

# RACING POST

## 2010 GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE KIT

4.15 John Smith's Grand National Chase (Handicap) Grade 3 (Class 1) (6yo+)

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1	<b>MADISON DU BERLAIS</b> David Pipe	9 11-10 Tom Scudamore		21	<b>CAN'T BUY TIME</b> Jonjo O'Neill	8 10-13 Richie McLernon	
2	<b>MON MOME</b> Venetia Williams	10 11-7 Aidan Coleman		22	<b>BIG FELLA THANKS</b> Paul Nicholls	8 10-12 Ruby Walsh	
3	<b>VIC VENTURI</b> Dessie Hughes	10 11-6 Paddy Flood		23	<b>STATE OF PLAY</b> Evan Williams	10 10-11 Paul Moloney	
4	<b>BLACK APALACHI</b> Dessie Hughes	11 11-6 Denis O'Regan		24	<b>CHARACTER BUILDING</b> John Quinn	10 10-11 Nina Carberry	
5	<b>JOE LIVELY</b> Colin Tizzard	11 11-6 Joe Tizzard		25	<b>ELLERSLIE GEORGE</b> Nick Mitchell	10 10-10 Christian Williams	
6	<b>DON'T PUSH IT</b> Jonjo O'Neill	10 11-5 Tony McCoy		26	<b>ERIC'S CHARM</b> Oliver Sherwood	12 10-9 Wayne Hutchinson	
7	<b>COMPLY OR DIE</b> David Pipe	11 11-5 Timmy Murphy		27	<b>KING JOHNS CASTLE</b> Arthur Moore	11 10-9 Paul Carberry	
8	<b>TRICKY TRICKSTER</b> Paul Nicholls	7 11-4 Barry Geraghty		28	<b>CONNA CASTLE</b> James Joseph Mangan	11 10-9 Sean Flanagan	
9	<b>NICHE MARKET</b> Bob Buckler	9 11-4 Harry Skelton		29	<b>BALLYFITZ</b> Nigel Twiston-Davies	10 10-9 David England	
10	<b>MADE IN TAIWAN</b> Thomas Mullins	8 11-4 Niall Madden		30	<b>OLLIE MAGERN</b> Nigel Twiston-Davies	12 10-9 Tom Molloy	
11	<b>DREAM ALLIANCE</b> Philip Hobbs	9 11-3 Tom O'Brien		31	<b>ARBOR SUPREME</b> Willie Mullins	8 10-8 Paul Townend	
12	<b>CLOUDY LANE</b> Donald McCain Jnr	10 11-3 Jason Maguire		32	<b>MALJIMAR</b> Nick Williams	10 10-8 Daryl Jacob	
13	<b>NOZIC</b> Paul Nicholls	9 11-3 Liam Treadwell		33	<b>THE PACKAGE</b> David Pipe	7 10-7 Graham Lee	
14	<b>MY WILL</b> Paul Nicholls	10 11-2 Nick Scholfield		34	<b>PIRAYA</b> David Pipe	7 10-7 Johnny Farrelly	
15	<b>PABLO DU CHARMIL</b> David Pipe	9 11-2 Danny Cook		35	<b>IRISH RAPTOR</b> Nigel Twiston-Davies	11 10-7 Paddy Brennan	
16	<b>BALLYHOLLAND</b> Colin McBratney	9 11-0 Andrew J McNamara		36	<b>CERIUM</b> Paul Murphy	9 10-5 Davy Russell	
17	<b>BACKSTAGE</b> Gordon Elliott	8 11-0 Davy Condon		37	<b>PALYPSO DE CREEK</b> Charlie Longsdon	7 10-6 Tom Siddall	
18	<b>BEAT THE BOYS</b> Nigel Twiston-Davies	9 11-0 Brian Hughes		38	<b>HELLO BUD</b> Nigel Twiston-Davies	12 10-6 Mr Sam Twiston-Davies	
19	<b>PREISTS LEAP</b> Thomas Gerard O'Leary	10 11-0 Philip Enright		39	<b>FLINTOFF</b> Venetia Williams	9 10-5 Andrew Tinkler	
20	<b>SNOWY MORNING</b> Willie Mullins	10 10-13 David Casey		40	<b>ROYAL ROSA</b> Howard Johnson	11 10-5 Wilson Renwick	

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Join in the fun of the 2010 John Smith's Grand National with Racing Post's simple sweepstake kit

## IT'S EASY

- ▶▶ Gather your friends and colleagues. You choose the stake.
- ▶▶ Print off and cut out the first sheet of runners. Ask your players to pick out a horse at random.
- ▶▶ On this sheet, write each player's name against their chosen horse. Winner takes all!

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<b>3 VIC VENTURI</b>	.....	<b>23 STATE OF PLAY</b>	.....
<b>4 BLACK APALACHI</b>	.....	<b>24 CHARACTER BUILDING</b>	.....
<b>5 JOE LIVELY</b>	.....	<b>25 ELLERSLIE GEORGE</b>	.....
<b>6 DON'T PUSH IT</b>	.....	<b>26 ERIC'S CHARM</b>	.....
<b>7 COMPLY OR DIE</b>	.....	<b>27 KING JOHNS CASTLE</b>	.....
<b>8 TRICKY TRICKSTER</b>	.....	<b>28 CONNA CASTLE</b>	.....
<b>9 NICHE MARKET</b>	.....	<b>29 BALLYFITZ</b>	.....
<b>10 MADE IN TAIPAN</b>	.....	<b>30 OLLIE MAGERN</b>	.....
<b>11 DREAM ALLIANCE</b>	.....	<b>31 ARBOR SUPREME</b>	.....
<b>12 CLOUDY LANE</b>	.....	<b>32 MALJIMAR</b>	.....
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## HINTS FOR THE NATIONAL

Yikes! It's a lottery, you're thinking, with 40 horses charging at 30 fences over a four-and-a-half-mile course. Although luck plays its part with some runners, it is possible to sort the wheat from the chaff and pinpoint horses that offer more of a chance of carrying your money to victory.

### Key ten-year trends to consider:

Last year's winner Mon Mome may have started at 100-1, but he matched all but the First-timers key trends...

- ▶▶ **Age of horse.** Look for a horse aged between eight and 12. Number of winners in the last ten runnings that fitted this profile: **10/10**
- ▶▶ **Stamina.** Go for a horse that has won over at least three miles during their career (you can look at these details on each horse on the racecards at RACINGPOST.com). **10/10**
- ▶▶ **Weight.** History shows that horses carrying big weights struggle to win, so look at the weight your horse is carrying and concentrate in particular on horses carrying no more than 11st 11lb. **10/10**
- ▶▶ **Experience.** Horses need to have run at least ten times over fences. **10/10**
- ▶▶ **Official Rating.** Look for horses with an OR (Official Rating) of between 136 and 147 (you can find full ORs on all the racecards at RACINGPOST.com). **10/10**
- ▶▶ **One win.** Trends show that you should be looking for a horse that has won - but not more than once - during the season (so since April 2009). **9/10**
- ▶▶ **Ability.** Aim for horses of a high-standard who have won a Class 1 Chase in their career, or if they didn't win they finished second at this level. **9/10**
- ▶▶ **First-timers.** Horses that are having their first run over the National fences have a good record. Of the winners over the last ten years who weren't having their first run, four had previously run in the National and fallen. **5/10**
- ▶▶ **Good Racing Post Rating.** Horses who have achieved a chase Racing Post Rating of at least 144 have been more successful. Visit RACINGPOST.com to see RPRs or view all details in Saturday's Racing Post. **10/10**

### Last ten National winners' RPRs

Year	Horse	Jockey	RPR
2009	<b>Mon Mome</b>	Liam Treadwell	<b>166</b>
2008	<b>Comply Or Die</b>	Timmy Murphy	<b>158</b>
2007	<b>Silver Birch</b>	Robert Power	<b>150</b>
2006	<b>Numbersixvalverde</b>	Niall Madden	<b>154</b>
2005	<b>Hedghunter</b>	Ruby Walsh	<b>166</b>
2004	<b>Amberleigh House</b>	Graham Lee	<b>154</b>
2003	<b>Monty's Pass</b>	Barry Geraghty	<b>162</b>
2002	<b>Bindaree</b>	Jim Culloty	<b>148</b>
2001	<b>Red Marauder</b>	Richard Guest	<b>145</b>
2000	<b>Papillon</b>	Ruby Walsh	<b>156</b>

### Take the early price!

It's nearly always worth taking the early-morning price on your selected runner in the Grand National as prices on most runners contract during the afternoon in the countdown to the off.

### Go the distance

In racing distances, four and a half miles is a long way. You wouldn't back Usain Bolt to beat Paula Radcliffe in a marathon. The same principle applies here, so look for horses who have won or been placed over National-like distances. In this year's line-up, **Dream Alliance** won the Welsh National last year, **Eric's Charm** the 2009 London National, **Niche Market** the 2009 Irish National and **Hello Bud** the 2009 Scottish National - and **Comply Or Die** and **Mon Mome** are previous Grand National winners.

### Each-way advantage

There are no hard and fast rules, but general opinion suggests not to place an each way bet on a horse if its odds are less than 8-1 as your returns will not be life-changing. It's unlikely that any horse other than the favourite will have odds this short for the National.

### In the saddle

The brilliant Ruby Walsh is a master in the saddle round Aintree and his skill will be a bonus aboard likely favourite **Big Fella Thanks**, trained by champion trainer Paul Nicholls. Victorious in 2000 on Papillon and in 2005 on Hedghunter, Ruby certainly has had more luck in the race than his best friend and champion jockey Tony McCoy. **Don't Push It** is McCoy's mount and he matches a lot of the stats... could this finally be the champ's year?

### Current William Hill odds

**7-1** Big Fella Thanks, **10-1** Mon Mome, **14-1** Black Apalachi, Tricky Trickster, **16-1** Arbor Supreme, Character Building, Snowy Morning, The Package, **18-1** Niche Market, **20-1** State Of Play, Vic Venturi, **22-1** Comply Or Die, **25-1** Backstage, Can't Buy Time, Don't Push It, **33-1** Ballyholland, Maljimar, **40-1** Dream Alliance, Irish Raptor, King Johns Castle, My Will, **50-1** Cloudy Lane, Eric's Charm, Hello Bud, Palypto De Creek, **66-1** Abbey-braney, Ballyfitz, Flintoff, Madison Du Berlais, Nozic, **80-1** Joe Lively, **100-1** Beat The Boys, Conna Castle, Ellerslie George, Made In Taipan, Mr Pointment, Ollie Magern, Piraya, Preists Leap. Correct at time of going to print.

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