c25d^{ur} c24s⁵ c24g Mar 15] angular mare: useful handicap chaser: won c24g 160 132A Mildmay of Flete at Cheltenham in 2004/5: creditable seventh in valuable event there on c24s 157 134 reappearance, below form last 2 starts (in valuable amateur race at same course on latest): c25d + 135 c20d 169 138 should stay 25f: raced on good going or softer (acts on soft): sound jumper in main (stable out 21f. of sorts when well held in 2005 Topham Chase): ridden by Mr S. Waley-Cohen nowadays.

N. J. HENDERSON

Brown, orange sleeves, quartered cap (Mr Robert Waley-Cohen)

reappearance: has shown vast improvement in handicap chases since, winning at Stratford in c19g 155 125 116 July and October, Bangor in August and Aintree (Grand Sefton, jumped well and made all to city 155 110 111 beat Fiori 2½ lengths) in November: good efforts when runner-up last 2 starts, beaten 6 lengths c17m 143 99 c17d 126 88 by Windsor Boy in 8-runner event at Fakenham on latest: stays 21f; acts on soft and good to

firm going: free-going sort, makes running/races prominently. Royal blue, red hoops, red sleeves and cap (Mr T. N. Siviter)

KNIFE EDGE (USA)

11 10-2

b. or br.g. Kris S (USA) - My Turbulent Miss (USA) (My Dad George (USA)) [2004/5 c20s3 c20dpu 24gpu :: 2005/6 c25s4 c22m² c26v* c25d⁵ Mar 21] tall gelding: smart chaser at best: fairly c25d 12k WA useful hunter nowadays: won at Warwick in March by 12 lengths from Mister Club Royal: c26v 131+WA c25m 14y WA better form when 4 lengths second to Christy Beamish at Newbury previous start: below form c25s 137 WA at Exeter last time: stays 31/4m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: often wears had good to firm going: often wears blinkers/cheekpieces nowadays.

IONIO O'NEILL

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

PHILSON RUN (IRE)

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b.g. Un Desperado (FR) - Isis (Deep Run) [2004/5 c25dpu c26v* c33d* c33g :: 2005/6 c24d c27dF c29dpu c25s2 c33s* c33vpu Mar 18] strong gelding: useful handicap chaser: won 3 times c33v in 2004/5, including John Smith's Midlands Grand National at Uttoxeter: won totesport Eider Chase at Newcastle in February by 11/4 lengths from High Cotton, not always fluent early but c29d leading 3 out and idling run-in: probably found run coming too soon last time: stays 33f: acts c27d c24d

on heavy going.
NICK WILLIAMS

Yellow, orange braces, yellow and grey halved sleeves, yellow cap, orange stars (Gale Force One)

MONTAYRAL (FR)

b.g. Lesotho (USA) – Demi Lune de Mars (FR) (Fast) [2004/5 c29spu :: 2005/6 c19d5 c24d c27d5

c28v Nov 20] leggy gelding: winning hurdler: useful handicap chaser at one time: best effort c28v 130 130 since 16-month absence when never-nearer fifth to Innox at Cheltenham penultimate start: c27d 157 133 136 c24d 136 c19d 138 W blinkered, well held at Cork last time: stays 29f: acts on good to firm and heavy going.

Royal blue and emerald green quartered, halved sleeves, hooped cap (Mr T. Mannion)

CONTROL MAN (IRE)

ch.g. Glacial Storm (USA) - Got To Fly (IRE) (Kemal (FR)) [2004/5 c19s* c21d* c24gur c25s* c24s² c28spu c33g³ c25dpu c33gpu :: 2005/6 c27d³ 24d c29dur c29s³ c33v Mar 18] angular, c33v 146+130

sparely-made gelding: winning hurdler: took little interest second start: fairly useful handicap chaser: back to form when 16½ lengths third of 7 finishers to Eurotrek in Grade 3 at Warwick h24d penultimate outing: should be suited by long distances (weakened straight over 33f at Uttoxeter c27d 163+135 last time): raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): usually races prominently: sometimes looks tricky ride (visored nowadays): not a fluent jumper (better last 2 starts).

M. C. PIPE

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

WAIN MOUNTAIN

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b.g. Unfuwain (USA) – Mountain Memory (High Top) [2004/5 c19s² c19v² c29s c20v³ c22v^{pu} c21d :: 2005/6 c21d6 c25s² c29d5 c20d* c20s5 c24s⁴ Feb 23] good-topped gelding: fairly useful c24s 155 128 handicap chaser: won 4-finisher event at Lingfield in January by 6 lengths from Be My Better c20s 149 128 c20d 158+122 Half: respectable fourth of 7 to King Bee at Haydock latest start: effective at testing 2½m to c29d 134+132 31/4m: acts on heavy going, possibly unsuited by good to firm: blinkered last 3 starts: tried c25s tongue tied: has hung left: tends to flash tail under pressure: consistent (respectable efforts though never dangerous both starts over National fences, including when eighth in 2005

I. A. B. OLD

White, black chevrons, red and white striped sleeves and cap (W. J. Smith and M. D. Dudley)

THE LAST CAST

ch.g. Prince of Birds (USA) – Atan's Gem (USA) (Sharpen Up) [2004/5 20s4 c16v* c16d2 c16s c16g :: 2005/6 c20s Feb 4] workmanlike gelding: useful handicap hurdler: improved effort c20s when fourth to Mistanoora in valuable event at Chepstow on reappearance in 2004/5: better close form again first 2 starts over fences, winning 3-finisher maiden at Uttoxeter and 5 lengths close to Contraband in Grade 2 novice at Sandown: no show since, leaving H. Morrison prior close to 170 kg. B. William 18 contrabation of the contrabation of to reappearance (for P. Webber): stays 21f; raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

EVAN WILLIAMS

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

WINDSOR BOY (IRE)

b.g. Mtoto - Fragrant Belle (USA) (Al Nasr (FR)) [2004/5 16g 17d c20d* c17g5 c22g* c19s* c16vF:: 2005/6 c25d3 c20dF c21d* c20m3 c21g5 Mar 16] lengthy ex-Irish gelding: fairly useful c21g 160 130 handicap hurdler/chaser: left E. O'Grady before reappearance and improved since, winning 8- c20m 163 130 runner event over fences at Fakenham in January by 6 lengths from Hakim: ran to similar level cold 159-121 in valuable contests both starts since, third of 15 to dead-heaters Cornish Sett and Horus at 625d 155+121 Newbury on first occasion: stays 25f: acts on soft and good to firm going.

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

DUN DOIRE (IRE)

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b.g. Leading Counsel (USA) - Yes Boss (IRE) (Carlingford Castle) [2004/5 c18v c20s 18s 16v 16v 16v 20v* 22s³ 24v :: 2005/6 24s* c16s⁵ c20s* c20s* c20s* c25s* c24d* c24g* Mar 14] tall, c24g good-topped gelding: winning pointer: modest hurdler: won amateur handicap at Limerick in c25s May: has made remarkable improvement over fences since, winning novice handicaps at c20s Wetherby in November and Haydock in December and handicaps at Navan later in December, c20s 124+85 c20s 114+79 Fairyhouse and Gowran (beat Coljon 11/2 lengths in 18-runner Ellen Construction Thyestes Chase) in January and Cheltenham in March: further appreciable progress when winning 21runner William Hill Trophy at last-named course, coming from long way off pace to lead runin when beating Juveigneur by 2 lengths: will stay beyond 25f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): held up: almost certainly hasn't finished improving.

A. J. MARTIŇ, IRELAND Emerald green and black hoops, black sleeves, black and white quartered cap (Dunderry Racing Syndicate)

KORELO (FR) 8 10-0 (9-13) 168

b.g. Cadoudal (FR) - Lora du Charmil (FR) (Panoramic) [2004/5 24d6 24d* 24s2 24g5 24sF6 :: 2005/6 24g4 24d6 25s3 c26s* c33s3 c24gpu Mar 14] workmanlike gelding: jumped better than c24g previously and first win over fences in 5-finisher handicap at Chepstow in January: much c33s better form (useful) when 23/4 lengths third of 8 finishers to Philson Run in valuable handicap 1258 1082+153 at Newcastle next time: probably hadn't recovered from that when running poorly last time 124d 186+155 (mistakes): improved hurdler in 2004/5, won handicap at Cheltenham and head second to Patriarch Express in Grade 2 there later in month: shaped well when never-nearer third of 15 to Nine de Sivola in handicap at Warwick third start: stays 33f: acts on good to firm and heavy going: poor efforts when visored: usually held up.

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

DUNBRODY MILLAR (IRE)

b. or br.g. Lord Americo - Salt Mills (Proverb) [2004/5 24g c18vF c20s c22v5 c24vF c18v3 c24s3 $c20s^{6}\ c22s^{3}\ c20d^{F}:: 2005/6\ c20g^{pu}\ c24s^{6}\ c24s^{2}\ c26d^{2}\ c26s^{*}\ c24m^{F}\ c29s^{*}\ c25d^{2}\ c24m^{*}\ c33s^{5}\ c24g^{2}\ c26s^{2}\ c24m^{F}\ c29s^{*}\ c25d^{2}\ c25d$ c24gpu Mar 14] good-topped ex-Irish gelding: fair hurdler: useful chaser: left M. Cullen after c3s 144 128 reappearance: won handicaps at Fontwell in December, Plumpton (by 10 lengths from c25d 157+115 Toulouse-Lautrec) in January and Sandown (further improvement, beat Ladalko 2 lengths) in c29s 143+101 February: shaped as if still in form behind Philson Run in valuable event at Newcastle on penultimate start, almost certainly hadn't recovered from that less than 3 weeks later: stays 29f: acts on heavy and good to firm going: effective in cheekpieces or not: races prominently: game.

Maroon and beige diabolo, diamonds on sleeves, maroon cap, beige diamond (Dundon Else Partnership)

7 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Sassanian (USA) – Houf (FR) (Morespeed) [2004/5 c21g² c23g² 20g² c21g³ 24m² c24g² c24d³ c24d⁶ c24g² c24g² c24g⁶ c25g⁴ :: 2005/6 c25d² c27d² c26g³ c24s⁴ c24g Mar 15] rather c24g 155 128A leggy gelding: novice hurdler: useful handicap chaser: creditable fourth to Graphic Approach c24s in 8-finisher event at Sandown on penultimate outing, found little when down the field in c27d valuable amateur event at Cheltenham on latest: stays 27f: acts on soft and good to firm going: c25d 162 125 c25g' 153 126 tongue tied, also blinkered last 2 starts; usually races prominently; sound jumper; reliable, though hard to win with.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Red, emerald green epaulets, red and emerald green striped sleeves, emerald green cap (The Eight Amigos Racing Syndicate)

BE MY BETTER HALF (IRE)

11 10-0 (9-11) b.g. Be My Native (USA) - The Mrs (Mandalus) [2004/5 c20d² c20s² c20v* c24spu c21d :: 2005/6 c20d³ c21d^F c20d^{bd} c20v* c20d² c22v⁴ Feb 18| big, workmanlike gelding: fairly useful c22v 157 130 handicap chaser: left A. Moore before reappearance: won at Carlisle in January by neck from c20d 159 127 Better Days: respectable efforts in frame both starts since, 16 lengths fourth of 7 finishers to Our czow 159+123 Armageddon in valuable event at Uttoxeter on latest: stays 23/4m: acts on heavy going: effective c21/4 ridden prominently or held up: let down by jumping both starts over National fences, well held after late mistakes in 2005 Topham and fell Becher's in Grand Sefton later that year.

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

WRAGS TO RICHES (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-11)

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b.g. Tremblant - Clonea Lady (IRE) (Lord Ha Ha) [2004/5 c17f^{ur} c17s⁵ c16s^F c16v² c19s² c21g* c21s⁶ c19s* c21v² :: 2005/6 c20dpu 22d³ c19v² c19dpu Dec 27] big, good-topped gelding: modest c19d maiden hurdler: fairly useful chaser: won novices at Fakenham and Exeter in 2004/5: c19v 160 127 h22d 140+105 creditable effort this season only when 5 lengths second to Noisetine in handicap at Chepstow c20d third start: possibly amiss in similar event there last time: stays 21f: acts on any going: reliable. c21v/ 156 N

Black, grev star and star on cap (No Illusions Partnership)

HALEXY (FR)

11 10-0 (9-11)

b.g. Iron Duke (FR) - Tartifume II (FR) (Mistigri) [2004/5 c22d4:: 2005/6 c20d2 c20s3 c21dF c20s c24dpu 20vpu Mar 18] tall, good sort: fairly useful handicap chaser, lightly raced: ran as well as h20v ever when head second to Whispered Secret at Cheltenham on reappearance: in contention c2ds when falling 2 out in valuable event at Aintree next time: poor efforts since, back over hurdles c21d latest start (blinkered): has left J. O'Neill: has won at 3m, best form over shorter: raced mainly c20s c20s c20d on good going or softer.

M. TODHUNTER

Mauve and pink check, white sleeves, pink cap (Sir Robert Ogden)

SUPREME DEVELOPER (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-11)

b.g. Supreme Leader - Bettys The Boss (IRE) (Deep Run) [2004/5 16g 18m2 c20d2 c20d2 c16g* c16d² c16d² c16g :: 2005/6 c20s⁴ c24s⁶ c26d^{pu} c2⁴d⁴ Mar 11] well-made gelding: fair hurdler: c24d 160+130 fairly useful chaser: let down by jumping last 3 starts (bled from nose on penultimate one), including when never-nearer fourth behind easy winner Eric's Charm in handicap at Sandown close to the control of the contr in cheekpieces.

FERDY MURPHY

T. J. Dreaper

Royal blue, white hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mrs A. N. Durkan)

WHAT A NATIVE (IRE)

10 10-0 (9-10)

b.g. Be My Native (USA) - Yukon Lil (Yankee Gold) [2004/5 c16d6 c20s5 :: 2005/6 c20g4 c24v2 c24s* c29v* c24d* c24v* c28dpu c26v3 Mar 17] compact gelding: seventh foal: brother to useful c26v3 Irish jumper Rockfield Native, stays 3m, and half-brother to fair hurdler up to 2½m Mykon c28d + 126 c24v 156+117 Gold (by Montekin): dam winner up to 11/4m on Flat: fairly useful hurdler in 2000/1: has c244 145+107 progressed to similar level in handicaps over fences this season, winning at Thurles in c29s 130 + 96 November, Fairyhouse and Thurles in December and Leopardstown (beat Ross River by a length with something in hand) in January: favourite, not fluent and labouring long way out when disappointing in valuable handicap at Haydock next time: stiff task, blundered eighth and finished tired when distant last of 3 in minor event at Down Royal on latest start: stays 29f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

C. F. SWAN, IRELAND

Light blue and maroon halved, sleeves reversed, emerald green cap (M. McKeon)

POLAR RED 9 10-0 (9-10)

ch.g. Polar Falcon (USA) - Sharp Top (Sharpo) [2004/5 c17d* c21m² c20d 20v⁵ 16d c21g c36d c24s6 :: 2005/6 16vpu c24d c33vur Mar 18] angular gelding: winning hurdler: useful chaser: won c33v intermediate at Bangor in early-2004/5: well below form since (including over hurdles), though did run remarkable race when thirteenth to Hedgehunter in 2005 Grand National at Aintree, 624s' 101 134 rapid headway to hold every chance 2 out only to weaken just as quickly: stays 21f: acts on c36d; 148+137 c21g; 137 heavy and good to firm going: often visored over hurdles; tongue tied last 4 starts.

Black and white stripes, emerald green and white striped sleeves (Lady Clarke)

POINT BARROW (IRE)

8 10-0 (9-10)

b.g. Arctic Lord - Credit Transfer (IRE) (Kemal (FR)) [2004/5 20g5 c24s4 c22d2 c25d* c24v* c24v* c33g5 c29s :: 2005/6 c18s6 c24s c24d c24d 22v6 Mar 25] good-topped gelding: fairly h22v 147+122 useful chaser: won 3 times in 2004/5, including Grade 2 Woodlands Park 100 Club Novices' c24d 154 128 c24d 159 131 Chase at Naas and Grade 3 Ladbroke Ten Up Novices' Chase at Navan: creditable tenth to Black C24s 157 Apalachi in valuable handicap at Leopardstown third start: seemed to take little interest in c18s similar event at Gowran next time, sixth in handicap back over hurdles on latest: should stay beyond 25f: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): tried tongue tied.

P. HUGHES. IRELAND

Grey, purple seams, quartered cap (Mrs P. Clune Hughes)

DEAD-EYED DICK (IRE)

10 10-0 (9-10)

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b.g. Un Desperado (FR) - Glendale Charmer (Down The Hatch) [2004/5 c16d5 c26m* c25g* c23s⁵ c25d^{ur} :: 2005/6 c25d* c26g⁴ c21m* c32v* c29s^F c25s⁶ Feb 12] tall, quite good-topped c25s gelding: fairly useful handicap chaser: has made further progress this season, winning 6 of last case contains and contain 10 completed starts, including at Hereford in May, Uttoxeter in September and Exeter (beat c21m 151 113 Toulouse-Lautrec 9 lengths) in December: fell seventh next time: rare poor effort in race won c26g 138 113 c25d 144+100 by Gunther McBride at last-named track on latest start: stays testing 4m: acts on heavy and good to firm going: has run as if amiss more than once and seems best fresh.

NICK WILLIAMS

Orange, black star and star on cap (Mrs Jane Williams)

DANGEROUSDANMAGRU (IRE)

10 10-0 (9-9)

b.g. Forest Wind (USA) - Blue Bell Girl (Blakeney) [2004/5 c20d3 c16sur c19s2 c16v* c20v4 fairly useful handicap chaser: left N. Glynn after fourth 2004/5 start: much improved this cities 155+127 season, winning at Exeter in May and Chepstow and Uttoxeter (cheekpieces, easily best effort c16v 141+107 when beating Jericho III 12 lengths) in November: struggled off much higher mark next 2 starts: stays 2½m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy).

White, light blue sash, brown cap (Mr N. F. Glynn)

DESAILLY 12 10-0 (9-9)

ch.g. Teamster – G W Superstar (Rymer) [2004/5 c24d² c26g² c29vF :: 2005/6 c23s³ c24g Mar best at 23/4m+ (should stay long distances): raced on good going or softer (acts on soft): sound

jumper: patiently ridden, has finished weakly.

I. A. GÉAKE

Dark green, light blue hooped sleeves, blue cap, green hoop (The Team)

STRONG RESOLVE (IRE)

10 10-0 (9-7)

gr.g. Roselier (FR) - Farmerette (Teofane) [2004/5 c25g4 c24f6 c24g2 c25v* c23d* c29v2 c22v2 c36d :: 2005/6 c26vpu 24s2 c27dF c29d c25v6 c24s6 c25v3 Mar 10] leggy gelding: fair hurdler: c25v 125? 119 useful handicap chaser: won at Ayr and Wetherby in 2004/5: better form when runner-up next c25v 2 starts (beaten by Silver Birch in Welsh National at Chepstow on first occasion): let down by c29d jumping both starts over National fences: form this season only when second to Longstone Lass c27d

130 134 in handicap hurdle at Ayr second start: stays 29f: acts on heavy going: usually sound-jumping

front runner: genuine. MISS LUCINDA V. RUSSELL

Dark blue, light blue stars, diamonds on sleeves (Fair City Flyers)

Plumpton and Intrum Justitia Cup at Stratford (by 6 lengths from Yeoman Sailor), both in May: c28s 147 118 WA

fit from point (successful), better of last 2 starts when creditable 13 lengths fourth of 6 to czem 115+W

Moorlands Again in handicap at Warwick: suited by good test of stamina: acts on soft going, c33g c24g

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b. or br.g. Turgeon (USA) - Royal Mia (FR) (Kashmir II) [2004/5 c18s4 18s* 18d2 16v c28spu 16g :: 2005/6 19dpu c17dpu 16gpu Mar 14] workmanlike ex-French gelding: useful chaser/fairly useful hurdler at best in France: successful 7 times at Auteuil, including in claiming hurdle in 2004/5: claimed from A. Chaille-Chaille €22,000 third 2004/5 start, no form in good company in Britain (for M. Scudamore later that season): stays 3m: acts on heavy ground: often blinkered/visored: tried tongue tied.

P. COTTIN. FRANCE

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

BRAVE SPIRIT (FR)

8 10-0 (9-6)

b.g. Legend of France (USA) - Guerre Ou Paix (FR) (Comrade In Arms) [2004/5 c25m² c24s⁴ $c24d^{ur}c26s^*c24s^*c23d^2c26d^*c28s^*c27s^*c25v^2c24d^4c24g^6c23v :: 2005/6\ 18s^*c28d^4c29s^2\ c33v^2c24d^4c24g^6c23v :: 2005/6\ 18s^*c28d^4c24g^6c23v :: 2005/6\ 18s^*c28d^4c24g$ had fine run in 2004/5, winning 5 times: not in same form this season, reportedly losing action circle 122d 154 121 on penultimate start: lightly raced over hurdles: won minor event at Fontwell in November by c29s 123 c29s 153+121 short head from Presenting Express: badly bumped sixth when 11/4 lengths second to Mayoun (pair clear) in handicap at Chepstow on sixth start: ideally suited by 3m+ (stays 29f): acts on soft and good to firm going: usually wears cheekpieces, visored/blinkered last 4 starts: tried tongue tied.

C. L. TIZZARD

White, emerald green cross belts, white sleeves, red armlets, white cap, royal blue diamond (The Con Club)

ASTONVILLE (FR)

12 10-0 (9-4)

b.g. Top Ville – Astonishing (BRZ) (Vacilante (ARG)) [2004/5 c18s 20s4 20d5 20v c24spu 16g c26g c36dpu :: 2005/6 c29gF c23dpu 16g Mar 14] lengthy ex-French gelding: very smart hurdler/useful chaser at one time, only fairly useful nowadays: claimed from M. Rolland €8,000 after second start in 2004/5: very stiff tasks and soundly beaten in Britain: fell at Auteuil on return: left R. Chotard, pulled up in minor event over fences at Pau on penultimate start: stays 25f: raced mainly on soft/heavy going: tried visored/tongue tied.

P. COTTIN, FRANCE

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

MIOCHE D'ESTRUVAL (FR)

bl.g. Lute Antique (FR) - Charme d'Estruval (FR) (Mistigri) [2004/5 16g5 22d* 24d6 24g2 24d6 24g6 :: 2005/6 c22g* c24d² c25s⁶ 22g c26s² c24s³ Mar 13] angular gelding: fairly useful c24s 152 150 handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 and good second to Oulart in Pertemps c26s 152 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 2004/5 N handicap hurdler: won at Newton Abbot in 200 Final at Cheltenham: won maiden at Uttoxeter on chasing debut: better form last 2 starts, 15¹/₄ ¹²²/₁₂₂ c25s Final at Cheltenham: won maiden at Uttoxeter on chasing debut: better form last 2 starts, 15¹/₄ c25s lengths third to Umbrella Man in 15-runner handicap at Stratford last time: stays 3¹/₄m: acts on c2¹/₄ d15 N c2²/₂ d15 + W soft going: tried visored: often soon off bridle and one to be wary of. M. C. PIPE

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

WORLD WIDE WEB (IRE)

10 10-0 (9-4)

b.g. Be My Native (USA) - Meldrum Lass (Buckskin (FR)) [2004/5 24s c24dur :: 2005/6 25d 24g⁵ c29dpu c25s3 c33vpu Mar 18] tall, good sort: winning hurdler: shaped as if retaining ability c33v when fifth in handicap at Newbury second start: fairly useful chaser in 2003/4, won valuable c25s 147+123 event at Leopardstown: lightly raced and only completion over fences since when 27 lengths h24g 157 126 third of 6 finishers to Gunther McBride in handicap at Exeter on penultimate start: bled from nose last time: should stay beyond 3m: raced mainly on good going or softer (acts on soft): tried blinkered/in cheekpieces.

IONIO O'NEILL

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

KING ON THE RUN (IRE)

13 10-0 (9-3)

b.g. King's Ride – Fly Run (Deep Run) [2004/5 c25s4 c24g c19v2 c24d2 c24g4 :: 2005/6 c26sF Jan 28] rangy gelding: one-time useful chaser, lightly raced nowadays and fairly useful form in c26s 130 2004/5: fell tenth in handicap at Chepstow on return: stays 3m: acts on good to firm and heavy c24g 137+112 (c24g 152 113 going: has gone well fresh.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

Mauve and yellow check, yellow sleeves (Lady Harris)

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c19v' 123 113 c24g' 131 119 c25s' 142+116

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

has won on good to firm (didn't have to be at best).

DROMBEAG (IRE)

b.g. Presenting – Bula Beag (IRE) (Brush Aside (USA)) [2004/5 NK :: 2005/6 c24g* c21v* c26m Mar 17] big, rangy gelding: bumper winner: placed all 3 starts in chases in 2003/4, best effort c26m 152+WA when third to Native Emperor in valuable amateur novice at Cheltenham: off almost 2 years, c21v 135 WA won novice hunters at Huntingdon and Sedgefield on return: blinkered, not discredited when ninth of 24 to Whyso Mayo in Foxhunter at Cheltenham last time, hampered first and mistake 3 out: stays 4m.

IONIO Ŏ'NEILL

MRS BE (IRE)

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

b.g. Anshan - Fen Princess (IRE) (Trojan Fen) [2004/5 c20s6 c21s5 c17d c16g* :: 2005/6 c17d4 c16g3 c17g5 c20dur c20s6 c21d2 c22s4 c20spu c20v5 Jan 14] close-coupled genuing, impresses in appearance: fair handicap chaser nowadays: 100/1, easily best effort this season when 2½ c20s 111 lengths second of 23 to Hakim in Grand Sefton Chase at Aintre chashing eighth start; usually c20s 122 108 c20s 132+107 c20s 1 since: stays 2½m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: wore cheekpieces eighth start: usually races prominently: usually jumps soundly.

P. C. HASLAM

White, dark blue seams, dark blue and white halved sleeves, white cap (Wilson Imports I)

PRESENT BLEU (FR)

11 10-0 (9-0)

b.g. Epervier Bleu - Lointaine (USA) (Lyphard's Wish (FR)) [2004/5 c18d c17g4 c17g5 c18g6 c29vpu c21df :: 2005/6 c29dpu c27d Jan 19] leggy gelding: useful hurdler/chaser in his prime, successful in 2002 Gran Premio di Merano: very much on downgrade: claimed from F. Kronauer €8,000 fourth start in 2004/5, left M. Scudamore and off 8 months, little encouragement both starts on return: stays 25f: acts on firm and soft going: tried blinkered/visored: tried tongue tied.

Emerald green, white star, emerald green and black striped sleeves, white cap, black star (Mrs Judith E. Wilson)

OA BALDIXE (FR) 12 10-0 (8-10)

gr.g. Linamix (FR) - Bal d'Oa (FR) (Noir Et Or) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 NR] leggy ex-Irish gelding: one-time useful hurdler/fairly useful chaser at best: struggled for form when last seen out in late-2002 for N. Meade: bought €14,000 Goffs October (2004) Sale: pulled up in point on return in early-2005; probably stays 29f; acts on heavy going; has had tongue tied; often let down by

K. I. BURKE Mauve, purple seams, mauve cap (Mr K. Burke)

TOTHEROADYOUVGONE

12 10-0 (8-10)

S. Curran

b.g. Carlingford Castle - Wild Rosie (Warpath) [2004/5 c26gro c24f c20f* c25mro c20f2 c25dbd c25g6 c23fur c25g2 c24d* c24m* c27m4 :: 2005/6 24g3 c24g* c26g2 c22m c24g c24d4 Oct 25] c24d 145 112 winning hurdler: fair handicap chaser: won at Uttoxeter in June by 6 lengths from c24g c22m winning hurdler: fair handicap chaser: won at Uttoxeter in June by 6 lengths from c24g 113 Mullensgrove: well held in valuable handicaps at Galway and Listowel prior to creditable c26g 146 113 fourth behind Darby Wall in amateur event at Cheltenham last time: stays 3½4m: acts on firm c24g 146 102 123 +88A and good to soft going: wears cheekpieces.

A. E. IONES

White, light blue sash, brown cap (Mr N. F. Glynn)

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S. A. BŘOOKSHAW

Royal blue, large white spots, royal blue sleeves, white spots (Mr B. Ridge & Mr D. Hewitt)

PAPILLON DE IENA (FR)

6 10-0 (8-10)

ch.g. Varese (FR) – Belle du Chesne (FR) (R B Chesne) [2004/5 16d⁵ 17d 22d³ 16d 22v⁶ :: 2005/6 c19d3 c21g4 c16g4 16g2 16v c22m c18spu Apr 1] smallish, lengthy gelding: fairly useful hurdler, c18s c19d³ c21g⁴ c16g⁴ 16g² 16v c22m c18spu Apr 1] smallish, lengthy gelding: fairly useful hurdler, c18s $_{107}^{107}$ lightly raced: good effort when 4 lengths second to Daryal in handicap at Leicester fourth start: $_{108}^{102}$ $_{118}^{112}$ $_{118}^{112}$ $_{118}^{112}$ $_{118}^{112}$ lightly raced: good effort when 4 lengths second to Daryai in Hallulcap at Delected to the second half respectable seventh to Verasi in listed handicap at Sandown next time: failed to progress 4 high figure 12 high start over fences since third to Chivite in novice at Hereford on debut: effective at 2m to 23/4m; called 120 N 148 called 100 N raced on good going or softer: tried visored.

Dark green, white hoops, halved sleeves, white cap (Dakit Partnership)

HANDICAPS: OVERNIGHT ALTERING OF WEIGHTS

The ratings for this race have been adjusted to the weights currently allocated. If these change at the overnight stage then simply subtract 1 lb for each pound carried above the weight shown or add 1 lb for each pound below the present weight (the weights shown in brackets are those originally allocated in the long handicap and are included for information only).

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THE JOHN SMITH'S NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (Amateur Riders) (2)

£30,000 5yo+

TAMARINBLEU (FR)

6 11-12

b.g. Epervier Bleu - Tamainia (FR) (Lashkari) [2004/5 16d* 16d 16v² 17g 20d² 16m⁴ :: 2005/6 c16d² c16v⁵ c16g* c16g Mar 14] angular gelding: useful hurdler: similar form at best over c16g 145 C1 reappearance: easily landed odds in maiden at Ludlow in January, stiff task and not discredited cited 149 G2 when ninth of 12 finishers in Grade 1 Arkle at Cheltenham next time (33/1): effective at 2m to h16m 148 W 2½m: unraced on firm going, acts on any other: consistent.

M. C. PIPE

White, royal blue sash, white sleeves, red armlets, red cap (The Arthur White Partnership)

COPSALE LAD

9 11-8

156 ch.g. Karinga Bay - Squeaky Cottage (True Song) [2004/5 c19gur c20d² c20s4 c21gbd c20d3 :: distance from Phone Back in 3-finisher event in latter, left clear 2 out): excellent 11/4 lengths c20g 150 +W second to Reveillez in valuable 18-runner novice handicap at Cheltenham last time, clear of c20d 149 126A c21c + 126B rest: will stay 3m: acts on soft and good to firm going.

N. I. HENDERSON

Emerald green, vellow chevrons, diabolo on sleeves, emerald green cap (Swallow Partnership)

BILLYVODDAN (IRE)

b.g. Accordion - Derryclare (Pollerton) [2004/5 20d* 21d2 20s2 20v3 19d* 20d2 20d4 :: 2005/6 below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probably stays 25f: raced on good below par in valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probable handicap at Cheltenham last time: probable handi going or softer: genuine.

H. D. DALY

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

CHILLING PLACE (IRE)

7 11-4

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 $2^{1/2}m$

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ch.g. Moscow Society (USA) - Ethel's Dream (Relkino) [2004/5 16g* 17s* 17d* 16d3 16g6 20spu 2004/5, won novices at Wincanton, Exeter and Cheltenham: won 4-runner maiden at Exeter on client control of the lengths second to Racing Demon (rec. 6 lb) at same venue next time: fell heavily on penultimate c17d 147+W h20s' G2 start, off 3 months before well beaten in valuable novice handicap at Cheltenham on latest: should stay beyond 17f (lame when tried over 21/2m): raced mainly on good going or softer: usually races prominently: genuine.

P. J. HOBBS

Dark green and white diamonds, white sleeves (Mr M. J. Tuckev)

LE VOLFONI (FR)

5 11-2

b.g. Sicyos (USA) - Brume (FR) (Courtroom (FR)) [2004/5 15s4 15s* 17d5 18s4 18s c15s4 c17s2 $c17s^4\ c17s^3\ c19v^2\ ::\ 2005/6\ 18v^*\ c20g^6\ c20s^4\ c16d^3\ c16d^2\ c16v^*\ c16s^*\ c17s^*\ c16d^2\ c20v^*\ c21g^F\ \ _{h19s}\ \ _{146+130}^{141}$ 19s⁶ Mar 29] close-coupled gelding: sixth foal: half-brother to 3 winners on Flat in France: dam c^{21g} c^{20v} 19s6 Mar 29] close-coupled gelding: sixth foal: half-brother to 3 winners on Flat in France: dam ^{C21g} 1264 N unraced: fairly useful hurdler, won 4-y-o minor event at Enghien in April: left T. Trapenard ^{C16d} 1576 G2 after third outing: improved form in that sphere when under 8 lengths sixth of 15 to McBain in ^{C17s} 148 N and ican at Tourton left times useful form even forces were proposed to the couple of the coupl handicap at Taunton last time: useful form over fences: won maiden at Chepstow in December and novices at Haydock in December, Plumpton in January and Fontwell (easily landed odds) in February: no match for Foreman when second of 4 in Grade 2 contest at Lingfield ninth start, every chance and still to be asked for effort when fell 3 out in valuable novice handicap won by Reveillez at Cheltenham on penultimate: stays 2½m: acts on heavy going.

Mr C. I. Sweenev Emerald green and red diabolo, white sleeves, emerald green diamonds, white cap, red diamond (Million in Mind Partnership)

17v³ 20d 24g 21m⁵ :: 2005/6 c16d* c20g³ c20s⁴ c16s² c33g⁵ Mar 16 leggy gelding: fairly useful c33g 137 NA novice hurdler in 2004/5, winning at Folkestone: already better over fences: won maiden at $_{c208}^{c168}$ $_{133}^{155}$ $_{130}^{130}$ Sandown on chasing debut by ½ length from Lustral du Seuil: well held next 2 outings (stiff c20g 184 Seuil: well held next 2 o task on first occasion) prior to showing improved form when head second of 4 to Jacks Craic clad 145+W h21m 128 N in handicap at latter track on penultimate start: upped in trip, below form when under 11

unsuited by racing left handed.

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

NAPOLITAIN (FR)

5 10-13

b.g. Ajdayt (USA) - Domage II (FR) (Cyborg (FR)) [2004/5 18s* 16d⁴ 17d² 18s* 16v⁴ 17s 16g 16d3 16s* :: 2005/6 c20g* c21d2 c20gF c21d2 c20m* c20d* c21g Mar 16] useful-looking gelding: c21g l381 G2 has scope: fairly useful juvenile hurdler in 2004/5: useful novice chaser: won at Huntingdon c20d l51 G2 c20m l51 G1 (maiden) in October and Grade 1 Scilly Isles Chase (fortunate to beat Turpin Green a neck after c21d 149 G2 runner-up tried to refuse last) and Grade 2 Pendil Novices' Chase (made all, beat Gallant c20g N Approach 5 lengths), last 2 at Sandown in February; well held off stiffish mark in valuable handicap last time: stays 21f: unraced on firm going, acts on any other.

lengths fifth of 22 to Hot Weld in valuable event at Cheltenham on latest, badly hampered fifth

and nearest finish: stays 3m: acts on soft going, below form on good to firm: reportedly

Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (The Stewart Family)

MADISON DU BERLAIS (FR)

156 +

b.g. Indian River (FR) - Anais du Berlais (FR) (Dom Pasquini (FR)) [2004/5 15s² 19sF 17g² 16d³ :: 2005/6 c19g² c17s³ c20g* c19d² c19d⁵ c17v² c20s^{ur} c16s³ c17g* c17m* c16m³ Mar 17] c16m 155+159 rather leggy ex-French gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to winning jumpers around 2m Nelson c17v 146+118 du Berlais (by Nikos) and Jameson du Berlais (by Royal Charter): dam won 19f chase: modest 617/4 140+112 maiden hurdler: useful chaser: won 4-y-o event at Le Lion-d'Angers in August: claimed from c16s G. Macaire €25,000 next start: progressive since, winning 3 of 5 completed starts in Britain, handicaps at Market Rasen and Exeter (beat Big Rob 4 lengths) in February and Newbury in March: very good 3 lengths third of 23 to Greenhope in Grand Annual Chase at Cheltenham last time, faring best of those held up: stays 2½2m; acts on heavy and good to firm ground: blinkered once.

Purple, vellow triple diamond, vellow sleeves, red armlets, red cap (Roger Stanley & Yvonne Revnolds II)

MON MOME (FR)

b.g. Passing Sale (FR) - Etoile du Lion (FR) (New Target) [2004/5 16d 16vur 17v3 20v6 20s2 21g4 21d5 :: 2005/6 c20dur c20s² c24v* c16s² c26s* c26v* c24g² Mar 15] leggy gelding: fair maiden c24g 159 125A hurdler: useful novice chaser: won handicap at Plumpton (by 6 lengths from Infrasonique) in c26s 138+115 December and novices at Uttoxeter in November and Fontwell (very easily) in January: c16s excellent 3½ lengths second to You're Special in valuable amateur handicap at Cheltenham c24v 139 N c20s 134 105 last time, always prominent and keeping on strongly: stays 31/4m: raced on good going or softer (acts on heavy): hung right second start.

MISS VENETIA WILLIAMS

Emerald green, purple armlets (Mrs Vida Bingham)

SYMPHONIQUE (FR)

144 +

ch.m. Epervier Bleu – Septieme Symphonie (FR) (Top Ville) [2004/5 15sF 17s* 18s* 18spu c17v5 :: 2005/6 c18s* 18dpu Jun 7] ex-French mare: first foal: half-sister to 5f/1m winner had Tchatchacoya (by Sin Kiang): dam 1¹/₄m winner: 7.5f winner on Flat: fairly useful hurdler, won c18s, 130+W twice at Auteuil last season: twice-raced over fences, winning 13-runner 4-y-o event at Auteuil https://doi.org/10.113/10 month later: has left F. Nicolle.

Brown, orange sleeves, quartered cap (Mr Robert Waley-Cohen)

NEW FIELD (IRE) b.g. Supreme Leader - Deep Steel (Deep Run) [2004/5 16s* 16s3 16s3 18s5 :: 2005/6 16d c16v5

8 10-8

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c16s² c16s⁴ c19d* c21d* Mar 5] sturdy, lengthy gelding: bumper winner: fair hurdler: c21d 147+120 progressive chaser: won handicaps at Naas (novice, beat Permiya 7 lengths) in February and closd 142+109 teopardstown in March: favourite, jumped poorly and all out to beat Star Clipper a head in closd 126 W unite valuable 11-runner event for latter win; stays 21f; raced only on going softer than good clow 125+W quite valuable 11-runner event for latter win: stays 21f: raced only on going softer than good c16v 125+W h16d 124+N (acts on soft): may do better again.

THOMAS MULLINS. IRELAND

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

NYCTEOS (FR)

ch.g. Chamberlin (FR) - Cynthia (FR) (Mont Basile (FR)) [2004/5 16g5 16d6 16v* 20d3 :: 2005/6 16d⁵ c17s² c19s* c19s* Mar 11] tall, useful-looking gelding: won maiden hurdle at Chepstow c19s 156+124 in 2004/5: left Miss G. Browne, fairly useful form when $3\frac{1}{4}$ lengths fifth to Brooklyn Breeze in $\frac{c19s}{c17s}$ $\frac{135+W}{142+W}$ handicap at Aintree on reappearance: useful form over fences: won maiden at Chepstow in high 142 120 February and handicap there in March: improved form when beating Launde by length in 5- h20d' 128 N h16v' 136 N runner event latter occasion, leading 2 out and idling (headed briefly run-in): stays 2½m: raced on going softer than good.

P. F. NICHOLLS

Black and white (halved), red sleeves and cap (The Stewart Family)

STATE OF PLAY

5 10-7

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b.g. Hernando (FR) - Kaprice (GER) (Windwurf (GER)) [2004/5 19g5 16d 17s4 16g2 :: 2005/6 16g4 19m* c24s* c26s* c24g5 Dec 26] rather leggy gelding: bumper winner: fair novice hurdler, c24g won at Hereford in June by length from Adjami: sold out of P. Webber's stable 18,000 gns c26s 146+N Doncaster August Sales: upped in trip, won first 2 starts over fences, namely novices at high 132 N Chepstow in October and Plumpton (beat Howrwenow by 9 lengths with plenty to spare) in h16g, 132 105 N November: stiffish task, made mistakes in Grade 1 novice at Sandown next time: stays 31/4m: acts on soft and good to firm going: has worn visor, including when successful.

Royal blue, pink hoop (Mr William Rucker)

BOB THE BUILDER

7 10-5

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b.g. Terimon - True Clown (True Song) [2004/5 24s⁵ 21d⁵ 24d⁴ :: 2005/6 c20m⁴ c19g³ c19spu c23d* c24d³ c20g* c24g5 Mar 14] big gelding: easily best effort over hurdles when fourth

c24g 158+126

to Ferimon in novice at Newbury: fairly useful form over fences: won maiden at Leicester in

c20g 150+118

c20g 150+106 December and handicaps at Ludlow in January and February (by a length from Spring Lover): 224d ran well when fifth to Dun Doire in 21-runner valuable handicap at Cheltenham last time, c23d 131+N making lot of running and fading after mistake last: stays 3m, at least as effective around 21/2m: acts on good to soft going: tends to jump left: front runner/races prominently.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

Dark green, pink and white striped sleeves, pink cap (Mr & Mrs Peter Orton)

DIRECT FLIGHT (IRE)

ch.g. Dry Dock - Midnight Mistress (Midsummer Night II) [2004/5 22s* 20s* 21d6 22s :: 2005/6 c20s^{ur} c19d* 19d² c19d^F 20d c21g⁴ Mar 16] tall, useful-looking gelding: fairly useful hurdler: c21g 155 126 ran poorly on penultimate outing: fairly useful chaser: won 5-runner handicap at Hereford capture in November would also be captured to the capture in November would also be captured to the capture in November would also be captured to the captured to (easily) in November: would also have won novice handicap at Taunton on fourth start but for high 146+110 falling last, ran well when fourth to Reveillez in valuable 18-runner similar event at clad 147+110 Cheltenham on latest: stays 23/4m: acts on soft going: tried tongue tied (including at Cheltenham): capable of winning again over fences.

NOEL T. CHANCE

Purple and vellow diabolo, hooped sleeves, purple cap (Top Flight Racing)

NO FULL (FR)

b.g. Useful (FR) - Rosy Junior (FR) (Labus (FR)) [2004/5 17v 18v 18v² :: 2005/6 18s c17s³ c20d* c16d4 c20dpu c24s2 c20d* c21g Mar 16] rather leggy ex-French gelding: fourth foal: brother to c21g 133 131 (by Cupidon): dam, winning hurdler/chaser, stayed 19f: placed up to 13f on Flat: fair maiden for the fair (by Cupidon): dam, winning hurdler/chaser, stayed 19f: placed up to 13f on Flat: fair maiden code C2 hurdler: fairly useful form over fences: won 4-y-o non-thoroughbred event at Auteuil in June: c16d 147+N sold out of F. Cottin's stable €102,000 Goffs (France) June Sale, clearly best effort in Britain when winning 7-runner novice handicap at Haydock in February by 6 lengths from Lord Olympia, always going easily: well beaten in valuable similar event at Cheltenham last time: stays 2½m: raced on good going or softer: tried in cheekpieces.

Royal blue and dark green diabolo, halved sleeves, hooped cap (Mr Patrick Delaney Jnr)

c21v* c24v* Jan 14] good-topped gelding: fair novice hurdler (room for improvement in c24v 151+115

jumping) in 2004/5, won handicap at Wetherby: off 13 months, fairly useful form when making c21v 150+W 134 97

all both starts over fences, maiden at Sedgefield (by 17 lengths from Ryders Storm, jumping h20v 134 97

well) and novice handicap at Carlisle, not quite so fluent when beating Pass Me By by 6 lengths 125m; 128, 85

NEW ALCO (FR) b. or br.g. Dom Alco (FR) - Cabira Des Saccart (FR) (Quart de Vin (FR)) [2004/5 18s³ 18s² c17v²

5 10-0

:: 2005/6 c17s4 16d* 20d2 c19g2 c21v* c20v2 Jan 21 close-coupled ex-French gelding: fifth foal: c20v

brother to 19f hurdle winner Mes Hommages and half-brother to useful chaser Jeu de Brook (by c21v 132+W Trebrook), stays 23/4m: dam, twice-raced, out of sister to dam of smart staying hurdler/chaser hand Tito L'Effronte: placed over hurdles and fences for F. Nicolle: won maiden hurdle at Aintree on h16d 138+N c17s 127+W British debut impressively: better form when length second of 17 to Ballyfitz (pair clear) in novice at Newcastle next time (remains open to improvement); fairly useful novice chaser; won maiden at Sedgefield in December with plenty in hand: much better form when runner-up either side, no chance with Don't Be Shy in novice at Haydock on latest; stays 21f; raced only on good going or softer.

FERDY MURPHY

Pink, white stars, white sleeves, pink stars, white cap, pink star (Mr D. McGowan And Mr S.

PERLE DE PUCE (FR)

I. ĤOWARD JOHNSON

going: should improve further over fences.

7 10-3

b.m. Snurge - Ma Puce (FR) (Tip Moss (FR)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 c20dur c19sF c19s² 16d³ 16s 17m Mar 17] lengthy, useful-looking mare: useful handicap hurdler: creditable third to Bold h17m 156 135 Fire in valuable mares event at Southwell: below form in Grade 3 races since, though high 147 135 high 164 137 prominent until mistake 2 out at Cheltenham latest outing: fair form on completed start over class 136+136 fences when 4 lengths second of 7 to De Blanc in mares maiden at Towcester, winner allowed closs 137+N first run; probably stays 19f; acts on heavy going; has worn headgear; amateur ridden in 2005/6. Mr S. Waley-Cohen (5)

in 5-finisher event at latter course; will prove suited by 3m+; acts on heavy and good to firm

Brown, orange sleeves, quartered cap (Mr Robert Waley-Cohen)

Royal blue, large red spots, hooped sleeves, red cap (Mr W. M. G. Black)

OULART

ch.g. Sabrehill (USA) - Gave Fame (Ardross) [2004/5 F16d4 16d4 16d2 20s* 24y* 24y 22y2 24g* :: 2005/6 24sF 18d4 c16v c22vpu c24d6 24v c16d2 c20s2 24g Mar 16] lengthy gelding: progressive h24g 153+124. hurdler in 2004/5, won 3 times, including in 22-runner Pertemps Final (Handicap) at $^{208}_{c16d}$ $^{139+W}_{151+N}$ Cheltenham in March: easily best effort this season when 12¾ lengths eighth of 24 to Kadoun h24v in renewal of same race on latest outing, racing freely: fair novice chaser: runner-up last 2 c24d starts, beaten 2 lengths by Public Reaction in minor event at Naas then 41/2 lengths by In Compliance in maiden at Fairyhouse: stays 3m: acts on heavy ground: should progress over fences.

Yellow, red diamond, vellow cap, black spots (Mr G. T. Pierse)

THISTLECRAFT (IRE)

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b.g. Warcraft (USA) - Thistletopper (Le Bayard (FR)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 21g c17s³ c24s* c24spu Feb 16] well-made gelding: will make a chaser: bumper winner: fair form at best in c24s 154+125 novice hurdles: won 7-runner maiden chase at Fakenham in January by 11/4 lengths from c24s 144+W Jackson: would have shown further improvement but for bad mistake 2 out (3 lengths behind h21g + 110 winner Cruising River) and pulled up soon after in handicap at Huntingdon next time: stays 3m: raced only on good and soft going.

White and dark blue diamonds, white sleeves, dark blue armlets and diamond on white cap (The Wally Partnership)

ROZNIC (FR) 8 10-0

b.g. Nikos - Rozamie (FR) (Azimut (FR)) [2004/5 20d⁵ 22s 16v⁵ 16s⁴ 16d⁵ 16d :: 2005/6 c16d^F c16s* c16s* c20s* c16s3 Mar 29] useful-looking gelding: modest maiden hurdler: has taken c16s 153+121 well to fences, successful in handicaps first 3 completed starts, at Folkestone and Warwick in class 148+111 class 144+103 January (both novices) and Sandown (beat Indian Gunner 5 lengths) in February: further closs 134+10. progress (fairly useful form) when 5 lengths third of 6 to Misty Dancer in similar event (novice) 1160, 127+96 at Taunton last time, challenging under pressure when blundering 2 out: stays 21/2m, at least as effective over shorter: acts on soft ground.

Mr G. Tumelty (3)

Light blue and pink diamonds, vellow sleeves and cap (Etoile Racing)

VON ORIGNY (FR) 5 10-0 (9-13) gr.g. Blushing Flame (USA) - Forza Malta (FR) (Royal Charter (FR)) [2004/5 F16v* 17d2 16s2 17s* :: 2005/6 c20v* c19v6 c20s² c21dF c22m* Mar 3] compact gelding: bumper winner: c22m 154-1125 progressive novice hurdler in 2004/5, runner-up to Rebel Rhythm and Valley Ride prior to c21d + N winning at Bangor: fairly useful form over fences when jumping holds up, winning novice at c19v N Market Rasen (by 3 lengths from Nadover) in November and novice handicap at Newbury in C20v 148+N h17s' 129+N March: best effort when beating Shining Strand 2 lengths in 11-runner event at latter track.

staving on strongly from rear to lead run-in; likely to be suited by further than 23/4m; acts on

good to firm and heavy going. H. D. DALY

Dark blue, white armlets (Mr E. R. Hanbury)

WICKED NICE FELLA (IRE)

8 10-0 (9-13)

b.g. Warcraft (USA) - Down Town To-Night (Kambalda) [2004/5 20m* 19d2 :: 2005/6 c20s* c19gur c20de Dec 26] well-made gelding: fair form in 2 novice hurdles in 2004/5, successful at c20d N + 120 Fakenham: similar form when winning 8-runner novice at Huntingdon on chasing debut by 7 c19g lengths from Party Games: disappointing in novice at former track on latest start (possibly h19d' 131+N

amiss): will stay beyond 21/2m. C. C. BEALBY

Brown, light blue disc, light blue cap (Mrs Joan Martin)

b.g. Balnibarbi – Errol Emerald (Dom Racine (FR)) [2004/5 c20dpu 20v4 20v 20dpu :: 2005/6 24d c20m* c20g2 c26v3 c32d5 c25sur c24v2 c24s* c25vpu Mar 10l tall, angular gelding: fairly useful c25v c20m* c20g² c26v³ c32d⁵ c25su c24v² c24s* c25vpu Mar 10j tan, angular gerding, lanny useful c2sv L2v hurdler: sold out of T. Walford's stable 10,000 gns Doncaster August Sales after reappearance: c24s 152±111 c24v 146 111 fairly useful form over fences: won at Carlisle in October (maiden) and February (novice c25s handicap, beat Kitski 9 lengths): badly let down by jumping in handicap at Avr won by c32d 146+115 Skenfrith last time (distressed): barely stays 4m: acts on good to firm and heavy going: tried in cheekpieces, wears eveshields nowadays.

Dark blue, pink and dark blue hooped sleeves, pink cap (Mr Paul Beck)

LAUNDE (IRE) 7 10-0 (9-13)

159 b.g. Norwich - Carbia's Last (Palm Track) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 c16d c20d5 c19d2 c16s* c19s2 Mar 11] 5,200 3-y-o: workmanlike gelding: fourth foal: half-brother to fairly useful chaser Rosie c19s 151 111

Redman (by Roselier), stays 3½m: dam lightly-raced sister to fairly useful 2½m chaser Palm c16s 139+N 150+W Reader: fairly useful chaser: simple task when winning maiden at Leicester in February: c20d 136 W improved form when length second of 5 to idling Nycetos in handicap at Chepstow last time, c16d 131? W pulling clear of remainder: likely to stay beyond 2½m: raced on good to soft/soft going: jumps soundly in main.

B. N. POLLOCK Royal blue, white stars, royal blue sleeves, white spots (Mr Dave Mee) Mr A. Merriam (7)

VA VAVOOM (IRE) 8 10-0 (9-12)

b.g. Supreme Leader - Shalom Joy (Kemal (FR)) [2004/5 F17v² 16s 17d² 21d⁴ 20s 24d³ 24g :: 2005/6 16d² c16s² c16s² c16d c20g c21d* c20s⁴ c26d⁶ c24g⁴ c24g Mar 14] well-made gelding: c24g 150+121 fair maiden hurdler on balance of form: better over fences, won handicaps at Chepstow in c24g October and Cheltenham (best effort, beat Mark Equal 2½ lengths) in December: respectable c20s effort since only when sixth to Joacci in similar event at latter track: has run over unsuitable c21d 155? 118A trips last 3 starts; probably best short of 200 118A trips last 3 starts: probably best short of 3m: raced on good going or softer: twice tongue tied

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

(including last time): often races prominently.

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

THE RISING MOON (IRE)

20s W c22s W c17d N h16d' 151+G2 h16s' 138+N br.g. Anshan – I'm So Happy (IRE) (Miner's Lamp) [2004/5 16s* 16d4 :: 2005/6 c17d2 c22spu c20spu Mar 26] good-topped gelding: lightly raced: fairly useful winning hurdler in 2004/5: off c20s 11 months, let down by jumping at Market Rasen all 3 starts over fences, possibly amiss on care latest: should stay beyond 2m.

IONIO O'NEILL

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

ANOTHER NATIVE (IRE)

8 10-0 (9-8)

b.g. Be My Native (USA) - Lancastrians Wine (IRE) (Lancastrian) [2004/5 16v² 20s c19s⁴ :: 2005/6 c16d⁵ c20s* c22v* c24s⁵ c21d⁵ c20d⁵ c16v* Mar 18] well-made gelding: modest novice c16v 150? N hurdler: better form over fences, winning handicaps at Haydock (novice) and Uttoxeter (beat c20d 136 114 Major Benefit a neck with plenty in hand) in December and novice at Wetherby in March: 624s probably flattered when beating Mr Prickle 16 lengths in 6-runner event last time, waited with 622v 137+104 off strong pace and ridden clear from last: stays 23/4m: raced mainly on going softer than good (acts on heavy)

C. I. MANN Mr P. Cashman

Dark green, vellow cross belts, vellow sleeves, dark green stars, red cap (The Sport Of Kings Partnership)

ITSUPTOHARRY (IRE)

7 10-0 (9-7) b.g. Old Vic - Celtic Gale (Strong Gale) [2004/5 17m² 17dpu 17d⁵ 16dpu :: 2005/6 c16v* c20dpu c20s⁵ c20s² c16s^F c20d⁶ Feb 18] tall gelding: easily best effort over hurdles when fifth to Rebel c20d 131+114 Rhythm in novice at Bangor: fair form over fences: won novice handicap at Uttoxeter on c16s 149+114 c20s 157 113 chasing debut in April: close third when fell heavily last in similar event at Wetherby on c20s 13/131+114 penultimate start, found little after mistake 3 out in another novice handicap at Haydock on clot N clot 143+104 latest: stays 21/2m, will prove at least as effective at 2m: acts on heavy going. D. MCCĂIN

Beige, brown cross of lorraine, hooped cap (Mr D. M. Proos)

WELL TUTORED (IRE)

7 10-0 (9-6)

b.g. Master Willie - Knockaverry (IRE) (Kemal (FR)) [2004/5 c24d² c24v³ :: 2005/6 c24s* c23d² c20d* c24v4 Mar 12] lengthy, angular gelding: second foal: half-brother to poor winning chaser c24v 146+112 Diamond Forever (by Teenoso), stays 3m: dam, fair hurdler/chaser, stayed 3m: won point on c20d 144+102 c23d 141 WA debut: progressive form in steeplechases: won cross country event at Punchestown in April and 624s 126+WA handicap at Gowran in January: 6/1, beat Rockspring Hero easily by 2 lengths in 18-runner c247, 129 NA event in latter, leading 3 out and well on top despite mistakes last 2: stays 3m: raced on going softer than good.

A. L. T. MÖORE, IRELAND

Royal blue, yellow chevrons, red cap (Mr M. F. Bailey)

ALPHABETICAL (IRE)

7 10-0 (9-6)

b. or br.g. Alphabatim (USA) - Sheeghee (IRE) (Noalto) [2004/5] NR :: 2005/6 22g3 21d 17d2 c20s⁵ c20s⁸ c20s³ Mar 10] €6,000 4-y-o, 28,000 5-y-o: good-topped gelding: first foal: dam, c20s

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winning pointer, out of sister to smart staying chaser Sea Captain: won maiden Irish point in c20s c20s 2005: modest form when placed 2 out of 3 starts in novice hurdles: easily best effort over fences hard 123 + N (jumped none too fluently on chasing debut) when winning 7-runner handicap at Fontwell in h21d 120 N h22g 129+N January by 17 lengths from Walcot Lad; jumped poorly when well below form in novice handicap at Sandown last time: stays 2½m: raced on good going or softer.

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

Mr P. Cashman

IUST (IRE) 7 10-0 (9-4)

ch.g. Great Marquess - Gerdando Lady (IRE) (Exhibitioner) [2004/5 24d 17v 16g 20s 24s6 20d 20s⁴ 21v 22v* 24s² 20v 22v 24vpu c20d c16d6 24s³ :: 2005/6 24s⁶ c21d c20gur c22g* c24v⁵ 20v* c20d 139+111 c22s* c20vbd c20v² 20v⁴ 19s* c20d* c20d³ Feb 18] modest handicapper over hurdles: c20d 141+101 h19s 132+94 successful at Cork in November and Naas (by length from No Half Session) in January: fair over h220v fences: won at Tramore in October, Thurles in December and Punchestown (by 2 lengths from c200) c20v 134+99 Hit The Net) in February: favourite, not fluent when creditable well-held third to No Full in 7runner novice handicap at Haydock last time: stays 23/4m: acts on heavy ground: tried blinkered, in cheekpieces nowadays.

M. HOURIGAN, IRELAND

Maroon, orange seams, check cap (I & N Syndicate)

COMPO (IRE) 8 10-0 (9-3)

gr.g. Roselier (FR) - Noelbonne Femme (Bonne Noel) [2004/5 F16v⁶ 20g 16v³ 18d³ 16d³ 24d $2084\ 21V^3\ 20V^5\ 22S^*\ 20S^2\ ::\ 2005/6\ 24S\ 22M^5\ 20V^3\ c20d^5\ c22S^6\ c22S^5\ 21V^*\ c20V^F\ c22S^3\ c24g^2\ c24V\ 143+1014V^2$ 248* c24v² Mar 12] ϵ 16,000 4-y-o: small gelding: half-brother to fairly useful hunter Young ϵ Nimrod (by Boreen), stayed 31/4m: dam lightly raced: modest hurdler/fair chaser: won over c22s hurdles at Sedgefield (minor event) in December and Naas (handicap) in February: better form 620v 139+95 h21v 127+W over fences: would have won listed handicap at Limerick eighth start but for falling last when 2 lengths up: runner-up in novice handicaps on last 2 starts over fences, to Alderburn at Huntingdon and Giolla An Bhaird (beaten short head) at Naas: stays 3m: acts on heavy ground.

E. MCNAMARA, IRELAND

Yellow, maroon epaulets and sleeves, check cap (R. McNamara)

KING BARRY (FR) b.g. Cadoudal (FR) - Leonie Des Champs (FR) (Crystal Palace (FR)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 c21d4

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7 10-0 (9-1)

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c19d* c20s² c25v³ Feb 11] 38,000 3-v-o: ninth foal: brother/half-brother to several winners, c25v 141+112 including fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser Cadou Royal, stays $2^{1/2}$ m: dam never ran: won both $\begin{array}{c} c20s \\ c19d \\ 134 + N \end{array}$ starts in points in 2004: fair form in steeplechases on return: won maiden at Catterick in c21d 115+N December by 3/4 length from Lord Payne: better form when placed in handicaps both starts since, shaping better than bare result when 151/4 lengths third of 10 to The Bajan Bandit at Ayr on latest, travelling well long way despite mistakes: stays 25f: may do better still. Miss P. Robson

Emerald green, yellow sash and star on cap (Mr & Mrs Raymond Anderson Green)

HIT THE NET (IRE)

9 10-0 (9-1)

b. or br.h. Be My Native (USA) - Thetravellinglady (IRE) (Callernish) [2004/5 c20d6 c17d c18v2 or softer (acts on soft).

T. STACK, IRELAND

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

DARINA'S BOY

10 10-0 (9-0)

b.g. Sula Bula - Glebelands Girl (Burslem) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 c21g³ c21d² c22d* c20d⁵ c24g Nov 27] workmanlike gelding: fair hurdler in 2002/3 for L. Wells: off over 2 years before c24g reappearance: fair novice chaser: won 8-runner handicap at Market Rasen in October by 8 c20d 138 110 c22d 135+100 reappearance: fair novice chaser: won o-runner natural at Markot Albert and Spring Gamble at Wetherby, better effort c21d 138 W c21g 125+W

Yellow, black braces, yellow sleeves, black diamonds, royal blue cap (Mrs C. Steel)

b.g. Unfuwain (USA) - Naziriya (FR) (Darshaan) [2004/5 16gro 17g4 16g5 16d 20g6 16f c19spu

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c16v6 c19v6 c16g5 c16m2 :: 2005/6 c16dpu c16g3 c16f* c17m3 c16s4 c17f3 c16m5 c16m2 c20d* c16d 136+99 c19g c16d* Mar 20] small, angular gelding: poor form over hurdles: fair handicap chaser: won c19g c127 101 c20d 132+88 novice events at Worcester in July, Cheltenham in October and Hereford in March: back in trip. clem 125+86A best effort when beating Misty Dancer short head (pair clear) in 8-runner event for latest clear 103 88 success, setting strong pace until before 4 out and regaining advantage run-in: stays 21/2m: acts on firm and good to soft going: tongue tied nowadays: sound-jumping front runner.

Light blue, black hoops, black sleeves (Fox And Hounds Racing)

DANS DEALER (IRE)

11 10-0 (8-13)

ch.g. Be My Native (USA) - Hi' Upham (Deep Run) [2004/5 c25sF c24vPu :: 2005/6 c24g3 c25g6 ch.g. Be My Native (USA) – Hi Upnam (Deep Kun) [2004/5 c235* c24vr*... 2005/6 c24g* c25g* c24vr*... 2005/6 c24g* c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c25gpu c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c20v 1314-106 c20v² Mar 11] good-bodied gelding: maiden hurdler: c winning pointer: fair chaser: won handicaps at Tipperary in June and Listowel in September, c25g c24d 138 98 best effort when beating Chevaux Loco by 8 lengths in latter: left N. Nelson and off 5 months, c24m 113 100 shaped as if run needed when respectable 15 lengths second of 6 to Green Ideal in similar event c23f 129+94

at Ayr last time, weakening 2 out: stays 3m: acts on any going: tried tongue tied. S. DONOHOE. IRELAND

White, royal blue cross belts, emerald green sleeves, royal blue and emerald green quartered cap (Five Of A Kind Syndicate)

SILVER JACK (IRE)

8 10-0 (8-13) gr.g. Roselier (FR) - Consharon (IRE) (Strong Gale) [2004/5 16v⁴ 20v⁵ 16v^{*} 16vpu 17s⁴ :: 2005/6

c16m³ c21s* c24s³ c21spu c20v² Feb 11] leggy gelding: modest hurdler: won novice handicap c20v 139+105 at Ayr in 2004/5: fair novice chaser: won handicap at Ayr in November by 21 lengths from c21s 105 129+107 129+107 Mounthooley: bounced back from laboured effort in first-time cheekpieces when 6 lengths c21s 138+98 second of 4 finishers to Jimmy Bond in similar event there last time, mistake last: likely to c16m 129+N h17s' 122 95 prove best at 2½m+: unraced on firm going, acts on any other.

M. TODHUNTER

Red and white stripes, chevrons on sleeves (Mr B. Batev)

LONESOME MAN (IRE)

10 10-0 (8-12)

ch.g. Broken Hearted – Carn-Na-Ros (Royal Trip) [2004/5 17d⁵ 21d 21spu c16g⁵ :: 2005/6 c21mur c21g* c20g* c21gpu Aug 9] medium-sized gelding: modest maiden hurdler: much improved c21g over fences when winning novice handicaps at Stratford (3371, final outing for R. Phillips) in class over fences when winning novice handicaps at Stratford (3471, final outing for R. Phillips) in class class over fences when winning novice handicaps at Stratford (3471, final outing for R. Phillips) in class class over fences when winning novice handicaps at Stratford (3471, final outing for R. Phillips) in class clas after halfway: stays 21f: acts on soft going: tried tongue tied.

TIM VAUGHAN

Yellow and royal blue (quartered), white sleeves, yellow armlets, yellow cap (Mr A. Lowrie & Mrs I. Lowrie)

GENERAL CLONEY (IRE)

10 10-0 (7-13)

ch.g. Simply Great (FR) - Kitty's Sister (Bustino) [2004/5 20m c16dpu c17s c20dF c18d6 c16vF c20v c17v3 c16vF :: 2005/6 c17d5 c17d5 c19g4 c20gpu c16s 16g c16v3 Mar 11] sturdy gelding: c16v one-time useful hurdler: only modest over fences: out of sorts, including over hurdles: stays high easy 23/4m: acts on any going: blinkered nowadays.

S. DONOHOE, IRELAND

Yellow and purple quartered, vellow sleeves, purple armlets, quartered cap (Mr J. J. Brennan)

LAGO D'ORO

6 10-0 (7-12)

b.m. Slip Anchor - Salala (Connaught) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F17m² 20dpu 17g* 19m⁵ 16d⁶ 21d³ 16d c16g³ 17d⁶ c19s⁴ c20v⁴ c20v² c20d³ c33g Mar 16] workmanlike mare: modest novice c33g hurdler: won at Market Rasen in July by 8 lengths from Tom Bell: sold out of Miss J. Camacho's c20d₂ c20v⁴ hurdler: won at Market Rasen in July by 8 lengths from Tom Bell: sold out of Miss J. Camacho's cape if 16? N stable 8,500 gns Doncaster August Sales, well below form since: poor form over fences on cape if 16? N balance (often flattered): best form around 2m: breathing problem on hurdling debut.

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DR P. PRITCHARD

Chocolate, light blue sleeves and cap (Lady Maria Coventry)

HANDICAPS: OVERNIGHT ALTERING OF WEIGHTS

The ratings for this race have been adjusted to the weights currently allocated. If these change at the overnight stage then simply subtract 1 lb for each pound carried above the weight shown or add 1 lb for each pound below the present weight (the weights shown in brackets are those originally allocated in the long handicap and are included for information only).

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AOSIS (IRE) 5 11-4 110 gr.g. Portrait Gallery (IRE) – Lauras Electric (IRE) (Electric) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16d⁴ Dec 26] F16d 110 WA

first foal; dam maiden; fair form when around 6 lengths fourth to Whitehills in 19-runner bumper at Leopardstown on debut.

SEAN O'BRIEN, IRELAND

Royal blue and light blue chevrons, striped cap (B. Long)

ARCTIC GHOST

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ARCTIC GHOST
6 11-4
gr.g. Environment Friend – Saxon Gift (Saxon Farm) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16g F16g² Jan 25]
big, lengthy gelding: seventh foal: half-brother to useful bumper winner Bit of A Gift (by F16g WA Henbit) and winning pointer by Le Moss: dam unraced half-sister to dam of Iris's Gift: much better effort in conditional/amateur bumpers at Catterick (fair form) when 3 lengths second of 14 to Mumbles Head.

N. WILSON

Red, white stripe, halved sleeves (Mr Malcom Wilson)

CLOSED SHOP (IRE)

5 11-4

b.g. Saddlers' Hall (IRE) – Roses Niece (IRE) (Jeu de Paille (FR)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F17s* Mar F17s 118 NA 25] second foal: half-brother to 2m hurdle winner Kit Carson (by Dr Massini): dam, winning 2m hurdler, out of half-sister to Stayers' Hurdle winner Rose Ravine, dam of smart staying jumper Frosty Canyon: won maiden Irish point on debut in January 2006: 7/4 fayourite, won 15-runner conditional/amateur maiden bumper at Bangor by 5 lengths from Just Supposin, leading over 3f out and ridden clear.

P. I. HOBBS

Beige, royal blue chevrons and sleeves, hooped cap (Castlemore Securities Limited)

DANCEWITHTHEDEVIL (IRE)

5 11-4

b. or br.g. Dr Massini (IRE) – Hibba (IRE) (Doubletour (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16v² F16s F13d 115+N F13d* Mar 20] €26,000 3-y-o: third foal: dam maiden: fairly useful form in bumpers: trained by F136 107+W G. Hourigan debut: dropped in trip, confirmed previous promise when winning 16-runner F16v 115+WA maiden at Hereford last time by 11/2 lengths from Mocho, travelling well to lead over 2f out but hanging right and needing driving out firmly: failed to see race out at 2m first 2 starts.

Emerald green, maroon cross belts, maroon cap (The Four Exiles)

DUL AR AN OL (IRE)

DUL AR AN OL (IRE) 5 11-4
b.g. Perugino (USA) – Sprint For Gold (USA) (Slew O' Gold (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16s² F16s 113 W F16s² Feb 25] half-brother to 5f/1m winner Golden Syrup (by Dolphin Street): dam 7f winner: F16s 114 WA fairly useful form when runner-up in bumpers at Fairyhouse, beaten 11/2 lengths by Jet Propelled in 13-runner event in latter.

P. HENLEY, IRELAND

Royal blue, pink sleeves, yellow cap, royal blue star (Rory O'Brien)

GUNNISON (IRE)

b.g. Accordion – Anaglogs Last (Over The River (FKJ) [2004/3 INK... 2005/6 I 128]
F16m² Aug 15] €32,000 3-y-o: half-brother to 2½m chase winner The Flying Mustang (by F16f 103+WA F16g 97+WA F16g 97 W well when 2 lengths second to Crossing in 7-runner event at Roscommon next time.

E GRIFFIN IBELAND

White, maroon inverted triangle and chevrons on sleeves, white cap, maroon stars (B.D.B.C. Ltd)

HENNESSY (IRE)

b.g. Presenting – Steel Grey Lady (IRE) (Roselier (FR)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16d* F17d² F16s 103 W Feb 4] €33,000 3-v-o: has scope: first foal: dam twice-raced half-sister to useful 2m hurdler F17d Bolino Star: won 9-runner bumper (conditional/amateur) at Uttoxeter on debut by 7 lengths F16d 118+WA from Inaro, despite showing signs of inexperience: much better form (smart) when neck second of 13 to Willie Pep in similar event at Taunton next time: odds on, distressed on softer ground at Wetherby last time.

M. PITMĂN

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

F17s⁴ Mar 19] 20,000Y, 15,000 3-y-o: chunky gelding: third foal: half-brother to fairly useful F16s 128 W Irish 1½m winner Sarayah (by Danehill): dam, Irish 1½m winner, sister to smart Irish middledistance filly Eileen Jenny out of disqualified Irish Oaks winner Sorbus, the family of Irish Oaks winner Wemyss Bight: won bumpers at Haydock (by 6 lengths from Oakapple Express) and Towcester (useful form, beat Deep Moon 1¹/₂ lengths) in November: similar form when 2 lengths second of 20 to Night Safe at Haydock on penultimate outing: below-form fourth at Carlisle last time.

P. C. HASLAM G. Bartley (10) Emerald green, royal blue chevrons, halved sleeves, quartered cap (Mrs Alurie O'Sullivan)

KEALSHORE LAD

5 11-4 b.g. Supreme Leader – Our Aisling (Blakeney) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16s² F16v² F16s* Feb 4] useful-looking gelding; half-brother to 9.4f winner Madam Lucy (by Efisio); dam won up to 2m: Flos 126 WA fairly useful form in bumpers: won 12-runner event at Wetherby last time by short head from F16s 118 W Mount Sandel (pair clear), leading halfway and again close home after being headed over 1f out.

G. M. MOORE Red, large white spots, white cap (Mr J. Pickavance)

KEVKAT (IRE)

br.g. Dushvantor (USA) – Diamond Display (IRE) (Shardari) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16f* F16g⁵ br.g. Dushyantor (USA) – Diamond Display (INE) (Gliatuan) (2004) TR : 2004) TR : 2004 Isle): dam 1¹/₄m to 1³/₄m winner: won 19-runner bumper at Tipperary in May: off 4 months. fairly useful form when around 31/2 lengths fourth of 17 to Tokala in similar event at Cheltenham last time.

E. GRIFFIN. IRELAND

Royal blue and white diamonds, royal blue sleeves, white star on cap (R. Stokes)

KICKS FOR FREE (IRE)

b.g. Flemensfirth (USA) - Keep The Change (IRE) (Castle Keep) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16s* F16d* F16g³ Mar 15] smallish, unfurnished gelding: third foal: dam, ran once in bumper, half- F16d 136 G1 $^$ sister to fair hurdler/fairly useful chaser Cigarillo, stays 3m: won conditional/amateur bumpers F16s 122+WA at Wincanton in January and February in impressive style: second favourite, smart form when around 2 lengths third to Hairy Molly in 23-runner Champion Bumper at Cheltenham.

Dark green, vellow disc, hooped cap (Mr Mark Tincknell)

MAM RATAGAN 5 11-4

b.g. Mtoto – Nika Nesgoda (Suave Dancer (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16s* Jan 26] lengthy F16s 114 W gelding: has scope: first foal: dam 11/2m winner, half-sister to promising hurdler Straw Bear: well-backed favourite, won 12-runner bumper at Warwick on debut by 11/2 lengths from Somedo Somedont, travelling well long way and shaken up to lead 1f out. M. A. Fitzgerald

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

MASTER EDDY 6 11-4 107

b.g. Alflora (IRE) – Mistress Star (Soldier Rose) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16s³ F16m F16v² Mar 18] lengthy gelding: second foal: dam unraced: fair form all starts in bumpers: always prominent Fi6m 105 W when 9 lengths second to impressive Chaim in 17-runner event at Uttoxeter last time.

Orange, white cross belts, orange sleeves, white spots, red cap (The Atkin Partnership)

MOUNT SANDEL (IRE)

5 11-4 b.g. Supreme Leader – Droichidin (Good Thyne (USA)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16s² F16m⁴ Mar _{F16m 110+W} 4] €30,000 3-y-o: well-made gelding: seventh foal: brother to fair hurdler/chaser Court Leader. Fibs 120+W stavs 3m; dam, placed in Irish point, sister to top-class hurdler Mighty Mogul; 10/1, short-head second to Kealshore Lad in 12-runner bumper at Wetherby on debut, leading over 1f out and caught close home: unable to quicken and still looked inexperienced under pressure when fourth to Wichita Lineman in slowly-run event at Newbury 4 weeks later: remains capable of winning a bumper.

O. SHERWOOD

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

NIGHT SAFE (IRE)

b.g. Safety Catch (USA) - Rock All Night (IRE) (Orchestra) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16d F16d* F16s* Feb 23 12.000 4-v-o; good-topped gelding; fifth foal; dam, unraced half-sister to winning F16s 117+WA pointer, out of useful 2½m hurdler Helynsar: progressive bumper performer: won 17-runner F16d 102 W conditional/amateur event at Huntingdon (by head from Kimi) in December and 20-runner event at Haydock (useful form, staved on well to beat Heraldry 2 lengths) in February.

N. A. TWISTON-DAVIES

Mauve, white hoops, mauve cap (Mr C. B. Sanderson)

PANGBOURNE (FR)

b.g. Double Bed (FR) - Valgrija (FR) (Big John (FR)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16s F16g² F16s* F16g 130 G1 F17s* F16g Mar 15] rangy gelding; fourth foal: brother to winning 19f hurdler Ouh La La: dam F17s 130 W winner on Flat/over hurdles in France: useful bumper performer: successful at Huntingdon F16s 124 N F16g 121 W (maiden) in January and Folkestone (by 20 lengths, made all) in February: ninth of 23 to Hairy F16s Molly in Grade 1 at Cheltenham latest outing, not for first time looking temperamental, hanging badly left in straight; has worn eyeshields and blinkers/visor since debut.

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

PEPPORONI PETE (IRE)

b.g. Un Desperado (FR) – Sister Shot (Celtic Cone) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16g* F16m³ Mar 4] F16m 121+W €130,000 3-y-o: useful-looking gelding: has scope: fifth foal: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler F16g 126+W Everready (by Afzal), stayed 31/4m: dam once-raced sister to top-class 2m to 3m hurdler/chaser Celtic Shot: favourite, impressive winning debut in bumper at Wincanton in December, sprinting clear when shaken up to beat Pangbourne by 5 lengths; odds on (attended by 2 handlers), 2 lengths third to Wichita Lineman in slowly-run event at Newbury over 2 months

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

later: worth another chance to prove himself an exciting bumper prospect.

PURE THEATRE (IRE)

b.g. King's Theatre (IRE) – Direct Lady (IRE) (Fools Holme (USA)) [2004/5 F16m² F16s* Oct 8 F16s' 116 WA :: 2005/6 NR] fifth foal: half-brother to several Flat winners, including useful 2001 2-y-o High Flor WA Sierra (by Danehill) and fairly useful 7f winner Aeraiocht (by Tenby): dam 1½m winner/fairly useful 2m hurdler: favourite, confirmed debut promise when winning 20-runner bumper at Gowran last time, beating Mingus Madness 4 lengths (fairly useful form).

E. GRIFFIN. IRELAND

Light blue and dark blue stripes, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, orange star (A. J. Mulvey)

RINGAROSES

b.g. Karinga Bay – Rose Ravine (Deep Run) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16g* aF16g* Feb 18] good F16g 114+W sort: has plenty of scope: half-brother to several winners, including smart staying Fig 116+WA hurdler/chaser Frosty Canyon (by Arctic Lord) and fairly useful chaser Alvino (by Alflora). stays 21f: dam won 1985 Stayers' Hurdle: favourite, fairly useful form when winning bumpers at Ludlow (conditional/amateur event by 7 lengths from Magical Harry) in December and Lingfield in February: didn't need to improve when beating Sundarbob by 3/4 length in steadilyrun event for latest success, leading close home after challenging widest and hanging markedly left: likely to prove capable of better still.

MISS H. C. KNIGHT

Turquoise, black braces, cerise cap (Mrs Nicholas Jones/Martin Broughton)

ROUND THE HORN (IRE)

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ch.g. Master Willie – Gaye Fame (Ardross) [2004/5 F16s* :: 2005/6 F16s³ Jan 14] 26,000 4-y-o: F16s 122 L good-topped gelding: third foal: half-brother to fairly useful hurdler Oulart (by Sabrehill), stays F16s 112 + W 3m: dam, modest hurdler who stayed 3m, out of sister to very smart staying chaser Black Humour and half-sister to top-class 2m to 3m hurdler Gave Brief and very smart staying jumper Gaye Chance: won bumper at Warwick on debut in 2004/5 by 8 lengths from Barclay Boy: off a year, much better form (useful) when 3³/₄ lengths third of 8 to Roll Along in listed similar event there on return.

I. A. B. OLD

Dark blue and white check, dark blue sleeves, white cap, dark blue star (Mr W. E. Sturt)

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b. or br.g. Accordion – Morganone (IRE) (Supreme Leader) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16g* F16d* F16d* F16d 123+W Mar 15] £32,000 4-y-o: sixth foal: dam unraced half-sister to very useful chaser Redundant Pal. Fig. 113+WA staved 2½m; made good impression when justifying favouritism in 10-runner conditional/amateur bumper at Ludlow (by 5 lengths from Just Smudge) and 17-runner event at Huntingdon; better form when beating Marine Life by 3 lengths in latter, travelling well close up, leading early in straight and pushed out; useful prospect.

N. I. HENDERŠON

White, red seams, red and white quartered cap (Mr W. H. Ponsonby)

STOLEN MOMENTS (FR)

gr.g. Villez (USA) - Brave Lola (FR) (Dom Pasquini (FR)) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16g F16s* F16v² Mar 11] 32,000 3-y-o: fourth foal: brother to 2m hurdle winner Brave Villa and half- F16v 117+WA brother to modest hurdler Beau Torero (by True Brave), stays 19f: dam once-raced from family F16g 97 W of smart French hurdler Kidder: fairly useful form in bumpers: won 13-runner event at Ayr in January by neck from Character Building: 3 lengths second of 6 to Gunner Jack in slowly-run race there over 2 months later: will stay beyond 2m.

Mr T. Greenall (3)

Yellow, royal blue stars, vellow and royal blue halved sleeves, vellow cap (The Poppet

STREETSHAVENONAME (IRE)

b.g. Old Vic – Glore River (IRE) (Broken Hearted) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F18s* Mar 19] €21,000 F18s 124+W 3-v-o: second foal: dam unraced: useful form when winning 13-runner bumper at Downpatrick by 20 lengths from Fillmein.

T. J. TAAFFE, IRELAND

Black, yellow disc and armlets, yellow cap (Mr Enda Hunston)

THE ENTOMOLOGIST (IRE)

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Mar 18] €6,000 3-y-o; third foal: dam, twice-raced over hurdles, out of sister to Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Cool Ground: won maiden Irish point in March 2005: bought £90,000 Cheltenham April Sales: 9/4 favourite, shaped as though in need of run when mid-field in 17runner bumper at Uttoxeter, weakening over 2f out.

Light blue, vellow sleeves, light blue stars, vellow cap (Mr Ronald Brimacombe)

THE PIOUS PRINCE (IRE)

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ch.g. Shahrastani (USA) – Ara Blend (IRE) (Persian Mews) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16s* Feb 27]
F16s 123+W €37,000 3-v-o: second foal: dam, lightly raced in points, half-sister to useful hurdler/chaser Mixed Blends: 5/1, won 16-runner bumper at Ayr on debut by 13 lengths from Nevertika, travelling well, asserting on bridle 2f out and soon clear when shaken up: open to improvement.

A. Dobbin

Black and white stripes, black sleeves, red armlets, red cap (Len Lungo Racing Limited)

TIDAL BAY (IRE) 5 11-4

b.g. Flemensfirth (USA) – June's Bride (IRE) (Le Moss) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16v² Mar 18] sturdy gelding: fifth foal: dam unraced from family of smart chaser Buck Rogers, stayed 31/2m; 40/1, ¹/₂-length second of 14 to Scribano Eile in bumper at Wetherby, travelling strongly and finishing well after taking time to pick up: will stay beyond 2m over jumps.

I. I. A. CHARLTON Michal Kohl (3)

Tan, black and green hooped sleeves, red cap (Mr George A. Charlton)

WICHITA LINEMAN (IRE) 5 11-4

b.g. King's Theatre (IRE) - Monumental Gesture (Head For Heights) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16g* F16m * F16g Mar 15] compact gelding: fifth foal: half-brother to top-class hurdler Rhinestone F16m 123+W Cowboy (by Be My Native), stays 3m: dam, won at 2m over hurdles, also 11/2m winner on Flat: F16g 119+W won bumpers at Newbury in November and March, again showing good turn of foot when beating Kimi by 11/4 lengths in slowly-run event in latter: rider unable to claim, only tenth of 23 to Hairy Molly in Grade 1 at Cheltenham: possibly found that race coming too soon, and remains good prospect.

IONIO O'NEILL Mr J. P. Magnier (3)

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

YOUNG ALBERT (IRE)

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br.g. Taipan (IRE) - Smooth Leader (IRE) (Supreme Leader) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 F16s* Dec 22] €50.000 3-y-o; fourth foal; dam unraced from family of useful chaser up to 21f Freeline Finishing and useful chaser up to 3m Backbeat: 8/1, made winning debut in 19-runner bumper at Avr, travelling strongly under patient ride and running on well for pressure to beat My Final Bid a head: should improve.

N. G. RICHARDS

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

ALFIE FLITS

b.g. Machiavellian (USA) – Elhilmeya (IRE) (Unfuwain (USA)) [2005/6 F14v* F16d* F14s* Feb F14s 125+W 138] 15,500 3-y-o: tall gelding: second foal: dam, won at 10.5f from 2 starts, out of useful Irish Fide 125+W 1m/9f winner Awayed: has justified favouritism impressively all outings in bumpers, at Fl4v 125 W Wetherby (3-y-o event, by 31/2 lengths from Astarador) in December, Southwell (beat Ovide by 6 lengths) in January and Carlisle (asserted 21/2f out and beat Starting Point by 7 lengths in 13runner event) latest start: raced on good ground and softer: one of the best bumper performers seen out this season, and open to further improvement.

G. A. SWINBANK Red, vellow hoop, hooped sleeves, white cap (Dom Flit) T. Dovle

ASTARADOR (FR)

b.g. Astarabad (USA) – Touques (FR) (Tip Moss (FR)) [2005/6 F14v² F16g* Jan 12] useful- F16g 117+WA looking gelding: third foal: dam, 1m winner on Flat, successful around 2m over jumps in F14v 121 W France: fairly useful form both starts in bumpers: odds on, confirmed debut promise when winning 15-runner conditional/amateur event at Catterick by 10 lengths from Medic, travelling

strongly and soon clear after leading 3f out.

Orange, light green and white hooped sleeves, white cap, orange star (Alderclad Roofing Ltd And S V Rutter)

BLEAK HOUSE (IRE)

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b.g. Rudimentary (USA) – Dannkalia (IRE) (Shernazar) [2005/6 F13m² Dec 19] lengthy gelding: F13m 117 W third foal: half-brother to fairly useful bumper winner/fair hurdler The Duke's Speech (by Saddlers' Hall): dam bumper winner: 5/1, neck second of 18 to Dand Nee in 3-y-o bumper at Doncaster on debut, pulling clear of remainder.

Red, black collar and cuffs, old gold cap (Mr T. P. Tate)

b. or br.g. Lord Americo – Furry Gran (Furry Glen) [2005/6 F16v* Mar 18] €30,000 3-y-o: halfbrother to several winners, notably useful chaser up to 3m Over The Furze (by Over The River): dam unraced: 25/1, promising debut when winning 17-runner bumper at Uttoxeter by 9 lengths from Master Eddy, smooth headway to lead over 2f out and soon ridden clear.

L. Aspell

Royal blue and yellow (quartered), red sleeves, yellow cap (Old Pals Partnership)

CHIMICHURRI (FR)

ch.g. Nikos - Wackie (USA) (Spectacular Bid (USA)) 23,000 3-v-o: fourth foal: half-brother to winning hurdler/chaser around 2m Pousky (by Kaid Pous): dam winning hurdler/chaser up to 19f in France.

M. BRADSTOCK

M. Batchelor

White, black diamond, royal blue sleeves and cap (The Blick Partnership)

IUST SMUDGE

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b.g. Fraam – Flakey Dove (Oats) [2005/6 F14d F16g² Jan 19] fifth foal: dam, top-class hurdler $_{\rm F16g}$ $_{\rm 105}$ $_{\rm WA}$ up to 21f, won 1994 Champion Hurdle: easily better effort in bumpers when 5 lengths second F14d of 10 to impressive Sir Jimmy Shand in conditional/amateur event at Ludlow last time.

Light blue, dark blue chevrons, halved sleeves, quartered cap (Sastastic Partnership)

MARINE LIFE

b.g. Unfuwain (USA) - Aquamarine (Shardari) [2005/6 F16d2 Mar 15] 30,000 3-y-o: halfbrother to 3 winners, including 3m hurdle winner Moscow Blue (by Soviet Star): dam, 11f winner, closely related to St Leger winner Toulon: 7/2, encouraging debut when 3 lengths second of 17 to Sir Jimmy Shand in bumper at Huntingdon, tracking pace and staying on: capable of winning similar event.

P. R. WEBBER

Red. black armlets (Mr Robert Kirkland)

RISK CHALLENGE (USA)

ch.g. Mt Livermore (USA) – Substance (USA) (Diesis) [2005/6 F16g* Mar 23] 2,000 2-y-o: sixth foal: half-brother to smart 6f/7f winner Demonstrate (by Stormbird) and fairly useful 9f/1¹/₄m winner Moratorium (by El Gran Senor); dam unraced half-sister to Ribblesdale winner Ballinderry, herself dam of Sanglamore: 33/1, fairly useful form when making winning debut in bumper at Ludlow by 10 lengths from Presentand correct, racing keenly at head of affairs and keeping on strongly to pull clear of wayward runner-up in straight.

Red, red and emerald green chevrons on sleeves, emerald green cap, red diamond (Mr John and

W. Hutchinson

Mr David Heymans) SHERWOODS FOLLY

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b.g. Classic Cliche (IRE) – Action de Balle (FR) (Cricket Ball (USA)) [2005/6 F13v* Feb 21] 8,000 3-y-o: fourth foal: half-brother to 21/4m hurdle winner Thaix (by Roi de Rome) and 5f to 7f winner Noble Action (by Noblequest), also 15f winner over hurdles: dam unraced sister/halfsister to several winners: 3/1, won 12-runner bumper at Exeter on debut by 7 lengths from Where's My Baby, quickening smartly to assert in final 1f: entitled to improve.

H. D. DAĽY

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

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b.g. Overbury (IRE) – Fringe Benefit (IRE) (Executive Perk) [2005/6 F17s³ Mar 26] second foal: F17s 113 W dam poor 2m novice hurdler: 11/1, 8½ lengths third of 12 to Ovide in bumper at Market Rasen on debut.

Dark blue and mauve diamonds, dark blue sleeves and cap (Mr William A. Powrie)

STRIPE ME BLUE

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b.g. Miner's Lamp – Slipmatic (Pragmatic) [2005/6 F16d² Feb 2] second foal: half-brother to F16d 112 WA bumper winner Lady Bling Bling (by Midnight Legend): dam, fair hurdler, stayed 23/4m: 66/1, 13/4 lengths second of 15 to very easy winner Kicks For Free in conditional/amateur bumper at Wincanton on debut.

Royal blue, dark blue cross of lorraine and sleeves (Mrs A. H. Jones)

SWORD OF DAMASCUS (IRE)

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b.g. Darshaan – Damascene (IRE) (Scenic) [2005/6 F13d* F13s* F12d F16s² Feb 2] 180,000Y, F16s 119 W 20,000 3-v-o: good-topped gelding; fifth foal: brother to smart 1m winner Perfect Plum and half- F12d 119 L brother to 1999 Irish 2-y-o 7f winner Darbys Bridge (by Kris) and smart 1½m to 17f winner Red F13s 119 W F13d 108 W Damson (by Croco Rouge): dam unraced half-sister to top-class sprinter Marwell (dam of very smart miler Marling): unraced at 2 yrs for D. Loder: fairly useful bumper performer: successful in 3-v-o events at Exeter in October and Towcester in November: better form both starts since, staying on gamely when 11/4 lengths second of 11 to Top Ram (pair clear) at Towcester on latest. Ď. MČCAĬN S. J. Craine (3)

Red, yellow braces, white sleeves and cap (Mr Jon Glews)

CHOMBA WOMBA (IRE)

b.m. Fourstars Allstar (USA) – Miss Muppet (IRE) (Supreme Leader) [2004/5 NR :: 2005/6 Filed 119 WA F16m³ F16s* F16d² Jan 26] fourth foal: dam bumper winner: improved effort when winning F16s 118+WA 19-runner bumper at Punchestown in December by 5 lengths from Lost In Lavey: ran well when 4½ lengths second to Leading Run in 11-runner event at Gowran next time.

MS M. MULLINS, IRELAND

Royal blue, yellow sleeves, royal blue cap, red star (Ms M. Mullins)

LADY BLING BLING

b.m. Midnight Legend – Slipmatic (Pragmatic) [2004/5 F17s :: 2005/6 F16g F16d* F16s Mar 11] F16s L leggy, unfurnished mare: first foal: dam, fair hurdler, stayed 23/4m: best effort in bumpers (fair F16d 117 W form) when winning 15-runner mares event at Ludlow in December by 9 lengths from Mrs F16g 100? W Goldfarb: much stiffer task when tailed off last time.

Brown, light blue sleeves, check cap (Mr P. J. Jones)

SPARRON HAWK (FR)

b.m. Hawker's News (IRE) – In Memoriam (IRE) (Buckskin (FR)) [2004/5 F16g :: 2005/6 F17v*
F16g4 F16s Mar 11] €60,000 4-y-o: leggy mare: sixth foal: half-sister to fairly useful F16g 119+W hurdler/chaser La Zingarella (by Phardante), stays 2½m: dam unraced half-sister to dams of F17v 118 W F16g 119+W Triumph Hurdle winner Snow Drop and one-time very smart chaser Rubissimo: fairly useful form in mares bumpers second/third starts, winning at Sedgefield in January by 2½ lengths from Riodan and close fourth of 12 to Eden Linty at Musselburgh; well beaten in listed event at Sandown last time.

N. G. RICHARDS

Maroon, white braces, quartered cap (Mr R. Haggas)

DAND NEE (USA)

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b.f. Kabool – Zobaida (IRE) (Green Desert (USA)) [2005/6 F13m* F12d Jan 1] leggy filly: third F12d 114 L foal: dam, 7f winner who stayed 8.5f, out of half-sister to Zilzal: fair form in bumpers, F13m 117 W successful in 3-y-o event at Doncaster on debut by neck from Bleak House and ninth of 16 to Burnt Oak in listed 4-v-o contest at Cheltenham.

Pink, royal blue chevrons, pink sleeves, royal blue cap, pink star (Mrs B. Watson)