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DAVID PIPE

Our 2016-17 Stable Tour series kicks off with a visit to the West Country powerhouse

STABLE TOUR DAVID PIPE

IT HAS been ten years since David Pipe's name went above the door at the historic Pond House Stables in Somerset with the brief of following in the footsteps of his record-breaking 15-time champion trainer father Martin, who handed over the reins to his son in April 2006.

And Pipe expresses himself pleased with the way things have gone: "It was always going to be tough being compared to my father but I feel we've shaken off all those comparisons as times have changed dramatically in racing and the emphasis at the yard these days is quality over quantity."

"We finished last season with 80 winners domestically over jumps and while that number was a little down on the previous term, the prize-money haul of almost £1.2 million was on a par owing to success at the higher quality meetings."

The obvious highlight was the Cheltenham Festival victory of Un Temps Pour Tout, while plenty of other horses played their parts by chipping in with consistent success – Soll, Houston Dynimo and Shotavodka won valuable veterans' chases, and mares Bella and Lady Of Longstone proved real money-spinners, contributing eight wins between them.

Looking further into the autumn and winter, Pipe adds: "Among the horses to really look forward to are Moon Racer and Changers On Ice, as well as a few French imports including King's Socks, who might end up at Cheltenham next month in the BetVictor Gold Cup."

"We've started the current season well with 23 winners on the board and the hope is that we've laid down a solid foundation as the jumps season gets into top gear."

"We also have new sponsors for the next three years in W+S Recycling Services and are very grateful for their support."

Pipe has never made any secret of the fact the yard's season is really kick-started at Cheltenham's Open meeting in November and all his runners over those three days are worthy of more than a second glance – as are runners as Haydock, Leicester and Perth, where runners have all yielded level-stake profits in the last five years.

Interview by Andrew King

Abracadabra Sivola

Six-year-old gelding Le Fou (sire) - Pierrebrune (dam)
Owner: The Arthur White Partnership
Form 22731F-
Racing Post Rating: 133 (hurdle) 138 (chase) Official rating: 130 (hurdle) 125 (chase)

A grand, old-fashioned chasing type who made an immediate impression after joining the yard at the beginning of the year when landing a Leicester novice chase but, unfortunately, he fell next time out at Uttoxeter. He's had a nice holiday since but will not be seen over fences until later this autumn given his penchant for testing ground

Talented team can maintain aim of quality over quantity

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Pond House Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Nicholashayne, Somerset
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2006
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 90
- ▶▶ **Members of staff** 40
- ▶▶ **Head lad** Oliver Defew
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainers** Gerry Supple and Martin Pipe
- ▶▶ **Barn leader** Martyn Ayliffe
- ▶▶ **Travelling head lads** Craig Wylie and Bob Hodge
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Tom Scudamore and Conor O'Farrell
- ▶▶ **Conditional jockeys** David Noonan and Michael Heard
- ▶▶ **Amateur jockeys** Rex Dingle
- ▶▶ **Secretaries** Gail Harrison, Gemma Edwards and James Smith
- ▶▶ **Stable sponsor** W+S Recycling
- ▶▶ **Website** davidpipe.com
- ▶▶ **Twitter** @DavidPipeRacing



Winners in Britain

2015-16	80
2014-15	116
2013-14	90
2012-13	104
Profit/loss to £1 stake	
2015-16	-111.92
2014-15	-51.21
2013-14	-85.14
2012-13	-182.28
Prize-money 2015-16	
	£1,151,789

and the dry autumn so far.

Alternatif

6g Shaanmer - Katerinette
Professor Caroline Tisdall
314P2-4
RPR 145c OR 133c
Enjoyed a productive campaign last term as he progressed seamlessly from hurdles to fences and will be aimed at staying handicap chases. He's back on his winning mark over fences so there's no reason he can't continue to do well this season.

Awesome Tunes

6g Milan - Europet
Somerset Racing
44-1444
RPR 89h 100c OR 102h 102c
After winning a point-to-point in Ireland we bought him at the Doncaster sales last May with a view to a campaign over fences this autumn as he is a fine, big gelding. However, in his first chase at Kelso he jumped indifferently and to the left. He'll have more schooling but might run over hurdles before going back over fences to help his confidence.

Baby Sherlock

5g Shirocco - Lady Cricket
The Johnson Family
635-89
RPR 80h OR 96h
Being a son of that great mare Lady Cricket, he's bred in the purple so he certainly has a lot to live up to as he's a brother to prolific winner Red Sherlock and a half-brother to Swing Bowler. While attaining the heights achieved by his illustrious mother and some of his relations may be an unrealistic dream, he's a nice, big sort who should improve for a greater test over hurdles and will jump fences in time.

Ballynagour

10g Shantou - Simply Deep
Allan Stennett
P7U-722
RPR 167c OR 157c
What an incredible star he's been for the yard since joining

us in 2013. A Cheltenham Festival success and a win in the Grade 2 Prix La Barka at Auteuil are the obvious highlights, while he's also finished in the frame in a host of Graded races. At the age of ten he's still running well and ran two crackers to be runner-up in the Summer Cup at Uttoxeter and the Summer Plate at Market Rasen. He's versatile with regards trip and ground and was running a nice race in the Grand National until unseating at the 19th fence – it wouldn't be difficult to imagine him having another crack at it next April.

Ballywilliam

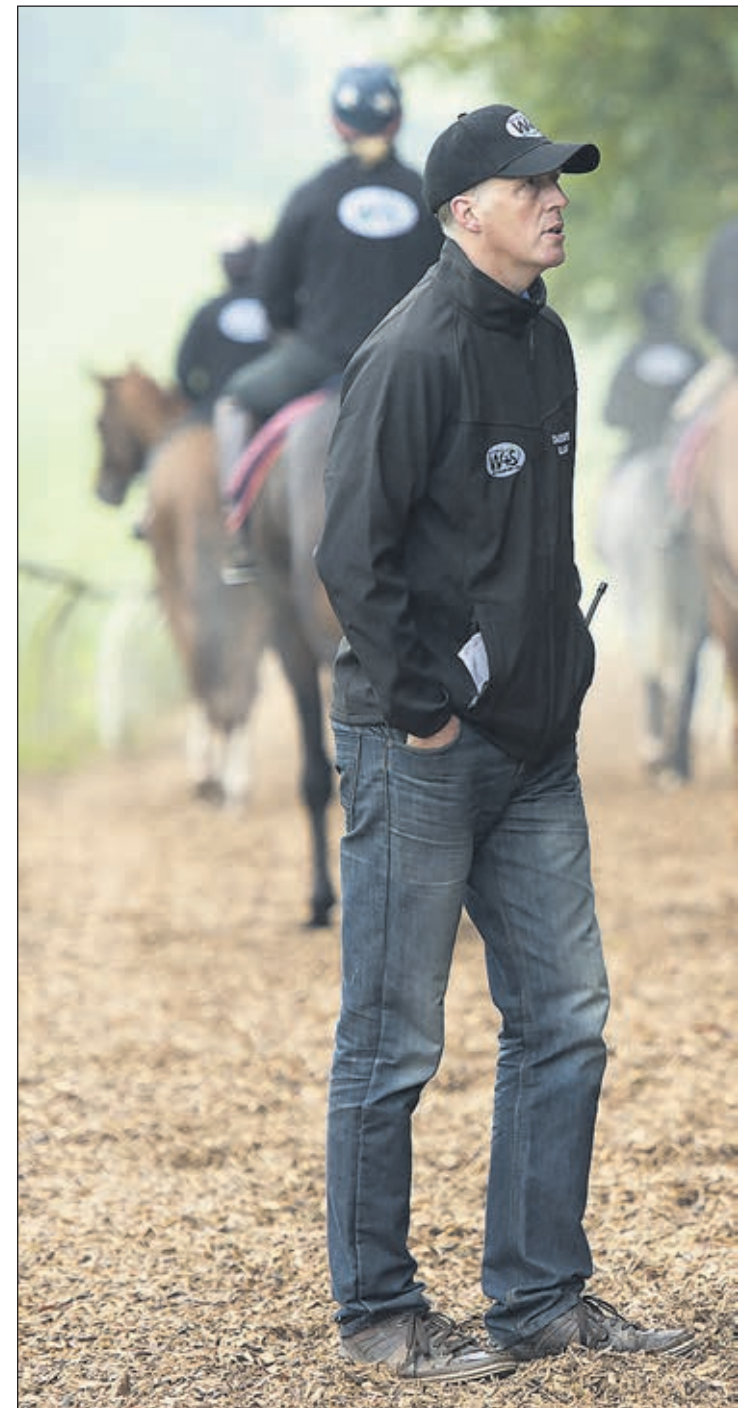
6g Mahler - Henrietta Howard
Mrs Doone Hulse
1/43231-
RPR 127h OR 127h
We were pleased to win a bumper at Chepstow and a Uttoxeter handicap hurdle with him as his future clearly lies over fences, being an Irish point-to-point winner. But he'll not be seen until there's plenty of cut in the ground – the softer the better for him.

Batavir

7g Muhtathir - Elsie
The Angove Family
P53235-
RPR 133h OR 125h
He's a slick jumper over hurdles and we were looking forward to a tilt at some of the better staying handicaps with him, but a win proved elusive last season. That was a bit surprising considering he'd won twice over hurdles the previous season. He's had a nice break and could be a useful novice chase recruit.

Bella

5m Johann Quatz - Hasta Manana
Professor Caroline Tisdall
P1137-U
RPR 118h OR 115h
While I'm not one for blowing my own trumpet, I was proud of the campaign we mapped out for her last season as she proved a real money-spinner,



earning close to three times her purchase price. There's a good mares' programme again and we'll be looking at similar races this time. She's better with a bit of give in the ground.

Broadway Buffalo

8g Broadway Flyer - Benbradagh Vard
Mrs Jo Tracey
5F26/52-
RPR 151c OR 142c
We deliberately gave him a quiet first half of last season to preserve his chase rating with a view to a tilt at the Grand National and he ran a good race when second in the Grand National Trial at Haydock in February. Sadly he sustained an injury in that race and is still recuperating and will not be seen until the New Year at the earliest when long-distance chases will again be his aim.

Carqalin

4g Martaline - Mica Doree
Matt Lambert
6376-
RPR 95h OR 110h
He's lightly raced but showed some ability when third at

Plumpton on his hurdling debut, but a handicap mark of 110 seems plenty high enough for what he's achieved. He should improve with experience and is bred to want further in time.

Celestial Path

4c Footstepsinthesand - Miss Kittyhawk
Professor Caroline Tisdall
-452076 (Flat)
RPR 111 OR 104 (Flat)
A very nice recruit to the team as he was placed in the Racing Post Trophy as a two-year-old before finishing fifth in the 2,000 Guineas in 2015. He's been taking on the best since and on his most recent outing when trained by Sir Mark Prescott finished a very good sixth in the Cambridgeshire last month. He's only just arrived and we're still getting to know him but he'll be given a full MOT and then hopefully it won't be long before he's schooling over hurdles. On the Flat he seemed to prefer goodish ground but when he was third in the Racing Post Trophy it was soft [behind Elm Park in 2014],

STABLE STAT

David Pipe has won with 60 of his last 100 favourites in non-handicap hurdles, for a profit of £10.95 to a £1 stake. That strike-rate improves slightly to 47/74 (64%; +£12.49) when Tom Scudamore is riding.
▶▶ Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at raceform.co.uk

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INTERACTIVE

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David Pipe supervises his string on the gallops at Pond House

August. She's still a novice over hurdles, while over fences she can claim a handy age and sex allowance.

Dell' Arca

7g Sholokhov - Daisy Belle
Professor Caroline Tisdall
58P74-4

RPR 154h 150c OR 135h 141c
He's run countless good races in defeat and won a novice chase at Uttoxeter last season. He remains in the grip of the handicapper, so we gave him a spin on the Flat at Salisbury in June on his latest outing and he's had a good holiday. We'll continue mixing hurdling and chasing with him this season.

Doctor Harper

8g Presenting - Supreme Dreamer
The Johnson Family
9221U-P

RPR 145h 145c OR 139h 138c
Following an absence of 18 months it was good to get him back on track last season and after one run over hurdles he was switched to fences. He was sent off favourite for the Kim Muir at the Cheltenham Festival but a serious error at the first fence effectively put paid to his chances. He then found the ground at Haydock in May a bit too lively. When conditions are right he'll contest the decent handicap chases from 2m4f to 3m.

Dynaste

10g Martaline - Bellissima De Mai
John White
382749-

RPR 171c OR 153c
A real star and a proper standard bearer for the yard over the years and he seems to retain all his enthusiasm and zest. He didn't get his head in front last season but showed high-class form to be placed in the Charlie Hall, Betfair Chase and Ascot Chase. He had a nice summer break at his owner's and will follow a similar campaign to last season. If he dropped to a mark of 150 or below over fences he'd be eligible for veterans' chases and that might be an option for him.

Eamon An Cnoic

5g Westerner - Nutmeg Tune
The Angove Family
2/352-

RPR 112h
Probably bumped into a decent sort when runner-up on his hurdling debut as the

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STAR QUALITY

Champers On Ice

6g Robin Des Champs - Miss Nova
Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew
121133-
RPR 147h OR 146h

A most exciting prospect who's always looked an embryonic chaser - he looks bigger and stronger after his summer break and will be going novice chasing this autumn. He won his bumper at the Punchestown festival in 2015 and we switched his attentions to hurdles last season and he quickly established himself as one of the very best staying novices around, culminating in an excellent third in the Albert Bartlett at the Cheltenham Festival on his first try at three miles. If all goes well over fences we'd like to think he might become an RSA Chase hopeful next March. We will find a low-profile novice chase at a left-handed track to start him off in.

so we'll have to play it by ear.

Chic Theatre

6g King's Theatre - La Reine Chic
Bryan Drew
84219-5

RPR 120h OR 120h

He showed a good level of form on his first season over hurdles and displayed plenty of guts to land a competitive novice hurdle at Doncaster when he had previous and subsequent winners in behind. He wasn't at his best in the Grade 3 EBF Final at Sandown in March on his final start last season. He

jumped and travelled well on his comeback run at Towcester recently but didn't see his race out - I feel sure he'll bounce back on softer ground.

Citrus

4g Great Pretender - Kelle Home
Craig Kieswetter
3032-2P

RPR -

One of a host of new recruits to the yard from the Arqana summer sale in July, but he disappointed on his first start in Britain at Newton Abbot in August. He's clearly better than

that as he'd shown progressive form in France. He looks a stayer in the making and will continue in novice hurdles. He is owned by former England and Somerset cricketer Craig Kieswetter, who is a new owner to the yard - so hopefully we will have some luck for him.

Daklondike

4g Gold Well - Strong Irish
Professor Caroline Tisdall
14-3

RPR 103h

He's a half-brother to our

Paddy Power Gold Cup and Cheltenham Festival winner Great Endeavour and if he achieves what that horse did we'll all be happy. We bought him at Cheltenham last March after he'd been impressive in an Irish point. You can put a line through his first run for the yard in a competitive Kelso bumper as the ground had dried out too much for him. He ran a decent race behind some nice types at Hereford's reopening meeting and is going to need further and more

cut in the ground in time.

Dauphine Ereine

4f Saint Des Saints - Bellissima De Mai
John White & Anne Underhill
5-1113

RPR 117c OR 130c

She's an exciting new addition as she is a half-sister to stable star Dynaste, by the increasingly popular French stallion Saint Des Saints. There are plenty of options open to her following an encouraging third at Cartmel on her debut for the yard at the end of

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winner [Ozzie The Oscar] was completing a hat-trick at Ludlow, but the pair were clear of the others. A similar race should be within his compass and he might well be suited by a bit further.

Ennistown

6g Authorized - Saoirse Abu
Jones, Kelly & Whittle
224-031
RPR 142h OR 140h

We picked up this handsome individual at the John Ferguson dispersal sale. He didn't enjoy making the running on his debut for the yard at Uttoxeter in June, but performed much better next time when more patient tactics were employed and then won well at Cartmel over 3m1½f. We switched him back to the Flat a couple of weeks ago for the Cesarewitch but what could go wrong did go wrong as he was nearly brought down and then got quite badly hampered. We'll regroup with him and I'm sure there are more races to be won over hurdles.

Father Edward

7g Flemensfirth - Native Side
Fergus Wilson
3259-1P
RPR 138c OR 138c

Another we picked up at the John Ferguson dispersal and he was most impressive when winning at Cartmel over fences in August but then found things happening a bit too quickly in a valuable chase at Market Rasen over a trip that was probably on the short side for him [2m5f]. Back over 3m, he should be able to regain the winning thread again soon.

For 'N' Against

7g Presenting - Cut 'N' Run
E A P Scouller
215218
RPR 122h 127c OR 117h 122c

He was in good form over the summer, with the fitting of blinkers bringing about some improvement. He appreciates a sound surface so we'll keep him going until the rain comes.

Full

4g Mr. Sidney - Funny Feerie
Joe Moran
3-22
RPR 110h OR 117h

One of our recent consignments from the Arqana July sale and he looks a nice prospect for novice hurdles this autumn after showing progressive form in France. His last outing over there at the end of May was in a decent four-year-old race at Auteuil and we hope he can build on that.

Gabrial The Great

7g Montjeu - Bayourida
Paul & Clare Rooney
P-13341
RPR 135h 145c OR 126h 138c

Not the easiest horse to place as he has a distinct preference for fast ground and needs to go left-handed. His jumping is improving with experience, as he showed when winning at Uttoxeter last month.

Garran City

5g City Honours - Native Orchid
Jim Humberstone & Tom Ritzema
1- (point-to-point)
RPR 89 PTP

Impressive on his only start in an Irish point-to-point in March. We were looking to run

‘He's a very exciting recruit to the yard’

him in a bumper in the spring but the ground dried up. He's had a nice summer break and could start off in a bumper before going novice hurdling when underfoot conditions are suitably on the soft side.

Gary Charm

8g Ballingarry - Charmelia
Fergus Wilson
P-970F0
RPR 138h 103c OR 125c

He's only just arrived here from France having run at Auteuil a few weeks ago. He had form there in hurdles and chases, including when finishing down the field behind Ptit Zig in a Grade 1 hurdle. We don't know much about him yet but the likelihood is we'll crack on with him and he should be running shortly. He's entered at Cheltenham on Friday.

Gevrey Chambertin

8g Dom Alco - Fee Magic
Roger Stanley & Yvonne Reynolds III
19791-P
RPR 149h 145c OR 147h 136c

He's always possessed plenty of ability but to describe him as an enigma would be something of an understatement. When allowed an easy lead he's still difficult to pass, but he's definitely not the easiest to predict. He'll mix hurdling and chasing again this autumn and winter.

Gone Too Far

8g Kayf Tara - Major Hoolihan
Fergus Wilson
7U3-183
RPR 124h 139c OR 125h 135c

We bought him at the Doncaster sales out of Alan King's yard and he looks to be a 2m4f to 3m chaser who probably doesn't want the ground too soft. There should be quite a few options coming up – he could switch back to hurdles and we could mix and match with him.

Great Tempo

3g Great Pretender - Prima Note
The Angove Family
542
RPR 122h

Another to join Pond House from the Arqana summer sales after showing progressive form in three hurdle races in France. He was runner-up on his last run at Auteuil in June and has had a break since. He'll get the valuable three-year-old allowance in handicaps and we also have the option of running him in juvenile hurdles.

Heath Hunter

9g Shantou - Deep Supreme
The Heath Hunter Partnership
4254-87
RPR 132h 110c OR 122h 130c

Owing to his consistency

STAR QUALITY**King's Socks**

4g King's Best - Alexandrina
Bryan Drew
122-152
RPR 141h 139c OR 150h 147c

He's a very exciting recruit to the yard who we picked up at the Arqana July sale. He was one of the best four-year-old hurdlers in France with a couple of wins to his name. He finished his career there by running a close second to Footpad in the Grade 1 Prix Alain du Breil over hurdles at Auteuil which saw him end up being rated 150. He's also won over fences but is rated slightly lower in that sphere and we'll probably start him out over the larger obstacles. We'd like to think he might be one for the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham's Open meeting next month if he makes the cut and he'll not be seen before then. Nobody will miss him when they see him this season as he has some very striking white socks on each leg.

he spent all of last season above his last winning mark of January 2015 [127] and by the time he'd come down the ground was too lively for him. He's best when the mud is flying and now he's on a feasible mark he should be up to scoring again.

Herbert Park

7g Shantou - Traluide
Brocade Racing
121/U9P-
RPR 133h OR 126h

We had high hopes he'd make his mark in handicap hurdles last season but things didn't work out. After a poor effort when pulled up at Warwick in January, we put him away for a good break. For some reason he never looked good in his coat last season which might explain it, but he is much better this time around. He still has time on his side and is the type who could mix hurdling with novice chasing.

Houston Dynimo

11g Rock Of Gibraltar - Quiet Mouse
Miss S E Hartnell
345624
RPR 127h 132c OR 105h 102c

He's not getting any younger but what a star he's been since he was claimed out of a seller a couple of years ago. The handicapper has given him a

chance recently, but he's not won for almost a year despite running some creditable races. He wasn't helped by another horse taking him on at Exeter recently but, off his current mark, I'd like to think he'll win again sooner rather than later.

Impulsive American

4g American Post - Impulsive Decision
Mrs Jo Tracey
11-1124
RPR 127h 127c OR 133h 137c

It's hard to believe he's been at Pond House for just over 12 months, but he's proved to be another amazing buy. He's wonderfully versatile as he's won three times on the Flat and over hurdles as well as twice over fences – he's really blossomed recently. He'll continue to mix up all the codes and run where opportunities present themselves.

Iniciar

6g Galileo - Iota
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
0713-41
RPR 133h OR 130h

He surprised me a little when winning so well at Worcester last month but he's gone up the handicap quite markedly as a result so life is definitely not going to be easy for him. He seems equally at home over 2m or 2m4f handicaps. Perhaps trying him over fences might be a good option in the near future.

It's Obvious

4g Tobougg - Hiho Silver Lining
Professor Caroline Tisdall
52 (point-to-point)
RPR 89 PTP

I suppose with a dam called Hiho Silver Lining there was a very good chance he would be a striking grey, and that proved to be absolutely right. He's a lovely type we bought at the Aintree sales last April and we've given him plenty of time since his arrival. The form of his second place in a Monksgrange point-to-point looks good as the first two were a long way clear of their rivals. He's likely to be sent straight over hurdles but, looking at what a lovely big sort he is, he's definitely a proper chaser in the making.

Kalifourchon

5g Martaline - Kaly Flight
CHM Partnership
U79-105
RPR 124h OR 121h

Did really well last season with three hurdle victories and managed to win on his comeback at Market Rasen. However, he's been a shade



disappointing twice since and we may well try riding him more patiently in his races.

Katkeau

9g Kotky Bleu - Levine
Professor Caroline Tisdall, JA Gent
and RC Wilkin
113P-1P
RPR 154c OR 149c

A grand stamp of a staying chaser who proved successful three times before being put away for his summer break. We kept him in for a crack at the valuable Summer Cup at Uttoxeter but the ground had dried out a bit too much for his liking and he was pulled up. In fact, it seems he either wins or pulls up at that course as his three runs there read P1P. We'll be looking at the good staying chases with him this time around on soft ground, and he could go for veterans' races in the New Year.

La Vaticane

7m Turgeon - Taking Off
Ms Maria Bukhtoyarova
2/63518-
RPR 143c OR 140c

A fine, big sound jumper who will continue to ply her trade at around the 2m4f trip and looks best when conditions are testing. She ran in the Topham Chase over the Grand National fences at Aintree in April and was not disgraced, so she might be back there next spring. There's a good programme for mares now so maybe that might be worth looking at for her.

Lady Of Longstone

6m Beneficial - Christdalo
Miss S E Hartnell
0-37354
RPR 117c OR 118c

She started off last season

rated 90 and progressed at such a rate of knots which saw her land the valuable Challenger Mares' final at Haydock off a mark of 123 – so it proved to be an incredible term for her and her connections. I think she's best when the ground is riding on the faster side of good and, as she was very fluent at her hurdles, there must be every chance she'll prove as nimble over fences.

Magie Du Ma

3f Sageburg - To Much Fun
K Alexander
12-152
RPR 130h OR 140h

We bought her in France and she was one of the very best juvenile fillies, winning at Auteuil and Enghein before finishing an excellent second in a Grade 3 hurdle back at Auteuil in June. She's very good, we think a lot of her and as there's such a good mares' programme these days that provides an attractive option.

Mango Cap

5g Zambezi Sun - Medjai
S P Tracey & K Alexander
1300-P1
RPR 116h OR 119h

A useful winner on the Flat and over hurdles in France but seemed to take a while to acclimatise and translate that ability in Britain. However, the step up in trip at Perth saw him narrowly get his head in front. Perhaps there's more to come now he's finally won.

Martabot

5g Martaline - Reine De Sabot
Mrs Sarah Ling
F42/
RPR - OR 117h

Picked up an injury that has

EDWARD WHITAKER (RACINGPOST.COM/PHOTOS)



First lot canter back down to the bottom of the gallops at Pond House

STAR QUALITY

Moon Racer

7g Saffron Walden - Angel's Folly
 Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew
 1/11/21
 RPR 130h

Who would have thought that the winners of the Cheltenham Festival bumper for the last two years would clash on their hurdle debuts at Perth in September? Well, it happened and thankfully we came out on top with Moon Racer as he proved just too good for Ballyandy. The win should set the season up nicely for him and he's now likely to head to Cheltenham's Open meeting next month with that valuable experience under his belt. It wasn't ideal he had to miss all of last season after sustaining an injury, and we'd hoped we could bring him back for the festival in March but time beat us. We decided to go for the Punchestown bumper in April and, although he was beaten into second place, it was still a terrific performance after such a long time off and meant we still had the horse we thought we had. He'd done plenty of schooling over hurdles before the Perth race and we went there very hopeful and he didn't let us down. His long-term target will be the Supreme Novices' Hurdle in March back at Cheltenham and he'll be campaigned with that race very much in mind.



kept him off the course for almost two and half years after showing plenty of promise in juvenile hurdles in the French Provinces. He's still only five, so hopefully there will be plenty of time for him to repay his owner's patience. The likelihood is he'll try his hand in handicap hurdles soon.

Midnight Magic

4g Midnight Legend - Arctic Magic
 Middlesbrough Racing
 Unraced

He's been given plenty of time as he was a big, raw three-year-old, but he's now grown up and is a nice big horse who arrived at the yard only recently. He moves well and seems to have a good attitude, which should stand him in good stead. We'll start him off in a bumper.

DARK HORSE

Miss Tynte

4f Mahler - Top Quality
 Nick Shutts
 2
 RPR 89b

She's from a very good jumping family as her dam is a sister to good chaser Simply Dashing. She came to us after being bought at the Cheltenham sales in May following a decent second in a bumper at the Punchestown festival. As always, it's far from easy to assess that overall form but there have been a few winners out of the race and that's encouraging. I like her a lot - she's just the type we can go down the mares' route with in novice hurdles.

Mister Drifter

4g Stowaway - Graces Choice
 Brocade Racing
 Unraced

Big four-year-old who's a good mover on the gallops. We'll be looking to start him off in a bumper at a galloping track.

Monetaire

10g Anabaa - Monitrice
 Allan Stennett
 12U/886-
 RPR 127h 146c OR 130h 138c

It turned out to be a frustrating time with him last year. He finished eighth in the Paddy Power Gold Cup but then really disappointed in a handicap chase at Newbury. He just wasn't himself after the last run so we pulled stumps. He's back on the same mark as when runner-up at the Cheltenham Festival in 2015 and we might consider going

down the veterans' chase route.

Mr Big Shot

5g Flemensfirth - Une Etoile
 Professor Caroline Tisdall
 1-
 RPR 127b

Certainly lives up to his name as he's a giant at over 17 hands. He won a competitive-looking bumper on his debut in March, despite his inexperience. He's bred to be a chaser as his dam is a half-sister to Midlands National winner Philson Run. Very much one to look forward to and the chances are we'll start him off over a stiff 2m.

Mr Burgees

7g Westerner - My Kinda Girl
 Paul & Clare Rooney
 F2133-4
 RPR 127h 119c OR 120h 115c
 A consistent and genuine

gelding who wasn't disgraced on his seasonal debut last month. He should come on for that outing and is likely to mix hurdling and chasing.

Navanman

7g Well Chosen - Teamplin
 Mrs Yvonne Fleet
 8/07111-
 RPR 117h OR 120h

Rattled off a quickfire hat-trick over hurdles in February and seemed suited by the step up to 3m. He has the size and scope to do well over fences and chasing is likely to be his game.

Nice Thoughts

4g Shamardal - Zacheta
 David Manasseh
 54-247
 RPR 118h OR 110h

Has shown promise over hurdles without winning and
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is proving a bit frustrating. Although he handles most types of ground, he might be better with some cut and could be seen on the Flat [where he has won twice] and over hurdles.

Obistar

6g Astarabad - Vallee Du Luy
Brocade Racing
51U/523-
RPR 114h OR 112h

He's had a nice long summer break. He's at his best when stamina is at a premium and the plan is to go novice chasing when the rain comes.

Orchard Thieves

4g Ask - Ballycleary
Brocade Racing
2- (point-to-point)
RPR 90 PTP

A promising second in an Irish point-to-point in February, he's a lovely, big horse who's going to make a good chaser in time and will appreciate give in the ground. We have the option of starting him off in a bumper or a novice hurdle with the former likely to be the way we'll go.

Perspicace

5g Sir Percy - Cassique Lady
Mrs Alison Buchanan & William Mackay
110437-
RPR 124h OR 122h

He was on the go all summer and will be kept going for a while as he prefers top of the ground – but as soon as the weather changes he'll be away on his winter holidays.

Poisoned Berry

4f Scorpion - Prunelle
Webb Turner
22-14
RPR 87h

A new addition to the yard and did well to win on her debut for the team when landing a Worcester bumper in August. She'll learn plenty for her first run over hurdles at Newton Abbot and, although she isn't the biggest, she's very tough.

Port Navas

5g Court Cave - Mrs Quigley
John White & Anne Underhill
7PP4-7
RPR 86h OR 86h

He's not yet lived up to expectations but did show a bit more when fourth over hurdles at Exeter, although he failed to build on that last time. He's a good-looking type who is open to improvement and will stay over hurdles for now, but chasing is his future.

Prideofthecastle

9g Waky Nao - Park's Pet
Bryan Drew
0/1432-4
RPR 131c OR 123c

It was a feather in the cap for all the team's hard work and diligence to get the horse back from a near two years off when he scored on his comeback at Leicester last season. For his age, he doesn't have a lot of mileage and could run in veterans' chases come January.

Prospera Pascha

3f Robin Des Champs - Easter Legend
Mr & Mrs S C Willes
Unraced

A very well-bred filly by Robin Des Champs out of Listed chase winner Easter Legend, but we've not had her for long. She was quite lively to start

'He won six races before picking up an injury – but he could still be heading for the top'

with, but is now settling into her work. We'll start her off in bumpers in due course.

Purple 'N Gold

7g Strategic Prince - Golden Dew
Mrs Lynne Webb
346326-
RPR 142c OR 135c

He'll always have a place in my heart as he was my 1,000th winner when scoring at Haydock last May. He's the type you can usually set your watch by.

Ramses De Teillee

4g Martaline - Princesse D'Orton
John White & Anne Underhill
31- (point-to-point)
RPR 91 PTP

Another exciting recruit to come from the Irish point-to-point field who we bought at the Cheltenham sales last April. We'd considered giving him an outing in a bumper

soon afterwards but thought better of it as the ground had become a bit too lively. He's had a good break and will be out shortly.

Rathealy

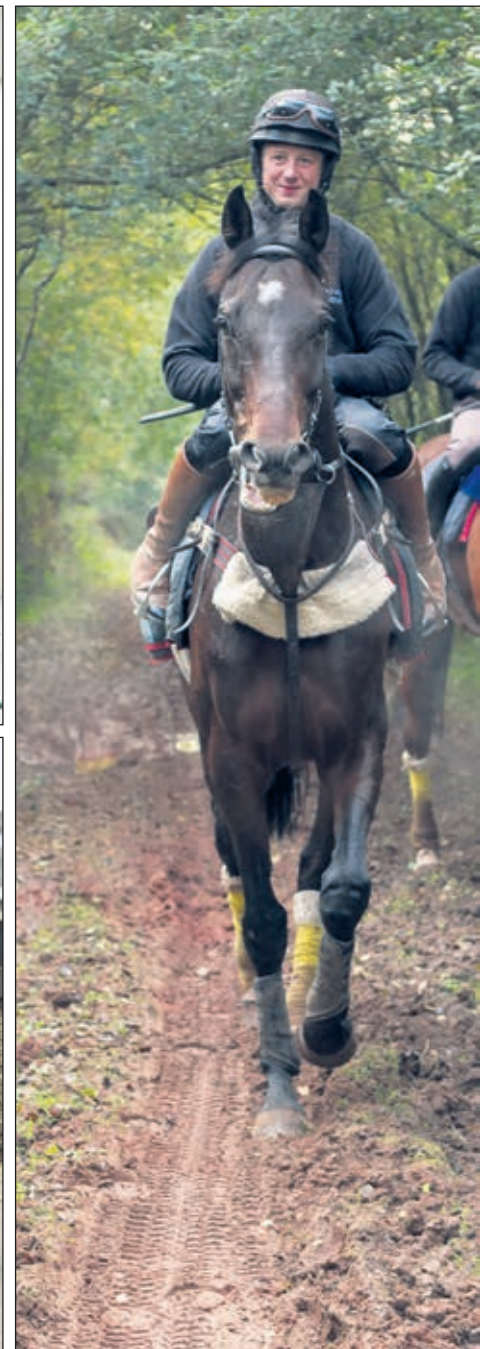
5g Baltic King - Baltic Belle
The Goodman Partnership
P9P0-55
RPR 123h OR 114h

He's proved a bit disappointing since winning twice in 2015 but ran a bit better last time at Newton Abbot. He's gradually coming down the handicap but opportunities are somewhat limited as he needs to go left-handed. Softer ground will help.

Red Sherlock

7g Shirocco - Lady Cricket
The Johnson Family
1/1119/
RPR 148h OR 145h

He was bred by the late and



much-missed David Johnson and his future looked very bright after he notched a six-timer in bumpers and hurdles. Unluckily he picked up an injury when losing his unbeaten status behind Faugheen at the festival in 2014 and has not been seen in public since. We did everything we could to get him back on the racecourse last year but it didn't come to fruition. We'll be trying again as he has just started cantering and it's so far, so good. He remains a horse who might be capable of heading to the top.

Red Square Revival

5g Presenting - Alder Flower
Halewood International
1
RPR 108b

He comes from a jumping family but was good enough to win a bumper really well at Worcester last month. Whatever he does now, he's bound to give his owner Judy Halewood plenty of fun and some good advertising for one of her company's products!

Sadler's Gold

6g Gold Well - Mrs Quigley
Geoff Thompson
541/
RPR 105h

He missed all of last season but had looked progressive when winning a maiden hurdle well at Exeter in April last year. He's still only six

and should be back in action this winter.

Saint John Henry

6g Saint Des Saints - Noceane
Bryan Drew
F/F8325
RPR 125h OR 121h

The handicapper was in control last season and he still remains on a mark higher than when he last won in February 2015. We will try schooling him over fences at home but he isn't the biggest so we will have to see how he gets on. His overall form suggests he wants lots of give in the ground, so the weather is going to decide when he runs.

Shaama Grise

4f Montmartre - Shaama Rose
The Angove Family
32
RPR 103h

An attractive filly, she had solid form around Auteuil before she joined the yard and is the type who could stay over hurdles this winter or switch to fences where she'd be eligible for the mares' and four-year-old allowances.

Shotavodka

10g Alderbrook - Another Vodka
Mrs Jane Gerard-Pearse
6U4134-
RPR 144h 149c OR 127h 137c

He's been a real star for Pond House over the years and once again made a valuable contribution with victory in

a veterans' chase at Newbury in March. Somehow the handicapper saw fit to hike him up 12lb for that win but he still continued to perform with plenty of credit in a couple of runs afterwards. He'll be campaigned in much the same way again this season in that he'll mix chasing with hurdling.

Skinflint

4g Scorpion - Gales Hill
Professor Caroline Tisdall & John Gent
2- (point-to-point)
RPR 87 PTP

Since we bought him at the Cheltenham sales in April, he's done nothing but please me as we gave him a nice summer holiday and he came back having strengthened up significantly. The form of his point-to-point seems to have worked out pretty well and he's obviously a chaser down the road. But in the shorter term, there's every chance he'll start off for us in a bumper.

Skylander

7g Flemensfirth - Cat Burglar
The Trap Team Partnership
863126

RPR 122h 133c OR 119h 124c He's a consistent type who usually runs his race. He's mixed hurdling and chasing over the summer, winning a handicap hurdle at Worcester in August, and will continue to do the same.



EXPERT VIEW Graham Dench, reporter

Mr Big Shot

He looked to have considerable potential when overcoming his understandable greenness and his considerable bulk to make an impressive winning debut in a fair bumper at Uttoxeter in March. Eventually he'll be plying his trade in staying chases, quite possibly at a high level, but in the short term he can win another bumper or two and make a smart novice hurdler.





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A typical day at Pond House (clockwise from top left): Champers On Ice is hosed down by Rosie Clarke; heading to the schooling ground; happy horses keep an eye on what's going on outside their boxes; David Pipe checks the Racing Post; Conor O'Farrell and Sarah Buckley share a few words between duties

Twentytwo's Taken

8m King's Theatre - Persian Desert
K Alexander
746/1-FP
RPR 127h OR 128h
She returned from a year off to win at Exeter in March under a very well-timed ride from our conditional David Noonan but then took a very nasty-looking fall at Worcester in June. She may well have been remembering that horrible experience when disappointing next time. We've schooled her over fences and the plan is to go novice chasing shortly.

Unanimite

5g Kentucky Dynamite - Dame Blanche
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
2085-74
RPR 134h OR 130h
He met with a setback that curtailed his season after running at Musselburgh in February, but his two outings since suggest he retains his ability. He plugged on really well to finish fourth last time at Uttoxeter this month, which suggested he is up to winning again in the near future.

Vincent's Forever

3g Pour Moi - Glen Rosie
Mange Tout
1-55341 (Flat)
RPR 87 Flat
He won twice on the Flat for John Gosden and we picked him up at the Doncaster sales last month. He's been schooling nicely enough over hurdles and he should be out soon competing in juvenile hurdles.

Vieux Lion Rouge

7g Sabiango - Indecise
Professor Caroline Tisdall & John Gent
11U267-
RPR 150c RPR 142c
He had a really good first season over fences as he won three times and finished second in a Listed chase at Ascot. On his final start of the

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Soll

11g Presenting - Montefolene
Derrick Mossop
9/0413P-
RPR 116h 152c OR 149c
What a giant star he's been since arriving at Pond House in 2015 having won three veterans' chases. The last of those successes was in a series final at Sandown in January when he showed his trademark tenacity to score a narrow victory in what can only be described as horrendous conditions. I'd have loved to have trained him at an earlier stage of his career but he's not back with us yet as he has only just started pre-training.

Starchitect

5g Sea The Stars - Humilis
Paul & Clare Rooney
4F/253-1
RPR 151h OR 150h
We gave him a good break before a tilt at the Cesarewitch but that didn't work out and he finished down the field. He'll go back jumping in the very near future and could have a campaign over fences. Last season he contested three of the most valuable handicap hurdles and ran creditably in all of them before he went to Newton Abbot in May and he fully deserved to get his head in front. I'm sure he'll do well this season whether it be staying over hurdles or going chasing.

Stay Out Of Court

5g Court Cave - Lucky To Live
Paul & Clare Rooney
3
RPR 98b
Runner-up in a couple of Irish point-to-points before joining us, he had a run around Worcester in June in a bumper and showed distinct promise on ground that was probably as quick as he'd want. He'll improve for a trip over hurdles and will make a lovely chaser.

Susie Sheep

6m Robin Des Champs - Haudello
Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew
52/2524/
RPR 110h 122c OR 113h 118c
Missed most of last season through injury but before that had shown progressive form in a couple of chases. She's not without her quirks but has obvious ability. We have options as she's a maiden over hurdles and fences.

Sweettoothtommy

6g Definite Article - My Linda
Mrs Sarah Ling
6-
RPR 46h
In the frame on three of his four runs in Irish point-to-points and might have won the other as he was in front when coming down. On his first start at Exeter but has had a break. I'm sure he's better than that and he'll be back over hurdles soon.

Taws

5m Hernando - Reaf
R K Arrowsmith
727270/ (Flat)
She'd been in good form on the Flat in 2015 before picking up an injury with her last yard. She's doing plenty of walking and swimming with a view to stepping up work over the next few weeks. If all goes well she should make her debut for us around Christmas/New Year.

The Two Amigos

4g Midnight Legend - As Was
The Bradley Partnership
361-6
RPR 68b
After winning the last of his three starts in Irish point-to-points in good style, we bought him from the Punchestown sales in Ireland. He comes from the same family as Escartefigue, a high-class chaser/hurdler who my father trained, and we expected a decent show on his British debut at Newton Abbot in a bumper in May. He's been given a break since and has strengthened up a lot, so the plan will be to send him novice hurdling and I'd think he'll be stepping up in trip.

Thunder Pass

5g High Chaparral - Hadarama
Pipe Monkees
5494
RPR 96h OR 95h
Won twice on the Flat last year before joining us and has

STAR QUALITY

Un Temps Pour Tout

7g Robin Des Champs - Rougedespoir
Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew
122414-
RPR 164h 164c
OR 163h 158c
The Pond House standard bearer in 2015-16 as he landed the French Champion Hurdle at Auteuil and then went on to prove himself one of the best novice chasers in training when winning the Ultima Handicap at the Cheltenham Festival last March. He was not at his best at Aintree the following month and he has had a well-deserved break since. The plan will be to contest all the best staying chases and he could well have a prep run before going to Haydock for the Betfair Chase or the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury – the latter would appeal as a more likely target at this stage. He is still only seven years old and the hope is that he will develop into top-notch chaser through the season. The dream, of course, is that he will end up being good enough to run in the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

shown flashes of promise over hurdles. He seemed suited by a test of stamina on the Flat but that might not be the case now he's hurdling and 2m could be his trip. Given his ability on the Flat, he should prove capable of better and should improve with experience.

Tobacco Road

6g Westerner - Virginias Best
Stephen Quinlan
6/673
RPR 95h OR 97h
He joined Pond House after sustaining an injury with his previous yard and we gave him plenty of time to recover. He's quite a keen-going type who ideally needs to relax in order for us to get the best out of him. He was still a bit free on his last start at Bangor and still has a bit to learn.

Top Wood

9g Kotky Bleu - Heure Bleu
Mrs Jo Tracey
51F7F-0
RPR 138h 145c OR 133h 139c
It was a case of what might have been with him last season as he fell at the Cheltenham Festival and in the Scottish Grand National at Ayr when bang in contention and going really well. On the plus side, he did manage to win a valuable chase at Ludlow before those two unlucky falls so it wasn't all bad. He's another for whom veterans' chases might be the way forward.

STABLE TOUR DAVID PIPE

campaign, he ran a great race to finish seventh in the Grand National, which was some effort for a novice having only his seventh start over fences. His owners are keen to end up back at Aintree next April and he could well start off on that road in the Becher Chase over the National fences in December.

Virtual D'Oudon

7g Network - La Belle Illusion
Stephen Quinlan
42P181/

RPR 142h 124c OR 142h 127c

He's been on the sidelines since winning a Pertemps qualifier at Chepstow in February 2015 but will be back this term and will mix hurdling and novice chasing. He's a likable, tough and genuine horse who possesses stamina in abundance and I really hope he'll reward the patience of his owner this winter.

What A Moment

6g Milan - Cuiogue Lady
Bryan Drew & Steve Roper
4/4248-2

RPR 121h OR 121h

He's yet to progress as anticipated but took a step in the right direction when finishing second at Perth last month on his seasonal comeback with a nice summer break behind him. He has the make and shape of a chaser and could go down that route shortly.

UNNAMED HORSES

3g Shantou - Desert Gail
David Robinson

A lovely-looking horse who has been broken and will make his racecourse debut in the New Year.

4g Shantou - Maidrin Rua
Halewood International

From the same family as Scottish Champion Hurdle winner Sign Of A Victory and 1981 Supreme Novices' Hurdle winner Hartstown and will be ready to run in the coming months.

3g Oscar - Aileen Supreme
William Frewen

Comes from the same family as Graded winners Colonel Braxton and Bishops Hall. He'll run in the New Year.

3g Martaline - Bellissima De Mai
Arthur White Partnership

A brother to Dynaste and one we're really looking forward. He'll start off in bumpers later in the season.

5g Black Sam Bellamy
Tony Phipps

A massive horse as he stands at 17.2 hands. He's well



Two shades of grey: Dynaste (Sarah Buckley, near side) and Gevrey Chambertin (Olivia Hutchings) cut a striking sight on the gallops at Pond House

'We're really looking forward to running brother to Dynaste'

proportioned but is backward and will take time.

4g Getaway - Anne Hathaway
Professor Caroline Tisdall

Came to us from Tony Costello in Ireland and will run in bumpers as the season progresses.

3f Kutub - Shali San
John White & Anne Underhill

A homebred filly from a nice family. I trained her dam to win a bumper and that's where we'll start with this one.

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STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp Hdles	1,596	275	180	158	983	17	█	-577.15	-36%
Hcp Hdles	2,355	289	250	230	1,586	12	█	-448.51	-19%
Non-hcp Chses	467	130	90	80	167	28	█	-10.41	-2%
Hcp Chses	1,583	223	154	148	1,058	14	█	-117.60	-7%
NH Flat	347	74	40	40	193	21	█	+2.82	+1%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Tom Scudamore	514-3033	16.9	-547.66
Conor O'Farrell	77-576	13.4	-104.97
Danny Cook	28-168	16.7	+25.75
Kieron Edgar	22-226	9.7	-73.56
Michael Heard	21-136	15.4	+1.49
Tom Bellamy	13-91	14.3	-37.33
David Noonan	9-106	8.5	-47.03
Paddy Brennan	4-16	25.0	+4.75
Richard Johnson	3-14	21.4	-0.25
Daryl Jacob	3-23	13.0	-8.75
Mr J J Codd	2-5	40.0	+9.33
Nick Schoolfield	2-7	28.6	+5.00

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	109-640	17.0	-51.86
February	127-633	20.1	-63.90
March	99-780	12.7	-76.84
April	84-648	13.0	-174.79
May	87-485	17.9	-85.49
June	57-373	15.3	-114.08
July	39-308	12.7	-130.64
August	48-313	15.3	-54.91
September	51-269	19.0	-33.21
October	61-454	13.4	-204.24
November	112-730	15.3	-135.61
December	117-715	16.4	-25.28

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	53-340	15.6	-134.31
Hcp Hdl	60-454	13.2	-55.40
Non-hcp Chs	35-87	40.2	+14.31
Hcp Chs	34-271	12.5	-40.67
NH Flat	42-186	22.6	+59.21

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	153-327	46.8	-5.65
Hcp Hdl	123-457	26.9	-52.62
Non-hcp Chs	82-169	48.5	-16.96
Hcp Chs	84-315	26.7	-24.55
NH Flat	41-103	39.8	+2.74

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Newton Abbot	60-459	13.1	21-139	7-24	19-199	10-82	3-15	-149.67
Cheltenham	59-633	9.3	10-93	13-78	14-221	19-218	3-23	-115.66
Uttoxeter	57-325	17.5	19-89	6-19	15-114	13-81	4-22	+21.54
Wincanton	55-360	15.3	14-92	0-3	18-152	22-99	1-14	-97.82
Exeter	55-395	13.9	16-112	5-20	22-169	9-74	3-20	-129.29
Taunton	51-394	12.9	17-182	1-10	19-142	12-44	2-16	-108.25
Worcester	45-295	15.3	10-58	5-25	15-117	7-61	8-34	-100.63
Fontwell	44-214	20.6	14-67	5-13	12-81	7-35	6-18	-33.10
Chepstow	42-231	18.2	15-72	2-9	14-71	8-67	3-12	-9.19
Newbury	37-269	13.8	8-59	4-18	10-87	13-96	2-9	+16.67
Ascot	31-179	17.3	4-27	4-19	11-65	7-60	5-8	+36.58
Stratford	31-180	17.2	11-47	5-12	8-64	6-51	1-6	-27.60
Towcester	30-140	21.4	9-44	6-13	4-40	4-22	7-21	-5.93
Plumpton	29-129	22.5	10-52	3-9	6-35	4-21	6-12	-21.99
Ffos Las	27-169	16.0	6-37	1-2	8-64	5-39	7-27	-24.87
Warwick	24-127	18.9	3-26	3-10	8-48	8-29	2-14	+3.92
Market Rasen	23-140	16.4	6-20	7-9	6-57	3-49	1-5	-47.24
Sandown	23-157	14.6	9-22	3-13	9-88	1-30	1-4	-40.63
Leicester	21-55	38.2	5-13	4-7	4-13	8-22	0-0	+13.58
Haydock	21-141	14.9	2-13	0-8	10-78	8-40	1-2	+21.60
Ludlow	20-132	15.2	10-59	2-7	4-35	2-24	2-7	-31.73
Perth	19-52	36.5	4-8	2-4	6-20	7-19	0-1	+27.53
Hereford	17-98	17.3	4-30	3-11	6-31	4-21	0-5	-15.52
Southwell	15-80	18.7	3-16	5-12	4-31	3-16	0-5	-20.03
Huntingdon	15-94	16.0	2-21	2-6	7-44	4-18	0-5	-22.72
Bangor	15-120	12.5	2-31	4-11	4-48	4-25	1-5	-28.38
Kempton	15-141	10.6	4-22	3-24	5-58	3-35	0-2	-75.46
Fakenham	12-27	44.4	6-13	4-6	2-5	0-3	0-0	+10.33
Wetherby	12-67	17.9	3-21	6-13	1-14	2-14	0-5	-37.55
Sedgefield	11-40	27.5	6-14	2-4	1-11	0-6	2-5	-7.60
Carlisle	10-26	38.5	3-4	2-6	2-7	3-8	0-1	+10.58
Aintree	10-177	5.6	2-23	3-19	2-54	2-75	1-6	-81.63
Lingfield	9-49	18.4	3-20	1-4	3-13	2-12	0-0	-17.59
Doncaster	8-59	13.6	3-14	1-3	0-17	4-18	0-7	-13.50
Hexham	6-23	26.1	1-5	3-4	1-7	1-7	0-0	-8.02
Newcastle	6-24	25.0	3-4	0-1	0-5	2-11	1-3	+4.18
Ayr	6-46	13.0	2-3	0-2	2-18	2-22	0-1	-15.95
Musselburgh	5-12	41.7	1-3	0-0	3-5	0-3	1-1	+2.75
Kelso	5-26	19.2	1-3	2-4	2-7	0-11	0-1	-16.15
Carlmeil	3-16	18.7	0-2	0-2	1-7	2-5	0-0	+7.00
Catterick	1-8	12.5	0-2	0-1	0-2	1-3	0-0	-3.50
Southwell (AW)	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-1.00
Kempton (AW)	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	-2.00
Lingfield (AW)	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	-2.00

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ALAN KING

The leading trainer runs the rule over his string in part two of our series

THE jumps season is beginning to get into full swing but it's as if Alan King has never been away. Twenty winners on the Flat have kept the evergreen Scot in the limelight, along with 29 summer jumps successes, so it's no surprise the mood is positive at Barbury Castle.

"It's been good," says King, brushing aside the uncertainty of his yard being on the market. "We usually don't get to this number of jumps winners by December, let alone October, and the Flat is good for business and good for morale."

"We try and buy two-year-olds with staying pedigrees, so if they're good enough you can send them juvenile hurdling. Some of them, like Cosmeapolitan, Dino Velvet and Master Blueyes, could be exciting recruits for what looks a strong juvenile team, but

Mood upbeat as winners flow in ahead of schedule

we'll also have old favourites like Smad Place and good horses who have been on the missing list, like Uxizandre, Carraig Mor and Valdez.

"We don't have a huge team for novice chasing but there's a good bunch of mares to aim at the new programme."

"Our numbers are well up. We've been the same for the last few years and stayed competitive, although sometimes it means punching above our weight, because we don't have fortunes to spend."

"The big thing for us has

been resurfacing the six-and-a-half-furlong ring gallop with carpet fibre. I'm delighted with that and when the horses are fit we'll use it a lot this winter. They enjoy going round there and it keeps them fresher and sharper than using the hill all the time.

"My ambition as ever is to keep knocking off those big races and, having had a blank Cheltenham, I'd like to get back on the scoreboard again, although that gets harder every year."

Interview by Peter Thomas

Alaskan Poet

Four-year-old gelding
Yeats (sire) - Takotna (dam)
Owner: Ian Payne and Kim Franklin
Form figures: 2

Racing Post Rating: 91 Official rating: -

Didn't show a great deal last season but we persevered and gave him one run in a bumper, where he finished a promising second, before putting him away. He's small but he's strengthened up and the plan is to give him one more bumper run before going over hurdles.

Annacotty

8g Beneficial - Mini Moo Min
Mrs Peter Prowting
0E/1610-
RPR 159 OR 156

Won twice at Cheltenham for us last season, including the Paddy Power Gold Cup, and is back in very good form. He'd always made a little noise and we hobbled him in the summer, thinking it might bring about a few pounds of improvement, so the plan is to start him off back in what's now the BetVictor Gold Cup. He needs time between his

races and loves Cheltenham, so we'll keep him fresh and target 2m4f handicaps round there, with the possibility he could step up in trip at some stage.

Azzerti

4g Voix Du Nord - Zalagarry
McNeill Family and Prodec Networks Ltd
44-
RPR 104

Ran twice in bumpers last season, travelling like the best horse in the second but getting very tired late on in testing

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EDWARD WHITAKER (RACINGPOST.COM/PHOTOS)



Alan King and Smad Place in the outdoor school at Barbury Castle

decent races, not beaten far in the Fred Winter. He's still a novice and is a big, rangy horse who we're excited about. He has the size and scope to make a lovely chaser in a year's time.

Mia's Storm

6m September Storm - Letitia's Gain
Maple Street Partnership
24P-11
RPR 126 OR 126

Irish point winner who ran second in a Listed mares' bumper for us, but then we lost her through the winter – either she wasn't quite right or she wasn't handling the bad ground – so we gave her a break and she won two this spring. She's back in strong work and will start off over hurdles when the ground eases, but may well go mares' novice chasing.

Midnight Maestro

4g Midnight Legend - Calamintha
JP McManus
1-
RPR 109

Tall, rangy horse who was a bumper winner last season and is just about ready to go novice hurdling. I think he'll do well.

Midnight Prayer

11g Midnight Legend - Onawing
Andaprayer
The Legends Partnership
9/4217P
RPR 146 OR 139

Second in a Grade 3 chase at Warwick in January and was the only finisher in a veterans' chase in brutal conditions at Exeter next time. Ran well on ground too quick for him at Cheltenham and although he's 11 he hasn't got many miles on the clock and he's in very good form. We'll look at a valuable veterans' chase at Sandown in December and at the Warwick race again.

Minella Charmer

5g King's Theatre - Kim Hong
David Sewell
3/8215-
RPR 141 OR 139

In good form last year until disappointing in Graded company at Doncaster. He came back with a little problem but everything seems fine

now and he's ready to roll over fences when the ground eases, at 2m4f.

Miss Crick

5m Midnight Legend - Kwaheri
David Sewell
3-11211
RPR 134 OR 138

Lost her way after disappointing when not quite right in the Aintree mares' bumper in 2015 and took a long time to get over it, but had a marvellous summer, winning four up to 2m4f and gaining confidence. She's very progressive and I think 2m4f on decent ground is her optimum. Holds an entry at Cheltenham on Friday.

My Khaleesi

5m Kayf Tara - Katess
Mrs M C Sweeney
210-
RPR 112

Good bumper filly who is schooling well and will go mares' novice hurdling at the end of November over 2m or 2m4f and doesn't mind soft ground.

Oceane

4g Kentucky Dynamite - Zahrana
McNeill Family
11442-
RPR 129 OR 134

Had a very good season on the Flat but missed the Cesarewitch with a little niggle that held me up for a few weeks. He's fine again now and we'll try and get him out over hurdles soon on good ground, which is very important, and I'd say he's crying out for 2m4f. He could have a mid-winter break or maybe we'll try him on the all-weather, but there's a good handicap hurdle in him when conditions are right.

Ordo Ab Chao

7g Heron Island - Houldyurwhist
Alan Marsh
11417P/
RPR 144 OR 144

Good novice hurdler who was due to go novice chasing last year but got pneumonia and pleurisy and we nearly lost him. He's back healthy and well and cantering, and he schooled over fences last year, but we'll take our time.

Peggie's Venture

5m Presenting - Peggies Run
Sir Christopher and Lady Wates
1-
RPR 94

A new arrival who won a Lingfield bumper on her only

**HORSE TO FOLLOW
Richard Birch**



Yanworth

Even though he ran an excellent race to finish second to Yorkhill in the Neptune at Cheltenham in March, it's hard to escape the feeling that Yanworth may have underperformed that day.

The sheer brilliance of his previous wins at Cheltenham and Ascot was missing, and it would be no surprise to see him return to the festival next year and go one better in either the Champion or World Hurdle.



run last year. We may start her in a mares' bumper at Fontwell tomorrow.

Pique Rock

4f King's Theatre - Flutter Bye
Mrs Juliet Minton

An unraced filly who was ready to go but then had a slight niggle in the spring. She may start in a mares' bumper at Warwick on November 4.

Rainbow Dreamer

3g Aqlaam - Zamhrear
The Maple Street Partnership
2
RPR 114

Decent Flat horse who finished second on his National Hunt debut in a four-runner Chepstow hurdle, but even that disappointed me. Maybe he likes the hustle and bustle of a big field, or maybe the winner [Dolos] is very good, but he'll be a lot sharper for the run and his jumping should be a bit slicker next time.

Reality Bites

5g Mahler - Seeds Of Doubt
Masterson Holdings Ltd
1-
RPR 91

Ex-Irish winning pointer who looks a fine horse, has progressed through the summer and has pleased me with his preparation so far. He'll start at 2m4f in novice hurdles but will get further in time.

Rosa Damascena

3m Kalanisi - Rosewater
McNeill Family
3

Ex-French Flat horse who may have a run on the Flat for us, but after a good break she's back in strong work and her main target is the juvenile fillies' Listed race at Aintree at the beginning of December.

She may have a run over hurdles two or three weeks before that.

Sceau Royal

4g Doctor Dino - Sandside
Simon Munir and Isaac Souede
211106-
RPR 137 OR 139

A good juvenile from last season who disappointed at Aintree and Cheltenham when my horses weren't really on fire, but he's had a break and I'm very happy with him. He'll start off in the four-year-old hurdle at Cheltenham at the weekend and I'm looking forward to him.

Sego Success

8g Beneficial - The West Road
Tim Leadbetter
501F4-6
RPR 147 OR 141

Won at Doncaster last season and that sort of track seems to suit him. He certainly doesn't like Cheltenham, so we'll stay on flat courses at 3m plus. He's not far off a run but he wouldn't want the ground too deep.

Tara View

5m Kayf Tara - Temptation
Denis Barry
06-1
RPR 99

Progressed with every run last season and won her bumper impressively in the spring. She had a few niggles and we had to be patient, but she got there in the end and has returned to us looking great. She's started schooling and has plenty of scope, but she's a good-actioned mare and we'll avoid deep ground. We'll start her off in about a month over 2m or 2m4f.

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Lord Huntingdon

3g Lord Of England - Marajuana
Paul and Clare Rooney
1U
RPR 104

Useful on the Flat up to 1m2f and won as he pleased in a juvenile hurdle at Huntingdon on his first run for us. Nothing went right for him at Kempton on Sunday, when he saw too much daylight from an early stage and unseated Wayne Hutchinson when still in contention two out. He's fine after that and I'd say he doesn't lack speed, so we may keep

him to the sharper tracks, while I also feel he'll be better in a bigger field.

Master Blueyes

3g Mastercraftsman - Missblueyes
The Barbury Lions
RPR 93f OR 88f

Enjoyed a marvellous season for us on the Flat and has schooled very well. He'll go hurdling in a few weeks but might not want very testing ground.

McCabe Creek

6g Robin Des Pres - Kick And Run
Ian Payne and Kim Franklin
133-R25
RPR 129 OR 129

It took us a while to find the key to him but he ran consistently well last year. His hurdling improvement has finally levelled out, so we've schooled him over fences and he's just about ready to go novice chasing at 2m or 2m4f

Messire Des Obeaux

4g Saddler Maker - Madame Lys
Simon Munir and Isaac Souede
5637-
RPR 128 OR 128

Came to us from France late last winter and ran well in

DARK HORSE

Laser Light

5g Kutub - Sioux Falls
Simon Munir and Isaac Souede
1-
RPR 118

Ex-Irish pointer who won very well on his debut in a bumper at Towcester. He's straightforward and will start off novice hurdling over 2m4f when we get proper ground. I think he's a very progressive individual.

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GORDON ELLIOTT

The rising force of Irish racing talks about his string as our Stable Tour series continues

STABLE TOUR GORDON ELLIOTT

ON WEDNESDAY, September 28 at 11.30am Gordon Elliott was 8-11 favourite with Paddy Power to be crowned Ireland's champion trainer at the end of the season. Granted, he only stayed there for less than an hour, but the fact he was there at all shows how far the 38-year-old has come in a short space of time.

That Wednesday morning was when Gigginstown took all their goodies away from Willie Mullins' yard. Elliott got the tastiest treats, including last year's juiciest juvenile Apple's Jade, Gold Cup third Don Poli and Blow By Blow, who beat Moon Racer in a Grade 1 bumper at the Punchestown festival. The unbeaten Lucky Pass was also part of the package.

That quartet strengthen a squad that already contains a Gold Cup winner. Don Cossack's recovery from a tendon injury is going well. The scans came back all-clear and several weeks of road work with Dot Love have been completed without any hiccups. One prep and back to the Gold Cup is the plan. But any glitches along the way and a happy retirement beckons. No risks will be taken.

Last season's Coral Cup winner Diamond King made a flawless chasing debut at Galway last week and is destined for the Drinmore. He is part of an impressive squad of novice chasers that includes Grade 1-winning hurdler Prince Of Scars and Sutton Place.

Death Duty, Blow By Blow, Lucky Pass and Miracle In Medinah are a quartet of quality bumper performers from last season of whom big things are expected over hurdles in the coming months.

But do not be too downbeat if some of his returning stars do not deliver first time out as Elliott has altered his training regime.

"Two years ago I had my horses flying fit and they were winning bumpers and maiden hurdles first time out," says Elliott. "But I've changed things – you have to look at the bigger picture now and remember the big-race targets later in the season."

Interview by David Jennings

A Toi Phil

Six-year-old gelding
Day Flight (sire) - Lucidrile (dam)
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Form: 2/0117-P

Racing Post Rating: 152
Official Rating: 146

A nice recruit to have from Willie Mullins. There were times last year when he looked really good over hurdles and you'd like to think chasing will bring out the best in him. He'll start off in a beginners' chase in four or five weeks' time. He's an exciting horse.

Ainslie

4g Mastercraftsman - Capriole
The Long Pour Partnership
0-2F443
RPR 112h OR 105h

He wants better ground than what he got at Fairyhouse the other day. He'll have a run or two in the next couple of

Extra firepower has contender looking at the bigger picture

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Cullentra House Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Longwood, County Meath
- ▶▶ **Started training** October 19, 2006
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 150
- ▶▶ **Members of staff** 50
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainers** Olly Murphy, Ian Amond
- ▶▶ **Head lad** Simon McGonagle
- ▶▶ **Travelling head lass** Camilla Sharpes
- ▶▶ **Assistant travelling head lad** Brian Flood
- ▶▶ **Assistant travelling head lass** Mary Nugent
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Bryan Cooper, Barry Geraghty, Jack Kennedy, Keith Donoghue, Davy Russell
- ▶▶ **Conditionals** Cian Collins
- ▶▶ **Amateurs** Jamie Codd, Nina Carberry, Lisa O'Neill and Luke McGuinness
- ▶▶ **Stable sponsor** Underwriting Exchange
- ▶▶ **Website** gordonelliotttracing.com



Winners in Ireland

2015-16	123
2014-15	92
2013-14	56
2012-13	54
Profit/loss to £1 stake	
2015-16	-62.97
2014-15	-285.93
2013-14	-126.35
2012-13	-102.85
Prize-money 2015-16	
	£1,875,181

Baby Twig

5m Network - Natty Twig
Philip Reynolds
1
RPR 115h

She had a few problems and hasn't been the easiest to train, but certainly has ability. She should improve a good bit from her wide-margin win at Punchestown and would probably like easier ground. She's useful and we might go for another bumper with her.

Ball D'Arc

5g Network - Pretty Moon
Gigginstown House Stud
17-62U2
RPR 144h, 134c OR 140h

He won a Grade 2 for us over hurdles and we always hoped he'd be even better over fences. He's finished second to Three Stars twice, last time in a Grade 3 at Punchestown, and fell at

the first in between at Fairyhouse when he took off too early. His confidence seems to have been restored and we'll look for a beginners' chase now.

Ballela Boy

5g Golan - Oscar Road
Gigginstown House Stud
13-721
RPR 130h

I liked the way he did it at Downpatrick. He's a big, honest horse who'll be a nice chaser one day. We'll try to find a little winners' race for him somewhere now. I'd imagine he'll end up being a bit better than what we've seen so far. I'm looking forward to sending him over fences next season.

Balthazar D'Allier

5g Malinas - Kinoise D'Allier
JP McManus
1 (point form)

A nice horse who was always up with the pace on his way to winning a four-year-old maiden point at Maralin in March of 2015. He had a few niggling problems last year and will start off in a maiden hurdle as soon as the ground softens up.

Barra

5m Vendangeur - Oasaka
Gigginstown House Stud
161-
RPR 90b

Another to have come from Willie's. Based on her form in French bumpers she cannot be too bad and looks like she'll handle winter ground as he won on soft ground at Vichy and very soft ground at Saint-Cloud.

Berry Des Aulmes

5g Smadoun - Opaline Des Aulmes
Gigginstown House Stud
2/24-
RPR 111h

Arrived from Willie's recently having chased home Ball D'Arc in a maiden hurdle at Limerick last Christmas. That form doesn't look too bad now. He disappointed after that at Thurles, but can hopefully bounce back.



Bless The Wings

11g Winged Love - Silva Venture
Adrian Butler/SP O'Connor
31422-7
RPR 133h, 152c OR 140c

He's a favourite of everyone in the yard. Placed in some big cross-country races and was only agonisingly denied in the Irish Grand National when he did everything but win. Ruby [Walsh] gave him a great ride and he was only done right on the line. He'll go down the cross-country route again with the Irish and English Nationals in mind for the spring.

Blood Crazed Tiger

5g King's Theatre - Mardi Roberta
Gigginstown House Stud
252-111
RPR 133h

He's very hard on himself at home and works on his own. We were thrilled with him at Gowran Park and, while he won over 3m at Cork on Sunday, I'd say 2m4f is his trip. We were able to drop him in at Gowran, but Cork was more cat and mouse. A faster gallop would suit him better.

Brelade

4g Presenting - Polivalente
DP Sharkey
2-42
RPR 118b

Bumped into Aspen Colorado first time out but has kept progressing. I knew he'd improve on whatever he did at Galway last week. He was only

STAR QUALITY

Apple's Jade

4f Saddler Maker - Apple's For Ever
Gigginstown House Stud
1121-1
RPR 164h OR 153h

She's an amazing horse to get into the yard. She looks so exciting. I have never had a proper Champion Hurdle hope before. With Identity Thief going chasing, I would imagine Apple's Jade will be aimed at the Champion Hurdle. We are not 100 per cent sure where or when she will start off but at the moment I am looking at the Fishery Lane Hurdle at Naas in the second week of November. She hasn't done a full, proper piece of work yet but she is set to do one over the next couple of days. Of all the Gigginstown horses who were coming out of Willie's, Apple's Jade was probably the one I wanted most along with Blow By Blow.



STABLE STAT

Gordon Elliott is 10-27 (+37% +£17.43) with non-handicap chasers at Down Royal since the start of 2013. Condense that down to just those owned by Gigginstown House Stud and that record becomes 7-12 (58% +£21.71).

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INTERACTIVE

PATRICK McCANN (RACINGPOST.COM/PHOTOS)



Gordon Elliott keeps an eye on his string at Cullentra House Stables in County Meath

brilliant for the stable – he’s been a star – and has won at the last two Cheltenham Festivals. I was gutted he missed the cut for the Aintree National as I thought it’d be made for him. Hopefully he’ll get into it this year and that will be his aim.

Cecil Corbett

9g Bollin Eric - Cadoutene
Liam Clancy
2-31731
RPR 119h, 124c OR 116h, 111c
He was impressive at Punchestown last week when Davy [Russell] was very good on him over 2m6f. I didn’t think he quite got home over 3m1f at Kilbeggan the time before. There could be more to come from him as he’s very consistent.

Champagne Classic

5g Stowaway - Classical Rachel
Gigginstown House Stud
1/ (point form)
Won his sole point start at Kilworth. That was in March 2015 and the reason you didn’t see him last year was because he had a little setback. He’ll start off in a bumper as soon as we get a bit of ease in the ground.

Chirico Vallis

4g Poliglote - Quora Vallis
JP McManus
22-
Another lovely youngster we have got from France. He has been doing everything right since he came here. He is not far off running in a maiden hurdle and we’re looking forward to that.

Clarcam

6g Califet - Rose Beryl
Gigginstown House Stud
125205
RPR 159c OR 155c
He’s a dual Grade 1 winner who is at the wrong end of the handicap. He’ll compete in all the conditions chases and hurdles through the winter and hopefully will be able to

STAR QUALITY

Blow By Blow

5g Robin Des Champs - Shean Rose
Gigginstown House Stud
211-1
RPR 136b
This fella is just so exciting. His bumper form speaks for itself. He jumps really well in schooling. There are no holes in his form and he beat Death Duty in a messy bumper at Fairyhouse and I think Death Duty is very good. He’ll start off in a maiden hurdle over 2m4f in four of five weeks. I’d imagine he’ll be a 3m staying chaser down the road and chasing will definitely be his game. We’re still learning about him, though, as he’s not been here long.



pay his way. He owes us nothing and it’s hard to believe he’s still only six.

De Plotting Shed

6g Beneficial - Lady Willmurt
Ives Ashley Vasey Partnership
4212-91
RPR 142h OR 138h
He was very good at Navan. We want to get him over fences sooner rather than later but might sneak in one more run over hurdles first. There’s a winners’ of two at Thurles next week and he might go there. He loves soft ground and has schooled great.

Death Duty

5g Shantou - Midnight Gift
Gigginstown House Stud
3/112-1
RPR 132b
This is a horse we think a hell of a lot of. We thought he would be one of our better novice hurdlers this season and it was nice to get that maiden hurdle out of the way at Roscommon on Monday. He was a bit fresh and gassy early on but he did it well. We’ll make a plan for him and look for a novice hurdle in a few weeks’ time. While he should stay further, he isn’t slow either.

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collared close home there and will come on a lot for it. He’s a lovely horse to go jumping hurdles with.

Buonarotti Boy

4g Galileo - Funsie
Barstool Prophets Syndicate
246220
RPR 112h OR 109h

Quite consistent. He’s rated 109 now and I think he’s up to picking up a little handicap somewhere off that.

Burren Life

4g Pelder - Burren Valley
Gigginstown House Stud
F (point form)

He looked all set to win a four-year-old maiden point at Belharbour in February when he came down at the last. We’ve been waiting for some soft ground as he needs cut – I want to get him out this side of Christmas. He looks nice.

Campeador

4g Gris De Gris - Royale Video
JP McManus
2/14F-
RPR 145h OR 142h

He was bang there at the last in the Fred Winter when he came down, but I don’t know if he’d have won or not. I said going to Cheltenham he’d come down to the last on the bridle, but I wasn’t sure whether he’d get up the hill as he was still very weak and raw. His form is good. He’s back cantering away and will start off in a handicap this side of Christmas. He looks very well and has got stronger.

Canelie

4f Gentlewave - Medjie
JP McManus
221111-

A fine, big filly who has loads of scope and jumps very well.

She looked promising in France with some really good form in bumpers. You’ll see her out in a maiden hurdle once the rain arrives.

Captain Bocelli

7g Kayf Tara - Beautiful Tune
Diana Whateley
152-3
RPR 111h

We were a little bit disappointed with him at Downpatrick last Friday but you could probably put a line through that as he was almost brought down at the third and that might have affected his confidence. He should be up to winning a maiden hurdle.

Captain Von Trappe

7g Germany - Culmore Native
Gigginstown House Stud
539P-53
RPR 123h, 139c OR 117h, 131c

He’ll certainly come on for his

run at Punchestown – I knew he’d need it. He’ll be aimed at all the big handicaps and could show up next in the Troytown at Navan. We have the Paddy Power at Leopardstown over Christmas in mind for him too.

Carrig Cathal

5g Fair Mix - Blackwater Bay
TJ Doran
2-31114
RPR 140h OR 130h

Won three out of four over hurdles. I probably ran him a bit quick at Listowel – he was a bit light going there. We’ll give him a break now and freshen him up. He’ll definitely pay his way through the winter.

Cause Of Causes

8g Dynaformer - Angel In My Heart
JP McManus
8/0051P-
RPR 156c OR 150c

We all know this fella has been

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Dedigout

10g Bob Back - Dainty Daisy
Gigginstown House Stud
6111/33-
RPR 158h, 154c OR 152h, 143c
He's not run for us yet, but did well for Tony Martin and I'd imagine he'll compete in all the good staying hurdles on soft ground through the winter.

Desoto County

7g Hernando - Kaldounya
Paul & Clare Rooney
4-72213
RPR 137h, 140c OR 132h, 137c
He's been a shade disappointing but actually has loads of ability. He has the ability to win one of the big handicap hurdles before the year is out. He had a little break but will be back in full training soon. We think he's better than he's shown so far and is still well enough handicapped.

Diamond King

8g King's Theatre - Georgia On My Mind
Diana Whateley
4211-41
RPR 154h, 140c OR 155h
Believe it or not, he'll come on a lot for his Punchestown run as the plan was to get him out and give Davy [Russell] a sit on him. I imagine he might have a racecourse school somewhere and head straight for the Drinmore at Fairyhouse in early December. I don't think we'd run him on real heavy ground, so if it came up heavy we might miss that middle part of the season and bring him back for the spring festivals. He's a really good-moving horse and jumps really well, so that could be the way to go. He's one of our best novice chasers.

Don Poli

7g Poliglote - Dalamine
Gigginstown House Stud
51132-3
RPR 168c OR 161c
A great addition. With the doubts over Don Cossack, it is great to get another top-class staying chaser into the yard. He'll probably start off in the JNwine.com Champion Chase at Down Royal next month and compete in all the Grade 1s. If he gets into a battle, you know he'll keep finding for you. And, you never know, if it were to turn up soft in a Gold Cup he'd have to have a hell of a chance. Ultimately, he could end up being aimed at the Aintree Grand National.

Dounikos

5g Smadoun - Baby Sitter
Gigginstown House Stud
1/P9-21
RPR 117b
We'd have been disappointed if he'd been beaten at Downpatrick on Friday but, thankfully, he did the job nicely. He's a nice stayer in the making and we'll head over hurdles with him now.
Empire Of Dirt
9g Westerner - Rose Of Inchiquin
Gigginstown House Stud
F/F2P11-
RPR 154c OR 148c
Another nice arrival to the yard. He'll either start off in the Becher Chase or the Troytown at Navan. He was travelling very well when he

'It'll be one run and then back to the Gold Cup if things go to plan'

came down in the Troytown last year and looks the type who could develop into an Aintree or Irish National horse by the end of the season.

Eshtiaal

6g Dynaformer - Enfiraaj
W Salthouse/Mark McKay
1124-11
RPR 137h OR 135h
He was disappointing in the Irish Cesarewitch and was a bit sore afterwards. He's very consistent and could jump a fence this season.

Fire In His Eyes

5g Stowaway - Carrigeen Kohleria
Gigginstown House Stud
61-51
RPR 127h
Honest and stays well. He appreciated stepping back up to 2m4f when winning his maiden hurdle at Punchestown last week. His jumping wasn't great for much of the race but he was good at the last two and kept going well. He has a nice attitude and will be a staying chaser down the line.

Free Expression

7g Germany - Create A Storm
JP McManus
113/233-
RPR 144h, 146c OR 137h, 142c
He has loads of ability but has had his fair share of problems. He'll probably start back in a beginners' chase sooner rather than later. We'll take it one day at a time with him as he's been frustrating.

General Principle

7g Gold Well - How Provincial
Gigginstown House Stud
10/126-
RPR 126h OR 131h
Was due to make his chasing debut at Punchestown last week but we took him out as we felt the ground was a bit on the fast side. He was rated 131 over hurdles and, fingers crossed, he can do even better over fences. There should be more to come from him this season.

Glenloe

5g Kayf Tara - Mandys Native
JP McManus
7-
RPR 105h
He had a nice run at Naas last year, but was just a bit raw, weak and needed time. He's from a big, old-fashioned staying chase family so whatever he does over hurdles will be a bonus.

STAR QUALITY

Don Cossack

9g Sholokhov - Depeche Toi
Gigginstown House Stud
111F11-
RPR 182c OR 177c

What can I say about Don Cossack that has not been said already? He's the best horse I've ever trained and did us proud at Cheltenham when he showed how good he is on good ground. I think he's a better horse in the spring too. It was such a shame what happened to him before Punchestown, but he owes us nothing. His scans have come back perfect and he's done lots of road work with Dot Love. It'll be a case of one day at a time with him and we'll see how he is. If there are any hiccups we'll retire him. If things do go according to plan and he keeps improving, we might look at the Kinloch Brae at Thurles in the middle of January as a starting point. It'll be one run and then back to the Gold Cup. But, as I said already, it'll be one day at a time and we won't be taking any chances.



one or two nice bits of work. He's ready to start off in a bumper soon and I intend to take him to a galloping track like Naas or Navan.

Hardline

4g Arcadio - Hidden Reserve
Gigginstown House Stud
83
RPR 96b
Only third when favourite for a Fairyhouse bumper last time but it was a cat and mouse sort of race and Jamie Codd got first run on the winner. I've no doubt he is up to winning a bumper when things go his way.

High Expectations

5g High Rock - Tashifiya
M Wasylucha
1261F/
RPR 109h OR 117h
He got a leg injury at Gowran Park which meant he was on the sidelines for a while, but he has two nice Flat runs under his belt now and is ready to head back over hurdles.

Jetstream Jack

6g Beneficial - Westgrove Berry
Diana Whateley
22192-1
RPR 137h 122c OR 135h
It might not have been a great beginners' chase he won at Tipperary but you'd have to love the way he jumped – he's a natural. He could end up winning a good staying handicap chase by the end of the season. He'll come on for that Tipperary run too.

Jury Duty

5g Well Chosen - Swan Heart
Sideways Syndicate
34413-2
RPR 128h OR 126h
Unlucky not to win a handicap hurdle at the Punchestown festival when he hit the front a bit too early. He could go for the Tara Handicap Hurdle over

Gun Digger

4g Stowaway - Booley Bay
Gigginstown House Stud
P2 (point form)
He could be nice and has done



2m7f at Navan next month and that'll tell us whether we go over fences or stay over hurdles.

Killer Crow

7g Presenting - Rivervail
Gigginstown House Stud
0-002U7
RPR 131h, 137c OR 125h, 131c
He has so much ability but has been frustrating, there is no point saying otherwise. The way he works suggests he'll win a big handicap chase some day – I'm not giving up on him. I'd hate to sell him now as he could come back to bite you.

Kings Bandit

8g King's Theatre - Gentle Lady
Diana Whateley
111/3/U4-
RPR 135h OR 135h
Won three novice hurdles on the bounce for Donald McCain in the spring of 2014. He's a hard horse to get fit but you'll see him out over fences soon.

Labaik

5g Montmartre - Avanguardia
Aidan O'Ryan
1
RPR 129h
I know he refused to race a

couple of times but he's not a bad horse when in the mood. He's been hunting for the last couple of weeks. He jumps well and I'd say he'll win plenty of races. I was thrilled with the way he did things at Punchestown last week.

Last Minute Man

4g Yeats - Ella Watson
Paul & Clare Rooney
Unraced
A nice young horse who has shown up really nicely in a few schooling races. He has impressed us lately and will be seen out very shortly.

Lieutenant Colonel

7g Kayf Tara - Agnese
Gigginstown House Stud
42P-61P
RPR 159h, 138c OR 149h
He got away with the trip when he won his beginners' chase at Gowran Park but he was unable to show what he was made of at Punchestown as he was found to be lame after the race. I think the further he goes the better he will be and decent ground suits him best.

Lord Scoundrel

7g Presenting - Noble Choice
Gigginstown House Stud
12-51F2
RPR 136h, 157c OR 126h, 156c
Did us proud by winning the Galway Plate and would have gone close in the Kerry National too [fell two out]. He took the step up in class in his stride when chasing home Sadler's Risk at Punchestown last week and the plan now is to head for either the JNwine.com Champion Chase at Down Royal early next month or the

EXPERT VIEW
Richard Forristal, Ireland editor

Jetstream Jack

Decent without being anything spectacular in bumpers and over hurdles, this Beneficial six-year-old could develop into a smart staying chaser. He jumped really nicely for a first-timer on his fencing debut at Tipperary and won with a degree of authority, albeit it might not have been an exceptional beginners' chase.

Nonetheless, he should come into his own from here on, as he looks to have really matured. He is ground versatile, but will probably be seen to best effect with a bit of cut in the ground over three miles.





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Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Don Cossack looks out from his box (main picture); the horses are hosed down at Cullentra House Stables (top); exercising in the autumn sunshine (bottom)

Grade 2 for second-season novices on the same card. He just keep on improving.

Lucky Pass

5g Ultimately Lucky - Fuela Pass
Gigginstown House Stud
11-
RPR 131b

He was ante-post favourite for the Champion Bumper at Cheltenham at one stage last season. It goes without saying he's a hugely exciting horse for us. We're still learning about him, but his form in bumpers looks top-notch and hopefully he'll translate that to hurdling. We like him.

Mega Fortune

3g Soldier Of Fortune - Far Across
C Jones
007-613 (Flat form)
Won on the Flat for Andy Oliver and seems to like soft

DARK HORSE

Miracle In Medinah

5g Milan - Annaghbrack
JP McManus
1-
RPR 112b

A very nice horse. He looked good when winning his bumper at Fairyhouse and is ready to start off in a maiden hurdle as soon as we get a bit more ease in the ground. He showed a lot of guts and a nice turn of foot to get there at Fairyhouse. We like him.

ground. He's been schooling and working well and will start off in a juvenile hurdle as soon as the ground eases.

Mick Jazz

5g Blue Bresil - Mick Maya
GP Mahoney
6232/P-
RPR 121h OR 130h

I bought him out of Harry Fry's and he's going well at home. He was favourite for the Greatwood last season and certainly has ability. We like what he's doing with us so far.

Minella Till Dawn

4g Shantou - Have At It
JP McManus
1 - (point form)

A big, staying chaser in the making. Whatever he does over hurdles this season will be a bonus. He won a four-year-old maiden point at The Pigeons narrowly in March and is one to watch for the future.

Missy Tata

4f Astarabad - Queen Running
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
124-111
RPR 140h OR 138h

She did what she had to do at Limerick and had a good blow afterwards, so there should be loads of improvement to come. She has grown a lot and there should be more to come from her this season. A good mare who will head over fences now.

Monbeg Notorious

5g Milan - Borleagh Princess
Gigginstown House Stud
4-31
RPR 118b

He could not have won his bumper any easier at Tipperary and that did not look too bad a race beforehand. He goes for the 2m6f maiden hurdle at Down Royal early next month

now. A chaser in the making.

Monbeg Worldwide

4g Lucarno - Molly Duffy
Gigginstown House Stud
1-1

Made all to win a four-year-old maiden point at Lismore in March and the form of that looks quite decent as the third home has come out and won since. We think a fair bit of him and he won as we thought he would at Roscommon on Monday, but he's only a shell of a horse and wouldn't want too much racing this season. There is a 2m3f winners' bumper at Naas in the new year he could go for.

Moonshine Lad

8g Milan - Parsons Term
Brendan Scully
RPR 138h, 106c OR 134h
P28/24P/

He's back working away after picking up an injury on New Year's Day in 2015. He'll be sent back over fences this season and, if he returns to the sort of form he showed over hurdles, he'll certainly pay his way.

Morgan

4g Big Bad Bob - Gilt Ridden
Gigginstown House Stud
3-1
RPR 120b

He stepped up on his promising debut in a Fairyhouse bumper last Easter to beat a previous winner of Willie Mullins' at Cork on Sunday. He did things really nicely there and will head over hurdles now. He'd been working well before running at the weekend.

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STABLE TOUR GORDON ELLIOTT

'The sky could be the limit over fences and I'd imagine he'll develop into an RSA contender'

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Mossback

4g Yeats - Sejour
Gigginstown House Stud
1-

RPR 115b

Won his bumper at Limerick last year and wants soft ground. He'll win plenty of hurdle races this season.

Mountain King

7g Definite Article - Belle Magello
Jack McKay, Paul McKay & Mark McKay

426-012

RPR 137h, 142c OR 132h, 136c

He won a nice handicap chase at Perth two starts ago and ran okay at Stratford on Saturday. We might send him to the Open meeting at Cheltenham next month for a handicap chase. He's a runner who does not want proper winter ground.

Noble Endeavor

7g Flemensfirth - Old Moon

C Jones

2312F-P

RPR 146c OR 141c

He's been a bit frustrating in that I don't think he was done with when coming down at the second-last in the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham in March. That race took its toll and we might start him back over hurdles to get his confidence back, but I hope he'll be up to running in the good staying chases before too long.

Outlander

8g Stowaway - Western Whisper
Gigginstown House Stud

111F2-2

RPR 147h, 156c OR 145h, 151c

A top-class novice for Willie [Mullins] last season and he's a serious addition for us. We are still learning about him but the 2m4f Grade 2 for second-season novices at Down Royal in early November would look an ideal starting point.

STAR QUALITY

Prince Of Scars

6g Flemensfirth - Spirit Leader

Gigginstown House Stud

5/81113-

RPR 163h OR 159h

He was probably the biggest surprise package for us last season, but we expect big things from him over fences this year. He's a Grade 1 winner over hurdles who I think will be better over fences. He's schooled really well and we couldn't be happier with him - he looks great. He got very light on us last season but is holding his condition well this season. He's ready to start back in a beginners' chase on soft ground. The sky could be the limit over fences and I'd imagine he'll develop into an RSA contender.



Potters Point

6g Robin Des Champs - Tango Lady

Gigginstown House Stud

22/133-

RPR 130h

Another new addition from Willie Mullins. He chased Tombstone home in a Naas bumper and we always thought Tombstone was very good. He's ready to start back once the ground softens up.

Realt Mor

11g Beneficial - Suez Canal

Mrs P Sloan

RPR 123h, 157c OR 127h, 132c

A former Grade 1 winner who's

had his fair share of problems. There's a veterans' chase at Aintree in a few weeks and we are going to aim him at that. I still think he'll pay his way this winter.

Riverside City

7g Presenting - Blazing Sky

JP McManus

16P06P-

RPR 117h, 124c OR 116h, 121c

Won the Troystown last year and might go back to Navan to defend his crown. He will be aimed at all those type of staying handicap chases once again.

Robin Thyme

6g Robin Des Champs - Boragh Thyme

MM Sammon, MA Sammon, Brendan Fitzpatrick & R Crean

28421P-

RPR 126h OR 128h

A nice horse who we always thought a bit of. He won his maiden hurdle nicely at Punchestown but did not jump well next time at Fairyhouse. He's better than he showed in that.

Roi Des Francs

7g Poliglote - Grande Souveraine

Gigginstown House Stud

621166-

RPR 146h, 151c OR 143h, 148c

A new addition to the yard and we're not quite sure what route we're going to go with him. He had some solid form to his name as a novice last season, winning easily at Fairyhouse and taking a Grade 2 at Naas, before finding the opposition too hot to handle at Cheltenham and Aintree. There are plenty of options and Grade 2s and 3s will be his bread and butter.

Roi Du Mee

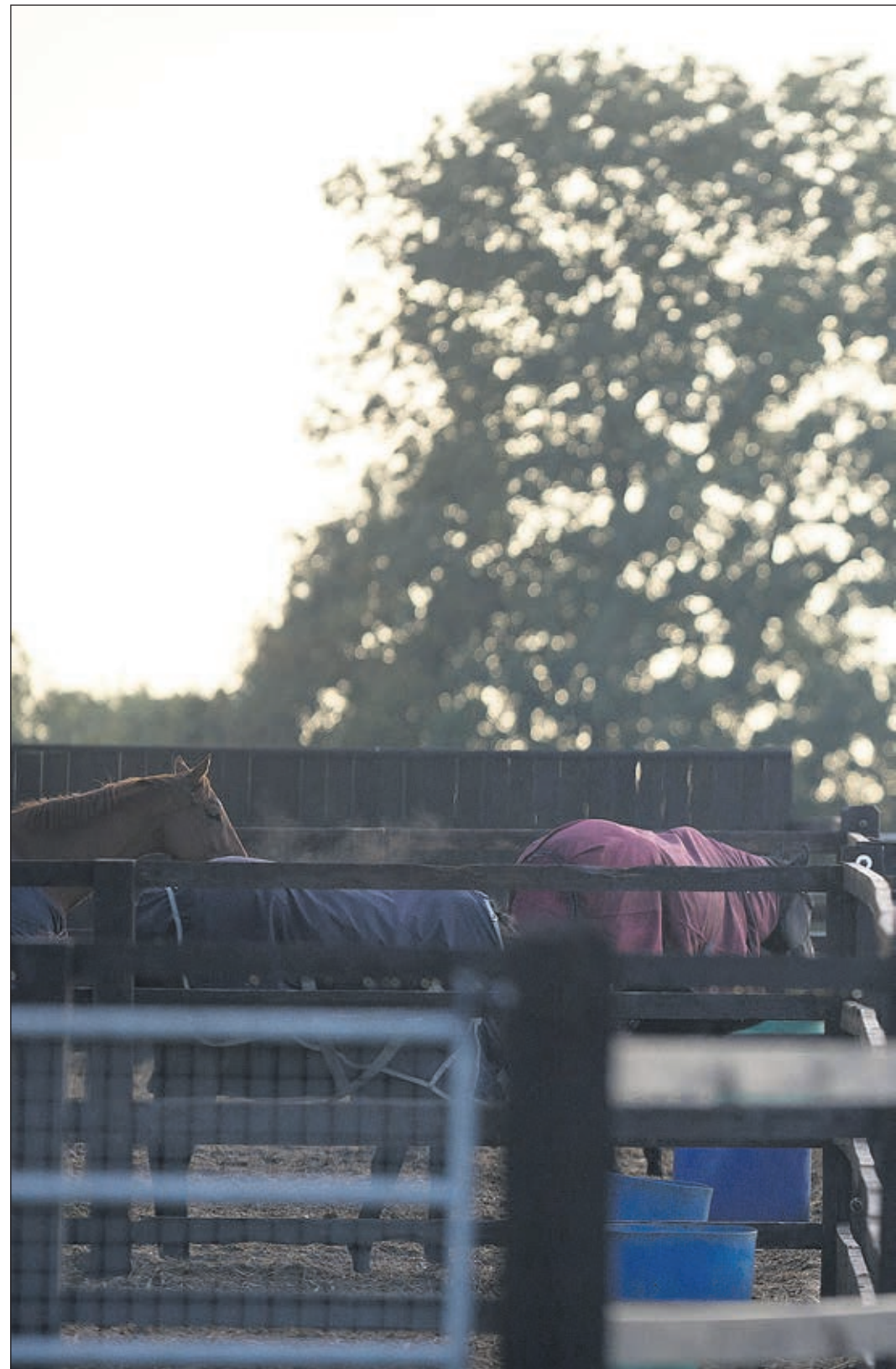
11g Lavarco - British Nellerie

Gigginstown House Stud

1112/23-

RPR 145h, 164c OR 132h, 153c

He owes us absolutely nothing.



He's won 16 races for us, including a Grade 1. He'll go down the point-to-point and hunter chase route this season. He doesn't qualify for the Foxhunter at Cheltenham but there is Fairyhouse, Aintree and Punchestown to aim at. He's still showing a bit of sparkle.

Roman Gold

6g Beneficial - Another Burden

Gigginstown House Stud

4113P-3

RPR 130h, 120c OR 125h

I'm not sure he quite got home at Limerick last time over 2m6f so we might drop him back in trip and he probably got racing a bit too early as well. He jumped quite well, though, which was good to see.

Runfordave

4g Stowaway - Poetics Girl

Mrs P Sloan

42

RPR 102b

He had a nice run in a bumper at Killarney. It'll be a month before he's back out, but I'm hoping he'll win a bumper

fairly quickly before we send him over hurdles.

Russian Regent

12g Moscow Society - Micro Villa

James Reilly

8/68P52-

431225

RPR 118h, 140c OR 127h, 128c

He's one of the old-timers in the yard, a gentleman of a horse and has always paid his way. He'll go for the veterans' chase at Aintree on Sunday.

Samcro

4g Germany - Dun Dun

Gigginstown House Stud

1-

You would have to love the way he won his four-year-old maiden point for Colin Bowe at Monksgrange and he was certainly value for more than he officially won by. He is ready to run in a bumper. He's nice.

Sanibel Island

4g Scorpion - Topanberry

T J Doran

2-12F

RPR 114h

We thought we'd found an

DARK HORSE

Ned Stark

8g Wolfe Tone - Last Moon

Noel Moran

8/68P52-

RPR 119h, 147c OR 126h, 133c

We think he's an ideal type for the Paddy Power at Leopardstown over Christmas and he'll be trained with that in mind. He had some good bits of form when with Alan King. He's working well and looks good at the moment.

ideal race for him to get off the mark at Gowran Park but he fell halfway through it, which was a pity as he'd jumped really nicely to that point. He's well up to winning a maiden hurdle.

Shadow Catcher

8g Haafhd - Unchain My Heart

Mrs P Sloan

33-56P5

RPR 138h, 142c OR 125h, 138c

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Early morning at Gordon Elliott's Cullentra House Stables

him. He also looked good initially for Willie [Mullins] in bumpers but just lost his way after winning his maiden hurdle at Gowran. He's still a bit away from running and we're not sure where we'll start him off yet, but it will be in a beginners' chase.

Taglietelle

7g Tagula - Averami
Olduvai Syndicate
47-4FR2
RPR 157h, 123c OR 152h

He lost his confidence over fences. He's working well at home and will head to Cheltenham at the weekend for a Pertemps qualifier.

Takeittohelimits

4f Stowaway - A Plus Ma Puce
JP McManus
112
RPR 107b

She's very good - her bumper form is decent and her latest run when second in a Listed bumper at Gowran was a solid effort. She's schooled well over hurdles and will run in a maiden hurdle shortly.

Tell Us More

7g Scorpion - Zara's Victory
Gigginstown House Stud
6/31F2-4
RPR 145h, 150c OR 139h, 143c

Probably has not lived up to early expectations. Returned for us at Cork on Sunday where he ran reasonably well, although he did jump to his left and is probably better going the other way around. He will come on for that run.

Tempo Mac

6g Antonius Pius - Quecha
John McGovern
06P133
RPR 141h OR 134h

He's sore after his fall on the Flat at the Curragh earlier this month. He'll go back over hurdles.

The Game Changer

7g Arcadio - Gilt Ridden
Gigginstown House Stud
2-22343
RPR 150h, 156c OR 141h, 150c

He's not as good over hurdles as he is over fences. He could go for the Fortria at Navan or the Hilly Way at Cork. He's very ground-dependent and Cheltenham might not be the track for him.

Theatre Wine

5m King's Theatre - Mistletoeandwine
Gigginstown House Stud
71-2
RPR 111h

Just pipped on the line at Roscommon on Monday. Did not do a whole lot wrong there and it should only be a matter of time before she goes one better.

The Storyteller

5g Shantou - Bally Bolshoi
Mrs P Sloan
24-21
RPR 119h

He could not have won his bumper at Downpatrick any easier in May. He's a staying chaser in the making so anything achieved over hurdles will be a bonus. I'd imagine the 2m6f maiden hurdle at Down Royal early next month will be where you'll see him next.

Tiger Roll

6g Authorized - Swiss Roll
Gigginstown House Stud
4U2221
RPR 150h, 159c OR 142h, 147c

Triumph Hurdle winner from a few years ago who lost his way over hurdles. To be perfectly honest, I didn't want to run him in the Munster National and was going to take him out on the morning of the race, but Eddie [O'Leary] said to let him take his chance. He'll be aimed at all the big staying handicap chases now. The better the ground, the better he is.

Tombstone

6g Robin Des Champs - Connaught Hall
Gigginstown House Stud
1/11224
RPR 150h OR 147h

He had a little setback and missed six weeks and won't be seen this side of Christmas. That leaves us in a sticky situation as we'll have to decide whether it's too late to send him over fences or keep him over hurdles for another year - I'm not sure. He was unlucky not to win a Grade 1 over hurdles last season but I'd be surprised if he doesn't go on to win a Grade 1 over fences. We've always thought the world of him.

Turn Over Sivola

9g Assessor - Notting Hill
International Plywood (Importers) Ltd
7-22208
RPR 129h, 145c OR 129h, 126c

He's going to be a real fun horse. His old form is quite good and, if we can rejuvenate him, he should win plenty of races over fences. He's a slick jumper.

Tycoon Prince

6g Trans Island - Downtown Train
Gigginstown House Stud
11/132P-
RPR 135h OR 136h

He's had a wind-op. He was not getting home in his races so we hope the operation will sort that. He's schooled really nicely over fences and, when we get a bit of ease in the ground, he'll run in a

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Keith Donoghue performed a miracle to get him round safely at Limerick. He ran really well in the Galway Plate and, if he can recapture that form, he should be up to winning at some stage through the winter.

Shattered Love

5m Yeats - Tracker
Gigginstown House Stud
13-1
RPR 121h

A nice, big mare who ran well in the Grade 2 mares' bumper at Aintree at the end of last season. She made a winning start over hurdles at Tipperary over two miles, but I think she'll be even better over further - I certainly think 2m4f will suit better. She can win a couple of mares' hurdles this season, but is one to look forward to when she jumps a fence.

Sire Du Berlais

4g Poliglote - Royale Athenia
JP McManus
31-

Another nice recruit from

France. He has been doing everything very nicely at home and is ready to be unleashed soon.

Souphanouvan

5g Satri - Anthemis
Olduvai Syndicate
2-68
RPR 105b

He's definitely better than he's shown so far and I've no doubt he'll pay his way when he comes back from his break.

Space Cadet

6g Flemensfirth - Shuil A Hoch
C Jones
22224-1
RPR 134h OR 121h

He was a bit frustrating over hurdles last season but chasing was always going to be his game. He did it well at Roscommon and is guaranteed to get a lot further. That was a good starting point for him at Roscommon on Monday [winning by six lengths under Keith Donoghue] although it might turn out not to have been that strong a race.

STAR QUALITY

Sutton Place

5g Mahler - Glebe Beauty
John P McManus
3111-
RPR 144h OR 140h

Has only been beaten once and that was on his debut. To come back and win after the mistake he made at the last in a Grade 2 novice hurdle must mean he's a nice horse and Barry [Geraghty] likes him. I'd like to think he will be one of our most exciting novice chasers. He seems to have all the attributes to be good at that game and we're looking forward to his chasing debut. He has never gone beyond 2m and he has lots of pace but he will get further.



Squouateur

5g Martaline - Samansonnienne
JP McManus
121176-
RPR 140h OR 141h

Did well in some competitive handicap hurdles last season and actually went off favourite for the Martin Pipe at Cheltenham. I think 2m4f is his trip. We're thinking of sending him over fences sooner rather than later.

Steamboat Bill

5g Kalanisi - Freemantle Doctor
Thomas Brian McKnight
1-03214
RPR 134h OR 125h

He'll start back over fences sooner rather than later. He has plenty of scope and jumps well.

Stone Hard

6g Robin Des Champs - Amber Light
Gigginstown House Stud
0/1UP4-P
RPR 135h OR 139h

He's had a wind-op. He won a four-year-old point for me and we thought an awful lot of

STABLE TOUR GORDON ELLIOTT

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Gordon Elliott's string make their way through the trees at his picturesque yard in County Meath

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beginners' chase. I think he's still very well handicapped over hurdles.

Ucello Conti

8g Martaline - Gazelle Lulu
Simon Murir & Isaac Souede
1P/6236-

RPR 149c OR 144c

He'll have a run over hurdles first but will have all the big handicap chases on his radar and will hopefully end up back in the Grand National at Aintree.

Usurp

5g FLEMENSFIRTH - Gypsy Mo Chara
Gigginstown House Stud
8-01

RPR 121h

It was a fairly weak maiden hurdle that he won at Fairyhouse, but it was nice to win over hurdles as he's really a chaser in the making. The ground was plenty quick enough for him at Fairyhouse and he wouldn't want it any quicker.

Victory Mill

6g King's Theatre - Full Of Surprises
Gigginstown House Stud
1234-

RPR 130h OR 128h

He's ready to go over fences – he's a staying chaser in the making. I'm not sure if he is up to Graded level, but he can win a few handicaps over fences.

Vukovar

7g Voix Du Nord - Noraland
D Charlesworth
1217/9P/

RPR 135h, 148c OR 137h, 144c

He came to us with a big reputation. He's had plenty of problems but we think he's over them now. He

'He'll go for the Troytown and the Irish National is the ultimate aim'

HARRY FRY

'We're sticking with the staying hurdles division and we'll see how far he can go'

More priceless nuggets from a top yard tomorrow

wants soft ground so you'll see him out soon. It'd be great to get him back on track.

Water Sprite

5m Papal Bull - Wish Upon A Star
Five Men Syndicate
62-713F
RPR 128h OR 123h
She's been a little star. No

matter where she runs, whether it is on the Flat or over hurdles, she does us proud. Hopefully she'll continue to pay her way.

Whistle Dixie

6m Kayf Tara - Fairy Blaze
Gigginstown House Stud
2130P-F
RPR 124h OR 119h

She came home a little bit sore after her fall at Fairyhouse. She has black type already over hurdles so if we could do the same over fences it'd be great. She'll be a valuable broodmare.

Woodford Island

5g Trans Island - Toulon Breeze
TJ Doran
331P-22
RPR 126h OR 124h

He's been placed on his last few starts over fences and just got brought into a battle the last day at Limerick. He'll

continue to prosper over fences and jumps well.

Woods Well

5g Fleetwood - Millbrook Marble
Gigginstown House Stud
2-

RPR 103b

He got jarred up after finishing second in a Naas bumper so we let him off. He's working well now, so will be out in a maiden hurdle over two and a half or three miles. He has lots of ability.

Wrath Of Titans

7g Oscar - Glen Empress
Gigginstown House Stud
0-46116

RPR 134h, 140c OR 127h, 136c

The track was probably too sharp at Limerick and maybe the ground was not soft enough either – he jumped very big as well and stayed on quite well up the home straight. He'll go for the Troytown at Navan next and the Irish National will be his ultimate aim.

Zanjabeel

3g Aussie Rules - Grain Only
The Confidence Partnership
U1
RPR 110h

His win at Punchestown was a bit unexpected to be honest as he unseated first time out. He should win more races although he's probably not one for real winter ground. He could be one for the all-weather at Dundalk.

STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	1,519	211	212	167	929	14		-585.41	-39%
Hcp hdl	975	90	98	83	704	9		-380.11	-39%
Non-hcp chs	612	122	121	93	276	20		-90.43	-15%
Hcp chs	381	37	27	43	274	10		-155.52	-41%
Hunter chs	23	4	2	0	17	17		-1.13	-5%
Totals	3,890	548	521	426	2,395	14		-1201.18	-31%

*return on investment

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	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
B J Cooper	68-340	20.0	-95.98
Jack Kennedy	54-261	20.7	-17.42
Davy Russell	52-265	19.6	-20.85
Ms N Carberry	42-179	23.5	-36.89
Barry Geraghty	27-119	22.7	-2.10
Keith Donoghue	18-266	6.8	-141.56
L P Dempsey	13-140	9.3	-32.93
Mr J J Codd	12-39	30.8	+48.31
Kevin Sexton	12-142	8.5	-76.58
David Mullins	9-34	26.5	-3.61
Miss J M Mangan	8-17	47.1	+20.17
R Walsh	8-35	22.9	-17.47

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	34-279	12.2	-159.51
February	36-248	14.5	-90.38
March	41-253	16.2	-74.95
April	28-274	10.2	-78.54
May	64-415	15.4	-78.52
June	51-317	16.1	-29.11
July	43-395	10.9	-234.72
August	46-409	11.2	-150.87
September	26-202	12.9	-73.11
October	73-351	20.8	-59.07
November	49-348	14.1	-100.24
December	57-399	14.3	-72.16

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	45-354	12.7	-152.44
Hcp hdl	13-151	8.6	-12.53
Non-hcp chs	17-94	18.1	-10.23
Hcp chs	8-60	13.3	-0.60
NH Flat	35-142	24.6	+8.76

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	110-273	40.3	-30.36
Hcp hdl	36-175	20.6	-57.19
Non-hcp chs	66-143	46.2	-2.60
Hcp chs	19-63	30.2	+3.90
NH Flat	49-106	46.2	+10.06

COURSES

	Total W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp hdl	Non-hcp chs	Hcp hdl	Hcp chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Downpatrick	69-359	19.2	32-147	7-38	11-100	6-28	13-46	-61.06
Down Royal	54-298	18.1	22-124	15-54	7-59	3-33	7-28	-44.58
Punchestown	53-357	14.8	19-133	17-81	4-72	6-40	7-31	-24.30
Fairyhouse	50-389	12.9	19-147	11-62	5-93	5-43	10-44	-182.58
Navan	42-335	12.5	18-166	6-33	9-79	4-32	5-25	-118.53
Ballinrobe	25-150	16.7	9-52	5-21	5-48	0-10	6-19	-11.39
Limerick	24-153	15.7	12-63	5-38	3-28	1-12	3-12	-31.68
Kilbeggan	24-237	10.1	7-81	8-46	4-58	4-38	1-14	-136.08
Thurles	18-92	19.6	6-52	7-24	3-10	0-1	2-5	-15.83
Roscommon	17-94	18.1	6-39	4-11	4-20	0-12	3-12	-25.46
Cork	17-95	17.9	8-42	6-13	2-23	0-9	1-8	-40.42
Clonmel	17-124	13.7	4-48	3-26	6-29	1-8	3-13	-37.21
Tramore	17-124	13.7	3-35	8-31	4-37	1-9	1-12	-43.39
Galway	17-166	10.2	3-31	8-31	1-61	2-27	3-16	-91.92
Leopardstown	17-191	8.9	6-86	2-23	4-45	1-22	4-15	-30.57
Gowran Park	16-160	10.0	12-76	1-17	2-40	0-17	1-10	-81.89
Bellewstown	14-88	15.9	6-32	0-0	6-47	0-0	2-9	-29.66
Naas	13-103	12.6	5-49	1-11	2-21	0-7	5-15	-44.55
Killarney	10-73	13.7	2-14	4-25	1-21	2-8	1-5	-11.04
Tipperary	9-61	14.8	2-23	2-9	2-16	0-3	3-10	-18.03
Listowel	8-66	12.1	3-12	1-11	2-22	1-13	1-8	-13.33
Sligo	8-76	10.5	3-31	2-9	1-22	0-3	2-11	-47.68
Wexford (rh)	6-64	9.4	3-27	1-11	2-19	0-3	0-4	-36.00
Wexford	3-34	8.8	1-8	2-10	0-5	0-3	0-8	-23.00
Tralee	0-1	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00

Number of horses racing for the stable **652** Total winning prize-money **£5,109,768**

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STABLE TOUR HARRY FRY

UPWARDLY mobile is an appropriate phrase to describe the career trajectory of Harry Fry. The young trainer has improved his seasonal totals year on year since taking out a licence in October 2012. What is more, he has also struck at the highest level, adding to the Grade 1 victory of Bitofapuzzle in Ireland in 2015 with his first Cheltenham success via Unowhatimeanharry in last season's Albert Bartlett.

Or perhaps that should read first 'official' Cheltenham success, as it is well known that he played an integral role in the Champion Hurdle victory of Rock On Ruby in 2012 as the man in charge of Paul Nicholls' satellite yard.

Now retired, Rock On Ruby was gifted to Fry's wife Ciara and lives at the Seaborough yard. "He's ridden out every day - as far as he knows, he's still in training," says Fry.

Looking ahead to the season, Fry adds: "Always the first target is to better last year's tally in terms of winners and prize-money; then we set the bar as high as we can. So far we've been running top-of-the-ground horses and like everyone we're waiting for the weather to break before really getting stuck in."

He is especially looking forward to the novice chasers, and that is without Unowhatimeanharry, who is likely to stay over hurdles in a bid for the staying crown. "We've got a nice collection of 140-plus hurdlers going chasing," says Fry.

Interview by Nicholas Godfrey

American

Six-year-old gelding Malinas (sire) - Grande Sultane (dam)
Owner: Jago Family Partnership
Form figures: 316-
Racing Post Rating: 138 hurdle
Official rating: 139 hurdle

Won well over hurdles at Ascot last season. A bit of a fragile horse but talented. Jumped hurdles like a chaser and that's what he'll be doing, possibly going to Chepstow for a 3m novice chase on October 25. Wants rain.

Bags Groove

5g Oscar - Golden Moment
Michael Pescod
212-
RPR 124b OR -
Potential novice hurdler

Crack team to maintain the momentum

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Manor Farm
- ▶▶ **Where** Seaborough, Dorset
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2012
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 80
- ▶▶ **Members of staff** 35
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainers** Ciara Fry and Mike Legg
- ▶▶ **Yard manager** Rawal Singh
- ▶▶ **Travelling head lass** Kate Nutt
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Noel Fehily
- ▶▶ **Conditionals** Kieron Edgar, Liam McKenna
- ▶▶ **Amateurs** Martin McIntyre, Mike Legg, Ben Godfrey
- ▶▶ **Stable sponsor** Citibet
- ▶▶ **Website** harryfryracing.com
- ▶▶ **Twitter** @harryfryracing1



Winners in Britain

2015-16	54
2014-15	36
2013-14	34
2012-13	20

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16	-15.36
2014-15	-29.51
2013-14	+56.19
2012-13	+52.02

Prize-money 2015-16

£718,943

we're looking forward to enormously. Unlucky not to have won all three bumpers last season and ran a great race in the valuable DBS Sales race at Newbury, giving lots of weight away to the winner and third. Probably ground was slightly slower than he wants that day as well - he's a typical Oscar, wants only good to soft/good ground, and it just blunted his speed. Could go to Cheltenham in November for the valuable Listed bumper on Sunday before switching to hurdles.

Charmix

6g Laveron - Open Up
Nicholas Cooper
0121P-4
RPR 144h OR 145h

He's a winning pointer. He ran at Fontwell yesterday, where he was a little novicey to begin but warmed to task and was jumping nicely until he made a bad mistake and did well to stand up. Noel said the horse frightened himself and he nursed him home so we'll go back to the schooling ground and find another beginners' chase on slower ground.

Desert Queen

8m Desert King - Priscilla
Jago Family Partnership
P12777-
RPR 146 OR 142

Has her own mind to put it mildly, but she won well at Ascot last season and didn't disgrace herself in the mares' hurdle at Cheltenham; was over the top at Ayr. There's a good mares' chase programme for her, and the plan is to start at Fontwell on November 4. She's schooling very well.

Drumcliff

5g Presenting - Dusty Too
JP McManus
138-
RPR 122h OR -

Lovely prospect for novice hurdles over 2m and should get 2m4f in time. He won nicely on his bumper debut at Taunton but was too keen on second start so we gave him one more run in a Grade 2 at Fairyhouse, more for experience with this season in mind. We're looking forward to starting him off at Ascot on October 29.

Fletchers Flyer

8g Winged Love - Crystal Chord
Masterson Holdings Ltd
2/P232-1
RPR 154c OR 146c

The beauty of his success at Punchestown was that it came after the end of our season so he retains his novice status. The race tailor-made for him is the four-mile National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham. The Irish National is five weeks



Harry Fry supervises first lot on a typical day at Manor Farm

DARK HORSE

Any Drama

5g Gamut - Oak Lodge
Nicholas Cooper
05316-
RPR 125b OR -

Joined us in the spring after winning impressively on heavy ground at Thurles. As that was his fourth bumper, we had to run him in a championship event if we were going down that route so we ran him at Aintree, where Katie Walsh got off him and said 'I didn't go fast enough'. He's a real galloper and good ground there was lively enough for him. I'm quite excited about taking him novice hurdling over 2m4f-plus.

afterwards so everything is being geared up for March and April with him.

Golden Birthday

5g Poliglote - Gold Or Silver
GC Stevens
233-1
RPR 110b OR -

He was too keen for his own good on his first couple of starts for us before he won at Wincanton in May. Goes novice hurdling now and we'll start off at 2m, but once he settles he'll be stepping up in trip.

Hell's Kitchen

5g Robin Des Champs - Mille Et Une
JP McManus
312-
RPR 139h OR 139h

He's always been highly regarded and we're looking forward to novice chases with him. We can put a line through his last start as something came to light - he had a small chip in his stifle we were able to remove. He could start over fences at 2m on a galloping track and will be running once

STABLE STAT

The Harry Fry-Mike Legg combination is 8-21 (38% +£14.77) when teaming up. If you just backed the ones Legg rode over hurdles, that figure becomes 5-12 (42% +£11.52)

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STAR QUALITY

Unowhatimeanharry

8g Sir Harry Lewis - Red Nose Lady JP McManus P/11111- RPR 149h OR 149h We did his wind and he thrived last season. He went from 123 to being rated 152 when he ran in the Albert Bartlett, but then he got reassessed and dropped to 149. I just wish every horse who won a race got dropped 3lb, let alone a Grade 1 at Cheltenham! He's starting at a much higher level now, but he's won from 2m4f-3m so he's versatile and we know he's a real trier and goes in testing conditions. We're not thinking about fences at the moment - we're going to remain in staying hurdles and see how far he can go. The plan is to start at Wetherby on October 29 in the Grade 2 Great Yorkshire Hurdle. If we decide he'd be more competitive going down the chasing route then I'd have no hesitation, but for the time being staying hurdles are the focus.

off over 2m, but I imagine he'll get 2m4f. Schools well and that win should've put him spot-on.

Opening Batsman

10g Morozov - Jolly Signal Twelfth Man Partnership 95P2P-3 RPR 151c OR 139c Loves Kempton and ran a great race there again in February in the BetBright Chase, which he won three years ago. Can go down veterans' chase route to begin with. His trip is really 2m6f but he just gets the flat 3m at Kempton. He'll be back there in February for the race he loves, hopefully with a rating no higher than 140.

Overtown Express

8g Overbury - Black Secret Lorna Squire & Richard Metherell F1153- RPR 131 OR 132 His conditions will be those days at Lingfield and Cheltenham when it's barely raceable. He won twice over hurdles last term and looked like he joined in at the last when he got those conditions. Goes novice chasing at 2m-2m4f.

Presenting Arms

9g Presenting - Banningham Blaze JM Dare 3-22C32 RPR 148c OR 142c

He was in the form of his life over the summer and unlucky not to win again after his chase debut - he got carried out when favourite at Uttoxeter and then ran a career-best in a valuable handicap at Market Rasen over 2m5f, which probably just stretched him slightly. He'll run at Cheltenham tomorrow in the 2m novice chase, which will be his last run before a well-earned break.

Queen Odessa

5m King's Theatre - Ma Furie JK Whymark 31- RPR 109b OR - Won her second bumper start, beating Kayf Grace, who went on to win the Grade 2 Aintree bumper in April. Our filly hasn't run again but she could go to the Listed mares' bumper at Cheltenham's Open meeting before novice hurdling.

Ridgeway Flyer

5g Toboug - Running For Annie AJ Norman 21- RPR 111b OR - Ran in a couple of bumpers last season, winning at Ludlow on his second start, and could run in one more before going hurdling. Will probably be out in early November. Schools very well over hurdles.

Sir Ivan

6g Midnight Legend - Tisho Eyre Family 353222- RPR 139h OR 138h Went up a stone without winning last season. Now on

the weather changes. Lovely prospect who jumps brilliantly.

Henryville

8g Generous - Aquavita RPB Michaelson & EM Thornton 21-48B4 RPR 148c 159h OR 143c 152h Very tricky horse to ride and train at home, let alone on a racecourse. Got brought down at Market Rasen in the Summer Plate when he would have been a good second at worst, and then got himself lit up again at Cheltenham. He's potentially quite well treated over fences if he ever gives himself a chance. He'll probably be out at Cheltenham on Saturday.

Hint Of Mint

7g Passing Glance - Juno Mint Sandie & David Newton 254730/ RPR 142h OR 130h He's new to us and hasn't been seen for over a year on the track, but he's slipped to a competitive mark considering what he's achieved. Seems to run best races on flat right-handed tracks, so we'll probably now go straight to the Elite Hurdle, where hopefully he'll creep in at the bottom.

Innocent Girl

7m King's Theatre - Belle Innocence Coral Champions Club PP/11U2 RPR 94c 90h OR 91c 84h We bought her from Jack Barber, who transformed her in point-to-points. When you look at what she achieved there and her hurdles and chase ratings, there was potential for her to be well handicapped. She had four runs in 12 days but seems to have come out of it well. I think she's a better chaser than hurdler and there's no reason she can't be competitive off her new mark but she'll have a bit of a break. Prefers better ground.

Jolly's Cracked It

7g Astarabad - Jolly Harbour GDM Partnership 2596/31- RPR 147h OR 149h Picked up a minor injury after dead-heating in the Ladbroke in December which sidelined him for rest of the season, but he's back in training. The plan is to go for that race again - he's on a career-high mark but we can make a decision after that whether we stay over hurdles or go chasing. I think 2m is his trip - he didn't stay over 2m4f when we ran him in the Martin Pipe at Cheltenham.

Meme's Horse

6g Scorpion - A little bit of heaven Masterson Holdings Ltd 3/51- RPR 124h OR - He won his last start for us last year and is entered at Cheltenham in a 2m5f novice hurdle tomorrow if the ground allows. We want to get another one into him before he loses his novice status at the end of the month. He's a future chaser.

Minella Awards

5g Oscar - Montys Miss Masterson Holdings Ltd 25- RPR 135h OR - Ran twice for Nicky Henderson last year, doing well to finish second behind Champsers On Ice at Newbury and then not quite 100 per cent when underperforming in the spring, which means he's still a novice for this season. Joined us late in the summer so won't be out until later in November. Probably wants 2m4f.

Misterton

5g Sagamix - Mighty Splash Wilkin, Orr, Boileau & Sim 422-1 RPR 123b Progressed in bumpers last season and then won one at Newton Abbot this month. Now goes hurdling, starting

HORSE TO FOLLOW Pietro Innocenzi Drumcliff He looked far from the finished article last season and his refusal to settle cost him at Kempton next time. The decision to chuck him into a Grade 2 on his hurdles debut was purely to preserve his novice status. I wouldn't want to go beyond 2m with him at this stage and, as a son of Presenting, he is likely to appreciate decent surfaces.

a career-high mark but goes novice chasing and will be out in next few weeks. We'll see him over 2m4f-3m, with one last run over hurdles at Aintree on Sunday.

Thomas Brown

7g Sir Harry Lewis - Tentsmuir The Corse Lawners 121U74- RPR 147c 146h OR 137c 142h His last two runs were in competitive handicap chases and the experience will have done him the world of good. Rated lower over fences than hurdles but we've always seen him as a better chaser potentially, especially as he came via the point-to-point route. He's won first time for last two seasons and we're aiming him at the Sodexo Chase over 3m at Ascot on October 26.

Voix D'Eau

6g Voix Du Nord - Eau De Chesne Harry Fry Racing - Voix D'Eau Syndicate 2131-33 RPR 155c 119h OR 148c 143h Fences transformed him last season. The 2m3f trip at Cheltenham this month was just slightly too short - he was off his feet early on and fluffed his lines over the last three and did well to stand up. He'll be stepped up to 2m6f-3m now, possibly at Ascot on October 29. Wants top of the ground.

Whataknight

7g Midnight Legend - What A Mover JM Dare, T Hamlin, JW Snook 1234-12 RPR 149h OR 144h We took our chance with him in a beginners' chase at Ffos Las last Saturday, but we had a good-ground horse running on softer than ideal. He didn't disgrace himself and he'll improve for the run and will be out again soon, with 3m-plus definitely his trip.

Wotzizname

6g Fruits Of Love - Native Beau CJS Horton 1-1 RPR 136h OR 140 Winning pointer who won two starts for us in the spring. Rated 140 and goes to Cheltenham on Saturday for a 3m novice hurdle. He loses his novice status at the end of the month, so it looks an ideal race before he goes novice chasing.

STABLE ANALYSIS 2012-16

Table with columns: Races run, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Unpl, Per cent, 0-50%, £1 level stake, ROI*. Rows include Non-hcp hdl, Hcp hdl, Non-hcp chs, Hcp chs, NH Flat, Totals.

JOCKEYS

Table with columns: W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Noel Fehily, Ryan Mahon, Mir M Legg, Nick Scholfield, Gary Derwin, Barry Geraghty, Mir W Biddick, Liam McKenna, Richard Johnson, Kieron Edgar, Harry Cobden, Brian Hughes.

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

Table with columns: W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

FIRST TIME OUT

Table with columns: W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Non-hcp hdl, Hcp hdl, Non-hcp chs, Hcp chs, NH Flat.

FAVOURITES

Table with columns: W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Non-hcp hdl, Hcp hdl, Non-hcp chs, Hcp chs, NH Flat.

COURSES

Table with columns: W-R, Per cent, Non-hcp Hdl, Hcp Chs, Non-hcp Hdl, Hcp Chs, NH Flat, £1 level stake. Rows include Wincanton, Exeter, Newbury, Taunton, Ascot, Kempton, Doncaster, Cheltenham, Newton Abbot, Fontwell, Plumpton, Huntingdon, Bangor, Ludlow, Uttoxeter, Kempton (AW), Wetherby, Towcester, Lingfield, Southwell, Sandown, Ffos Las, Haydock, Market Rasen, Stratford, Warwick, Aintree, Hereford, Carlisle, Perth, Kelso, Leicester, Ayr, Lingfield (AW), Worcester, Cheltenham.

NEIL MULHOLLAND 'I'm delighted to have him on our side - he's a beautiful horse' More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

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STABLE TOUR NEIL MULHOLLAND

AFTER recording his first Cheltenham Festival winner in 2015 Neil Mulholland kicked on to his most successful season to date, one that climaxed on the final day of the season with his biggest win in the bet365 Gold Cup with The Young Master.

Mulholland is already past halfway towards last season's 60-winner score and enters the core period of the campaign in the knowledge he has a deeper pool of resources.

He still has established Saturday horses The Young Master, festival winner The Druids Nephew, Carole's Destrier and Southfield Royale, while among the next generation are the likes of Shantou Village and Racing Post Arkle third Fox Norton.

They are unlikely to be the only ones to keep the Mulholland profile in the spotlight as one of his new recruits, £220,000 acquisition Espoir De Teillee, is already joint-favourite for the Champion Bumper.

As a student of his first boss Aidan O'Brien, Mulholland can be expected to leave no stone unturned in pursuit of his goals.

"We would have probably about 15 more horses and the quality is definitely better," he says. "The goal is always just to keep improving. We include Flat winners and we want to be getting to 100 jumps and Flat before next May."

"We have several race targets. The Druids Nephew will be aimed at the Cheltenham Festival and the bet365, Carole's Destrier and The Young Master at the Grand National and we have some nice young novice chasers you'd like to think could run in the RSA or JLT, but they have to go and prove it."

Interview by Jon Lees

Admiral Kid

Five-year-old gelding Mythical Kid (sire) - English Clover (dam)
Owner: Equi ex Incertis Partners
Form figures: 31-F
Racing Post Rating: 110b Official rating -

He ran at Warwick last month but because he hadn't been on the track since February he got quite excited, ran a bit keen, didn't relax and ended up having a fall. He got a nasty

Rise in quality as yard targets fresh goals

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Conkwell Grange Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Limpley Stoke, Bath
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2008
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 95
- ▶▶ **Members of staff** 30
- ▶▶ **Head lass** Georgie Murgatroyd
- ▶▶ **Assistant head lass** Maisie Bush, Shannon Scrivens
- ▶▶ **Travelling head lass** Elizabeth Harrington
- ▶▶ **Travelling head lad** Billy Page
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Noel Fehily, Wayne Hutchinson, Tom Scudamore, James Best
- ▶▶ **Conditionals** Sean Corby, Jordan Canavan
- ▶▶ **Amateur** James King
- ▶▶ **Secretary** Elizabeth Harrington
- ▶▶ **Website** neilmulhollandracing.com
- ▶▶ **Twitter** @Neil_Mulholland

Winners in Britain

2015-16	60
2014-15	51
2013-14	31
2012-13	19
Profit/loss to £1 stake	
2015-16	-£145.57
2014-15	+£8.69
2013-14	-£56.24
2012-13	-£20.33
Prize-money 2015-16	
£637,619	

couple of kicks. I'd put a line through that.

Baltimore Rock

7g Tiger Hill - La Vita E Bella
Roger Brookhouse
73/12F-4
RPR 149c OR 144c

He joined us midway through last season. After running at Chepstow on soft enough ground he was in the deep end against Douvan in the Arkle. Noel Fehily felt he was going as well as Fox Norton and going to be placed when he fell. Punchestown was a recovery

mission and he made a couple of mistakes. He'll be going handicap chasing. He's run well round Cheltenham and will probably be in one of their handicaps next month.

Carole's Destrier

8g Kayf Tara - Barton May
Carole Skipworth
15/51P0-
RPR 157c OR 148c
He finished fifth in the Badger Ales Trophy before winning the London National. We feel he's a little bit ahead this season so I'd like to think he

can make his presence felt in this year's Badger Ales before going back to Sandown again. His long-term plan would be the Radox Grand National.

Cesar Et Rosalie

4g Network - Regle De L'Art
Masterson Holdings Limited
5
RPR 97h OR -
You'd hope he'd come on from his hurdling debut for Adrian Maguire and be a nice novice hurdler for this season. He's a nice, big horse who looks a long-term chaser. He looks like a four-year-old but goes well. I'd be surprised if he doesn't win races.

Clondaw Cracker

5g Court Cave - Twelve Pence
Roger Brookhouse
1-
RPR 110b OR -
He's done very well for a summer break and has schooled well. He looks an exciting novice hurdler. I suspect we will try to keep it low key first time and try to follow the Shantou Village route and go to Cheltenham in November.

Courtlands Prince

7g Presenting - Bathwick Annie
Wayne Clifford
P5-2112
RPR 112h OR 115h
He's been given a little break and we feel he's got stronger. We'll probably stick to hurdles and give him a break December-January time.



STAR QUALITY

Shantou Village

6g Shantou - Village Queen
Jane Gerard-Pearse
1/112P-1
RPR 131c OR 146c

He was very promising last year. He got struck into at the Cheltenham Festival. We had to run him once on soft ground in January to see whether he handled it and the answer was he didn't, but he still finished second to Yanworth, running a very good race. I wouldn't make the same mistake again and will be looking for better ground. He jumps fences very well despite making a mistake at the last at Fontwell on his chasing debut. He was fresh, full of running and Noel wanted to put the race to bed but he wanted to go round again and he should learn a lot from that. Because of the ground he is unlikely to be running in November, December or January. We could run him in the two-mile-three race at Cheltenham tomorrow.

Mentally he is not ready for a fence this season but he is improving in confidence and hopefully his runs on the track will support that.

En Joule

5m Shirocco - Ancora
Wincanton Race Club
41735
RPR 100h OR 102h

When she ran at Bangor in July she got a right fright over the new padded hurdles that made a hell of a rattle and she never let herself down. It took a couple of runs to get her confidence back, but off her rating she looks capable of picking up a few races.

Fox Norton

6g Lando - Natt Musik
B Dunn
233331-
RPR 152c OR 146c

I think he has improved and got stronger again. He was seeing out his races better last season and came up the hill well at Cheltenham, and I'm hopeful he can run a nice race there this weekend. He could end up in the Champion Chase at the end of the season. He likes it round Cheltenham and gave his owner a lot of fun last season.

Hadfield

4g Sea The Stars - Rezyana
Terry Clyne
1214-
RPR 112h OR 130h

He's a very nice little horse and also a maiden on the Flat. You

STABLE STAT

Neil Mulholland is 14-19 (74% +£9.40) with favourites in non-handicap chases since he started training in 2009. His record in full is 1111111111224124111.

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Monday, October 24, 2016

A close-up portrait of Philip Hobbs, an older man with a friendly smile, wearing a tan flat cap and a dark blue jacket over a patterned shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with other people on horseback in a field.

PHILIP HOBBS

Get the lowdown from the leading yard with
the latest in our stable tour series

STABLE TOUR PHILIP HOBBS

SUCCESS is guaranteed, it's just the level of success that remains to be ascertained. Philip Hobbs's yard is a powerhouse and he's already busy pouring on the coal; what will the output be this season?

"I'd settle now for 110 winners and a million and a half in prize-money," says the genial master of Sandhill, the north Somerset yard with a sea view on a clear day and its own micro-climate. That would tally well with the harvest of previous seasons, for Hobbs is a hugely consistent performer at the top level with a horse for seemingly every race – well, almost.

"What we lack is a proven Grade 1 performer, but we've got quite a lot who could be," he says, putting his finger squarely on the crux of the matter, as his highest-rated horse is the ageing ace Menorah, who can't be expected to carry all before him any more. "Time will tell," he adds. "We all know it's a numbers game in the end."

Hobbs has the numbers on his side, with plenty of young, promising types allied to a squad of seasoned handicappers that will keep the wheels turning. He is habitually strong across all divisions, has an enviable strike-rate through the core months of the season, is blessed with the assistance of champion jockey Richard Johnson.

So winners will not be hard to find, and the likes of Garde La Victoire, Rock The Kasbah, Village Vic and Sternrubin will be to the fore in the better races, while hopes are high that Gala Ball, Westend Story, Perform and Wishfull Dreaming, among many others, can step up and share the spotlight as the season goes on.

All is in place for another very strong campaign, another roll of the dice, another numbers game – but what will it all add up to this time?

Interview by Stev eDennis

Allee Bleue

Six-year-old gelding
Mount Nelson (sire) - Murrieta (dam)
Owner: Andrew Cohen
Form figures: 611510-
Racing Post Rating: 134h; Official rating: 133h
Progressive over hurdles last season, finishing fifth in the Imperial Cup, and he'll probably have one run over hurdles before going over fences. He hasn't been back in the yard that long and therefore won't be out for a bit, so by the time he does hopefully he'll get the soft ground he's been winning on, although I don't think he has to have it soft. He'll do well at 2m and should stay further, especially on better ground.

Atirelarigo

6g Puit D'Or - Ouchka
David & Karola Vann
736F/30-
RPR 111c OR 119c
Had a year off between running in France and running for me – he won a chase at Le Lion d'Angers and is hopefully going to be a nice handicap

Talented team will help keep wheels turning

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Sandhill Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Billbrook, Somerset
- ▶▶ **Started training** August 1985
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 108
- ▶▶ **Members of staff** 42
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Johnson White
- ▶▶ **Second assistant trainer** Chris Davies
- ▶▶ **Racecourse representative** Diana Hobbs
- ▶▶ **Travelling head grooms** Seanie Mulcaire, Emma McWilliam, Tim Dennis, Natalie Parker
- ▶▶ **Head girls** Liz Welsh, Carol Burnett
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Richard Johnson, Tom O'Brien; also James Best, Micheal Nolan
- ▶▶ **Conditionals** Ciaran Gethings, Tom Cheesman, Conor Smith

- ▶▶ **Amateurs** Sean Houlihan, Nick Lawton, Natalie Parker
- ▶▶ **Secretary** Jo Cody-Boutcher
- ▶▶ **Stable sponsor** Amlin Plus
- ▶▶ **Website** pjhobbs.com
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Winners in Britain

2015-16	113
2014-15	102
2013-14	106
2012-13	73

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16	-£64.73
2014-15	-£81.06
2013-14	+£21.37
2012-13	-£145.80

Prize-money 2015-16

£1,386,468

chaser this season, although I'll try to win a novice hurdle with him first. He obviously goes well on soft ground but I don't know whether he needs it or not; he should be effective between 2m4f and 3m, although I'm still finding my way with him.

Awake At Midnight

4g Midnight Legend - Wakeful
Sally Lloyd-Baker
Unraced
RPR - OR -
Nice sort with a good attitude who is out of a sister to that good horse Planet Of Sound, and he'll be running in a bumper in the next couple of weeks.

Bacchanel

5g Vendangeur - Pardielle
Gold & Blue Ltd
3/3233-
RPR 98h OR -
Slightly frustrating in that he's never been out of the frame but never won a race. He's a big, strong horse who is going to be a thorough stayer and he copes well with soft ground, so we'll try to get him going in a novice hurdle and then move into handicaps. It would be nice to

find him an easy race but there aren't very many of them.

Ballygarvey

10g Laveron - Vollere
The Dark Horse Syndicate
146U/62-
RPR 144c OR 134c
Won't be out until Christmas, but he's best on soft ground so that won't necessarily be a bad thing, and now he's getting a bit older he might need 2m4f. He's qualified for veterans' chases but they don't have those over 2m, so that'll be a good angle for him if he's happy at the longer trip.

Banyu

5g Dylan Thomas - Banyu Dewi
David Maxwell Racing & Barber
Wadlow Ltd
1P221-1
RPR 140h OR 141h
Ex-French horse – half-brother to an Ascot Gold Cup third – who was a very progressive sort over hurdles last season. He has the scope to jump fences one day, but he'll start off in handicap hurdles. I hope he might be a candidate for some very good handicap hurdles when conditions are right – 2m on decent ground.

Barbrook Star

4g Getaway - Fille De Robin
Barbara Hitchcock
4

RPR 97b OR -
Big, strong chasing type who made a very pleasing debut in a Chepstow bumper. You won't see the best of him for another couple of years, over fences, but I'll see how he goes and he might go over hurdles next, or equally we might keep him to bumpers this season.

Beau Du Brizais

4g Kapgarde - Belle Du Brizais
Roger & Carol Skan
7-544
RPR 102h OR 109h
He's a bit keen and needs to learn to settle better, so we'll stick to 2m for the time being and a bit of cut in the ground will probably help him. Hopefully he'll improve as he gains experience and now he's been placed twice he's eligible for handicap hurdles.

Bertie Boru

9g Brian Boru - Sleeve Lady
Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd
4P5U30-
RPR 139c OR 126c
Hasn't won for nearly two years and it's his jumping that lets him down, although he ought to win a decent handicap chase over 3m at some stage if he can put it all together. He's come down the handicap a bit and cross-country races could be an option for him – he's schooled all right over those fences, so it might do the trick.

Big Easy

9g Ransom O'War - Basilea Gold
Terry Warner
722240/
RPR 147h OR 143h
Has been off since injuring a tendon in the build-up to last year's Cesarewitch and isn't back in the yard yet, so he won't be out until after Christmas. He's schooled over fences and was okay, if a bit careful, but he'll be hard to place over hurdles. He doesn't want quick ground, so I expect he'll start in a 3m handicap hurdle and we'll see how he goes.

Bold Henry

10g Kayf Tara - Madam Min
J P McManus
7814F-P
RPR 143c OR 140c
Very genuine but inconsistent,



although at his best he's pretty good. Soft ground and 2m is perfect for him and there'll be plenty of opportunities for him at the better tracks through the winter. He's a nice horse to have in the yard because those races are generally quite valuable and you don't get big fields.

Book Direct

5g Kayf Tara - Sinnaja
Brocade Racing

3-2

RPR 109h OR -

Third in an Irish point-to-point and I've been very pleased with him at home, and was delighted with him at Newton Abbot on his hurdling debut on his first run for nearly 18 months. He'll probably step up to 2m4f next time.

Braavos

5g Presenting - Tatanka
Grahame and Diana Whateley
2161-20

RPR 132h OR 128h

Very disappointing last time out, but they went no pace, he was a bit keen, was a bit green in front, so he'll have another chance in a handicap hurdle – maybe at Sandown at the beginning of next month – before we think about sending him chasing. He wouldn't want the ground too soft.

Bradford Bridge

4g Milan - Isis Du Berlais
Brocade Racing

5-3

RPR 107h OR -

Likeable horse who was rather weak last year, but he took a big step up when third at Newton Abbot on his hurdling debut and I was pleased with that. He probably wants slightly further and 2m4f might be his trip for the time being.

Bridge Of Spies

5g Indian River - Killerig Park
David Symondson & Lydia Roper
F315

RPR - OR -

Won a point-to-point in Ireland in May – on good ground – and ran rather green on his hurdling debut at Worcester last week. I'll find him a similar race and he probably wants further than 2m4f.

Brother Tedd

7g Kayf Tara - Neltina
Scrase Farms
347-524

RPR 144c OR 144c

A good handicap hurdler last season and I was delighted with his chasing debut in a hot little race at Newton Abbot. He jumped very well and looked like he might win going to the second-last, but the lack of a previous outing probably caught him out. Unfortunately he was very disappointing at Cheltenham on Saturday – his scope afterwards was good and there's no obvious reason for that poor run. Perhaps

**STABLE
STAT**

Since the start of 2013 Philip Hobbs has a 30% strike-rate with his runners at Stratford (18 winners from 61 runners, £1 level-stake profit of £29.98). That improves to 40% (15 winners from 38 runners; +£39.43) with his chasers. ▶▶ *Stable Stat* is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at raceform.co.uk

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EDWARD WHITAKER (RACINGPOST.COM/PHOTOS)



Philip Hobbs on the top of the gallops with first lot at his Sandhill Stables in Somerset

Copper Kay

6m Kayf Tara - Presenting Copper
Aiden Murphy & Alan Peterson
1164-51
RPR 97h OR -

There are quite a few good mares in the yard and she'd be near the top of the list. She showed plenty of ability in bumpers - she was fifth at Punctestown - but although she won on her hurdling debut she was more workmanlike than impressive and needed to show the hurdles a little more respect, especially in the first half of the race. She likes a bit of cut in the ground and 2m4f will probably turn out to be her trip. I hope she's the sort to do well in the better mares' novice races through the season.

Defi Du Seuil

3g Voix Du Nord - Quarvine Du Seuil
J P McManus
2-11
RPR 105h OR -

Won an AQPS bumper at Lyon Parilly and couldn't have been more impressive on his hurdling debut, although the opposition wasn't particularly strong. I was very pleased and he'll probably run at the big meeting at Cheltenham next month. We're a bit short on three-year-old hurdlers this season - the whole scene has changed because most of them used to come off the Flat, out of the Newmarket horses in training sales, but those horses are now so expensive because there's such a market for them to go abroad, particular Australia. It's a problem.

Desert Retreat

5g Sandmason - Suny House
Louisville Syndicate III
2242-R
RPR 113b OR -

I was surprised at how well he did in bumpers even though he didn't win one, because he's a nice staying sort who'll need 3m one day. To win a 2m bumper you do need a horse who stays well, but he's a thorough stayer and it was unfortunate what happened on his hurdling debut at Market Rasen, where he ran out at the fourth - he followed the loose horse - after being very green when left in front. I don't think the ground is a factor for him.

reappearance and I hope she's a lot better than that. She could go for mares' novice chases now, she likes a little cut in the ground and 2m4f is probably her trip.

Clondaw Shane

4g Black Sam Bellamy - Miss Chinchilla
Robert & Janet Gibbs
2
RPR 87p

Beaten a head in an Irish point on his only start, is doing everything very nicely and we're pleased with him. He looks to be a staying type, he'll probably start in a 2m4f novice hurdle but should get 3m later on, and he wouldn't want the ground too fast.

unlucky. However, his run at Cheltenham last Friday was just too bad to be true, so he'll have an easy week and I'll think of a new plan. I'm sure he'll get further than 2m and maybe handicaps are the answer off that mark.

Catherines Well

7m Kayf Tara - Dureen
Mark Pendarves
F5/221-7
RPR 127h OR 122h

Nice mare with a very good attitude and plenty of ability. She's had minor back issues, which has prevented her running since December, and she's all right now but was pretty disappointing on her

it came a bit soon after his previous outing. He's won three times at Kempton and once at Huntingdon, but he doesn't have to have a flat track as he showed at Cheltenham when seventh in the Coral Cup, not beaten far. He's zippy enough for tight tracks, sure, but it's not necessary. He wouldn't want the ground too soft.

Casper King

5g Scorpion - Princess Supreme
The Brushmakers
2222-26
RPR 122h OR 123h

I don't think I've had a horse finish second five times in a row before - he's not ungenueine, he's just been



HORSE TO FOLLOW James Hill

Gala Ball

This talented six-year-old looked a chaser in the making last season and he's an exciting type for fences this term, especially when the ground is soft. The son of Flemensfirth racked up a hat-trick of hurdle victories as a novice with his official mark improving 27lb through January to April. Further progress can be expected over fences and, if he jumps anything like as well as close relative Voy Por Ustede's did, he'll be a force between 2m-2m4f.

Draytonian

6g King's Theatre - Full Of Birds
Grahame and Diana Whateley
6/31081-
RPR 134h OR 130h

A big, strong horse who was probably still a bit weak last season. He's six, so he'll be novice chasing before too long, but I'm inclined to start him off in a handicap hurdle. He's a bit keen so will stay at 2m for the time being.

Dr Dunraven

5g Dr Massini - Bajan Girl
Owners For Owners Dr Dunraven
F4
RPR 103h OR -

I've been happy with him this autumn and he made a very promising start over hurdles at Worcester, where he ran very well as far as the second-last, and then I don't know if he didn't get home or simply needed the race. I look forward to giving him another try in a similar race.

Drumlee Sunset

6g Royal Anthem - Be My Sunset
Roger Brookhouse
U3419-1
RPR 134h OR 133h

Was workmanlike rather than impressive when scoring at Exeter, but it was nice to get another win under his belt and I'll try to find him a decent handicap hurdle, although I imagine he'll go over fences before too long. I had doubts last season about whether he really got 2m4f on soft ground, and he certainly wouldn't want to go further than that. His owner likes to have runners at Cheltenham so he'll have entries there.

Duke Des Champs

6g Robin Des Champs - Ballycowan Lady
Diana Whateley & Tim Syder
212136-
RPR 142h OR 139h

Big, strong horse whose dam is

a half-sister to Harbour Pilot, so he's bred to be a chaser and that's what he'll do now after running well over hurdles last season - he has the potential to be even better over fences. I wouldn't want to be dogmatic about his best trip, anywhere from 2m4f to 3m should suit him, and he's ready to go now but he does need cut in the ground. He's an exciting prospect.

Dunraven Storm

11g Presenting - Foxfire
Karola Vann
220-140
RPR 152c OR 150c

Grand old horse who retains all his enthusiasm and always tries very hard, but he was always outpaced at Cheltenham on Saturday and maybe it's time to try him over a bit further. He's a similar type to Bold Henry, but this one wants good ground so they dovetail throughout the season. He'll find a race or two despite quite a high mark.

Eardisland

6m Kayf Tara - Aranga
Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd
516-616
RPR 113h OR 114h

Very disappointing last time out and I don't know why - she came back all right and seems fine now. I'll give her another go in a handicap hurdle but she'll probably be going into mares' novice chases before too long. She wouldn't want the ground too soft and 2m4f is probably her trip for now.

Fingal Bay

10g King's Theatre - Lady Marguerite
Roger & Carol Skan
4332P8-
RPR 151c OR 138c

A great old servant to the yard and he seems very well

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at the moment, but bearing in mind that he's a Grade 1 winner who's also won at the Cheltenham Festival, it has to be said he was very disappointing last season after Christmas, and he hasn't actually won a race since the Pertemps Final two and a half years ago. But I think he still retains a decent level of ability, so veterans' handicap chases could be the way forward for him. His owners are keen to put him back over hurdles at some stage, so that's a possibility too.

For Good Measure

5g King's Theatre - Afdala
J P McManus

1003-22

RPR 130h OR 132h

Brother to the celebrated Balthazar King and lovely to deal with, very straightforward. Looks a bit like his brother in that he's stocky and not over-big but he's done a lot more than that horse at the same stage of their careers. I hope he's the type to do well in long-distance hurdles. He stays 3m on the evidence of his run in the Pertemps qualifier at Cheltenham on Saturday, which I was very pleased with, and he's run well on heavy ground and good ground. One day he might be a better chaser than he is a hurdler, too.

Gala Ball

6g Flemensfirth - Nuit Des Chartreux

Robert & Janet Gibbs

621112-

RPR 146h OR 145h

From the family of Voy Por Ustedes and should really be among the top dozen big names here. He could be a high-class novice chaser this season, starting at 2m but with the potential to go further if there's a need to. He's been winning on soft ground but I don't think he needs it that way, although on better ground he might well need a slightly longer trip.

Generous Ransom

8g Generous - Penneyrose Bay
Sir Christopher & Lady Wates

4/00565-

RPR 145c OR 125c

Moved here from Nick Gifford over the summer and is a half-brother to Imperial Presence. The season before last he was third at the Cheltenham Festival so he's got ability. He's been going well this autumn and off that mark I'd be hopeful he can win a handicap chase before moving up for something a bit better. He goes well on soft ground.

Golden Doyen

5g Doyen - Goldsam

Merry Old Souls

42-2411

RPR 139h OR 140h

The plan was to get him qualified for the Pertemps Final and he did that in style at Cheltenham on Saturday. The step up to 3m suited him and he's clearly a thorough stayer. He'll have a break and go straight to the festival because he doesn't really want soft ground. One day fences will be his job but we can wait another year for that now. Like a lot of Flat-bred horses - he raced and won on the Flat in France as a

'Haldon Gold Cup the next race for Garde La Victoire'

two-year-old - he's probably no better over fences than he is over hurdles, and I don't think he finds it particularly easy.

Hello George

7g Westerner - Top Ar Aghaidh

Martin St Quinton, Compton Hellyer,
Mike Strong

36402/1-

RPR 130h OR 126h

Sustained a tendon injury after winning at Kelso last season and has been off for a year, and won't be running until Christmas. When he comes back he'll run in handicap hurdles and could be one for novice chases later on. Has won on fast ground and heavy ground and 2m4f seems to be his trip.

If In Doubt

8g Heron Island - Catchers Day

J P McManus

P/P132-5

RPR 159c 155h OR 146c 153h

He's a very decent horse but has struggled with jumping fences - when he won the Great Yorkshire Chase in January 2015 it must have been AP McCoy's finest hour! We've abandoned chasing for the time being, and then he was very unlucky not to win the Pertemps Final when he was stopped twice in his run but still managed to finish third. He's just off the top rank as far as staying conditions hurdles go, but if he improved a little more - which he might - those good 3m races could be the right route for him. He might go for the West Yorkshire Hurdle at Wetherby at the weekend and then we'll make a plan.

I'm A Game Changer

4g Arcadio - Drinadaly

Paul & Clare Rooney

R8-

RPR 48b OR -

First time out he was favourite and went the wrong side of a marker at Wincanton, and then he was second-favourite at the same track and was disappointing, but he's shown ability schooling over hurdles and I'm hoping for considerable improvement this season. He'll start off over 2m, we'll see how things go but he wouldn't want fast ground.

Imperial Presence

5g Presenting - Penneyrose Bay

Sir Christopher & Lady Wates

1247-2

RPR 128c OR 130c

Is a bit too keen for his own good - he works on his own at home rather than upsides, which can help with that - but I was delighted with him on his chasing debut when he settled better than he had over hurdles

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Garde La Victoire

7g Kapgarde - Next Victory

Grahame and Diana Whately

111FF-1

RPR 157c OR 151c

Did very well as a novice last season until he finished his campaign with a couple of falls, and because of that I'd have a little doubt about his jumping until he's got round safely again. He's a very good horse, though, and if he can get his jumping together it'll be a big plus for us.

I was delighted with his comeback at Ffos Las where he won the Welsh Champion Hurdle, which would have given his confidence a big boost, and he'll go back over fences now for the Haldon Gold Cup at Exeter. He has plenty enough pace for 2m and he stays 2m4f, and he goes well on soft ground, although he's also won on good ground.



and his jumping was very good for the most part. If he'd been a bit slicker at the last two he'd have won instead of going down to Old Guard and I'll find him another nice novice chase, or maybe a novice handicap chase. He has plenty of ability, is open to improvement, I'll probably keep him to 2m and he seems to go well on decent ground.

Jaboltiski

4g Delfos - Sonic Sea

Sue Lanz

1147-6

RPR 120h OR 123h

I always had the feeling his handicap mark was on the high side, and so it proved on his reappearance at Chepstow. He'll be dropped a pound or two but I'll send him over fences now, and off that sort of mark, with the four-year-old allowance to help him, he could do all right in novice handicaps. On decent ground

he'd want 2m4f, but he'll stick to 2m on soft ground.

Katy P

4f Ask - Kingara

Patrick Atkinson

3-35

RPR 88b OR -

Came here from Jessica Harrington after showing a bit of form in bumpers. She's going well, won't be out until next month and may well have another run in a bumper before going hurdling.

Kayf Adventure

5g Kayf Tara - My Adventure

Karola Vann

41/

RPR 117b

Won a bumper at Warwick by 19 lengths but missed the whole of last season - it was very strange, he was moving rather oddly and we thought it was either something to do with his nervous system or he'd broken a rib. There was a broken rib on the x-ray but we don't know how he did it. Everything's fine now, he's going well and he'll be out before much longer in a 2m4f novice hurdle. He wants soft ground and he's an interesting one to watch out for.

Keep Moving

4g Linda's Lad - Keeping Gold

The Country Side

7F5F4-

RPR 96h OR -

Fourth over fences at Angers on his most recent outing, he's a big, strong horse who'll start life over here over hurdles and may well end up over fences before the season's out. Soft ground is probably ideal for him and he's been running at around 2m4f in France.

Kruzhlinin

9g Sholokhov - Karuma

Paul & Clare Rooney

72/15P-P

RPR 156c 137h OR 146c 138h

His reappearance certainly didn't go to plan and he was probably remembering his previous run in the Grand National. He jumped the first two at Chepstow very big, made another mistake in the straight and Richard pulled up him straight away. I imagine we'll give him a go over hurdles when we get some give in the ground and see how he is then, but it's a case of going back to the drawing board. He won't be running in the National again, anyway.

Lamb Or Cod

9g Old Vic - Princess Lizzie

Terry Warner

22P7P1/

RPR 146c OR 133c

Was always a horse who didn't



hold his condition very well, but he's looking a lot better now he's been off the track for 18 months with a tendon problem and as a result I'm hoping he'll hold his form better too. He'll be running in 3m handicap chases on decent ground, because he doesn't really want it soft.

Lisheen Prince

5g Oscar - Dino's Monkey

Grahame and Diana Whately

1/8-

RPR 103b OR -

From a good jumping family and ran very well for a long way in a Listed bumper on his first run for us just under a year ago but didn't get home, and after that he was very light in condition and didn't stand training. This year he's a bit stronger and he'll go straight into novice hurdles over 2m. He could be quite decent when he strengthens up.

Little Miss Poet

4f Yeats - R De Rien Sivola

Mike Tuckey

216-

RPR 110b OR -

Showed a good level of form in bumpers and should hopefully progress over hurdles,

Menorah (Tim Dennis, right) and Onenightinvienna (Beth Childs) are put through their paces; (top right) staff return after morning exercise; (bottom right) Duke Des Champs (Natasha Mallon, right) and Ten Sixty (Chris Davies)

especially as she's been racing on soft ground but may be even better on decent ground, and ought to be suited by moving up to 2m4f. Nice filly for mares' races.

Longtown

5g Scorpion - Desirable Asset

Trevor Hemmings

3-

RPR 102b OR -

Very big horse who made a promising start to his career in a bumper, has a good attitude to life, and will now go into novice hurdles over 2m4f. He'll be a staying chaser in time - the typical horse his owner likes to have.

Lost In Lecce

4f Midnight Legend - Ryde To Arms

Let's Get Ready To Rumble

Partnership

F2

RPR 99h OR -

Jumped well on her hurdling debut at Hereford - it may not have been a great race but plenty of mares' novice hurdles won't be much better - and stayed on well. It was a good start. She'll want further, she'll likely stay 3m, and I'll find her a similar race next time.



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Louis' Vac Pouch

4g Oscar - Coming Home
The Vacuum Pouch Company Ltd
03-4
RPR 101b OR -

Nice horse who showed a bit more at home than he did on the track last season. He ran a decent race in another bumper at Market Rasen but I was rather hoping he'd win one. Anyway, he'll be going over hurdles now, he's not a slow horse and it looks as though 2m4f will suit him now.

Mendip Express

10g King's Theatre - Mulberry
David Maxwell Racing Ltd
0/1183-3
RPR 154c OR 135c

Gave his owner a lot of fun in hunter chases last season

– he was third in the Aintree Fox Hunters' – and it'll be the same route again this year, Cheltenham, Aintree and Punchestown, where he was also third.

Midnight Glory

4f Midnight Legend - Land Of Glory
Lynda Lovell
2-

RPR 92b OR -
She's out of a half-sister to See More Business and she'll be a nice broodmare one day. I was very pleased with her performance on her debut and she'll go for another bumper. She's only four and it's important to win a race with her given her pedigree.

Miles To Milan

6g Milan - Princesse Rooney
Lesley Field & Caren Walsh
3130-0
RPR 127h OR 129h

It was a struggle to keep condition on him last season but he's been much better on that score this term. I'm hoping he can win a decent handicap hurdle – 2m4f is his trip and he began his campaign at Aintree yesterday – before we think about sending him novice chasing. Plenty of cut in the ground seems to suit him.

Mister Big

5g Scorpion - Back To Roost
The Spoofers
5/
RPR 97b OR -
He's well named, and a half-

brother to Somersby. Missed last season after running well in his only bumper and could potentially be quite a nice horse. He'll need a trip to be seen to best advantage, and will now go over hurdles, probably starting off over 2m4f.

Multiculture

4g Mount Nelson - Gracious
Melange
Terry Warner
Unraced over jumps
RPR - OR -

Came from Ireland, where he won over 1m4f on heavy. He's schooled well and he'll make his debut for me in a 2m novice hurdle in a couple of weeks' time, although he'll probably stay further. Hopefully one

day he'll jump fences.

No Comment

5g Kayf Tara - Dizzy Frizzy
John P McManus
22-1U2
RPR 128h OR -

An exciting prospect who ran second at Aintree yesterday. Open to plenty of improvement and it was just unfortunate his hurdling debut in the Persian War didn't last very long – he unshipped Barry [Geraghty] at the second flight. He'd have enough pace for 2m but has already won over further in a bumper so 2m4f won't be beyond him, and he'll go on any ground – it was very soft when he was runner-up at Wetherby.

STAR QUALITY

Menorah

11g King's Theatre - Maid For Adventure
Grahame and Diana Whateley
1/P31-25
RPR 172c OR 162c

Wonderful old horse who won the Celebration Chase at Sandown on the final day of the season for the third year on the trot, and hopefully he'll be back there again next April bidding for the four-timer. He's not the easiest to place given his rating and he's not a horse who wants soft ground, so there are only two races all year that really suit him – the Charlie Hall at Wetherby before it gets too soft and the Sandown race when it's all drying up. If we had a dry autumn I might consider some alternatives, maybe the Betfair Chase or the King George VI Chase, but it's more likely he'll have a winter break after the Charlie Hall and be back in the spring.

One Cool Scorpion

5g Scorpion - One Cool Kate
The Scorpion Partnership
50451-0
RPR 109h OR 118h

Improved for the step up to 3m on his final start last season at Chepstow, so that's clearly the key to him – he ran in a handicap hurdle at Aintree yesterday and now we might think about staying novice chases. The ground was good that day at Chepstow, so perhaps that had something to do with it as well, and he doesn't strike as one of those stayers who needs soft ground.

Onefitzall

6g Indian Danehill - Company Credit
Mick Fitzgerald Racing Club
1/134-
RPR 131h OR 130h

He's quite a fragile horse who hasn't had much racing, mainly because he's been unhealthy, and he seems to show his best form when fresh, so I'd better find him the right race first time. That will probably be a 2m4f handicap

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STABLE TOUR PHILIP HOBBS

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hurdle – but look, he might be getting over his earlier issues and be stronger now, and in that case I'd be hopeful there's more to come from him.

Onenightinvienna

7g Oscar - Be My Granny
Judith Luff
1/1225U-
RPR 157c OR 146c

As it turned out, it was rather ambitious to run him in the Grand National as a novice, but he's still a very promising young chaser and I'll aim him at the intermediate chase at Sandown at the beginning of next month. After that he could well go for the Welsh National, as he stays so well and handles testing conditions. He'll probably have an entry in the Hennessy too but the Welsh National seems like his sort of race. Aintree is a long way away but he could end up back there again next spring.

Ozzie The Oscar

5f Oscar - Private Official
Bradley Partnership
3111-2

RPR 140h OR 138h
Improved last season and did very well. I'll keep him to handicap hurdles for the time being but he'll make a nice chaser one day. You wouldn't say he's the quickest if you saw him on the gallops but he's done all his winning at 2m and that's where he'll start, but he'll probably stay further as he progresses.

Perform

7g King's Theatre - Famous Lady
Merry Old Souls
5/1-6
RPR 136h OR 135h

He's nearly eight years old and has run just twice. He's been a bit unlucky. He won a nice race at Aintree 12 months ago but then sustained a leg injury that kept him off for the rest of the season. He missed pretty much his entire novice campaign so he went straight into handicaps at Aintree yesterday, starting over 2m4f, and the ground would need to be on the easy side of good for him. He could be quite good if we could just get going with him. He's a big, strong horse who'll jump fences one day, and hopefully as he gains experience we'll see him improve.

Persian Snow

10g Anshan - Alpine Message
David Maxwell Racing Ltd
207963/
RPR 142c OR 133c

Missed last season but is fine

'Sausalito Sunrise could start off in the Charlie Hall'

STAR QUALITY

Rock The Kasbah

6g Shirocco - Impudent
Grahame and Diana Whateley
21100-1
RPR 150c OR 150h

I was delighted with him on his chasing debut at Chepstow. He jumped very well – he made no semblance of a mistake to begin with, was very good and bold, but on their first run over fences it's good if they can nudge one or two so they realise what they're there for, and up the straight he was a little bit careful but still won well, so it was good. The Rising Stars Chase at Wincanton on November 5 is the obvious race for him, but he showed last season that he was a better horse on softer ground, so any rain will be a help. I'm sure he'll stay 3m, but particularly if the ground is soft 2m4f is far enough for him, he's got plenty of pace. The only slight worry I'd have is that he was very good in the first half of last season before his form tailed off in the spring, so that's something to think about.

on her debut, although it probably wasn't a very good race, and then she had one or two back issues that stopped her reappearing, but she's fine now and is potentially a nice mare, although there isn't much to go on yet. She'll try her luck in mares' hurdles and will probably start off over 2m, although she'll have no trouble staying further.

STAR QUALITY

Sausalito Sunrise

8g Gold Well - Villafior
Grahame and Diana Whateley
P12143-
RPR 166c OR 158c

He's a very talented horse and a thorough stayer – he probably went half a mile further than anything else in the bet365 Gold Cup because Richard kept him out wide. The reason for that, and the problem with this horse, is that he's a bit of a wuss, really. He's careful at his obstacles and needs plenty of light, so the only way to get him to travel and jump is to keep him wide – it makes it difficult finding races to suit him. He's good enough to go for the Hennessy or the Grand National, but those races might be asking too much of his personality, although where else could he go? But there's still time for him to grow up a bit, get more confident, and that might make a big difference to his form. He'll either start over 3m at Ascot on the last Saturday of the month or go for the Charlie Hall at Wetherby. He wouldn't want the ground very soft.

Pull The Chord

6g St Jovite - Gold Chord
Brocade Racing
13556-2

RPR 132c OR 131c
Did well for us in handicap hurdles last season and I was very pleased with his chasing debut at Ludlow – only two got round but he jumped very well. He'll keep going in novice handicap chases or open handicaps, over 2m4f or thereabouts, wouldn't want extremes of ground, and as he gains experience over fences there'll be races to be won with him.

Que Sera

6g Rakti - Mitsina
Daphne Du Pre
4/13P6-
RPR 117h OR 116h

Pretty disappointing after winning a maiden hurdle, he definitely has ability but we need to see something from him now. He'll go in handicap hurdles over 2m4f or thereabouts, he doesn't mind soft ground, and one day I'm sure he'll jump fences.

Resolution Bay

4g Presenting - Parthenia
Grahame and Diana Whateley
9-

RPR 60b OR -
We thought he'd run really well on his debut, he'd been showing plenty at home, but he ran a terrible race and I don't know why. Hopefully it was just too bad to be true and the switch to hurdling will show him in a much better light. He'll start off at 2m.

Rolling Dylan

5g Indian River - Easter Saturday
Daphne Du Pre
2/1223-
RPR 124h OR 124h

Consistent type and I was pleased with him last season, although he displayed a tendency to jump to his left and he'll need to race left-handed now. There could be a fair bit of

improvement in him, and we stopped with him to preserve his novice status for this season, so hopefully he'll make a decent sort over 2m4f when there's plenty of cut in the ground.

Roll The Dough

7g Definite Article - High Dough
The Kingpins
22/111-4
RPR 119c OR 125c

Cracked his pelvis after winning two hurdles and that was that for the season, but horses get over that sort of thing and he's fine now. He jumped very well in front at Worcester on his chasing debut but got tired very quickly after the second-last – maybe he needed the run, or perhaps he just didn't get home. I'll drop him back to 2m4f next time and he could make up into a nice staying type.

Royal Milan

6g Milan - Aimees Princess
The Mount Fawcus Partnership
4351P-3
RPR 124h OR 125h

Won nicely at Catterick over

now and should be a good second-string – behind Mendip Express – for his owner in hunter chases after the turn of the year.

Poppy Kay

6m Kayf Tara - Double Red
Aiden Murphy & Alan Peterson
1-

RPR 112b OR -
Was an impressive winner



Rock The Kasbah (Stefan Kirwin) with assistant trainer Johnson White



an extended 3m – I wouldn't have too many runners there but the owners are local – and I hope he'll make a better chaser than he was a hurdler, he's a strong staying sort. He'll be in novice handicaps.

Royal Regatta

8g King's Theatre - Friendly Craic
Lesley Field & Eileen Murphy
65123/5-
RPR 161c OR 150c

He's very decent on his day but with that rating he's a bit stuck in no man's land between handicaps and conditions races. He was third in a Grade 1 behind Silviniaco Conti at Ascot and picked up some nice prize-money, so we gave him a try in the Old Roan Chase and will take it from there. Now he's getting a bit older I think he needs 2m4f, and he goes on any ground. He never runs very well at Cheltenham, no idea why, but I'm sure he'll go back there at some stage

and then we'll find out a bit more.

Royal Village

4g Scorpion - Etoile Margot
Mick Fitzgerald Racing Club
F

RPR - OR -
Half-brother to Village Vic who was going well when he fell two out in his only point-to-point. He hasn't done much work yet and I don't know whether he'll start off in bumpers or go straight over hurdles, but one day he'll probably be a nice chaser.

Saddlers Encore

7g Presenting - Saddlers Leader
Robert & Janet Gibbs
11/51PP-
RPR 135c OR 133c

It was a bit odd last season – he put up a good performance to win a valuable staying handicap hurdle at Sandown but was then hugely

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on his first start for us and has strengthened up nicely over the summer. He should be a better horse for it and will go straight over hurdles, probably over 2m4f and probably when there's a bit of cut in the ground.

Sternrubin

5g Authorized - Sworn Mum
Terry Warner
111P30-
RPR 144h OR 142h

Did very well over hurdles last season – the key was that he learned to settle much better in his races – and will stay over hurdles this term and go for the big 2m handicaps. There's a race at Ascot at the end of the month that looks a good starting point. On the other side of the coin, he's a stone higher than he was this time last year so it won't be that easy for him. Now he settles better, though, he might stay a bit further, which would give him more options, and he seems to go on any ground.

Strong Pursuit

6g Flemensfirth - Loughaderra
Tim Syder
F31/
RPR 90p OR -

An easy winner of an Irish point-to-point who missed last year after cracking his pelvis. All is well now, he's been a little bit keen but is settling better and looks stronger and better for his year off. He's out of a sister to Strong Promise and is a very big horse who'll go straight into novice hurdles over 2m4f, and would be better with a little cut in the ground.

St Saviour

4g Danehill Dancer - Titivation
Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - St Saviour
1164-
RPR 125h OR 129h

Didn't find things very easy when stepped up in grade last season, but has had a pipe-opener on the Flat and I'll see how he gets on in 2m handicap hurdles, with the ground on the softer side of good. A stiff track would be to his advantage too, and one day he'll go further.

Swincombe Toby

4g Tobougg - Soloism
Yeo Racing Partnership
8/3237-
RPR 108h OR 117h

Formerly trained by Nick Williams. Has the ability to win a novice hurdle, but off his current mark there's a decision to be made about whether he goes for novices or novice handicaps. He'll probably have to go for a handicap, because at this time of year he'll be

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disappointing. He's not ungeniue at all, but maybe a change of discipline will help and he'll go novice chasing now – the smaller fields might help him and he does handle soft ground very well despite his sire's usual influence for better ground.

Samburu Shujaa

3g Poliglote - Girelle
Karola Vann
Unraced
RPR - OR -

I mentioned before that it's a struggle to buy three-year-olds, so we tried something different with this one. We bought him as a two-year-old in France, he didn't cost a fortune, he has a proper jumping pedigree and will be a chaser in time – maybe next year with the four-year-old allowance. He's done plenty of schooling and is a big, strong horse who's not far off a run.

Sarah Marie

6m Apple Tree - Not Now Nellie
Roger Brookhouse
5/4-4
RPR 96h OR 101h

Nice big mare, a strong sort who'll jump fences, and I need to decide whether to keep her over hurdles for another season or send her straight over fences – she has a handicap mark so that's an option too. I am thinking about a 2m4f, maybe 3m novice handicap hurdle first before we make a decision about chasing.

Scoop The Pot

6g Mahler - Miss Brecknell
JP McManus
214/3PF-
RPR 126h OR 124h

Fell at Aintree yesterday; ran very well at Cheltenham on his first outing of last season, but ran poorly next time and wasn't right afterwards, we weren't happy with him,

so we stopped with him. He's potentially a very nice horse who'll continue to gain experience over hurdles. I think he could win a good race, and 2m4f, 2m6f with a bit of cut in the ground looks to be ideal conditions.

Sgroppino

4g Getaway - Boadicea
Louisville Syndicate III
2

RPR 107b OR -
Very pleased with his debut, he ran very well, but that'll be it for now and he'll have a break before coming back in the spring. I don't see why he wouldn't stay a bit further than 2m.

Shambougg

5g Tobougg - More Likely
British Racing Club
2/315-
RPR 108b OR -

Won a bumper at Warwick last January and will now try

his luck in novice hurdles, where he'll want at least 2m4f and probably further – and probably soft ground. He's definitely a staying type.

Silver Commander

9g Silver Patriarch - New Dawn
Exe Valley Racing
235/2P1/
RPR 138c OR 125c

Missed all last season with a 'leg' but is fine again now and is one for staying handicap chases, although he would not want the ground too soft.

Sneaky Feeling

4g Oscar - Shuil Aris
Burke, Syder, Whateley & Whitson
4
RPR 80p OR -

Big, strong horse whose Irish point-to-point form has worked out well. He's only four so he might well start off in a bumper before switching to hurdles, and 2m4f is probably the place to start when he does.

Philip Hobbs and assistant trainer Johnson White monitor second lot at the top of the gallops

So Fine

10g Definite Article - Not So Green
Lynda Lovell
16346-7
RPR 135c 136h OR 117c 125h

Good old servant and a thorough stayer who is one for veterans' chases as well as long-distance handicap hurdles. He's careful at his fences and is probably a better hurdler, but then he's on a higher mark over hurdles, so there's no real plan. He'll mix things up and run in whatever comes along when he's ready.

Steal My Thunder

5g Craigsteel - Party Woman
Mick Fitzgerald Racing Club
24-
RPR 98b OR -

Fourth in a Southwell bumper

STABLE TOUR PHILIP HOBBS

From page 7 meeting higher-rated horses in novice hurdles, so if he beats them his rating will go up a fair way and he might not be able to win a handicap.

Sykes
7g Mountain High - Our Trick
Bradley Partnership
3427-F8
RPR 129h OR 126h
Did well over hurdles last season but couldn't get his head in front off a higher mark, so he'll go into novice handicap chases from next month and will want 3m, because he stays well. Wouldn't want the ground too soft.

Tearsofclawbay
5m Kayf Tara - Fenney Spring
Caren Walsh & Kathleen Quinn
114-71
RPR 110h OR-
Another nice mare and her form wouldn't be far behind that of Copper Kay. I was delighted with her when she made a successful hurdling debut at Worcester, she could be progressive and a decent sort for mares' novice hurdles. I'll keep her to 2m for the time being and she's won on good ground and on heavy.

Ten Sixty
6g Presenting - Senora Snoopy
Andrew Cohen
2/53320-
RPR 123h OR 123h
He's out of a half-sister to Snoopy Loopy and was still very green last season, which he shouldn't have been given his age and experience, but hopefully when the penny drops it'll bring a fair amount of improvement. He's probably not organised enough to jump fences yet so he'll keep going in handicap hurdles over 2m4f, although he'll stay further in time.

Theatre Rouge
4f King's Theatre - Toulon Rouge
Racegoers Club Owners Group
62-9
RPR 90h
Very keen filly, pulls too hard for her own good, ran in a mares' bumper at Aintree yesterday because if she can win one before going hurdling it's a big plus for her broodmare prospects. With geldings you'd go straight over hurdles but with a mare there's a good reason to run in a bumper first.

Three Faces West
8g Dr Massini - Ardnataggle
Paul & Clare Rooney
1/3221-P
RPR 140c OR 135c
Did well when getting off the mark over fences towards the end of last season, when beating bet365 Gold Cup runner-up Just A Par, but was very disappointing at Carlisle on his reappearance and I'm afraid it's back to the drawing board with him. He wouldn't want extremes of ground and he stays very well.

Uncle Jimmy
9g Alderbrook - Carrabawn
Andy Ash
0/1203/9
RPR 123c 142h OR 138h
Ran well for a long way on his return from 18 months out with a tendon problem and he'll have to go back over fences before too long because

'Promising Westend Story is the pick of my horses here'

STAR QUALITY

Village Vic
9g Old Vic - Etoile Margot
Alan Peterson
111190-
RPR 160c OR 155c
Had a fantastic season but the downside of that is a 30lb higher mark, which will probably make life difficult for him this year. He might not be quite good enough for conditions races which means he'll have to go for the big handicaps - he might be a bit in between. There's a 2m4f handicap chase at Wetherby that's a possibility to start him off, or he could go straight for the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham, as he does love it around there. He's never been further than 2m5f for me - he won an Irish point over 3m a few years ago - and I don't think he wants 3m, but time will tell. He wouldn't want the ground too fast.

he's rising ten. He's had one run over fences, he's still a novice, and 3m is his trip.

Verni
7g Sabrehill - Nobless D'Aron
Paul & Clare Rooney
342/31-1-
RPR 131h OR 120h
Lightly raced for his age, he wasn't the way I wanted him after winning at Newton Abbot in April and we gave him the summer off. He came back in style at the same track, despite still being rather green, and I was very pleased with him. He'll probably have another run in a handicap hurdle for experience but I see him as a potential chaser, over 2m at the moment although he'll want further, and he does go well on soft ground.

Vieux Lille
6g Robin Des Champs - Park Athlete
Louisville Syndicate III
11361-4
RPR 126c 140h OR 137h
We've always liked this horse

and I wasn't too disappointed with him on his chasing debut - he was just a typical first-time novice, he didn't get his act together at all. When Richard asked him to stand off he put down, then he bunny hopped a couple down the back straight, and he actually jumped better and ran on okay up the straight. He's not very bright, but he'll be all right, just needs more experience, definitely wants 3m and softer ground will help. If he comes down a couple of pounds he'll get into 0-135 handicaps, which will help.

Wait For Me
6g Saint Des Saints - Aulne River
Andrew Cohen
3/2114-8
RPR 142h OR 139h
He won twice and finished fourth in the County Hurdle, but I was still disappointed with his campaign because I thought he'd be the best horse in the yard. It was his jumping, it wasn't very good at all, but he did get it together at Cheltenham and I hope he can go on like that. He'll stick to 2m handicap hurdles this year and he has the ability to win one of the big ones. He's had a small operation on his back and you probably won't see him out until Christmas, and because he doesn't really want soft ground we might not see the best of him until the spring.

Wishfull Dreaming
5g Alfara - Poussetiere Deux
Grahame and Diana Whateley
21/13-15
RPR 134h OR 131h
Brother to the now-retired Wishfull Thinking, who did so well for us for so many years. He doesn't have the size of his brother but I think he'll be a very decent hurdler. I was delighted with him at Chepstow on his first run for almost a year - he had a back issue, so we gave him the rest of the season off and time seems to have put things right - when he won very well on what was only his third start over hurdles. But he was never travelling at Cheltenham last Friday and I can only think it came a bit quick after his

DARK HORSE

Westend Story
5g Westener - Sarahall
Mick Fitzgerald Racing Club
FF/115-
RPR 130b OR 128b
He's a very promising horse and I like him a lot. If you want me to give you my pick of the horses here, he'd be the one. Richard was disappointed to be only fifth in the Champion Bumper, he felt he'd have been much closer and maybe even won the race if he hadn't been badly impeded. He was only beaten three and a half lengths. He'll go straight over hurdles now, probably start at 2m4f but he may want 3m. He'll go on soft ground - his two point-to-points in Ireland, neither of which he completed, were on soft - but good ground will be fine for him. He'll be a very nice staying novice hurdler.



Chepstow run. He's won on good ground and soft, 2m is his trip at the moment, and one day he'll jump fences.

Wolftrap
7g Mountain High - Dear Money
Sally White
7512-12
RPR 118h OR 112h
Has gone up 23lb since winning his first race and his handicap mark may make life difficult, although he ran a decent race at Newton Abbot last week. A longer trip might be the key, and he could go to Ascot on Saturday for a novice handicap over 2m3f. Fences don't look like an alternative because he's tiny - although he might take to it.

Woodford County
9g Sonus - Moylena
The Englands and Heywoods
6156PO-
RPR 134c OR 126c
Stays and stays, he won over almost four miles on heavy ground at Exeter, so there aren't too many races that suit him but he should win a race for us every year. I might aim him at the Welsh National again, he was fifth in it last season and he could run another good race there.

DAN SKELTON
'Improved beyond all recognition over hurdles and won well on chase debut'
More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	1,522	307	250	162	803	20	-357.22	-23%
Hcp Hdles	1,568	215	192	161	1,000	14	-210.27	-13%
Non-hcp Chse	535	138	125	97	175	26	-105.75	-20%
Hcp Chse	1,684	243	205	212	1,024	14	-105.02	-6%
Hunter Chse	42	10	10	5	17	24	-18.73	-45%
NH Flat	432	74	82	54	222	17	-74.72	-17%
Totals	5,783	987	864	691	3,241	17	-871.71	-15%

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	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Richard Johnson	623-3139	20	-246.75
Tom O'Brien	185-1232	15	-238.11
Rhys Flint	32-248	13	-83.46
James Best	23-198	12	-37.58
Michael Nolan	14-116	12	-46.39
Giles Hawkins	13-106	12	-32.02
Ciaran Gethings	10-76	13	-28.80
Thomas Cheesman	7-65	11	-13.75
Matt Griffiths	5-47	11	-13.47
Liam Heard	3-8	38	+3.50
Mir D Maxwell	3-12	25	-6.8
Conor Smith	3-26	12	-14.40

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	103-582	18	-132.13
February	79-514	15	-164.80
March	113-769	15	-162.71
April	126-703	18	-0.67
May	69-388	18	-30.56
June	26-167	16	-35.89
July	24-164	15	-46.35
August	29-147	20	+5.66
September	28-198	14	-96.92
October	121-635	19	-52.42
November	144-786	18	-69.98
December	125-730	17	-84.94

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	73-387	19	-112.69
Hcp Hdl	52-324	16	-4.94
Non-hcp Chs	23-99	23	-30.44
Hcp Chs	45-288	16	+29.32
NH Flat	37-248	15	-50.90

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	185-414	45	-35.78
Hcp Hdl	94-344	27	-26.38
Non-hcp Chs	90-201	45	-18.39
Hcp Chs	87-359	24	-50.84
NH Flat	34-101	34	-12.17

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Exeter	91-465	20	32-139	20-73	17-117	13-97	9-39	-106.61
Cheltenham	80-600	13	11-75	18-82	21-204	25-207	5-32	-50.34
Wincanton	65-365	18	22-109	6-22	18-96	14-104	5-34	-12.58
Chepstow	64-346	19	20-110	9-30	14-80	14-92	7-34	+6.16
Newton Abbot	55-315	18	14-85	3-20	15-91	20-106	3-13	-46.11
Newbury	55-336	16	21-81	5-22	13-99	15-118	1-16	+49.98
Taunton	49-289	17	20-129	7-14	9-81	9-38	4-27	-79.23
Ludlow	42-211	20	12-70	8-19	8-41	13-66	1-15	-37.02
Worcester	37-210	18	13-66	5-12	8-47	9-62	2-23	-38.69
Kempton	37-262	14	12-68	7-37	6-69	10-69	2-19	-73.56
Uttoxeter	33-192	17	18-65	3-12	4-38	3-56	5-21	-49.15
Warwick	32-151	21	12-48	8-15	3-30	4-35	5-23	-28.23
Ascot	31-226	14	6-34	5-28	8-68	8-80	4-16	-51.24
Sandown	30-193	16	8-23	4-22	11-68	5-67	2-13	+0.33
Huntingdon	29-132	22	10-46	4-19	5-29	6-25	4-13	-17.14
Stratford	29-187	16	3-36	2-19	6-41	18-85	0-6	-34.88
Fontwell	28-115	24	12-41	4-9	5-33	5-25	2-7	-19.46
Bangor	27-114	24	8-25	5-9	7-37	7-32	0-11	+11.72
Aintree	22-197	11	5-32	2-21	5-64	8-63	2-17	-41.92
Ffos Las	21-110	19	5-30	3-7	4-27	5-32	4-14	-18.36
Haydock	19-137	14	4-18	1-6	9-68	3-36	2-9	-35.56
Hereford	17-81	21	8-31	4-8	0-19	3-13	2-10	-22.98
Market Rasen	14-95	15	4-18	3-8	3-33	3-30	1-6	-44.80
Perth	13-65	20	3-17	1-2	2-11	6-33	1-2	-8.98
Wetherby	10-42	24	5-14	3-12	1-5	1-11	0-0	-1.90
Leicester	10-45	22	1-11	2-8	3-8	4-18	0-0	-4.73
Doncaster	9-61	15	1-16	0-11	4-17	4-17	0-0	+0.50
Southwell	8-47	17	4-17	1-6	2-11	1-10	0-3	-21.22
Towcester	8-48	17	5-23	1-10	2-6	0-7	0-2	-18.59
Lingfield	7-19	37	3-8	1-1	0-2	3-8	0-0	-2.18
Plumpton	3-38	8	1-19	0-2	1-10	0-5	1-2	-27.10
Catterick	2-6	33	1-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	-3.08
Musselburgh	2-7	29	0-1	0-0	0-3	2-3	0-0	-2.47
Folkestone	2-21	10	1-8	1-6	0-2	0-5	0-0	-12.63
Ayr	2-28	7	0-0	0-0	1-11	1-17	0-0	-11.00
Hexham	1-1	100	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	+0.44
Fakenham	1-3	33	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	-1.27
Cartmel	1-5	20	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-4	0-0	-1.50
Kelso	1-5	20	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	-3.33
Sedgefield	0-2	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	-2.00
Lingfield (AW)	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	-2.00
Carlisle	0-3	0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-3.00
Newcastle	0-6	0	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-1	-6.00

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STABLE TOURS

JUMPS 2016-17

DAN SKELTON

Our series continues with one of racing's brightest young stars

LAST season was marked by series of firsts for Dan Skelton: a first century of winners, breaking the million-pound prize-money barrier for the first time, and a first festival winner with Superb Story's County Hurdle.

Yet while the former Paul Nicholls assistant has never made any secret of his ambitious nature – Skelton wants to be champion trainer, full stop – targets for 2016-17 aren't quite so vaunting. "I think 100 winners and a million pounds is the benchmark for the top echelon of National Hunt trainers so I'd like to do the same again," he says. "We just want to keep doing better and better but that's what I've got in mind."

While Skelton bagged his share of summer winners – not least a high-profile Market Rasen double with Long House Hall and Red Tornado – he has stepped on the gas in recent weeks with a couple of trebles.

Like everyone else, though, he is waiting for the rain to come to unleash what might be termed the 'winter string', among them any number of potential star performers. Punters should perhaps note Skelton is usually at his busiest in November and December, the months that provide the

Million in mind as busiest months near

bulk of the stable's winners, while his record at Ayr and Wetherby worthy of note.

I nte wiewby Nicholas Godfrey

Abri cot De L'Oasis

Six-year-old gelding
Al Namix (sire) - La Normandie (dam)
Frank McAleavy
131531-

RPR 128h 127c OR 127h 120h

Won nice few over hurdles last term after joining us. Was already a winning chaser and will go back over fences now, perhaps starting in a Listed chase at Wetherby on Friday. Optimum trip will be 2m4f-3m over fences.

Aintree My Dream

6g Saint Des Saints - Pretty Melodie
Malcolm Olden
1-1
RPR 126b OR -

Won bumper very well at Warwick then scored nicely over hurdles in what was

probably an uncompetitive race at Carlisle. Wants bit of soft ground – if the ground came up soft he could run in the 2m5f Grade 2 at Cheltenham in November [Hyde Novices' Hurdle]; if not, then I'd wait for the Winter Novices' Hurdle at Sandown.

Al Reesha

5m Kayf Tara - Simply Kitty
Nick Allsop
651-

RPR 109h OR -

Won a bumper at Ayr last term and her hurdles debut at Fakenham. Will probably look for another normal novice before stepping her up in class and trip.

Applesandpierres

8g Pierre - Cluain Chaoin
M Rozenbroek
1-

RPR 121h OR 125h

Won point-to-points in Ireland and then won only start for us

over hurdles at Worcester in June and got a handicap mark. Had planned to go to Wetherby at weekend but with no rain we've got to wait.

Asum

5g Kayf Tara - Candy Creek
Mrs G Widdowson & Mrs R Kelvin-Hughes

2-

RPR 109b OR -

Lovely big chasing type who finished second in his bumper. Because we expected him to be keen, we had to drop him in but he got no splits and finished fast and late and just failed. Might go for the NH novices' hurdle on the Elite card at Wincanton in a couple of weeks.

Atlantic Storm

4g September Storm - Double Dream
Masterson Holdings Ltd

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RPR 75b OR -
Nice big chasing type – he's new

to us and I think he can win races. Jumps well and seems genuine – growing to like him more and more all the time.

Bertimont

6g Slickly - Bocanegra
Chris Giles

126277/

RPR 154h OR 145h

2-

Had a leg injury and now back from a year off, having been a good handicap hurdler over 2m the season before. I'd like to think we could pick up a good race with him but there's a question mark where we start – thought about Ayr at the weekend but needed ground a fraction softer.

Blue Heron

8g Heron Island - American Chick
Horwood Harriers Partnership

14314-2

RPR 128c 155h OR -c 147h

Was just never right last year; it was a disaster. You can't do that much with him at home

– he's a horse who's always overgiving, you can't press him or you'll get problems – so he ran well on his chase debut at Market Rasen. The winner [Viens Chercher] was very fit and was always going to expose us for having 550 days off. I found it irritating that Harry got called in by the stewards afterwards – the ground being what it is, you can't gallop them on grass and the horse clearly got tired. I was happy with the way he jumped and he'll improve massively for the run. Hopefully he can get back to those heights he reached over hurdles but it's a tall ladder to climb.

Born Survivor

5g King's Theatre - Bob's Flame
Mrs G Widdowson & Mrs R Kelvin-Hughes

141-2-

RPR 140h OR 139h

Really talented horse who wants looking after for another year over hurdles to mature mentally and physically before he goes novice chasing. We were happy with his Aintree run on Sunday, when it would've helped us if they hadn't taken out the hurdles. Yet to decide where to go next – there's the Fixed Brush at Haydock or a handicap at Hennessy meeting – but he's

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STABLE TOUR DAN SKELTON

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a really, really exciting novice chaser when we get around to that. Going to be patient with him to give him the best chance to be the horse he can be.

Calling Des Blins

4f Konig Turf - Quelye Des Blins
Ean Muller Associates
1/32-
RPR 115b OR -

A horse we bought from Harry Fry who has run in three bumpers, she ought to be well able to win mares' novice hurdles through the season.

Captain Chaos

5g Golan - Times Have Changed
Mike and Eileen Newbould
1/12712-
RPR 141h OR 139h

Won a couple of novice hurdles last year and second in a Grade 2. Will go novice chasing now; just wants a bit of soft ground. Probably 2m4f to begin with and then step up.

Ch'Tibello

5g Sageburg - Neicha
Can't Say No Partnership
1/2231-3
RPR 145h OR 144h

Very fast horse, jumps very quick; a fast-run race on decent ground is ideal for him. He kept bumping into all the good novices last year but delivered at Ayr in the Scottish Champion Hurdle after a bit of a break – those two-milers have to be cherry-ripe. Just wasn't at his best in the Swinton – he made a bad mistake down the back that nobody saw because of the camera angle. Would like to start him off in William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Ascot. Will go chasing one day.

Churchtown Champ

6g Robin Des Champs - Annagh Lady
5F144-2
Coral Champions Club
RPR 134c OR 126c

Jumped well on novice chase debut at Worcester but I said beforehand he'd improve for the run. Given the way he jumped and travelled, he should be able to pick up staying novice chases throughout the season.

Kcalco Des Loges

4g Balko - Olla Des Loges
Judy Craymer
1-3
RPR - OR -

Really like him, a genuine horse who jumps very well. Won only British point-to-point – don't know what he beat but he smashed them out of the park. Travelled well at Ayr yesterday but probably didn't quite see out the trip. Maybe wants a bit of time.

Corrin Wood

9g Garuda - Allstar Rose
Dermot Hanafin & Ian Whitfield
P/8POP-P
RPR 156c OR 130c

New to us and looks like a lovely horse but needs to put a few non-completions and moderate runs behind him. We're happy with him at home but we're trying to rekindle the fire and hopefully we'll be able to start off in something like the Badger Ales. Softer ground and 3m is ideal.

Debdebdeb

Sea Breeze Partnership
6m Teofilo - Windmill

'Its'a freebee could head for Aintree'

STABLE PROFILE

►►Yard Lodge Hill Stables

►►Where Shelfield Green, near Alcester, Warwickshire

►►Started training May 2013

►►Horses in yard 100

►►Members of staff 45

►►Assistant trainer

Tom Messenger

►►Head girl (Lodge Hill)

Claire 'Polly' Freeman

►►Head lad (Badbury Hill)

Tolley Dean

►►Assistant head girls Clare

Thomas, Heidi Cumbley

►►Travelling staff Phil

Haywood, Hannah Jordan, Sophie Innes

►►Stable jockey Harry Skelton

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Winners in Britain

2015-16 **104**

2014-15 **73**

2013-14 **27**

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16 **-£156.34**

2014-15 **-£63.69**

2013-14 **-£17.66**

Prize-money 2015-16

£1,255,804

13/1F2-7

RPR 135h OR 129h

Did well last year, finishing second at Cheltenham at April meeting and going back there in December meeting for the 2m4f mares' handicap. Think she can win more.

Earlshill

5g Milan - Mrs Marples
Horwood Partnership
P1-
RPR - OR -

Won an Irish point-to-point and the sort of horse I can see getting better and better. Wants soft ground.

Free Stone Hill

6g Beneficial - Claramanda
Martin & Anna Rashdi & Richard Ward
5/024-3
RPR 104h OR -

Had a bumper run last season and then ran nicely at Worcester last week. If we go to standard novice next time, he should go close to winning, probably with a drop back in trip.

Get On The Yager

6g Tamure Florentino
Dick & Mandy Higgins
11-
RPR - OR -

Won two English point-to-points last year. Will progress and make into a chaser but can be a force in 3m novice hurdles first.

Heron Heir

8g Heron Island - Kyle Lamp
Highclere Thoroughbred Partnership
22-1F55
RPR 130c 118h OR 123c 115h

Getting back to mark now where he can win over hurdles and fences and was very good on chase debut when he won at Warwick in May. Think he can go further over hurdles and fences.

Kafella

4g Kayf Tara - Sisella
P E Atkinson
33-
RPR 104b OR -

Second and third in two bumpers last year and crying out for obstacles. Really nice horse who wants bit of decent ground.

DARK HORSE

Captain Forez

4g Network - Pourkoipa Du Forez

John & Lisa Hales

2-

RPR 109h OR -

Very exciting horse. Big, raw baby, long-term prospect who finished second on only start at Auteuil for Guillaume Macaire. He's nearly 17hh already and very much a chaser in the making – he just wants looking after this season over hurdles so he can mature and strengthen. Probably start him off at Hennessy meeting and look to step him up in class but there could be two years of improvement in him and we just have to be patient.

Kasakh Noir

4g Redback - Vale Of Honor

TP Radford

1316-

RPR 136h OR 136h

Very forward-going horse. I think he's an improved horse and he'll go straight for the Gerry Feilden – he won a juvenile hurdle at the meeting last year. He's a chaser for next year but he can win a nice handicap hurdle along the route. Idea is to let him have another year learning before he goes over fences.

Knockgraffon

6g Flemensfirth - Gleaming Spire

Barbara Hester

21271-

RPR 137h OR 132h

Good novice chaser for this year. Built to go over a fence and bred to be a chaser so every chance of leaving hurdles form behind. Good to soft would be ideal but he's won on softer and I'd run him on it again. Was going to go to Chetnam with him but not with ground as it is. 2m4f is his trip.

L'Aigle Royal

5g Sholokhov - Laren

Terry Warner

P/2747-1

RPR 130h OR 131h

Lovely, genuine horse who I thought would go close on debut for us at Market Rasen and glad he did. Seems to have good attitude – jumped well, travelled well – and I'd like to take him for the Pertemps qualifier at Kempton in a couple of weeks and see from there. He'll jump a fence in the future. Wants 2m4f-plus.

Late Night Lily

5m Midnight Legend - Ready To Crown

Braybrooke Lodge Partnership

2421-B1

RPR 117h OR 117h

Won two for us and I think she can win more over hurdles before going chasing. Hopefully she'll run once more before November 1 when novice status runs out.

Lieutenant Gruber

5g Scorpion - Tanit Lady

Paul & Clare Rooney

5-1

RPR 99b OR -

Absolutely hosed up in bumper before we bought him and looks quite smart. Start over hurdles at 2m before we step up in trip. He looks quite tidy.

Liston To The Man

6m Court Cave - Badia Dream

Susan Carsberg

13-

RPR 118b OR

Point-to-point bumper winner



STAR QUALITY

Its'afreebee

6g Danroad - Aphra Benn

Rebel Jumping

21113-1

RPR 109c 146h OR -c 144h

Been amazing for us – always tries really hard and never complains, no matter what the weather or conditions are. Improved beyond all recognition over hurdles last year and looked good winning at Fakenham on chase debut. That's not an easy track to jump round, though no-one was putting him under real pressure so we didn't learn a lot. Goes for £25,000 novice chase at Cheltenham on Friday of November meeting. Cheltenham and Aintree are obviously the end-of-season targets.

who was third in Listed mares' bumper. Looks like she can take high rank among the mares and loves a bit of soft ground.

Long House Hall

8g Saddlers' Hall - Brackenvale

Carl Hinchy

1U25-41

RPR 156c 144h OR 151c 146h

Very, very good when he's fresh and on decent ground. I really like the horse and he's been great to us, winning the Summer Plate at Market Rasen. Won't see him again until spring now, and quite likely his next run will be the festival, where he'll have entries in the Byrne Plate and the Coral Cup, where he nearly won last year. Got his jumping together now over fences.

Marley Firth

4g Flemensfirth - Merrill Gaye

Surren Racing Ltd

1-

RPR - OR -

Got quite a high rating when he won point-to-point and will be seen out a bit later in the season. Another who should appreciate softer conditions.

Master Jake

8g Pyrus - Whitegate Way

Craig Buckingham

110310-

RPR 130 OR 128

Winning ex-Irish point-to-pointer who won three novice hurdles for us last year and goes novice chasing now. Wants a bit of soft ground.

Meet The Legend

5g Midnight Legend - Combe

Florey

Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Legend

12513-

RPR 139h OR 138h

Another talented horse who gives a lot. Won a novice hurdle at Newbury on Betfair day and was just a bit flat at Kelso, where he didn't really pick up against Le Prezien. Goes straight for the Greatwood where I think the track and the way the race is run will suit him. Think he's got a good future.

Mister Grez

10g Turgeon - Yoruba

Gilmans Point Racing Syndicate

312111/

RPR 136c OR 130c

Now back from a year off with injury, having won five the year before. Just can't get him fit yet with the ground as it is – he wants to go up the grass gallops a few times – but he'll compete in the middle-distance races at around 2m4f.

Mister Miyagi

7g Zagreb - Muckle Flugga

Ben Turner & Jay Tabb

1/1161-3

RPR 150h OR 147h

Probably got tactics wrong at Kempton last weekend when

STABLE STAT

Backing all Dan Skelton-trained favourites in novice hurdle races since he started training in late 2013 would have resulted in 37 winners from 58 runners (64%) and a £1 level-stakes profit of £18.41.

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Dan Skelton's string on the gallops at his Lodge Hill base

going to be huge. Will go novice hurdling.

North Hill Harvey

5g Kayf Tara - Ellina
Mrs G Widdowson & Mrs R Kelvin-Hughes
21294-
RPR 146h OR 141h

Talented, genuine horse, who would nearly have been second to Altior in the Supreme if he hadn't stepped on the second-last. Goes to the Elite Hurdle where he ought to have a great chance, and then maybe something like the Ladbroke. At the moment 2m flat out is his cup of tea but I'm sure he'll get 2m4f in time. Another season over hurdles will help.

Oldgrangewood

5g Central Park - Top Of The Class
Chris Giles & Sandra Giles
2413-3
RPR 123h OR 120h

Lovely horse who ran nicely in an intermediate hurdle at Carlisle on Thursday; jumped big and well and needs to go chasing now. Fences will be the making of him.

Optimus Prime

4g Deportivo - Diluviene
Masterson Holdings Ltd
6122-8
RPR 125h 127c OR 140h 135c

Bought from France and won a Listed hurdle at Pau in soft ground in February. I feel he's improving at home all the time - looking forward to starting him off but just want a bit of rain.

Pain Au Chocolat

5g Enrique - Clair Chene
Mike and Eileen Newbould
3113F-8
RPR 150c 145h OR 145c 139h

Gives a lot, very honest, genuine horse. Fell in the Future Champions Novices' Chase at Ayr when I felt 2m4f would help him and then over the top when he went to France. In handicap grade now but hopefully he can show improvement as he's still only five, and he'll start in the Haldon Gold Cup. Wouldn't want it desperately soft although he did win on soft ground last year.

he got beaten by Hargam. He's a hold-up horse yet he stays 2m4f so you're stuck between a rock and a hard place - do you hold him up and then they don't go quick enough, which they didn't, or do you ride him second or third like we did and try to use his stamina? We'd like someone to kick on a bit mid-race, and that'll happen. Probably go to Aintree for 2m4f conditions hurdle. Doesn't want to run in bad ground and could see him running well in the Aintree Hurdle at the end of season.

Mister Universum

4g Cape Cross - Miss Europa
Notalottery
Unraced over jumps
RPR - OR -

Trained in Germany on the Flat and quite a highly-rated Flat horse to go novice hurdling. Should be able to register.

No Hassle Hoff

4g Craigsteel - Endless Patience
Mrs Jacky Allen
2-
RPR - OR -

Second in his point-to-point, the improvement in him is

DARK HORSE

Indietir

4g Muhtathir - Indietra
Andrew Brooks
12112-
RPR 135h OR 141h

Obviously an exciting horse who won three and was second in a Grade 1 hurdle in France before we got him. Probably needed a break when he arrived with me and, though he's really a chaser, we're getting him ready to go hurdling as a four-year-old. The aim is to start at Huntingdon on November 8 but might not make it because we haven't been able to get him on the grass yet. He'll get plenty of time.

Pokora Du Lys

5g Saint Des Saints - Shailann
Craig Buckingham
54/4-
RPR 92 OR 122

Bought him from Nicky Henderson's and touch wood we've had no problems with him. I think they thought quite a bit of him so hopefully we can get him on track and progress to good level.

Predict A Riot

5g Flemensfirth - Ballerina Laura
Paul Williams
P1-
RPR - OR -

Winning point-to-pointer, tough and stays well. Starts off in a 3m2f novices' hurdle at Warwick on November 4.

Red Tornado

4g Dr Fong - Encircle
Notalottery
11-1117
RPR 130h OR 137h

Lovely little horse. Had a great summer, winning five including a Listed race at Market Rasen but was over the top last time. Wants to be good and fresh for spring where he could run in something like the conditional jockeys' race at Aintree or the Swinton.

Rene's Girl

6m Presenting - Brogella
Andy & Sharon Measham
4/31127-
RPR 122h OR 123h

She'll definitely jump a fence. Won novice hurdles at Warwick and Ludlow last year and will go in valuable mares' handicap on Elite Hurdle day

at Wincanton. She wants 2m4f and that looks the perfect starting place for her.

Robin Of Locksley

6g Robin Des Pres - Duggary
Dancer
Simon Caunce & J Tierney
421205-3
RPR 130h OR 120h

Was still a bit keen early at Cheltenham on Friday but we were really happy with him. Might try him with a hood and a tongue strap next time to settle him, and he'll go for the intermediate hurdle at the November meeting. Will jump a fence in time.

Robin Roe

5g Robin Des Champs -
Talktothetail
Barbara Hester
2/11-1
RPR 113b OR -

Won point-to-point and bumper and we knew he was very good before Aintree on Sunday, where obviously we were delighted with him. We hoped he would do something like that but it was great to see him it happen. He travelled and jumped well and sprinted away, and looks very exciting. Given how professional he was, there's probably no need to give him another run in an ordinary novice so we'll go to the Challow. You can always drop back in grade in spring if you need to but he's a horse we like. You've got to dream when they look as good as he did.

Sauvignon

5m Yeats - Dalriath
Christine Graves
8
RPR 73b OR

Nicely bred mare - the dam was black type - who could leave her bumper form well behind as she is bred to jump.

Savello

10g Anshan - Fontaine Frances
S Smith & S Champion
34P41-4
RPR 161c OR 151c

One of the favourites here, such a cheeky chap and fun to have around. Bridget [Andrews] won a £50,000 chase on him at Kelso in April and we'd like to go down the same sort of route, try to win something of value as we run in all the better races at around 2m.

Shantou Rock

4g Shantou - Cool Cool
Mr and Mrs Gordon Pink

**HORSE TO FOLLOW
Richard Birch**



Ch'Tibello

The combination of an impressive cruising speed and a sharp turn of foot served Ch'Tibello well when he landed the Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr in April, and there is no reason why he cannot secure another valuable handicap or two this campaign. Open to further improvement after just five runs in Britain - which include a close Ascot second to Altior - this thoroughly likeable five-year-old must be kept firmly on side when encountering good ground.

42-
RPR - OR -

Really like him. Was second in a point-to-point and has a good attitude but definitely needs rain before he can run. Will start at around 2m4f.

Shelford

7g Galileo - Lyrical
Carl Hodgson
4F5/11-2
RPR 140h OR 147h

Done remarkably well for us, especially in France at end of last season, when he won a Listed hurdle at Enghien. Early-season target for him is the Champion Hurdle back at Enghien [Prix Leopold d'Orsetti - Grande Course de Haies d'Enghien] on November 21. Just a possibility he could run in the Great Yorkshire Hurdle on Saturday if the ground comes right - if I could ask for perfect conditions for him, it would be about 2m6f in soft ground.

Spiritofthegames

4g Darsi - Lucy Walters
NW Lake
1-1
RPR - OR -

Really impressive when winning at Ayr yesterday. We might go to Cheltenham's November meeting.

Stage One

5g King's Theatre - Tara Tara
Walters Plant Hire & James & Jean
Potter
3-3
RPR 111h OR -

Unlucky not to win at Fakenham and should make amends soon, probably with a drop back in trip.

Starlight Court

5g Court Cave - Marie The
Bryan Drew & Friends
5-4
RPR 88h OR -

Looks a real tidy prospect but was just so keen at Worcester

last week and wants dropping back in trip. Pulled too hard and got to learn to settle but has lots of ability. He's going to make us work for it, though.

Stephanie Frances

8m King's Theatre - Brownlow
Castle
Mandy Hall
FF8-112
RPR 137c OR 136c

Done very well in summer, winning at Southwell and Worcester. Goes to Bangor on November 9 for a mares' Listed novices' chase. She wants decent ground and there's a good programme for the mares so you've got to take advantage.

Superb Story

5g Duke Of Marmalade - Yes My
Love
A Holt, J Robinson, A Taylor & S
Miller
44/121-P
RPR 148h OR 145h

Thought he was our best chance at Cheltenham so it was good to get him over the line - he travelled well and picked up well. Wish I hadn't gone to Galway with him: everything that could go wrong did go wrong and then he bumped his leg a couple of days after getting back. Now I'd like to give him a chance to enjoy himself in a small field to give him confidence so he goes for the International Hurdle at a track we know he likes. Thought he'd be progressive after County Hurdle so hopefully we can pick up the thread again. Likes decent ground and hasn't been overraced.

Theatrebar

8g King's Theatre - Ardenbar
Mrs CA Wyatt
3240/22/
RPR 127c OR 120c

Looks a nice horse. Had a

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STABLE TOUR DAN SKELTON

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frustrating injury and was off for a year before he came to us but we've had no problems with him. Jumped well in a Towcester chase for his last trainer so hopefully winning a chase will be a formality.

The Bay Oak

7g Vinnie Roe - Tournant Vic
Craig Buckingham
F4/312 (ptp form)
RPR - OR -
Won English point-to-point and looks a nice type for middle-distance/staying novice hurdles.

Throthethatch

7g Beneficial - Castletownroche
Sandra Giles
51442-1
RPR 120c 120h OR 116c 118h
Won at Fakenham on first run for us in 2m4f handicap hurdle and got raised 7lb, which is an average sort of raise so we've got the chance to follow it up somewhere. He'll go chasing at some point.

Tommy Rapper

5g Milan - Supreme Evening
Judy Craymer & Nick Skelton
22-
RPR 117b OR
Second in two bumpers and looks nice novice hurdler in the making over middle distances.

Two Taffs

6g Flemensfirth - Richs Mermaid
Walters Plant Hire & James & Jean Potter
1/32341
RPR 135h OR 138h
Good horse who wants a fence in time. Was due to run him last weekend at Cheltenham but not with the ground as it is. Will try to get a novice hurdle into him before the end of November, then he'll go for the Fixed Brush Hurdle. Another year over hurdles will just help him physically and mentally so we'll probably wait before we go chasing.

Value At Risk

7g Kayf Tara - Miss Orchestra
DM Hughlin
FF921-4
RPR 120c 151h OR 138c 146h
Goes chasing again now and had a good clear round at Uttoxeter earlier this month, when he ran really nicely before blowing up. I'd done as much as I could with him at home but was mindful that I didn't want to start him off like we did at Newbury last year when he was like a firework waiting to go off. He tipped over at the second and it took us all season to get him right again before he won a Grade 2 hurdle at Fairyhouse. Ideal for him would be 2m6f with good to soft ground. Runs today at Bangor.

Virgilio

7g Denham Red - Liesse De Marbeuf
CJ Edwards, D Futter, AH Rushworth
11P5-11
RPR 151c OR 148c
Lovely horse, very genuine and jumps well, as you've seen in his two novice-chase wins. Wouldn't want it really soft, and arguably a flat track would be more up his street than an undulating one. Was ready for Newton Abbot but there's a slight bit of improvement to come. Goes to the Rising Stars



Value At Risk in his stable. The seven-year-old runs at Bangor today

STAR QUALITY

Three Musketeers

6g Flemensfirth - Friendly Craic
Mrs G Widdowson & Mrs R Kelvin-Hughes
13/3154-
RPR 158c OR 152c
Jumped and travelled very well until three out in the Old Roan but didn't see the race out. Ran a similar race on his first start last year at Huntingdon before winning a Grade 2 and, while I know I said beforehand that he was fit and I couldn't have done any more with him, perhaps he's just one who sharpens up for first run. Definitely wants a step up in trip but not sure yet where we're going next.

Chase at Wincanton, where you'd think he'd have a massive chance.

Walking In The Air

6g Flemensfirth - Rossavon
Barbara Hester
1/5221-
RPR 132 OR 129
An improver going over fences. Won novice hurdle at Warwick at backend of last year and has got some good form with decent horses in middle-distance hurdles last year.

Welsh Shadow

6g Robin Des Champs - What A Mewsmant
Walters Plant Hire Ltd
14351-2
RPR 144h OR 140h
Fancied him in the Welsh Champion Hurdle but he just bumped into a very good horse with Garde Le Victoire, as simple as that. He did run well anyway – the pair of them were well clear – and he'll go chasing now. He'll want 2m4f and could be a Graded horse over fences.

Whatduhavtoget

4f Presenting - Smoothing
Highclere Thoroughbred Racing
1
RPR 119h OR -
Looked fantastic at Uttoxeter and goes for a £20,000 mares' novices' hurdle at Newbury next as long as they get some rain. Might go back there for Hennessy meeting and then

we'll put her away to miss the bad ground. We're thinking about the Dawn Run for her at Cheltenham.

Willow's Saviour

9g Septieme Ciel - Willow Gale
Triple F Partnership
11/141F-
RPR 144c OR 138c
Chipped a little bone in his hock when he fell at Cheltenham but he's fine now. Won't go chasing again because I think it'll be hard for him to win as he's at the top end of his mark, over both fences and hurdles really. But the step up in trip over hurdles is something we've yet to try and could be productive. We'll also have another look at the Ladbroke if it's really soft, which is what he needs over 2m; otherwise he needs 2m4f.

Workbench

8g Network - Danhelis
NW Lake
8-F5214
RPR 142c OR 136c
Favourite in the yard, a lovely, consistent handicap chaser who's won the same 2m1½f chase at Fontwell for last three seasons; he loves it there and that's his Gold Cup. Doesn't know how to run a bad race – probably why he wins only once a year because he's so consistent.

Work In Progress

6g Westerner - Parsons Term
Donlon & Doyle
8/12618-
RPR 143h OR 137h
Won a couple of novice hurdles last year and I think he can go higher over fences. Wants about 2m4f on decent ground and will hopefully make his chase debut at Huntingdon on Sunday.

Yorkist

8g Urban Ocean - Kilbarry Demon
Mike & Eileen Newbould
444325-
RPR 147c OR 132c
Handicap chaser who is

new to us. Fast-run race on decent ground over 2m looks ideal and he'll go to Ascot at the weekend for a £60,000 handicap.

Zarib

5g Azamour - Zariziyana
Notalottery
3602-028
RPR 136h OR 135h
Consistent horse who's at the top end of his handicap over hurdles. Second at Fontwell before we dropped him in over a 3m trip at Cheltenham on Saturday, and that probably didn't suit him. Time has probably come now for us to go chasing with him; we'll school him and wait for a bit of rain.

JUVENILE HURLDLERS

A lovely group and difficult to pick out any at this stage but **Mont Lachaux** won the first three-year-old hurdle this year at Enghien and then ran well at Auteuil but just didn't pick up as well as a couple of others. Think he'll improve a little bit for the run and go back to France for Group 3 hurdle in November. You will see him in England at some point. **George Gently** was second for us at Enghien in September and **Indirocco** is a Shirocco half-brother to Irving.

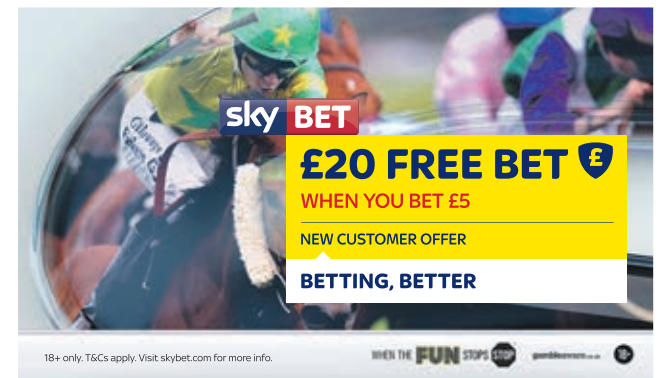
BUMPER HORSES

We've got such a really lovely bunch that it's hard to pick out only a few names but I can suggest a couple who ran in point-to-points. **Cause Toujours** looks nice, while it should only be a matter of time before **Seelateralligator** wins. **One For Billy** looks a really nice horse, **Al Sharir** ran a nice race at Carlisle and should be winning soon, while **Getaway Whiskey** also showed up well at Worcester.

SUE SMITH

'He's not very big but he's game and loves racing – he takes things well'

More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour



STABLE ANALYSIS 2013-16

	Races	run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	418	89	77	64	188	21			-139.05	-33%
Hcp Hdl	328	53	39	42	193	16			-65.11	-20%
Non-hcp Chse	68	18	14	10	26	27			-26.29	-39%
Hcp Chse	304	57	48	32	167	19			-42.92	-14%
Hunter Chse	1	0	0	0	1	0			-1.00	-100%
NH Flat	139	17	19	17	86	12			-47.96	-35%
Totals	1,258	234	197	166	661	19			-322.33	-26%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Harry Skelton	186-931	20	-168.00
Bridget Andrews	28-151	19	-58.93
Ryan Mahon	7-55	13	-20.13
Ian Popham	6-41	15	-27.09
Robert Dunne	3-20	15	-9.18
David England	3-22	14	-4.00
Sean Bowen	1-1	100	+2.00
Mr T Ellis	0-1	0	-1.00
Mr G Disney	0-1	0	-1.00
James Cowley	0-1	0	-1.00
Joshua Moore	0-1	0	-1.00
Mr J Andrews	0-1	0	-1.00

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	28-103	27	-7.70
Hcp Hdl	15-68	22	+21.59
Non-hcp Chs	7-16	44	+0.31
Hcp Chs	13-53	25	+2.31
NH Flat	6-80	8	-42.55

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Southwell	17-64	27	7-22	1-3	5-14	3-13	1-12	+8.25
Warwick	17-78	22	6-31	2-4	2-15	4-14	3-14	-15.78
Market Rasen	16-69	23	4-17	0-4	6-24	5-17	1-7	-1.02
Worcester	13-79	17	6-25	2-6	1-16	3-22	1-10	-34.13
Fakenham	11-39	28	3-15	3-5	3-9	2-9	0-1	-7.30
Ludlow	11-51	22	4-18	0-0	3-11	2-12	2-10	+3.90
Stratford	11-64	17	2-17	1-4	3-16	3-20	2-7	-18.48
Fontwell	10-43	23	1-7	0-0	2-13	6-11	1-12	-5.16
Wetherby	9-26	35	4-6	0-1	1-7	1-7	3-5	+3.07
Uttoxeter	9-46	20	4-15	0-3	1-9	4-16	0-3	-15.50
Huntingdon	9-69	13	2-23	2-7	3-16	2-11	0-12	-37.13
Cheltenham	8-72	11	4-25	0-5	3-24	1-14	0-4	-27.63
Sedgefield	7-22	32	4-7	0-2	1-5	2-6	0-2	-7.29
Wincanton	7-27	26	4-10	0-0	0-7	2-7	1-3	+2.25
Ayr	6-19	32	2-4	0-2	3-9	0-3	1-1	+3.99
Taunton	6-23	26	4-8	0-0	1-6	1-7	0-2	+3.53
Bangor-On-Dee	6-32	19	1-9	1-2	2-6	2-10	0-5	-6.35
Lingfield	5-9	56	1-3	0-0	1-2	3-4	0-0	+16.00
Newbury	5-29	17	4-15	1-2	0-8	0-3	0-1	-4.63
Haydock	5-30	17	3-12	1-1	1-9	0-7	0-1	-5.13
Chepstow	5-31	16	3-10	0-1	2-10	0-5	0-5	-2.25
Aintree	5-33	15	1-8	0-1	4-13	0-9	0-2	-7.88
Kempton	5-45	11	3-19	0-3	1-10	1-10	0-3	-31.37
Ascot	4-36	11	0-5	0-3	2-14	2-11	0-3	-1.50
Leicester	3-15	20	1-8	0-2	0-0	2-5	0-0	+4.12
Exeter	3-16	19	2-8	1-1	0-3	0-4	0-0	-11.36
Towcester	3-18	17	2-10	0-1	0-2	0-1	1-4	-9.00
Newton Abbot	3-30	10	1-11	1-1	0-10	1-8	0-0	-22.74
Newcastle	2-4	50	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	-0.34
Cartmel	2-7	29	1-4	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-0	-2.52
Ffos Las	2-16	13	0-2	0-0	1-9	1-3	0-2	-4.50
Plumpton	2-17	12	2-7	0-0	0-4	0-6	0-0	-10.88
Kelso	1-3	33	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	+2.00
Carlisle	1-4	25	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	-2.67
Hexham	1-6	17	1-4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	-4.64
Cartmel	1-8	13	0-0	0-0	0-5	1-3	0-0	-5.13
Musselburgh	1-8	13	0-4	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	-5.63
Sandown	1-27	4	0-6	0-2	0-12	1-6	0-1	-20.50
Doncaster	1-40	3	0-20	0-0	0-4	1-12	0-4	-38.00
Hereford	0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Perth	0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-1.00
Kempton (AW)	0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-1.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 244 Total winning prize-money £1,654,259

STABLE TOUR SUE SMITH

LACKAMON provided Sue and Harvey Smith with their 1,000th winner at Catterick in January and the last campaign also featured three fantastic wins for Wakanda, who held off challenge after challenge to complete his hat-trick in the Listed Silver Cup at Ascot in December.

With a bit more luck the Smiths could have had quite a few more winners than the tally of 44 they achieved last season, as 63 of the runners they saddled finished second.

Wakanda looks set to reappear in the Charlie Hall at Wetherby on Saturday, but Lackamon has been retired (“he’ll be a good horse to go point-to-pointing”) and the yard sadly lost Vintage Star last season, while other stable stalwarts such as Cloudy Too and Mr Moonshine are set for veterans’ chases.

However, the future looks bright for the yard with Delusionofgrandeur and Vintage Clouds having shown significant promise over hurdles last season, and with the stable being renowned for chasing types, including 2013 Grand National winner Auroras Encore, there can be plenty of optimism for the pair’s forthcoming novice chase campaigns.

Hainan and talented hurdler Vendor are others to keep an eye on over fences, and Sue Smith says of her hopes for the season: “We haven’t got any records to break so we’re quite happy if we can keep horses healthy, fit and running well. We won some nice races last year and hopefully we can do the same this year and have a few nice winners on a Saturday. I’ve got some very good owners and they’ve been very loyal as well.”

I nter iewby Ben Hutton

Blakemount

Eight-year-old gelding
Presenting (sire) - *Smashing Leader* (dam)
Owner: Jacqueline Conroy
Form figures: 2/2/3351-
Racing Post Rating 140c Official rating 131c

He’s been a nice horse. We thought he was going to be very nice early on and then we’ve had a few niggly problems with him. He came back last season and won very well over fences at Carlisle. We’re going to start him off

Fewer seconds and some nice Saturday winners the aim

STABLE PROFILE

► **Yard** Craiglads Farm

► **Where** High Eldwick, Bingley, West Yorkshire

► **Started training** 1989

► **Horses in yard** 60

► **Members of staff** 18

► **Assistant trainer** Ryan Clavin

► **Travelling head lad** Reece Jorosiewicz

► **Jockeys** Danny Cook, Sean Quinlan

► **Conditionals** Robert Hogg, Trevor Ryan, Stephen McCarthy

► **Secretary** Rachel Swinden

► **Stable sponsor** Tuffa Footwear

Winners in Britain

2015-16	44
2014-15	31
2013-14	61
2012-13	31

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16	-£66.35
2014-15	-£134.58
2013-14	-£33.77
2012-13	-£3.70

Prize-money 2015-16
£576,199



over 2m4f this year and then step him up to 3m. Given his rating, without travelling right down south, finding a suitable race to start him off isn’t going to be easy.

Cloudy Too

10g Cloudings - Curra Citizen
Formulated Polymer Products
831356-
RPR 159c OR 144c

Old Cloudy’s in very good form for when we make a start with him. We’re going to be aiming him for veterans’ chases but obviously he does really thrive on the soft ground, so we’re hanging fire until we get some. He won the Peter Marsh chase by 15 lengths in January and that’s a definite possible on his list again.

De Vous A Moi

8g Sinnadar - Dzinigane
Julie Morgan
112/211-
RPR 143c OR 135c

He’s quite highly rated for the races that he’s won and he’s got an entry in the 2m3½f Listed handicap chase at Wetherby on Friday. It’s quite difficult with the race planning the way it is to find races to split these horses up, because I’ve got several to do that trip. I’m hoping he’ll progress further, but I’d like to get started and see where we are first, and then worry about that afterwards. He needs a little bit of time between his races but other than that he’s a grand horse and I’m looking

forward to him this season.

Delusionofgrandeur

6g Mahler - Olivia Rose
McGoldrick Racing Syndicates (3)
/213134-
RPR 140h OR 139h

He’s in good order and we’re waiting for the appropriate chase to set him off. I’d like to start him off fairly locally to us over 2m4f if possible and then step him up to 3m a little later on in the year. I like to start them at a fraction shorter than their ideal trip if I can. He jumps well and I’m hoping he’ll be even better over fences. His breeding suggests he’s going to stay and he doesn’t mind a bit of softer ground.

Fill The Power

10g Subtle Power - Our Alma
McGoldrick Racing Syndicates
23562/1-
RPR 141c OR 135c

He’s just had 12 months off with a slight tendon injury last year. He’s back and in good form and he’s got an entry at Carlisle on Sunday. He’s the type of horse who could run well in the Rehearsal or the Eider at Newcastle but there are all sorts of options for him. Staying is his game and he’s a very good jumper.

Grate Fella

8g King’s Best - Moonlight
Paradise
Mavis Ashby
154F/42-
RPR 139c OR 133c

He’s another who’s had some time off with a bit of an injury but he’s back now. He’ll probably start back around the



DARK HORSE

Hainan

5g Laveron - Honor Smytzer
Julie Morgan and Lindsey Shaw
6/74215-
RPR 120h OR 124h

He’s a smashing horse from France and he’s been nice over hurdles, but he really is a chaser in the making. His schooling has been terrific and he’s a proper stayer. He’s still only a young horse and really is one to look forward to over fences. He doesn’t mind a bit of softer ground.

middle of November – he’s nearly ready. He’ll go chasing again, from 2m to 2m4f, depending on the track. He’s a very good jumper and doesn’t

want very heavy ground. He was running well before his time off and I’m looking forward to a full season with him this year. He’s a lovely big horse and we’re hoping we can crack on and win some nice races with him.

Just Minded

5g Kayf Tara - Georgia On My Mind
Trevor Hemmings
5-
RPR 89b OR -

He’s only had one run and he’s a great big, very rangy horse. He’s just coming to himself now and he’ll have another run in a bumper before going hurdling. He’s well bred (closely related to Coral Cup winner Diamond King) and he’s showing us some really nice work at home.

Karisma King

7g Supreme Sound - Hollybush
Broadway Racing Club 15
86431-9
RPR 104h OR 103h

He doesn’t mind a bit of softer ground and I hope he can progress this season. I’d like to

STABLE STAT

The stable has a 28% strike-rate with runners at Catterick since the start of 2013 for a profit of £66.79 to a £1 stake (excludes bumpers). When ridden by Danny Cook that improves to 44% (7 from 16)

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Assistant trainer Ryan Clavin, riding Wakanda, leads the string round Bingley Moor on the way to the gallops

much more of a racehorse this year.

Sharp Response

5g Oscar - Lambourne Lace
Formulated Polymer Products
-51
RPR 100h OR -

Harvey bought him out of the sales and he went to Wetherby two weeks ago and he did it nicely. The 2m3½f trip and the good ground seemed to suit him well. We'll possibly keep him hurdling this season and then crack on with him next year over fences. It just depends really because he's quite a forward horse with his jumping. He'll stay further but we'll try to keep him on nicer ground. All being well he'll progress into a nice horse.

Smooth Stepper

7g Alflora - Jazzy Refrain
Aafke Clarke
1F3234
RPR 135c OR 128c

He's a funny horse and he's not the easiest to train. He doesn't suffer with injuries but he takes a long time between his races - he runs up very light. He won a chase last year and he's got lots of talent if we can get him there to do the job on the day. He ran a terrific race at Cheltenham in January and seems to handle the soft ground. He'll start his campaign at Bangor on November 9.

Special Wells

7g Alflora - Oso Special
D Sutherland
P35412-
RPR 119c OR 115c

He's won a hurdle and we won a chase with him last year, and he's looking in really good order this year. Hopefully he goes to Uttoxeter on Friday. He doesn't want bog-heavy ground but he is quite a big-topped horse and he likes it good to soft. He's an economical but safe jumper and hopefully we can win a bit more with him this season.

think he'd progress a bit more than his half-brother Pinerolo but you never know when they're by different sires. He won one race over hurdles last year and everything looks good with this season, hopefully we can win a couple more races over hurdles and then go over fences with him.

campaign him over fences now. He's run in several point-to-points and he's a fine big horse who jumps very well.

Not A Bother Boy

8g FLEMENSFIRTH - Cab In The Storm
Sue Smith
11122-P

RPR 109h, 123c OR 108h, 117c
He won three races last year and he's come back and had one run around Hexham when pulled up. He's in the Durham National at Sedgefield on Friday and I'm sure he's come on for Hexham but he's not one you can tell an awful lot about at home - he's not the speediest. He stays and jumps well, though, and he handles most ground, but he could do with it a fraction on the softer side to keep things steady for him.

Pure Science

8g Galileo - Rebelleine
Sue Smith
14/1F/41-
RPR 128h, 132c OR 125h, 121c

I think he's a very nice horse. He only ran twice last year but won one at Uttoxeter. He seems to like very soft ground and stays forever, and he's a great jumper. He picked up a niggly thing last year so we turned him out for the summer, but he's in great form back in now and he's about another fortnight away from a run. I'm hoping for better things for him this year.

Quietly

5g Oscar - Gimme Peace
Trevor Hemmings
9-
RPR 80b OR -

He had a run last year and didn't show anything really, but he was a weak, backward horse. He's come back to be a much nicer horse this year and a lot stronger. He'll possibly have one run in a bumper and then go hurdling. He's looking

Mr Moonshine

12g Double Eclipse - Kinross
Douglas Pryde, Jim Beaumont, David Van Der Hoeven
P/139-P7

RPR 139h, 156c OR 136h, 136c
He's had a recent run over hurdles at Wetherby and we're going to campaign for the veterans' chases, that's really him this year because he's 12, coming on 13, now. It'll probably be a light campaign this year and we'll see how things go with him. The old boy's in good form.

No Planning

9g Kayf Tara - Poor Celt
Jacqueline Conroy
UP15-46

RPR 142h, 148c OR 142h, 134c
He ran up at Kelso on Saturday and the ground went against him - it rained and rained. He ran a good race for a long way and then blew up. He needed it a bit but all's well with him. He could do with coming down a pound or two in the handicap but he's a great little jumper and he's sure to win his races this season.

Nomoreblackjack

5g Robin Des Pres - Hardabout
John Wade
6

RPR 88 (ptp) OR -
He's another who didn't cope with the ground at Kelso on Saturday but he ran well for a long way first time out for us and I was really quite pleased with him. He's by Robin Des Pres and they prefer better ground. He's an out-and-out chaser and we'll probably

HORSE TO FOLLOW
Colin Russell

Sharp Response
This newcomer to the yard was one of Harvey Smith's pricier purchases having cost £27,000 at Doncaster in May even though he failed to win in five attempts point-to-pointing in Ireland. However, he proved an instant hit for his new owners with a tidy win in a novice hurdle at Wetherby. It wasn't the best of races, which means the handicapper shouldn't rate him too highly, but he is sure to improve for a step up to 3m. In the longer term, staying chases on decent ground will be his forte.

Straidnahanna

7g Medaaly - Sue's Song
Margaret and Ray Scholey
F4412P-
RPR 139c OR 137c

He's a lovely horse and was a bit unfortunate a couple of times last season. I'm not 100 per cent sure he gets long distances but he does seem to get 3m. It's difficult to know whether he wants soft ground or a bit better, because he's really thrived when he's gone around Catterick, which is a really sharp track that doesn't really get bottomless, but he also won up at Newcastle on soft as well. He's a very nice horse in the making and is a terrific jumper. We're looking forward to him this time.

Vendor

8g Kendor - Village Rainbow
Ann Ellis
713230-
RPR 141h OR 137h

He came out of Alan King's yard and we won a hurdle with him and he was placed on four occasions. I've got him in a beginners' chase at Uttoxeter on Friday over 2m and we'll see how he goes, because he had one run in a chase at Doncaster [in 2012] and his jumping wasn't up to scratch. We've given him plenty of jumping, he schooled very well the other day, and he seems to be in very good nick with himself. He seems to have relaxed a fair bit now he's a couple of years older and hopefully that will be the making of him. He's got plenty of talent.

Vintage Clouds

6g Cloudings - Rare Vintage
Trevor Hemmings
/21222P-
RPR 140h OR 137h

He starts his campaign in a novice chase up at Carlisle on November 1 and is in very good order. He's schooled well and we're very hopeful because we think he's a lovely horse. He was nice over hurdles - you can take no notice of his last run [pulled up in a Grade 1 at Aintree in April] - and he's come back really strong and well this autumn. Hopefully he's going to be a lot better chaser, like his half-brother Vintage Star. He likes a bit of softer ground.

Wolf Sword

7g FLEMENSFIRTH - Dame O'Neill
GR Orchard and Mrs JM Gray
P55F2-2
RPR 119c OR 115c

He's going very well. He did everything bar win for us last season and I'm quite looking forward to him. He's entered over 2m at Sedgefield tomorrow but I'm not sure yet how far he stays and whether that will be too quick for him I don't know.

STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	650	48	75	79	448	7		-225.92	-35%
Hcp hdl	916	109	91	91	625	12		-79.48	-9%
Non-hcp chs	315	50	58	47	160	16		-78.85	-25%
Hcp chs	1,612	207	200	214	991	13		-72.48	-4%
NH Flat	246	19	22	26	179	8		-96.55	-39%
Totals	3,739	433	446	457	2,403	12		-553.28	-15%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Jonathan England	44-330	13	-67.93
Danny Cook	34-175	19	+21.40
Sean Quinlan	14-143	10	-58.47
Callum Bewley	9-89	10	-49.01
Gary Rutherford	5-52	10	+6.75
Peter Buchanan	4-25	16	+0.50
Brian Harding	3-10	30	+14.00
Daragh Bourke	2-20	10	-7.00
Trevor Ryan	2-21	10	-15.09
Tom Messenger	2-23	9	-16.100
Timmy Murphy	1-2	50	+3.50
Lucy Alexander	1-3	33	-0.38

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	13-152	9	-59.25
Hcp hdl	12-163	7	-25.50
Non-hcp chs	9-57	16	-15.65
Hcp chs	18-212	9	-88.84
NH Flat	9-138	7	-57.60

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	37-304	12	-44.30
February	43-362	12	-67.00
March	69-507	14	+94.03
April	35-391	9	-38.42
May	37-267	14	-32.64
June	17-171	10	-40.17
July	11-132	8	-44.77
August	12-114	11	-13.50
September	12-98	12	-1.57
October	35-363	10	-124.22
November	65-554	12	-144.43
December	60-476	13	-96.29

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	12-44	27	-13.83
Hcp hdl	39-129	30	+5.83
Non-hcp chs	14-39	36	-8.51
Hcp chs	63-227	28	-15.41
NH Flat	6-11	55	+5.20

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp hdl	Non-hcp chs	Hcp hdl	Hcp chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Wetherby	58-444	13	10-111	6-32	15-112	26-169	1-20	-136.21
Sedgefield	49-410	12	6-73	3-43	11-102	27-165	2-27	-111.02
Hexham	44-288	15	8-70	5-17	12-64	15-112	4-25	-26.27
Carlisle	41-292	14	2-27	7-53	5-50	27-142	0-20	-9.50
Catterick	35-229	15	3-41	7-18	9-63	15-71	1-36	+22.41
Newcastle	30-260	12	5-47	2-16	5-68	14-108	4-21	-45.35
Uttoxeter	27-225	12	3-51	2-13	9-63	11-81	2-17	+14.40
Market Rasen	27-256	11	4-39	0-14	9-66	13-115	1-22	-41.37
Haydock	26-258	10	2-43	6-16	3-70	14-117	1-12	-14.44
Southwell	18-179	10	0-31	1-7	9-53	7-73	1-15	-30.50
Kelso	14-121	12	1-18	4-16	3-22	6-63	0-2	-27.12
Bangor-On-Dee	12-95	13	0-10	2-8	3-26	6-42	1-9	-6.97
Cartmel	10-78	13	4-15	1-7	2-20	3-36	0-0	-20.02
Ayr	8-99	8	0-2	1-5	3-35	4-54	0-3	-60.13
Doncaster	7-120	6	0-23	0-9	4-21	3-62	0-5	-63.50
Perth	6-38	16	0-4	1-3	3-11	2-20	0-0	+12.75
Worcester	6-59	10	0-8	1-7	1-12	4-27	0-5	-13.77
Aintree	6-103	6	0-9	0-5	2-32	3-54	1-3	+57.58
Huntingdon	3-37	8	0-6	1-7	1-8	1-14	0-2	-10.75
Musselburgh	2-14	14	0-1	0-0	0-4	2-9	0-0	-3.00
Cheltenham	2-51	4	0-4	0-9	0-2	2-36	0-0	+26.00
Ascot	1-8	13	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-4	0-1	+1.00
Warwick	1-13	8	0-1	0-4	0-1	1-7	0-0	-5.50
Kempton	0-2	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	-2.00
Stratford	0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-3	0-0	-5.00
Chepstow	0-6	0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-4	0-0	-6.00
Sandown	0-8	0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-5	0-0	-8.00
Leicester	0-11	0	0-6	0-0	0-3	0-2	0-0	-11.00
Newbury	0-11	0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-7	0-1	-11.00
Towcester	0-19	0	0-7	0-0	0-3	0-9	0-0	-19.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 317 Total winning prize-money £3,096,208

STAR QUALITY

Wakanda
7g Westerner - Chanson
Indienne
Margaret and Ray Scholey
4/111PP-
RPR 157c OR 154c

He was the star of the show here last year, winning three big handicap chases, and I hope there's still improvement in him. He's summered really well and he's entered in the Charlie Hall at Wetherby on Saturday. He's not very big but he's game and he loves his racing - he takes things well. Depending on how he runs in the Charlie Hall we'll see where we go with him, but the one thing that will beat him in the end is the weight. We'd hope if he did run a big race at Wetherby the handicapper wouldn't be too hard on him.

NOEL MEADE

'I think he could go right to the top over fences'

More priceless nuggets in tomorrow's Stable Tour

STABLE TOUR NOEL MEADE

NOEL MEADE has been crowned champion Irish trainer on eight occasions and following some lean years without a flagship performer, he is back dining at the top table with his best battalion of horses for some time.

Meade is set to be without Apache Stronghold and new recruit Village Mystic, who have been ruled out for the season, but Grade 1 performer Road To Riches should be back on song by Christmas following an operation on a kissing spine and the legendary trainer's excitement for the winter months is palpable as he scans through prospective targets for the season.

Exciting times with abundance of young talent

Meade, 65, already has his string in typically good early season form and enjoyed a treble at Galway a fortnight ago courtesy of Monksland, La Martalin and Moulin A Vent. More recently the Castletown trainer sent out a trio of winners at Punchestown when Stretchingthetruth, Disko and Bel Ami De Sivola got their seasons off to successful starts and Meade is looking forward to taking the wraps off more of his stable stars in the coming weeks.

"Some will need softer ground so as soon as the rain arrives we'll be getting them out, but I'm very happy with all of the horses," Meade said.

"It's fair to say we have lots of talented young horses in the stable and it's exciting times."

Brian Sheerin

A Genie In Abottle

Five-year-old gelding Beneficial (sire) - Erkindale Miss (dam)

Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Form: 1311-6
Racing Post Rating: 128 (hurdle)
Official rating: 134 (hurdle)

He's in good shape and I'm really looking forward to getting him started. He wants soft ground so as soon as the rain comes he'll be out. He jumps very well and will be at his best over three miles - he looks a good prospect.

Bel Ami De Sivola

5g Network - Notting Hill
Gigginstown House Stud
6/32-1
RPR 121b 108h

He's a nice big horse and has come to himself now as he was very weak last year. He won his

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Tu Va Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Castletown, County Meath
- ▶▶ **Started training** 1971
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 80
- ▶▶ **Head lad** Paul Cullen
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Sean Flanagan (below), Ger Fox and Jonathan Moore
- ▶▶ **Amateurs** Nina Carberry
- ▶▶ **Conditionals** Barry Stone, Barry Reynolds and Sean O'Brien
- ▶▶ **Website** noelmeade.com



Winners in Ireland

2015-16	30
2014-15	49
2013-14	45
2012-13	47
Profit/loss to £1 stake	
2015-16	-£81.55
2014-15	-£122.50
2013-14	-£143.72
2012-13	-£135.69
Prize-money 2015-16	
	£432,619



bumper well at Punchestown and will make a nice jumper. He's a nice horse.

Billy Flight

4g Walk In The Park - Moon Flight
Gigginstown House Stud
Unraced

We'll try and win a bumper with him and take things from there.

Bonny Kate

6m Beneficial - Peppardstown
Patricia Hunt
2111P-6
RPR 138c OR 135c

My plan is to aim her at all of the big staying handicap chases. She likes soft ground

and relishes a test of stamina. I'd hope she could do well in races like the Troytown at Navan or the Paddy Power at Leopardstown, and if we have soft ground at the end of the season she could end up in the Irish Grand National.

Cap York

4g Ballingarry - Robbe
Gigginstown House Stud
512-

He has a little bit of French form and we like what we've been seeing from him so far - he's a lovely mover. We haven't done enough with him to be able to assess how good he can be, but I like him.

Calicojack

4g Beneficial - Ballyoscar
J Hunt

4-
RPR 109b OR -

He had a little setback at the start of the season but is fine now. He'll start off in bumpers but will jump hurdles this season. He ran a good race on debut when big and backward and has done well since.

Classic Place

6g Beneficial - Your Place Or Mine
Gigginstown House Stud

1/2-
RPR 117b OR -

He's a nice horse and jumps well and will run in a bumper first time out.

Cote Tete

4g Coastal Path - Liste En Tete
Gigginstown House Stud
Unraced

He's not that big but is very nice and a half-brother to Sir Des Champs. He's a smart horse and we're only doing slow, steady canter with him at this stage. He's ready to take the next step and should start off in a bumper soon.

Clara Sorrento

5g Maresca Sorrento - Call Me Clara
Gigginstown House Stud

3
RPR 101b OR -

He's one I like and we'll try to win a bumper with him. I don't think he ran his race in the bumper at Tipperary, but jumps well so is not one to write off.



Cherokee Bill

5g Robin Des Champs - Daizinni
Derville Meade

3
RPR 109b OR -

He's gorgeous - a smashing big horse with chaser written all over him. He'll be a novice hurdler this season and hopefully I'll do well with him as my wife owns him!

Gettysburg Address

5g Milan - Cat Burglar
Patricia Hunt

1-
RPR 111b OR -

He stays and jumps well and wants soft ground. He won a nice bumper but we always thought he was nice and it didn't surprise us when he did it nicely on debut. He was backward, but I'd say those Milans just need a bit of time. He's ready to rock.

Greco Romain

5g Martaline - De Haute Lutte
Patricia Hunt

2-
RPR 103b OR -

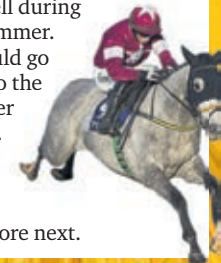
He finished second behind a good horse of Gordon Elliott's

STAR QUALITY

Disko

5g Martaline - Nikos Royale
Gigginstown House Stud
1/221-61
RPR 138h RPR 148c

From the first day he came into the yard I've had high hopes - I think the world of him. He missed a good bit of last season with a stress fracture to his stifle, but won well on his chasing debut at Punchestown on his comeback and has plenty of scope after filling out well during the summer. He could go right to the top over fences. We'll go for the Drinmore next.



[Sutton Place] at Fairyhouse in January. He'll go for a bumper again and it'll probably be Christmas when we get him out as he's had a little hold-up.

Gunnery Sergeant

5g Presenting - Dame Foraine
Gigginstown House Stud
1/1F3-
RPR 135h OR -

We kept him as a novice for this

STABLE STAT

In the last three seasons jockey Mark Walsh is 6-18 (33%) when riding JP McManus-owned horses trained by Noel Meade. That improves to 6-9 (67%) on horses priced at 10-1 or shorter.

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Noel Meade on the gallops at Castletown

season and his form is there for everybody to see. I don't think he'd have to improve a whole pile to be capable of mixing it at the top level and the extra year under his belt should really stand to him. Hopefully he'll improve a good bit.

Killer Miller

7g Flemensfirth - Miss Brandywell
JP McManus
3/34/113-
RPR 139c OR 137c

He's in great nick and is very much a winter type. He could start off in one of those bigger handicaps and could be a horse for the Paddy Power at Leopardstown or something along those lines. He has an engine and we hope he'll turn out to be a nice horse.

Le Martalin

5g Martaline - Hembra
Gigginstown House Stud
4-11
RPR 129h OR -

He's been good so far. He started off his hurdling career at Galway and you'd have to have been impressed. He rushed at his hurdles a bit that day but hopefully as time goes on he'll learn to settle - maybe a better race will help him do that. He's a beautiful mover and will make a hell of a chaser in time. I'll keep him at two miles for now and he could go for the For Auction Hurdle at Navan next.

Measureofmydreams

8g Shantou - Le Bavellen
Gigginstown House Stud
0113F0-
RPR 153c OR 146c

He's a big horse and maybe something like the Irish Grand National could be on the agenda. He has good form and we'll make a plan soon as to what staying handicaps we'll aim him at.

Monksland

9g Beneficial - Cush Jewel
Patricia Hunt
21232-1
RPR 161h 152c OR 152h 148c

I was very happy with him at

Galway and that was a great way to start the season. He was swimming all last week and we're going for Saturday's JNwine.com Champion Chase with him next. Despite the fact he's a second-season novice, I think the three miles at Down Royal will suit him better. He's like china, but touch wood he's in good shape and should improve loads for that Galway run as he'd only done one serious piece of work beforehand.

Moulin A Vent

4g Sagamix - Bahia Blanca
Patricia Hunt
31
RPR 119b OR -

He's big and gorgeous. I'm sure he'll stay well, but he isn't short of speed either. He jumps grand and the Galway bumper he won when he beat Brelade was a hot race. He showed a good attitude as well and has come out of the race in seriously good form. He won't run in another bumper.

Minella Fair

5g Flemensfirth - Bell Walks Run
Patricia Hunt
2-
RPR 91 (ptp) OR -

He's a brother to Time For Rupert and is a nice horse we picked up from the point-to-point sphere. We'll give him a shot at a bumper and he is worth following.

Narcissistic

4g Robin Des Champs - Night Therapy
Gigginstown House Stud
7-
RPR 108b OR -

He cost plenty of money. Gordon Elliott had him last year and he had a little wind problem, but we've sorted that out.

Ned Buntline

8g Refuse To Bend - Intrum
Moorshaan
JP McManus
2/494F/3-
RPR 150c OR 140c

I'd imagine we'll stick to two miles and hopefully we'll be back at Cheltenham in March for another crack at the Grand Annual. Two miles is his trip and there are handicap chases in Britain we might have a look at, as well as the Dan Moore Memorial Handicap at Fairyhouse.

STAR QUALITY

Road To Riches

9g Gamut - Bellora
Gigginstown House Stud
232-FP2
RPR 173c OR 162c

He had an operation on a kissing spine and is recuperating at the moment. He's back walking and should be ready for Christmas when we'll be aiming him at the Lexus Chase. I'm hopeful we can get him back and I think he's still a force to be reckoned with in the staying-chase ranks.



Net D'Ecosse

6g Network - Ecossette
Gigginstown House Stud
365/F15-
RPR 135c OR 129c

Although he fell a couple of times, he's been schooling well at home. He's a gorgeous, big horse and I'd say he was only a shell of a horse last year. He looks well now and will be out next month.

Road To Respect

5g Gamut - Lora Lady
Gigginstown House Stud
23135-0
RPR 130h OR 127h

He's closely related to Road To Riches and came to us recently from Eoin Griffin. He does take a pull but is starting to settle well enough and is a fine horse to go jumping fences with.

Snow Falcon

6g Presenting - Flocon De Neige
Patricia Hunt
315F1-1
RPR 154h OR 148h

He goes for the November Handicap at Leopardstown on Saturday and then we'll go back over hurdles. He'll probably run in the Lismullen Hurdle at Navan and then on to the Christmas Hurdle over three miles at Leopardstown.

Stoneford

5g Beneficial - Hester Hall
Gigginstown House Stud
1-
RPR 108b OR -

He's a strong horse who looks a picture. He'll start off soon and wants soft ground.

Stretchingthetruth

5g Gold Well - Maryanddoyle
JP McManus
1-11
RPR 113h OR -

You'd have to be impressed with his hurdles debut at Punctestown. He was green and nothing went right, but he did well to win. He'll be out again in about three weeks in a winners' race.

She's A Star

4f Well Chosen - Lobinstown Girl
Philip Meade
15-1
RPR 112h OR 116h

She's quite small but won well on the Flat at Navan last time. She goes to Wexford this Sunday and we'll keep her to mares' novice hurdles for the foreseeable future.

Tamlough Boy

5g Central Park - Zamyatina
J Kernohan
142-66
RPR 113h OR -

He's had a few issues with his back and has had treatment on it since his poor run at Navan last month. He's not a bad horse and has plenty of pace.

The Comediologist

5g Fair Mix - Cashmere Lady
Gigginstown House Stud
4-
RPR 92b OR -

He started very short [4-6] for a bumper in Naas in January when trained by Emmet Mullins. I know they fancied him big time but he only managed fourth. He's a huge, big horse and jumps well at home.



HORSE TO FOLLOW
DAVID JENNINGS

Killer Miller

His chase mark of 137 will surely be exploited. He destroyed Bonny Kate (now rated 135) and had Sub Lieutenant (now rated 153) 13 lengths back in third when making a winning chase debut. Adores heavy ground, will appreciate three miles and is said to have summered well. The Troytown or Paddy Power must be on Meade's radar and off 137 in either of those he'd take some stopping. What's more, a staying handicap hurdle looks there for the taking given he's rated just 116 in that sphere.

DARK HORSE

Super Folio

4g Enrique - Summer Belle
Patricia Hunt
31
RPR 90 (ptp)

He could be worth following. He won his point-to-point well at the second time of asking and looks to have all the right attributes. He'll go for a bumper as soon as we get soft ground.

The Rory Story

5g Flemensfirth - Phardester
Eamon McElroy
1
RPR 111 OR -

He won very well at Navan where he was very green and you'd expect him to improve a lot for that. Nina [Carberry] loved him and he stayed on really well. He's a real chasing type.

Very Wood

7g Martaline - Ball Of Wood
Gigginstown House Stud
1PP1d0/
RPR 150c OR 147c

He's had a problem with a joint for the past two years. We have him three-quarters fit and it's very much touch and go whether he stays up to training or not. If he did, he could be anything. He's entered in the Champion Chase at Down Royal on Saturday but it might come a bit soon for him.

Waxies Dargle

7g Sakhee - Cup Of Love
JP McManus
3P056-0
RPR 144h OR 137h

He's not really scopey enough for fences so he'll tackle all the big handicap hurdles. There's a big €100,000 handicap at Fairyhouse during the Easter festival and that could well be his port of call.

Wounded Warrior

7g Shantou - Sparkling Sword
Gigginstown House Stud
313/226-
RPR 160c, OR 153c

I've always felt he's a very, very good horse and I still believe that. He must get soft ground. He's a huge, big horse and it has just taken him a long time to come together and grow. He missed the end of the season last year due to a minor little problem. He is entered in the JNwine.com Champion Chase on Saturday and could run depending on the ground. I'm very happy with him and he could maybe be a Grand National horse some day. The Becher Chase could be a nice early season target for him as well.

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Handicap hurdles	601	37	40	37	487	6	█	-253.34	-42%
Non-hcp chases	814	132	129	102	451	16	█	-146.95	-18%
Handicap chases	497	39	30	39	389	8	█	-192.13	-39%
Hunter chases	11	0	0	3	8	0	█	-11.00	-100%
NH Flat	520	114	84	73	249	22	█	-94.62	-18%
Totals	3,956	616	525	417	2,398	16	█	-969.00	-24%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Ms N Carberry	98-450	22	-99.01
Denis O'Regan	29-162	18	-8.95
Niall Madden	21-290	7	-86.68
Davy Russell	18-80	23	-33.42
Barry Geraghty	15-85	18	-19.68
Sean Flanagan	14-80	18	-28.85
Bryan Cooper	9-35	26	-10.37
Ger Fox	9-126	7	-88.77
Mark Walsh	8-32	25	5.25
Paul Townend	6-38	16	-1.88
Jonathan Moore	6-40	15	-8.13
Mr PW Mullins	2-2	100	+3.20

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hurdles	57-369	15	-100.1
Handicap hurdles	5-97	5	-63.17
Non-hcp chases	27-136	20	-13.23
Handicap chases	5-90	6	-36.00
NH Flat	60-267	23	-54.31

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	37-326	11	-128.40
February	34-278	12	-79.61
March	23-208	11	-110.46
April	29-380	8	-169.86
May	45-295	15	-45.74
June	31-192	16	-52.04
July	34-221	15	+3.19
August	39-239	16	-22.47
September	37-220	17	-61.89
October	116-515	23	-63.74
November	113-554	20	-85.30
December	78-528	15	-152.68

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hurdles	166-381	44	+12.40
Handicap hurdles	11-66	17	-20.17
Non-hcp chases	55-141	39	-2.47
Handicap chases	10-51	20	-14.13
NH Flat	72-193	37	-13.70

COURSES

	Total W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp hdl	Non-hcp chs	Hcp hdl	Hcp chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Punctestown	76-576	13	39-201	17-114	1-76	3-85	16-100	-185.90
Navan	69-426	16	36-188	16-92	1-44	1-47	15-55	-183.30
Fairyhouse	65-499	13	33-196	10-89	4-82	4-63	14-69	-171.80
Kilbeggan	43-195	22	12-51	13-53	5-25	7-41	6-25	+23.21
Down Royal	41-229	18	17-104	10-45	2-30	3-19	9-31	-34.78
Naas	40-220	18	15-90	10-42	3-35	1-14	11-39	+44.16
Downpatrick	36-143	25	20-73	3-22	3-16	2-12	8-20	+27.61
Leopardstown	30-304	10	10-108	9-60	4-62	3-39	4-35	-66.06
Cork	28-147	19	16-65	4-24	2-18	4-24	2-16	-6.67
Gowran Park	27-184	15	10-73	10-41	1-27	2-21	4-22	-44.01
Galway	26-186	14	13-43	4-39	3-57	2-29	4-18	-67.50
Thurles	20-111	18	12-56	2-36	0-2	1-5	5-12	-18.22
Roscommon	19-108	18	9-31	3-20	1-15	1-25	5-17	-27.59
Wexford (rh)	18-57	32	11-29	3-12	0-2	1-7	3-7	+14.82
Limerick	14-116	12	5-39	3-31	1-7	3-23	2-16	-41.60
Clonmel	12-68	18	7-34	4-18	0-6	0-3	1-7	-17.37
Tipperary	10-77	13	6-32	2-19	0-12	1-8	1-6	-31.07
Listowel	10-84	12	7-23	2-21	0-21	0-15	1-4	-50.21
Bellewstown	9-44	21	5-21	0-0	4-22	0-0	0-1	+6.55
Ballinrobe	7-63	11	4-23	2-22	0-9	0-5	1-4	-37.00
Killarney	6-53	11	2-9	3-15	1-17	0-9	0-3	-22.70
Sligo	5-35	14	3-17	1-5	0-8	0-0	1-5	+4.25
Tramore	2-7	29	1-2	0-2	0-1	0-1	1-1	+11.00
Tralee	2-15	13	0-2	1-3	1-7	0-1	0-2	-1.00
Wexford	1-4	25	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-0.50
Curragh	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	-2.00
Dundalk (AW)	0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	-3.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 496. Total winning prize-money £6,365,281.82

WARREN GREATREX

'I can see him winning some nice novice chases this winter'

More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

STABLE TOUR WARREN GREATREX

WARREN GREATREX has excelled with his bumper runners historically and that policy is paying off with the trainer now in possession of an exciting squad of novice chasers.

They are headed by Grade 1-winning hurdlers Cole Harden and One Track Mind, although the conveyor belt at Uplands, operated by Greatrex's bloodstock agent wife Tessa, will continue to produce young talent for the future.

"We haven't had many novice chasers but seem to be strong in that area and we have a lot of youngsters I didn't run in the spring who will be coming out in the next month or so," said the trainer, who reckons his new assistant Chris Bonner will be a huge asset to the yard.

"November's often been one of my strongest months and then I tend to go quiet January time to build up for the spring festivals. It's important to have your horses ready for them as it's where the big prizes are."

With high-profile winners at Cheltenham and Punchestown in the last two years, Greatrex seems to have his priorities in order.

James Burn

Aloomomo Six-year-old gelding Tirwanako (sire) - Kayola (dam) Owner: The Large G & T Partnership Form figures: 6/11136- Racing Post Rating: 144; Official rating 140

Summured very well and did brilliantly last year, winning three. Really appreciates soft ground and his first main aim will be the Caspian Caviar Gold Cup at Cheltenham's December meeting. We had a blip with him and although we probably would have made the BetVictor Gold Cup, we'll stick to Plan A, which includes a run over hurdles at Exeter on November 9. The ground will probably be more to his liking in December than November anyway. He's a brilliant jumper and I think there's a lot of improvement in him.

Ballyculla

9g Westerner - Someone Told Me No Dramas & Robert Aplin 7/51F1P- RPR 143 OR 136 He's got a good race in him. He

Strong hand to play in novice chase division

STABLE PROFILE

- Yard Uplands
Where Lambourn, Berkshire
Started training 2009
Horses in yard 74
Members of staff 22
Head lads Graham Baines and David 'Trigger' Plunkett
Assistant trainer Chris Bonner
Assistant head lass Stacie Bromley
Travelling head lasses Laura Parker and Giulia Cerrato
Secretary Karen Dooley
Jockeys Gavin Sheehan, Andrew Tinkler
Conditional Harry Bannister
Stable sponsor SIS
Website wgreatracing.com
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Winners in Britain table with columns for year and wins/loss/profit/loss.

was going well in the Eider Chase last season and that could be an aim again. He had a cut on a leg, so is a bit behind, but he wants soft ground so I'm not in a hurry. He'll be competitive in staying handicap chases off his mark.

Boudry

5g Crossharbour - Lavande Power Geneva Ltd 2316- RPR 116 OR- Gavin [Sheehan] likes him a lot and he's a strong-travelling horse who has strengthened up. Jumps extremely well and handles soft ground so we'll

DARK HORSE

Bon Enfant 5g Saint Des Saints - Montanara Paris Swanee River Partnership 011237- RPR 128 OR 126 Won two last year but was babyish. He's growing up all the time and will go on any ground but I think he prefers it softer. He'll be a lovely chaser in a year but we'll see improvement this season because he was just playing last term.

start in a 2m novice hurdle in three weeks. We're excited about him.

Burlington Bert

5g Califet - Melhi Sun Martin St Quinton & Tim Syder 153-1 RPR 113 OR- He had two breathing operations last season and the first one didn't work, but the second did. He had the same problem as Smad Place and Cue Card, an entrapped epiglottis, and after the surgery bolted up at Stratford. He took time to come to hand but seems in the groove and his work is improving. He's a very good jumper and goes novice hurdling, probably over 2m to start with but he'll get further. He doesn't mind soft ground but I wouldn't want to run him on extremes. He's got a lot of ability.

Chalk It Down

7g Milan - Feedthegoodmare JP McManus 12/112/1- RPR 143 OR 145 Just back from a year off and is pretty much ready for a run, but we'll wait for some rain. We'll probably start over hurdles and then maybe go chasing. He's done very well for us and I'm very lucky to have JP as an owner.

Chef D'Oeuve

5g Martaline - Kostroma McNeill Family



31410- RPR 143 OR 134 A horse I really like, very tough and the softer the ground the better. He's going novice chasing and I can see him winning some nice races this winter.

Fly Du Charmil

5g Saint De Saints - Famous Member McNeill Family 1055- RPR 82 OR- Won at Newbury last season and looked brilliant, but I ran him back too quickly at Ascot and I think it blew his mind. All the signs were he was fine, but he boiled over and was never

the same all season. Had two more runs to get him to enjoy himself as I wasn't far off ruining him. He's a work in progress and seems happy. He looks brilliant and has got everything; it's just a case of bringing him along because he's a nice horse.

Ilovementis

4f Kayf Tara - La Harde T Joule, E Salkeld, S Salkeld & T Syder 1-6 RPR 109 OR-

I was disappointed with her at Aintree on Sunday and am still baffled. She seemed fine on Monday but we'll get her checked out. There was no spark there and Gavin said she felt completely different from when she won at Bangor in the spring. If she'd finished closer and Gavin had said that's as good as she is, I'd have been more gutted because she's

STABLE STAT

In the last five seasons Warren Greatrex has a 37% strike-rate with his runners at Wetherby (14 wins from 38 runs for a £1 level-stakes profit of £24.34.) This improves to 4/5 (80%) with chasers (+£19.37).

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Priorities in order: Warren Greatrex at his Uplands stables in Lambourn

STAR QUALITY

Cole Harden

7g Westerner - Nosie Betty
Mrs Jill Eynon & Robin Eynon
412/334-
RPR 168 OR 159

Last year's World Hurdle winner, he's going novice chasing, but about a month ago I was struggling and wasn't very happy with him. He's had this ongoing knee issue that we think we've sorted and in the last couple of weeks we're on a roll. He schooled last Friday for the first time and was brilliant over baby fences. He'll be ready middle/end of November and it'll be nice to get him over a fence. Gavin is very confident he'll be good over them and if he can do over fences what he did over hurdles he's going to be a revelation. To have him and One Track Mind, who have won two of the best staying hurdles you can get, is very exciting. They've got to translate that form but the signs are good and I haven't got any fears for them. They're the best hurdlers I've sent chasing.

better than that. I still think she's very good and we'll persist with bumpers.

La Bague Au Roi

5m Doctor Dino - Alliance Royale
Mrs Julien Turner & Andrew Merriam
1/117-
RPR 126 OR -

Wants decent conditions, but is exciting and runs in a maiden hurdle for mares at Uttoxeter today. I was a bit disappointed with her at Aintree in the Listed mares' bumper, but I don't think that was her true running as she'd looked really smart. The signs are she has improved since last season. She's stronger and her jumping was something we had to work on, but we've done plenty of schooling and she's very good at the moment. We'll start over two miles as she's got bags of pace, but she'll stay further.

Lovenormoney

5g Winged Love - Dixies Gem
Tim Syder
P1 - (point-to-point form)
RPR 91 (point-to-point) OR -

Nice and straightforward. He won his point-to-point impressively and will probably run in a bumper before going hurdling. He's not flashy but just gets about his business and has done everything right.

Ma Du Fou

6g Le Fou - Belle Du Ma
Walters Plant Hire & James and Jean Potter
2/111P6-
RPR 140 OR 138

Did well last year and goes novice chasing. He's a very good jumper, a real athlete, and will start over 2m in the middle of November. Hopefully he can make up into a nice novice and he'll get further. He appreciates

soft ground, although it's not the be all and end all.

Missed Approach

6g Golan - Polly's Dream
Alan & Andrew Turner
113/1P2-
RPR 147 OR 145

Goes novice chasing and I'm really looking forward to that; he's going to be a proper staying type. He bolted up at Newbury and we saved him for the Peremps, but the ground was too quick and he wasn't experienced enough. He bounced back at Ayr when second to one of Dan Skelton's [Two Taffs] who they think plenty of, giving him a lot of weight. He's schooled well over fences and will be ready to go when the rain comes. He's a 145-rated hurdler but will be a better chaser. A horse I like a lot.

One Track Mind

6g FLEMENS FIRTH - Lady Petit
Andy Weller
41/512-1
RPR 154 OR 158

Goes chasing and he's schooled very well. The first possibility is a beginners' chase at Newbury on Thursday, but a lot will depend on the ground and we're crying out for some rain. He's been brilliant, winning the Grade 1 staying hurdle at the Punchestown festival in the spring, and I think he'll develop into an even better chaser. I feel he's ready for fences and he's always been a chaser in my mind. He doesn't need the ground like a bog, just on the soft side is fine, but I wouldn't risk him on anything too quick.

Oscar Mor

4g Oscar - Gran Chris
Swanee River Partnership

1- (point-to-point form)
RPR 89 (point-to-point) OR -

A lovely, big, laidback horse who looks a bit like a Friesian cow - he's got funny markings. He won his point-to-point impressively but wouldn't be the quickest. He'll start in a bumper, but it'll be on soft ground at a big galloping track. He's a work in progress and it's going to take a year or so for him to fill his frame, but hopefully he can win some races on the way.

Out Sam

7g Multiplex - Tintera
Swanee River Partnership
631177-
RPR 153 OR 139

He's in the Hennessy and there's a chance his first run might be the graduation chase at Kempton that Smad Place won last year. He did okay last term and it was great he won his two and was favourite for the handicap chase on the first day of Cheltenham, but we did feel he could be a bit inexperienced and he was. He's improved over the summer, but to get him up and running I think a graduation chase with not many runners will be a good start. I thought he'd be better on better ground but I don't think that's the case now and he's still relatively unexposed.

Penn Lane

5g Scorpion - Belsalsa
Alan & Andrew Turner
3/13F-1
RPR 128 OR 124

Taken time to come to hand and has been a bit babyish even though he won his bumper and a novice hurdle. Very raw, but he's getting there. He'll stay over hurdles but is a big horse and will be a chaser. He's got bundles of improvement in him - he doesn't know he's born.

Rockportian

6g Definite Article - Wilmott's Fancy
N W A Bannister & M J R Bannister
-1
RPR 109 OR -

Won a bumper at Uttoxeter and is one I like a lot. He's a big, strong type who is doing everything right and will be a chaser in time. I think he could be smart down the line.

The Nipper

5m Scorpion - Sharp Single
Smith, Ratcliffe & Bowring
111-O
RPR 125 OR -

Was high class in bumpers but can be a bit quirky. She hung across the track in a Listed race at Sandown but still won very well considering the ground she gave away. She then went to Punchestown and jinked out, but Nina [Carberry] thought she was still going extremely well. She'll go novice hurdling but is still a bit off and we wouldn't be looking until the end of



HORSE TO FOLLOW
Stuart Riley

Aloomomo

The Nipper needs to race left-handed as she hangs alarmingly when going right, but mares' novice hurdles are so uncompetitive she's unlikely to be much of a price until the spring and so preference is for Aloomomo, who the yard believed was very well treated off 140 at the Cheltenham Festival last season - he was sent off favourite for the novice handicap chase. He starts this season on the same mark and should pick up a decent prize at some point this winter.

November as she wants proper soft ground. She's schooled and jumps well. She's matured and is much stronger than she was last year. You could start her off over 2m but she'll stay well and I think hurdling will help her concentrate. If she does translate her bumper form to hurdles, she's going to be very exciting. Fingers crossed her and La Bague Au Roi are up to competing in the new mares' race at Cheltenham, but there are other targets in the spring and come Cheltenham time I'm not sure the ground will be to The Nipper's liking.

Vinciaettis

5g Enrique - Over The Sea
Mrs J & Miss C Shipp
1/1214-
RPR 134 OR 127

He's quite hard on himself and I train him on his own a lot, but he has tonnes of ability and seems to be growing up all the time. He'll be a chaser, but will stay hurdling this season and he appreciates soft ground. I'm happy with his mark and he'll be better than it by the end of the season.

Warrantor

7g Turtle Island - Pixie Dust
Sarah Drysdale
41UFP2-
RPR 139 OR 130

His first run will be at Cheltenham's November meeting in a 3m4f handicap chase. He was unlucky last year and was running well in the National Hunt Chase when his saddle slipped. He loves soft ground and, off his mark, has a big staying handicap in him. He looks great and could just make up into a Welsh National type. He'll revel in soft-ground staying chases.

Western Ryder

4g Westerner - Seesea
The Albatross Club
1
RPR 110 OR -

Highly promising and won very well at Ffos Las in May. He'll probably run in another bumper before going hurdling and he jumps very nicely. He'll stay well and has done great over the summer. Gavin was very impressed with him at Ffos Las so hopefully he can progress, but we won't rush him. He'll be ready in the second week of November.



STABLE ANALYSIS 2009-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	Win %	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	437	74	67	60	236	17		-142.69	-33%
Hcp hdl	363	50	52	37	224	14		-103.68	-29%
Non-hcp chs	60	11	13	12	24	18		-35.22	-59%
Hcp chs	172	27	17	20	108	16		+1.03	+1%
Hunter chs	9	6	1	2	0	67		+3.36	+37%
NH Flat	243	63	30	28	122	26		+58.75	+24%
Totals	1,284	231	180	159	714	18		-218.45	-17%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Gavin Sheehan	113-503	23	-22.43
Noel Fehily	30-184	16	-50.71
Wayne Hutchinson	16-130	12	-22.42
Harry Bannister	10-40	25	-11.08
Paddy Brennan	8-46	17	+2.43
Dougie Costello	6-49	12	-13.86
Mr S Waley-Cohen	5-13	39	-3.64
Andrew Tinkler	3-14	21	-1.00
Thomas Garner	3-29	10	-13.00
Denis O'Regan	2-6	33	-0.20
Richard Johnson	2-10	20	-4.88
Tom Scudamore	2-23	9	+23.00

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	10-134	8	-73.50
February	24-143	17	+3.75
March	30-174	17	-1.24
April	24-148	16	-68.50
May	27-94	29	+21.47
June	9-49	18	-12.88
July	11-37	30	+12.22
August	8-32	25	-7.19
September	2-24	8	-15.00
October	16-88	18	-14.97
November	43-189	23	-37.67
December	27-172	16	-24.94

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	17-88	19	-33.65
Hcp hdl	11-67	16	-16.90
Non-hcp chs	4-17	24	-6.58
Hcp chs	3-36	8	-23.92
NH Flat	39-130	30	+59.80

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	36-80	45	-9.89
Hcp hdl	28-88	32	-9.68
Non-hcp chs	14-23	61	+3.39
Hcp chs	7-39	18	-19.05
NH Flat	31-75	41	-0.83

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp hdl	Non-hcp chs	Hcp hdl	Hcp chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Stratford	21-62	34	9-23	4-7	2-13	3-9	3-10	+24.71
Wetherby	14-38	37	5-14	2-2	3-12	2-3	2-7	+24.33
Bangor-On-Dee	13-39	33	3-9	0-2	2-11	2-6	6-11	+25.58
Uttoxeter	12-45	27	2-13	0-2	3-14	3-7	4-9	-1.35
Newbury	12-73	16	1-31	2-4	3-16	4-16	2-6	+4.74
Plumpton	11-53	21	6-29	0-1	2-15	1-3	2-5	-5.73
Ffos Las	10-39	26	5-15	0-3	1-5	1-8	3-8	-11.17
Fontwell	10-44	23	6-18	0-1	4-18	0-4	0-3	-16.18
Folkestone	8-24	33	5-13	1-4	0-1	0-1	2-5	+2.91
Market Rasen	8-34	24	5-16	0-0	2-14	0-1	1-3	-6.64
Lingfield	7-16	44	4-8	1-1	2-3	0-4	0-0	+15.98
Newton Abbot	7-30	23	0-6	0-1	4-16	0-2	3-5	-5.36
Worcester	7-39	18	1-10	1-4	1-10	0-7	4-8	-5.93
Chepstow	7-43	16	4-17	0-0	0-9	3-11	0-6	-11.00
Warwick	7-46	15	1-18	0-1	2-13	2-5	2-9	-2.67
Doncaster	6-30	20	1-13	2-4	1-5	1-5	1-3	-6.31
Towcester	6-32	19	3-14	1-1	1-9	0-4	1-4	-12.12
Southwell	6-36	17	2-8	0-2	0-12	1-4	3-10	-3.25
Wincanton	6-48	13	3-16	0-2	2-22	0-3	1-5	-29.38
Exeter	6-49	12	1-18	0-3	5-18	0-6	0-4	+6.00
Kempton (AW)	5-27	19	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-27	+15.50
Cheltenham	5-66	8	2-21	0-5	2-22	0-8	1-10	-32.88
Hereford	4-14	29	1-4	0-0	2-5	0-2	1-3	+10.75
Huntingdon	4-47	9	1-22	0-1	0-10	2-5	1-9	-30.84
Kempton	4-51	8	0-20	1-4	2-16	1-8	0-3	-28.25
Lingfield (AW)	3-9	33	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-9	+8.01
Fakenham	3-14	21	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-1	3-7	+2.50
Sandown	3-44	7	0-8	0-0	0-19	0-8	3-9	-24.00
Southwell (AW)	2-10	20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-10	-0.75
Carlisle	2-11	18	1-2	1-1	0-3	0-3	0-2	-6.43
Sedgefield	2-14	14	0-2	0-0	1-6	0-2	1-4	-2.75
Aintree	2-30	7	0-4	0-2	1-10	0-7	1-7	-22.00
Newcastle	1-3	33	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	-1.09
Carlisle	1-3	33	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-1.50
Catterick	1-6	17	0-2	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	-4.75
Leicester	1-7	14	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-5	0-0	+0.50
Ayr	1-8	13	0-1	0-0	1-5	0-2	0-0	-5.38
Taunton	1-26	4	0-10	0-0	0-7	0-2	1-7	-19.00
Ludlow	1-27	4	0-13	0-1	1-7	0-2	0-4	-20.00
Ascot	1-32	3	1-10	0-5	0-3	0-5	0-9	-28.25
Perth	0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-1.00
Hexham	0-3	0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	-3.00
Haydock	0-11	0	0-2	0-0	0-9	0-0	0-0	-11.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 214 Total winning prize-money £1,122,822.73

WILLIE MULLINS

'He has loads of pace, he relaxes and he also stays well'



More priceless nuggets from a top yard in Monday's Stable Tour

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Monday, October 31, 2016

A portrait of Willie Mullins, an older man with white hair and a slight smile, wearing a light-colored jacket over a dark turtleneck. He is standing in what appears to be a stable or racing yard.

WILLIE MULLINS

Ireland's champion trainer opens the doors of his powerful yard as our series continues

STABLE TOUR WILLIE MULLINS

FOR Willie Mullins 2016 has been yet another good year. An eighth consecutive Irish trainers' championship, seven winners at the Cheltenham Festival and, in September, a notable achievement for a predominantly jumps trainer of a first Classic success with Wickow Brave in the Irish St Leger.

Currently in Australia to oversee Wickow Brave's bid for Emirates Melbourne Cup glory tomorrow, Mullins will return to finalise plans for the unleashing of his powerful team of big-name hurdlers and chasers.

Traditionally November is when activities at his Closutton, County Carlow, yard begins to crank up and it is sure to be the same story this year.

As far as Cheltenham targets for the big guns are concerned it is never wise to try to second-guess Mullins at this stage of the season as he is spoiled for choice and waits as long as possible before making decisions.

Annie Power and Faugheen will be entered for the same races with one of them likely to reappear in the Morgiana Hurdle at Punchestown and the other in the Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse.

The Cheltenham Gold Cup has so far escaped Mullins' clutches. The prospect of Vautour running in the race excites many, but the King George, in which he narrowly lost out last year, is his first big target. Djakadam, twice runner-up in the Gold Cup, will be trained for another tilt at the race.

Many regard Douvan as the champion chaser in waiting, but who knows how the coming months will influence spring plans?

Mullins says: "We're lucky to have so many top-class horses and it makes no sense to talk about long-term targets so early in the season. Because of the recent dry spell we want to see rain before starting most of our team. Hopefully that will happen before long."

His bid for a first British trainers' championship last season enlivened the closing weeks of the campaign before he lost out to Paul Nicholls. "We only got serious about the British title after we had seven winners at Cheltenham," says Mullins. "It wasn't on the agenda until then and it isn't a priority this season. We'll see how things go."

Because of his recent split with Gigginstown House Stud, Mullins does not see retaining the Irish title as easy. "Gordon [Elliott] has made a fantastic start and it will be a lot more difficult for us to top the table this time, but we'll give it a go, that's for certain," he says.

Intewiew by Tony O'Hehir**Airlie Beach**

Six-year-old mare Shantou (sire) - Screaming Witness (dam)
Owner: Supreme Horse Racing Club & K Sharp
Form: 1-1111
Racing Post Rating 144h
Official Rating 140h
Has done very well for us,

'We're lucky to have so many top-class horses'

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶**Yard** Closutton, Bagenalstown, County Carlow
- ▶▶**Started training** 1987
- ▶▶**Horses in yard** 160
- ▶▶**Number of staff** 50
- ▶▶**Assistant trainers** Patrick Mullins, David Casey
- ▶▶**Head grooms** Dick Dowling, Rachael Robins
- ▶▶**Travelling head groom** Ben Delmer
- ▶▶**Secretaries** Caitriona Murphy, Evelyn McCullagh, Jo Sharp
- ▶▶**Stable jockeys** Ruby Walsh (right), Paul Townend, Danny George, in which he narrowly lost out last year, is his first big target. Djakadam, twice runner-up in the Gold Cup, will be trained for another tilt at the race.
- ▶▶**Conditional** Niall Kelly
- ▶▶**Amateurs** Patrick Mullins, Katie Walsh, Sonny Carey
- ▶▶**Website** wpmullins.com

Winners in Ireland

2015-16	185
2014-15	187
2013-14	185
2012-13	193

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16	+£14.33
2014-15	+£41.45
2013-14	-£172.02
2012-13	-£54.95

Prize-money 2015-16

£3,273,869



winning a bumper then going four unbeaten in mares' hurdles. In great order and the plan is to keep her going in novice hurdles. However, might not be one for real winter ground, so we'll see how she fares and maybe concentrate on a spring campaign. Hopefully has more improvement in her.

Alelchi Inoisi

8g Night Tango - Witness Gama
Luke McMahon, Finola Murphy & Francis Mangan
24-1213
RPR 161c OR 161c

We took him to Italy last month for a Grade 1 chase in Merano, where he finished third and got the 3m1f trip well. Won seven times over fences and we'll keep him on the go. Well suited by good ground and with conditions the way they are we might run him in the JNwine.com Champion Chase at Down Royal on Saturday. We haven't ruled out the possibility of going the cross-country route.

American Tom

5g American Post - Kirkla
Susannah Ricci
3/1-
RPR 120h

Came from France and won

a 2m maiden hurdle on soft ground at Gowran Park in November on his only start for us. Going novice chasing and I'm looking forward to getting him started.

Arbre De Vie

6g Antarctique - Nouvelle Recrue
Susannah Ricci
4/2203-0
RPR 155h 140c OR 148h

Won two over hurdles two seasons back, when he also ran fourth in the Albert Bartlett. We started him over fences at Thurles in January when he finished second over 2m4f. Had a few training problems but is back and almost ready to go. Will run in novice chases and be one for the staying division.

Arctic Fire

7g Soldier Hollow - Adelma
Wicklow Bloodstock(Ireland) Ltd
F/21142-
RPR 168h OR 163h

Having run so well in so many Grade 1s it was great to see him win one - the Hatton's Grace - last season. Hasn't run since finishing second to Faugheen in the Irish Champion Hurdle in January and was a bit late coming back in after his summer break. It will probably

be the second half of the season before he reappears. Big enough to go over fences but whether that happens this season remains to be seen. If he isn't ready to start back until well into the new year we might decide to leave chasing until the following season.

Augusta Kate

5m Yeats - Feathard Lady
The Masters Syndicate
11721-
RPR 130b

Did very well in bumpers, winning three of her five starts and going close in the Grade 2 mares' bumper at Aintree. A lovely hurdling prospect who should be adaptable in terms of ground. Will probably start over 2m but we think she'll stay further.

Augustin

6g Martaline - Lili Bleue
Luke McMahon
42/14-0
RPR 112b

Won his bumper on testing ground at Thurles in February and will be going hurdling. One for the staying division.

Avant Tout

6g Agent Bleu - Quiwfty
Supreme Horse Racing Club & Brett Graham
12F911-
RPR 156c 145h OR 154c 142h

Three from five over fences, winning from 2m to 3m. Won a Grade 2 novice at Limerick in April and the form has been well franked with the runner-up Lord Scoundrel going on to win the Galway Plate after Avant Tout had again beaten him well in a novice handicap at the Punchestown festival. Fit and well and could go for the Hennessy at Newbury. I'm not sure yet whether we'll give him a prep run, but there's a race at Naas on November 6 he could run in.

Avichi

5m Yeats - Scandisk
Mrs EM Motherway
73235-
RPR 94b

A half-sister to Hurricane Fly, she was placed in a few bumpers and will be going hurdling. Looks as if she will need a trip.

STAR QUALITY**Annie Power**

8m Shirocco - Anno Luce
1F/1111-
Susannah Ricci
RPR 170h OR 166h

Has been a fantastic mare, winning all but two of her 17 races. A five-time Grade 1 winner, she proved a more than able deputy for Faugheen in the Champion Hurdle last season when we dropped her in trip and she produced an excellent performance to win going away. She was very impressive when sent back up in trip at Aintree, where she won by 18 lengths. She'll be entered for most of the Grade 1 hurdles over the coming months and could start off in the Morgiana at Punchestown or the Hatton's Grace at Fairyhouse. Her and Faugheen will be entered for the same races and we'll see how we'll split them up. It will be much further down the line before any decisions are made about their Cheltenham targets.

Bacardys

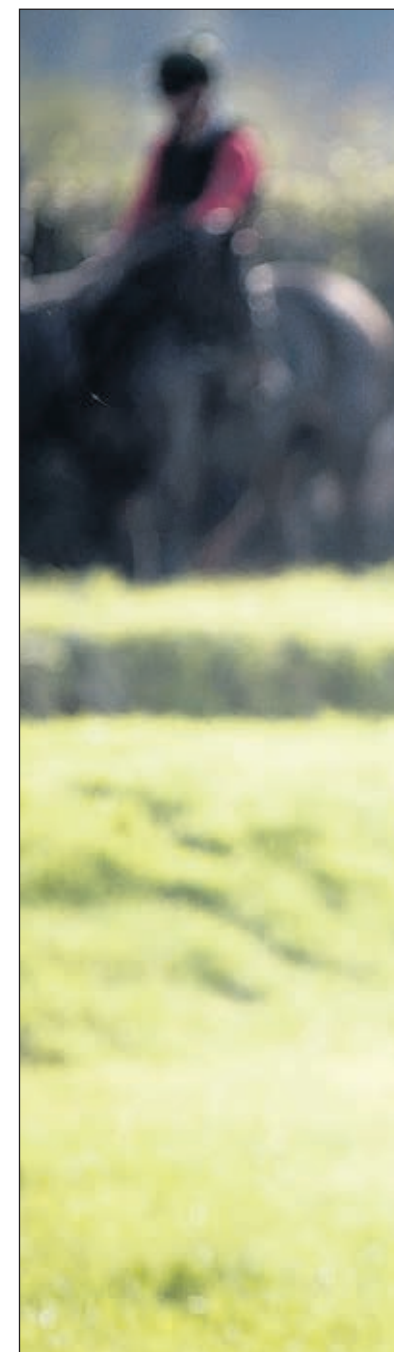
5g Coastal Path - Oasice
Shanakiel Racing Syndicate
1313-
RPR 136b

Was one of the better bumper horses around last season, winning two of his four starts. Won the Grade 2 at Aintree after running third in the Champion Bumper at Cheltenham and came back to Punchestown where he finished third in the Grade 1. A big horse, he has the potential to do very well over hurdles. Will probably start off over 2m and we'll take it from there. Won a point-to-point.

Bachasson

5g Voix Du Nord - Belledonne
Edward O'Connell
11128U-
RPR 148h OR 146h

Won his first four races over hurdles last season and ended



up being upped in trip in the Albert Bartlett at Cheltenham, where he ran quite well until blundering and unseating at the last. Likely to go chasing.

Ballycasey

9g Presenting - Pink Mist
Susannah Ricci
6-F3151
RPR 160c 144h OR 162c

Did well in recent months, finishing third in the Galway Plate and winning a couple of times. Won the Grade 2 PWC Champion Chase over 2m4f at Gowran on his most recent start. Has won on testing ground but prefers better conditions. Has been kept in training for the winter and with ground conditions as they are he could take his chance in the JNwine.com Champion Chase at Down Royal on Saturday. It's possible we might drop him in trip at some stage and he could run in a few hurdle races.

Bamako Moriviere

5g Califet - Halladine
Susannah Ricci
-461101
RPR 156h OR 148h

Won three times over the summer and is a smart performer. Unfortunately he met with a setback and there are no plans for him. It will probably be the second half of the season before he's ready to start back and if it is too late to go over fences he'll stay hurdling.

STABLE STAT

Since the start of 2013 Mullins has a 43 per cent strike-rate (+£6.20) with runners making their rules debut in Irish bumpers under the trainer's son Patrick

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INTERACTIVE

PATRICK McCANN (RACINGPOST.COM/PHOTOS)



Willie Mullins directing operations at his Closutton yard last week

into a very smart staying novice.

Black Hercules

7g Heron Island - Annalecky
Andrea & Graham Wylie
17/11F1-
RPR 164c OR 158c

At the start of last season we saw him as a horse for staying novice chases but then decided to drop him back to 2m4f in the JLT at Cheltenham. The trip seemed to suit him well and he won in good style. I'd imagine he'll be running in middle-distance races, although we could try him over shorter at some stage.

Blazer

5g Network - Juppelongue
JP McManus
391947-
RPR 144h OR 142h

Ran a couple of times over fences last season, finishing third at Punchestown on his first attempt before running poorly at Leopardstown. We switched him back to hurdles and after winning a handicap at Leopardstown he started favourite for the Betfair Hurdle, in which he finished in midfield. Ran better at Cheltenham when fourth in the Coral Cup. Will probably go back chasing.

Bleu Et Rouge

5g Charming Groom - Lady Du Renom
JP McManus
2/141F5-
RPR 151h OR 147h

His two wins over hurdles included the Grade 1 Deloitte Novice Hurdle over 2m2f at Leopardstown in February but he fell in the Albert Bartlett at Cheltenham. Will be going novice chasing. We're looking forward to getting him started and he should do well.

Bobarlee

6m Arcadio - Dashing Diva
Temperance Syndicate
42-1314
RPR 124h OR 116h

Progressed well over the summer, winning a bumper on soft ground at Sligo and a maiden hurdle on good ground at Down Royal. Capable of winning more hurdle races if she continues to improve. Runs in a 2m novice hurdle at Wexford today.

STAR QUALITY

Douvan

6g Walk In The Park - Star Face
Susannah Ricci
111111-
RPR 176c OR 169c

At the start of last season we were hoping he might make as big an impact as a novice chaser as he did as a novice hurdler and he certainly didn't disappoint, winning all his six races, five of them Grade 1s, and all by wide margins. He's really exciting and we're looking forward to another good campaign. Has loads of pace, relaxes and stays well, so will have plenty of options. The Champion Chase would look an obvious race for him, but it's too early to be making any commitments. We'll probably start him off over two miles but he could step up in trip. We've yet to decide where he'll have his first run.

Borboleta

6m Germany - Back And Fore
JA Coleman
149
RPR 72h

Won a bumper by nine lengths at Ballinrobe in August and has had one run over hurdles. Picked up an injury and won't be back until the second half of the season. Has a nice pedigree and is a half-sister to multiple hurdle and chase winner The Romford Pele.

Boston Bob

11g Bob Back - Bavaway
Patrick Mullins
0/50P1P-
RPR 165c OR 151c

Has been a good servant to the yard over the years, winning three Grade 1 chases and a Grade 1 hurdle for Andrea and Graham Wylie. Now owned by Patrick and the plan is to run him in cross-country chases.

Briar Hill

8g Shantou - Backaway
Andrea & Graham Wylie
84F/4-21
RPR 152h 138c

Won the Champion Bumper at Cheltenham in 2013 but took time to come back to himself after fracturing his cheekbone in the Albert Bartlett the following year. It was great

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Bargy Lady

4f Yeats - Jolivia
Oakroom Racing Club
12
RPR 118b

Her bumper form is quite good and I'm keen enough to get her started over hurdles. Not the biggest but is brave and has shown us she jumps well.

Battleford

5g Midnight Legend - Well Maid
Andrea & Graham Wylie
122-
RPR 136b

His bumper form was very good. After winning on his debut at Punchestown he

DARK HORSE

Asthuria

5m Sagacity - Baturia
George Creighton
42/3-
RPR 129h

Had a couple of runs over hurdles in France and we were delighted with her first run for us in a Grade 1 novice over 2m4f at the Fairyhouse Easter meeting when third to Jer's Girl. We put her away after that. A very nice prospect for novice hurdles and should stay well.

was beaten only a nose in the Champion Bumper at Cheltenham and also ran another of ours, Bacardys, to half a length at Aintree. We're looking forward to a good novice-hurdling campaign. Probably one for the staying division as the season progresses and should be starting off quite soon.

Bellow Mome

5g Honolulu - Oll Mighty Fellow
Audrey Turley
23/4118-
RPR 132h OR 124h

We're looking forward to him going over fences. Won a

couple of times over hurdles last season and looks a natural for chasing. Should make into a smart performer in the staying division.

Bellshill

6g King's Theatre - Fairy Native
Andrea & Graham Wylie
113021-
RPR 155h OR 148h

Won a couple of Grade 1 novice hurdles last season including the three-miler at the Punchestown festival after running Ballyoptic to a neck in the Sefton Novice' Hurdle at Aintree. Goes chasing and should make

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to see him get back on the winning trail at Killarney in August when he scored over 2m4½f on his second start over fences. Had a little setback but should be back competing in novice chases around Christmas.

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Cap D'Aubois

4g Snow Cap - Caline Grace
Susannah Ricci

15-
RPR 112h

A winner over hurdles in France, we started him off in the Grade 1 four-year-old hurdle at the Punchestown festival, in which he finished last of five behind Apple's Jade. It may have looked a disappointing effort but he's capable of much better. Will stay over hurdles and we'll look at conditions races and handicaps.

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Castello Sforza

5g Milan - Young Elodie
JP McManus

1/4-
RPR 130b

Off for almost a year after winning on his debut at Fairyhouse in April 2015. We got him back for the Champion Bumper last season and he ran a very good race to finish fourth. In great order and has been schooling well over hurdles. Has the makings of a very useful novice.

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Champagne Fever

9g Stowaway - Forever Bubbles
Susannah Ricci

14F14/5-
RPR 166c OR160c

Missed last season but back for another campaign and is in good shape. Schooled last Wednesday and jumped well. Three chase wins include a couple of Grade 2s over 2m4f and will probably run in races from 2m to 2m4f. A very good horse a few years back when he won the Supreme Novices' and hopefully he'll show he retains plenty of ability.

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Childrens List

6g Presenting - Snipe Hunt
Susannah Ricci

F4200-9
RPR 143h OR 135h

Won a couple of minor races over hurdles and also had some decent placed form including when finishing second in a 3m handicap. Chasing is the plan and he will appreciate plenty of distance.

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Cilaos Emery

4g Califet - Queissa
Luke McMahon

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RPR 113b

Won his bumper at the Punchestown festival and I expect him to make an impact over hurdles this season. Will probably start off over 2m and we'll take it from there.

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Clondaw Court

9g Court Cave - Secret Can't Say
Susannah Ricci

1/11/1/6-
RPR 152h OR 142h

Winner of a bumper and three hurdle races, he hasn't run since finishing in rear in the Hatton's Grace Hurdle almost a year ago. That was the only time he has been beaten. Has had his problems over the years and consequently has done very little racing

'Glens Harmony has potential and is one to look forward to'

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for a horse of his age. Will go chasing and, if he stays right, has the ability to do well, probably in the staying division.

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Clondaw Warrior

9g Overbury - Thespian
Act D Wagg Syndicate

B2/313-1
RPR 155h OR 150h

Has given his owners a lot of fun and won them a lot of prize-money, including when winning the Ascot Stakes and Galway Hurdle and when second in the American St Leger. We'll look at some more big handicaps and could run in a few conditions race as well.

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Daisy's Gift

9m Presenting - Daizinni
NG King

514-F02
RPR 140h 29c OR 134h

A three-time winner over hurdles including a Listed mares' race at Gowran Park. Has had a couple of runs in chases and been let down by her jumping, falling at Kilbeggan before being far from fluent at Galway. We'll probably give her another shot and see how things go.

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Diakali

7g Sinndar - Diasilixa
Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd

43/24/10-
RPR 165h OR 153h

A dual Grade 1-winning

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STAR QUALITY

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Faugheen

8g Germany - Miss Pickering
Susannah Ricci

11/1211-
RPR 177h OR 176h

Has come back in good shape from the setback he had in February which prevented him defending his Champion Hurdle crown. Could start off in either the Morgiana Hurdle at Punchestown or the Hatton's Grace at Fairyhouse. Will be aimed at some of the top hurdle races over different distances. A Grade 1 winner over 2m and 2m5f who has also won over 3m, he'll have lots of options. He and Annie Power will be entered for the same races and we'll see how things pan out for them.

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hurdler, he hasn't run since last July but is back in training and pleasing us. Should be back in action around Christmas and will probably stay hurdling. Most of his best form has been on soft or heavy ground.

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Dicosimo

5g Laveron - Coralisse Royale
Susannah Ricci

84/1FFP-
RPR 150h OR 145h

A three-time winning hurdler, things went askew for him last season after he won by ten lengths at Limerick's Christmas meeting. Fell in the Betfair Hurdle and County Hurdle and pulled up at the Punchestown festival. Fine now and we're looking forward to him going novice chasing. Has the ability to do well.

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Djakadam

7g Saint Des Saints - Rainbow
Crest

Susannah Ricci
21F232-

RPR 177c OR 170c

A very consistent performer in the top staying chases, finishing second in the last two Cheltenham Gold Cups and Punchestown Gold Cups. We're looking at a similar campaign to last year and hopefully there might be a bit of improvement to come. Started off last season by winning the John Durkan Chase at Punchestown but we haven't decided where he will begin this campaign.

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Dreambaby

5m Yeats - Monumental Gesture
Hibo Syndicate

0-03331
RPR 121h OR 106h

Won on her handicap debut on heavy ground at Roscommon two weeks ago when stepped up to 3m½f for the first time. Will be kept to long-distance handicap hurdles.

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Footpad

4g Creachadoir - Willamina
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede

113F-11
RPR 145h OR 147h

Five wins over hurdles last season included a Grade 1 over 2m at Leopardstown and the Grade 1 Prix Alain du Breil over almost 2m3½f at Auteuil. Also third in the Triumph. In great shape and might go back to France for the Prix Renaud du Vivier at Auteuil on November 13. Seems to have a preference for soft ground.

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DARK HORSE ★

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Some Neck

5g Yeats - Maternelle
Susannah Ricci

2224-
RPR 111b

We were disappointed he didn't manage to win a bumper last season although he did finish in the frame on his four attempts. We might try and win a bumper before he starts off over hurdles. Shapes like he could do well in staying novice races.

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Glens Harmony

4f King's Theatre - Glens Music
Fiona McStay

3-1
RPR 109b

A sister to Glens Melody, who won 12 races including a couple of Grade 1 hurdles. Won a bumper at Ballinrobe by 13 lengths in May on her second start. Has a lot of potential but it hasn't been decided whether she will continue in bumpers or go novice hurdling. One to look forward to whatever she does.

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Good Thyme Tara

6m Kayf Tara - Good Thyme Mary
NG King

133-
RPR 112b

Won on her debut at Limerick in May of last year and we'll probably try to find a winners' bumper before she goes novice hurdling.

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Great Field

5g Great Pretender - Eaton Lass
JP McManus

2/11/1P-
RPR 148h OR 147h

A three-time winner over hurdles, he was pulled up in the County Hurdle on his handicap debut after racing much too freely. I'm not yet sure about plans but he might need a fence to be seen at his best.

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Haymount

7g Presenting - Ali's Dipper
Mrs CM Hurley

223145-
RPR 134h OR 131h

A maiden hurdle winner, he is going over fences and I expect him to develop into a useful novice chaser. Should stay well and, although his hurdle



win was on soft ground, I think he'll appreciate better conditions.

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Herminator

6g Night Tango - Roannaise
Coldunell Ltd

612/6-64
RPR 125c 130h OR 123h

A bit unusual in that he's a winner over fences who has failed to score in seven attempts over hurdles. Placed a couple of times though and probably one for novice handicap hurdles. Could improve.

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Invitation Only

5g Flemensfirth - Norabelle
Andrea & Graham Wylie

11-
RPR 128b

A very promising horse having won his only point-to-point and both his bumpers in good style. An exciting prospect for novice hurdles and should do very well in the staying division.

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Isleofhopenreams

9g Flemensfirth - Cool Island
Kilbroney Racing Partnership

35P/1/3F
RPR 114h OR 109h

Quite lightly raced for his age and his only win came in a 2m6f handicap hurdle at Thurles in February 2014. That

was his first run for us and his first start for almost two years. After another two-year absence, has run only twice since. A gambled-on favourite for a Fairyhouse handicap in March but fell early on. Goes chasing and all the evidence tells us he'll need plenty of distance.

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Ivan Grozny

6g Turtle Bowl - Behnesa
Andrea & Graham Wylie

0815-11
RPR 158h OR 153h

Has matured and got stronger over the summer and did well to win two 2m Graded hurdles at Tipperary easily, making all on both occasions. Improving all the time and should be able to make his presence felt at Grade 1 level.

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Killultagh Vic

7g Old Vic - Killultagh Dawn
Rose Boyd/B Anderson/Mrs M

Armstrong

231/111-
RPR 156c 157h OR 149h

A Grade 1 winner over 3m as a novice hurdler who also won the Martin Pipe hurdle at Cheltenham last year. Two from two over fences last season and who'll ever forget the amazing recovery he and Ruby made to win a Grade 2

PATRICK McCANN (RACINGPOST.COM/PHOTOS)



at Leopardstown in January after making a horrendous blunder at the final fence. Unfortunately he met with a setback and had to miss the rest of the season. We're giving him plenty of time to recover fully and hoping to have him back for the second half of the season. If we're happy he's ready to start back he'll probably have a light campaign.

King's Wharf

7g Clodovil - Global Tour
G Swanson
-1112423
RPR 124c 123h OR 125c 109h
Paying his way, winning over hurdles and landing two handicap chases over the summer. Third in a 2m4f handicap chase at Wexford yesterday. We'll keep going with him until we see how he fares on winter ground. If he

doesn't handle it we'll look at a spring campaign.

Kolumbus

5g Robin Des Champs - Saabga
Sean Sweeney & Kieran O'Hare
0/41-
RPR 105b
Won a 2m4f bumper at Kilbeggan in April and has been schooling well over hurdles. We're looking forward to getting him started.

Ruby Walsh puts four-time Grade 1-winning chaser Un De Sceaux through his paces over fences

Koshari

4g Walk In The Park - Honor May
Susannah Ricci
511-
RPR 131h
Won a 2m novice hurdle at the Punchestown festival on his first start for us and will be

STAR QUALITY

Nichols Canyon

6g Authorized - Zam Zoom
Andrea & Graham Wylie
11333-3
RPR 168h OR 162h
Top class and a model of consistency since he first ran for us two years ago. A six-time Grade 1 winner and placed in several others, his win in the Morgiana Hurdle last year makes him the only horse to have beaten Faugheen. We'll probably go the staying route - he got 3m well when third in a Grade 1 in the US in May at the end of a busy campaign - although he should still be competitive over shorter trips. The World Hurdle could be a target.

2211-11
RPR 145c 138h

Three wins over hurdles included a Grade 3 mares' race. Looked a natural jumper when winning on her chase debut at Ballinrobe last month. If she can improve on that there should be more mares' chases to be won with her.

Livelovelaugh

6g Beneficial - Another Evening
Susannah Ricci
1(ptp)/102/8-1
RPR 138h
A good, strong individual who won a bumper and a 2m5f maiden hurdle, he's going over fences and should make his mark, probably in races over 2m4f or further.

Max Dynamite

6g Great Journey - Mascara
Susannah Ricci
244F/72-
RPR 147h OR 141h
Hasn't run over hurdles since finishing second in the 2015 Galway Hurdle. Concentrated on the Flat after that and won the Group 2 Lonsdale Cup at York last year before running a blinder when second, beaten only half a length, in the Melbourne Cup. Never at his best this summer, we cut short his Flat campaign after the Ascot Gold Cup. Back in training and will be aimed at some of the big festival meetings. Should be competitive off his mark.

Min

5g Walk In The Park - Phemyka
Susannah Ricci
43/112-
RPR 157h OR 154h
A talking horse early last season before he ever ran for us and started off well, winning his maiden and then a Grade 2 novice at Punchestown before finding Altior too good on the day in the Supreme Novices'. The plan is to send him over fences and we're looking forward to getting him started. Has matured and got stronger and been schooling well. Will probably start off over 2m and we'll take things from there.

Miss Me Now

6m Presenting - Miss Toulon
Blue Blood Racing Club
1641P-
RPR 118h
Won a bumper and a maiden hurdle and will stay hurdling this season. I'd imagine she will need plenty of distance.
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New Kid In Town

7g Gamut - Echo Queen
Bowes Lodge Stables Partnership
P-55131
RPR 132c 118h OR 123c 114h
Progressing nicely and has two chase wins to his credit already this season, both over 2m4f. Has an efficient way of jumping and should do well in staying handicap chases. I have doubts about whether real winter ground will suit but we'll give him a chance to prove me wrong. If he doesn't cope with testing conditions we'll bring him back for a spring campaign.

On His Own

12g Presenting - Shuil Na Mhuire
Prince & Paupers Syndicate
U4828F-
RPR 168c OR 153c
A good servant to the yard, he won the Thyestes Chase a couple of times and a Bobbyjo Chase and went so close to winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup two years ago. Patrick and his pals had great sport with Prince De Beauchene, whom they also got from the Wylies, and they are hoping for more of the same with this fellow, who will be running in hunter chases in Ireland.

Open Eagle

7g Montjeu - Princesse De Viane
Supreme Horse Racing Club & Colin Gray
3/12218-
RPR 142h OR 140h

Did quite well over hurdles last season, winning a couple and also showing decent placed form. We'll probably try him over fences and he should be one for staying novice chases.

Penhill

5g Mount Nelson - Serrenia
Anthony Bloom
-16111
RPR 141h OR 138h

Had a great summer, winning four of his five starts over hurdles. His jumping has improved and we're hoping he might match Long Dog, who did very well for us, winning six times including a couple of Grade 1s last season. Whether he'll handle real winter ground is the question. We'll have to find that out and we're looking at running him in the Grade 1 Royal Bond Novice Hurdle at Fairyhouse.

Pleasant Company

8g Presenting - Katie Flame
Malcolm Denmark
3413P1-
RPR 145c 137h OR 148c 128h

A fine strong horse and a real old-fashioned chasing type. Two from four over fences and both wins came over 3m1f at Punchestown, including the valuable Pat Taaffe Novice Handicap at the festival. Should make his mark in good staying handicaps.

Pylonthepressure

6g Darsi - Minnie O'Grady
Susannah Ricci
11/522-
RPR 130h

Finished second in two starts over hurdles last season and, although he's a real chaser in the making, we'll probably give him another season over hurdles. One for the staying novice races.

'We hope Penhill matches Long Dog, who won six for us'

STAR QUALITY

Un De Sceaux

8g Denham Red - Hotesse De Sceaux
Edward O'Connell
F122-16
RPR 172c 165h OR 169c 161h
Will probably have a similar programme to last year and we hope he can add to his tally of four Grade 1s over fences. Distances from 2m to 2m4f seem to suit best - he appeared not to stay 3m1½f in the French Champion Hurdle. It's possible we might mix it between chases and hurdles and we'll again look for suitable opportunities in France, where he has done well.

Queen Deirdre

4f King's Theatre - Miss Arteea
Eleanor Manning
10
RPR 105b

We think she's quite smart. Won at the Galway festival in July before disappointing at Gowran Park, where she raced far too keenly. Will continue in bumpers and the Listed mares' race at Navan will probably be her pre-Christmas target.

Renneti

7g Irish Wells - Caprice Meill
Susannah Ricci
2FR/143-
RPR 151h OR 149h

Hasn't run over hurdles since finishing third in The Ladbroke at Ascot in December. Has had a few runs on the Flat this year and when we changed tactics at Naas recently he made all and absolutely bolted in by 14 lengths. A 17lb hike for that and finished unplaced in the Leopardstown November Handicap on Saturday. Might

find things tough on the Flat next year, but the immediate plan is to go back hurdling and he will be aimed at some of the good staying handicaps.

Retour En France

6m Robin Des Champs - Rayane
Susannah Ricci
2/P22/22
RPR 121c 137h

Won over hurdles in France three years ago and also placed a few times over fences there. Off the track for two years before running second in a 2m5½f mares' hurdle at Galway last month and then a shade unlucky when losing out narrowly in a mares' beginners' chase at Sligo. Handles testing ground well and will stay chasing. I think there is improvement in her.

Ria D'etel

4f Martaline - Angesse
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
12-
RPR 126h

Won a fillies' Listed race in France by ten lengths on her hurdles debut over a year ago before we got her. On her only start for us she found Missy Tata nine lengths too good at the Punchestown festival. That was over 2m, but I think she'll improve when stepped up in distance.

Robin Des Foret

6g Robin Des Pres - Omyr
Supreme
Byerley Racing Syndicate
421
RPR 120b

Won a 2m3½f bumper at Kilbeggan in August but had a hold-up after that and it will probably be the second half of the season before he starts off over hurdles.

Douvan (Ruby Walsh, left) and Vautour (Sonny Carey) schooling over fences



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HORSE TO FOLLOW Richard Forristal

Sambremont

An old-fashioned chasing sort cut from the same cloth as his brother Djakadam. Finished second to Black Hercules first time up last year prior to winning at Fairyhouse and adding a 2m1f Grade 2 at Navan in fortuitous circumstances. Still aged six, he wasn't hardened enough for the Kim Muir in March but finished off with a respectable turn at Punchestown. Has massive scope for improvement and could be a player in races like the Troytown and Paddy Power handicaps.

Rolly Baby

11g Funny Baby - Vancia
Teahon Consulting Ltd
571/311-
RPR 146c 135h OR 135c

A sprightly veteran. Has always had ability but the fact he has run only nine times in his career tells its own story. Started over fences only last season and won two of his three starts, over 2m4f at Navan and Perth. With so few miles on his clock we're hoping he'll stay right and add to his tally.

Royal Caviar

8g Vinnie Roe - Blackwater Babe
Susannah Ricci
22/1222-
RPR 142h OR 137h

Won a maiden hurdle and finished second on all his other starts over hurdles, including in a Grade 2 novice at Fairyhouse in March. Crying out for fences and that's the plan. Might start off over 2m and we'll see how things go, but will probably need further as the season progresses.

Sambremont

6g Saint Des Saints - Rainbow Crest
Shanakiel Racing Syndicate
22118-9
RPR 137c 128h OR 137c 123h

A brother to Djakadam, he won a couple of times over fences last season although his Grade 2 win in the Flyingbolt Novice Chase at Navan was a messy three-runner affair in which only two finished. The 2m1f trip there was well short of what he needs. Will run in staying handicap chases and should be competitive.

Screaming Rose

5m Darsi - Screaming Witness
NG King
14-1132
RPR 136h OR 132h

Two from four over hurdles, winning over 2m4f and 2m6f and being placed on her other two attempts. Will stay over hurdles and we'll concentrate on mares' races.

Sempre Medici

6g Medicean - Sambala
Susannah Ricci
211P-52
RPR 158h OR 150h

Likely to stick to hurdling. Has won at Grade 2 and Grade 3 level and rated 150. Chased home Ivan Grozny in the Grimes Hurdle at Tipperary in July and should continue to pay his way in Grade 2 and Grade 3 races.

Senewalk

4g Walk In The Park - Sentosa
Susannah Ricci
21 (Flat)

A fine stamp of a horse, he ran twice on the Flat in France last year, finishing second on his debut then winning over

STAR QUALITY

Vautour

7g Robin Des Champs - Gazelle De Mai
Susannah Ricci
1/121F2-
RPR 180c OR 176c

Cheltenham again brought out the best in him last season when he won the Ryanair Chase. That was his third consecutive win at the festival following the Supreme Novices' and the JLT Novices' Chase. It would be fantastic if he could go back in March and make it four. Whether it will be the Ryanair or Gold Cup is a decision we won't be making until much closer to the time. Started off last season by winning at Ascot before losing out narrowly in the King George. The Kempton race is again on the agenda but he's more likely to start off at home this time.

1m5½f. We're looking forward to sending him over hurdles. I gather he's favourite for the Supreme Novices' but that's a long way off. I'm not sure when he will make his hurdling debut.

Shaneshill

7g King's Theatre - Darabaka
Andrea & Graham Wylie
1422F-2
RPR 162c 155h OR 153c 156h

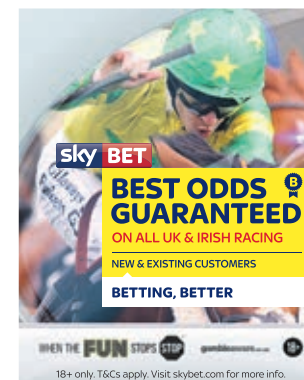
Mixed it between chasing and hurdling last season, winning a couple of times over fences and being beaten only half a length in the RSA Chase. Ran second to Thistlecrack in the Grade 1 stayers' hurdle at Aintree and rounded off his campaign in the US in May when he ran

STAR QUALITY

Vroum Vroum Mag

7m Voix Du Nord - Naiade Mag
Susannah Ricci
1/11111-
RPR 157h 151c OR 154h 155c

What a fantastic mare. Has had ten runs for us and never been beaten. Proved herself high class over fences and hurdles over different distances and it's hard to know which discipline she's better at. Her versatility is amazing and when we switched her back to hurdles last season she won Grade 1s on her last two starts at 2m4f and 2m. Her owners have plenty of talent in the yard and she will be well capable of filling in for the likes of Annie Power or Faughen if needs be.



Rawnaq, a top performer over there, to a neck in the Grade 1 Iroquois Hurdle over 3m. Could mix it again this season, although the hurdling route might be the easier option. Would need to improve on his rating to become a World Hurdle candidate.

Simenon

9g Marju - Epistoliere
Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd
45/1/114
RPR 148h OR 145h

Has done well for us on the Flat and over hurdles. Won the Ascot Stakes and Queen Alexandra at Royal Ascot a few years back and beaten only a neck in the 2013 Ascot Gold Cup before running fourth in that year's Melbourne Cup. A five-time winner over hurdles, we've schooled him over fences and he jumps well. Probably not a horse for real winter ground, although now he's older he might handle it better. Could turn out to be a good staying novice.

Tennis Cap

9g Snow Cap - Jijie
Violet O'Leary
342212-
RPR 153c 149h OR 145c 145h

Rated the same over hurdles and fences and might mix it this season. Won over hurdles last season and very consistent over fences, winning two of his nine starts and finishing in the first three on five other occasions. Handles ease well.

The Paparazi Kid

9g Milan - Banbury Cross
Byerley Thoroughbred Racing
31/5/244-
RPR 146c OR 144c

Has been off the track for a year but is back and will be running in handicap chases from 2m4f upwards. Won a Grade 2 over 2m3½f at Limerick on soft ground as a novice and finished second in the Galway Plate last year. Does appreciate plenty of ease and there should be more races to be won with him.

Thomas Hobson

6g Halling - La Spezia
Susannah Ricci
1211P3-
RPR 148h OR 143h

We'll school him over fences before deciding whether to go down that road or stay hurdling. Won three, including a Grade 2 novice over 2m5f on heavy ground at Warwick. Whatever we decide, he'll be one for the staying division.

Townshend

5g Lord Of England - Trikolore
Susannah Ricci
21401-
RPR 133h OR 136h

I think he has plenty of

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'Ruby said Yorkhill would win the Arkle'

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improvement in him. Won a couple of times over hurdles, once in France before we got him then on his final start of the season at Perth in April, when he won a novice by nine lengths. Handled the good ground well there and will stay hurdling.

Trans Highway

5m Trans Island - High Accord
Supreme Horse Racing Club
2

RPR 103b

Ran well on her debut when second at the Listowel festival last month. Should come on well from the run and will be out again shortly in another bumper.

Turcagua

6g Turgeon - Acancagua
Susannah Ricci
3/1/04-

RPR 119b

A bumper winner at Navan in December 2014, he made little impact in two starts in the spring when returning from a long absence. Needs to go hurdling and, based on his pedigree and his bumper form, will want a trip.

Upazo

8g Enriue - Honey
Luke McMahon & Philip Reynolds
3F123-P

RPR 142c 145h OR 132c 133h

We were very disappointed with him at Cork a few weeks ago when he was pulled up in a handicap chase on his return from a long absence. He'd been working well beforehand. Hopefully he can leave that run behind him.

Up For Review

7g Presenting - Coolsilver
Andrea & Graham Wylie
3114P1-

RPR 151h OR 148h

Won three of his five races over hurdles last season and two of those wins were over 3m. Won a point-to-point and has always looked a chaser. Seemed to appreciate a trip over hurdles, so staying novice chases would look the obvious route to take. However, I wouldn't rule out coming back in distance.

Westerner Lady

6m Westerner - Cloghoge Lady
Anthony Butler
1-11111

RPR 146h 141c OR 140h

On an unbeaten run stretching back a year and her six wins have been evenly split between hurdles and fences. Has taken well to chasing and won a Grade 3 at Tipperary by 15 lengths this month. Stays well and we'll keep her on the go. There should be some mares' chases to be won with her.

Whiteout

5m Samum - Wassiliki
David Lawlor



Annie Power pokes her head out of her box at Closutton to soak up the sunshine

145P1-P

RPR 147h OR 147h

Had her big day at the Punchestown festival last season when she made virtually all to win the Grade 1 Mares Champion Hurdle. It was her fifth win over hurdles and we've decided to give her another season. Hopefully there'll be improvement to come and more mares' race to be won with her.

Wicklow Brave

7g Beat Hollow - Moraine
Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd
0P1/033-

RPR 163h OR 155h

A County Hurdle winner

STAR QUALITY

Yorkhill

6g Presenting - Lightning
Breeze

Andrea & Graham Wylie
111114-

RPR 158h OR 154h

Did very well as a novice hurdler last season, winning three Grade 1s, and wasn't at his best when he ran at the Punchestown festival at the end of a busy campaign. Very talented and has won from 2m to 2m5f at the top level and is a top-class prospect whether he stays hurdling or goes novice chasing. I remember Ruby [Walsh] saying after he won the Neptune that he'd win the Arkle with his mouth open. Has won a point-to-point and jumps fences well.

who went on to win a Classic makes him unique. Has been in Australia for the past few weeks and is all set to run in the Melbourne Cup tomorrow. If he comes out of the race well he will probably go on to the Japan Cup. Will need plenty of time to recover from his travels before we decide whether to go back over hurdles. Hasn't run over them since finishing third in the Fighting Fifth last season.

Wood Breizh

6g Stormy River - Polyneves
Supreme Horse Racing Club
06581/3-

RPR 124h OR 122h

Hasn't run since July 2015. Will probably start back over hurdles but we're thinking of going chasing. Stays well and has won over 1m6f on the Flat and over 3m as a hurdler.

NEW RECRUITS

We have a nice team of new young horses for hurdles and bumpers. **Bapaume** (3g Turtle Bowl - Brouhaha) won over hurdles in France and is a promising addition. Owned by the Riccis and we're hoping he might turn into a Triumph Hurdle horse.

Caro Des Flos (4g Tiger Groom - Royale Marie) is owned by Highclere Thoroughbred Racing and I think he's the first hurdler they've had in training in Ireland. A half-brother to Balko Des Flos, who won two bumpers and a maiden hurdle for us. Will run over hurdles and was placed on one of his three hurdle starts in France.

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Hcp hdl	698	92	59	47	500	13		-113.72	-16%
Non-hcp chs	1,030	319	163	133	415	31		-78.46	-8%
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Hunter chs	36	6	3	2	25	17		-12.20	-34%
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JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
R Walsh	607-1855	33	-163.97
Mr PW Mullins	374-1139	33	-54.41
Paul Townend	259-934	28	+14.88
BJ Cooper	46-119	39	+18.43
Emmet Mullins	43-227	19	-6.70
DJ Casey	40-258	16	-52.51
Davy Condon	33-237	14	+10.13
Davy Russell	27-84	32	-27.24
Ms K Walsh	22-149	15	-20.63
Danny Mullins	17-90	19	-1.20
AE Lynch	9-30	30	-6.33
Mr RJ Kiely	7-55	13	-4.45

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	202-625	32	+30.83
February	176-570	31	+17.11
March	94-369	26	-58.47
April	172-724	24	+115.73
May	108-482	22	-131.67
June	42-175	24	-19.37
July	103-346	30	-19.24
August	93-342	27	-80.53
September	69-287	24	-44.86
October	71-279	25	-21.59
November	180-567	32	-46.45
December	211-730	29	-152.09

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	191-525	36	+19.46
Hcp Hdl	24-169	14	-7.10
Non-hcp Chs	42-205	21	-84.76
Hcp Chs	8-86	9	-32.50
NH Flat	165-501	33	+51.09

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	531-1051	51	-19.33
Hcp Hdl	47-150	31	+33.45
Non-hcp Chs	227-477	48	-10.03
Hcp Chs	20-82	24	+0.96
NH Flat	260-609	43	-21.36

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Punchestown	238-963	25	110-382	48-178	19-139	17-94	44-170	-0.01
Fairyhouse	157-602	26	78-262	33-105	10-89	4-44	32-102	-119.42
Leopardstown	116-466	25	53-181	33-112	11-88	3-35	16-50	+3.01
Navan	99-297	33	43-125	33-78	2-18	1-21	20-55	-12.30
Thurles	99-363	27	55-166	27-116	2-16	4-19	11-46	-49.16
Gowran Park	94-306	31	47-134	17-55	5-29	5-37	20-51	+53.01
Cork	88-272	32	45-130	18-33	7-36	1-13	17-60	-12.85
Limerick	86-270	32	45-139	22-61	4-12	0-13	15-45	-16.00
Clonmel	66-210	31	27-86	18-55	3-13	0-6	18-50	-17.11
Naas	62-227	27	28-94	14-49	3-23	2-13	15-48	-19.56
Tramore	49-138	36	23-59	12-35	2-11	0-6	12-27	+4.01
Galway	46-212	22	21-50	5-25	6-58	4-36	10-43	-40.08
Kilbeggan	42-121	35	15-43	7-19	1-9	1-9	18-41	+9.74
Listowel	42-178	24	12-44	7-17	8-50	2-26	13-41	-15.41
Killarney	33-131	25	8-31	8-28	5-37	3-13	9-22	-6.24
Downpatrick	31-112	28	14-53	4-22	0-3	1-2	12-32	-24.97
Sligo	30-65	46	18-35	0-2	1-9	0-0	11-19	-0.46
Tipperary	29-101	29	12-45	7-16	0-7	0-3	10-30	-10.58
Ballinrobe	28-120	23	15-52	3-21	0-12	1-7	9-28	-42.58
Wexford (rh)	27-107	25	15-48	3-8	0-6	0-4	9-41	-49.70
Roscommon	18-68	27	6-23	3-11	1-6	0-3	8-25	-3.69
Down Royal	17-69	25	11-40	2-16	1-5	0-0	3-8	-21.65
Bellewstown	16-52	31	10-26	0-0	1-16	0-0	5-10	-6.35
Curragh	4-8	50	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-8	+12.25
Wexford	2-16	13	0-4	1-4	0-1	1-1	0-6	-10.50
Dundalk (AW)	1-5	20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-5	-1.50
Tralee	1-17	6	0-8	0-0	0-5	1-1	0-3	-12.50

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JONJO O'NEILL

More insight from one of Britain's biggest yards in the latest from our series

CLIMATE change has hit Jackdaws Castle the same way it has hit most other yards, with summer jumping hotting up year on year and competition never cooling for a moment all through the season.

Everybody is looking for their stars to shine on the big days, and Jonjo O'Neill is keen that the good start to this campaign, marked by the celebration of his 2,000th career winner, is followed by a return to big-race success.

"The year has begun well," he says, "although we didn't have as many summer horses as usual because the races are a lot harder to win these days."

"Most of ours are taking a run to be fully ready, especially the younger ones, but that's not something I'm upset about because they'll benefit from the experience and it's a long season."

"I think we're slightly weaker than usual in the novice chase

Yard buzzing and starting season with high hopes

department, but we have about 50 young horses and you'd be looking for a few of them to come through and fly the flag.

"Minella Rocco won the four-miler at the Cheltenham Festival and could make the step up to top class, while More Of That must be some machine to have finished third in an RSA when breaking a blood vessel, and if we can get him back to his best it'll give us a big boost."

"Getting the 2000 up was a great achievement for everybody at Jackdaws and it

gives us something to build on, with Aidan Coleman joining us and the yard buzzing.

"I'm really looking forward to the season, but you've got to start out realistic as to what you've got, then the good ones will come through if they're good enough."

Peter Thomas

Above Board

Five-year-old gelding
Mahler (sire) - Blackwater Babe (dam)

Owner: JP McManus

Form figures: 1-

Racing Post Rating 113b;
Official Rating -

Won a Chepstow bumper on his only start last season and will go 2m4f novice hurdling once the ground eases.

Another Hero

7g Kalanisi - Storm Front

JP McManus

82/11F-6

RPR 140c OR 134c

Won two novice handicap chases last season but fell in the Irish Grand National on his final start. He started this campaign well enough at

Chepstow and looks capable of a good season on decent ground over 3m.

Beg To Differ

6g Flemensfirth - Blossom Trix

Sue Magnier, Derrick Smith and

Michael Tabor

1/3321U-

RPR 147c OR 143c

Last season ended in mixed fashion with a win at Sandown and a fall on the flat at Cheltenham, but he looks a good long-distance chaser in the making - Welsh National, Midlands National, that kind

of race. He's ready to go any time now but likes cut in the ground.

Beggars Cross

6g Presenting - Ballygill Heights

Trevor Hemmings

0F51-45

RPR 120h OR 123h 123c

Needed the experience on his return in a novice handicap chase at Aintree last month and will come on for the run. Won a bumper and a maiden hurdle last season, has a future as a chaser and hopefully will

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improve with age. He wouldn't want extremes of ground.

Call To Order

6g Presenting - Theatre Girl
Sue Magnier, Derrick Smith and
Michael Tabor
223-63

RPR 116h OR-

Everything happened a bit quick for him on his reappearance in a novice hurdle at Chepstow last month but he finished third to two nice horses at the same track last week and will hopefully go on to make a nice chaser with another year of experience under his belt. Another who wouldn't want to be running on firm ground.

Capard King

7g Beneficial - Capard Lady
J B Gilruth and Eric Chapman
153P1-8

RPR 147c OR 135c

A good staying handicap chaser who was AP McCoy's last winner [at Ayr in April 2015] and won twice last season on soft ground. He's a good fun horse who stays 3m and will have his day again.

Catching On

8g Milan - Miracle Lady
Gay Smith
611F5/P-

RPR 141c OR 133c

Won his hurdles races and two handicap chases before finishing fifth in the Scottish National, but missed most of last season. He's ready to run when the ground comes right for him.

Centuro

3g Cape Blanco - Cats Copy
Mrs Peter Bond
61

RPR 90h OR-

Will always be remembered here as our 2,000th winner – albeit in very lucky fashion at Uttoxeter last month. He likes good ground but he's growing and developing so we might just leave him off until the spring and maybe run him on the Flat again next summer.

Champagne At Tara

7g Kayf Tara - Champagne Lil
JP McManus
15822-0

RPR 135h OR 135h

Finished second in the 2m4f handicap hurdle at Aintree in April and has schooled well over fences, although he's careful enough. He'll go chasing when the ground comes right and we're hoping that going a fraction slower might give him a bit of confidence and help us get the best out of him.

China Grey

4f Slickly - Donna Bella
Regulatory Finance Solutions Ltd
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RPR 62b OR-

She's well bred, being a sister to former 144-rated 2m hurdler Olofi, with a great attitude and we love everything she does at home. She had one run last year in a bumper, she's much stronger now and is entered in a bumper at Warwick on Friday, after which she'll go hurdling.

Cloudy Copper

9g Cloudings - Copper Supreme
Gay Smith

'More to come from good jumper Hedley Lamarr'

STABLE PROFILE

►►Yard Jackdaws Castle

►►Where Temple Guiting, Gloucestershire

►►Started training 1986

►►Horses in yard 110

►►Members of staff 45

►►Assistant trainer

Guy Upton

►►Head lads Alan Berry, Johnny Kavanagh, John Lovejoy

►►Jockeys Aidan Coleman, Richie McLernon

►►Conditionals

Killian Moore, Jack Savage

►►Amateurs Charlie Davies, Jonjo O'Neill jnr

►►Racing secretary

Catherine Powell

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Winners in Britain

2015-16..... **81**

2014-15..... **104**

2013-14..... **134**

2012-13..... **90**

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16..... **-£114.49**

2014-15..... **-£185.21**

2013-14..... **-£181.49**

2012-13..... **-£205.36**

Prize-money 2015-16

£845,767

372531-

RPR 139c OR 129c

Staying chaser who looked a proper Welsh National horse at one stage and has won three times for us. He popped up over 3m at Ffos Las in the mud in April and has come back in great form.

Compadre

5g Yeats - Jolivia
Sue Magnier, Derrick Smith and
Michael Tabor

10-

RPR 116b OR-

Won his bumper last year at Bangor but was out of his depth at Cheltenham next time. He's schooled well and is the type to look forward to over hurdles.

Corlay

4g Saddler Maker - Overn
JP McManus
1

RPR 110

Won his only start over hurdles at Auteuil in September and does everything pleasingly. He'll be running this month over hurdles, shows plenty of promise and is a nice, big sort who'll hopefully go on to be a chaser.

Doesyourdogbite

4g Notnowcato - Gilah
DYDB Marketing and Friends of
Jackdaws

1

RPR 101h OR-

Won three on the Flat in France and scored on his first start for us over hurdles at

Market Rasen last month. He did everything right that day, so I'm sure he'll win more races when he gets a cut in the ground.

Dream Berry

5g Dream Well - Kalberry
JP McManus
311-

RPR 124h OR 129h

A scorer over hurdles in France, he won for us under a penalty at Market Rasen in April. Has schooled well over fences and is ready to kick on and run.

Eastlake

10g Beneficial - Guigone
JP McManus
P5P91-P

RPR 152c OR 148c

A great servant who won the Topham for us last season, having been runner-up in the Grand Annual the previous year. He's a brother to More Of That but his best form is from 2m to 2m4f, although we may just give the Becher Chase a try as he does seem to love the big Aintree fences.

Easy Street

6g High Chaparral - Victorine
JP McManus
211U02

RPR 132c OR 128c

Did well over the summer, winning two novice handicap chases, and ran well on his return in a handicap at Exeter, finishing second when trying to give the winner 12lb. He

likes good ground, jumps, stays, and is a nice horse to have in the yard.

Festive Affair

8g Presenting - Merry Batim
Four the Fun of It Partnership
61-2333

RPR 130c OR 125c

Won over 2m on good ground at Ludlow in April and gets 2m 2f but not 2m 4f. The handicapper has got him where he wants him but he's good enough to run in big Saturday handicap chases and ran a super race when third over 2m1f at Ascot at the weekend.

For Instance

6g Milan - Justamemory
Anne, Harriet and Lucinda Bond
3/11/22-

RPR 123h OR-

Missed most of last season after finishing second in a novice hurdle. He'll have a run over hurdles again but is a chaser in the making.

Fort Worth

7g Presenting - Victorine
Jonjo O'Neill Racing Club
2253U2

RPR 131c OR 123c

Came back with a good second at Hereford last month, wants a trip and jumps well. We look forward to his run at Exeter today.

Forthefunofit

7g Flemensfirth - Sommer Sonnet
JP McManus
310/64-9

RPR 131h OR 132h

A decent handicap hurdler, he has schooled well over fences and is sure to step up on his seasonal debut effort at Carlisle on Sunday.

Foundation Man

9g Presenting - Function Dream
P Hickey
6-34512

RPR 135c OR 113c

He's the schoolmaster now for all the lads in the yard and Jack Savage gave him a great ride to win at Warwick before finishing second on him at Stratford last time. He's the yard favourite and we'll try to get another win into him before the ground goes soft.

Go Conquer

7g Arcadio - Ballinamona Wish
Paul and Clare Rooney
523/461-

RPR 139c OR 132c

A decent horse who jumped well in winning on good to soft at Wincanton in April. We gave



him the summer off after the ground went too quick for him, but he's ready to run when the better ground arrives.

Hedley Lamarr

6g Gold Well - Donna's Tarquin
JC and SR Hitchins
21/634-

RPR 130h OR 127h

Did well as a novice over hurdles but found life a bit harder last season before finishing a good fourth at Cheltenham in April. He's quite fragile and hard to get right but he'll go novice chasing, and hopefully with another year on his back his problems will have settled down. He jumps well and we think there's more to come from him.

I Know U Too Well

4g Stowaway - Kilbricken Leader
Paul and Clare Rooney
Unraced

A lovely young horse who goes well at home and we're really looking forward to getting him out after a little hold-up when he was ready to run a few

STAR QUALITY

Holywell

9g Gold Well - Hillcrest
Mrs Gay Smith
3/54P2F-

RPR 170c OR 156c

A real superstar for us with two Cheltenham Festival wins to his name and a creditable fourth behind Coneegree in the Gold Cup. He ran a great race to be second in the Ultima Handicap Chase there last season. The trouble now is that he's good enough to finish fourth in the Grade 1s but too high in the handicap after making the mistake of beating Don Cossack by ten lengths at Aintree in 2014, when Don Cossack was at the end of his season and AP was riding out of his skin. Having said that, I wish we had a few more like him.



STABLE STAT

Since the start of 2014, Jonjo O'Neill has a 30% strike-rate with his runners at Wetherby. That improves to ten winners from 22 runners (46%) with his hurdlers (+£19.75 to £1 level stakes)

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Some of Jonjo O'Neill's string on the gallops at Jackdaws Castle

servant for us, winning and being placed in the Paddy Power under fantastic rides from Richie McLernon and scoring twice more at Cheltenham. He didn't sparkle at Bangor last time, but hopefully there will be better things to come.

Join The Clan

7g Milan - Millicent Bridge
JP McManus
7/53207-

RPR 141h 134c OR 138h 136c
A grand, genuine little horse who has won three over hurdles and will go novice chasing this season. He's schooled nicely and at 136 is our highest-rated in that sphere, which shows you we don't have a lot of strength there. He'll like 3m on soft ground and has the right attitude.

Lithic

5g Westerner - Acoola
Jon and Julia Aisbitt
15-6

RPR 99h OR -
Bumper winner last season who had his first run over hurdles at Plumpton last month and frightened himself a little bit at the first flight, like they do, so took a while to settle down and start jumping properly. He'll come on for that experience and will win his races.

Mad Jack Mytton

6g Arcadio - Gilt Ridden
JC and SR Hitchins
0200U5-

RPR 138h OR 135h
Did well as a novice hurdler but was in the handicapper's grip last season after a couple of good runs early on. He's dropped a few pounds now and the plan is to go to the Greatwood Hurdle at Cheltenham on November 12, by which time the ground will hopefully be okay - he wouldn't want it too soft or too fast.

Matorico

5g Mastercraftsman - Hashbrown
JP McManus
240013-

RPR 141h OR 139h
Had been a little disappointing before winning at Cheltenham in April over 2m4f under a



HORSE TO FOLLOW
Richard Austen

Beg To Differ

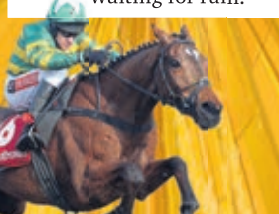
Minella Rocco is the yard's high-profile second-season chaser with an abundance of stamina, but watch out also for Beg To Differ. This six-year-old is not rated as highly and may lack the striking potential of his stablemate but, unlike him, Beg To Differ has not yet had the opportunity to bring his stamina into full play. He stayed on well up the hill at Cheltenham over 3m2f on heavy ground, however, and then impressed when well on top at Sandown, so the signs are good.

STAR QUALITY

More Of That

8g Beneficial - Guigone
JP McManus
11/3/113-

RPR 172h 162c OR 167h 154c
He's a World Hurdle winner and a very good novice chaser, but he's had his problems. He won two novice chases at Cheltenham and was third in the RSA last season but we found after the race that he had a problem and he has had a further wind operation. We are delighted with him at home but he didn't run at Carlisle on Sunday because of the ground and we are waiting for rain.



great ride from Aidan Coleman. He ran twice on the Flat in the spring and he may go for the Fixed Brush Hurdle at Haydock on November 19.

Milan Bound

9g Milan - Bonnie And Bright
JP McManus
01P5-17

RPR 132h 135c OR 130h 135c
Struggled a little after winning a valuable handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot under a brilliant ride from Richard Johnson last year, but landed a novice chase at Uttoxeter in the summer and although he's not the biggest he can win more races in his grade.

Minella Rocco

6g Shirocco - Petralona
JP McManus
1/3P621-

RPR 160c OR 155c

Won the four-miler at the festival under a great ride from Derek O'Connor and is a horse I've always loved, but his mark suggests he's at least 10lb off top class at the moment so it will be interesting to see how he runs first time and then we'll make a plan for him.

Minotaur

4g Azamour - Mycenae
JP McManus
111221

RPR 105f OR -
Listed-class stayer on the Flat in France and has fitted in well since arriving here. He's one to look forward to but we don't know too much about him yet.

Mister Dick

4g Great Journey - Lyric Melody
Local Parking Security Ltd
46613F

RPR 97c OR 103c
Gave the owners a great day when he won at their local track Stratford in August. He seems to have taken to fences well, jumped like a buck that day in novice handicap company and ran well enough next time against more seasoned handicappers. He'll bounce back from his fall at Wetherby last week and continue to be a fun horse.

Monbeg Gold

6g Gold Well - Little Hand
Martin Broughton Racing Partners 2
221188-

RPR 131h OR 128h
Won a couple of hurdles last year before the handicapper got hold of him, so we're going novice chasing with him now and he's schooled well, as you'd expect of an Irish point winner. He'd be one to look forward to over 2m4f to 3m.

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weeks ago. He looks a real staying prospect.

I'dliketheoption

5g Presenting - Supreme Dreamer
JP McManus
0-032U1

RPR 133c OR 128c
Busy through the summer on good ground and won well in a valuable novice handicap chase at Ludlow, where they put on fantastic prize-money.

We'll run him again before the ground goes - it is going to rain eventually!

In The Rough

7g Scorpion - Sounds Charming
JP McManus
11/2-2413

RPR 136c OR 135c
A good summer novice two years ago, he ended up on a mark of 140 and it took us two years to win with him again, in

a beginners' chase at Uttoxeter. The handicapper has now put him up 6lb again, so life is going to be tough, but he ran another good race when third at Carlisle on Sunday.

Johns Spirit

9g Gold Well - Gilt Ridden
Christopher W T Johnston
64P3-43

RPR 162c OR 134c
Has been a tremendous

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STABLE TOUR JONJO O'NEILL

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Mustmeetlady

6g Mustameet - Ladymcgrath
Diane Carr
14416-2
RPR 123c OR 132c

Former Irish pointer, is a winning hurdler who finished second over 3m on his novice chase debut at Southwell in May. He's won on soft ground, likes good ground and stays well, so we have options with him.

Pillard

4g Muhaymin - Ultime Moment
Regulatory Finance Solutions Ltd
132204-
RPR 118h OR 125h

Ex-French gelding who was still growing when he ran a few decent races for us early in the year. He's come in this time looking more the finished article and doing everything we ask of him, and we're looking forward to getting going with him. He won a hurdle in France so he's a handicap hurdler in the making, although he'll be big enough to jump a fence in time.

Powerful Symbol

6g Robin Des Champs - Be My Rainbow
The Megsons
2F-
RPR 101b OR -

Irish point winner who came down when going well at Bangor on his second run for us in the spring. He's a big, soft-ground chasing type and anything he does over hurdles will be a bonus.

Quarenta

4g Voix Du Nord - Negresse De Cuta
Martin, Jocelyn and Steve Broughton
31-7
RPR 93h OR -

Won a Lingfield bumper last December and will have learned a lot from the experience of his first run over hurdles at Newton Abbot last month.

Shutthefrontdoor

9g Accordion - Hurricane Girl
JP McManus
1/15/3P9-
RPR 157c OR 148c

Has come back in good old form and looks great, so we're looking forward to sending him back down the same route, National or Irish National. He's won the Irish version and had two goes at Aintree, finishing fifth and ninth. He's in great spirits and if he got really good ground he'd go there with a good chance. He may start at Aintree in the Pertemps qualifier, and it's a possibility he could go for the Pertemps Final at Cheltenham along the way.

Spiritual Man

4g Lawman - Vee Gita
Louise Jones
2/4469
RPR 84f OR 67f

Has done everything nicely at home so far and we're looking forward to running him.

Spookydooky

8g Winged Love - Kiora Lady
The Piranha Partnership
41244P-
RPR 143c OR 136c

Took his owners to all the



Jonjo O'Neill in discussion with assistant trainer Guy Upton at Jackdaws Castle

'Shutthefrontdoor in great spirits with Aintree as end game'

Saturday meetings last year and hit the target in a novice handicap chase at Newbury in November under a good ride from Dickie Johnson. He was fourth in the Midlands National and likes a good cut in the ground, so those valuable staying chases will be on the agenda again.

Suit Yourself

7g Flemensfirth - Corbetstown Queen
JP McManus
1/01352-
RPR 126h OR 125h

Bumper and novice hurdle winner last year who ran well in his handicap hurdles at the back end and will go novice chasing this year. It's early days but he has a future.

Taquin Du Seuil

9g Voix Du Nord - Sweet Laly
Martin Broughton and Friends 1
49/165-6
RPR 164c OR 156c

Cheltenham Festival Grade 1 novice chase winner in 2014 who ran well over hurdles at Chepstow on his reappearance and will go for the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham on November 12. He ran like he still had a lot of his old spark last time and was staying on well at the end. With softer ground he might have been placed and it sets us up nicely for the season.

DARK HORSE

Westendorf
5g Coroner - Two Of Each
Regulatory Finance Solutions Ltd
1

RPR 102b OR -
Won a 2m4f Tipperary bumper before we bought him at Cheltenham and he's schooled well. You'd like him at home and he's one to keep an eye on.

The Tailgater

5g Oscar - Zaffaran Express
Paul and Clare Rooney
15-1236
RPR 117h OR 119h

Bumper and maiden hurdle winner who is a handy horse on decent ground and will win his races this term. He ran okay at Ascot on Saturday but it looked as though the ground was a little lively for him.

Timeforwest

4f Westerner - Shang A Lang
Jockey Club Ownership South West 1
7

RPR 87b OR -
Ex-Irish point-to-pointer who ran well enough in an Aintree bumper on her debut for us. Aidan [Coleman] dropped her out to get her to settle and she was keeping on well late on. I

think she'll give her new syndicate owners a lot of fun.

Upswing

8g Beneficial - Native Country
JP McManus
212P9-P
RPR 143c OR 137c

Soft-ground chaser who won a novice handicap at Worcester last season and was runner-up in a Grade 3 at Cheltenham.

Utility

5g Yeats - Ungarin
Sue Magnier, Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor
10-4
RPR 103h OR -

Bumper winner on heavy ground who wasn't suited by a race run at a crawl last time. It was a typical first run: he'd schooled well but jumped left and right and up and down and never got into a rhythm, so I hope he'll get better with racing and there'll be more to come.

Visandi

4g Azamour - Vadaza
Michael and John O'Flynn
2
RPR 109h OR -

He was second at Uttoxeter on his first run for us last month and that was a nice effort. He's a lovely big horse who should win a novice hurdle.

Which One Is Which

5g King's Theatre - Presenting Copper
JP McManus
12-
RPR 112b OR -

Second in the Listed bumper at the Open Meeting last year, she'll start off over hurdles when the ground comes right. She stayed on well over an extended 2m, and looks as though she'll be suited by 2m4f.

JESSICA HARRINGTON

'He's a big horse and I think he'll be much more effective over fences'

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STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	1,736	207	173	150	1,206	12		-818.06	-47%
Hcp hdl	2,202	336	253	184	1,429	15		-242.83	-11%
Non-hcp chs	479	121	74	82	202	25		+56.31	+12%
Hcp chs	2,309	315	266	248	1,480	14		-490.57	-21%
Hunter chs	99	23	12	13	51	23		-9.90	-10%
NH Flat	427	63	64	49	251	15		-157.27	-37%
Totals	7,252	1,065	842	726	4,619	15		-1662.32	-23%

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Richie McLernon	144-1607	9	-565.72
Noel Fehily	61-477	13	-32.12
Mr A J Berry	46-359	13	-130.01
Maurice Linehan	44-308	14	-8.69
Richard Johnson	33-167	20	-23.88
Aidan Coleman	27-154	18	-8.08
Barry Geraghty	11-81	14	-16.25
Will Kennedy	11-99	11	-25.38
Patrick Cowley	9-70	13	-23.81
Dominic Elsworth	8-134	6	-64.05
Dougie Costello	6-95	6	-31.13
Jack Savage	4-42	10	-9.50

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	67-592	11	-199.16
February	86-605	14	-175.01
March	81-645	13	-84.64
April	71-521	14	-38.53
May	110-633	17	-151.81
June	99-465	21	+27.88
July	83-468	18	-66.87
August	84-414	20	-63.57
September	55-375	15	-97.01
October	129-846	15	-214.72
November	114-936	12	-333.15
December	86-752	11	-265.73

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	51-466	11	-248.30
Hcp hdl	50-405	12	-140.75
Non-hcp chs	37-163	23	-14.00
Hcp chs	52-386	14	-103.40
NH Flat	37-249	15	-83.23

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	108-256	42	-27.10
Hcp hdl	158-518	31	-25.95
Non-hcp chs	69-143	48	+5.48
Hcp chs	135-474	29	-11.14
NH Flat	36-112	32	-21.52

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Worcester	103-528	20	18-113	12-45	33-168	33-166	7-36	-49.97
Uttoxeter	73-606	12	21-154	9-36	22-192	16-184	5-40	-251.03
Market Rasen	70-461	15	9-96	10-25	16-139	32-179	3-22	-133.63
Bangor	52-360	14	7-101	7-35	14-92	19-115	5-17	-124.39
Southwell	51-290	18	8-69	3-15	18-109	20-77	2-20	-82.66
Towcester	50-257	20	9-92	8-17	13-58	20-79	0-11	+14.45
Stratford	50-308	16	11-54	6-25	11-86	18-125	4-18	-36.95
Huntingdon	48-275	18	6-72	4-19	21-105	13-60	4-19	-43.58
Ffos Las	45-219	21	8-42	3-8	16-72	16-84	2-13	-5.83
Cheltenham	44-393	11	6-43	16-58	7-132	15-142	0-18	-2.97
Newton Abbot	43-253	17	6-51	5-16	22-99	7-80	3-7	-34.29
Ludlow	33-178	19	4-43	9-26	7-32	11-73	2-4	-4.21
Fontwell	32-157	20	6-23	1-7	11-58	11-62	3-7	-1.52
Wetherby	31-129	24	11-25	5-18	9-35	5-44	1-7	-4.96
Exeter	27-219	12	3-60	2-18	15-63	6-69	1-9	-42.64
Warwick	27-228	12	5-59	3-19	11-72	6-55	2-23	-48.78
Chepstow	27-260	10	7-82	5-13	8-71	5-73	2-21	-106.99
Aintree	25-201	12	5-30	4-23	7-66	8-67	1-15	-36.93
Hereford	24-164	15	7-51	2-10	6-48	7-42	2-13	-49.39
Carlisle	21-109	19	4-15	6-20	7-24	2-45	2-5	-40.24
Newbury	20-215	9	5-65	2-17	5-52	5-64	3-17	-95.91
Kempton	17-176	10	7-53	1-16	3-50	6-48	0-9	-94.80
Leicester	16-112	14	3-31	4-15	3-17	6-49	0-0	-37.98
Sandown	15-141	11	6-26	0-5	4-61	5-40	0-9	-52.05
Folkestone	14-77	18	3-32	2-11	2-9	6-20	1-5	-0.79
Ascot	13-117	11	1-22	3-9	4-36	4-39	1-11	-26.00
Fakenham	12-69	17	3-30	3-8	5-17	1-14	0-0	-35.09
Haydock	11-148	7	0-23	2-12	5-56	3-48	1-9	-43.94
Cartmel	10-30	33	1-3	0-1	5-11	4-15	0-0	+9.67
Plumpton	10-89	11	5-32	0-3	5-32	0-21	0-1	-32.28
Wincanton	10-104	10	2-32	1-5	5-43	1-22	1-2	-41.05
Catterick	9-36	25	4-10	1-5	1-6	2-13	1-2	-1.34
Lingfield	9-65	14	2-26	2-4	4-13	1-22	0-0	+1.04
Doncaster	8-108	7	0-38	2-3	6-37	0-27	0-3	-32.09
Sedgefield	7-23	30	3-6	0-1	3-6	1-9	0-1	+6.12
Lingfield (AW)	3-14	21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-14	+0.37
Taunton	2-81	3	1-30	0-8	1-27	0-14	0-2	-65.50
Kelso	1-5	20	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	-3.75
Kempton (AW)	1-13	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-13	-3.00
Ayr	1-15	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-11	0-0	-8.50
Hexham	0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Musselburgh	0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-1.00
Wolverhampton (AW)	0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	-3.00
Newcastle	0-7	0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-4	0-0	-7.00
Perth	0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-6	0-0	-7.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 872 Total winning prize-money £7,846,252.78

STABLE TOUR JESSICA HARRINGTON

THE Flat part of her operation has grown to the extent that Jessica Harrington is now the prototype dual-purpose trainer, with an equal split between Flat and jumps horses, but the upcoming season at Commonstown promises much.

There are 18 three-year-olds to go hurdling with and to run in bumpers early next year, "more than I've ever had," the trainer says. And despite the growth in numbers and quality among her string of Flat horses, Harrington enjoys being a dual-purpose trainer and intends to stay that way in a yard where constant improvement is the motto, demonstrated by a magnificent new round mile all-weather gallop.

Building a team of chasers has always been the ambition, and she could well have a number of exciting novices in that sphere. Last year's high quality novice hurdlers Don't Touch It and Woodland Opera are likely to be the mainstay of that challenge, but Harrington is also excited about brothers Oscar Sam and Our Duke as staying novice chasers too.

The team of unexposed young horses at her disposal is strengthened by very promising bumper performers from last year such as New To This Town, Someday and Forge Meadow, all of whom will be going novice hurdling.

The addition to the team of last season's leading novice chaser Sizing John and decent novice hurdler Supasundae, both owned by Ann and Alan Potts, adds much strength in depth, but the biggest fillip of all is the return of 2014 Champion Hurdle winner Jezki, who will certainly add to what could very well be an exciting season.

Interview by Justin O'Hanlon

Ale Ambrosio

Four-year-old filly by Big Bad Bob (sire) - Memorys Of Madness (dam)
Owner: Robcour
Form figures: 5-
Racing Post Racing 108b
Official Rating -

She was fifth in what turned out to be a good Punchestown bumper. She's nearly ready to go in another bumper and is a fine, big filly who I'm really looking forward to. She has plenty of scope and will be a

Quality team with old stars and new faces

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Commonstown Stud
- ▶▶ **Where** Moone, County Kildare
- ▶▶ **Started training** 1989
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 120
- ▶▶ **Members of staff** 43
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer/head groom** Eamonn Leigh
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainers** Kate Harrington, Emma Galway
- ▶▶ **Travelling head groom** Niall Amond
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Robert Power, Mark Bolger
- ▶▶ **Claiming riders** Paddy Kennedy, Ryan Treacy
- ▶▶ **Amateur** Kate Harrington
- ▶▶ **Secretary** Ally Couchman
- ▶▶ **Website** jessicaharrington-racing.com
- ▶▶ **Twitter** @Jessica_Racing



Winners in Ireland

2015-16	47
2014-15	31
2013-14	35
2012-13	28

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16	+£4.94
2014-15	+£44.42
2013-14	+£10.71
2012-13	-£78.22

Prize-money 2015-16

£636,864

chaser ultimately. We'll try to win a mares' bumper and if she does that we might try to find a Listed bumper before going over hurdles. She's done a lot of schooling. She'll handle soft ground.

Billy's Hope

5m King's Theatre - Lady Bellingham
Flyers Syndicate
6-15333
RPR 128h OR 122h

She ran a cracker to be third to

Airlie Beach in a Listed mares' hurdle at Gowran. We were going to stay hurdling this year but after her run at Wexford on Sunday the plan might now be to go chasing with her. She will stay at 2m4f and might even make her way up to 3m. I think she'll improve, but she's funny in the sense that she has just one turn of foot in her and then just plugs on. It has to be timed right and unfortunately she got stopped in her run a couple

of times at Wexford and really should have won, but those things happen. She's nice and sound and will give her owners plenty of fun.

Don't Touch It

6g Scorpion - Shandora
JP McManus
122131-
RPR 149h OR 148h

He looks very well and is going chasing over 2m. He'll be ready by mid-November. I always thought he was a good horse and I wasn't the least surprised by his win in the Grade 1 novice hurdle at Punchestown in April. He ran into a couple of good horses in maiden hurdles and disappointed on very heavy ground at Naas. He could step up to 2m4f, we'll see how he gets on over 2m. Winter good ground would be his preference whenever we get it.

Fintara

4f Kayf Tara - Fine Fortune
Mrs S Rowley-Williams & John Lenihan
03
RPR 90b

She's a very nice filly that we really liked in the spring but she disappointed in a bumper at Killarney. I was really delighted, though, with the way she ran when she was third to Jelani in the fillies' bumper at Galway on Monday. She's only four and I would hope she's a filly with a future.



DARK HORSE

Someday

4g Black Sam Bellamy - Like Manner
Howard Spooner
2-
RPR 113b

He's a lovely horse. We'll try to win a bumper and then go hurdling. He'll be ready in two or three weeks. For a big baby and only a frame of a horse, he stayed well and did everything right at Punchestown in the spring. He'll start over 2m in a bumper and will probably go 2m4f over hurdles. He could potentially be very exciting.

Forge Meadow

4f Beneficial - Ballys Baby
Joseph M Doyle
12-
RPR 114b

She's very exciting. She'll go straight over hurdles. The original plan was to run her in the Listed mares' bumper at Gowran but she got a cut and we couldn't run her. She's done plenty of schooling and if she's good enough the ultimate aim would be the mares' hurdle at Cheltenham, and then to Fairyhouse and Punchestown. Being by Beneficial I'd hope she'll get further than 2m, even though she showed plenty of pace to win her bumper. Most things went wrong at Punchestown - she was left in front a long way out and she lacked a bit of experience.

High Tail It

5g Milan - Castlerose
JP McManus
2/-
RPR 99h

He's a smashing, big horse coming back to us after more

STABLE STAT

Jessica Harrington has won with eight of her last 15 runners in non-handicap hurdles at Kilbeggan, a strike-rate of 53% and a profit of £4.88 to a £1 stake. This improves to 7-8 when either Barry Geraghty or Robbie Power takes the mount (+£7.38.) ▶▶ *Stable Stat* is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at raceform.co.uk



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Jessica Harrington's string heads back to the yard after working on the gallops at Commonstown

looking terrific – much better than last year. She was a bit unlucky in the Mares' Hurdle at Cheltenham and there's a possibility she might go back for the race again even though she'll have been chasing. She'll start in a couple of weeks in a mares' beginners' chase.

Mr Fiftyone

7g Jeremy - Maka
David Bobbett
115064
RPR 144c OR 143c

He's gone off on a break now after running at Cheltenham last month, but he'll be back in the spring and the aim for him is the Grand Annual. The inside track at Cheltenham last time was too sharp for him but, considering everything, he ran very well. If it was concrete he would be happy, he just can't go on soft ground.

Neverushacon

5g Echo Of Light - Lily Beth
D R Scott
13U524
RPR 128h 131c OR 119h 133c

He'll run anywhere he can go, but he can't go left-handed. He'd have finished a good bit closer at Cheltenham last time, but he kept jumping out to the right once he started going around a bend. Once you do that going around there you're losing ground constantly. It wasn't a bad run, though, and he probably never jumped better. He'll go in novice chases and he'll be aimed at Fairyhouse and Punchestown. We might also give him a couple of runs over hurdles.

New To This Town

5g Milan - Jade River
Ann & Alan Potts Partnership
110-
RPR 123b

He's picked up an injury in the Champion Bumper at Cheltenham and that's why he ran so poorly. He's got a lot stronger and will be going hurdling – he's one I'm really looking forward to. He could go up to 2m4f, he has great potential and is definitely in the exciting bracket. He's nearly 17hh and is going to be a smashing chaser in time.

Oscar Sam

7g Oscar - Good Thyne Jenny
Cooper Family Syndicate
P11120-
RPR 139h OR 138h

He's had a wind operation and he's going to go over fences we think because he's pretty high in the handicap over hurdles. He'll be a staying novice chaser and he'll go on any ground, but

STAR QUALITY

Jezki

8g Milan - La Noire
JP McManus
223411/-
RPR 171h OR 169h
He could easily come back in the Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse which he won two years ago, but he'll be going the World Hurdle route. All being well, his other four runs will be at Leopardstown over Christmas, Cheltenham, Aintree and at Punchestown. He looks super and he's doing plenty of slow work – he's coming up the gallop three times a week at the moment. He'll be ready to do some faster work in a week or two. The 3m division could be interesting this season – there's no Thistlecrack but we could be coming up against Faugheen who like us would be coming back from an injury. We're looking forward to it.

he's unlikely to run until we see some serious rain.

Our Duke

6g Oscar - Good Thyne Jenny
Cooper Family Syndicate
121P3-
RPR 136h

He beat a lot of good horses last season and ran very well against Death Duty. I think his wind caught him out when he was disappointing in the Grade 2 at Thurles in February, but he came back well with a good run against Acapella Bourgeois at Fairyhouse. He's had his wind done and he'll be going novice chasing at around 2m4f. He's very exciting.

Rock On The Moor

6m Flemensfirth - Home At Last
Richard Irwin
7/62524-
RPR 140h OR 140h

She's going chasing and I'm very excited about her. Her second to Vroum Vroum Mag at Cheltenham didn't surprise me because it's what she's capable of when she gets her right ground, and she needs 2m4f as well. We might start her off over 2m, but she'll go up to 2m4f and she'll handle winter ground. She's almost ready to go, I just wouldn't run her on the ground we have at the moment.

Rock The World

8g Orpen - Sue N Win
Michael Buckley
37-2080
RPR 146h 156c OR 135h 147c

Like Mr Fiftyone, he'll be going on a break and the plan is to go back to Cheltenham for the Grand Annual – we know he won't need to improve very much on last season to have a chance. He'll be going there fresh too.

Sizing John

6g Midnight Legend - La Perrotine
Ann & Alan Potts Partnership
112233-
RPR 153h 156c OR 151h 150c

HORSE TO FOLLOW

Brian Sheerin

Oscar Sam

He has progressed steadily since joining Harrington's yard last season, starting out in handicap hurdles rated 96 and finishing his campaign rated 138. The Pertemps at Cheltenham, where he finished 17th behind Mall Dini, a rival he had previously beaten, was probably just a race too many for him. Connections decided to put him away after Cheltenham with a view to going chasing this term, and he looks to have all the right attributes to develop into a decent performer in that sphere. We know he stays well, has a good attitude and handles winter conditions.

It's very exciting to get him from Henry de Bromhead. We're getting to know him and he's just getting fit at the moment. I imagine we'll start him off either over Christmas or in the Hilly Way Chase at Cork before then. He didn't look like he stayed 2m4f last year, but we'll see. He's been looking at the rear end of Douvan for the past two years and we'll probably try and avoid him. It's lovely to have a horse like him.

Sunni May

5g Presenting - Northwood May
Favourites Racing Syndicate
2/4133-
RPR 126b

I can't wait to go hurdling with him. He's had a wind operation and he's flying. We've given him lots of time and we expect him to be out in a week or two. He acquitted himself well in a couple of winner's bumpers last year after scoring at Leopardstown and I'm really looking forward to him.

Supasundae

6g Galileo - Distinctive Look
Ann & Alan Potts Partnership
6/93174-
RPR 150h OR 142h

He's another we got from Henry de Bromhead and I don't really know a lot about him yet. I have to get to know him and he has to get to know me. He'll go the 2m4f hurdle route I'd think.

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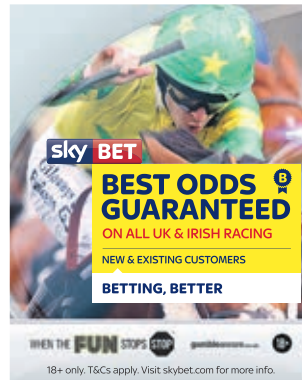
7g Milan - Our Dream
David Bobbett
511P25-
RPR 148h 151c OR 145h 145c

He's had a wind operation and looks amazing. He can take only about three or four runs in a season so you won't see him much. I'll try to find a 2m4f chase for second season novices, we'll see if we can get him to settle and go up in trip. He's won over 3m over hurdles, so stamina isn't his problem, it's trying to get his mind right. When he runs he's flat out and gives his all. He probably won't be the easiest to place, but we'll have to get over that.

Woodland Opera

6g Robin Des Champs - Opera Hat
Mrs TK Cooper, Diana Cooper & Mrs CA Waters
1/1931-
RPR 143h OR 140h

I'm very excited about him going chasing this season. He had a wind operation in the middle of last winter and came back to win very well at the Punchestown festival. I'd imagine he'll improve a lot for fences. We were going to go for a beginners' chase at the big Down Royal meeting but we might just wait a bit.



STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	1,645	213	221	189	1,022	13	█	-400.56	-24%
Hcp hdl	576	38	41	41	456	7	█	-253.80	-44%
Non-hcp chs	575	94	98	81	302	16	█	-69.45	-12%
Hcp chs	232	9	16	17	190	4	█	-152.50	-66%
Hunter chs	1	0	0	0	1	0	█	-1.00	-100%
NH Flat	586	65	67	70	384	11	█	-70.71	-12%
Totals	3,615	419	443	398	2,355	12	█	-948.02	-26%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Robbie Power	145-1136	13	-278.36
Andrew Leigh	64-571	11	-187.98
Barry Geraghty	59-322	18	-23.56
Mark Bolger	37-402	9	-102.21
Miss K Harrington	27-254	11	-36.23
Tommy Treacy	24-294	8	-135.15
Mir M Fahey	20-186	11	-44.31
Mr SP Byrne	5-39	13	-7.50
Paddy Kennedy	4-68	6	-26.63
Davy Russell	3-19	16	+8.17
Mark Walsh	3-23	13	-14.80
David Casey	2-10	20	-1.25

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	27-273	10	-105.15
February	31-251	12	-44.00
March	37-236	16	-30.19
April	34-370	9	-50.50
May	42-369	11	-113.13
June	25-182	14	-76.14
July	31-287	11	-98.82
August	43-260	17	+10.45
September	29-230	13	+5.69
October	44-368	12	-148.83
November	42-346	12	-64.61
December	34-443	8	-232.79

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	46-370	12	-29.44
Hcp hdl	2-93	2	-77.50
Non-hcp chs	14-82	17	-2.43
Hcp chs	2-40	5	-19.00
NH Flat	29-249	12	+35.67

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	85-220	39	-17.63
Hcp hdl	9-53	17	-10.30
Non-hcp chs	40-114	35	-22.82
Hcp chs	2-23	9	-16.50
NH Flat	20-65	31	-6.12

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Punchestown	68-578	12	32-234	7-64	10-87	5-48	14-145	-70.51
Leopardstown	30-345	9	17-159	3-30	5-77	0-24	5-55	-104.91
Fairyhouse	29-362	8	20-165	2-51	1-70	1-22	5-54	-129.33
Navan	27-209	13	15-115	7-35	0-17	1-16	4-26	-23.68
Limerick	26-187	14	14-97	11-44	0-21	0-10	1-15	-53.25
Gowran Park	26-226	12	14-120	6-35	3-33	0-9	3-29	-79.45
Down Royal	22-147	15	15-78	6-32	0-14	0-6	1-17	-31.16
Cork	19-186	10	14-98	3-15	0-42	0-5	2-26	-79.25
Kilbeggan	18-77	23	12-41	3-10	2-13	0-8	1-5	-9.30
Listowel	18-127	14	7-40	1-16	4-37	1-13	5-21	+37.90
Galway	18-158	11	4-43	5-23	3-37	1-20	5-35	-23.40
Thurles	15-127	12	2-58	10-52	0-4	0-1	3-12	-41.92
Naas	15-163	9	7-79	2-27	2-25	0-3	4-29	-69.38
Ballinrobe	14-68	21	5-25	5-18	2-13	0-5	2-7	-6.61
Tipperary	12-68	18	8-41	3-10	0-4	0-2	1-11	-13.13
Roscommon	11-104	11	3-46	6-18	0-6	0-10	2-24	-50.84
Killarney	11-127	9	3-43	5-28	2-27	0-12	1-17	-64.35
Clonmel	10-75	13	5-32	2-22	1-11	0-3	2-7	-29.14
Downpatrick	8-56	14	3-28	3-8	2-7	0-4	0-9	-12.97
Wexford (rh)	7-80	9	6-39	0-10	0-9	0-5	1-17	-60.99
Bellewstown	6-41	15	3-21	0-0	0-11	0-0	3-9	+5.65
Tramore	4-49	8	2-19	2-17	0-6	0-1	0-6	-9.00
Wexford	2-14	14	1-8	1-3	0-1	0-1	0-1	+1.00
Tralee	2-23	9	1-9	1-8	0-1	0-4	0-1	-16.33
Sligo	1-13	8	0-7	0-0	1-3	0-0	0-3	-8.67
Curragh	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	-2.00
Dundalk (a.w)	0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	-3.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 484 Total winning prize-money £4,339,863.04

GARY MOORE

'His jumping is his strength and he's one good galloper'

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than a year off. We got into a bit of trouble with him when he made a lovely debut in a Tipperary maiden hurdle in the spring of 2015. He could be a very nice youngster.

Jelan

4f Milan - La Noire
G McGrath
261
RPR 94b

She had run well in a Listed bumper at Gowran a few weeks ago, but I thought she did very well to win at Galway on Monday. Katie Walsh said that none of the gaps opened for her but what really pleased me was the way she knuckled down and did it when she did get a run and she came up that hill really well. She's a bit small but showed a great attitude. Her aim now is the Listed mares' bumper at Navan later this month and we'll probably go hurdling then.

Jett

5g Flemensfirth - La Noire
G McGrath
4/42145-
RPR 132h OR 131h

He's going to run in a hurdle race and will then most likely go chasing at around 2m4f. He's strengthened up a lot, he has some good form and hopefully can win over hurdles. He's very big and I think he'll be a much more effective jumper of fences than he was of hurdles. He's come back much bigger and much more filled out. It's amazing he did as much as he did at four and five because he was so weak.

Keppols Queen

8m Indian River - Keppols Princess
Mrs C M O'Loughlin
6/74163-
RPR 140h OR 140h

She's going chasing over 2m to 2m4f. We schooled her in the spring, she jumped great and she's come back in

STABLE TOUR **GARY MOORE**

WITH its dynasty of successful jockeys and a stable that operates in top gear all year round life can seldom be dull in the Moore household, but one suspects patriarch Gary would happily settle for a somewhat quieter time than in a rollercoaster 2015-16 season.

On the plus side, there was a second Tingle Creek Chase for his Champion Chase winner Sire De Grugy, three Sandown trebles and hugely promising starts to the chasing careers of Ar Mad and Violet Dancer.

However, while his horses were carrying all before them in the first half of the season, Moore found himself briefly hospitalised with multiple injuries after being kicked in the yard. While he made light of his injuries and was soon back on the racecourse, the worst was still to come.

Within a matter of days in February his highly promising chaser Traffic Fluide was ruled out of the Game Spirit Chase and the remainder of the season with an injury, and both Ar Mad and Violet Dancer suffered condylar fractures. While Ar Mad has made a full recovery, Violet Dancer's injury sadly cost him his life.

With Sire De Grugy having suffered two defeats since Sandown, Moore found his Cheltenham hand of a lifetime in tatters, yet he ended the season with 54 winners for a highly respectable £653,000 in prize-money and a handsome level-stake profit of £80.84.

This time it's been a slow start owing to the dry autumn, but the season burst into life when Antony took the Sodexo Gold Cup at Ascot last Saturday. A clutch of lesser winners have followed and there is plenty more to look forward to, including several promising recruits from France and the sales.

Graham Dench**Antony**

Six-year-old gelding
Walk In The Park (sire) - Melanie Du Chenet (dam)
Owner: The Winning Hand
Form figures: 1P53-11
Racing Post Rating 139c
Official rating 136c
Won at Fontwell on his reappearance but didn't impress me and didn't impress

Stars returning from injury give cause for joy

STABLE PROFILE

▶▶ **Yard** Cisswood Racing Stables

▶▶ **Where** Horsham, West Sussex

▶▶ **Started training** 1991

▶▶ **Horses in yard**
Approximately 100

▶▶ **Members of staff** 25

▶▶ **Head lads** Steve White, Andrew Dickinson

▶▶ **Assistant trainers**
David Wilson, Andrew Glassonbury

▶▶ **Transport manager**
Tim Carter

▶▶ **Jockeys** Jamie Moore, Josh Moore

▶▶ **Amateurs** Hayley Moore, Becky Butler

▶▶ **Conditionals** Will Clarke, Jason Nuttall

▶▶ **Secretaries** Lucie Moore, Maria Workman

▶▶ **Stable sponsor** GL Moore and Mojeek

▶▶ **Website**
garymooreracing.com

Winners in Britain

2015-16 **54**

2014-15 **39**

2013-14 **45**

2012-13 **33**

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16 **+£80.84**

2014-15 **-£98.89**

2013-14 **-£14.91**

2012-13 **-£0.65**

Prize-money 2015-16
£653,159

the handicapper, who only put him up 3lb. I knew he was better than that, as he had been good at Sandown last season, but I was still pleasantly surprised by the way he took the Sodexo Gold Cup at Ascot last weekend, as he was always going well and didn't put a foot wrong bar jumping left. He's taken a hike for that and I don't know where he'll go next, as he needs a bit of time between races. Jamie has talked about him as a Grand National horse

and hopefully he will be one day, but he's too young this season.

Bad Boy Du Poullu

5g Loup Solitaire - Wild Flush
Cocktail Racing Partnership
1P-
RPR - OR 117h

He came from France with quite a big reputation and when I ran him at Sandown I thought he'd win on his homework, but like a lot of French horses he got tired and

didn't finish off his race. We let him down afterwards and he'll hopefully come back a different horse. I'm looking forward to getting going with him again and he'll go back to Sandown on Sunday so long as the ground is safe.

Baron Alco

5g Dom Alco - Paula
John Stone
/11120-3

RPR 142h 142c OR 138h 138c
Very progressive over hurdles and ran with a lot of promise at Cheltenham first time over fences, when both of those who beat him had already run. He jumped very well until he got in a bit tight at the last and he'll be aimed at all the better novice chases, although in the short term I've got my eye on a novice handicap.

Britanio Bello

5g Irish Wells - Tchi Tchi Bang
Bang
Ashley Head
37531-

RPR 121h OR 120h

Has a similar profile to Ar Mad and is a very similar type. He fractured his pelvis at Ludlow yet still managed to win. He didn't run again and that might have been a blessing, as he's come back well now and we look forward to running him over fences. He's schooled on the all-weather but it's been too quick to school him on grass.



STAR QUALITY

Ar Mad

6g Tiger Groom - Omelia
Ashley Head
1/61111-
RPR 164c OR 157c

Surprised me last season and won four novice chases, including a Grade 1 at Sandown, but unfortunately suffered a condylar fracture after winning at Plumpton, which was just before Cheltenham. He's cantering again and I couldn't be more pleased with him. His target is the Tingle Creek and he'll go straight there. He'll also get a King George entry. His jumping is his strength and he's a good galloper.

Capsis Desbois

4g Apsis - Gesse Parade
Heart Of The South Racing
4-5

RPR 82 (bumper)

A nice half-brother to Ubak and Vikekhal who was too weak last season. He's working well and I can't wait to run him over hurdles. I like him a lot and he could start at Lingfield next week. Shows a fair amount at home.

Casse Tete

4g Poliglote - Ellapampa
John Stone
0F5-221

RPR - OR -

He's a lovely type of horse who has just arrived from France after winning his novice chase at Auteuil for Guillaume Macaire on his first start over fences. He'll have a month off and be ready to run in the new year.

Cilaos Glaze

3g Voix Du Nord - Miss Glacee
Heart Of The South Racing
Unraced

I've got quite a few nice three-year-olds who haven't done

STABLE STAT

Since the start of 2013 Gary Moore is 13-44 (30%) in non-handicap races at Sandown for a £1 level-stakes profit of £60.61. His strike-rate improves to 7-11 (64%) in non-handicap chases.

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Gary Moore: hoping for more of an injury-free season this time around

everything the wrong way. Will improve for jumping and will progress as the season goes on. Could go to Cheltenham's Open meeting.

Flashman
7g Doyen - Si Si Si
Andrew Bradmore
417-352
RPR 110h 110c OR 108h 104c
Good second over fences at Plumpton the other day, jumping a lot better than first time. He's got opportunities in the near future.

Golanova
8g Golan - Larkbarrow
Elizabeth Kiernan
P4-4262
RPR 113h 118c OR 105h 112c
Slightly limited but tries very hard and always runs a good honest race. Better handicapped over hurdles than fences and a good, fun horse.

Gores Island
10g Beneficial - Just Leader
Collins, Horsfall, Michael & O'Sullivan
3B373-4
RPR 129h 136c OR 121h 120c
Last season was the first he hasn't won for us but he had an unlucky time and looked like winning until he was brought down at Wincanton. In good order and should put that right in a handicap over 2m to 2m4f before long.

Kaveman
4g Kayf Tara - Megalex
Gallop On The South Downs Partnership
Unraced
A brother to Megastar, a good horse I had who never quite fulfilled his reputation, and more famously to Ballyandy. He's one I really like and he'll go for a bumper once we get some ease in the ground.

King Cool
5g King's Theatre - Cool Spice
P Mott
7161F2-
RPR 121h OR 122h
Did well for us last season and will hopefully be competitive in handicap hurdles over 2m4f-3m before he goes chasing.

Knightly Pleasure
5m Kayf Tara - Kim Fontenail
The Knights Of Pleasure
71-4
RPR 103 (bumper)
A filly we like and she won a Fontwell bumper on the soft ground that suits her well. Has schooled very well and is one to watch out for in mares' hurdles.

Krugermac
5g Kalanisi - Vindonissa
Mr Hinds & Galloping on the South Downs
212-
RPR 123h
Beaten at odds-on at Lingfield after winning impressively at Ascot but forget that as it was heavy that day and he's very much a good-ground horse. Won't be out until the new year as he had a little problem, but definitely one to follow.

La Paimpolaise
4f Linda's Lad - Medievale
Mark Albon & Chris Stedman
1139-
RPR 110h OR 120h
Came from France with a big reputation after winning two on the bounce. A lovely mare - big and strong - but

another one who disappointed when I ran her quickly after she arrived. Could be well handicapped as a result of that and will run as soon as it rains.

Leo Luna
7g Galileo - Eva Luna
PB Moorhead
/POP1PP-
RPR 145c OR 129c
He's not easy to predict and he's hard to win with from above 125, but on soft ground when he gets it right he's quite effective, as he showed at Warwick last season.

Light Of Air
3g Youmzain - Height Of Vanity
RE Anderson
Unraced over hurdles
Flat winner in Germany who doesn't concentrate very well but has schooled well over hurdles and will improve when he goes jumping.

Loup De Louve
4g Turtle Bowl - Signe De La Louve
Ashley Head
1-
RPR - OR 128h
He's a hurdles winner in France and came over a month after Bad Boy Du Poullu. Because of the experience I'd had with Bad Boy I didn't take the chance on running him and just turned him straight out. He's got a rating of 128 and looks a very nice prospect. I don't know if he'll go chasing or stay over hurdles.

Remind Me Later
7g Zerpour - Two T Three Weeks
Mrs M Devine
11/US-33
RPR 132c OR 121c
Always liked him a lot and he ran a nice race first time out, where he looked like winning until he blew up. I thought that would put him right and fancied him at Ascot on Saturday but he was very disappointing. That wasn't anywhere near his form, but he's come back stiff in quite a lot of places, which hopefully explains it. I think he's decent.

Sire De Grugy
10g My Risk - Hirlish
The Preston Family & Friends Ltd
12284-7
RPR 174c OR 166c
I was highly delighted at Aintree and he'll go straight on to Sandown, where he'll join Ar Mad and try to win a third Tingle Creek. Last year the ground allowed us to give him a couple of racecourse gallops and yet he still needed the run at Exeter, although I thought I had him fit there. This time it was too quick for a racecourse gallop, yet he still finished a lot closer to the winner over a trip that he blatantly didn't stay. At 2m he would have finished on top of them, so don't go writing him off. He looks fantastic.

Sisania
3f Mastercraftsman - Avril Rose
Heart Of The South Racing
1
RPR 89h
Won first time out hurdling and did it the hard way. She got very wound up beforehand, which I don't like to see, but it didn't stop her. She's had a day out at the races since and can hopefully improve next time if she's more relaxed. Ready to run again now.

HORSE TO FOLLOW
James Pyman

Baron Alco
The Moore yard is renowned for success in valuable handicaps and, given this novice chaser registered a handicap hat-trick over hurdles, the trainer probably has some big targets in mind for a horse who has the ability to land a big prize. Baron Alco made a promising start to chasing when third at Cheltenham last month over an inadequate two miles and can be expected to be seen in a better light when upped in distance later this season.

Traffic Fluide
6g Astarabad - Petale Rouge
Gallop On The South Downs Partnership
42113/3-
RPR 165c OR 165c
We love him but it's no secret he's made of glass and we probably won't see him until the second half of the season, when I hope he'll be as good as ever. He was being readied for the Game Spirit and then Cheltenham when he jarred his high suspensory and it's taken a long time to heal. We have to treat him with kid gloves, but he's rated only 11b behind Sire De Grugy and would have beaten him at Ascot if it hadn't been his first run in nine months. Would have been a King George horse but for the injury.

Ubak
8g Kapgarde - Gesse Parade
Nick Peacock
2314-05
RPR 153h 150c OR 151h 144c
Ran a great race in a handicap hurdle at Aintree, where it was obvious 2m4f on good ground was too sharp for him and he was sure to have needed the run. Not an easy horse to place, but if we can't find a suitable hurdle race he'll go back over fences.

Vikekhal
7g Khalkevi - Gesse Parade
NJ Roach
5P5-5V5
RPR 130c OR 117c
Disappointed last time but 2m5f got him on his head a little. Wasn't well handicapped but has dropped 3lb and will probably improve when he goes 3m. He's running at Warwick and I'd like to think he'll run well with the kid taking the weight off his back.

Zante
4g Zanzibari - Calling All Angels
Heart Of The South Racing
661-
RPR 98h OR 107h
Ex-French and did well for us last season. Should be competitive in handicaps but wants decent ground. Might stay further than 2m.

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STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	1,036	142	144	145	605	14		-313.13	-30%
Hcp hdl	1,297	135	132	152	878	10		-184.99	-14%
Non-hcp chs	266	58	47	36	125	22		+5.62	+2%
Hcp chs	842	99	113	104	526	12		-169.45	-20%
Hunter chs	6	1	0	2	3	17		-2.50	-42%
NH Flat	172	17	24	21	110	10		-42.17	-25%
Totals	3,619	452	460	460	2,247	13		-706.62	-20%

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Jamie Moore	269-1906	14	-228.19
Joshua Moore	97-706	14	-70.77
Andrew Glassonbury	11-141	8	-73.62
Mr Joseph Akehurst	6-74	8	-38.25
George Gorman	5-54	9	-5.00
Tom Cannon	3-15	20	+9.30
Nick Scholfield	2-4	50	+19.50
Noel Fehily	2-8	25	-3.50
Leighton Aspell	2-20	10	-11.00
Mr D H Dunsdon	1-1	100	+0.83
Aidan Coleman	1-2	50	+1.75
Mattie Batchelor	1-7	14	-5.43

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	35-313	11	-121.45
Hcp Hdl	26-243	11	-52.65
Non-hcp Chs	9-61	15	-33.99
Hcp Chs	11-139	8	-85.25
NH Flat	8-77	10	-1.46

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Fontwell	108-642	17	38-183	15-38	30-217	19-159	6-45	-86.55
Plumpton	85-473	18	32-175	8-23	26-163	17-101	2-11	-64.99
Sandown	34-240	14	5-60	7-20	11-105	9-48	2-7	+50.14
Huntingdon	27-221	12	6-63	4-27	10-73	6-48	1-10	-37.40
Kempton	22-260	9	4-80	6-24	5-87	6-66	1-3	-83.41
Lingfield	21-159	13	3-42	3-14	5-42	10-61	0-0	-13.08
Folkestone	17-101	17	6-33	1-14	5-26	5-27	0-1	-6.39
Newbury	16-205	8	3-64	0-6	7-76	4-44	2-15	+50.87
Ascot	13-166	8	2-26	3-15	2-66	5-50	1-9	-66.50
Wincanton	12-98	12	4-18	1-1	6-51	1-23	0-5	-15.95
Exeter	11-56	20	3-7	2-11	5-30	1-8	0-0	+2.75
Stratford	10-80	13	4-24	1-5	5-33	0-15	0-3	-29.20
Towcester	10-85	12	4-27	1-9	3-38	2-9	0-2	-35.80
Taunton	9-96	9	5-34	0-5	3-39	1-17	0-1	-36.13
Ludlow	7-39	18	4-20	0-1	0-6	3-11	0-1	+8.83
Hereford	6-24	25	3-12	0-1	3-9	0-2	0-0	+19.36
Newton Abbot	6-73	8	3-33	2-11	1-23	0-4	0-2	-27.00
Leicester	5-43	12	4-15	0-1	0-9	1-18	0-0	-21.38
Cheltenham	5-119	4	0-15	1-15	1-53	3-35	0-1	-69.25
Warwick	4-29	14	1-4	2-4	0-12	1-9	0-0	-0.25
Fakenham	4-48	8	2-19	0-4	1-9	1-15	0-1	-35.81
Uttoxeter	3-25	12	0-6	0-0	3-14	0-4	0-1	+2.50
Haydock	3-28	11	0-5	0-1	2-14	1-8	0-0	-1.50
Worcester	3-33	9	2-4	0-4	0-16	0-8	1-1	-5.70
Chepstow	3-46	7	0-12	1-4	0-17	2-13	0-0	-36.25
Aintree	3-67	5	1-14	0-6	1-33	0-11	1-3	-17.00
Doncaster	2-29	7	1-10	0-3	0-5	1-11	0-0	-24.00
Bangor	1-5	20	1-3	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	-1.50
Ffos Las	1-5	20	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	-3.70
Market Rasen	1-26	4	1-9	0-2	0-10	0-5	0-0	-24.33
Cartmel	0-1	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Musselburgh	0-1	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Perth	0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Ayr	0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0-4	0-1	0-0	-5.00
Southwell (AW)	0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-6	-6.00
Wetherby	0-11	0	0-5	0-0	0-3	0-2	0-1	-11.00
Kempton (AW)	0-21	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-21	-21.00
Lingfield (AW)	0-22	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-22	-22.00
Southwell	0-30	0	0-10	0-2	0-11	0-7	0-0	-30.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 470 total winning prize-money 3,313,283.97

DARK HORSE

Soiesauvage
5m Lauro - Taffetas
J Hinds
Unraced over hurdles
A Flat winner in France over 1m7f. She's quite keen but she jumps well and is quite closely related to Yanworth on the dam's side. She's a filly we like a lot and will hopefully run next at Kempton.

anything yet and could be all right, and this is a good example. Bought at two and given plenty of time to mature, he looks a very nice prospect.

Clayton
7g Peintre Celebre - Blossom
Ashley Head
292102-
RPR 130h OR 126h
Useful on Flat and could be well handicapped over hurdles off 126. We like him a lot and he could win a big handicap one day. The Betfair Hurdle will probably be his project if we can get him high enough and the ground is soft.

Darebin
4g It's Gino - Delightful Sofie
Chris Stedman & Mark Albon
P15320-
RPR 115h OR 120h
Won twice last season but I always felt he had more to offer. He's hopefully fairly well treated and I think there's a decent handicap in him somewhere along the line. He goes to Sandown on Sunday and will enjoy the ground. I don't think he'll get much further than 2m.

East Indies
3g Authorized - Elan
Redec Ltd
1
RPR 90h
Won at Plumpton first time out but was very free and did

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PAUL NICHOLLS

Britain's champion trainer with the lowdown on his powerful string in the latest of our stable tour series

STABLE TOUR PAUL NICHOLLS

PAUL NICHOLLS was forced to take time out one day last week to receive treatment on a troublesome knee. Luckily the problem didn't spread to his foot, which has stayed glued to the accelerator. It is 25 years since he began churning out winners from Manor Farm Stables and in all that time his passion and enthusiasm for the job has never dimmed. Watching him in recent weeks you'd think he was chasing his first trainers' championship, not title number 11.

To say he's been on fire would be an understatement. His October tally of 29 winners represents his second-best score in a calendar month, and although titles are not won at this stage of the season, all of a sudden his rivals must feel as if they are scrapping for places.

Establishing an unusually healthy advantage at the top of the table by early November may come in handy later on, as Nicholls admits he lacks high-profile candidates for the championship Grade 1s at Cheltenham, but such is the white-hot form of the string it is inconceivable a number of potent challengers won't emerge before March.

We should pay particular attention to a strong team of second-season four-year-olds and a talented team of former bumper performers. Yes, it's to the youth academy that Nicholls will look to build on a record-breaking start.

There will doubtless be quieter spells along the way, but for now, apart from that dodgy knee, he is loving every minute of life in the fast lane.

Interview by Ben Newton

Adrien Du Pont

Pedigree: four-year-old gelding, Califet (sire) - Santariyka (dam)
Owner: Mrs Johnny de la Hey
Form: 1/1211-4
Racing Post Rating 145 hurdle
Official rating 145 hurdle

His first big target is the Grade 1 Prix Renaud du Vivier at Auteuil on Sunday, a race we won with Ptit Zig a few years ago. The only suitable prep was at Cheltenham last month, where the ground was lively enough and he was a National Hunt horse up against ex-Flat horses. I told everyone beforehand it was a prep and the run would bring him on. Ideally he wants 2m4f on soft ground and that's what he'll get this weekend. We've a really good crop of second-season four-year-olds but, like a lot of the others, this is going to be a fill-in season for him until he goes chasing in a year's time.

Alcala

6g Turgeon - Pail Mel
Axom
46132-6
RPR 130h OR 129h

Has taken a long time to come to himself, being immature and slow to develop. But he finally got his act together last season and put up a career-best when third in the EBF Final despite Harry Cobden suffering all kinds of nightmares in the home straight. He didn't stay the trip on his return at Newton Abbot and was sick for a few days afterwards, but he's

It's pedal to the metal in search of eleventh title

STABLE PROFILE

► **Yard** Manor Farm Stables

► **Where** Ditcheat, Somerset

► **Second yard** Highbridge Farm, Alhampton, Somerset

► **Started training** October 19, 1991

► **Horses in yard** 128

► **Members of staff** 50

► **Head lad** Clifford Baker

► **Assistant trainer** Harry Derham

► **Assistant head lad** David Rochester

► **Pupil assistant trainers** Andrew Doyle, Bryony Frost

► **Assistant head lass** Rose Loxton

► **Travelling head lass** Donna Hills

► **Assistant travelling head lass** Gemma Groves

► **Jockeys** Sam Twiston-Davies, Nick Scholfield, Sean Bowen

► **Conditionals** Harry Cobden, Jack Sherwood, Stan

Sheppard, Jordan Williams

► **Amateurs** Will Biddick, Bryony Frost, Lorcan Williams

► **PA** Sarah West, Hannah Roche

► **Finance** Lina Chadburn

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2015-16	122
2014-15	124
2013-14	118
2012-13	131

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2015-16	-£73.23
2014-15	+£58.40
2013-14	-£134.22
2012-13	-£102.66

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fine now and will go novice handicap chasing. Doesn't take much getting ready and usually goes well fresh.

All Set To Go

5g Verglas - Firecrest
Exors of Graham Roach
4011-23
RPR 144h OR 141h

Useful handicapper who is at his best on good ground and a flattish track, and he should get his ideal conditions at Huntingdon tomorrow. Big enough to jump a fence and it probably won't be long before he tries them.

Amour De Nuit

4g Azamour - Umthoulah
Andrew Williams
7-16440 (Flat)
RPR 109F

Useful stayer on the Flat for Sir Mark Prescott, not far off Listed class. Has just joined us after being bought at the Horses-in-Training sales. He stays well so I imagine he'll want a trip over hurdles.

Anchor Man

4g Stowaway - False Note
Peter Hart
2-
RPR -, OR -

Showed promise on his only

run in an Irish point-to-point and is capable of winning a staying novice hurdle, but we are unlikely to see the best of him until he goes over fences.

Antartica De Thaix

6m Dom Alco - Nouca De Thaix
Ian Fogg, Richard Webb, Dan Macdonald and Chris Barber
U1232-2
RPR 125h, OR 125h

We never had her quite right last season and I was always struggling to put my finger on the reason why. She was a good third in the EBF Mares' Final at Newbury and if she'd settled better she might have won. Then after her final run at Taunton we discovered infection in a tooth; it had probably been hurting her for some time. I'm sure there's improvement to come and we haven't seen the best of her. Reappeared at Wincanton on Saturday and now go chasing; she schooled particularly well over fences last week.

Arpege D'Alene

6g Dom Alco - Joliette D'Alene
Mr and Mrs Paul Barber, Ged Mason,
Sir Alex Ferguson
P129-51
RPR 151h, 140c, OR 149h
Has been frustrating. Most

Dom Alcos are great jumpers of fences but this one is an exception. The plan to send him back over hurdles last season paid off as he won a Pertemps Qualifier and was narrowly beaten in the final. Despite the fact he's a bit soft, we're going to persevere over fences and I put blinkers on at Aintree on Saturday where he ran a bit idle before staying on well at the end. He'll get further than 3m1f and I've told the owners once he's gets the hang of jumping it wouldn't surprise me if he came out in the spring and ran well in something like the Scottish National.

As And When

5g Presenting - Coole Eile
JP McManus
2
RPR - OR -

We had him last season but he was too backward to run. He was placed in a bumper on Saturday and now goes novice hurdling.

As De Mee

6g Kapgarde - Koeur De Mee
The Stewart family and Judi Dench
F2579-1
RPR 153c OR 139c
How I failed to win a beginners' chase with him last season is beyond me, but we were running in tough races and maybe I over-faced him a bit. He carries his head high and had a breathing operation in the summer, since when he's come out and won an ordinary race at Fontwell very easily. The owners are keen to run in the BetVictor Gold Cup on Saturday, so that's where we'll go with Sean Bowen on board.

Azari

4g Azamour - Atasari
Derek Coles
6-16815
RPR 101F

Tom Malone bought this recent arrival, who's just been gelded. I don't know much about him, other than he won a Listed race on the Flat over just short of a mile in Italy in 2014.

Bagad Bihoue

5g Nickname - Lann Bihouee
Owners Group 009
111612
RPR 136h, OR 135h
Off on a well-deserved break until the spring but deserves an honourable mention as he's been a tremendous flag-bearer over the summer.



STAR QUALITY

Art Mauresque

6g Policy Maker - Modeva
Mrs Johnny de la Hey
77P2-11
RPR 157c OR 156c

Highly progressive chaser who needs decent ground to show his best. I was thrilled with him at Chepstow last time as he needed the run and was in front ten minutes too soon. Fifth-placed Irish Cavalier has given the form a nice boost. Runs in the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday; he finished a close sixth last year but has improved a lot since then. After that the Peterborough Chase might suit and I've given him a King George entry.

Bistouri D'Honore

4g Ballingary - Elivette
Colm Donlon, Ian Fogg and Paul Nicholls
U-261
RPR 110h

A big, strong individual, he's by the same sire as our Fred Winter winner last season, Diego Du Charmil. Considering how green he was, he ran a race full of promise when beaten a head in a maiden point-to-point at the Berkley. I gave him a run in a bumper to sharpen him up and he showed the benefit when making a winning hurdling debut last week. He'll improve with time and is a good chasing prospect.

Black Corton

5g Laverock - Pour Le Meilleur
The Brookes, Stewart families and Jeremy Kyle
231-311
RPR 131h OR 135h

A massive improver. Last season he was lean and light and much too keen, but he's a different animal now. He squeezed in two more wins, at Newton Abbot and Kempton, before his novice status ran out on November 1 and he goes to Cheltenham this week for a 0-140 intermediate hurdle. After that he'll go chasing.

Black Valentine

5g Stowaway - Kavolan
Kathy Sparkes and Alfie Gibson
1-
RPR - OR -

A staying chaser in the making, not as racey as some of the other youngsters. We'll treat him accordingly and give him plenty of time. Was with Jack Barber last season and Will Biddick liked him when he made a winning debut in a local point-to-point. He'll go novice hurdling but trained with the future in mind.

Boa Island

6g Trans Island - Eskimo Kiss
Mrs David Thompson
1/P3-211
RPR - OR -

Took time to adjust to our routine and I wasn't happy with him last season. Fences have helped bring about improvement and he has won twice at Wincanton, on the first occasion with tons in hand. He'd suffered a slight over-reach the first time, which meant I wasn't able to run again quickly under a penalty. He did the same on Saturday, although it was nothing serious and we might look at Exeter on Wednesday. He's also a novice over hurdles.

STABLE STAT

Since the start of 2011 Paul Nicholls is 21-37 (57%) in non-handicap chases at Fontwell, for a £1 level-stake profit of £7.96. That record improves to 10-13 (77%) in beginners' chases (+£11.65.)

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STAR QUALITY

Aux Ptits Soins

6g Saint Des Saints - Reflexion Faite John Hales and Lisa Hales 1/311/5- RPR 146h OR 152h Really exciting prospect for staying novice chases. Has shown he's a very good jumper of fences at home and after he pleased me in a gallop at Chepstow I was keen to run in the Rising Stars Novices' Chase at Wincanton on Saturday but I need to go somewhere with a bit of cut. Because he came back in later than most he's sure to come on for his first run but I want to get some practice into him. Last season we had the worst possible nightmare with him. He was plagued with sinus problems that required three bouts of surgery, and we ended up getting just one run into him, in the World Hurdle where he ran tidily before tiring. He took a while to get over that but enjoyed a nice summer break and we're hoping for a clear run. He should develop into a high-class novice.

DARK HORSE

Anatol

6g Apsis - Teresa Moriniere Mrs Johnny de la Hey 031P1/3- RPR 141c OR 135c Frustrating to train but plenty of talent. Niggling little problems - and they were nothing worse than that - restricted him to one run in two seasons. After he ran so well on his chasing debut at Ascot a year ago I nominated him as a horse worth following in my Stable Tour but we were never able to get another run into him. So far this season touch wood everything has gone fine and he has the potential to go a long way. He's ready to run as soon as we get cut in the ground and we'll find a 2m beginners' chase and then work our way up.

Paul Nicholls with his assistant trainer Harry Derham at his Manor Farm Stables

Bouvreuil

5g Saddle Maker - Madame Lys JP McManus 051524- RPR 151c OR 146c The plan all last season was to try to win the novice handicap chase at the festival and he nearly did, headed close home after leading at the last. That means he's finished runner-up at Cheltenham for the last two years as he'd been second in the Fred Winter. Our biggest headache was trying to protect his handicap mark so he was eligible for what is a 0-140, and managed to keep him on 139. We raised him to Grade 1 company after Cheltenham but that proved a step too far. He's since been bought by JP and I imagine he'll go for the good handicaps - he's in the BetVictor Gold Cup - although

there are no definite plans. He took a while to come to himself but is ready to roll.

Brahms De Clermont

5g Califat - Colline De Clermon Donlon and Doyle 1-1 RPR 122b OR - From the family of Master Minded, he goes for the Listed bumper at Cheltenham this weekend. He'd been showing us all the right signs at home, although he was essentially backward and hadn't galloped on grass before he made a winning debut in a Taunton bumper. Sean Bowen gave him one slap and he took off, proving hard to pull up after the line. He followed up this season under a fine ride from Stan Sheppard at Cheltenham last month after having to be snatched up at halfway. The plan is to go hurdling after this weekend. Although not the biggest he's athletic and jumps hurdles really well.



HORSE TO FOLLOW James Hill

Mr Mix

Nicholls has proved a dab hand in handicaps in recent seasons, and for all his success in Grade 1s, this is an area where his string might still be underrated. This talented grey is a horse who can make hay at handicap level, starting with the Fixed Brush Hurdle at Haydock. A future chaser with a nice turn of foot, he should come into his own when he gets soft ground.

Brelan D'As

5g Crillon - Las De La Croix JP McManus 141P- RPR 123h OR 130h Had winning form in France but ran a deplorable race on his only outing for us in February. He hadn't acclimatised so we sent him home. You'll see a different animal this season and he'll have one run over hurdles before going chasing.

Brio Conti

5g Dom Alco - Cadoulie Wood The Gi Gi Syndicate 3-1F RPR 109b OR - We've given this one lots of time as he's been a bit green, but he started to repay the patience in the spring, running well in a strong-looking bumper at Warwick before getting off the mark at Stratford. He's been hard to get fit this autumn and was still on the burly side when he got no further than the first at Kelso last month. Will want a run to sharpen him up.

Caid Du Berlais

7g Westerner - Kenza Du Berlais Colm Donlon, Adrian Doyle, Luise Scott-MacDonald and Chris Barber P309/81 RPR 152h 153c OR 140h 148c Missed last season with a tendon injury. He'd won the Paddy Power Gold Cup as a five-year-old and paid for it, looking a few pounds too high afterwards. I thought he ran a good race over hurdles on his return last month but the handicapper dropped him 3lb. That left him on a good mark which he took advantage of at Aintree on Saturday. I have my eye on the Fixed Brush Hurdle at Haydock this month.

Capeland

4g Poliglote - Neiland Kathy Stuart 11-31 RPR 119h OR 122h Lovely individual. You didn't

see the best of him when he got off the mark over hurdles at Newton Abbot; he had a nightmare journey, being held up by an accident on the motorway, and got in a right old stress. I'm in no hurry to run him again, but the EBF Final at Sandown in the spring might suit. A future chaser so needs to be looked after.

Capitaine

4g Montmartre - Patte De Velour Martin Broughton and Friends 2 21-1 RPR 126b Gorgeous individual and I've liked him from day one. Has always shown us plenty at home, so I was staggered when he got beat first time. But he'd been a bit green and I probably hadn't been hard enough on him. We brought him back in the spring and he was very impressive in a Wincanton bumper. He had a simple task when we brought him back there for his hurdling debut on Saturday. We'll take it quietly for the time being and teach him to relax a bit more but I hope he develops into one of our leading novices.

Captain Buck's

4g Buck's Boum - Ombre Jaune Donlon and Doyle 313- RPR 109b Needed time to mature after he came from France. Made a winning start for us in a Taunton bumper on heavy ground before getting caught out on a much quicker surface there in April. Should be suited by 2m4f when he goes novice hurdling round the smaller tracks. Had a small setback recently but is over it now.

Cash Again

4g Great Pretender - Jeu De Lune JP McManus 12-4 RPR 110h OR - By the sire of Ptit Zig, who's been a legend for the yard,

and joined us after winning a bumper in the French provinces last November. He was backward at first but ran really well on his debut for us, probably trying to do the impossible giving 7lb to the smart Jenkins in a bumper at Newbury. I was slightly disappointed with his hurdling debut at Uttoxeter last month, when the ground was lively enough and he was found to have slightly sore shins the next day. Wants a bit of cut and to be given plenty of time.

Casko D'Airy

4g Voix Du Nord - Quaska D'Airy Ged Mason and Sir Alex Ferguson 12- RPR 112h OR - Big, galloping sort who I really like. You have only to look at him to see he's a future chaser, but judged on his bumper win and second at Auteuil in March he's well up to winning novice hurdles this winter, probably over 2m4f. His owner has stepped up his involvement in the game and this is one he can really look forward to.

Ceasar Milan

8g Milan - Standfast The Steward family 613/P95- RPR 140c OR 130c Goes hunter chasing with his main target Sandown's Grand Military Gold Cup in March.

Chameron

3g Laveron - Chamanka Peter Done, Sir Alex Ferguson, Ian Fogg and Ged Mason 11 RPR 135h OR - Our latest purchase is a really exciting prospect, although being a big, strong individual I must stress he isn't a Triumph Hurdle sort but a chaser of the future. He won the Listed Prix Finot at Auteuil on his debut - which has supplied us with some top-class horses. The form doesn't always work out but Chameron came out and won again at Auteuil six weeks later so he looks a nice addition to the team.

Choix Des Armes

4g Saint Des Saints - Kicka Mrs Johnny de la Hey Unraced RPR - OR - Bought privately in France as a three-year-old store, from the same yard as Capitaine. He's in box no.1, the one Kauto

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STABLE TOUR PAUL NICHOLLS

►►From page 3

Star and other occupied by top names such as Azertyuioip, but nothing should be read into that. I'm aware whoever is in that box has a label attached to him but in this case it was a matter of finding a big, airy box for this horse and it fitted the bill. That said, he is a lovely individual, who was in training last winter. He pleased us in a racecourse gallop with some of the better youngsters in the spring, but with the quicker ground I ran out of time to get an outing into him.

Clan Des Obeaux

4g Kapparde - Nausicaa Des Obeaux

Ged Mason, Sir Alex Ferguson, Mr and Mrs Paul Barber

1/126-4

RPR 134c OR -

Gorgeous, fine, big individual who I hope is going to develop into a decent novice chaser. You have only to look at him to see he wasn't a typical Triumph Hurdle horse but he ran well to finish sixth. Found the ground quick enough when third on his chasing debut over 2m4f; I couldn't make up my mind after whether he needed to go up in trip or down. Will have come on a lot for the experience - it was his fourth outing over obstacles - and can take advantage of the handy weight allowance four-year-olds get at this stage of the season, but needs a bit of time.

Clic Work

4g Network - Qape Noir

David Sewell and Terry Warner

5258-29

RPR 116h OR 117h

Very disappointing the other day at Ascot in a race he was entitled to win, having run well at Stratford and then been dropped 6lb. But, as I warned the owners beforehand, he never puts two good runs together and I still can't put my finger on the reason why. Will probably go chasing now.

Clo Sacre

4g Network - Legende Sacree

Ditchat Thoroughbreds

U-27

RPR 59b

Ran twice for Jack Barber in point-to-points and officially beaten a nose in the tightest of finishes at the Berkeley, although the commentator called him the winner and when I saw the video it looked as though the commentator was right. For whatever reason he was disappointing when reappearing in a Chepstow bumper last month; he looked a shade light in the paddock and maybe got a bit stressed. My advice is: put a line through it and we'll move forward. He remains a nice prospect.

Coastal Tiep

4g Coastal Path - Jaltiepy

Ditchat Thoroughbreds

B11

RPR 103b

Spent last season with Jack Barber and has the distinction of running twice in one day. He got carried out early in a maiden point-to-point and, none the worse for the experience, after sleeping for a couple of hours in the lorry came back out and won nicely. It's not often you see that happen, but we were confident

‘Dodging Bullets is crying out for longer trip now’

the early race hadn't had an adverse effect. I thought he might need the run when he made all to win his bumper at Chepstow last month and he goes novice hurdling.

Coillte Lass

5m Beneficial - Black Mariah

Ditchat Thoroughbreds

P2-11

RPR 105h OR -

Progressive Irish pointer in the spring and once she learned her job was an impressive winner at Dromahane. Got off the mark over hurdles at Hereford last month on good ground, although might be suited by a bit more cut. That should set her up for a good season in mares' events.

Connetable

4g Saint Des Saints - Montbresia

Dan Macdonald and Chris Giles

1/32100-

RPR 135h, OR 145h

Had decent form in France before we bought him. His first run here was delayed after he threw a splint but after a promising outing I chucked him in at the deep end in the Contenders Hurdle and he won nicely. He struggled on quicker ground in the spring, shaping as if he'd be well suited by a longer trip, so I'm expecting improvement once we step him up to 2m4f. Ready to run but just waiting for some rain. I've entered him in a four-year-old handicap at Auteuil on Sunday.

Contre Tous

4g Forestier - Orphee De Vonnas

Million In Mind Partnership

10224-

RPR 103h OR -

Has come from France with plenty of experience under his belt. He was making a noise in his work so we sent him for a breathing operation and he'll be ready to run from Christmas onwards. As he's yet to win over hurdles he should be easier to place, and the form of his latest run at Fontainebleau has worked out, with the horse who finished just in front of him going on to finish third to Footpad in France's Champion Four-Year-Old Hurdle. If he gives his partnership half the fun they had with Le Prezien last season we'll all be happy.

Copain De Classe

4g Enrique - Toque Rouge

Kyle, Stewart, Vogt and Wylie

1F-3

RPR 120h OR -

I love this horse - as a model he'd be one of my favourites - but he's a massive individual who has taken time to fill his frame. Didn't like the soft

STAR QUALITY

Cliffs Of Dover

3g Canford Cliffs - Basanti

Mr and Mrs John Cotton

131111

RPR 138h OR 140h

An absolute revelation. He was just a modest maiden on the Flat when John Cotton rang me and said, 'See if you can win a little race over jumps with him, and if you do I'll buy you dinner at Le Gavroche'. He duly won a little race, at Worcester, should have followed up next time, and has rattled off another four wins in the space of a fortnight. Every race he's come back without losing a single kilo. After Wetherby I know we have a serious prospect on our hands; what a shame three-year-olds can't be entered in handicaps like the Greatwood and the Ladbroke. We'll either take him to Cheltenham this weekend or wait for Doncaster next month. Then I'll train him for the Triumph - I'd be mad not to. He's very smart.

ground on his only run for us last November and it was clear he needed plenty of time to develop so that's what we've given him. Looks a different animal to 12 months ago and is up to winning over hurdles judged on his Chepstow third, where he just needed it after I'd left him slightly short of work. Will improve a ton for that run.

Coup De Pinceau

4g Buck's Boum - Castagnette

Colm Donlon

1-1

RPR 116b OR -

I'm a big fan of the sire, who is a brother to Big Buck's. This one is nicely bred on the dam's side, too, as he's a half-brother to Nicky Henderson's good mare Une Artiste. Bought as an unraced three-year-old in France, he had a short spell with Jack Barber and we hadn't done much with him before he won his bumper debut in the spring. Came out and won again at Ascot last month and now goes novice hurdling, where 2m4f should suit. He's schooled nicely.

Crin Au Vent

4g Laveron - Tentative

Deborah Webb

4414-

RPR 119h OR 133h

Arrived on the back of a good

win at Auteuil but ran poorly on his only outing for us and clearly wasn't right. We've given him time and I'm very hopeful he'll prove a different proposition this season, when he'll have one run over hurdles before going chasing.

Cyrname

4g Nickname - Narquille

Mrs Johnny de la Hey

521-

RPR - OR -

One I'm really looking forward to. We bought him after he bolted up in a hurdle at Pau in January. He was very light when he joined us and a tearaway on the gallops, so we've concentrated on getting him to settle. He works in a hood and is more relaxed now but he may benefit from a run or two just to help him settle even better. For that reason we'll take our time and feel our way with him, but he's a horse with a big future I have no doubt, especially over fences.

Dark Invader

4g Saint Des Saints - Minirose

Walters Plant Hire

Unraced

RPR - OR -

Pedigree catches the eye as he's a brother to Irish Saint. We had him last year but he was too backward to race and he's only just back so won't be out until the second half of the season.

Darling Maltaix

3g Voix Du Nord - Rosalie Malta

Mrs Johnny de la Hey

1

RPR - OR -

Showed nice turn of foot to win a 1m4f bumper at Vichy in July. He'll need time as he has growing to do but he should be out around Christmas. I'm a big fan of his sire.

Diego Du Charmil

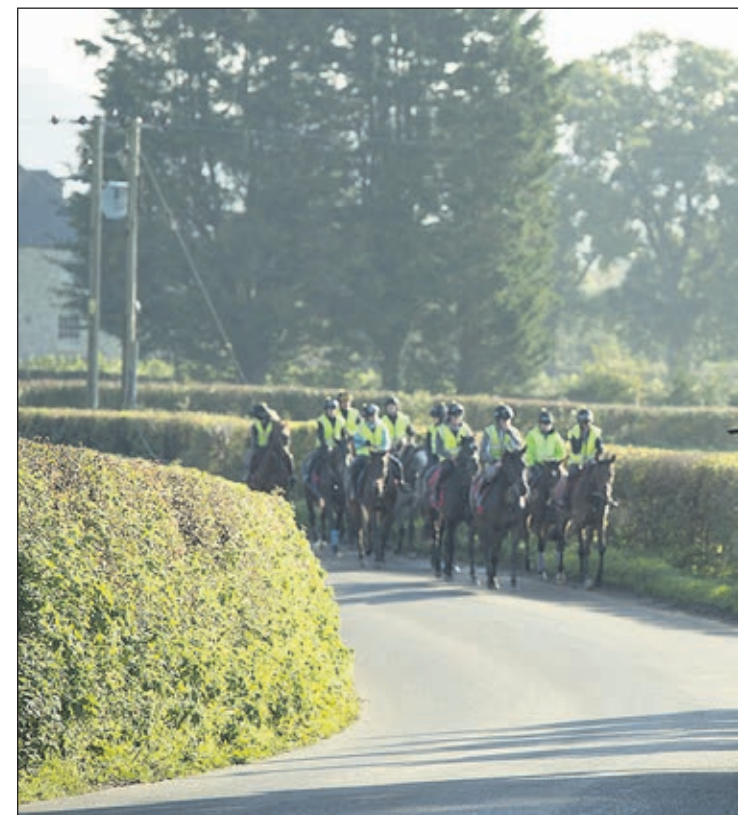
4g Ballingarry - Daramour

Mrs Johnny de la Hey

2214-19

RPR 143h OR 141h

I'm kicking myself for running our Fred Winter winner at Ascot nine days ago. We were going to wait for Cheltenham this weekend but I was persuaded to ignore my gut feeling and it turned out to be too soon after Chepstow as he ran too free. At least we now know he needs a good gap between races and will be suited to running off the back of plenty of hard work. So put a line through Ascot, we'll freshen him up and find a suitable target. Like a lot of my second-season four-year-olds, this will be a fill-in season and I'll mind him accordingly



STAR QUALITY

Dodging Bullets

8g Dubawi - Nova Cyngi

Martin Broughton and friends

11/273-3

RPR 173c OR 163c

The Haldon Gold Cup last week was an ideal starting point, although I always knew he'd find the ground quick enough over that trip [2m1½f] and he ran accordingly. He definitely needs further than 2m now. We've had a clear run with him this autumn, whereas last season was a complete nightmare. He developed a bad splint that kept him off until the Game Spirit where he ran okay but not as well as I'd expected. He ran no sort of a race in the Champion Chase but was better in the 2m Celebration Chase, staying on from an unpromising position in the manner of a horse who is crying out for further. So future plans will revolve around races like the Amlin Chase and the Peterborough, and I've given him an entry in the King George.

as he'll make a smashing two-mile chaser in a season's time.

Dolos

3g Kapparde - Redowa

Mrs Johnny de la Hey

312

RPR 127h OR -

He bolted up at Chepstow on his first run for us, and although the runner-up hasn't boosted the form he left me quite excited. For his second run it was a toss-up between a 20-grand race at Cheltenham next weekend or going to France yesterday for a race worth €270,000. The prize-money at Auteuil made it a no-brainer and he ran very well, picking up nearly £26,000 for third. Could now go to Cheltenham's December meeting or the Finale Hurdle.

Dreamcatching

3g Al Namix - New Zealand

Paul Vogt and Ian Fogg

183

RPR 114h

Has just joined us, having been third on his only hurdles run in a valuable race for unraced three-year-olds at Auteuil last month. I'm in no rush with him but he looks a useful addition to our juvenile squad.

Dynamite Dollars

3g Buck's Boum - Macadoun

Michael Geoghegan

Unraced

RPR - OR -

Lovely youngster and I really like him. The day I bought him we'd watched him school at Moulins racecourse in central France, so I knew he jumps well. Could start around a month from now in a juvenile bumper or over hurdles and is one to watch out for.

Earthmoves

6g Antarctique - Red Rym

Roger Penny

3P12/P-3

RPR 130h OR 129h

Ptit Zig's half-brother was very disappointing on his only start last season and then suffered a minor hind tendon injury that kept him off for the rest of the campaign. There was lots of encouragement in his reappearance at Sandown yesterday, and he'll now go chasing.

El Bandit

5g Milan - Bonnie Parker

Colm Donlon, Barry Fulton and Richard Webb

31-1111

RPR 140h OR 139h

'Rome wasn't built in a day', so the saying goes, and he's a good example. He was mentally so immature to start with, 18 months ago he finished last in a Wincanton bumper. But such has been his staggering rate of improvement he has won his last five outings over hurdles. I ran him again a bit quick at Cheltenham last time but got away with it. What do I do now? It's a choice between the Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury, to see where we stand, and the Fixed



Second lot walk to the start of the hill gallop at Ditcheat

DARK HORSE

Favorito Buck's

4g Buck's Boum - Sangrilla
Mrs Johnny de la Hey
1P3-
RPR 121h OR 137h
Arrived from France this time last year with a big reputation after winning the Prix Finot, an important newcomers' race at Auteuil, but so far hasn't lived up to it. That Finot form hasn't worked out either. He took a long time to come to hand last season and disappointed at Kempton and Newbury. So we've been patient with him and the next 12 months could be fill-in time before he goes chasing. It's a pity he's not a novice for this season and he'll have to contest handicap hurdles, but he needs to relax a bit more before we start to see him show his true potential. I'm in no rush with him but I like him a lot.

Brush Hurdle at Haydock. He'll make a lovely chaser, although to switch now would probably be a year too soon.

Far West

7g Poliglote - Far Away Girl
Axom XXXIX
221241/
RPR 150c, OR 150c
Is on the way back from a tendon injury. A thoroughly likeable individual, he's showing plenty of sparkle in his work, although on 150 he doesn't look well handicapped. He should be dropped a few pounds for the time off.

Frodon

4g Nickname - Miss Country
Paul Vogt and Ian Fogg
185-111
RPR 136c OR 146c
Sharp, handy sort who has taken very well to fences and looks a classy novice. Provided he comes out of Saturday's Grade 2 win at Wincanton in good shape we're going to be bold and aim him at Saturday's BetVictor Gold Cup. He wasn't certain to get in, so we ran him two days ago to try to get a 5lb penalty, which will be offset by Harry Cobden's 3lb allowance, and he should get a run now. Of course it's a hard race to win with a novice, and no four-year-old has ever triumphed, but horses of his age still get a

handy weight allowance at this stage of the season. Considering he hadn't properly acclimatised over here last season, he ran very well when winning the Victor Ludorum at Haydock and wasn't at all disgraced in the Triumph Hurdle. But having shown promise over fences in France he was always going to be a chaser.

Garò De Juille

4g Ungaro - Lucy De Juille
Ditcheat Thoroughbreds
5
RPR 107h
Showed progressive form in middle-distance handicaps in France last year. Was green and ran a bit free when fifth on his hurdling debut; he needs a lot more schooling on grass and will appreciate soft going. Needs time and likely to be a better horse in the spring.

Gibbes Bay

4g Al Namix - Nouvelle Donne
The Gi Gi Syndicate
1-
RPR 106b
Tom Malone fell in love with him and bought him at the Cheltenham breeze-up sale. He was a big, backward sort who took time to come to hand last season so I was pleasantly surprised when he became the fourth of our four winners on

Scottish National day. I don't intend rushing him but he's working really nicely and is ready to make his hurdling debut any day now. Needs a bit more schooling first.

Give Me A Copper

6g Presenting - Copper Supreme
Done, Ferguson, Kyle, Mason and Wood
11-
RPR 126b OR -
I love this one. Comes from a good family and is half-brother to Copper Bleu, a smart hurdler Philip Hobbs trained. He's done nothing wrong, winning his Irish maiden point-to-point impressively last year and hosing up in a bumper in the spring, before he joined us. He just took a bit of time to acclimatise, but is working and schooling well now in preparation for a season novice hurdling, and is ready to run. We just want a bit of cut.

Great Try

7g Scorpion - Cherry Pie
Trevor Hemmings
42312/9
RPR 132h, OR 130h
Had a season off due to a tendon injury. Came in later than the others and found the ground too quick when ninth at Aintree on his comeback. Hasn't been himself since

and I can't rush him. When he's ready to resume, he'll be chasing on soft ground.

Hawkhurst

6g Flemensfirth - Silaoce
JP McManus
1/2U6F-3
RPR 130h OR 124h
Has been green and backward and things didn't go right for him last season. Ran a strange race on his return, running in snatches, and still needs to mature. I'm sure there is a little race in him somewhere.

High Secret

5g High Chaparral - Secret
Question
Axom LXV
121405- (Flat form)
RPR 100f
Winning stayer on the Flat for Sir Mark Prescott and bought at last year's Horses-in-Training sales at Newmarket. Met with a setback last season so has yet to see the track for us. Is taking plenty of work and will go novice hurdling in about six weeks.

Ibis Du Rheu

5g Blue Bresil - Dona Du Rheu
John and Lisa Hales
4/23518-
RPR 146h OR 146h
He'd been knocking at the door and was looking a bit frustrating over hurdles before coming good under a fine ride from Jack Sherwood in the boys' race at Cheltenham. He's always been a chaser in appearance so that will be his job now and, judging from what I've seen in schooling sessions, fences won't be a problem. He's taking forever to get fit, just like last season.

Irish Saint

7g Saint Des Saints - Minirose
Mrs Johnny de la Hey
312143/
RPR 160c OR 152c
Has Graded form over hurdles and fences but forced to sit out last season with minor injury. He's been back in work since July and the signs are he has retained his ability so the plan is to go for good 3m handicap chases, but we badly need rain. Could have a National entry.

Irving

8g Singspiel - Indigo Girl
Axom XLIX
2P/1164-
RPR 158h OR 156h
A nightmare to train; when he's right he's brilliant but

plenty of frustrations along the way. At his best in the autumn, so the aim was to have him spot-on for first half of the season, but he's taken a while to come to himself. Coming together nicely now and will get entries for Haydock on Betfair Chase day and Fighting Fifth. Will want soft ground or stepping up to 2m4f.

Jessber's Dream

6m Milan - Maddy's Supreme
Ditcheat Thoroughbreds
112212-
RPR 143h OR 139h
Lovely addition to the team, and a great one for the exciting Ditcheat Thoroughbreds syndicate. She had classy form for Harry Fry last season, winning a Grade 2 and second in a Grade 1 at Fairyhouse. It's going to be hard to improve on what Harry has done with her, but there are stacks of valuable mares' races she can go for and I've got my eye on a Listed race at Kempton on November 21 for starters. She's likely to stay hurdling this season.

Just A Par

9g Island House - Thebrownhen
Paul Barber and Exors of Graham Roach
1/09202-
RPR 156c OR 150c
Doesn't like winter ground and I was getting him ready for the Hennessy when he bruised a foot. We're now running out of time to get him out before the ground turns. He takes a while to come to hand and is at his best in the spring - or, to be more accurate, on the last day of the season, as he won the bet365 Gold Cup two years ago and was desperately unlucky not to do the double last April. Under a fantastic ride from young Harry Cobden he was in front a stride before the line and a stride after it. We'll concentrate on getting him back for the spring, when his targets will again be the bet365 Gold Cup and the Irish National. The Irish race is worth an awful lot this season and the track and likely good ground, will suit him. He's had two goes over the big Aintree fences but he doesn't like them.

Keltus

6g Keltos - Regina D'Orthe
Colm Donlon and Luise Scott-MacDonald
212312
RPR 145c OR 141c
So consistent and ran the race

of his life at Cheltenham last time. Having been on the go all summer he's off on a break; when he resumes he won't be so easy to place now he's no longer eligible for 0-140s.

Lac Fontana

7g Shirocco - Fontaine Riant
Axom LIX
1/43490/
RPR 149h OR 146h
Our 2014 County Hurdle winner is on the way back from a tendon injury. He's working hard but wants lots more graft with a view to resuming in December. May have one run over hurdles before we embark on a chasing career.

Le Prezien

5g Blue Bresil - Abu Dhabi
JP McManus
11212-2
RPR 149c OR 146c
I was thrilled with his first run over fences at Uttoxeter in what looked a hot contest; we had to start somewhere and I was searching for some decent ground. He jumped great and will come on for it as JP's horses returned to Ditcheat a bit later than the others. I have yet to discuss with him and Frank Berry where we go next but he should have a really good season as a novice chaser.

Lifeboat Mona

6m Kayf Tara - Astar Love
Axom LV
130/1P1-
RPR 127h OR 127h
Hasn't been the easiest to train but she's a decent mare when she's right. When she disappointed at Taunton in December we had quite a few who were wrong at the time. She had a little hiccup in the spring, so we gave her time off and I'm sure the owners can look forward to some fun with her when she's on song. She'll have a run over hurdles and then go chasing.

Lou Vert

4g Vertigneux - Lourinha
Graham Brooks, Peter Done, Sir Alex Ferguson, Jeremy Kyle, Ged Mason and Andy Stewart
3/45-3
RPR 112h OR 122h
I've had a nightmare getting him right - he's been beset with all sorts of niggling little problems and I never had him where I wanted last season. He had a breathing operation in the summer and after his

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STABLE TOUR PAUL NICHOLLS

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third at Fakenham last month he was dropped 5lb which means he can run in the 0-125 novice handicap hurdle at Cheltenham this weekend. He jumps fences well.

Modus

6g Motivator - Alessandra
JP McManus
11300-3
RPR 142h OR 140h

I was thrilled with his third at Ascot nine days ago when he showed a lot more zest than at the end of last season. I felt he just needed it and he'll come on for the run. He'd been well beaten when we upped him in grade in the Betfair Hurdle and County Hurdle but I think the ground is quite important to him; he doesn't want it too soft. He's in the Greatwood this weekend, although there are no definite plans. He jumps fences well at home so that might come into consideration.

Mon Parrain

10g Trempolino - Kadaina
David Maxwell Racing Ltd
150/302-
RPR 162c OR 141c

Gave his owner a great ride in a valuable veterans' race at Ascot in April and the aim is to get him qualified for the Cheltenham Foxhunter.

Mont Des Avaloirs

3g Blue Bresil - Abu Dhabi
Mrs Johnny de la Hey
Unraced
RPR - OR -
Well bred, being a brother to

'Fixed Brush is an option for Old Guard'

Le Prezien. Joined us in the spring after doing some pre-training in France and is one to look out for in a bumper in the spring.

More Buck's

6g Presenting - Buck's Blue
The Stewart family
P3/313-12
RPR 124c OR 122c

Missed a year with a minor leg injury, but showed in his work that he had matured during the time off. We fancied him when he won a novice handicap chase at Fontwell off a decent-looking mark. Returned off 6lb higher yesterday and seemed to blow up going to the last, so I may have been a bit too kind on him since Fontwell. May be out again next Sunday..

Morito Du Berlais

7g Turgeon - Chica Du Berlais
Exors of Graham Roach
3261/73-
RPR 144h OR 140h

Put up a career-best at last year's Paddy Power meeting but was forced to miss the rest of the season with a tendon

injury. He'll resume in staying novice chases in a month.

Movewiththetimes

5g Presenting - Dare To Venture
JP McManus
1-1

RPR 125h OR -
Real old-fashioned chasing type, one of my favourites. He'd been working as well as any of our good crop of bumper horses in the spring so I can't say I was surprised when he won at Wincanton; the form was boosted by the runner-up at Aintree two days ago. Was very professional on his hurdling debut at Fontwell last month; he looked a bit on the burly side - that's just the way he is - and he's entitled to come on for the run. He'll be out again in the next fortnight and I expect him to do nothing but progress.

Mr Mix

5g Al Namix - Royale Surabaya
Dan Macdonald and Ian Fogg
/3312F-5
RPR 143h OR 139h
Ran very well on his return

in the Tote Silver Trophy; if the ground had been a bit slower he'd have gone close to winning. Wants softer and will hopefully get it when he goes for the Fixed Brush Hurdle at Haydock. Last season he suffered a heavy fall in the boys' race at Cheltenham and wasn't done with at the time. He came back from the festival a bit battered and bruised, so we had a few problems to put right. As he showed at Chepstow he's fine now.

Nexius

7g Catcher In The Rye - Nicolaia
Owners Group 012
/41P2-96

RPR 140c 142h OR 132c 134h
He's a bit soft and doesn't seem to like jumping fences. He's been back over hurdles this season, when we fitted blinkers, but he ran too free and didn't get home over 2m7f last time. Is probably best at around 2m4f. He's slipping down the weights and there's a handicap in him somewhere, over hurdles or fences. We'll try him again over hurdles at Kempton today. I've yet to try him in blinkers over fences.

Old Guard

5g Notnowcato - Dolma
The Brooks and Stewart families and
Jeremy Kyle
/1114-P1

RPR 131c, OR -
He must have jumped 100 fences at home without any problem and then sod's law he goes to Newton Abbot and gets no further than the first. I knew the owners were still

keen to go to Cheltenham this weekend so I ran him again quite quick at Exeter, where he was a bit careful before stepping into the fourth-last, and Nick Scholfield did well to get him back up to win. He came back a bit sore and although now back in work this weekend is not on the agenda. He needs more schooling and experience but he'll get there. I've given him an entry in the Fixed Brush Hurdle at Haydock as an option.

One More Hero

5g Milan - Class Society
Highclere Thoroughbred Racing
P-1 (pointing form)

RPR - OR -
Big, strong, chasing sort who looked a decent staying prospect when winning a maiden point-to-point at Dromahane. He's recently had a breathing operation so won't be out until January, when he should have no difficulty winning a novice hurdle. Nice long-term prospect.

One Night In Milan

3g Milan - Native Mo
Ditcheat Thoroughbreds
Unraced

RPR - OR -
Well-bred youngster who I love. He's a half-brother to Colin Tizzard's Hennessy favourite Native River and to a horse who won on his hurdling debut at Downpatrick last month. We might give him one run in a point-to-point before an outing in a bumper.

Orbasa

5g Full Of Gold - Ierbasa De
Kerpaul
Ditcheat Thoroughbreds
31422-P

RPR 144c OR 135c
Didn't join us until halfway through last season and quickly made his mark; he only just got beat when we upped him in grade at Ayr on his final start. Got as fat as anything over the summer and it's taken a long time to get the weight off. Judging by the way he ran at Aintree on Saturday we've still got a fair way to go and he'll have some serious graft before we run him again.

Overland Flyer

5g Westener - Love Train
Colm Donlon
211- (pointing form)

RPR - OR -
Won two point-to-points for Jack Barber - the form looks useful - and had a soft-palate operation in the summer so is a bit behind the others. Looks as if he'll want 3m over hurdles.

Pacha Du Polder

9g Muhtathir - Ambri Piotta
The Stewart family
156-334

RPR 154c, OR 137c
Is enjoying a spell out hunting and will be back for a couple of hunter chases in the spring,

hopefully ending up in the Fox Hunters' at Aintree.

Peak To Peak

4g Authorized - Bayourida
Mrs Johnny de la Hey and Jeremy
Kyle
1- (Flat form)

RPR -
I took him out at Ascot nine days ago as he's a big horse and I was worried about the quickening ground. He joined us before Christmas, having won his only start on the Flat in the French provinces at Le Pin Au Haras. We like what we've seen this autumn and I've been very pleased with his work. 2m4f should suit over hurdles and he'll be out as soon as we get a bit of cut.

Persian Delight

6g Lucarno - Persian Walk
Hypnotised
17/2

RPR 119h
Had good bumper form before being forced to miss last season after a small hole was discovered in his tendon. I was delighted with his hurdling debut at Chepstow last month, his first outing for 18 months, and he was unlucky not to win. He jumped the last fractionally slower than the winner and it cost him. The form could turn out to be good and I hope he'll go one better next time. He's a lovely prospect.

Pilansberg

4g Rail Link - Posteritas
Martin Broughton and Friends 3
7-1

RPR 118h OR -
He'd shown form at Group level as a stayer on the Flat in France last year but he had a tough season with ten outings and obviously needed time to get over it as he disappointed on his only run in the Adonis. He's since been gelded and had a breathing operation but he's a big green baby who is better than he looked when winning an ordinary novice hurdle at Fakenham. Still not as fit as I want and we may see the best



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STAR QUALITY

Le Mercurey

6g Nickname - Feroe
Chris Giles and Colm Donlon
3P381-3

RPR 160c OR 152c
Ever since the day he came back in we targeted Down Royal two days ago and although he couldn't give us another win in that Grade 2 he still ran okay. I always saw him as a decent chaser in the making and he enjoyed a good first season over fences. He went a couple of lengths clear going to the last in the Grade 2 Reynoldstown but then ran a bit idle and half pulled himself up on the flat, so we stuck the blinkers on at Ayr and he won the Future Champions Novices' Chase impressively. He doesn't appear to like Cheltenham, having been beaten three times there, and seems to be better on a flatter tracks. I think there's a big one in him somewhere along the line this season. May appreciate being stepped back up to 3m.

STAR QUALITY

Marracudja

5g Martaline - Memorial
Ditcheat Thoroughbreds
132P-11

RPR 150c OR 147c
He's been mustered in two starts over fences. The plan was always to get him out early and hope he might become a flagbearer for Ian Fogg's new syndicate, Ditcheat Thoroughbreds, and he's already performed the role nicely. Considering he proved well suited by a flat track over hurdles it was good to see him win at Cheltenham, although being a front-runner I don't think he's an Arkle horse, so our plan is the Henry VIII at Sandown next, followed possibly by Kempton over Christmas, then a break before coming back for Aintree in the spring. He reminds me very much of Twist Magic and, I know this is flying high, but my sights are set on the 2017 Tingle Creek Chase with him.

of him when he's handicapping later in the season. Might benefit from headgear.

Politologue

5g Poliglote - Scarlet Row
John and Lisa Hales
21U210-
RPR 141h OR 139h

I predict a big future for him over fences and I don't think there's much to choose between him and Aux Prits Soins. He did well in his first season for us, ploughing through the mud to win a Grade 2 novice hurdle at Exeter. He was down the field in the Coral Cup but had no luck in running and was over the top so we can put a line through that run. Doing very well physically and has really impressed me at home this autumn, so now he has to do it on the track. He's ready to run.

Port Melon

8g Presenting - Omyl Supreme
David Maxwell Racing Ltd
3/1362-5
RPR 144c OR 138c

Has been bought by his new owner to go hunter chasing.

Present Man

6g Presenting - Glen's Gale
Woodhouse and Sutton
242-21U
RPR 136c OR 132c

Has been very backward for most of his life, but I knew it was only a matter of time before he got off the mark over fences and after changing hands over the summer he went and won at Wincanton, although the form wasn't worth much. As the owners' firm sponsors the Badger Ales Chase we went back to Wincanton on Saturday but he got no further than the second. Loves good ground and sure to give connections some fun when getting his ideal conditions.

Qualando

5g Lando - Qualite Controlee
Kathy Stuart
82020-3
RPR 136c OR -

Has always looked as if fences would be the making of him and I knew we would be marking time with him in his second season over hurdles. On what I saw at Cheltenham the other day he's going to make a nice staying chaser. He didn't have the pace to be fully effective over 2m4f and wants stepping up to 3m.

Rainy City

6g Kalanisi - Erintante
Sir Alex Ferguson, Ged Mason, Ron Wood and Peter Done
13-1122
RPR 133c OR -

After winning two novice hurdles over the summer he switched to fences last time and ran okay, although returning with a cut. He's ready to resume again and will stay on the go while the ground remains on the quick side. Doesn't want it soft.

Rebel Rebellion

11g Lord Americo - Tourmaline
Girl
Woodhouse and Sutton
4121P7/
RPR 160c, OR 154c

Back after a season off with a leg injury. He's been a grand servant over the years and is now going hunter chasing,

STAR QUALITY

Ptit Zig

7g Great Pretender - Red Rym
Chris Giles and Barry Fulton
U21-413
RPR 160h OR 158h

He's been an absolute star for us. Having impressed me in a racecourse gallop at Chepstow last month, he went back to France on Saturday seeking a third Grade 1 victory at Auteuil in the Grand Prix d'Automne and he ran another sound race in third. Although he'd shown decent form as a chaser - he's won three times at Grade 2 level - Ptit Zig has never been a particularly fluent jumper of fences and ended up on the deck on a few occasions, so we brought him back to hurdling in January and after what he has done in France it's safe to say he stick to hurdles now. He finished fourth in the Barka, the main trial for the French Champion Hurdle, shaping as if a pair of blinkers might help him to concentrate a bit better, so we stuck the blinds on in the big one three weeks later and he won it nicely. His second big target in the first half of the season is the Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot. He's now won around £335,000 over hurdles in France and while he can pick up good money over there I don't see any point in going back chasing with him.

with the Aintree Fox Hunters' his main objective.

Red Hanrahan

5g Yeats - Monty's Sister
Mr and Mrs John Cotton
1/F831P-
RPR 131h OR 130h

Not straightforward but a horse with ability. Took a long time to get over his Wetherby fall, where he was all set to win easily and finally came good nearly six months later at Fontwell. Slipped up in the yard the other day which has just held him up a bit, but will be back to contest novice chases on soft ground.

Rocky Creek

10g Dr Massini - Kissantell
The Johnson and Stewart families
40P3-64
RPR 165c OR 146c

Had been working fantastic before we took him to Chepstow, where we thought he'd win, but he never went a yard. Now I may be clutching at straws here but I looked up his form and most of his best runs have been going right-handed, so I expected better at Sandown yesterday and he showed more encouragement. Probably wants further and softer ground and he could run back there in their National in December. The aim is to get him qualified for the £100,000 veterans' final back at Sandown in January. He's clearly been hiding his light under a bushel and I sent him out on a day's hunting last week with the Blackmoor & Sparkford Vale.

Romain De Senam

4g Saint Des Saints - Salvatrixe
Dan Macdonald and Chris Giles
132525-
RPR 139h, OR 139h

Another of our good crop of four-year-olds, he's tough and genuine and ran a massive race in the Fred Winter when touched off by our other runner Diego Du Charmil. He had a breathing operation not long ago so is a bit behind the others and won't be ready for another three weeks. Stays over hurdles and wants further than 2m, so could be interesting when we up him in trip.

Rouge Devils

5g Scorpion - Penny's Dream
Sir Alex Ferguson, Ged Mason, Ron Wood and Peter Done
F11-311
RPR 120h OR -

Has surprised me a bit with his improvement this autumn and won two novice hurdles. He was due to run again at Exeter last week but we discovered he was suffering from sore shins; he's still a bit immature. He won two point-to-points last season for Jack Barber and when he resumes in the spring he'll go novice chasing.

Ruben Cotter

10g Beneficial - Bonnie Thynnes
Exors of Graham Roach
15/001-5
RPR 148c OR 142c

Fragile and doesn't stand a lot of racing nowadays but still decent at his best. Was put up 8lb to a career-high mark for winning at Chepstow in April and is hiding nothing from the handicapper so is one for the young lads to claim off. Waiting for soft ground.

Saintemilion

3g Diamond Green - Matakana
Kathy Stuart and Terry Warner
241F4
RPR 123h, OR -

Hasn't been here long. He won a hurdle in the French provinces at Nancy in July and was a close fourth in a £50,000 contest at Auteuil in September. Lean and light when he arrived, he's doing okay now and should be ready around Christmas. Isn't a plot horse or anything like that, but could be a Fred Winter type.

San Benedeto

5g Layman - Cinco Baidy
Paul Vogt
65-1142
RPR 144c OR 140c

Won his first two starts over fences, needed the run at Newton Abbot after a break and ran well at Ascot in first-time cheekpieces. Nick Scholfield says he'll be better with a bigger field where he gets cover rather than small-field novice chases and there may be a nice handicap in him.

San Satiro

5g Milan - Longueville Quest
The Manor Syndicate
R1-1
RPR - OR -

Comes from the family of Gold Cup winner The Dikler. Won two point-to-points for Jack Barber in the spring and from what I have seen he should stay well. Ready to run once the ground eases and is the type to improve over the season.

STAR QUALITY

Silsol

7g Soldier Hollow - Silveria
Michelle and Dan Macdonald
3132-81
RPR 159h 154c OR 158h 147c

What a legend! He just doesn't know how to run a bad race over hurdles. He's never been a natural jumper of fences but ever since we switched him back to hurdles in February he's put up a string of really good efforts - all bar at Auteuil in June when he was over the top. Judged on what I saw at Wetherby nine days ago in the West Yorkshire Hurdle he could end up a player in the World Hurdle. We'll go the usual route, taking in the Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury followed by the Long Walk. His latest win was great for Jack Sherwood, who gets on so well with him.

Saphir Du Rheu

7g Al Namix - Dona Du Rheu
The Stewart family
55665-3
RPR 168c OR 153c

There were a lot of positives to take out of his Ascot return and the run should help put him spot on for the Hennessy. What was most encouraging was he stayed on all the way to the line which was a contrast to last season when he was stopping abruptly. He looked as big as a bull beforehand and I did warn everyone about that, so I was amazed at how he shortened up in the betting. I had him fairly fit but he's still carrying too much weight and I need to get another 10kg off before Newbury. I must admit this time last year I thought he was going to go to the top over fences but I was probably guilty of over-rating him. Looking back, running in last year's Hennessy off 163 was a big ask and he'll go there in 19 days on a much more realistic mark, 10lb lower. I hope he's going to be competitive in the big staying handicaps and I could see him developing into a National horse.

Secret Investor

4g Kayf Tara - Silver Charming
Hills of Ledbury
1 (pointing form)
RPR - OR -

I keep looking at him and can't believe he's a four-year-old - you want to see the size of him! From a good family, he jumped well when winning his only Irish point-to-point in style. At home he does everything right but I need to allow him time to fill his frame so we don't rush him. Will make his hurdling debut as soon as we get rain.

Selfcontrol

5g Al Namix - L'Ascension
The Brooks, Stewart families and Jeremy Kyle
Unraced
RPR - OR -

Little problems caused him to miss last season. The plan is to give him one run in a bumper and then go novice hurdling.

Sirabad

6g Astarabad - Maille Sissi
Mr and Mrs Mark Woodhouse
1/P2374-
RPR 131c OR 125c

Disappointed last year and let us down big time; he was placed over fences but didn't find much off the bridle. Since been sold and the aim is to give his connections a bit of fun.

Southfield Theatre

8g King's Theatre - Chamoss
Royale
Angela Yeoman
2/34B4-F
RPR 159c OR 147c

He went to Wincanton on Saturday in really good order and came to win his race when coming down at the last. He'd been a bit low at a few fences and just needs to brush up on his jumping. Last season was something of a disaster. We never had him right in the autumn, when he twice ran poorly, but he came back in the spring and was travelling really well when brought down at the festival. If he'd had a proper prep under his belt he would have finished closer than fourth in the bet365 Gold Cup. I am sure there is a big race to be won with him and he'll get entries in all the valuable staying handicaps. Could be a National horse, either this season or next.

Southfield Vic

7g Old Vic - Chamoss Royale
Angela Yeoman
4-71102
RPR 143c 148h OR 138c 140h

Lacks a bit of scope for fences so has done well to win a couple of staying novice chases and ran really well at Exeter last week. Hates soft so will be on a break at some point before resuming in the spring.

Tagrita

8m King's Theatre - Double Dream
Axom XLVIII
86/6117-
RPR 136h OR 135h

We've done well with the few mares we have at the moment and this one has made a good contribution. She struck up a good partnership with Harry Cobden, the pair winning two handicap hurdles at Wincanton, and we might mix and match hurdling and chasing this winter. All her five wins have been gained going right-handed, on soft or heavy ground.

The Eaglehaslanded

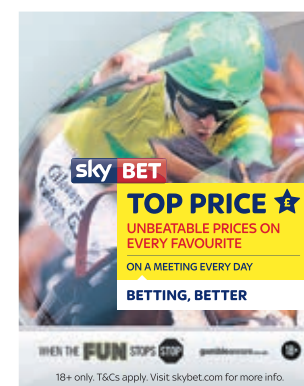
6g Milan - Vallee Doree
Angela Tincknell and W Tincknell
24P11-8
RPR 140h OR 142h

Showed progressive form over hurdles and came good in the spring before we went to the well once too often at Haydock. Reappears in the 3m handicap hurdle at Cheltenham this week then switches to fences, where I expect him to do well provided we place him right and stay away from the Grade 1 tracks. Best on good ground.

The Happy Chappy

5g Flemensfirth - Native Design
Exors of Graham Roach
1-1
RPR -, OR -

Two from two in points for Jack Barber and is now with us to go novice hurdling. We're in no rush and it's early days but we like what we see.



The Last But One

4g Kutub - Last Hope
Jockey Club Ownership South West 1 2
RPR - OR -

Showed promise in a bumper run for Gordon Elliott. Hasn't been here long and we're just starting to step him up in his work, but I like what I've seen.

Tommy Silver

4g Silver Cross - Sainte Mante
Done, Ferguson, Mason and Wood
2173-5
RPR 138h OR 138h

I'm kicking myself for having run him at Ffos Las last month after the going changed to good to soft as he wants better ground. He lacked the experience for a race like the Triumph last season but didn't run badly in seventh. He's still a bit immature and we're going to have to be patient but I wouldn't mind betting he'll pick up a decent handicap hurdle, probably in the spring.

Topofthegame

4g Flemensfirth - Derry Vale
Chris Giles
1- (pointing form)
RPR - OR -

Huge individual - the best part of 17 hands. Impressive winner of his only point-to-point in Ireland, he's been quite green and backward and we're going to have to look after him when he goes novice hurdling.

Touch Kick

5g Presenting - Bay Pearl
Trevor Hemmings
1-
RPR 111b OR -

Trevor Hemmings won both divisions of the bumper at Wincanton's in April and they are both lovely prospects. This one hadn't even had a gallop on grass beforehand, so he should improve for the experience. He hasn't long had a breathing operation so has been a bit behind the others, and he needed it when we gave him another bumper run at Aintree on Saturday. He'll go novice hurdling.

Trevisani

4g Dubawi - Geminiani
Mrs D Thompson
1-44118
RPR 91

Arrived last week; he won three times on the Flat for David Lanigan at up to 2m. We'll give him plenty of time to settle into our routine so it will be some time before he's seen.

Two Hoots

5g Tikkanen - Supreme Beneficial
CCM Partnership
3
RPR 95b, OR -

Well related on the dam's side, and with winning stayers in his

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STABLE TOUR PAUL NICHOLLS

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pedigree it wasn't surprising he was outpaced when third in a bumper on his debut in May. Goes novice hurdling.

Ulick Du Lin

8g Sassanian - Miss Fast
Mrs Johnny de la Hey
9226-70

RPR 147c OR 140c

They went too quick for him over 2m1f at Ascot on his latest run and he said 'no thank-you', then he sulked and looked after himself. We'll have to go up in trip next time. Not well handicapped but there should be a nice race in him.

Unioniste

8g Dom Alco - Gleep Will

John and Lisa Hales
03120-0

RPR 161c OR 148c

Seems to have been around the place for years; he's won at least once every season since we've had him. He was always behind at Chepstow first time up; it was good ground and he wants it a lot softer. We plan to take him back for the Welsh National, but I can't help feeling he's too high in the handicap. Not the most straightforward of rides but Nick Scholfield has formed a good partnership with him and they won a nice prize at Kelso. His jumping never got into a rhythm in the Grand National.

Vibrato Valtat

7g Voix Du Nord - La Tosca Valtat
Axom XLIII
334F5-3

RPR 164c OR 160c

Started last season winning the Haldon Gold Cup but you had to feel sorry for him as he ran well in a host of top races but is basically just shy of top class. He needs to be ridden with balls of steel and come very late as he tends to pull himself up, but he was in front ten minutes too soon in the Old Roan Chase last month, when he finished third to the better-handicapped Third Intention. He'd come back a bit later than the others so he's entitled to improve for the run. Despite what I read in some quarters he definitely stayed 2m4f at Aintree and I could see him trying 3m at some stage.

Vicente

7g Dom Alco - Ireland
John Hales and Ian Fogg
131451-

RPR 159c OR 151c

Was a real hero for us last season. To think he was our first winner of the campaign in a beginners' chase at Newton Abbot in April and ended up almost a year later landing the Scottish National and putting us right back in the hunt for the championship. We trained him specifically for the four-miler at Cheltenham and he was bang there, travelling well, when hampered by a loose horse at the third-last. He'd have gone close to winning so he went to Ayr with a massive chance in my book and helped to give us a memorable day with four winners. Third-placed Seeyoutatmidnight has given the form a nice boost. Off 151 life won't be easy from now on. The National will be his big target and we'll start off this weekend in the 3m3f handicap chase at Cheltenham.

'Grand National is Vicente's big target'

STAR QUALITY

Silviniaco Conti

10g Dom Alco - Gazelle Lulu
Chris Giles and Potensis
Bloodstock

22P1P-2

RPR 176c OR 169c

I had him absolutely spot-on for Down Royal on Saturday and Noel Fehily came back and said it was the best feel he'd had from him for two years. If he comes out of it okay we'll go for the Betfair Chase next. He's so far proving a lot easier to train than this time last year; you can still see the scars from the sarcoids [swollen tissue] he was suffering from. All in all it was a nightmare and just about the only time we had him really right was at Ascot in February when he won his seventh Grade 1 chase. He didn't enjoy himself at Aintree on his only run after that. Obviously he's not getting any younger and it's going to get tougher still in those Grade 1s, but whatever happens he's been a wonderful servant to the yard.

Vicenzo Mio

6g Corri Piano - Sweet Valrose
Mrs Johnny de la Hey
530423-

RPR 137h OR 128h

Returned from a season off with a leg injury but was basically disappointing; we couldn't work out his ideal distance. Goes novice handicap chasing, where his best trip will probably be around 2m4f. Needs cut in the ground.

Virak

7g Bernebeau - Nosila D'Airy
Hills Of Ledbury
22202-5

RPR 164c OR 155c

Lovely, genuine sort. He was consistent last season, running well in a host of good handicaps, but he kept bumping into a better-treated rival. And nearly every time he finished second he'd be put up a couple of pounds. Although he will come on a lot for the run, his finishing position in the Charlie Hall told me what I already knew - he's in no-man's land and hard to place. He'll get an entry in the good staying handicaps, including the Grand National, and can pick up a nice prize when the ground is really soft.

Vivaldi Collonges

7g Dom Alco - Diane Collonges
The Gi Gi Syndicate
P/1511-3

RPR 157c OR 152c

He stays, he gallops and he jumps, and he enjoyed a highly productive campaign as a novice chaser. His early season target all along was yesterday's Rising Stars Chase at Sandown, but he ran disappointingly and Sean Bowen came back and said he needs to go left-handed, so we'll go the other way next time. Likes good ground.

Volpone Jelois

3g Vol De Nuit - Jenne Jelois
Ditcheat Thoroughbreds
641231 (Flat form)

RPR 73f

Came from France with 15 races this year under his belt but plenty of winning form, his latest victory coming at Deauville when stepped up to 1m7f. Arrived looking lean and mean but has turned inside out and been electric in his schooling. Goes juvenile hurdling, around the smaller tracks to begin with.

Warriors Tale

7g Midnight Legend - Samandara
Michelle and Dan Macdonald
2P05-13

RPR 143c OR 130c

I couldn't believe how badly he ran at Kelso last month; that's twice now I've sent him up north and he's run poorly each time. He'd been working so well I was dumbfounded. At least he's been dropped 8lb to 130 which means we can now go for a novice handicap chase at Newbury's Hennessy meeting. His overall record since joining us this time last year has been a bit in and out and I wish I could put my finger on the reason why.

Wealth Des Mottes

3g Silver Frost - Wavy
Ged Mason and Sir Alex Ferguson
1

RPR - OR -

I particularly like him. He joined us after making a winning hurdling debut at Clairefontaine in Deauville in July. Travels nicely in his work and has done nothing but please in his schooling. Could have gone to Wetherby last month for the Listed hurdle but the ground was a bit quick so he'll have his first run for us in the three-year-old hurdle at Cheltenham this weekend, ground permitting.

Winningtry

5g Flemensfirth - Jeruflo
Trevor Hemmings
1-3

RPR 102b OR -

Considering his breeding he did well to overcome a slow pace when making a winning debut in a backend Wincanton bumper, despite running green. I was delighted by his jumping debut at Aintree on Saturday and he looks a winner waiting to happen in a staying novice hurdle.

Wonderful Charm

8g Poliglote - Victoria Royale
Robin Geffen and Sir John Ritblatt
83P/2P7-

RPR 165c OR 154c

We trained him specifically for the Grand National last season but he must have decent ground and conditions at Aintree went against him. Hasn't long been back in and the plan is to give him one run before another crack at the National. He's best fresh.

Zarkandar

9g Azamour - Zarkasha
Potensis and Chris Giles
1234/3-U

RPR 165h OR 157h

He's been a real legend for us and apart from getting the last wrong I was thrilled with his comeback at Aintree on Saturday. It was great to see old the old ability is still there. He'd come back from the French Champion Hurdle jarred up two summers ago and so missed all of last season, but he'd had a busy old time of it and I don't think a year off did him any harm. He's been back in since July and we've needed to get plenty of work into him to get the weight off, so Saturday's run will help to put him spot-on for either the 3m Long Distance Hurdle at the Hennessy meeting or the Long Walk Hurdle.

Zubayr

4g Authorized - Zaziya
Paul Vogt
101-3F

RPR 139h OR 143h

I love this horse and am pleased to report he is none for the worse for his fall at Wincanton on Saturday. He won't run again for a month or so, when we might look at the Ladbroke at Ascot, as I think he's on a good mark. He may want more of a test of stamina than he got in the Elite Hurdle. Last season he took a while to recover from being gelded, so his victory in the Adonis surprised me a bit. The Triumph Hurdle came too quickly after Kempton, but he got back on track at Wincanton and then showed his class when third to two very good horses - Footpad and Device - at Auteuil. That was a Grade 3 but it was a Grade 1 in all but name, and if we had ridden him more positively I think he'd have finished closer. I hope he's going to develop into a smart hurdler.

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STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races	run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	1,687	469	327	243	648	28			-198.44	-12%
Hcp hdl	1,041	166	124	108	643	16			-105.72	-10%
Non-hcp chs	1,223	418	273	160	372	34			-111.76	-9%
Hcp Chs	1,436	194	203	156	883	14			-289.38	-20%
Hunter chs	85	26	13	8	38	31			-29.43	-35%
NH Flat	430	104	77	53	196	24			-40.14	-9%
Totals	5,902	1,377	1,017	728	2,780	23			-774.87	-13%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
R Walsh	394-1377	29	-119.62
STWiston-Davies	180-778	23	-101.06
Daryl Jacob	175-689	25	-33.59
Nick Scholfield	111-544	20	-81.74
Harry Skelton	55-300	18	-46.86
Ryan Mahon	37-236	16	-55.22
Noel Fehily	34-110	31	+21.67
Sean Bowen	26-94	28	+26.52
Harry Cobden	19-78	24	-13.23
Ian Popham	17-84	20	-11.10
Jack Sherwood	14-49	29	+46.87

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	118-557	21	-113.53
February	176-694	25	-105.96
March	137-752	18	-87.01
April	181-874	21	-169.73
May	86-307	28	-33.52
June	44-154	29	-2.72
July	22-101	22	-0.48
August	21-85	25	-11.78
September	15-51	29	-14.90
October	171-584	29	-26.52
November	233-929	25	-47.08
December	173-814	21	-161.64

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	123-422	29	+19.91
Hcp Hdl	41-245	17	-56.48
Non-hcp Chs	116-270	43	+15.29
Hcp Chs	40-304	13	-75.39
NH Flat	56-225	25	-20.19

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	299-654	46	-88.57
Hcp Hdl	84-333	25	-44.58
Non-hcp Chs	300-588	51	-25.98
Hcp Chs	103-397	26	-39.29
NH Flat	53-163	33	-29.51

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Wincanton	148-523	28	68-188	17-43	25-107	25-128	13-57	-51.75
Cheltenham	131-902	15	35-213	38-211	29-200	23-255	6-23	-119.81
Taunton	120-372	32	64-164	17-40	18-82	9-50	12-36	-20.77
Newton Abbot	95-301	32	33-83	34-79	6-46	11-72	11-21	+20.43
Newbury	95-420	23	26-97	27-78	11-89	28-130	3-26	-30.18
Exeter	85-271	31	40-112	36-75	4-25	3-41	2-18	-23.05
Sandown	79-328	24	10-37	40-106	14-77	13-99	2-9	+12.31
Chepstow	77-388	20	37-142	13-47	8-74	8-83	11-42	-120.10
Kempton	69-316	22	19-96	30-96	7-45	11-63	2-16	-43.87
Fontwell	61-173	35	16-55	35-64	1-12	2-22	7-20	-18.21
Ascot	54-274	20	13-66	21-62	8-51	9-81	3-14	-64.60
Aintree	44-356	12	14-82	17-72	2-53	10-131	1-18	-101.25
Worcester	41-138	30	16-36	10-36	4-24	8-27	3-15	-3.04
Stratford	27-112	24	6-34	7-25	2-10	4-30	8-13	-20.34
Haydock	26-118	22	6-24	13-30	2-36	5-26	0-2	-13.11
Doncaster	25-105	24	8-34	11-23	1-11	4-34	1-3	-26.13
Ayr	21-88	24	3-7	3-9	8-35	5-35	2-2	+14.29
Warwick	20-77	26	4-21	11-31	2-5	2-11	1-9	-10.80
Fakenham	18-45	40	3-12	14-25	0-0	1-8	0-0	-1.66
Plumpton	16-68	24	6-28	6-21	2-8	1-6	1-5	-22.09
Hereford	16-70	23	6-31	6-19	0-5	0-5	4-10	-22.94
Uttoxeter	12-50	24	2-6	4-10	2-7	2-21	2-6	-7.78
Huntingdon	11-37	30	4-9	5-18	1-5	0-3	1-2	-7.74
Wetherby	10-36	28	5-15	1-12	0-1	4-8	0-0	+3.01
Ludlow	10-73	14	3-24	3-10	2-7	1-21	1-11	-42.90
Ffos Las	9-38	24	4-15	1-5	3-7	1-8	0-3	-8.37
Southwell	6-8	75	4-5	2-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	+6.31
Perth	6-15	40	1-2	2-3	1-3	2-6	0-1	+4.66
Bangor-On-Dee	6-36	17	3-10	2-14	1-6	0-2	0-4	-10.50
Folkestone	5-17	29	0-8	5-8	0-0	0-1	0-0	-9.37
Carlisle	4-7	57	1-1	3-5	0-0	0-1	0-0	+4.95
Leicester	4-9	44	1-4	2-4	0-0	1-1	0-0	+1.06
Kelso	4-10	40	1-2	1-5	1-1	1-2	0-0	+0.90
Kempton (a.W)	4-31	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-31	-7.00
Musselburgh	3-10	30	2-4	0-2	1-4	0-0	0-0	-3.33
Lingfield	3-13	23	2-7	1-4	0-0	0-2	0-0	-6.94
Towcester	2-2	100	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	+2.43
Hexham	2-2	100	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	+2.40
Newcastle	2-8	25	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-4	0-0	-1.17
Southwell (a.W)	1-2	50	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	+2.00
Sedgefield	1-2	50	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	-0.82
Lingfield (a.W)	1-4	25	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-4	+3.00
Catterick	1-5	20	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	-2.50
Wolverhampton (a.W)	1-6	17	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-6	+4.00
Market Rasen	1-32	3	1-4	0-3	0-4	0-21	0-0	-30.50
Cartmel	0-4	0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	-4.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 723 total winning prize-money £20,505,289.

CHARLIE LONGSDON
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STABLE TOUR CHARLIE LONGSDON

CHARLIE LONGSDON is a trainer to keep on side. Throughout the ten years he has been operating, his yard continues to go from strength to strength.

His runners are notoriously fit and healthy, which is why it comes as no surprise that last season the Chipping Norton handler won 62 races and 50 per cent of his runners finished in the first four.

"Numerical winners are important, but the prize-money is the most important," says Longsdon. "Last season we won over £600,000 and this season we want to better that."

And that certainly seems an achievable feat, with the likes of Sharp Rise, who took the team on an incredible journey to the States last month, to Drop Out Joe, who earned over £50,000 last season. Both are primed for success this season.

The new season couldn't have started better with 32 winners on the board, meaning Longsdon sits in third place in the trainers' standings.

"It's been a great start and it was fantastic to have two winners from three runners at Cheltenham last month," the trainer says. "October has been a good time for us, but there is no reason other months can't be the same."

And that could well prove to be the case during the coming months with accomplished performers and an array of talent flying the flag.

Interview by Sarah Hall

Apple Of Our Eye

Six year-old gelding by Passing Glance (sire) - Apple Anthem (dam)

Owner: *The Tweed Clad Fossils*

Form Figures: 3/514-23

Racing Post Rating: 128h

Official Rating: 125h

He's had only three runs over hurdles and is very green and backward, but he's done very well off a mark of 125. He was unlucky not to finish second at Wetherby on his last outing and is ultimately a chaser but will definitely pick up a hurdle race this season. He wouldn't want any extremes of ground.

Azure Fly

8g Blueprint - Lady Delight

Girls Allowed

55-2322

RPR 139c OR 122c

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STABLE PROFILE

▶▶ **Yard** Hull Farm

▶▶ **Where** Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire

▶▶ **Started training** 2006

▶▶ **Horses in yard** 75

▶▶ **Members of staff** 21

▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Marcus Foley

▶▶ **Head groom** Alan Roche

▶▶ **Travelling head grooms** Paddy Brennan and Charlotte Best

▶▶ **Secretaries** Georgina Scott and Emma Batten

▶▶ **Jockeys** Richard Johnson, Aidan Coleman and Graham Watters

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Winners in Britain

2015-16 **62**

2014-15 **50**

2013-14 **78**

2012-13 **54**

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16 **-105.15**

2014-15 **-126.35**

2013-14 **-86.51**

2012-13 **-110.30**

Prize-money 2015-16

£624,143

Cheltenham last month when he was given a really good ride by Jordan Nailor. He's been knocking on the door and should pick up a regional National this term. He needs an extended 3m and can win off his current mark. He'll head to Haydock on Saturday week.

Bob Tucker

9g Brian Boru - Acumen

Nigel M Davies

91-1554

RPR 138c OR 129c

He won three handicap chases

last season. I was pleased with his run in the Badger Ales on Saturday when he finished fourth and nearly grabbed third despite the ground being too quick for him. He'll probably go for the London National at Sandown at the beginning of December.

Castafiore

3f Street Cry - Showlady

Slater Stockwood Nicholson Partnership

2

RPR 108

She was unlucky to finish

second at Warwick last Friday as she should have won had she not slipped into the third-last hurdle, but she battled well after the last. She's tough and hardy and will improve a lot for the run. She could head to Aintree for the fillies' juvenile hurdle at the beginning of December. She's tough and I like her. She's a nice prospect.

Coologue

7g Helissio - Scolboa

The New Club Partnership

3222P-1

RPR 152c OR 148c

He was a bridesmaid last season, finishing second in a lot of big races. He had a wind operation over the summer and deserved to win at Cheltenham last month. He's off 148 now and we'll look at contesting the decent staying chases during the winter, including a possible return to the Sky Bet Chase.

Drop Out Joe

8g Generous - La Feuillarde

The Jesters

11570-1

RPR 155c OR 152c

A great member of the team, who has now won over £100,000. He landed the Summer Cup at Uttoxeter in June. He's on a mark of 152 now and life will be tough for him, but he strikes me as a horse who could be ideal to contest the Grand National as he's an out-and-out galloper and a brilliant jumper. He'll



STAR QUALITY

Sharp Rise

9g Croco Rouge - Missusan

Robert Aplin

121U13

RPR 160c OR 154c

He's been a fantastic horse and gave us the trip of a lifetime when finishing third in the American Grand National Hurdle at Far Hills last month, although I know he's a better horse than that. He'll run in the Colonial Cup on November 19 at Camden, South Carolina before heading back to Britain the following week. We'll then give him a deserved winter break before we start thinking about Cheltenham in the spring.

have a break now and return in the spring.

Forth Bridge

3g Bernardini - Sally Forth

The Queen

Flat form 321047

RPR 87f

A new recruit who was previously with Michael Bell and rated 83 on the Flat. In the short time we've had him he's really taken to jumping and has the size and attitude to jump hurdles really well. He'll run soon at either Exeter on November 20 or at Wetherby three days later. We wanted a juvenile hurdler and he could be nice.

Germany Calling

7g Germany - Markkir

Tyrone Hanlon

358318

RPR 145c OR 137c

I thought he'd win a big summer handicap but he didn't, although he did win a chase at Bangor in September. The classy 2m races are too sharp for him now - he needs 2m4f. He'll have one more run before a break, ready to come

STABLE STAT

In the last five years Charlie Longsdon has a 65% strike-rate when saddling the favourite in non-handicap chases (24 winners from 37 runners, for a £1 level-stake profit of £10.26).

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Charlie Longsdon supervises Our Kaempfer (left) and Snow Leopardess on the gallops at Hull Farm

ten races for us. He's consistent and may well head to the Duchess of Westminster Chase at Bangor tomorrow. He's hard as nails and, although it's tough off a mark of 135, there are definitely more races to be won with him.

Loose Chips

10g Sir Harry Lewis - Worlaby Rose
Barrels Of Courage
U21-P21
RPR 139c OR 137c

He won the veterans' race at Sandown on Sunday when he pulled it out of the bag to get on top in the final strides to win by half a length. Despite being ten he's still running well and has come out of the race well. The target will be the veterans' final at Sandown in January, and he might have a run before.

Masterplan

6g Spadoun - Eurolocy
Gavin MacEchern
31500-6
RPR 97c OR 119c

He ran disappointingly at Carlisle on his comeback last month. He stopped very quickly, so he's had a wind operation. He's a great jumper and I think he's well handicapped. Hopefully the op has helped and he'll be out next month when we'll find a nice race for him.

Midnight Shot

6g Midnight Legend - Suave Shot
Alan Halsall
583-211
RPR 134h OR 131h

He was brought down at Cheltenham last November and fractured his skull, so it took a while to get him going after that. He's been back in form this season, though, and won well at Fontwell before putting in a really good round of jumping at Cheltenham to win last month. I think he can still be competitive off a mark of 131, and he'll go to Cheltenham on Saturday.

Monty's Award

4g Oscar - Montys Miss
Alan Halsall
1
RPR 110b

We've always liked him and he won nicely on his debut in a bumper at Worcester last month. We'll go quietly this season, keeping down the bumper route. If he's ready then we might head to Cheltenham at the weekend. Hopefully he'll end up at the festival and Aintree in the spring. He has a touch of class about him.

Monbeg Charmer

5g Daylami - Charming Present
Lady Dulverton
3P2214
RPR 122h

We've always liked him and he

won well in a maiden hurdle at Worcester last month, recording a decent time. We have to play it carefully with him as he's had some niggles and we won't race him too often. We'll keep our feet on the ground with him and he'll run under a penalty now. He'll probably head to Wetherby on Saturday but I won't run him on the very soft ground. If we play our cards right he could run in the decent novice races in the spring.

Nightfly

5m Midnight Legend - Whichway Girl
Mrs DPG Flory
22-5
RPR 97h

She finished runner-up in two bumpers, but we rode her wrong at Uttoxeter on her hurdling debut last month when she finished fifth. She's a lot better than that and I'd like to think she can contest decent fillies' novice hurdles.

Our Kaempfer

7g Oscar - Gra-Bri
Swanee River Partnership
42B5-22
RPR 147c OR 140h

He finished second to Rock The Kasbah in a novice chase at Chepstow on his comeback last month and was also second at Newbury last week. That two-horse race was a bit of a farce and it's probably best to draw a line through it. He's still very nice, though, and I think time might tell us we were beaten by a good horse in Bigbadjohn.

Pendra

8g Old Vic - Mariah Rollins
John P McManus
0/45/150-
RPR 149c OR 145c

He won't be out until the spring as he's had a little hiccup, but he won a decent chase at Ascot last season and ran well in the Grand National on ground that was too soft for him when he didn't quite get home. He's been one of our flagship horses over the past five years and there's no reason why he can't continue to be. I think off his current mark there's another decent handicap to be won with him. It's too early in the season to know his targets, but I imagine there will be talks of the National again, the Topham and possibly the Irish National.

Ready Token

8g FLEMENSIRTH - Ceol Tire
Foxtrot Racing: Ready Token
842-11P
RPR 130c OR 131c

He's exceeded our expectations and has given us many great days. Sedgfield was too sharp for him last time as he needs a big, galloping track like Warwick. He's a bold, front-running horse and there's an amateur riders' race at Sandown at the beginning of December which could be ideal.



HORSE TO FOLLOW
Stuart Riley, reporter

Killala Quay

News that he might return to hurdling is exciting. He has won two of his 12 starts over fences but never looked as good as he was over the smaller obstacles over which he beat subsequent dual Grade 1 winner Beat That in a Grade 2 novice hurdle and finished six lengths behind Faugheen when fourth in the 2014 Neptune. He had the likes of Lieutenant Colonel and Cole Harden behind him that day and could prove vastly superior to his current hurdling mark of 140.

Searching For Gold

4g Gold Well - True Britannia
Swanee River Partnership
3-1
RPR 90p

A nice youngster with a good attitude. He won a point-to-point in Ireland in May and might head to Uttoxeter on Saturday for the bumper.

Shanroe In Milan

4g Milan - Shanroe Scenario
David Mason
P2-2
RPR 105h

Runner-up in a point-to-point and finished second first time out for us over hurdles at Sedgfield last month. It was an encouraging run and he'll improve - there's plenty to look forward to.

Snow Leopardess

4f Martaline - Queen Soraya
Mrs O Fox-Pitt
15-13
RPR 116h

She won a Listed bumper at Gowran Park at the end of September and finished third in decent a mares' novice hurdle last week. We always thought 2m would be way too sharp, and she'll improve massively for her first run over hurdles and the step up to 2m4f. Noel Fehily likes her a lot and that is always a good sign.

Wilberdragon

6g Kayf Tara - Swaythe
R Jenner & J Green
0/64P-93
RPR 129h OR 125h

He won two novice hurdles a couple of years ago and then had a setback. He finished third on his chasing debut on Sunday where he blundered a fence and that set him back for the rest of the race. I think he needs to step up to 3m, but going over fences will be the making of him. He'll be back out in a few weeks.

Zara Hope

5m Stowaway - Agua Caliente
Mark E Smith
45551-1
RPR 112h OR 112h

She won nicely in handicap company at Market Rasen last month and is improving all the time. She's a nice, young filly and may go for the Challenger Staying Hurdle Series qualifier at Cheltenham on Sunday or for a fillies' qualifier back at Market Rasen.

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Hcp chs	856	139	114	96	507	16		-81.84	-10%
Hunter chs	9	4	1	1	3	44		+1.53	+17%
NH Flat	346	56	43	36	211	16		+12.64	+4%
Totals	2,907	452	379	318	1,758	16		-370.88	-13%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

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Noel Fehily	120-620	19.4	-76.06
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Richard Johnson	50-214	23.4	+7.71
Aidan Coleman	39-222	17.6	-49.26
Kielan Woods	37-246	15.0	-20.59
Paddy Brennan	15-121	12.4	-44.87
Charlie Deutsch	14-66	21.2	-5.64
Graham Watters	12-90	13.3	-1.15
Andrew Tinkler	12-98	12.2	-11.93
Tom O'Brien	11-55	20.0	+1.62
Sean Quinlan	8-33	24.2	+82.11
Sam Twiston-Davies	4-29	13.8	-8.42

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	29-148	19.6	+51.46
Hcp hdl	18-144	12.5	-52.77
Non-hcp chs	11-46	23.9	+18.64
Hcp chs	28-130	21.5	+63.36
NH Flat	30-162	18.5	+16.58

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	30-244	12.3	-2.77
February	33-230	14.3	+0.94
March	51-374	13.6	-40.84
April	35-320	10.9	-90.58
May	33-215	15.3	-35.19
June	22-89	24.7	+38.51
July	11-78	14.1	-23.77
August	6-51	11.8	-30.52
September	37-120	30.8	+67.66
October	97-449	21.6	-57.57
November	50-415	12.0	-166.01
December	47-322	14.6	-30.74

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	59-122	48.4	-4.47
Hcp hdl	31-125	24.8	-24.53
Non-hcp chs	29-51	56.9	+10.26
Hcp chs	67-203	33.0	+17.33
NH Flat	24-59	40.7	-3.98

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	Non-hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Market Rasen	42-183	23.0	11-39	3-8	8-50	15-60	5-26	-5.76
Uttoxeter	31-169	18.3	10-50	5-10	8-51	7-40	1-18	-29.04
Huntingdon	29-166	17.5	6-37	5-17	8-53	8-39	2-20	-25.08
Fontwell	26-148	17.6	9-40	1-4	4-44	8-42	4-18	-13.98
Bango	25-120	20.8	7-28	5-16	5-31	5-31	3-14	+13.13
Stratford	25-122	20.5	5-27	3-10	9-34	6-38	2-13	+27.21
Southwell	24-111	21.6	8-41	2-6	4-26	5-18	5-20	-8.91
Worcester	22-127	17.3	2-25	2-12	2-31	8-34	8-25	-18.76
Plumpton	19-97	19.6	6-34	0-3	4-24	8-32	1-4	-21.22
Warwick	19-127	15.0	3-38	2-8	5-30	5-30	4-21	+5.12
Towcester	16-103	15.5	3-31	4-11	4-28	3-21	2-12	+0.99
Hereford	14-55	25.5	2-15	1-2	3-10	5-19	3-9	+113.49
Wetherby	14-60	23.3	4-17	1-5	2-15	5-17	2-6	-2.30
Sandown	14-80	17.5	2-11	2-7	3-23	7-33	0-6	+31.25
Ludlow	11-94	11.7	6-31	2-7	1-17	2-27	0-12	-10.60
Carlisle	10-42	23.8	3-6	3-11	0-4	2-16	2-5	-19.20
Kempton	10-91	11.0	2-19	1-7	2-32	4-25	1-8	-12.80
Exeter	9-57	15.8	2-11	3-4	1-21	3-19	0-2	-14.66
Haydock	9-59	15.3	2-5	0-2	5-22	1-25	1-5	-5.00
Newbury	9-91	9.9	0-16	0-4	1-17	7-41	1-13	-27.13
Ascot	8-82	9.8	1-17	0-6	2-25	3-22	2-12	-4.50
Leicester	7-38	18.4	0-13	3-6	0-4	4-15	0-0	-0.90
Newton Abbot	7-42	16.7	2-10	1-3	1-14	3-12	0-3	+5.08
Chepstow	6-71	8.5	1-11	0-4	2-24	3-27	0-5	-45.02
Doncaster	6-74	8.1	3-26	0-9	1-11	1-25	1-3	-24.65
Lingfield	5-29	17.2	1-8	1-2	0-6	3-13	0-0	-17.35
Aintree	5-76	6.6	2-16	0-3	3-32	0-18	0-7	-59.17
Taunton	4-48	8.3	0-10	1-3	2-19	1-11	0-5	-35.70
Cheltenham	4-133	3.0	1-24	0-10	2-46	1-41	0-12	-105.50
Musshelm	3-13	23.1	3-6	0-0	0-5	0-2	0-0	+8.67
Kempton (AW)	3-14	21.4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-14	-0.83
Fos Las	3-24	12.5	0-3	0-1	2-10	1-7	0-3	-8.25
Wincanton	3-38	7.9	0-6	0-2	2-17	1-11	0-2	-1.50
Southwell (AW)	2-9	22.2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-9	+0.50
Fakenham	2-22	9.1	0-5	0-3	1-5	1-8	0-1	-16.76
Cartmel	1-5	20.0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-3	0-0	+1.00
Newcastle	1-5	20.0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-0	-2.00
Sedgfield	1-15	6.7	0-4	0-2	0-2	1-6	0-1	-13.00
Hexham	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-1.00
Catterick	0-7	0.0	0-3	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	-7.00
Ayr	0-7	0.0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-0	-7.00
Perth	0-7	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-4	0-3	0-0	-7.00
Kelso	0-9	0.0	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-5	0-0	-9.00
Lingfield (AW)	0-9	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-9	-9.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 380 Total winning prize-money £2,320,515

KIM BAILEY

'I'd expect a big run in a bumper at Uttoxeter on Saturday'



More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

STABLE TOUR **KIM BAILEY**

THE likes of crack novice hurdler Charbel and Grand National runner-up The Last Samuri keep up the quality, and the quantity is still there, but the true measure of success at Thorndale Farm seems to be how much fun is had.

With Peter Kerr working tirelessly to look after the many syndicates that have sprung up in this thriving yard, there is never a dull moment and Kim Bailey is happy to host the party.

"We have people here for breakfast virtually every day," he says, "and we have an open-door policy to encourage people who have never been involved in racing before."

"My whole career has been chasing, and the likes of Charbel coming through from good novice hurdle campaigns are very important to us, but it's never that easy and you're always looking to improve."

"We changed feed for the first time in ages before Cheltenham this year, and I think that's one of the reasons we haven't had that many runners. It's taken a little bit longer to get our horses fit but they're looking well, the results are coming and I've got the best staff I've ever had."

Interview by Peter Thomas**Abbreviate**

Five-year-old gelding by Authorized (sire) - Azalee (dam)
Owner: Mr & Mrs K R Ellis
Form figures: 2/21375-
Racing Post Rating 133h
Official rating 122h

Winner of a novice hurdle at Southwell and showed respectable form on soft ground but was slightly disappointing on his final run. He'll be out next month.

Another Venture

5g Stowaway - Hard Luck
Shares available

2

RPR 82p OR -

Second in his only point-to-point, he'll go hurdling and hopefully raise some money for charity as he's here for two years running on behalf of Maggie's cancer care.

Aunty Ann

5m Vinnie Roe - On Good Advise
Ms G E Morgan

125

RPR 115 OR 117

Won and finished second on

Where finding future stars is always fun

STABLE PROFILE

▶▶ **Yard** Thorndale Farm

▶▶ **Where** Andoversford, Gloucestershire

▶▶ **Started training** February 1, 1978

▶▶ **Horses in yard** 65

▶▶ **Members of staff** 20

▶▶ **Assistant** Mat Nicholls

▶▶ **Pupil assistant** Jack Jones

▶▶ **Travelling head girl** Leigh Pollard

▶▶ **Jockey** David Bass

▶▶ **Conditional** Mikey Hammill

▶▶ **Amateur** Henry Morshead

▶▶ **PA** Kerry Bellamy

▶▶ **Twitter** @kimbaileyracing

▶▶ **Website** kimbaileyracing.com

**Winners in Britain**

2015-16	43
2014-15	61
2013-14	35
2012-13	27
Profit/loss to £1 stake	
2015-16	-£77.93
2014-15	+£24.08
2013-14	-£47.23
2012-13	-£61.24
Prize-money 2015-16	
	£612,728

her first two runs for us. Will improve for her reappearance run at Uttoxeter and there are more races to be won with her.

Biscuit

5m Black Sam Bellamy - Falcon's Gunner

Shares available

2

RPR 99b OR -

Another Maggie's cancer charity horse, she looks like a soft-ground mare, and hopefully she'll be good enough to go for the mares' hurdle final at Newbury in the spring.

Blazon

3g Dansili - Zante
The Blazing Optimists

Bought unraced out of the Juddmonte dispersal, he's a promising sort who will need a little more time before starting out in three-year-old bumpers at the end of the month.

Braw Angus

6g Alflora - Suilven
Iain Buchan

A big, old-fashioned, owner-bred chaser whose family I know very well. He'll benefit from a few runs over hurdles before going chasing.

By The Boardwalk

8g Presenting - Peripheral Vision

John Perriss

6P-3514

RPR 134c OR 123c

He has to go right-handed but has ability. He ran well for a long way over 3m at Exeter last time, but the step into a 0-130 was maybe too much for him and 2m6f might have suited better. He'll win again.

Cascaye

4f Merlino Magic - Castyana

M Lambert

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Supplied one of my more embarrassing moments when she ran off the course in a Uttoxeter bumper and refused at a fence, unseating her jockey, but she's a good work horse and I think she's useful.

Champagne To Go

6g Beneficial - Terre D'Orient

John Perriss

1-3

RPR 96h OR -

Ex-Irish pointer who was well beaten in third when favourite for a novice hurdle last time but came back in season. She has the option of mares' novice hurdles although she's old enough to go and jump fences. We haven't schooled her yet.

Champion Chase

4g Voix Du Nord - Darling Frisco

Martin, Jocelyn & Steve Broughton

2-

RPR 88p OR -

Looks a nice type and in theory

**DARK HORSE****Battle Dust**

7g Portrait Gallery - Katie

O'Toole

Mr & Mrs Mark Laws

21254-

RPR 122 OR 122

A quirky individual with bags of ability, he landed a heavy-ground novice hurdle last December but is going novice chasing this season, which is something we've waited a year for.

will go straight over hurdles, although if the ground came right he could have one run in a bumper.

Charbel

5g Iffraaj - Eoz

Mrs Julie Martin & David R Martin

2215-51

RPR 150c OR 147c

We were delighted with his win in a good beginners' chase at Uttoxeter on his reappearance. We always felt he'd be stronger and better this year, and he schooled very well, although he'll definitely improve for the experience. The festival is the ultimate

aim, either over 2m or 2m4f. I'd be keen to get two more races into him between now and Christmas.

Chateau Robin

5g Robin Des Pres - Bella With

A Zee

Robins Outlaws

2-

RPR 101b OR -

We bought him after he was second in a Carlisle bumper and I think he's decent. He's been very well schooled, will make a nice chaser and will run over hurdles when we get the right ground.

Coco Des Champs

6m Robin Des Champs - American Chick

Michael & Gerry Worcester

23/425-7

RPR 116h OR 112h

New to the yard, handicapped over hurdles but will go mares' novice chasing, having schooled well. There's a race for her at Uttoxeter on Saturday but she wants soft.

Derrintogher Bliss

7g Arcadio - His Fair Lady

The Irrational Group

01415/2-

RPR 131c OR 128c

Had one run on watered good ground at Chepstow last autumn, came back jarred up and missed the rest of the season. He's an out-and-out soft-ground horse, an electric jumper, will stay forever and

STABLE STAT

Kim Bailey is 10-29 (35%) with his runners at Wetherby in the last five years for a £1 level-stakes profit of £19.38. That strike-rate improves to 55% (six wins from 11 runners) in chases.

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JULIAN HERBERT

Kim Bailey directs as first lot heads out to work at Thorndale Farm

is working well. The type to win a decent long-distance handicap or novice handicap chase – the Eider in a year's time would be perfect.

Desaray

5g Milan - Shuil Mo Ghra Dare I Say Partnership P1- RPR 86p OR - Irish point-to-point winner who will run in a novice hurdle when we have rain. He's been working well enough, jumps well and is one of a good bunch of young horses.

Dueling Banjos

6g Proclamation - Kayf Lady Mr John Perriss 22/1513- RPR 134h OR 135h Strapping horse who wants a run but needs rain. He's an out-and-out stayer who will be vastly better over fences than he was over hurdles. We've schooled him over tractor tyres because they're the only thing he has any respect for.

Gallery Exhibition

9g Portrait Gallery - Good Hearted The GFH Partnership 1P45-U3 RPR 142c OR 136c A real fun horse but a little too high in the handicap. He likes tight tracks, ran a blinder last time at Fakenham and will go to Bangor tomorrow, followed by a return to the National fences in the Grand Sefton on December 3.

Glenforde

5g Flemensfirth - Feel The Pride Share My Dream P2- RPR 86p OR - A point-to-pointer from Ireland and a horse I love. He's done all we've asked him to do, will want proper winter ground and will go novice hurdling with a view to a chasing career.

Harry Topper

8g Sir Harry Lewis - Indeed To Goodness David Keyte & Tony Solomons 331P/P5/ RPR 170c OR 150c Off since February 2015 after being jarred up behind Conegree at Newbury but now back in work and still as slow as ever! He's not a natural-looking racehorse

STAR QUALITY

The Last Samuri

5g Flemensfirth - Howaboutthis Paul & Clare Rooney 2/3112-5 RPR 160c OR 159c His season will be geared to the Grand National, in which he was second last year. He's much improved since this time last season but has gone up 10lb, though he went round Aintree with such delight last season that we'd have to be looking forward to another go, hopefully on better ground. I was happy with his comeback over 3m at Down Royal on Saturday. He ran well for a long way against a strong field, but they quickened past him, proving what we already knew – he's a National horse, not a Gold Cup horse.

but is tough and very good on bottomless ground. He's qualified to run in veterans' races and we're looking at the Welsh National.

Jimmy The Jetplane

8g Jimble - C'est Cool The Cool Silk Partnership 1/22221 RPR 141c OR 139c There's a decent handicap chase in him over a trip in a fast-run race, but he jumps right-handed. His ideal mid-season target is on December 3 at Sandown in the Betfair London National Handicap Chase over 3m4f.

Knockanrawley

8g Portrait Gallery - Hot Lips Kim Bailey Racing Partnership VIII 33214/3- RPR 143c OR 139c Ran a blinder at Cheltenham's Open meeting last year but came home slightly jarred up and missed the rest of the season. Back in full work and I'd like to give him one run before the Welsh National.

Laval Noir

6g Laveron - Vale Of Honor The Mindy Partnership 1- RPR 108b OR - Finally made the racecourse when winning a Huntingdon bumper in March. He needs good ground and should win a couple of hurdles, but will make a good chaser in time.

Minella Warrior

4g King's Theatre - Bobbi's Venture Mrs Julie Martin & David R Martin 2 RPR 88p OR - Striking individual from the family as Menorah. Will make his rules debut next month in a bumper or a hurdle. A real chasing type.

Mr Brinkley

5g Scorpion - Mandysway Martyn & Elaine Booth 1- RPR 90p OR - Point winner and old-fashioned chasing sort who'll go hurdling and hopefully be good enough in time to go to big galloping tracks like Newbury. He'll get a trip, looks the part and should win hurdles before making a decent chaser next season.

Our Belle Amie

4f Black Sam Bellamy - Very Special One Chasing Hopefuls Out of a good mare I trained. She's unraced but has stacks of ability and will run in bumpers.

Pulling Power

6m Erhaab - Pulling Strings The Real Partnership 2721P0- RPR 111h OR 116h Was running a blinder in the mares' final at Newbury until her wind cut out. She's back in training to go mares' novice chasing but she may go for a mares' handicap hurdle at Ascot on November 19 and she'll run really well if the wind op has worked.

Red Spinner

6g Redback - Massalia Paul & Clare Rooney 11452-P RPR 148c OR 142c Crashed through a fence on his reappearance at Chepstow and needed stitches in his hind leg. He won't be out again until the end of November, but he's a good jumper, has a decent race in him, perhaps at Cheltenham in December.

Robin The Raven

4g Robin Des Pres - Omyrn Supreme S W Racing 22 RPR 107b OR - Second in a Bangor bumper for us last month, but a more galloping track will suit him and we may try a novice hurdle next. He schools well and will go on good or watered ground.

Rocky's Treasure

5g Westerner - Fiddlers Bar Mr John Perriss 1 (point-to-point) RPR 88p OR - Point-to-point winner who has pleased us at home and will be out over hurdles soon.

Royal Supremo

5g Beneficial - Slaney Athlete The Cool Silk Partnership 2-11 RPR 119h OR - Won a bumper and a hurdle in the spring but wasn't quite right when he came back in. He's now working well, his form looks good and he'll win a decent novice hurdle.

Sainte Ladylime

5m Saint Des Saints - Lady Pauline Paul & Clare Rooney 351113- RPR 132h OR 130h Jumps very well but needs soft and going was too quick when she was third at Cheltenham in April. She'll swap between fences and hurdles, is tough and honest and I'd like to think she's good enough for a Listed mares' novice chase.

Shaluna

6m Shantou - Eluna Michael & Gerry Worcester F1- RPR 79p OR - Former Irish pointer who

HORSE TO FOLLOW Pietro Innocenzi Derrintogher Bliss Bailey will surely have something to go to war with in staying chases if this gelding is fully recovered from last year's injury sustained on his chase debut when he jumped well in chasing home the useful Ballykan, a multiple winner who is now rated 141. A decent hurdler on soft ground, he retains his novice status over fences and a mark of 128 should be well within his capabilities.

works well at home but we'll wait for soft ground before she goes novice hurdling.

Silver Kayf

4g Kayf Tara - Silver Spinner The Lucky Spinners 5- RPR 104b OR - A big, scopey individual who was very weak and ran very green when fifth in the big bumper at Newbury in March. He's working well and I'd expect a big run in a bumper at Uttoxeter on Saturday.

Texas Forever

7g Heron Island - Gravinis Mrs I C Sellars and Major & Mrs P Arkwright P55-F RPR 93h OR 100h Disappointed hugely last season so now looks well handicapped on his Irish point-to-point win but landed too steep and fell at the first at Huntingdon yesterday.

Thedrinkmeister

7g Heron Island - Keel Row Mr John Perriss 44P421- RPR 122 OR 116 An out-and-out soft-ground horse who won on his final start at Wetherby last season, is probably best at 2m6f and is a good jumper capable of winning again off his mark.

Un Ace

8g Voix Du Nord - First Ball Ace In The Pack Partnership 2758-U0 RPR 150c 145h OR 142c 138h Last season we thought he was a Hennessy horse, but he needs fast going and it did nothing but rain, so we went back over hurdles. Pulled too hard at Ascot on his reappearance, and he could go to Cheltenham this week as I'm convinced he'll stay 3m2f. May need to come down the handicap before he can land a decent race.

Younevercall

5g Yeats - Afarka Youneverknow Partnership 1/1F61-1 RPR 133h OR 135h We did a lot of schooling and a lot of work on his back before he won at Huntingdon in April and I was very happy with the way he hurdled when winning a Pertemps qualifier at Kempton on Monday. He'll go right-handed from now on and will have another decent race in him.

COLIN TIZZARD 'An exceptional horse who had an unbelievable year' More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

Table with columns: Races run, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Unpl, Per cent, 0-30%, £1 level stake, ROI*. Rows include Non-hcp hdl, Hcp hdl, Non-hcp chs, Hcp Chs, Hunter chs, NH Flat, Totals.

JOCKEYS

Table with columns: Jockey, W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include David Bass, Sean Quinlan, Ed Cookson, Nick Scholfield, Tom Bellamy, Sam Twiston-Davies, Richard Johnson, Andrew Thornton, Conor Shoemark, Capt Harry Wallace, Mr Martin McIntyre, Harry Bannister.

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

Table with columns: Month, W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

FIRST TIME OUT

Table with columns: Category, W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Non-hcp hdl, Hcp hdl, Non-hcp chs, Hcp chs, NH Flat.

FAVOURITES

Table with columns: Category, W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Non-hcp hdl, Hcp hdl, Non-hcp chs, Hcp Chs, NH Flat.

COURSES

Large table with columns: Course, W-R, Per cent, Non-hcp Hdl, Non-hcp Chs, Hcp Hdl, Hcp Chs, NH Flat, £1 level stake. Rows include Towcester, Uttoxeter, Huntingdon, Southwell, Ludlow, Worcester, Market Rasen, Wincanton, Wetherby, Exeter, Bangor-On-Dee, Kempton, Ffos Las, Doncaster, Chepstow, Newbury, Fontwell, Warwick, Ascot, Sedgfield, Perth, Newton Abbot, Stratford, Leicester, Hereford, Hexham, Folkestone, Kelso, Plumpton, Ayr, Catterick, Newcastle, Haydock, Fakenham, Taunton, Cheltenham, Musselburgh, Lingfield (a.W), Cartmel, Carlisle, Lingfield, Aintree, Sandown, Southwell (a.W), Kempton (a.W).

Thursday, November 10, 2016

RACING POST STABLE TOURS JUMPS 2016-17

COLIN TIZZARD

Get the lowdown on Cue Card, Thistlecrack and the trainer's other stable stars

EVERYTHING has been on the up in Dorset where Colin Tizzard enjoyed his best season in 2015-16, joining millionaire's row with a personal best of 50 winners.

A move of the horses from the Venn Farm yard in the valley and up the steep hill across the road to converted milking sheds on the farm last year coincided with the surge of success that brought seven Grade 1s.

In top-grade winners Cue Card, Thistlecrack and Native River, the stable has high hopes again at the summit of the sport, with another boost of one of the leading owners Alan Potts moving 15 decent horses to Venn Farm.

Potts and Tizzard are similarly minded as there is nothing either loves more than Cheltenham runners and winners.

Another double at local track

Box-office names set to lead the way for highflying yard

Wincanton (the trainer's most prolific along with Exeter) last Saturday took the yard's tally to 19 winners already this season and multiple entries at Cheltenham this weekend confirms Team Tizzard – his son Joe and daughter Kim are very much part of the family operation – are eager to keep scaling new heights.

Total prize-money of more than £1.4 million put Tizzard fourth in last season's trainers' table and there are no signs the sharp rise is about to plateau any time soon. Indeed, last

season could have been even more spectacular but for some key fallers in valuable races.

Interview by Bruce Jackson

Allchilledout
Seven-year-old gelding
Alflora (sire) - Miss Chinchilla (dam)
Owner: Gale Force Six
Form figures: 3P5127-
Racing Post Ratings: 110h Official Rating: 105h

One of many waiting for the rain to come as he needs some juice in the ground. He's chasing-bred and has schooled nicely over fences having won

over hurdles at Taunton last season.

Bramble Brook
6g Kayf Tara - Briery Ann
Brocade Racing
0654-42
RPR 110h OR 113h

Just got touched off at Carlisle when I thought it was going to be heavy ground, which would have made it more of a 2m4f test that he needs. He was flat out the whole way on the faster ground. I have always liked him but he's had a few issues and needed his first run back

before Carlisle. He might go chasing after Christmas and as the cliché goes he was always going to be a better chaser.

Buckhorn Timothy
7g Tamure - Waimea Bay
The Buckhorn Racing Team
2F15-20

RPR 143c 135h OR 138c 129h
After a good second at Chepstow he seemed out of his comfort zone at Ascot. He was flat out throughout and low over his fences. He ran into quite a few fences but was not beaten that far. He looked

much better going slower at Chepstow and he'll wait for a bit more juice in the ground so will have a month off. But I'm sure on the right going at the right place there's a good handicap chase in him.

Burton Boru
4g Brian Boru - Tiffany Gale
The Gardens Entertainments Ltd
447-1

RPR 100h OR -
Ran really well in the second of his three bumpers last season but has come back a completely

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STABLE TOUR COLIN TIZZARD

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different horse, much stronger. He's out of a sister to one of our best horses Robinsfirth. With all the withdrawals at Chepstow, I don't think it was a hot race he won, beating our Waterloo Warrior. He might run under a penalty and we'll see where we end up with him.

Cucklington
5g Kayf Tara - Ardrom
Christine Hinks
8365-05
RPR 102h OR 105h
Bought in Ireland as a store horse and has never stopped growing. He's a great, big horse and has schooled over fences, jumping nicely, and it will not be long before he goes chasing, probably in novice handicap chases. At Newton Abbot over hurdles and 2m2f he was totally outpaced and he was better at Newbury stepped up in trip. On winter-soft ground he can win over hurdles. He will be out again in the next fortnight and places like Exeter, where there is more emphasis on stamina, could see him win off his current mark.

Dusky Lark
6g Nayef - Snow Goose
Sara Biggins & Celia Djivanovic
3P6412-
RPR 140c OR 131c
He was going to run at Newbury last week but will wait for more juice in the ground. He had a few little issues last season but we have had a clear run this time and I think he can win off his current mark, with a decent 2m4f race in him.

Elegant Escape
4g Dubai Destination - Graigneuaile
John Romans
2-1
RPR 118h OR-
Bought at the Punchestown Festival Sales and was a good second in his point, beaten a length by Samcro, who sold for £335,000 at the Aintree Sale. My summer worry was that Gordon Elliott trained him and let him go. He won on debut for us and is a lovely horse. I loved the way he stuck his head out as only a four-year-old against older horses and Tom O'Brien said he didn't want to use his whip as the horse was trying so hard. He came out of the race really well and looks an out-and-out stayer and is a proper winter horse - it was heavy in his point - so we don't need to rush him and will wait for the ground.

Fergal Mael Duin
8g Tikkanen - Fad Amach
James Messenger & Jean-Marie Buob-Aldorf
32/16F-1
RPR 132c OR 125c
Won first time for us at Fontwell and is going back there for the totepool Southern National on Sunday. He's a big, robust horse and looks the type to run in those Nationals with rating bands of 0-125 around the West Country and soft ground won't hurt either.

Fourth Act
7g King's Theatre - Erintante
Wendy & Malcolm Hezel
231P2-4
RPR 141c OR 137c
Theatre Guide's brother. He

Cue Card 'every bit as good as last season'

STABLE PROFILE

- » **Yard** Venn Farm
- » **Where** Milborne Port, Sherborne, Dorset
- » **Started training** 1995
- » **Horses in yard** 80
- » **Members of staff** 35
- » **Head lad** Richard Young
- » **Head lass** Leah Crocker
- » **Assistant trainers** Joe Tizzard and Kim Gingell
- » **Office manager** Pauline Tizzard
- » **Jockeys** Best available including Richard Johnson, Tom Scudamore, Paddy Brennan, Tom O'Brien and Aidan Coleman
- » **Conditionals** Paul O'Brien and Angus Cheleda
- » **Amateur** Ed Doggrell
- » **Stable sponsor** Coral
- » **Website** colintizzard.co.uk
- » **Twitter** @colintizzard

Winners in Britain	
2016-17	19
2015-16	50
2014-15	38
2013-14	26

Profit/loss to £1 stake	
2016-17	+£22.14
2015-16	-£46.75
2014-15	-£79.46
2013-14	-£149.81

Prize-money 2015-16	
	£1,443,451

has been only a shell of a horse until now. He's just coming to himself and was fourth in the big handicap chase at Ascot last month when he was staying on strongly. He will stay further than that 3m and could go to Cheltenham for another step up in trip in the 3m3f handicap chase on Saturday.

Fox Norton
6g Lando - Natt Musik
Ann & Alan Potts
33331-1
RPR 162c 143h OR 161c 145h
Recently bought by Alan Potts, he's a beautiful horse and runs in the Grade 2 Shloer Chase at Cheltenham on Sunday. We haven't had to do much with him as he arrived from Neil Mulholland's already a winner this season. With his rating, handicaps are probably out so he will be going against the best 2m chasers. After Cheltenham, the Tingle Creek would fit in nicely time-wise, but we will see how he goes.

Gentleman Jon
8g Beat All - Sudden Spirit
John Romans
P-1P311
RPR 142c OR 136c
Won the Badger Ales and was level when the other horse came down at the last to leave him clear. Although he's a big horse he loves firmer ground and we will look for

another race before the ground changes, although we'll give him a chance on softer ground as horses can change with age and he might handle it now.

Grand Vision
10g Old Vic - West Hill Rose
Terry Warner
7/F3324/
RPR 142c OR 135c
Missed last season after finishing fourth to The Package in the 2015 Kim Muir at Cheltenham. He will start off later in the season in either point-to-points with my daughter or come into the yard for hunter chases, with the aim of trying to get him qualified for the Cheltenham Foxhunter next March.

Ivor's Queen
7m King's Theatre - Sonnenschien
Ivor Perry & Ash Selway
2F333P
RPR 118h OR 125h
She was with us in her early bumper days. She came back this summer and won first time up and has run some nice races. She used to bolt to the front but we managed to hold her up at Plumpton and again at Wincanton on Saturday. We will carry on trying to settle her in her races. She doesn't handle soft ground, so has been busy. She could go over fences now she has learnt to settle and is bred to jump.

Kings Lad
9g King's Theatre - Festival Leader
GF Gingell
2744P6-
RPR 132h 147c OR 130h 135c
Has been doing his pre-work with my daughter and is about to come back into training. He's highly rated and I thought he would win a graduation chase but we might be better staying over hurdles to start. He's still high in the handicap but is starting to come down.

Lillington
4g Westerner - Kind Word
The Colin Tizzard Racing Club
53-64
RPR 99h OR -
Pleased us in a couple of bumpers last season as he's more of a stayer. He's still learning his trade but was a nice sixth first time out and was a lot more professional last week. After another run we will see what the handicapper thinks and we might step him up in trip some time to 2m4f. I think he'll handle winter ground and I'd be disappointed if we can't win a few with him.

Masters Hill
10g Tikkanen - Leitrim Bridge
KSB, M Doughty & Sarah Tizzard
P3328-P
RPR 150c OR 138c
He didn't jump or travel a yard when favourite at Aintree last month. He had scoped clear before the race. I don't know whether it bothered him but he had his soft palate cauterised after that run so will have three weeks off. You can forgive any horse one bad run and he'll come back for another in the veterans' chase series.

Mick Thonic
6g Maresca Sorrento - Mick Madona
Ann & Alan Potts
0-3FP32
RPR 141c OR 136c
A nice novice chaser for the season. He was a good second at the first Cheltenham meeting last month on his first run for us. He's a lighter-framed horse and will drop back from that 2m4f to 2m at Cheltenham this weekend.

Morello Royale
6m King's Theatre - Mystic Cherry
Ann & Tony Gale
1/F4180-
RPR 142h OR 135h
She has schooled over fences



STAR QUALITY

Cue Card
10g King's Theatre - Wicked Crack
Jean Bishop
11F1-43
RPR 180c OR 176c
I think he's every bit as good as last season when he was playing at the top of his game. Me and Joe were clear in the idea to be positive at Wetherby and we might have slightly overdone it and he was a bit gung-ho. Being positive backfired and we will let Paddy [Brennan] ride him as he finds him and not make it happen in future races. He still wasn't beaten very far and with the benefit of hindsight we wish we had sat third or fourth and had a race from two out like the rest did. With his 10lb penalty and last year riding him to get the 3m, I think he's run as well, if not better. We were probably a bit kind to him - he has been a lovely horse for us for six seasons and you can't treat him like an ordinary handicapper. He was having a good blow after so wasn't quite ready, but he will be next time which will be the Betfair Chase at Haydock. He will have exactly the same campaign having been entered in the 32Red King George. Last year we were always worried about him staying but he has become very relaxed in his races these days.

and jumps well but whether she goes chasing this year or next I'm not sure. She will start over hurdles and won a good Listed hurdle last winter and ran in the OLBG Mares' Hurdle at Cheltenham. She's rated 135 and is one of the better mares around.

Muffins For Tea
6g With The Flow - Countess Point
JE Purdie
64323-
RPR 117h OR 115h
A great, big horse who placed in a couple of hurdles and I trained his dam to win a bumper and novice hurdle. He will be all the better for his summer break and he has schooled over fences, but we will try to win a hurdle or two with him first before switching to chases when it gets harder for him.

On Demand
5m Teofilo - Mimisel
Christine Thomas & Jim Hoyland
P-23121
RPR 114h OR 115h
A lovely, progressive mare trained on the Flat by Andrew Balding. She seems to handle faster ground, which is why she has been busy, and she takes her racing so well. She had a light weight at Wincanton last Saturday, with our young conditional Angus Cheleda taking 10lb off which helped. She might go to Ascot in ten days' time for a 0-135 over 2m5f and she might be all right on softer ground, but she will have a winter break. She is big enough to jump a fence in time.

Quite By Chance
7g Midnight Legend - Hop Fair
Terry Hamlin, Martin Dare, John Snook, Terry Warner
2323-61
RPR 147c OR 143c
He was entered at Stratford and Newbury over 2m4f, which we thought would suit him,

STABLE STAT

Colin Tizzard is 7-19 (37%) in non-handicap chases at Exeter in the last five years, for a £1 level-stakes profit of £13.38. However, avoid his bumper runners there as he has sent out 17 consecutive losers.
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2015 King George hero Cue Card gets a wash-down at Colin Tizzard's Venn Farm base in Dorset

Thistlecrack and Native River behind when fourth in the Grade 2 novice at Cheltenham in January when he split a pastern. We got him ready last year and he tweaked a tendon. He's back but won't run until it is really soft and heavy ground. He has always been a horse with tremendous ability.

Royal Vacation

6g King's Theatre - Summer Break
Jean Bishop
6110-22
RPR 131h 131c OR 129h 129c
I think we ran into a decent horse at Wetherby on good ground last time. He does handle really heavy ground as well and he jumped better in that second novice chase. We should be able to place him in the right race to get him winning over fences.

Sandy Beach

6g Notnowcato - Picacho
Brocade Racing
2U1U0-1
RPR 138c OR 135c
Had a busy season and was tired at the end of it. He's a lovely, big horse who impressed with his jumping at Newbury last week - he jumped the cross-fence last and landed nearly in front. He has a lot of scope and there's a 0-140 for him back at Newbury at the Hennessy meeting and he should have a good season.

Sew On Target

11g Needle Gun - Ballykea
Ash Selway
95182-8
RPR 146c OR 136c
Some horses do change their preferences as they get older and he is one. They used to say he loved good, good to soft ground but not any more. He bolted up on soft ground last season. We left him out an extra month this year to wait for really soft ground and if we have to go north to get it we will.

Shanahan's Turn

8g Indian Danehill - Chanson
Indienne
Ann & Alan Potts
1740-70
RPR 154c 140h OR 143c 140h
He started making a noise on the gallops and we found he had a trapped epiglottis like Cue Card had. His wind was done at the end of last month and the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday came too soon. Although he won the 2015 Galway Plate on good ground, easier ground in England will be fine for him and there's a big handicap chase over here in him.

Sizing Codelco

7g Flemensfirth - La Zingarella
Ann & Alan Potts
51U2U-3
RPR 145c OR 141c
A big, strong staying type who will be ready for a run in a couple of weeks but will wait until there is proper winter ground. He will be running in the big handicap chases and could step up in distance from the 2m trips he has been running over in Ireland.

Sizing Granite

8g Milan - Hazel's Tistrara
Ann & Alan Potts
11/25P2-
RPR 159c OR 154c
He's probably a bit high in the handicap and will start off in the Grade 2 Shloer Chase at Cheltenham on Sunday. I'm not convinced he's just a 2m chaser so he could be stepping up in trip, but we will see how he starts off with us. He's a gorgeous horse and we are lucky to have him.

Sizing Platinum

8g Definite Article - Quest Of Passion
Ann & Alan Potts
23U-402
RPR 145c OR 142c
Ran into Fox Norton at Cheltenham last time but beat the rest by nearly ten lengths. I'm just getting to know him and he's a relaxed horse. While he has the speed for 2m, he might step up in trip. Aidan Coleman, who rode him, also thought he could get further. He goes back to Cheltenham tomorrow.

Sizing Tennessee

8g Robin Des Champs - Jolivia
Ann & Alan Potts
5/1/81F0-
RPR 137h OR 140h
Another of our new arrivals for

HORSE TO FOLLOW
James Pyman

Fourth Act
He was nearest at the finish at Ascot last time, returning from a break, when fourth to Antony over three miles, which is the longest distance he's faced. What makes him an interesting proposition is that staying chases are on his agenda. His brother Theatre Guide is a smart staying chaser and Fourth Act is likely to relish a test of stamina. Last season, when he started favourite he achieved placings of 1121, so when the market speaks in his favour it might pay to follow the money.

STAR QUALITY

Native River
6g Indian River - Native Mo
Brocade Racing
13321-2
RPR 151h 165c OR 153h 155c
Ran a cracking race in the Grade 2 hurdle at Wetherby in what was his prep race for the Hennessy. He wasn't fully wound up and looked like a chaser all the way round, jumping high over the hurdles. A flat left-handed track will be right up his street and he has a good weight in the Hennessy and will be spot on for Newbury. With his ratings, he is 10lb shy of World Hurdle class and we will wait until after the Hennessy but he looks shy of the Gold Cup. He is only six and has already proved he stays 4m in the NH Chase at Cheltenham. Hopefully one day he will make a lovely Grand National contender.

Tempestatefloresco
8g Storming Home - Empress
Dagmar
PG Nicholas
1F23F
RPR 137c OR 132c
A point-to-pointer who won first time for us. He was running a lovely race at Cheltenham when tipping up two out when it was not all over. He had been making a noise at the end of his races so we have done his palate and he will back out in another three weeks. He will go to one of the smaller tracks to get his confidence back and to win a small race. Cauterising his palate should make a difference.

Theatre Guide
9g King's Theatre - Erintante
Jean Bishop
231F8-2
RPR 154c OR 149c
Tolerated his wind until the end of July and he ran a lovely race, better than last year, when second over 2m3½f at Wetherby last month when we thought he was behind Cue Card in his work. He goes straight for the Hennessy with the hope it will be third time lucky as he was third in 2013 and second to Smad Place last year.

Theatrical Star
10g King's Theatre - Lucy Glitters
Brocade Racing
UF-3460
RPR 146c OR 130c
Has been disappointing for a couple of years but we have pigeonholed him as a 3m chaser. He has dropped in the handicap to run in 0-130s and we are going to drop him back to 2m4f. Just because he stayed 3m5f once (Warwick Classic Chase) doesn't mean he needs a staying trip and he looks pacy enough for the shorter trip.

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DARK HORSE

Molineaux

6g King's Theatre - Steel Grey
Lady
John and Heather Snook
48-
RPR 99b OR -
A very well-bred horse who I'm sure is better than the form he showed in two bumpers in the spring. He went weak on us and has had a good summer away and has only just come back.

think he was a 2m chaser. He went up 8lb for that win, which was fair enough, and he will be going back over course and distance for a £100,000 race. He's a big, heavy boy and I always thought he was going to be useful and this could be his year.

Quiz Master

4g Ask - Good Bye Dolly
Brocade Racing
6
RPR 91b OR -
Ran no sort of race in his bumper at Chepstow last month. He was in at Hereford but the ground was going to be too quick. He's a gorgeous horse, beautifully bred and does everything right at home. I hope he's not going to be one of those morning glories and not reproduce it on the track.

Robinsfirth

7g Flemensfirth - Phardester
Christine Knowles & Wendy Carter
1/4/124/
RPR 141h OR 140h
Missed last season but the season before had both

but there was a £60,000 Listed chase at Ascot over 2m1f last month and we thought it was worth having a day out. I was amazed both that he bolted up and was backed from 25-1 overnight to 8-1. Who backed him I don't know - I didn't

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STABLE TOUR COLIN TIZZARD



Thistlecrack (right), who runs at Cheltenham this weekend, leads the string on the gallops

'He's found his niche in life - it's exciting'

From page 3

Third Act

7g King's Theatre - Starry Lady Blackmore Vale Syndicate 8234U-2 RPR 112h 115c OR 110h 107c Has had his wind done as he was always making a noise and carried his head high even with a tongue-tie. He was so much more comfortable in his race back over hurdles at Chepstow last week and ran with his head down. He will come on for that run, having had a month off with the operation, and he will give the boys in the yard experience over hurdles.

Third Intention

9g Azamour - Third Dimension Robert and Sarah Tizzard 66434-1 RPR 151h 163c OR 147h 154c We don't know what his trip is - he's run from 2m to 3m6f. He'd stopped in a lot of races and we don't know whether it was his palate, but he's had it done. He won the Old Roan Chase after that very good ride from Aidan Coleman, who I'd like to use more. He only went up 4lb and there's a lovely race at Ascot over 2m5f in a couple of weeks or he could go for the Hennessy, but that's a brutal race. He stuck out the 2m4f at Aintree well and a flat left-handed track looks perfect.

Tikkapick

6g Tikkanen - Takeanotherpick The Con Club 6F243-2 RPR 95h 98c OR 94h 92c Owned by the lads in the

village. He's a big, strong horse who was clumsy last year - he would have won when falling at Wincanton and after two falls in three chases we brought him back hurdling. He is back over fences this season and showed he is more sensible now with a good second at Newton Abbot last month. He should soon be winning and progress into a nice horse.

Ultragold

8g Kapparde - Hot D'Or Brocade Racing, John Romans, Terry Warner 1512-65 RPR 140c OR 136c

Made a lot of the running in the Haldon Gold Cup and was swallowed up two from home. He's probably just short of that class and it was a hot race but with more patient tactics he could have been closer. He's just a nice handicapper and I'm not convinced he's an out-and-out 2m horse - on good ground he looks to want 2m4f.

Valhalla

6g Scorpion - Fox Theatre John Romans & Terry Warner 8431-32 RPR 139h OR 135h A winning pointer who got himself handicapped before winning his last race of the season. He has progressed into a Cheltenham handicapper, which is everyone's dream, and ran a really nice race there when second over 2m5f last time. He will be going back there this weekend, stepping up to 3m, and will go chasing next year.

Viconte Du Noyer

7g Martaline - Zouk Wood Ann & Alan Potts 11333-3 RPR 149c 135h OR 148c 127h Another horse I'm getting to know. He's a beautiful, big horse who looks as if he could be a stayer, although he hasn't raced over more than an extended 2m4f and ran third in the Red Rum Handicap Chase over 2m at Aintree in April. We will probably campaign him over 2m4f but look to go up in trip at some stage.

Waterloo Warrior

4g Kalanisi - Vindonissa Brocade Racing 3-22 RPR 101h OR - Looked as if he had never seen a hurdle when running over them for the first time at Chepstow last week - he must have jumped 100 hurdles schooling at home but he was just as green in his bumpers. Hurdling will be the making of him and he still looked like he was going to win. He will have another run in about ten days' time and once he tightens up and learns what hurdling is all about he will be a nice horse. Winter ground will hold no fears.

West Approach

6g Westerner - Ardstown John and Heather Snook 3520-12 RPR 140h OR 139h There is no comparison to his half-brother Thistlecrack. He's probably 50 kilos or more lighter but he's a good horse in his own right. He pulled hard last year and wore himself out. We've been at pains to settle him and he finished strongly when just touched off in a good Cheltenham novice last month. He goes back there tomorrow for a 2m5f Grade 2 novice hurdle, which is a little bit sharp for him as he's going to be a stayer like his brother with

STAR QUALITY

Thistlecrack

8g Kayf Tara - Ardstown John and Heather Snook 11111-1 RPR 178h 158c OR 174h -c An exceptional horse who had an unbelievable year. Before last year's clear run with him he had growing pains and was stiff behind, but he had always had a motor. All this summer me and the owners have been on the same wavelength about trying to win the Gold Cup and we said if he wasn't as good over fences we would switch back for the World Hurdle. For an eight-year-old first time over fences he was faultless at Chepstow - he hadn't jumped a fence on grass even. He had jumped 30 fences in the indoor school with Tom [Scudamore] in three sessions. He was good first time, really good second and seriously good the third. He looks a chaser through and through and looks to have found his niche in life - it's really exciting times. He goes to Cheltenham this weekend as long as the ground is good to soft to give him experience there, which is important if he is to run in the Gold Cup. We will gradually step him up in class - he was given the 32Red King George entry just to keep everything covered. I wouldn't have thought of doing it if he was a five-year-old novice but he's eight.

the Albert Bartlett more likely to suit him. But he's not short of pace and, who knows, he could end up a World Hurdle horse to keep it in the family.

Wizards Bridge

7g Alfara - Island Hopper The Butterwick Syndicate 5F-PVP1 RPR 123h 133c OR 125h 116c Was over the top at the end of last season and after being pulled up and in the void race we put him back over hurdles for his confidence and have an easy run. To win for Angus [Cheleda] on his first ride was not expected. He will stay over hurdles and there is another little race at Chepstow next week and Angus deserves to have another go. He will go back over fences later.

Zanstra

6g Morozov - Enistar Moonrakers 3511-62 RPR 123h 61c OR 121h 117c Related to Golden Chieftain, who did so well for us. Would be better than the bare form and didn't jump well at Aintree and, dropped back to 2m4f, ran a better race at Bangor yesterday and can improve again for this second run of the season to give him a good chance next time.

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STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	561	72	71	78	340	13		-147.57	-26%
Hcap hdl	529	58	47	57	367	11		-127.16	-24%
Non-hcp chs	315	55	51	56	153	18		-21.11	-7%
Hcp chs	1,155	157	137	144	717	14		-78.17	-7%
Hunter chs	3	0	0	0	3	0		-3.00	-100%
NH Flat	302	20	27	30	225	7		-116.78	-39%
Totals	2,865	362	333	365	1,805	13		-493.79	-17%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Brendan Powell	52-442	12	-35.39
Paddy Brennan	17-73	23	+14.43
Tom O'Brien	17-79	22	+40.83
Tom Scudamore	15-62	24	+22.25
Aidan Coleman	14-87	16	+6.50
Daryl Jacob	13-87	15	-21.52
Paul O'Brien	11-114	10	-57.55
Mr M Legg	10-67	15	+0.08
Noel Fehilly	6-27	22	-7.08
Sam Twiston-Davies	6-34	18	+5.50
Dave Crosse	6-57	11	+2.50
Mr S Clements	5-33	15	+27.87

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	36-342	11	-103.98
February	49-322	15	-65.72
March	44-356	12	+9.86
April	37-285	13	-71.91
May	13-156	8	-78.51
June	12-96	13	-2.88
July	5-87	6	-63.88
August	14-70	20	+32.25
September	6-53	11	-23.25
October	43-315	14	-10.84
November	66-431	15	-11.69
December	37-352	11	-98.24

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	13-112	12	-4.36
Hcp Hdl	7-79	9	-29.00
Non-hcp Chs	11-63	18	-5.10
Hcp Chs	25-167	15	+15.05
NH Flat	9-167	5	-87.50

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	29-50	58	+10.00
Hcp Hdl	20-64	31	+4.84
Non-hcp Chs	15-33	46	+2.58
Hcp Chs	47-194	24	-38.00
NH Flat	4-28	14	-16.53

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Wincanton	57-396	14	10-97	2-19	12-92	28-141	5-47	-39.95
Newton Abbot	29-247	12	5-56	5-19	5-63	13-97	1-12	-42.26
Exeter	29-255	11	6-58	10-48	4-60	9-72	0-17	-131.83
Chepstow	28-244	12	9-56	3-17	1-28	13-107	2-36	-58.68
Fontwell	25-156	16	4-28	3-12	6-34	9-52	3-30	-20.17
Taunton	23-214	11	1-46	4-12	8-55	9-80	1-21	-73.51
Cheltenham	20-224	9	6-40	7-50	0-27	6-90	1-17	+0.03
Plumpton	19-125	15	6-37	1-5	4-18	8-52	0-13	-18.25
Newbury	18-152	12	5-25	3-13	2-26	7-65	1-23	-18.75
Utttoxeter	13-58	22	0-6	3-8	3-10	7-31	0-3	+48.74
Kempton	13-98	13	4-13	5-26	0-15	2-33	2-11	-35.28
Aintree	9-65	14	3-14	2-9	0-8	4-33	0-1	+11.99
Warwick	9-72	13	1-10	0-8	2-15	5-27	1-12	+16.50
Ascot	9-73	12	2-10	1-14	1-9	4-30	1-10	-11.80
Haydock	7-35	20	0-4	3-9	1-3	3-18	0-1	+1.91
Hereford	6-39	15	0-2	0-2	1-7	5-19	0-9	-14.00
Newcastle	5-13	39	2-5	0-1	0-0	3-7	0-0	+27.50
Huntingdon	5-17	29	0-1	0-1	2-3	3-9	0-3	+8.37
Folkestone	5-27	19	1-4	0-2	0-1	3-14	1-6	-0.21
Ludlow	5-34	15	1-5	0-2	2-6	1-17	1-4	+12.60
Stratford	5-58	9	3-9	0-4	0-3	2-38	0-4	-25.50
Wetherby	4-12	33	1-2	1-4	1-1	1-5	0-0	+11.98
Towcester	4-22	18	1-5	0-2	2-4	1-7	0-4	+11.53
Worcester	4-67	6	0-9	0-6	1-14	3-36	0-2	-46.50
Carlisle	2-8	25	0-0	1-3	0-1	1-4	0-0	+0.50
Bangor	2-17	12	0-2	0-2	0-2	2-10	0-1	-4.00
Lingfield	2-19	11	0-6	1-1	0-4	1-8	0-0	-11.25
Ffos Las	2-36	6	1-7	0-3	0-8	1-13	0-5	-24.00
Sandown	2-54	4	0-3	0-13	0-11	2-26	0-1	-44.75
Fakenham	1-4	25	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-0	-0.75
Kelso	0-2	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	-2.00
Market Rasen	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	-2.00
Kempton (AW)	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	-2.00
Southwell	0-3	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	-3.00
Lingfield (AW)	0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	-3.00
Leicester	0-4	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-3	0-0	-4.00
Ayr	0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-1	-4.00
Doncaster	0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-3	-4.00

Number of horses racing for the stable **239** Total winning prize-money **£3,766,046**

NICKY HENDERSON

'He's strengthened enormously and looks a very exciting prospect'



More priceless nuggets from a top yard in Monday's Stable Tour

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Monday, November 14, 2016



NICKY HENDERSON

The master of Seven Barrows runs the rule over his powerful string as our series continues

STABLE TOUR NICKY HENDERSON

LAMBOURN legend Nicky Henderson, who has been training since 1978, is ready for another season and, despite recent high-profile setbacks, why wouldn't he be?

Champion Hurdle regular My Tent Or Yours is still around, while Altior and Buveur D'Air are among an exciting squad of novice chasers, an area the trainer reckons he will be strong in this term.

Behind that there is the usual crop of potential-packed youngsters plus summer signing Kotkikova, who has her new handler buzzing.

And while the lack of rain has caused Henderson a few headaches this autumn, he would not want the wet winter we endured last term as the majority of his string prefer a sound surface.

A significant omission from the former champion trainer's CV is the Grand National and the responsibility of ending his Aintree hoodoo will lie with Triolo D'Alene, Vyta Du Roc, Hadrian's Approach and Cocktails At Dawn.

Interview by James Burn

A Tail Of Intrigue

Eight-year-old gelding Tillerman (sire) - Princess Commanche (dam)
Owner: Oscar Singh & Priya Purewal
Form: 154243/
Racing Post Rating 129c
Official rating 123c

New to us, but he's been a consistent handicapper and has won over hurdles and fences. I can't say we know much about him but we're looking forward his winter campaign.

Alibi De Sivola

6g Shaanmer - Neva De Sivola
Maddie Giles & Tom Ronaldson
2/21-
RPR 122 OR 127

Another new boy who finished second in a bumper but has been off since winning at Carlisle last November. I don't expect we'll see him until the new year and he has the size and scope to make a chaser.

Argante

7g Singspiel - Abyaan
Peter-Robert Spiller
3-

RPR 124h OR-

Has always enjoyed jumping but needs good ground and didn't get much of that last winter. However, he ran with promise on his only start over hurdles at Newbury.

Baden

5g Martaline - Ma Sonate
Triermore Stud
25-35

RPR 134h OR 135h

Ran well behind Yanworth last season on unsuitably heavy ground and was then an excellent third at the Punchestown Festival. He remains a maiden over hurdles and we hope he can have a lucrative campaign in that sphere - he finished fifth in a Grade 2 at Cheltenham on Friday. He'll undoubtedly jump fences in time and is exciting.

Ballinure

6g Alkaadhem - Christy's Pride
Mary-Anne Parker
3P-15140

RPR 124h OR 121h

I'm sure he wants quick ground

All revved up with a stable full of talent

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Seven Barrows
- ▶▶ **Where** Lambourn, Berkshire
- ▶▶ **Started training** 1978
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 145
- ▶▶ **Members of staff** 55
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Charlie Morlock, Toby Lawes
- ▶▶ **Head lads** Corky Browne, Nick Bishop
- ▶▶ **Travelling head lad/lass** Richard Nicholas, Sarah Shreeve
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Nico de Boinville, Andrew Tinkler, Jerry McGrath, David Bass, Barry Geraghty
- ▶▶ **Conditionals** Ned Curtis, Alan Doyle
- ▶▶ **Amateur** Hugo Hunt

Winners in Britain

2015-16 **81**

2014-15 **129**

2013-14 **124**

2012-13 **125**

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16 **-£101.03**

2014-15 **-£59.50**

2013-14 **-£17.27**

2012-13 **-£52.16**

Prize-money 2015-16

£1,614,348

- ▶▶ **Secretary** Rowie Rhys Jones
- ▶▶ **Stable sponsor** Novae Insurance
- ▶▶ **Twitter** @sevenbarrows

and anything slower than that seems to cause problems, so we have to be choosy where he runs. Has an enthusiastic following and will jump a fence, although I suspect his racing needs to be in the summer - he finished mid-division in a handicap hurdle over an extended two miles at Cheltenham on Friday in first-time cheekpieces.

Baratineur

5g Vendangeur - Olmantina
Grech & Parkin
2231P-4
RPR 130h OR 125h

Has had only one start for us, but won a couple of bumpers in France and a hurdle at Plumpton. Perhaps not a chaser in the making, but he has a future in handicap hurdles.

Bardd

4g Dylan Thomas - Zarawa
Elite Racing Club
2-1
RPR 101b OR-

He should have won his bumper at Huntingdon last season, but the leader swerved off the track and left him in front early. He won nicely at Sandown recently and goes hurdling.

Barman

5g Racinger - Koscina
The Bartenders
1131F6
RPR 127h OR 122h

Gave his new owners plenty to smile about with four wins this year, but will have a holiday now. Still a young horse and has a bright future.

Beware The Bear

6g Shantou - Native Bid
GB Barlow
2431-1
RPR 137h OR 130h

A gorgeous, big type out of a very good mare we trained. Rather than running in bumpers he began life in a couple of point-to-points and then graduated to novice hurdles last year, winning twice. He never stopped improving and is born, built and bred for chasing. He could be very exciting.

Beyond Conceit

7g Galileo - Baraka
Fitri Hay
7/21334/ (Flat form)
RPR 98f OR 93f

Handsome, big gelding who had some decent form as a stayer on the Flat but had a tendon problem. He has a

great physique, the size to be high class, and has the temperament to go with it.

Big Robin

4f Robin Des Champs - Melodique
Grech & Parkin
8

RPR 87b OR-

Gorgeous filly who won a point-to-point before we bought her at the Grand National sale. She ran in a bumper at the track last month and will now go hurdling. She could be a classy prospect.

Bivouac

5g Califet - Pazadena
Chris Giles & Potensis Bloodstock
53/O1PP-

RPR 139h OR 138h
Last year he needed his first run and then won a valuable handicap at Huntingdon, although his next two starts were not so satisfactory. I think he has scope and a physique for the future. I expect we'll switch him to novice chasing this season - we very nearly did last year.

Brain Power

5g Kalanisi - Blonde Ambition
Michael Buckley
10/121-38
RPR 144h OR 145h

A lovely gelding, he won two novice hurdles but his jumping was untidy when he was beaten by Charbel at Musselburgh. Was then an honourable

third in the two-mile Grade 1 novice hurdle at Punchestown when he got his act together. He made a decent start when eighth in the Greatwood on his seasonal debut yesterday.

Brave Eagle

4g Yeats - Sinful Pleasure
RM Kirkland
33- (points)
RPR 82p OR-

Third in two points, he looks the sort we can go straight over hurdles with.

Burbank

4g Yeats - Spring Swoon
RA Bartlett
1
RPR 113b OR-

A good-looking son of Yeats

who joined us in the spring. He had a good education in Ireland and won his bumper smoothly at Newbury recently.

Buveur D'Air

5g Crillon - History
JP McManus
24/1131-

RPR 154h OR 151h
Had a fantastic first season over hurdles, winning his first two comfortably before finishing a gallant third to Altior in the Supreme. We wondered whether an extra half-mile might help but we stuck to two miles at Aintree and, although I couldn't say he won easily, it was still a great performance to win a Grade 1. I think there is much more to come over fences and he has an enormous future.

Call The Cops

7g Presenting - Ballygill Heights
JP McManus
112/80-0
RPR 149h OR 148h

We had a frustrating time last season following his victory in the Pertemps Final at the festival the previous spring. The plan had been to go novice chasing but that didn't materialise and he ended up carrying top weight in the Coral Cup in March, which is difficult. He's come back in excellent shape and I hope we can pick up and go novice chasing.

Captain Conan

9g Kingsalsa - Lavandou
Triermore Stud
3P/430-6
RPR 161c OR 139c

He has not found life easy since his glory days as a novice chaser when he won three Grade 1s. All sorts of issues have hindered our progress, but he still looks great and has returned in excellent shape so we hope he can return to days of old.

Captain Woodie

4g Presenting - Lasado
Middleham Park Racing
Unraced
RPR - OR-

Outstanding individual out of a



(From left to right) Jerry McGrath, Nicky Henderson, Nico de Boinville and Corky Browne at Seven Barrows

half-sister to Harbour Pilot, he showed lots in the spring and is ready to start over hurdles or in a bumper. Looks a classy prospect.

Caracci Apache

6g High Chaparral - Campanella
WH Ponsonby
111P2/3-
RPR 124c OR 145h

Two seasons ago he rose to the top end of the staying novice hurdle division following three good wins, including one over Blaklion. We went into last season with hopes he would be a top novice chaser, but unfortunately he struck into himself when third on his debut over fences at Aintree. Resumes that route now.

Champ

4g King's Theatre - China Sky
JP McManus
Unraced
RPR - OR-

Out of a half-sister to Best Mate, he showed plenty in the spring, although he never got to a racecourse. All his preparatory work has been done now and his future looks bright.

STABLE STAT

Since the start of 2014 Nico de Boinville is 34-84 (41%) when riding in non-handicap hurdles for Nicky Henderson. That strike-rate improves to 73% (19 winners from 26 mounts) on favourites

▶▶ Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at raceform.co.uk

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INTERACTIVE

EDWARD WHITAKER (RACINGPOST.COM/PHOTOS)



Christmas In April

4g Crillon - Similaresoldofa
J Palmer-Brown
14

RPR 101h OR -
A very exciting prospect, he is a good-looking youngster who was weak last spring but we managed to get a run in a bumper, which he won very easily. He finished fourth on his hurdles debut at Ffos Las recently but raced too free.

Claimantakinforan

4g Great Pretender - Taquine
D'Estrees
Grech & Parkin
S1-

RPR 93p OR -

A very good-looking gelding we bought for Stuart Parkin and Mike Grech. They have put together a promising team of young horses and I think this is a particularly nice individual. We had a bit of fun for Stuart and Mike last season but they have a very exciting squad this time around. We've liked everything we've seen of this one and he could start at Haydock on Friday.

Clemency

5m Halling - China Tea
Elite Racing Club
11P-P44

RPR 111 OR 110

Enjoyed comfortable wins at Ffos Las and Huntingdon last season, but the end wasn't as good. Came back looking good and was fourth at Market Rasen before running well when she was impeded at Sandown this month. I hope it won't be long before she gets back to winning ways when the ground isn't too soft.

Clondaw Banker

7g Court Cave - Freya Alex
AD Spence
43/6147-
RPR 126h OR 123h
Always looked promising but

it took us until last autumn to win a novice hurdle. He still has some very good form and we schooled him over fences into the spring with the view to chasing and, given decent ground, I'd be disappointed if he didn't make a high-class novice.

Close Touch

8g Generous - Romantic Dream
The Queen
143P/40-
RPR 153c OR 140c
He has to be one of our biggest disappointments. He won the EBF Final at Sandown, beating Many Clouds by 12 lengths,

but we had to put novice chasing on hold following a leg problem. His debut over fences was spectacular and I thought he was going to be top class, but he got involved in a horrible race on heavy ground at Haydock and has struggled since. We've explored every avenue to solve the mystery but I cannot say it was much better last term. Has come back looking great and we are trying a wind procedure to see if it will help. He loves soft ground and I just hope we can find the Close Touch of three years ago.

Cocktails At Dawn

8g Fair Mix - Fond Farewell
Robin Geffen & Sir John Ritblat
91/10F-P
RPR 155c OR 150c

Has always promised to be a high-class chaser, especially on good ground, and I still have high hopes for him. His jumping is his strongest suit and I'd hoped Aintree would suit, so we went to the Topham, but his exuberance was his undoing and he overjumped at the sixth. I still think Aintree is the place for him and hope he'll end up there next spring in the National.

Colonial Dreams

4g Westerner - Dochas Supreme
Carl Barnes
Unraced

I like him a lot and he was working well in the spring before a hiccup prevented a bumper run, but he's now ready to go.

Comely

4f Midnight Legend - Belle
Magello
The Queen
34
RPR 97b OR

A well-bred filly who was beaten only a length in her first bumper. We hoped her following start would be a formality but it was a major disappointment in that she made a noise, which has been dealt with. I'd be hopeful she could be high class in the mares' novice hurdle division.

Constantine Bay

5g Kayf Tara - Alina Rheinberg
Grech & Parkin
21- (points)
RPR - OR -
First and second in two British points and looks an ideal sort to go straight over hurdles.

STAR QUALITY

Altior

6g High Chaparral - Monte Solaro
Patricia Pugh
611111-
RPR 163h OR 160h
We had always hoped he was a bit special and I'm glad to say those hopes were realised last season with his unbeaten campaign, culminating in the Supreme at Cheltenham. After a lot of thought, discussion and - at times - a lot of indecision, we have decided to take the novice chase route. He is now six, rising seven and if we don't go chasing now, I suspect we might never. We schooled him once in the spring and he was excellent.

Consul De Thaix

4g Loxias - Mange De Thaix
JP McManus
230-
RPR 131h OR 132h

A very good-looking four-year-old who had been placed at Auteuil. He started for us in the Triumph trial in January and ran a very good race to finish third, behind our own surprising winner Protek Des Flos. I know Barry liked him a lot and he only had one more outing, which was in the Triumph itself. He ran respectably and, having had a good summer, has grown into a very impressive individual. He's a maiden over hurdles and you'd like to think he could be near the top of the pile.

Courtesy Call

7g Manduro - Three Wrens
AD Spence
43/1/6/54
RPR 119h OR 109h

Genuine and consistent on the Flat and a winner over hurdles. He's been restricted by suspensory issues but is back now. A genuine top-of-the-ground horse.

Cultivator

5g Alflora - Angie Marinie
Kimmins family and friends
3/10-21
RPR 130h OR -

Races with rather a lot of enthusiasm, which he may get from his owners. I don't
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STABLE TOUR NICKY HENDERSON

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mind if they never calm down but I would prefer the horse to cool his exuberance during the early stage of his races. Learned a lot from his first run over hurdles at Kempton in the spring and won well at Ascot last month.

Cup Final

7g Presenting - Asian Maze
JP McManus

0/31/1P-1
RPR 146h OR 146h

Had issues, but when things are going well he can be a very talented hurdler. His first start last season was at Musselburgh in a Pertemps qualifier, which he won, but he ran inexplicably badly in the final at Cheltenham. He then won at Punchestown and has always been a good jumper, so I imagine the plan is to go over fences.

Days Of Heaven

6g Saint Des Saints - Daramour
Mrs SK Johnston Jr

070-IU5
RPR 144h 140c OR 136h 136c

An exciting horse and his enthusiasm can sometimes make life interesting, but he's very talented and has already won five hurdle races, including the Dovecote. Was fifth in the American Grand National last month and runs in the Colonial Cup at Camden racecourse in South Carolina on Saturday. It's a race our former inmate Dawalan won last year and Days will then come back to England. I think he's smart.

Different Gravey

6g High Chaparral - Newtown
Dancer

Mr & Mrs R Kelvin-Hughes
1411/15-

RPR 164h OR 160h

Hopefully a horse who has a big future over fences. He was a very exciting novice hurdler but unfortunately picked up a hind-leg injury when winning at Ayr, so didn't reappear last season until February when he put up a stunning performance to win a very competitive Ascot handicap by miles. We missed Cheltenham and waited for the Stayers' Hurdle at Aintree, but that was a big disappointment and we put him away for the season. The real excitement now begins.

Discours D'Un Roi

4g Vision D'Etat - Reine De
Lestrade

Potensis Bloodstock Limited
55411-

RPR - OR -

Grand big type who won a couple over hurdles in France. Has recently joined us and we like him a lot.

Divin Bere

3g Della Francesca - Mofa Mere
Chris Giles

12-2

RPR 125h OR 137h

Juvenile who has recently come from France. He put his flat form behind him when switching to hurdles and has won and been placed on soft ground.

Divine Spear

5g Oscar - Testaway
Middleham Park Racing LXII

121308-

RPR 124h OR 123h

A lovely big gelding who won

‘Kotkikova has pedigree to dream of’

his bumper very easily and progressed last year as a novice hurdler. I hoped he was good enough for the EBF Final but it proved too much, although the ground was too soft for him. He remains an exciting prospect and will more than likely go chasing.

Domperignon Du Lys

3g Great Pretender - Millie
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede

1

RPR - OR -

Won his only APQS Flat race in France and has been here a couple of months, and seems to have thrived on the English diet. Has schooled well and is not far off making his debut over hurdles.

Du Destin

3g Fuisse - Parenthese
Middleham Park Racing LXII

Unraced

OR - RPR -

Just about as good a walker as you will see, he oozes class and is by a young sire who is doing well in France. He comes from an excellent family and looks precocious. He's having a holiday after being broken and will come back before Christmas for a bumper campaign. Looks a bit special.

Duke Debarry

5g Presenting - Blue Dante
Middleham Park Racing CIX

Unraced

From the family of Marlborough, he's been ready to run a couple of times but niggling issues have thwarted us. He's shown more than enough ability and remains a high-class prospect when he goes over hurdles.

Ericht

10g Alderbrook - Lady Orla
Mrs Christopher Hanbury

51P-7P22

RPR 146c OR 131

Has been a consistent stalwart but is still going strong and has won seven races. Got horribly high in the handicap, but that drifted down enough for him to win a nice race at Kempton. Was second at Newbury on his first start this autumn and finished a good second at Cheltenham on Friday.

Fixe Le Kap

4g Kapparde - Lady Fix
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede

2/41128-

RPR 142h OR 138h

I really like this huge grey and he did well for us as a juvenile given his size and physique, winning twice over hurdles at

STAR QUALITY

Kotkikova

5m Martaline - Kotkita

JP McManus

111-F1-1

RPR 136h 150c OR 147h 156c

Has absolutely everything and is the most gorgeous mare you could hope to see. She has a pedigree to dream of and obviously a huge amount of talent. It's amazing what she has already achieved and in 14 starts in France she has won six chases, including a Grade 1, and five hurdle races. Where we begin with her is going to be our first dilemma in that she has a high rating and a Grade 1 penalty over fences. The plan is to school her over British fences to see how she gets on and then make a decision as to which route we take. As to how far she will stay, it's difficult to tell. Her races were in the region of 2m to 2m2f. If it's to be hurdling then the mares' hurdle at Cheltenham would be the obvious objective. If it's chasing we would have to see how far she is likely to stay. It's going to be very interesting and we're looking forward to her enormously, especially with JP's other smart mare Bloody Mary on the sidelines for now.

Newbury and Warwick. The plan is to probably go over fences and I imagine he'll stay 2m4f at some stage.

Fly Camp

6g Westerner - Pearlsforthegirls

The Blue Bar Partnership

21

RPR 123h OR 128h

Got the hang of things at Worcester in June and then won his maiden hurdle at Uttoxeter very comfortably. Has great potential and is still a novice this season, so I imagine we'll exploit that, but sooner or later he'll switch to chasing. Wants cut in the ground.

Follow The Bear

4g King's Theatre - Mrs Dempsey

GB Barlow

21-

OR - RPR -

The Barlows let him have a

year in points, which I think is a great education and he won his maiden impressively. One to look forward to.

Forever Field

6g Beneficial - Sarahs Reprive

Robert Kirkland

212135

RPR 136h OR 135h

Won twice this summer and is maturing into a gorgeous horse who will make a lovely chaser, although good ground is essential. Ran at Kempton last week and will now have a break until the spring.

Full Shift

7g Ballingarry - Dansia

JP McManus

1P43-7P

RPR 139c 139h OR 133c 135h

Won a couple of hurdles before going chasing and, after winning at Kempton, he was a respectable fourth in the Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate at Cheltenham. He also ran well in good races at Ayr and Punchestown and I'm sure he'll continue to progress, but good ground is essential.

Gaitway

6g Medicean - Milliegait

Mrs JK Powell

1/2/

RPR 127h OR -

It's great to see him back in training as he missed 18 months through injury. We were disappointed he didn't win his first start over hurdles, but that's a blessing as he begins this campaign as a novice and could be exciting.

Gold Present

6g Presenting - Ouro Preto

Mr & Mrs JD Cotton

211/P60

RPR 133h OR 130h

A lovely big gelding with loads of class and scope and he should make a high-class chaser this season. Twice a winner over hurdles, he's schooled over fences and with some decent ground could be one to look forward to.

Hadrian's Approach

9g High Chaparral - Gifted

Approach

Mr & Mrs R Kelvin-Hughes

6P/7U6-9

RPR 154c OR 139c

He finished last season running a great race in the bet365 Gold Cup, which he'd won two years previously and before that we had a crack at the Grand National. He unseated but jumped really well until then and I expect that to be on the



agenda again. He ran nicely at Ascot last month but might not get into the Hennessy, so could go for the Becher Chase.

Hammersly Lake

8g Kapparde - Loin De Moi
Michael Buckley

62F-3152

RPR 144 OR -

Extremely talented and was only just beaten in the Summer Hurdle at Market Rasen last year. He won his first start over fences at the track and I hope he can stay on the straight and narrow. As long as he does, he has a bright future as a chaser - he showed plenty when second in the Racing Post Arkle Trial at Cheltenham yesterday. Both he and his owner certainly deserve some luck.

Hargam

5g Sinnidar - Horasana

JP McManus

4330-310

RPR 159h OR 153h

Part of our Triumph 1-2-3 and I really like him. Although he isn't the biggest, he loves jumping and racing and I think he needs good ground. Life will not get any easier, but he could stay further and we may explore that.

Highway Star

4g Vision D'Etat - Lyli Rose

Michael Buckley & Lord Vestey

Unraced

Gorgeous gelding who's a half-brother to Rolling Star, a lovely horse we had who died at Cheltenham last year. Highway Star was backward last season, but everything he did was exciting and a summer has helped him grow and develop. We've high hopes and he has the potential to be a top-notch novice hurdler this season.

Hunters Hoof

7g Flemensfirth - Madgehil

London Bridge Racing Partnership

1800-03

RPR 86c OR 130c

A stunning gelding who won three times over hurdles and was third on his chase debut at Bangor last month. He may not be the most robust and probably needs time between his races. Very useful on good ground.

Jameson

4g Midnight Legend - Shatabdi

Walters Plant Hire

1

RPR 102b OR -

A new inmate after winning a bumper impressively at Bangor last spring. He is out of a very good mare we trained for Robert Waley-Cohen and I have to say he's not unlike her and looks a ready-made article. Very exciting for novice hurdles.

Jenkins

4g Azamour - Aladiyna

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1-2

RPR 128b OR -

We bought him in the Land Rover sale last year and their sales bumper at the Punchestown festival was always the objective. He had practice at Newbury and was impressive, winning by ten lengths. We set off to Punchestown for the Land Rover Bumper with high hopes and he's a horse with gears, but he got to the front a bit soon. It was disappointing not to win such a good prize, but he has his whole life in front of him and schooled extremely well before going out for the summer. He spent that in the field with Sprinter Sacre at Juliet Minton's and has grown upwards and outwards.

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Nicky Henderson supervises the stars at work on the gallops

come into training in the spring, but is now ready to start. Couldn't be better bred and, although his future almost certainly lies over fences, he should be ready to start over hurdles.

Knock Castle
4g Kayf Tara – Bella Macare
The Queen
Unraced
RPR - OR -

Out of a mare we trained for Her Majesty, he was backward last season but had shown promise in a few bits of work. Has done very well this summer and I'm looking forward to running him.

L'Ami Serge
6g King's Theatre - La Zingarella
Simon Munir & Isaac Soude
4/11232-
RPR 159c OR 153c

One of our top novice chasers last season, he hit the crossbar in Grade 1s at the big spring festivals, finishing third in the JLT and second in the Manifesto at Aintree. He had won his first two chases effortlessly and, while he's effective at two miles, he also gets two and a half, which at least gives us more opportunities. However, he is on a mark of 153, so we will need to find a bit of improvement from somewhere to challenge for the Grade 1s. He can start in graduation chases and we will work from there.

Laurium
6g Gold Away - Silver Peak
The Ten From Seven
UU3-P31
RPR 129c OR 133c

Consistent over hurdles, he has a bright future over fences, particularly on good ground and won on his second start over them at Exeter on Tuesday.

Leaderofthedance
7m Norse Dancer - Glenda
T J Whitley

It could be an exciting season, which may start on the Friday of the Hennessy meeting at Newbury.

Josses Hill
8g Winged Love - Credora Storm
AD Spence
34/F18-1
RPR 161c OR 156c

Has been mixing it with the best and won some good races on the way. Chasing hasn't come easily, but he was a good third in last year's Arkle and, following a horror fall in the Tingle Creek last season, won a good prize at Kempton before running respectably in the Ryanair. Good ground is important to him and he won another graduation chase well at Kempton last week, which may lead to the Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon next month.

Kayf Grace
6m Kayf Tara - Potter's Gale

James and Jean Potter
33/211-
RPR 128b OR -

A lovely homebred, she won an ordinary race at Fakenham that led us into the Grade 2 mares' bumper at Aintree, where she put up a spectacular performance to win really nicely. She goes novice hurdling and we hope she could be top class in the mares' division – the new Trull House Stud Mares' Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham might easily be on the agenda.

Khezerabad
4g Dalakhani - Khelwa
Simon Munir & Isaac Soude
3P-21
RPR 133h OR 138h

A winner on the Flat in France, he ran well in the Adonis and had a short summer break as we wanted to get going on good, autumn ground. Second to our Thomas Campbell at Cheltenham last month, he

recorded a smooth victory at Sandown recently and will progress – he's entered for the Listed novices' hurdle at Haydock on Friday.

Kilcrea Vale
6g Beneficial - Inflation
AD Spence
1/F69-
RPR 144h OR 142h

We thought we had a star on our hands after he won his novice hurdle by 26 lengths, but he had a few issues and fell at Ascot last season. His next two runs were disappointing and it has been impossible to explain why. He's had an excellent summer and goes novice chasing.

Kings Ryde
4g King's Theatre - Ryde Back
Miss Rachel Tregaskes
Unraced
RPR - OR -

Good-looking youngster and an exciting prospect. He didn't



HORSE TO FOLLOW
Stuart Riley

Consul De Thaix

Horses capable of mixing it in decent company as a juvenile but who remain novices are always on my radar and Consul De Thaix is this year's beneficiary of the deep-end treatment last season. He ran a lovely race when third on debut in Cheltenham's Triumph Hurdle Trial behind Protek Des Flos and Clan Des Obeaux and wasn't disgraced when tenth in the Triumph itself. Stepping up in trip should see him come into his own and he should be capable of winning good races.

DARK HORSE



Omessa Has
4f Martaline - Ombre Folle
Simon Munir & Isaac Soude
343369-
RPR 120c OR -

Was a smart juvenile in France last term and joined us in the second half of the season. While she was not ready to run at Cheltenham in March, I expected her to go well in an all-age Listed mares' hurdle at the April meeting there, but she was virtually pulled up. We suspected a pelvic fracture and, although the vets couldn't find one, we box rested and treated her as if she had such an injury. I think you'll see the real Omessa Has this time around.

51P/1P-P
RPR 115h OR 115

Incurred a small stress fracture, which has necessitated six weeks of inactivity, but I'm hoping she'll recover before the winter ground returns. On a sound surface she's a very capable mare.

Le Dauphin
5g Robin Des Champs - Miss Denman
Lady Tennant
44-
RPR 108b OR -

A half-brother to the great mare Polly Peachum who is now retired. He's been backward, like Polly, but his two runs in bumpers were encouraging. I'm sure he'll begin over hurdles and he has the physique for jumping and indeed chasing. Has matured again over the summer and he has a bright future.

Lessons In Milan

8g Milan - Lessons Lass
Trevor Hemmings
311/23U
RPR 130c OR 134c

Has taken time to mature and we'll have to wait for the ground to come his way, but we hope he could grow into a high-class staying chaser and a National candidate.

Lough Derg Farmer

4g Presenting - Maryiver
Grech & Parkin
51-
RPR 89p OR -

Showed ability on his first start in a point in Ireland and then won impressively at the second time of asking. He's another of Stuart Parkin and Mike Grech's new team and looks an exciting prospect, who I expect would start over hurdles.

Lough Derg Spirit

4g Westerner - Sno-Cat Lady
Grech & Parkin
3-1
RPR 90p OR -

Good-looking son of Westerner who is no relation to Lough Derg Farmer, but they both come from the same point-to-point team. Began by finishing third to one of our other new recruits, Claimintakinforan, and then followed up by winning a decent race featuring several winners in May. Also looks exciting.

Maestro Royal

7g Doyen - Close Harmony
Rita Brown
1/P72-27
RPR 124h OR 124h

A half-brother to Barbers Shop, he won a maiden hurdle last season and I think we'll switch to fences, which should bring out the best in him. Has grown into a lovely, big, scopey individual and 2m-2m4f is his optimum distance on good ground.

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Magic Bullet

5g FLEMENSFIRTH - Some Bob Back
CN Barnes
4-445

RPR 104b OR -
We've always thought quite a lot of him, but what we have seen on the racecourse does not mirror what we see at home. I hope it is only a matter of time before he gets it all together and he was an encouraging fifth on his hurdles debut at Huntingdon last week.

Marked Man

4g Mahler - Newton Dancer
Mrs Sue Magnier
Unraced
RPR - OR -

A half-brother to Different Gravey, he is one of our most exciting prospects. With his size, it's not surprising he's taken time, but he's shown enough to suggest he has a bright future over hurdles and fences.

Melangerie

4f Fair Mix - Angie Marinie
The Barrow Boys
Unraced
RPR - OR -

A lovely looker, she is a half-sister to Cultivator, whom we like enormously. She was with us in the spring and all but ran in a bumper, but time just ran out and we put her away for the summer. That time has been well spent and she has come back a much stronger filly in every department. Ready to go, be it in a bumper or over hurdles, and she has a bright future.

Might Bite

7g Scorpion - Knotted Midge
The Knot Again Partnership
11/517-2
RPR 141c OR -

A lovely, big, scopey half-brother to Beat That. Has always shown potential, but I made a major error in letting him make his debut over fences at Cheltenham when he had only limited experience over hurdles. There was no doubt we had to go back over hurdles and he won a valuable handicap at Kempton, but the handicapper acted accordingly. We've reverted to chasing and he was second at Ffos Las this month. He's learning all the time.

Milzipa

4g Milan - Money For Buttons
Trevor & Linda Marlow
Unraced
RPR - OR -

We liked him enormously in the spring and he did everything we asked. He's the most beautiful mover and showed us a lot of pace before we put him away. A big, strong individual who was always going to take time, he's ready to start and although he could begin in a bumper, his future is over hurdles and fences.

Minella Rebellion

4g King's Theatre - Afdala
Grech & Parkin
2
RPR 90p OR -

A handsome son of the late King's Theatre, he showed a lot of potential in his only point and looked like he had quickened well to win, but got caught. We've not done much

'He gives his absolute all every race'

with him but he strengthened enormously over the summer and has come into training looking a very exciting prospect.

Minstrel Royal

6g Kayf Tara - Close Harmony
Rita Brown
365-332
RPR 122h OR 119h

Another Barbers Shop sibling, but he is more of a staying type than Maestro Royal and could go novice chasing this season, although he was a fine second over hurdles at Ascot last month.

My Wigwam Or Yours

7g Beneficial - Midnight Pond
The Happy Campers
14/23P/00
RPR 140c OR 135c

Has not been very lucky and has just had another period on the sidelines, but returned over hurdles at Cheltenham last month and was eleventh there yesterday - however, he has already had a couple of starts over fences and has the scope and ability to make a high-class novice.

Nicolas Chauvain

8g Saffron Walden - Kenzie
The Gleneagles Partnership
3-10432
RPR 133c OR 127c

A summer horse who won a novice chase at Huntingdon and was recently a good runner-up at Ludlow. He's essentially a two-mile top-of-the-ground performer and has settled down recently. His jumping has been sound.

No Hiding Place

3g Stowaway - Subtle Gem
WH Ponsonby
Unraced
OR - RPR -

Very easy to break in and looked quite precocious. He's having a short break before he comes into training. He looks the part and has a pedigree to match.

O O Seven

6g FLEMENSFIRTH - Kestral Heights
Triermore Stud
11218-21
RPR 148h OR 145h

A gorgeous, scopey gelding who won his first two starts over hurdles nicely and was then second to Yorkhill in the Tolworth. He was eighth to the same horse in the Neptune and finished with a decent second to Jer's Girl in a Grade 1 at Punchestown. I hope he will take high rank as a novice, and

STAR QUALITY

My Tent Or Yours

9g Desert Prince - Spartan Girl
JP McManus
123/22-3
RPR 171h OR 162h

Needs little introduction but showed last term he retains a lot of ability following a year on the sidelines. It was quite a stop-start preparation to get him ready for the Champion Hurdle, in which he had been a close second to Jezki in 2014. He put up a fantastic performance to be second to Annie Power and settled better than he had previously done. There was not much else to go for and we tried him over two and a half miles in the Aintree Hurdle, but unfortunately soft ground and that extra half mile was too far. I think those races told in the Punchestown Champion Hurdle when he was third, but he's come back in exceptionally good order and heads to Haydock for the Betfair Price Rush Hurdle on Saturday.

Friday's victory at Cheltenham suggests this could be the case. I think we'll stay at the 2m4f mark for now, although he has won over 3m.

Oscar Hoof

8g Oscar - New Legislation
The Hoof Partnership
31/211F/
RPR 135h OR 136h

Not the luckiest but showed himself to be a high-class prospect in the making with two novice hurdle wins in the 2013-14 campaign. Has the size and scope to jump fences. He seems to prefer decent ground and I expect him to stay further than two and a half miles.

Peace And Co

5g Falco - Peace Lina
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
111/63P
RPR 159h OR 149h

The season before last he helped to give us one of our best days by leading home a 1-2-3 in the Triumph. However, last season he conspired to give us plenty of disappointments and headaches. He clearly

has a ton of talent but can be his own worst enemy and we're going to continue to experiment and tinker with things at home. He had a wind procedure this summer and I sincerely hope we manage to get the real Peace And Co back.

Pearlesque

4f Martaline - Anazeem
Lady Tennant
Unraced
OR - RPR -

A beautiful grey who showed lots of potential in the spring and has come in looking stronger and more robust. Ideal for mares' novice hurdles.

Percy Street

3c Sir Percy - Star Of Gibraltar
Grech & Parkin
516952
RPR 104f OR 98f

We bought him recently at the horses-in-training sale and were wondering whether he should be gelded, but he's schooled with such enthusiasm that would be unfair, so the plan is to go straight over hurdles. I love his attitude.

Phobiaphiliac

5g Beneficial - Denys Eyre
Bradley Partnership
65-211
RPR 130h OR 130h

We like him and he won his maiden hurdle very impressively. That was his first try over a distance further than two miles and it undoubtedly helped. He settled better for being allowed to bowl along and jump, which is his strongest suit. He followed up at Lingfield last week but it's not difficult to see him jump a fence in time.

Polly's Pursuit

4f Westerner - Miss Denman
Lady Tennant
5-
RPR 83b OR -

A half-sister to Polly Peachum, she has done fantastically over the summer and looks a ready-made novice hurdler. She did have one bumper run in the spring, but got lost on the bend at Market Rasen and I'm sure she's miles better than that.

Post War

5g Nayef - Antebellum
The Duke Of Bedford & Dr Jerome Poupel
36-
RPR 107b OR -

A lovely, big, scopey individual who was third on his bumper debut at Warwick. Didn't follow up at Chepstow but has

My Tent Or Yours powers up the gallops at Seven Barrows under Dave Fehily



a good summer under his belt. I hope he could make a smart prospect over hurdles and fences.

Pougne Bobbi

5g Protektor - Amicus
Juergen Meyer
312-
RPR 139h OR 128h

Big and rangy, he took time but won a novice hurdle at Chepstow. He was beaten next time but is an ideal candidate for fences. He loves soft ground and although he is a long way from being slow, I think staying novice chases will be his forte.

Premier Bond

6g Kayf Tara - Celtic Native
Middleham Park Racing Xi
31/2147-
RPR 138h OR 135

Showed ability, winning a bumper, and followed that with some solid performances over hurdles, including a win at Newbury. He didn't go on due to various issues and dislikes soft ground. We'll try to be ready to go earlier this season and novice chasing will be on the agenda. He's had a wind procedure that could help considerably, especially on decent ground.

Protek Des Flos

4g Protektor - Flore De Chantenay
JP McManus
2112-
RPR 135h OR 137h

I like him enormously and think he has a big future. In his early days in Britain we thought he was an ordinary athlete and it was only with persuasion we started him in the Grade 2 juvenile at Cheltenham on Trials Day. There were only six runners

and it looked coming down the hill he would finish where I predicted - sixth of six - but when he met the rising ground, he pricked his ears and ran by them. It was an extraordinary performance and he followed up by winning at Sandown. He was not ready for the Triumph and we took him to Auteuil, where he was a creditable second. It is notoriously difficult for second-season four-year-olds over hurdles so he is set to go novice chasing.

Raising The Bar

4g Kalanisi - Cool Quest
The Bartenders
Unraced
OR - RPR -

A good-looking four-year-old who we liked a lot in the spring. He was on the weak side and we put him away to get the best of the summer and he's grown and developed enormously. He's the second part of The Bartenders partnership and he could go a long way for them.

Rather Be

5g Oscar - Irish Wedding
Matt & Lauren Morgan
U129-1
RPR 121h OR -

A promising half-brother to Sign Of A Victory and was impressive when winning a bumper at Ludlow. Was a respectable ninth in the Champion Bumper at Cheltenham and recorded a smooth success on his hurdles debut at Hereford last month.

Rebel Commander

4g FLEMENSFIRTH - Pharney Fox
Albatross Club
Unraced
OR - RPR -

From the family of Sign Of A



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DARK HORSE

River Wylde

5g Oscar - Clarin River
Grech & Parkin
3-10
RPR 120b OR -

Always looked like he would want good ground in that he is an exceptional mover. He went to Haydock for his debut and we thought he might win, but the biblical proportions of rain turned conditions very soft. He travelled like the best horse, but did not get home. He then went to Warwick and won by a huge margin and ran at Cheltenham last month, but was badly bumped and lost his chance. Now ready to start over hurdles.

Victory, he is an outstanding individual who was just starting to show promise when he incurred an injury, which brought a premature end to a spring campaign. He has an exciting future.

River Of Intrigue

6g Indian River - Molly Hussey
Oscar Singh & Priya Purewal
23-4134
RPR 121h OR 112h

A good-looking horse who was progressive in the spring and won his maiden hurdle at Worcester in May. Will jump a fence in time, but has had a short midsummer break so that we can be active in the autumn. I think he's a good-ground horse.

Royal Irish Hussar

6g Galileo - Adjalisa
Triermore Stud

5/43-424

RPR 138h OR 128h

He's paying the penalty for winning his first three over hurdles and for a horse of his size he's finding it difficult to carry the weights he's being asked to. He has to have good ground but he's always happy, if not leading, being up with the pace. I'm hopeful he'll soon return to winning ways.

Royal Ruby

4g Yeats - Close Harmony
Mrs Rita Brown
Unraced
RPR - OR -

He's lovely and is a half-brother to Minstrel Royal and Maestro Royal. I hope he'll be ready for a bumper after Christmas, along with Mill Green, who is out of another of their siblings we trained Ceilidh Royal. He also looks precocious.

Santini

4g Milan - Tinagoodnight
Mr & Mrs Richard Kelvin-Hughes & Anthony Speelman
Unraced
RPR - OR -

Has had a good education and knows plenty. An outstanding mover, he's likely to go straight over hurdles.

Scorpio Queen

4f Scorpion - Frankly Native
Mrs E Roberts
1
RPR 95b OR -

A lovely, big filly with great scope and spectacular ears - she has a great, honest look about her. Not particularly forward early, but we got her ready for a bumper in the spring, which she won very nicely. I'd be fairly sure she'll go over hurdles and think she is a fine prospect

for mares' novice hurdles.

Silent Steps

5m Milan - Taking Silk
Chris Giles
F1-
RPR 82p OR

Fell in a point, but then won one, this attractive mare looks ready to go over hurdles and has the scope to jump a fence in the future.

Silverhow

5g Yeats - Monte Solaro
Patricia Pugh
2-3
RPR 107b OR -

He may be Altior's half-brother, but he is also talented, making the frame in bumpers. Has summered exceptionally well and has come back stronger. We'll hopefully get him going sooner rather than later. I can't say he's going to be as good as his brother, but he has a lovely future.

Storm Of Intrigue

4g Oscar - Storminoora
Oscar Singh & Miss Priya Purewal
Unraced

A striking individual, he needed time but did some promising work in the spring that showed he has a bright future. The summer has been of enormous benefit and he's now a big, powerful individual.

Stowaway Magic

5g Stowaway - Irish Mystics
Grech & Parkin
14-1
RPR 124h OR -

Made his debut in a bumper at Kempton in February, which he won nicely. He couldn't follow up at Uttoxeter a month later, which was disappointing, but it was a true reflection of his talent, so we waited until the new season in May and let

him have a run over hurdles at Warwick, where he won convincingly. Remains a novice for this term and, although he'll jump a fence in time, we'll continue down the hurdles route. I think he could be more than useful.

Sugar Baron

6g Presenting - Shuil Oilean
Anthony Speelman
6010-1F
RPR 140c OR 135c

There might be two Sugar Barons. One is very useful on his day, but another does not perform so well on occasions. It was a productive season last term as he won a good handicap hurdle at Doncaster before a below-par effort at Cheltenham. He then won a novice chase at Wincanton, but fell when upsides at the second-last at Sandown this month.

Swoop To Conquer

4g Presenting - One Swoop
HP Racing Swoop To Conquer
52
RPR 106h OR -

A lovely youngster, he ran in a bumper at Exeter in May, but the ground was quicker than he'd like. This summer has done him the world of good and he has come in a much stronger individual, finishing a good second back at Exeter over hurdles this month.

Take To Heart

4g Sakhee - Romantic Dream
The Queen
2
RPR 97b OR -

Another good-looking, if slightly leggy, individual, he showed us plenty of ability in the spring and managed to have one run in a bumper at the backend. He finished a good second and has schooled really nicely. He is a half-brother to Close Touch and, although most of this family have stayed well, I suspect he may be effective over the minimum distance.

Tales Of The Tweed

4g Robin Des Champs - Dancer Privado
Hodgkiss & Kelvin-Hughes
3
RPR 104b OR

A lovely type who took time but had shown plenty of ability. He ran a promising race at Kelso in May and has returned from his summer break a much stronger individual. Will have one more bumper run before he starts hurdling.

Theatre Territory

6m King's Theatre - Specifiedrisk
Robert Waley-Cohen
320-
RPR 113b OR -

A gorgeous mare. We decided to go down the bumper route with her last season and she began in a Listed race at Cheltenham in November, when surprisingly she ran too freely and didn't get home. Was then second in a competitive race at Ascot and, although still a maiden, we went for the Grade 2 mares' bumper at Aintree, but she was disappointing and returned home to Robert's stud for the summer. She has done extremely well and returns a lot stronger. I think she could go to the top in the mares' novice hurdle division.

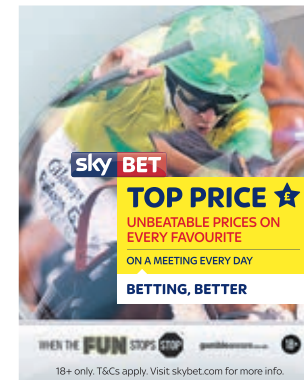
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6g Smadoun - Kinevees
Mr & Mrs Sandy Orr
09-31334
RPR 148c OR 143c

After winning a novice chase at Uttoxeter, he was a fine third in the Summer Plate at Market Rasen and filled the same spot in a hot novice chase at Chepstow. Good ground is essential, so we'll continue through the autumn and give him his break in the winter. He finished fourth to O O Seven at Cheltenham on Friday.

Thomas Campbell

4g Yeats - Hora
Mrs Van Geest & Mrs Kelvin Hughes
7-11
RPR 121h OR -



A spectacular character in that he is full of enthusiasm but tainted with a little naughtiness that entertains us. Green on his debut at Huntingdon, he was impressive in a bumper at Kelso and returned from his summer holiday stronger and more mature. We saw the benefit of that when he was a stylish winner on his hurdles debut at Cheltenham last month.

Top Notch

5g Poliglote - Topira
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
22515-3
RPR 149c OR -

A grand little horse to have around the place for the last two seasons and gives his absolute all every time he races. Nailed near the line in the Fighting Fifth at Newcastle, so I was delighted when he got his head in front in Kelso's Morebattle Hurdle. He then ran a cracker when fifth in the Champion Hurdle last season. He was second on his chase debut at Uttoxeter last month and we'll aim to go one better in the four- and five-year-old novice chase at Warwick on Wednesday.

Top Ville Ben

4g Beneficial - Great Decision
Million In Mind Partnership
1-
RPR 90p OR -

Good looking and elegant, he won a point and is by a sire I like from the family of
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Champion Hurdle winner For Auction. We had him at Seven Barrows before sending him for a summer break...

Tower Of Allen

5g Beneficial - Baile An Droichid Highclere Thoroughbred Racing-Beneficial 8P-B2

RPR 95h OR -

Confused me in that he had been doing everything nicely at home, but his two performances in bumpers last season were very disappointing...

Towering

7g Catcher In The Rye - Bobs Article Middleham Park Racing LIX 14156-3

RPR 125h OR 122h

A consistent performer over hurdles, winning three of his eight starts and being placed in most of his other races. The plan is to switch to novice chasing and I think he has a bright future...

Triolo D'Alene

9g Epalo - Joliette D'Alene Mr & Mrs Sandy Orr P/P3/150

RPR 162c OR 150c

Has already had a superb career winning a Hennessy Gold Cup and Topham, and the Grand National has always been our objective, but unfortunately in the two attempts so far, we have encountered exceptionally soft ground...

Vaniteux

7g Voix Du Nord - Expoville Mr & Mrs Kelvin-Hughes 5/121U3

RPR 162c OR 154c

We'd been looking forward to his chasing career and he had a good, but in some ways difficult, first season over fences. He earned his place in the Arkle by beating Arzal in the Grade 2 Lightning Chase...

Volnay De Thaix

7g Secret Sinner - Mange De Thaix Judy Wilson 3/14052-

RPR 154c OR 150c

Having had a successful time over hurdles, he started and

'Vaniteux has the scope to reach the top'

finished his novice chase campaign with two excellent performances, with a couple of less encouraging races in the middle. He got caught up in what turned out to be a horrifically wet winter, but put up his best performance when finishing second in an ultra-competitive handicap on the last day of the season at Sandown.

Vyta Du Roc

7g Lion Noir - Dolce Vyta Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 12155-3

RPR 151c OR 143c

Grand, big grey who has been a consistent performer and won an exhilarating renewal of the Reynoldstown at Ascot. That was his second victory over fences and he then finished a creditable fifth in both the RSA Chase and Scottish National. The long-term aim for him this season has to be the Randox Health Grand National, although his mark of 143 would not have got him a run in this year's event.

Welsby

4g Gold Well - Stonehouse Trevor Hemmings Unraced

RPR - OR -

Had a good year's education and is now ready to go over hurdles. Looks athletic and everybody likes him.

Wenyerreadyfreddie

5g Beneficial - Ware It Vic A Speelman M Speelman & Partners 2-

RPR 110b OR

A lovely, big gelding we bought at John Ferguson's dispersal sale. Second in his only bumper, he will undoubtedly make a chaser but I'm really looking forward to his debut over hurdles in the near future.

What's The Scoop

6g Presenting - Dame D'Harvard Michael Buckley 3525-

RPR 130h OR 129h

A huge horse and a half-brother to Harchibald. He was winning extremely easily over hurdles at Sandown when, for no reason, he took a 90-degree turn left on the run-in. The only consolation is that leaves him a maiden over hurdles, but I think we should turn our attention to chasing and the better the ground, the better he will be.

Whisper

8g Astarabad - Belle Yepa Walters Plant Hire Ltd 251/5P8

RPR 165h OR 159h

One of our stalwarts over the years, having won a Coral Cup at the festival and two consecutive Stayers' Hurdles at Aintree. He's had one run over fences, but is just so good in those middle-distance hurdle races and they are very lucrative, so we have stayed on that road. I'm afraid last year didn't work out at all and I can only hope a few tweaks will have brought about a resurgence in his career.

Whoshotwho

5g Beneficial - Inishbeg House The Blue Bar Partnership 3-

RPR 110b OR

A likeable individual who has taken more time than I anticipated, but was third in a bumper at Kempton in February. He had a hind-leg injury after that but has just come back to begin his hurdling career.

William Henry

6g King's Theatre - Cincuenta Walters Plant Hire Ltd 411/

RPR 129b OR -

Could be a very exciting. He had to miss last season through injury, but returns

ready to start his novice hurdle campaign. He began in a bumper at Wincanton when the ground was too soft and he was ridiculously green, but he soon made up for that winning a bumper at Kempton by 17 lengths and then following up in what is always a competitive race on Scottish National day.

Winding Bae

4f Well Chosen - Desputte Willett Westwood & Chandler 66

RPR 88b OR

An athletic filly out of a half-sister to Burton Port, who we had so much fun with a few years ago for Trevor Hemmings. She's finished sixth in two bumpers and I hope we can have a lot of fun with her this season.

Unnamed

4g Getaway - Boro Supreme Mrs John Magnier

Very big, but very athletic and is from a great jumping family. He was too big to come into training in the spring, but time has served him well.

Unnamed

5g Kayf Tara - Nas Na Roich Brian and Gwen Griffiths

Big, but he is bred to be as he's out of a mare who the Finale Juvenile Hurdle at Chepstow for us in 2002.

WRAP-UP

We have a gorgeous bunch of three-year-olds who have been broken and educated and will probably be bumper horses after Christmas.

Ligny (by Fuisse) is perhaps the most forward and looks precocious, as does Wallace Spirit (Le Havre) and an unnamed gelding by Milan out of a half-sister to Snoopy Loopy looks like he shouldn't take long. Neither would a Kapparde who has as a great French pedigree.

Pym (Stowaway) and a good-looking filly by Shantou out of a half-sister to L'Ami Serge look ideal bumper material for the spring if not before, while we have a handsome Scorpion out of a half-sister to Oscar Whiskey and a Midnight Legend out of a daughter of Lady Rebecca, who are for sale. We also have a very forward filly by Shirocco who is out of a Sadler's Wells mare.

STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

Table with columns: Races run, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Unpl, Per cent, 0-30%, £1 level stake, ROI*. Rows include Non-hcp hdl, Hcp hdl, Non-hcp chs, Hcp Chs, Hunter chs, NH Flat, Totals.

JOCKEYS

Table with columns: Name, W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Barry Geraghty, Andrew Tinkler, Nico de Boinville, David Bass, Jeremiah McGrath, Felix de Giles, Mr S Waley-Cohen, Richard Killoran, Daryl Jacob, Peter Carberry, Noel Fehily, Freddie Mitchell.

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

Table with columns: Month, W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include January through December.

FIRST TIME OUT

Table with columns: Name, W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Non-hcp Hdl, Hcp Hdl, Non-hcp Chs, Hcp Chs, NH Flat.

FAVOURITES

Table with columns: Name, W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Non-hcp Hdl, Hcp Hdl, Non-hcp Chs, Hcp Chs, NH Flat.

COURSES

Table with columns: Course, W-R, Per cent, Non-hcp Hdl, Non-hcp Chs, Hcp Hdl, Hcp Chs, NH Flat, £1 level stake. Rows include Kempton, Newbury, Cheltenham, Ascot, Huntingdon, Sandown, Ludlow, Aintree, Doncaster, Fakenham, Market Rasen, Uttoxeter, Ffos Las, Warwick, Towcester, Worcester, Fontwell, Bangor, Southwell, Hereford, Newton Abbot, Taunton, Wincanton, Stratford, Leicester, Haydock, Plumpton, Ayr, Kempton (AW), Exeter, Folkestone, Chepstow, Kelso, Musselburgh, Wetherby, Lingfield, Newcastle, Perth, Southwell (AW), Lingfield (AW), Hexham, Wolverhampton (AW), Cartmel, Catterick.

Number of horses racing for the stable 708 Total winning prize-money £13,872,073

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VENETIA WILLIAMS 'He seems to bring his best game to the National course' More priceless nuggets from a top yard tomorrow

STABLE TOUR VENETIA WILLIAMS

Big winter pots on radar with rain arriving

TRADITION runs deep in the Herefordshire lanes and nowhere more so than at Venetia Williams' Aramstone yard, where in time-honoured fashion the trainer is waiting for rain and proper jumping conditions before unleashing the bulk of her string.

Patience has been tested more than usual this year with softer ground slow to arrive and November, which has been such a productive month in recent seasons, has seen few runners from the stable.

With the weather now turning, Williams is sure to be a powerful force through the winter, especially in the staying handicap chases in which she does so well, and there was a highly encouraging fourth for Aso in the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday.

Williams the traditionalist is pleased to see Hereford, her local course, back in action – "It's a nice course for the horses, it's pretty flat, and it's good for this area, which is very National Hunt-orientated" – but she has also succumbed to the modern world of social media.

While not yet part of the Twitterati, she has joined Instagram with regular postings of the horses and the yard. Aramstone, with its rolling treescape and paddocks running down to the River Wye, is naturally photogenic and as the winter progresses the pictures will offer a fascinating look behind the scenes of a classical jumps yard.

Interview by Nick Pulford

Aachen

12-year-old gelding Rainbow Quest (sire) - Anna Of Saxony (dam)

Owner: Tony Bloom

Form figures: 11209P-
Racing Post Rating: 153c
Official rating 148c

All those veterans' races are the obvious races for him. He nearly won the veterans' chase final at Sandown in January, he had a fantastic season, and he seems to have retained all of his enthusiasm. He's gone up quite a bit in the handicap but he's not far away from the mark he was when he was second at Sandown. As soon as we get a bit of rain, he'll be running.

STABLE PROFILE

- Yard Aramstone
- Where Kings Ciple, Herefordshire
- Started training 1995
- Horses in yard 85
- Members of staff 30
- Head lad Philip Turner
- Travelling head lad Jerry Roberts
- Stable jockeys Liam Treadwell, Charlie Deutsch, Aidan Coleman
- Amateur Lucy Turner
- Office staff Sarah O'Donnell, Martin Bellamy
- Stable sponsor Faucetts
- Website venetiawilliams.com

Winners in Britain

2015-16	56
2014-15	53
2013-14	86
2012-13	90

Profit/loss to £1 stake

2015-16	-£104.92
2014-15	-£150.41
2013-14	-£142.64
2012-13	-£40.56

Prize-money 2015-16

£983,247

Air De Rock

4g High Rock - Onciale
Lady Bolton
F443-3

RPR 104h OR 115h

We bought him from France over the summer and he was third in a maiden hurdle at Hexham on his first run for us this month. He got tired late on and should improve a bit from that. He's quite lightly made but he'll go chasing eventually, although we'll keep him hurdling for the time being. He's the sort who could improve as we go along and there are races to be won with him.

DARK HORSE

Buttercup

5m Limnos - Paranoia
Boulbee Brooks Ltd
234P45-

RPR 121h OR 110h

She was a bit disappointing over hurdles last season but, although she's not over-big, she's going chasing and I've got a feeling she'll be better in mares' novice handicaps or handicap chases. She ran over a variety of trips last season but 2m4f should suit her.

STABLE STAT

Since 2013 Williams is 27-50 (54%) with favourites in non-handicap hurdles (+£9.52). Only four of the 50 runners finished outside of the top three. At Plumpton her record is 1211111 with such horses.

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Arthur's Oak

8g Kayf Tara - Myumi
Mrs JK Burt
1/12110-

RPR 154c OR 152c

I've always thought he'd be a three-miler but he's done very well over the shorter distances and, depending on the ground, he's probably a two-and-a-half-miler. He jumps well and he's one of those who'll probably go the same speed on soft as on good, so it's best to keep him to the soft.

Belami Des Pictons

5g Khalkevi - Nina Des Pictons
Hills of Ledbury (Aga)
33111-4

RPR 132h OR 132h

He ran for the first time over fences at Fontwell on Sunday. He slithered on landing going down the hill five out and did well to keep his feet but jumped really well apart from that. He was a bit tired at the end but ran a promising race. He did nothing wrong last season, winning his two novice hurdles, and the handicapper's pitched him in at 132, which gets him in those 0-135 novice limited handicap chases. I've been looking forward to seeing him over fences, which was always the plan.

Bennys King

5g Beneficial - Hellofafaithful
Mezzone Family
622-2

RPR 118h OR 121h

He was a little bit hare-brained

to begin with, but he ended up with a couple of near-misses. I think we'll find he'll be better when he goes over fences, but there's a bit more hurdling to be done with him first. He's still a novice and hopefully he'll be out soon.

Bennys Mist

10g Beneficial - Dark Mist
Mezzone Family
P1320-8

RPR 152c OR 146c

He ran well enough at Cheltenham on Friday in conditions that didn't suit, particularly over that trip. We wanted to give him a run before the Grand Sefton at Aintree in early December, which he won last year. He seems to bring his best game to the National course. He's better on softer ground, although he might get away with ground a bit drier at Aintree because the fences get some of the others on the back foot. He's also run well at Newbury, where he's been second in the Greatwood Gold Cup for two years running. The races pick themselves for him really.

Centurius

6g New Approach - Questina
Venetia Williams Racing Syndicate III
8/6331-4

RPR 112h OR 113h

He's changed ownership – he's one of two horses in

this syndicate along with an unraced three-year-old store. He'll be going chasing, probably after Christmas. He won over hurdles last season and there's more fun to be had over hurdles in the meantime.

Cold March

6g Early March - Tumultueuse
Andrew Brooks
/13605-

RPR 153c OR 147c

He was a bit wayward last season. He ducked out going downhill at Ascot and then we ran him in the Dovecote at Kempton to get his confidence back and he cut into himself, so that's why he didn't run again. It's all good again and we'll probably go back to the two-miler at Ascot in which he finished third last year. He won a Listed chase there last October and it suited him because they went a strong gallop and he stayed on. He can run over 2m or 2m4f, but at 2m he probably needs a strongly run race and it's best if he can be towed along.

Commis D'Office

4g Califet - Pas De Bal
Mrs Julian Blackwell
473-152

RPR 121c OR - RPR 102h OR -

He hasn't won over hurdles but he won a chase in France in May, so we could run him in novice hurdles or novice handicap chases this season. He could go straight over fences but we'll see what his handicap mark is and play it by ear. He's going well but he hasn't done serious work yet.

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Venetia Williams keeps an eye on her string charging up the gallops at her Herefordshire stables

STAR QUALITY

Aso

6g Goldneyev - Odyssee Du Cellier
The Bellamy Partnership
13561-4
RPR 154c OR 144c

I was delighted with the way he ran in the BetVictor Gold Cup on Saturday. Unfortunately he met the last two fences on awkward strides, which put paid to his winning chance, but it was the first time he'd run in a big-field competitive chase and he acquitted himself pretty well. We haven't formulated a plan yet but he'll be competitive for some big prizes. His novice form last season stacks up pretty well - although he was fifth in the Arkle he was beaten only 14 lengths by Douvan and that wasn't too shabby at all. He didn't run so well at Aintree but he was very long at one of the early fences and I think it frightened him a bit. We've found he's better off being dropped in a little bit. He doesn't need it as soft as some of our other horses and 2m4f is his trip for the time being.

running largely over 2m. He won on heavy at Wetherby in January, he doesn't necessarily need the ground that deep, but he handles it well. He ran well when he was third at Doncaster on good after he'd gone up 9lb and hopefully we'll have more success with him.

Houblon Des Obeaux

9g Panoramic - Harkosa
Mrs Julian Blackwell
99841P-
RPR 164c OR 153c
He'll probably head to the Hennessy, where he's debuted before. He'll be old enough for veterans' races in the new year, although at the moment he's too high in the ratings to run in them. He wore cheekpieces for the first time when he won the Denman Chase at Newbury, we felt they'd help keep him focused, and I think he'll probably retain them. The Denman wasn't a strong race, he went out in front and put up a bold show, but you don't come across opportunities like that very often. He needs ground on the soft side for sure.

Otago Trail

8g Heron Island - Cool Chic
Marie Shone
2113P3-
RPR 157c OR 146c
He's in the Hennessy and, although he's done most of his racing over shorter, we feel he'll stay the trip. His best form is on softer ground and if it's heavy he's probably still quite effective at 2m4f. Ultimately I'm sure we're going to see him as a three-miler but I haven't decided about the Hennessy at this stage. He's ready to

run and ideally we'd run him somewhere first, but the ground's not come for him.

Pressurize

10g Witness Box - Cockpit Rose
Sarah Williams
831151-
RPR 141c OR 135c

He was a late starter, he's ten but has run only seven times, and he's another who's done well on testing ground. He's done most of his running over 2m, but his last win was over 2m4f at Chepstow and we'll head more in that direction. He's run in small fields and it'll be interesting to see what he makes of a big-field handicap chase. He hasn't jumped a fence out of any ground other than heavy and conditions like that suit him - again it'll be new territory for him going at a quicker pace when the ground is less testing.

Saroque

9g Revoque - Sarakin
Andrew Brooks
15442P-
RPR 134c OR 126c
He won over 3m at Exeter first time out last season but his best run was probably his next one when he was fifth in the Rehearsal at Newcastle. He was right in the mix until the last and everything that finished in front of him went on to greater things. He ran well to be fourth in the Welsh National and he'd have been closer if he hadn't been nearly carried out by a loose horse at the third-last. He needs soft ground and he'll follow a similar route again.

Tara Flow

6g Kayf Tara - Poppet
Kate & Andrew Brooks
211216-
RPR 133h OR 135h
She'll be going over fences but I might give her a run over hurdles first. There are a few mares' novice chases for her and she could go in novice limited handicaps. We stepped her up to 2m4f at Sandown but she wasn't really at the races that day, I'm not sure why, and she was beaten before the distance became relevant. The ground dried up for her after that and she didn't run again. She did nothing wrong in her five runs before that, winning three and finishing second twice. She handles heavy ground well.

Tenor Nivernais

9g Shaanmer - Hosanna II
Boultee Brooks Ltd
1322P5-
RPR 156c OR 150c
We didn't run him at the festival because of the drying ground but he ran at the three previous Cheltenham meetings and finished third, second and second in the 2m5f races, so we'll look at those again. Those were all on heavy and he's at his best in those conditions, he ploughs through the mud. We

EVAN WILLIAMS

'She's schooled very well and is one to watch out for'

HORSE TO FOLLOW James Hill



Waldorf Salad

Venetia Williams has twice won the Welsh National, and this eight-year-old could be the type to boost her record. A winner of three of his nine chase starts, including one at Chepstow in April, he is a resolute galloper who has more pace than his running style might suggest and he also jumps well. If the Welsh National isn't the race for him, he can still prove more than useful in small-field events when the ground is riding hock deep.

could look at 3m with him too. He pulled up at Kempton over 3m but he was beaten before the distance was relevant.

Waldorf Salad

8g Millenary - Ismene
Alan Parker
1123P1-
RPR 140c OR 135c
Last season was his second season as a chaser and he was still a novice, but he improved and won three times. He also ran particularly well to finish second at Cheltenham in January, where the distance was a bit short for him and he made the running. He'll be going for staying handicap chases on soft ground and he's another who could end up in the Welsh National.

Yala Enki

6g Nickname - Cadiane
Hills of Ledbury (Aga)
5131P5-
RPR 147h OR 139h
He won over fences in France before we bought him, so he's not a novice chaser and he's got to go straight into handicap chases. He did well last season - he was only a novice hurdler but he won the Lanzarote. He's entered in the Fixed Brush Handicap Hurdle at Haydock on Saturday - he ran in it last year and if the ground's right there's every chance he'll start off there. He'll probably go over fences after that. He wants good to soft or softer.

Zamdy Man

7g Authorized - Lauderdale
JP McManus
5/3409-1
RPR 159h 138c OR 140h 140c
Very sadly his owner passed away and his family decided to retain one horse with us, Tango De Juille, and sell Zamdy Man. He's the first horse we've had for Mr McManus. He'll be novice chasing this season, having won a novice chase in the first week of the new season in April. He had a couple of earlier runs over fences but then went back over hurdles because his owner was very festival-focused and it was felt he wouldn't be running over fences there. After that he ran well at Ayr in the Scottish Champion Hurdle. He'll run over 2m for the time being, but he might get further, and he's always performed well on soft ground. I've always thought he'd be able to chase well.

STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

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JOCKEYS

Table with columns: W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Aidan Coleman, Liam Treadwell, Mr W Biddick, Robert Dunne, Callum Whillans, Charlie Deutsch, Harry Challoner, Tom Scudamore, Alain Cavley, Paddy Brennan, Mr J S Knox, Micheal Nolan.

FIRST TIME OUT

Table with columns: W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Non-hcp hdl, Hcp hdl, Non-hcp chs, Hcp chs, NH Flat.

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

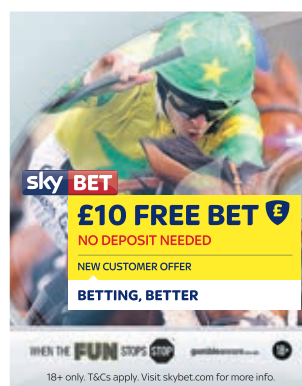
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FAVOURITES

Table with columns: W-R, Per cent, £1 level stake. Rows include Non-hcp hdl, Hcp hdl, Non-hcp chs, Hcp chs, NH Flat.

COURSES

Large table with columns: W-R, Per cent, Non-hcp Hdl, Hcp Chs, Non-hcp Hdl, Hcp Chs, NH Flat, £1 level stake. Rows include Taunton, Towcester, Ludlow, Wincanton, Bangor, Plumpton, Hereford, Uttroxeater, Chepstow, Fontwell, Exeter, Warwick, Haydock, Leicester, Huntingdon, Ascot, Newbury, Cheltenham, Sandown, Southwell, Market Rasen, Carlisle, Kempton, Lingfield, Stratford, Wetherby, Ffos Las, Perth, Worcester, Newton Abbot, Aintree, Doncaster, Musselburgh, Fakenham, Cartmel, Catterick, Sedgfield, Kelso, Newcastle, Ayr, Hexham, Kempton (AW).



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Coudefoudre

4g Martaline - Chamoss World
Venetia Williams Racing Syndicate I
Unraced
RPR - OR -
He didn't run last season, he was struggling a little with his breathing, and he had a wind operation fairly recently. He won't be out until nearer Christmas but he's shown lots of ability and jumps well.

Du Soleil

4g Zambezi Sun - Cykapri
Andrew Brooks
1-
RPR 106b OR -
He was a rare runner in a juvenile bumper for me and won on testing ground. He's a big horse and did well to win last season, but that was enough for a young horse and we left him off after that. He'll be going over hurdles now and should start off next month. It was soft when he won his bumper but I don't know yet if that's essential for him.

Emperor's Choice

9g Flemensfirth - House-Of-Hearts
The Bellamy Partnership
241/1PP-
RPR 143c OR 139c
He'll have a similar campaign to previous seasons and he'll be heading to the Welsh National, which he won two seasons ago. He didn't run well in the race last season, he slightly lost confidence with his jumping. He jumped fine when he came back in the Scottish National but it was spring ground by then. It's important that the ground is pretty soft for him.

Fionn Mac Cul

5g Oscar - No Moore Bills
Trevor Hemmings
6131-
RPR 120h OR 128h
He won a couple of novice hurdles last season and he's going chasing. He'll get in novice limited handicap chases with his rating. He's been schooling, although he's not quite ready to run. His wins were on heavy and he handles that ground, but I don't think he necessarily needs it.

Gardefort

7g Agent Bleu - La Fresnaie
Andrew Brooks
3/P132P-
RPR 144c OR 139c
He sprained his hind fetlock at the Cheltenham Festival and it took quite a while to mend. He's not going to be out until next month, but he'll be



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Number of horses racing for the stable 442. Total winning prize-money £5,247,295

STABLE TOUR EVAN WILLIAMS

AFTER the rain, the flood – of winners. Evan Williams has been putting up with a dry spell on more than one front this unseasonal autumn, just one winner between the beginning of August and the end of October, but a wet start to November has brought success and the grin back to his face.

There has been a gradual and permanent change at the yard just across the Bristol Channel from Philip Hobbs's place, a considered move away from summer jumpers and towards the traditional bumper/store type where Williams' ambitions lie. He reckons the current bunch of horses at his refreshingly everyone-mucks-in yard, a South Wales collective, is the best he's ever had, and there's an arrow for almost every target now the rain has eased the way for his leading contenders.

Aqua Dude, Maxanisi and Pobbles Bay are promising novice chasers, Billy Bronco and Gayebury similarly intriguing novice hurdlers, while Firebird Flyer, Court Minstrel, King's Odyssey and the enigma that is Buywise give their trainer ample opportunity in the big handicaps.

Matching last year's tally might be a stretch after that summer drought but Williams isn't so bothered, would rather use the campaign to reinforce the notion that his is now a winter yard capable of making its presence felt through the key months of the season. He certainly has the horses – and now also the weather – to do that.

I new Jewby Stev eDennis**Aqua Dude**

Six-year-old gelding
Flemensfirth (sire) - Miss Cozzene (dam)

Owner: Mr & Mrs William Rucker
Form figures: 9/13U1-
Racing Post Rating: 133h
Official Rating: 136h

I like him a lot, he has the makings of a nice novice chaser. Ran a lovely race behind Yanworth and Charbel at Ascot last season – I wasn't scared to pitch him in against them because I do think highly of him. Ready to go once there's plenty of cut in the ground. Quick enough to start over 2m but will stay 2m4f and

Welsh wizard armed with his best crop so far

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶ **Yard** Aberogwrn Farm
- ▶ **Where** Llanccarfan, Vale of Glamorgan
- ▶ **Started training** June 2003
- ▶ **Horses in yard** 81
- ▶ **Members of staff** 28
- ▶ **Assistant trainer** Cath Williams
- ▶ **Head girl** Denise Kellerman
- ▶ **Travelling head grooms** David Burchell, Chris Lucas
- ▶ **Jockeys** Paul Moloney, Adam Wedge
- ▶ **Conditionals** Conor Ring, Lewis Gordon, Cian Maher
- ▶ **Amateurs** Isabel Williams, Conor Orr, Jamie Thomas
- ▶ **Office staff** Cath Williams, William Williams
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Winners in Britain

2015-16	70
2014-15	63
2013-14	55
2012-13	57
Profit/loss to £1 stake	
2015-16	+12.95
2014-15	-53.30
2013-14	-58.64
2012-13	-161.33
Prize-money 2015-16	
	£809,087

maybe further.

Bach De Clermont

5g Della Francesca - Fleur De Princesse
Mr & Mrs William Rucker
-44
RPR 109h OR 118h

Has had two very similar races for us – travelled well, jumped well, but hasn't finished his race off. A light-framed horse, he might not be suited to running through the depths of winter, but he won a point-to-

point and it might be an idea to step him up in trip now, 2m4f maybe, see if that helps him in the closing stages of his races.

Billy Bronco

5g Central Park - Nan
Mr & Mrs William Rucker
1-
RPR 115b OR -

Won his bumper in the mud and will need that type of ground. I'm very happy with his schooling. Tough sort who'll stay well, but I prefer to

start them off over 2m before stepping them up.

Buywise

9g Tikkanen - Greenogue Princess
T Hywel Jones
2430-43
RPR 158c OR 150c

A talented horse but a very difficult one too – if everything falls right for him he'll win a big race, but with him you just never know. The ground went against him a bit in the BetVictor Gold Cup, he was struggling early, but he does love Cheltenham and he showed how genuine he is when running on up the hill. For his natural ability he should have won some good races, but he had a problem with a hind joint as a young horse and just doesn't have that bounce, that spring in his stride for his fences. It's not his fault, he deals well with his problem, but it can be frustrating. The obvious race for him is the Caspian Caviar Gold Cup back at Cheltenham next month – we'll keep chipping away with him in those good races but he won't run in the National again – I'm not sure he even sees out 3m.

Clyne

6g Hernando - Lauderdale
David Williams
135/311-
RPR 134h OR 132h

A tall, gangly horse who handles soft to almost unraceable heavy ground



STAR QUALITY

King's Odyssey

7g King's Theatre - Ma Furie
Mr & Mrs William Rucker
421/311-
RPR 155c OR 147c

I think he's a very good horse but he needs proper cut in the ground and is worth looking after until we get some. The only time he's been beaten over fences was when he got a clod of mud up his nose at Southwell and couldn't get his breath. We had to put him away in the spring because the ground began to dry up. A trip to Ireland is a possibility for some soft ground – I'd like to run him in the Caspian Caviar Gold Cup at Cheltenham next month but he'll need a run under his belt first. Could be a good bit better than he's shown.

very well, and has a bit of unfinished business over hurdles – I can see him in a big handicap on bottomless ground, when a lot of the others won't handle the going. We could take a punt on the Betfair Hurdle at Newbury if he's been going the right way before that. Fences can wait.

Court Minstrel

9g Court Cave - Theatral
Janet Davies
11246-2
RPR 155h OR 153h

A very good horse on his day, but the difficult thing is getting everything right for him. He's an autumn and spring horse – midwinter isn't his thing – and he needs a very fast-run race on decent ground. He's in between handicaps and conditions races really – he ran very well behind Hargam at Kempton – but will always do a job because he's that sort of horse. Can go between 2m and 2m4f. Could go to Ascot, Haydock or Newcastle next, but won't go back over fences.

De Faoithesdream

10g Balakheri - Cutteen Lass
R Abbott & M Stavrou
19591-4
RPR 138c OR 134c

Doesn't get the credit he

STABLE STAT

Since 2014, Williams is 11-41 (27%) with horses making their hurdles debut having run in a bumper last time (+£10.15), improving to 8-23 (35%) with those returning from a break of 150 days-plus (+£15.50).
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DARK HORSE

Prime Venture
5g Primary - Next Venture
Janet Davies
18-1
RPR 122h OR -
Adam Wedge likes him a lot and he jumped well on his hurdling debut, getting outpaced at halfway but staying on well at the end and winning with a bit in hand. Will carry a penalty in another novice before we think about handicaps – he’s a nice horse, very similar to Gayebury.

who has schooled very well and enjoys it. Will go straight over hurdles, on soft ground, at 2m-2m4f. From the great staying family of Gaye Chance and Simon so will get further later on.

Go Long
6g Hurricane Run - Monumental Gesture
Mr & Mrs William Rucker
3/12-
RPR 133h OR 134h
A half-brother to Wichita Lineman. Had pretty good form as a novice hurdler but won’t be out until after Christmas. A staying trip might bring out the best in him but he’ll have only a light campaign and then go over fences next season. We think a fair bit of him.

John Constable
5g Montjeu - Dance Parade
Walters Plant Hire
206-476
RPR 141h OR 137h
He spent the majority of his life in the best hotel in the world [Ballydoyle – he’s a brother to Leading Light], was gelded over the summer and had a holiday. His life has changed a lot in a short time, and physically and mentally he isn’t quite where we want him. As we saw at Cheltenham on Sunday the handicapper’s got hold of him. But he’s made for those big 2m handicap hurdles – there’s one with his name on it – and maybe a big, flat track will suit best, with a bit of cut in the ground as well. Has plenty of ability but wouldn’t be an obvious candidate to go chasing yet.

Mac Gregory
5g Multiplex - Macnance
Keith & Sue Lowry
152-F20
RPR 108h OR 114h
Has a fair bit of ability and needs to step up beyond 2m now, but still has a fair bit to learn. Has been a bit ignorant at his hurdles, going through rather than over, but jumped a lot better at Cheltenham last week and perhaps he’s sorting himself out. I’ll keep him over hurdles for the time being but fences is obviously an option because he’ll have to respect those obstacles a bit more.

Gayebury
6g Overbury - Gaye Sophie
R Abbott & M Stavrou
1d13-
RPR 118b OR -
New to the yard this summer. Had good form in bumpers and is a tough, genuine little horse

because he’s a chaser in the making. Will stay further than 2m4f but there’s no rush to do that, and I think he could be well-handicapped over fences. Has to have soft or heavy ground.

On The Road
6g Stowaway - B Greenhill
Mrs C Williams
98011-1
RPR 94h OR 93h
It was a terrible race at Fontwell on Sunday but he showed a good attitude to win it, very gutsy, and the first two pulled a long way clear. We’ll see what the handicapper does but he loves soft ground and looks like he’ll jump fences.

On Tour
8g Croco Rouge - Galant Tour
T Hywel Jones
0/1198-2
RPR 150c OR 140c
Took a fair wallop above his knee at Aintree last time and was quite sore afterwards, so when it looked like his run had petered out after the last there was a good reason. A good horse but goes off the boil in the spring, he’s like a different horse, so now’s his time to shine. Needs a bit of cut in the ground and maybe we’ll drop him back to 2m now.

Pobbles Bay
6g Oscar - Rose De Beauvai
David Williams
3/5124-1
RPR 143c OR 125c
Another who handles heavy ground very well and wants it bottomless to be at his best. A bit backward last year but stays well and I couldn’t believe he won like he did on his chasing debut. Jumped great and could be a smashing novice over 2m4f, with the option of stepping him up to 3m as well.

Positively Dylan
5g Multiplex - Wou Oodd
Janet Davies
12-
RPR 124b OR -
Had good bumper form behind Ballyandy but slow to come to hand this autumn, and I haven’t been all that pleased with his schooling. It might be physical but we’ve gone over him with a fine-toothed comb and found nothing, and I need to get him going. Then again, he’s had a run in a point-to-point and perhaps I’m wasting a season over hurdles – he might need fences already. Definitely needs it soft or worse.

Prussian Eagle
5g Jeremy - Absolutely Cool
Janet Davies
2/6544-7
RPR 134h OR 130h
Ran badly at Huntingdon on his first outing for us. Had been going well at home but was in trouble after two hurdles and hardly got into the race. He

HORSE TO FOLLOW
Richard Birch

King’s Odyssey
For so long the apple of his trainer’s eye, he looks on the verge of breaking into the big time this season given suitably testing conditions. Remains lightly raced over fences after just three starts and a mark of 147 could still underplay his raw ability. Caspian Caviar Gold Cup is the logical pre-Christmas target.

came back okay so I don’t know what to think. Maybe softer ground and a more galloping track would help. Has to be a lot better than he showed last time.

Report To Base
4g Westerner - Marina Du Berlais
Mr & Mrs William Rucker
1
RPR 89h OR -
I was surprised and very pleased with his hurdling debut at Uttoxeter last Saturday – he jumped well and showed a good attitude. Handled the soft ground very well. I thought he’d want 2m4f to begin with but looked sharp enough over 2m.

Roadie Joe
7g Golan - Granny Clampett
Billy Bates
158F-51
RPR 119c OR 132c
Tough and genuine, a smashing horse. Made quite hard work of winning a poor race at Worcester on his chasing debut but wouldn’t have been all that ready and I just wanted to get a run into him. I’ll find him a novice handicap when the softer ground comes. Will maybe have two runs before Christmas and after that I hope there’ll be a good race in him over 2m4f.

Still Believing
8m Blueprint - Im A Believer
RER Williams
12P-233
RPR 121c OR 116c
Tough, genuine and consistent, a good fun horse. Likes to be dropped in and come through horses. I don’t think she has to have soft ground but on that surface horses come back to her, which suits her way of racing. She’ll tip away in 3m handicaps.

The Gipper
6g King’s Theatre - Merrill Gaye
POS Partnership
1F110-5
RPR 130h OR 130h
Ran a better race than his finishing position suggested at Cheltenham in April when the ground was on the quick side for him, and ran well for a long way at Fontwell on Sunday, but I think the handicapper needs to give him a bit of help. Not very big but will jump fences one day. Will stay 3m but a bit keen and will stay at 2m-2m4f for the moment. Wants proper soft ground.

STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	1,476	234	202	186	854	16		-135.07	-9%
Hcp hdl	1,445	154	141	129	1,021	11		-248.86	-17%
Non-hcp chs	447	87	81	86	1,93	20		-79.62	-18%
Hcp chs	1,615	203	189	233	990	13		-462.30	-29%
Hunter chs	18	2	4	3	9	11		-12.65	-70%
NH Flat	222	29	28	25	140	13		-62.65	-28%
Totals	5,223	709	645	662	3,207	14		-1001.15	-19%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Paul Moloney	377-2571	15	-434.75
Adam Wedge	105-709	15	-74.48
Conor Ring	25-272	9	-97.94
Mr J E Tudor	10-50	20	+6.72
Mr Nick Williams	8-76	11	-44.19
Lewis Gordon	7-39	18	+28.33
Tom O’Brien	5-23	22	+15.87
Wayne Hutchinson	5-24	21	+58.00
Leighton Aspell	4-10	40	+23.00
Mr Conor Orr	4-39	10	-9.25
Timmy Murphy	2-7	29	-1.38
Harry Skelton	2-12	17	-3.75

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	47-373	13	-20.54
February	43-413	10	-38.68
March	68-527	13	-162.99
April	42-447	9	-185.12
May	73-499	15	-43.09
June	60-422	14	+109.36
July	61-393	16	-40.70
August	40-366	11	-155.85
September	49-322	15	-117.22
October	78-497	16	-23.26
November	99-551	18	+0.86
December	49-413	12	-105.20

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	53-390	14	-35.39
Hcp Hdl	31-262	12	+21.95
Non-hcp Chs	17-88	19	-22.70
Hcp Chs	34-208	16	+13.63
NH Flat	14-110	13	-20.09

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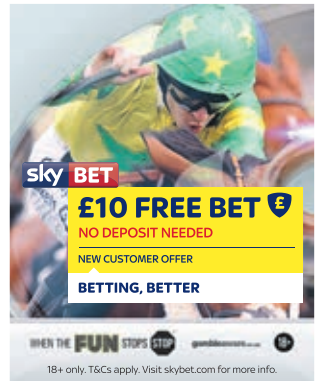
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	103-267	39	-42.52
Hcp Hdl	50-186	27	-23.27
Non-hcp Chs	33-75	44	-0.68
Hcp Chs	76-227	34	+8.30
NH Flat	12-25	48	-0.20

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Ludlow	93-579	16	29-175	11-44	10-101	32-213	11-46	-148.51
Ffos Las	73-560	13	18-128	8-35	18-168	23-193	6-36	-90.51
Newton Abbot	50-301	17	20-88	6-26	13-92	11-91	0-4	-77.84
Worcester	39-292	13	14-90	8-29	9-67	7-100	1-6	-34.25
Taunton	34-222	15	8-60	2-11	11-85	10-58	3-8	+7.23
Chepstow	34-319	11	8-90	3-20	14-97	8-97	1-15	-34.73
Stratford	32-226	14	12-82	4-20	3-37	11-74	2-13	-33.23
Uttoxeter	32-261	12	13-92	1-14	6-66	12-81	0-8	-57.72
Hereford	31-248	13	8-70	6-20	2-73	15-69	0-16	-28.37
Fontwell	28-181	16	9-52	4-13	7-55	7-54	1-7	-68.67
Southwell	23-162	14	10-46	3-19	4-41	5-51	1-5	-41.35
Plumpton	22-106	21	9-32	1-3	6-44	6-25	0-2	+2.06
Fakenham	19-70	27	6-20	4-14	4-18	5-16	0-2	+30.91
Exeter	19-111	17	7-32	3-14	5-38	3-20	1-7	-12.58
Sedgefield	15-80	19	7-25	2-8	2-21	4-25	0-1	-23.81
Market Rasen	15-121	12	7-28	1-9	5-44	2-39	0-1	-33.50
Wincanton	13-102	13	4-30	1-3	1-31	6-36	1-2	-27.59
Cheltenham	13-184	7	5-41	3-24	1-64	4-51	0-4	-62.25
Ascot	11-93	12	3-24	1-8	2-18	5-40	0-3	+64.92
Bangor	11-154	7	7-57	0-13	1-49	3-30	0-5	-120.74
Huntingdon	10-77	13	5-22	1-12	3-22	1-19	0-2	-13.07
Warwick	9-68	13	3-16	1-4	3-25	2-19	0-4	-30.92
Haydock	9-76	12	0-10	1-3	6-34	2-28	0-1	+47.50
Carlisle	9-77	12	1-18	1-11	3-29	4-19	0-0	-33.25
Wetherby	8-46	17	4-14	4-13	0-9	0-10	0-0	-19.34
Leicester	8-49	16	3-19	3-8	1-10	1-12	0-0	-15.28
Hexham	6-17	35	6-10	0-3	0-1	0-3	0-0	+8.61
Newbury	6-69	9	2-15	0-5	3-19	1-21	0-9	-17.26
Perth	5-33	15	0-7	1-4	2-6	2-16	0-0	+1.00
Kempton	5-50	10	2-16	0-4	2-13	1-15	0-2	-20.25
Ayr	4-9	44	0-0	1-2	1-4	2-3	0-0	+22.62
Lingfield	4-26	15	1-10	0-1	0-6	3-9	0-0	-0.63
Towcester	4-45	9	0-19	0-6	4-13	0-6	0-1	-5.75
Musselburgh	3-6	50	0-1	2-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	+4.10
Carlisle	3-13	23	1-4	1-5	0-2	1-2	0-0	-5.20
Catterick	3-16	19	1-5	1-4	0-3	0-2	1-2	-3.63
Sandown	3-77	4	0-11	0-15	0-25	3-24	0-2	-61.90
Doncaster	2-22	9	1-6	0-3	0-2	1-10	0-1	-10.00
Aintree	1-59	2	0-8	0-11	1-10	0-27	0-3	-42.00
Kelso	0-3	0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	-3.00
Lingfield (AW)	0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	-3.00
Newcastle	0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-3	0-0	-4.00
Folkestone	0-6	0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-0	-6.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 645 Total winning prize-money £3,809,524

DONALD McCAIN
‘We bought him with Aintree in mind and we’ve liked everything he’s done at home’
More nuggets from a top yard tomorrow



STABLE TOUR DONALD MCCAIN

TIMES have changed at Bankhouse Stables but this is still not a yard to be underestimated.

Some of the quantity has gone, thanks to the well-publicised departure of the horses owned by Paul and Clare Rooney, but there is no doubting the quality of life enjoyed by the horses on premises which have been transformed over the past decade.

The numbers are still healthy and the winners have been flowing – more than two dozen before the core jumps season started last month.

McCain's string has been bolstered this term by the usual influx of recruits from the Irish point-to-point field plus the expensively purchased Knock House, whose target is the Randox Health Grand National.

There's also a link to past Aintree hero Ballabriggs, whose four-year-old brother Ballasalla arrived recently, alongside Peddler' Cross's three-parts brother Fin And Game and an unnamed three-year-old Shirocco filly out of David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle winner Whiteoak.

Interview by David Carr**Arctic Destination**

Five-year-old gelding by Dubai Destination (sire) - Arctic Scale (dam)

Owner: Tim Leslie
Form figures 4-42
Racing Post Rating: 113h
Official Rating: -

Ran a nice race over hurdles at Kelso and Will Kennedy said if he'd been a bit more positive he might have won. He'll win over hurdles, he's going to jump a fence and he'll get a trip.

Askamore Darsi

7g Darsi - Galamear
Deva Racing Darsi Partnership
1134-35
RPR 126c OR 117c

He's been running respectably and there's a decent race in him. He's a little more giving this season, although the ground wasn't soft enough at Carlisle last time. Could end up in the Eider Chase off a low weight. He's a tough stayer.

Bruce Almighty

5g Yeats - Lady Rolfe
G Hunt
1261-5P
RPR 121h OR 117h
Arrived lateish last season,

Talent new and old points to good season

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Bankhouse Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Cholmondeley, Cheshire
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2006
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 100
- ▶▶ **Members of staff** 25
- ▶▶ **Head lad/lass** Derwyn William & Natty Higham
- ▶▶ **Assistant trainer** Adrian Lane
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** William Kennedy, Wayne Hutchinson, Adrian Lane
- ▶▶ **Conditionals** James Cowley, Harry Stock
- ▶▶ **Amateurs** Theo Gillard, Abbie McCain
- ▶▶ **Stable sponsor** Jon Glews
- ▶▶ **Website** donaldmccain.co.uk
- ▶▶ **Twitter** @donaldmccain

**Winners in Britain**

2015-16	53
2014-15	98
2013-14	142
2012-13	141
Profit/loss to £1 stake	
2015-16	-£138.27
2014-15	-£285.31
2013-14	-£135.22
2012-13	-£219.80
Prize-money 2015-16	£430,725

won and then ran in a toughish race at Uttoxeter. He'll be going chasing and he's going to want a trip.

Chti Balko

4g Balko - Ina Scoop
DG Carrington
3
RPR 80p

Third in his point-to-point but did a lot of work early on, was a bit free and was probably second-best in the race. A likeable horse by a likeable sire, his work's been solid and he's ready to start in bumpers. I don't think he's going to want

a trip – 2m4f will be plenty for him.

Clondaw Kaempfer

8g Oscar - Gra-Bri
Tim Leslie & D Gorton
500/4F-3
RPR 145h 134c OR 128h 135c
Ran well at Bangor last week on ground he hated. That opens doors to decent handicaps with a competitive mark for a change. We've talked about trying fences again – he'd have won at Doncaster when he was unseated first time and the ground was too soft next time.

Court Dismissed

6g Court Cave - Carramanagh Lady
Special Piping Materials Ltd
413-323
RPR 116h 122c OR 119h 112c
Ran well at Bangor in September then disappointed when upped in trip. We need to be a bit more positive with him. He's getting back to a more sensible mark but maybe just saves a bit for himself.

Cousin Oscar

4g Oscar - On The Jetty
Tim Leslie
F2
RPR 87p

He was beaten four lengths in a point-to-point and would only have been beaten two had he jumped the last. By my favourite sire, he's a likeable horse who'll be ready for a bumper soon.

Craig Star

6g Craigsteel - Different Dee
Donald McCain Racing Club
411303
RPR 116h OR 113h
Bought for the racing club off Sean Doyle, having won two races in August. He'll be a solid horse for them to get started with.

Derintoher Yank

5g Dubai Destination - Anns Present
Don't Tell The Wife Racing Limited
5-02211
RPR 123h OR 123h
Has his little kinks but is starting to grow up and behave better and jump better. We'll kick on and see how far he can



Knock House exercises at Bankhouse as he builds towards National target

go – we'll be dictated to by the handicapper. Probably prefers going right-handed.

STAR QUALITY**Knock House**

7g Old Vic - Lady's Gesture
Tim Leslie
214F4P-
RPR 151c OR 141c
He's ready to run and the job is to get him up three or four pounds to get him into the Grand National. We bought him with Aintree in mind and we've liked everything he's done at home. He's really likeable and has been well looked after. He's not massive – but nor was our National winner Amberleigh House – and he's a very neat jumper.

Derrynane

5g Oscar - Tessano Queen
Tim Leslie
623-3
RPR 111h

I thought he was going to hose up at Carlisle last week, but he flattened out up the hill and finished quite tired. Maybe that was too stiff a test. He's schooled over hurdles and will only want two miles.

Front At The Last

6g Golan - Kilgefn Tina
Aykroyd and Sons Ltd
2
RPR 115h

Point-to-point winner who ran a nice race over hurdles at Carlisle and wants ground softer than it was there. He'll make a staying chaser and that could even be this season.

Golden Investment

7g Gold Well - Mangan Pet
Tim Leslie
2634-1U
RPR 109h OR 111h 111c
Jumped averagely at Ayr

STABLE STAT

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DARK HORSE

Our Dancing Dandy

6g Scorpion - Woodsia
Deva Racing Scorpion Partnership
RPR 120b
Won a bumper at Bangor by 20 lengths and nearly ready for novice hurdles now. A really attractive, likeable horse who's looked pretty useful so far.

but could run at Haydock this weekend. He wouldn't want the ground too soft.

Lough Derg Jewel

5g Oscar - River Valley Lady Mrs C Strang Steel
RPR 75h OR -
Finished a nice sixth in a maiden hurdle at Ayr last week and had a good education. Will probably want softer ground and looks a staying chaser in the making.

Lough Derg Walk

7g Turtle Island - Whispers In Moscow
Tim Leslie
RPR 125h OR 128h
Jarred up after he won at Catterick 18 months ago but going in the right direction and has just done his first piece of work. Needs it very soft but we'll try to make a staying novice chaser out of him.

Man Look

4g Nayef - Charlecote
Matt Taylor
211825 (Flat form)
RPR 94f
I've liked him since I saw him win at Chester and Andrew Balding recommended him. He's only just arrived and has done little so far. He has a fair level of form and could be quite nice if he takes to hurdling.

Molly The Dolly

5g Flemensfirth - Pistol Flash
Dermot Hanafin
RPR 79p
She won her point-to-point well. She'll want very soft ground, she'll stay and will jump a fence. There are opportunities for good mares.

Mr McGo

5g Touch Of Land - La Principal
Jon Glews
RPR 82h
Won a point-to-point on a stiff track. Didn't impress on the sand gallop but has turned himself inside out since we switched to the old gallop and ran a nice race on his hurdling debut at Uttoxeter. Will improve, wants soft ground, will stay and will jump fences.

Lastbutnotleast

6m Flemensfirth - Lakil Princess
Sarah Leslie and Beryl McCain
RPR 105b
This was the last horse my dad bought. She won a point-to-point in Ireland then won a bumper on the bridge at Sedgfield on very bad ground, which she needs. She's useful and more than suitable for mares' novice hurdles.

Odeon

5g Galileo - Kite Mark
Donald McCain
200365 (Flat form)
RPR 106f
I thought I'd chance him - if he takes to it he could be a very good hurdler. He's been very straightforward and it's all about getting him to enjoy it.

Same Circus

5m Brian Boru - Curragh Orpen
Penketh & Sankey Jech Racing Club 1
RPR 106h OR -
Point-to-point winner. She won

on the bridge first time over hurdles at Hexham then took a big step up in grade in a good mares' race at Newbury - it was too sharp for her and she wants a bit further than two miles. She'll be winning more races.

Subtle Grey

7g Subtle Power - Milltown Rose
Deva Racing Subtle Grey Partnership
3/3121P-
RPR 130h 144c, OR 132h 135c
A grand, old-fashioned staying chaser who wants very soft ground. He could be a Welsh National horse but it's whether we want to waste a season on that one race. He turned in with a chance of being in the four in the Midlands National in March then got tired. If I'd run him in the novice handicap he'd nearly have won.

Testify

5g Witness Box - Tanya Thyne
Trevor Hemmings
RPR 88p
A brother to Wymott, who won a Grade 2 for Mr Hemmings. Had one run in a point-to-point and would probably just about have won had he jumped the second-last well. Will probably go hurdling and will make a staying novice.

The Herds Garden

7g Multiplex - Eternal Legacy
Hale Racing Limited
2F4327
RPR 123c OR 120c
A bit disappointing at Kelso but they took fences out and I'm not sure he was happy travelling overnight either. He'd been second on his first run for us and ran a really solid race. There are plenty of opportunities for him in 2m-2m4f handicap chases.

The Character

5g Bushranger - Operissimo
Aykroyd and Sons Ltd
411
RPR 109h OR 115h
Has taken to jumping and is doing well in novice hurdles. I don't know what level he'll get to but he seems to be getting better with every run.

Thomas Do

5g Flemensfirth - Loughaderra
Deva Racing
221
RPR 91p
Another gorgeous old-fashioned chaser. I tried to buy him at the Cheltenham and Aintree sales - I bought him afterwards and I hope I'm right. You could argue he could have won his first two point-to-points with more luck. He's doing everything right.

Ubalitique

8g Balko - Ode Antique
Tim Leslie
31UP5-3
RPR 133c OR 123c
We've finally worked out he wants two miles, heavy ground and dropping in. There will be days it works and days it doesn't. We've been waiting



HORSE TO FOLLOW

Nick Watts

Knock House

Bought for £110,000 at Ascot in May, this talented stayer still has plenty of time to improve upon the good form he showed at times for Mick Channon. He's only 1lb higher than when winning a handicap chase at last season's Open meeting and a good fourth in the Kim Muir (could have been second with more luck) also shows what he can do. He would be of interest in any long-distance handicap chase in the spring on good ground.

for the ground and he always takes a run or two, but there will be a day for him.

Venue

6g Beat Hollow - Shirley Valentine
David Lockwood & Peter Spencer
612281
RPR 128h OR 127h
Was sold and left me but wasn't paid for and ended up at the sales and back here. It took a while to get him going in the right direction but we seem to have worked out what he needs now. He could end up in good handicap hurdles at Musselburgh and Haydock in the spring. Could be best at a strongly run two miles.

Viserion

4g Tamayuz - Frivolity
Donald McCain
311148 (Flat form)
RPR 83f
Recommended by David Simcock, who I got Any Given Day off and is very straight with me. He said he stays well and wants soft ground.

Whiskey Chaser

8g Flemensfirth - Cregane Lass
Deva Racing Flemensfirth Partnership
3/42113-
RPR 126c OR 111c
His forte is long-distance chases on very bad ground. No great plans but he's finally grown into his frame and has scope off a mark of 111.

William Of Orange

5g Duke Of Marmalade - Critical
Acclaim
TW Johnson & G Maxwell
4126-6
RPR 114h OR 114h
Had a chip taken out of a knee after the Chester Cup, where he travelled well then hung badly up the straight. Hasn't got many miles on the clock over hurdles and will be fine, although he may need to learn his trade a little.

Witness In Court

9g Witness Box - Inter Alia
Tim Leslie
651376
RPR 148c, OR 140c
Now handicapped on summer form so he's a stone too high. He'll have a break in the winter and might head back to Aintree in the spring. He's unseated three times over the National fences but is actually a very good jumper - there's just not a lot to sit to when he makes a mistake.

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STABLE ANALYSIS 2007-16

	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	2,103	425	370	292	1,016	20		-342.62	-16%
Hcp hdl	1,604	165	160	176	1,103	10		461.48	-29%
Non-hcp chs	540	123	117	91	209	23		-182.32	-34%
Hcp chs	1,206	161	158	151	736	13		-240.72	-20%
Hunter chs	19	3	1	1	14	16		-6.33	-33%
NH Flat	578	95	93	79	311	16		-152.54	-26%
Totals	6,050	972	899	790	3,389	16		-1386.01	-23%

*return on investment

JOCKEYS

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Henry Brooke	86-481	18	-24.47
Adrian Lane	38-551	7	-305.80
Will Kennedy	33-194	17	+22.17
James Cowley	25-198	13	-69.89
Wayne Hutchinson	13-119	11	-18.25
John Kington	12-116	10	-6.33
Nick Slatter	11-92	12	-32.55
Brian Harding	10-125	8	-59.70
Noel Fehily	9-63	14	-33.19
Sam Twiston-Davies	7-47	15	-8.25
Richard Johnson	4-10	40	+13.97
Paddy Aspell	4-57	7	-33.25

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	99-579	17	-155.49
February	108-619	17	-71.76
March	113-730	16	-153.42
April	87-629	14	-204.89
May	102-574	18	-180.46
June	37-275	14	-105.19
July	47-287	16	-69.23
August	46-248	19	-24.78
September	25-204	12	-88.60
October	66-552	12	-198.10
November	114-691	17	-142.16
December	128-662	19	+8.07

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	68-387	18	65.11
Hcp Hdl	25-270	9	-92.70
Non-hcp Chs	20-104	19	-41.03
Hcp Chs	21-200	11	-105.04
NH Flat	40-299	13	-110.70

FAVOURITES

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	232-459	51	+1.57
Hcp Hdl	43-209	21	-54.66
Non-hcp Chs	71-160	44	-13.44
Hcp Chs	44-210	21	-58.87
NH Flat	49-147	33	-29.48

COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Bangor-On-Dee	117-673	17	53-267	14-55	23-169	13-106	14-76	-105.07
Sedgfield	83-376	22	44-147	6-32	10-90	11-64	12-43	-89.07
Uttoxeter	62-457	14	34-196	7-34	11-111	3-59	7-57	-108.58
Carlisle	60-352	17	18-99	12-54	11-85	7-71	12-43	-103.18
Haydock	55-281	20	22-79	6-21	12-92	10-62	5-27	-24.14
Kelso	53-259	21	22-92	4-26	8-54	16-70	3-17	-0.19
Catterick	51-253	20	20-89	4-21	11-66	12-47	4-30	-6.66
Ayr	46-198	23	20-56	9-22	5-48	9-55	3-17	-36.29
Carlton	45-186	24	18-68	10-24	15-63	2-31	0-0	-12.14
Wetherby	41-255	16	18-94	7-28	3-64	10-52	3-17	-72.22
Musselburgh	40-191	21	18-62	6-13	4-54	6-49	6-13	+3.63
Hexham	32-213	15	21-100	3-16	2-45	2-29	4-23	-105.16
Newcastle	31-164	19	15-72	5-14	5-27	5-37	1-14	-18.40
Perth	29-152	19	14-52	2-7	4-44	8-36	1-13	-21.86
Market Rasen	25-187	13	10-58	4-18	1-54	6-40	4-17	-30.92
Worcester	24-174	14	9-62	1-12	7-45	6-36	1-19	-29.58
Aintree	19-285	7	8-67	1-17	6-93	4-76	0-32	-137.95
Towcester	14-139	10	5-55	5-20	1-27	1-17	2-20	-79.64
Hereford	12-77	16	7-37	0-4	4-22	0-8	1-6	-13.65
Doncaster	12-126	10	5-54	1-10	1-30	4-27	1-5	-43.93
Cheltenham	11-164	7	4-35	1-23	2-60	4-37	0-9	-30.75
Southwell	9-87	10	4-38	3-9	1-19	1-17	0-4	-63.30
Ascot	8-43	19	5-10	0-2	2-16	1-14	0-1	+14.87
Leicester	8-57	14	5-28	1-10	0-10	2-9	0-0	+0.35
Chepstow	8-61	13	2-23	2-3	1-14	1-15	2-6	-30.49
Stratford	8-83	10	4-26	0-3	2-29	1-15	1-10	-29.77
Exeter	7-30	23	1-8	2-6	1-7	1-6	2-3	+3.37
Newbury	7-65	11	3-17	0-8	1-22	1-15	2-3	-5.42
Ludlow	7-120	6	3-41	0-8	2-32	2-27	0-12	-71.63
Fontwell	6-18	33	2-4	1-2	0-4	2-5	1-3	+4.35
Warwick	6-43	14	0-5	2-5	2-18	2-13	0-2	-18.88
Wincanton	5-16	31	1-3	1-3	0-4	3-6	0-0	+2.56
Newton Abbot	5-18	28	2-5	1-2	1-8	1-3	0-0	-0.64
Ffos Las	5-29	17	3-11	0-4	1-5	1-7	0-2	-11.98
Kempton	5-39	13	2-10	1-5	1-13	1-11	0-0	-14.93
Sandown	5-51	10	0-8	2-7	2-23	1-13	0-0	-19.58
Huntingdon	4-48	8	2-13	1-3	1-21	0-9	0-2	-30.64
Southwell (AW)	3-17	18	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-17	-0.50
Plumpton	2-9	22	0-0	1-1	0-3	1-4	0-1	-1.00
Fakenham	1-13	8	0-3	0-1	1-4	0-5	0-0	-7.50
Taunton	1-25	4	1-8	0-4	0-8	0-4	0-1	-23.50
Lingfield (AW)	0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	-1.00
Wolverhampton (AW)	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	-2.00
Lingfield	0-3	0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	-3.00
Kempton (AW)	0-10	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-10	-10.00

JOSEPH O'BRIEN

'He is a very good horse and should do well if taking to hurdles'



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STABLE TOUR JOSEPH O'BRIEN

THE extensive construction work being undertaken at the fabled training base near the summit of Carriganog Hill that is perched above the village of Owing in County Kilkenny is as clear an illustration as you will get of the ambition that underpins Joseph O'Brien's fledgling career.

It was from this purpose-built yard that his father Aidan broke all sorts of jumps records before succeeding his legendary namesake Vincent at Ballydoyle.

Already in place were a famously stiff gallop, stables, offices, staff lodgings, a warm-up barn and just about every basic facility required to train racehorses successfully.

However, this 23-year-old is his father's son – no stone will be left unturned. He has built more stables, installed an all-weather schooling strip and ring and generally sought to upgrade and modernise, while at the same time retaining the operation's core strengths.

He has, for example, resisted any temptation to rip up the wood-chip surface on the gallop for more fashionable, synthetic material. "If it's not broken, why fix it?" O'Brien muses.

Last season's Triumph Hurdle hero Ivanovich Gorbатов was officially trained by his father, but this dedicated new recruit to the training ranks wasted no time in plundering a top-level breakthrough in his own name when intricately landed the Moyglare Stud Stakes in September.

With the support of Gigginstown House Stud and JP McManus, he is gathering the ammunition to compete at a high level and plans to treat both codes equally.

"I don't see why we couldn't be fully competitive under both codes," he says matter-of-factly. "If it did happen to go one way or another so be it but, at the moment, we have a nice bunch of three-year-olds and a nice bunch of yearlings. In an ideal world, we'd keep both sides going."

The St Leger third Housesofparliament spearheads a handful of recent McManus acquisitions from Ballydoyle, although the delegation isn't as large as was reported. Still, there is no shortage of quality.

Interview by
Richard Forristal

No shortage of quality at yard where records were broken

STABLE PROFILE

- ▶▶ **Yard** Carriganog Stables
- ▶▶ **Where** Carriganog Hill, Owing, County Kilkenny
- ▶▶ **Started training** 2016
- ▶▶ **Horses in yard** 100
- ▶▶ **Members of staff** 40
- ▶▶ **Head lad** Faisal Hayat
- ▶▶ **Travelling head lad** Jim O'Brien
- ▶▶ **Jockeys** Barry Geraghty, Mark Walsh, Jody McGarvey, Mikey Fogarty, Brian Hayes, Andrew Ring, Brian O'Connell
- ▶▶ **Conditionals** JJ Slevin, Gary Noonan
- ▶▶ **Amateurs** Sarah O'Brien, Tom Hamilton, Simon Cavanagh, Stephen Byrne
- ▶▶ **Office staff** Charlotte Hurst, Grainne Whelan, Marie Kelly
- ▶▶ **Twitter** @JosephOBrien2

Aeglos

Four-year-old gelding
Mahler (sire) - Lurriga Jenny (dam)
Owner: JP McManus

RPR 110b

Was second to Takeittothelimits at Limerick in June and has had a break since. He's back in and will run in a bumper this side of Christmas. He's a nice type who should improve and will probably stay in bumpers this

term. He might not race too much this season.

All The Answers

5g Kayf Tara - Shatabdi
JP McManus
25-1313
RPR 138h OR 132h

He won a good handicap at Galway and then ran well at Down Royal, when the winner got away. I'd imagine he'll have a break at some stage because he wouldn't want heavy ground. He remains on a competitive mark.

Arkwright

6g Lavirco - Latitude
Gigginstown House Stud
41217-7

RPR 138h OR 134h

Has schooled over fences quite well and should start off chasing in the next few weeks. He won a Grade 3 hurdle at Clonmel on heavy ground for Willie Mullins so should be fine during the winter.

Aspen Colorado

4g Galileo - St Roch
JP McManus
11-9128

RPR 134h OR 126h

He has been disappointing. He got beaten by Joshua Lane at Galway and then ran okay on his first run in a handicap, when stepped up in trip at Naas. He won two bumpers on soft ground at Leopardstown, but I wouldn't have said he was a heavy ground horse. I think he'll be better than he has

DARK HORSE

Edwulf

7g Kayf Tara - Valentines Lady
JP McManus
7F1F-

RPR 131c, 128h OR 130h

Returns to novice chasing. He was running well over fences on his debut at Navan last season but fell at the last in front. He won a maiden hurdle after that and then fell in a winners' hurdle at Thurles. He's a good jumper so it's strange he has fallen twice, although he jumps a fence better than he jumps a hurdle. He seems to have matured and should be ready in the next few weeks. Handles soft ground well.



shown recently and will run in another handicap soon, possibly at the weekend.

Bhutan

3g Galileo - Ecology
JP McManus

1

RPR 86f

Only joined us last week. He won a Leopardstown maiden



well on the Flat and probably won't run over hurdles until around Christmas. I don't know an awful lot about him but he beat Housesofparliament in his maiden, so is one to look forward to.

Big Ben

3c Galileo - Flirtation
JP McManus

2

RPR 114

He ran very well behind Landofhopeandglory at Fairyhouse first time out and has come out of it well. We thought he'd run well, but he did even better than expected. He jumped well overall and could go to Punchestown on Sunday.

Cradle Mountain

4g Mastercraftsman - Sea Picture
JP McManus

217R21

RPR 125h OR 121h

He has been running consistently well on the Flat and over hurdles and might go to Punchestown at the weekend. Will probably ply his trade in handicaps until the ground gets too heavy.

Exactoris

5g Shantou - Klezmer
JP McManus

5110-13

RPR 127h

Ran well to be second to Bel Sas at the Galway festival and had a good break after. Hopefully he'll

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be ready to run again at Christmas or soon after. He's won two bumpers and will jump a fence in time. He won his bumpers and hurdles in the summer so likes decent ground – it remains to be seen how he'll handle winter ground. He's a nice horse.

Housesofparliament

3g Galileo - Sharp Lisa
JP McManus
344123

RPR 115f OR 113f

Had very good form on the Flat and could start off around Christmas over hurdles.

Obviously, his best run was his third in the St Leger, but he had good form back at a mile and a quarter and a mile and a half as well, so has plenty of pace. He's a very good horse and should do well if he takes to hurdling.

Imperial Way

4g Getaway - Stormy Moment
Gigginstown House Stud

2

RPR 103b

He was second in a Sligo bumper for Tom Mullins in May. He'll probably start off in a bumper this side of Christmas. He hasn't been rushed, but is quite forward and has been doing things well.

Indrik

5g Acambaro - For A Quiet Life
Annus Mirabilis Syndicate

042

RPR 103b

Ran well in a bumper at Galway and then was second in a

STAR QUALITY

Ivanovich Gorbatov
4g Montjeu - Northern Gulch
JP McManus
1412-33
RPR 152h OR 152h

He didn't run too badly on his return at Naas, but it's going to be a tough year for him taking on the big boys. He came out of the race well; travelled well but got a bit tired. It was two and a half miles and he was just a little short on his first run back. He'd be entitled to come on for it and two miles is probably his optimum trip. He has a high mark, but is still more than 20lb below Faugheen, so it won't be easy. He'll probably run in the Morgiana Hurdle on Sunday.

decent bumper at Tipperary. He will go for another bumper in a couple of weeks and might run over hurdles in the new year. I think he's good enough to win a bumper and he handles soft ground.

Kalopsia

5m Flemensfirth - Lunar Beauty
JP McManus
164-721

RPR 108h OR 110h

She was a bit disappointing initially over hurdles so we gave her a break. She came back and won at Galway last month and will run at Dundalk tomorrow and, depending on how she gets on, she might have another break as she wouldn't want heavy ground. She'll pay her way.

Karkadann

4g Shantou - Patterdan
Annemarie O'Brien

F

Fell on his only hurdles run and will probably go for a bumper after Christmas. Will hopefully be competitive.

Landofhopeandglory

3g High Chaparral - Wurfklinge
JP McManus

1

RPR 125h

We were very happy with his first run at Fairyhouse, especially with the way he jumped the last four. He took a bit of time to warm up, but you wouldn't mind that on his first run. We did expect him to run well, but sometimes they'll run first time up and finish third or fourth and you'd be happy – he learned quickly. He has come out of the race fine and will probably go to Fairyhouse for the Grade 3 hurdle in December. Experience should

HORSE TO FOLLOW
David Jennings

Slowmotion
Joseph O'Brien could have some jewels in his juvenile chest, but it is a four-year-old who appeals most as a horse to follow from the stable this season. Slowmotion drifted like a barge for her return at Naas, suggesting there was loads of improvement in the locker, but she caught the eye by getting within four lengths of the race-fit Missy Tata. She could win a lot of mares' hurdles this term, but it is the prospect of her heading over fences that excites as she has chaser written all over her.

Joseph O'Brien keeps an eye on proceedings on the gallops at Carrigan Hill

bring him on. Yielding ground wouldn't be a problem but after that we'll have to find out.

Let's Twist Again

4g Galileo - Dancing Shoes
JP McManus

44240

RPR 97h

Ran well in two hurdles in the summer before finishing second in a bumper. Then he was disappointing in a hurdle at Naas. He should stay well and I'd like to think he could win a maiden, but I was disappointed with him at Naas. I might step him up in trip and see if that helps.

Lord Justice

3g Zoffany - Roselita
Annus Mirabilis Syndicate

4113

RPR 119h

He's won two three-year-old hurdles, but could find it hard in conditions races with penalties. I might run him in the Graded race at Fairyhouse. He takes his racing well so will be kept busy. He never won on the Flat, even though I thought he was well handicapped, so he could go to Dundalk. He has taken a liking to hurdles, but whether the improvement will transfer back to the Flat, I'm not sure.

Nemean Lion

4g Mahler - Sandy Desert
Annemarie O'Brien

53

RPR 103b

Ran well to be third at Thurles. He could go over hurdles but might run in a bumper on Sunday and then have a break. He should get better with time.

Oathkeeper

6g Oscar - Lady Lamb
JP McManus

113F22

RPR 134h OR 132h

Has been running well all year. He was unlucky to fall at Listowel and has been second twice in novice hurdles since then, so is having an easy couple of weeks. He should be back this side of Christmas.

Outspoken

4g Galileo - Riskaverse
JP McManus

2-

RPR 135

Finished second in a three-year-

old hurdle at Fairyhouse last year and was left off for a break. Will probably start off in a maiden before Christmas. He's a nice type and seems to be versatile ground-wise.

Rosshaven Lady

6m Stowaway - Penny Haven
Maurice O'Brien

353315

RPR 115h OR 107h

She won her maiden at Clonmel last month and also won two bumpers last year, so she's done well. She's having a break and a decision will be made then on whether she gets covered or goes chasing. She has the size and scope to jump a fence if that's what's decided.

Slowmotion

4f Soldier Of Fortune - Second
Emotion

JP McManus

121-52

RPR 138 OR 138

Had a lovely first run of the season at Naas on Saturday. She might have got a bit tired but we were delighted with it. She could be trained for the decent mares' races, but could go chasing as well. She'd be getting all the concessions, so that's a possibility – it's nice to have those options.

Sword Fighter

3g Galileo - Tarbela
JP McManus

131155

RPR 114f OR 112f

Arrived last week. A Queen's Vase winner at Royal Ascot, he had good staying Flat form and will probably be out around Christmas time. If he takes to hurdling he should be very competitive. He's schooled well, has a good attitude and an engine, so we're looking forward to him.

Tigris River

5g Montjeu - Hula Angel
JP McManus

2144-45

RPR 143h OR 136h

Ran well in handicaps during the summer, including when fifth in the Galway Hurdle. He had a break and should be back in the new year. Wouldn't want heavy ground, but ran well in the good handicap at Leopardstown last January, so soft is okay.

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Tree Of Knowledge

3g Oasis Dream - Wonder Of
Wonders

JP McManus

2214

RPR 110f OR 96f

Well bred and won a maiden on the Flat at Gowran Park and then finished fourth in a Leopardstown Group 3. He should be competitive over hurdles, although being by Oasis Dream he might not be a horse for winter ground.

Udogo

5g Lucky Story - Welanga
Annus Mirabilis Syndicate

3

RPR 109h

Has been a top horse for us over the last 18 months and finished third on his hurdles debut at Clonmel in October. He'll win a maiden hurdle at some stage, but the ground is probably gone for him now.

Valgor Du Ronceray

7g Al Namix - Malta De Ronceray
Gigginstown House Stud

5/5/51/P2

RPR 121h

Was second to Saturnas at Naas on what was his first proper run for us. He had won a bumper for Tony Martin nearly two years ago but was off the track for a long time, so it was a decent start. He does things nicely and will jump fences in time, but he should be competitive in a maiden again soon.

Young Turk

5g Poliglote - Jasminette Doree
Gigginstown House Stud

P1-

RPR 93p

Won a point-to-point for Pat Doyle last year. He's probably a little bit off a run, but will hopefully make into a nice type. He's a big, good-looking horse.

Zig Zag

3g Zoffany - Montrachet
Annus Mirabilis Syndicate

223216

RPR 112h

Won at Thurles when the favourite fell, which helped, and then he wasn't happy on slower ground at Down Royal. He might run at Punchestown this weekend and could go to Dundalk as well. He's unlikely to stay hurdling when the ground gets heavy.

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JUMPS 2016-17



NICK ALEXANDER

Lake View Lad

Six-year-old gelding Oscar (sire) - Missy O'Brien (dam)
Owner: Alistair Cochrane
Form figures: FF1141-

Racing Post Ratings: 138h 141c
Official Ratings: 135h 135c

I was delighted with his chasing debut at Newcastle, second off top weight in a novice handicap over a slightly inadequate trip, and he'll be better on softer ground. I was really pleased with how he jumped and he's progressive. He'll probably go for a straight novice now, we'll try and win a race before thinking bigger.

Titian Boy

7g Spadoun - Leodotcom
Hardie & Robb
5926P-1

RPR 76h 103c OR 80h 95c

I was quite surprised the way he won by 24 lengths at Ayr but I knew he'd be better as a chaser and he's taken a long

time to strengthen up. He went up 15lb for that win but it still leaves him reasonably well treated. I think 2m4f is his trip and he needs soft ground, but he doesn't want it heavy.

PETER BOWEN

Henri Parry Morgan

8g Brian Boru - Queen Of The Daises

Ednyfed & Elizabeth Morgan
4U112U-

RPR 128h 160c OR 129h 150c

Goes for the Hennessy and he's in good form. He was going to go to Carlisle for an intermediate chase but his scope was a bit dirty so he had a racecourse gallop at Ffos Las. He's improved and improved since he's had a tongue-tie, he was a 120 horse and now he's 150, and he was cantering when he fell in the bet365 Gold Cup last time. The Hennessy is a better race but he jumps well and he goes on any ground.

KEITH DALGLEISH

Mirsaale

6g Sir Percy - String Quartet
J Fyffe
1132

RPR 138h OR 136h

Ran a fantastic race to be second in a Grade 2 novice hurdle at Cheltenham, it was a hot race and he split two Champion Bumper winners. He's in the Fighting Fifth but that will probably come a bit soon. He's a smart novice and in the long term we'll be looking to going back for the festival. Handles soft ground but he wouldn't want it extreme.

Mixboy

6g Fragrant Mix - Leston Girl
Paul & Clare Rooney
4/122-11

RPR 122h 131c OR 122h 127c

He's done really well and won his two novice chases. He's better with a bit of time between his races, hence

he hasn't run since, but he's ready to be entered again soon and he may go for a novice handicap at Sedgfield. He's never run a bad race so I don't see why he shouldn't keep progressing. I'd say 2m4f is his bag at the moment and his best asset is he tries so hard.

HENRY DE BROMHEAD

Alisier D'Irlande

6g Kapgarde - Isati's
Roger Brookhouse
1/F115-3

RPR 121h 151c OR 145c

He ran okay at Naas on his return, and maybe at that trip of two miles the ground could have been a bit too good for him. There are not a lot of standout options for him. There is a 2m4f handicap chase at Navan soon and I would quite like to step him up in trip. He seems to have to go left-handed. We're looking at that Navan race, or else you run in

a Grade 1 at Leopardstown at Christmas. We will see nearer the time.

Avenir D'Une Vie

6g Lavirco - Par Bonheur
Gigginstown House Stud
1210-51

RPR 136b 131h

I was delighted with him and thought he jumped brilliant on his hurdling debut last week. He's just a lovely horse to do anything with and obviously has high-class bumper form. We will step him up in class now and see how he gets on. We haven't a race in mind yet.

Champagne West

8g Westerner - Wyncham
Sweetmarie
Roger Brookhouse

2E/2PPP-

RPR 143h 162h OR 143h

He's really nice. He worked well the other day and he's obviously new to us. He's entered in the Listed chase at Thurles on Thursday and I

would say the ground couldn't be soft enough for him. He jumps well and we're looking forward to getting him started.

Identity Thief

6g Kayf Tara - Miss Artea
Gigginstown House Stud
126-211

RPR 164h 144c OR 159h

Obviously it was quite foggy at Punchestown in the Craddockstown, but from what you could see, he looked good. Leopardstown at Christmas looks the right step for him now in the 2m1f novice chase on St Stephen's Day. I'm delighted with him and Bryan Cooper was very happy as well.

Lion In His Heart

5g Westerner - Coolnasneachta
Gigginstown House Stud
6-21

RPR 101b RPR 122h

He's really nice. He will be entered for the 2m4f novice hurdle at Navan next weekend.

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He won his maiden hurdle well at Tipperary and hopefully he can progress.

Peace News

4g Sholokhov - Peaceful Love
Gigginstown House Stud
RPR 154h OR 147h
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RPR -

He did it well at Cork and he has an entry in the Bar One Novice Hurdle at Fairyhouse. That could be an option for him. He had a big reputation when trained by Willie Mullins and we like what we have seen from him so far. He's a nice horse.

Petit Mouchoir

5g Al Namix - Arnette
Gigginstown House Stud
RPR 154h OR 147h
1/113482-23

We're going to stay hurdling with him this season. We're aiming him at the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle now. He ran very well on his seasonal return in the WKD Hurdle at Down Royal and I hope that there are plenty of races to be won over hurdles with him.

Sadler's Risk

8g Sadler's Wells - Riskaverse
Roger Brookhouse
31-2214

RPR 148h 156c OR 139h 154c
He ran a cracker in the JNwine Chase at Down Royal and is on a break now. We will bring him back for the spring and he could run at some of the spring festivals.

Special Tiara

9g Kayf Tara - Special Choice
Mrs S Rowley-Williams
1/423-63

RPR 170c OR 165c
He was a little disappointing in the Shloer when he possibly got stuck in the ground a bit. It was very tacky and the race was run on old ground, which was a bit disappointing. He'll still be a force to be reckoned with in the two-mile division and, with better going, he's a big player in all of those races.

Some Plan

8g Winged Love - Lough Hyne
Roger Brookhouse
404-01F

RPR 148h 153c OR 145h
Fell at the second-last at Cheltenham last time. Who knows what the outcome of the race would have been, but he certainly looked to be going well at the time. He will be aimed at a novice chase around Christmas - possibly Kempton or possibly Naas in the new year.

Three Stars

6g Westerner - Hapeney
Robert Finnegan
RPR 140h 144c OR 145h
18-5113

He ran okay at Cheltenham last time but he seemed to get a bit stuck in the ground. He has won his Grade 3 already and we will probably give him another run somewhere in the next three or four weeks, either at Leopardstown over Christmas or even at Kempton. We will try to find better ground for him. He has won on yielding, but for him to be at his best the ground needs to be better.

Valseur Lido

7g Anzillero - Libido Rock
Gigginstown House Stud
2FU22-1
RPR 171c OR 169c

He's in really good form and has come out of the JNwine Chase really well. He will be entered in the Lexus Chase and he already has an entry in the King George. We will decide closer to the time what way we are thinking. He has to be a genuine Cheltenham Gold Cup contender. He's rated 169 now and he's up around the mark you need to be at to be competitive in a Gold Cup, so you would have to hope he's that sort of material.

DAVID DENNIS

Doctor Phoenix

8g Dr Massini - Lowroad Cross
Favourites Racing Ltd
3/71185-

RPR 131h 143c OR 134h 137c
Suffered a setback after his run at Musselburgh on New Year's day and missed the rest of the season but is back in full work. Has plenty of options and seems in good order. Has limited experience over fences but he's a big, strapping horse and very talented. Has a high cruising speed and we'll start at 2m, his limit at this stage would be 2m4f. Loves soft ground.

Final Nudge

7g Kayf Tara - Another Shot
Corbett Stud
12531-1

RPR 138h 131c OR 137h
A nice prospect. Soft ground is key to him, he's a reliable stayer and had useful novice hurdle form last season. He's schooled well over fences and I was very pleased with his winning debut at Fakenham, he couldn't have jumped better and he did it nicely - but they tend to get inflated marks and he won't get less than the 137 he is over hurdles.

Roman Flight

8g Antonius Pius - Flight
Sequence
Favourites Racing Ltd
224914-

RPR 150c OR 142c
Has been a legend for us and will be entered for the Caspian Caviar at Cheltenham next month. Ran very well in a 2m handicap at Ascot last time, running on in a way that suggested he wants a bit further these days - he got 2m5f round Stratford in October. Won't be running on soft ground in the winter, we'll bring him back in the spring and look at handicaps at Aintree or Cheltenham.

STUART EDMUNDS

Apasionado

5g Mamool - Api Sa
The Tyringham Partnership
0-33111

RPR 125h OR 134h
We've loved him from the moment he walked off the lorry - he's got a bit of class and quality. We'll have to step him up in grade after his three wins and we could look at the Kennel Gate Novices' Hurdle over 2m4f at Ascot next month. We're unsure whether to step up from 2m but there's no reason he shouldn't get further



as he's got a lovely relaxed way of going. Who knows how good he could be.

Cloonacool

7g Beneficial - Newhall
Nick Brown Racing
72133-F

RPR 142h 147c OR 132h 140c
Came back with a bit of colic after his last run but is all right now. He'd been running a good race when he fell the time before and we'll mix hurdles and fences - he's much better right-handed so we'll try to go that way. We might give him another try over 2m4f but he's not short of speed.

Wolf Of Windlesham

4g Mastercraftsman - Al Amlah
M W Lawrence
1161-5

RPR 139h OR 137h
Seems fine after his fall at Cheltenham - I couldn't understand why he was such a big price there and he was running a big race, Joshua Moore said he hadn't gone for him and had plenty of horse left. Might have a spin on the

Flat as he's only rated 70 then could go for the race that used to be the Ladbroke at Ascot. He stays 2m on the Flat so he should get further over hurdles and the aim ever since last season has been the Coral Cup at Cheltenham. We could get some improvement in him stepping up in trip.

JAMES EWART

Aristo Du Plessis

6g Voix Du Nord - J'Aime
Mrs JM Dodd
1116-53

RPR 148h 80c OR 145h
He's suffering from having too good a season last season and the handicapper's had his say but I was pleased with his run at Haydock, if it had been 2m he would have frightened a few at a big price, and he's back where I want him. He had one try over fences at Cheltenham but he doesn't attack them on the course the way he does a hurdle and he's not the biggest horse in the world.

Avidity

7g Passing Glance - Epicurean
Leeds Plywood And Doors Ltd
1/32P-41

RPR 136h 139c OR 135h 135c
Hasn't run since winning over fences at Bangor in May but we're going to look after him and save him for the spring because he needs a sound surface and there could be a big novice handicap chase in him somewhere. He gets 2m4f.

Catching Shadows

7g Catcher In The Rye -
Castletown Girl
Mr & Mrs Sperling, T Reid & Sir A
Milburn

611/34-3
RPR 118b 105h OR -
Won two bumpers and ran

really nicely when third first time back at Carlisle - I slightly kicked myself because it was 2m4f and round a stiff track 2m1f is probably plenty for him. A big horse and should win over hurdles and make a nice sort.

Lycidas

7g Zamindar - La Felicita
James-Douglas Gordon
4-21

RPR 128h OR 132h
A very exciting prospect, although I can't make head or tail of the handicap mark he was given for winning at Kelso. Options are slightly limited as he ran on the Flat so can't run in a National Hunt novice hurdle but could go to Wetherby on November 23 or Kelso on December 4. Has been working on ground at that's pretty poor at home so should handle the soft.

ALAN FLEMING

Blue Hell

6g Russian Blue - Art Fair
Barry Connell
3/359/10-

RPR 140h OR 146h
He has some good hurdles form and beat Diamond King in a handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse last November. He then had a very hard race at Cheltenham in the County Hurdle and we gave him a nice break after that. He will go over fences this season and he has been schooling really well so hopefully he will make up into a nice horse in that sphere.

Borderline Chatho

5g Born King - Nuance
Barry Connell
3-

RPR - OR -
I think he could be a nice

bumper horse for the season and he could be worth following. He was placed at Leopardstown last season, and he looks really well at the minute and is going well.

Gwencily Berbas

5g Nickname - Lesorial
Barry Connell
19/136-4

RPR 147h 133c OR 149h
He made a nice debut over fences in a Grade 3 novice chase at Punchestown behind Three Stars. We have always thought of him as a chaser and he should come on from that run. I think there is more to come from him.

Tully East

6g Shantou - Ghillie's Bay
Barry Connell
2/16164-

RPR 140h OR 138h
He's going well at the minute and is ready to start back soon. He ran a good race at Cheltenham when he finished fourth in the conditional jockeys' race. He is another who is going to go novice chasing this season.

Velvet Maker

7g Policy Maker - Evasion De
L'Orne
Barry Connell
10/1320-

RPR 132h 144c OR 132h 146c
We will start him off in a 2m handicap somewhere. He's schooling well and looks a picture and he already has some good form in the book. He's one we're looking forward to.

Zaheer

4g Pivotal - Zaidiyana
Barry Connell
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RPR 112b
He won his only start when at



Class acts: Valseur Lido (far left), a genuine Gold Cup contender according to Henry de Bromhead, and Cloudy Dream, who won his second race over fences last Friday

'He had high-class form as a novice hurdler and you would be hopeful he can have a good career over fences'
Eddie Hartly on Coney Island

Naas in January and you would have to be impressed with how he did it that day. I think he's a horse with plenty of pace and I'm looking forward to starting him off in a maiden hurdle.

EDDIE HARTY

Coney Island

5g Flemensfirth - Millys Gesture
 JP McManus
 2151-22
 RPR 148h OR 145h
 He made his chasing debut at Punchestown when he finished second to Haymount on Saturday. He has an entry in the Drinmore at Fairyhouse and that could be an option. He had high-class form as a novice hurdler and you would be hopeful he can have a good career over fences.

Minella Foru

7g King's Theatre - Shannon Rose
 JP McManus

RPR 142h 145c OR 137h 146c 565/121-

He won the Paddy Power Chase last year and that could be a target again for him. We gave him a nice break and he's still just a seven-year-old. He could be a National horse in time.

MALCOLM JEFFERSON

Cloudy Dream

6g Cloudings - Run Away Dream
 Trevor Hemmings
 13112-1
 RPR 140h 139c OR 137h 137c
 A good horse and in great order. Progressed well over hurdles last season and won nicely over fences at Carlisle and again at Haydock. We might go to Kempton over Christmas if the ground is half decent. We'll let him tell us what route to take but he has plenty of gears and I think 2m in a good race would be fine. The owner's racing manager

Michael Meagher has the idea that one day he'll get 3m but he's quick enough.

Cyrus Darius

7g Overbury - Barton Belle
 Mr & Mrs G Calder & P M Warren
 4/3111/1-
 RPR 153h 130c OR 153h
 Coming on great and I couldn't be happier with him. He's doing quite a bit of work and we'll probably start schooling him next week. He was always a good jumper at home, though it didn't look like it in his one chase at Perth. He's a classy horse and they get way with a lot but he's going to have to take on classy horses. I don't know what mark he'll get over fences and he may have to go in a graduation chase.

Double W's

6g Fruits Of Love - Zaffre
 Wharton & Wilson
 210-211
 RPR 127h 140c OR 128h 140c

Unless it turns up a bog there's a good chance he'll go to Newbury for a 0-140 limited novice handicap chase on the day before the Hennessy. He's a lovely horse who I've always liked and he was a bit unlucky last season when races were never run to suit. He's grown up a bit as he used to be in a bit of a hurry and you were trying to get a lead, but now he's more settled and at Wetherby last time he made the running.

NEIL KING

Big Meadow

5g Marienbard - Lakyle Lady
 Peter Beadles
 112-
 RPR 126b
 Won a point-to-point in Ireland this time last year and absolutely hacked up in a bumper at Chepstow. Had a penalty on quicker ground at

Uttoxeter and it was probably a pretty smart horse of Mr Pipe's that beat us. Has come back in looking twice the horse he was, he's strengthened and filled his frame. Will probably start in a bumper at Chepstow on December 3 and we'd like to think he'll make a smart 3m novice hurdler.

Lil Rockerfeller

5g Hard Spun - Layoune
 Davies Smith Govier & Brown
 2317-32
 RPR 159h OR 160h

I was over the moon with his comeback at Wetherby, I thought it was a career best and the handicapper agreed, putting him up 3lb. We always said he wanted 3m and that was his first time at it. He ran another smashing race in the Coral Hurdle at Ascot. He just got tight into the last and lost ground. We'll head back there for the Long Walk and then all roads will lead to the World Hurdle. We might take in the National Spirit at Fontwell again en route.

Milansbar

9g Milan - Ardenbar
 Robert Bothway
 342129-
 RPR 151c OR 145c
 The Welsh National appeals immensely as a target and I'd like to run him somewhere

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first. The stats tell me he has too much weight but they also said the top weight hadn't won the Midlands National for many years and he ran a great race in second place. Could also go for the Grand National but he wants cut in the ground, he's quite fragile and we need to mind him a bit.

ZeroeshaDESofgrey

7g Portrait Gallery - Hazy Rose
Mrs J K Buckle
271429-1

RPR 142h 142c OR 142h 142c
Goes back to Wetherby, where he won first time out over fences. In great order and jumped brilliantly when he schooled last week. His jumping on the track is still novicey so we are playing it low key with him and hope we can build on that win. He's a very smart chaser in the making. Wants flat, galloping tracks and the softer the ground the better.

JIMMY MOFFATT

Altruism

6g Authorized - Bold Assumption
V R Vyner-Brooks, K Bowron
P2U-112

RPR 142h 142c OR 140h 134c
Given a break since his last run at Cartmel and will be back in the spring. Going chasing has made a man of him and when he switched back to hurdles he annihilated them. He's strengthened again for his break, he's only going to get better and we'll look at the bigger races – the County Hurdle and a handicap at Aintree.

Highland Lodge

10g Flemensfirth - Supreme Von Pres
Bowes Lodge Stables
84/721P-

RPR 150c OR 137c
In great form and I'm very pleased with him, he's working well and I'm actually happier with him than I was at this stage 12 months ago. Goes well fresh and will go straight for the Becher Chase, as he did when winning it last year. He's a proper National horse and we hope to get him into it this year – two of the first five in the race last season finished behind him in the Becher.

Morning Royalty

9g King's Theatre - Portryan Native
Mrs Eileen M Milligan
143-136

RPR 132h 140c OR 128h 135c
Has been brilliant for us, super consistent and getting better with age. We've got a few options for him but he's a better chaser than hurdler – he's a really good jumper – and he ideally wants 2m4f to 3m.

Think Ahead

5g Shamardal - Moonshadow
Varlien Vyner-Brooks
P
RPR -

One to follow in the spring. It was trainer error on his hurdling debut at Newcastle, he's a big gross horse who'd had six months off and he wasn't 100 per cent ready – I made a mistake and I won't make it again. He had smart Flat form and is potentially a nice hurdler.

RICHARD NEWLAND

Royale Knight

10g King's Theatre - Gardana
C E Stedman & R J Corsan
1254-56

RPR 123h 148c OR 122h 140c
A very good stayer on his day and in cracking form. Tried to complete the hat-trick in the Durham National but the ground was too quick for him. Goes north for the Borders National at Kelso, which he won three years ago. Has dropped 1lb to 140 so he'll get in but he'll have 11st 12lb and it'll be very hard. I hope he'll get in the Grand National again after that. At home he's as good as ever and he ran a very good race in the Scottish National last April.

Vosne Romanee

5g Arakan - Vento Del Oreno
Foxtrot NH Racing Partnership VI
5/7221-1

RPR 140h OR 139h
Just back in training after his season was cut short by a suspensory injury. Has come back really well and we hope to train him for the County Hurdle. His form is quite good and he's rated 139 so he should get in. He'll have a couple of runs on the all-weather and Cheltenham will probably be his next hurdle race.

OLIVER SHERWOOD

Many Clouds

9g Cloudings - Bobbing Back
Trevor Hemmings
1/62210-

RPR 170c OR 166c

'He'll be in the RSA and the National Hunt Chase – that trip could be good for him'
Harry Whittington on Emerging Force



Many Clouds: nine-year-old is likely to go for the Grand National after taking in races at Aintree, Cheltenham and Kelso

Still only nine and we're very happy with him. He'll go to Aintree for the race he was second to Don Poli in last year then he could possibly go to Cheltenham in January, to Kelso again and then back to Aintree. We cauterised his soft palate and we won't truly know how that has worked until we run him but it can only benefit him, he made a bit of a gurgling noise just after the Canal Turn on the soft ground in the National.

Rayvin Black

7g Halling - Optimistic
R White & V J Walsh
2216-42

RPR 151h OR 144h
Schooled over fences and might try chasing but there are no definite plans. He's not the biggest and although his heart's in the right place I don't want him to be too bold and do himself damage. Off his hurdles mark you've got to run where and when you can but there is good money for places in those Champion Hurdle trials and he's already picked some up this season. Soft or heavy ground is the most important thing to him.

The Organist

5m Alkaadhem - Go On Eileen
JP McManus
1121F-2

RPR 140h OR 139h
A good mare who ran well over hurdles last season, she'd have won again on her final start at Cheltenham but she made a silly mistake and fell and she fluffed her lines with a mistake

on her return in a novice chase at Huntingdon. Stays 3m.

LUCY WADHAM

Le Reve

8g Milan - Open Cry
P H Betts
6150P-U

RPR 154c OR 146c
He's in remarkable shape after what happened to him at Cheltenham, he's stiff and he's got a bit of whiplash in his neck but he's not lame and he didn't have one cut. He's improving every day and although I won't enter him in the Becher Chase I might put him in the Welsh National, although he might have a run over hurdles next.

Potters Legend

6g Midnight Legend - Loose
Morals
Mrs J May
21223-1

RPR 141h 130c OR 139h 139c
Runs in a novice chase at Bangor or Newbury next. He was green in front at Kempton and he was spooking at things in the infield, he was lucky to win the race but it was a solid start. Progressed well over hurdles last season and is designed to jump a fence. Gets 3m well.

ROBERT WALFORD

Camping Ground

6g Goldneyev - Camomille
G L Porter
U1595-2

RPR 163h 155c OR 157h 152c
We're looking at a graduation

chase at Newbury in the second week of December. I was pleased with his first run back but not ecstatic. He looked a little bit slow, he probably more cut in the ground. He showed a lot of speed in the Relkeel Hurdle last season but he's bred to want a trip and feels like a stayer. His problem is he's too high in the handicap and if he wins the graduation chase well we'll think about another graded race.

Mr Medic

5g Dr Massini - Danse Slave
The White Hart Company
06P6-11

RPR 90h 118c OR 93h 112c
Embarrassing last season. He's always been nice at home but when we thought he'd win a handicap at Chepstow he trailed round and I thought 'maybe he's useless'. But he's shown over fences he's a lovely horse. Jumps well and the weather's been kind as he doesn't want soft ground. Time has made the biggest difference – he's grown up and strengthened. He's gone up 11lb but if you set off as low as he did you've got a bit of leeway. Goes to Sandown on December 2 for a novice handicap.

HARRY WHITTINGTON

Bigmartre

5g Montmartre - Oh La Miss
P J Dixon
121433-

RPR 134h OR 133h

Had a minor tendon injury and will be back at Christmas. He's grown and filled out and I've got to try to convince the owner to wait until next season to go chasing, he'll be an absolute tool over fences then. That means he'd have a full novice season, and he was progressing over hurdles last term.

Emerging Force

6g Milan - Danette
Webb Holt Carpenter Tucker
31U-P11

RPR 148h 150c OR 146h
Was always going to make a better chaser than a hurdler. He's had two quick enough runs but he's entered in the Grade 2 at Newbury on Hennessy day, although there are other options in Class 2 novices at Doncaster and Cheltenham. Longer term he'll be in the RSA and the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham – the 4m could be a good trip for him.

Fourovakind

11g Sir Harry Lewis - Four M'S
Andrew F Sawyer, G W Hazell & C Bosley

33/3P1P-
RPR 140c OR 130c
He'll be back in a couple of weeks and we'll probably go for a 0-130 amateurs' race at Sandown, he got dropped a bit after the Midlands National. He could have a day out in the Welsh National but we'd like to have another crack at the Devon National, which he won last season and seemed to suit him very well.