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### STABLE TOUR GORDON ELLIOTT

AST season was Gordon Elliott's best yet. Ultimately denied the title, he still enjoyed his most successful season with 193 domestic winners and €4,380,705 in prize-money.

His headline horses – led by Apple's Jade, Labaik and Fayonagh – landed memorable victories at the Cheltenham Festival, where he was crowned top trainer for the first time with six winners.

However, Elliott plays down his achievements, and admits he was left "completely heartbroken" after Mullins wrestled back his crown on the final two days of the Punchestown festival.

"I genuinely didn't think I had any chance of winning the championship from the start, but then when it started happening for us I really threw everything at it," he reflects.

"I was gutted that we got beat but at the same time I was proud of myself and all of the staff because I didn't think we had any chance of getting near Willie at the start of the season. We had lots of winners at Punchestown but I left there absolutely heartbroken on the Saturday evening when I should have been delighted.

"If anything, it has made us stronger again and we have some serious horses here for the season ahead. Touch wood, we can have another good season."

A morning spent on the gallops with the trainer at his kingdom near Longwood in County Meath, and it's clear to see why the words 'fine', 'big' and 'chaser' are often uttered by the 39-year-old.

Elliott, who sent out 45 bumper winners last term, concludes: "We have some seriously talented young horses here to run in bumpers and maiden hurdles this season.

"We're just very lucky with some of the owners that we have because they buy lovely horses. It's what you want and it's a very exciting time for everyone in the yard."

### **Interview by Brian Sheerin**

### **An Caisteal Nuadh**

Six-year-old gelding Scorpion (sire) - Lead'Er Inn (dam) Owner: Imperial Racing Syndicate Form figures: 17F-1 Racing Post Rating: 124h; Official

The plan is to run him at the Cheltenham October meeting in a novice hurdle. He has a big engine but he's not easy to train.

### **Anytime Now**

5g Beneficial - Rag's Lady Allan Snow RPR 123h OR -

He was impressive when he won his bumper at Kilbeggan and, with the benefit of a couple of runs over hurdles now, I think he'll be winning sooner rather than later over obstacles.

### A Toi Phil

7g Day Flight - Lucidrile Gigginstown House Stud RPR 162c OR 159c He was very good for us last year with the highlight coming

## Back even stronger after heartbreaking near-miss

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Cullentra House Stables **Where** Longwood, County
- >> Started training 2006
- Horses in yard 150

Meath

- >> Members of staff 60
- Assistant trainers Davy Condon and Ian 'Busty' Amond
- >> Head lad Simon McGonagle
- >> Second head lad John Winston
- Secretaries Zoe Winston. Alex Hutter and Lisa O'Neil (part-time)
- >> Travelling head girl Camilla Sharples
- >> Second travelling head girl Mary Nugent
- >> Accountant Niall Boland >> Head work rider/feed man Shane McCann
- >> Jockeys Davy Russell, Jack Kennedy Keith Donoghue, Chris Meehan, Bryan Cooper,

in the Leopardstown Chase

Barry Geraghty and best available

- ▶ Amateurs Nina Carberry, Jamie Codd
- >> Stable sponsor The Underwriting Exchange
- **Website** gordonelliottracing.
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### Winners in Ireland 2016-17

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2015-16	123
2014-15	92
2013-14	56

### Profit/loss to £1 stake

-£285.47	2016-17
-£285.93	2015-16
-£126.35	2014-15
-£102.86	2013-14

Prize-money 2016-17

€4,380,705

and he's already won for us this season when Jack [Kennedy] got a great tune out of him in the PWC Champion Chase at

Gowran Park. He'll go to Down Royal for the second-season novice chase. I don't think he's an out-and-out stayer, so I think 2m4f or 2m6f could be his trip this season.

### Automated

6g Authorized - Red Blooded

David Spratt & Kevin McMunigal 45105-3 RPR 147h OR 138h

He was supposed to run in the Irish Cesarewitch this month but unfortunately he went lame on us and we had to miss it. He's a good horse on his day but he's a bit hot and cold. There's definitely a big handicap hurdle in him during the winter on soft ground. He likes to be dropped in and

needs to be ridden patiently.

### **Azua Emery**

3f Califet - Take Emery Gigginstown House Stud

RPR 99h OR -She finished second on her hurdling debut at Ballinrobe and I'd be disappointed if she can't win in the coming months. Whether she's going to develop into one of our better juveniles, that remains to be

seen, but she should win her

### Ball D'Arc

6g Network - Pretty Moon Gigginstown House Stud 111233-

RPR 162c OR 151c

He had a super season last year and you'd have to imagine that he'll be competitive in all of those races between 2m and 2m4f. I don't think he'll be quite up to Grade 1 standard,

but he should pick up plenty of cheques this season.

6m Vendangeur - Oasaka Gigginstown House Stud 152366

RPR 138h OR 136h

She's had a wind operation. Some of her form is quite good and the plan is to go jumping fences with her this season. She should be up to getting black type over fences for sure.

### Ben Dundee

5g Beneficial - Miss Dundee Chris Jones

RPR 128h OR 120h

He's a nice horse who came to us from Andy Lynch's. He won a maiden hurdle impressively for Andy last year and I'd say he could be a nice horse over hurdles this term. He'll start off at Punchestown in a handicap hurdle this week and he's going well. He'll win a few races.

### **Best Of Dubai**

5m Dubai Destination - Second Lucky Shoe Part Three Syndicate

RPR 98h

I was happy with her debut run in a bumper at Down Royal and she should come on a lot for that. We'll look for another bumper for her in the next few weeks and take things from there with her.

### DARK HORSE

### Battleoverdoyen 4g Doyen - Battle Over

Gigginstown House Stud

A winner of a point-topoint in April, he's going very nicely at the minute and he should be up to winning his bumper. He's one to follow and I'd have to put him down as one of our better youngsters.

### **Bless The Wings**

12g Winged Love - Silva Venture Adrian Butler/S P O'Connor 208226-

RPR 152c OR 139c

He's been a brilliant servant and he's not finished yet. He's finished second in two cross-country races at Cheltenham and in two Irish Grand Nationals, and he's also run well in loads of other big handicap chases since he joined us. We'll map out a similar campaign for him again this season and he looks as good as ever.

### **Blow By Blow**

6g Robin Des Champs - Shean Rose Gigginstown House Stud

211/1-RPR 136b

I never got to run him last year but he's going well at the minute and he's ready to run. We'll be looking at getting him out within the next two weeks or so and I'd say he's going to need 2m4f plus. He's a high-class horse who won the Champion Bumper at Punchestown two seasons ago for Willie Mullins, but he's a real stayer more than anything

### Blue Empyrean

7g Generous - Maldagora J J Taylor 424-463 RPR 110h OR -

He won his bumper at Downpatrick last season and has run a number of good races over flights since. You'd imagine he won't have to wait too much longer to get his head in front again.

### Brelade

5g Presenting - Polivalente D P Sharkey 12368-2 RPR 133c, 145h OR 141h

I knew going to Gowran that whatever he'd do that day, he'd improve for it and I'd say you'll see a better Brelade next time. He's a very classy horse – he's got good novice hurdle form and I'm thinking about keeping him to 2m for this season. I was flirting with the idea of running him in a big handicap hurdle this year, something

like the old Betfair Hurdle

maybe, but he'll stay over

fences for now anyway. I'd say

he's a real 2m horse and he'll

### **Burren Life**

5g Pelder - Burren Valley Gigginstown House Stud 3225-13 RPR 129h

definitely pay his way.

I was delighted with him at Roscommon and he followed that up with a decent effort in a Listed novice hurdle at Limerick recently. He's going to



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### STAR QUALITY

### Apple's Jade

5m Saddler Maker - Apple's For Ever Gigginstown House Stud 221211-

RPR 162h OR 154h The Lismullen Hurdle at Navan is the plan for her and then we'd probably look at going back to Fairyhouse for the Hatton's Grace. I'm a firm believer in campaigning horses in races that they can win, and right now she looks like she would take all the beating in the mares' hurdle at Cheltenham again. She was a star for us last season, winning three Grade 1s and it's hard to believe she's

still only a five-year-old. I wouldn't rule out the 3m hurdle route altogether, but shorter trips are the

plan for her

right now.

make a nice chaser next season but he should win more races before he goes over fences.

### Campeador

5g Gris De Gris - Royale Video JP McManus 2/14F/F-RPR 154h OR 145h I think he has a very big engine and hopefully his luck will change this season as he's come down at the last flight when looking as though he was about to win a big handicap hurdle in each of the past two seasons. It's there for everyone to see how much ability he has. He stays over hurdles.

### Canelie

5m Gentlewave - Medjie JP McManus 11/2628-RPR 124h OR 121h She was probably a little bit disappointing last season but she's back working well and I'd be disappointed if she couldn't

### pay her way. Carrig Cathal

6g Fair Mix - Blackwater Bay TJ Doran BU3240-RPR 144h OR 136h He had some good form over hurdles last year and we're looking forward to getting him over a fence.

### **Cause Of Causes**

9g Dynaformer - Angel In My JP McManus 5P0512RPR 158c OR 152

He's a hero of a horse and I'd have to say him winning the cross-country at Cheltenham was one of my highlights from last season. He's won at the past three Cheltenham Festivals, and if he's to make it a fourth straight win there I think his best chance would be in the cross-country again. He was electric there last season before finishing second in the Aintree National. That looks a good plan for him again.

### DARK HORSE

### Dinons

4g Balko - Beni Abbes T O'Driscoll

He was very green the day he finished second to Noel Meade's Red Jack in Fairyhouse last season but you'd have to be delighted with how he finished off his race that day. He galloped the other day and he looks like he'll need another few weeks before he's ready to run, but he's another fine staying prospect and he's definitely up to winning a bumper at the beginning of the season. I'd like to win a bumper with him and then we'll go hurdling. Gordon Elliott oversees proceedings at Cullentra House Stables: "We have some serious horses here for the season ahead"

### Charmix 7g Laveron - Open Up

James Fyffe 41U32-7 RPR 144h, 144c OR 145h, 140c He showed good form for Harry Fry and he looks like he could be a nice horse for some of the good handicap chases and he's working like a nice horse. He'll be ready to start off in the next few weeks.

### Clarcam 7g Califet - Rose Beryl

126900-RPR 159c A stable star, we are in bonus

Gigginstown House Stud

territory with him at this stage and if he wins another race or two it would be great. I'm toying with the idea of going hunter chasing with him this year. If you had a stable full of Clarcams life would be easy. He's been a great horse for us.

### **Cocktails At Dawn**

9g Fair Mix - Fond Farewell George P Mahoney 4FPF6-9 RPR 130h, 155c OR 108h, 135c The plan was to go to the

### STAR QUALITY

### **Death Duty**

6g Shantou - Midnight Gift Gigginstown House Stud 111U3-1 RPR 150c, 150h OR 146h He came home sick after Cheltenham last year – he was half-suffering from colic. He twisted something inside over there and he ended up running no race in the Albert Bartlett. Some people were saying the race beat him but he was beaten at the top of the hill, so it was nothing to do with the race, more so the fact that he was sick. I knew something wasn't right with him over there because he looked terrible in himself. In hindsight I shouldn't have run him. He's back looking brilliant again and I think he's a very good horse. I've been looking forward to getting him over fences since his bumper days and I was delighted with how he did things at Tipperary. I know he made a little bit of a mistake at the last but he was nearly travelling too well heading down to the fence and he just met it

American Grand National with him but unfortunately he pulled a muscle and we had to shelve that idea and he's on the easy list for now. We'll probably bring him back into training for something like the cross-country race at Cheltenham. He jumps well at home and while he hasn't been over a bank yet I think the obstacles could suit him.

wrong. I'm really looking

forward to him this season

and he goes for the Grade

3 Buck House novice chase

at Punchestown this week.

We'll take things from

there.

### Commentariolus

3g Frankel - Apsara Matt Booth Partnership 66 (Flat form) RPR 73f

I'd say he's a nice horse and he's been schooling very well. He'll start off in a juvenile hurdle in the coming weeks and he's showing us all the right signs.

### Cool Getaway

5g Getaway - Coolnacarriga J P McManus

A nice horse. He won his pointto-point last November before coming to us and we're looking forward to getting him started. I'd say we'll go straight over hurdles with him and he's not far off a run.

### **Cracking Smart**

5g Great Pretender - Maya Du Frene Gigginstown House Stud RPR 130b, 128h OR -

Another exciting bumper horse from last year to go hurdling. He's already got some hurdling experience as he chased home one of ours at Naas earlier in the year before stepping back to win his bumper at

Fairyhouse really impressively. He jumps well and has done well over the summer.

### **Dakota Moirette**

4g Voix Du Nord - Rahana Moirette Gigginstown House Stud

212700-

RPR 126h OR 123h

On the best of his form he could be well handicapped over hurdles and hopefully he'll pick up a race or two.

### Dawerann

8g Medicean - Dawera Gordon Elliott Racing Club -653235

RPR 121h, 110c OR 109h, 105c, 59f He's been a great horse for the racing club. There's more races in him too, and the fact that he's so versatile makes him all the more likeable. He can run over fences, hurdles and he may even turn up at Dundalk throughout the winter.

### **De Plotting Shed**

7g Beneficial - Lady Willmurt Ives Ashley Vasey Partnership 264224-

RPR 155h. 150h He's a 150-rated hurdler who's built for chasing. He did really well for us last year over hurdles and won plenty of races at the beginning of the season before finishing fourth in the Grade 1 Stayers Hurdle at Punchestown on his final start. To tell the truth, I was planning on sending him over fences last year but he kept winning and running well over hurdles so we said we'd wait but he looks like he's built for fences. He could be a fair

### Defi Bleu

4g Saddler Maker - Glycine Bleue Gigginstown House Stud

staying novice chaser.

RPR - OR

Finished second in a point-topoint, he's a really big horse and chasing is what he's made for. We'll start him off in a bumper soon and he's a horse for the future.

### **Definite Ruby**

9m Definite Article - Sunset Queen James Power 12141-3 RPR 138c OR 134c A brilliant servant, we're thinking of bringing her to

Cheltenham for an amateur riders' handicap chase this month. She's had a brilliant spring for the past two seasons, winning back-to-back renewals of a handicap chase at Punchestown and she looks to be as good as ever.

### **Delta Work**

4g Network - Robbe Gigginstown House Stud

RPR 120h OR -

He goes very well. He won a maiden hurdle by 20 lengths, and while it wasn't the strongest race in the world we liked what we saw that day. He'll go for the Royal Bond Novice Hurdle at Fairvhouse.

### **Desoto County**

8g Hernando - Kaldounya Paul and Clare Rooney 722137-RPR 140c, 140h OR 137c 133h He had a little setback last season but he's cantering away Continues page 4

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now and he'll mix it between hurdles and fences this year.

### Destin D'Ajonc

4g Martaline - Fleur D'Ajonc JP McManus

RPR 125h OR -

He's a nice big horse but we haven't had him long and we're still learning about him. He won a three-year-old hurdle in France in good style and we're looking forward to finding out a bit more about him.

### **Diamond Cauchois**

6g Crillon - Diamond Turtle Danny Charlesworth & Eamon Evans

RPR 132h OR 126h

He's a nice big horse and he likes soft ground. He hasn't run for us yet but we like him at home and he should win races.

### **Diamond King**

9g King's Theatre - Georgia On My Mind Mrs Diana L Whateley 154PP-5 RPR 144c OR 145 He was a little bit disappointing last year but he was obviously very good the year before that over hurdles. If we can get him back on song he looks like he could be wellhandicapped over fences. He had a wind operation last year and I don't think he ever quite ran up to scratch after he won a

### Dinaria Des Obeaux

4f Saddler Maker - Indiana Jaune Gigginstown House Stud 131045-

beginners' chase at Galway just

RPR 131h OR 131h

over a year ago.

She goes chasing. Some people were saying she needs soft ground but I wouldn't agree with that. She's had a wind operation and I wouldn't be surprised if she turned out to be all right this season.

### **Doctor Phoenix** 9g Dr Massini - Lowroad Cross

Nick Bradley Racing Syndicate 2P244-2 RPR 145c, 131h OR 133h 140c He looks like he could be a good fun horse who can run in all of the big handicap chases. He started off life with us with a good second [yesterday] at Cork and hopefully he'll have a

### good season.. **Dorans River**

RPR 133h OR 123

7g Golan - Inch Sunset T J Doran 121653

He was well beaten at Listowel last time but we gave him a little break after that and he's back in now and cantering away. It won't be long until he jumps fences.

### **Double Portrait**

5g Portrait Gallery - Dummy Run T J Doran P221-

RPR 112b

He's going to make a nice staying novice hurdler but he's physically imposing and I'd say he'll be a better chaser.

### **Duca De Thaix**

4g Voix Du Nord - Nouca De Thaix Gigginstown House Stud

RPR 124h OR -

'Mares' novice hurdle the race for Fayonagh at festival'

He has good French form but we had a little bit of a hold-up with him last year as he wasn't quite right. We'll keep him over hurdles this year.

### **Empire Burleque**

5g Cape Cross - Mowazana Gigginstown House Stud

I was very impressed with him when he won his bumper at Fairyhouse. It was a bit of a cat-and-mouse race that day and he got a bit light on us after that so we didn't run him again. He's back cantering away now and he looks great. He'll go hurdling.

### **Empire Of Dirt**

10g Westerner - Rose Of Inchiquin Gigginstown House Stud 11/124P-

RPR 169c OR 166c He was lame after Aintree but ran a couple of nice races last year – he won the Troytown and was only narrowly beaten in the Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown. He's not the easiest horse to train but he has a big engine. The Aintree National could be a long-term target and they're the kind of races we'd be looking at for

### **Eshtiaal**

7g Dynaformer - Enfiraaj W Salthouse/Mark McKay 124/11P-

RPR 137h OR 135h He broke his pelvis last year but he's back in full work now

and we might aim him at some nice handicap hurdles. He's better on better ground and he's got a decent amount of ability. He can also run on the Flat, and we'll mix it between the two.

### Fagan

7g Fair Mix - Northwood May R A Bartlett 224/P-12 RPR 147c 147h

I thought he ran very well behind Ballyandy at Perth.

**Cracking Smart** 

We were giving him weight and the trip would have been on the sharp side for us as well. The plan is to go to Cheltenham in October for the 3m novice chase there and we will reassess after that. He could be a horse for the fourmiler at Cheltenham and he obviously likes the place, as he made the frame in the Albert Bartlett in 2016.

### **Falak**

4g Teofilo - Family Brendan Scully 0-3631 (Flat form) RPR 81f OR 77f

He's a nice horse who came out of Roger Varian's and he's schooling well. He should be well able to pay his way.

### Felix Desjy

4g Maresca Sorrento - Lamadoun Gigginstown House Stud

RPR - OR -

A point-to-point winner, he'll run in a bumper in the next few weeks, but like many of these young point-to-point horses, we won't rush him and we'll develop him along because his future is going to be over fences

### Flawless Escape

4g Sagamix - Sainte Kadette -Kadalko T O'Driscoll

RPR 107h

He's a nice big galloping horse but he's only a shell at the minute. I was delighted with how he won his bumper at Roscommon, but he won't run in another now, and the next time you'll see him it will be over hurdles.

### Flaxen Flare

HORSE TO FOLLOW

Justin O'Hanlon

in February, and progressed from that to run out an

This fellow made a very promising stable debut when making

Escape work quite hard for victory in a maiden hurdle at Naas

impressive winner of a well-contested bumper at Fairyhouse

He should be an exciting prospect for novice hurdles this

season and looks likely to make his name over 2m4f plus.

in the spring when galloping clear in the style of a good horse.

his useful and more experienced stable companion Midnight

8g Windsor Knot - Golden Angel Mrs P Sloan F1/1/3U-2 RPR 152h, 131c OR -A winner of the 2013 Fred Winter Hurdle at Cheltenham, he's obviously had his problems but he's back cantering away. He's a stable star and we're

looking forward to getting him back out soon.

### Free Expression 8g Germany - Create A Storm

JP McManus RPR 144h, 146c OR 137h, 142c He just hasn't had the rub of the green. He looked like he had a very nice future a few seasons ago but he just had problems. I've always liked him and if he came back to himself this season he could be up to winning a nice handicap chase somewhere so we'll just have to hope for the best with him.

### Fullasthesea

4g Champs Elysees - Pentatonic Michael Goff

We like him a lot. Another point-to-point winner, he'll start off in bumpers.

### General Principle

8g Gold Well - How Provincial Gigginstown House Stud F26115-RPR 142c OR 140c

He ran well in the Irish Grand National last year and we might head for the Troytown with him. He's a good horse on his day and hopefully he can win a big handicap chase this year.

### Ger's Lad

5g Kalanisi - Mill Lady John F Doyle Unraced

He's a nice horse but hasn't been the easiest to train. He'll go for a bumper soon and he's pretty decent.

### Getaway John

4g Getaway - Present Your Own John F Doyle

RPR 103b Third in a bumper at

### STAR QUALIT

### Fayonagh

6m Kalanisi - Fair Ina Mrs M Gittins 81111-1 RPR 129b, 128h OR -Her schooling had

been fantastic before Fairyhouse and I was delighted with how she got the job done there on her hurdling debut. She was very good from the front but I don't think she has to make the running – in big-runner maiden hurdles sometimes it can be best to avoid trouble in running and take up a prominent position. She's already favourite for the mares' novice hurdle at Cheltenham and that will be her long-term target. I like to keep my horses to races they have the best chance of winning, and at the moment, unless she tells me something different, that's the race I think she's be best suited to run in at Cheltenham. She goes to Down Royal



Punchestown, he's had a nice holiday over the summer and looks great. Again, he's one we'll be starting off in a bumper and he's another young horse we like.

### Glenloe

6g Kayf Tara - Mandys Native JP McManus 7/6515-

RPR 132h OR 127

He's a brother to Alfie Sherrin and probably, like him, he looks a staying chaser. He was disappointing in the second half of last season and he should be able to pay his way in his own grade this year.

### Gun Digger

5g Stowaway - Booley Bay Gigginstown House Stud

I put him forward as a dark horse last year as he was showing us plenty but we didn't get to run him because we had a couple of minor hiccups with him. He should be able to make up for lost time.

### Hardline

5g Arcadio - Hidden Reserve Gigginstown House Stud 1FF22-2

RPR 130h OR -

He's probably not an out-andfresh and I think he has a bit of class.

### **Heritage Quay**

4f Presenting - Our Preto Mrs Caren Walsh & Mrs Kathleen

RPR 35b

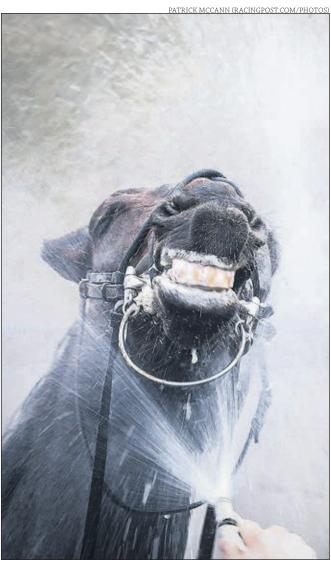
I ran her on ground that was probably too soft for her at Naas last year and we put her away afterwards. She's back working well again. She'll start off in a mares' bumper in about six weeks.

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If I could sum up last season in one word . . . 'Heartbreaking'

### **High Expectations**

6g High Rock - Tashifiya M Wasylocha 1F/46P0-RPR 125h OR 114h

He can mix and match between hurdles and the level and he goes on any ground as well. We'll go to Cheltenham this month for a handicap hurdle and take things from there with him.

### **Hollow Tree**

9g Beat Hollow - Hesperia Middleham Park Racing Ireland P3284-2

RPR 140h OR 107h

A former Grade 1 winner, he finished second over hurdles at Cork [yesterday] and we'll be campaigning him over the smaller obstacles as well as on the Flat. He's owned by Middleham Park Racing an I think he can give them a bit

### Ibsen

8g Dubawi - Really Home and Away Partnership 1200/42-RPR 131h OR 125h

He was a bit disappointing in the Irish Cesarewitch but maybe the hustle and bustle of the race didn't suit him. We will freshen him up now and he might be able to pick up another handicap hurdle or two.

### **Invincible Cave**

4g Court Cave - Bespoke Baby Gigginstown House Stud

He won a point-to-point first time out and he worked very well last week. We're looking forward to him.

### It's All Guesswork

5g Mahler - La Lambertine Philip Reynolds 62-2133 RPR 128h OR

I was disappointed with him at Killarney the last day but he may not want bottomless ground and we're going to bring him to the Cheltenham October meeting for a novice hurdle now.

### **Jaunty Warrior**

5g Lucarno - Jaunty Walk Gigginstown House Stud

He won a bumper in England

and he'll start off in a maiden hurdle for us. He doesn't look the quickest in the world, so I imagine tracks like Navan and Naas would suit him. We'll start him off over 2m4f plus and heavy ground could be the key to him.

### **Jetstream Jack**

7g Beneficial - Westgrove Berry Mrs Diana L Whateley 27F53F-

RPR 142c OR 140c

He's yet to come back into training but he's one who we will be happy to see return as I think there's a nice handicap chase in him over the winter months.

### **Jury Duty**

6g Well Chosen - Swan Heart Sideways Syndicate 21236-1 RPR 150h, 145c OR 147h

He was very good for us last year, finishing third in the

Pertemps at Cheltenham, and I was delighted with his debut win over fences at Limerick. We'll try to find a winners' race for him in the next few weeks and he should win lots of races. The National Hunt Chase could suit him ideally, but he was a 147-rated hurdler and he might even be too classy for a race like that. He could end up running in a Leopardstown Chase or a nice handicap somewhere. He probably doesn't get the credit he deserves and he might surprise a few this year.

### King's Song

7g King's Theatre - Chanson Indienne Blended Syndicate 2F-331P RPR 105c, 97h OR 102c 92h He'll start off in a handicap hurdle in the coming weeks and he could be well handicapped.

### Lackaneen Leader

5m Oscar - Shandora Mrs Caren Walsh 3211-RPR 92b

She's a nice mare and she stays well. She'll go jumping hurdles in a couple of weeks.

### **Last Minute Man**

5g Yeats - Ella Watson Paul and Clare Rooney

RPR 111b

I put forward this fella in most of my stable tours last season as a bumper horse worth following but he ended getting big and backward on me and I didn't get to run him until January, when he won a bumper at Down Royal. He's grown again and he's absolutely massive now. He'll make a nice staying novice hurdler this year but he'll be better when he goes over

### **Lord Scoundrel**

8g Presenting - Noble Choice Gigginstown House Stud F230-8P RPR 155c OR 153c

He's had an operation on a kissing spine and we'll aim him at all the big staying handicap chases. The Paddy Power at obvious target for him and he's the type you could claim off in all those big races. He won the Galway Plate for us last year and he owes us nothing.

### **Lucky Pass**

6g Ultimately Lucky - Fuela Pass Gigginstown House Stud

RPR 131b

He won two bumpers for Willie Mullins and we never got to run him last season but he's flying now again and he's showing us all the right signs.

(From left) Heading out for second lot; (top) galloping up the woodchip alongside the new sand gallop; (bottom) splashing in the stream; Tycoon Prince gets a post-work washdown; (below) work-riders in good spirits

We brought him to Tipperary recently and he went quite well in a piece of work and he'll be ready to start off soon enough. He's a big chaser in the making and he's very capable. I'd say he wants it soft.

### Mala Beach

9g Beneficial - Peppardstown Chris Jones F22FP/2

RPR 153c, 156h OR 148h

He's very good on his day and he spent over a year out on the sidelines because he had knee problems. I was delighted with his return at Galway and he should improve for that. He could go for the Troytown next. Soft ground is the key to him and fingers crossed we get a clear run with him this season.

### **Manamite**

4g Kentucky Dynamite - Masaya JPMcManus1- (Flat form)

He won a Flat race in France and he's schooling very well. The plan is to start him off over hurdles.

### Master Of Tara

4g Kayf Tara - Ryme Bere Gigginstown House Stud 21-

He won a point-to-point well and he will start off in a ► Continues page 6



### STABLE TOUR GORDON ELLIOTT

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bumper before going jumping next year.

### Masterson

4g Lawman - Indian Dumaani Noel Moran 44-2214 RPR 120h OR 117h He should be well up to winning a couple of races during the winter. He was a cheap enough purchase and he has already done well for us, and I'd say he'll continue over hurdles during the winter and he could also go back to the level at Dundalk.

### Mengli Khan

4g Lope De Vega - Danielli Gigginstown House Stud RPR 120h OR -

He won his maiden hurdle at Navan well despite the fact he was very keen during the early and middle parts of the race. He shows a lot of class and the plan is to go back to Navan in a few weeks' time for a Grade 3 novice hurdle. In hindsight, it's probably a blessing we didn't win a maiden hurdle last season and he should make up into a nice novice.

### Mick Jazz

6g Blue Bresil - Mick Maya George Mahoney 2/P/1231 RPR 143h OR 144h

He was lame on the morning of the County Hurdle and we couldn't run him, which was very disappointing as I thought he'd run a big race. It ended up that he had a fracture in a hind joint so we put a screw in it, but obviously he missed the best part of the season as a result. Hopefully he'll win a big handicap hurdle this year and make up for that - there's a big handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse that we could aim him at.

### Midnight Escape

5g Milan - Special Case Grant Mercer, Darren Mercer & Mrs Caren Walsh RPR 130h, 128c OR 133h

He's a nice horse who started off over fences last week with a good second at Galway. I think he'll make up into a nice 2m4f horse over fences this year.

### Minellafordollars

5g King's Theatre - Another Dollar Dr Bernardine Rochford

RPR 127b

He looked very good when he won his bumper at Navan. We're very lucky with some of the owners that we have here because they're buying lovely, big staying chasers and this

### Rival to watch

'You could pick an obvious one but one I would regard as a potentially serious rival is the Henry de Bromhead-trained Monalee. I think he looks a real prospect for staying novice chases'

### 'Samcro has the speed for the Supreme and will stay the Albert Bartlett trip'

fella looks like he has a nice future. I like him a lot.

### Miracle In Medinah

6g Milan - Annaghbrack JP McManus

RPR 112b

He's a real nice horse and he won his bumper at Fairyhouse back in March 2016 but he had a minor setback afterwards We liked him when he won his bumper and he continues to impress us at home. He'll be starting off over hurdles in the coming weeks.

### **Missy Tata**

Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 4/11111-RPR 144h OR 145h Unfortunately she did a suspensory last year but she's back going well again and we're looking forward to sending her over a fence. She's

5m Astarabad - Queen Running

### Mitchouka

3g Creachadoir - Minnaloushe Gigginstown House Stud

a very, very good filly.

A bad mistake at the last cost him the win in a juvenile hurdle at Thurles last week and he was only caught right on the line. You'd be hoping that his jumping would improve a bit from that and I'd say he's not that bad. Hopefully he'll win the next day over hurdles.

### **Monbeg Notorious** 6g Milan - Borleagh Princess

Gigginstown House Stud 4/31121-RPR 138h OR 132h He's not the quickest, but he could make a nice staying handicap chaser.

### **Monbeg Worldwide**

5g Lucarno - Molly Duffy Gigginstown House Stud RPR 124b

He's a very nice horse who won

three bumpers for us last year. He doesn't do anything fancy but any horse who can win He's smart and he goes over hurdles.

### Monkshood

5g Stowaway - Flirthing Around Gigginstown House Stud RPR 131h OR -

He has strengthened up a lot since last season. He's a fair horse to gallop and you'd be thinking he'd be up to winning a couple more races over hurdles before going on to being a better chaser. He's a fair horse.

### **Moonlight Escape**

4f Court Cave - Festival Leader F Donnelly

RPR 96b She was second in a bumper at Fairyhouse last time and she wasn't quite fit enough the first day I ran her at Navan, but the race didn't look very strong and I said I'd take a chance. She'll be up to winning a few races.

### Morgan

5g Big Bad Bob - Gilt Ridden Gigginstown House Stud RPR 144h OR 141h He ran a fair race at Tipperary where he gave the winner an awful lot of weight. We'll probably keep him over hurdles this season.

### **Mr Lingo**

4g Curtain Time - Pharlingo Gigginstown House Stud

Nice horse. He won his pointto-point and I think a good bit of him. He'll start off in a bumper.

### **Nearly Man**

4g Turgeon - La Loute Paul and Clare Rooney

We'll see him in a bumper sooner rather than later. He was showing us quite a bit here at home last season and we were going to run him in a bumper at Punchestown but we decided to let him off for the summer. I'm very happy with him now.

### **Ned Stark**

9g Wolfe Tone - Last Moon Noel Moran/Mrs Valerie Moran 68P52/0 RPR 147c OR 130c I'm going to aim him at the Troytown. We bought him last year to be aimed at big handicap chases like the Troytown but he had couple of problems. I'd say he'll still end

up being all right. He could be

### a dark one. Osco Mosco

4f Oscar - Cashalass Nelius O'Keeffe 212522 RPR 92b, 107h

She's very honest and she deserves to win a race over hurdles. I like her attitude and I'd say she'll get her head in back in front before long.

### **Our Father**

11g Shantou - Rosepan The Ives & Johnson Families 759U/92/ RPR 154c OR 137 He's very hard to train but he has the engine. If we can get

him to the track he has the ability.

### Outlander

9g Stowaway - Western Whisper Gigginstown House Stud 2F210P-

RPR 170c OR 164c

He won the Lexus Chase for us last season and he was working very well afterwards, but his form started to taper off a bit and we couldn't figure out why he wasn't running up to scratch. He's had an operation on a kissing spine and he's been very well since. The plan is to run him at Punchestown in the Grade 3 Irish Daily Star Chase and from there we'd be thinking about the JNwine. com Champion Chase at Down Royal. He's a very good horse on his day and I retain plenty of faith in him.

### **Out Sam**

8g Multiplex - Tintera Mr D Charlesworth RPR 151c OR 133c We got him earlier in the year and we could aim him at something like the Kim Muir. He galloped well the other day and we are happy with him.

### Pallasator

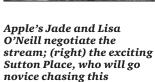
8g Motivator - Ela Athena Qatar Racing Limited 28-5668 (Flat form) RPR 116 (Flat) He's a highly rated Flat horse and has been schooling well for us since he came here and we'll start him off over hurdles in a few weeks. It's great to get a high class horse from Qatar Racing to go jumping with and hopefully this fella can do well. He's been behaving himself at home but that's not to say he won't start showing his quirky character as soon as he gets used to the place!

### Penny Jane

5m King's Theatre - Shannon Rose Paul and Clare Rooney 122231 RPR 118c OR 114c She's a nice mare who should pay her way. She handled the neavy ground well to win at Sligo and we'll try and get a bit of black type with her now.

### Poli Roi 5g Poliglote - Belle Du Roi

Gigginstown House Stud RPR 124b, 128h He's a promising hurdler. I think he'll come on an awful lot for his maiden hurdle second at Galway last week and he can develop into a very nice staying novice this year. He doesn't do anything fancy at home but we like him.



### **Poormans Hill**

6g Stowaway - Sharps Express Vincent Caldwell & Mrs Kathleen Caldwell -404111

RPR 110c, 100h OR 106c, 87h Tom Malone got him and he ended up coming here, which is great because he'll definitely win a few more races. He won over hurdles for us at Downpatrick last week, which was his third win for us, and I think he might be able to bag a few more with a bit of luck.

### **Potters Point**

7g Robin Des Champs - Tango Lady Gigginstown House Stud 322114 RPR 151c OR 148c

He'll be aimed at the Troytown. Lisa [O'Neill] was brilliant on him in the Kerry National at Listowel and he surprised me that day to be honest because I thought the trip would be too far and the ground had gone too soft. He as flat after that when he ran at Tipperary and I'd say that race just came too quick after Listowel. We'll freshen him up now again but I've something in my head about him on heavy ground – I think it might catch

### **Present In Court**

4g Court Cave - Present Line Pearl Bloodstock Ltd

him out but time will prove

me right or wrong. It hasn't

seemed to bother him yet.

He's a nice horse and he'll start off in a bumper in about



campaign

5g Germany - Dun Dun Gigginstown House Stud RPR 136b OR -

He looked very exciting

in bumpers last year and everyone knows I rate him very highly, but with horses like him you'd rather let them go and do their talking on the track rather than blowing them up. He's working very well and I'm looking at starting him in a maiden hurdle at Punchestown. The Neptune looks an obvious target if he was to progress away throughout the season, but do you know what? He'd have the pace for a Supreme and I'd say he'd stay the trip in the Albert Bartlett - he's just a very good horse. He came from Colin Bowe's so straight away you know that he's been very well schooled over his obstacles

and he's jumping very well

at home.

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six weeks and the plan is for Sheikh Fahad Al Thani to ride him so we're looking forward to that.

### **Presenting Julio**

9g Presenting - Ouro Preto D Charlesworth -121151 RPR 111c, 118h OR 108c, 115h Some star of a horse and we've had some brilliant days because of him. He'll go to Cheltenham in October for the amateur riders' handicap chase and I'd say he could still be okay off his mark.

### **Prince Of Scars**

7g Flemensfirth - Spirit Leader Gigginstown House Stud RPR 139c OR 139c

He never really had the ground as soft as he'd want it last year and if we have a really wet winter he could make up into a nice staying novice, but he needs heavy ground.

### **Rakhine State** 4g Arakan - Oiselina

Armagh Bhoys Partnership RPR 113b He was second in a bumper for us at Clonmel and he should be able to win one soon. He'll

come on for his first two runs.

### **Rapid Escape**

4g Doyen - Kenzie Gigginstown House Stud RPR 109b We didn't hide how much we liked him before he ran in the Land Rover bumper

at Punchestown and, even though he was beaten we still think a lot of him. He probably should have won that if I'm being honest because he was too far out of his ground and he came home very well. We'll probably start him off in a bumper at Down Royal and take it from there with him but we like him.

### **Realt Mor**

12g Beneficial - Suez Canal Mrs P Sloan RPR 157c, 138h OR 135c, 125h

A former Grade 1 winner, he's  $not \ showing \ signs \ of \ slowing$ down and we'll keep him going for another season. He doesn't owe us anything and I think he'll pay his way. He's a stable favourite.

### **Roaring Bull**

4g Milan - Gift Of Freedom Gigginstown House Stud RPR 126h OR he won his bumper at Punchestown and I was happy with how he won his maiden hurdle for us at Tipperary. I

### **Robin Des Mana**

with him again.

still think he's very raw.

6g Robin Des Pres - Kokopelli Mana Brendan Scully 34644-3 RPR 119h OR 111h He ran well at Sligo and he'll come on a lot for that and we'll

be going for a beginners' chase

### **Rohan's Pride** 11g Pushkin - My Free Mantel Vii

2m.

Robert Honner and T Flaherty 2P/0P-P3 RPR 135c, 116h OR 123c, 109h He showed some promise over hurdles at Limerick a couple of

STAR QUALITY

6g Mahler - Glebe Beauty

He's a bit of a monster. I

thought the worst when

Hurdle at Punchestown

but he just gave himself

a knock and he was fine

afterwards. We gave him a

thorough examination but

nothing came up. Maybe

he just touched a nerve

been perfect ever since.

The only reason why he

was that he had a wind

didn't go chasing last year

operation, and by the time he was ready to run it

was probably best to keep

season. He's going chasing

and I've always felt he was

going to be a stayer but

Barry [Geraghty] thinks

he has enough class for

his novice status for this

or something but he's

he pulled up in the Stayers

**Sutton Place** 

John McManus

RPR 162h OR 158h

111/11P-

months ago and he probably wants good ground so we may be running out of time with him but he's handicapped to win races.

### **Roi Des Francs**

8g Poliglote - Grande Souveraine Gigginstown House Stud 05410P-RPR 157c OR 149c He's been a decent servant

and I think there could be a handicap chase in him along the way but he's been a bit hot and cold.

### **Sanibel Island** 5g Scorpion - Topanberry

T J Doran 44165-7 RPR 135h OR 126h I'll probably start him off over hurdles - there's a 2m4f race at Punchestown coming up – and then we'll go chasing with him.

We're happy with him.

### **Secret Legacy**

6g Flemensfirth - Wingfield Lady Alan Harte 13 RPR 122b

I'd say he's a fair horse. I only had him about a month before he won a bumper at Tipperary and he actually looked a bit fat for one of mine in the parade ring beforehand. He was big and backwards when he was younger and that's why he never ran in a point-to-point. He's a future 3m chaser. He finished third in a bumper at Cork [yesterday] and we'll go hurdling with him soon.

### **Shattered Love** 6m Yeats - Tracker

Gigginstown House Stud

21107-1 RPR 141h OR 136h She had a wind operation and I think she'll make up into a good staying mare over fences. She won her beginners' chase well at Fairyhouse, and while things are going to get tougher for her now, she should be up to getting black type over fences.

### **Shirleys Gold Well**

4f Gold Well - Shirleys Hill Gordon Elliott Racing Club

She won a point-to-point and she'll start off in a mares bumper in a few weeks. She's doing everything well.

### Squouateur 6g Martaline - Samansonnienne

JP McManus RPR 140c OR 141c He looked promising over hurdles but things pan out as expected for him over fences last year. He was running well in the Kim Muir at Cheltenham where he unseated and he's still a novice over fences. Hopefully things will pan out a bit better for him this year.

### Stooshie

4g Fracas - Misty Native Mrs Caren Walsh & John F Doyle 425-023 RPR 115b

He's run well in bumpers and he's probably a bit unlucky not to have won at least one. He'll make up into a better hurdler and he jumps very well.

### Suitor

5g Dutch Art - Entreat Goldman Racing Syndicate -004230 (Flat form) RPR 75f OR 72f He came out of Brian Ellison's and he's schooled very well. He'll mix it between the AW and hurdles. There's a lot of fun to be had with him.

### **Sutton Manor**

6g Gold Well - Nighty Bless Gigginstown House Stud 421535-RPR 144h OR 139h

He was a good horse last year for us over hurdles and I'd say he'll be a stayer over fences.

### Swingbridge

9g Milan - Creative Approach Noel Moran -31112 RPR 105h, 120c OR 99h, 118c He's three out of four for us and he's been a great little find. We freshened him up before Thurles last week and he lost little in defeat. He's wellhandicapped over hurdles and he'll mix it between the two.

### **Synopsis**

5m Azamour - Censored David Spratt & Kevin McMunigal

RPR 104h OR 116h

She ran three times over hurdles for us last season and ran a good race when fifth at Leopardstown on her last start

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### STABLE TOUR GORDON ELLIOTT

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over obstacles back in January. We're looking forward to starting her back.

### **Takeittothelimits**

5m Stowaway - A Plus Ma Puce JP McManus 112-

RPR 107b

She was second in a Listed bumper last year but she had a little setback and we had to take our time with her. You'll see her out over hurdles this season.

### **Tell Us More**

8g Scorpion - Zara's Victory Gigginstown House Stud

RPR 152c OR 148c

He had an operation on his back and he's working like a good horse again. He won a graded chase for us last year and he's got lots of ability but getting it out of him can be difficult and he could only finish ninth at Cork on his return [yesterday]. The Fortria Chase at Navan could be a good target for him. He works like a real good horse but he's had loads of problems.

### The Big Lense

4g Court Cave - Megans Joy JP McManus

He won a point-to-point nicely for us and JP McManus owns him now. He'll go for a bumper next and we like him.

### The Game Changer

8g Arcadio - Gilt Ridden Gigginstown House Stud PP-0211 RPR 156c, 150h OR 144c, 139h Every time we start doubting him he comes back and he shows us something again and he's won 12 races and been placed 17 times. He's probably not as effective on winter ground as he would be

### The Storyteller

on good.

6g Shantou - Bally Bolshoi Mrs P Sloan 21F211-

RPR 148h OR 142h

One of my naps for Cheltenham last year but he went lame a few days before the Martin Pipe Handicap Hurdle and it actually took us about a month to get him right. He's had a nice break and he remains a very exciting horse. He'll start off in a handicap hurdle in about a month or six weeks.

### **Three Swallowsnick**

6m Westerner - Sitges Gigginstown House Stud

RPR 114b

She broke her pelvis at Navan last December but she's back cantering away. That might not do her any harm at all because

## 'The Storyteller is a very exciting type for handicap hurdles'

she's still a maiden for this season and you'd imagine there will be plenty to look forward to with her this year.

### Tiger Roll

7g Authorized - Swiss Roll Gigginstown House Stud

RPR 157c OR 151c

He's a brilliant little horse. It's hard to believe he won a Triumph back in 2014 and won last season's four-miler. At this stage he owes us nothing at all but we'll go for staying chases again this season and hope for the best.

### Tombstone

7g Robin Des Champs -Connaught Hall Gigginstown House Stud /31038-2 RPR 153h, 131c OR 148h I'd say a lack of a run got him beaten on his chasing debut at Fairyhouse and I'd look at stepping him up in trip after that, maybe at somewhere like Down Royal next. He's got a massive engine but he's not easy to keep right – he's

got a screw in the same place

in three of his four legs. We'd

just so it matches the rest of

nearly get the fourth one done

### them at this stage!

Turanga Lilly 4f Flemensfirth - Gilah Kaniz Bloodstock Investments Limited

She ran a nice race in a mares' bumper at Navan and she's come out of that well. She'll go for a similar race in a few weeks and she's doing everything well at home.

'We'll go for staying chases again with Tiger Roll and we'll hope for the best'

### **Tycoon Prince** 7g Trans Island - Downtown Train

Gigginstown House Stud RPR 133b, 135h OR 135h A high-class bumper horse, he didn't have the best of seasons last year and he was hard to keep right, but he's back working well and we'll get him started next month.

### **Ucello Conti**

9g Martaline - Gazelle Lulu Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 74724U-

RPR 156c OR 146c

He'll have a similar campaign to what he had last year. No horse deserves to win a big one more than him. You'd be looking at the Troytown and the Thyestes at the beginning of the season and we'll be charting a path back towards the Aintree Grand National with him again in the spring. There's definitely a big handicap in him.

### Veinard

8g Shaanmer - Ombline T Howley Jnr & J N O'Brien 27626-4

RPR 135h OR 125h

I wouldn't be ignoring this fella too lightly this season. He's probably unlucky that he hasn't won a big handicap hurdle yet and he was second behind Thomas Hobson at Fairvhouse last season in a valuable race. We might aim him at the Greatwood at Cheltenham in November.

### Vengeful

4g Zoffany - Miss Bex Gigginstown House Stud 8/2221-RPR 116h

I was fairly happy with him at Thurles last week. I wouldn't say I was surprised because I thought he was capable of that, but it was nice to see him battle hard for the win and I'd say he'll come on from it again. He'll be better over further.

### Walkabout

5g Papal Bull - Dainty Steps Wasylocha/Murphy/Reynolds/ O'Brien 31P-610 RPR 122h OR 124h He won a good prize at

Ballinrobe back in August in good style, but he disappointed us a little at Market Rasen

last month. He has plenty of options and seems well in himself at home.

### Western Command

5g Westerner - Mighty Millie Liam Quinn

RPR 104b

He had his first run for us in a bumper at Thurles last week and he ran a grand race to finish fourth. He should progress from that and he looks a big staying horse.

### **Whistle Dixie**

7m Kayf Tara - Fairy Blaze Gigginstown House Stud 2130P/F-

RPR 124h OR 119h

She was a very good bumper mare and a winner of her point-to-point. I always wanted to get her over a fence but she fell on her chasing debut around this time last year at Fairyhouse and she hasn't run since. She'll be ready to run in a mares' chase soon.

### **Woodford Island**

6g Trans Island - Toulon Breeze T J Doran P4307-7 RPR 129c OR 133c

On the best of his form he'd make up into a nice staying handicap chaser on soft ground. He has a tendency to throw in a bad run here and there but he can be good on his day.

### Woods Well

6g Fleetwood - Millbrook Marble Gigginstown House Stud 2132P8-

RPR 136h OR 134h

He's going novice chasing but I'd imagine he'll end up running in handicap chases later on throughout the season. He's nice and I couldn't fault him.

### Zanjabeel

4g Aussie Rules - Grain Only The Confidence Partnership RPR 131h OR 126h

He had a great summer but I'm not sure how well he'll handle soft ground. He could go back to Dundalk and run on the Flat.



**Gordon Elliott** organising proceedings at Cullentra House

STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17									
	Races		2 /	2 /		Per	0.500/	£1 level	2014
	run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	cent	0-50%	stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdles	1,951	288	299	223	1,141	15		-722.36	-37%
Hcp hdles	1,248	121	120	102	905	10		-424.58	-34%
Non-hcp chses	813	152	156	124	381	19		-171.31	-21%
Hcp chses	525	51	35	50	389	10		-226.50	-43%
Hunter chses	22	4	2		16	18		-0.13	-1%
N.H. Flat	506	117	95	61	233	23		+10.50	+2%

\*return on investment

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	W-R		£1 level stake
Davy Russell	90-455	19.8	-55.63
ack Kennedy	88-502	17.5	-101.89
Bryan Cooper	87-489	17.8	-156.18

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Jack Kennedy	88-502	17.5	-101.89
Bryan Cooper	87-489	17.8	-156.18
Davy Condon	52-466	11.2	-181.40
Ms N Carberry	44-186	23.7	-38.03
Mr J J Codd	35-100	35.0	+52.91
Barry Geraghty	32-137	23.4	-8.83
Keith Donoghue	31-385	8.1	-162.94
R Walsh	18-59	30.5	-10.72
L P Dempsey	13-142	9.2	-34.93
Kevin Sexton	13-150	8.7	-82.21

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15.6

-36.61

December

Per Non-hcp Non-hcp Non-hcp Hcp

FIRST TIME OUT								
	W-R		£1 level stake					
Non-hcp hdles	60-438	13.7	-192.92					
Hcp hdles	14-183	7.7	-42.03					
Non-hcp chses	21-131	16.0	-30.29					
Hcp chses	9-77	11.7	-4.60					
NH Flat	43-181	23.8	+29.16					

### **MONTHLY BREAKDOWN** Per £1 level cent 11.9 -178.68 45-379 February 56-348 16.1 -118.89 March 53-335 15.8 10.3 April 44-428 May 74-516 14.3 -121.12 60-387 15.5 -52.51 June -256.15 July 54-470 11.5 62-498 12.4 -171.00 37-263 14.1 91-416 21.9 80-487 16.4 -118.41 Novembe 14.3 -122.08 77-538

FAVOURITES								
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake					
Non-hcp hdles	149-360	41.4	-32.14					
Hcp hdles	49-221	22.2	-54.16					
Non-hcp chses	82-185	44.3	-10.81					
Hcp chses	28-86	32.6	+8.92					
NH Flat	70-151	46.4	+8.78					

### COURSES

David Mullins

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	W-R	cent	Hdle	Chase	Hdle	Chase	Flat	stake
Downpatrick	83-434	19.1	37-180	8-42	16-121	8-35	14-56	-70.99
Fairyhouse	69-519	13.3	28-194	14-86	6-114	6-63	15-62	-240.80
Down Royal	68-371	18.3	27-150	17-70	9-75	5-40	10-36	-65.85
Punchestown	68-488	13.9	25-181	18-102	7-100	7-59	11-46	-32.08
Navan	62-442	14.0	27-204	8-47	13-105	5-51	9-35	-139.47
Limerick	36-217	16.6	16-88	9-53	6-40	1-17	4-19	-44.81
Thurles	28-138	20.3	12-73	7-33	5-20	0-1	4-11	-6.46
Ballinrobe	28-177	15.8	10-62	6-24	6-58	0-12	6-21	-25.89
Kilbeggan	28-283	9.9	7-91	9-57	5-72	5-45	2-18	-170.31
Clonmel	27-165	16.4	9-67	5-32	8-41	1-9	4-16	-30.11
Naas	24-152	15.8	12-69	3-20	2-27	0-15	7-21	-60.00
Cork	24-152	15.8	12-69	6-19	2-36	0-12	4-16	-75.92
Tramore	24-172	14.0	5-52	11-45	5-46	2-13	1-16	-54.89
Roscommon	22-110	20.0	8-43	4-15	6-26	0-13	4-13	-17.10
Leopardstown	21-247	8.5	7-103	3-31	4-58	3-36	4-19	-57.57
Bellewstown	19-101	18.8	7-36	0-0	9-54	0-0	3-11	-30.49
Gowran Park	19-195	9.7	13-90	3-22	2-47	0-25	1-11	-105.11
Galway	18-201	9.0	4-39	8-40	1-70	2-30	3-22	-124.55
Tipperary	13-80	16.2	3-29	3-13	2-22	0-3	5-13	-15.04
Listowel	12-84	14.3	6-19	1-12	2-26	2-19	1-8	-4.83
Sligo	12-101	11.9	3-39	4-14	2-30	1-5	2-13	-57.86
Wexford	11-79	13.9	5-27	4-19	0-13	0-7	2-13	-39.96
Killarney	11-94	11.7	2-20	4-28	1-28	3-12	1-6	-29.29
Wexford (rh)	6-63	9.5	3-26	1-11	2-19	0-3	0-4	-35.00
Number of horses racing for the stable 790								

Total winning prize-money €7,246,007.45



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## Exciting season ahead as top-class hurdler Yanworth goes over fences

AST season at
Barbury Castle could
hardly have gone
better. A Cheltenham
Festival winner
would have been nice, but that
aside there were big winners, a
lot of winners, and winners
that gave hope for an even
brighter future.

Yanworth was Alan King's star, landing the Christmas Hurdle, the Kingwell and the three-mile Grade 1 at Aintree, which seemed to tee him up for a big season over fences, but there were plenty of others who contributed.

"We had a good summer to kick the season off, topped the 100-winner mark for the first time since 2009, won three Grade 1s and got above £1 million in prize-money, which is always the target," says King. "The horses were pretty consistent all year and, although we didn't have a Cheltenham winner, you have to bear in mind that's getting harder and harder to do.

"The one big problem was an infestation of beetles that's put our schooling ground out of action for at least a year, maybe two, and meant we had to build a new one, but we got on and did it, it's worked out fine and the schooling has been good.

"One thing we were very

short of last season was chase winners. We had very few novice chasers but we've got a lot this year, which is good, including some potentially top-class ones led by Yanworth and plenty who look like decent handicappers, so it's an exciting campaign in prospect."

### **Peter Thomas**

### Awesome Rosie

Six-year-old mare Midnight Legend (sire) - Awesome Aunt (dam)

Owners: Gwen Meacham, Withyslade and Mrs A L Davies Form figures: 2/56238-Racing Post Rating 119 Official rating 118

Ran consistently well over hurdles last season and is just about ready to start back. She'll have one run over hurdles and then we'll school her over fences to run at 2m4f-plus.

### Azzerti

5g Voix Du Nord - Zalagarry McNeill family and Prodec Networks Ltd

31213-7

RPR 132 OR 130

A horse with a lot of ability who won twice last season but he's getting himself terribly worked up at the races and by the time he got to the start at Fontwell last time he was awash with sweat. A hood doesn't seem to make any



A rainy scene as night falls at Alan King's Barbury Castle Stables in Wiltshire

difference, so we may try earplugs, but it may just come with more racing. He has a lot of ability if we can get him to relax. He'll stay hurdling.

### Bastien

6g Panoramic - Que Du Charmil Sandy Lodge Syndicate 4/6113-RPR 129 OR 124

Won twice last season over hurdles but then came back with a bad scope after being beaten at Market Rasen and we never quite got him back. He had a long break and is

working better than he's ever done and carrying more condition. I'm very happy with his work and he'll probably go for a 2m4f handicap hurdle at the end of the month.

### Beneagles

5g Milan - Liss Rua Lady Horn-Smith and Godfrey Wilson P2215-RPR 129 OR 127

Won over hurdles last season, has been schooled over fences and is ready to start. I'd say 2m6f in a novice handicap would be his job on most types of ground.

### Cajun Fiddle

6m Robin Des Champs - Silk Style Mickleton Racing Club 14235P-

RPR 126 OR 122

A big, strong mare who won over hurdles at Southwell last year but although I've always thought she was exciting, she hasn't quite run to that level. She's schooled well over fences and will go down the novice handicap route at 2m4f, although she'll get further.

### Canelo

4g Mahler - Nobody's Darling Million In Mind Partnership F2-

RPR - OR -

Had two runs in English point-to-points, the second of them a good second behind a horse who was subsequently sold for a lot of money. He's uncomplicated, has a fair share of ability and I'm very happy with him. He's just about ready to start in 2m4f novice hurdles.

### Chosen Path

4g Well Chosen - Karsulu McNeill family and Prodec Networks Ltd

-1 RPR 123 OR -

I'd been very happy with his work before he ran out a very impressive winner at Fontwell first time, despite being green through the race and being on and off the bridle. Every time Wayne [Hutchinson] squeezed him up he came straight back on it and the further he went the better. We'll take our time and stick to 2m4f.

### Chosen Well

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8g Well Chosen - Killmaleary Cross Keirle, Love, Sullivan and Holmes

1144/3/ RPR 134h 121c OR 127h 127c I could never keep him sound

### STABLE TOUR ALAN KING

>>From front page last year but he's had time and treatment and is working away grand. He's a dual hurdles winner who has been placed over fences, and that's the route we'll go, at 2m5f or 2m6f, and if he stays sound there are races to be won with him.

### **City Dreamer**

3g Casamento - Cadescia ARW Marsh 2P311 RPR 120 OR 132

He'd never done it before and hasn't done it since, but he broke a blood vessel at Market Rasen in his second juvenile hurdle last June, but he's got his act together now and was very impressive in winning at Plumpton last month, then came out six days later to take a valuable prize back at Market Rasen. He'll either go straight to the Wensleydale Hurdle at Wetherby or have a run at Kempton beforehand, but we'll try to make hay with him. I'm not sure he'd want a stiff track.

### **Coeur De Lion**

4g Pour Moi - Hora The Barbury Lions 2 212217-3 RPR 139 OR 144

Won two last year and ran well in the Triumph but possibly wouldn't be well handicapped over hurdles. There are valuable Flat handicaps for him at the moment and there probably wasn't enough emphasis on stamina when he was third off a steady pace over 2m on good ground at York on Saturday. He kept battling away, though, and will probably go to Newmarket early next month. When he goes back over hurdles we may step him up to 2m4f.

### Cosmeapolitan

4g Mawatheeq - Cosmea Kingston Stud

RPR 106 OR 120

A good Flat horse who won his only start at Newbury but then had a stress fracture. He's been placed on the Flat through the summer before having a late holiday and he's starting faster work again now. We won't see him until next month, when he'll run in either an introductory hurdle or a handicap.

### **Criq Rock**

6g Kap Rock - Criquetot The Trouble Partnership 0/3227-2 RPR 126 OR 125

A horse with a lot of ability who disappointed us last season, being reluctant to settle and kicking the odd hurdle out of the ground, despite jumping well at home. We've schooled him over

fences and hopefully chasing

### **Desirable Court**

4f Court Cave - Desirable Rhythm

can make a man of him.

Simon Munir and Isaac Souede

RPR 84 OR -

Ex-Irish point winner who has had to have her wind tidied up but is back cantering now and will probably go down the mares' hurdle route in a month's time. Everybody who has ridden her likes her very much.

## Hurdles are just what the Doctor ordered

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Barbury Castle Stables
- >> Where near Wroughton,
- >> Started training December 3, 1999
- Horses in yard 130
- >> Members of staff 45
- >> Assistants Dan Horsford, Ollie Wardle
- >> Pupil assistant Jamie Insole
- >> Head lads Ciaran O'Brien, Gary Mew, David 'Scouse' Barker
- >> Travelling head lads
- Hannah Hockin, Lee Glanville
- >> Jockeys Wayne Hutchinson, Tom Cannon, Tom Bellamy
- >> Conditional Kevin Dowling
- ► Amateur Conor Moran

>> PA Charlotte Burke, Max Lindley, Jackie Ferguson

>> Stable sponsor

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### **Winners in Britain**

104	2016-17
68	2015-16
75	2014-15
75	2013-14

### Profit/loss to £1 stake

-£77.18	2016-17
-£120.54	2015-16
-£136.18	2014-15
-£29.41	2013-14

Prize-money 2016-17

£1,373,270

### Desiremoi D'Authie

4g Cachet Noir - Toietmoi D'Authie Sullivan Bloodstock Ltd

RPR - OR -

Impressive French bumper winner in March and we've been delighted with his work. He shows plenty of boot and 2m looks his trip at the moment.

### Deyrann De Carjac

4g Balko - Queyrann 0-3

RPR 96 OR -

I always thought he was one of our better bumper horses last season but he got a stress fracture and we only got one outing into him. He stayed on well when third in a Chepstow bumper on Sunday and the first four pulled a long way clear, so it was an encouraging run. He'll go hurdling now.

### Dingo Dollar

5g Golden Lariat - Social Society M Warren, J Holmes, R Kidner and 20171-

RPR 128 OR 130

Made all over 3m2f in a Fontwell hurdle on his final start last season and has schooled over fences. We're happy with him and he's ready to go in novice handicaps [runs 4.20 Huntingdon today].

4g Naaqoos - Matgil 14228-5

who would have been placed in the Fred Winter if he hadn't made a dreadful mistake at the top of the hill. He ran well in a 2m handicap hurdle at Chepstow on Saturday and we may well step him up to 2m4f now. He appreciates soft ground and will come on for the run.

### **Doctor Bartolo**

3g Sir Prancealot - Operissimo Mrs Peter Prowting 638123 (Flat) RPR - 87f OR - 82f A decent Flat horse with Charlie Hills who has just arrived. We'll start schooling soon and he looks a nice prospect for juvenile hurdling.

### **Dusky Legend**

7m Midnight Legend -Tinagoodnight Mr and Mrs R Kelvin-Hughes RPR 142 OR 139 Has been placed in the mares' novice hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival the last two seasons and although she

was beaten at Worcester over

2m4f on her chasing debut I

think it was by a useful horse

### Dino Velvet

McNeill family and Niall Farrell

RPR 121 OR 125

A decent juvenile last season

### **Fields Of Fortune**

HP Racing Fields Of Fortune 376542 (Flat) RPR 74f OR 70f

from Richard Hannon and showed me nothing but suddenly it started to click and he was only narrowly beaten at Salisbury last time over 1m6f on very testing ground, a long way clear of the rest. He's been schooled and will go juvenile hurdling.

5g Flemensfirth - Mylane Du Charmil RPR 107 OR 112

I think he's matured through the summer and will now go down the novice handicap route. He gets 3m all right and

on ground that was plenty quick enough for her. I was very happy with the run, she seems fine and we'll look for another mares' race in a few weeks.

### Elgin

5g Duke Of Marmalade - China Tea Elite Racing Club

211227-4 RPR 145 OR 140

Won twice and was second in a Grade 2 last season but let down by his jumping in the Supreme Novices'. He summered very well and strengthened quite considerably, and his fourth place in a 2m handicap hurdle at Chepstow on Sunday was very encouraging. He travelled into the race strongly at the second-last before blowing up a bit and I'd like to think there's a good handicap in him.

### Fidux

4g Fine Grain - Folle Tempete Axom LXVIII 14303-4 RPR 129 OR 133

Won his first two juveniles last season and I thought he was badly handicapped, but he ran well on his final start in a valuable handicap at Sandown. He did well for his break and ran well on his reappearance in a 2m handicap hurdle at Chepstow on Saturday. It was a solid run but he may be a little high in the weights so we'll think about claiming off him.

3g Champs Elysees - Widescreen

Came to me mid-Flat season

### orgetthesmalltalk

Tim Leadbeater and Barry Winfield

RPR 127 OR 122 A half-brother to Puffin Billy



STAR QUALITY

7g Norse Dancer - Yota

Yanworth

2/11101-

John P McManus

RPR 165 OR 163

Had a great season,

winning a Christmas

Hurdle and a Kingwell,

Champion Hurdle before

Grade 1 at Aintree when

we stepped him up to 3m.

has gone very well, Barry

[Geraghty] came over and

sat on him last week and

was pleased, and I think

we'll start him at Exeter

at the end of the month if

the ground isn't too quick.

He'll start at 2m2f or 2m4f

and we've got an open

go, although I suspect

mind as to which way we

we're more likely to step

up to 3m rather than down

to 2m. I've always wanted

to go chasing with him

this year because he's a

should be ideally suited

big, tall, rangy horse who

the one blip being the

he went and won his

Schooling over fences

will pay his way at the right level.

### **Giveaway Glance**

4f Passing Glance - Giving Pitchall Stud Partnership 511F2-

RPR 120 OR 125

Twice a winner over hurdles last season and ran okay on the Flat on her return from a summer break. She had a good blow afterwards and will have one more run on the level before going jumping again. She looks stronger this year and should be able to pick up a mares' handicap.

### **Good Man Pat**

4g Gold Well - Basically Supreme David Sewell P-13

RPR 99 OR -

Irish point winner who has worked well and shown plenty of pace at home. He finished third in his first novice hurdle over 2m 2f at Exeter last week, running a little green when he got to the front and taking a bit of a blow. It was a promising start and he'll come on for the experience.

### Harefield

4g Doyen - Bobbi's Venture Andrew Charity

RPR 107 OR -

Ran well in two bumpers last season and has developed into a fine, big horse with plenty of scope. He'll go hurdling and 2m4f on a galloping track should suit.

### Herewego Herewego

6g Kalanisi - Downtown Train JP McManus 42/1

last week on his first run for two seasons, having had niggle after niggle. I think a step up in trip will help.

who won over 2m at Warwick

### **Hidden Cargo**

to it.

5g Stowaway - All Heart Tim Syder 35243-P RPR 115 OR 120

Placed a few times last season without winning, which I hope was just down to weakness. He certainly looks stronger now but he was pulled up on his seasonal debut in a handicap hurdle at Exeter. We haven't found any reason for that yet but we'll do some more tests. It was too bad to be true.



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### **Inner Drive**

9g Heron Island - Hingis McNeill family 22/12/5/2-RPR 138 OR 136

We didn't get him out until late last season, when he ran a smashing race over 2m. He's back in strong work now and I think we might try him over hurdles to begin with. I think he'll be better over further but he doesn't lack pace.

### **Inn The Bull**

4g Lope de Vega - Ile Rousse Loose Cannon Racing

RPR 112 OR 115

Won well at Worcester last month on his first run since a wind op and seems to be in very good form, fresh and well for his trip to Huntingdon [today, runs in the 2.20].

### **Keep In Line**

5g Soldier Hollow - Kastila Paul and Clare Rooney 11439F-RPR 138 OR 134

Ex-Godolphin horse who won a couple last season and we'll duck and dive with him, handicap hurdling over 2m4f, on ground that's not too deep. He's pleased me since his break.

### Kozier

3g Muhtathir - Kasumi The Barbury Lions 2

RPR 106 OR -

Bumped into a decent horse on his hurdling debut at Fontwell and I think a more galloping track and softer ground will help him. He has bags of enthusiasm.

### **Label Des Obeaux**

6g Saddler Maker - La Bessiere Terry Warner and David Sewell 321101-8 RPR 156 OR 154

Signed off last season with a novice handicap chase win at Ayr under top weight, but his

mark doesn't leave us with a lot of leeway. He might be one for the Ladbrokes Gold Cup at Newbury [formerly the Hennessy] on December 2 but will probably run once more before that, although he's finished distressed whenever he's been to Cheltenham so we'll avoid going there. He had a good blow after his reappearance at Chepstow on Saturday and he'll come on for the outing. Long-term he could be a Scottish National horse.

### Mahlermade

4g Mahler - Double Concerto The Lesser Lights

RPR 97 OR -

The bumper he ran in last year has worked out well and, while he was weak then, he did well through the summer and would have learned plenty from his reappearance in a bumper at Chepstow on Sunday. I thought he was going to drop right out turning for home but he picked up very well and got the hang of things in encouraging style. He'll go hurdling now.

### Mia's Storm

7m September Storm - Letitia's Gain Maple Street Partnership 11591-11 RPR 136 OR 137

Won two decent handicap

**Melody Of Scotland** 3f Youmzain - This Melody John P McManus

RPR - OR -

A winner over hurdles in France in May, she's going well and we're working back from a Listed juvenile fillies' race at Aintree at the beginning of December. I'd like to give her a run about a month before.

hurdles earlier in the year but she's a point-to-point winner and jumped super when winning over 2m71/2f at Chepstow on Sunday. We couldn't have been more pleased with that but she's better fresh so we'll give her a bit of time and then have a look for targets. I wouldn't be afraid to drop her back in trip if we found the right mares' race.

### **Midnight Maestro**

5g Midnight Legend - Calamintha IP McManus 1/1921P-RPR 128 OR 126

Won a couple over hurdles last season, then made a dreadful mistake on his final run in a decent handicap and almost came down, but Barry [Geraghty] looked after him and he was fine afterwards. He's a big, strong horse who'll make a chaser in time, but we'll keep on down the handicap hurdle route at

### **Midnight Tour**

7m Midnight Legend - Uppermost James and Jean Potter

the moment at 2m to 2m4f.

RPR 145 OR 147

Enjoyed a good season last year but was a bit unlucky in the mares' race at Cheltenham, making a bad mistake and staying on very well, then won at the April meeting. We'll stay on the hurdle route and try to get her into black-type mares' events at 2m4f, although she'll get further. She could be decent.

### **Newtown Boy**

4g Beneficial - Tanit Lady Paul and Clare Rooney Unraced

An imposing horse with a big engine, he was ready to run in the spring but we left him through the summer and now he's back and will be out in November.



### William Hunter

Yet to run over hurdles but showed more than enough on the Flat to suggest he can take pretty high rank over the smaller obstacles.

Fourth in last year's November Handicap off a mark of 87, William Hunter has taken a bit of time to return to that level but was back to somewhere near his best at Yarmouth last time. Furthermore he relishes soft ground and comes from a family that gets better with age.

### Oceane

5g Kentucky Dynamite -Zahrana McNeill family 11442/ RPR 129 OR 134 Has acquitted himself very well on the Flat, finishing in mid-division in the Cesarewitch on Saturday, and we'll probably give him a spin or two over hurdles to give him something else to think about. He'll then have a break when the winter ground sets in before we bring him back for a hurdling campaign in the spring and a return to the Flat.

### **Passing Call**

hurdles.

4f Passing Glance - Call Me A Legend Mrs K Holmes 342-RPR 92 OR -

He'll want 2m4f at least over

Placed in bumpers last season and has been working away well. She needs a little more practice with her hurdling but she'll be ready to start soon over 2m.

### **Peggies Venture**

6m Presenting - Peggies Run Sir Christopher and Lady Wates 212474-RPR 102 OR

Second in a Listed bumper at Huntingdon in December and ran well over hurdles. She's done well for the summer and is ready to run over a stiff 2m or 2m4f.

### **Perfect Harmony**

5g Definite Article - Brandam Supreme Mrs Peter Prowting

RPR 119 OR -

A big, fine horse who ran very well in the Cheltenham bumper in March and was looked after when his chance had gone. He'd want 2m4f-plus on proper jumping ground. He's a very laid-back individual who does everything you ask of him and I like him a lot.

### Potterman

4g Sulamani - Polly Potter James and Jean Potter



horse. He's just come back to us and we'll decide whether to run in another bumper or go hurdling, but although he's a light-framed horse I think

there's a big engine in there.

### **River Frost**

5g Silver Frost - River Test JP McManus 11F19-5 RPR 144 OR 142

Ran okay in the Coral Cup at the festival and put in a good reappearance effort to be fifth in the Silver Trophy at Chepstow on Saturday. He'll come on for the run and jump a fence in time but we may leave that until next year. In the meantime we'll stay down the 2m4f handicap route.

### Rosa Damascena

4f Kalanisi - Rosewater McNeill family

RPR - 78f OR - 74f

Had one run over hurdles last season and ran awful but she came back very sick. She's a winner on the all-weather since, ran well in Flat handicaps and has had a good break. She's just come back into strong work and will be ready to run in mares' novice hurdles next month.

### Second Time Around

5g Midnight Legend - Silk Rope Mr and Mrs R Scott 64-1

RPR 110 OR -

He's the most laid-back horse at home but was like a bull in a china shop on his debut last season and refused to switch off. He learned to settle in time, though, and his education ended in a battling bumper win at Market Rasen. He'll go novice hurdling but he cut a hind leg recently and missed some work, so he'll be out next month, probably over 2m to help him settle. Plenty of scope.

### **Sego Success**

9g Beneficial - The West Road Tim Leadbeater 34P5F-2 RPR 147 OR 137

Ran well without winning last season but bounced right back to form last week, carrying 12st 1lb in a handicap chase at Warwick, just finding the big weight concession to the winner too much on the run-in.

There's a race for him at Bangor in the middle of November and I was very encouraged by the way he travelled and jumped last time.

> The Tourard Man: Petemps Final will again be his target

### **Sir Antony Browne**

5g Black Sam Bellamy - Shayaza Incipe Partnership 13/1213-

RPR 136 OR 141

Had a major wind operation this time last year and won two in the latter part of the season but was then put up 12lb for finishing third in a six-runner novice hurdle at Ayr, which I wasn't best pleased with. We'll feel our way with him over hurdles.

### **Smad Place**

10g Smadoun - Bienna Star Mrs Peter Andrews 6/47383-

RPR 173 OR 159 The old boy is back in very

good form, as enthusiastic as ever, and we'll probably start him off in the Charlie Hall at Wetherby on November 4 and then duck and dive with him. He'll find life difficult in handicaps off his mark and he isn't up to taking on the best, but he's still enjoying life.

### Talkischeap

5g Getaway - Carrigmoorna Oak Charles Dingwall 233-11

RPR 132 OR 133 We sent him hurdling in the spring and he won both starts, with the form holding up well. We gave him a late summer break and he's just back in. He's still a novice, so we can either go the novice or handicap

route with him, and he's one to

### Tara View

6m Kayf Tara - Temptation Denis Barry 6/11114-

go chasing next season.

RPR 132 OR 132

A progressive mare last year but she ended up having to lump top weight in the mares' final at Newbury. We'll probably stay over hurdles for the time being with 2m4f her minimum, but if we struggle a bit with her she can always go chasing.

### The Blues Master

3g Mastercraftsman - Catch The Blues Hjw Partnership 337563 (Flat) RPR 78f OR 67f

A winner on the Flat for Mark Johnston, he has just arrived and hopefully he'll take to schooling and be a useful type for juvenile hurdles. He's all about stamina.

### The Devils Drop

4g Court Cave - Concernforkillen Alan King

RPR 87p OR -

Ex-Irish pointer, we did a little bit of work with him in the spring and then put him away. He was quite light when he arrived but has done well progressing with every piece he does. He'll go over hurdles at 2m4f.

### The Tourard Man

11g Shantou - Small Iron Mr and Mrs F Bell, N Farrell and A 5481-61

RPR 148 OR 149

On a career-high mark, placed in two Pertemps finals and that will be his target again. Kevin Dowling, our conditional, gets on very well with him Continues page 4

### STABLE TOUR ALAN KING

## 'Bonney had a good break and there's a big handicap in him'



Alan King with Dan Horsford and Yanworth, whose schooling over fences has gone well

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and takes off a handy 10lb. The plan is to take him to Cheltenham at the end of the month to get him qualified before the winter ground because he doesn't like it soft. If he had to go the festival first run back it wouldn't be the end of the world.

### The Unit

6g Gold Well - Sovana International Plywood Ltd 11213-2 RPR 143 OR 142

Learned to settle last year, winning three and finishing third in a Grade 1 novice hurdle at Aintree, and his second in a 2m novice chase at Newton Abbot last week was very pleasing. His jumping got better as the race went on and although he could never quite get to the winner I was happy with the run and we'll step him up to 2m4f next time.

### Tillythetank

4f Stowaway - All Heart Tim Syder 3-2 (point-to-point) RPR 80v OR

Placed in two Irish points and then turned away because she was so light. She's done really well physically and will probably go mares' hurdling over 2m to start with, but she'll get a longer trip.

### Voie Dans Voie

4g Coastal Path - Peggy PierjiI Payne, K Franklin, Mrs and Mrs R

32- (point-to-point) RPR 87p OR -

Another ex-Irish pointer, from the family of Montbazon. He's a lovely type with a great attitude. He'll go straight hurdling over 2m4f.

### **Who Dares Wins**

5g Jeremy - Savignano HP Racing Who Dares Wins 4U1033-RPR 149 OR 148 Placed in the Coral Cup last

year, won the Gerry Feilden and has been a star on the Flat for us. He minded himself on the quick ground in the Cesarewitch on Saturday and we'll avoid that from now on. We'll give him a little break and then he'll head over hurdles, perhaps with a step up in trip. He could be one for the Pertemps.

### **Wilde Blue Yonder**

8g Oscar - Blue Gallery Maybe Only Fools Have Horses 1FF54/0/ RPR 148 OR 136

High class but he's had everything wrong with him and has been on the missing list for years. If we didn't think he had so much ability we'd have retired him, but we're giving it one more go and he's working well. The owners have been unbelievably patient and I hope we can get him back on track. He'll stay handicap hurdling.

William H Bonney 6g Midnight Legend - Calamintha Mr and Mrs R Scott 0/8107-6 RPR 139 OR 133

Won at Cheltenham last January but I ran him back a bit quickly in the Betfair Hurdle and I think it bottomed him – also he didn't scope quite right a couple of times. He'd come there cantering and not finish his race, so he's had a good break, we've changed a few things around, given him an airier  $\bar{b}ox,$  and  $\bar{I}$  think on his day there's a real big handicap in him. He's working very well and he'll go

straight for the Greatwood Hurdle at Cheltenham on November 19.

### **William Hunter**

5g Mawatheeq - Cosmea Incipe Partnership

A useful Flat horse who's been running well in good handicaps. He's had a little break, is coming back into strong work and will go novice hurdling. He's a tall horse who has taken time to strengthen and mature but I think he'll do well now.

### Winter Escape

6g Robin Des Pres - Saddleeruppat JP McManus 111/050-

RPR 142 OR 141

Favourite for the Greatwood last year but ran poorly and came home sick. He was sick nearly all winter but we got him back in the spring and he was fifth in the County Hurdle. I think that may have left its mark and he disappointed in the Scottish Champion Hurdle. He's had a good break, his work is still very good and the plan is to go novice chasing. He's a little bit delicate but if I can keep him right I think he's a very good horse.

### **Bumper horses**

I think we have some decent ones this year, including a couple of four-year-olds for Trevor Hemmings: a Milan called Stylish Moment and a Cloudings called Mystical **Clouds**, who are both working

### DAVID PI 'Off his current **More priceless** nuggets from mark he could a top yard in warrant a Gold tomorrow's Cup entry too' **Stable Tour**

### STAR QUALITY

### Sceau Royal

5g Doctor Dino - Sandside Simon Munir and Isaac Souede

RPR 157h 139c OR 154h 154c High-class hurdler from last season who made his chasing debut this month at Warwick and thrilled everybody with his win. He's not the biggest but he's always schooled very well and jumped nicely. The plan is to go to Cheltenham at the end of the month to get a bit of experience, then we'll mind him through the winter because he wouldn't want bottomless ground.

away well and will be out in the autumn.

There's a three-year-old by Delegator called **My Boy Sam** who I'm very pleased with of late; a filly by Sixties Icon called Kimberley Point who's doing nicely; an unnamed Gold Well filly out of Over Sixty, a good mare I trained a few years ago; a Midnight Legend filly called Midnight Referendum who we did a fair bit of good work with in the spring; and a lovely big, scopey horse by Scorpion called Stockburn who'll have one run in a bumper to give him something to think about and then go For later on there's a useful

Presenting called Brigade Of **Guards**; a promising sort called Colditz Castle who's by Getaway, a stallion I like a lot; a three-year-old filly by No Risk At All called **Hotter** Than Hell: and an unnamed Presenting out of a half-sister to Yanworth who's showing me plenty.

### STABLE ANALYSIS 2005-14 Non-hcp hdl 427 378 308 881 1,350 131 160 140 919 Hcap hdl 10 -407.75 Non-hcp ch 493 113 115 79 186 Hcp chs 128 102 99 Hunter chs -5.00 NH Flat 93 112 Totals 5.482 911 863 722 2,986 \*return on investment

<b>JOCKEYS</b>			
		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
Wayne Hutchinso	n329-1758	19	-84.77
Gerard Tumelty	24-214	11	-22.50
Tom Bellamy	22-173	13	-59.48
Barry Geraghty	18-39	46	+4.61
Richard Johnson	17-51	33	+3.89
Daryl Jacob	13-29	45	+4.58
Denis OʻRegan	12-76	16	-32.47
Tom Cannon	11-72	15	-17.53
William Featherst	one7-33	21	+7.44
Noel Fehily	5-22	23	+9.34
Kevin Dowling	4-22	18	+1.00
Ian Popham	3-15	20	+13.50

FIRST TIME OUT							
	W-R		£1 level stake				
Non-hcp Hdl	110-492	22	-14.79				
Hcp Hdl	20-288	7	-159.08				
Non-hcp Chs	22-107	21	-35.48				
Hcp Chs	24-179	13	-19.07				
NH Flat	61-340	18	+17.73				

MONTHL	Y BREAK	<b>XDOW</b>	N N
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	100-585	17	-22.63
February	113-703	16	-158.28
March	103-782	13	-304.13
April	92-665	14	-141.68
May	63-367	17	-118.79
June	19-110	17	-46.59
July	14-85	17	-22.91
August	23-82	28	+19.78
September	15-73	21	-5.38
October	78-376	21	-69.07
November	157-900	17	-144.41
December	134-754	18	-48.42

<b>FAVOURITES</b>						
	W-R		£1 level stake			
Non-hcp Hdl	244-521	47	-8.25			
Hcp Hdl	46-231	20	-62.41			
Non-hcp Chs	60-125	48	-7.32			
Hcp Chs	41-166	25	-26.00			
NH Flat	52-161	32	-17.58			

COURSES								
	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp N Hdl	Ion-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Huntingdon	61-300	20	28-124	4-22	6-63	10-40	13-51	-45.47
Warwick	58-256	23	28-97	9-29	6-45	7-31	8-54	-36.18
Kempton	55-352	16	29-127	8-40	9-89	4-63	5-33	-76.05
Newbury	46-405	11	21-135	2-23	4-101	10-87	9-59	-109.55
Cheltenham	44-485	9	20-153	6-51	8-136	8-109	2-36	-138.05
Plumpton	42-115	37	25-56	9-21	3-21	5-12	0-5	+11.74
Fontwell	42-166	25	27-92	7-20	3-25	2-13	3-16	-15.31
Doncaster	42-224	19	21-84	4-20	8-55	6-44	3-21	-21.77
Bangor	41-177	23	15-61	7-15	4-45	8-28	7-28	-3.35
Wincanton	39-244	16	16-88	2-20	10-66	7-45	4-25	-68.05
Exeter	35-192	 18	6-59	9-34	7-50	8-28	5-21	-9.81
Uttoxeter	33-210	16	14-80	2-14	6-41	4-29	7-46	-80.38
Towcester	32-113	28	18-56	1-5	1-12	0-7	12-33	+25.78
Ascot	28-200	14	15-68	4-21	5-64	3-30	1-17	+28.75
Sandown	27-175	 15	10-43	2-17	6-62	7-34	2-19	-18.21
Taunton	27-188	14	12-80	3-10	6-60	4-19	2-19	-58.40
Market Rasen	25-178	14	11-59	2-11	5-46	4-41	3-21	-47.81
Aintree	24-195	 12	12-62	6-17	3-52	2-31	1-33	-53.13
Stratford	23-98	24	11-32	1-5	5-28	5-25	1-8	-3.65
Chepstow	23-201	 11	14-83	2-10	3-54	3-31	1-23	-114.59
Southwell	22-132	 17	13-47	3-12	1-29	1-20	4-24	-58.93
Hereford	20-101	20	9-49	4-14	3-21	2-5	2-12	-18.74
Haydock	17-108	 16	5-19	2-11	2-40	4-27	4-11	-2.72
Ludlow	16-92	 17	11-44	1-5	3-25	1-13	0-5	-18.49
Wetherby	14-80	 18	8-43	2-5	2-15	1-10	1-7	-23.26
Folkestone	11-39	 28	3-20	4-6	2-4	1-5	1-4	+57.58
Newton Abbot	10-66	 15	4-29	1-5	2-15	3-11	0-6	-21.38
Worcester	9-62	 15	4-14	1-6	3-22	0-10	1-10	-26.08
Leicester	9-75	12	5-32	2-12	1-14	1-17	0-0	-35.23
Lingfield	8-47	17	5-25	1-5	1-9	1-8	0-0	-2.97
Ffos Las	6-53	 11	1-13	0-4	1-12	3-13	1-11	-15.38
Lingfield (AW)	5-28	 18	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-28	-11.56
Ayr	5-60	8	0-2	0-3	2-25	2-25	1-5	-19.75
Catterick	4-5	80	3-4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	+2.73
Fakenham	3-27	 11	1-7	0-3	0-3	1-5	1-9	-19.09
Kempton (AW)	2-23	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-23	-12.50
Sedgefield	1-2	50	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	+0.00
Hexham	1-2	50	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	-0.50
Newcastle		20	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-1.75
Musselburgh	0-1	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
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### National spirit the key to bouncing back from quiet year

AST season marked a downturn for David Pipe, his habitually powerful Pond House yard returning its lowest score since he took over the licence from his father Martin, so when the verdict is 'could do better' the next step is to ask how that might be achieved.

"We've updated the facilities over the summer," says Pipe. "We resurfaced the grass canter with Wexford sand and installed a new water walk-through, to cool down tendons and ligaments after exercise."

Success in the Grand National – ten years on from Comply Or Die - would render any season a triumph, and Pipe may be two- or three-handed at Aintree. However, the sense of this being a transitional campaign is hard to escape, and although Pipe may well improve on last season's results it could be a little while before normal service is

A yard's fortunes are cyclical, and at the moment Pipe has fewer horses than in recent years and a lot of young, untried stock that at least do have the potential to put their trainer where he belongs, back in the top five of the trainers' table. This year



Hive of activity: David and Martin Pipe in the office at the start of the day at Pond House

might be too soon for that, especially as the big names in Pipe's portfolio – Un Temps Pour Tout, Moon Racer, King's Socks, Vieux Lion Rouge – won't be contributing much before the second half of the

Until those big guns get going – and Pipe will no doubt be a major player at

Cheltenham and Aintree, as ever - highlights may be few and far between, although the vard's novices and bumper horses should keep the scoreboard ticking over through the winter.

Could do better, sure. Will do better, probably. Let's see what blossoms in the spring. **Steve Dennis** 

### Abracadabra Sivola

Seven-year-old gelding Le Fou (sire) - Pierrebrune (dam) Owner: The Arthur White Partnership

Form figures: 8P1P-37 Racing Post Rating: 135; Official rating 130

Had a good season but he's a little bit in and out, isn't the most natural of jumpers and

he wouldn't have the best conformation in the world. He's a big horse and finds it hard to shorten up – sometimes he can be a bit clumsy and sometimes he jumps really well. He's in really good form, is probably handicapped to the right mark, and he'll be out around the end of the month in long-distance handicap chases.

### Aero Majestic

4g Arcadio - So Pretty Pond House Classics 23345 RPR 102 OR -

Didn't appreciate the forcing tactics at Southwell on his hurdling debut, so we held him up at Worcester next time, kidded him into the race, and he ran a lot better. He probably ran better again in a better race at Exeter last week and will have a handicap mark now - 2m4f-plus is the trip and he'll go on any ground.

### **Aldrin**

4g New Approach - Trip To The Moon ValueRacingClub.co.uk

RPR 108 OR 110

Ex-Godolphin, half-brother to a Group 3 winner, disappointed at Newton Abbot last time but it might have come a bit quick after his good win at Bangor. Needs decent ground so he'll have a break and then be back in the spring. He's a big horse and will jump fences one day; he'll run on the Flat as well next year.

### Aurillac

7g Martaline - Ombrelle D Mossop, P John & R White 2322PP-RPR 143 OR 137 Came here from Rebecca >> Continues page 2

### STABLE TOUR DAVID PIPE

>>From front page

Curtis, has some decent form at around 3m but is still a novice over fences, which gives him options. Lovely stamp of a horse but he had a bout of colic a couple of months ago and won't be out until the second half of the season.

### Bambi Du Noyer

6g Sageburg - Zouk Wood Jimmy Hack Racing Partners 4-42481

RPR 115 OR 112

First-time blinkers and different tactics - he was held up – had the desired effect at Exeter last week and we'll run him again this week before he has to compete off a new mark. He stays 2m4f and decent ground suits him.

### **Barranco Valley**

6g Midnight Legend - Shali San John White & Anne Underhill

RPR 120 OR -

Off the track for two years with a tendon injury; has just arrived at the yard so won't be out for a while, and when he is he'll run in novice hurdles over 2m or 2m4f.

### Bidourey

6g Voix Du Nord - Love Wisky Brocade Racing 111P/OP/ RPR 130 OR 135

Hasn't run since December 2015; he was in good form and going well this time last year until he picked up a tendon injury. We've always liked him and hopefully there's a fair bit more to come from him, but he's only just come back in and will be another for the second half of the season. He's done all his winning on soft ground but I don't think he needs it like that, good to soft would be fine.

### **Broadway Buffalo**

9g Broadway Flyer - Benbradagh Mrs Jo Tracey

RPR 151 OR 142

Has been off for a long time with a tendon injury but is back cantering now, although he won't be out until the second half of the season. Was runner-up in the four-miler at the festival in 2015 and is one for long-distance handicap

chases when the ground is on

### the soft side. **Celestial Path**

5g Footstepsinthesand - Miss Kittyhawk Professor Caroline Tisdall P4-435 RPR 108 OR 107

Had some good form on the Flat, but he has a few issues at the moment that are stopping him fulfilling his potential. His knees aren't the best, and although he's taken to hurdles I'm still not sure that he sees out 2m that well. He's on a break and will be back in novice company after Christmas; you'll also see him on the Flat again at some stage. He's my ongoing project!

### **Champers On Ice**

7g Robin Des Champs - Miss Nova Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan 33/126P-RPR 148 OR 143 A frustrating time last season in a way, because we had

### Well-touted Socks has time on his side

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Pond House
- >> Where Nicholashayne, Somerset
- >> Started training May 2006
- >> Horses in yard 80
- >> Members of staff 30
- >> Head lad Oliver Defew
- >> Assistant trainers

Martin Pipe, Gerry Supple

>> Barn leaders

Martin Ayliffe, Rory Bevin, Ali Galliers-Pratt

>>Travelling head lads Craig Wylie, Bob Hodge

>> Jockeys Tom Scudamore, David Noonan

>> Conditional Michael Heard

>> Amateurs Rex Dingle, Bryan Carver

>> PAs Gail Harrison, Gemma Edwards, James Smith >> Stable sponsor **W&S** Recycling

>> Website davidpipe.com

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### **Winners in Britain**

2016-17	59
2015-16	80
2014-15	116
2013-14	90
2012-13	104
Profit/loss to £1 sta	ko

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-£194.09	2016-17
-£111.92	2015-16
-£50.21	2014-15
-£85.14	2013-14
-£182.28	2012-13

Prize-money 2016-17

extremely high hopes of him, having finished third in the Albert Bartlett. Equally, I shouldn't have run him over 2m5f at Cheltenham, it was too short a trip. He jumps left so has to go left-handed and he needs to sharpen up his jumping, but I'm sure there's a lot more to come over 3m, maybe a bit further - it wasn't the trip that beat him in the four-miler at Cheltenham, he iust made too many mistakes. Could start in the 'Fixed Brush' over hurdles at Haydock to boost his confidence, and he might be the type for the Welsh National.

### **Daklondike** 5g Gold Well - Strong Irish

Professor Caroline Tisdall 43164-4 RPR 118 OR 114 Half-brother to Great Endeavour, who won us a Byrne Group Plate and Paddy Power Gold Cup. The ground was probably too quick for

him at Taunton on his last run

last season, he'd want a bit of

If I could sum up last season in one word . . . 'Frustrating'

cut, and he's a slightly quirky type – he jumped well enough on his debut over fences at Newton Abbot, kept on nicely, and I'll look for a similar race next time.

### **Dauphine Ereine**

5m Saint Des Saints - Bellissima De Mai John White & Anne Underhill 5/1113-

RPR 117 OR 130

Half-sister to Dynaste who sustained a tendon injury after making her debut for us at Cartmel last August; hopefully she'll be here before Christmas, so could be out again before the end of the season – 2m4f or a bit further, and wouldn't be ground dependent.

### Delface

4g Della Francesca - Septieme Face Pine's Prospectors 901-1 RPR 106 OR 119

Owned by a great bunch that includes my father-in-law Pete, Disco Paul and Big Al the digger driver - they've got Mr Clarkson but he's out for the season so they bought this chap as a replacement. It was a good effort to win first time up at Ffos Las, he'll want further than 2m in time and is a nice type with a bit of size about him. Hopefully he'll give

his owners a lot of fun over hurdles this season and will jump fences one day.

### Delirant

4g Khalkevi - Kusea JP McManus 11-

RPR - OR -

Won a couple of three-year-old bumpers in France at the end of last year, one of them a Grade 1 race. Shows a bit of speed and will probably go straight over hurdles next month.

### Dell' Arca

8g Sholokhov - Daisy Belle Professor Caroline Tisdall

RPR 154 OR 140

Lovely horse who seems very well at the moment and will probably mix it up between hurdles and fences this season. Trouble is that he runs his heart out every time so he never catches a break from the handicapper – he came down to 135, his lowest mark for a while, and won at Ascot, but went up 5lb for that and has been beaten twice since. He'll get 3m and I think he might improve for it.

### Dromineer

4g Oscar - Aileen Supreme W Frewen Unraced

We've been pleased with his work and he'll start off in a bumper before Christmas.

### Duc De Beauchene

4g Saddler Maker - Quatia D'Angron JP McManus

29-

RPR 100 OR -In hindsight I shouldn't have run him at Wetherby on drying ground because he needs plenty of cut in the ground. He'll go into novice hurdles now, over a trip.

### Dusky Hercules

3g Shantou - Annalecky Professor Caroline Tisdall Unraced

Half-brother to JLT winner Black Hercules; he's going well at home and should be ready for a bumper in the spring.

### Eamon An Cnoic

6g Westerner - Nutmeg Tune The Angove Family 352/119-RPR 131 OR 130 Quite a laid-back type who STAR QUALITY

### King's Socks

5g King's Best - Alexandrina Bryan Drew 122/152-RPR 139 OR 147

A lot of people were talking about him this time last year but he injured a tendon and had to miss the whole season. He's just come back in so he won't be running until the second half of the season, but he had some very good form in France, where he won over fences and was placed in a Grade 1, and it'll be exciting to see him back on a racecourse. He's got time on his side and we'll look at Cheltenham and Aintree for him – chances are he'll

gave the impression that a step up in trip would suit when winning over 2m – although Tom [Scudamore] didn't think he quite stayed over 2m7f at Exeter last time out. We've always liked him and it's fences for him now, 2m4f or maybe 2m at a galloping track. There should be more to come.

have a run before the big

festivals.

### **Eur Gone West**

4g Westerner - Floating Euro Jane Gerrard-Pearse

INTERACTIVE

RPR 88 OR -

Placed in an Irish point-to-point in April; a well-built individual who is going nicely at home and will start off in bumpers.

### **Friday Night Light**

4g Air Chief Marshal - Peninsula Professor Caroline Tisdall 4662-0 (Flat form) RPR 92f OR 86f

Won over 1m4f on heavy ground on the Flat in France and ran a decent race in the Cesarewitch last weekend on ground that was too quick for him. He's schooled over hurdles and goes well, he'll be a nice horse in novice races this season.

### **Gabrial The Great**

8g Montjeu - Bayourida Paul & Clare Rooney 5-53242

RPR 143 OR 138

Seems a lot more relaxed nowadays and has been running well while just bumping into one or two - he'll go back over fences now, he runs at Wetherby today, and he just needs a bit of help from the handicapper. It's frustrating for the owners and it's tough when a horse goes up 5lb for finishing second. He might have a break in midwinter because he's better on better ground.

### **Garran City**

6g City Honours - Native Orchid Jim Humberstone & Tom Ritzema

RPR 89 OR -

Picked up an injury after winning a point-to-point in in. An out-and-out galloper who goes well on soft ground, he'll start over hurdles over 2m4f or a little further.

### **Great Tempo**

4g Great Pretender - Prima Note The Angove Family 218870-

RPR 119 OR 115

Was a bit frustrating last season, in good form at home but not translating that to the racecourse. We've freshened him up, sent him out hunting, and he might try his luck over



David Pipe has won with seven of his last 17 runners at Leicester, which is a 41 per cent strike-rate and shows a profit of £11.55 to a £1 stake

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fences before too long with some different headgear to assist him. He'll stay further than 2m.

### Ilovemints

5m Kayf Tara - La Harde ValueRacingClub.co.uk 1/673-RPR 109 OR -

Was with Warren Greatrex last season. She's a likeable sort who'll be out around the middle of next month and will run in mares' hurdles, starting at 2m but going further in time.

### I'm Always Trying

4g Westerner - Pepsi Starlet Paul & Clare Rooney Unraced

Didn't run last season because the ground had dried up by the time he was ready. He's an enthusiastic type who's on course to make his debut in a bumper next month and then go over hurdles.

### Irish Prince

4g Presenting - Court Leader Professor Caroline Tisdall & Alan Kaplan Unraced

Half-brother to Punchestown Grade 1 bumper runner-up Paloma Blue and has strengthened up nicely over the summer. Will start off in a bumper.

### Just Midas

4g Shantou - Desert Gail David Robinson & Partner Unraced

The penny has dropped with him now, he's much more streetwise after a good summer and is another who will begin his career in a bumper.

### Kalifourchon

6g Martaline - Kaly Flight CHM Partnership 45-2825 RPR 124h 114c OR 120h 116c Didn't run badly on his chasing debut, jumped well, but Tom thought he'd benefit from stepping back up to 3m. There was a suitable race for him over hurdles at Worcester yesterday and he'll mix it up over hurdles and fences.

### Katkeau

10g Kotky Bleu - Levine Professor Caroline Tisdall, JA Gent, RC Wilkin P/1PFP6-

RPR 154 OR 145

The old boy is still going strong and veterans' chases will be his game this season. He's a bit inconsistent nowadays but when he's on his A-game he's a decent horse and he'll do well, especially when the mud's flying.

### Low Key

10g Pentire - La Capilla G Thompson 41130/5-RPR 135 OR 129

Has been a good horse for us and won the Cesarewitch Trial two years ago. He was ready for a run but got an abscess that held him up – hopefully he'll be out shortly in handicap hurdles, 2m4f-plus on decent ground.

### Martabot

6g Martaline - Reine De Sabot Mrs Sarah Ling 42/5S24-RPR 112 OR 111 Enthusiastic sort who didn't

Enthusiastic sort who didn't run badly last season, and he'll probably stick to hurdling this season. We'll look to step him up in trip and he won't mind cut in the ground.

### Max Do Brazil

5g Blue Bresil - Lili Valley Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew 832PP-P RPR 128 OR 120

A bit of a puzzle really. He stopped quickly at Cheltenham on his first run for us, we did his wind after that but it

### DARK HORSE

### **Drama King** 6g King's Theatre - Miss

Arteea
Michael Poland
7/
RPR 101 OR Half-brother to Identity
Thief and a lovely big
horse who probably
won't be out until after
Christmas. Ran a decent
race behind Jenkins in a
Newbury bumper on his
debut, missed last season,
but he has an engine and if
he can stay in one piece his

owner's patience will be

well repaid.

didn't make any difference. The ground at Aintree was probably a bit quick, but the fundamental thing is that he's not finishing off his races. He's looking a lot better than he did last season, though, and we'll try him over fences – the ground can't be too soft for him

### **Midnight Sapphire**

7m Midnight Legend - Norton Sapphire Rod Harding 11222P-RPR 120 OR 120

Came from Victor Dartnall; she's not over-big but what she lacks in size she makes up for in heart. She'll stick to hurdles, she's not far off a run, and it'll be 2m4f-plus as long as the ground isn't too soft.

### **Miss Tynte**

5m Mahler - Top Quality Nick Shutts 24-RPR 92 OR -

Travelled very well on her debut for us at Carlisle, but that might have been too stiff a track for her. She's looking well and could have another run in a bumper or go straight over



### HORSE TO FOLLOW Stuart Riley

### Starchitect

Connections were keen to throw Starchitect into handicap company as a novice last year and you can understand why — with his record in such races over hurdles and a lower mark over fences it seemed an obvious play. It did not quite come off but he held his own, finishing fifth at Cheltenham and third at Aintree. He has been dropped further and is now 10lb well-in on his hurdles rating and looks the sort to win a race or two this season.

hurdles, and will probably stay at 2m.

### **Moon Racer**

8g Saffron Walden - Angel's Folly Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew 1/211P6-

RPR 140 OR 142

We haven't seen that much of him so far and we'll have to wait a bit longer to see him again because he was operated on for colic over the summer. He won't be back in action until February at the earliest and will stay over hurdles with Cheltenham and Aintree in mind, one of the big handicaps over 2m. He has stacks of ability but is very fragile, as we are all well aware.

### Mr Big Shot

6g Flemensfirth - Une Etoile Professor Caroline Tisdall 1/11-

RPR 123 OR 138 Well named – he's 17.1hh – and he still thinks that life is a big game. He's still a bit backward and we were surprised he could win a bumper, and he's kept on surprising us. There's loads of potential there, he shows more pace on the racecourse than he does at home, no problem stepping up in trip but he's doing well at 2m at the moment. Fences won't be a problem either but he'll begin over hurdles – the handicapper hasn't taken any chances with

### Mrs Miggins

4f Presenting - Carrigeen Lunaria Barry Wright Unraced

him on a mark of 138.

Big filly who is just cantering now, the more she's doing the better she looks, and she'll be ready to go before the end of the year.

### Orchard Thieves

RPR 90 OR -

5g Ask - Ballycleary Brocade Racing

Big, lean individual who has strengthened up a fair bit but could do with strengthening up some more. An out-and-out galloper who'll start off over hurdles between 2m and 2m4f and

between 2m and 2m4f, and gives the impression he'll stay further.

### Poker Play

4g Martaline - Becquarette
The Angove Family
2120RPR 128 OR 131
He's probably better on
softer ground and if the
Fred Winter had been
later in the week then it
would have been more

Moon Racer: has stacks of ability but is very fragile

suitable, although he still ran creditably on just his second start for us. He's summered well, strengthened up, and we have high hopes for him. He'll start off next month, possibly in the intermediate hurdle at Cheltenham if the ground is soft enough, that's over 2m5f but he'll want further in time. One day he'll be a lovely staying chaser.

### Ramses De Teillee

5g Martaline - Princesse D'Orton John White & Anne Underhill 4326-32 RPR 120 OR 122

Made a bad mistake three out at Fontwell that probably cost him the race – he was only beaten a neck and a head – and just bumped into one at Newton Abbot last time; a step up to 3m is probably what he wants. He's a winning point-to-pointer who'll be schooled over fences shortly, and if he does it well he may kick on in novice chases next time out. It's slightly frustrating that he hasn't won one yet, but it'll come before much longer.

### **Rathlin Rose**

9g Bonbon Rose - A Plus Ma Puce Fergus Wilson 3/1/411P-RPR 139 OR 134

Won the two military chases at Sandown last season for Captain Guy Disney, and he'll be running in 3m-plus chases on soft ground – the ground was too quick for him at Haydock on his final start. He'll start off next month.

### **Red Square Revival**

6g Presenting - Alder Flower Halewood International Ltd 8687-53 RPR 104 OR 97

First time over fences at Newton Abbot Tom thought he didn't stay 3m2f, so we dropped him back to 2m4f at Warwick and he ran a decent race, jumped very well. He'll get a bit further, and although he's a bit quirky – he looks

about a bit – he fought back when he was headed so you couldn't crab his attitude.

### **Saint John Henry** 7g Saint Des Saints -

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Bryan Drew 5/6175PRPR 126 OR 122
He's not the biggest horse but we're going to try him over fences – he's already done a bit of schooling and pleasantly surprised us. He'll be out before the end of the month when the ground softens up, a 3m novice chase, and if he gets into a rhythm

he'll run a decent race.

Could do with a little leniency from the handicapper, mind.

### Shaama Grise

5m Montmartre - Shaama Rose The Angove Family 322122-

RPR 133 OR 136

Lovely big, strong mare who did well for us last season and who will go novice chasing next month over 2m, 2m4f, as long as there's mud around. She has a great attitude and although she hasn't schooled over fences yet I expect her to take to it.

### **Shell Crystal**

3f Schiaparelli - Solent Crystal Michael Poland Unraced

Has a good attitude to her work and is earmarked for a juvenile bumper at Exeter later this month.

### Skinflint

5g Scorpion - Gales Hill Professor Caroline Tisdall & John Gent

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RPR 87 OR -

Half-brother to Ballybolley who missed last season with a shoulder injury. He's back in work now, is looking well, and he'll go straight into novice hurdles, probably start over 2m4f but he'll want 3m as time goes on.

### Starchitect

6g Sea The Stars - Humilis Paul & Clare Rooney 331535-RPR 147 OR 140

Pleased with him at Cheltenham [fifth in the Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate] and at Aintree, although he probably didn't see out the 3m1f trip there despite travelling very well with the blinkers back on. He'll be happier back at 2m4f and he could be out again around the end of the month. He's in great form, and while he has form on all going he's slightly better on decent ground.

### Taj Badalandabad

7g Shantou - Last Chance Lady W Frewen 4/7141/9-RPR 139 OR 138

Missed last season with a tendon injury. He's back now, his usual lively self, he's quite a character, and the plan is to send him over fences. He's not far off a run, he'll likely start off over 2m4f-plus, and it'll be nice to have him back in action because he's done very well for us so far.

### The Draconian

6g Kalanisi - Lucky Hand PJ Green 0/3-

RPR 85 OR -

Missed last season after getting a 'leg'; a big, chasing type who's only cantering at the moment but will start off in novice hurdles, probably this side of Christmas. He'll want a trip in time and will be suited by soft ground.

### Three Star General

4g Montjeu - Honorlina The Mercer & Igoe Families 4-2127P

RPR 120 OR 117

Unraced at two and didn't win on the Flat with Aidan O'Brien, but broke his duck over hurdles >>>Continues page 4

### STABLE TOUR DAVID PIPE

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at Worcester in June. He's having a break at the moment and will be back in the second half of the season when the ground dries out a bit. He'll mix it over hurdles and on the Flat and I don't think we've seen the best of him.

### **Tigger Two**

5g Getaway - Anne Hathaway Professor Caroline Tisdall Unraced

Light-framed individual who just wasn't ready to get going last season, we decided to give him another summer and he looks better this autumn. He seems to have a good attitude and will start off in a bumper sooner rather than later.

### Timeforben

5m Beneficial - Shokalocka Baby The Bravo Partnership 1-3

RPR 95 OR -

She wasn't quite right last season so we gave her plenty of time off. The form of her point-to-point win has worked out well and she's a strong galloper who ran very pleasingly in a decent bumper on her debut for us last week. She might run in a mares' bumper next or could go straight over hurdles.

### Tis What It Is

4g Gold Well - Justines Joy Murr & Green 34 RPR 99 OR -

Ran a decent race in his bumpers this summer and the plan is to send him hurdling now, when a step up in trip and softer ground will see him in a better light. He'll probably be out towards the end of next month.

### **Tobacco Road**

7g Westerner - Virginias Best Chris & David Stam 732U47-RPR 105 OR 98

Out of a half-sister to a German Derby winner, he's still a maiden over hurdles, a free-going sort who has calmed down a bit through working on our Wexford sand gallop. He'll stick to around 2m and give his owners some fun in novice handicap hurdles.

### **Unique De Cotte**

9g Voix Du Nord - Kadalka De Cotte JP McManus 129/604/ RPR 146 OR 140 Runner-up in the Pertemps Final in 2015 but off the trac since February 2016. His leg are the problem: he's in the

Final in 2015 but off the track since February 2016. His legs are the problem; he's in the yard but isn't cantering yet and the main job will be to actually get him back on a racecourse. It's a shame because he has a lot of ability, which is why we're still trying with him, and he's actually still a novice over fences, so that's an option. If and when we see him again he'll need soft ground as he has a high knee action.

### Vaniteux

8g Voix Du Nord - Expoville Alexander, Drew & Tracey 331814-RPR 165 OR 158 Bought out of Nicky Henderson's yard over the summer to be a Saturday horse for us. He might be hard to place off his mark but he'll still

## 'Off his current mark he could warrant a Gold Cup entry'



The four amigos: (left to right) David and Martin Pipe and Tom and Peter Scudamore

be running in a lot of good races and picking up prizemoney accordingly. Works like a good horse at home and could start off at Cheltenham or Aintree at the end of the month; anywhere from 2m to 2m4f suits him and at some point we could try him over 3m. He doesn't want it too soft.

### **Vieux Lion Rouge**

8g Sabiango - Indecise Professor Caroline Tisdall & John Gent 267/116-RPR 160 OR 154

The plan is the Grand National for a third time – he hasn't quite seen out the trip [seventh and sixth] but got a bit further last year, and understandably you won't see that much of him before Aintree. He only ran twice before the big race last season and that might be the case again. Hopefully he's still improving. I don't think it's a disadvantage that he's been there twice and been beaten, the fences aren't the problem, it's the last two furlongs that he can't cope with. The ground will be good to soft at best; maybe if it was a bit faster it would help him get home, but it's not the ground, it's the

### Virtuel D'Oudon

trip

8g Network - La Belle Illusion Jan Quinlan 2P181/P-RPR 142 OR 135

Missed two whole years before his last outing, and was going to run again at the backend of the season but the ground

### STAR QUALITY

Un Temps Pour Tout
8g Robin Des Champs Rougedespoir
Professor Caroline Tisdall &

Bryan Drew 4/10361-RPR 163 OR 160

Amazing horse, twice

a Cheltenham Festival winner as well as the French Champion Hurdle. He's only eight, so hopefully there's plenty more to come. He's at his best in the second half of the season, so we'll work backwards from there – he'll be entered in the Grand National too, because when he gets in a rhythm it takes a good one to go past him and he gives the impression the National might suit him. He might not be out until after Christmas because if we take Aintree seriously then he wouldn't want to have a long campaign. Off his current mark he could warrant a Gold Cup entry too: I wouldn't rule out the French Champion again

dried up and we decided to give him a longer holiday instead. He's back in, he's cantering, doing it nicely, and I hope we'll see a lot more of him this season over 3m-plus on soft ground – he'll probably start off over hurdles but he's still a novice over fences.

### HARRY FRY

'We hope he can take high rank among our novice chasers'



### Warthog

5g Martaline - Shekira Professor Caroline Tisdall & Bryan Drew 3126-

RPR 103 OR -

The ground was a bit too lively for him at Punchestown last time out, he needs it soft, so when the rain comes he'll be a nice 2m4f novice hurdler. He still has a bit of filling out to do, will be a stronger horse in a year, and we've always liked him – hopefully he'll develop into a lovely staying chaser.

### What A Moment

7g Milan - Cuiloge Lady Bryan Drew & Steve Roper 2155PP-RPR 138 OR 132

Won the 3m1f amateurs' chase at Cheltenham last November and the short-term plan is to go for the repeat. On his last start he was pulled up in the four-miler at the festival but the form book doesn't tell the whole story – he ran a really good race for a 100-1 shot, he looked good at the top of the hill but didn't quite see out the trip. He jumps well, travels well, and should do well up to 3m2f or thereabouts.

### You Say What

7g Milan - Wave Back Turner Webb 13/0PP7RPR 131h 102c OR 125h 118c
Has had one run for us, but we probably should have given him the summer off instead – anyway, he went back to his owners, he's come back looking really well and he could be quite interesting in staying novice chases when the mud's flying. He's a nice long-distance chaser in the making.

### Unnamed

3g Robin Des Champs - Gaspara Out of my first Cheltenham Festival winner Gaspara, he's a nice sort and will be out in the second half of the season – and he's for sale.

### £1 level 3rd Unpl cent 157 Non-hcp hdl 145 18 1,431 251 878 498.37 -35% Hcap hdl 2,330 274 245 222 1,589 12 -482.86 -21% 79 65 393 101 Non-hcp chs 148 26 1,526 204 148 140 1,034 13 NH Flat 342 68 39 45 190 -11.40 20 Totals 6.022 898 668 617 3.839 15 -1168.78

<b>JOCKEYS</b>			
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Tom Scudamore 5	05-3064	17	-607.29
Conor O'Farrell	77-586	13	-114.97
Danny Cook	28-168	17	+25.75
Michael Heard	25-188	13	-30.76
Kieron Edgar	22-226	10	-73.56
David Noonan	19-210	9	-90.16
Tom Bellamy	13-91	14	-37.33
Mikey Ennis	6-63	10	-18.63
Paddy Brennan	4-16	25	+4.75
Daryl Jacob	4-26	15	-9.38
Frank Hayes	3-37	8	-22.28
Capt Guy Disney	2-2	100	+3.37

**STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17** 

FIRST TIME OUT							
	W-R		£1 level stake				
Non-hcp Hdl	51-312	16	-112.19				
Hcp Hdl	58-444	13	-54.02				
Non-hcp Chs	27-72	38	+4.20				
Hcp Chs	32-256	13	-49.58				
NH Flat	36-176	21	+45.71				

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	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
lanuary	97-622	16	-96.38
February	108-583	19	-58.60
March	93-719	13	-42.02
April	71-588	12	-159.45
May	81-479	17	-102.53
lune	50-349	14	-117.02
luly	37-290	13	-122.04
August	47-301	16	-41.64
September	49-267	18	-42.21
October	57-454	13	-215.91
November	104-697	15	-106.94
December	104-673	16	-64.04

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<b>FAVOURITES</b>						
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake			
Non-hcp Hdl	137-281	49	+7.51			
Hcp Hdl	110-435	25	-76.97			
Non-hcp Chs	61-133	46	-18.26			
Hcp Chs	70-274	26	-17.53			
NH Flat	37-99	37	-1.98			

COURSES								
	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp i Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Uttoxeter	56-319	18	17-81	7-17	14-116	14-82	4-23	+16.99
Cheltenham	56-587	10	10-81	11-69	12-211	20-208	3-18	-77.45
Newton Abbot	55-436	13	18-119	5-21	19-202	10-77	3-17	-138.95
Wincanton	48-335	14	11-81	0-2	17-142	19-95	1-15	-102.07
Exeter	48-394	12	16-110	3-16	20-169	6-80	3-19	-150.41
Worcester	46-305	15	11-60	5-23	16-129	6-60	8-33	-109.01
Taunton	44-371	12	14-164	0-7	18-142	11-44	1-14	-125.26
Chepstow	37-218	17	11-58	1-7	14-74	8-65	3-14	-12.92
Fontwell	34-179	19	12-49	2-7	8-73	7-34	5-16	-38.16
Newbury	31-235	13	7-54	3-15	9-73	10-85	2-8	+18.49
Stratford	29-162	18	10-44	4-9	8-59	6-43	1-7	-14.50
Ffos Las	28-192	15	7-43	1-2	8-73	5-45	7-29	-45.37
Ascot	27-154	18	3-23	3-15	11-58	6-51	4-7	+45.17
Plumpton	25-118	21	9-43	1-7	6-37	4-20	5-11	-18.68
Towcester	25-129	19	7-36	5-11	4-40	4-22	5-20	-11.85
Market Rasen	23-138	17	6-17	6-10	6-59	4-47	1-5	-43.48
Warwick	22-130	17	3-22	2-7	9-57	6-29	2-15	+3.85
Haydock	22-140	:: 16	2-9	<del></del> 0-8	11-78	8-43	1-2	+34.73
Sandown	22-149	<u></u> 15	7-22	5-15	8-83	1-25	1-4	-35.41
Perth	19-52	37	4-8	2-4	6-20	7-19	0-1	+27.53
Leicester	19-55	37 35	6-16	3-8	3-11	7-20	0-0	+11.08
Ludlow	17-118	14	8-47	1-5	4-34	2-25	2-7	-26.35
Bangor-On-Dee	16-114	14	3-26	4-10	4-48	4-24	1-6	-16.88
Huntingdon	13-90	14	2-18	1-4	6-45	4-17	0-6	-25.47
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Kempton	13-126	7	4-22	3-20	4-54	2-29	0-1	-64.83
Aintree	12-176	7 44	3-23	3-15	2-56	3-76	1-6 0-0	-69.01
Fakenham	11-25		6-12	3-5	2-6	0-2		+6.86
Wetherby	11-71	16	4-21	4-12	1-17	2-15	0-6	-47.55
Southwell	11-73	15	3-16	3-9	4-30	1-14	0-4	-32.90
Sedgefield	10-38	26	6-13	0-2	2-13	0-5	2-5	-3.79
Lingfield	9-45	20	3-16	1-3	3-14	2-12	0-0	-12.50
Doncaster	9-65	14	3-18	1-3	0-17	5-20	0-7	-14.00
Hereford	9-71	13	0-20	2-6	5-26	2-16	0-3	-40.64
Carlisle	7-27	26	4-5	1-5	2-8	0-7	0-2	-6.67
Ayr	7-52	14	2-4	1-2	2-19	2-26	0-1	-19.85
Hexham	6-19	32	2-5	2-3	1-7	1-4	0-0	-4.38
Newcastle	6-27	22	3-4	0-1	0-5	2-14	1-3	+1.18
Musselburgh	5-12	42	1-3	0-0	3-5	0-3	1-1	+2.75
Cartmel	3-16	19	0-2	0-2	1-7	2-5	0-0	+7.00
Kelso	3-21	14	1-3	1-3	1-5	0-9	0-1	-14.69
Catterick	0-7	0	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-0	-7.00
Number of horses rac	ing for th	e stabl	e <b>723</b> Tota	l winning	prize-m	oney <b>£8,</b>	287,50	5.37

### STABLE TOUR HARRY FRY

FTER an excellent 2016-17 campaign in which Harry Fry yet again improved his seasonal tallies for winners and prize-money, the ever-upwardly mobile trainer already has 14 successes to his name this time around as the stable's big guns are readied for the serious action to come.

The six-year-old Golden Birthday, whose hurdles mark is now prohibitive, has even added a couple of Flat wins. He could be running again at Doncaster before targets like the Chester Cup are considered next year.

However, the summer months at Manor Farm probably won't be remembered with too much fondness as Fry will have to overcome the tragic loss of potential superstar Neon Wolf, the massively talented hurdler who was killed in a freak stable accident in August.

"He was a horse who had everything with his whole career ahead of him and I've no doubt he'd have gone to the very top," says Fry, 30. "It was devastating for everyone – his owners and all the team here. We had very high hopes and aspirations, and for him not to get chance to fulfil that potential is the saddest thing of

With the formidable Unowhatimeanharry leading a team that also includes Ladbrokes Trophy (Hennessy) favourite American, Fry will again be looking to sustain a remarkable record of having improved his tallies every season since he started out on his own in 2010.

"The one and only aim each season is to try to train more winners and win more prize-money," he says. "That's our focus again this time around - we got close to the million last year, and we did get there when Ireland is counted, as we had a good Punchestown.'

### **Interview by Nicholas Godfrey**

### Air Horse One

Six-year-old gelding Mountain High (sire) - Whisky Rose Owner: The Dons Form figures: 411140-Racing Post Rating 143h; Official rating 141h

Very progressive over hurdles last season, apart from his last outing which we can forget as it was one run too many. Ran a career-best to be fourth in County Hurdle and we'll stick to hurdles for the time being. Will probably reappear at Ascot in a valuable 2m Listed handicap on November, after which there are options like the Greatwood. A strongly run 2m would be perfect; he won he stays and he can be ridden aggressively.

### American

7g Malinas - Grande Sultane Jago Family Partnership /316/111-RPR 161c OR 157c

Hugely exciting second-season chaser whose Uttoxeter form was franked over the weekend. Did nothing wrong over fences last season - we all wanted to go to Cheltenham but the ground just dried up too much so we had to do the right thing

## Harry heads strong team chasing another personal best

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Manor Farm
- >> Where Seaborough, Dorset
- >> Started training 2012
- >> Horses in yard 81
- Members of staff
- 32 (includes part-time)
- >> Assistant trainers Ciara Fry, Michael Legg
- >> Yard manager Rawal Singh
- >> Travelling head lass
- Sophie Jarvis, Michaella Gee >> Jockeys Noel Fehily, Niall
- Madden >> Conditional Kieron Edgar
- >> Amateurs Aine O'Connor, Ben Godfrey, Chris Barber, Martin McIntyre, Michael Legg
- >> Stable sponsor Citibet

by him. We think he has the

Trophy [former Hennessy]

Unlikely to run beforehand

ideal profile for the Ladbrokes

which is very much the focus.

purely because he's so fragile -

he's always struggled with his

knees so we have to look after

him. Needs a bit of cut to be

seen at his best but he jumps

for fun and gallops – the track

at Newbury should play to his

strengths.

16/411P-

Any Drama

Nicholas Cooper

RPR 150h OR 139h

6g Ğamut - Oak Lodge

Won two novice hurdles

didn't stay in the Albert

emphatically last season then

Bartlett. Will be dropped back

handicap hurdle at Aintree on

Old Roan Chase day. Loves it

hurdles could be up his street

If I could sum up

when the mud's flying and

when it's soft even Graded

last season in

one word . . .

'Phenomenal'

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### **Winners in Britain**

2016-17	67
2015-16	54
2014-15	36
2013-14	34
2012-13	20
Profit/loss to £1 st:	ako

2016-17	+1.52
2015-16	-£15.36
2014-15	-£29.51
2013-14	+56.19
2012-13	+52.02
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Prize-money 2016-17 £886,752

### **Bags Groove**

6g Öscar - Golden Moment Michael Pescod /22151-8 RPR 133h OR 133h

Ran in the Silver Trophy on Saturday and with hindsight we rode him too far back in a messy race, but he was still beaten less than four lengths the only problem being there were seven in front of him. Strongly run 2m4f is perfect.

### **Black Mischief**

5g Black Sam Bellamy - Miss Mitch Tom Chadney and Friends 3/33F-15 RPR 125h OR -

Not quite the finished article mentally and blotted his copybook at Chepstow on Sunday. His head's not letting him fulfil his potential at the moment - he needs to learn to relax and settle and then jump, because there's no doubt the ability's there. We'll drop back penalty and go quietly.

### Bullionaire

4g Gold Well - Dontcallherthat House

RPR 115b OR -

Phil Fry & Charlie Walker - Osborne

Hopefully a star of the future

and couldn't have been more impressive on debut in the Goffs UK Spring Sales Bumper. The plan was to start in a Listed bumper at Cheltenham, but he's taking a bit of time to come to hand so we're just waiting for him; there's also a nice Listed bumper at Ascot in December. Could go hurdling or stick to bumpers this season as he's only four and a nice big horse, so we're in no rush.

### Chalonnial

5g Protektor - Kissmirial Nicholas Cooper 13/132-RPR 135h OR 136h

Fine, big horse who goes novice chasing. We tried him quite highly after he won at Bangor and he was third in the Tolworth Hurdle, then it was bottomless ground when he was a remote second at Kelso. Could start off at Ffos Las this weekend and he is sure to be a better chaser than a hurdler; will definitely want 2m4f-plus.

### **Dashing Oscar**

7g Oscar - Be My Leader Andy & Sharon Measham /11329-1 RPR 132h OR 135h

Made perfect comeback at Fontwell – he's now won three of his four reappearance runs and was beaten only a nostril the other time, so he does go well fresh, but he managed to hold his form better last term. Gone up a little in weights; we've got an option to jump fences but will probably look for another handicap hurdle.

### Desert Queen

9m Desert King - Priscilla Jago Family Partnership /12F412-RPR 149c OR 146c

Quirky but talented character who did well in mares' chases last season, hence why she's back again instead of going to stud to be covered by Kayf Tara. There's a good programme for mares and she'll go back to Market Rasen on November 9 for the 3m Listed event she won on her reappearance last season.

### STAR HORSE

### Unowhatimeanharry

9g Sir Harry Lewis - Red Nose Lady JP McManus 1/11131-RPR 168h OR 167h

He started last season rated 149 so still had a lot to prove stepping up into senior company, so to win two more Grade 1s was fantastic. Obviously it was bitterly disappointing to get beaten at Cheltenham, which was probably the one week of the year when he wasn't at his very best they have to be off by only a fraction at that level and it tells, and he wasn't quite on his A-game, which is why it was special to see him bounce back at Punchestown. Will follow a very similar programme this time around, starting off at Newbury in the Long Distance Hurdle, then another go at the Long Walk and the Cleeve at the end of January and back to the Stavers' Hurdle. He's iust a fantastic horse - it's extraordinary to think where he's come from to reach the heights he has.

### **Fletchers Flyer**

9g Winged Love - Crystal Chord Masterson Holdings Limited 32/173P-RPR 154c OR 143c

We could never have

imagined that in our

The Irish National was his aim last season but he paid the

price for trying to go with the impressive winner Our Duke from a long way out. Not getting any younger, but he seems to be at is best in spring and, as he's won twice at Punchestown festival, we'll probably look to go back there. Has to run right-handed and could start off in the Badger Ales.

### Henryville

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9g Generous - Aquavita RPB Michaelson & EM Thornton -1305U0

RPR 158c OR 149c

An enigma and far from straightforward to train at home, but in fairness to him he did win two nice prizes in the spring. As a result, though, he shot up in the weights and we're slowly creeping back down. May go to Cheltenham for a 3m handicap chase next weekend, but he needs bit of help from handicapper. Didn't enjoy himself back over hurdles, so we'll stay over fences.

### **Hint Of Mint**

8g Passing Glance - Juno Mint Sandie & David Newton 3211FU-

RPR 142c 136c

Regained the winning thread last season at his favourite track Taunton. Unfortunately his mark has reached the level now wnere tnere are no races for him there but he's in the Welsh Champion Hurdle on Saturday and a Listed 2m hurdle at Kempton on Sunday: he was runner-up there to The New One in 2014. It'll be nice just to get a clear round after he failed to complete on his last two starts.

### If The Cap Fits

5g Milan - Derravaragh Sayra Paul & Clare Rooney 114-1 RPR 126h OR -

Lovely young horse who did



In the last five seasons Noel Fehily is 10-24 (42% strike-rate) when riding novice hurdlers for Harry Fry at Exeter for a profit of £29.25 to level £1 stakes

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### DARK HORSE

### Hell's Kitchen

6g Robin Des Champs - Mille Et Une JP McManus 312/3

RPR 139h 140c; OR 139h 139c Had only one start last season over fences when he was too keen for his own good and then had niggles that kept him off the track, but now hopefully he can do what he's always promised at home. Lovely big horse who'll start off in a novice or beginners' chase in November, probably back in trip to 2m to make sure he settles. We hope he can take high rank among our novice chasers.

well in bumpers last season and confirmed that promise with a good performance on hurdling debut at Exeter. Noel [Fehily] thought he was possibly going to get beaten turning in because he needed the run, so he should progress. Looked very exciting and we'll look for another novice under a penalty before stepping up in grade. We hope he'll be one of our leading novice hurdlers this term.

### Rival to watch

'Almost a nod in tribute to Neon Wolf -Willoughby Court is going to be running for the two of them now, so we'll follow him closely and Neon will be by his side wherever he goes'

**Just A Sting** 5g Scorpion - Shanann Lady Nigel & Barbara Collison RPR 115b OR -

Two out of two in bumpers last season, despite never really looking like a bumper horse. A stayer in the making, he just ground it out both times and should be a nice 2m4f-plus novice hurdler to follow. May start at Exeter on Haldon Gold Cup day.

### **Kylemore Lough**

8g Revoque - One Of The Last MJ McMahon & Denis Gallagher 11/2554-

RPR 163c OR 154c

Grade 1-winning chaser who has joined us from Kerry Lee, who did very well with him. Goes well fresh and, although he didn't win last season, he wasn't beaten very far giving a stone to Frodon in the good 2m5f handicap chase at Cheltenham in December. Will be aimed at BetVictor Gold Cup for his reappearance and it will be good 2m4f handicaps and Graded races after that.

### Minella Awards

6g Oscar - Montys Miss Masterson Holdings Limited 2/25/211-RPR 146h OR 145h

Went from strength to strength in the spring and won the EBF final, where he was almost last turning out the back, and then relished the step up in trip to 3m at Punchestown. We have a fixed-brush hurdle at Haydock in mind for him and we're looking forward to seeing how far he can progress over hurdles. Could be upped in grade but there's always the option to jump fences, which if he doesn't this season then he'll be doing in 12 months' time. Has done really well over

summer.

Harry Fry: boasts remarkable record of improving his stats every season since he started training

### Misterton

6g Sagamix - Mighty Splash Wilkin, Orr. Boileau & Sim /11P21-1

RPR 137h OR 130h

Won well dropped back in trip to 2m at Chepstow on Sunday, when they went a good gallop and he was really slick at his hurdles. We knew he'd see it out well and he galloped all the way to the line. We'll see what the handicapper does and then perhaps think about something like the Greatwood as he's obviously on an upward curve. One to keep on the right side.

### Outofthisworld

4f Shantou - Mystic Masie Chasing Gold Racing Club

RPR 102b OR -

Nice bumper winner on debut at Market Rasen in March. Done well over the summer and we'll look to take her to Cheltenham on November 18 for a Listed mares' bumper and hopefully she can be very competitive in a race of that nature.

### **Overtown Express**

9g Overbury - Black Secret Mrs Lorna Squire & Richard Metherell53/3416-RPR 148c OR 141c

Thrives when the mud's flying and won really nicely at Warwick in a 2m novices handicap and wasn't right the next time - his blood was wrong afterwards, so we'll forgive him that. Will be out in

November for some good 2m

### handicaps. **Secret Door**

6m Stowaway - Cellar Door Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 223/11-3 RPR 126h OR 125h

Won a nice prize at Haydock in spring and was due to go to



Ludlow last week for a mares' handicap hurdle, but the ground was too quick. Should appreciate step up in trip against the boys in a 3m handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter today before dipping her toes back in mares' races. Probably not long before she jumps fences.

### **Space Oddity**

6g Al Namix - Schoune The Rate Chasers 11P2-14

RPR 141c 134h, OR 136c 136h

Already a winner over fences this season in May. Wanted to run him last week at Ludlow in a novices' handicap chase but the ground was too quick, so we ended up at Newton Abbot where we were wrong at the weights with a penalty. He didn't disgrace himself though. Wants a little further than 2m and hopefully that's put him spot on for a novices' handicap chase at Ascot on November 4. Looks a better chaser than a hurdler and can keep progressing.

### **Thomas Brown**

8g Sir Harry Lewis - Tentsmuir The Corse Lawners 74/1870-

RPR 147c 146h, OR 138c 142h Another with a really good record first time out, which seems the time to catch him. His mark has dropped to only 1lb higher than when he won last year at Aintree on reappearance and he could go to Cheltenham on Saturday week for a 3m handicap chase. Jumped well around the National fences in the Topham, although it was too short and he was outpaced. Needs more of a trip now and we could look

### Whataknight

at the Becher Chase.

8g Midnight Legend - What A Mover JM Dare, T Hamlin, JW Snook 1026-03

RPR 149h 140c, OR 144h, -c Fluffed his lines on Friday by whipping round at the start and giving away ten lengths. Didn't take to chasing last year so will stick to hurdles. On his day on good ground he can still be competitive and he'll take in a Pertemps qualifier next week at Cheltenham. 3m-plus is perfect.

### Wotzizname

novice chaser.

7g Fruits Of Love - Native Beau CJS Horton

RPR 140h 132c, OR 140h 135c Looked like winning on Exeter reappearance but had been off for a while and needed it badly. Will be much sharper for the run and can go on to better things this season. The further he goes, the better he

Unowhatimeanharry: set to start off in the Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury

goes; could be a nice staying

### **NEIL MULHOLL**

'He does everything you want in a horse to win a **Grand National** 



More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

### HORSE TO FOLLOW **Tom Park**

### If The Cap Fits

This big, scopey son of Milan was a good bumper horse last season, winning his first two starts before finishing fourth in a Grade 2 at Aintree. He couldn't have been any more impressive when winning from the front on his first start over hurdles at Exeter last week, jumping powerfully and accurately throughout. He will certainly come on for that run and it wouldn't surprise me if that race worked out quite well. He is not short of speed or stamina and could be a Neptune type

STABLE ANALYSIS 2012-17									
	run	Races 1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	cent	Per 0-30%	stake	£1 level ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	328	86	61	38	143	26		+0.91	+0%
Hcp hdl	232	43	35	29	125	19		-21.86	-9%
Non-hcp chs	86	30	19	14	23	35		+5.03	+6%
Hcp Chs	125	29	14	11	71	23		+18.92	+15%
NH Flat	150	37	24	25	64	25		+59.95	+40%
Totals	921	225	153	117	426	24		+62.95	+7%
*return on inves	return on investment								

### **JOCKEYS**

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	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
	VV-/\	cent	Stake
Noel Fehily	133-531	25	+21.00
Mr Michael Legg	13-31	42	+30.14
Nick Scholfield	9-32	28	+2.07
Niall Madden	9-54	17	-5.91
Kieron Edgar	7-31	23	-6.35
Barry Geraghty	6-16	38	+4.23
Gary Derwin	5-17	29	+38.75
Daryl Jacob	3-9	33	-0.08
Mr W Biddick	3-12	25	+2.75
Liam McKenna	3-33	9	-13.50
Richard Johnson	2-4	50	+1.03
Harry Cobden	1-1	100	+2.00

FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	15-73	21	-21.46
Hcp Hdl	13-55	24	+12.16
Non-hcp Chs	9-19	47	+4.82
Hcp Chs	6-23	26	-2.25
NH Flat	18-72	25	+47.78

### MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	cent	stake
January	33-94	35	+38.02
February	24-101	24	+38.78
March	30-117	26	+36.83
April	17-113	15	-24.65
May	20-67	30	+2.84
June	2-16	13	-4.13
July	3-19	16	-10.38
August	4-22	18	-11.31
Septembe	er 2-12	17	-3.90
October	19-88	22	-5.34
Novembe	r 43-154	28	+5.79
Decembe	r 28-118	24	+0.40

### **FAVOURITES**

Non-hcp Non-hcp Hcp

		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
Non-hcp Hdl	43-86	50	+1.07
Hcp Hdl	20-75	27	-15.11
Non-hcp Chs	21-43	49	-4.72
Hcp Chs	11-30	37	+0.35
NH Flat	18-53	34	+0.70

### **COURSES**

	W-R	cent	Hdl	Chs	Hdl	Chs	Flat	stake
Exeter	26-69	38	16-33	4-11	3-17	1-3	2-5	+47.78
Taunton	23-80	29	12-42	0-0	4-20	2-4	5-14	-9.54
Wincanton	20-94	21	5-38	0-6	6-25	3-8	6-17	+1.03
Newbury	14-53	26	5-16	2-6	2-10	1-9	4-12	+0.91
Ascot	12-42	29	8-14	1-5	3-10	0-7	0-6	+7.03
Cheltenham	12-72	17	6-22	0-8	2-21	3-15	1-6	-7.74
Fontwell	11-38	29	2-12	1-2	5-13	3-3	0-8	+3.82
Newton Abbot	11-42	26	3-10	1-3	3-19	2-3	2-7	-3.97
Kempton	11-57	19	5-21	0-2	4-13	2-13	0-8	-11.06
Doncaster	9-26	35	1-7	5-7	0-5	1-4	2-3	+3.54
Bangor-On-Dee	8-26	31	2-15	2-3	0-2	0-0	4-6	+15.10
Plumpton	7-14	50	3-4	3-4	0-3	0-1	1-2	+21.30
Ludlow	7-24	29	2-8	1-2	1-5	2-5	1-4	+4.79
Uttoxeter	7-31	23	1-8	1-3	1-4	3-9	1-7	+0.97
Warwick	5-27	19	2-9	1-4	1-6	1-1	0-7	-9.56
Huntingdon	4-14	29	0-2	1-3	1-2	0-2	2-5	-0.08
Southwell	4-15	27	1-4	0-0	0-4	2-5	1-2	-4.11
Market Rasen	4-19	21	1-4	1-1	1-7	0-6	1-1	+1.25
Sandown	4-21	19	3-8	0-2	1-7	0-4	0-0	+7.00
Kempton (AW)	3-6	50	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-6	+51.75
Hereford	3-7	43	1-4	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	+5.45
Wetherby	3-9	33	2-5	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	+0.25
Haydock	3-14	21	1-4	0-0	2-7	0-3	0-0	+4.80
Aintree	3-30	10	0-9	0-1	1-7	2-9	0-4	-10.00
Towcester	2-4	50	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-2	+2.25
Lingfield	2-4	50	2-3	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	+0.92
Ffos Las	2-10	20	0-3	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-3	-4.63
Worcester	2-17	12	2-9	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-4	-12.80
Leicester	1-4	25	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	+1.00
Stratford	1-18	6	0-1	1-2	0-10	0-2	0-3	-15.50
Chepstow	1-21	5	0-8	0-0	1-6	0-4	0-3	-16.00
Carlisle	0-1	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Perth	0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Musselburgh	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	-2.00
Ayr	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	-2.00
Kelso	0-3	0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	-3.00
Lingfield (AW)	0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-4	-4.00
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Number of horses racing for the stable 146: Ttotal winning prize-money 1.955.038.59

### STABLE TOUR NEIL MULHOLLAND

INCE Neil Mulholland started training almost a decade ago, the philosophy has always been the same: to improve every year.

Last season Mulholland did considerably better than ever before and judging by the firepower at his disposal for the season ahead, he has reaped the rewards of a landmark campaign.

Only six trainers in Britain ended last season with more than 100 winners over jumps and for the first time Mulholland was one of

What is more, he was the only one among that sextet who could boast a level-stakes profit from his 19 per cent strike-rate.

Staying handicap chases have put Mulholland on the map and he again has the likes of Carole's Destrier, The Druids Nephew and The Young Master ready for action.

But this season it is his team of youngsters who catch the

Mulholland had eight bumper winners from 33 runners last season, including Punchestown winner Dead Right, Espoir De Teillee and Tikkanbar, who are exciting prospects for novice hurdles this term.

He is not exactly struggling for novice chasers either, with the likes of Solighoster and Solomn Grundy – who have already won bumper and hurdle races for the trainer among his ammunition in this

As for a superstar, this could be the season Shantou Village comes of age. He won four out of five over fences last season, yet Mulholland is adamant he is a different proposition this season.

What the former jockey's team has is balance and, while last year will be hard to top, he would probably be disappointed if he could not better it with this battalion.

### **Interview by Lewis Porteous**

### **Bishops Court**

Seven-year-old gelding Helissio (sire) - Island Of Memories Owners: PC Tory & PS Frampton Form figures: 411115-Racing Post Rating 140; Official rating 132

He had a good season last year winning four in a row. It's a big confidence thing with him and he got on a roll. He's done well for his break and looks a bit stronger. He'll start off over 2m4f in a handicap chase at Wincanton today. He's got form around there and the race should suit him. He wouldn't there's more to come from

### **Burns Cross**

5g Mahler - Strokestown Queen  $Mr\ P\ Simmonds$ 

RPR 91 OR -

He won his only point-to-point and he's a very nice horse. He'll probably be a stayer, but those horses can still sometimes win bumpers and that's where we'll start – at a stiffish track like Chepstow. He's not a million miles off and we like him.

## Shantou Village star performer in quality cast

### STABLE PROFILE

- >> Yard Conkwell Grange Stables
- >> Where Limpley Stoke, Bath
- >> Started training 2008
- Horses in yard 100
- >> Members of staff 35
- >> Head girl
- Georgina Murgatroyd
- >> Assistant trainer Mark Quinlan
- >> Jockeys Noel Fehily,
- Tom Scudamore, James Best >> Conditionals Harry Reed, Philip Donovan
- >> Amateur James King
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### **Winners in Britain**

2016-17	108
2015-16	60
2014-15	51
2013-14	31
2012-13	19
Profit/loss to £1	
2016-17 -	+12.93

2015-16 **-145.57** 2014-15 **+8.69** 2013-14 **-56.24** 2012-13 **-20.33** 

Prize-money 2016-17 £849,444

### Carole's Destrier

9g Kayf Tara - Barton May Mrs C Skipworth 5/1P0/29-RPR 159 OR 154

He'll have a prep run, probably at Ascot on November 4, and then go for the Ladbrokes Trophy (former Hennessy Gold Cup). He finished second in the race last year but then had a setback in the Welsh National where he pulled muscles behind and missed the rest of the season. He's over that now and going very well. Tony McCoy got off him one day after he'd been beaten at Aintree and told me not to be disappointed as this lad could win a National one day. He did go on to win a London National, so I hope that wasn't the National he was on about! He jumps and stays and does everything you want in a horse to win a Grand National.

### Carole's Vigilante

6g Flemensfirth - Gotta Goa Mrs C Skipworth

He's a nice, big horse but just got a bit of heat in his leg so has been given plenty of time. He's

If I could sum up last season in one word . . . 'Great'

coming along nicely and we're happy with his progress. He'll have a racecourse gallop and then probably go for a bumper. I don't know how good he is at this stage, but he's a nice 2m4f prospect who wouldn't want extremes when it comes to the ground.

### **Cesar Et Rosalie**

5g Network - Regle De L'Art Mrs JM Abbott 3212-12

RPR 125 OR 120

He's done well for us so far. We've not schooled him over a fence yet and we'll stick to hurdles in the short term. He wouldn't want the ground too soft, but he's got a little bit stronger for his break and is going the right way.

### Chirico Vallis

5g Poliglote - Quora Vallis JP McManus 330153-

RPR 132 OR 133

He was rated 133 in Ireland for Gordon Elliott and hopefully he can translate his hurdles form to fences. He's a nice horse to go novice chasing and it's so far

### **Clondaw Cracker**

6g Court Cave - Twelve Pence RS Brookhouse 11/P0-

RPR 110 OR -

He's a big horse who won his bumper at Warwick in April last year but had a few niggly problems after. Time has done

him the world of good and hopefully it has allowed him to strengthen up into himself. He'll go novice hurdling and wants some nice ground.

### **Dandolo Du Gite**

4g Khalkevi - Lavande D'Eproniere Equi ex Incertis Partners

He finished second in his only point-to-point and, while it's early days, he's going well and is a likeable type. He's been schooling over hurdles but will probably start off in a bumper.

### Dead Right

5g Alflora - April Queen JP McManus

RPR 127 OR -

He's a horse we always liked but he got struck into at Newbury on his hurdles debut and was given a bit of time. There was no point going over hurdles after that, so he went to Punchestown instead and we had a great result winning the bumper. He's come back from his summer holiday looking great and goes novice hurdling now. We'll start low key and build his confidence, but he's schooled well and is a very nice horse.

### Dieg Man

4g Kapgarde - Majestic Card *JP McManus* 543-21

RPR 116 OR -

He's got some nice form in France and has settled in very well. He's been well schooled and has done well since joining us. Hopefully he'll be an exciting horse to add to the string.

### Doing Fine

9g Presenting - Howaya Pet Ashley Carr & Andy Smith 22215-4 RPR 143 OR 137

He's consistent and held his

form well last season but I think he's in better condition now. He wasn't beaten far in the bet365, having ran at Cheltenham the week before, and was doing his best work at the end. I was pleased with his comeback over hurdles at Fontwell and that hopefully leaves him bang on for Cheltenham on October 28 for a 3m1f handicap chase. He could be a Grand National horse long term.

### STAR QUALITY

### Shantou Village

7g Shantou - Village Queen Mrs Jane Gerard-Pearse P/11F11-

RPR 154 OR 148 He won four out of five

over fences last year, but at no stage was I happy with him. I just couldn't get him to sparkle, but this year he looks fantastic and exactly how I would have wanted him last year. He's stronger and will probably go for the Colin Parker at Carlisle on November 5, but if something cropped up before I wouldn't be afraid to enter him as he's in such good form. He's among the favourites for the BetVictor but the ground could go against him, as anything worse than good to soft and you won't see the best of him. Ideally he'd go Colin Parker and BetVictor, but it's ground dependent and he has the option of the Old Roan instead. I hope he could be top notch but can't guarantee it and he has to go and do it.

### Espoir De Teillee

5g Martaline - Belle De Lyphard RS Brookhouse

RPR 119 OR -

He came with a good reputation from the point-to-point field and lived up to that on his second start at Ffos Las. He's looking well and is stronger for his summer break. He jumps well and goes novice hurdling now. He'll probably be a 2m4f horse and would want better ground rather than softer. He's a very exciting horse.

### Fingerontheswitch

7g Beneficial -Houseoftherisinsun Cahill, Atwell & Crofts 71725P-RPR 138 OR 137

He's been good to us winning a bumper, over hurdles and over fences, and we think he's the best we've had. He's always been a bit light, but he's carrying more condition this year and is looking stronger. His chase form is not as good as his hurdles yet, but he's a solid horse who can run in those Saturday handicaps off a low weight. We'll kick off at Wincanton [today].

### **Impulsive Star**

7g Busy Flight - Impulsive Ita Robert Waley-Cohen 1/14110-

RPR 137 OR 139

He's a chaser and what he's done over hurdles so far is a bonus. You'd expect his longterm plan would be the fourmiler at Cheltenham in March, for Sam Waley-Cohen to ride him. We're in no major rush and we'd rather have him for the second half of the season, but he's a grand horse whose forte is staying and hopefully there's more to come.

### **Indian Stream**

8m Generous - Zaffarimbi Mrs G Davies 18143-9 RPR 152 OR 146

She's a big mare and normally needs her first run of the season, so hopefully she'll come on for her Chepstow run last weekend. She more than likely heads to Wetherby next for the Charlie Hall Chase where she gets a 7lb mares' allowance. She beat Theatre Guide at Wetherby last season and she's bang in there. You wouldn't be afraid to go back to the Mares' Hurdle at Cheltenham come March, which she was beaten only five lengths in last season, but we'll stay over fences for now. She's a very good mare.



In the last ten seasons Neil Mulholland is 11-26 (43%) in handicap hurdles at Fakenham for a £1 level-stakes profit of £17.37. During November and December his record with such runners improves to 6-7 ▶ Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at INTERACTIVE

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### DARK HORSE

### Kalondra

6g Spadoun - Mystic Vic J Henderson 315104-RPR 149 OR 147

He's highly strung and doesn't carry much condition, but he's solid and had a very good season last term. It was some run in the Coral Cup, where he came from last of 25 runners at the top of the hill to only be beaten ten lengths. He's been schooling over fences well and goes chasing now. In those novice chases you won't have to make up the ground and he's an exciting prospect. Something like the JLT at the festival would be the long-term plan.

### Minella Present

8g Presenting - Dabaya Mrs Jane Gerard-Pearse /3122P/1-RPR 144 OR 137

He's a horse who does have his problems and he's been off for a while, but he's well at the moment and could be one for the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham next month. We'll prep somewhere, perhaps even over hurdles, but he wouldn't want extremes when it comes to the ground. He's a big horse and touch wood he sta and can have a good season.

### Rival to watch

'We were very fond of Fox Norton and he was a big loss to the yard when he was sold last year, but I concentrate on my own horses and my own yard, and the best of luck to everyone else'



### HORSE TO FOLLOW James Hill

### Shantou Village

This is still the best horse in the yard. Good enough to finish second to last season's Champion Hurdle favourite Yanworth in his hurdling days, he won four of his five starts over fences last term without being totally convincing. However, it's interesting to hear that he was not quite on song last winter and, still rated below 150, he's not badly handicapped for the months ahead. Crucially he loves Cheltenham and that opens up lots of opportunities for him to make a mark.

### **Most Celebrated**

4g New Approach - Pietra Santa Stephen & Gloria Seymour 13221-RPR 122 OR 129

It was a very promising run first time out at Wetherby last January and I could see his first run, when he's fresh and well, being another exciting one this season. He ran too free at times last season but he jumps well and goes handicap hurdling. He's ground dependent and wouldn't want anything testing. If we got a win, he could sneak into the Greatwood Hurdle in November.

**Pilgrims Bay** 7g Turtle Island - Lady Ariadna Clifford, Gosden & House

RPR 141 OR 137

He looks fantastic and is walking around the yard like a man now. He's very quirky, but we've lots of variety here and he's a happy horse who is very good. He'll have a prep run somewhere and then head to the Ladbrokes Trophy (former Hennessy Gold Cup). Newbury should suit him – he wants a flat galloping track – and Aintree, rather than Cheltenham, will be the longterm plan.

### Solighoster

5g Loup Solitaire - Miss Martine The Colony Stable LLC & Dajam Ltd 121125-

RPR 130 OR 133

It was one run too many at Cheltenham in April but that

was the only blip last season. He's been schooling over fences very well and we'll start him off low key and get his confidence up. You'd like to think fences will bring out some improvement, he's certainly got the size and scope for chasing.

### **Solomn Grundy**

7g Westerner - Marika's King RS Brookhouse 1/21285-

RPR 135 OR 132

His form is good and he's in good order. He's been jumping fences well and could makes his chase debut at Cheltenham's October meeting, as he's run well around there before, but it's just an option at this stage. Like Solighoster, he looks like a chaser.

### **Soupy Soups**

6g Stowaway - Near Dunleer Equi ex Incertis Partners 1201-6 RPR 131 OR 134

He got a bit of a fright going down the back straight on his chase debut at Huntingdon on Tuesday but he'll have learned

Neil Mulholland oversees operations at Conkwell Grange Stables near Bath

plenty for the experience. He's got the heart of a lion and, while he probably doesn't have the size and scope of Solomn Grundy and Solighoster, we'll crack on over fences. He has the potential to stay 3m.

### Southfield Royale

7g Presenting - Chamoss Royale Mrs Angela Yeoman 24/70F0-

RPR 158 OR 138

He had a few niggly problems last year, but we got him back for the Scottish National where I believe he probably didn't stay. He could possibly go for the Badger Ales, even though he's probably better lefthanded. I'd like to get a run into him first because I don't think you can win that race without a prep. He's in good order.

### The Druids Nephew

10g King's Theatre - Gifted The Stonehenge Druids 2P5/978-RPR 158 OR 143

He'll miss the first part of the season when he won't get his ground and will be back for the Cheltenham Festival and the 3m1f handicap chase he won in 2015, then the bet365 Gold Cup. He was beaten less than three lengths in the bet365 last season when they went no gallop and he's well capable off his current mark. The ground was too soft for him at this vear's festival and better ground is key.

### The Young Master

8g Echo Of Light - Fine Frenzy Mike Burbidge & The Old Masters 1/F06F9-RPR 152 OR 145

He'll join Doing Fine in the same race at Cheltenham at the end of the month and then go for the Becher Chase. His longterm plan will be the Grand National again. He was a bit unlucky over the National fences last year as he jumped well in the Becher but just got tired late on and was unlucky to fall in the National. He's bred to be a Flat horse but he's a great jumper who stays all day and he'll be on the go all season.

### Tikkanbar

6g Tikkanen - Fields Of Barley Brian Mulholland 2110-RPR 120 OR -

He won two bumpers last season and was only beaten ten lengths in a Grade 2 bumper at Aintree on his final start. He was getting too buzzy that day and I told Tom Scudamore to drop him out the back to get him relaxed and he ran well all things considered. He's definitely a nice horse to go novice hurdling with.

### PHILIP HOBBS

'He looks very well after his holiday and I can't wait to get him going again'



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Totals

Hcp chses

<b>JOCKEYS</b>			
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Noel Fehily	107-551	19	-68.79
Dougie Costello	35-317	11	-100.80
Mark Quinlan	35-325	11	-49.30
Tom Scudamore	18-131	14	-56.34
Richard Johnson	11-54	20	-16.50
Sean Corby	10-62	16	+27.40
Conor Shoemark	9-35	26	+5.95
Daryl Jacob	8-77	10	-16.00
David Noonan	7-39	18	+5.49
Denis O'Regan	7-43	16	+12.00
Barry Geraghty	6-23	26	+8.00
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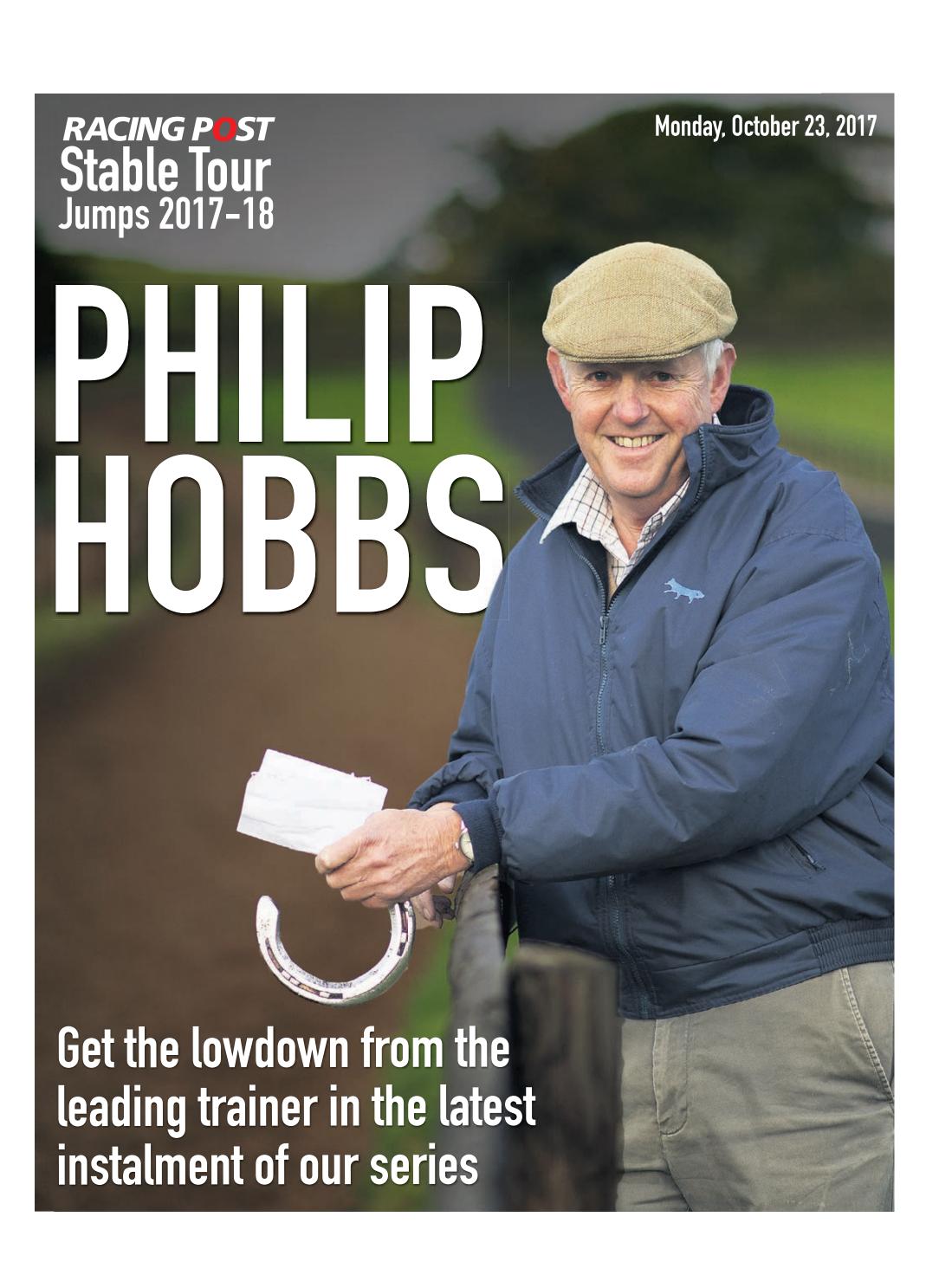
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	35-227	15	+23.41
February	25-198	13	-78.48
March	35-267	13	-90.32
April	21-235	9	-135.11
May	36-233	16	+25.90
June	22-172	13	-39.65
July	20-182	11	-94.23
August	29-152	19	-4.03
September	19-143	13	-14.63
October	47-304	16	-53.41
November	53-333	16	-32.72
December	23-228	10	-103.79

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

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:	FAVOURIT	ES		
		W-R		£1 level stake
i	Non-hcp hdles	33-66	50	-3.30
:	Hcp hdles	60-178	34	+13.30
i	Non-hcp chses	17-24	71	+9.10
:	Hcp chses	43-137	31	-14.58
Ė	NH Flat	8-21	38	-1.61

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	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp I Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 lev
Fontwell	46-239	19	6-46	5-15	24-91	9-70	2-17	+3.3
Worcester	30-198	: 15	7-39	4-13	12-77	7-55	0-14	-31.0
Wincanton	19-251	8	4-98	0-4	6-68	8-65	1-16	-136.3
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Fakenham	18-59	31	3-11	0-1	11-26	4-19	0-2	+19.1
Uttoxeter	17-149	11	7-46	0-2	8-59	2-28	0-14	-56.8
Sedgefield	16-39	41	4-12	0-0	4-12	7-13	1-2	+10.4
Cheltenham	15-85	18	1-14	3-12	1-22	10-35	0-2	+13.6
Plumpton	14-105	13	2-26	0-2	5-34	7-36	0-7	-22.9
Newton Abbot	14-178	8	4-47	0-7	4-61	6-54	0-9	-86.6
Southwell	13-95	14	2-14	1-4	5-41	4-29	1-7	-3.9
Taunton	12-139	9	0-35	2-5	8-59	2-26	0-14	-57.8
Huntingdon	11-57	19	2-6	1-3	3-24	5-21	0-3	-11.9
Stratford	11-78	14	3-22	1-4	5-26	1-21	1-5	-4.3
Ludlow	10-52	19	4-15	0-0	3-16	3-15	0-6	+26.4
Towcester	10-52	19	2-9	1-3	4-16	2-18	1-6	-21.
Chepstow	10-107	9	1-32	0-3	6-26	2-38	1-8	-49.3
Wetherby	9-37	<u>.</u> 24	2-10	2-4	2-10	2-10	1-3	5.6
Market Rasen	9-45	20	1-4	<del></del> 1-1	2-18	3-18	2-4	-16.0
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Warwick	8-47	17		1-4	2-16	3-16	1-2	-13.2
Exeter	8-119	7	2-58	2-5	2-36	2-14	0-6	-86.2
Sandown	5-22	23	0-1	0-0	1-6	4-15	0-0	+9.0
Newbury	5-35	14	0-8	0-0	5-13	0-13	0-1	-1.8
Hereford	5-46	11	0-9	0-0	1-16	2-14	2-7	-15.4
Cartmel	4-21	19	2-6	0-1	1-7	1-7	0-0	-5.
Doncaster	4-28	14	0-7	1-2	3-12	0-6	0-1	-11.0
Aintree	4-30	13	1-2	0-2	1-9	2-14	0-3	+10.5
Lingfield	4-33	12	1-5	0-1	1-8	2-19	0-0	+21.0
Kempton	4-54	7	1-16	0-3	1-16	2-12	0-7	+11.0
Ascot	3-24	13	0-5	0-0	1-7	2-10	0-2	-9.
Folkestone	3-27	11	0-4	0-0	2-7	1-14	0-2	+2.3
Bangor-On-Dee	3-51	6	1-16	0-3	2-18	0-11	0-3	-40.
Newcastle	2-5	40	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-2	 1-1	+2.2
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Leicester	2-18	11		0-0	2-6	0-8	0-0	-1.1
Wolverhampton (AW)	1-3	33	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	+8.0
Musselburgh	1-5	20	0-3	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	-1.(
Perth	1-5	20	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-0	-2.9
Catterick	1-5	20	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	-3.3
Lingfield (AW)	1-11	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-11	-7.
Carlisle	1-11	9	1-3	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-3	-9.7
(elso	0-2	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-2.0
Southwell (AW)	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	-2.0
	0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	 -3.0
Kempton (AW)	0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-4	-4.0
Haydock	0-6	0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-0	-6.0
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### STABLE TOUR PHILIP HOBBS

UMP RACING'S Mr Consistency was his habitually consistent self last season, achieving the annual objective of a century of winners and a million pounds in prize-money with plenty to spare and taking his timehonoured place in the top five of the table.

More of the same? No-one would bet a penny against it, although the reliable final-day finesse of Menorah will be absent following that star's retirement. There is a new star now, the Champion Hurdle prospect Defi Du Seuil, whose unbeaten progress towards Cheltenham glory last season turned, in the words of Hobbs himself, a decent season into a great one.

The four-year-old will form the arrowpoint of the cavalry charge this season, backed up by high-class handicappers Garde La Victoire, Rock The Kasbah and Village Vic, together with his likely replacement Gumball, who has yet to bite off more than he can chew in juvenile company. Behind these are a multitude of promising young horses -Hobbs's Sandhill yard being in a phase of first growth, with novices and bumper prospects aplenty, including the intriguing Jerrysback, Perform, Robbin' Hannon and Wait For Me.

Followers of the yard's fortunes can take heart from a 20 per cent strike-rate - higher than that in novice grade - and the efficiencies of the multiple champion jockey Richard Johnson, whose consistency mirrors that of his long-time

Like many of his fellow trainers, Hobbs is simply waiting patiently for the rain to arrive, to ease the ground for his former point-to-pointers and big, strong chasing types, to help push his monthly return of winners into double figures as it has been in November, December and January for the last four seasons. The rain will come; it's inevitable. So is another successful season for Hobbs. **Interview by Steve Dennis** 

### **Action Replay**

Six-year-old gelding Milan (sire) - Mary Connors (dam) Owner: JP McManus Form figures: 5642-Racing Post Rating: 118 Official rating 120 Big, strong horse who'll be seen

in a better light when he goes over fences, but I think he'll win over hurdles before he tries novice chasing. He's only run over 2m to date but when he learns to settle better he'll be effective over further, and he goes on easy ground.

### **Allee Bleue**

7g Mount Nelson - Murrieta Andrew L Cohen RPR 115 OR 133

Soft ground suits him very well. His jumping has been fantastic at home and it was very good on his chasing debut at Uttoxeter until he hit one the longer trip probably didn't play to his strengths and I'll drop him back in distance. His ideal race would probably

## Jumping's Mr Consistency all set for another glorious season

### STABLE PROFILE

- >> Yard Sandhill Stables
- **Where** Bilbrook, Somerset
- >> Started training August
- >> Horses in yard 108 boxes
- >> Members of staff 40
- Assistant trainers Johnson White, Chris Davies
- >> Head grooms Liz Welsh, Carol Burnett
- >> Travelling head grooms Seanie Mulcaire, Natalie Parker
- >> Jockeys Richard Johnson, Tom O'Brien, Micheal Nolan, James Best, Conor Smith
- >> Conditionals Sean Houlihan, Tom Cheesman
- **Amateurs** Jake Bament. Stefan Kirkwan, Nick Lawton, Natalie Parker, David Maxwell

>>PA Jo Cody-Boutcher, Diana Hobbs

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### **Winners in Britain** 2016-17

2016-17	111
2015-16	113
2014-15	102
2013-14	106

### Profit/loss to £1 stake

-£92.03	2016-17
-£64.73	2015-16
-£80.06	2014-15
+£21.37	2013-14
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Prize-money 2016-17 £1,502,991

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### Awake At Midnight

5g Midnight Legend - Wakeful Mrs Charles Lloyd-Baker

RPR 91 OR -

Out of a sister to Grade 1 winner Planet Of Sound, he's shown decent form in bumpers and will go straight over hurdles now. He's big and strong and one day he'll make a lovely chaser.

### Ballotin

6g Enrique - Orphee De Vonnas David Maxwell Racing Ltd 1550-31

RPR 145 OR 139

Came from France this summer and is a straightforward type who has won bumpers, over hurdles and over fences. He made a great start in England when winning the Bobby Renton at Wetherby last week and he'll be a good vehicle for his enthusiastic owner-rider David Maxwell, one of the

true Corinthians of the sport, in handicap chases at around 2m4f. He's won too much prize-money to be eligible for hunter chases this year, but David has others for that sphere.

### **Ballygown Bay**

4g Flemensfirth - Star Shuil Mrs Joanna Peppiatt 33-3

RPR 103 OR

Ran a good race at Warwick on his hurdling debut and is a nice horse who could well find a lot of improvement when tried at a longer trip – 2m4f might be the next step for him.

### **Barbrook Star**

5g Getaway - Fille De Robin Mrs B Hitchcock 490-3

RPR 101 OR -

Disappointed in bumpers after a promising debut, but ran a decent race on his hurdling debut when stepped up to 2m5f back on good ground. He's a bit backward and needs more time really, so I won't be in a hurry with him this season.

### Beau Du Brizais

5g Kapgarde - Belle Du Brizais Mrs RJ Skan 1-F742F

RPR 112 OR 122

Has won twice over hurdles and jumped well on his debut over fences at Huntingdon last week until taking a tired fall at the last. He's fine after that and will continue in novice chases.

### Bertie Boru

10g Brian Boru - Sleeven Lady Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd 5UP133-

RPR 139 OR 127

Grand old horse who would have won plenty more races if only his jumping was a bit better; I suppose he's a bit old to make improvement on that front. He qualifies for veterans' chases now and that'll be his game when there's cut in the ground – they're a great innovation but they are very competitive as a result, so it won't be easy for him.

### **Book Direct**

6g Kayf Tara - Sinnaja Brocade Racing

RPR 115 OR 124

A pelvic injury brought a premature end to last season, but he's fine now and has done well over the summer. He won't be running until we get more rain – plenty of mine are ready to go as soon as conditions are suitable – and will probably stick to hurdles at around 2m4f before going over fences next season.

### **Bradford Bridge**

5g Milan - Isis Du Berlais Brocade Racing 32463-P It didn't go right for him on his chasing debut – he slipped going to the first, jumped slowly after that and just lost his confidence. I haven't schooled him since then but I'm sure he'll be all right, and he will probably mix it up over hurdles and fences at around 2m4f.

### Casper King

6g Scorpion - Princess Supreme The Brushmakers 21194-5 RPR 129 OR 127

I was pleased with his reappearance at Fontwell, where he was in second place at the final flight but didn't get home up the hill on ground that would have been a bit quick. He'll wait for soft ground now and may go novice

chasing before much longer

when 2m4f should suit him.

### Chef D'Equipe

5g Presenting - Millesimee David Maxwell Racing Ltd 2P52-21

RPR 117 OR 122

Won over fences at Auteuil on his last start in France in June, but has a lower mark over hurdles so I might try to exploit that in a handicap before he mose back over fences in novi handicaps. He wouldn't want it too soft and I'll probably start him over 2m4f, although he'll want further than that as he progresses. He'd also make a nice hunter chaser for his owner should he want to go down that road.

### DARK HORSE

### **Casterly Rock**

5g King's Theatre Alderbrook Girl Diana Whateley & Tim Syder

RPR 109 OR -

I'd been really pleased with him at home but he was so disappointing on his debut in a bumper and there seemed no reason for it. Thankfully he did much better on his hurdling debut and he'll be a potentially nice horse in 2m novices this season. He looks better in himself after a good summer and should improve.

### Contented

4g Dalakhani - Leo's Spirit Highclere Thoroughbred Racing

RPR 110b

A smart-looking, well-bred type bought at the Goffs Aintree sale in April, he's had one run in a bumper in Ireland and will go straight into novice hurdles at 2m. I'm pleased with his progress so far.

### Copper Kay

7m Kayf Tara - Presenting Copper Aiden Murphy & Alan Peterson 32121-4

RPR 116 OR 132 She was a bit too careful in the early stages on her chasing debut but got better as the race went on, so that was



In the last three seasons Philip Hobbs has a 25% strike-rate in hurdle races at Newton Abbot (14-56 for a £1 level-stakes profit of £10.07.) He achieves the best profits at the track in handicaps (8-33;  $\pm$ £16.50) and Micheal Nolan is 2-2 for him in such races

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encouraging and she'll improve for the experience. It was the obvious race to start her in, but it was very competitive for a mares' novice - there were six horses rated 133 or above and there'll be easier races to find. She goes on any ground and 2m4f is her trip.

### **Costly Dream**

5g Yeats - What Price Love Trevor Hemmings

RPR 94b

I quite like him, I think he'll show plenty of improvement when he goes over hurdles, which he will do over 2m4f when the ground is suitable. The going was dreadful for his bumper at Haydock and although he was a little disappointing I don't take it at face value.

### **Crooks Peak**

4g Arcadio - Ballcrina Girl Andy Tilley

I like him a lot and thought he'd run well at Newton Abbot, we all quite fancied him, but I didn't think he'd make it look that easy, winning by six lengths. It was a very good start and now he'll go novice hurdling – he has plenty of pace so 2m will be fine to start

### **Dostal Phil**

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4g Coastal Path - Quiphile JP McManus RPR - OR -

Won a three-year-old bumper in France last year and is a lovely horse who jumps very nicely. He'll start off in 2m novice hurdles.

### **Duke Des Champs**

7g Robin Des Champs -Ballycowan Lady Diana Whateley & Tim Syder

RPR 142 OR 139

He missed all last season with an injured tendon and although he's back in now he won't be on a racecourse until

Christmas at the earliest when he'll try novice chasing. He did well over hurdles and is a big, strong type who will hopefully do very well over fences – he will want 3m over fences and goes very well on soft ground.

### **For Good Measure**

6g King's Theatre - Afdala JP McManus 225290-

RPR 140 OR 137

He's Balthazar King's brother and is a very similar sort,

Philip Hobbs on the gallops at his Sandhill Racing Stables; (below) second lot exercise up the Polytrack

tough and genuine, although he achieved more over hurdles than his big brother did. He went up 10lb in the weights without winning last season and ran some good races, and will now go straight over fences. Hopefully fences will

### STAR OUALITY

### Defi Du Seuil

4g Voix Du Nord - Quarvine Du Seuil JP McManus 111111-RPR 150 OR 157

Made a decent season for us a great season – it's a long time since I trained a horse to win seven races on the trot and he's a very exciting prospect for this term. My only concern is that he's rated 157, which isn't Champion Hurdle class, but he did win his races quite easily from what was probably a slightly below-par bunch of juveniles, so hopefully he has the scope to rate more highly against better opposition. He's certainly a lot better than my other two Triumph Hurdle winners, and of course the Champion Hurdle is the target despite five-yearolds not having a great record in the race. I'll take it race by race, but the plan is to start in the four-yearold hurdle at Cheltenham at the weekend, and then make a decision between the Fighting Fifth and the International for the next step. He's won on soft ground and on drying ground - somewhere in between is probably his preferred surface but he'll go in most conditions and there's no need to think about whether he stays further than 2m while he's winning races and the Champion is still the target. He looks very well after his summer holiday and I can't wait to get him going again.

bring further improvement and he's an out-and-out stayer - 3m, 3m-plus - who wouldn't want the ground too soft.

### **Gaelic Prince**

5g Martaline - Gaelic Jane Diana Whateley & Tim Syden Unraced

He's an enormous horse, a halfbrother to a Grade 3 winner in



Sum up last season in one word . . .

'Great'

### **Garde La Victoire**

8g Kapgarde - Next Victory Mrs Diana Whateley 12318-2 RPR 165 OR 156

Isn't the easiest horse to place off his mark and there wasn't a race for him in Britain this month, so we took him to Auteuil for a conditions hurdle and he ran a very good race over what was basically 2m4f. I did have doubts about his stamina but I have fewer now, and he did win at that trip at Cheltenham as a novice. Richard [Johnson] says that he's most effective over 2m or 2m2f when ridden very positively, so his next target will be the Haldon Gold Cup as that fits the bill nicely – he was only beaten a short head in the race last year. Good to soft is probably his ground although he has won on heavy.

France who has the potential to be very nice. He's been a bit backward but he's ready to go when we get a bit of give in the ground, and will go straight into novice hurdles.

### Gala Ball

7g Flemensfirth - Nuit Des Chartreux Robert & Janet Gibbs 2/23122-RPR 149 OR 145

Big, strong horse who has been very consistent but probably won't find life so easy now he has to go handicapping. He'll probably start off over 2m and might go further, but the 2m4f division is a harder scene than the 2m division, which has a smaller pool of horses, so hopefully he'll prove best suited by the minimum trip and will be able to run in those good, valuable handicaps. Whatever the trip, he'll need soft ground.

### **Gertie Getaway**

5m Getaway - Aroseforclare Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd

RPR 89 OR -

Showed promise in a bumper and on her debut over hurdles in July, has had a break and will be back in the yard fairly soon. Has a good attitude to the job and should win races.

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### STABLE TOUR PHILIP HOBBS

### 'Tough Gumball has the qualities you want to see in a juvenile hurdler'

>>From page 3

### Hardness

4g Makfi - Hideaway Andy Tilley & Phil Prior Unraced over hurdles Flat form 0/53033-Ran six times on the Flat in France but is still a bit backward and has needed time, but he's a tough sort who should do well in novice hurdles this season. He'll start off at 2m but he'll need further as time goes on.

### Hello George

8g Westerner - Top Ar Aghaidh M St Quinton/C Hellyer/M Strong RPR 132 OR 130

A grandson of Stayers' Hurdle winner Shuil Ar Aghaidh. He has been quite fragile over the years but is free of issues at the moment, although we won't be taking any risks with him on the wrong ground - he'll only run where there's cut. He will probably start off in a longdistance handicap hurdle but will be going novice chasing before too long.

### **Ice Cool Champs**

6g Robin Des Champs - Last Of Many West Coast Haulage Ltd 213-RPR 123 OR 122

Out of a half-sister to Shotgun Willy and Mini Sensation, he's a big, strong horse with a good attitude. There's a chance he'll start off in a handicap hurdle but it won't be long before he

### DARK HORSE

### Jerrysback

5g Jeremy - Get A Few Bob JP McManus RPR 129 OR 139

Potentially a very nice horse for novice chases. A big, strong type with a lovely attitude, he won a point-to-point by ten lengths for Wilson Dennison and was an easy winner of two novice hurdles for us, and now when there's a bit of cut in the ground he'll go straight over fences, probably starting at 2m4f but he'll stav further.

goes over fences, and when he does it'll be from 2m4f to 3m.

9g Heron Island - Catchers Day

RPR 159c 154h OR 146c 153h Suffered a tendon injury after running at Wetherby a year ago and missed the rest of the season, but he's absolutely fine now although he remains a difficult horse to place. He doesn't seem to like fences and his jumping just isn't good enough, so he'll stay over hurdles and probably try his luck in long-distance handicaps – he was third in

He's won on heavy ground but acts on good to soft as well. If In Doubt



the right way.

6g Kayf Tara - My Adventure Louisville Syndicate 1/3132-1 RPR 142 OR 138

the Pertemps Final in 2016 -

I'm A Game Changer

5g Arcadio - Drinadali

Paul & Clare Rooney

3114-65 RPR 137 OR 133

stay at 2m.

25512-5

Katy P

PE Atkinson

31-2141

RPR 137 OR 128

over 2m and 2m4f.

5m Åsk - Kingara

RPR 127 OR 128

Imperial Presence

won't be easy.

although off a mark of 153 life

Ran well in his first two starts

over hurdles this season and will be going chasing at some

stage. He can be quite keen in

his races, has a lot of nervous

6g  $\bar{\text{P}}$ resenting - Penneyrose Bay

ground so he's having a break

campaign in handicap chases

Had a successful summer over

doesn't want to be running on

winter ground so she's having

some time off and will be back

well give chasing a try. She's a

progressive mare who's going

in the spring, when she may

hurdles, but is another who

and will come back for a spring

Sir Christopher & Lady Wates

Doesn't act on really soft

energy, so at the moment he'll

He's a big horse who was bred by Richard Johnson. We've taken time with him - he goes very well on very soft ground, he copes with it a lot better than most horses do – and he made a successful debut over fences at Newton Abbot in the mud at the start of the month. He can go straight into handicaps now, open handicaps are a possibility or

there aren't too many runners, and I'm hopeful he'll show

**Keep Moving** 5g Linda's Lad - Keeping Gold The Country Side 4/554D5-

Has been a little disappointing but hopefully we can see some improvement this season. He's still a maiden so perhaps we can make the most of his novice status this year – he's effective over 2m but I'm sure he'll stay further and he copes well with soft ground.

### Lamb Or Cod

10g Old Vic - Princess Lizzie Terry Warner 1P0P4-P RPR 146 OR 131

reappearance but I'll put that down to the going – he needs really good ground to show his best – and the next step is likely to be a veterans' chase at

MJ Tuckey

Aintree. Little Miss Poet 5m Yeats - R De Rien Sivola

ground.

**Lord Duveen** 

6/21221-

ground.

3/281-

Longtown

Trevor Hemmings

RPR 127 OR 123

RPR 122 OR 121

Progressive mare who was

not suited by having to make

the running at Sedgefield the

time before last. She ought to

then we'll see which way to go

– 2m is her trip at the moment

jump fences but she'll run in

a handicap hurdle first and

and she seems to act on any

6g Scorpion - Desirable Asset

Nice horse with potential

who'll go straight over fences,

possibly in a novice handicap.

If the ground is soft he'd be

likely stay further on faster

better around 2m4f, but he'll

4g Doyen - Afdala Lesley Field, Caren Walsh, Linda Cognet & Jules Sigler Unraced Half-brother to Balthazar

King and For Good Measure who looks the part and will hopefully make up into a nice off in a novice hurdle at Exeter tomorrow.

### Louis' Vac Pouch

5g Oscar - Coming Home The Vacuum Pouch Company Ltd 41F11-6 RPR 137 OR 132

Progressive sort in novices and handicaps last season and ran a good race in the Silver Trophy at Chepstow on his reappearance, only beaten a couple of lengths in a tight finish. If all goes to plan he'll continue in handicap hurdles

### STAR QUALITY

### **Gumball**

3g No Risk At All - Good Time Girl Terry Warner 3-11 RPR 135 OR

Beat nothing at Stratford on his debut for us but is probably easier to assess on the strength of his eight-length defeat of a previous winner at Chepstow last time out. He's very sound, very tough, just what you want to see in a juvenile hurdler, and he should continue to improve. It's too early to say whether he can come up to the standard of Defi Du Seuil but we'll keep giving him experience and see how far he can go -next stop could be Wetherby for a Listed race or maybe Cheltenham at the November meeting.

this season, 2m4f, 2m6f, that sort of trip, and he isn't ground-dependent.

### Majestic Touch

6g Kalanisi - Alexander Divine  $N\,Sutton$ 8/20/62-1 RPR 117 OR 119

Lightly raced and progressive, he'll jump fences one day but may stay over hurdles this season. He can run in novices but you're more likely to see him in handicap company at 2m.

### **Mance Rayder**

4g Flemensfirth - J'y Viens Mrs Diana Whateley



Vango De Vaige is put through his paces by Tom O'Brien



maybe novice handicaps where further improvement.

RPR 113 OR 106

Was very disappointing on his



### HORSE TO FOLLOW **Paul Kealy**

### **Jerrysback**

A ten-length point winner in October last year, Jerrysback ran just twice over hurdles, winning both races at long odds-on, but was deliberately kept away from the big festivals. He would probably hack up in a handicap hurdle off a mark of 139, but the fact connections are wasting no time going over fences with a horse so young tells you they think he has a real future over fences. I doubt the likes of Cheltenham/Aintree will be off the agenda this term.

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(Main picture) First lot walk to the gallops; (left) Hobbs in discussion with his assistant Johnson White (right) and stable jockey Richard Johnson; (below left) Johnson schools Copper Kay (right) with Bacchanel (Tom Cheeseman)

RPR 98b

Out of a half-sister to Grade 1 winner J'y Vole, this is a very big horse who was very green last season and did well to win his bumper first time out. That was on soft ground and obviously he copes with it, but he wouldn't have to have it, and he'll be running in 2m4f novice hurdles. Hopefully he'll make up into a nice staying chaser one day.

### Master Work

4g Network - Mascarpone BK Peppiatt & DR Peppiatt

RPR 100 OR -

Made a very good start to his career when staying on well to win a novice hurdle at Exeter despite naturally running a bit green. One day he'll jump fences but he'll spend the season over hurdles at around 2m4f.

### **Mendip Express**

11g King's Theatre - Mulberry David Maxwell Racing Ltd 3/32952-

RPR 154 OR 134

Lovely old boy who gives his owner-rider a great thrill in the top hunter chases – he's run at Cheltenham, Aintree and Punchestown for the last two seasons and that will be the plan again. The rules have been altered so he can run in handicaps before going back to hunter chases, so I'll aim him at the Becher Chase at Aintree in December in which he was runner-up three years ago.

### **Midnight Glory**

5m Midnight Legend - Land Of Glory Mrs LR Lovell 2/58153RPR 114 OR 113

Nice mare with a good attitude who will hopefully be able to win a handicap off her current mark. She needs 3m and copes well with soft ground – she'll jump fences one day but will stick to hurdles at the moment.

### Miss Mobot

7m Midnight Legend - Fleur De Nikos *Mrs Jane Walter* 13-2232 *RPR* 126 OR 127

Not the biggest mare but very consistent, stays very well and likes top-of-the-ground so she's another who'll be having a break over the winter. If the ground is suitable there's a mares' handicap hurdle at Wincanton on Badger Ales day before she has some time off.

### Motueka

5g King's Theatre - Tchouina Mrs Diana Whateley 443-RPR 98b

Showed some ability in bumpers and will go straight over hurdles now, probably at Worcester on Wednesday, and a step up to 2m4f might bring

nprovement

### **Musical Slave**

4g Getaway - Inghwung JP McManus

RPR 107b

A big, strong stayer in the making who acquitted himself well in a bumper at the Punchestown festival on his debut. He was rather green then and he's still quite green now, but he'll improve on that front and will hopefully do well in novice hurdles this term. Has enough pace for 2m

but will certainly stay 2m4f.

### New Millennium

4c Galileo - Banquise D Symondson & Mrs L Roper 364-9 RPR 101 OR 107

Has taken time to strengthen up and looks a lot better now than he did, but ran a dreadful race on his reappearance in handicap company and I can't find a reason for it. He's very keen and needs to learn to settle, but I'll see how he is for a couple of weeks before thinking about running him again.

### No Comment

6g Kayf Tara - Dizzy Frizzy JP McManus 111722-RPR 147 OR 145

Improved for a step up to 3m when runner-up in valuable handicap hurdles at Aintree and Punchestown last spring, so although he has the speed for shorter trips he's clearly a useful stayer in the making. He'll go straight into novice chases over 3m and is a good prospect. Has won on soft ground and we like him.

### Onefitzall

7g Indian Danehill - Company Credit Mick Fitzgerald Racing Club 134/215-RPR 138 OR 137

Not the most robust of horses – he's run only three times in each of the last two seasons – but he does have ability and won a valuable handicap hurdle at the Hennessy meeting last year. I'll start him off in a 2m4f handicap hurdle at Aintree and see how he goes, with the option of switching

him to novice chases before too much longer.

### **Ozzie The Oscar** 6g Oscar - Private Official

John Simpson & Nicky Martin 1P430-5
RPR 140 OR 138
Ran the race of his life when beaten two necks behind Arctic Fire in the County Hurdle, but was a bit disappointing in the Welsh Champion Hurdle at Ffos Las last Saturday, on ground that was probably too soft, and he's likely to go novice chasing now. He doesn't want extremes of ground and

### Perform

2m is his trip.

8g King's Theatre - Famous Lady Merry Old Souls 5/1/64-

RPR 136 OR 132 Has plenty of talent but has

been a very frustrating horse to train – he's nearly nine years old and has only run four times. He's a big horse and has had a succession of stupid, minor injuries that has kept holding him up, but he's had a clear run through the summer and actually looks better than he's done before. On the limited evidence available he prefers decent ground and hopefully he can do well in 3m novice chases. You never know, this might be his season.

### Persian Snow

11g Anshan - Alpine Message David Maxwell Racing Ltd 7963/11-RPR 142 OR 130 Like the aforementioned

Like the aforementioned Mendip Express, he'll be running in hunter chases over 2m4f or so in the second half of the season, but before that I'll aim him at the Grand Sefton Chase at Aintree in December –he's jumped round there before and ran well.

### Pointed And Sharp

5g Scorpion - Leamybe Tony Staple & George Giles 5-6 RPR 83 OR -Ran a very satisfactory on his debut in a Kemp

Ran a very satisfactory race on his debut in a Kempton bumper, and didn't have the best of experiences at Newton Abbot on his reappearance when he slipped up on the way down to the start. In the race itself he was very keen but ran all the way to the final bend before dropping away. If he learns to settle better he could be all right.

### Poppy Kay

7m Kayf Tara - Double Red Aiden Murphy & Alan Peterson 1/41P12-RPR 127 OR 129

Came back in later than most of the others and won't be out for a while, but she was a progressive mare in handicap hurdles last season and could win another hurdle before running in mares' novice chases over 2m and 2m4f. She goes well in the mud.

### Pyrios

4g Heliostatic - Nuance Tartare Merry Old Souls 6-4 RPR 91b

Showed ability at Warwick in his second bumper and I expect him to show improvement when he goes over hurdles in the near future. He'll start off over 2m and should stay

further.

Resolution Bay
5g Presenting - Parthenia

### STAR QUALITY

### **Rock The Kasbah**

7g Shirocco - Impudent Mrs Diana Whateley 24126-1 RPR 152 OR 149

Winning first time out will have done his confidence a lot of good - he lost it a couple of times last season, and he does need to relax more in his races – and it does seem that he shows his best form at Chepstow, because he's won his last three races there. I'm tempted to not run him again until the Welsh National - he loves the track, has won there on soft ground, and his close-up sixth in the bet365 Gold Cup in April suggests that he'll get the trip – although he could run in an intermediate chase at Sandown next month.

Mrs Diana Whateley 5F1-523 RPR 128 OR 128

Has probably gone as far as he can in handicap hurdles off his current rating so the next step is to send him over fences, although horses rated between 120 and 130 have no chance in level-weight races because there'll always be something rated 140+ taking them on. He'll go into novice handicaps, starting today at Plumpton over 2m4f – good ground suits him best.

### Robbin' Hannon

6g Robin Des Champs - Culleen Lady The Mount Fawcus Partnership 112-1 RPR 144 OR 142

The ground was plenty quick enough for him at Worcester last month, because he's a proper stamp of a horse who'll be seen to best effect over 3m on soft ground, but he did it well enough and, as he's still a novice, will have one more run over hurdles at Cheltenham on Saturday before he goes chasing. He won a point-topoint in Ireland and he could be a nice horse this year.

### Rolling Dylan

6g Indian River - Easter Saturday Miss ID Du Pre 3/212P2-RPR 131 OR 132

Progressive sort who is very effective on soft ground and stays very well, so I'm hoping he'll be worth watching in

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### STABLE TOUR PHILIP HOBBS

### Regatta can hopefully win another big race'

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novice handicap chases over 3m this winter. He won't run in a handicap hurdle first, he'll go straight over fences, probably at Worcester on Wednesday.

### Roll The Dough

8g Definite Article - High Dough The Kingpins 11/45-34 RPR 121 OR 114 Did well over hurdles a couple of seasons ago but failed to live up to that form over fences last season owing to an issue with his breathing. That has hopefully been sorted out and he ran well at Wincanton last week, although he did jump rather carefully, and he will hopefully show improvement over a longer trip on ground

### **Royal Village**

with a bit of cut.

Etoile Margot 5g Scorpion -R Triple H 3221-15 RPR 128 OR 127

A half-brother to the popular Village Vic who showed good form on good ground in novice company last season. The going is important to his chances and he'll have a break through the winter and be back in spring when he could run in staying handicap hurdles before going novice chasing.

### Samburu Shujaa

4g Poliglote - Girelle Robert & Janet Gibbs

RPR 104b

Named after a Kenyan tribe, he's a very big horse who ran well in a bumper on his final start of the year and should do well in novice hurdles at around 2m4f. He seems to handle soft ground well enough and one day he'll hopefully make a lovely chaser.

### Scoop The Pot

7g Mahler - Miss Brecknell JP McManus P/F5-131 RPR 131 OR 126

Has always shown ability, won another handicap hurdle at Wincanton last week, and will probably go novice chasing now over staying trips.

### Sgroppino

5g Getaway - Boadicea Louisville Syndicate II Named after a boozy Italian

### STAR QUALITY

**Royal Regatta** 9g King's Theatre - Friendly

Mrs Lesley Field & Mrs Eileen Murphy 3/51P3P RPR 161 OR 154 Hard to place off his mark so tends to take his chance in big races at around 2m4f and the policy paid off when he won a Grade 2 at Ascot, where he does

tend to run well in the small fields they often have. He is probably better off in handicaps, though, and he'll kick off in the Old Roan Chase at Aintree, in which he was fifth last year. I'm sure he'll pick up plenty of prize-money this season and hopefully he can win another big one.



ice-cream cocktail and ran well in his first bumper but was very disappointing next time. However he scoped badly after that so at least there was a reason. Will go novice hurdling now and is a nice horse who should win races.

### **Show On The Road**

6g Flemensfirth - Roses Of RM Penny 251/ RPR 113b Missed all last season with a bone problem but is ready to start again and will go straight into novice hurdles

over 2m, although he is a bit

keen and needs to learn to

### **Sneaky Feeling**

settle better.

5g Oscar - Shuil Aris Syder, Whateley, Murphy, Burke 43181-

RPR 136 OR 135 A promising sort who looked really good when winning at Newbury and Sandown, although he can get quite worked up before his races. His future lies over fences and

2m4f is his trip, although he'll stay further in time, but he'll keep going in handicap hurdles for the time being and he does go well when the ground's on the soft side.

### Springtown Lake

5g Gamut - Sprightly Gal Tim Syder

RPR 122 OR -

No reason emerged for his disappointing effort on his debut for us, but he put that behind him on his hurdling debut and should continue to improve. He'll be one for 2m4f novice hurdles on decent ground and probably runs at Worcester on Wednesday.

### **Steely Addition**

5g Craigsteel - Blond's Addition Step By Step RPR 117 OR 116

Ran a nice race on his hurdling debut, when he was chasing the winner when coming down at the second-last. Has attitude to the job and will jump fences, but will hopefully

### **Strong Pursuit**

win over hurdles first.

7g Flemensfirth - Loughaderra Tim Syder 1/611P2-RPR 138 OR 139

He's out of a sister to Strong Promise and is himself a big, strong horse with plenty of ability, although he is prone to racing keenly and needs to learn to settle a little better. He stays well and will be one for

### STAR QUALITY

### Sternrubin

6g Authorized - Sworn Mum Terry Warner P30/150-

RPR 148 OR 143 Has been running and

winning on the Flat this summer and has also schooled well over fences, so that will be his job when the ground is suitable. He has a tendency to go to the right so I'll have to keep him to right-handed tracks and there's a race for him at Exeter tomorrow. He appreciates a fair bit of cut in the ground and his ideal trip is probably 2m2f, but he's effective enough at 2m and will hopefully do well



### Rival to watch

'Buveur D'Air, I suppose, last season's **Champion Hurdle** winner and owned like Defi Du Seuil by JP McManus'

3m novice chases. He goes well on easy ground.

### St Saviour

5g Danehill Dancer - Titivation Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - St Saviour

13-3335

RPR 130 OR 127

He's actually out of a halfsister to Attraction but he's been doing okay over hurdles, although he doesn't want soft ground and will be having a winter break after running at Cheltenham on Friday.

### **Three Faces West**

9g Dr Massini - Ardnataggle Paul & Clare Rooney 221/P11-

RPR 160 OR 147

Had a little problem that kept him off through the second half of the season, but he's a talented horse when the ground is soft and he'll be running in some good staying handicap chases – I'm not sure a big field suits him, he doesn't like to be crowde I'll keep that in mind and I'm confident he'll win races this winter.

### **Tidal Flow**

4g Black Sam Bellamy - Mrs Philip Brocade Racing Unraced

Has been going nicely at home and is ready for a run; he'll start off in a bumper, and wouldn't want the ground too fast.

### Vango De Vaige

4g Great Pretender - Yellow Park

Martin Short

RPR 77 OR -

Big, strong horse who ran very green on his debut in a bumper - there's plenty of room for improvement and he'll know more next time.

### Verni

8g Sabrehill - Nobless D'Aron Paul & Clare Rooney 31/1212-

RPR 139 OR 139

Has plenty of ability and not that many miles on the clock; he turned in a very good performance when second in the Martin Pipe at the festival and will stay over hurdles for the time being. He is rising nine though, so at some point this season we'll try him over fences – he has the speed for 2m but stays 2m4f, and is well suited by soft ground.

### **Victarion**

5g Scorpion - Gaye Preskina Mrs Diana Whateley

RPR 112b

Might have been a little unlucky not to win a bumper last season, but he'll go straight into novice hurdles over 2m4f. possibly slightly further, and he copes very well with testing conditions.

### **Vieux Lille**

7g Robin Des Champs - Park Athlete Louisville Syndicate III 1/4324P-RPR 140 OR 132 He has been a bit frustrating Racing Post Monday, October 23, 2017







(Main picture) Second lot exercise up the Polytrack against the backdrop of the Somerset countryside; (top right) horses are washed down after working; (right) Hobbs with his Champion Hurdle hope Defi Du Seuil and groom Izzy Stadden

STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17									
	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	1,453	307	232	166	748	21		-280.08	-19%
Hcap hdl	1,597	216	197	169	1,015	14		-228.10	-14%
Non-hcp chs	524	130	121	99	174	25		-102.71	-20%
Hcp chs	1,669	235	211	202	1,021	14		-166.84	-10%
Hunter chs	42	10	10	5	17	24		-20.10	-48%
NH Flat	442	81	81	53	227	18		-63.62	-14%
Totals	5,727	979	852	694	3,202	17		-861.45	-15%

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<b>JOCKEYS</b>				:
		Per	£1 level	i
	W-R	cent	stake	•
Richard Johnson	615-3080	20	-192.58	i
Tom O'Brien	171-1171	15	-234.50	÷
Rhys Flint	32-248	13	-83.46	i
James Best	24-211	11	-47.33	i
Micheal Nolan	17-146	12	-50.06	i
Ciaran Gethings	15-103	15	-35.93	i
Giles Hawkins	13-106	12	-32.02	:
Barry Geraghty	10-27	37	-2.49	i
Thomas Cheesma	n 8-88	9	-21.75	:
Mr David Maxwe	ll 6-18	33	-0.31	i
Matt Griffiths	5-47	11	-13.47	:
Liam Heard	4-24	17	-7.00	i

FIRST TIME OUT							
	W-R		£1 level stake				
Non-hcp Hdl	69-354	20	-89.55				
Hcp Hdl	48-328	15	-13.94				
Non-hcp Chs	25-102	25	-28.99				
Hcp Chs	41-289	14	-6.68				
NH Flat	40-250	16	-40.15				

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**COURSES** 

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	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	106-582	18	-109.88
February	86-529	16	-156.44
March	115-753	15	-167.67
April	125-689	18	+4.72
May	65-378	17	-57.51
June	23-159	15	-51.59
July	17-147	12	-47.29
August	27-138	20	+16.84
September	28-192	15	-80.05
October	124-643	19	-64.07
November	137-802	17	-107.77
December	126-715	18	-40.74

MONTHLY RREAKDOWN

FAVOURI'	res		
	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	189-392	48	-8.21
Hcp Hdl	92-341	27	-24.21
Non-hcp Chs	81-186	44	-21.76
Hcp Chs	84-346	24	-47.24
NH Flat	39-109	36	-8.32

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Number of horses racing for the stable 648; total winning prize-money 8,014,688.99

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Newcastle

### STAR QUALITY

### Village Vic

10g Old Vic - Etoile Margot Alan Peterson 2320P-F RPR 164 OR 158

Has been a wonderful horse for the yard but is obviously not getting any younger and he isn't easy to place off a mark of 158 – he took a heavy fall at Chepstow the othe

fall at Chepstow the other day but is perfectly all right. My line of thinking is about stepping him up to 3m, and there are a couple of reasons for doing that – he's never tried the trip before, so it may well bring about a little improvement, and he'd probably find it easier to dominate a race run at a slightly slower speed because he could have his own way out in front.



really. The ability is there but his jumping hasn't been that great. It means that he's still a novice over fences this season, which gives him options, and if he gets his jumping sorted out he can win in decent company. Soft ground is what he wants and he stays 3m and will stay further.

### Vodka All The Way

5g Oscar - Fully Focused John Simpson & Nicky Martin 573-RPR 106b

Big horse who showed signs of ability in bumpers, and I'm hoping a switch to hurdles will bring further improvement. He doesn't want for stamina and will start off at 2m4f, and stay further.

### Waiheke

4f Black Sam Bellamy - Its Meant To Be *Mrs Sally White* 

5 RPR - ∩R -

I've been pleased with her at home and she ran well in a mares' race on her debut at Ffos Las last Saturday against more experienced opposition.

### **Wait For Me**

7g Saint Des Saints - Aulne River Andrew L Cohen 5091-21 RPR 133 OR -

I have had faith in him for a long time and it took a long time for that faith to be realised, but he won a good race well at Sandown on the last day of last season – the step up to 2m4f and the waiting tactics appeared to suit him well. He made a successful debut over fences last time out without jumping well – he was too careful at his fences – but it will have helped his confidence and hopefully he can progress from here. The next step might be 3m, carrying a penalty, and he probably wouldn't want the ground too soft.

### **War Sound**

8g Kayf Tara - Come The Dawn The Englands and Heywoods 1519/10/ RPR 147 OR 148

Former Swinton Hurdle winner who had to miss the whole of last season with a joint problem, which was a great shame as he's a very talented horse. He's back and doing well now, and he'll go straight over fences – he likes a bit of cut in the ground and

has plenty of pace so I'm not

looking any further than 2m.

### Westend Story

6g Westerner - Sarahall Mick Fitzgerald Racing Club 115/32B-RPR 121 OR 124 Fifth in the Cha

Fifth in the Champion Bumper in 2016 and I thought he'd be our best novice hurdler last season, but he was very disappointing. He's still a novice and he looks better in himself than he did at this time last year, so I hope he'll leave last season's form behind. He should be reasonably easy to place off a mark of 124, so I'll try him in handicaps and hope he lives up to his potential.

### Who's My Jockey

4g Yeats - Šcandisk Paul & Clare Rooney 1-3

RPR 113 OR -

A half-brother to the great
Hurricane Fly, he won his
bumper and then made a
promising start over hurdles
the other day, when the penny
took time to drop and he only
seemed to get the hang of
things on the run-in behind
what was probably a decent
winner. I might try him over
2m4f next and that might well
bring further improvement.

CHARLIE LONGSDON

'He's potentially a very nice horse and we might well aim him at the BetVictor Gold Cup'



### STABLE TOUR CHARLIE LONGSDON

HARLIE LONGSDON showed a handsome level-stakes profit in five of his first six seasons but nowadays punters need to be rather more discerning in order to come out in front.

The autumn and the spring tend to be more profitable than midwinter, and chasers show a better return than hurdlers, but there are good winners nevertheless in winter, and plenty of them are over hurdles.

There is a renewed emphasis on new blood this term, and while the stable retains its most popular old-timers there has been a bit of a clear-out and there are plenty of unexposed and often unraced youngsters.

The young new blood is not restricted to the equine members of the team either, for Longsdon has signed top Irish rider Johnny Burke as stable jockey, explaining: "There's no doubt our best-ever season was when Noel Fehily was our stable jockey, but he became unavailable on quite a lot of big days and that made life difficult. We went for the best available for a couple of years, but we lacked continuity.

"When I looked around Johnny stuck out a mile. He had the world at his feet when employed by Alan Potts as a very young lad and he was mad keen to make the change and to make it work. He's quickly got to know the horses and their owners and I'm delighted with how it's gone."

### Interview by Graham Dench

### **Azure Fly**

Nine-year-old gelding Blueprint (sire) - Lady Delight (dam) Owner: Girls Allowed Form Figures: 233P4-1 Racing Post Rating 130 Official rating 123 Solid and consistent and runs

in all of those regional Nationals. Paid his way last season without winning, and won first time out this season at Newton Abbot under a neversay-die ride from Johnny. He's a fun horse, not a superstar, and in January he will qualify for veterans' races.

### Ballydine

7 g Stowaway - Bealaha Essie Alan Halsall RPR 143 OR 139

Got a leg injury in the Sefton at Aintree last April, so missed all of last season. He was only a weak frame of a horse when beaten a neck by Barters Hill in the Grade 2 at Doncaster before that and he's now had time to fill out into a big, strapping horse. The most important thing now is to keep him sound so he can fulfil his potential. He'll probably go novice chasing and he's potentially very nice.

### **Barton Rose**

8 m Midnight Legend - Barton Flower Mrs G Morgan 1PP-213 RPR 119 OR 111

Found the stiff 2m4f at Exeter stretching her but should be winning again if the handicapper gives her a chance. Suited by a strongly run race.

## Burke's quality gives boost to smart outfit

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Hull Farm
- >> Where Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire
- >> Started training 2006
- >> Horses in yard 85
- Members of staff 25
- >> Assistant trainer Marcus Foley
- >> Head lad Alan Roche
- >> Jockeys Johnny Burke, Paul
- >> Conditional Charlie Davies
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### Winners in Britain

2016-17	51
2015-16	62
2014-15	50
2013-14	78
Profit/loss t	o £1 stake
2016-17	- £105.30
2015-16	- £105.15

2013-14 **-£86.51** Prize-money 2016-17 £723,415

2014-15 **-£126.35** 

### **Bentelimar**

8 g Beneficial - Montel Girl Swanee River Partnership F-13U26

RPR138 OR139

A recent arrival from Ireland, where he was sixth in the Kerry National for Shay Barry, shaping as if he didn't stay on the heavy ground. He's still a novice over fences for the full season. He's potentially a very nice horse over 2m4f to 2m6f and we might well aim him at the BetVictor Gold Cup. He's fit, and we just have to freshen him up. He could drop back into novice company and might be one for the novice handicap at the festival, but he might be a bit better than that. A nice horse to have acquired.

### Bob Tucker

10 g Brian Boru - Acumen Nigel M Davies 572P-49 RPR 133 OR 126

One of our veterans and a horse I love. Very unlucky not to win at Ascot in the spring where he was beaten by another of ours, Loose Chips. Neither the race nor the track suited him on his reappearance at Ludlow and he'll be seen to better effect at Aintree at the end of the month.

### **Castafiore**

4 f Street Cry - Showlady Slater Stockwood Nicholson Partnership 2F16P-5 RPR 113 OR 116

She won her juvenile before finishing second in a Listed race and was unlucky at Musselburgh when she fell at the last in the race won by Project Bluebook. Her last two races were not her best, but she's potentially well handicapped and she'll come on for Saturday's run at Stratford, where she was a bit neurotic in the preliminaries but ran well until tiring.

### Coologue

8 g Helissio - Scolboa The New Club Partnership /1P28P3-

RPR 147 OR 140 He paid for winning that nice chase at Cheltenham last October and we probably aimed him a touch high, but he came back to form at the end of the season. He's going back to Cheltenham on Saturday and the long-term aim is to get him in the National, as he's a great jumper and will stay all day, but he's probably a few pounds shy of getting in at present. He'll probably run

4 g Bernardini - Sally Forth The Queen 2115-4 RPR130h OR139h; RPR112c

Forth Bridge

in the Becher on the way.

We are spoilt having a horse for the Queen, and he's a fantastic horse to have as he's a lovely, big, strapping type. He won his races last season by dictating, and through his jockeys being clever and winding up and winding up. I think he got a massive culture first time over fences at Warwick when he was dictated to and run off his feet slightly. I thought he might be a bit too brave, but he pulled a shoe off early and then panicked slightly and was too careful. He wants a step up in trip. It will slow the pace down and help his jumping, which he'll be doing plenty of at home in the meantime. Chasing will be his game and he's a lovely horse to look forward to.

### **Germany Calling**

8 g Germany - Markir Tyrone Hanlon 31817F-P RPR 150 OR 141

He's had a little wind op since his last run. I think he's harshly handicapped and while he always does well in the smaller fields when he's towards the top of the handicap he has always struggled in the bigger handicaps. He's difficult to place but we are going to step him up to 3m to slow things down a bit.

### **Hammersly Lake**

9 g Kapgarde - Loin De Moi Robert Aplin 1-12215 RPR 161c OR 155c; RPR 155h OR

We bought him in May with for the American Grand National last Saturday but had a nightmare there as we were hoping for plenty of pace and unfortunately they crawled and then sprinted, so the race was run to suit two-milers. He was running on after getting outpaced and ran very well in the circumstances, and when he gets back we'll be stepping him up to 3m. He's better than just an American horse and I think in the spring we can be

### STAR QUALITY

**Snow Leopardess** 5 m Martaline - Queen Sorava Mrs O Fox-Pitt 13131-1 RPR 134 OR 135

She's a good mare and won a decent race at Auteuil in September, when she was our first winner there from only two runners. We dipped our toe in and it came off nicely, but she tweaked something there and so she probably won't be seen again until January at the earliest. She'll be fine though and the long-term aim is the mares' hurdle at the festival, after which she might go back to France again.

looking at some nice conditions races for him, or possibly even the Stayers' Hurdle. He's a good horse.

### Jet Set

5 m Getaway - Lavender Track Lady Dulverton Unraced under rules 1 (pt-to-pt)

She's a nice mare who has an easy way of going and won her point-to-point very nicely. I will probably run her in a bumper for experience, but she'll be far better over an obstacle.

10 g Karinga Bay - Madam Bijou Richard and Mrs Susan Perkins PPP1P-8

RPR 135 OR 131

He had a very sketchy record last season but picked up plenty of prize-money. He's got plenty

of form in the book and is going down the veterans' route now. He needed his first run.

### Leith Hill Lad

7 g Kayf Tara - Leith Hill Star Neil and Jane Maltby /165F3-6 RPR 121h OR 117h: RPR 106c OR117c

He won a novice hurdle at Kempton but is a chaser, not a hurdler, and ran quite well in a level weights novice at Fontwell. He'll improve a lot, and while he might not be a superstar he'll pay his way.

### **Loose Chips**

11 g Sir Harry Lewis - Worlaby Rose Barrels Of Courage

73251-P RPR 145 OR 144

Had his best-ever season at ten, turning 11, winning two veterans qualifiers and finishing third in the final. His whole season will revolve around the final again. He's quirky, and he's never won lefthanded, but when he gets into a rhythm in front at Sandown or Ascot he loves it. We'll claim

### Midnight Shot

off him.

7 g Midnight Legend - Suave Shot Alan Halsall -111051 RPR134h OR 134h; RPR147c OR140c

He's won four through the summer and the autumn and I did toy with taking him to

Sum up last season in one  $\mathbf{word}\dots$ 'Encouraging'

brotherin-law Ben **Pauling** 





Charlie Longsdon's last 15 runners in chases at Towcester (going back to May 2015) have finished 222111U26212111 (strike-rate 47%; +£4.49 to £1 level stakes). When Aidan Coleman is booked that becomes 21111 (80%; +£7.27.)

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### DARK HORSE

### Overworkdunderpaid

4 g Getaway - Another Whiparound Mrs JA Wakefield

RPR 107b

He was a point-to-point winner in Ireland and I thought he shaped well in third at Ffos Las on Saturday on his bumper debut. They were clear of the rest and it was a lovely introduction for a horse who will be much better over hurdles and is a 3m chaser in the making.

America, as it would have suited him well. We've tried dropping him in, but he likes to take charge of a race. He loves racing and is as hard as nails, but he'll have a break soon and come back in the spring. A great enthusiast and a pleasure to have around.

### **Monbeg Charmer**

6 g Daylami - Charming Present Lady Dulverton 7/121P-4 RPR 131h OR134h RPR 123c OR 129c

He needs to go right-handed but went to Worcester for a good novice chase as there was no other option. He won an Albert Bartlett trial at Musselburgh but then blew his head in the parade ring before the Sefton at Aintree and no sort of race. He needs treating with kid gloves, as he's fairly highly strung, but he's got a lot of talent.

### Monty's Award

5 g Oscar - Monty's Miss Alan Halsall 14-3 RPR 110b RPR 118h

He won his bumper nicely last season at Worcester and probably wasn't quite right after a few niggly problems when he ran at Doncaster in the spring. He was green and novicey on

Charlie Longsdon: a renewed emphasis on new blood this season

his hurdles debut last week but will improve for the run and for a step up in trip. He's a brother to Minella Awards and from the family of Monty's Pass. I think he's decent.

### **Nightfly**

6 m Midnight Legend - Whichway Girl Mrs DPG Flory 2/5444-2 RPR 107 OR 109

She was second in a couple of bumpers the season before last and we thought she would take high rank over hurdles, but we couldn't get her to finish a race off. We dropped her right back to 2m and she ran really well, beaten only by a horse with loads of Flat speed. Hopefully she's on the right track now and we can step her up in trip to fulfil her potential. I'd like to think she's ahead of the handicapper.

### **Our Kaempfer**

8 g Oscar - Gra-Bri Swanee River Partnership 23U1PP-

RPR 150 OR 146 He's unlucky not to have won more races. He can't have been

right at Cheltenham and Aintree at the end of last season as he's never jumped right before and he never travelled. He was good at Kempton before that, going right-handed on a flat track, but I don't think he's just a flat track bully as his fifth in the Pertemps Final wasn't a bad run. That said, an obvious race to target him at is what used to be the Racing Post Chase, back at Kempton. A good starting point will be the Badger Beer at Wincanton.

### Pendra

9 g Old Vic - Mariah Rollins JP McManus 45/150/2-RPR 150 OR 148

A flagship horse for the last five years. He had pneumonia as soon as he returned from Ireland last season, so the Kim Muir was his first run of the campaign. He's usually nearly favourite when he goes to Cheltenham, but he was under the radar, although he was in great form and we quietly fancied him. It was gutting to see him caught in the shadow of the post, having missed the third-last and he then had a niggle before the National. In an ideal world he'll have a run or two before Cheltenham, and

### **Pete The Feat**

13 g King's Theatre - Tourist Attraction Don Sebastiao Partnership 0/83155-

then go back to Aintree.

RPR 136 OR 129 He was our highest money earner last season and won the veterans' final at Sandown at the grand old age of 13. That will be his target again, and he's qualified already courtesy of a Carlisle race that was called off in the spring. He's as enthusiastic as ever and on fantastic form.



### Forth Bridge

Great to see a decent four-year-old going chasing and he could eventually take relatively high rank over fences. Well beaten on his chase debut at Warwick recently, but that would have been one of the best races he's contested and he fared well for a long way locking horns with a former pointer and a Champion Hurdle sixth. The experience will have brought him on plenty and, with his age allowance, it'll be disappointing if he can't get off the mark before Christmas. Hopefully by the spring he'll be capable of landing a nice prize.

### The Real Snoopy

5 g Presenting - Senora Snoopy Double Barrels Of Courage 23

RPR 115

A point-to-point winner in Ireland who delighted me with his first run at Worcester, where he was only beaten two lengths by a 142 horse, but he was then way too keen at Southwell, where he was still pulling halfway down the back straight. He'll be a 3m chaser, but we'll drop him back to 2m4f next and if he settles he'll be difficult to beat. There's plenty more to come.

### **Treackle Tart**

5 m Winged Love - Battleover The Bradley Partnership 92212-1 RPR 123 OR 127

An honest, gutsy mare who tries her hardest and loves racing. She started low but she wants it and has improved and improved and improved. She won a novice under a penalty at Worcester last time and is a novice until the end of the month, and so she might go to Cheltenham at the end of the week for what's a nice big pot. She'll have a double penalty, but I'll claim off her and then after that she'll have to go down the handicap route. She's not big, but she jumps like she needs a fence and will make a chaser.

### **Volt Face**

8 g Kapgarde - Jourenuit Big Bucks Racing 3P252-2

RPR 127h OR117h; RPR 130c OR

He's quite hot-headed and we ran him over every trip last season, but he's certainly got ability and seems best jumping out in front and bowling along over the shorter distances. He was very good over 2m2f at Kempton on Sunday, where he was only nutted right on the line. Likes big fences and going right handed.

### **Way Out West**

4 g Westerner - Rose Vic Mrs C Dijvanovic and Mr M Rose

RPR 95

A new arrival who won a bumper at Sedgefield in May for the Crawfords despite pulling hard. He'll run in one more bumper before we go

hurdling. He's not over big, but he's a hardy sort and definitely has plenty of ability.

### **Western Miller**

6 g Westerner - Definite Miller The Pantechnicons IV 1541F2

RPR 128h OR 128h; RPR 138c OR

Very impressive at Stratford on his chasing debut. I loved the way he went and he jumped brilliantly, so I was gutted by his fall at Sedgefield. He was much better at Market Rasen on Saturday, where he carried a penalty and was beaten only by a very good horse. He'll go up to 2m4f now and there's plenty more to come.

### Wilberdragon

7 g Kayf Tara - Swaythe The Don Sebastiao Partnership 93336-3

RPR 125 OR 118

Ran quite well on the wrong sort of track at Fontwell on his reappearance. Wants 2m6f on a more galloping track, but he'd been treated for gastric ulcers in the summer and it was a good starting point. I'd like to think he'd come on for that, and he's a better horse than his handicap mark.

### **NEWCOMERS**

We have a nice selection of point-to-point winners and unraced horses.

The point-to-point winners include **Louse Talk** (5 g Mahler - Foxy-Lady), a big, strapping soft-ground horse with a nice way about him,

Largy Prospect (5 g Stowaway - Thrilling Prospect), who has blossomed this summer, and Just Your Type (5 g Morozov - Enistar), the biggest horse in the vard and bought at Cheltenham in April. They are all nice horses with a bit of quality.

Unraced horses I particularly like include **Flemmenstrix** (4g Flemensfirth - Laurens Trix), Lisdoonvarna Lad (5g Westerner - Socialite Girl) and his half-brother

Stormy Milan (4g Milan -Socialite Girl), and I'd Better Go Now (4g Alkaadhem Pohutakawa).

All lovely big horses who will go down the bumper route but will make 3m chasers.

### STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17 £1 level 108 81 449 16 131.31 Non-hcp hdl 118 588 Hcp hdl 885 103 108 86 -26% 12 -227.54 Non-hcp chs 207 49 33 37 88 24 15 Hcp chs 985 151 131 106 597 -109.54 +1 53 +17% 4 3 Hunter chs 44 NH Flat 57 16 +10.64 41 37

### **JOCKEYS** Per £1 level W-R cent stake Noel Fehily 121-625 19 Richard Johnson 54-253 21 -19.89 Felix de Giles 51-278 18 **+83.38** 18 -29.26 Aidan Coleman -21.59 -35.06 Kielan Woods 37-247 15 17-155 Graham Watters 12 -46.87 21 -5.64 Paddy Brennan 15-123 Charlie Deutsch 14-66 21 Andrew Tinkler 12-98 Tom O'Brien 12 9-73 Brian Hughes 26 +**39.11** Sean Quinlan 6-23

FIRST TI	ME OUT		
	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	30-154	20	+48.46
Hcp hdl	19-159	12	-62.77
Non-hcp chs	11-48	23	-14.61
Hcp chs	30-155	19	+46.98
NH Flat	30-165	18	+13.58

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MUNTHL	I BREAK	אטעא	/ IN
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	32-263	12	-9.97
February	38-250	15	+11.77
March	50-406	12	-88.17
April	40-363	11	-100.61
May	38-244	16	-44.69
June	24-99	24	+35.76
July	15-93	16	-21.52
August	7-60	12	-24.52
September	44-144	31	+78.38
October	95-471	20	-109.82
November	51-446	11	-173.98
December	48-353	14	-60.44

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FAVOURIT	TES		
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	64-133	48	-6.55
Hcp Hdl	33-141	23	-27.53
Non-hcp chs	31-54	57	+11.61
Hcp chs	65-206	32	+11.26
NH Flat	25-60	42	-2.98

COURSES								
	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp N Hdl		Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
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Market Rasen	43-202	21	11-41	3-9	9-57	15-68	5-27	-21.26
Uttoxeter	36-183	20	11-54	5-10	9-55	10-48	1-16	-13.04
Huntingdon	30-181	17	6-43	5-16	9-59	8-42	2-21	-28.70
Stratford	27-134	20	5-30	4-10	9-38	7-42	2-14	+21.06
Fontwell	27-158	17	9-39	1-5	4-47	9-49	4-18	-18.48
Bangor-On-Dee	26-130	20	7-30	5-16	6-36	5-34	3-14	+8.13
Southwell	24-126	19	8-43	2-5	4-33	5-22	5-23	-23.91
Worcester	24-148	16	4-34	2-13	2-34	8-42	8-25	-21.76
Towcester	21-118	18	3-33	6-14	4-31	5-27	3-13	+1.86
Warwick	20-143	14	4-43	2-9	5-34	5-35	4-22	-8.78
Plumpton	19-100	19	6-34	0-3	4-25	8-34	1-4	-24.22
Wetherby	15-74	20	4-19	1-5	2-18	6-25	2-7	-10.30
Hereford	14-58	24	2-16	1-2	3-12	5-21	3-7	+110.49
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Sandown	14-92	15	2-11	2-7	3-27	7-41	0-6	+23.25
Kempton	11-97	11	2-19	1-6	2-35	5-29	1-8	-12.80
Carlisle	10-42	24	3-6	3-11	0-4	2-16	2-5	-19.20
Newbury	10-101	10	0-16	0-6	2-21	7-47	1-11	-29.13
Ludlow	10-106	9	7-35	1-6	1-23	1-29	0-13	-57.55
Exeter	9-60	15	2-11	3-4	2-23	2-20	0-2	-7.16
Haydock	9-63	14	2-5	0-2	5-25	1-26	1-5	-9.00
Doncaster	9-91	10	4-30	0-9	1-15	3-32	1-5	-22.43
Newton Abbot	8-45	18	2-10	1-3	1-15	4-14	0-3	+4.70
Leicester	8-46	17	0-15	3-6	0-5	5-20	0-0	-4.40
Ascot	8-85	9	1-18	0-6	2-24	3-25	2-12	+2.50
Musselburgh	7-23	30	7-11	0-0	0-6	0-6	0-0	+20.30
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Lingfield	5-29	17	1-8	1-2	0-6	3-13	0-0	-17.35
Aintree	5-82	6	2-19	0-3	3-31	0-21	0-8	-65.17
Cheltenham	4-146	3	1-26	0-10	2-48	1-49	0-13	-118.50
Kempton (AW)	3-14	21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-14	-0.83
Folkestone	3-26	12	0-8	0-1	0-3	2-12	1-2	+13.25
Ffos Las	3-26	12	0-3	0-1	2-10	1-8	0-4	-10.25
Southwell (AW)	2-9	22	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-9	+0.50
Fakenham	2-22	9	0-5	0-3	1-5	1-9	0-0	-16.76
Wincanton	2-35	6	0-6	0-1	1-17	1-10	0-1	-17.50
Taunton	2-51	4	0-9	0-2	2-24	0-12	0-4	-44.60
Hexham	1-2	50	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	+0.25
Cartmel	1-5	20	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-3	0-0	+1.00
Newcastle		20	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-3 0-3	0-0	-2.00
		<u>.</u> 20 13	0-0	0-0	0-4	1-4	0-0	
Perth	1-8							-1.00
Sedgefield	1-19	5	0-6	0-3	0-2	1-6	0-2	-17.00
Ayr	0-7	0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-0	-7.00
Lingfield (AW)	0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-7	-7.00
Catterick	0-8	0	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-0	-8.00
Kelso	0-9	0	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-5	0-0	-9.00
Number of horses r	acing for th	e stabl	e 400; total	winning	prize-n	noney 2,5	93,333.	19

He's different from One For Arthur he's not such a dour stayer and he's got a little more class



### STABLE TOUR LUCINDA RUSSELL

**RAND National** hero One For Arthur may be out for the season owing to a tendon injury but it is still set to be an exciting campaign for Lucinda Russell and her team, with Big River heading a promising squad.

Deborah Thomson, one of the Two Golf Widows who own One For Arthur, is behind the Two Black Labs, who own Big River, for whom big races down south are being eyed up if all goes well on his imminent chasing debut at Kelso.

One For Arthur's big win has been the catalyst for an influx of young talent, as Russell explains: "We know we can keep producing these staying chasers, that's what we're really good at, and on the back of the Grand National we've got some nice young horses coming through.

"The Grand National win has attracted new investment and owners already established with us have invested more money too, which is fantastic, and I think we've got some nice horses for them."

Of the stable's targets for the campaign, Russell says: "We've always been very good at producing one really good horse – we've had Silver By Nature, Brindisi Breeze, Lie Forrit and One For Arthur –but I think our aim this season is to have two or three nice horses who can go to Listed races.

"We've got Big River and I'm hoping some of the others can come through like Simone and Saint Freule.

"Once you've had a big winner it's quite addictive."

### Interview by Ben Hutton

Argentix Seven-year-old gelding Fragrant Mix (sire) - Fleche Noir II (dam) Owner: Anna Bramall Form figures: 23/319-2 Racing Post Rating 116; Official rating 115

He came from France. We ran him at Perth in July and originally we thought he might just be a summer jumper but actually he's better than that, so we gave him a break. He jumps fantastically and he might be much better than this rating. We'll start him off at a fairly low level but then he might go to some of the bigger tracks, maybe down south. He's very French and doesn't carry a lot of condition. We'll stick with 2m4f to start but he'll probably stay further. He goes on any ground but he's probably better on very soft.

### Deepsand

8g Footstepsinthesand - Sinamay Bettine Evans 241F4-3 RPR 129

A true two-miler who needs soft or heavy ground and a galloping track, and that's why Haydock was absolutely perfect for him when he won last season. He's very quick over his hurdles and Derek [Fox] is going to ride him this season, he's got him settled. He River the big hope with National hero on the sidelines

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Arlary House Stables >> Where Milnathort, Kinross, Scotland
- >> Started training 1995
- >> Horses in yard 85
- >> Members of staff 50
- **Assistants**

Peter Scudamore, Jamie Turnbull, Jaimie Duff

- >> Head girls Eleanor Warren, Jordan Scobie, Ciorstaidh MacGillivray
- Travelling head lad Mark Ellwood
- **Jockey** Derek Fox
- >> Conditionals Blair Campbell, Stephen Mulqueen,
- Thomas Willmott >> Amateurs Maisie Sharp,
- Cameron Wadge >> Secretary Tracy Anson

>> Stable sponsor Edinburgh Gin, Glengoyne Whisky, Tamdhu Whisky

>> Website lucindarussell.com

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### **Winners in Britain**

2016-17

48	2015-16	
47	2014-15	
60	2013-14	
loss to £1 stake	Profit/	
-£73.25	2016-17	
-£44.21	2015-16	

2013-14 -£124.13 Prize-money 2016-17

-£207.40

2014-15

can be very tricky at home but be disappointed if he was rated lower than 120 by the end of when you get him to the track he's as genuine as ever. the season.

£926,414

### **Dr Hooves**

4g Yeats - Sejour Gerry McGladerv

RPR 85b

He's a beautiful looking horse and has just had a wind operation. I think this will really help him, he works like a fantastic horse. We were vaguely disappointed with his bumper run but I think he had reasons for not staying on up the Carlisle hill. He'll be seen out around Christmas time, he's still quite green so he maybe needs another bumper.

### **Forest Des Aigles**

6g Balko - Rose Des Aigles Mr & Mrs Raymond Anderson Green

RPR 124 OR 119

He's being aimed at the Northern Lights Final at Carlisle on December 3 and I don't think he'll run before then. He definitely needs soft or heavy and he stays 2m4f, and I think he'll stay further again. He's an improver and I'd

Imjoeking 10g Amilynx - Go Frankv

Kenneth Álexander 16471F-RPR 140 OR 131

Topham at Aintree in April and he jumped fantastically over the National fences until he fell. He was still quite a long way from home but it wasn't as if he floundered or was getting tired, he just made an error. When he fell he got an odd injury in his fetlock but he's back now and I think he'll go straight to Aintree for the

Grand Sefton [December 9],

we haven't got time to run him

He made the running in the

### nd Heights

before then.

8g Heron Island - La Reina Gerry McGladery 4/4666-4 RPR 132 OR 120

He'll be much sharper for his recent run at Hexham, his first since December. He's well handicapped and we're not going to go over fences with

his heavy ground. Itstimeforapint 9g Portrait Gallery - Executive

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year I thought he progressed miles plus, very much plus, and he jumps better on good to soft ground but he can go on heavy. He's set to go to Carlisle on Thursday but he normally needs his first run, and after that we'll be looking at races like the 3m4f handicap chase at Haydock on Betfair Chase day [November 25], and the Borders National at Kelso [December 10].

### **Kelpies Myth**

4g Dutch Art - Miss Respect 3201-6

I really like him. He was a bit rusty on his hurdle debut and first run for us at Kelso, where he set off too quick and then he got tired, but stayed on again. I think he'll learn, he needs a bit of racing, but he could be very good, he rides like a really

### Mighty Thunder

4g Malinas - Cool Island Alison Sparkle Ltd

I'm really excited about him. He's only a four-year-old and he won a bumper on his debut at Perth in June. He's the type to keep on improving, and long term he'll be a chaser, but I think he'll win over hurdles before then. He'll go on good

him, he'll stay over hurdles. I can see him running a nice race at Haydock in one of the 2m7f handicaps and he loves

IMEJ Racing RPR 124 OR 121 Although he didn't win last really well. He needs three

Bolton, McGladery & Duncan-Black RPR 101 OR -

good horse.

RPR 100b

and soft ground.

### **Misfits**

6g Beneficial - Park Rose County Set Four & Keith Hunter 2U3545-RPR 105h 107c OR 97h 97c We just didn't get him right

last season, we tried different

### STAR QUALITY

**Big River** 

7g Milan - Call Kate Two Black Labs 1/21521-RPR 142 OR 144

I'm so excited about him.

Derek schooled him last week and he came back in and said 'this is just amazing, his jumping's going to take him to another level'. He runs in a novice chase at Kelso on Saturday. Last season he took a few runs to get going because he'd had time off with a fibrillating heart, and he might take a little bit of time to get going again. He needs a galloping track, stamina is a big thing, and he's fine on any ground but he copes better than many horses on heavy ground. He's a different type of horse to One For Arthur, he's not such a dour stayer and he's got a little bit more class, and a little bit more toe about him. If he runs really well at Kelso he might go for the Kauto Star Novices' Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day, or to Cheltenham on New Year's Day.

things, but we've decided this season he's going to go 2m chasing. He's well handicapped if we can get things to click with his jumping and there's a race for him at Kelso on November 11.

### Mumgos Debut

9g Royal Anthem - Black Queen Suzy Brown and Peter Brown F3U1P-1

RPR 121 OR 115

He's been a super horse, he's won five races although he was lucky at Perth last time. He needs slow ground and 2m or 2m4f. He's nine but I think he's still improving and this could be his year, I'd like to see if we could get a nice prize with him.

### **Newtown Lad**

7g Craigsteel - Rocher Lady John Murray and Lynne MacLennan 31831F-

RPR 131 OR 125

A really good staying chaser. He'll go beyond 3m this season and he's best on soft and heavy. He'll be our big hope in the long-distance chases like the 3m4f races at Haydock and the Eider. I'm hoping there's more to come from him.

**Present Flight**8g Presenting - Grangeclare Flight
Kilco (International) Ltd 1P2425/

RPR 127 OR 117

He's had time off after a leg injury but he's coming back. He might take a few runs to get going but physically he's a lot better this season.

### Saint Freule

4g Saint Des Saints - Topsy Blue Kenneth Alexander

RPR 110 OR -He's a bit keen but if we can

If I could sum up last season in one word . . . 'Unbelievable'

ABLE Lucinda Russell has won with eight of her last 30 runners in handicap chases at Hexham over 2m4f+ (27% strike-rate, +£41.46). When Derek Fox or Stephen Mulqueen ride that record improves to 6-16 (38%, +£26.96.) ▶ Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at INTERACTIVE

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### DARK HORSE

### Le Frank

5g King's Theatre - Dream S M Smith

RPR 94b

He's a lovely horse, he's related to Captain Chris, and could be really good. He's very big and will be going over hurdles next month but really he's a chaser. He's a dark horse for the future.

get him settled he's got a really good engine. We bought him having seen him win a pointto-point, he made all and didn't stop, and you could see that at Hexham when he got passed, he didn't want to let the other horse past, he kept on staying on. He'll probably take the same sort of route as [Albert Bartlett winner] Brindisi Breeze did, he might go to Kelso then we'll be looking at Newcastle followed by Haydock, and then see where we are. He'll need 3m but he's only four, and he's quite light framed and not strong yet, he's still improving. I really like him and he's Scu's [partner Peter Scudamore] pick of the yard.

### Sammy B

7g Overbury - This Thyne Geoff Brown 481116-RPR 122 OR 122

He's very like the rest of his strong staying family except he's very small, but what he lacks in height he makes up for with scope. He's schooled and

Lucinda Russell on the gallops at her base in Kinross, Scotland

schooled and schooled over fences, and with his jumping we're finding it hard to make him efficient and slick, he's making too much effort over them. If he gets the hang of it he could be very good. I know his owner Geoff Brown really wants to win the Scottish National and if he gets his jumping together as a novice that could be a really nice aim for him. We might start him off over fences in a 2m4f novice handicap at Carlisle on November 5 before stepping him back up in trip.

### Simone

5m Presenting - Dusty Too Kenneth Alexander 3564-13 RPR 109 OR

We were pleased with her third place on heavy at Perth because she wants good ground. If the ground ever dries up at Ayr there's a mares'

### HORSE TO FOLLOW **Colin Russell**

### **Big River**

Having made considerable progress over hurdles last season this seven-year-old looks just the sort to make the grade in novice chasers. Like many of Lucinda

Russell's horses he started his racing life point-to-pointing in Ireland finishing second on his only start. Bought for £50,000, he is well on the way to winning back his purchase price having won twice in bumpers and twice over hurdles.

Both his jump wins came on heavy, and his best performance was on his latest start in March over 3m2f – the longest distance he has tried so far – when he sauntered home by ten lengths in what looked a competitive staying handicap. That performance oozed class and he could well make up into a tip-top novice chaser.

novice hurdle for her there. She's a lovely mare and I think she'll improve through the season. If we can get some experience into her up to Christmas I'd like to think she'd be good enough for the good mares' races in the spring. She's been bought to get black type, that's her aim, as her owner Kenny has a stud now.

### Skv Khan

8g Cape Cross - Starlit Sky The Ormello Way 02-8U36 RPR 140 OR 128

He hasn't quite hit the button this year, he's had little niggling problems, but I still think he's got it. He loves a big-field handicap hurdle, he travels so brilliantly.

### **Tantamount**

8g Observatory - Cantanta Mutual Friends 1B3231 RPR 122 OR 127

He's so fragile, we have to treat him with kid gloves, but he's on the way back now. He loves Aintree, I'd like to think there's a nice race for him there in the spring. Whenever he gets to the track he does brilliantly, the team here do a great job sticking him back together. He needs good, good to soft, he can't go on heavy.

### Vengeur De Guye

8g Dom Alco - Mascotte De Guye Brahms & Liszt

RPR 125h 131c OR 124h 120c He's a cracking little horse who wants 2m on heavy ground, it's dead simple with him. He loves Kelso and he'll go there next month. He finishes second a lot but he's not ungenuine.



Lucinda Russell's string make their way to the gallops

### Vino's Choice

5g Kalanisi - Ard's Pet A Bit Of GG Fun

RPR 114 OR -

He's an exciting horse. Tom Scudamore rode him to win a bumper at Perth for Gavin Cromwell and he phoned his dad [Peter Scudamore] to say he should buy him. Physically he looks really good and really strong and he runs either at the weekend at Aintree or Kelso, or at Ayr on Monday. I'd like to think he'll be a nice horse in novice hurdles.

### **Well Above Par** 5g Gold Well - Glynn Glory

The Eagle Partnership 623-2 RPR 114 OR 112 I absolutely love him, I think he could be one of our nicer horses. He'll probably go over 2m4f at Ayr, we'll keep his

confidence high and keep him going round Ayr all winter, and see from there where we go with him. He's so big and I'm exciting about him over fences, and I'm sure he'll be a threemiler in the end.

### UNRACED **UNDER RULES**

**Grand Morning** is a super staying type for JP McManus, he's a great big horse and I can see him being a Scottish National horse in time. He should fit our way of training.

**Parker** is beautifully bred but he's backwards. On paper it looks like you're buying a three-year-old bumper winner but in truth he looks like a staying novice chaser. He's quite green but he's got plenty of ability.

I've followed Champagne Diamonds since he wen through the store sales and I was delighted to buy him. He'll start in bumpers and he'll be a nice horse for the future.

**Charlie's Lass** is a lovely bumper horse and don't be put off by **Prince Dundee** being pulled up in his point-to-point. We might go straight over hurdles because he's really impressed us at home.

The Road Home is a nice point-to-pointer who might go to Cheltenham for a bumper. He probably wants good ground.

### Rival to watch

We were at the point-to-point at Monksgrange when Madison To Monroe won and we loved him from the moment he came into the parade ring. He was an impressive winner and he has the shape to be a lovely chaser for Jessica Harrington

STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17									
	Races					Per		£1 level	
	run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	cent	0-50%	stake	ROI*
Non-hcp Hdles	759	70	93	98	498	9		-274.54	-36%
Hcp Hdles	1,265	123	130	154	858	10		-231.94	-18%
Non-hcp Chses	152	31	31	24	66	20		-27.78	-18%
Hcp Chses	1,603	213	209	228	953	13		-308.19	-19%
Hunter Chses	9			1	8	0		-9.00	-100%
NH Flat	241	23	32	32	154	10		-53.39	-22%

\*Return on investment

### **JOCKEYS**

		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
Derek Fox	41-438	9.4	-161.17
Craig Nichol	33-292	11.3	-96.30
Grant Cockburn	30-337	8.9	-152.27
Graham Watters	16-159	10.1	-42.38
Blair Campbell	13-77	16.9	+26.53
Tom Scudamore	11-79	13.9	-24.63
Alexander Thorne	8-45	17.8	+54.00
Steven Fox	5-57	8.8	-25.38
Stephen Mulqueer	1 4-41	9.8	-14.75
Harry Bannister	1-3	33.3	+18.00
Henry Brooke	1-3	33.3	-0.63
Richard Johnson	1-5	20.0	-2.75

### FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	17-178	9.6	-17.03
Hcp Hdl	14-212	6.6	-101.75
Non-hcp Chs	7-36	19.4	-9.52
Hcp Chs	32-229	14.0	+9.97
NH Flat	7-116	6.0	-27.00

### MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

:		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
January	44-424	10.4	-123.24
February	43-380	11.3	-80.50
March	64-470	13.6	-82.09
April	36-420	8.6	-87.46
May	40-324	12.3	-46.07
June	24-194	12.4	-35.24
July	21-197	10.7	-26.17
August	18-127	14.2	-30.80
September	14-213	6.6	-97.14
October	47-405	11.6	-91.84
November	68-523	13.0	-116.64
December	41-352	11.6	-87.65

<b>FAVOURI</b>	TES		
	W-R		£1 leve stake
Non-hcp Hdl	20-66	30.3	-17.48
Hcp Hdl	27-124		
Non-hcp Chs	11-22	50.0	+0.23
Hcp Chs	78-262		

15.8

NH Flat

### **COURSES**

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	Non-hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Hexham	72-435	16.6	11-94	5-18	15-116	35-184	6-23	-17.22
Ayr	69-539	12.8	10-114	7-28	17-172	30-173	5-52	-145.74
Perth	68-726	9.4	16-148	3-26	29-280	18-233		-218.38
Kelso	59-498	 11.8	10-116	5-25	19-153	24-181	1-23	-100.77
Musselburgh	42-366	11.5	3-73	1-14	14-120	22-134	2-25	-114.19
Newcastle	36-288	12.5	7-55	2-8	7-78	18-129	2-18	-86.29
Carlisle	34-355	9.6	3-50	4-17	4-89	21-175	2-24	-109.31
Haydock	16-113	14.2	3-14	0-2	3-35	9-57	1-5	+31.83
Wetherby	16-177	9.0	1-32	0-8	4-48	10-76	1-13	-51.38
Bangor-On-Dee	7-35	20.0	1-6	0-0	0-5	6-24	0-0	+10.00
Uttoxeter	7-61	11.5	0-2	1-2	1-26	5-29	0-2	+4.75
Aintree	7-85	8.2	0-13	0-1	3-31	4-33	<u>-</u>	+50.62
Cartmel	7-85	8.2	2-16	2-4	1-31	2-34	0-0	-53.10
Market Rasen	6-35	17.1	0-0	0-1	3-16	3-18	0-0	+7.25
Cheltenham	4-64	6.2	1-3	0-3	2-20	0-32	1-6	-15.50
Sedgefield	3-50	6.0	2-10	0-0	1-19	0-19	0-2	-37.63
Ascot	2-7	28.6	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-5	0-0	+20.50
Warwick	 1-5	20.0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-3	0-0	+10.00
Stratford	1-6	16.7	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-4	0-0	-3.38
Southwell	1-8	12.5	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-5	0-1	-1.50
Sandown	1-8	12.5	0-0	1-1	0-2	0-5	0-0	-5.90
Doncaster	1-39	2.6	0-7	0-1	0-11	1-20	0-0	-35.50
Huntingdon	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Leicester	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Ludlow	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-1.00
Wincanton	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-1.00
Towcester	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	-2.00
Newbury	0-3	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-0	-3.00
Chepstow	0-6	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-5	0-0	-6.00
Kempton	0-6	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-5	0-0	-6.00
Worcester	0-10	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-5	0-4	0-0	-10.00
Catterick	0-13	0.0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-10	0-1	-13.00
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Number of horses racing for the stable 348 Total winning prize-money £2,935,695.32

### NOEL MEA

'We've always loved him – he'll be ready to make a show'

More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

### STABLE TOUR EVAN WILLIAMS

HEY do things differently down in the Vale of Glamorgan. With no assistant and no head lad, Evan Williams finds himself "tipping away through the day" while wife Catherine and son William take care of business in the office.

It's a model that seems to work, and the Aberogwrn Farm team have already surpassed the 20-winner mark this term and in hot pursuit of a career best of 90 - with a bit of quality in the mix as well.

"We always seem to manage to find a nice horse or two, and we're very fortunate to have a good bunch of owners who give me the chance to find nice horses," says the trainer.

"We always have plenty of store horses coming through but none of our bumper horses are ever pushed to win a bumper, so I don't know quite where we stand at this stage of the season. I'd say we've got a balanced team with some nice youngsters to bring along quietly and a few good Saturday horses."

### **Interview by Peter Thomas**

### **Apollo Creed**

Five-year-old gelding Vinnie Roe (sire) - Just Cassandra (dam) Owner: Mr and Mrs William Rucker Form figures: 62-3 Racing Post Rating 106 Official rating

Placed in a bumper last season and we took him up to Carlisle for a novice hurdle on a nice bit of ground. He's a huge horse, a chaser in time, but showed us enough to suggest he'll win a maiden hurdle over 2m5f to 3m. You couldn't get the ground too soft for him.

### **Billy Bronco**

6g Central Park - Nan Mr and Mrs William Rucker 1/3214-RPR 126 OR 123

Scrambled home in a maiden hurdle at Ayr but that was in deep ground and his form before that had been progressive, as was his final effort at Sandown. I'd hope he'll be a much better chaser than he ever was a hurdler he's certainly built that way - and he's schooled well. In a nice novice handicap chase over 2m4f to 3m with a bit of cut, he's more than capable off

### his mark. Buywise

10g Tikkanen - Greenogue Princess T Hywel Jones 377P04-RPR 158 OR 143

Ran a blinder when fourth in the Ultima Handicap Chase at the Cheltenham Festival but got a bump to the leg and probably won't be out until December. He may have a run or two over hurdles, or even veterans' chases or hunter chases - I really don't know. A change of direction might be the answer.

If I could sum up last season in one word . .

'Enjoyable'

## Unorthodox approach to training works well in the Vale

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Aberogwrn Farm
- **Where** Llancarfan, near
- Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan >> Started training 2003
- >> Horses in yard 81
- Members of staff 21
- >> Travelling head lads David Burchell jnr and Chris Lucas
- >> Office managers Catherine Williams and William Williams
- **▶ Jockey** Adam Wedge
- >> Conditionals Conor Ring, Mitchell Bastyan
- ► Amateur Isabel Williams
- >> Twitter @EWilliamsRacing

### **Winners in Britain**

2016-17	51
2015-16	70
2014-15	63
2013-14	55
Profit/loss to £1 sta	ke

-£157.01	2016-17
+£12.95	2015-16
-£52.30	2014-15
-£58.64	2013-14

Prize-money 2016-17 £598,389

### **Cesar Collonges**

RPR 106 OR -

5g Fragrant Mix - Prouesse Mr and Mrs William Rucker

We turned him away after a disappointing run in a bumper last season and he came back to run a decent race in a 2m1f novice hurdle at Carlisle, getting a bit outpaced in the closing stages over a trip that would be against him. I thought he was an out-and-out 4m chaser but I now believe he could win a hurdle this side of Christmas.

### Clyne

7g Hernando - Lauderdale David M Williams 1/1123-2

RPR 152 OR 147

I thought we might have been able to turn around the form with The New One when we met again at Ffos Las last Saturday, but we were beaten fair and square, which I think showed we were just a very good handicapper up against a proper Graded horse. That was very much the plan for him and it just didn't work out, although he ran a great race. Maybe we'll claim off him in handicap hurdles now or even go novice chasing.

### DARK HORSE

**Aqua Dude** 

7g Flemensfirth - Miss Cozzene Mr and Mrs William Rucker 3F320-1

RPR 143 OR 139 After a disappointing time last season, he won a competitive novice chase at Uttoxeter on his reappearance, jumping well, travelling well and looking more of a complete horse. He'll get an entry for the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham on November 18, a race which can suit a second-season novice like him. The trip will suit, he'll get in off a nice weight and he'd like a bit of give in the ground.

### **Court Minstrel**

10g Court Cave - Theatral Mrs Janet Davies 0-42B41

RPR 155 OR 146 He's been a grand horse over the years and it was great to go and win another Silver Trophy with him at Chepstow because it's tough on handicappers like him when they get high in the weights. Claiming a few

pounds off him with Mitchell Bastyan helped and the good pace suited him well. I think that in a race run to suit with a little bit of cut in the ground, he could still win another nice prize.

### De Dollar Man

6g Vinnie Roe - Dollar Bay Mr and Mrs William Rucker 1139-

RPR 138 OR 139

Won a bumper and a maiden hurdle for us before running well in better races at Ascot and then the Neptune at Cheltenham, where he'd just gone over the top. He'll go novice chasing soon and I think a fence will help him more than hurdles did. He'd want a bit of cut and will get any trip, although he's not short of pace.

### **Evening Hush**

4f Excellent Art - Applause M J Haines 112205-

RPR 129 OR 133

I thought she was a proper Graded race filly but I think Defi Du Seuil broke her heart at Chepstow over Christmas, although she was still second in the Adonis after that. She's done well for her summer break though, and she may get beyond 2m, which would open up a few options. We may keep her to mares' races. She's tricky but has ability, handles soft ground and probably needs it even softer.

### Gayebury

7g Överybury - Gaye Sophie R Abbott and M Stavrou 122101-RPR 147 OR 148

Not big but progressive over staying trips last season. Ran a stinker in the Pertemps Final – maybe Cheltenham's not his course – before winning a Listed novice event at Perth, and he'll go for the Grade 2 hurdle over 3m at Wetherby on Charlie Hall day next Saturday, He's improved over the summer and that'll tell us if he's good enough to take

### STAR QUALITY John Constable

6g Montjeu - Dance Parade Walters Plant Hire Ltd 600F-11 RPR 156 OR 156 Progressive this spring and summer, winning

the Swinton Hurdle at Haydock and a good handicap hurdle at Market Rasen. Flopped in the Cesarewitch but the ground was like concrete compared to what he's been used to and was a bit of a shock to his system. We'll freshen him up and go for conditions hurdles, because I think he's an out-and-out hurdler now, not a Flat horse, and is quite high in the handicap. I think he might keep improving back over



on the proper conditions race horses over that trip. If he's not, we'll go novice chasing.

### King's Odyssey

8g King's Theatre - Ma Furie Mr and Mrs William Rucker 11/3F30-

RPR 154 OR 142

A bit hot and cold last year but was running a very good race at Cheltenham in December when he fell. The wheels came off a little bit after that and we never really got him back, but I think somewhere down the line he's got a big day in him. He's won round Cheltenham before and just needs very soft ground and things to fall right for him. He could be progressive at around 2m4f.

### **Marble Moon**

5g Millenary - Royal Marble James Daniel Dullea

RPR 98b

Had some form in Irish bumpers and will start off in bumpers over here, or maybe a novice hurdle. He wouldn't be going anywhere fancy but is a bit of fun around the place.

### Nansaroy

7g Indian Řiver - Jurado Park T Hywel Jones 45224-4

RPR 131 OR 121

Didn't win over fences last year but his placed form last time was a good effort and with that under his belt he could start to get the hang of things. He looks well and is worth keeping an eye on.

### Old Salt

5g Craigsteel - Andrea Gale Billy Bates 15435-RPR 116 OR 120

Lovely old-fashioned sort.

The form of his Ludlow win last season was good but after that he was going through the motions a little bit. A thorough chaser who can only improve



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Evan Williams with his daughter Isabel at Exeter racecourse this week

### Silver Streak

STAR QUALITY

4g Dark Angel - Happy Talk L Fell 32114-1 RPR 135 OR 130 He went the right way quietly last season, then

He went the right way quietly last season, then improved massively for a good summer holiday. We thought he'd go well at Chepstow on his reappearance, so we were delighted to see him turn round the form on horses he finished behind at Ascot the time before. He's made real physical progress and now he'll get an entry for the Greatwood at Cheltenham on November 19, where he'll have to take on good older horses and we'll find out just how good he is. I'd like to run him off a light weight in a very good handicap because I think he's probably suited by a test where they don't dawdle. He wouldn't want the ground too deep but I think he could still be progressive.

with a fence in front of him.

### On Tour

9g Croco Rouge - Galant Tour T Hywel Jones 8/20354-RPR 147 OR 135

A strange character but has ability on his day. Ran well at Aintree first time out last season and goes well fresh, so we'll go back there this weekend. He wants a bit of cut in the ground but the most important thing is getting him right. I think there's a day in him somewhere in a decent race.

### Pobbles Bay

7g Oscar - Rose De Beaufai David M Williams 124/115-RPR 147 OR 145 Won a couple of novice

Won a couple of novice handicap chases last winter before running fifth behind a very good horse at Warwick. Had a knee problem after that and had a screw inserted. He's cantering away nicely, was progressive last year and handles plenty of cut in the ground.

### Present Times

6g Kalanisi - Beguiling Mrs C A Waters F2/5211 RPR 113 OR 110 Only a little chap and has

only won little races, but his attitude is fantastic and he's crying out for a step up in trip. Tough, genuine, had a good summer and I can see him turning up at the foot of the handicap in a race you'd never expected to see him turn up in and running very well. Horses with his mindset can often keep going the right way.

### Prime Venture

6g Primary - Next Venture Mrs Janet Davies 22342-2 RPR 133 OR 130 Ran well in a competitive handicap hurdle on Swinton day at Haydock behind Mia's Storm, who has franked the form since. He'll go to a Pertemps qualifier at Cheltenham on Saturday and if there's a bit of cut in the ground he'll go well under a claimer.

### HORSE TO FOLLOW

### **Aqua Dude**

A winner of three from 12 starts, this talented son of Flemensfirth has been a little unlucky not to win more. Now a second-season novice, the seven-year-old impressed when winning a competitive handicap chase at Uttoxeter last time out and he may still have a little in hand of the handicapper off a mark of 139. A crack at a race like the BetVictor Cup may be on the cards and he wouldn't be out of his depth in that sort of company.



### **Report To Base**

5g Westerner - Marina Du Berlais Mr and Mrs William Rucker 1225-8

RPR 136h 121c OR 135h 130c
Had some very good novice
hurdle form but it didn't really
happen for him first time over
fences at Carlisle this month,
carrying top weight against
seasoned handicappers, and
he got a bit rattled and went
into safety mode. Prior to
his last two runs he'd looked
progressive and he's come out
of Carlisle well and is ready to
go again.

### Skewiff

5m Doyen - Skew

Mrs Janet Davies
10-1F
RPR 106 OR Fell in a novice hurdle at
Chepstow last time but was
running a good race under a
penalty. She's going the right
way and I'd say she'll win with
a penalty or do well in mares'
handicaps. Runs at Ludlow

[today] in the mares' novice

### hurdle (3.35). Still Believing

Still Believing

9m Blueprint - Im A Believer
R E R Williams
42-2P11
RPR 131h 135c OR 132h 132c
A remarkable mare who

just keeps on going up the handicap and winning little races. Ludlow is made for her and there are so many races for her there over both hurdles and fences. She's a legend and she'll always give you a run for your money.

### St John's

4g Aqlaam - Diam Queen RER Williams 19-3 RPR 102b Won a bumper for Rod

Won a bumper for Rod Millman and is now doing everything well. A lovely type, schooling nicely and we'll tip away with him. Makes his hurdling debut at Ludlow [today] in the 2m novice hurdle (1.55).

### **Swift Crusador**

6g Kayf Tara - Goldenswift Mr and Mrs William Rucker 1-

RPR 120 OR -

A lucky winner of a novice hurdle last year but had a good summer and now shapes like a proper chaser. We'll start him off next month and he'll want big fences and a galloping track up to 2m4f, although he'll probably need further down the line. It'll be interesting to see what the handicapper makes of him.

### **The Gipper** 7g King's Theatre - Merrill Gaye

POS Partnership F251-2F RPR 135h 117c OR 134h 134c Jumped well in his first novice chase at Newton Abbot in the spring before being blown away by a progressive horse, and then fell at the first when too fresh and well on his return. Not very big but is a good jumper and might stay novice chasing or drop into a handicap hurdle to get his confidence back. You tend to think the handicapper's got him, but he's so genuine he can always grab a result.

### Wylde Magic

6g Oscar - Voodoo Magic Mr and Mrs William Rucker 1/42433-RPR 121 OR 118

Tough, genuine, appreciated his summer break and he's not badly treated off his mark in a handicap hurdle. He didn't win last year but was highly tried and kept running well.

### **BUMPER HORSES**

There are a few promising bumper horses to mention. We don't push them hard but at this stage **Bitingthebullet**, **Chooseyourweapon**, **Golden Whisky**, **Tossapenny** and **Peterborough** are among those pleasing me at home.

### Rival to watch . . .

'Defi Du Seuil. A proper horse who could well be good enough to win a Champion Hurdle'

STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17									
	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-50%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcap hdles	1,458	230	212	192	824	16		-184.74	-13%
H'cap hurdles	1,464	165	146	132	1,021	11		-155.20	-11%
Non-h'cap chas	es 391	78	69	77	167	20		-74.04	-19%
H'cap chases	1,623	193	197	228	1,005	12		-525.30	-32%
Hunter chases	14	2	3	2	7	14		-8.65	-62%
NH Flat	240	32	32	25	151	13		-57.65	-24%

\*Return on investment

<b>JOCKEYS</b>			
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Adam Wedge	128-925	13.8	-155.59
Conor Ring	28-359	7.8	-153.19
Mitchell Bastyan	10-36	27.8	+32.25
Tom O'Brien	8-39	20.5	+13.37
Lewis Gordon	8-57	14.0	+14.83
Leighton Aspell	5-14	35.7	+21.37
Mr Conor Orr	4-53	7.5	-23.25
Barry Browne	3-20	15.0	+0.00
Davy Russell	2-4	50.0	+7.00
Timmy Murphy	2-4	50.0	+1.62
Wayne Hutchinso	n 2-12	16.7	+9.00
Harry Skelton	2-12	16.7	-3.75

## FIRST TIME OUT W-R Per cent cent stake 51 level stake Non-h'cap hdles 54-371 14.6 -13.86 H'cap hurdles 33-267 12.4 +36.70 Non-h'cap chases 17-81 21.0 -12.95 H'cap chases 30-195 15.4 -2.87 NH Flat 16-126 12.7 -22.59

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	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	51-399	12.8	-15.83
February	48-439	10.9	-32.48
March	69-554	12.5	-180.94
April	35-434	8.1	-209.49
May	77-496	15.5	-19.57
June	56-391	14.3	-91.44
July	57-364	15.7	-29.20
August	36-344	10.5	-152.60
September	45-307	14.7	-113.84
October	76-485	15.7	-24.68
November	98-547	17.9	-47.87
December	52-430	12 1	-87 64

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

FAVOURITE	FAVOURITES							
	W-R		£1 level stake					
Non-h'cap hdles	99-261	37.9	-50.31					
H'cap hurdles	54-191	28.3	-12.61					
Non-h'cap chases	29-63	46.0	+0.90					
H'cap chases	67-212	31.6	-7.70					
NH Flat	12-28	42.9	-3.20					

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COURSES								
	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	Non-hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Ludlow	90-567	15.9	30-179	10-36	10-97	30-209	10-46	-150.62
Ffos Las	83-624	13.3	22-143	8-35	22-192	25-214	6-40	-93.27
Newton Abbot	46-294	15.6	18-84	6-26	11-88	11-93	0-3	-96.09
Chepstow	37-321	11.5	8-91	2-15	17-101	9-100	1-14	-15.73
Worcester	35-250	14.0	11-75	6-20	9-58	8-93	1-4	-14.41
Uttoxeter	35-268	13.1	13-92	2-14	6-69	13-83	1-10	-36.97
Taunton	33-200	16.5	8-51	<del>.</del> 1-9	12-79	9-54	3-7	+12.98
Stratford	30-217	13.8	12-80	 3-13	3-36	10-77	2-11	-44.48
Hereford	25-227	11.0	8-64	6-16	2-71	9-63	0-13	-41.45
Fontwell	23-166	13.9	7-46	3-10	6-54	6-48	1-8	-73.47
Exeter	20-110	18.2	6-30	2-13	8-41	3-18	1-8	+0.25
Southwell	20-156	12.8	9-48	2-15	4-40	3-45	2-8	-41.90
Fakenham	18-71	25.4	6-20	4-13	3-20	5-16	0-2	+24.44
Plumpton	17-95	17.9	7-29	1-3	5-40	4-21	0-2	-5.60
Sedgefield	16-81	19.8	7-26	2-6	0-19	6-28	1-2	-21.98
Market Rasen	15-123	12.2	7-29	<del></del>	5-45	2-38	0-1	-32.75
Cheltenham	13-186	7.0	5-45	2-20	1-64	5-53	0-4	-54.25
Haydock	12-93	12.9	0-13	1-5	9-38	2-36	0-1	+49.00
Wincanton	12-98	12.2	3-27	1-2	3-33	4-33	1-3	-2.34
Bangor-On-Dee	12-166	7.2	7-60	0-12	1-51	4-32	0-11	-129.24
Huntingdon	11-69	15.9	5-19	1-10	3-19	1-17	1-4	+3.93
Warwick	11-85	12.9	3-20	1-6	4-27	3-24	0-8	-31.92
Cartmel	9-76	11.8	1-18	1-10	3-29	4-19	0-0	-32.25
Ascot	9-86	10.5	2-20	1-6	2-21	4-36	0-3	+12.92
Wetherby	8-46	17.4	4-14	4-13	0-9	0-10	0-0	-19.34
Leicester	8-48	16.7	3-18	3-8	1-9	1-13	0-0	-14.28
Ayr	6-13	46.2	2-2	1-2	1-4	2-5	0-0	+21.83
Hexham	6-19	31.6	6-10	0-3	0-2	0-4	0-0	+6.61
Lingfield	5-30	16.7	1-11	0-1	0-8	4-10	0-0	+0.87
Kempton	5-49	10.2	2-16	0-4	2-12	1-15	0-2	-19.25
Newbury	5-73	6.8	2-13	0-4	3-20	0-26	0-10	-32.26
Musselburgh	4-7	57.1	0-1	2-2	2-2	0-1	0-1	+7.60
Carlisle	4-17	23.5	1-6	1-5	1-3	1-2	0-1	-7.53
Perth	4-29	13.8	1-7	1-3	1-5	1-14	0-0	-6.00
Towcester	4-42	9.5	0-19	0-4	4-12	0-7	0-0	+0.50
Catterick	3-16	18.7	1-5	1-4	0-3	0-2	1-2	-3.63
Doncaster	2-22	9.1	1-6	0-3	0-2	1-10	0-1	-10.00
Aintree	2-55	3.6	1-8	0-9	1-11	0-23	0-4	-33.50
Sandown	2-81	2.5	0-11	0-13	0-28	2-27	0-2	-68.00
Folkestone	0-2	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	-2.00
Kelso	0-3	0.0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	-3.00
Newcastle	0-5	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-0	-5.00
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Number of horses racing for the stable 610 Total winning prize-money £3,736,739.87



## Big names primed to ensure another cracking season

HREE or four years ago Colin Tizzard was a dairy farmer who trained racehorses, trained a few good ones too. In the last two years he has evolved into a trainer with one of the best yards in Britain, with horses the envy of everyone with a licence. The cows are probably doing pretty well too.

Last season Tizzard ranked third in the trainers' table, setting personal records for winners and prize-money through the exploits of King George winner Thistlecrack and runner-up Cue Card, Hennessy and Welsh National winner Native River, two-mile ace Fox Norton and star novices Finian's Oscar and Pingshou. Where there is a big race, there is usually a Tizzard-trained contender with a big chance, and such is the firepower at his still newish complex in the hills above Milborne Port that few would bet against him doing better yet this campaign.

The strength of the yard is in the chasing division's

established stars – there is an echo of the heyday of Michael Dickinson here, of Paul Nicholls in the Kauto-Denman days – and they are backed up by a sturdy band of novices that bodes well for the continued prosperity of Team Tizzard. The winners will not flow with the regularity of Nicholls, Henderson and Skelton, but when they come they will carry weight. Not so much the punters' pal but the purists' pal.

And it is the big names who will occupy our time. The fabulous Cue Card may not now win a Gold Cup, but the returning Thistlecrack has the credentials to complete Tizzard's big-race portfolio with victory at Cheltenham in March. Maybe this year there'll be gold top on the doorstep. **Steve Dennis** 

### Ainchea

Ainchea
Four-year-old gelding
Flemensfirth (sire) - Lady Petit (dam)
Owner: Ann & Alan Potts Ltd
Form figures: 2
Racing Post Rating -; Official Rating -

A beautiful big horse who really

looked the part walking round the parade ring at Cheltenham last week, when he made a lovely start to his career and might have run into a good one – the third horse was seven lengths back. There's improvement to come and it's possible he might go straight over hurdles now.

### Allchilledout

Gale Force Six

8g Alflora - Miss Chinchilla

7/P124P-RPR 119; OR 113
He's had his wind done and we've worked on his shins as well, he had sore shins and that's why his form was in and out. He's working beautifully now and I think he's well handicapped. There's a race for him at Chepstow in about a fortnight's time and he does love soft ground.

### Bally Longford

9g Gold Well - Stay On Line Ann & Alan Potts Ltd 46336-4 RPR 142 OR 135 Off since last Christmas with a stress fracture of the pastern but is schooling well again now. He's done plenty of work and it was nice to get him back on the racecourse at Wincanton yesterday – the run will have done him good and we can look for a nice race at one of the big tracks for him.

### Bang On Frankie

5g Kalanisi - Shuil Abbey Bradley Partnership

RPR 114b OR -

Beautiful-looking horse who ran promising races in bumpers at Newbury and Ascot. He's schooled well but was a bit disappointing on his hurdling debut at Aintree yesterday. He'll benefit from the experience; he's fast enough for two miles, but two and a half miles will suit him.

### Battle Of Ideas

4g Fracas - Haven't A Notion Coral Champions Club 42-7 RPR 94 OR -

Ran all right on his hurdling debut in a decent race at

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Spurles Farm >> Where Milborne Port,
- >> Started training 1998
- **▶** Horses in yard 100+
- >> Members of staff 32
- >> Assistant trainers
  Joe Tizzard, Chris Wold
- >> Head groom Leia Crocker >> Travelling head groom Richie Young

>> Jockeys No stable jockey; Bryan Cooper rides the Potts horses in England, Paddy Brennan rides for Jean Bishop, Tom Scudamore rides for John & Heather Snook, Richard Johnson rides a lot for Brocade Racing 

 2015-16
 50

 2014-15
 38

 2013-14
 26

 Profit/loss to £1 stake

 2016-17
 +8.75

 2015-16
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**Website** colintizzard.co.uk

2013-14 -149.81 **Prize-money 2016-17** £2,041,055

Fontwell, but he'll probably do better on a more galloping track. He goes to Chepstow on Tuesday, where he was second in a bumper, and that might help him.

### Bramble Brook

7g Kayf Tara - Briery Ann Brocade Racing P5P-223 RPR 120 OR 111

Lovely looking horse but still a maiden after 15 starts, he's been running well but we think there's something stopping him at the end of his races. He'll have his wind done and hopefully that'll fix it and allow him to win a novice handicap chase.

### Brynmawr

7g Double Trigger - Little Feat Geoff Nicholas P/F7422-RPR 114 OR 115

A big horse who was late coming back in. He won't be out until after Christmas and will go novice chasing. He might have one run over hurdles first.

### **Buckhorn Timothy**

2014-15

8g Tamure - Waimea Bay The Buckhorn Racing Team 15/200-1 RPR 135h 143c OR 135h 137c

Had a stress fracture in his pelvic region, which kept him off through the second half of the season, but he came back with a win over hurdles and will probably run again over hurdles before going back chasing. The further the better and he handles most ground.

### Drinks Interval

5m King's Theatre - Dame Fonteyn
The Land Value Partnership
63-411

63-411 RPR 118 OR -

Improving mare who looked to have a touch of class the way she went about winning at Ludlow last week under a penalty. She's doing her owners proud and is quite pacy, so

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### STABLE TOUR COLIN TIZZARD

### 'Horses like Finian's Oscar don't come along often'

>>From page 1

although I think she'd stay 3m I'm not worried about keeping her to 2m or 2m4f at the moment, and she seems to go on any ground.

### **Elegant Escape**

5g Dubai Destination - Graineuaile John Romans

RPR 142 OR 137

We aimed him quite high last year and he ran a good race in the Albert Bartlett, but he was over the top by Aintree. I was very pleased with him on his chasing debut and he does stay very well, so he could be one for the four-miler at the Cheltenham Festival. He'll probably run again at Cheltenham next month and he'll improve from his reappearance.

### Exxaro

7g Presenting - Mandys Gold Ann & Alan Potts Ltd 222240 RPR 138 OR 131

We found out that he had a kissing spine, so he's had the injections. He's been a bit frustrating but may not have been able to do himself justice, so we might see a different horse now. He's back in work and could be out again in novice handicaps in a fortnight or so; he likes decent ground.

### **Flaming Charmer**

9g Flemensfirth - Kates Charm Tom Chadney & Peter Green P12433-

RPR 128 OR 115

Decent handicap chaser who's probably rated up to his ability now. He'll win races at a certain level around Exeter and Wincanton when there's plenty of cut in the ground. He stays two and a half miles well and will go further.

### **Fourth Act**

8g King's Theatre - Erintante Wendy & Malcolm Hezel RPR 142 OR 129

Another who's had a wind operation. He's been working well and will go to Ascot on Saturday for the big 3m handicap chase he finished fourth in 12 months ago, and I'd hope the operation will make a big difference.

Sum up last season in one word . . .

'Fantastic (but now we have to do it again)'

### STAR QUALITY

### **Cue Card**

11g King's Theatre - Wicked Crack Jean Bishop 3121F2-RPR 180 OR 168

He'll do exactly the same as last season – Wetherby, Haydock, then the King George. I think he's better this autumn than he was 12 months ago. We took him to Wincanton for a gallop and he finished eight lengths ahead of a 155-rated horse. He's a bit different these days - he used to pull hard in his work but he's behind the bridle now, he's settled down and that's why he stays so well. He's in very good form and that gallop should set him up nicely for the Charlie Hall. We have to do everything right by him because people will say he's getting old and we should retire him. After Christmas it'll be Ascot and then on to Cheltenham where we'd have a good think about the Gold Cup because he's fallen in it the last twice, and maybe the

### Gentleman Jon

Ryanair

is an

option.

9g Beat All - Sudden Spirit John Romans RPR 140 OR 124

He's been on the go all summer, been a bit unlucky - he's got bad feet and that hasn't helped him. He loves fast ground, can't go on the soft, so soon enough he'll be roughed off for the winter. He won the Badger Ales Trophy last year and his effort at Wincanton yesterday will have set him up nicely for another go at it.

### Ivor's Oueen

8m King's Theatre - Sonnerschien Ivor Perry & Ashton Selway 342441 RPR 120 OR 117 We decided not to make the

running with her at Wincanton

yesterday and the change in tactics paid off nicely, she did it very well in the end. She has found it hard to win and now she's got one under her belt we'll probably run her again before the handicapper has a chance to reassess her.

### Kalarika

4f Kalanisi - Katariya Gale Force Three

RPR 94b OR

Nice, strong filly who has been schooling well and will be ready to kick on in mares' novice hurdles at two or two and a half miles in the next couple of weeks.

### **Kings Walk**

6g King's Theatre - Shuil Sionnach Jean Bishop

RPR 120 OR 120

Won his novice hurdle last season and it'll be fences for him now - he could share the ride to Wetherby with Cue Card on Saturday. He's been a bit difficult to train, there's always been something up with him, but he's been fine through the summer and autumn and we haven't seen the best of him yet because he's potentially a nice. well-handicapped novice.

### DARK HORSE

Kilbricken Storm 6g Oscar - Kilbricken Leader A Selway

45-13 RPR 108 OR -

Made his hurdling debut in a hot race at Exeter last week and surprised me with how well he ran. I thought he'd eventually make up into a nice handicap chaser,

so we're quite excited that he's shown a fair bit already and he'll hopefully have a good season over hurdles and then go chasing next autumn.

### Lillington 5g Westerner - Kind Word

The Colin Tizzard Racing Club 2333-60 RPR 117h 107c OR 114h 110c Owned by our club and I promised I'd run him locally, debut but it frightened him a

and then dragged them all the way to Fontwell! He didn't run a bad race there on his chasing bit, so he went back over hurdles for a confidence booster at Wincanton yesterday and was quite disappointing. He'll probably run over hurdles again next time.

### Lostintranslation

5g Flemensfirth - Falika Taylor & O'Dwyer RPR 107 OR

I couldn't have been more

pleased with him on his hurdling debut, he travelled lovely, went to the front, had the race won, and then just got done on the run-in. He'll improve for that and make a cracking novice hurdler at two or two and a half miles. Cheltenham and Aintree could be on the agenda in the spring, and he's a big strong lad who'll make a lovely threemile chaser when the time's right.

### **Mick Thonic**

7g Maresca Sorrento - Mick Madona Ann & Alan Potts Ltd F01-3UP RPR 141 OR 132

He jumps his fences low and fast and usually quite well, but now and again he hits one, which is what happened at Ludlow and at Cheltenham last Friday [pulled up after blundering badly]. He's out of his novice stage now so will go handicapping over two miles and might do better at smaller tracks.

### **Mister Malarky**

4g Malinas - Priscilla Wendy & Malcolm Hezel 360-3

RPR 106 OR -I bought him because he's a grandson of Dubacilla, out of a half-sister to Mister Quasimodo

### STAR QUALITY

who won races for us. He ran

perfectly well on his hurdling

### Finian's Oscar

5g Oscar - Trinity Alley Ann & Alan Potts Ltd 11112-1 RPR 155 OR 151

Slipped going into the

third on his chasing debut and was sitting far enough back, but Bryan [Cooper] said he just squeezed him and he closed up comfortably, and in the end it was easy for him. Bryan wanted to find a bit out after the last and he shot away - that's the sort of horse he is, he doesn't waste energy but he can turn it on when it's time. He'll go to Cheltenham next month over two or two and a half miles – he

doesn't need to go any

further at the moment,

although one day he could be a three-miler. He's good,

horses like him don't come

along very often, and he'll

be running in big races in

the spring.



Colin Tizzard has had nine winners and eight seconds from 44 runners in handicap chases at Wincanton since the start of 2015. Backing all blindly would have resulted in a profit of £16.33 to a £1 stake ▶▶ Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at INTERACTIVE

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debut and will be a decent handicapper who might get three miles in time and should win races. He's only a baby and time's on his side.

### Morello Royale

7m King's Theatre - Mystic Cherry Ann & Tony Gale 37200-8 RPR 101 OR 130

It's near impossible to win a hurdle off that rating, so we gave her another try over fences, but she didn't act on the ground. She'll stick with it and there's a 2m7½f beginners' chase at Chepstow tomorrow where we can claim the 7lb mares' allowance.

### **Muffins For Tea**

 $7g\,\mbox{With The Flow}$  - Countess Point Sax Purdie 562-133

RPR 119 OR 122

Ran well and jumped well behind Yanworth on his chasing debut, and owing to a change in the rules he won't have his mark raised for finishing 20-odd lengths behind a 160-rated horse. which is very helpful. He can go handicapping now and two and a half miles might suit him best.

### Rival to watch

'Thistlecrack and **Native River will** have to watch out for each other when they get to the Gold Cup'

### STAR OUALITY

### **Fox Norton**

7g Lando - Natt Musik Ann & Alan Potts 112211-RPR 174 OR 169

won the Champion Chase,

he made up six lengths

from the last and just got

touched off, and then he

flat out all the way at

mile division isn't the

was brilliant at Aintree and

Punchestown. You do need

stamina to win these big

two-mile races, which he

certainly has, and the two-

strongest. He'll start in the

Shloer Chase and then go

for the Tingle Creek, and

he'll have an entry in the

there's the owner's Sizing

John to consider for that

race too. At Cheltenham

the Ryanair could be the

right race for him, but it

doesn't have the prestige of

the Champion, does it; he'll

have two or three entries

there but it might just be

that he's a flat-out two-

miler with the necessary

extra stamina.

King George, although

New to us. He came from Jessica Harrington over the summer after becoming a bit He was beaten a head in disappointing. He's had a few the Champion Chase, then issues, but in the last fortnight won Grade 1s at 2m and he's picked up a fair bit and has 2m4f – the question is been schooling well. He'll probably 'do we step him probably start off over hurdles, up in trip?' and the answer but it won't be long before he is 'do we need to?'. You goes novice chasing. might say he should have

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### On Demand

**New To This Town** 

Ann & Alan Potts Partnership

6g Milan - Jade River

RPR 123 OR 123

6m Teofilo - Mimisel Christine Thomas & Jim Hoyland 4200-31 RPR 128 OR 127

She's been doing well but is going up the handicap and that'll stop her soon. There's a 2m4f Listed race for her over hurdles at Wincanton on Badger Ales day, but she'll be going novice chasing before much longer.

### Pingshou

7g Definite Article - Quest Of Passion Ann & Alan Potts 414013-RPR 149 OR 150

A big horse who threw a splint a while ago but is back in full work now, although he's a month behind. The idea is to see if he's good enough for the Champion Hurdle, so he'll take in a trial or two, maybe the Fighting Fifth or the International Hurdle, and if we

Joe Tizzard keeps in touch out on the gallops at his father Colin Tizzard's Milborne Port base

see he's not up to that level he'll go novice chasing instead. He's a good horse who did plenty in what was only his first season. He won a Grade 1 and was placed in another, so he should be able to build on that. I don't think he'd mind soft ground.

### **Quite By Chance**

8g Midnight Legend - Hop Fair T Hamlin, JM Dare, JW Snook, JT Warner 246U0P-

RPR 153 OR 144

He's in good form and he'll go to Ascot on Saturday for the race he won last year, a valuable Listed handicap chase over 2m1f – then he'll go back for the similar £100,000 race in which he was second to Sire De Grugy. I think he'll stay further, maybe three miles or more, and I wouldn't be put off taking him back to Aintree. The fences there weren't the problem in the Topham because he's one of our best jumpers, he just got wiped out by another horse and was pulled up.

### Robinsfirth

8g Flemensfirth - Phardester Christine Knowles & Wendy Carter 24/21U-4

RPR 149 OR 142

Missed the second half of last season with a stress fracture, and I was well pleased with him at Cheltenham on Saturday when he was just found out by the last half-mile, having been off for a long time. That will put him right, and considering he was in against experienced handicappers in a very competitive race for the first time it was an encouraging performance. He's just been plagued with little injuries all his life, so with a clear run he could win a big handicap.

### Rockpoint

4g Shirocco - Tinagoodnight John and Heather Snook

RPR 96 OR -

Still a bit backward, but a nice horse who'll have a couple of runs in novices, get a handicap mark, and then we'll see how he gets on. He'll stay further as he learns the job.

### **Royal Vacation**

7g King's Theatre - Summer Break Jean Bishop 1311PP-RPR 155 OR 152

Was a bit lucky to win the Kauto Star race at Kempton on Boxing Day, but he'd already improved massively for wearing a tongue-tie. His form tailed off at the end of the year because his shins were bothering him a lot, so we've freeze-fired them and he should feel the benefit. He's in good nick and will join Cue Card at Wetherby at the weekend, there's a 2m3f chase for him, and then go for the Ladbrokes Trophy. He's won on heavy ground, but doesn't need it like that.

### **Shoal Bay**

4g Gold Well - Ring Hill Mrs RJ Skan

RPR 102b OR -

He was working like a good



### HORSE TO FOLLOW **Graeme Rodway**

### **Drinks Interval**

Two from two since switched to hurdles in a tongue-strap and value for further than the winning margin when swooping from last to first to score on her first start over 2m5f at Ludlow last

Harry Cobden rode her with supreme confidence, suggesting he knew she had plenty of ability, and she scythed through the field on the bridle

She could rack up a sequence in mares' novice hurdles and might even end up in the big one at Cheltenham in March.

horse before his debut at Worcester and he did it well in the end. He's a light-framed type who obviously goes well on good ground. We'll look after him and he might have another run in a bumper, but could just as easily go straight over hurdles.

### Sizing Codelco

8g Flemensfirth - La Zingarella Ann & Alan Potts Ltd 24011-P RPR 160 OR 158

He ran pretty moderately all last season until Aintree and Punchestown where Robbie Power organised him beautifully and he won two big handicaps. But he's not going to win a handicap off his current mark and he isn't good enough for the Gold Cup, so what do we do with him? I don't know what went wrong on his reappearance, maybe the sticky ground, but he'll go to Ascot on Saturday for the big 3m handicap, and we'll keep him busy after that.

### Sizing Platinum

9g Definite Article - Quest Of Passion Ann & Alan Potts Ltd 4F07-13 RPR 149 OR 148

Brother to Pingshou who bounced back to form in the mud at Newton Abbot, when he was a class above his rivals, although he went up 12lb for that a hike which probably scuppered his chance at Cheltenham on Saturday. Hopefully the handicapper might drop him a pound or two and he'll keep going in decent two mile handicaps, and somewhere along the line will win one.

### **Sizing Tennessee**

9g Robin Des Champs - Jolivia Ann & Alan Potts Ltd 234P-2F RPR 145 OR 139

Still a novice over fences but looked as though he had the race in the bag at Cheltenham last week until he came down at the second-last. That was his first time at three miles and the trip seemed to suit him, so he might go back to Cheltenham

### for a sillillar race. **Slate House**

5g Presenting - Bay Pearl Eric Jones, Geoff Nicholas, John Romans 5/1-1 RPR - OR -

Cost plenty at the Cheltenham Festival sale and is a gorgeous horse, works like a real good horse and was mighty impressive on his hurdling debut at Cheltenham last week when he made all and quickened right away when they got a bit close to him. He's

### STAR QUALITY

### **Native River**

7g Indian River - Native Mo Brocade Racing 1/21113-RPR 171 OR 166 Jarred himself a little bit in the Gold Cup, came back with a bit of ligament trouble, so he's been late coming back in and is just cantering now. The plan is to give him a race over hurdles around Christmas and then go for the Denman Chase at Newbury, which he won last season, before having another try at the Gold Cup. He won the Hennessy and the Welsh National. but the yard was slightly out of form by Cheltenham and he had the run of the race but was beaten only two lengths. If he has an easier time of it through the season he might just win a Gold Cup.  $\bar{P}$ eople talk about the Grand National but the owners aren't keen, and he'd have top weight or thereabouts, but he'd have a favourite's chance, wouldn't he? He'll have an entry, but

been a bit of a talking horse but couldn't do any more than he did there, and he'll probably go back to Cheltenham next month where he may step up to two and a half miles.

### Storm Home

the Gold

to come

Cup

has

first.

5g King's Theatre - Miss Mayberry John Romans F/2

RPR - OR

Was leading when he fell at the last in a point-to-point 18 months ago when the winner was Getabird, who won two bumpers for Willie Mullins last season. He did the splits when he fell, had a bit of back trouble, and we gave him a year off. He ran a decent race on his hurdling debut at Wincanton yesterday and probably bumped into a good one of Robert Walford's.

### Tempestatefloresco

 $9 g \: Storming \: Home - Empress$ Dagmar PG Nicholas 112P10 RPR 129h 151c OR 137h 145c Good old boy who's been in Continues page 4

### STABLE TOUR GOLIN TIZZARD



Colin Tizzard with stable star Thistlecrack, whose season ended early last term due to a tendon injury

### >>From page 3

tremendous form this summer, but he's very ground-dependent – he hated the bad ground at Listowel when he was pulled up in the Kerry National – and it looked like one race too many at Cheltenham, he ran well for a long way but emptied right out. He'll be roughed off and will be back in the spring.

### **Theatre Guide**

10g King's Theatre - Erintante Jean Bishop 817383-RPR 160 OR 154

Brother to Fourth Act. He was only just beaten in the bet365 Gold Cup last season and he was making a noise at the time, so he had a wind operation over the summer and will have a run before going to Newbury for the Ladbrokes Gold Cup, his fourth run in the race. There are plenty of those big staying handicaps he can go for,

### STAR QUALITY

### Thistlecrack

9g Kayf Tara - Ardstown John and Heather Snook 1/11112-RPR 176 OR 170

Everyone knows about his tendon injury - but he's been in the yard since August 1, he's doing fast work now and he's been absolutely fine, taking it all very well. The plan is to run him in the Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury at the beginning of December - he won it two years ago – and then go on to the King George. Last year, when he won the World Hurdle and the King George he was absolutely brilliant, wasn't he, one of the best horses I've ever seen, let alone trained. We'll treat him the way he deserves to be treated, and I'm asking myself whether he needs to have a run between Kempton and the Gold Cup, whether he needs to go back to Cheltenham for the Cotswold Chase. If I think it'd give him a better chance in the Gold Cup to go straight there, that's what he'll do. There's Aintree and Punchestown for later on.

### 'Thistlecrack will run over hurdles before King George'

including the one he won at Cheltenham last December.

### Third Intention

10g Azamour - Third Dimension Robert and Sarah Tizzard 948F4-8

RPR 163 OR 150

The only horse I've ever won a juvenile hurdle with! Wouldn't mind a few more juvenile winners, either. He was back in action in the Old Roan at Aintree yesterday and he'll be one for veterans' chases this season because he stays 3m, although they're not easy to win, and he ran in a couple of cross-country chases at Cheltenham so we might have a look at them too.

### Ultragold

9g Kapgarde - Hot D'Or Brocade Racing, John Romans, Terry Warner

When we bought him from

B6791-3 RPR 143 OR 141

France we thought we were buying a staying chaser, but we couldn't get a win out of him until he came back to two miles – and now he looks as though he's a three-miler again after winning the Topham and staying on strongly at Chepstow last time. We know he likes the big Aintree fences so the plan is

big Aintree fences so the plan is to try to win the Becher Chase – he could go straight there. The Grand National is a possibility too – that's what he was originally bought for – now that he looks more like a stayer.

### Valhalla

7g Scorpion - Fox Theatre John Romans & Terry Warner P168-33 RPR 135 OR 132

The trip was too far for him at Stratford on his reappearance

and he might have just needed the run, but when he dropped back to two miles at Ludlow last week he was flat out all the way, could never hold a position. He'll go back up in trip next time in another novice handicap chase.

### Viconte De Noyer

8g Martaline - Zouk Wood Ann & Alan Potts Ltd 10PP2-7

RPR 156 OR 150

He won first time out for us but was pretty moderate after that until running a good race at Punchestown. I don't know what the problem was, but hopefully it's behind him. He was back up in trip at Cheltenham on Saturday and travelled beautifully, but didn't get up the hill – he'd had a racecourse gallop, so it wasn't fitness. He'll drop back to two and a half miles again and probably go back to Cheltenham next month.

### Waterloo Warrior

5g Kalanisi - Vindonissa Brocade Racing 65P2-42 RPR 116 OR 114

Big, athletic horse who has yet to get off the mark – he was all over the show at Newton Abbot first time, but turned in a better performance at Exeter last week where Robbie Powe r did a good job and he jumped beautifully. There's no need to rush him, he'll stay over hurdles and be a chaser next year.

### White Moon

5g Sholokhov - Westalin Brocade Racing 5F-11 RPR 115 OR -

Beautiful horse to look at. It's hard to know what he beat at Wincanton on his hurdling

### STAR QUALITY

### **West Approach**

7g Westerner - Ardstown John and Heather Snook 5U3PP-1

RPR 145 OR 157

Thistlecrack's half-brother, and he's a very good horse too. We campaigned him too much and too highly over hurdles last season, and by the end of the season he'd had enough. Anyway, he jumped very nicely on his chasing debut at Ffos Las, appreciated the soft ground, stayed on well. He'll go back up to three miles now and will probably run at Cheltenham's next meeting unless we take him somewhere a little more out of the limelight. Then we'll think about the Kauto Star at Kempton on Boxing Day and then the RSA Chase. That's the sort of class he is.

debut, but the manner in which he did it was nice, very promising. He looked comfortable at 2m5f, will surely stay further amd will stay over hurdles now. We'll see how high he can go, and next season he'll be a lovely novice chaser.

### Wizards Bridge

8g Alflora - Island Hopper The Butterwick Syndicate 361P6-1

RPR 133 OR 119

Had a touch of sore shins last season but did it nicely in a little race at Fontwell on his reappearance and there's a handicap chase at the next Exeter meeting for him. He's not slow and he'll win more races at his level.

### **STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17** 68 Non-h'cap hurdles 589 83 80 358 14 -158.96 H'cap hurdles 584 62 60 70 392 64 Non-h'cap chases 353 66 65 1,253 167 150 160 -59.43 H'cap chases 776 13 Hunter chases -123.53 31 300 3.086 Totals 368 396 409 1,913 13

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<b>JOCKEYS</b>			
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Brendan Powell	53-451	12	-36.39
Paddy Brennan	25-113	22	+43.24
Tom O'Brien	23-162	14	-20.76
Tom Scudamore	20-96	21	+4.36
Aidan Coleman	18-129	14	-5.90
Harry Cobden	14-73	19	+51.58
Daryl Jacob	13-93	14	-27.52
Mr M Legg	11-75	15	-3.92
Robbie Power	7-18	39	+27.12
Richard Johnson	7-41	17	-7.50
Noel Fehily	6-27	22	-7.08
Sam Twiston-Day	ies 6-34	18	+5.50

February	53-346	15	-82.1			
March	43-381	11	-23.1			
April	42-318	13	-19.7			
May	15-158	10	-74.7			
June	11-93	12	-4.8			
July	6-92	7	-60.8			
August	14-71	20	+31.2			
September	5-56	9	-31.2			
October	52-372	14	-56.5			
November	73-441	17	+2.8			
December	43-391	11	-86.7			
FAVOURITES						
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MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

W-R 39-367

FIRST TIME OUT						
	W-R		£1 level stake			
Non-h'cap hurdles Handicap hurdles		11	-31.11 -38.00			
Non-h'cap chases	13-67	19	-5.02			
Handicap chases NH Flat	26-174 10-170	15 6	+ <b>2.92</b> -88.25			

FAVOURITE	ES		
•••••	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-h'cap hurdles	35-55	64	+18.73
H'cap hurdles	21-75	28	-3.16
Non-h'cap chases	22-43	51	+7.19
H'cap chases	52-222	23	-50.51
NH Flat	5-28	18	-14.28

COURSES								
	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
 Wincanton	56-418	13	10-99	2-18	12-100	27-155	5-46	-71.70
Newton Abbot	31-260		5-59	5-22	6-66	14-101	1-12	-49.01
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Exeter	31-273	11	6-57	10-48	5-68	10-83	0-17	-140.26
Chepstow	29-260	<u></u>	8-56	4-18	1-35	14-116	2-35	-87.60
Fontwell	28-166	17	5-33	3-11	7-36	10-58	3-28	-21.94
Cheltenham	26-287	9	6-46	10-66	0-37	9-120	1-18	-15.96
Newbury	22-165	13	5-28	5-16	2-24	9-71	1-26	-18.53
Taunton	22-216	10	1-46	3-11	9-57	8-81	1-21	-84.51
Plumpton	21-115	18	7-36	1-5	4-17	9-48	0-9	-2.88
Kempton	15-108	14	4-13	7-30	0-16	2-38	2-11	-9.18
Uttoxeter	14-62	23	0-6	3-10	3-10	8-33	0-3	+57.74
Aintree	14-77	18	5-18	3-11	0-9	6-38	0-1	+87.99
Ascot	11-86	13	3-13	2-18	1-10	4-34	1-11	-14.36
Warwick	10-79	13	1-12	1-10	2-17	5-27	1-13	+13.50
Haydock	8-35	23	0-3	4-11	1-4	3-17	0-0	+4.78
Ludlow	7-43	16	3-7	0-2	2-8	1-22	1-4	+8.54
Hereford	7-44	16	1-4	0-2	1-10	5-18	0-10	-15.25
 Newcastle	5-12	42	2-5	0-1	0-0	3-6	0-0	+28.50
 Huntingdon	5-17	29	0-1	0-1	2-3	3-9	0-3	+8.37
Stratford	5-61	8	3-8	0-5	0-5	2-38	0-5	-28.50
Wetherby	4-13	 31	1-2	1-4	1-1	1-6	0-0	+10.98
Lingfield	4-22	 18		 1-1	1-6	 2-10	0-0	-7.25
Folkestone	4-24	17	1-3	0-2	0-1	3-13	0-5	-8.21
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Worcester	4-66	6	0-8	0-9	1-14	2-32	1-3	-47.25
Towcester	3-16	<u>.</u>	1-5	0-1	1-3	1-4	0-3	+6.53
Ffos Las	3-41	7	1-8	1-4	0-8	1-15	0-6	-26.25
Sandown	3-62	5	1-4	0-13	0-14	2-31	0-0	-50.65
Carlisle	2-8	25	0-0	1-3	0-1	1-4	0-0	+0.50
Fakenham	1-4	25	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-0	-0.75
Bangor-On-Dee	1-20	5	0-3	0-3	0-2	1-11	0-1	-17.00
Southwell	0-2	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	-2.00
Kempton (AW)	0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	-2.00
Kelso	0-3	0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	-3.00
Market Rasen	0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	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	0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-3	-5.00
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Number of horses racing for the stable 254. Total winning prize-money £5,029,641.90

### JOSEPH Q'BRIEN

'Of all our novice hurdlers' he looks the most exciting' More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

### STABLE TOUR JOSEPH O'BRIEN

OSEPH O'BRIEN has quickly established himself as a top dualpurpose trainer. The 24-year-old, who was granted his trainers' licence in June 2016, has already enjoyed many memorable days in his new role. The undoubted highlight over jumps came earlier this season when Tigris River landed the ultracompetitive Galway Hurdle for JP McManus, a huge supporter of the yard.

O'Brien ended last season with 38 winners over jumps, a staggering total for someone in their first official season. Indeed, that tally reads even better given he was dealing mostly with juveniles and young bumper horses, most of whom are back bigger and stronger and ready to make an impact for the yard this term.

He describes his current batch of horses for the winter as "very exciting" and with horses like Edwulf, Le Richebourg, Tigris River and Ivanovich Gorbatov part of his ever-expanding jumps team, few would disagree.

### Brian Sheerin

### **Aeglos**

Five-year-old gelding by Mahler (sire) - Lurriga Jenny (dam) Owner: JP McManus Form figures: 2717-13 Racing Post Rating 121h Official rating -

A bumper winner at Leopardstown last Christmas, he went on to win his maiden hurdle for us this summer at Bellewstown but he didn't behave very well that day and got a bit worked up before the race. He had a little break and started back at Galway yesterday when he ran third in a 2m4f novice. Hopefully he will come on for the run.

### Alighting

5m Kayf Tara - Dalamine . Gigginstown House Stud

RPR 94b OR -

A half-sister to Don Poli. She ran just once for me last year when fourth in a bumper at Clonmel and she'll either run in a bumper or a maiden hurdle before Christmas.

### **Apparition**

3g Dream Ahead - Bluebell Park Annus Mirabilis Syndicate

RPR 116h OR -

I liked what I saw of him at Thurles as he was tough and you could even say he pulled it out of the fire as he looked beat for most of the straight. He missed the last three hurdles and still managed to win, which was great, as you'd hope he can improve his jumping. We'll look at running him in a winners' race at Down Royal next.

### Arkwrisht

7g Lavirco - Latitude Gigginstown House Stud 7-U212F

RPR 142c OR 138c

He ran a very good race in the Kerry National when he was only narrowly denied and he seemed to be going nicely in the Munster National before falling with a circuit left to race. He'll go for the Cork National over 3m4f. He was

# Exciting times ahead after memorable first campaign

### **STABLE PROFILE**

Where Owning Hill, Piltown, County Kilkenny

**Started training** 2016

**Jumps horses in yard** 50

Members of staff 40 **Head lad** Faisal Havat

**Assistant trainer** Mark

Secretaries Mark Hackett and Emma Dunning

Travelling head girls/lads Matt Crosse, Tina Evans and Paddy Doody

**Jockeys** Barry Geraghty, Mark Walsh, Jody McGarvey, JJ Slevin and Shane Shortall

absolutely terrible for me last

break and have brought him

hopefully he can continue to

He was just too keen on his

latest start on the Flat, when he

finished down the field in the

Irish Cesarewitch. We sent him

and he ran well for a long way

before fading to finish fifth in a

improve. He has disappointed

had excuses on each occasion.

us a couple of times but he's

I thought he'd have won his

maiden hurdle by now if I'm

honest - he's been placed in

plenty of them - but it should

back over hurdles at Galway

2m41/2f novice. He should

4g Galileo - Flirtation

RPR 111h OR 109h

progress. He should handle soft

been very well since, so

ground.

Bhutan

6-165

JP McManus

RPR 120h OR -

**Big Ben** 

2-2230

JP McManus

4g Galileo - Ecology

back slowly. He seems to have

season but we gave him a good

Amateurs Tom Hamilton and

Stable sponsor Al Basti Equiworld

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Winners in Ireland

2016-17

**Profit/loss to €1 stake** 2016-17 -118.56

Prize-money 2016-17 €710,244

### STAR QUALITY

**Edwulf** 8g Kayf Tara - Valentines Lady

JP McManus

U21F1P-RPR 157c OR 152c

He's been back with us more than a month now and is moving very well again. We're delighted to have him back. He was going well in the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham before he looked to go wrong. But according to the vets, what actually happened was that because he was trying so hard, he just ran out of oxygen and his body began to shut itself down and all the oxygen left in him was sent to his vital organs. He was lucky and the vets did a great job. We'll take him away somewhere for a gallop before making any plans. We're hoping Cheltenham was just a freak accident and that he'll be able to put that behind him.

### **Castle Howard**

3g Excelebration - Four Eleven JP McManus

He goes juvenile hurdling and will be ready to run soon. He seems a nice type.

### **Champagne Paddy**

4g Doyen - Shampooed Pat Tennyson

RPR 106b OR -He's one from one after winning his bumper at Roscommon impressively. We think he's very nice and he goes novice hurdling.

### Early Doors

4g Soldier Of Fortune - Ymlaen JP McManus 13-1 RPR 115b

He's a really nice horse who won his bumper impressively last season and was third in the Land Rover bumper at Punchestown. He started off over hurdles at Wexford yesterday and won nicely. Hopefully he will progress. He looks fairly versatile regarding ground.

### **Grey Waters**

3f Mastercraftsman - Pelican Boragh Stud Syndicate

211 RPR 107h OR -

She has taken to hurdling very well. There's a Graded juvenile race at Fairvhouse in a few weeks and that couple be a good option. We could give her a run on the Flat beforehand.

### Housesofparliament

4g Galileo - Sharp Lisa JP McManus 27-13

I thought he ran a good race in Sum up last season

in one word . . . 'Over - we always try to concentrate on what's next'

a Grade 3 novice hurdle at Tipperary last month and he'll go for a novice again in about three weeks' time. I don't really have a race picked out for him yet, but he could go for the For Auction Novice Hurdle at Navan or a handicap hurdle.

### **Imperial Way**

5g Getaway - Stormy Moment Gigginstown House Stud

RPR 115b RPR 115h

We gave him one last run in a bumper at Wexford yesterday and it proved worthwhile as he got an overdue win. He'll be going hurdling and we think he should stay well.

### **Ivanovich Gorbatov**

5g Montjeu - Northern Gulch JP McManus 334336-

RPR 153h, OR 150

He's on the way back and is about a month away from having his first run of the season. In an ideal world I'd like to find a little conditions race but we could always pitch him into a good handicap. The Greatwood Hurdle is an option.

### King Leon

8g Mountain High - None The Wiser JP McManus 121-9PB RPR 137c OR 132c He's been unlucky on a couple

of occasions He'l Cork National along with Arkwrisht.

### Landofhopeandglory

4g High Chaparral - Wurfklinge JP McManus 52-41F1 RPR 143h, 123c OR 144h, 133c

His jumping is really improving

### STAR QUALITY

### Le Richebourg 4g Network - Fee Magic

JP McManus 32-111

RPR 137h OR -I was delighted him at Galway and we've given him a little break since. His main aim will be the Royal Bond Novice Hurdle, but he might have a run before that. If he does have a run before Fairyhouse, it would be in the For Auction Novice Hurdle at Navan. That's the way we are thinking right now, but we'll make a definite plan closer to the time. He jumps well and you couldn't fault him from what we have seen from him so far, but it will be a different ball game when he meets the winter boys.

Still, of all of our novice hurdlers to have run to date, he looks to be the most exciting.

with practice and I was very happy with how he did it when he won a Graded chase at Roscommon last time. He'll be kept on the go during the winter.

### **Mischievious Max**

4g Dubai Destination - Saabga Colmark Stud Partnership 3421222

RPR 131h OR 125

He's a very tough horse who stays well. He won his maiden hurdle at Downpatrick and has run second on his three starts since. He tried to make all over 2m4f at Galway and only just lost out.



only be a matter of time.

Joseph O'Brien is 6-14 (43% +£15.96) in non-handicap hurdles at Killarney. Backing those who had been successful on their previous start would have given three winners from four starts ▶ Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at UNTERACTIVE

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Joseph O'Brien oversees his string at his Owning Hill base in Kilkenny

### Mortal

5g King's Theatre - Pomme Tiepy  ${\it Gigginstown\ House\ Stud}$ 

RPR 107b OR -

He's very well-bred and has won his bumper. He looks a staying type and he's exciting. We're looking forward to sending him over a hurdle this season and he's not too far away from starting off.

### **North Carolina**

3g Galileo - Tarbela JP McManus 4- (Flat form) RPR - OR -

He's another who has joined us to go hurdling. He seems to be jumping well and looks like he has potential.

### Outspoken

5g Galileo - Riskaverse JP McManus 2/2122P-RPR 144h OR 138h

He's got good Graded form, having been placed in a couple of Grade 2s. We'll probably stick to hurdles again this season and he'll be a fun horse for a lot of those Graded races. hut he could also run in handicaps as well. We might step him up in trip eventually.

### Persistent

4g Montjeu - Splendid  $JP\ McManus$ 5182112 RPR 126h OR 123h

He only just lost out in a 2m6f handicap at Galway when going for a hat-trick. His two wins were over shorter trips and he's a horse on the up. Hopefully, he'll be able to take another step forward.

### DARK HORSE

### **Paris Texas**

4g Kapgarde - Patrice De La

JP McManus Unraced

He's just a lovely young horse. He's doing well at home and we're looking forward to running him in a bumper.

### Rhinestone

4g Montjeu - Apticanti JP McManus Unraced

He's a nice horse by Montjeu and he'll run in a bumper before Christmas.

### Santiago De Cuba

4g Pour Moi - Marjalina JP McManus RPR 100h OR -

He won his bumper at Killarney in July and I thought he ran a nice race on his first start over hurdles when he was fifth in a maiden at Navan. He'll be out in another maiden before long.

### **Shady Operator**

4g Court Cave - Native Artist  $JP\ McManus$ 

RPR 126h OR -

He ran really well in a maiden Gordon Elliott's at Punchestown and, if anything, he probably ran a shade better than what we expected as it was his first run of the year. He's just a four-year-old and is an exciting novice. He should stay well.

### Slowmotion

5m Soldier Of Fortune - Second Emotion JP McManus 212-38P RPR 145c OR 144c She disappointed us in the

Munster National at Limerick but not a lot came to light afterwards so we've just given her a little break to freshen her up a bit. We'll be aiming her at a mares' chase at Clonmel.

### **Speak Easy**

4g Beneficial - For Bill JP McManus 1- (ptp form) RPR - OR -

A nice horse. He won his point-to-point for the Doyles last year and seems to jump very well. He'll be ready to run in the next couple of weeks.

### State Of The Art

3g Galileo - Queenscliff  $JP\ McManus$ Unraced

Another horse who's going jumping and we like what we've seen from him so far at home.

### Tesseract

6g Trans Island - Ballinagar Lady JP McManus F21661 RPR 116c OR 125c

He won his beginners' chase well at Galway and won on Sunday at Wexford. He's a horse with potential.

### The Gunner Murphy

4g Oscar - River Finn Mrs Paul Shanahan

RPR 124b

He won his bumper well at Galway but I d novice hurdling with him until next year, so we aren't going to rush him. He might go back for a winners' bumper with him. He's a horse for the future.

### **Tigris River**

6g Montjeu - Hula Angel  $JP\ McManus$ 4/45-711 RPR 150h OR 150h

He had a little break after winning the Galway Hurdle and the Greatwood Hurdle at Cheltenham is an option. He could also run in some of those Graded races as he has a high rating. He's got plenty of options and we're very happy with him.

### **Tower Bridge**

4g High Chaparral - Walkamia JP McManus 4-11

RPR 119b

He won a couple of bumpers but wouldn't want heavy ground. He'd handle soft all right and he'll be ready to run in a maiden hurdle soon.

### **Triplicate**

4g Galileo - Devoted To You JP McManus 311-

RPR - OR -

He jumps very well at home and is ready to run in a maiden hurdle. He's a nice horse to have off the Flat and we're looking forward to sending him over hurdles.

### **West Coast Time**

5g Westerner - Refinement Michael Tabor 120-15

RPR 1262 OR -He won his maiden hurdle well

and seems to like soft ground. Things didn't really fall right for him at Limerick last time, but he needed the experience, and we'll look at running him in another novice soon.

6g Poliglote - Jasminette Doree Gigginstown House Stud 1/31223

RPR 127h OR 126h

He's improved with each run and went 3m last time at Cork and ran very well there. He's a nice staying novice to have, but he's really one who will be better over a fence in time.



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### HORSE TO FOLLOW Justin O'Hanlon



### **Mortal**

He really impressed with the way he went about things when running out the very easy winner of a soft ground bumper on his only start at Limerick in March. He cost the sort of money one would expect of a son of King's Theatre and high-class chaser Pomme Tiepy and he looks likely to contest 2m4f-3m novice hurdles this season with the probability that better ground should play to his strengths. He looks quite an exciting

STABLE ANALYSIS 2016-17										
	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*	
Non-hcp hdl	279	48	53	38	140	17		-44.92	-16%	
Hcap hdl	97	9	13	7	68	9		-46.00	-47%	
Non-hcp chs	57	8	6	5	38	14		-26.46	-46%	
Hcp chs	31	5	4	1	21	16		+0.25	+1%	
NH Flat	86	17	14	15	40	20		-7.76	-9%	
Totals	550	87	90	66	307	16		-124.89	-23%	

\*return on investment

### **JOCKEYS** Mark Walsh 19-90 Jody McGarvey 16-103 16 Barry Geraghty 14-56 -14.70 J J Slevin 10 10-96 -56.63 27 Mr T Hamilton 7-26 +8.13 Shane Shortall 6-27 22 +15.00 Mr P W Mullins

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### Ricky Doyle 1-2 FIRST TIME OUT

Mr Derek O'Conr Mr J J Codd

Davy Russell

Miss S O'Brien

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	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	13-71	18	+14.60
Hcp hdl	0-12	0	-12.00
Non-hcp chs	0-7	0	-7.00
Hcp chs	1-4	25	+5.00
NH Flat	11-34	32	+22.74

2-22

2-23

### MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	cent	stake
January	4-28	14	-11.83
February	4-20	20	-4.22
March	3-19	16	+6.25
April	1-25	4	-22.38
May	8-44	18	-0.53
June	9-54	17	-7.94
July	20-88	23	-7.19
August	14-89	16	+0.75
September	7-56	13	-25.63
October	11-62	18	-11.25
November	2-23	9	-19.42
December	4-42	10	-21.50

### **FAVOURITES**

	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp hdl	25-66	38	-10.75
Hcp hdl	3-13	23	-3.00
Non-hcp chs	4-17	24	-7.21
Hcp chs	1-9	11	-5.25
NH Flat	7-21	33	-2.88

### COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp N	lon-hcp chs	Hcp hdl	Hcp chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Killarney	9-33	27	6-14	0-5	1-6	0-0	2-8	+6.57
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Galway			4-16			0-4	1-7	-12.48
Ballinrobe	6-21	29	5-14	0-1	0-3	0-0	1-3	+3.00
Tipperary	6-29	21	3-14	0-2	2-9	1-1	0-3	+9.42
Kilbeggan	6-29	21	3-13	2-7	1-4	0-3	0-2	+0.00
Downpatrick	5-14	36	4-10	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	+32.50
Bellewstown	5-17	29	4-7	0-0	0-9	0-0	1-1	+7.42
Punchestown	5-42	12	2-20	1-5	0-7	0-1	2-9	-23.96
Naas	4-19	21	1-10	2-3	0-2	1-1	0-3	-6.05
Roscommon	4-23	17	1-11	1-4	0-2	0-0	2-6	-7.90
Leopardstown	4-27	15	0-15	0-0	1-2	1-2	2-8	+2.50
Listowel	4-28	14	3-13	0-1	0-6	0-5	1-3	-17.19
Thurles	3-12	25	3-7	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	-0.75
Clonmel	3-23	13	3-13	0-1	0-7	0-0	0-2	-12.25
Fairyhouse	3-31	10	2-17	1-2	0-5	0-0	0-7	-24.47
Sligo	2-16	13	1-8	0-3	0-3	0-0	1-2	+2.90
Gowran Park	2-19	11	2-14	0-1	0-3	0-0	0-1	-10.13
Limerick	2-25	8	0-9	0-3	0-1	0-6	2-6	-9.75
Wexford	2-26	8	1-11	0-3	0-4	1-5	0-3	-14.50
Navan	1-12	8	0-6	0-4	1-1	0-1	0-0	-2.00
Down Royal	1-19	5	0-11	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-6	-17.27
Cork	1-21	5	0-18	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	-17.50
Tramore	0-13	0	0-8	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-0	-13.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 108 Total winning prize-money 802,303.29

'He has a big race in him when things fall right'

More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's **Stable Tour** 

### STABLE TOUR WARREN GREATREX

campaign was decent for Warren Greatrex, with big-race successes from the likes of Keeper Hill, Magic Money, Western Ryder and La Bague Au Roi, but there was still a feeling from the trainer that all was not as it might have been at Uplands.

Now, with some shifts in personnel, the former assistant to Oliver Sherwood is happy the yard is ready to face the challenge of the current season, even without sidelined star Cole Harden.

"At the start of last season there was something missing," says Greatrex. "There have been some changes in management and there's now a lot more energy in the yard. The horses look a picture and I'd like to think this is the strongest team we've had yet.

"We've bought plenty – store horses for the backend of the season as well – and it's very exciting. We've got quite a young team and I think we could be strong in the novice hurdle division this season.

"Western Ryder is the standout but there are a few who did okay last season and, from what I've seen, have stepped up a level.

"We've been waiting for the weather but I think the wait will be worth it."

### **Peter Thomas**

### Aloomomo

Seven-year-old gelding Tirwanako (sire) - Kayola (dam) Owner: The Large G & T Partnership Form figures: 1136/3F-Racing Post Rating 146 Official rating 138

Looked a star in the making but fell at Cheltenham last season and fractured his shoulder very badly. I thought we'd never get him back, but he's in full training and will have a run over hurdles before going back chasing in a 2m6f handicap he's won before at Newbury in early December. He looks well and could go a long way.

### **Article Fifty**

4g Doyen - Annie Go Philip Rowley

RPR - OR -

Has won a British point-topoint over 2m4f and will run in a bumper in the next week or so. I like him but he'll take time.

### Attest

4g Cacique - Change Course Bolingbroke, Bartram, Flatt, Molony & Sutton 671-112

RPR 123 OR 125

Progressed well last season and has improved again over the summer. I may run him in a backend hand on the Flat – which could be interesting off his mark - as a prep for a handicap hurdle at the November meeting at Cheltenham. He looks progressive still and could be competitive in some of the bigger prizes this season.

### Begbie

5g Scorpion - Ben's Pride Trevor Hemmings Unraced

One of two horses I've been sent by Trevor Hemmings. He's from a good family and is doing Strongest team so far ready for the challenge

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Uplands
- >> Where Upper Lambourn
- >> Started training 2009
- >> Horses in yard 80
- **▶** Members of staff 27
- >> Assistant Olly Kozak
- >> Head lads David 'Trigger' Plunkett, Ian Yeates
- >> Assistant head girl Stacie Bromley
- >> Travelling head girls Taylor Pook, Amy Deans
- >> Yard manager Elizabeth 'Fred' Gandolfo
- >> Jockeys Richard Johnson, Gavin Sheehan, Harry Bannister, Adrian Heskin. Andrew Tinkler, Tom
- >> Conditionals Tom Greatrex, Ben Hicks

- >> Amateurs Adam Elias, Scott Sainsbury
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2016-17 **-£80.47** 2015-16 **-£58.89** 2014-15 **-£79.92** 2013-14 +£33.02

Prize-money 2016-17 £518,501

everything asked of him at home. He should be ready for a bumper in the next two to three weeks.

### **Bob Mahler**

5g Mahler - Cooladurragh Bolingbroke, Bunch, Howard & Sutton 333UF-

RPR 127 OR 124

Should have won at Ffos Las last year but ducked out on the run-in, before falling at the first at Punchestown. He's improved a lot physically and should be well up to winning a maiden and a novice. Hopefully he'll be able to step up in class as he steps up in trip. He has a bit of a quirk but, if we can channel it, there's a good engine in there.

### **Boite**

7g Authorized - Albiatra Mrs T Brown 4/15803-RPR 141 OR 137

Won once last year and ran well in some of the better handicap hurdles. Plans are fluid - I might run him on the Flat first, he could go over fences, and I still think there could be a good prize for him over hurdles. He's tough, likes soft ground and can go anywhere from 2m to 2m4f. He's the kind of seasoned handicapper you can do a bit of everything with, knowing

he has a big race in him when things fall right.

### Brianstorm

5g Brian Boru - Coco Moon GB & GH Firmager

RPR 95 OR -

He was a little disappointing in his first bumper but I think I left him a bit short and he stepped up markedly on that when third in a Cheltenham bumper on Saturday. Richard [Johnson] liked him but, although he has a lot of ability, he just needs to learn to save a bit of energy for the end of the race. He jumps very well and will now go hurdling over 2m, probably right-handed. I can see him winning races through the season up to 2m4f.

### Carnspindle

5m Ask - Whistling Gypse Fitorfat1 Racing 162112-

RPR 126 OR 115

Won three and finished second in Listed company last season. Physically she's done very well since, she'll go on any ground, has a great attitude, is versatile from 2m to 2m4f and I'll be looking to run her in a mares' handicap hurdle at Fontwell this month. She could get winning black type before the end of the season.

4g Gold Well - Give Us A Look Million In Mind

RPR 89 OR -

Second in an Irish point and the form has worked out extremely well. I was amazed because he was very green and raw, but he's summered very well and I'd say we'll give him a bumper run for experience. He'll want a trip over hurdles in time.

### Don't Ask

4g Ask - Outback Ivy Walters Plant Hire & James and Jean Potter

RPR 97 OR -

I thought he was one of my better bumper horses last season, but he was very green on the racecourse, probably because he did everything so easily at home. He's done very well over the summer and may run in a Bangor bumper before going hurdling. He's very athletic and will want 2m4f

### Dory

4f Westerner - Papal Princess Carl Hinchy

RPR 101 OR -

over hurdles.

Slow to come to hand last year but won her bumper very well. Not over-big but tough and has a great mind. She'll go hurdling and should progress nicely on most ground.

### Flemenskill

5g Flemensfirth - Nivalf Middleham Park Racing CI 320-

RPR 105 OR -

Found Punchestown all too much after being placed in two bumpers but the experience has done him good and he came back in far more mature. He'll go hurdling over 2m4f and there's no reason to think he won't progress to winning before too long. He'll go on any ground.

### **Indian Hercules**

Carrawaystick Excel Racing

RPR 88 OR -

Winning Irish pointer who disappointed me in a bumper at Chepstow last season, but I'd probably been a bit easy on him at home. He's working well

### STAR QUALITY

### **Keeper Hill**

6g Westerner - You Take Care McNeill Family 211176-RPR 142 OR 138

Did very well over hurdles last season, winning in Listed company at Huntingdon, He'll go novice chasing, starting off at 2m4f somewhere small, but I'd be surprised if he weren't a better chaser than hurdler and he could compete at the bigger meetings in the spring. He's got everything required to jump fences and could be a leading light.

and will start over hurdles at 2m4f, jumps well and will go in any ground.

### King's Tempest

8g Act One - Queen Of Spades Mrs R Vaughan P/9P23-3 RPR 122 OR 110 I'm amazed I haven't won with him yet, judged on his

home work, but he's massive and the task is trying to keep him in one piece. If I can't win with him off his current mark I should be shot, and he'll be ready to start in a couple of weeks.

### La Bague Au Roi

6m Doctor Dino - Alliance Royale Mrs Julien Turner & Andrew Merriam 111761-

RPR 140 OR 138

Won four last season and yet still I thought there was more

in the tank. She may well start the new campaign in the Listed mares' hurdle at Wetherby on Saturday, as long as the ground isn't too soft, after which she could go chasing, which is what she's built for. She should be right up there in the mares' division.

### **Missed Approach** 7g Golan - Polly's Dream

Alan & Andrew Turner 413U28-

RPR 149 OR 145

Second in the four-miler at Cheltenham and was still leading between the last two in the Scottish National before finishing eighth to Vicente. His form was in and out and we never had a smooth run with him. He came in looking a picture and the Grand National will be his main target, with the first part of the season revolving around either the Ladbrokes Trophy at Newbury on December 2 or the Becher Chase a week later. His first outing will be over hurdles at Wetherby on Saturday but all roads will lead to the National and I'd quite like him to meet the fences for the first time on the big day because he's a very good jumper but he likes change. He can be moody but when he's on song he's a good horse. A bit of give suits him.

### One Track Mind

7g Flemensfirth - Lady Petit Andy Weller 2/1535-9 RPR 153 OR 153

Last year was a bit of a writeoff for him after winning the Grade 1 Champion Stayers' Hurdle at Punchestown, and I think the race left its mark. Everything was hard work for him after that but we eventually sent him back over hurdles and he's come back in a much happier horse. He's done some intensive schooling with



Warren Greatrex has shown a profit in May over jumps every year since 2013. It was £5 that season to a £1 stake, £9.76 in 2014, £0.30 in 2015, £10.35 in 2016 and £10.01 this year.

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Henrietta Knight, jumps very well and the plan is to go over fences, starting on November 12 at Ffos Las. I think he'll be a pretty good chaser.

### **Patgary**

5g Ballingarry - Maylady Pat Mrs DJ Fleming

RPR 80 OR

Owned by some lovely new owners to the yard, he performed well enough on his debut for me last week over 2m4f at Worcester, where he probably needed the run more than I thought. Gavin [Sheehan] gave him a sympathetic ride and I think he'll be a markedly different horse next time. He seems very straightforward and honest and will probably want 3m down the line.

### **Peculiar Places**

5g Presenting - Blu Louisiana Highclere Thoroughbred Racing -Louisiana

Our first horse for Highclere, he's a gorgeous three-parts

### DARK HORSE

### Lovenormoney

6g Winged Love - Dixies Gem Tim Syder RPR 129 OR 129

Won a staying novice hurdle last year but I was never 100 per cent happy with how he looked or how he was. He'll probably start over hurdles but then he'll go chasing, which will be his game. He's a proper stayer, loves soft ground, jumps very well and looks a different horse. I foresee considerable improvement.

brother to Dunguib and finished second in his bumper at Market Rasen. He does everything nicely at home. He'll run in a bumper in a couple of weeks, and I'd be surprised if he wasn't very competitive, but he'll be a staying chaser down the line and will go hurdling over 2m4f.

### **Petticoat Tails**

5m Presenting - Theatre Girl Wynnstay Wanderers 1123-

RPR 119 OR -

Placed in two Listed bumpers and will go hurdling over 2m4f. She's a brilliant jumper, a stunning mare to look at and I think she'll move up the ladder well.

### **Shantou Bob**

9g Shantou - Bobset Leader Fallon, Shipp & Bolingbroke 36/P/215-RPR 144 OR 146

Touch wood, he now seems to be in as good form as he's ever been – perhaps he's just finished growing up. If we get really soft ground he might start off in the Grade 2 Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury, but I can't run him unless it really is soft. He's honest and

Very talented but very fragile.

### always tries his best. The Butcher Said

4g Robin Des Champs - Georgina Valleya George Mullins

RPR 111 OR -

He's a big horse who did well to finish second in a Punchestown bumper on his only start last season. He's done very well over the summer and may run in a bumper at Newbury on November 9. After that he'd go hurdling over 2m4f but would need plenty of juice in the ground. He's exciting.

### The Nipper

6m Scorpion - Sharp Single Smith, Ratcliffe & Bowring 0F1116-

RPR 134 OR 135 A bit quirky but won three last season and ran very well against the boys at Punchestown. If the ground were soft she'd go for the Listed mares' race at Wetherby on Saturday and if not we'll go chasing with her. She's built to jump fences but needs give.

### **Theatre Territory**

7m King's Theatre - Specifiedrisk Robert Waley-Cohen 13F467-

RPR 129 OR 125

Came from Ireland with a big reputation that she hasn't quite lived up to yet, but I like what I see. We plan to send her over fences and hopefully she'll be winning soon.

### **Up To No Good**

4g Oscar - You Take Care EMG Roberts Unraced

A half-brother to Keeper Hill, he won't be ready to run until December but he's one I like and the owner has been very patient.

### Warrantor

8g Turtle Island - Pixie Dust Sarah Drysdale

RPR 140 OR 133

One of my favourites, just because of his attitude. He'll have staying races on soft ground on his agenda, maybe

### Sum up last season in one word . . . 'Coulddobetter'

Rival to watch . . . 'Harry Fry's

Onefortheroadtom'

even the Welsh National. I still feel he could land a big one. He's got a plate in one of his hind legs so he comes out a bit stiff sometimes but he's so enthusiastic.

### **Well Smitten**

5g Gold Well - The Dark One Edwards & Flatt

RPR 102 OR -

Should have won a Hereford bumper in February but tried to go via the car park and was just touched off. Physically he's matured a lot since. He'll go hurdling over 2m4f and I think he'll step up on last season.

### Western Ryder

5g Westerner - Seesea The Albatross Club 121253-RPR 126 OR

Showed high-class form last year in the big bumpers and improved with every run. He's come in looking amazing, iumps well and will start low key over hurdles at 2m before hopefully stepping into better races. He goes on any ground, he's not over-big but very tough mentally and has a real will to win.

### JESSICA HAPRINGTON

'He's in great form and I'm excited about him this season'



More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's **Stable Tour** 



### HORSE TO FOLLOW **Tom Collins**

### **Petticoat Tails**

Talented five-year-old mare who will clearly stay further than the distances she ran over in bumpers last year. Bearing that in mind, she did fantastically well to record form figures of 1123 in that sphere, including picking up place black type in Listed and Grade 3 company. Sure to improve now she tackles hurdles and looks likely to be campaigned with one of the novice events at Cheltenham or Aintree in mind.

### **STABLE ANALYSIS 2009-17** 3rd Unpl cent 17 95 84 83 190.04 Non-h'cap hurdles 556 294 Handicap hurdles 413 43 Non-h'cap chases 82 13 18 34 -51.73 16 Handicap chases 197 29 20 22 126 15 -2.9753 +1.06 NH Flat 311 40 40 +45.68 +15% 76 155 24 1.574 Totals 280 220 208 866 18 -280.85 return on investment\*

<b>JOCKEYS</b>			
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Gavin Sheehan	139-643	22	-59.89
Noel Fehily	30-186	16	-52.71
Harry Bannister	17-65	26	+29.03
Wayne Hutchinso	n 17-132	13	-21.17
Paddy Brennan	8-46	17	+2.43
Mr S Waley-Cohe	n 7-18	39	-4.94
Richard Johnson	7-32	22	-11.65
Andrew Tinkler	4-38	11	-22.80
Mikey Hamill	3-9	33	+2.95
Thomas Garner	3-29	10	-13.00
Denis O'Regan	2-6	33	-0.20
Leighton Aspell	2-21	10	-16.71

FIRST TIME OUT							
	W-R		£1 level stake				
Non-h'cap hurdles	19-109	17	-49.04				
Handicap hurdles			-0.40				
Non-h'cap chases	5-22	23	-9.21				
Handicap chases	3-41	7	-28.92				
NH Flat	45-154	29	<b>±53 25</b>				

MONTHL	Y BREAK	KDOW	/N
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	16-176	9	-92.15
February	33-187	18	-13.05
March	37-222	17	-7.86
April	29-181	16	-80.92
May	29-107	27	+31.57
June	13-57	23	-4.30
July	11-44	25	+5.22
August	10-37	27	-2.69
September	3-27	11	-15.13
October	17-102	17	-27.36
November	48-224	21	-59.84
December	34-210	16	-14.34

	FAVOURITE	S		
		W-R		£1 level stake
i	Non-h'cap hurdles	48-112	43	-21.61
:	Handicap hurdles	29-95	31	-13.18
i	Non-h'cap chases	17-35	49	
:	Handicap chases	7-42	17	-22.05
Ė	NH Flat	38-95	40	-2.15

		Per	Non-hcp		H'cap	H'cap	NH	£1 leve
	W-R	cent	hurdles	chases	hurdles	chases	Flat	stake
Stratford	27-77	35	12-30	4-8	3-15	3-11	5-13	+41.01
Uttoxeter	18-66	27	4-18	0-2	3-17	3-11	8-18	-1.54
Wetherby	17-57	30	6-23	2-5	4-15	2-4	3-10	+13.11
Bangor	14-48	29	4-14	0-3	2-11	2-6	6-14	+18.38
Plumpton	14-63	22	9-37	0-1	2-16	1-3	2-6	-3.1
Newbury	14-91	15	3-39	2-5	3-22	4-16	2-9	-3.01
Fontwell	12-57	21	6-26	0-1	5-20	1-6	0-4	-11.68
Lingfield	10-23	44	6-13	2-2	2-4	0-4	0-0	+15.46
Ffos Las	10-52	19	5-20	0-4	1-7	1-9	3-12	-24.17
Warwick	10-62	16	1-21	0-2	3-18	2-5	4-16	+14.33
Newton Abbot	8-34	24	0-7	0-1	4-16	0-2	4-8	-3.86
Market Rasen	8-39	21	5-19	0-0	2-14	0-1	1-5	-11.64
Chepstow	8-57	14	4-23	0-1	1-13	3-11	0-9	-14.00
Towcester	7-35	20	4-16	1-1	1-9	0-4	1-5	-12.12
Doncaster	7-41	17	1-17	3-8	1-6	1-6	1-4	-15.98
Worcester	7-44	16	1-12	1-6	1-11	0-7	4-8	-10.93
Exeter	7-51	14	2-19	0-4	5-18	0-6	0-4	+5.44
Huntingdon	7-57	12	3-28	0-1	0-10	2-5	2-13	-32.48
Hereford	6-22	27	2-7	1-3	2-5	0-2	1-5	+8.87
Southwell	6-39	15	2-9	0-2	0-12	1-4	3-12	-6.25
Wincanton	6-55	11	3-19	0-2	2-25	0-3	1-6	-36.38
Kempton (AW)	5-27	19	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-27	+15.50
Kempton	5-56	9	0-22	1-4	3-18	1-9	0-3	-27.25
Cheltenham	5-86	6	2-27	0-8	2-26	0-13	1-12	-52.88
Lingfield (AW)	3-11	27	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-11	+6.01
Fakenham	3-15	20	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-1	3-8	+1.50
Sandown	3-49	<del></del>	0-10	0-0	0-20	0-8	3-11	-29.00
Perth	2-4	50	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-2	0-0	+5.33
Newcastle	2-7	29	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-2	-3.6
Southwell (AW)	2-10	<del></del> 20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-10	-0.75
Catterick	2-11	<del></del> 18	0-3	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-1	-7.6
Carlisle	2-12	!5 17	1-2	1-1	0-3	0-3	! <u>-</u> :! 0-3	
Sedgefield	2-14	! <i>:</i> 14	1 <u>-2</u> 0-2	0-0	1-6	0-2	1-4	-7.43 -2.75
	2-15	! <del></del> 13	1-4	0-0	0-9	1-2	0-0	-4.93
Haydock		• • • • • • • • • •	0-11		• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Taunton	2-29	7	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	0-0	1-8	0-2 0-7	1-8	-13.00
Aintree	2-36	6	0-7	0-3	1-10		1-9	-28.00
Ascot	2-39	5	1-12	0-5	0-5	0-6	1-11	-26.25
Kelso	1-2	50	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	+0.3
Cartmel	1-3	33	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-1.50
Leicester	1-11	9	0-3	0-2	0-0	1-6	0-0	-3.50
Ayr	1-11	9	0-1	0-0	1-7	0-3	0-0	-8.38
Ludlow	1-29	3	0-15	0-1	1-7	0-2	0-4	-22.00
Hexham	0-3	0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	-3.00

### STABLE TOUR JESSICA HARRINGTON

OMING off a really good year on the Flat, Jessica Harrington will attempt to build on a tremendous 2016-17 season over jumps – and while it was not the most successful campaign she has enjoyed in terms of number of winners, it was probably her best in terms of achievement.

The signs of progress at Commonstown are everywhere, including the 30 new boxes constructed and ready for occupation. And occupied they will be.

It is hard to fathom that before last season Harrington had yet to have a runner in the Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown or the Cheltenham Gold Cup. By the end of March she had both trophies on her sideboard courtesy of Sizing John in his first full season at the yard.

The seven-year-old added a third Grade 1 chase to his CV with a gutsy victory in the Punchestown Gold Cup, and fully justified his owner Alan Potts's decision to send some of his horses to the trainer.

Another Potts horse, Supasundae, could be among the leading contenders for the Stayers' Hurdle in March and, far from never having had a runner in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, Harrington now looks to have a second live contender in that division this season in the shape of last year's top staying novice chaser Our Duke. His astonishing performance for such an inexperienced chaser in the Irish Grand National was one of the best in a top handicap chase for some time.

Harrington has long held the ambition to have a team of quality chasers, and now she has two of the best. Everything looks set for another exciting

### Interview by Justin O'Hanlon

### **A Sizing Network**

Seven-year-old gelding Network (sire) - Gemma (dam) Owner: Ann & Alan Potts Limited Form figures: 422211 Racing Post Rating: 142 (chase) Official rating: 134 (chase) He's very much an improving horse. He's had a few issues but they seem to have been fixed and his last two runs have been terrific. It wasn't a high-grade handicap chase he won at Punchestown but he carried top weight and did it very easily. He jumped super as well. He seems to handle softer ground too. I'd love to get him up to a mark high enough to run in the Grand National but whether that's 2018 or 2019 I don't know. I'll step him up slowly through the grades in handicaps and maybe even in a novice chase. The Irish Grand National could be a realistic target too.

### Ale Ambrosio

5f Big Bad Bob - Memorys Of Madness Robcour 5/0470-

RPR 108 OR -She had a few setbacks last year, but she seems to have come back much stronger. I still like her a lot. She's done a lot of schooling and will run on over hurdles over 2m4f or thereabouts. I look forward to her jumping a fence eventually

# Yet more signs of progress following last season's heroics

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Where Commonstown Stud, Moone, County Kildare
- >> Started training 1989
- >> Horses in yard 75
- >> Members of staff 50
- >> Assistant trainer/head groom Eamonn Leigh
- >> Assistant trainer
- Kate Harrington >> Travelling head groom
- Niall Amond
- >> Jockeys Robbie Power, Mark Bolger, Bryan Cooper
- >> Conditionals Paddy
- Kennedy, Ryan Treacy ▶ **Amateur** Kate Harrington
- >> Secretary Ally Couchman
- Office manager Emma Galway

### >> Website jessicaharringtonracing.com

>> Twitter @Jessica\_Racing

### Winners in Ireland

2010-17	40
2015-16	47
2014-15	31
2013-14	35
Profit/loss to €1 sta	ke
2014 <b>-€121</b>	.84

+€4.94 2012 +€44.42 2011 +€10.71

Prize-money 2016-17 €1,444,925

### Billy's Hope

6m King's Theatre - Lady Bellingham Flyers Syndicate 6420-P0 RPR 135 OR 128 She was a bit unlucky not to win over fences last season. She'll run this month, probably in a mares' beginners' chase. She always seems to run well fresh and I'd be hopeful of a big run first time out. She stays very well and is adaptable as to ground – she just wouldn't want it too heavy.

### **Boot Camp**

4g Milan - Derravaragh Native Boot Camp Partnership

RPR 116b

He had a very nice run at Punchestown at the festival where he was a bit keen, but he settled much better in front at Thurles last week and I was delighted with him – we were beaten by a better horse on the day. I'd hope he'll be a decent horse over hurdles although I'd like to win a bumper with him. I think he'll go on any ground and he's definitely one to look forward to.

### **Close Shave**

6g Presenting - Knock Down JP McManus 418-721

RPR 131 OR -

He's a grand, big horse who won his hurdle race last year. He ran very well when second to Calino D'Airy at Galway last month over fences and he jumped very well and did it well enough over 2m6f at Thurles last week. He'll progress. We'll probably go now for a novice handicap chase somewhere over 2m6f to 3m. He could well be a very good staying chaser in time and he's a nice one to look forward to. We'll space out his runs well - he's really only coming to himself now.

### Don't Touch It

7g Scorpion - Shandora JP McManus

RPR 151 OR 150 Hopefully he'll go the 2m chase route. He might run at Christmas but not if the ground is very heavy. He's really a spring horse and he'll be aimed at Cheltenham. Aintree and Punchestown.

Races like the Dan Moore Chase at Fairyhouse and the Grand Annual will be his aim. He's tough when he has to be, he has Grade 1 hurdles form and plenty of ability, and he's probably another who is just coming to himself.

### Forge Meadow

5m Beneficial - Ballys Baby Joseph M Doyle 2184-65 RPR 138 OR 135 She's been a bit disappointing on her last two runs and has been a bit free, including last month at Punchestown. She's a very good mare when she relaxes a bit - maybe we'll have to go back to the drawing board a little. She's a bit hard to place and we might try to find some small-field conditions hurdles for her. But the trouble is she's a Grade 2 winner and will be counted out of most of those. She's grown a lot over the summer and I might run her over fences to try to get her to settle.

### Girly Girl 8m Golan - Clan Music

TA Crowe 33FF30-RPR 126 OR 125 She was so unlucky last year, falling twice when looking like winning. She'll go the mares' beginners' chase and mares' Graded chase route. She's come back in great form and runs very well fresh.

### **Holding Pattern** 5m Teofilo - Meon Mix

Orla O'Connor

RPR 113b

Her owners have been very patient with her and I was delighted the way she won on her debut at Thurles. I think we'll try her in a winners' bumper, possibly the mares' Listed race at Navan this month or possibly take on geldings, and then go hurdling. We'll go the mares' novice hurdle route and see where

we end up. She has a bit of

class and a good staying Flat

STAR QUALITY

Jessica Harrington has

added another 30 boxes

at her yard in Moone,

**County Kildare** 

**Our Duke** 7g Oscar - Good Thyne Jenny Cooper Family Syndicate P3/1121-RPR 172 OR 167 He had a fantastic year and wasn't over-raced. The Cooper family took

a view around Christmas that we wouldn't go to Cheltenham. He was a bit unlucky at Leopardstown in February when he made a mistake at the last but I think that helped him in the Irish Grand National where he was so impressive for such an inexperienced horse in a big handicap. He's in great form and goes for the Grade 1 Champion Chase at Down Royal on Saturday. He might run in the John Durkan before Christmas. From there, all being well, it will be the Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown and then the Cheltenham Gold Cup. I'm excited about him this season and hopefully he can go and do it.

pedigree. She coped well with the ground at Thurles, which was quite tacky, and she's a nice mare to look forward to

### **Impact Factor**

5g Flemensfirth - Hello Kitty Robcour

RPR 111b

He was placed in two bumpers last season for Paddy Twomey, finishing second to Poli Roi in

a pretty good Navan bumper. He's a lovely horse and will be going straight over hurdles.

### Jett

6g Flemensfirth - La Noire G McGrath 26U424-

RPR 143 OR 142

He was a bit unlucky over fences last season – he's got a bit stronger and he'll go straight back over them now. His run when second to Yorkhill was very good and he just couldn't jump out of the heavy ground at Gowran next time. He needs a bit better ground and his experience should stand him in good stead.

5g Flemensfirth - Miss Squiff  $\stackrel{-}{G}McGrath$ 433-3

RPR 115 OR -

He'll carry on over hurdles. He was keen and a bit wayward on his first run over hurdles at Killarney in May but his bumper form was good and he's a nice horse. He'll probably run over 2m4f-plus.

### Jezki

9g Milan - La Noire JP McManus 1/1285-1 RPR 171 OR 155

Last year was a bit of an off season for him – he was rusty after 18 months on the sidelines, things didn't really go his way and we're putting a line through it. There's really no pressure this season and we'll let him tell us what the plan of action should be. Things started with a bang when he won a Grade 3 hurdle at Tipperary last month, so the plan is to go to Punchestown for the Morgiana Hurdle and take it from there. We'll take each race as it comes and make no plans. I think he still has the speed to be a high-class two-miler.



Jessica Harrington is 13-25 (52% +£6.10) with favourites over hurdles ridden by Robbie Power since 2015. It breaks down to 8-13 (62%) with those running over 2m3f or further.

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### **Light That**

5g Echo Of Light - Tucum Flyers Syndicate 002-P80 RPR 136 OR 126

He had a bit of a break and should go on now over fences. To look at him you'd say he's crying out for fences. He was good on the Flat over the summer too. He'll run in 2m novice chases but has to go right-handed.

### Magic Of Light

6m Flemensfirth - Quest Of Passion Ann & Alan Potts Limited 2431-32 RPR 119h 115c OR 113h We were thrilled with her run in a handicap hurdle at Gowran in September which got her some black type - and we found a beginners' chase for her at Thurles last week which was for horses rated less than 116 over hurdles. The trip was too short and she was a bit unlucky so we'll probably run in another of those races. She jumps very well and she'll really come into her own when she goes over 3m. She's getting much stronger.

### Neverushacon

6g Echo Of Light - Lily Beth David Reid Scott 43-F1P4 RPR 147 OR 145 He seems to be handling

Sum up last season in one word . . . 'Mind-boggling!'

Rival to watch . . . Might Bite

'If he puts his best foot forward he's a very good horse. You never know what he's going to do but he's very talented' soft ground a bit better now. The handicapper hammered him for his win at Galway, putting him up 10lb, and he'd be a grand horse to take to Cheltenham or Aintree but he just can't go left-handed. He needs to step up to 2m4f on a flat track. He jumps great and he's a fun horse. He's very big and has kept on improving. He'll go to Fairyhouse and Punchestown in the spring. There's a good Flat race in him somewhere along the line.

### Oscar Sam

8g Oscar - Good Thyne Jenny Cooper Family Syndicate 813B0-8 RPR 149 OR 140

He's very high in the handicap. The handicapper in Britain has him anchored and is not too likely to drop him and, much as we'd like to go back for races like the Coral Cup and Pertemps Final, it's very difficult. He got a bit tired at Thurles last week but he usually needs a couple of runs, that's just him. We'll try and find similar races for him – he's a very honest 3m hurdler.

### **Rock The World** 9g Orpen - Sue N Win

JP McManus 014-250 RPR 163 OR 153 He looks likely to get a break and come back to try and win the Grand Annual again. He's very much a spring horse and Aintree, Fairyhouse and

win the Grand Annual again. He's very much a spring horse and Aintree, Fairyhouse and Punchestown will also be in his programme. He could well run in a Grade 2 or a Grade 3 – he did well in the Grade 1 at

### Sandymount Duke

8g Hernando - Joleah R Wood 145-115 RPR 157 OR 157 He's going for the Grand National. Provided the ground

Punchestown in the spring.

### STAR QUALITY

7g Midnight Legend - La

### Sizing John

Perrotine Ann & Alan Potts Limited 3/21111-RPR 174 OR 168 He really rose to the occasion each time last season and it was Robbie Power who insisted that he felt like a stayer after we chased home Douvan over 2m1f at Christmas. So we stepped up to 2m4f for the Kinloch Brae at Thurles and that went well, and again when he stepped up to 3m for the Irish Gold Cup he did it quite easily on very heavy ground. The way he stayed at Cheltenham was slightly unexpected to me but not to Robbie and it was a fantastic performance. He'll be following a different campaign this time because Alan Potts wants to go for the million pound bonus, so he'll be going to the Betfair Chase at Havdock, followed by the King George at Kempton and then the Gold Cup. Winning all three will be pretty tough to do but we'll be giving it our best shot.

is good or maybe good to soft the plan is to run at Aintree, although as he's getting older he's handling soft ground that bit better. He stays really well now and his jumping is more than good enough. He's improved unbelievably this year and has been an amazing horse and the owner has never had a runner in National, so that's the plan.

### Someday

5g Black Sam Bellamy - Like Manner Howard Spooner 2/15-3 RPR 101 OR -

He'll be running in novice hurdles. Having to pull him out of the Cheltenham Festival bumper last season was a disaster – travelling over there and everything else probably took its toll on him for his last two runs. I'm delighted with him now though – he's back in and in great form and he'll run in a maiden hurdle very shortly. He should be at home over 2m or 2m4f. I think he'll settle much better this year.

### **Supasundae**

7g Galileo - Distinctive Look Ann & Alan Potts Limited 812412-RPR 159 OR 159

He'll be going the 3m hurdle route. The owner took a little bit of persuading not to send him chasing but I don't think Galileos are particularly good jumpers of fences. He's only a little bit below the very best staying hurdlers judged on his run against Yanworth at Aintree, and that was after a tough spring when he won the Coral Cup. He had also run at Christmas and in February. and he was really thriving on his racing and improving for it. He's a seven-year-old going on eight so there's every chance he's only really starting to

come to himself. He'll go to the Hatton's Grace at Fairyhouse next month and then the Stayers' Hurdle route.

### **Thirsty Work**

6g Robin Des Champs - Koko Rose JP McManus 11P0-P9 RPR 134 OR 126 He's a grand horse who won a couple of hurdle races last season. He's taking a little bit of time to get the hang of things over fences, but he was a little better on his last run a couple of weeks ago in a beginners' chase won by Petit Mouchoir and he'll get there. He's a big, gross horse who's quite hard to get fit. His trip is 2m to 2m4f.

### **Woodland Opera**

7g Robin Des Champs - Opera Hat Mrs T K Cooper 4311-F3 RPR 153 OR 150

I was happy enough with him in a Grade 3 novice chase at Punchestown last month when he finished third to Death Duty. He'd have been second if he'd hacked round behind but we decided to take the winner on and keep him honest but he got tired. He goes for the Grade 2 at Down Royal on Saturday and if he's not good enough we may go handicapping. He improved through last season and his jumping last time was brilliant.

### **NEWCOMERS**

WE have some very nice young point-to-point winners. **Another Barney** (4g Scorpion-Roseabel) won a point at Tralee. He was out for the summer and is a very nice horse. Madison To Monroe (4g Presenting-Caltra Princess) was bought by Alan Potts after winning his only point-to-point at Monksgrange for Colin Bowe and is another lovely, big horse. Other young point winners I'm keen on are Moonshine Bay (4g Milan-Chantoue Bay) and Not Many Left (4g Oscar-Lasado). They should all run in a bumper before going hurdling and I hope they're all good enough to end up at Cheltenham at some stage. Some nice unraced fillies include Sizing Stephanie (4f Beneficial-Spirit Leader) and some very nice unraced geldings include Pincer **Movement** (4g Scorpion-Mae Present'N'Correct (4g Presenting-Cut 'N' Run).

### DARK HORSE

### **Lesley Dawn** 4f Flemensfirth - Glen

Empress
Ann & Alan Potts Limited
7-1

RPR 120 OR She goes for the Graded mares' novice hurdle at Down Royal over 2m [tomorrow]. She was very impressive on her second maiden hurdle start at Punchestown in May. She'll stay in mares' company – she's a lovely filly and one to be excited about. We hope she'll end up at Cheltenham. She should get 2m4f.



### HORSE TO FOLLOW Mark Boylan

### **A Sizing Network**

The yellow, green and red of Alan Potts enjoyed a phenomenal time last season with Jessica Harrington – and his talented seven-year-old A Sizing Network could be another performer to take them to the major festivals. His Punchestown performance over 2m6½ last month, when carrying plenty of weight, was impressive and suggested there is much more to come. It would be no surprise if he develops into a high-class performer and he could land a decent pot off his current mark of 134.

### STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17 3rd Unpl cent Non-hcp hd 1,633 209 205 190 1,029 Hcap hdl 36 40 40 445 -247.80 Non-hcp chs 567 91 99 81 296 16 -104 63 Hcp chs 18 -130.25 0 Hunter ch 574 NH Flat 63 65 70 376 11 -96 21 Totals 3,577 413 426 399 2,339 12 return on investment

### **JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Robbie Power	162-1223	13	-266.29
Barry Geraghty	58-284	20	+10.56
Mark Bolger	39-456	9	-148.48
Miss K Harringto	on 31-290	11	-44.23
Mark Walsh	6-41	15	-18.51
Mr S P Byrne	5-37	14	-5.50
Paddy Kennedy	5-101	5	-51.63
Davy Russell	3-30	10	-2.83
Robbie McNama	ara 2-2	100	+26.00
Ryan Treacy	2-4	50	+21.00
R Walsh	2-5	40	+3.25
Mr J J King	1-1	100	+3.50

### FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R	Per cent	£1 leve stake
Non-hcp Hdl	48-364	13	-24.5
Hcp Hdl	1-88	1	-77.0
Non-hcp Chs	13-83	16	-22.1
Hcp Chs	2-41	5	-20.0
NH Flat	27-250	11	-1.3

### **MONTHLY BREAKDOWN**

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	W-R	cent	stake
January	28-267	11	-91.28
February	31-250	12	-40.93
March	32-231	14	-61.05
April	37-367	10	-32.30
May	45-393	12	-120.88
June	25-171	15	-77.39
July	27-291	9	-145.34
August	38-254	15	-7.72
September	29-228	13	+10.69
October	42-361	12	-154.58
November	45-338	13	-32.74
December	34-426	8	-234.04

### **FAVOURITES**

		W-R		£1 leve stake
:	Non-hcp Hdl	82-213	39	-17.61
i	Hcp Hdl	8-49	16	-10.30
:	Non-hcp Chs	40-118	34	-29.33
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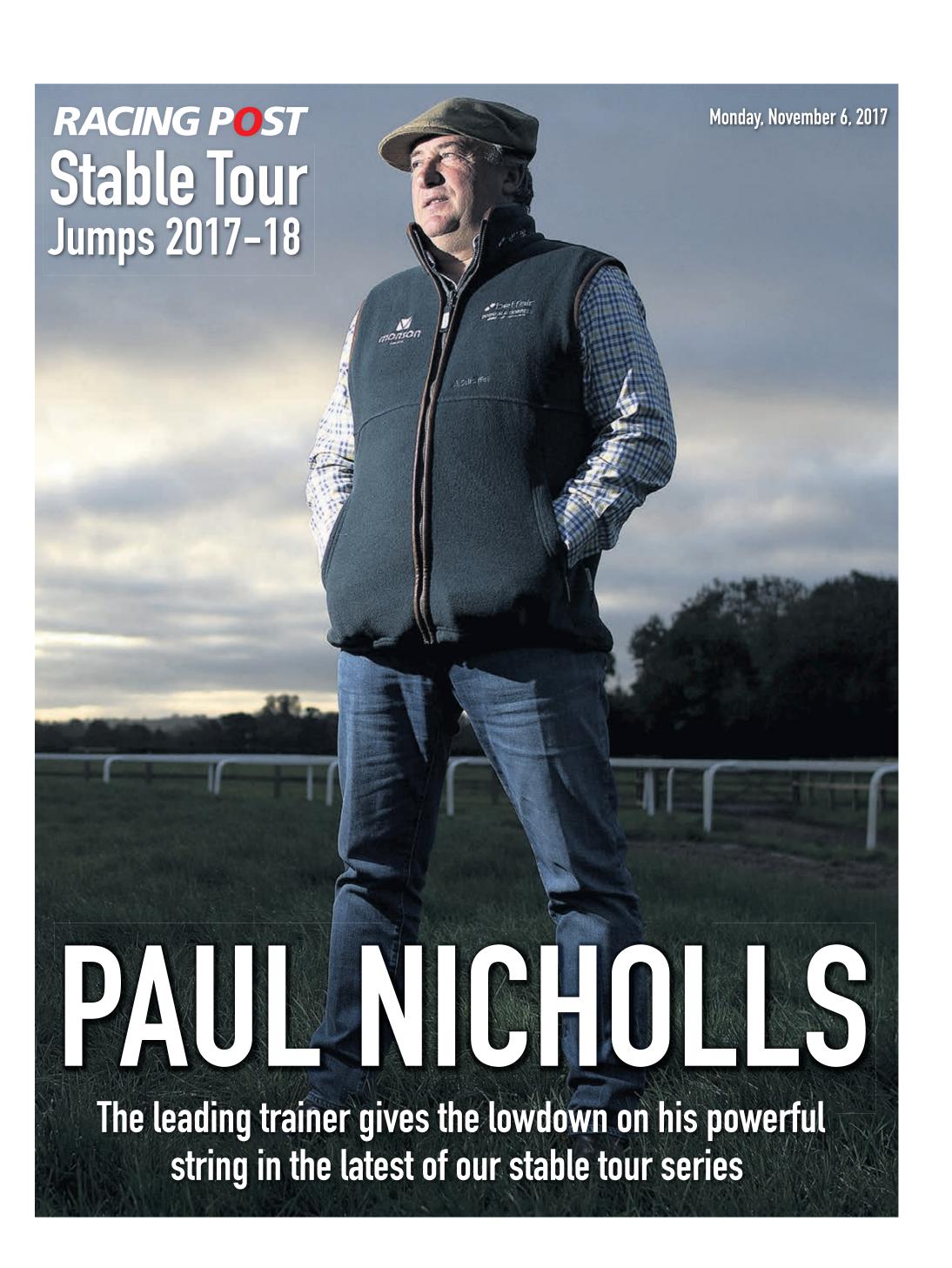
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Fairyhouse	28-362	8	17-161	3-51	2-71	1-23	5-56	-137.89
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Thurles	16-134	12	2-60	10-52	0-8	0-1	4-13	-44.38
Cork	16-178	9	13-99	3-14	0-37	0-7	0-21	-96.50
Ballinrobe	15-76	20	5-30	6-18	2-14	0-4	2-10	-6.61
Tipperary	14-66	21	10-42	3-10	0-4	0-2	1-8	+3.87
Naas	14-162	9	7-77	2-26	2-23	0-3	3-33	-70.38
Galway	12-142	9	3-37	2-21	2-34	2-21	3-29	-58.65
Clonmel	10-80	13	4-36	3-23	1-11	0-2	2-8	-34.14
Roscommon	9-94	10	2-44	5-16	0-6	0-8	2-20	-53.34
Killarney	8-135	6	3-46	3-30	1-25	0-16	1-18	-88.10
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### STABLE TOUR PAUL NICHOLLS

AUL NICHOLLS is never happier than when he's training winners. Right now he's training lots of winners and he's very happy.

A glance at the stats should elevate his mood from very happy to ecstatic, for no handler in the top 30 has a higher win strike-rate, currently 32 per cent. Another bumper October harvest left him only fractionally behind where he was this time last year when he went on to set a personal best tally of 171 winners.

Everything looks set, then, for another great season. Whether it will be good enough to wrest the title back from Nicky Henderson is not occupying his thoughts at this stage. "Of course we'll be trying our hardest," he says, "but I'll need a miracle to hold off Nicky once he brings out his big guns. I simply don't have the established stars for the championship races.'

True, Manor Farm Stables doesn't have the stars right now, but that situation may be about to change. Nicholls has potentially his finest bunch of novice chasers since the Kauto Star/Denman era, and this is the group to concentrate on in the coming months.

From a crop of around 35, ten have already visited the winner's enclosure at least once, with the likes of Capitaine, Movewiththetimes and Adrien Du Pont displaying Graded potential.

They will now assume the mantle from the summer performers who have been in unstoppable form, with five winners apiece from Alcala and Black Corton and four from Bagad Bihoue.

Asked what his biggest target is right now, the ten-time champion says: "I'm currently on 2,824 career winners and it will be really exciting to get to 3,000."

It can only be a matter of time before he becomes only the second trainer, after Martin Pipe, to reach that landmark. And then there will be the small matter of trying to overhaul Pipe's tally of 3,930 jumps winners.

It will be a few years before that might happen, but such is the relentless pace Nicholls now into his 27th season continues to set, we shouldn't bet against it.

### **Interview by Ben Newton**

### **Act Of Valour**

Pedigree: three-year-old gelding, Harbour Watch (sire) - B Berry Brandy (dam) Owner: The McNeill family Form: 742937 (Flat) Racing Post Rating: 98 Flat Official rating: -

He's one of three I'm training for the McNeill family and it's good to have them on board. One of around a dozen we have to go juvenile hurdling, he's come here with some decent Flat form in Ireland, having won a Roscommon maiden in May and subsequently been placed in good handicap company. He's taken to jumping straight away, but I like to give these youngsters plenty of time to acclimatise and get used to our Potential the key word as master trainer bids to build on great start

### **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, Jack Jones
- >> Assistant head lass Rose Loxton >> Travelling head lass Kate
- Nutt, Donna Hills >> Jockeys Sam Twiston-
- Davies, Sean Bowen, Harry Cobden >> Conditionals Alexander Thorne, Bryony Frost, Henry

Morshead, Megan Nicholls,

way of doing things. We should see him debut this side of

### Alcala

Christmas.

7g Turgeon - Pail Mel Owners Group 016 1111S4 RPR 159c OR 150c

Stan Sheppard

He's been an absolute revelation since switching to fences over the summer. We've placed him well to win five and he was clearly over the top at Cheltenham last time, so he's off on a well-deserved holiday and will return in the spring.

### **Amour De Nuit**

5g Azamour - Umthoulah Andrew Williams 21-2121 RPR 142h OR 138h Showed consistent form over hurdles in the spring and has improved for a summer break. I don't think he truly stayed the trip of almost 2m4f

>> Amateurs Will Biddick, Lorcan Williams, Matt Hampton, Ed Henderson, Ed Bailey, Harriet Tucker

- >> PAs Hannah Roche, Sarah
- >> Finance Lina Chadburn
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### **Winners in Britain**

2016-17

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-£73.23	2015-16
+£59.40	2014-15
-£134.23	2013-14
loss to £1 stake	Profit/
173	2016-17
122	2015-16
124	2014-15

Prize-money 2016-17 £2.529,250

when second in the Persian War at Chepstow last month and his best form is at 2m. We squeezed in another win before his novice status ran out on November 1 and he'll go for the Greatwood Hurdle next. He loves decent ground and the faster they go at Cheltenham the better. He might find life a bit tougher in handicaps but he's progressing - the sort you'd hope might end up in something like the County Hurdle.

### Antartica De Thaix

7m Dom Alco - Nouca De Thaix Dan Macdonald, Chris Barber, Ian Fogg & Chris Giles 2F1114-RPR 151c OR 143c Really stepped up once she went over fences last season and won three in a row, including a Listed event, before being a bit over the top at Cheltenham in April. She

may be suited by a less stiff track. There's a valuable series of races for mares coming up, starting at Market Rasen on Thursday, and that's where we're heading.

### Art Mauresque

7g Policy Maker - Modeva Mrs Johnny de la Hey 1787P-F RPR 156c OR 150c

A win at Chepstow last autumn off a mark of 150 saw his rating go up to 156 and he struggled off that higher mark. He's back down to 150 but even off that may not find things easy. He loves decent ground and goes well fresh but has been slow to come to hand this autumn and I knew he'd just need the run on Saturday at Ascot, where he got no further than the first. I'll try him again over 3m.

**Ataguiseamix** 4g Al Namix - Olafane The McNeill family

RPR - OR -

A big, scopey individual who finished second in his only point-to-point in Ireland and will go novice hurdling this season, although I suspect we won't see the best of him until he goes over fences. With longterm prospects like him, you just don't know at this stage where they'll end up. To think that 12 years ago Denman arrived here having run in one point-to-point; I could never have dreamt then what he would go on to achieve.

6g Ñickname - Lann Bihouee Owners Group 009 1162U6 RPR 142c OR 142c

We have placed him well to win ten of his 17 career starts; it should have been 11 as he was looking like the winner when stumbling at Fakenham. He's taken very well to fences over the summer, winning his first four before unable to dominate, as he likes to, at Cartmel. He then faced mission impossible trying to give 10lb to Diego De Charmil. He's off

STAR QUALITY

### Adrien Du Pont 5g Califet - Santariyka

Mrs Johnny de la Hey 1/43UP-1 RPR 135c OR 143c We have around 35 to go novice chasing this season; ten have already won and there look to be some lovely prospects among them, including this one. Those who have already run have helped us maintain a high winning strike-rate over the summer and that bodes well for the rest of them. Adrien Du Pont was always going to be a chaser and I knew last season would be a fill-in season for him. Considering he wasn't 100 per cent straight having had a breathing operation in July, he delighted me

on a well-deserved break now and will be back in the spring.

with his Fontwell debut

year with Frodon, who

Stars Novices' Chase at

win in an ordinary event.

We won the same race last

went on to land the Rising

Wincanton, and this horse

will try to do the same on

### **Bill And Barn**

Saturday.

6g Presenting - Forgotten Star Derek Coles & Mark Adams RPR - OR

Won two soft-ground point-topoints before requiring some time off. Has been immature up to now but is starting to come together and I'll be surprised if he's not capable of winning a 3m novice hurdle before going chasing. I took him out at Wincanton recently because he wants the ground a bit softer.

### Binge Drinker

8g Spadoun - Our Honey Corsellis & Seyfried 1541/9/1-RPR 151c OR 148c

A potentially interesting addition to the string if we can keep him right. Had the distinction of beating Might Bite this time last year before getting a leg problem. He'll have an entry for the Welsh National and could run at Chepstow three weeks or so beforehand. Depending on how things go he could then have an entry for the Grand National.

### **Birds Of Prey**

3g Sir Prancealot - Cute Kathy Stuart 32-6211 (Flat)

He was in good form on the Flat for John Oxx over the summer. He hasn't been with us long but I'm pleased with the way he's taken to hurdling. He should be out around Christmas and seems to appreciate soft ground.

### **Black Corton**

6g Laverock - Pour Le Meilleur The Brooks, Stewart families & Jeremy Kyle -121111

RPR 157c OR 150c

His rate of improvement since going over fences this summer has astonished me. I wasn't sure what he'd done to deserve a rating of 150 but then he came out and won an intermediate chase at Newton Abbot – I thought at the time that would be his Gold Cup – and then a novice chase at Cheltenham. He'll possibly have one more run before a nice long break, either at Exeter [tomorrow] or at Cheltenham. Come the spring, the festival four-miler might be a possibility. Looking further ahead, he would be the ideal sort to take to America next October for their Grand National.

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### STAR QUALITY

### As De Mee

7g Kapgarde - Koeur De Mee The Stewart family & Judi Dench P254-21 RPR 153c, OR 149c

After he stayed 3m2f well when winning at Kelso recently his main target now is the Grand National. As he's part-owned by Dame Judi Dench, what a story it would be if a horse part-owned by a National treasure could run well in a Grand National! He jumped the big fences well when winning the Grand Sefton last season, so the next obvious target is the Becher Chase, although I need to talk to Andy Stewart before forming a plan. Has a Hennessy entry.

### **Blu Cavalier**

7g Kayf Tara - Blue Ride Angela & Bill Tincknell 414/2 RPR 115h OR -One of two I have at the moment out of the dam, whom I used to train. He won a bumper for Alex Dunn two years ago before suffering some fractures in a knee. which required a year off after he came here. He reappeared over 2m21/2f at Exeter and snouid de up to winning a novice hurdle round one of the smaller tracks, possibly over further.

### Bouvreuil

6g Saddler Maker - Madame Lys JP McManus 4/5630-7 RPR 151c OR 145c

He's been placed at the last three Cheltenham Festivals most recently in the Plate, before that in the 2m41/2f novices' handicap chase and the Fred Winter. I thought he'd run well when he reappeared

over 2m4f in the Old Roan Chase at Aintree but Sam [Twiston-Davies] came back and said he may want 3m now. He's never won a handicap chase, but certainly deserves to win one and that will be the aim for him this season. He's eligible for graduation chases.

### **Brahms De Clermont** 6g Califet - Colline De Clermon

Donlon & Doyle 642-132 RPR 126h OR 122h It's taken a while for the penny

to drop over hurdles and he doesn't jump as well as he should. I'd run him in a charity race and his latest outing at Fakenham may have come a bit quick. As he didn't get off the mark until May he's a novice for the whole season and I expect him to win again at the right level.

### Braqueur D'Or 6g Epalo - Hot D'Or

Corsellis & Seyfried 132213 RPR 147c OR 139c Since joining us from Rebecca Curtis at the end of April he's shown astonishing improvement over fences. going up 20lb in the ratings. After bolting up at Ludlow we took him to Ascot on Saturday, where he faced his biggest test to date, and he ran well off a 10lb higher mark on ground after all the rain. We might be tempted by the Hennessy off a low weight, but he'll have a break at some point and return in the spring.

### Brelan D'As

6g Crillon - Las De La Croix JP McManus 141P/1-3 RPR 124c, OR 144c Won a handicap hurdle at Wincanton a year ago with his head in his chest and

the form worked out well,

with the second and third

winning since. But he then encountered a small problem, so we gave him lots of time off. He probably needed the run when only third on his chasing debut. All his wins have been on good or good to soft and the ground was soft at Ffos Las. He'll win his races over fences when getting some better ground.

### **Brio Conti**

6g Dom Alco - Cadoulie Wood The Gi Gi Syndicate F28115-

RPR 145h, OR 145h

He's taken a while to get fit - it was exactly the same 12 months ago - but we're getting there and he's another of the novice chasers I'm looking forward to. We've been very patient with him and he started to repay it with some smart bits and pieces of form as a novice hurdler. We took him for a racecourse gallop last week and he told me he wasn't quite there yet.

### **Bubble O'Clock**

4g Robin Des Champs - Flaithiuil Executors & Trustees of G Roach Estate

RPR 53b OR -

He'd been doing everything right in his work this autumn and we thought he'd take all the beating on his Chepstow bumper debut last month, but he stopped quickly and has since been off for a breathing operation. He'll be back in spring.

### Caid Du Berlais

8g Westerner - Kenza Du Berlais Colm Donlon, Adrian Doyle, Luise Scott-MacDonald & Chris Barber 1P45F8-

RPR 153c OR 143c

He found life tough competing off a handicap mark in the 140s, over hurdles and fences. He's with Rose Loxton at the moment with a view to running in a couple of point-topoints and then going hunter chasing.

### Capeland

5g Poliglote - Neiland Kathy Stuart 1/2162-2 RPR 127h, OR 127h

I've always rated him. He suffered from little problems with his feet last season but that's all behind him now. He ran into a well-handicapped rival when a bit too keen on his return over 2m2½ f at Stratford. Probably wants 2m4f and is well capable of winning a handicap hurdle before switching to fences.

### **Cap St Vincent**

4g Muhtathir - Criquetot Grech & Parkin

Comes from quite a good family; I trained one of his half-brothers, Criqtonic, to win several races. He got travel sick when running no sort of race in an Ayr bumper in April. You can put a line through that as he'd been showing us plenty at home. We took him for a racecourse gallop last week and he told me he wants another month or so before going novice hurdling.

### Captain Buck's

5g Buck's Boum - Ombre Jaune Donlon & Doyle 3/2141-2 RPR 122h, OR 124h

Apart from one moderate run he was generally consistent in est-country novice nurales last season. A good, fun horse, he'll have one run in a handicap hurdle before going chasing, when we'll stick to the smaller tracks.

### **Captain Cattistock**

4g Black Sam Bellamy - Pearl Buttons Peter Hart 1-4 RPR - OR -Rangy sort, very much a

chaser on looks, who won his

Barber in April. He'll be novice

only point-to-point for Jack

### STAR QUALITY

### Capitaine 5g Montmartre - Patte De

Velour Martin Broughton & Friends 2 24P1-11 RPR 156c. OR 149c The sky's the limit for him as a chaser. He jumped right early on when playing around a bit on his chasing debut, but left that form well behind when putting up a phenomenal performance at Market Rasen. To think he beat a 133-rated horse by 22 lengths was awesome; he reminds me of Call Equiname, who won the Champion Chase for us in 1999. We'll look at the Grade 2 novice chase at Cheltenham on Sunday week, while the Henry VIII at Sandown is another possibility. You could argue on what we've seen he might prefer going right-handed but he's clearly a very exciting

### Paul Nicholls has made a flying start to the season

hurdling this season and started off with a promising run at Chepstow last week. Like all my four-year-olds, he'll improve for the run.

### **Cereal Killer**

prospect.

5g Buck's Boum - Dombrelle Colm Donlon 1-17

RPR 89b OR -

I'm not sure what the form amounted to, but he looked good when winning his two point-to-points for Jack Barber in the spring, coping well with the soft ground on each occasion. I gave him a run in a bumper at Ffos Las last month just to sharpen him up and you have to say he was disappointing. We'll go over hurdles now and he probably wants 3m on better ground.

### Challico

5g Presenting - Blue Ride Angela & Bill Tincknell 1-41 RPR 106h OR -

I trained his dam to win four

races, including a Listed event at Cheltenham. He'd got a leg after winning a fast-ground bumper for Alex Dunn in the spring of 2016, so he had plenty of time off after coming here. Ran very green in a novice hurdle at Exeter before winning a shade cosily at Taunton and will keep on improving.

4g Laveron - Chamanka Done, Ferguson, Fogg & Mason

RPR 135h OR 149h

A big, backward individual who was unbeaten in two starts at Auteuil before he came here just over a year ago with quite a big reputation. But I was never really happy with him and he didn't come to hand, so in the end I gave him a year off. Rather than pitch him into handicaps hurdles off a high mark with limited experience, we're more or less

forced to go chasing with him. He went tidily in a racecourse gallop last week and is ready to go; he'll appreciate a trip.

3g Mastercraftsman - Eurolink

### **Chief Craftsman**

Raindance Mr & Mrs John Cotton 62238 (Flat) RPR 80 (Flat) Will run in the same colours as Cliffs Of Dover, who was a bit disappointing on the Flat before becoming a revelation over hurdles, so let's hope this one might turn out in a similar mould, although it's seldom that lightning strikes twice. He was placed in middle-distance maidens on the Flat for Luca Cumani over the summer and

we had him gelded soon after

he arrived. He's jumping away

nicely but before he runs over

hurdles in around a month's

advantage of his Flat rating.

### **Choix Des Armes**

5g Saint Des Saints - Kicka Mrs Johnny de la Hey

time I might try to take

RPR 92b, OR -

Backward sort, a bit disappointing in his only bumper run last season before suffering a minor setback. Needs time to grow into his big frame, but if we're patient I hope it will be rewarded sometime soon.

### Clan Des Obeaux

5g Kapgarde - Nausicaa Des Obeaux Mr & Mrs Paul Barber, Ged Mason & Sir Alex Ferguson 412514-

RPR 154c OR 148c

Began his novice chasing season really well, winning a Grade 2 and finishing second to Whisper, but then lost his bottle a bit and started jumping right-handed. That could have been the result of him struggling with his breathing so we go that sorted over the summer. Master Minded started jumping right because he was struggling to breathe properly and as soon as we corrected it he took off. Since his op, Clan Des Obeaux has been schooling very nicely and looking a lot more relaxed in his work. He'll start in a graduation chase at Kempton next Monday and there's plenty of improvement to come.

### **Cliffs Of Dover**

4g Canford Cliffs - Basanti Mr & Mrs John Cotton 311111-RPR 138h OR 145h He's just started back cantering. I could never have dreamt a 64-rated maiden off the Flat could go on to become such a good juvenile hurdler, but this horse got better and better. By the time a minor setback ruled him out in the spring he was among the leaders of his generation. It will be interesting to see if he can progress again. He won't be ready before Christmas and I'll look to start him off in a handicap; hopefully he could

### **Coastal Tiep**

5g Coastal Path - Jaltiepy Ditcheat Thoroughbreds RPR 137c OR 139c Threatened on occasions to Continues page 4

be on quite a decent mark.

### STABLE TOUR PAUL NICHOLLS

follow up last November's Kempton novice hurdle win but never quite managed to. I was pretty confident stepping up to 3m and going over fences would see him to better effect, and he duly got off the mark at Exeter last month despite getting tired. There are no big plans; we'll look for another 3m novice chase shortly.

### **Coillte Lass**

6m Beneficial - Black Mariah Ditcheat Thoroughbreds 1130P-5 RPR 140h OR 138h

I have to admit I was disappointed by her chasing debut over 2m4f at Worcester last month; she may have found the ground a bit quick. Maybe she wants more cut, and to come down in trip, next time.

### Connetable

5g Saint Des Saints - Montbresia Chris Giles & Dan Macdonald 8706-80

RPR 143h OR 133h

He managed to win a novice chase last season but didn't really like fences, so he returned to hurdles where he found life hard off his handicap mark. He's now 11lb lower but that still looks high enough. Ran a bit better at Cheltenham the week before last although didn't jump fluently enough to suggest a return to winning form is just round the corner.

### **Coup De Pinceau**

5g Buck's Boum - Castagnette Colm Donlon RPR 114h OR -

After showing good form in his bumpers, he ran really well on his hurdling debut this time last year before picking up a small injury. I think we bumped into a smart one on his return at Wincanton; if Kim Bailey's Red River hadn't been in the field, we'd have won by 24 lengths and everyone would have said 'wow'. He'll improve for the run as he hasn't been easy to train and I expect him to win races over hurdles.

### **Cyrname**

5g Nickname - Narquille Mrs Johnny de la Hey 21/56-7 RPR 130h OR 130h

Has ability but he's going to have to learn to settle in order to fulfil his potential. He was a tearaway at home to begin with and was then a tricky ride in his races, virtually running away en route to the start and then pulling far too hard. I'm pinning my hopes on fences helping him to settle better; the penny has to drop one day.

### Dan McGrue

5g Dansant - Aahsaypasty Mr & Mrs Paul Barber, D Bennett &  $D\,Martin$ RPR 104h OR -

Won his three point-to-points in the spring despite some hairy jumping on occasions; I'm not sure what the form amounted to but he was visually impressive. He's done masses of schooling at Ditcheat and I was thrilled with his jumping at Wincanton last month, but I wasn't thrilled with the way he ran, as he stopped so quickly it was puzzling. We did tests and found his blood was wrong, so we're working on that and





### STAR QUALITY

5g Enrique - Toque Rouge

### **Copain De Classe**

Kyle, Stewart, Vogt & Wylie F/31P1-3 RPR 135h OR 132h I adore him and hope he's going to develop into a smart chaser. He's a tall individual who has needed plenty of time but still managed to win twice over hurdles last season. Just to look at him you can see chasing will be his game and he should improve as the season progresses. He started off at Ascot on Saturday and didn't quite get home after travelling super all the way, so we'll bring him back to 2m next

you can put a line through the performance.

time. He doesn't want fast

or heavy ground; good is

### **Darling Maltaix**

ideal.

4g Voix Du Nord - Rosalie Malta Mrs Johnny de la Hey 1-553 RPR 95h OR

We thought he'd win on his first outing for us in a bumper but he ran much too free. And he didn't perform much better over hurdles next time. failing to reproduce what he'd been showing me at home. He finally displayed the ability we know he possesses at Taunton last week, staying on well in third, and he should win soon provided he continues to settle

### better. Densfirth

4g Flemensfirth - Denwoman Ged Mason, Mr & Mrs Paul Barber & Sir Alex Ferguson Unraced RPR - OR -Big, backward individual out of

a sister to Denman and is going

to need time. He'll probably have a run in a bumper and we'll be in no rush with him.

### **Diamond Guy**

4g Konig Turf - Unique Chance Executors & Trustees of G Roach Estate RPR 102h, OR -

Looks amazing but is a bit of a puzzle. He won a fast-ground, small-field bumper at Wincanton with his head in his chest, probably not beating much but he couldn't have done it any easier. He'd been going nicely this autumn but one recent piece of work wasn't up to scratch so I blood-tested him – very rare for me – and it was spot-on, so we ran him over hurdles back at Wincanton and he was disappointing. There's something not quite right but I haven't put my finger on it yet.

### Diego Du Charmil

5g Ballingarry - Daramour Mrs Johnny de la Hey 9010-13

RPR 150c OR 147c I'd been delighted with his debut win over fences in September as he was only three-parts ready. He struck into himself quite badly at Newton Abbot last time and was millimetres away from a fatal injury, so he's lucky to still be with us. Thankfully he's walking again but won't be back this side of Christmas. He's most effective when fresh and when racing on decent ground.

### Dolos

4g Kapgarde - Redowa 0212-20 RPR 141h OR 135h

Was due to go chasing but, after he ran so well in the decent four-year-old hurdle at the first Chepstow meeting and the handicapper left him on the same mark, we let him take his chance in a valuable

handicap hurdle at Ascot on Saturday where he faded up the straight. The rain that fell on watered ground wouldn't have helped him. He'd been pretty consistent in his first season over hurdles, hitting a bit of a flat spot mid-season but I think that was just a maturity thing. We'll go chasing now and hope to take advantage of his four-year-olds' allowance.

### Dreamcatching

4g Al Namix - New Zealand Ian Fogg & Paul Vogt 61011-7 RPR 114h OR 125h We placed him well in the spring and he isn't on a great mark based on what he's actually achieved, although he's just dropped 4lb. Was due to reappear at Worcester in late September but knocked himself while schooling and missed three weeks' work. so he needed the run at Cheltenham last month. Goes chasing now.

### Dr Rhythm

4g Kalanisi - Muscova Rose MCWS Racing Club Ltd

RPR - OR -

Jumped well when winning his maiden point-to-point by a wide margin; I don't know what he beat, but he looked impressive. Takes quite a keen hold and has looked quite sharp in his work, so could have one run in a bumper before going novice hurdling.

### Dynamite Dollars

4g Buck's Boum - Macadoun 336-1

RPR 108h OR -

It was a bit disappointing he didn't manage to win one of his bumpers, but he was a shade weak and backward last season and I always thought he'd step up considerably over hurdles. I was pleased he won at

Chepstow despite needing the run and, still being a big baby, he's sure to come on for it.

### **Earth Leader**

4g Presenting - Full Of Spirit Roger Penny Unraced RPR - OR

Big, weak youngster who will run in a bumper in around a month's time but won't want rushing.

### **Emerging Talent**

8g Golan - Elviria Mr & Mrs Paul Barber 41211/2 RPR 138c OR 137c

Developed into a useful novice hurdler two seasons ago before getting a leg injury. He's really filled out for the time off and, as he always comes on for his first outing, I was delighted by his debut run over fences at Newton Abbot last month. It was surprising to hear him being criticised on TV; he was entitled to get tired having been out of action for 18 months. If he were a footballer, he'd have needed several games before reaching peak fitness again; racehorses are expected to do it in one go. Could go to Exeter [tomorrow] and looks the sort who could win a big, fast-run handicap chase come the spring.

### Favorito Buck's 5g Buck's Boum – Sangrilla

Mrs Johnny de la Hey P3/8P4-F RPR 110c OR 122c Disappointing so far. He came from France two years ago with a big reputation but has never lived up to it. you have to pay big sums for these lightly raced French

horses without knowing how the form of their races is going to work out. He suffered a

horrific fall at Wincanton recently, which was so frustrating as he'd jumped fine up to that point. He seems fine, so after that effort we have to persevere. I'm sure he's still immature, being a big horse who needs to fill his frame.

### Frodon

5g Nickname - Miss Country Paul Vogt 1F115-3 RPR 150c OR 152c

What a star he was last season, when we placed him well to win six of his nine starts. He'll be lucky to repeat that this winter, when I fear he may be in no-man's land - on too high a rating to win top handicaps but not quite good enough for Graded company. He faced a stiff task trying to give 16lb to his race-fit stablemate Black Corton in an intermediate chase at Newton Abbot last month, and will come on considerably for it. He reappears in a similar event over 3m at Sandown on Sunday and, if we place him carefully, he should pick up a decent 3m handicap.

### **Garo De Juilley**

5g Ungaro - Lucy De Juilley Ditcheat Thoroughbreds 5621P-2

RPR 127h OR 125h

He's been a bit frustrating up to now. He was keen at home, ran a bit free on the track and bled on one occasion. He likes decent ground and found conditions ideal when landing a little race at Taunton in April. Based on his return at Wincanton he should be up to winning a handicap hurdle provided he settles better.

### **Get Out The Gate**

4g Mahler - Chartani MCWS Racing Club Ltd

RPR - OR -

Likeable youngster, ready to run in a bumper. He was the easy winner of his only start in a maiden Irish point-to-point and has done everything nicely in his work at home.

### Gibbes Bay

5g Al Namix - Nouvelle Donne The Gi Gi Syndicate 4653-27 RPR 116h, OR 119h Big, backward individual who



The Paul Nicholls-Bryony Frost partnership has got off to a flying start and they are 15-38 (40% strike-rate; +£20.62). With non-handicap chasers the strike-rate is 60% (nine winners from 15 runners; +£23.23.) >>Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at raceform.co.uk

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Another day begins at Manor Farm Stables: (from left) the morning worklist for first lot; Andrew Doyle leads Capitaine out of his box; Adrien Du Pont works on the straight gallop under Alex Thorne

didn't progress as I'd hoped last season, when he never jumped as well as we wanted. Showed promise on his return but failed to step up when flat out the whole way in a 2m4f novice handicap hurdle at Wincanton last month, suggesting he wants 3m over fences. So that's where we'll go.

### Give Me A Copper

7g Presenting - Copper Supreme Done, Ferguson, Kyle, Mason & Wood 11/161-U

RPR 141h OR 146h

Comes from a good family and is every inch a chaser on looks. Ideally he wants cover but couldn't get a lead on his debut over fences up at Kelso. He was a bit spooky, went to duck out and dumped poor Sean [Bowen]. He's never done anything like that at home and, just like when he disappointed at Doncaster in January, we can put a line through it. He remains a really good prospect for staying novice chases and will be out again shortly.

### **Grand Sancy**

3g Diamond Boy - La Courtille Sir Martin Broughton Racing Partners

RPR 89b OR -

Lovely individual by a new French sire who could turn out to be okay. He'd been carrying a lot of condition and has taken forever to get fit and then didn't have the run of the race in a Market Rasen bumper. He'd been a bit keen at home so we dropped him in, probably more than we should have done. Goes hurdling now and I'm sure he'll be okay.

### **High Secret**

6g High Chaparral - Secret Question Axom LXV 1314-0 RPR 141h OR 141h Since his successful novice hurdle campaign, which climaxed in a good run in a Grade 1 at Aintree, he's performed well on the Flat at Goodwood. After running at Chelmsford last week he'll now resume over hurdles, where his rating looks plenty high enough. It took a while for him

### DARK HORSE

### Greaneteen

3g Great Pretender - Manson Tene Chris Giles

RPR - OR -

Not the biggest but I like him a lot and he's a good prospect for juvenile hurdles. Finished third to his former Guillaume Macaire-trained stablemate Beau Gosse in a valuable contest for unraced three-year-olds at Clairefontaine in July. The form looks very good, with the first two both successful next time, the winner in a Listed event at Auteuil. He's coming together nicely and should be ready in around a month's time.

to get the hang of jumping, but he's pretty slick now.

### **Hugo's Horse**

4g Turgeon - Bella Eria The Stewart family

RPR - OR -

A big, backward individual who is named after one of Andy Stewart's restaurants in Barbados. He was so green Jack Barber had a job to get him on to the track before he finished third in a 2m4f maiden point-to-point in May. I've told Andy patience will be the name of the game with this one, as it is with so many of Turgeon's progeny, although he's now just starting to together quite nicely.

### Ibis Du Rheu 6g Blue Bresil - Dona Du Rheu

John & Lisa Hales 18/323P-RPR 150c OR 144c He's not back yet, having suffered a tiny fracture, but is due to return at any time. Ran a couple of sound races over fences last season without getting his head in front; hopefully he'll be able to put the experience to good use

in novice chases and I expect

him to win races in the spring. Might be an ideal type for the festival four-miler.

### If You Say Run

5m Mahler - De Lissa Highclere Thoroughbred Racing RPR 118h, OR -

Lovely mare who has won her only point-to-point, her only bumper and her only start over hurdles in a mares' maiden. She's no morning glory but keeps finding when she gets on the track. We'll look for another mares' novice hurdle; Newbury on Wednesday is a possibility.

### **Irish Saint**

Mrs Johnny de la Hey 43/5639-RPR 160c OR 144c Didn't manage to win last season following his return from a year off with injury. Has suffered loads of problems, the latest being a hairline fracture of the elbow. The aim is to get him right to run in hunter chases in the new year.

8g Saint Des Saints - Minirose

### **Irving**

9g Singspiel - Indigo Girl Axom XLIX 64/1F36-RPR 158h OR 154h Increasingly a nightmare to train nowadays as he has legs of glass, but we all know how good he is when he's fresh and well. The big aim is to get him spot-on to attempt to win the Fighting Fifth at Newcastle for a third time and we're well on schedule. I'm told only two hurdlers have ever done that before – Comedy Of Errors and Birds Nest – so it would be nice if he could be mentioned in the same breath as that pair. The race will probably be a lot harder to win this season as there isn't a big 2m hurdle at Haydock a week earlier like there was last year.

### Jessber's Dream

7m Milan – Maddy's Supreme Ditcheat Thoroughbreds 12/542P-RPR 143h OR 139h I always knew it would be hard to improve on what she did for Harry Fry, but I have to say she was disappointing in her first season for us. We had her palate re-cauterised over the summer and she could reappear in the mares' handicap hurdle at Wincanton on Saturday, or go mares' novice chasing. There are several options and she's ready to go.

### Judge John Deed

6g Robin Des Champs - Milogan Angela & Bill Tincknell RPR - OR -

The career of this winning pointer has been somewhat stop-start and he was forced to sit out last season after getting a leg. At least this has given him time to fill his frame and he's now ready to run in a novice hurdle. He'll want 3m.

### Just A Par

10g Island House - Thebrownhen Richard Thompson 2/4P100

RPR 155c OR 149c

Once again showed he's a spring horse when winning a decent prize at Newbury in March. Has since changed hands but his reappearance is on hold after he suffered a small setback. Should be back for some veterans' chases in the second half of the season.

### Kapcorse

4g Kapgarde - Angesse JP McManus

RPR 110h OR -Showed a lot of promise on his only start over hurdles at Auteuil when given a sympatnetic introduction. He's a big, green, backward individual who ran okay on his first run for us over 2m1f at Exeter last month. Probably wants a bit further and needs more time.

### Kings Inn

3g Mawatheeq - Afnoon Owners Group 021 2 (Flat) RPR 70 (Flat)

Big, strong juvenile. He was lightly raced on the Flat in Ireland, staying on strongly when second in a mile maiden at Killarney on his only run. He's been schooling well.

### Magoo

5g Martaline - Noche Brooks, Fulton, Stewart & Vogt RPR 112h OR -

This half-brother to Sam Winner had won his only start in France before coming here and was having his first canter for us at the start of last season when he played up and nearly cut his front leg clean off. It was a horrific accident but he's made a great recovery. We've given him plenty of graft and he should be ready to start over fences in a month's time. I keep teasing the owners, telling them 'If you've got the money, I've got the patience'.

### Malaya

3f Martaline - Clarte D'Or Mrs Johnny de la Hey 12-121 RPR 131h OR 134h She's inclined to be a bit keen, but I think a lot of this filly. She'd shown tidy form on the Flat in France and would have

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been unbeaten over hurdles

### Le Prezien

6g Blue Bresil - Abu Dhabi JP McManus 1138P-2 RPR 155c OR 150c

I was thrilled with his run

at Cheltenham recently. although not so pleased to hear he's gone up 6lb for getting beat. He jumped really well – better than in the second half of last season - and travelled really well, before just

losing out in a ding-dong battle with Foxtail Hill. I thought Sam rode a canny race on the winner, just saving a bit in front. We've now got a couple of options: go for the Bet Victor Gold Cup on Saturday week – I'm not convinced he wants to be stepped up in trip to 2m4f or wait for a £100,000 2m handicap at Ascot.

but for running too free on her second start. She came out and emphatically turned the tables on the runner-up next time, in a Listed race at Auteuil. Considering she needed the run she ran a good race first time up for us; it wasn't easy carrying two penalties and the winner looks very useful. I wouldn't mind taking him on again at some point. She was better off at the weights in the Listed race at Wetherby last Friday and won in the style of an improving filly.

### Marracudja

6g Martaline - Memorial Ditcheat Thoroughbreds 2P22-23 RPR 150c OR 141c Although he hasn't quite lived up to the promise of his early wins over fences he's run some sound races in defeat, notably on his first run in a handicap on his reappearance at Kempton. We knew he had plenty of pace but he showed there he can settle in behind. It was handy that he went up just 2lb and I fancied him strongly at Ascot on Saturday before the rain came. He looked to find 2m on the sharp side so we'll up him in trip to 2m4f now. Settles much better now so we can leave off the hood next time.

### Moabit 5g Azamour - Moonlight

Danceuse Owners Group 014 115P-23 RPR 118c 131h OR 125c 133h He's been running well on the Flat over the summer. He the Flat, or go back jumping where he's definitely capable of winning a novice handicap chase off 125 on soft ground.

### Modus

7g Motivator - Alessandra JP McManus 27165-1 RPR 132c OR 156c I've thought for a long time he has the makings of an exciting chaser. Making his debut over fences in a three-runner contest was far from ideal, but

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he got the job done and will be better off in a larger field in a stronger-run race. He wants decent ground to show his best.

### **Monsieur Co**

4g Turgeon - Cayras Style Ditcheat Thoroughbreds 762114-RPR 127h OR 133h

Never really acclimatised after joining us from France last winter. Did manage to win but he was gifted a novice hurdle at Wincanton and was basically disappointing. Being a Turgeon all he wants is time, and a trip. so following a wind op I hope he'll show improvement in handicap chases, starting in

### about a fortnight. **Mont Des Avaloirs**

4g Blue Bresil - Abu Dhabi Mrs Johnny de la Hey

RPR 112b OR -

Nice prospect. He's a brother to Le Prezien but totally unalike him physically; Le Prezien is a medium-sized horse but this one is big and scopey, much more imposing. He wasn't ready when second on his bumper debut in the spring, but stepped up on his reappearance at Chepstow, where he was a shade keen, and is a good prospect for novice hurdles.

### More Buck's

7g Presenting - Buck's Blue The Stewart family 114FP3-RPR 138c OR 129c

His form tailed off a bit last season but he was good in the first half, when his three wins included two at Fontwell, a track he seems to enjoy. Has had a little problem, so won't be back until the spring, when something like the Grand Military Gold Cup might be a target.

### Mr Mix

6g Al Namix - Royale Surabaya Ian Fogg & Dan Macdonald PU0-131

RPR 150c OR 139c

Got off the mark over fences at Worcester in May and clearly stays all day. After being outpaced over 3m at Chepstow he was suited by the longer trip when winning at Wincanton under a great ride from Harry

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### Movewiththetimes

6g Presenting - Dare To Venture JP McManus 1/1512-4 RPR 147c OR 146c Quickly developed into a smart novice hurdler last season and ran an excellent second in the Betfair Hurdle behind Ballyandy. He was unlucky that an infection ruled him out of the festival and kept him off for the rest of the season. Ran very well on his chasing debut in a hot race at Cheltenham last month, especially considering it was only his fifth start. He's basically still a big, green baby who wants looking after this season. There are no plans; I'll see what the

team want to do next.

Second lot head to base after their morning workout; Politologue looks a picture; Paul Nicholls gives Brio Conti a washdown

Cobden. He wants holding up and Harry produced him spot-on after the last. Although essentially a fun horse round the smaller tracks, he could surprise and he reminds me somewhat of Vicente, who didn't set the world alight over fences to begin with but then got better and better. So come the spring the Scottish National might become a target.

### **Old Guard**

6g Notnowcato - Dolma The Brooks, Stewart Families & Jeremy Kyle 7747-71

RPR 159h OR 149h

Had a wind op over the summer and, following a good run at Chepstow, he thoroughly deserved his win in a Listed event at Kempton last month as he's been hard to place. I thought he had a big future over fences but things didn't work out right last season. So we went back over hurdles where he found his level and proved difficult to win with, as he's hiding nothing from the handicapper. We'll have a look at the Elite Hurdle on Saturday but a more likely target is the Greatwood Hurdle, in which Bryony [Frost] could claim off him if need be.

### One Night In Milan

4g Milan - Native Mo Ditcheat Thoroughbreds Unraced RPR - OR -

Unraced half-brother to Native River. He was big and backward in the spring but physically is starting to come together. I wouldn't mind getting a racecourse gallop into him before we start off in a bumper. A decent long-term prospect.

### Orbasa

6g Full Of Gold - Ierbasa De Kerpaul Ditcheat Thoroughbreds 33-4351

RPR 142c OR 130c

Has been a frustrating and disappointing individual. He's not easy to train and was on a losing run of 13, but I was determined to win something, somewhere, with him, and he finally had his day at Wincanton last month, when providing young Henry Morshead with his first winner for us on his first ride. Henry's dad Sam, who hasn't been well, came down for the day so it was a happy occasion all round. Wherever he goes next Henry will keep the ride.

### Ostuni

4g Great Pretender - Mamassita Barry Fulton Unraced

RPR - OR -

Nice, unraced individual who has been showing up well and, following a racecourse gallop last week, will possibly make his debut in a bumper at Wincanton on Saturday. Will then go novice hurdling.







### HORSE TO FOLLOW **Tom Park**

### **Capitaine**

This talented five-year-old grey was a little hit and miss over hurdles last season – he won a Grade 2 at Ascot and finished runner-up to Finian's Oscar in the Grade 1 Tolworth before disappointing in Grade 2 company at Kempton and Kelso. However, fences could prove the making of him and he looked a potential star when hammering the useful Western Miller by 22 lengths at Market Rasen last time out.

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### **Overland Flyer**

6g Westerner - Love Train Colm Donlon 211/14 RPR 142h OR

Looked a really smart prospect when winning so impressively at Taunton in January but then suffered a tiny little fracture at Musselburgh the next month. Probably goes over fences and should be one to look out for; he already has chasing experience, having won two point-to-points as a youngster. Might be a bit fragile, although I hope I'm wrong.

### Pacha Du Polder

RPR 154c, OR 139c

10g Muthathir - Ambri Piotta The Stewart family 334114-

Put us on the scoresheet at least season's festival when Bryony Frost gave him a great ride to win the Foxhunter. Has recovered from a small strain sustained after Aintree and the aim is to go back for the Foxhunter again. He's due to be ridden this season by young Harriet Tucker, who is very capable. We like to give the youngsters a chance.

### **Persian Delight**

7g Lucarno - Persian Walk Hypnotised 17/231-RPR 127h OR 130h Not the easiest to train and

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### **Politologue**

6g Poliglote - Scarlet Row John & Lisa Hales

RPR 160c OR 154c An exciting second-season chaser, who starts off in the Haldon Gold Cup [tomorrow]. He came in a bit later than the others but he's had a racecourse gallop and I've been pressing all the buttons to get him ready in time. Whatever he does at Exeter I guarantee he'll improve for the run. I'm not yet convinced what his best trip is going to be. Although he ran well in the JLT at the festival I don't think the 2m4f suited him, so we brought him back to 2m at Aintree, where he was desperately unlucky; that stumble after the last cost him his first Grade 1 in my book. The way he winged his fences up there suggested he's more at home over 2m, which is why we're starting off over 2m1f at

hasn't been lucky with injuries. He came back from a year off and won a Wincanton handicap hurdle, then met with another setback that kept him off again. Everything's fine at the moment and the plan is to go for a handicap hurdle in two or three weeks, then switch to fences.

### Peter The Mayo Man

7g Dylan Thomas - Mommkin Million In Mind Partnership 111236-RPR 142h OR 137h

Since he joined us from Neil Mulholland after a successful novice hurdle season, we've schooled him extensively as it's taken a while for him to get the hang of jumping fences.

He'll start off with a run in

a handicap hurdle in two or

### **Posh Trish**

three weeks' time.

4 fStowaway - Moscow Demon Highclere Thoroughbred Racing RPR 105b OR -

I love her to bits. She was the impressive winner of a mares maiden point-to-point and it's encouraging the runner-up has since won a bumper. I knew she'd run well on her debut in an Aintree bumper recently. I was a bit nervous about running her on the drying ground but we took our chance and she toughed it out well. We were 1-5 in a photo finish and before the result was announced Sam said if we got beat we were sure to get it in the stewards' room, so the winner's demotion was a formality. She's a strong, goodlooking filly who jumps super at home and should do well in 2m4f novice hurdles.

### **Present Man**

7g Presenting - Glen's Gale Woodhouse & Sutton 1141P-1

RPR 152c OR 142c His big target is the Badger Ales Chase at Wincanton on Saturday, as Mark and Tessa Woodhouse's brewery sponsors the race. I wanted to get a prep into him, so in order to preserve his chase rating – as I think he's quite well handicapped - we gave him a sharpener over hurdles at Kempton, which was ideal. Bryony Frost, who rode him that day, keeps the ride and her 5lb claim is invaluable. She's a real asset to us and part of a great team of jockeys we have at Ditcheat this season. Present Man still has to prove he truly stays the 3m1f trip on Saturday but I see no reason why he won't. I'm just praying now for a dry week. He's been a slow maturer but I always knew he'd get there in the end and he's now fulfilling his potential.

### Ptit Zig

8g Great Pretender - Red Rym Barry Fulton & Chris Giles 4862-84

RPR 160h OR 158h

We started off at Wetherby on Saturday in the long-distance hurdle and he went there in good shape but he still got a bit tired; maybe he prefers better ground nowadays. He never quite managed to run up to the form of his 2016 French Champion Hurdle win last season; he's a solid Grade 2 horse who just misses out in top company and becomes harder to place as he gets older. Although he's never been a fluent jumper of fences, I don't rule out having another crack at some stage and I've entered him for the Hennessy. Whatever he does this season he's been a real star for us, winning well over half a million in prize-money in England and France.

### **Red Hanrahan**

6g Yeats - Monty's Sister Mr & Mrs John Cotton P/6P2-25 RPR 132c OR 126c Not straightforward to train and can go off the boil quite quickly. Should have won at Warwick two outings ago but pulled himself up in front. Has ability and is capable of landing a novice handicap chase on good ground round one of the smaller tracks if I can get him spot-on. He's for

### good fun horse. **Ridgeway Flyer**

6g Tobougg - Running For Annie Anthony Norman 45211-1

sale if someone is looking for a

RPR 139c OR 137c Won three times for Harry Fry

last season, so the pressure's on to improve on what Harry did with him! We went straight over fences and I was pleased with the way he won at Plumpton. That race was just shy of 2m4f and he'll get 3m in time. I haven't made a plan yet.

### **Ringa Ding Ding**

4g Shirocco - Blue Dante Angela & Bill Tincknell Unraced RPR - OR

A decent unraced prospect. He's out of Blue Dante, a really good mare who I trained to win both her starts in bumpers. He did his pre-training with Juliet Minton and since coming to Ditcheat has done everything very nicely. He'll debut in a bumper at Taunton this month then go novice hurdling.

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### Romain De Senam

5g Saint Des Saints Salvatrixe Chris Giles & Dan Macdonald 5752-11

RPR 150c OR 145c

A very progressive chaser - I'm thrilled with him. He's won two nice races this autumn, at Chepstow and Stratford; he wasn't quite so impressive at Stratford under a 6lh penalty, but I ran him before he was reassessed and the two races were only six days apart, but we got away with it. We'll now give the Bet Victor Gold Cup serious consideration. Ideally what he wants is a fast-run 2m4f with an end-to-end gallop, so the Cheltenham race should suit him down to the ground. I trained him last season for the big novice handicap chase at the festival, so it was really annoying to have missed the cut by one. Considering what he's gone on to achieve, it might have been a blessing in disguise.

### **Risk And Roll**

3g No Risk At All - Rolie De Vindecy Mrs Johnny de la Hey 4-513

RPR 110h OR 115h

We cracked on with him early and he won at Kempton but he's essentially a big, backward sort who needs time, so he's on a break and will return in the spring.

### **Rock On Oscar**

7g Oscar - Brogeen Lady Ian Fogg, Chris Barber, David Bennett & Dan Macdonald

RPR 131c OR 135c

Missed last season after picking up a tendon injury and resumed his chasing career over almost 3m at Chepstow last week, where he ran a bit keen and faded. I'm not convinced that's his trip although he's bred to get 3m. Considering the time off he's had, the handicapper hasn't been that kind in leaving him on the same mark.

### Sametegal

8g Saint Des Saints - Loya Lescribaa Mr & Mrs John Cotton 101221/2 RPR 153c. OR 144c

Talented chaser who sadly has legs of glass and was forced to sit out last season with a tendon injury. It was only a minor thing, but minor is

enough to draw stumps. The indications at home are that he has retained all his ability, so we took him to Wetherby on Friday and I was thrilled with his performance, trying to give a lot of weight to the winner. He could go to Aintree for the Grand Sefton next month.

### San Benedeto

6g Layman - Cinco Baidy Paul Vogt 11113-2

RPR 163c OR 155c He was a complete revelation over fences last season. After he'd won a novice chase at Sedgefield in May I could never have imagined ten outings later he'd be landing a Grade 1 at Aintree. Winning at Liverpool became a lot easier after the stumble from Politologue and although Nick Scholfield felt the mishap made no difference to the result I'm not sure I agree with him. We sharpened him up with a run over hurdles at Kempton last month and, provided the ground is good, he'll run well in the Haldon Gold Cup [tomorrow]. He's fit and well and raring to go, and there won't be a lot between him and Politologue. That said, I'm under no illusion that off 155 he'll find life tougher this season.

### Sao

3g Great Pretender - Miss Country Mrs Johnny de la Hev F-1

RPR 125h OR -

One of the juveniles I really like. He's a half-brother to Frodon and, like him, was trained in France by Guillaume Macaire when winning a valuable conditions event at Compiegne in May. He was very backward here to begin with, so I left off him and gave him plenty of time, but he's turned inside out in recent weeks and should be ready to roll this side of Christmas. Lovely prospect.

### Saphir Du Rheu

8g Al Namix - Dona Du Rheu The Stewart family 3F215F-

RPR 168c, OR 162c High class at his best, as he

showed when running so well in the Gold Cup, although he's not the easiest to place as he's just below top class. He twisted a fetlock joint when making a mistake and coming down in the National, so he's only just started back cantering and won't be out until after Christmas. I imagine he'd have a couple of runs before the Gold Cup again and the

Grade 2 Denman Chase at Newbury in February looks made for him.

### **Secret Investor**

5g Kayf Tara - Silver Charmer Hills of Ledbury (Aga)

RPR 122h OR -

Really lovely individual who was beaten narrowly in a decent novice hurdle at Ascot on his only run for us. We knew he needed the run and he got tired close home. He then had a slight pelvic problem that forced him to miss the rest of the season. He was backward more than anything else and. given he's so big, the time off hasn't done any harm. A racecourse gallop last week told me he wants another fortnight, but he's definitely one to look out for in novice hurdles.

### Silsol

8g Soldier Hollow - Silveria Michelle & Dan Macdonald 3132/81-

RPR 159h OR 156h

Tough, really solid Grade 2 performer who has been in good order this autumn. The plan had been to attempt to win Wetherby's bet365 Hurdle for the second year running on Saturday but he wasn't quite ready. After his victory 12 months ago he then got a touch of a leg that kept him off the rest of the season. Considering he's on a mark of 156, a Flat rating of 74 looks rather attractive but I've run out of time to fins a suitable target. I wouldn't run him on the allweather.

### Some Man

4g Beat Hollow - Miss Denman Grech & Parkin RPR - OR

Out of a sister to Denman, he bolted up in his an Irish point-to-point. Might have one run in a bumper or go straight novice hurdling. Nice prospect.

### **Southfield Theatre**

9g King's Theatre - Chamoss Royale Angela Yeoman 34B4/F8-RPR 159c OR 152c Following a racecourse

gallop last week he's all set for the Badger Ales Chase at Wincanton on Saturday. It was so frustrating he came to win it last year and fell at the last. What was even more annoying was he got put up 7lb to 154 for the tumble. His bad luck continued when he started coughing in the run-up to the bet365 Gold Cup at Sandown. >> Continues page 8





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### STABLE TOUR PAUL NICHOLLS

He's increasingly harder to train as he gets older.

### **Southfield Vic**

8g Old Vic - Chamoss Royale Angela Yeoman 21-1489 RPR 159c OR 142c

Went up 7lb for a career-best over fences at Newton Abbot in May and has found life tougher in three outings since. He's slipped 5lb but that still doesn't make things easy. After his latest defeat at Cheltenham, Bryony [Frost] came back and said why not try him round the cross-country course there, so we might think about that.

### **Stradivarius Davis**

4g Turgeon - Trumpet Davis Dan & Michelle Macdonald & Malcolm & Margaret McPherson

RPR - OR -

From a good family, being half-brother to a number of winners, notably the prolificwinning Violin Davis. Despite being big and backward, he overcame greenness to win his only start in a point-to-point for Jack Barber. I've found a lot of Turgeon's progeny need plenty of time and he looks in that mould. Wouldn't be a bumper type, so will go straight novice hurdling.

### The Dellercheckout

4g Getaway - Loreley John & Lisa Hales

RPR - OR -

Big, rangy horse who won his only point-to-point in Ireland on very soft ground. He was a few weeks behind the others to start with, but I like what I see now. He'll go novice hurdling and be entered up shortly.

### The Eaglehaslanded

7g Milan - Vallee Dore Angela & Bill Tincknell 4P11/86-

RPR 140h OR 140h

Picked up a small tendon injury last autumn. Has just started back cantering and should be back for a novice chase campaign from Christmas. Likely to be at his best in the spring when he gets his favoured decent ground.

### The Last But One

5g Kutub - Last Hope Jockey Club Ownership (SW2016) Ltd 26873-P

RPR 107h OR 107h

Off his low rating you'd like to think he could win a little novice handicap somewhere. but I have to admit we're struggling.

### **Tommy Hallinan**

3g Intense Focus - Bowstring Paul Vogt 23-231 (Flat) RPR 83F

Showed improvement on his est outing on the Flat when getting off the mark at Cork in May. I gave him plenty of time, but he's settled quickly into our way of doing things and should be ready to make his juvenile hurdling debut this side of Christmas.

### **Tommy Silver**

5g Silver Cross - Sainte Mante Done, Ferguson, Mason & Wood 571016-

RPR 147h OR 146h

We had his palate re-cauterised over the summer so he's been a bit behind the others. A smart

### STAR QUALITY

### **Topofthegame**

5g Flemensfirth - Derry Vale Chris Giles & Mr & Mrs Paul Barber 1/142-RPR 138h OR 139h

A giant of a horse – as tall as any I've trained. Considering how backward he was, it was encouraging to see him quickly develop into a really useful novice hurdler last season. Although beaten on his last two starts, he found the ground a bit too soft at Cheltenham in January and was beaten a whisker when trying to follow up his Ascot debut win back at the same track. We could get him started in a beginners' chase at Newbury on Thursday and, given he's had so little experience, he'll want looking after. But longterm he's one of a number of the current novice chasing crop for whom the sky's the limit. He's the future.

two-mile hurdler when getting his ideal conditions, he goes novice chasing and will need good ground to show his best form. Jumps fences well.

### **Tomorrow Mystery**

3f Nathaniel - Retake JP McManus 225122 (Flat) RPR 89F

This recent arrival was quite consistent in middle-distance handicaps on the Flat for Jamie Osborne. Had her first school last week and we'll give her some more practice before thinking about her first run, hopefully around Christmas.

### **Touch Kick**

6g Presenting - Bay Pearl Trevor Hemmings 442716-RPR 125h OR 125h He's been a bit disappointing up to now. He was inclined to be headstrong last season and this rather hindered his progress, although he did settle better when finally getting off the mark at Taunton in March. With maturity I suspect there's more to come and 125 is a winnable mark. so we'll start off in a handicap hurdle before we think about chasing. He had a slight setback when giving himself a knock a while back, but all's fine again now and he's about a

### **Vicente**

8g Dom Alco - Ireland Trevor Hemmings RPR 159c OR 150c

fortnight off a run.

What a star he's been for us, winning two Scottish Nationals. He doesn't want to be running in a bog in the middle of winter, so we gear his season nowadays towards a spring campaign. He got no further than the first in the Grand National, but came out a fortnight later in the Scottish equivalent and gave us a memorable day, repeating his 2016 success. Those two races are sure to come into

the equation again, as Trevor

loves a runner in the National but, as we've seen, Ayr is more his type of race. What be does between now and then I don't know yet. He has a Hennessy entry and we could look at the Listed chase coming up at Aintree, but history tells us he's hard to win with off 150.

### Virak

8g Bernebeau - Nosika D'Airy Hills of Ledbury (Aga) 2/56456-RPR 163c OR 139c I always knew he'd be hard to place last season and sure

enough he found life tough in handicaps. He'll now go hunter chasing and will be aimed at the Foxhunter.

### **Volpone Jellois**

4g Vol De Nuit - Jenne Jelois Ditcheat Thoroughbreds 13232-4

RPR 115h OR 119h

Tough, genuine and consistent in his own grade. He won the charity race at Wincanton last month when ridden by my niece Amy Derham and we might look for another Flat race before he goes back hurdling, when he's capable of winning a little handicap at one of the west-country tracks. Alternatively, we could try him over fences.

### **Warriors Tale**

8g Midnight Legend - Samandara Michelle & Dan Macdonald 253115-

RPR 146c OR 143c

Won twice at Newbury last season, confirming his liking for a flattish track. He's best fresh and although the handicapper probably has him about right there could be another decent prize in him when he's spot-on. As he's such a great jumper we'll aim him at the Grand Sefton Chase at Aintree next month. His record suggests he's not the best of travellers; although he did win at Perth once – his owners come from Scotland – it was a nothing sort of race, and he has disappointed on a number of occasions we've sent him north of the border.

### **Western Honour**

5g Westerner - Cailins Honour Mrs David Thompson

RPR - OR -

Won a soft-ground Irish pointto-point in the spring and has done everything right since he started back in work but, like a lot of these young pointers, I'll know much more about his ability after he's run in a novice hurdle. He had a racecourse gallop last week and is nearly ready to start.

### Winningtry

6g Flemensfirth - Jeruflo Trevor Hemmings 32311-6 RPR 124h OR 128h

Showed progressive form in staying novice hurdles in the spring. Might have one more run in a staying handicap hurdle but I suspect we'll be chasing before long.

### **Wonderful Charm**

9g Poliglote - Victoria Royale Robin Geffen, Sir John Ritblat & Robert Waley-Cohen 7/1120-3 RPR 165c OR 138c Went hunter chasing last season and showed high-class

form, notably when a fastfinishing second to Pacha Du Polder in the Foxhunter: he would probably have won in another stride or two. The Waley-Cohens have since bought into him, so Sam will be on board this season, and we'll take a similar route to last time. He's always best fresh and when racing on decent ground. I take plenty of stick for running horses like him in hunter chases, but these races give the likes of Wonderful Charm the chance to be competitive again. I know he was once rated 159, but that was two years ago and he isn't anywhere near that level nowadays.

### **Worthy Farm**

4g Beneficial - Muckle Flugga YOLO

RPR - OR -

Named after the site of the Pilton pop festival which is just down the road from here, he's a half-brother to Mister Miyagi who has done so well for Dan Skelton. Won his only start in a point-to-point by the best part of a fence, although I'm not sure what the form amounted to. He travelled, he jumped and he staved and looks as if stamina will be his strong suit. A big, backward sort, all he needs is time, but he'll be all right down the line.

### Zarkandar

10g Azamour - Zarkasha Chris Giles & Paul Nicholls U57170-RPR 165h OR 150h

This will almost certainly be his final season, but what a star he's been for us. Over the course of six seasons he's won ten races at Graded level, and in excess of £900,000 prizemoney in England and France. He came back from a season off to win the Rendlesham, showing all his old ability and enthusiasm, and has been in his usual good form on the gallops this autumn. While he remains in such good order we'll continue with him, but the moment he tells us he's had enough, he'll be retired. Grade 2 staying hurdles are his level nowadays, and how wonderful it would be if he could go out on a winning note.

### Zubayr

5g Authorized - Zaziyra Paul Vogt F5062-5 RPR 147h OR 142h

Having run really well on the Flat over the summer, following a little break he'll now resume hurdling. He went really nicely in a racecourse gallop last week and runs in either the Elite Hurdle at Wincanton on Saturday or the Greatwood at Cheltenham the following weekend. It didn't quite happen for him over hurdles last season, as so often happens with second-season horses. It was frustrating he just got chinned in the Scottish Champion – he'd have won if he'd jumped the last. He still isn't the most fluent of hurdlers, but we're getting there. I still can't make up my mind whether he wants 2m or 2m4f, but I'm sure there's a nice prize to be won with him. Next summer he could win a big race on the Flat, too.

### **STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17** £1 level Non-hcp hd 1,730 491 331 240 668 28 -193.82 125 677 Hcp hdl 1.087 171 114 16 -120.97 Non-hcp ch 1,218 412 263 164 379 34 108.01 Hcp Chs 1,462 207 201 160 894 14 -258.19 40 Hunter chs 96 29 17 10 30 -18.63 NH Flat 413 99 71 51 192 24 -46.17 Totals 6,006 1,409 1,008 739 2,850 24 -745.79 \*return on investment

<b>JOCKEYS</b>				MONTHLY
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake	
R Walsh	324-1122	29	-50.19	January
Sam T-Davies	252-1056	24	-155.93	February
Daryl Jacob	175-687	26	-31.59	March
Nick Scholfield	116-600	19	-121.53	April
Sam Thomas	101-419	24	-97.21	May
Harry Skelton	55-291	19	-37.86	June
Harry Cobden	42-154	27	-6.44	July
ean Bowen	41-163	25	+19.44	August
Noel Fehily	34-117	29	+14.67	September
Jack Sherwood	21-69	30	+61.57	October
Ian Popham	17-84	20	-11.10	November
Brvonv Frost	15-40	38	+18.62	December

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	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	123-419	29	+22.67
Hcp Hdl	40-258	16	-72.28
Non-hcp Chs	114-274	42	+8.36
Hcp Chs	40-291	14	-90.85
NH Flat	55-216	26	-15.61

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	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	116-566	21	-125.88
February	176-692	25	-95.84
March	138-747	19	-59.65
April	194-917	21	-185.53
May	94-324	29	-44.47
June	49-162	30	-0.42
July	25-103	24	+10.71
August	24-93	26	-15.97
September	17-55	31	-15.93
October	173-592	29	-14.55
November	225-937	24	-77.64

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Taunton	122-376	32	64-161	15-32	21-92	10-56	12-35	-9.
Cheltenham	121-890	14	33-211	35-208	28-205	19-242	6-24	-126.
Newton Abbot	107-321	33	35-85	42-89	6-50	14-78	10-19	+5.
Newbury	90-418	22	25-96	24-73	11-94	27-131	3-24	-19
Exeter	86-278	31	43-121	33-71	5-28	3-40	2-18	-32.
Chepstow	76-391	19	40-143	11-44	7-75	9-87	9-42	-127.
Sandown	74-340	22	10-42	36-106	12-82	14-101	2-9	-11.
Kempton	73-327	22	24-106	28-95	9-49	11-63	1-14	-45
Fontwell	68-192	35	18-65	38-66	1-13	4-29	7-19	-10
Ascot	57-286	20	15-69	22-64	7-56	10-83	3-14	-66
Aintree	43-353	12	14-82	16-73	2-51	9-129	2-18	-118
Worcester	41-133	<del>:7.</del> 31	15-34	12-41	4-21	8-28	2-9	+0.
Doncaster	31-122	 25	10-40	12-27	2-12	6-40	1-3	-19
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Stratford	28-109	26	6-32	6-27	2-8	6-30	8-12	-14
Haydock	27-127	21	6-28	14-32	2-39	5-25	0-3	-16
Warwick	21-82	26	4-23	13-32	2-6	1-13	1-8	-18
Ayr	19-89	21	3-7	2-9	7-36	5-34	2-3	+20
Fakenham	16-44	36	3-14	12-23	0-0	1-7	0-0	-5
Plumpton	15-62	24	6-25	3-17	3-8	2-7	1-5	-12
Hereford	15-70	21	6-33	5-17	0-5	0-6	4-9	-24
Ludlow	13-72	18	4-24	3-8	2-5	3-24	1-11	-31
Huntingdon	12-42	29	4-10	6-21	1-6	0-3	1-2	-1.
Wetherby	11-34	32	6-15	1-10	0-1	4-8	0-0	+6.
Ffos Las	10-44	23	4-17	2-7	3-7	1-8	0-5	-12
Bangor	9-41	22	3-10	5-18	1-6	0-3	0-4	-9
Musselburgh	8-21	38	2-8	2-4	3-7	1-2	0-0	+6
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Uttoxeter		16					2-5	-20
Market Rasen	6-43	14	2-6	1-6	0-5	3-25	0-1	-16
Southwell	5-7	71	3-4	2-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	+4.
Leicester	5-11	46	1-4	3-6	0-0	1-1	0-0	+0
Carlisle	4-7	57	1-1	3-5	0-0	0-1	0-0	+4.
Kempton (AW)	4-31	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-31	-7.
Lingfield	3-10	30	2-5	1-3	0-0	0-2	0-0	-3.
Towcester	2-2	100	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	+2.
Hexham	2-2	100	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	+2.
Newcastle	2-8	25	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-4	0-0	+1.
Southwell (AW)	1-2	50	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	+2.
Sedgefield	1-2	50	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	-0
Lingfield (AW)	1-4	25	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-4	+3.
Catterick	1-5	20	0 0 0-2		0-0	0-0	0-1	-2
Wolverhampton (AW)	1-6	<u></u>	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-6	+4.
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Sum up last season in one word

'Awesome' Rival to watch

'Yanworth [Alan King]. He was a classy hurdler who looks to have taken very well to fences'



HE early part of winter is traditionally a fertile time for followers of Jonjo O'Neill, but this year the rhythm of the seasons has been disrupted by an early start at Jackdaws Castle.

The summer yielded a bumper crop of winners and there's no sign of it stopping any time soon.

"The season has begun well," agrees O'Neill. "The horses are in good form and I'm delighted with the way things have gone.

"Last year, even though we ended up passing the £1 million mark, we had a very quiet start, but we got them in a bit earlier this time and it may be that we've got a better team of horses as well.

"We had 13 winners in October this year compared to five last year. We'd had only 36 winners by the end of November in 2016 and we're already on 46, but it's keeping that going through the year that's the challenge.

"I'd say we've got a lot of young horses who could make their mark later in the season, though, and quite a few nice novice hurdlers, which is a division we've been weak in for the last couple of years.

"They're doing nice work at nome and it's real cause for optimism."

### **Interview by Peter Thomas**

### **Above Board**

Six-year-old gelding by Mahler (sire) - Blackwater Babe (dam) Owner: JP McManus Form figures: 1/21P-1 Racing Post Rating: 131 Official rating: 123

Won a weak novice chase at Worcester on his reappearance but did it nicely and goes for a handicap chase at Exeter [today], which will tell us where we stand with him.

### Speedy start to the season giving major cause for optimism

### Adam Du Breateau 7g Network - Odelie De Fric

Gav Smith

3P-3766 RPR 135 OR 125 Won three chases last season but the handicapper has taken a while to relent. He has it to do off his current mark so we'll

go for the cross-country chase

at Cheltenham next week.

**Beggars Cross** 

7g Presenting - Ballygill Heights Trevor Hemmings 41F3-10

RPR 126 OR 126

Won a novice chase last year at Doncaster and put up a good performance in winning a handicap at Warwick on his reappearance. Although everything was going grand for him at Carlisle on Sunday, he faded away tamely. He's come back fine, though, and we'll see where we go with him.

### **Big Penny**

5m Oscar - Lady Marnay Diane Carr RPR 111 OR 117

Point-to-point winner who won first time out in a novice hurdle at Bangor on her reappearance, but then we ran her in the novices' handicap hurdle final over 2m4f at Worcester and she was a little

disappointing. She'd want softer ground and 3m. She's a big, strong mare who'll jump a

### **Bronco Billy**

7g Flemensfirth - La Fisarmonica London Design Group Ltd

RPR 123 OR 112

Twice a chase winner in the spring, he's a character but he's given his owners plenty of good days out. Still capable of winning and will go to Warwick on Friday.

### Cake De L'Isle

5g Fragrant Mix - Taiga De L'Isle Trevor Hemmings 0P31-U

RPR 129 OR 127 A novice hurdle winner last

season, he unseated Aidan Coleman when travelling well three out in a handicap over 2m5f on good ground at Cheltenham last time. He may go back to Cheltenham this month, where we'd hope the ground isn't too soft, but he's a lovely, big horse who'll jump a fence in time.

### **Call To Order**

7g Presenting - Theatre Girl Sue Magnier, Derrick Smith & Michael Tabor 3315-28 RPR 129h 126c OR 127h 122c A good handicap hurdle

winner at Cheltenham's December meeting last year off 120, he hurt himself at Haydock next time but came back to run well on his first run over fences at Uttoxeter, only to disappoint us on ground with more give last time. He'll be out over fences again before too long and we'd hope he'll take to chasing because he seems to have plenty of ability and is from a good family.

**Capard King** 8g Beneficial - Capard Lady JB Gilruth & Eric Chapman 7P3U0-0 RPR 144 OR 124

Has been a good handicap chaser in his time but was in the grip of the handicapper last season. He probably needed the run on his reappearance and will come on for that and give his loyal owners plenty of fun this year.

### Capote

9g Ōscar - Kinsella's Rose Trevor Hemmings 114/F RPR 137h 113c OR 122h 122c

A dual novice hurdle winner back in the day, he had his first run back last week after three years off with leg problems. That was a 3m2f novice chase at Chepstow and he was

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Jackdaws Castle
- >> Where Temple Guiting, Gloucestershire
- >> Started training 1986
- Horses in yard 100 >> Members of staff 45
- >> Assistant Guy Upton, Joe
- O'Neill >> Head lads Alan Berry,
- Johnny Kavanagh, Flo Willis >> Jockeys Aidan Coleman,
- >> Conditionals Killian Moore, Jack Savage, Jonjo O'Neill jnr
- >> Racing secretary
- Hannah McVeigh
- >> Secretary and HR Deborah Duncan
- >> Public relations Chloe Deakin, Lily Megson and Jacqui O'Neill

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### **Winners in Britain**

78	2016-17
81	2015-16
104	2014-15
134	2013-14

### Profit/loss to £1 stake

5-17	-48.96
5-16	-214.33
l-15	-185.21
3-14	-181.49

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running a nice race when he got tired and fell at the last. He's fine and will hopefully go again in the next few weeks - touch wood his leg will stay good because he looks worth persisting with and is just the kind of horse his owner likes.

### **Catching On**

9g Milan - Miracle Lady Gay Smith

RPR 121h 141c OR 123h 127c A useful horse in his time,

he missed a season with a leg, came back to land a handicap hurdle at Warwick last season with Jack Savage on board - the owner has been kind enough to let some of the young lads ride him. He's a proper soft-ground, long-distance horse who will probably go back over fences at some stage, after hopefully winning over hurdles at Chepstow [tomorrow].

### Cloth Cap

5g Beneficial - Cloth Fair Trevor Hemmings 74-54 RPR 99 OR -

A little horse who was down the field on his first run over hurdles last month but stepped up on that to finish fourth at Sedgefield over 2m5f last week. I was very happy with the effort and hopefully he

### Cobolobo

5g Maresca Sorrento - Nanou Des Brosses

Anne, Harriet & Lucinda Bond

RPR 128 OR 121

Won a handicap hurdle on heavy ground at Chepstow last winter and delighted us when scoring at Uttoxeter last week, showing a lot of guts in the process. He's a chaser in the

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### STABLE TOUR JONJO O'NEILL

### 'He's nearly 18 hands, the biggest, finest horse you've seen'

**Compadre** 6g Yeats - Jolivia London Design Group Ltd 6F3-283

RPR 128c 116h OR 120 116h

Won his bumper and was placed over hurdles but went chasing in the summer and is proving a good fun horse who will pay his way in handicap chases in the near future. He's shown form from 2m1f to 3m and we're still trying to work out his trip because he's quite a free-running horse who, like many free-running horses, doesn't necessarily quicken when you let him go. He's won on very soft ground but most of his form is on better ground.

### **Counter Shy**

4g Galileo - Cross The Flags JP McManus 3-12

RPR 125 OR 124

From the same family as Synchronised, he won his first novice hurdle – a very messy race at Worcester - and was second in a decent heat at Uttoxeter. We may go down the handicap route with him now.

### Demon D'Aunou

4g Martaline - Jimagine II  $JP\ McManus$ 

RPR 120 OR -

Second in a Deauville bumper last autumn and won nicely in quite a weak maiden hurdle at Market Rasen on his first start for us, jumping well. He's a handy, uncomplicated little horse who'll go for a novice hurdle, where you'd want to see him win again in better company.

### **Desert Cross**

4g Arcano - Secret Happiness

RPR 90 OR -

A fun Flat horse who has been very consistent, but the handicapper has him where he wants him. We gave him one run over hurdles at Fontwell last autumn and he's been schooling in preparation for another go before the ground gets too soft. A grand, honest type.

### Django Django

4g Voix Du Nord - Lady Jannina Martin Broughton & Friends 5

RPR 96 OR -

Ran okay in his first bumper and will start over hurdles at Wincanton next week, where we'll find out more about him.

### Doesyourdogbite

5g Notnowcato - Gilah DYDB Marketing & Friends of Jackdaws 16000-0 RPR 138 OR 130

Won three on the bounce for us last season, starting in a race at Market Rasen that fell apart but then doing nothing but improve. He won a decent handicap at Kempton over Christmas off 132 and paid the penalty with the handicapper. He's only small but he took his syndicate to Cheltenham and Aintree and he'll win in his turn this season.

### **Eastlake**

11g Beneficial - Guigone JP McManus P1P0P-0 RPR 157 OR 147

He's been a great horse for the yard, but he's 11 now, on a career-high mark and not up to Graded company. He didn't run a bad race at Cheltenham on his reappearance but is in the handicapper's grasp for the time being. He's a gorgeous horse, a great jumper, won the Topham last year, and we'll probably send him back over the big fences at Aintree, maybe in the Sefton.

### **Festive Affair**

9g Presenting - Merry Batim Four The Fun Of It Partnership 17-1417

RPR 145 OR 140

Has done very well for his syndicate, is a decent horse over 2m or 2m2f and may get 2m4f. He had to have a bit of time off, but he's back now, a good jumper and may go for the Topham. He's nearly 18 hands, the biggest, finest horse you've seen and you'd think he'd want proper jumping ground, but the faster the ground the better.

### Fleminport

4g Flemensfirth - Geek Chic JP McManus RPR 102 OR -

Ran a nice race first time at Chepstow but was

### DARK HORSE

### Forza Milan

5g Milan - Nonnetia Deep Sea Partnership 6221-6

RPR 130 OR 128

A brother to last year's Grand National winner, he acquitted himself well in some nice races last year and won his maiden hurdle, but he's still big and weak and will be a proper chaser in two years' time. He'll win his hurdle races in the meantime, though, and will go for the Pertemps qualifier at Aintree on Saturday.

disappointing at Uttoxeter last week and we're back to the drawing board with him.

### **Foundation Man**

10g Presenting - Function Dream P Hickey 555756

RPR 135 OR 115

A good jumper, a lead horse for schooling, a wonderful servant to the yard and a good ride for a young jockey – Jack Savage won three on him last season. He doesn't want the ground too soft but can still give his owner plenty of fun. May go to Wincanton at the weekend

### Global Citizen

5g Alkaadem - Lady Willmurt The Megsons

RPR 114 OR -

A nice horse who won his bumper well and then ran too free at Aintree in his maiden hurdle next time over 2m4f, although he did jump brilliantly. We'll drop him back to 2m and see if the longer trip was a mistake – maybe he's got more speed than we thought. I think he'll be quite useful on decent ground.

### Gnarly

5m Miďnight Legend - Diamant Dominic Burke

RPR - OR -

A daughter of a good mare I trained, she was third in her only point-to-point in Britain and has just arrived here. I like what I see so far.

### Go Conquer

8g Arcadio - Ballinamona Wish Paul & Clare Roc 2250-11

RPR 146 OR 142

Won first time out at Fontwell this season and is a fantastic jumper who loves the big fences at Aintree. Ran in the Topham in the spring but was badly hampered and got no run at all. Won a good race at

Ascot on Saturday, jumping great, and the Grand National is the long-term target.

### **His Dream**

4g Yeats - Rosa Muscosa Local Parking Security Ltd RPR 107 OR -

Down Royal bumper winner who ran on the Flat for us at Royal Ascot. He'll go novice hurdling, starting at Exeter [today]. We're happy with what we're seeing and he'll be fairly forward for his debut, so I'd expect a decent show. I think he'll want 2m4f in time.

### I Care Des Sources

3f Turgeon - Baraka Du Berlais Stephanie Hoffmann

RPR 75 OR -

A half-sister to festival winner Let's Dance, she ran well but weakened out of it on her debut in a Huntingdon bumper. She's a tough little lady at home and she's a nice filly. There's a three-year-old mares' bumper at Warwick in a couple of weeks that may be her next target.

### I Know U Too Well

5g Stowaway - Kilbricken Leader Paul & Clare Rooney RPR 112 OR -

Won both of his bumpers on

INTERACTIVE

soft ground and should make into a nice staying novice hurdler. He jumps well at home and does everything we ask of him.

### Kelvingrove

7g Hurricane Run - Silversword The All In Syndicate 1-82466 RPR 129c 137h OR 124c 136h

His owners had some good times with him last year, including winning the valuable stayers' hurdle final at Haydock in April. He's been novice chasing and he'll win over fences I'm sure, although he does have his own way of running sometimes.

### Khage

4g Stowaway - Made Easy Kate & Andrew Brooks

RPR 106 OR -

Placed in his only bumper, showing plenty of promise in the process. He's still only a baby and will be a nicer horse in the spring when he's strengthened up a lot more.

### **Knight Destroyer**

3g Dark Angel - Do The Deal Diane Carr

RPR 115 OR 130

Won for us on the Flat this summer and got off the mark at the second attempt over hurdles, winning by 28 lengths, albeit in a poor race at Uttoxeter. His opening mark looks a little high but let's hope the handicapper's right. He'll go for a juvenile hurdle at Warwick soon.



Jonjo O'Neill and Aidan Coleman are 18-93 (19% +£24.41) in handicap hurdles in 2017. That strike-rate improves to 11-24 (46%, +£13.91) when narrowing it down to horses priced at 4-1 or shorter. >>Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at raceform.co.uk Racing Post Tuesday, November 7, 2017





Jonjo O'Neill's string working against the picturesque autumnal backdrops at Jackdaws Castle in Gloucestershire

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Watch Peter Thomas talk to Jonjo O'Neill about Minella Rocco

### Lithic

6g Westerner - Acoola Jon & Julia Aisbitt 102-F13 RPR 119c 127h OR 124c 125c A winner over hurdles last season and ran well in defeat, then had a break and was placed on his first run in a novice chase at Market Rasen. He has plenty of ability but I haven't quite got my head round him vet. He's not the biggest or scopiest - more like Flat norse gone jumping – but he jumps well.

### **Mad Jack Mytton**

7g Arcadio - Gilt Ridden JC & SR Hitchins 0-16143 RPR 138h 139c OR 135h 129c A decent-ground horse who won a handicap hurdle and a novice chase for us in the summer. He looked good when winning over fences at Worcester but sometimes seems to promise more than he delivers in better races. He's having a break over the winter

### STAR QUALITY

7g Shirocco - Petralona

Minella Rocco

JP McManus

1-3FU2-4 RPR 171 OR 166 Last year he fell at Aintree and then we had his wind done before he unseated in the Irish Hennessy, so it didn't seem an ideal preparation for the Gold Cup, but he ran a cracker to finish second to Sizing John. He ran a flat race on his reappearance at Punchestown, but maybe we can put it down to the travelling and it being his first run of the season, or maybe 3m was short of his best. We'll hope for better when he goes for a handicap at the next Cheltenham meeting, then maybe back to Ireland for the Lexus, as there aren't many races for him over here. He wants a big, galloping track like Newbury or Ascot - even Cheltenham is too sharp because they're always on the turn there and they

can get away from him.

Cup, but for me he's a

and there's a month

Aintree this year.

National horse, a good

He'll win good races again

and we'll head for the Gold

'lepper' over big fences on

a Flat track. That's his race

between Cheltenham and

9g Hurricane Run - Wild Academy Phil Tufnell Racing 156624

and will come back again when

### Mont Royale

the going is right.

RPR 140 OR 130 Has run consistently well for his enthusiastic owners, winning five races, and will probably go to the Badger Ales Chase at Wincanton on Saturday, where he'd have a

### fair chance. **More Of That**

9g Beneficial - Guigone JP McManus 36U6P-6 RPR 172 OR 167 Had one of those seasons last year. If he'd won the Irish Hennessy rather than unseating at the last then everyone would have been delighted, but it was a very good run anyway. He ran flat in the Gold Cup – 90 per cent not 100 per cent – but he's come back in good form. He's aiways nad gears dut may not be quite the force of old, as his run at Down Royal on Saturday showed.

### **Mountain Path**

4f Mount Nelson - Vino Recycling Pallet Services 10-25 RPR 108 OR -Second in a maiden hurdle at

Worcester on her reappearance but was disappointing next time. We'll have her out again soon and hopefully get her back on track down the mares' route.

### Mr Shantu

8g Shantou - Close To Shore Local Parking Security Ltd 15U-669 RPR 139h 133c OR 123h 123c An in-and-out character but

he's won five races for his owners and is due to run at Ludlow on Thursday, where he should give a good account of himself.

### Mustmeetalady

7g Mustameet - Ladymcgrath Diane Carr 3541-98 RPR 138c 131h OR 128c 132h Went chasing last year and got off the mark in April in a Haydock handicap over an extended 3m4f on good ground. He'll probably go back there for race over a similar trip on Betfair Chase day.

### Oakley Hall

5g Milan - Rockwell College P Hickey 221-RPR 116 OR -Punchestown bumper winner we're looking forward to,

probably starting off at 2m4f

on ground with a little give in

### Oi Oi

4f Oscar - Mandys Native Oi Digital Ltd RPR 59 OR -

the next couple of weeks.

A sister to Alfie Sherrin, she's been a little slow to catch on but improved from her first run to her second and I can see her coming good in the spring as she gains experience.



### **HORSE TO FOLLOW Richard Birch**

### **Timeforwest**

Rattled off an impressive three-timer over hurdles last spring before the step up in class at Ayr's Scottish National meeting found her out behind Jennys Melody. Switched to fences this season, Timeforwest caught the eye when fifth of 16 behind Gingili at Exeter, travelling strongly for a long way, and looks the type to make an even better chaser than hurdler. She's no star, but jumps well, is effective between 2m4f and 3m, and should pay her way when the handicapper allows.

### **Palmers Hill**

4g Gold Well - Tosca Shine JP McManus

RPR 117 OR -

Bought after he won a pointto-point in Ireland, then won a maiden hurdle at Uttoxeter over 2m first time out for us, with the third horse coming out and winning next time. He'll be out in another novice in the next few weeks, either in ordinary grade or maybe a step up. He'll go chasing in due course.

### Plus One

5g Winged Love - Balwaney The Megsons

RPR 114 OR -

Ran an encouraging race when second to a promising sort in a novice hurdle at Wetherby in February and is a horse to look forward to this season although he looks every inch a staying chaser for the future.

### Pop Rockstar

5g Flemensfirth - Special Ballot Vamhensid P5442-8 RPR 110 OR 110 Second in a handicap hurdle at Leicester last back end, he works well at home, ran respectably on his return and will win in his turn, although he needs give in the ground.

### **Powerful Symbol**

7g Robin Des Champs - Be My Rainbow The Megsons 7U26-61 RPR 115 OR 106 Placed over hurdles last season

and clear when unseating in a handicap chase at Catterick. He jumped poorly at Uttoxeter so it was good to see him win at Southwell [yesterday]. If he gets his jumping right he'll be okay.

### Quarenta

5g Voix Du Nord - Negresse De Cuta Martin, Jocelyn & Steve Broughton

RPR 123 OR 125

Ran consistently well over hurdles last season and got his head in front for the first time at Warwick over 2m5f last month on good ground. we ran nim in a 3m Pertemps qualifier at Cheltenham last time and they didn't go quick enough and he ran too free. He may not have got the trip and I think we'll drop him back to 2m4f and see what happens. He's a good-looking horse who could improve and will jump a fence.

**Royal Escape** 5g Getaway - Echo Queen Jeremy & Germaine Hitchins RPR 102 OR 105 A nice young horse who

unfortunately got brought down on his first start over hurdles but has run respectably since. He's big and weak and we'll take our time with him.

### **Sky Pirate**

4g Midnight Legend -Dancingwithbubbles Lady Bamford & Alice Bamford RPR 123 OR -

Won a British point-to-point and his first novice hurdle over 2m4f on good ground. He was second at odds-on at Southwell [yesterday] but I thought he ran a nice race under a penalty, jumping and travelling well enough on ground that was maybe a little on the soft side for him.

### Spiritual Man

5g Lawman - Vee Gita Louise Jones 6442-6 RPR 115 OR 112

Put in a few good efforts last year over 2m but never really finished his races. He looks a stronger horse this season and he'll run at Warwick on Friday, which will tell us more. I think he has plenty of pace so we'll keep him at 2m and I think he'll be a better horse than we've seen so far.

### Spookydooky

9g Winged Love - Kiora Lady The Piranha Partnership 68837P-RPR 141 OR 130

Had a hard season last year in long-distance handicap chases off a mark that's probably too high and won't come down. We've had a bit of a hold-up with a splint problem and he won't be out until December. He likes soft ground.

### Taquin Du Seuil

10g Voix Du Nord - Sweet Laly Martin Broughton & Friends 1

RPR 156h 166c OR 157h 160c He won the BetVictor Gold Cup last year but wasn't winging his fences like he used to so we went back over hurdles and that seemed to rekindle his interest. He finished second in the Coral Cup and was fourth to Yanworth at Aintree, not beaten far, so that's the route we plan to go down with him to Auteuil last weekend but had a bit of a hold-up so we'll probably go to Newbury on December 2 and keep him to the better staying hurdles and see how strong the division looks. He comes into his own in very soft ground.

### **Terry The Fish**

5g Milan - Have More Terry The Fishers 73-1112 RPR 133 OR 133 Very weak last year so we gave Continues page 4

### STABLE TOUR JONJO O'NEILL



Climbing the gradients at Jackdaws Castle, from where Jonjo O'Neill has made a flying start to the season

him a bit of time and he came back stronger and won three on the trot, going up 35lb in the process. He goes for the Pertemps qualifier at Newbury on Thursday at a track that will suit him, and he'll go on and make a nice chaser.

### The Flame

4g Flemensfirth - Molly Round Sean O'Driscoll & Michael O'Flynn

RPR 104 OR -

A nightmare to saddle at one stage but better when we saddled him in the stables and he calmed down. We held him up at Uttoxeter - and put a hood on him – to help him get home and he stepped up on that when third on good ground at Stratford last week. He's not the biggest but he has a fair bit of ability if we can channel it.

### The Manuscript

4g Mahler - Limavady The Valentine Partnership

A big frame of a horse, who He ran well enough on his debut and I think he's a horse with a future. This season may not be his season, but you have to run him to make a man of him. I think he'll go to Newbury for a novice hurdle on Thursday.

### The Tailgater

6g Oscar - Zaffaran Express Paul & Clare Rooney 26F-134 RPR 128h 128c OR 130h 122c Ran well over hurdles in the early part of the year before we

### He's a grand horse who'll pay his way'

sent him chasing in the spring. Only just beaten at Warwick on his debut over fences but disappointed next time, had a long break and is only just back. He could go chasing or hurdling and is a grand horse who'll pay his way.

### Timeforwest

5m Westerner - Shang A Lang Jockey Club Ownership Ltd RPR 124c 127h OR 124c 125h

Won three handicap hurdles in nine days last season on good ground before getting hit by the handicapper. She's had a couple of runs over fences this term and is a cute little jumper who'll win her races from 2m4f to 3m. She's honest and wants to do it.

Sum up last season in one word . . . 'Good'

### Rival to watch . . .

'Bristol De Mai. His game win in the **Charlie Hall marks** him down as a horse with a big season ahead'

### Utility

6g Yeats - Ungarin Team Tuff 80-F110 RPR 137 OR 137

Won his bumper on heavy ground, which confused us because he can't go on soft at all. Won a novice hurdle last autumn on good to soft but came into his own in the spring, winning three handicap hurdles on good ground. Ran disappointingly on his return from a break and may be too high in the handicap, so we'll probably send him chasing.

### **Walter Oneeightone**

5g Morozov - Matinee Show Anne, Harriet & Lucinda Bond 796-581 RPR 95 OR 88

Had been very frustrating for a horse who did things right at home, so we tried a tonguestrap on him for the first time at Bangor last month over 2m7f on good ground and it seemed to do the trick, although we'll wait to see how he goes with it on a second time at Chepstow [tomorrow]. It was nice to see him get his head in front and I hope he'll progress from there.

### **Washed Ashore**

6g Presenting - Give It Time JP McManus -552127

RPR 130c 115h OR 120c 114h Seemed to be travelling well over 3m5f at Sedgefield last week but made a mess of the second-last and his chance was gone then. He looks the type for that sort of staying race.

### Winterfell

5g Voix Du Nord - Goldville Andrew Brooks

RPR 123 OR 127

He came back from two years off the track with leg trouble and had his first run for us over 2m71/2f at Uttoxeter last month. He ran a nice race, w hopefully improve for the run and show the benefit when he goes to Sandown on Sunday.

### You're So Right

4g Presenting - Miss Brandywell Paul & Clare Rooney

RPR 89 OR -

He ran encouragingly to finish third in a bumper at Southwell that could turn out to have been a decent race. He's a lovely, big horse who I'm looking forward to seeing over hurdles in the near future.

STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17									
	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	1,697	194	170	143	1,190	11		-836.54	-49%
Hcap hdl	2,160	340	234	178	1,408	16		-172.78	-8%
Non-hcp chs	417	97	63	70	187	23		+5.39	+1%
Hcp chs	2,385	328	270	257	1,530	14		-482.98	-20%
Hunter chs	96	20	14	11	51	21		-37.81	-39%
NH Flat	396	53	58	43	242	13		-149.59	-38%
Totals	7,151	1,032	809	702	4,608	14		-1674.31	-23%

\*return on investment

<b>JOCKEYS</b>			
		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
Richie McLernon14	7-1697	9	-612.81
Aidan Coleman	92-536	17	-30.06
Maurice Linehan	44-308	14	-8.69
Noel Fehily	42-336	13	-47.41
Richard Johnson	33-168	20	-24.88
Barry Geraghty	13-112	12	-11.92
Will Kennedy	11-105	11	-31.38
Jack Savage	10-67	15	-4.92
Patrick Cowley	9-70	13	-23.81
Killian Moore	9-98	9	-40.38
Dougie Costello	6-95	6	-31.13
John Joseph O'Neill	4-37	11	-21.75

FIRST TIME OUT							
	W-R		£1 level stake				
Non-hcp Hdl	47-462	10	-252.41				
Hcp Hdl	50-404	12	-126.73				
Non-hcp Chs	28-144	19	-31.29				
Hcp Chs	58-397	15	-86.99				
NH Flat	34-237	14	-69.47				

COURSES

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	W-R	Per cent	£1 level
January	56-567	10	-229.80
February	84-594	14	-161.39
March	79-621	13	-129.55
April	76-550	14	-49.88
May	112-652	17	-144.99
June	99-457	22	+31.70
July	81-464	18	-70.71
August	78-390	20	-63.41
September	55-362	15	-66.99
October	118-818	14	-224.78
November	111-940	12	-331.19
December	83-736	11	-233 32

FAVOURITES								
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake					
Non-hcp Hdl	103-232	44	-12.58					
Hcp Hdl	157-499	32	-14.90					
Non-hcp Chs	54-121	45	-3.77					
Hcp Chs	137-481	29	-8.97					
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### STABLE TOUR GARY MOORE

RITAIN'S leading dual-purpose trainer is too shrewd and resilient an operator to be easily downhearted, but the frustrations of last season have left their mark. Gary Moore admits that he endured a "disappointing" campaign, and the reasons are not hard to find.

His best-laid plans for a successful second half of the season were wrecked by injury, with two-mile stable stars Ar Mad and Sire De Grugy absent after Christmas along with classy staying hurdler Ubak, leaving Moore feeling as though he was fighting the good fight with one hand tied behind his back. The death of potential top-notch novice chaser Camping Ground after an attack of colic has been another low blow.

However, his absentees have returned now and Moore's well-defined French connection has brought some promising imports to swell out the ranks, with some promising juvenile hurdlers already indicating the yard's strength in this division.

Ar Mad, Sire De Grugy and Traffic Fluide will continue to fly the flag at the top level, with Saturday's impressive Ascot winners Benatar and Dell Oro in the vanguard of the novice contingent, but most of the spadework will done by the handicappers, with the Moore name sure to be to the fore in some of the feature events this winter.

Punters know to take good notice of the yard's runners at local Fontwell and Plumpton, but there is more strength in depth than might once have been the case and Moore's runners should also be noted at Sandown and Ascot. Cheltenham is not particularly renowned as Moore territory but there is enough class in evidence here to make up for last year's letdowns; there'll surely be a spring in his step come the spring.

### **Interview by Steve Dennis**

### Airtight

Four-year-old gelding Proclamation (sire) - Megasue (dam)

Owner: Galloping On The South Downs Partnership Form figures: 26 Racing Post Rating: 101 (bumper

form); Official rating -He's a nice horse, we like him a lot, and although he was a slightly disappointing last of six at Ascot last Saturday he wasn't beaten far. He'll go straight over hurdles now.

### **All Currencies**

5m Getaway - Splendid Presence S Riley0366-1 RPR 105 OR -

She was still a bit green over

Sum up last season in one word . . . Disappointing

Rival to watch If we're talking about Ar Mad, then it has to be Altior and Douvan, who are both top-class two-mile chasers

Stars return as yard aims to put disappointing spell behind it

### STABLE PROFILE

- >> Yard Cisswood Stables
- **Where** Lower Beeding, West
- >> Started training 1993
- >> Horses in yard 95
- **▶** Members of staff 30
- >> Assistant trainers David Wilson, Andrew Glassonbury
- >> Head grooms John Salvage, Andrew Dickinson, Steve White
- >> Jockeys Jamie Moore, Josh Moore
- >> Conditionals Jason Nuttall, William Clarke
- >> Stable sponsor Mojeek

### **Website**

garymooreracing.com

### Winners in Britain 2016-17

54	2015-16
39	2014-15
45	2013-14
loss to £1 stake	Profit/
-£110.79	2016-17
+£80.84	2015-16

-£98.89 2014-15 2013-14 -£14.91

Prize-money 2016-17 £577.504

hurdles for the first time at Worcester, she was all over the place early on, but she showed a lovely attitude to get the job done and I was very pleased with that, she could be a very progressive mare. She's every inch a chaser but that can wait until next season, and a step up in trip could be on the cards.

### Antony

7g Walk In The Park - Melanie Du Chenet The Winning Hand

118P-35

RPR 139 OR 130

Began last season very well but ended up with a few niggling problems, his form dropped away and he wasn't happy. His reappearance at Fontwell suggested all that was behind him, and although he was beaten by the same margin by the same horse [Go Conquer] at Ascot last week I'm not sure that was his true running, he can do better. He'll go for another good 3m handicap chase somewhere.

6g Loup Šolitaire - Wild Flush Cocktail Racing Partnership P/8371-5

RPR 110 OR 112 He's never really shown the potential we think he has, but hopefully he's turned the corner because I was very pleased with his chasing debut

– he jumped well despite going a little bit right-handed. I'll see what the handicapper does and I think he'll stay further.

### **Bagging Turf**

7m Scorpion - Monica's Story Mary Devine 14/1FP2-RPR 129 OR 115

We think a lot of her but she's only just back in the yard and won't be out until Christmas. She's one for mares' races and handicap chases at 2m4f,

### **Baron Alco**

6g Dom Alco - Paula John Stone

maybe a little further.

312122

RPR 156 OR 148 The most genuine horse you'll ever see and he had a fantastic time of it last season, but he's had a suspensory problem and won't be back in the yard until December. There's a good chance we'll give him the

whole year off, but he might

make it back for the end of the

### Benatar

5g Beneficial - Carrigeen Lily Ashley Head 11424-1 RPR 154 OR 142 He's a very talented horse, I think the world of him, he

was bought to be a chaser

but he was only eight lengths

only just soft enough for him at Ascot, it was a late decision to run, but to win first time with 12st on his back was impressive. He'll probably go to Plumpton later this month, on account of the Cheltenham bonus and for one more go in a smaller race before he steps up in grade.

behind Finian's Oscar at

Aintree. The ground was

### Britanio Bello

6g Irish Wells - Tchi Tchi Bang Bang Ashley Head 31/76F-5 RPR 95 OR 110

It was a messy campaign last year, nothing went right, and that was a race I thought he could win at Huntingdon last Sunday so it was a disappointing effort. He might well go back over hurdles next time out; he's an easy-moving type who'll go on any ground.

### **Casse Tete**

5g Poliglote - Ellapampa John Stone 21F431-RPR 146 OR 141 He's a very talented horse who unfortunately had a trapped epiglottis, so he's been operated on and is back on the walker working his way towards a reappearance at the end of the

month. It'll be handicap chases over 2m4f and he might even get 3m, but he does prefer a bit of cut in the ground.

### Chris Pea Green

8g Proclamation - Another Secret C Green & Galloping On The South F4/U3P/9 RPR 148 OR 127

Picked up an injury on his first start the season before last, came back but then went wrong again, so we gave him a year off. His reappearance at Ascot wasn't a total disaster, he needed it and will do better, and it might be time to step him up in distance now.

### STAR QUALITY

### Ar Mad

Cilaos Glace

Unraced

Clayton

Ashley Head

RPR 127 OR 119

2102/2-0

4g Voix Du Nord - Miss Glacee

We've given him plenty of time

to mature and he's fairly near

bumper and we'll take it from

there, and he's a nice prospect.

8g Peintre Celebre - Blossom

A genuine, classy two-miler

a run now he'll start off in a

Heart Of The South Racing

7g Tiger Groom - Omelia Ashley Head 1111/4-P RPR 169 OR 162

We only got one run out

of him last season because he picked up a suspensory problem and by the time it came right we'd run out of time. We dropped him in for the first time in the Haldon Gold Cup, which didn't really suit him, and he didn't scope clean after the race, so I think it's easily forgivable. He does stay further than 2m but he'll go straight to the Tingle Creek now.

who needs the ground on the soft side, and he's been off for a year so he probably needed the run at Ascot last Saturday. He's rising nine so might be a bit old for fences now, but we'll school him and see how he looks. It might be that he simply stays over hurdles.

### Coolking

10g King's Theatre - Osocool Sir Peter & Lady Forwood P/5111P-

RPR 135 OR 122

Won the Surrey National at Lingfield on his first start for us and that's his target again this season, although he isn't so well handicapped now. He's all about long-distance chases in the mud, so he might be one for a few of those 'Nationals' if conditions suit.

### **Crystal Lad**

5g Kapgarde - Qrystale Mag 63140-5

RPR 106 OR 126

Needed the run on his chasing debut – he came there to win his race but two strides later he was backpedalling. He just blew up, and got a bump, which

didn't help. We'll see what handicapper does and look for a similar race over 2m4f. He has talent - he could have won the EBF Final at Sandown last spring if I hadn't been stupid and got him raised 9lb for winning at Fontwell the time before.

### Darebin

5g It's Gino - Delightful Sofie Chris Stedman & Mark Albon 1630-21

RPR 128 OR 123

He was a lucky winner at Ludlow, where Jamie [Moore] said he wasn't totally at home



Excluding bumpers, Gary Moore has figures of 214427P331112713 with his runners at Warwick in the last five seasons, for a £1 level-stake profit of £16.88. Son Jamie is 3-4 when riding for him at the track (+£22). >>Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book,

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### DARK HORSE

### Sussex Ranger

3g Hat Trick - Purple The Tongdean Partnership 1

RPR 112 OR -

He couldn't have done a better job on his hurdling debut and he must be a pretty fair horse to win like that, going away by eight and ten lengths. He'll have to step up in grade between now and the new year and I think a stiff track will suit him, he's going to stay well.

on the track, and was even luckier that the handicapper left his mark as it was! He's a very good jumper, goes on good ground and soft, and although he's shown his best form at 2m I think he'll get 2m4f.

### Dell Oro

4g Walk In The Park - Kallistea Galloping On The South Downs Partnership 17-1

RPR 115 OR

We took him to Punchestown and it was all too much for him at that stage of his career, it blew his mind and he didn't travel through the race at all. He showed that hadn't left a mark when winning what probably wasn't the strongest race ever on his hurdling debut at Ascot. He's a talented horse who should do all right in novice hurdles.

### East Indies

4g Authorized - Elan Redec Ltd 862-189 RPR 120 OR 120 He needs a strong pace in Gary Moore (inset) is looking forward to his established stars returning to winning ways, while Benatar (above) looks a chaser of some talent judged by his win at Ascot last Saturday

his races, that's important, and they hacked around at Wincanton and at Ascot and it didn't suit him at all. He just pulled too hard for his own good; a stiff 2m and a good gallop will see him in a better

### **Eragon De Chanay**

3g Racinger - Rose Celebre Five Star Racing Group 1-31

RPR 113 OR 121

It was a pretty moderate race he won in the mud at Ffos Las and now he'll have a double penalty to carry, so it's likely he'll have to run in a better class of race until he turns four, when he can run in handicaps. Soft ground seems to suit him.

### **Gores Island**

11g Beneficial - Just Leader Collins, Horsfall, Michael & O'Sullivan 35F52-2 RPR 136 OR 117 He hasn't won for two and

He hasn't won for two and a half years but he's been placed plenty of times and is almost a stone lower than he was two years ago. He's working very



### HORSE TO FOLLOW Stuart Riley

### Ar Mad

He's an absolute superstar. There are few finer sights in racing than watching him devour Sandown's Railway fences and, with two Grade 1 chases over 2m at the track, he is probably the yard's best chance of a top-level success this season. After the Exeter experiment with dropping him in, Josh Moore knows not to disappoint him, while his fourth in last

year's Tingle Creek came after the two had a disagreement at a fence and lost their rhythm. He is a brilliant jumper and when allowed to bowl along in front he can put so much pressure on his rivals.

while his fourth in last

well, showing plenty of verve, and hopefully he can win a handicap chase this winter.

### Graasten

5g Sholokhov - Golden Time Galloping On The South Downs Partnership 2/23174-RPR 122 OR 118

Nice horse who did all right over hurdles and will be going novice chasing soon – it took a while to get him back in the swing after the summer but he'll be out towards the end of the month, probably stepping up to 2m4f.

### **Krugermac** 6g Kalanisi - Vindonissa

J Hinds
212/87RPR 123 OR 117
Doesn't have many miles on the clock and he won't be on a racecourse until after
Christmas – he was bought to be a chaser and he'll be going

### Larry

4g Midnight Legend - Gaspaisie D Bessell & Galloping On The South Downs 10-6

straight over fences, 2m4f-plus.

RPR 109 OR -

Got a bit tired on his hurdling debut in what was probably an above-average race at Plumpton and blew up in the closing stages – he'll be better with that under his belt and will keep going in novice handicap hurdles.

### Leo Luna

8g Galileo - Eva Luna
PB Moorhead
P1PP/02RPR 145 OR 127
Very well bred but isn't the
speediest – he missed the
second half of last season but
is okay now and will probably

### STAR QUALITY

### **Traffic Fluide**

7g Astarabad - Petale Rouge Galloping On The South Downs Partnership 46632-4
RPR 165 OR 153
Sharp tracks aren't really up his street but I was pleased with him in the Old Roan at Aintree, he was beaten by good horses and ran a good race. Soft ground is important to him and I think he needs

to go further now. I'll step

run and if the ground is

suitable it'll tell us a lot

more about him.

him up to 2m6f for his next

go to Sandown for the London National next month, then maybe the Surrey National. He goes well on soft ground and those 'National' races look ideal for him.

### **Remind Me Later**

8g Zerpour - Two T'Three Weeks Mary Devine 33-2251

RPR 132 OR 123

We've always thought he was a good horse – I stepped him up in trip last time at Worcester and that seemed to be the key. I was very pleased with that performance and I think he can go on from there and win again, although he does prefer decent ground.

### Sire De Grugy

11g My Risk - Hirlish The Preston Family & Friends / Mr GL Moore 4/712U-3 RPR 174 OR 165

He's a wonderful old horse but he's going to be difficult to place off his mark, and age is going to start catching up with him soon. Last season started off very well but after the Tingle Creek things didn't really go right for him, and soft ground is so important for him - after Ffos Las he didn't have any aches and pains. He missed the Haldon Gold Cup because of the ground at the overnight stage and will go back to Ascot at the next meeting for the valuable 2m handicap chase he won a vear ago.

### Thounder

3g Hurricane Cat - Meldown Tony Head 3-11

RPR 111 OR 120

What he beat at Wincanton I wouldn't know, but he did it in good style and he's a genuine sort who's only had three races in his life, so he'll only improve for it. He's another with a double penalty now so he could be hard to place, and it might be an idea to step him up in grade and claim off him.

### Ubak

9g Kapgarde - Gesse Parade Nick Peacock 314/054-RPR 153 OR 150

He's only cantering at the moment but he looks good, he's doing well, and he'll be out around Christmas. I'm not going to rule out putting him back over fences but he is rising ten now and it's more likely that he'll continue in staying handicap hurdles.

STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17									
	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	£1 level 0-30%	stake	ROI*
Non-hcp hdl	1,001	138	134	135	594	14		-270.78	-27%
Hcap hdl	1,257	129	128	137	863	10		-258.44	-21%
Non-hcp chs	258	57	48	33	120	22		+1.56	+1%
Hcp chs	853	104	119	104	526	12		-158.42	-19%
Hunter chs	6	1	0	2	3	17		-2.50	-42%
NH Flat	186	18	23	21	124	10		-48.04	-26%
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<b>JOCKEYS</b>			
		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
Jamie Moore	262-1823	14	-222.39
Joshua Moore	106-792	13	-100.35
A Glassonbury	12-158	8	-84.62
George Gorman	5-54	9	-5.00
Tom Cannon	4-18	22	+15.30
William Clarke	3-36	8	-24.88
Nick Scholfield	2-4	50	+19.50
Leighton Aspell	2-17	12	-8.00
Jason Nuttall	2-45	4	-24.00
Mr James King	1-1	100	+0.91
Aidan Coleman	1-2	50	+1.75
Andrew Tinkler	1-3	33	+8.00

### FIRST TIME OUT

COURSES

	Per£1 level				
	W-R	cent	stake		
Non-hcp Hdl	37-296	13	-62.20		
Hcp Hdl	26-245	11	-54.90		
Non-hcp Chs	8-59	14	-37.99		
Hcp Chs	13-149	9	-81.00		
NH Flat	10-85	12	+1.04		

MONTHLY	BREAK	DOW	N
		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
January	42-369	11	-34.92
February	66-412	16	-58.39
March	49-478	10	-128.95
April	50-371	14	-45.98
May	41-346	12	-116.73
June	16-125	13	-39.17
July	4-51	8	-9.50
August	15-74	20	+31.90
September	17-104	16	+3.77
October	39-296	13	-78.97
November	59-520	11	-160.96
December	49-415	12	-98.72

FAVOURITES							
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake				
Non-hcp Hdl	50-154	33	-57.37				
Hcp Hdl	39-144	27	-3.35				
Non-hcp Chs	27-51	53	+3.98				
Hcp Chs	37-119	31	-7.92				
NH Flat	4-22	18	-12.54				

	14/ 0	Per	Non-hcp	,	Нср	Нср	NH	£1 level
Factorell	W-R	cent	Hdl	Chs	Hdl	Chs	Flat	stake
Fontwell	108-635		40-176	14-35	29-221	18-158	7-45	-63.38
Plumpton	85-481	18	28-163	9-23	27-168	19-116	2-11	-77.24
Sandown	33-250	13	5-65	7-24	11-105	8-49	2-7	+37.64
Huntingdon	31-218	14	6-63	4-24	13-74	7-47	1-10	-3.72
Lingfield	23-171	14	3-45	3-15	7-49	10-62	0-0	-6.58
Kempton	21-251	8	4-79	6-24	4-81	6-63	1-4	-95.41
Ascot	15-163	9	3-28	3-16	1-59	7-49	1-11	-49.50
Newbury	14-211	7	3-72	0-7	6-72	3-44	2-16	-15.13
Wincanton	12-99	12	4-18	1-1	6-52	1-23	0-5	-16.58
Exeter	10-52	19	3-7	2-10	4-26	1-9	0-0	-10.25
Towcester	10-86	12	4-23	1-10	3-39	2-10	0-4	-36.80
Stratford	9-79	11	4-22	1-4	4-33	0-16	0-4	-33.70
Ludlow	7-41	17	3-20	0-0	0-5	4-14	0-2	-2.17
Taunton	7-95	7	5-30	0-5	1-41	1-18	0-1	-51.63
Hereford	5-17	29	3-9	0-0	2-6	0-2	0-0	+24.36
Warwick	5-33	15	1-5	2-4	0-12	2-10	0-2	+0.25
Worcester	5-36	14	3-6	0-3	0-16	1-10	1-1	+23.30
Cheltenham	5-110	5	0-16	1-17	1-43	3-33	0-1	-60.25
Leicester	4-45	9	3-15	0-1	0-9	1-20	0-0	-26.00
Newton Abbot	4-59	7	3-27	1-8	0-20	0-2	0-2	-36.00
Uttoxeter	3-27	11	0-6	0-0	3-15	0-4	0-2	+0.50
Fakenham	3-37	8	1-13	0-3	1-8	1-12	0-1	-27.06
Chepstow	3-41	7	0-10	1-4	0-15	2-11	0-1	-31.25
Aintree	3-63	5	1-12	0-7	1-27	0-12	1-5	-13.00
Ffos Las	2-7	29	1-3	1-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	-4.30
Doncaster	2-29	7	1-10	0-3	0-5	1-11	0-0	-24.00
Bangor	1-5	20	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	-1.50
Haydock	1-22	5	0-5	0-0	0-8	1-9	0-0	-16.50
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
Ayr	0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-1	0-0	-4.00
Southwell (AW)	0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-6	-6.00
	0-10	0	 0-5	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-1	-10.00
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	0-28	 0	0 ° °	0-2	0 0 0-11	0-7	0-0	-28.00
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Number of horses racing for the stable 475 Total winning prize-money 3,304,226.04

### HENRY DE BROMHEAD

'We'll be aiming him at the spring festivals'

More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

### STABLE TOUR HENRY DE BROMHEAD

HE epic trainers' title battle between Willie Mullins and Gordon Elliott may have dominated headlines in the Irish training ranks last season, but Henry de Bromhead enjoyed a season he won't forget in a hurry.

He didn't just top his previous seasonal best – he trounced it. In a campaign that started with the disappointment of the Potts family removing their string from the Knockeen, County Waterford trainer, he ended his season with 68 winners, 19 more victories than ever before.

Although losing subsequent triple Gold Cup hero Sizing John and Cheltenham Festival winner Supasundae among a host of quality performers must have hurt, De Bromhead was briefly depleted but never defeated.

Further backing from Gigginstown House Stud arrived not long after to illustrate their confidence in his training talents. He was initially charged with training a third of their point-to-pointers before swapping those for an increased number of horses for the track following the firm's split with Mullins.

De Bromhead soon had as talented an outfit as ever to go to war with and he made full use of his arsenal.

A Grade 3 double at Punchestown in early October was followed by a one-two at Cheltenham a week later, ending a five-year barren spell in the Cotswolds. Then Valseur Lido and Sub Lieutenant, thriving in their new surroundings, combined to record a Grade 1/Grade 2 double on JNwine.com Champion Chase day at Down Royal.

Petit Mouchoir progressed to win the Grade 1 Ryanair Hurdle and Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown, while Some Plan's Irish Arkle success summed up that the De Bromhead team could do little wrong.

Champagne West's Thyestes
Chase romp, coming 25 years
after De Bromhead's father
Harry won the same race with
Grand Habit, was another
highlight, and then came
Special Tiara's glorious Queen
Mother Champion Chase
victory, a breathtaking triumph
up there with the finest
moments of the four-time
festival-winning trainer's
career.

With another strong squad ready for battle, and already perched on 37 winners for this campaign, De Bromhead will surely be hoping for more of the same this time around.

### Interview by Mark Boylan

### Alisier D'Irlande

Seven-year-old gelding Kapgarde (sire) - Isati'S (dam) Owner: RS Brookhouse Form figures: 3U5617-Racing Post Rating 155; Official Rating 149

He's in good form and is entered in the Grade 2 Fortria Chase at Navan on Sunday. He seems better on easier ground.

# Buoyant yard quick to kick on after last season's high

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- **Where** Knockeen, County Waterford
- >> Started training 2000
- >> Horses in yard 70
- ►► Members of staff 25
- **▶ Head lads** Stephen Dunphy and Emmet Raher
- >> Assistant trainer David Roche
- >>Travelling head lad Alan Coady
- >> Secretary Nicole Roche
- >> Jockeys Andrew Lynch, Davy Russell, Mark Walsh, Barry Geraghty, Bryan Cooper, Noel Fehily
- Conditionals Dylan
  Robinson and JJ Slevin

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RPR 133 OR 132

**Balko Des Flos** 

RPR 155 OR 158

6g Balko - Royale Marie

Gigginstown House Stud

7g Alhaarth - Competa

Gigginstown House Stud

He's done great already for

us and I'd imagine he'll be

Chase, a 0-150 over 2m4f at

Navan in early December.

We're happy with him.

7g Lavirco - Par Bonheur

Gigginstown House Stud

Avenir D'Une Vie

aimed at the Foxrock Handicap

He had a bit of a setback during

the middle of last season but is

going chasing this season. He's

start the season over 2m/2m4f

entered at Naas on Saturday

and Navan on Sunday. He'll

and we'll work our way from

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### Winners in Ireland

Sum up last season in one word . . . Great

last Saturday at Down Royal but seems okay now. We'll be aiming him at the Clonmel Oil Chase.

### Calino D'Airy

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5g Anzillero - Monita D'Airy Gigginstown House Stud 716F-11 RPR 139 OR 134 He's done really well already, winning the last twice at Galway, and will be entered for the Craddockstown Novice Chase at Punchestown on November 19.

### Capital Force

6g Kayf Tara - Watson River Clipper Logistics Group Ltd 4318-F5 RPR 130c 134h OR 132h He's been a bit disappointing over fences so far. He had a nasty fall at Listowel and that doesn't seem to have done his confidence any good

### break now. He'll come back around Christmas time and will be aimed towards the spring. He seems to like better ground and had been in a long

**Deans Road** 8g Golan - Close To Home *C Creed* 128-107 RPR 142 OR 138

since. We've gone back to the

drawing board with him and

next few weeks.

Sweetmarie

the season.

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time.

RPR 137 OR 143

Conrad Hastings

Clipper Logistics Group Ltd

He's good and is on a little

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RS Brookhouse

RPR 170 OR 163

Champagne West

9g Westerner - Wyndham

He's in great form at the

moment and will be entered

in the Clonmel Oil Chase next

on November 16. We'll take it

from there after his first run of

6g Flemensfirth - Berkeley House

will see what happens over the

He had a good summer and won a nice handicap at Listowel. He's on a break now and will come back for the spring.

### Full Cry

7g Milan - Gaye Melody Garristown Aintree Syndicate 24P-502 RPR 143 OR 133 It was good to see him back to form last time at Wexford as he'd been a little bit disappointing through the summer. We'll aim him at something similar in the next few weeks.

### Heron Heights

8g Heron Island - Inter Alia
Barry Maloney
6P3-0B0
RPR 147 OR 137
He's on a break now and will
be aimed at the spring.

up as an exciting contender in the top novice chases for Henry de Bromhead (inset)

Petit Mouchoir is shaping



### STAR QUALITY

### Petit Mouchoir

6g Al Namix - Arnette Gigginstown House Stud 3F113-1 RPR 153 OR -We were delighted with him at Punchestown on

him at Punchestown on his chasing debut. He's progressing well and everything seems to be going the right way with him at the moment, having suffered a setback. Hopefully we'll have him back for the new Dublin Racing Festival at Leopardstown.

### **Identity Thief**

7g Kayf Tara - Miss Arteea Gigginstown House Stud 1PU460-RPR 146 OR 147 I'm hoping to have him back around Christmas. Nearer the time we'll decide what to aim for, whether that be hurdles or fences.

### Montana Belle

7m High Chaparral - Stiletta *RS Brookhouse* 2160-1B *RPR 125c 127h OR 130h* She looked good at Galway and we've backed off her for a while. We're aiming her towards the Grade 3 mares' novice chase at Cork in early December.

5g Martaline - Gaye Moscow

Gigginstown House Stud

He's working well and is

next couple of weeks.

6g Milan - Tempest Belle

I'm looking forward to

seeing what Monalee can

do this season and he goes

chasing. He's in great order

and we're aiming towards

the 2m4f beginners' chase at

Punchestown on November 18.

entered for Naas on Saturday.

We'll be trying to get him out

in a maiden hurdle over the

RPR 116 OR -

Monalee

212124-

Barry Maloney

RPR 150 OR 145

### Mullinavat

8g Beneficial - Kilfane MM Allen 22F111

RPR 121c 121h OR 119c 106h He won his last three and has gone on a break since for the



He was a non-runner in the

second-season novice Grade 2

Excluding bumpers, Henry de Bromhead is 10/27 (37%;  $\pm £22.83$ ) at Down Royal since the start of 2015. He's 4/8 ( $\pm £9.62$ ) there in maiden hurdles.

>> Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at raceform.co.uk

maiden RACTIVE

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winter - we'll see him again in the spring. He's an improving horse and hopefully there's still more to come.

### On Fiddlers Green 7g Stowaway - Knockalane

Declan Ganley 09-108P RPR 141 OR 135 He's been disappointing. He in June but the ground has been against him since so we

had a great win at Roscommon brought him to Cheltenham last month. It turned out he's had an issue with his wind so hopefully we'll get that fixed up to have him back in the next couple of months.

### **Ordinary World**

7g Milan - Saucy Present C Jones 012232-

RPR 149 OR 148

He was a good novice last year and is aiming for the Grade 3 Poplar Square Chase over 2m at Naas on Saturday. He's in great form and we're hoping he can progress again.

### Ornua

6g Mahler - Merry Heart John J Phelan & Syed Momin 36-11P3 RPR 146 OR 138

He ran well at Punchestown behind Campeador last month and we've backed off him now with a view to returning in the spring.

### Paloma Blue

5g Stowaway - Court Leader C Jones

He seems really nice and won his bumper first time out. He's entered on Saturday at Naas for a 2m3f maiden hurdle. He seems to have a bit of stamina but we'll find out more as we go along.

### **Peace News**

5g Sholokhov - Peaceful Love Gigginstown House Stud 1F544-2

RPR 139 OR 133

He's been disappointing since having a good win at Cork last year. We're going to aim him over fences in the next few weeks.

### Riviera Sun

8g Milan - Riviera Sands John P McManus 13U145 RPR 130 OR 128

He's having a break now after having a great season and win

come back for the spring.

### Some Plan

9g Winged Love - Lough Hyne  $RS\ Brookhouse$ 1166-48 RPR 153 OR 141

at Galway this summer. He'll

He had some great form last year but has been a bit disappointing since his Irish Arkle win at Leopardstown.

I thought he didn't stay in Limerick over an extended 2m3f on his seasonal reappearance and still probably wasn't at his best at Cheltenham since but hopefully we'll get him back in the next few weeks. If you looked back through his form last year you'd think the early 140s would be a nice mark but he's been disappointing.

### **Special Tiara**

10g Kayf Tara - Special Choice Mrs S Rowley-Williams 631512

RPR 170 OR 163 He's been just brilliant and last year was a super season. He's ten rising 11 but all the enthusiasm is still there, he loves it and seems as good as ever. He'll start in the Shloer Chase at Cheltenham on November 10 The G Champion Chase in late

September was initially a

possibility for a comeback run

but the ground was too soft

and I didn't want to step him

up in trip in those conditions.

### **Sub Lieutenant**

8g Brian Boru - Satellite Dancer Gigginstown House Stud 3222-35

RPR 166 OR 162

We were disappointed with him at Down Royal last weekend and hopefully we'll get him back to what he was.

### HORSE TO FOLLOW **Richard Forristal**

### Paloma Blue

This is a cracking staying novice hurdling prospect who found plenty for pressure to win a very good bumper on his Fairyhouse debut in the new year, when he beat a bunch of more experienced horses. A typically hardy and game son of Stowaway, he then served it up to Fayonagh in the Champion Bumper at Punchestown. The brilliant ill-fated winner pulled five lengths clear, but Paloma Blue emerged with real credit in defeat. He will more than pay his way.



His first run was very good though and we'll aim him for something like the John Durkan.

### **Surf Instructor**

5g Stowaway - Corrie Hall Julian Taylor P2166-

RPR 123 OR 123

He won his maiden hurdle well at Thurles last January and I'm looking forward to seeing what he can do over fences. He should be a nice novice chaser for the season.

### **Three Stars**

7g Westerner - Hapeney Robert Finnegan 35P5-35 RPR 146 OR 140 He ran well in Cork the other day and we're planning on stepping him up to 2m4f. He's in at Aintree on Saturday.

### Three Wise Men

7g Presenting - Bilboa Mrs AF Mee 30-F12P RPR 141 OR 135 He was brilliant at Galway, a little below his best since and he'll come back in the spring. He seemed to like Ballybrit and we'll aim him back there again next year. He could take his chance in the novice handicap at Fairyhouse or something like that off a mark of 135, off which hopefully he can be

### competitive. Twobelucky

4g Tobougg - She's The Lady RS Brookhouse 1121

RPR 135 OR 137

We were delighted with him at Cheltenham and he's had a really good year. He's another to head on a break now before returning in the spring. Fingers crossed we'll be aiming him towards the festivals.

### **Valseur Lido**

8g Anzillero - Libido Rock Gigginstown House Stud FU22/14-RPR 169 OR 161

He seems good and is progressing the right way. He didn't end up running at Down Royal after he was found to have had an entrapped epiglottis and the vets have to rectify that. Hopefully he should be back fairly soon.

### **OTHERS TO NOTE**

I thought **Trainwreck** was very good the other day at Clonmel – he looks a really nice horse. Pallaskenry could also be another decent one who will go for a maiden hurdle in the next couple of weeks. We have plenty of nice young horses to look forward to.

STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17									
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Non-hcp Hdles	944	125	138	107	574	13		-297.94	-32%
Hcp Hdles	405	33	26	31	315	8		-159.52	-39%
Non-hcp Chses	713	150	123	102	338	21		-130.59	-18%
Hcp Chses	382	44	29	35	274	12		-37.17	-10%
Hunter Chses	10	2	1	•••••	7	20		+14.00	+140%
N.H. Flat	249	27	43	27	152	11		-74.47	-30%
*return on investment									

### **JOCKEYS**

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
A E Lynch	138-1058	13.0	-417.90
Davy Russell	35-166	21.1	-31.88
J J Burke	32-148	21.6	-12.67
David Mullins	22-122	18.0	+3.52
Mr D Roche	20-180	11.1	-18.15
B J Cooper	18-92	19.6	-7.60
R Walsh	13-53	24.5	-8.42
Phillip Enright	12-128	9.4	-46.78
Dylan Robinson	11-95	11.6	-14.92
Mark Walsh	10-49	20.4	+9.07
Barry Geraghty	6-20	30.0	+21.87
Ms N Carberry	6-25	24.0	+1.00

### FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	26-210	12.4	-78.61
Hcp Hdl	4-77	5.2	-45.50
Non-hcp Chs	25-128	19.5	+0.11
Hcp Chs	12-78	15.4	+10.25
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### MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	32-179	17.9	-6.62
February	19-178	10.7	-107.40
March	17-169	10.1	-54.64
April	20-257	7.8	-168.94
May	34-245	13.9	-59.46
June	33-186	17.7	+11.36
July	39-246	15.9	-13.78
August	35-233	15.0	-30.19
September	33-176	18.7	-35.28
October	52-301	17.3	-51.73
November	34-252	13.5	-94.19
December	33-281	11.7	-74.82

### **FAVOURITES**

W-R         Per cent         £1 level stake           Non-hcp Hdl         58-134         43.3         -5.71           Hcp Hdl         10-47         21.3         -10.02           Non-hcp Chs         81-163         49.7         +14.34           Hcp Chs         10-39         25.6         +7.83           NH Flat         9-39         23.1         -13.88				
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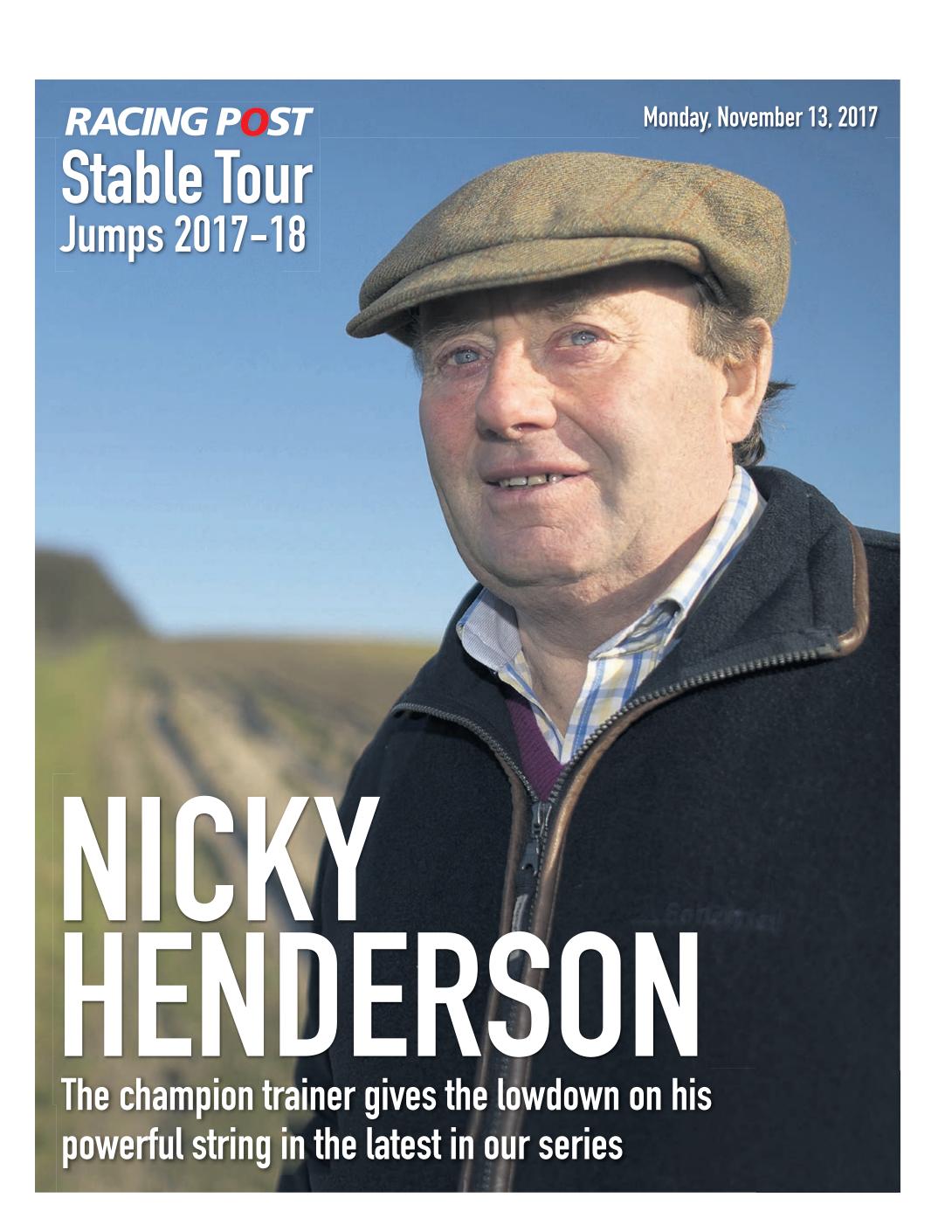
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	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	Non-hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 leve. stake
Punchestown	33-299	11.0	4-86	24-95	0-39	3-45	2-34	-161.25
Tramore	32-207	15.5	10-74	12-64	4-37	4-22	2-10	-55.90
Clonmel	27-158	17.1	15-75	9-39	3-26	0-11	0-7	+17.04
Killarney	25-140	17.9	4-32	11-48	1-17	5-30	4-13	-12.69
Cork	23-165	13.9	9-58	7-30	2-43	1-19	4-15	-12.42
Gowran Park	22-164	13.4	6-63	9-41	5-29	1-12	1-19	-51.68
Limerick	22-165	13.3	6-52	10-50	2-21	3-30	1-12	-41.62
Fairyhouse	22-206	10.7	8-67	5-48	2-35	1-27	6-29	-51.69
Naas	20-111	18.0	4-37	11-30	2-19	2-14	1-11	-9.27
Galway	18-103	17.5	0-19	10-29	2-13	5-32	1-10	+28.87
Kilbeggan	18-109	16.5	5-39	7-22	3-16	2-21	1-11	+1.76
Tipperary	17-99	17.2	10-46	5-21	0-14	2-13	0-5	-29.38
Listowel	15-81	18.5	4-23	6-20	0-12	4-17	1-9	-20.02
Leopardstown	15-123	12.2	8-36	6-34	0-25	1-18	0-10	-64.89
Thurles	15-143	10.5	9-63	5-42	1-13	0-6	0-19	-90.14
Down Royal	14-56	25.0	6-22	3-14	0-3	4-12	1-5	+17.32
Wexford (rh)	10-78	12.8	3-31	1-12	4-14	1-11	1-10	-8.42
Navan	10-92	10.9	4-34	5-29	0-8	0-12	1-9	-45.92
Roscommon	7-55	12.7	4-16	2-19	0-2	1-10	0-8	-27.99
Downpatrick	6-37	16.2	2-20	2-8	2-5	0-4	0-0	-2.58
Wexford	6-54	11.1	3-27	0-13	0-5	3-8	0-1	-20.47
Ballinrobe	2-38	5.3	0-11	2-13	0-7	0-6	0-1	-30.60
Sligo	1-4	25.0	0-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	-0.25
Bellewstown	1-9	11.1	1-7	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	-6.50
Tralee	0-7	0.0	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	-7.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 346 Total winning prize-money €4,040,315.66

'He was the star of the show last season'



More priceless nuggets from a top yard in Monday's **Stable Tour** 



### STABLE TOUR NICKY HENDERSON

DDS-ON for a fifth trainers' title, reigning champion Nicky Henderson boasts a squad that must be the envy of his

In Altior and Buveur D'Air, he has the favourites for the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase and Unibet Champion Hurdle, while Might Bite might easily light up the campaign.

The trainer is, unsurprisingly, well stocked in most departments, but his novice chasers and mares look particularly promising.

### **Interview by James Burn**

Apple's Shakira Three-year-old filly Saddler Maker (sire) - Apple's For Ever (dam)

Owner: JP McManus Form figures: 1

Racing Post Rating - Official rating -A sister to Apple's Jade and had one hurdle race in France, which she won comfortably. We don't really know too much about her, but she'll start in the juvenile hurdle division and we hope she can live up to her sister's standards, in which case she'll be exciting. She could run at Cheltenham this weekend.

### **Armaans Wish**

6g Presenting - Pretty Puttens Middleham Park Racing LXIII

RPR 109b OR -

Had to miss last season with a leg problem, but had been placed in a couple of bumpers and was ready to start over hurdles. That's what he can do now as he was a very good jumper at home.

### Baden

6g Martaline - Ma Sonate Christopher Hanbury 51P05-4 RPR 134h OR 125h

Made his debut over fences at Sandown yesterday and for a moment I thought I was going to be very disappointed, but he finished very strongly. He blatantly wants 3m and needed the race, so I'm happy enough.

### Ballinure

7g Alkaadhem - Christy's Pride Mrs Mary-Anne Parker 2-1P198 RPR 134c OR 125c

Top-of-the-ground horse who won two chases and runs with credit on most occasions. He'll take a winter break when conditions get soft.

### **Bardd**

5g Dylan Thomas - Zarawa Elite Racing Club 4222-34 RPR 117h OR 110h Always shown plenty at home and despite experimenting with trips he always appears to run a pretty good race, but hasn't put his head in front. apart from a bumper. I'm sure that as soon as he does, everything will come together and he was a respectable fourth at Ascot last time.

### Barman

6g Racinger - Koscina The Bartenders 572315 RPR 131h OR 126h Another who likes a sound surface, he won a decent prize at Taunton recently and

# Altior and **Buveur D'Air** lead charge of bright brigade for champion

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Seven Barrows
- **Where** Lambourn, Berkshire
- >> Started training 1978
- **▶** Horses in yard 140
- >> Members of staff 56
- >> Head lad Corky Browne
- >> Assistant trainers Charlie Morlock, Toby Lawes
- >> Assistant head lads Robin Land, Katie Croft, Dave Fehily, Jamie Davidson, Erin Niering
- >> Pupil assistants James Standen, Clare Alexander
- >> Travelling head lads Richard Nicholas, Sarah Shreeve, Rebecca King
- >> Jockeys Nico de Boinville, Jerry McGrath, Barry Geraghty, David Bass, Daryl Jacob, Noel Fehily, Davy Russell
- >> Conditionals Ned Curtis, Alan Doyle, Hugo Hunt, James

will have a holiday when the

a fence, which he could do in

9g Milan - Knotted Midge

A half-brother to Might Bite

every bit as good and it would

and in his early days was

be great to get him back,

especially as a chaser as

that's what he was built for.

Following two unfortunate

which will do his confidence

Sum up last season

in one word . . .

Rival to watch

Defi Du Seuil for

Philip Hobbs and

JP looks very smart

**Exciting** 

falls he put in a clear round of

jumping at Newbury last week,

the spring.

**Beat That** 

6/6-2FF3

Michael Buckley

RPR 145c OR 145c

ground softens, but he'll jump

- ▶ Amateur Hugo Hunt
- >> PA Carolyn Harty
  - >> Accounts manager Susanna
  - >> Stable sponsor Axis
  - >> Twitter @sevenbarrows

### **Winners in Britain**

2016-17	154
2015-16	81
2014-15	129
2013-14	124

### Profit/loss to £1 stake

-£113.50	2016-17
-£101.03	2015-16
-£58.50	2014-15
-£17.27	2013-14

Prize-money 2016-17 £2,846,487

### **Before Midnight**

4g Midnight Legend - Lady

Walters Plant Hire & James & Jean Potter Unraced

Nearly ran in the spring when he showed plenty of promise and we like what we're seeing now.

### **Beware The Bear**

7g Shantou - Native Bid G Barlow 1/11174-

RPR 153c OR 143c Has a big future in front of him as he matures and one hopes as he grows into himself he'll become an even higher-class chaser than he has already shown. He's in the Ladbrokes Trophy but I'm not sure that's the right place to start and one of those intermediate chases would be perfect.

### **Beyond Conceit**

8g Galileo - Baraka Mrs Fitri Hay 1162-RPR 148h OR 145h I went for the wrong race in have gone up to 2m4f, which he had won over at Ascot. Consequently, we upped him to 3m at Aintree in the Grade 1 and he ran a fantastic race to be just beaten by The Worlds End. That was a huge performance and sets us up for a season in the staying hurdle division.

running him in the Supreme in

which he finished a respectable

sixth, but I certainly should

Nicky Henderson on

the schooling grounds at Seven Barrows

### **Big Robin**

5m Robin Des Champs -Melodique Grech & Parkin

RPR 87k

A fine, big, strong mare who has got a future and will make a chaser in time, but she could be useful for novice hurdles.

### **Brain Power**

6g Kalanisi - Blonde Ambition Michael Buckley 381185-RPR 162h OR 160h

Began last season with a bang and won two very valuable handicaps at Sandown and Ascot with ridiculous contempt, which alerted the handicapper. That propelled him straight into the Champion Hurdle and I think we were all very hopeful he would be up to the task, but I think he just got racing a bit soon and didn't finish his race as we anticipated. We had schooled him over fences at the beginning of last season, but felt he didn't know enough. With last year's experience, I

hope with his size and scope he

could go to the top over fences.

He starts at Kempton in two

### **Brave Eagle**

weeks.

5g Yeats - Sinful Pleasure Robert Kirkland RPR 123h OR 133 Wouldn't be the biggest

horse, but is certainly living

up to his name and I think

### STAR QUALITY Altior

7g High Chaparral - Monte Solaro Mrs Patricia Pugh 111111-RPR 177c OR 170c He was the star of the show last season and it seems extraordinary that so soon after Sprinter Sacre's retirement we seem to have the 2m chaser that has taken the first steps to fill those very, very big shoes, but Altior's novice chase campaign was as seamless as Sprinter's and now we have to hope he can progress as much as our old friend did. It won't get any easier, but at the moment I can only imagine we'll stick to the 2m Pattern, starting in the Tingle Creek, after which we may meet Douvan at some stage later in the season.

there's improvement to come physically. I'm pretty sure he can jump a fence but would like to see if he can progress a little further over hurdles.

### **Burbank**

5g Yeats - Spring Swoon RA Bartlett 21242-0 RPR 144h OR 142h

Was learning all the time last season and he took his chance at Cheltenham when we upped his trip to run in the Neptune and he ran a terrific race

when finishing a fine fourth to Willoughby Court. This was a tremendous performance for a horse with so little experience. Although he will jump fences, I think we'll see how far he can go over hurdles. He still has a bit to learn about racing and has grown and strengthened for his summer break. Was a bit disappointing on his comeback at Aintree, but I still think he's a top-class horse in the making.

### Burrows Edge

4g Martaline - La Vie De Boitron Michael Buckley

RPR 109b

Seems a very athletic and active individual who has summered very well and I expect him to be the type to come to hand very easily. Made a pleasing debut in a bumper at Newbury last week and will almost certainly go over hurdles now.

### Call Me Lord 4g Slickly - Sosa

Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 5111-

RPR 148h OR 143h

May find life trickier off 143against aii-age company, but the plan is probably to stick to hurdling - runs at Huntingdon tomorrow – and hope he continues on this upward curve.

### Casablanca Mix

5m Shirocco - Latitude Rutland Rascals 13P4-32 RPR 125c OR 135c

An attractive mare who had some sound form in France and won a couple of their bumpers and three hurdle races. She's quite highly rated and with the



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mares' opportunities opening up so much over fences, we've gone chasing and after an encouraging third at Worcester she was only just beaten by Willoughby Court. Hopefully it won't be too long before she wins.

### Champ

5g King's Theatre - China Sky JP McManus

RPR 119h OR -

Has a lot to live up to in that not only is he named after that great jockey, but he's as well bred as you can get, being by King's Theatre out of a halfsister to Best Mate. He did plenty of schooling during the season and is ready to embark on his novice hurdle campaign, where I hope he could prove to be top class. Undoubtedly chasing will be the game in a year or so.

### **Champagne Express**

7g Kalanisi - Marvellous Dream Owners Group 008 13/4PP/

RPR 133h OR 130h

Had a bizarre injury but is back cantering and is a fine, big individual who has an we'll start this campaign over fences.

### Charli Parcs

4g Anabaa Blue - Ella Parcs JP McManus

RPR 141h OR 145h

A horse I admit I've always thought the world of, as he's not only a gorgeous individual but showed us everything we wanted to see at home – be it in his work or schooling. I still think Charli is potentially a high-class horse and I hope

he'll justify our confidence in him. He's working really well and will be ready to launch soon.

### **Charming Zen**

5g Youmzain - Nioumoun Sullivan Bloodstock Limited

RPR 130h OR -

An interesting and classylooking five-year-old who joined us having won twice over hurdles. The idea is probably to go novice chasing over 2m4f.

### **Chef Des Obeaux**

5g Saddler Maker - O Dame De Gene Sullivan Bloodstock

57/2-

RPR 113b

We went to Newbury just to have a look-see and he ran an exceptionally good race to be beaten by what I think was quite a decent bumper horse, and that gives us a lot of encouragement for the future. Ready to embark on his novice hurdle campaign, which I think we can look forward to. His schooling has been excellent.

### ristmas In April

5g Crillon - Similaresisoldofa J Palmer-Brown 1435-

RPR 111h OR 114h

A gorgeous-looking horse I thought would go a long way over hurdles last season having been impressive in his bumper the previous year. I'm afraid things didn't work out and we're doing a small wind procedure before we start this campaign. I do think he still has a bright future. He's all but ready to run and is working encouragingly.

### Claimantakinforgan

5g Great Pretender - Taquine D'Estrees Grech & Parkin 16235-1 RPR 127b

I've never been the greatest fan of the Champion Bumper, but he had the right credentials and produced an outstanding performance to finish third, and followed up with a solid fifth in the Aintree equivalent. That was all very promising and he's ready to go over hurdles. With physical development and this experience, you hope he has every chance to go to the top. We couldn't have been happier with his hurdling debut at Newbury last week and will take it one step at a time before something too ambitious.

### **Colonial Dreams**

5g Westerner - Dochas Supreme CN Barnes 4721-RPR 116b

Following a good summer he's strengthened and it's time to go over hurdles. He's schooled nicely and I can see him being a useful recruit to the novice hurdling ranks.

### Comely

5m Midnight Legend - Belle Magello The Queen 3432-3 RPR 100h OR 100h Has always shown plenty of pace and is an excellent jumper. She has the pedigree to make a really nice broodmare, but I'm more than hopeful she can make a success of her career on the racecourse first. She's ready to run once

there's a drop of rain.

### STAR QUALITY

### **Buveur D'Air**

6g Crillon - History JP McManus 1/11111-

RPR 171h OR 169h His performance in the Champion Hurdle was outstanding and I suppose the only slight tinge of sadness was that he beat My Tent Or Yours, who has knocked on that door so often and was runner-up in the Champion for the second consecutive year. Buveur has been a gorgeous horse to have anything to do with and has an excellent temperament and racing technique. The only thing he wouldn't like is fast ground, so there's no great rush through the autumn before we start the build-up to the defence of his crown. He's working very nicely and the Fighting Fifth is the

### **Cool Macavity**

9g One Cool Cat - Cause Celebre Christopher Hanbury 31/04-1F RPR 137h OR 121h

intended starting point.

Consistent older member of the team who won a decent hurdle at Towcester last month before falling when running a huge race at Cheltenham last time. He needs really good ground.

### Cosmos Des Obeaux

5g Spanish Moon - Kore Des Obeaux Sullivan Bloodstock Limited 74/5313-

RPR 124h OR 128h Had some good form in France and one run in Britain before joining us. He's a lovely, big, scopey horse, almost certain to start over fences.

### **Cracking Destiny**

4g Dubai Destination - Cracking Grech & Parkin

RPR 82b

Classy four-year-old we bought for Stuart and Mike at one of the Cheltenham sales in the spring after he had won his point. He has done well for his holiday and looks an exciting prospect. I was confident of a big display at Cheltenham last month, but he came back with an unattractive haematoma on one of his joints and that wouldn't have helped. We can put that behind us and he's back cantering, so he'll go for another bumper or novice hurdle.

### Countister

5m Smadoun - Tistairly JP McManus 5/3211-2 RPR 124h OR -

One of the most gorgeouslooking mares you could ever wish to see and is such a quality, athletic type who is ready to go after a great summer at Martinstown [McManus's stud]. She made her debut over hurdles at Newbury on Thursday and travelled beautifully, but I fear her lack of match fitness showed when she didn't finish as strongly as the impressive Cap Soleil. That was a good race and I think there's improvement to come.

### Cultivator

6g Alflora - Angie Marinie Kimmins Family And Friends RPR 141h OR 139h

He has obvious ability and has been improving all along, so I'm extremely hopeful that with another excellent summer under his belt he can now build on that potential. I made the error of running him at Cheltenham on his chasing debut, which was a bit much for him. He'd schooled well before and since, so I hope he'll be back to winning ways soon.

### Dame De Compagnie

4f Lucarno - Programmee JP McManus 1/322-1 RPR 121h OR -

You would have to go a very long way to see a better individual than this filly, who has size, scope and quality to go with some excellent form in France before she came to England just a year ago. Extremely impressive at Uttoxeter recently and may go to Cheltenham this week. I hope she's got a big future.

### **Darius Des Bois**

4g Great Pretender - Palafixe Sullivan Bloodstock Limited

A big, scopey individual, he fell on his first start in a point but was running an excellent race behind a highly thought of individual. Has any amount of scope and, although he'll make a chaser, he'll go novice hurdling. Now the rain has come his debut is imminent.

### **Days Of Heaven**

7g Šaint Des Saints - Daramour Mrs SK Johnston Jr 31-1174

RPR 155c OR 149c Loves really good ground

and 2m4f would be his optimum trip, although he's staying pretty well now. Not surprisingly having won three of his last five, the handicapper has got hold of him, so his sights will have to be raised quite considerably. A possible for the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham.

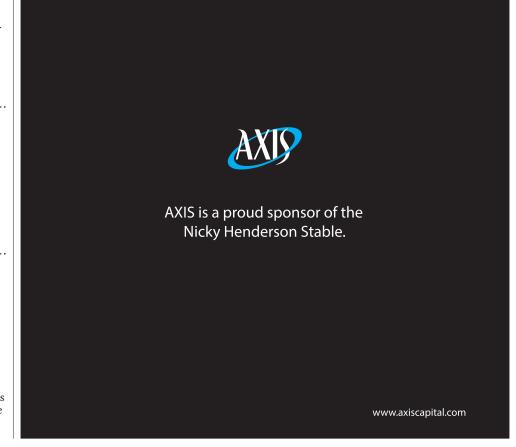
### **Diese Des Bieffes**

4g Martaline - Chanel Du Berlais Sullivan Bloodstock Limited 5-1

RPR 93h OR -

Won on his debut over hurdles in a conditional jockeys' race at Fontwell last week under James Bowen and I was delighted on all counts. He doesn't pick up a penalty for that, so we'll try to do that again.

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### STABLE TOUR NICKY HENDERSON

### 'His Kempton performance was going to be extraordinary before the fall'

### DARK HORSE

### **Doux Pretender**

4g Great Pretender - Lynnka Sullivan Bloodstock Limited

RPR 101b OR -

Ran too exuberantly in the only start we gave him and has done a lot of schooling since. He's an excellent jumper so he's all ready to embark on his novice hurdle campaign, which I think will be exciting as he's developed into a lovely, big horse.

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### Dieu Benisse

4f Blue Bresil - Flowerfull Sullivan Bloodstock Limited 354- (Flat form) RPR 74F OR

Nice looker who showed promise on the Flat in France. We left her to start her novice hurdle career this autumn and she looks a likeable prospect for the mares' division. She's schooled nicely.

### **Divin Bere**

4g Della Francesca - Mofa Bere Chris Giles 12/2122-

RPR 146h OR 148h

Did nothing but improve all winter, physically as well as mentally, and finished second in the Fred Winter with virtually top weight. Had an excellent summer and I hope he can continue to progress. He's going to have to because his last run behind Defi Du Seuil has bumped him up even higher in the ratings, so life won't be easy, but I think he's progressive and he's working very nicely.

### **Divine Spear**

6g Oscar - Testaway Middleham Park Racing LXII

RPR 136h OR 133h

A lovely, big horse who has taken time but has always been a chaser in the making and that's what he'll be doing this season. He won his bumper and has been incredibly consistent over hurdles, but fences are what he's been waiting for and he could be

an exciting recruit for that division. I'm extremely pleased with how he's schooled and his debut over fences isn't far off.

### **Du Destin**

4g Fuisse - Parenthese Middleham Park Racing V

Green on his debut at Newbury last week, but I was pleased with his performance and I know he learned an enormous amount. He jumps very well, so that could be his last bumper.

### **Duke Debarry**

6g Presenting - Blue Dante Middleham Park Racing CIX

RPR 99b OR -

We've always thought plenty of him, it has only been niggling issues and probably more growing-up pains that has kept him off the track on a more regular basis. Hopefully we can now see what he's capable of as he's always been an excellent jumper, so this could be an interesting campaign, which starts at Kempton today.

**Fixe Le Kap** 5g Kapgarde - Lady Fix Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 1128/2-1

RPR 144h OR 143h

I like this grand, big gelding and I hope he'll now begin to fulfil the immense promise he's shown over hurdles, as the plan is to go chasing. He does want cut in the ground and it won't be too long before he runs: I'm hopeful he'll turn into a festival-class novice chaser at either 2m4f or even 3m.

### **Fly Camp**

g Westerner - Pearlsforthegirls The Blue Bar Partnership 2121P

RPR 126h OR 133h

He seems to like winter ground and I imagine it won't be long until he switches from hurdles to fences, and one day we hope he'll make a high-class staying chaser.

### **Follow The Bear**

5g King's Theatre - Mrs Dempsey G Barlow RPR 133h OR 130h He won over hurdles in the

spring but remains a novice for this season and he made a pleasing comeback at Worcester, which I'm sure we can build on before he goes chasing next year.

### **Forever Field**

7g Beneficial - Sarahs Reprive Robert Kirkland 5-22128 RPR 137c OR 134c

Talented and consistent. and won over hurdles before switching to chases on the good ground he requires. He'll have a winter break before resuming in the spring.

### French Crusader

4g Kapgarde - Largesse Robert Kirkland Unraced

Beautifully bred, he did everything but run in the spring and has come back stronger. He's ready to start.

### **Full Bore**

4g Milan - Senora Snoopy The Albatross Club Unraced

Immaturity caught up with him last season, but he's more mature now and is an exciting prospect who I've always liked.

### Gnash

4g Scorpion - Spring Baloo Trevor Hemmings Unraced

A fine sort who is out of a halfsister to Oscar Whisky. He looks every inch a chaser.

### **Gold Blade**

4g Gold Well - Supreme Evening Lady Dulverton

Gorgeous gelding who showed loads of promise in the spring but wasn't ready for a bumper. although he is now.

### **Gold Present**

7g Presenting - Ouro Preto Mr and Mrs JD Cotton 0/1522F-RPR 147c OR 142c We took a bold move by going to Aintree for the Topham and

he enjoyed those fences until he fell at the Canal Turn, which was a shame as he was jumping beautifully and travelling like a dream. I can't help but feel that Aintree's a place we might return to in time. His jumping is his strong suit and it looks like 2m4f-plus will be his trip. We'll decide about the BetVictor Gold Cup – he's a big horse and it's been difficult to get him ready without the rain, but he has a big season in front

### Haul Away

of him.

4g Stowaway - Lisacul Queen Robert Kirkland

RPR 105h

Fourth over an inadequate 2m on his debut, he'll go further next time and is a horse we like

### I Can't Explain

4g Getaway - Dr Sandra Mrs Julie Martin And David R Martin

1 (point form) I can't explain much about I Can't Explain because I don't know a lot! What I can say is he's a recent arrival who won a point-to-point impressively in Ireland last month. He's a gorgeous, big individual with an enormous future, although we've yet to decide on his short-term programme.

### **Indian Hawk**

5g Westerner - Yorkshire Girl Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 2-1 (point form)

Won a point and has a bit of work to do, but it won't be too long before he runs.

Nicky Henderson (above) briefs his riders at Seven Barrows and (far right) exciting chaser Might Bite schools under Nico de Boinville

### **Jenkins**

5g Azamour - Aladiyna Pump & Plant Services Ltd 1/2141-RPR 131h OR 137h

Undoubtedly one of the disappointments of last season following his hugely promising bumper campaign in the previous year. We had high hopes he would go to the top over hurdles, but we never really saw the same horse. Although he won his first start over hurdles it wasn't the performance I'd been hoping for. Rather as he had been at home, he was very shy at his hurdles but his class told. However, his next performance at Kempton was extremely disappointing and again his jumping let him down. We found a few issues and hope things go more smoothly this year and he starts to enjoy his jumping a bit more. If we can get it together, he still has the potential to be top class. He's definitely enjoying his jumping a lot more and could run in the

### **Josses Hill**

Sunday.

9g Winged Love - Credora Storm AD Spence 115573-RPR 165c OR 153c The Kemptons and

Huntingdons are ideal and he

prefers going right-handed.

Greatwood at Cheltenham on

He ran respectably in the Ryanair at Cheltenham but we tried again at Aintree and he told us he's nothing like as happy going left-handed. He's come back looking as well as ever and I'm sure we'll have to continue to campaign him down the same ambitious lines, but the Peterborough Chase, which he won last year, is this year's target.

### **Kayf Grace**

7m Kayf Tara - Potter's Gale James and Jean Potter 33/211/1-

RPR 122h OR -

Grade 2 bumper winner who won impressively at Bangor on her first start over hurdles but then went lame. That leaves her in the difficult position that she's had only one run over hurdles, but is a winner, so we're going to have to be careful how to place her. I hope she can go a long way and undoubtedly she'll stay further than 2m. She was always an excellent jumper, so hopefully her lack of experience won't count against her. We hope to start her in the introductory hurdle at Ascot on November

### Kilcrea Vale

7g Beneficial - Inflation AD Spence 12158-2

RPR 150c OR 139c

When he's good he's very good and I think and hope he can progress further over fences. At the moment we haven't been any further than 2m4f, but I think it'll be interesting to see if he'll get 3m and that will be in the near future.



Since December 2016 Nicky Henderson's form figures in non-handicaps at Doncaster over jumps (excluding bumpers) are 1123113211111 (69% +£12.04)

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### **Kings Ryde**

5g King's Theatre - Ryde Back Miss Rachel Tregaskes 312

RPR 131h OR 132h

He won his first start over hurdles at Worcester and was then a pleasing second giving a penalty away, but his rating is totally unrealistic and we'll have to see where we go.

### Kotkikova

6m Martaline - Kotkita JP McManus 1F1/150-RPR 150c OR 156c

A gorgeous, beautifully bred mare who has already won a number of races in France at Grade 1 and Grade 2 level and I'd love to see her regaining that form. She isn't easy to place, but I do think 3m is her trip and soft ground, as she encountered at Auteuil, must be ideal. We'd like to try her back over fences again this season and hopefully she can still reach the top before she goes to stud. I hoped to start her early, but she had an issue that affected her lungs and is a bit further behind. At least the rain has come as she badly needs soft ground.

### Kupatana

4f Westerner - Kildea Cailin Grech & Parkin

Looks more of a chaser than a hurdler and therefore I think it's unlikely we need a bumper en route to her hurdling career. I hope she might take very high order in the mares' division. I like the way she goes and it won't be long before her rules debut.

### L'Ami Serge

7g King's Theatre - La Zingarella Simon Munir & Isaac Souede RPR 159h OR 156h I was so proud of this chap

in June when he finally won a big race as both he and Daryl Jacob deserved it in the French Champion Hurdle. We have largely campaigned him over the years as a 2m, heavy-ground horse and it certainly had us scratching our heads as his greatest success was achieved on good over almost 3m2f. Mind vou, he's not that slow as he was only beaten a short head in the County Hurdle. The plan is to go down the staying hurdle route, although I'm not sure it's essential to start at 3m.

### Laurium

7g Gold Away - Silver Peak The Ten From Seven 1551P-P RPR 145c OR 141c

Surprised us when impressive over 3m at Kempton, which led to the Scottish National. but that was disappointing. Ran in a Pertemps qualifier at Newbury last week and travelled very well but dropped away quickly and I'm short of an explanation. Loves good ground and will go back over fences. I'm confident he can

### Le Dauphin

win a nice race.

6g Robin Des Champs - Miss Denman Lady Tennant F2P1-05

Made gradual progress last season and needs good ground. I was pleased with his first run back at Southwell the other day and we'll do that again before switching codes.

### Lessons In Milan

9g Milan - Lessons Lass Trevor Hemmings U/35285 RPR 142c OR 134c

It's amazing he's rated 134 as a maiden over fences, but he loves soft ground and staying and jumping are his strengths.

4g Fuisse - Light Wave Pump & Plant Services Ltd

RPR 78h

Up until last Christmas he had shown us real talent and promise, but he was just a bit weak to carry this through and although he ran in the valuable Newbury bumper, it proved a little much. We put him away for this season when he'll go straight over hurdles.

### **Lough Derg Farmer**

5g Presenting - Maryiver Grech & Parkin 5121-RPR 130h OR 132h

Had a progressive first season over hurdles and advanced enormously. He's always looked a chaser in the making and that's the road we'll take this term. He's schooled really well, loves soft ground and a run is imminent.

### **Lough Derg Spirit**

5g Westerner - Sno-Cat Lady Grech & Parkin 141P-2 RPR 139h OR 137h

Had an exciting first season over hurdles, winning at Kempton and Musselburgh, and I think he's a talented young horse who did nicely through the summer. We started in the Elite Hurdle at Wincanton on Saturday and I was nervous about the soft ground, but thought he handled it well to be second against a slightly fitter horse than we were. I think he'll come on for it and the plan is to stay over hurdles – he's very slick.

### Loveherandleaveher

5m Winged Love - Rowdy Exit AD Spence 21-

Looks a ready-made novice

hurdler and, although it's hard to tell at this stage, I suspect she may be ideal for 2m4f mares' races as she won a point-to-point. One I'm very much looking to seeing out soon

### **Maestro Royal**

8g Doyen - Close Harmony Mrs Rita Brown 721717-RPR 136h OR 135h

Won a couple of handicap hurdles and doesn't mind soft ground. He hasn't always found jumping easy but I'd be disappointed if he doesn't make up into a nice staying chaser as he has the size and scope to do so. He has been doing some loose schooling with Henrietta Knight and I think that's changed his technique, although we plan to give him a run over hurdles at Kempton today to take the fizz out of him and then go novice chasing.

### Malachite

4g Malinas - Kali DH Low

RPR 95 OR -

Had pleased at home but got behind a lot of horses on his debut at Worcester and got bemused. We'll see an improved run next time.

### **Malton Rose**

6g Milan - Pharney Fox Galopp Syndicate

RPR 135h OR -

Began his career this summer through no fault of his own, having been forced to spend a couple of years virtually out of training, but has won his first two. I'm hopeful he can continue to progress and it might be nice to finish this season over hurdles, giving us the option to go chasing next vear.

### Melangerie

5m Fair Mix - Angie Marinie The Barrow Boys 9011-5 RPR 100h OR -She won handsomely at Market Rasen before going on to win a nice mares' bumper at Cheltenham and made a promising debut over hurdles at Worcester. I was pleased with her jumping and our horses were needing it at the time, so she can only improve.

### Milzipa

5g Milan - Money For Buttons Trevor & Linda Marlow

RPR 107h OR 108h

Has always been an excellent mover but I'll admit he hasn't quite lived up to expectations. We have cauterised his palate this autumn, so I hope he can progress into what I thought he was always capable of doing.

### Monbeg Legend

7g Midnight Legend - Reverse Swing Eventmasters Racing

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RPR 140h 133h

As with Malton Rose, he had to sit out two seasons and it was only this summer he has been in a position to start his career. That has been very fruitful and he has won his first three starts over hurdles. We'll continue down this road and if he can keep performing as he is, we can keep his chasing career on hold for next season. He's quickly making up for lost time and has a bright future.

### Monbeg Zena

5m Flemensfirth - Mandys Gold Sullivan Bloodstock Limited

A mare full of quality and an outstanding mover. We loved her at the sales despite having a bit of a health warning with her in that she could be quite

### STAR QUALITY

**Might Bite** 8g Scorpion - Knotted Midge The Knot Again Partnership RPR 170c OR 162c It was an exciting first season, if not a few heartaches or even heart attacks along the way. The performance he was putting up in the Kauto Star Novices' Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day was going to be extraordinary in that before he fell at the last, he was clocking a time in the region of five or six seconds faster than what Thistlecrack took to win the King George. Failing to win that day was a bitter disappointment, but he soon put that right with a confidence booster at Doncaster before we headed for the RSA. I don't think many will forget the scene after the last fence when it looked like he had put the race to bed. He tried extremely hard to join his supporters in the bar. This was something he had actually done before at Cheltenham as a novice hurdler, but it still was a big shock and surprise and it looked as if he had handed the race to Whisper. Somehow he got going again and got back up on the line to deny his stablemate before winning the Mildmay at Aintree. He won an intermediate chase at Sandown yesterday and I was delighted. He was very fresh - a bit too much - and just wanted to get on with it. It was nice to get a lead and that was exactly what we wanted and why we went there; to try to get a race into him and confidence, and have a nice time, which I'm sure he did in those circumstances. We might slot a racecourse gallop in before the King George,



aggressive. She appears to have settled down considerably and I'm hopeful her days of trying to chase me and everybody else out of her box are over. She's five, so I doubt we'll be bothering with bumpers and I expect her to make a high-class hurdler who will jump fences in time.

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### STABLE TOUR NICKY HENDERSON

# 'We're hopeful he'll take high rank as a novice hurdler'

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### Mr Whipped

4g Beneficial - Dyrick Daybreak Grech & Parkin

He's very nice and has showed bags of potential. He's close to making his debut over hurdles.

### **My Tent Or Yours**

10g Desert Prince - Spartan Girl JP McManus 324222-

RPR 171h OR 162h

Had another lucrative season and has been one of the stalwarts of Seven Barrows for many seasons. He's put up some extraordinary performances, notably to be second in the last two Champion Hurdles. I felt - and I think JP did as well – a traitor in defeating him with our own Buveur D'Air this year. For a Champion Hurdle to have been on his CV would have been justice, but all the same it was an enormous performance, as were his second to Buveur at Aintree and to Wicklow Brave at Punchestown. Three great performances for an older horse and we all know how difficult it is at those festivals. He deserves to win a championship race and the International Hurdle at Cheltenham in December looks a decent opportunity.

### **No Hiding Place**

4g Stowaway - Subtle Gem HP Racing No Hiding Place

RPR 94h OR -

He jumps extremely well and is ready for his debut over hurdles, over at least 2m4f. He promises to be a high-class staying hurdler and chaser.

### Nonesuch

3f Shirocco - N'Avoue Jamais Robert Waley-Cohen Unraced

She's beautiful and has an outstanding pedigree, and could be forward enough to see the track in the spring.

### O O Seven

7g Flemensfirth - Kestral Heights Christopher Hanbury 213154-

RPR 154c OR 152c

Switched to chasing last season and had a productive campaign, winning at Cheltenham and finishing third in a Grade 2 before winning another novice at Huntingdon and finishing a sound fifth to Might Bite in the RSA. His one weapon was his jumping and we ran him in the Topham for his final start of the season and he jumped brilliantly to finish fourth. I would be very surprised if

some sort of race at Aintree over those National fences wasn't on the agenda again. He's ready to run soon.

### Ok Corral

7g Mahler - Acoola JP McManus 1/2/1

RPR 132h OR

Hasn't been the easiest to train but has ability and won nicely at Kempton in May, which means he is still a novice over hurdles this season. We can only hope we get a troublefree run and we can reach the heights he is capable of.

### On The Blind Side

5g Stowaway - Such A Set Up AD Spence

RPR 130h OR -

Impressive in a point, he made his hurdles debut at Aintree last month and did everything we expected by winning nicely. He's entered at Cheltenham on Friday and while that might be ambitious, he has a big future.

### **Pacific De Baune**

4g Al Namix - Perle De Baune Mr & Mrs Sandy Orr

Looks extremely sharp, so it's possible we'll give him a run in a bumper before he goes novice hurdling, but he doesn't look like a horse who is going to take a huge amount to get ready and is due to run.

### Pearlesque

5m Martaline - Anazeem Lady Tennant

RPR 98h

Has taken a bit of time to find her feet but she has run two very respectable races in Newbury bumpers and now it's time for her to start her career over hurdles. She's a great mover and has shown a lot of aptitude in her schooling, so I'm looking forward to running her in mares' novice hurdles.

### **Percy Street**

4g Sir Percy - Star Of Gibraltar Grech & Parkin 2663-64

RPR 122h OR 120h

I hoped he'd go a long way up the ladder as he's a likeable character, but his run on the Flat and his performance at Chepstow weren't what I was looking for, and consequently I'm hoping a wind operation will help him.

### **Polly's Pursuit**

5m Westerner - Miss Denman Lady Tennant 129-212 RPR 103h OR 115h

Last season she won a bumper and hurdle, and she loves really good ground, so we'll hope to have an autumn campaign and rest her through the depths of the winter. She could stay 2m4f.

### Pougne Bobbi

6g Protektor - Amicus Jurgen Meyer 12/5157-

RPR 148c OR 138c A grand, big chaser, he has taken time to reach maturity but I'm pretty sure we're getting there. He won impressively at Ludlow, which led to a massive hike up the weights and made life difficult, but I think he can continue to progress with conditions in his favour, which are 2m4f and soft ground.

### **Premier Bond**

7g Kayf Tara - Celtic Native Middleham Park Racing Xi 7/2113P-

RPR 144c OR 139c

Ran a fantastic race to be third in the Kim Muir and we went to Ayr for the Scottish National with high hopes, but that didn't work. He's had a few respiratory issues, but he had shown such promise earlier on in the season and it would be disappointing if he cannot get back on track. He promises to

### RPR 101c OR 135c

be a smart staying chaser.

5g Protektor - Flore De Chantenay

**Protek Des Flos** 

JP McManus

We went novice chasing last season as his jumping was outstanding, but it didn't hold up and we reverted to hurdles. He's particularly effective on soft ground and I'll be surprised if he doesn't stay 2m4f and probably 3m. Due to run in the next couple of weeks.

### Pym

4g Stowaway - Liss Rua Mrs Patricia Pugh

RPR 112b OR -

He hasn't done a lot wrong and made his only appearance last season in the bumper at Ayr we have used for something above average – like Sprinter Sacre – and he didn't disappoint. He looked green but the penny dropped and he soon got into top gear and won nicely. He's had a very good summer and returned stronger and a more powerful individual. He has schooled well and we're hopeful he'll take high rank in the novice hurdle division.

### **Raising The Bar**

5g Kalanisi - Cool Quest The Bartenders RPR 101b OR -

Now the proper game begins as he goes hurdling. He was always going to need time and I think we have a much stronger, more mature article on our hands who can make up into a decent hurdler and chaser one day.

### **Rather Be** 6g Oscar - Irish Wedding

Matt & Lauren Morgan 112U18-RPR 143h OR 143h A progressive bumper horse, he followed up with a consistent season over hurdles, culminating with victory in a competitive handicap at Aintree's Grand National meeting. We'll start this season over fences and I'll be disappointed if he doesn't go on to make a high-class chaser.

### Rebel Commander

5g Flemensfirth - Pharney Fox The Albatross Club

He's schooled exceptionally

well and is not far off running.

RPR 93b

With another year under his belt and being stronger he should go on to make a really nice novice hurdler and is working promisingly.

### Nicky Henderson organises 7g Galileo - Adjalisa

first lot and (right) Stowaway Magic (Nico de Boinville, red), described as an "extremely exciting prospect", schools with promising novice William Henry (David Bass)

### **Reigning Supreme**

6g Presenting - Gli Gli Michael Buckley 141-

RPR 133h OR 134h

Didn't have a particularly busy first season over hurdles but made his debut in a Newbury novice, which he won nicely and followed that up back there later in the season. He goes chasing and has schooled really well, so it's just a matter of finding the right race for

### **River Wylde**

6g Oscar - Clarin River Grech & Parkin 11135-1 RPR 149c OR -

One of our most exciting novice hurdlers last term and we hoped that would be the case as he'd shown us plenty of ability in his bumpers. He won twice at Ludlow before we headed to Kempton for the Dovecote, which he won really nicely. From there he took his chance in the Supreme and ran another excellent race to finish third and, although he couldn't follow up at Aintree, he remains a horse of enormous potential. We've taken the plunge to go novice chasing and he obliged in a competitive contest at Uttoxeter recently. Although he'll be entered in the Graded novice chase at Cheltenham on Sunday, we could easily wait and take things a step at a time.

### **Royal Irish Hussar**

Christopher Hanbury 3/4244-7 RPR 138h OR 120h A genuine and likeable performer, he was due to run at Sandown yesterday, but the ground was too soft and we'll

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### **Royal Ruby**

5g Yeats - Close Harmony Mrs Rita Brown 1-3

find an alternative ASAP.

RPR 102h OR -

A nice individual out of Close Harmony, who bred Barbers Shop among others, and this is a family that is doing so well for Keith and Rita Brown. He won a bumper in the spring and was a solid third on his debut over hurdles at Fakenham this month. He has grown and strengthened during the summer and, like others in his family, has the makings of a high-class chaser.

### Santini

5g Milan - Tinagoodnight Mr & Mrs R Kelvin Hughes

A good-looking and beautifulmoving son of Milan out of a mare we trained for Richard and Lizzie who was very talented but equally had a touch of temperament that kept us on our guard. Santini took time and spent the spring with Polly Gundry, who won a point-to-point with him.

### Settie Hill

4g Cape Blanco - Claire Soleil Michael Buckley & Lord Vestey

RPR 102b

His form was eyecatching and so is he as an individual, but I suppose for Michael the attraction was that he's a halfbrother to Toast Of New York. If we can have half as much fun as they did with Toast,



The trainer has never flinched in his enthusiasm for Charli

Parcs and he looked brilliant at Kempton on his debut for the yard. The wheels came off spectacularly next time but he



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we'll be in for an exciting ride; he's jumping and working exceptionally well.

### Sign Of A Victory

8g Kayf Tara - Irish Wedding Matt & Lauren Morgan 442/458/

RPR 156h OR 150h

A great soldier for us over the years, but unfortunately he had to miss last season with a leg problem, although it wasn't too serious. Had developed into a high-class hurdler and wasn't far off the best, and although he's going to be nine soon it's possible we can make life easier for him by going over fences.

### Silent Steps

6m Milan - Taking Silk Chris Giles 455622-RPR 110h OR 107h

Has grown and developed considerably over the summer, so I hope it won't be long before she can lose her maiden tag over hurdles. She could make a nice staying chaser.

### Simonia

4m Yeats - Dusty Too Mr SP Tindall

From a family that is very dear to us and she's a half-sister to Simonsig and belongs to mon, wno brea Simonsig. She spent some time with us last season and, although she didn't make it to the racecourse, she showed us plenty. She's thickened out and done very well, so she could run in a bumper before going hurdling.

### **Soul Emotion**

4g Martaline - Second Emotion Mr and Mrs JD Cotton 1435-P RPR 121h OR -Had some respectable form in France and, although he has

just joined us, I'm very much looking forward to seeing what he can achieve, almost certainly over fences.

### Storm Of Intrigue

5g Oscar - Storminoora Oscar Singh & Miss Priya Purewal

RPR 112b

We managed to get one run into him in a bumper in the spring when he put up an excellent display to win at Ffos Las. Whatever he does over hurdles will be a bonus as chasing is what he was bred to do, and I think he could be high class.

### **Stowaway Magic**

6g Stowaway - Irish Mystics Grech & Parkin RPR 141h OR 140h Had an excellent novice hurdle

season with wins at Warwick, Doncaster and Kempton and will now enter the novice chase circuit. He has done well and grown this summer, and he could be an extremely exciting prospect over fences.

### Style Du Garde

3g Kapgarde - Anowe De Jelois Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Style Du Garde

RPR 118h OR -

Has only just arrived but is gorgeous and you'd have to go a long way to find a better individual with better credentials for a young jumps prospect. I can't wait to see what we've got.

### **Sugar Baron**

7g Presenting - Shuil Oliean Anthony Speelman 1F36U7-

RPR 151c OR 134c

It was a very progressive season for him and he grew up a lot, aided by extreme distances. If he can continue we hope he could pick up a

valuable staying chase. He has summered well and although he probably needs good ground I think he has an exciting winter ahead of him. He could run in an amateur riders' race at Cheltenham on Friday.

### Sunshade

4f Sulamani - Spring Flight The Queen

RPR 103b

An attractive homebred, she won nicely at Fakenham in April and jumps extremely well. The plan is to run over hurdles at Ludlow on Thursday.

5g Sakhee - Romantic Dream

### Take To Heart

The Queen 328-211 RPR 131h OR 132h Still a bit leggy and therefore I think there's more to come. He took time to get the hang of jumping but is very proficient now and I do think he can jump a fence in time. He's a bit ground-dependent and even though he might cope with softer ground as he gets stronger, he basically needs decent ground. I'm sure he can

### Tell It To Me

RPR 103b OR

5m Kayf Tara - Liberthine Turf Club 201631

progress over hurdles.

Had a couple of bumpers at the backend, finishing third on her debut and following up at Southwell. A good summer has done her the world of good and she jumps extremely well, as you would expect being out of such a great chasing mare. She goes hurdling.

### Theinval

7g Smadoun - Kinevees Mr & Mrs Sandy Orr 32227-4 RPR 154c OR 146c Made enormous progress last season, finishing third in Dad's memorial race, the Grand Annual, before coming a fine second at Aintree and also at Ayr on the Friday of the Scottish National meeting. He was then second a day later in a Grade 2 novice chase and ran well at Ascot this month with top weight, which he's got to carry now. He could go to the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday.

### The Bottom Bar

5g Stowaway - Serenade Leader Simon Munir & Isaac Souede

RPR 110b OR -

He was bought after finishing second in a bumper for Paul Webber in the spring and is progressing nicely. He's jumping well in preparation for his debut over hurdles in the near future.

### The Vocalist

5m Recharge - Ivy Edith Million in Mind Partnership

RPR 113b

An impressive winner of a mares' bumper at Carlisle on her second start, she has scope and is schooling very proficiently with her debut over hurdles not far away. I think her owners should have fun with her this season.

### **Thomas Campbell**

5g Yeats - Hora Mrs Van Geest & Mrs Kelvin Hughes 15547-1 RPR 143h OR 147h Quite a disruptive member of the class, but we all love his character. A winner at Cheltenham and Ascot last term, he ran well when fifth in the Martin Pipe and fourth

in a Grade 3 at Aintree. Made a sound start when winning a Pertemps qualifier at Cheltenham and appreciated the step up to 3m, which

his career will now revolve around. He got a pretty hefty hike for that win, which will make life difficult, but he could go back to Cheltenham this weekend.

### **Top Notch**

6g Poliglote - Topira Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 11123-3 RPR 163c OR 157c

What a star he has been from the very beginning and his second in the Triumph to winning the Grade 1 Scilly Isles Novices' Chase before an even more creditable second to Yorkhill in the JLT. Even though we didn't think he was big enough for fences his confidence grew by finding races he could boss. He was third to Unowhatimeanharry over hurdles at Aintree on Saturday. We needed somewhere to go before the 1965 Chase at Ascot in a couple of weeks, and he tried hard and ran a good race, but some of ours are needing it and he did.

### **Turtle Wars**

4g Turtle Bowl - Forces Sweetheart Sullivan Bloodstock Limited

RPR 114h OR -

Big, strong gelding who hurdles recently. That was over an inadequate 2m and he travelled and jumped well, but was green and I think the education he got and a step up in trip will bring out the best of him.

### Verdana Blue

5m Getaway - Blue Gallery Crimbourne Stud U1143-5 RPR 138h OR 136h An honourable fourth in the Trull House Stud Mares'

Novices' Hurdle and third in

a Listed race last season, she essentially loves decent ground and I hope we might be able to win one of those mares' Listed races over 2m. We started in a Listed handicap hurdle at Ascot and she ran a respectable race without getting much luck in running.

### Vyta Du Roc

8g Lion Noir - Dolce Vyta Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 36P52-5

RPR 151c OR 140c

He finished last season with what was almost certainly a career-best when being beaten a head in the bet365 Gold Cup at Sandown, but even so it was a tremendous performance from a horse who has always promised to be a top-class staying chaser. Goes straight to the Ladbrokes Trophy [used to be the Hennessy] at Newbury next month after running a nice race when fifth over hurdles at Aintree on Saturday.

### Wallace Spirit

4g Le Havre - In Love New Mr & Mrs Sandy Orr Unraced

A seriously robust horse, he works and schools very well and is ready to go. He's a proper horse.

### **War Creation**

5m Scorpion - Creation Trevor Hemmings 1314-4

RPR 110h OR 112h Attractive if not the biggest,

she came to us after she won a bumper at Perth and went straight over hurdles, winning second time out at Ludlow. I think the summer has done her the world of good and I was pleased with her seasonal debut at Bangor where she was a respectable fourth, indicating she is ready to go further.

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### STABLE TOUR NICKY HENDERSON

## He was one of the star performers last season'

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### We Have A Dream

3g Martaline - Sweet Dance Simon Munir & Isaac Souede

RPR 115h OR -

An arrival from France, he made his debut at Warwick on Friday and although it wasn't an over-strong contest, he was impressive and knew his job.

**Welsby** 5g Gold Well - Stonehouse Trevor Hemmings

RPR - OR

Certainly looks the part and it was great he won at Aintree on Saturday as Trevor likes runners up there. He'll go novice hurdling now and will make a chaser in time.

### Wenyerreadyfreddie

6g Beneficial - Ware It Vic A Speelman M Speelman M Landau 2/321-4

RPR 131h OR 129h

A gorgeous big horse, he ran at Sandown yesterday, but the ground was tacky enough and he probably needs further than 2m. He finished well after looking out the back and could go over fences now.

### **Whisper** 9g Astarabad - Belle Yepa

Walters Plant Hire Ltd P8/1122-RPR 165c OR 159c He was one of the star performers last season, which gave us great pleasure because he had been high class, winning two Liverpool Hurdles but then having a mysteriously poor time of it. He came back to try over fences and the transformation back to the old Whisper was amazing. Davy Russell took over on him and they got on famously. He won twice at Cheltenham, including in a Grade 2, and took his chance in the RSA, a race that will not be forgotten for a long time as Might Bite tried to throw it away on the run-in and hand the race to Whisper. We then had no option but to take Might Bite on again at Aintree and in a great tussle he unfortunately came off second best again but put up a tremendous performance to only be beaten two lengths. He runs in a graduation chase at Kempton today with a view to running in the Ladbrokes Trophy, which

### was the Hennessy. William Henry

7g King's Theatre - Cincuenta Walters Plant Hire Ltd 11/2121-RPR 143h OR 145h

Wasn't really mature enough for the festivals last term but signed off with another impressive win at Cheltenham in April, which stamped him as a horse with a bright future. Chasing was always going



Whisper exercises up the hill at Seven Barrows under work-rider Rebecca King

to be the name of the game and he has schooled very proficiently over fences. The plan is to start at Cheltenham this weekend.

### With Discretion

6m Tiger Hill - Discreet Bloomsbury Stud 6/U3/ (point form)

She's a lovely, big mare who had shown some promise in point-to-points and, although I expect she might need some experience over hurdles, I don't think it will be long before she goes novice cha

### **UNRACED HORSES**

WE HAVE a number of four-year-olds yet to hit the racecourse but who have great potential. They include an unnamed sister to Darlan who's quite precocious, Igor, a gorgeous, big horse, **Shana** Tova, an attractive Shantou filly who showed promise in the spring, and **Morning** Vicar, a cracking, well-named individual who has always shown talent and is not far off

making his debut in a bumper. He has the make and shape of a high-class chaser.

Mill Green and Lyndsay's Lad are two nice homebreds of Rita and Keith Brown, while we also have an outstanding bunch of threeyear-olds who will come into play around Christmas/new year. They represent the future and I have to mention two belonging to Middleham Park Racing, **Espoir De Rhouhet**, who looks particularly precocious, and Jen's Boy, a son of Malinas. Versatility is by Yeats out of Stravinsky Dance, a smart mare we used to train, while we've a gorgeous filly by Getaway, who is a sire we're excited

A Jeremy called **Mr Fisher** and a Shantou gelding who looks extremely sharp are two magnificent types, while **Palixandre** is a striking individual by Kapgarde who looks the type of three-yearold that could come to hand, although that's never easy to predict. He's full of quality and ticks all the boxes.

There's also a Fair Mix filly out of Glenda Lough, who used to be here in training, and another to note is Henry Ponsonby's **Commander Miller**, an attractive Shirocco, while I really like a Sholokhov filly who is closely related to

Knighthood and Laughing Luis are also nice and actually had educations on the Flat, but didn't make the racecourse, quite rightly. They can start soon in juvenile bumpers and that Flat upbringing can be an advantage.

We've had a lot of success with Kalanisi's progeny and Michael Buckley and Mark Blandford have a big, striking three-year-old by him, while Christopher and Patricia Pugh have Alph, a lovely, sharp sort by Gold Well.

Last but not least, there is an extremely good-looking threeyear-old by Flemensfirth from an excellent family. He looks like he'll win a Gold Cup and is

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Nico de Boinville	134-493	27.2	+7.83
David Bass	102-478	21.3	-27.24
Jeremiah McGrat	h 81-381	21.3	-1.85
Felix De Giles	37-185	20.0	-1.60
Daryl Jacob	31-113	27.4	-32.29
Mr S Waley-Cohe	n 19-85	22.4	-3.11
Noel Fehily	17-55	30.9	+12.31
Ned Curtis	11-43	25.6	-15.70
Peter Carberry	11-79	13.9	-46.35
Freddie Mitchell	6-39	15.4	-22.30

### FIRST TIME OUT

	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	153-451	33.9	+59.48
Hcp Hdl	44-287	15.3	-6.09
Non-hcp Chs	78-194	40.2	-9.45
Hcp Chs	25-149	16.8	-4.42
NH Flat	119-393	30.3	-33 04

### MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
anuary	168-570	29.5	-18.91
ebruary	181-662	27.3	-163.16
March	151-852	17.7	-112.72
April	160-766	20.9	-34.27
Иay	104-414	25.1	-8.98
une	49-162	30.2	-0.68
uly	17-89	19.1	-39.80
August	14-53	26.4	-6.24
eptember	15-59	25.4	+1.08
October	60-267	22.5	-35.33
lovember	197-717	27.5	-84.51
ecember	187-694	26.9	-17 55

### **FAVOURITES**

		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
Non-hcp Hdl	399-760	52.5	+13.95
Hcp Hdl	77-288	26.7	-17.88
Non-hcp Chs	177-315	56.2	+15.05
Hcp Chs	30-129	23.3	-27.75
NH Flat	149-364	40 9	-24 18

### COURSES

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	Non-hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 level stake
Kempton	131-458	28.6	47-150	36-87	20-113	13-64	15-44	+59.01
Newbury	101-471	21.4	50-168	13-40	11-107	11-102	16-54	-98.64
Cheltenham	94-749	12.6	36-215	21-102	21-227	10-166	6-39	-173.76
Ascot	76-304	25.0	33-106	16-42	12-96	7-36	8-24	-44.43
Sandown	73-313	23.3	32-89	13-44	22-122	5-39	1-19	+12.41
Huntingdon	72-208	34.6	37-94	16-34	7-28	2-13	10-39	-17.20
Ludlow	69-212	32.5	33-86	8-16	7-42	1-20	20-48	-16.05
•••••	59-182			13-31	9-31	3-23	3-17	+41.35
Doncaster		32.4	31-80					
Aintree	54-310	17.4	20-83	11-42	13-86	6-64	4-35	+40.16
Market Rasen	37-117	31.6	15-31	4-12	4-35	3-15	11-24	+9.37
Uttoxeter	35-126	27.8	19-52	4-12	4-30	1-12	7-20	-14.38
Fakenham	34-80	42.5	15-33	6-19	2-10	2-4	9-14	+1.02
Worcester	34-124	27.4	17-44	3-10	5-36	2-6	7-28	-2.55
Ffos Las	33-86	38.4	18-38	4-12	3-15	0-5	8-16	+5.71
Southwell	30-104	28.8	14-43	3-10	1-21	0-3	12-27	-23.79
Warwick	29-97	29.9	9-36	7-17	5-12	2-6	6-26	-12.92
Towcester	29-99	29.3	15-44	3-9	3-7	1-2	7-37	+5.39
Fontwell	26-88	29.5	8-24	8-18	2-14	1-4	7-28	-18.91
Bangor-On-Dee	26-110	23.6	14-42	4-17	3-22	0-3	5-26	-34.58
Taunton	22-85	25.9	12-38	2-5	4-25	1-4	3-13	-17.64
Newton Abbot	20-63	31.7	11-22	1-3	5-26	1-5	2-7	+0.11
Stratford	20-110	18.2	7-25	2-7	9-45	1-19	1-14	-38.44
Leicester	18-51	35.3	6-18	9-17	0-4	3-12	0-0	+9.25
Hereford	18-51	35.3	11-25	1-2	2-11	0-1	4-12	+1.00
Haydock	18-115	15.7	8-31	3-11	3-57	1-7	3-9	-43.46
Wincanton	16-96	16.7	9-37	3-7	3-30	1-12	0-10	-47.33
Ayr	15-79	19.0	1-6	2-5	5-33	2-27	5-8	-15.58
Exeter	13-47	27.7	5-16	3-12	1-6	2-3	2-10	-3.63
Plumpton	13-57	22.8	5-29	6-13	2-9	0-2	0-4	-22.05
Musselburgh	11-38	28.9	6-14	1-5	3-14	0-2	1-3	-9.70
Wetherby	11-41	26.8	7-15	2-8	1-10	0-6	1-2	-12.04
Chepstow	10-61	16.4	6-28	1-6	1-13	0-3	2-11	-14.67
Kelso	9-16	56.2	3-5		0-1	0-1	1-4	+5.95
Folkestone	8-23	34.8	5-9	 3-11	0-1	0-1	0-1	-6.61
Lingfield	7-19	36.8	5-13	2-4	0-2	0-0	0-0	-2.85
Newcastle	5-9	55.6	5-8	0-0	0-0	0-0 0-1	0-0	-0.58
Perth	4-35	11.4	2-10	0-4	0-9	1-9	1-3	-22.88
Hexham	2-4	50.0	1-1	4 1-1	0-9	0-0	0-0	-0.97
•••••	2-4 1-4	25.0	0-2	1-1 1-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	-1.00
Carterick								
Cartmel	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-1.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 734 Total winning prize-money £15,240,046.37

'He's one of the best I've trained and I love him to bits'



More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's **Stable Tour** 

### STABLE TOUR TIM VAUGHAN

AVING excelled at improving horses bought out of other stables, Tim Vaughan chose to make a fresh start four years ago. Out went the old and in their place came a herd of unbroken store horses. The trainer felt it was the best way to improve the quality of his string.

Four years on and Vaughan's strategy is starting to pay dividends. His tally of winners rose to 71 last season, when his prize-money haul of £478,013 has been surpassed in only two of the 12 seasons he has held a licence.

This new influx renders Vaughan's previous strike patterns redundant, although now, as then, a selective policy of backing his runners is required.

This new approach has demanded patience from a trainer who previously made hay in the months either side of the core season. But as he says: "It's nice to be back in the thick of things, only this time with better horses.'

Most of the horses Vaughan advances are late-developing types, but there is no doubt he is better placed to fulfil a longheld ambition. "The last few years have been completely different but I want to find a star," he says. "I believe many of the horses are full of potential. They should continue to progress as they mature."

With horses like Dadsintrouble, Debece and Theligny in the yard, Vaughan has plenty to anticipate while he awaits the second wave of stores to come through - and he is particularly keen on some of his unraced squad.

### Interview by Julian Muscat

### **Bells Of Ailsworth**

Seven-year-old gelding by Kayf Tara (sire)-Volverta (dam) Owner: S Grys & M O'Boyle Form figures: 1U13F-3 Racing Post Rating: 128c Official rating: 1220

A typical young horse I bought as a four-year-old who's been mightily consistent. Every time he goes up in the handicap, he ups his game. He's suited to staying chases, going 3m-plus on galloping tracks. He's run well on good and he handled soft recently at Wetherby. He's very versatile and consistent.

### **Bucking The Trend**

9g Kayf Tara - Macklette The Marinades 141/21-0 RPR 137c OR 130c

He'll stick to chasing this season. Last season we ran him over hurdles as a prep for a race at Cheltenham and he tweaked a ligament in his leg, so we wanted to give him one run back over hurdles again this time and now we'll crack on over fences. He likes 3m and loves his racing. I'd like to think he might be one for a 3m-plus handicap chase at Cheltenham in March.

### **Canton Prince**

6g Shantou - Hasainm Tertia Racing 1P4P-24 RPR 130h OR 127h He's progressive and looked like he was going to win the Persian War the season before

# Change of tack reaping benefits with quality steadily rising

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Pant Wilkin Stables
- >> Where Aberthin, Vale of Glamorgan
- >> Started training 2006
- >> Horses in yard 75
- Members of staff 30
- >> Assistant/bloodstock adviser Nathaniel Barnett
- >> Head lass Katie Ash
- >> Travelling head lass Andrea Kelly
- >> Second travelling head
- >> Jockeys Richard Johnson, Alan Johns
- >> Conditional George Blackwell
- >> Amateurs Evan David, Charlie Price

last. He since had a blip – he

suffered from a lack of oxygen

to get his confidence back. His

two runs this season have been

very solid, though, and I think

it's only a matter of time before

he lands a nice handicap. He

prefers decent ground and

2m4f, possibly 2m6f.

Champagne Chaser

9534-13

ground.

Paul Bowtell

F1193-F

**Dadsintrouble** 

RPR 140h OR 137h

RPR 121c OR 115c

7g Tobougg - Champagne Lil Monica O'Sullivan

I think he'd have won last time

at Hexham if he hadn't missed

the last two or three fences,

There's still a lot of room for

manoeuvre with him. We've

been running predominantly

over 2m4f but I think he'll end

up wanting 3m and cut in the

7g Presenting - Gemini Lucy

A lovely horse but tricky to

with his muscle enzymes, so

it's hard to have him spot-on

train. He has little issues

but he looks progressive.

and it's taken him a few runs

### Winners in Britain

2016-17	71
2015-16	42
2014-15	38
2013-14	59
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### Profit/loss to £1 stake

-£133.08	2016-17
-£225.75	2015-16
-£147.51	2014-15
-£153.41	2013-14

Prize-money 2016-17 £478,013

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### DARK HORSE

### Chozen

5g Well Chosen - Kneeland Pearn's Pharmacies Ltd 5431

RPR 104h OR 104h I was thrilled with his last run. He's big and tall – a raw horse who'll be a staying chaser in time. We're looking at the 0-125 novice handicap hurdle at Cheltenham next weekend. He'll handle a bit of cut and I hope there's lots of progression in him. His dam is a sister to

all the time. It didn't help when he fell first time out last season, which kept him off for a while. Once he got into gear last spring he really took off though. He was an unlucky faller last time and I hope he'll develop into a nice novice chaser. With any luck he should figure in 3m-plus handicaps at the bigger meetings.

### **Dusky Raider**

Vernaschi & Edgell 415314-

RPR 104h OR 104h He's a rare one off the Flat

for us these days. It hasn't yet clicked for him - he's done nothing wrong recently and he's in good form at home. He's proved he handles soft ground and I'm hoping he'll progress throughout the winter.

### **Jaunty Flyer**

5g Sulamani - Jaunty June Pp Control and Automation Limited

RPR 106h OR -

Having won his bumper, he's been in the mix in both his starts over hurdles in competitive company this season. He looks very solid and will stick to hurdles for now. He'll end up wanting 3m in time but for the time being we'll ride him positively over 2m4f. He has a great attitude and is a chaser in the making.

### Looksnowtlikebrian

6g Brian Boru - Sheebadiva SC & RG Botham 61168-2 RPR 123c OR 117c

He won a couple over hurdles last season but had a slight setback on his final outing. We brought him back straight into novice handicap chasing and I thought he put up a lovely performance at Chepstow last month before he got a bit tired. His pedigree suggests he'll be a 3m chaser. Good ground would probably be on the quick side for him.

### Master Dancer

6g Mastercraftsman - Isabella Glyn select-racing-club.co.uk & C Davies RPR 131h OR 130h

I owe this one a great deal after he finally got me off the mark at Cheltenham in October. He won on the Flat before that and is an improved horse since we gave him a soft palate operation. He went up 13lb for that win, so life's going to be a lot tougher for him. If he can win off his new mark we'll

### STAR QUALITY

### Debece

6g Kayf Tara - Dalamine Robert Kirkland

RPR 148h OR 145h

He's a half-brother to Don Poli and has all the attributes, but we've had a hold-up with him. He had a little sprain but we're hoping to have him out in mid-December, in which case we'll definitely crack on over fences. If we didn't get him out this side of Christmas we may not go over fences. He's one of the better horses I've trained and I love him to bits. He's been placed in a Grade 1 over hurdles and should be able to build on that.

Sum up last season in one word . . . 'Fantastic'

Rival to watch 'Neil Mulholland. He's done super-well with a lot of horses and is just waiting for a good one to pop his head up'

probably have a bit of sport with him at the big spring meetings. He's probably best on soft.

### **Matts Legacy**

5g Arcadio - How Provincial M & S Clarke 009-603 RPR 96h OR 94h He looks an improver and

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there are signs he's a nice young horse underneath it all. He ran well last time and I'm hoping it's a taste of things to come. He won't end up at the festivals but he's a progressive individual.

### **Monsieur Arkadin**

6g Dream Well - Quenta Des Bordes Passant & Butt 432-1F0

RPR 120h OR 117h

He's going the right way. He ran very nicely after a break in October, when he would have won at Hexham but for falling at the last. He was disappointing at Aintree after that but I think I ran him back too quickly. He'll have some time off to replenish himself and will probably go down the handicap chase route.

### Officer Hoolihan

7g Kayf Tara - Major Hoolihan Robert Kirkland 3/1321-1

RPR 132c OR 129c

We couldn't put our finger on why he never fulfilled his promise for a time, then all of a sudden it started clicking for him last season. I was delighted when he went novice chasing – he was very polished and it gives me confidence he'll progress from that. He could step back from 2m4f but his pedigree suggests he should stay 3m. He wouldn't want the ground too testing.

### **Point Of Principle**

4g Rip Van Winkle - L'Ancresse Oceans Racing 127-24 RPR 117b OR

This nice young horse will win races. He seemed to take to hurdles on his first try at Cheltenham last month and we'll probably head to Ascot now on November 24. He'll want 2m4f and some cut in the ground.

### Burton Port, who won the Hennessy.

Tim Vaughan-trained runners who make the long trip north to Kelso are always worth noting - he is 6-13 (46%) with his runners at the track in the last five seasons, for a £1 level-stake profit of £5.21. >> Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at raceform.co.uk

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Royale Django

8g Kayf Tara - Royale Boja J Durston & N Harris F-P533P RPR 138c OR 119c

He took a very heavy fall last year and is taking time to get back into gear, although he's showing glimmers of it at home and on the racecourse. He was up to a mark of 135 over fences at one stage and his mark has slipped down, so if he can find his feet again he has potential. We don't know what went wrong at Chepstow last time – it was completely out of character but he went out like a light.

### Satellite

6g Danehill Dancer - Perihelion Paul & Lousie Bowtell 51/10-0 RPR 115h OR 110h

He's never had conditions to suit – he wants 2m4f-plus and soft ground. He's a good strong, well-bred horse off the Flat who has yet to fulfil his potential over hurdles. If we can find him the right opportunities I think we could see a different horse by the end of the season.

### Seaborn

3g Born To Sea - Next To The Top Barnett & Beach

. RPR 65h OR -

He's a winner on the Flat but he's big and weak at the moment. I think he'll show a lot more this season than what we've seen to date. There's no point in denying he's been disappointing so far but he's a lovely model.

### Spectator

6 Passing Glance - Averami Pearn's Pharmacies Ltd 713-2 RPR 111h OR 111h

RPR 111h OR 111h He clouted a tendon which saw him have a year off but he came back recently and got



### HORSE TO FOLLOW Graeme Rodway

### Officer Hoolihan

Improved with racing over hurdles and appears to have carried that progress through to chasing judged on his impressive debut over fences at Huntingdon last month, when he stormed through from the rear to score by seven lengths. That form is solid as the runner-up Agamemmon is held in high regard and, while Officer Hoolihan has gone up 10lb, he looks open to plenty more improvement over fences, especially when upped in trip.

tired in the soft ground. He's definitely a progressive type who'll want 2m4f and I don't think he'll mind some cut. On what he's shown me at home he'll become more competitive.

### Tanacando

5g Ballingarry - Tamaziya Flat Out Shinton Racing 8-67

RPR 93h OR

He's a half-brother to Tatenen and ticks all the right boxes. He's been a bit disappointing but he's a weak, narrow type. I think by the end of the season we'll see a different horse, although he may need another summer at grass. What I do know is that his form on the racecourse doesn't correspond to what we see of him at home.

### Tanit Rive

7g Indian River - Tanit Lady Brian Ead & Martin Moore 516P-6P RPR 142c OR 130c

He's been very consistent and keeps progressing, although he ran flat the last time when he was pulled up. We've since found that he has some stomach ulcers which have been treated. If he gets in we'd love to aim him at the Welsh Grand National. He's won twice from two starts at Chepstow and there's a nice prize in him.

### **Theligny** 6g Martaline - Romilly

Pearn's Pharmacies Ltd
1121P-7
RPR 138h OR 133h
He had a setback on his final
run last year and has taken
time to get back into gear. I
think his recent start at Aintree
will have got his eye in and
I'm looking at the Fixed Brush
Handicap Hurdle at Haydock
on November 25. I think he's
still progressing.

### **Timely Gift**

4g Presenting - Give It Time Carl, Jj, Chris, Mike, John & Hugh 405-71

RPR 81h OR 87h

He's a lovely well-bred young horse who showed a gritty attitude when winning on Sunday – it's all clicked into gear now and I'm hoping he'll be progressive.

### Trixste

4g Beneficial - Our Trick The Pant Wilkin Partnership 64

RPR 94h OR His dam's a half-sister to
Emperor's Choice, who won
the Welsh Grand National, and
he'll want a trip and fences in
time. He'll have a couple of
runs over hurdles this year –
he ran a nice race on Sunday
– and then be put away for
chasing.

Tim Vaughan at his Glamorgan Stables

### DARK HORSE

### **Normandy King**

6g King's Theatre -Clairefontaine The 600 Club F1/845-3 RPR 108c OR 97c

He's always promised a lot. We haven't quite seen what we thought we would but I'm hoping he's a winner waiting to happen. He ran very nicely last time in a handicap chase when he nearly fell at the last and I'm hoping he can build on that.

### UNRACED

**Bolton Boy** (3g Arcadio-Peggy Maddock) is a forward type. He'll be running in bumpers in the spring.

I'm hoping **Concealed Ambition** (5g Stowaway-Clairefontaine) will make his mark in novice hurdles, while **Dadsinluck** (4g Presenting-Gemini Lucy), a brother to Dadsintrouble, is the type to do well over 2m4f. **Espalion** (3g Khalkevi-

Somosierra) is well related and could be a bit racier than others of his age. The dam of **Jembug Drummer** (3g Jeremy-Drumbug) is a sister to Captain Cee Bee. He's the most gorgeous animal and we'll start him off in a bumper in the spring, while **Quasi** (5g Presenting-Pink Mist) is a brother to Ballycasey who'll go straight over hurdles.

There's an unnamed horse (3g Jeremy-Mrs Masters) who's the most lovely, athletic animal. He'll start off in bumpers, as will another unnamed one (3g Shirocco-Sardagna), who could be quite nice.

STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17										
	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI*	
Non-hcp hdl	1,356	214	200	175	767	16		-405.45	-30%	
Hcap hdl	1,634	190	188	175	1,081	12		-489.22	-30%	
Non-hcp chs	228	42	65	36	85	18		-74.32	-33%	
Hcp chs	1,052	154	136	130	632	15		-214.27	-20%	
Hunter chs	34	8	5	5	16	24		-4.42	-13%	
NH Flat	404	48	58	53	245	12		-61.59	-15%	
Totals	4,708	656	652	574	2,826	14		-1249.27	-27%	
*return on inv	restment									

<b>JOCKEYS</b>			
	147.0		£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
Richard Johnson 3	20-1718	19	-323.27
Alan Johns	74-602	12	-95.21
Mr Tom David	15-146	10	-41.63
Aidan Coleman	13-140	9	-68.92
Dougie Costello	10-91	11	-50.93
George Blackwell	9-64	14	+2.72
Tom O'Brien	7-49	14	+2.50
Mr B Gibbs	6-46	13	-16.01
Tom Scudamore	4-33	12	-9.34
Daryl Jacob	3-11	27	-1.53
Sam Twiston-Davie	s 2-3	67	+14.00
Michael Nolan	2 11	10	

### FIRST TIME OUT

COURSES

	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	51-298	17	-26.68
Hcp Hdl	31-307	10	-76.50
Non-hcp Chs	11-49	22	-12.17
Hcp Chs	28-170	17	-7.00
NH Flat	19-203	9	-1.43

MONTHLY	BREAK	<b>XDOW</b>	N N
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	18-292	6	-130.36
February	35-320	11	-76.51
March	57-455	13	-212.73
April	56-383	15	-1.00
May	70-403	17	-26.07
June	55-360	15	-129.80
July	69-395	18	-28.38
August	85-440	19	-94.83
September	43-295	15	-87.27
October	77-530	15	-98.89

# FAVOURITES W-R Per cent £1 level stake Non-hcp Hdl 113-264 43 -27.01 Hcp Hdl 89-289 31 -17.33 Non-hcp Chs 27-78 35 -21.15 Hcp Chs 64-195 33 -20.15 NH Flat 20-54 37 -3.42

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	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp N Hdl	Von-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 leve
Uttoxeter		15	24-110	3-15	13-116	5-52	2-16	-38.28
	43-290		13-82	6-15	10-97	11-73	3-23	-58.69
		15						
	40-391	10	8-120	0-17	8-110	18-101	6-43	-204.63
lewton Abbot	39-262	15	16-83	0-8	11-91	6-53	6-27	-88.21
tratford	36-239	15	17-86	3-12	7-71	6-54	3-16	+0.80
ontwell	35-209	. 17	11-47	0-13	11-69	12-55	1-25	-67.40
outhwell	33-172	. 19	11-63	4-13	8-50	8-32	2-14	-12.53
Market Rasen	32-232	. 14	13-52	5-16	9-97	4-51	1-16	-87.19
akenham	25-119	21	5-25	4-11	10-52	6-27	0-4	-51.93
erth	23-72	32	6-17	3-6	7-24	6-22	1-3	+20.17
Bangor	23-141	16	8-45	0-9	8-46	4-27	3-14	-11.51
owcester	21-93	23	6-22	3-8	6-31	3-21	3-11	-15.56
Vincanton	19-91	21	5-20	1-2	9-47	3-18	1-4	+31.79
udlow	18-133	14	3-44	1-6	4-35	8-29	2-19	-5.64
hepstow	18-246	7	4-84	1-12	6-76	5-48	2-26	-113.28
 Iuntingdon	17-104	16	5-30	2-6	4-38	5-23	1-7	-26.69
lereford	17-133	13	7-33	1-11	2-43	6-34	1-12	+24.96
aunton	 16-127	13	5-39	0-1	5-54	5-23	1-10	-14.88
edgefield		14	5-31	0-4	6-32	4-30	0-8	-63.47
lumpton	15-134	11	5-41	0-0	5-51	5-29	0-13	-65.68
Vetherby	10-71	14	3-27	3-9	2-25	1-8	1-2	-40.06
xeter	10-91	! <del>7.</del> 11	3-27 1-15	0-6	4-50	3-11	2-9	-26.22
Varwick	9-65	14	2-25	1-2	4-20	1-12	1-6	+48.58
	9-80	! <del>1</del>	3-11	1-7	2-29	3-28		+13.56
intree							0-5	
ingfield	8-34	24	1-9	0-1	3-10	4-14	0-0	-2.49
lexham	8-49	16	5-24	1-5	2-11	0-8	0-1	-23.76
Carlisle	7-18	39	5-7	0-1	1-6	0-1	1-3	-3.10
Musselburgh	7-45	16	1-11	0-2	3-15	2-13	1-4	-15.18
Cartmel	7-59	. 12	2-20	2-5	2-20	1-14	0-0	-23.77
lewbury	7-65	11	2-16	0-1	3-25	2-19	0-4	-7.83
Celso	6-13	46	2-3	1-1	3-6	0-2	0-1	+5.20
lewcastle	6-23	26	0-1	1-2	2-11	3-7	0-2	-6.81
(empton	6-62	10	4-14	0-2	1-27	1-17	0-2	-28.43
.eicester	5-41	12	3-16	1-4	1-11	0-10	0-0	-14.60
Haydock	3-36	8	0-7	0-2	2-14	1-9	0-4	-13.50
Doncaster	3-45	7	1-17	1-4	1-14	0-8	0-2	-35.70
Ayr	2-9	22	1-1	0-2	0-2	1-3	0-1	+1.75
ingfield (AW)	2-12	17	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-12	-0.75
atterick	1-21	5	0-8	0-2	1-9	0-1	0-1	-17.25
andown	1-39	3	0-10	0-2	1-16	0-10	0-1	-13.00
Cheltenham	1-157	1	0-33	0-14	1-64	0-42	0-4	-144.00
Volverhampton (AW)	0-5		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-5	-5.00
(empton (AW)	0-9	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-9	-9.00
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Number of norses racing for the stable 742 Total winning prize-money £2,512,733

### VENETIA WILLIAMS

'We'll see the best of him in a strongly run race over 2m in soft ground' More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

### STABLE TOUR VENETIA WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS may be only just inside the top 50 in the trainers' table as it stands but that won't last long now that the winter ground is here. Soon she will be pushing into the top 20 and possibly the top ten (where she has finished in six of the past ten seasons).

Last season Williams finished 16th as her total of winners and prize-money dipped after four strong seasons, but she puts that down to a foreshortened winter season where the softer jumping ground she prefers was available only from mid-December to the end of March. In February and March the stable was rattling along at a 21 per cent strike-rate but then the ground dried up and so did the winners, with the smart mare Plaisir D'Amour the sole scorer in the remainder of the season.

Staying chasers are the backbone of the yard and Williams is regularly competitive in handicap chases from 2m4f upwards, with Nationals from Fontwell to Ffos Las and all the way up the big one at Aintree often in her sights. Her most valuable success last season came in the Rehearsal Handicap Chase with Otago Trail but he will not be seen until the new year and is not discussed here - the same goes for Tenor Nivernais, another of her bigger winners last season.

Houblon Des Obeaux, another stalwart, scored a popular victory at Sandown on Sunday and younger talent is emerging too. Granted the right type of ground, this will be a stable to watch from now on.

### **Interview by Nick Pulford**

### **Belami Des Pictons**

Six year-old gelding Khalkevi (sire) - Nina Des Pictons

Owner: Hills of Ledbury (Aga) Form figures: 1/4111-2 Racing Post Rating 155 chase; Official rating 148 chase

He ran well in the Colin Parker Intermediate Chase at Carlisle the other day and I think he was beaten by a very good horse [Waiting Patiently]. That's the classiest horse he's come up against and, although he was put in his place, it was a good run. He's got form over 2m4f and 3m. We know he goes on the better ground and on softer. With the rating he's got, he's got to run in the better handicaps or there might be one or two of those intermediate races for him.

### Bennys King

6g Beneficial - Hellofafaithful Mezzone Family 22104-P RPR 130h, -c; OR 126h, 122c on his first run over fences at

Sum up last season in one word . . . Short

Rival to watch Waiting Patiently. He's beaten a couple of ours and I don't particularly want to take him on again unless there's a big prize at stake

# Traditional yard set to make big strides now winter is here

### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Aramstone
- >> Where Kings Caple, Herefordshire
- >> Started training 1995
- >> Horses in yard 85
- **▶** Members of staff 30
- >> Head lad Philip Turner
- >> Travelling head lad Jerry Roberts
- >> Jockeys Liam Treadwell, Charlie Deutsch
- >> Amateurs Lucy Turner, Hugh Nugent
- >> Office staff Sarah O'Donnell, Martin Bellamy
- >> Stable sponsor
- Faucets **Website**
- venetiawilliams.com

**Pictures** instagram.com/ venetiawilliamsracing

### **Winners in Britain**

	2016-17
56	2015-16
53	2014-15
86	2013-14
s to £1 stake	Profit/los
-£83.55	2016-17
-£104.92	2015-16
	201415
-£150.41	2014-15
-£150.41 -£142.64	•••••
	2013-14

Uttoxeter last month because I've always looked on him as a future chaser, but he can be a bit like that and it didn't surprise me that he didn't land running first time out. He was beaten miles in his first race over hurdles too. He's only six and he's not fully mature mentally as well as physically. He wasn't concentrating at Uttoxeter and at some point he might need some headgear. He's not been the easiest horse to train and he's going to need a bit of time before his next run. He's got ability but he can

### be quite challenging. **Bright New Dawn**

10g Presenting - Shuil Dorcha Boultbee Brooks Ltd

43437F-RPR 157c OR 143c He came from Gigginstown early last season and ran consistently well without winning. I hope his chance will come but his handicap mark hasn't changed much, so he's got to improve on what he did last season in order to win. He'll probably run in the 2m handicap chase at Cheltenham on Friday. He had an uncharacteristic fall when he hit the deck at the first in the Topham at Aintree – essentially he's always been

a good jumper. He can be quite

keen at home and he's one of those horses who benefits hugely from being able to go other places around here last season he did a lot of his training on the river meadows.

### Burtons Well

£764,603

8g Well Chosen - Despute Trevor Hemmings 2/214F-2 RPR 145c OR 140c

He ran well at Stratford last month but the ground was pretty quick that day and he came back jarred up. He doesn't need it as heavy as when he won at Uttoxeter last season but we just need to look after him. He needed a couple of weeks and we're just starting to get him back into work now. He hasn't taken a lot of racing over the years but hopefully he'll find his way into the winner's enclosure. He'll probably stay 3m but I don't feel any need to step him up from 2m4f at the moment.

### Calipto

7g Califet - Peutiot 338/6F-5 RPR 149c OR 135c

We bought him out of Doncaster sales and he had to have a wind operation last autumn, which is why he didn't come out for us until the Cheltenham Festival, He hadn't

run for nearly a year by then but he ran a cracker to finish sixth in the Grand Annual. Although he was beaten quite a long way at Ascot the other day he ran an encouraging race, but we've got to step him up in trip because it was all happening a bit too quick for him. Even at Cheltenham it was only late on that he was closing.

**Cepage** 5g Saddler Maker - Sience Fiction The Bellamy Partnership

RPR 142c OR 133c Ultimately he'll be a threemiler but for the time being he's quite keen and he's been running over 2m and 2m4f. He won a fairly weak race on his first run and the handicapper put him up a stone. He seems to be settling a bit more this season and he'll probably be ready to run at the end of the month.

### Chambard

5g Gris De Gris - Regina Park David & Carol Shaw 2/41312 RPR 108b OR -

He won a Group 1 bumper in France, although I take that grading with a pinch of salt as they've only just given these bumper races grading titles - to help sales, I think. We've only just started cantering him. He'll be going over hurdles, although because he ran in quite a few bumpers he can't go in National Hunt novice hurdles. He hasn't schooled yet, but his French bumper form was very good for two seasons and I'm looking forward to seeing how he gets

### **Cold March**

7g Early March - Tumultueuse A Brooks 5/551P3-RPR 154c OR 148c He has ability but he's a little bit quirky. He doesn't enjoy Cheltenham, so we've given up taking him there. A straightforward flat track suits him better. Ascot isn't flat but he has won there and run several other good races, but he also ran out through the wing there one day - that's indicative of what he's like. He's had blinkers on the last

Venetia Williams at her Aramstone yard with promising second-season chaser Belami Des Pictons

### STAR QUALITY

### Aso

7g Goldneyev - Odyssee Du Cellier The Bellamy Partnership 18434-5

RPR 161c OR 153c He came out last month

at Aintree in the Old Roan Chase and got outpaced early on but stayed on quite nicely to be fifth. He's run at Aintree a few times and it always catches him out a bit. He'll go either for the BetVictor Gold Cup on Saturday or to Ascot the following week for the 2m5f conditions race [the Grade 2 Christy 1965 Chase]. He ran at most of the Cheltenham meetings last season and we were delighted with his sevenlength third at the festival in the Ryanair behind Un De Sceaux. We've run him over 3m a couple of times and even over that trip he was staying on late. I think he's fairly adaptable. It would be nice to win one of those big handicaps, although he started last season off a mark of 144 and now he's off 153, so it's going to be harder again for him this season.

three times – he won in firsttime blinkers, then next time at Cheltenham he didn't run any race at all. The distance isn't important to him, it's trying to run him where he's got the right frame of mind.

### Commodore

5g Fragrant Mix - Morvandelle Mrs C Watson & Mrs S Graham

RPR 109h OR -

He ran three times in France. He won a small chase in the provinces and at Auteuil he was second in a hurdle and fourth in a chase for four-yearolds. We'll be going novice hurdling with him this season and then next season we'll go handicap chasing. He's going to Bangor for a novice hurdle



[today]. We probably won't see the best of him until next season but hopefully there'll be a race or two to be won with him over hurdles.

### **Eminent Poet**

6g Montjeu - Contare BC Dice 11813-9

RPR 134h OR 134h He's only a pony really, he's very small, but he's done ever so well. He jumps really well but because he's so small it'll be a lot further down the line before we think of sending him over fences. He was well beaten in his first run at Carlisle and he's nearly a stone higher in the handicap than he was this time last year, so he's got a lot more on his plate, but he won three times last season and hopefully he'll be competitive again in similar types of races.

### **Houblon Des Obeaux**

10g Panoramic - Harkosa Mrs Julian Blackwell 34840-1 RPR 164c OR 141c

It was great to see him get his head in front in a veterans' race at Sandown on Sunday and his season will have a double-header of going to the final of the series at Sandown in January and then heading back for the Grand National. He got quite outpaced in this year's National but there's always the chance it could be run on softer ground this season, which would slow the pace up and give him a better chance. All being well, he'll have another run next month and that could well be in another veterans' race, although he'll be lucky to find



Charlie Deutsch is 15-29 when riding Venetia Williams-trained favourites in handicaps since he started riding for her in 2015 and backing them all would have resulted in a profit of £17.77 to £1 stake >> Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at

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a similarly small field as he had at Sandown.

### Plaisir D'Amour

5m Linngari - Analfabeta Calvados Racing P11315-RPR 145c OR 138c

She improved during the course of last season and won the Listed mares' novice chase at Cheltenham in April, then she also ran a good race at Sandown on the last day of the season. She's one of the few of ours that I'm happy to run on the good ground and she's happier at trips around 2m4f. She's in the BetVictor Gold Cup, but there are also some nice mares' chases coming up for her. If she runs in the BetVictor it'll be a big test and we'll certainly get a view of the direction to head with her after that race.

### **Un Prophete**

6g Carlotamix - Pollita Sir John Timpson RPR 133c OR 122c He ran at Fakenham first time round there. He was running a good race when he fell at running over 2m but we'll probably step him to 2m4f in

U2412-4 RPR 150c OR 145c He did well last season, culminating in second place at the Cheltenham Festival in the Grand Annual, and ran well to be fourth at Aintree over 2m4f last weekend, where he travelled well until making a mistake at the second-last that stopped his progress. He'll go back to 2m1f at Ascot the weekend after next. Either trip is within range for him – 2m or an easy 2m4f.

STAR QUALITY

8g Agent Bleu - La Fresnaie

Gardefort

A Brooks

out and just got a bit outpaced the last at Lingfield. He's been due course - it depends what

### HORSE TO FOLLOW **James Hill**

Two horses from the yard who have run better on their returns than the form book would suggest are Yala Enki and this fella. Yala Enki was too fresh at Wincanton and probably needs to go left-handed, but he jumped and travelled well for a long way. Calipto's jumping let him down at Ascot, but he once again finished well. It's interesting to hear things might be happening a bit too quickly for him and a step up in trip is required. He was a pretty decent hurdler – would have gone very close in a Triumph had his stirrup leather not snapped – and, having been dropped 3lb after Ascot, is on a nice mark.

races come up . He was only two lengths off the leader at the last at Lingfield and was still very competitive at that

### Vic De Touzaine

8g Dom Alco - Diana De Vonnas A Brooks and G Moore 1/22U-1P RPR 141c OR 139c

His good chasing record came to an end in the Badger Ales at Wincanton on Saturday. That's always a fiercely competitive race. He'd never been out of the first three in his completed chases until then. We might try to bring him back into a smaller field for his next run. He's probably a three-miler but he can still be effective over 2m4f when the ground's soft or heavy.

### Willie Boy

6g Tikkanen - Pandora's Moon A Brooks 335F1-1 RPR 144c OR 138c

He did well to win at Newbury after running quite a bit with the choke out – it was good to see him gallop to the line when challenged. He's a freebeing we'll keep him around

### Yala Enki

7g Nickname - Cadiane

Hills of Ledbury (Aga) 31441-P RPR 157c OR 150c He's a smashing horse. He's made the running in a lot of his races but he's not as keen as he was as a younger horse and it's probably not necessary for him to do that now – certainly trying to do that in the Badger Ales on Saturday was quite

### DARK HORSE

### Shivermetimbers

5g Black Sam Bellamy Kimouna Old Carthusian Racing Society

RPR 101b OR -He did well to win a bumper last season in a fairly slow-run race; he picked up really nicely. The horse who was second was only just beaten in a maiden hurdle at Aintree a couple of weeks ago. He's a big horse and has future chaser written all over him, so it was nice to win a bumper, and he'll be going over hurdles at the end of the month.

a hard task. We might try a change of tactics now. There's a lot of good 3m handicap chases around for him and I'm sure he'll have another genuine season.

### Zamdy Man

8g Authorized - Lauderdale McManus 12110-5 RPR 149c OR 137c

Over 2m he always runs as if he wants 2m4f and yet every time I run him over 2m4f he runs as if he wants 2m. When he wins he never does it by that far and he always has a bit of a tussle. I think we'll see the best of him in a strongly run race over 2m in soft ground. He won three novice chases last season but was never in the hunt when he ran in the novice handicap chase at the Cheltenham Festival.

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	Races run	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Per cent	0-30%	£1 level stake	ROI
Non-hcp hdles	912	119	112	107	574	13		-303.63	-33%
Hcp hdles	1,057	120	99	101	737	11		-330.37	-31%
Non-hcp chses	291	66	59	45	121	23		-41.52	-14%
Hcp chses	1,971	277	251	229	1,214	14		-177.76	-9%
Hunter chses	17	4	0	4	9	24		-0.39	-2%
NH Flat	148	18	26	24	80	12		-52.01	-35%
*return on inve	stment								

<b>JOCKEYS</b>			
		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
Aidan Coleman 3	328-2109	15.6	-317.87
Liam Treadwell	103-741	13.9	-16.07
Charlie Deutsch	29-188	15.4	-70.87
Robert Dunne	17-159	10.7	-10.25
Mr W Biddick	15-123	12.2	-25.80
Callum Whillans	11-70	15.7	-20.36
Harry Challoner	9-160	5.6	-105.55
Tom Scudamore	3-21	14.3	-8.00
Alain Cawley	3-42	7.1	-10.75
Paddy Brennan	2-5	40.0	+4.60
Mr J S Knox	2-6	33.3	+6.00
Micheal Nolan	1-1	100.0	+0.91

FIRST TIME OUT								
	W-R		£1 level stake					
Non-hcp hdles	153-451	33.9	+59.48					
Hcp hdles	44-287	15.3	-6.09					
Non-hcp chses	78-194	40.2	-9.45					
Hcp chses	25-149	16.8	-4.42					
NH Flat	119-393	30.3	-33.04					

COURSES

MONTHL	MONTHLY BREAKDOWN									
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake							
January	168-570	29.5	-18.91							
February	181-662	27.3	-163.16							
March	151-852	17.7	-112.72							
April	160-766	20.9	-34.27							
May	104-414	25.1	-8.98							
June	49-162	30.2	-0.68							
July	17-89	19.1	-39.80							
August	14-53	26.4	-6.24							
September	15-59	25.4	+1.08							
October	60-267	22.5	-35.33							
November	197-717	27.5	-84.51							
December	187-694	26.9	-17.55							

FAVOURIT	ES		
	Per£ W-R	1 level cent	stake
Non-hcp hdles	399-760	52.5	+13.95
Hcp hdles	77-288	26.7	-17.88
Non-hcp chses	177-315	56.2	+15.05
Hcp chses	30-129	23.3	-27.75
NH Flat	149-364	40.9	-24.18

	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp hdl	Hcp chs	Non-hcp hdl	Hcp chs	NH Flat	£1 lev stak
Kempton	131-458	28.6	47-150	36-87	20-113	13-64	15-44	+59.0
Newbury	101-471	21.4	50-168	13-40	11-107	11-102	16-54	-24.1
Cheltenham	94-749	12.6	36-215	21-102	21-227	10-166	6-39	-173.7
 Ascot	76-304	25.0	33-106	16-42	12-96	7-36	8-24	-44.4
Sandown	73-313	23.3	32-89	13-44	22-122	5-39	1-19	+12.4
Huntingdon	72-208	34.6	37-94	16-34	7-28	 2-13	10-39	-17.2
Ludlow	69-212	32.5	33-86	8-16	7-42	1-20	20-48	-16.0
Doncaster	59-182	32.4	31-80	13-31	9-31	3-23	3-17	+41.3
Aintree	54-310	17.4	20-83	11-42	13-86	6-64		+40.
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Market Rasen	37-117	31.6	15-31			3-15	11-24	=+9.3
Uttoxeter	35-126	27.8	19-52	4-12	4-30	1-12	7-20	-14.
Fakenham	34-80	42.5	15-33	6-19	2-10	2-4	9-14	+1.0
Worcester	34-124	27.4	17-44	3-10	5-36	2-6	7-28	-2.!
Ffos Las	33-86	38.4	18-38	4-12	3-15	0-5	8-16	+5.7
Southwell	30-104	28.8	14-43	3-10	1-21	0-3	12-27	-23.
Warwick	29-97	29.9	9-36	7-17	5-12	2-6	6-26	-12.9
Towcester	29-99	29.3	15-44	3-9	3-7	1-2	7-37	+5.3
Fontwell	26-88	29.5	8-24	8-18	2-14	1-4	7-28	-18.9
Bangor-On-Dee	26-110	23.6	14-42	4-17	3-22	0-3	5-26	-34.5
Taunton	22-85	25.9	12-38	2-5	4-25	1-4	3-13	-17.6
Newton Abbot	20-63	31.7	11-22	1-3	5-26	1-5	2-7	+0.
Stratford	20-110	18.2	7-25	2-7	9-45	1-19	1-14	-38.4
Leicester	18-51	35.3	6-18	9-17	0-4	3-12	0-0	=+9.2
Hereford	18-51	35.3	11-25	1-2	2-11	0-1	4-12	+1.0
Haydock	18-115	15.7	8-31	3-11	3-57	1-7	3-9	-43.4
Wincanton	16-96	16.7	9-37	3-7	3-30	1-12	0-10	-47.3
Ayr	15-79	19.0	1-6	2-5	5-33	2-27	5-8	-15.
Exeter	13-47	27.7	5-16	3-12	1-6	2-3	2-10	-3.0
Plumpton	13-57	22.8	5-29	6-13	2-9	0-2	0-4	-22.0
Kempton (a.W)	12-31	38.7	0-0	0-0	0-0	<u></u>	12-31	+13.
Musselburgh	11-38	28.9	6-14	 1-5	3-14		1-3	-9.
Wetherby	11-41	26.8	7-15	2-8	1-10	<u>0-2</u> 0-6	1-2	-12.0
Chepstow	10-61	16.4	6-28	1-6	1-13	0-0 0-3	2-11	-14.0
Kelso	9-16	56.2	3-5	5-5	0-1	0-3 0-1	1-4	+5.9
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Folkestone	8-23	34.8	5-9	3-11	0-1	0-1	0-1	-6.
Lingfield	7-19	36.8	5-13	2-4	0-2	0-0	0-0	-2.8
Newcastle	5-9	55.6	5-8	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	-0.!
Lingfield (AW)	4-22	18.2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-22	-6
Perth	4-35	11.4	2-10	0-4	0-9	1-9	1-3	-22.8
Southwell (a.W)	3-6	50.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-6	-0.
Hexham	2-4	50.0	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	-0.
Wolverhampton (AW)	1-3	33.3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	-1.3
Catterick	1-4	25.0	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	-1.0
Cartmel	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	-1.0

### DONALD

'She's the best mare in the north of England. She's very exciting'

More priceless nuggets from a top yard in tomorrow's Stable Tour

# STABLE TOUR DONALD McCAIN

HEN you utter the surname McCain one thing comes to mind: Grand National glory. Donald, who took over from his father and four-time National winner Ginger in 2006, followed in his footsteps by landing the big one at Aintree with Ballabriggs in 2011. That also happened to be his best season.

With 153 winners, more than £1.2 million in prize-money and the status of Grand National-winning trainer in only his fifth season in the job. McCain had potentially a titlechallenging northern-based stable.

However, it hasn't quite worked out that way since then with the winners decreasing for a couple of seasons until a sudden resurgence in the last campaign, when McCain had 80 winners from 573 runners.

A strong team of former pointers and novice hurdlers has helped with the revival and the 2017-18 season could see McCain record a century of winners for the first time in four years. He already has 41 winners this season, with "hard-working team player" Will Kennedy partnering the majority of them.

#### **Interview by Tom Collins**

#### Always Du Cerisier

Four-year-old gelding Apsis (sire) - Tyr Elissa (dam) Owner: Donald McCain Racing Form figures: 3-3 (point form) Racing Post Rating 85 Official

He was placed in two point-topoints in Ireland – in the second one he was beaten seven lengths by Invincible Cave, who was sold for €210,000 to Gigginstown at the sales. He's French-bred and a big, raw, young horse who'll be running in bumpers in the near future.

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5g Presenting - Papoose Trevor Hemmings

RPR 11 OR -

He's a full-brother to Grand National winner Ballabriggs and was sent to me last season by Trevor Hemmings. He was very disappointing on his only start at Newcastle last year but he finished a little distressed, so he had an excuse. He seems absolutely fine now, his work has been very solid since and we're looking forward to having a good season with him.

#### Chti Balko

5g Balko - Ina Scoop DG Carrington 53119-3 RPR 137 OR 135

He won his two novice hurdles

Sum up last season in one word . . . Satisfying

Rival to watch Any jumps trainer in the north! My one ambition each year is to be the winningmost trainer in the north of England

# Rejuvenated Bankhouse in rich form again

#### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Bankhouse Stables
- **Where** Cholmondeley, Cheshire
- >> Started training 2006 >> Horses in yard Just over
- >> Head lad Derwyn Williams
- >> Assistant trainer Adrian Lane
- >> Jockeys No stable jockey. Will Kennedy, Adrian Lane
- Conditional Lorcan Murtagh
- **>>Amateurs** Theo Gillard, Abbie McCain, Ella McCain
- >> Stable sponsor Proactive Personnel

which left us tackling Grade

1 company. Consequently, he

might find it tough on his first

couple of runs handicapping,

although he did well to finish

third on his reappearance, and

he's definitely a horse with a bit

#### **Website**

donaldmccain.co.uk

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#### **Winners in Britain**

2016-17	80
2015-16	53
2014-15	99
2013-14	142
Profit/loss to £1	stake

2016-17 -£126.20 2015-16 -£138.27 2014-15 -£270.31 2013-14 -£135.22

Prize-money 2016-17

£578,934

very impressively last season but ended up with a false those kind of races. handicap mark in doing so,

#### of a future.

Classic Impact 5m Witness Box - Tanya Thyne Trevor Hemmings 2 (point form)

She was second on her only run in a point-to-point and is a fullsister to Wymott and Testify, which is a family we know very well. The winner has finished placed in an Irish bumper since and she's promising.

#### **Clondaw Kaempfer**

9g Oscar - Gra-Bri T Leslie & D Gorton 34177-0

RPR 145h 134c OR 131h 135c He ended last season looking like he was going to win the 2m4f handicap hurdle at the National meeting but made a bad mistake at the last and eventually finished seventh. That was him right back on track. He ran the other day at Aintree and I thought he'd run a little bit better if I'm honest, but he probably needs his headgear back on. There's a valuable handicap at the next Bangor meeting that he could

compete at the highest level in

#### **Cousin Oscar**

5g Oscar - On The Jetty TG Leslie 211P-46 RPR 124 OR 122

He won his two novice hurdles well last season and the ground was probably too slow for him on his first run back at Carlisle. He schooled well over fences last season and, although he's not very big, that's likely to be where we go from now on.

#### **Dear Sire**

5g Al Namix - Polismith Green Day Racing 121154

RPR 141 OR 137

and autumn. In his first season with me he ran 16 times and won six, ending up with a high mark. He's had a bit of a break but we're going to start back with him in the next couple of weeks because he wants to keep working. He was fourth in the Persian War on ground that was too slow, but he has to go handicapping now as he's not he can compete and win races.

He's had a wonderful summer

#### **Derintoher Yank**

6g Dubai Destination - Anns Present Don't Tell The Wife Racing 577112 RPR 126h 138c OR 126h 131c He's a bit of a freak - he's very

before going down fighting at the same course a few days ago. He disappointed on his first run over fences behind Wisty, a Cartmel specialist, and he has been much better the last twice. We were pleased with those runs and hopefully he can kick on.

hot, keen and his tail goes

that, he's a hardy racehorse

round like a windmill. Saying

and he won well at Carlisle the

other week when making all,

#### **Desert Cry**

11g Desert Prince - Hataana N.Y.P.D Racing RPR 151h 160c OR 149h 135c

He's 11 years old now, 12 after Christmas, but he doesn't show it and he was in great form last season, until his last two runs at Aintree and Ayr where he was a bit flat. He had his first run back at Carlisle and won really well off a mark of 145 at 33-1. It'll be tough for him now but, because he's so effective on bad ground, I still think there will be days in him.

Federici 8g Overbury - Vado Via Jon Glews 4R55-51 RPR 128h 137c OR 119h 129c We rode him wrong on his first start back at Carlisle - we thought he'd run well but the course was cut quite tight and he didn't like being in amongst it. The hope is to try and get him to the Becher Chase at Aintree and winning at Kelso helped him. He ran in the Sefton last season but it was far too sharp for him and he was staying on up the straight. He's a good jumper and we'd love to get him there if possible.

#### Fin And Game

5g Oscar - Miss Cilla TG Leslie

RPR 101 OR -

He's a three-parts brother to Peddlers Cross and he was a really good second to a nice horse of Harry Fry's [Just A Sting in a bumper on his debut last year. We probably ran him back a bit quick on his second start, hence why he under-performed by only finishing fourth at Carlisle. He has schooled quite nicely and I'm looking forward to running STAR QUALITY

7m Flemensfirth - Lakil Princess Sarah Leslie & Beryl McCain 18/111-

Lastbutnotleast

RPR 134 OR 135

She had a great season we thought she was very decent and she wasn't beaten over hurdles. She actually only had her trip once – when winning the Listed race at Doncaster – but she ideally wants slower ground than the soft ground declared that day. She's an extremely useful mare who stays well. She has schooled over fences and is likely to start at Uttoxeter on Sunday. She's very exciting. I said last season that she's the best mare in the north of England and I've seen nothing to change my mind. For all the world you'd think she'd

#### **Flemens Story**

hurdler.

6g Flemensfirth - Amelia Earhart  $TG\ Leslie$ 43

be a better chaser than

RPR 103 OR 115

He had his first run over hurdles over an inadequate trip at Kelso at the end of October and ran a solid race in finishing fourth behind a good winner. He finished third behind two good horses over 2m61/2f last time out. He looks every inch a staying chaser in the future.

#### Henry's Joy

4g Craigsteel - Shocona TG Leslie

RPR 98 OR -

He was placed in his two pointto-points last season, both times behind quite expensive sales horses who have gone

to Gordon Elliott. He's really likeable and tough. He ran well on his debut under rules when second behind a talented Nicky Henderson gelding.

#### **Inniscastle Lad**

5g Kyllachy - Glencal Mrs B McCain

RPR 103 OR -

He ran a really solid race behind Brian Ellison's impressive Ravenhill Road at Sedgefield as he finished a long way clear of the rest. He looks sure to win novice hurdles.

#### Katachenko

8g Kutub - Karalee Trevor Hemmings

RPR 131h 139c OR 128h 131c He had an in-and-out season last time. He won the Red Rum Chase over 2m at the end of the previous season and I still can't believe we were thinking about running him over 3m, let alone doing it – he finished second over 3m1f at Catterick to one of Sue Smith's good novices. He surprised us how quickly he wanted a step up in trip, so we came back to the Topham and he was still in front when unseating Will Kennedy at the Canal Turn, so we never really found out what he prefers. I'd expect him to be a different horse again this year as he's out of novice company.

#### **Knock House**

8g Old Vic - Lady's Gesture TG Leslie RPR 131h 151c OR 130h 139c

I was hoping he'd be an Aintree go well at all and he ended up with a couple of serious injuries that we've had to manage and deal with over the summer. He's in full work now and he looks as well as he has since joining us, so hopefully we can kick on with him now. He's very useful on his day.

#### Knockrobin

6g Robin Des Pres - Tudor Style Deva Racing 1- (point form) RPR 88 OR -

He's an older point-to-pointer,

go for. He's proved he can

Since the start of 2010 Donald McCain is 12/21 (57% strike-rate) in hurdle races restricted to conditional jockeys at Sedgefield, for a £1 level-stakes profit of £19.88

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#### DARK HORSE

#### Waterlord

6g Cape Cross - Shell Garland Matthew Taylor 11142/ RPR 121 OR -

I didn't get to run Waterlord last season. We bought him from John Ferguson after winning three bumpers and finishing fourth in the Listed bumper at Cheltenham to Ballyandy. He had one run over hurdles before the sales, we bought him and then he had a bit of an injury. He's back in full work now and he shows us plenty, we just have to get him to the track.

being six, but he won his only start impressively. Because of his age he wasn't the most expensive in the world, but he's a really big, good-looking, likeable type. He's very much a staying chaser and I'm looking forward to him.

#### Lofgren

6g Multiplex - Sherry Darling Jon Glews 124565 RPR 134h 136c OR 122h 126c

He had a really good summer and then, typical me, I ran him once too often and he ran a little bit flat. I think he remains a novice all year, which opens doors, and he's obviously

#### Donald McCain is well on course to record his first century in four years

better than his last run. We took him over to Killarnev and he ran a nice race and he finished fifth in the Summer Plate before that. We're going to be starting back with him very soon and obviously he doesn't want very deep ground. He's a pretty useful novice handicap chaser.

#### **Lough Derg Jewel**

6g Oscar - River Valley Ladv Mrs C Strang Steel 314332-

RPR 121 OR 118

I'd better put him in the stable tour as he was my 1,000th winner when scoring last season. He looks like a middleof-the-range staying novice chaser – a solid everyday horse who can win a few races and keep progressing.

#### Man Look

5g Nayef - Charlecote Matthew Taylor 122231 RPR 127 OR 124

He won nicely in only his second handicap the other day at Bangor, beating a wellhandicapped horse, and he's entered to run at Cheltenham on Friday off 8lb higher. He was a pretty useful Flat horse and he's very slowly getting his jumping together – it really has been a slow job - but we're getting there quietly and he seems to be maturing.

#### Mr McGo

6g Touch Of Land - La Principal Jon Glews 91179-

RPR 135 OR 135

A smart staying novice hurdler last season and he won well on only his third start for us at Chepstow under Will Kennedy. He looks like he's going to be a better chaser than hurdler. He ran in the 3m handicap hurdle at Aintree to end his season, but to be honest there wasn't a lot else we could do. The ground wasn't anywhere near slow enough for him and he still ran respectably to finish ninth of 22.

#### Ofcourseiwill

5g Publisher - Camden Princess Neil Hartley 1- (point form) **RPR 88** 

He won his only point-to-point and is new to the yard. He doesn't have the most wellknown pedigree in the world, but you had to be impressed with the way he did his job - he jumped and galloped and did it really well. He's exciting.

# HORSE TO FOLLOW Colin Russell

#### Lastbutnotleast

This mare acquired her name because she was the last horse bought by the trainer's late father. She was originally sent point-to-pointing in Ireland but has proved really progressive,

winning two of her three bumpers and all three races over hurdles. Her trainer considers her to be a smart prospect and she looks sure to pay her way in her first season over fences. Long distances and testing ground are ideal for her and, while she looks an obvious one for mares' races, she should be able to make her mark in ordinary novice chases when conditions are in her favour.

#### Rockalzaro

5g Balko - Royale Wheeler Firstservesolutions Ltd 63-13 RPR 102 OR -

Won a bumper for us in May and was only beaten a length on his first start over hurdles at Kelso. He's a little immature, keen and free and if we hadn't been so intent on getting him to settle he would have won by now.

#### **Same Circus**

6m Brian Boru - Curragh Orpen Penketh and Sankey Jech Racing Club 22108-6

RPR 123 OR 119

She won a novice hurdle last season and did it well, but then ran on a couple of big days when the ground had gone for her and she was too high in the handicap. She hasn't schooled yet over fences but she'll be sent over them soon and I'd expect her to be competing in those mares' novice chases through the winter.

#### Secret Escape

5m Getaway - Portorosa M Four Properties Partnership 114

RPR 105 OR -

She won her first two races and then ran really well under a penalty in a smart mares' race at Aintree. She's not very big and we rode her more patiently than we normally would that day. She'll go to the Listed mares' bumper at the next Cheltenham meeting before she goes novice hurdling, for which she has schooled well.

#### Sonic

4g Vinnie Roe - Bella's Bury Les Buckley

RPR 98 OR -

He's only a tiny lad but he's really likeable and was a tough point-to-pointer who was second behind another expensive horse now with Charlie Longsdon. He's by Vinnie Roe and he seems like his sire. He finished third in a Ludlow bumper on his debut under rules.

#### Swashbuckle

4g Dashing Blade - Inhibition Donald McCain Racing Club 371960 (Flat form) RPR 96f OR 88f

We've just bought him from Andrew Balding at the Tattersalls sales. He was a highly rated stayer on the Flat and a lovely, tall horse. He ran disappointingly in the Cesarewitch recently but at least he was good enough to run in it. If he takes to the job - we haven't schooled him yet - he can make a really useful staying novice hurdler.

#### **Testify**

Trevor Hemmings 12129-

RPR 134 OR 134 He's due to have his first run over fences soon. He was second at Chepstow behind Tom George's good novice The Worlds End, which is good form, and ran at Aintree purely because he had a rating that didn't befit his form. He's always been a solid jumper you'd expect him to jump fences better than hurdles - so he could be a good one for the

#### The Clock Leary 9g Helissio - Kiwi Babe

Mig Medical Installations Ltd 2141P5 RPR 118h 137c OR 118h 130c I wanted to buy him as a point-to-pointer originally and couldn't afford him, but then he came to Doncaster sales so I had a chance, and he's had a really productive summer for

us. He's of an age now where he can contest veterans' races in the spring and I'm sure, once he comes back from a break, he can win again.

#### **Thomas Do**

6g Flemensfirth - Loughaderra Deva Racing Persistence Partnership

RPR 94 OR -

He hasn't shown vet what we expect of him, but he's a great big 17hh horse. He was second in his novice hurdle in March and he'll go novice chasing this winter, where I think you'll see a different proposition. He could be one to follow.

#### Ubaltique

9g Balko - Ode Antique TG Leslie 215P-P5

RPR 135h 135c OR 129h 123c It normally takes him a couple of runs to get ready. He probably performed the best he ever has for me on his first run of the season and looked likely to win before getting a little bit tired. He tends to win one or two a year on very soft ground and he's good fun to have around the place.

#### **Uppertown Prince**

5g Strategic Prince - Tarrawarra TG Leslie 61- (point form) RPR 90 OR -

He won his point-to-point quite emphatically, galloping away from his rivals to win by ten lengths. He's a horse we really like. He didn't make the big prices because he has a slightly unfashionable pedigree, but we'll tip away quietly with him. He's a big, attractive horse and hopefully he'll give us plenty of fun.

#### Viserion

5g Tamayuz - Frivolity Clwydian International 621-P86 RPR 135 OR 119

He won two novice hurdles last season after we bought him out of David Simcock's stable. He might need a couple of runs for us to work out where we are handicap-wise with him, but I'm sure he'll pay his way.

#### **What Happens Now**

8g Dr Massini - Euro Burden Deva Racing Dr Massini Partnership

RPR 120h 136c OR 122h 130c He won nicely at Cheltenham when we booked Derek O'Connor to ride. I thought he'd run well but I didn't expect him to win like he did that was testament to Derek. It was a fantastic ride and he won his race very well. If we get his ground and can book Derek again, he might go back to an amateurs' race at Cheltenham's November meeting. If not, it doesn't matter, he can go anywhere as long as there's nice ground. He's won seven races for me now from not that many runs and he's been a real money-spinner.

#### **STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17** Unpl cent stake 2,109 442 376 298 993 -307.92 Non-hcp hd 21 Hcap hdl 1,726 185 174 194 1,173 11 414.41 112 89 Non-hcp ch 197 Hcp chs 1,300 173 183 169 775 13 -261.61 Hunter ch 15 0 12 13 -8.33 NH Flat 94 79 309

830 3,459

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\*return on investment

Totals

Brian Hughes

COUDER

JUCKEYS			
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
Henry Brooke	87-483	18	-20.47
Will Kennedy	83-522	16	-1.97
Adrian Lane	39-587	7	-331.80
James Cowley	29-244	12	-100.89
Wayne Hutchinso	n 15-127	12	-20.75
John Kington	12-116	10	-6.33
Nick Slatter	11-92	12	-32.55
Lorcan Murtagh	10-51	20	+5.11
Noel Fehily	9-63	14	-33.19
Sam Twiston-Dav	ies 7-50	14	-11.25
Harry Stock	5-34	15	-8.13

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FIRST TIME OUT							
	W-R		£1 level stake				
Non-hcp Hdl	51-298	17	-26.68				
Hcp Hdl	31-307	10	-76.50				
Non-hcp Chs	11-49	22	-12.17				
Hcp Chs	28-170	17	-7.00				
NH Flat	19-203	9	-1 43				

4-25 16.0 -11.77

MONTHL	Y BREAK	KDOW	/ <b>N</b>
	W-R	Per cent	£1 level stake
January	18-292	6	-130.36
February	35-320	11	-76.51
March	57-455	13	-212.73
April	56-383	15	-1.00
April May	70-403	17	-26.07
June	55-360	15	-129.80
July	69-395	18	-28.38
July August	85-440	19	-94.83
September	43-295	15	-87.27
October	77-530	15	-08 80

-1324.90

FAVOURITES								
	W-R		£1 level stake					
Non-hcp Hdl	113-264	43	-27.01					
Hcp Hdl	89-289	31	-17.33					
Non-hcp Chs	27-78	35	-21.15					
Hcp Chs	64-195	33	-20.15					
NH Flat	20-54	37	-3.42					

49-456

42-379

November

December

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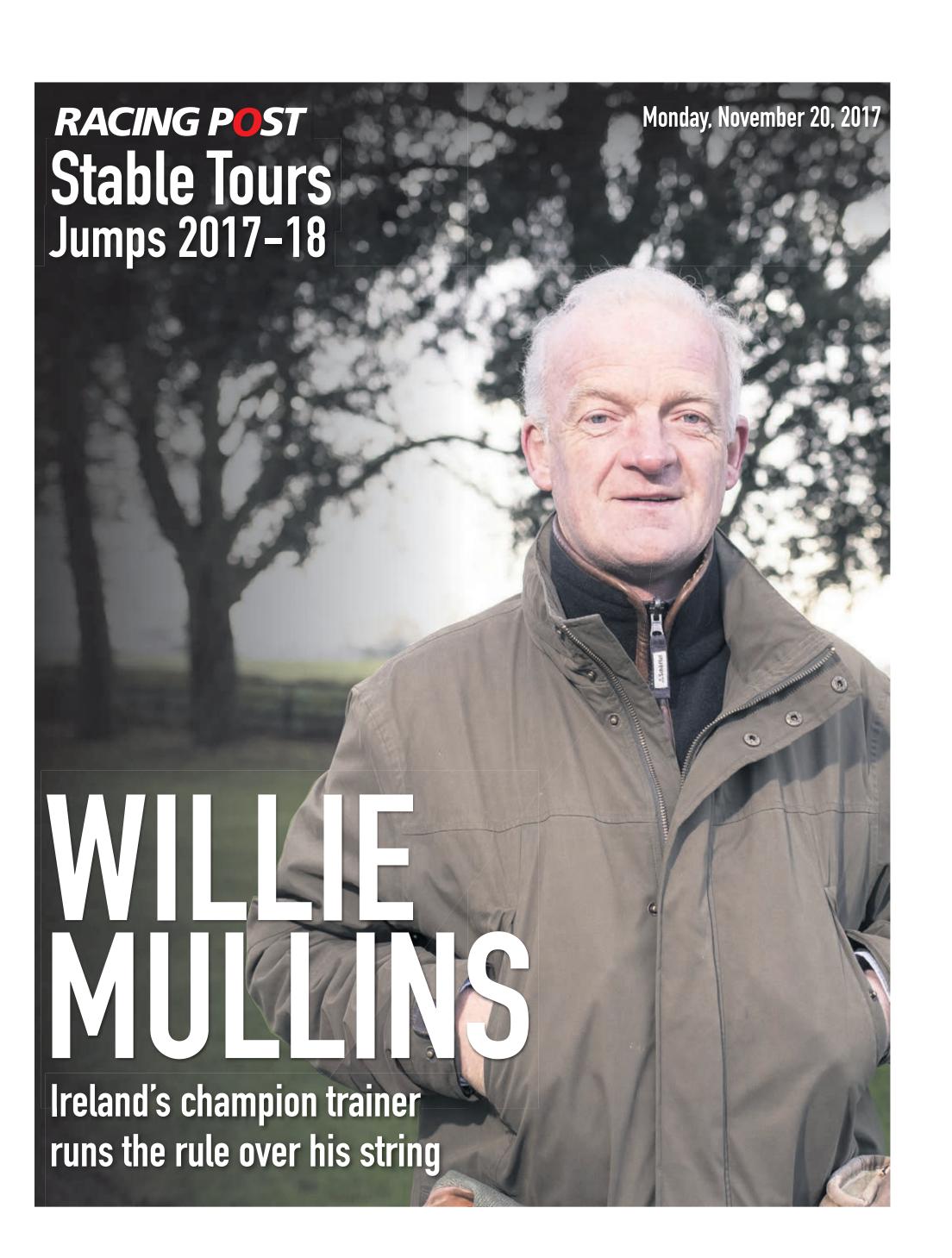
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COURSES								
	W-R	Per cent	Non-hcp Hdl	Non-hcp Chs	Hcp Hdl	Hcp Chs	NH Flat	£1 leve
				3-15				
Uttoxeter	47-309	15	24-110	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	13-116	5-52	2-16	-38.28
Worcester	43-290	15	13-82	6-15	10-97	11-73	3-23	-58.6
Ffos Las	40-391	10	8-120	0-17	8-110	18-101	6-43	-204.6
Newton Abbot	39-262	15	16-83	0-8	11-91	6-53	6-27	-88.2
Stratford	36-239	15	17-86	3-12	7-71	6-54	3-16	+0.8
Fontwell	35-209	17	11-47	0-13	11-69	12-55	1-25	-67.40
Southwell	33-172	19	11-63	4-13	8-50	8-32	2-14	-12.5
Market Rasen	32-232	14	13-52	5-16	9-97	4-51	1-16	-87.19
Fakenham	25-119	21	5-25	4-11	10-52	6-27	0-4	-51.9
Perth	23-72	32	6-17	3-6	7-24	6-22	1-3	+20.1
Bangor-On-Dee	23-141	16	8-45	0-9	8-46	4-27	3-14	-11.5
Towcester	21-93	23	6-22	3-8	6-31	3-21	3-11	-15.50
Wincanton	19-91	21	5-20	1-2	9-47	3-18	1-4	+31.79
Ludlow	18-133	14	3-44	1-6		8-29	2-19	-5.6
Chepstow	18-246	7	4-84	1-12	: 6-76	5-48	2-26	-113.28
Huntingdon	17-104	′ 16	5-30	2-6	4-38	5-23	1-7	-26.69
Hereford					2-43			+24.90
	17-133	13	7-33	1-11		6-34	1-12	
Taunton	16-127	13	5-39	0-1	5-54	5-23	1-10	-14.88
Sedgefield	15-105	14	5-31	0-4	6-32	4-30	0-8	-63.4
Plumpton	15-134	11	5-41	0-0	5-51	5-29	0-13	-65.68
Wetherby	10-71	14	3-27	3-9	2-25	1-8	1-2	-40.00
Exeter	10-91	11	1-15	0-6	4-50	3-11	2-9	-26.2
Warwick	9-65	14	2-25	1-2	4-20	1-12	1-6	+48.5
Aintree	9-80	11	3-11	1-7	2-29	3-28	0-5	+13.50
Lingfield	8-34	24	1-9	0-1	3-10	4-14	0-0	-2.4
Hexham	8-49	16	5-24	1-5	2-11	0-8	0-1	-23.70
Carlisle	7-18	39	5-7	0-1	1-6	0-1	1-3	-3.10
Musselburgh	7-45	16	1-11	0-2	3-15	2-13	1-4	-15.18
Cartmel	7-59	12	2-20	2-5	2-20	1-14	0-0	-23.7
Newbury	7-65	<del>:-</del>	2-16	0-1	3-25	2-19	0-4	-7.8
Kelso	6-13	46	2-3	 1-1	<u></u> 3-6	0-2	0-1	+5.2
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Folkestone								
Newcastle	6-23	26	0-1	1-2	2-11	3-7	0-2	-6.8
Kempton	6-62	10	4-14	0-2	1-27	1-17	0-2	-28.4
Leicester	5-41	12	3-16	1-4	1-11	0-10	0-0	-14.6
Haydock	3-36	8	0-7	0-2	2-14	1-9	0-4	-13.5
Doncaster	3-45	7	1-17	1-4	1-14	0-8	0-2	-35.7
Ayr	2-9	22	1-1	0-2	0-2	1-3	0-1	+1.7
Catterick	1-21	5	0-8	0-2	1-9	0-1	0-1	-17.2
Sandown	1-39	3	0-10	0-2	1-16	0-10	0-1	-13.00
Cheltenham	1-157	1	0-33	0-14	1-64	0-42	0-4	-144.00

Number of horses racing for the stable 742 Total winning prize-money £2,512,733.50

'I've seldom seen a horse jump so well at his first attempt





## STABLE TOUR WILLIE MULLINS

OVEMBER is the It's the time of year when Ireland's champion trainer starts to unleash his big-name performers.

Faugheen, the former champion hurdler, returned to action with a spectacular win at Punchestown yesterday. Douvan, his crack 2m chaser, is on course to make his reappearance in the Tingle Creek Chase next month, and the hugely talented if erratic Yorkhill will be starting his campaign soon.

The return of Un De Sceaux, a triple Grade 1 winner last season, is also close at hand. Diakadam will be back to tackle some of the top staying chases, while Acapella Bourgeois, a superb winner of the Ten Up Chase at Navan last season for Sandra Hughes, is an exciting addition to the chasing ranks following Hughes's retirement.

Total Recall, who landed the Munster National on his first start for the trainer last month, is being aimed at the Ladbrokes Trophy at Newbury on December 2.

There was a serious wow factor at Navan recently when Footpad, a talented hurdler, delivered a brilliant display of jumping and all-round class to win by 11 lengths on his first outing over fences. And that win came 24 hours after Next Destination had made the transition from useful bumper horse to exciting novice hurdle prospect by trouncing his rivals by 13 lengths in a maiden at Naas

Melon started off on the road to a possible Champion Hurdle bid when scoring at Down Royal early this month. Min, who looked the real deal over fences last season until injury intervened, is back and ready for action. The list of talented performers goes on and on.

As usual, the big jumps festivals - Leopardstown at Christmas and in February, Cheltenham, Fairyhouse, Aintree and Punchestown will all be targetted, and Mullins says: "Those meetings are always the aim, and trying to keep the horses right and in good health through the winter and spring is the main priority."

Last season Gordon Elliott made the running in the race for the trainers' championship before he was reeled in at the end of the campaign by Mullins, who adds: "The race for the title generated plenty of interest and excitement in the and we just about made it to retain the championship. I'd imagine it will be a similar type battle over the coming months and Gordon will again be a tough nut to crack."

# **Interview by Tony O'Hehir**

**Acapella Bourgeois** Seven-year-old gelding Network (sire) - Jasmine (dam) Owner: Slaneyville Syndicate Form figures: 341165-Racing Post Rating: 157c

Official Rating: 149c He had a couple of very good

month when the season begins to gather momentum for Willie Mullins.

All roads lead to the big stage for champion's mighty team

#### **STABLE PROFILE**

- >> Yard Closutton stables
- >> Where Bagenalstown, County Carlow
- **How Long** 1987
- >> Horses in training 160
- >> Number of staff 55
- >> Head grooms Dick Dowling,
- Rachael Robins >> Assistant trainers Patrick
- Mullins, David Casey >> Travelling head lad Ben
- Delmer >> Secretaries Caitriona Murphy, Evelyn McCullagh, Jo
- >> Jockeys Ruby Walsh, Paul Townend, Danny Mullins, David Mullins
- >> Conditional Niall Kelly

impressive when making all to

win the Ten Up Chase at Navan

by 32 lengths. He came to us

after Sandra Hughes retired

and is a welcome addition to

ground but we'll wait and see.

the team. The form book

suggests he relishes soft

7m Lavirco - Joie De La Vie

She did very well in bumpers

third on her hurdling debut at

Galway last month. The least

impressive of her bumper wins

was at Galway and it's possible

that well. She has the potential

to do very well and to show the

she doesn't handle the track

ability over hurdles that she

did in bumpers.

Al Boum Photo

RPR 145h OR 142h

Mrs J Donnelly

5g Buck's Boum - Al Gane

before disappointing when

Supreme Horse Racing Club

Sunday.

RPR 126h

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runs last season and was

#### Winners in Ireland

2016-17	180
2015-16	185
2014-15	187
2013-14	185
Profit/loss	to £1 stake
0016 17	405.50

2016-17 -£27.58 +£14.33 2015-16 2014-15 +£41.45

-£172.02

Prize-money 2016-17 €4,580,200

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>> Amateurs Patrick Mullins, Katie Walsh, Sonny Carey

>> Website wpmullins.com

over hurdles last season when his two wins included success in a Grade 2 novice over 2m4f at Fairyhouse. The plan is to go novice chasing and he'll probably be one for the staying division.

#### I'm not sure where he'll start 6g American Post - Kirkla off but it might be in the

Mrs S Ricci Troytown back at Navan on 3/1/1F-3 RPR 148c OR 148c

**American Tom** 

A winner over hurdles and fences, he ran well in a Grade 3 chase at Naas recently when finishing third over 2m. He should be able to build on that performance and will stick to chasing probably in races up to

#### Arbre De Vie

2m4f.

7g Antarctique - Nouvelle Recrue Mrs S Ricci 761744

RPR 155c OR 149c

He's got plenty of experience over fences having had 11 starts in that sphere, and he won over almost 2m7f at the Galway festival. He was disappointing in the Florida Pearl Novice Chase yesterday and I'd imagine he'll be going back into handicaps

#### **Asthuria**

6m Sagacity - Baturia George Creighton 1FF51-1 RPR 138h OR 143h

She had decent form over hurdles, winning three times although she did fall a couple of times. The plan is to send her chasing and, if she treats fences with more respect than she did hurdles, she could make an impact in mares' novice chases

#### Augusta Kate

6m Yeats - Feathard Lady The Masters Syndicate 11F615-RPR 143h OR 144h

She matured very well over the summer and is a lot stronger now. We're looking forward to aiming her at some of the better mares' hurdles. She won a Grade 1 mares' race at Fairyhouse late last season and

should continue to do well.

#### Augustin

7g Martaline - Lili Bleue Luke McMahon

RPR 132h OR 125h

A big, strong individual who's won a bumper and a maiden hurdle. He shapes like a stayer

and will be going the novice chase route. I don't think we've seen the best of him yet.

#### **Bacardys**

6g Coastal Path - Oasice Shanakiel Racing Syndicate F11P1-3

RPR 155h 140c OR 151h He won a couple of Grade 1novice hurdles last season and was unlucky at the Cheltenham Festival when he was effectively knocked out of the Neptune by a faller. He was disappointing on his chasing debut at Naas recently when he was let down by his jumping. In the circumstances he did well to finish third in what looked a decent race. If he brushes up his jumping, he could be one for some of the top staying novice chases. Otherwise he'll revert to hurdling.

#### Bachasson

6g Voix Du Nord - Belledonne Edward O'Connell 28U/F21-RPR 148c 148h OR 151c 146c

He'll probably mix it between hurdles and fences. He won a chase at Gowran Park last season having won four times over hurdles during

the previous campaign. He'll probably start off in a chase, but if fences look like being too tough for him then he'll go back hurdling.

#### **Ballycasey**

10g Presenting - Pink Mist Mrs S Ricci RPR 165c OR 157c

He's been a very good servant over the years and has shown this year that he retains plenty of ability. He's won chases at Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 level and we'll probably him at more Grade 2s and Grade 3s from 2m to about 2m5f.

#### Ballyward

5g Flemensfirth -Ifyoucouldseemenow Andrea & Graham Wylie

RPR 124b

He was very impressive on his a bumper at Leopardstown's Christmas meeting by 16 lengths. He's a really nice sort and we're looking forward to sending him over hurdles. He'll be one for the staying division and should do well.

#### Bamako Moriviere

6g Califet - Halladine Mrs S Ricci -F23F11

RPR 153c 156h OR 148h

It was disappointing when he fell at the last over fences at Listowel in September when a



He showed plenty of ability

When Paul Townend is booked to ride for Willie Mullins at either Kilbeggan or Limerick it is worth noting. Since the start of 2016 the rider is 20-32 (63% strike-rate) at the two tracks for Mullins for a £1 **level-stake profit of £14.92** ▶▶ Stable Stat is powered by the ultimate electronic form book, available at raceform.co.uk

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long way clear. But he got over that and seems to have found a rhythm, winning a beginners' chase at Fairyhouse before landing a 2m4f Grade 3 at Cork by a wide margin. He's in the Drinmore at Fairyhouse and could go there.

#### **Bapaume** 4g Turtle Bowl - Brouhaha

Mrs S Ricci 21231-2 RPR 144h OR 146h He was a very consistent performer in the top juvenile

hurdles last season and won a Grade 1 at the Punchestown festival. He'll stay hurdling and we'll probably stretch him out in distance to 2m4f and maybe a bit further. He should be ready to run before Christmas.

#### Battleford

6g Midnight Legend - Well Maid Andrea & Graham Wylie

RPR 142h OR 135h

He was a good bumper horse but didn't do as well as we'd hoped over hurdles although he won a maiden and was placed a few times. He'll be going chasing and will be one for the staying division.

#### **Bellshill**

7g King's Theatre - Fairy Native Andrea & Graham Wylie 2/111F3-RPR 155c OR 148c He did well in his novice hurdles last season, winning Grade 1s at 2m4f and 3m. He won two of his four starts over fences including a Grade 2 over 2m4f and finished third in the RSA at Cheltenham. Staying chases will be the plan. He was a bit late coming back from his summer break but we're hoping to have him out by Christmas.

#### **Ben Button**

7g Double Eclipse - Lady Coldunell Martin McHale 4-21114

RPR 139h OR 136h

A progressive sort who won three handicaps in a row in the late summer and early autumn. He needs soft ground and plenty of distance - two of his wins were over 3m. We'll be looking at more handicaps and he could also run in Graded novice hurdles.

#### **Benie Des Dieux**

Mrs S Ricci 41/633/1-RPR 138c OR -

She won on the Flat and also a couple of times over hurdles in France before we got her and she was impressive on her chasing debut for us at Limerick in December when she won a mares' beginners' chase by 30 lengths. She met with a setback after that and had to have the rest of the season off. She's back and in good form and we're looking forward to getting

her on track. We'll probably concentrate on mares' chases.

#### **Black Hercules**

8g Heron Island - Annalecky Andrea & Graham Wylie 1F1/543-RPR 164c OR 156c

He won the JLT at Cheltenham in 2016 but has had problems and raced only three times last season. We're hoping to have him back in the second half of the season.

#### Blazer 6g Network - Juppelongue

John P McManus 947/23-1 RPR 144h OR 142h He was being aimed at the Galway Plate but met with a setback and we're probably looking at the second half of the season before he's back in action. He's won a hurdle race

and a chase for us, both over

2m, but he'll stay further.

# **Bleu Berry** 6g Special Kaldoun -Somosierra Luke McMahon

7F/1115-RPR 144h OR 142h He did well over hurdles last season, winning three in a row including a Grade 2 novice over 2m at Fairyhouse. He came back very big and strong from his summer break and it will probably be the second half of the season before he appears. We'll probably be looking at staying hurdles.

#### Bleu Et Rouge

6g Charming Groom - Lady Du Renom John P McManus 1F5/1U4 RPR 143c OR 147c He came back in good order from his summer holidays. Even though he won over fences last season we're having a re-think. He'll probably start off in a hurdle race and we'll see how things go before looking at the rest of the

#### Bonbon Au Miel

campaign.

6g Khalkevi - Friandise II Andrea & Graham Wylie 231/21P-RPR 144h OR 136h He had smart form in France before joining us and winning one of his three starts over hurdles last season. He'll probably be going novice chasing and we'll be looking at aces from 2m4f upwar handles testing ground well.

#### **Bon Papa**

6g Network - Gibelotte John P McManus 1F1P8-RPR 136h OR -He's been quite lightly raced. He won a maiden hurdle last season before running in Grade 1s at the Cheltenham and Punchestown festivals, neither of which worked out well. He came back from his break in good order and will be going novice chasing.

#### **Brahma Bull**

6g Presenting - Oligarch Society Mrs S Ricci 1111

RPR 140h OR -

Does not set the world alight at home but he's done everything right on the track, winning three bumpers and making a successful start over hurdles in a maiden over just short of 3m at Thurles recently, winning by 11 lengths. He has all the makings of a chaser but will stay over hurdles this season and should continue to do well.

#### Bravissimo

6g Al Namix - Mimi Valley Mrs S Ricci RPR 127c 127h OR 130h

He was disappointing over hurdles last season after winning at Limerick's Christmas meeting. He seemed to lose his way. He ran quite well to finish third at Wexford recently on his chasing debut and, while he isn't top grade, he should be able to pay his way. He could be adaptable in terms of trip.

#### **Bunk Off Early** 5g Zebedee - Ctesiphon

Supreme Horse Racing Club 1205-RPR 147h OR 142h He's big enough for chasing and has schooled okay. However, he's had only four runs over hurdles, winning a maiden and running second to

Willie Mullins on the gallops at his Closutton base, from where he will send out an army of talent during the months ahead

Bacardys in a Grade 1 novice. We haven't decided whether to fire ahead with him over fences or give him another season over hurdles.

#### **Burrows Saint**

4g Saint Des Saints - La Bombonera Mrs S Ricci 2/2742-1 RPR 126c 110h OR -

A nice type who was placed over hurdles and fences in France. We started him off at Punchestown on Saturday when he made all to win a 2m4f maiden hurdle. He had experience on his side but he did it the hard way and I thought it was a good performance. He jumped well and handled the testing ground. We'll probably keep him to around the same trip although he could go a bit further. We'll probably wait until next season to send him back over fences.

#### Cadmium

5g Early March - Mirquille Supreme Horse Racing Club & Kenneth Sharp 9/4/1-RPR 122h OR -

A fine horse who has very little experience. He ran in two French bumpers before winning over hurdles at Limerick on his only start for us. We've schooled him over fences and he jumps well but because he's been so lightly raced we might keep him to hurdles this season.

#### Camelia De Cotte

5m Laveron - Traviata Valtat Mrs S Ricci 3/15-

RPR 120h OR -

She won a maiden hurdle by 15 lengths on her first start for us. She'll be kept to hurdling this season and, hopefully, she'll learn to settle better.

#### Cap D'Aubois

5g Snow Cap - Caline Grace Mrs S Ricci 0-10427 RPR 145c 144h OR 137h He won a 3m hurdle last season and started off well over fences when a good second to Death Duty at Tipperary last month. We were expecting a big run from him at Fairyhouse

#### **Caro Des Flos**

5g Tiger Groom - Royale Marie Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Syndicate Caro P42/2

last week but he was very

disappointing for some reason.

RPR 128h OR -

He finished second to our Al Boum Photo at Thurles in January on his first start for us. The form of the race worked out quite well and there should be races to be won with him over hurdles this season.

#### **Carter McKay**

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6g Martaline - Saxona Pearl Bloodstock Ltd RPR 131b OR -He won two bumpers last

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»From page 3 season and is a nice addition to our novice hurdle team. Past performances would suggest soft ground suits him well. He'll probably start off over 2m

and we'll take it from there.

#### Castello Sforza

6g Milan - Young Elodie John P McManus 4/3320-3

RPR 133h OR 133h He's been placed on all but one of his five starts over hurdles but it will be the second half of the season before he's ready to resume as he picked up an

injury after finishing third at

#### C'Est Jersey

the Galway festival.

5g Protektor - Myrtille Jersey Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 2/23101-

RPR 142h OR 139h

He won a couple of 2m4f hurdles and looks a nice prospect for staying novice chases. He didn't treat hurdles with much respect so we're hoping jumping fences will suit him better.

#### Chateau Conti

5g Vendangeur - Regina Conti Edward O'Connell 116PP-1

RPR 146h OR 142h
He was disappointing last season after winning a maiden hurdle at Cork, so it was good to see him back to himself when he won on his reappearance at Fairyhouse recently. The step up to 2m4f seemed to suit him.

#### **Childrens List**

7g Presenting - Snipe Hunt Mrs S Ricci 00/951-2 RPR 140c OR 145c

Staying is his game. He's won a chase over 3m1½f and ran very well over shorter on his reappearance at Limerick. We'll be looking at some of the good staying handicap chases. He's entered for the Troytown on Sunday, and the Thyestes Chase in January is another race we have in mind.

#### Cilaos Emery

5g Califet - Queissa Luke McMahon 11251-

RPR 153h OR 153h

He did very well last season, finishing off with a Grade 1 novice win over 2m at the Punchestown festival where he beat Melon by a length. We've debated going novice chasing but it's probably more likely we'll give him another campaign over hurdles to get him more racing experience. He has enough pace for 2m but should get further.

#### Clitandre

5g Zambezi Sun - Where Is My Gold Supreme Horse Racing Club & Kenneth Sharp

RPR 106b OR -

He disappointed us on his two starts last season and we think he's a good bit better than he's run so far. He's a fine stamp of a horse and we'll try and win a bumper first.

#### Contingency

4f Champs Elysees - Cyclone Connie Bowes Lodge Stables Partnership 11 RPR 116h OR -

She's two from two over

#### STAR QUALITY

#### Douvan

7g Walk In The Park - Star Face Mrs S Ricci 1/11117-RPR 178c OR 174c

He's in tip-top form following his summer break and is doing everything right. We've always thought the world of him and we're very happy with him. He lost his unbeaten record over fences when running well below his best in the Champion Chase in March. He must have done something to himself early in the race which caused him to jump without his usual fluency. We haven't decided where he'll start. We're considering the Hilly Way at Cork or the Tingle Creek and we haven't ruled out the idea of running him in the John Durkan at Punchestown. That race is over 2m4f and, while I'd be quite happy to stick to 2m, I don't think the longer trip would be an issue.

hurdles and both her wins were over 2m5f on soft ground. A fine, strong mare, she'll be aimed at mares' novice hurdles in the staying division.

#### **Coquin Mans**

5g Fragrant Mix - Quissisia Mans George Creighton 1/1-1122

RPR 152h OR 151h

He's done well over the summer and autumn, and on his last two starts he ran second to good opposition – Jezki at Tipperary and Melon at Down Royal. He's entitled to run in the better races and should continue to pay his way.

#### Court Artist

6m Court Cave - Native Artist Blue Blood Racing Club 2-1611

RPR 128h OR

She's probably one of the smallest horses in the yard but she's very brave. She's bred for stamina and she's got lots of it. She's earned the right to run in good company over trips from 2m4f upwards.

#### Djakadam

8g Saint Des Saints - Rainbow Crest Mrs S Ricci 3/21342-

RPR 177c OR 167c

It will probably be something similar to recent seasons for him with some of the top staying chases on his agenda. He started off the last two seasons by winning the John Durkan Chase at Punchestown and it's possible he could start off there again although we might wait for the Leopardstown Christmas Chase. He ran Sizing John to a short head in the Punchestown Gold Cup on his final start last season. He's in good order.

#### Fabulous Saga

5g Saint Des Saints - Fabalina Sullivan Bloodstock Ltd -221133

RPR 142h OR -

He's been very consistent and will stay in novice hurdles over staying distances. His method







Big guns (clockwise from top) Augusta Kate (right), Douvan, Un De Sceaux and Limini exercise as they build up towards their comeback

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of jumping leaves a bit to be desired and, hopefully, he'll do better when he goes over fences next season.

#### Footpad

5g Creachadoir - Willamina Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 24243-1 RPR 155c OR-

He was a smart hurdler. winning a couple of Grade 1s and running well in the Irish Champion Hurdle and the Champion Hurdle last season. He started off over fences at Navan recently and I thought he was hugely impressive. You seldom see a novice jump so well in his first chase. It wasn't a surprise as his schooling had gone brilliantly. We're really looking forward to the rest of the season with him. He's in the Drinmore at Fairyhouse and there's also a race at Navan we'll look at although it might be a bit close to Christmas and a possible tilt at the Grade 1 Racing Post Novice Chase.

#### Getabird

5g Getaway - Fern Bird Mrs S Ricci

RPR 132b OR-

He lost his action on the gallops one morning and we chose to give him the rest of last season off. He'd looked good winning his two bumpers and is back in training. He jumps hurdles well and is one to look forward to.

#### **Giant Spirit**

5g Giant's Causeway - Saintlike Michelle Doyle & Sean Barton 625244-RPR 119h OR -

We got him after Sandra Hughes retired. He's still a maiden after seven runs but he was placed behind some good horses. He'll be staying over hurdles and will be running in handicaps once he gets a mark.

#### **Glens Harmony**

5m King's Theatre - Glens Music Fiona McStay

RPR 120h OR-

Owned by her breeder, she has a beautiful pedigree being a sister of Grade 1 winning hurdler Glens Melody. She was very green when making a successful start over hurdles at Thurles last month. I'm sure she'll improve with the experience she gained there and we'll be campaigning her in mares' novice hurdles.

#### Glorious Legend

4g Pour Moi - Endearing Supreme Horse Racing Club & Kenneth Sharp

RPR 103h OR-

He's a nice sort who's had one run over hurdles. He's quite hard on himself but should be able to pay his way once he learns to settle.

#### **Good Thyne Tara**

7m Kayf Tara - Good Thyne Mary NGKing12143-2 RPR 135h OR 135h We might let her take her chance in the Royal Bond at Fairyhouse early next month and see how she measure up against the boys in Grade 1 company. We'll probably go the

mares' hurdle route after that.

She likes soft ground.

#### **Great Field**

6g Great Pretender - Eaton Lass John P McManus 1P/1111-RPR 160c OR 161c

He did very well over fences last season, winning all four of his races. He gave us a few scares along the way but Jody McGarvey built up a good relationship with him and rode him to all of his wins. including the Grade 1 Ryanair Novice Chase at the Punchestown festival. Unfortunately, he's met with a setback and I'm not sure when he'll be back in action. Hopefully, it will be some time in the spring.

#### Haymount

8g Presenting - Ali's Dipper Mrs C M Hurley 24337-P

RPR 149c OR 145c

He was disappointing in the Galway Plate last time when he was pulled up after making a bad mistake. He's on a break and will be back for the festival meetings in the spring when he'll be running in staying handicaps.

#### Hey Little Boy

4g Alderflug - Homing Instinct Le Nom Pas Nous Syndicate

RPR 116h OR-

He was very green when winning a 2m5f maiden hurdle at Tramore in August and then ran moderately at Galway. Maybe we used the wrong tactics that day and he might be better being held up.

#### Hollowgraphic

4g Beat Hollow - Corskeagh Shadow Ballylinch Stud

RPR 112b OR -

He was very backward last season and had only the one run. It was a good run, too, finishing second in the Land Rover Bumper. He's almost ready to start back and he could be one of our better bumper horses this season.

#### STAR QUALITY

#### Faugheen

9g Germany - Miss Pickering *Mrs S Ricci* 1/1211/1 RPR 177h OR 172h

He started back after a long absence in the Morgiana Hurdle at Punchestown yesterday and put up a very good performance to win by 16 lengths. He hadn't run since winning the 2016 Irish Champion Hurdle but he'd done plenty and we felt he was sharper than when he suffered the only defeat of his career in the same race two years ago. It was still a relief to see him do what he did yesterday. We'll see how he comes out of the race before making plans for his next run. Paul [Townend] said he had a blow after the second-last but motored on again and he felt there was plenty left in the tank. He met the fourth-last on the wrong stride but he just took off as he's done in the past and it took nothing out of

him.

**Invitation Only** 6g Flemensfirth - Norabelle Andrea & Graham Wylie 1/1136-F RPR 141h OR 140h

He won a bumper and a maiden hurdle before his form tapered off a bit last season. He'd schooled well over fences and we started off at Punchestown on Saturday but he got things wrong at the fifth fence and paid the penalty. We'll find another novice chase opportunity for him before long.

#### Isleofhopendreams

10g Flemensfirth - Cool Island Kilbroney Racing 3F/1210-RPR 132c 135h OR 131h

He showed good form in longdistance hurdles last season when he also won on his chasing debut. He hasn't got a mark over fences. He likes testing ground and plenty of distance and we'll probably mix it with him.

#### Itsonlyrocknroll

5g Shantou - Compelled BGC Racing 32142

RPR 119h OR -He won a bumper at Clonmel and ran quite well when fourth on his hurdling debut at Wexford last month. He went to Cork yesterday for a 2m maiden hurdle and was beaten a long way in second. He made a few bad mistakes, though, and I'd imagine he'll appreciate stepping up in trip and it could be that better ground will suit him.

#### Karalee

6m Martaline - Change Partner Mrs S Ricci 2/1/13-RPR 140h OR -

A nice mare and lightly raced. She'll stay hurdling and we'll be looking at Graded mares' races in the staying division.

#### **Kate Appleby Shoes**

Leo McArdle RPR 138h OR 130h

She's a fine, big mare who stays well. She won two bumpers and a couple of hurdle races and she could make her mark over fences. Testing conditions suit her well.

#### Kemboy

5g Voix Ďu Nord - Vitora Supreme Horse Racing Club, Brett T Graham & Kenneth Sharp

RPR 144h OR 142h

He's almost ready for action and will be going novice chasing. He won over hurdles and ran well when fifth in the Neptune at Cheltenham, so he'll be one for staying races.

8g Old Vic - Killultagh Dawn 231/111/ Rose Boyd, B Anderson & Mrs M Armstrong RPR 156c OR 153

He's back after a long absence and has made good progress since coming in from pretraining. I'm very pleased with him. He looks good and we're hoping to have him out before Christmas. He beat Thistlecrack in a Grade 1 3m hurdle at Punchestown in 2015 and was two from two over fences before his setback.

#### Koshari

5g Walk In The Park - Honor May Mrs S Ricci 51/14-

RPR 134h OR

He's been off the track for a year after being struck into, but he seems back to himself and will be starting off shortly. He could stay hurdling or go over fences.

#### Lagostovegas

5m Footstepsinthesand - Reine Du Coeur John Donohue 24-P311 RPR 145h OR 145h She's been a consistent

performer on the Flat and over hurdles and has matured well. She's been busy and is on a break with a view to coming back for more hurdle races in the new year.

#### Lareena

4f Full Of Gold - Briere Mrs David Lawlor 2/0 RPR 108h OR -

She was placed over hurdles in France, but ran poorly on her only start for us last season. I think she'll pay her way in novice hurdles.

#### Law Girl

4f Lawman - Lamarsa Mrs S Ricci 41395 RPR 125h OR 124h

Winter ground doesn't really suit her so she's on a break with a view to coming back over hurdles in the spring.

#### Let's Dance

5m Poliglote - Baraka Du Berlais Mrs S Ricci 11124-F

RPR 146h OR 144h

She's done very well in Graded mares' hurdle races and won the Grade 2 contest at the Cheltenham Festival last season. She's been placed a few times in Grade 1s and is well able to compete in the top mares' races. She fell - for the first time in her career - on her reappearance at Punchestown on Saturday when trying to win the Grabel Mares' Hurdle for the second consecutive year. I'd imagine the OLBG Mares' Hurdle at Cheltenham will be her main target this season.

#### Limini

6m Peintre Celebre - Her Grace Mrs S Ricci 113/213-RPR 158h OR 152h

She came back from her summer break in good order. She'll have plenty of good entries and she might start off in the Grade 1 Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse on December 3.

#### Livelovelaugh

7g Beneficial - Another Evening Mrs S Ricci 431043-RPR 148h OR 138h

The plan is to go novice chasing with him and he'll be one for the staying division.

#### Low Sun

 $4g\,Champs\,Elysees-Winter\,Solstice$ Mrs S Ricci

RPR 118h OR -

I thought he did the job nicely when winning on his hurdling debut at Bellewstown in August. We'll learn more about him when he goes up in



# HORSE TO FOLLOW **David Jennings**

#### **Ballyward**

Willie Mullins ended his Albert Bartlett hoodoo with Penhill last season and this wide-margin Leopardstown bumper winner might be able to follow in his footsteps. That bumper he won at didn't look any great shakes at the time but the runner-up, beaten 16 lengths, won a maiden hurdle at Fairyhouse's Easter festival and is now rated 127 over hurdles. This son of Flemensfirth ought to blossom in staying novice hurdles this term.

grade next time. He'll probably appreciate further than 2m.

#### Makitorix

4g Makfi - Goldamix Twenty Seven Black Partnership

RPR 122h OR -

He looked very smart when winning by 18 lengths on his hurdling debut at Listowel in September. He'll have plenty of good entries and we'll probably keep him to around 2m in the immediate future and maybe go up in distance later on.

#### Mary Sun

4f Soldier Hollow - Mary James J R Brennan

RPR 93 (Flat)

She won on the Flat in France and is a sharp sort who was bought to go hurdling. She started off at Cork yesterday but was very free and was pulled up. She should appreciate better ground and will improve when she learns to settle.

#### **Max Dynamite**

7g Great Journey - Mascara Mrs S Ricci 44F/72/9 RPR 147h OR 141h He's going to run on the Flat in Hong Kong next month on his way back from finishing third in the Melbourne Cup having finished second in

2015. We might try and aim

him at a good hurdle prize in

5g Medicean - Night Teeny

#### Melon

the spring.

Mrs J Donnelly RPR 155h OR 154h He did the job nicely at Down Royal this month. We'll see how he is closer to the time but he's in the Hatton's Grace next month and could go there. He's still relatively inexperienced but he was twice placed in Grade 1s last season. There should be improvement in him.

#### Meri Devie

4f Spirit One - Folle Biche Andrea & Graham Wylie RPR 135h OR 136h She was quite keen on her recent reappearance at Naas but still ran a good race to finish second. She should be able to build on that effort in races at around 2m.

#### Min

6g Walk In The Park - Phemyka Mrs S Ricci 3/112/11-RPR 160c OR 154c He had a setback after winning

the Grade 1 Racing Post Novice Chase at Leopardstown's Christmas meeting and that had to be it for last season. He's back and in good order

and should be running shortly. Just where he'll start back is uncertain but he'll start off over 2m or thereabouts and might go up in trip later on.

#### Minella Beau

6g King's Theatre - Ney Will Mrs A F Mee 1-21222 RPR 131h OR 129

He won his maiden hurdle at the Galway festival and has performed consistently since. Although he was beaten by a better horse over 2m4f at Fairyhouse on Wednesday, I thought he struggled in the ground in the closing stages and he'll do better when it's less testing.

#### **Miss Sapphire**

5m Flemensfirth - Howyakeepan Blue Blood Racing Club 2-12112 RPR 130h OR 124h She's done well winning three of her six races over hurdles

and will be back in the second

half of the season when she'll

# resume in staying hurdles.

Montalbano 5g Monsieur Bond - Alpen Glen Mrs S Ricci 2/1531-

RPR 140h OR 140h He's been schooled over fences and will probably go the novice chasing route. He won over 2m and 2m4f over hurdles.

# **Mr Adjudicator**

3g Camacho - Attlongglast David Bobbett 462201 (Flat form) RPR 86 OR 85 (Flat) He won a couple for Joe

Murphy on the Flat and will

be going the juvenile hurdle

# route.

**Next Destination** 5g Dubai Destination - Liss Alainn Malcolm C Denmark 142-1

RPR 139h OR -He was a decent bumper horse but it looks as if he's going to be

a better hurdler judged on his 13-length win on his hurdling debut at Naas last weekend. He's one to look forward to for the rest of the season, probably at around 2m4f. He handled the testing ground well at Naas but we'll have to see whether he has to have it that way.

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Due to production issues, statistics in two of last week's stable tours were incomplete

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## STABLE TOUR WILLIE MULLINS

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#### **Nichols Canyon**

7g Authorized - Zam Zoom Andrea & Graham Wylie 312F12-

RPR 168h OR 164h

He's been a great moneyspinner over the past few seasons with eight Grade 1 wins over hurdles to his credit. He won the Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham last season and the aim will be to get him back there to defend his crown.

#### Orion D'Aubrelle

4g Saint Des Saints - Erbalunga J A Coleman 515-

RPR 125h OR -

He's done very little racing so far and will be kept to hurdling this season. He won a hurdle race in France but made no impression on his only start for us. I'd expect him to improve although his future will be as a chaser, probably next season.

#### **Penhill**

6g Mount Nelson - Serrenia Tony Bloom RPR 155h OR 150h He did very well last season, winning six times and had his biggest day at Cheltenham when winning the Albert Bartlett. He met with a setback when we were preparing him

**Pleasant Company** 9g Presenting - Katie Flame Malcolm C Denmark 3P/1419-RPR 150c OR 147c

for Royal Ascot and we're hoping to have him ready for a

spring campaign over hurdles.

He might start off in the Troytown Chase at Navan on Sunday. I'd imagine the Grand National, in which he finished ninth last season, will again be a target.

#### **Polidam**

8g Trempolino - Eladame Simon Munir & Isaac Souede 3/67137

RPR 138c OR 137c

He was disappointing on his only start for us. We got him from France where he won two chases and three hurdle races. We'll be looking at some of the good staying chases for him and he could have a tilt at the Aintree National.

#### Pravalaguna

5m Great Pretender - Arnette Bruton Street IV 14F2-3F RPR 129h OR 137h

A nice mare and potentially high class. She picked up an injury when she fell at Auteuil in June and it's probably going to be the second half of the season before she'll be ready to run.

#### Prince D'Aubrelle

7g Malinas - La Stai Allan McLuckie 2/2111/ RPR 130b OR -

He's been off the track for over two years having done very well in bumpers. We're looking forward to getting him back on track and he'll be having a campaign over hurdles.

**Pylonthepressure** 7g Darsi - Minnie O'Grady Mrs S Ricci 1/522/21-RPR 132h OR 129h He's in pre-training and will be







going novice chasing. A fine, big type, he's won a pointto-point, two bumpers and a maiden hurdle and I'd imagine staying races will suit him the best.

#### **Quick Grabim**

5g Oscar - Top Her Up M Worcester RPR 131h OR -

He won a bumper last season and ran very well on his first start for us at Fairyhouse on Wednesday when he finished well for second behind Mind's Eye in a 2m maiden. It was an encouraging first run over hurdles and we're looking forward to getting him out again in another maiden.

#### **Racing Pulse**

8g Garuda - Jacks Sister Paul Byrne & Dominic Ryan & A J Horan & P W Mullins B6P0-PP

RPR 142c 142h OR 117c 117h He was disappointing in the Cork National on his first run for us. On reflection it was probably a big ask. Maybe it might be advisable to bring him back in trip.

#### Rathvinden

9g Heron Island - Peggy Cullen R A Bartlett -211311 RPR 157c OR 152c

He's come back really well from his problems and has had a very good first half of the season, winning four chases. He deserves a crack at the Drinmore Chase, and that Grade 1 will probably be his next race.

#### Real Steel

4g Loup Breton - Kalimina Sullivan Bloodstock Ltd

RPR 59h OR -

He finished second on his only start over hurdles in France last season. A nice sort, he'll be running in maiden hurdles.

#### Redhotfillypeppers

5m Robin Des Champs - Mhuire Na Gale Coldunell Ltd 164-RPR 110h OR

A real chasing type who won a point-to-point and a bumper. She has the size and scope to do well jumping and will be one for staying races.

#### **Retour En France**

7m Robin Des Champs - Rayane Mrs S Ricci 22154-P RPR 128c OR125c She'll probably be mixing it between hurdles and fences.

Staying looks to be her forte and she'll be running in handicap chases and maybe handicap hurdles.

#### **Robin Des Foret**

7g Robin Des Pres - Omyn Surprise Byerley Racing Syndicate 212112

RPR 148h OR 141h

He's had a good season and has been a very consistent staying hurdler. He'll go to Navan for the Grade 2 Monksfield Novice Hurdle over 2m4f on Sunday. We'll have to see how he copes with winter ground.

#### Saturnas

6g Davidoff - Sayuri Wicklow Bloodstock (Ire) Ltd 1210-

RPR 147h OR 145h

last season and won a Grade 1 at Leopardstown's Christmas meeting but he was very disappointing when favourite for the Deloitte Hurdle in February. He's going novice chasing and should do well. He'll probably be racing from 2m to 2m4f.

#### Sayar

4g Azamour - Seraya Mrs Audrey Turley RPR 135h OR -He could prove to be top-class. He's two from two over hurdles and looks very promising. We're looking at running him in the Grade 1 Royal Bond at Fairyhouse on December 3 when we'll learn more about him.

#### Shaneshill

8g King's Theatre - Darabaka Andrea & Graham Wylie RPR 162c 159h OR 158c 155h He won a couple of Grade 2 hurdles last season – the Galmoy and the Prix La Barka and was a good second in the Galway Plate in July. He was disappointing last time but he'll continue to mix it between hurdles and fences and should be capable of adding to his tally of nine wins.

#### Shanning

4f Spanish Moon - Idaho Falls Supreme Horse Racing Club & Brett T Graham

RPR 129h OR 126h

She's two from two over hurdles, winning at Sligo and Galway on soft ground. She should progress further in novice races.

#### Sharjah

4g Doctor Dino - Saaryeh Mrs S Ricci

RPR 125h OR -

He won a maiden hurdle by five lengths on heavy ground at Gowran in September and will be staying in novice hurdles.

#### Some Neck

6g Yeats - Maternelle Mrs S Ricci 22/4215-RPR 127h OR -

Despite several placed efforts he never managed to win a bumper but he did land a 2m6f maiden hurdle on heavy ground at Limerick last season. He'll be going novice chasing and staying should be his game.

# STAR QUALITY

#### **Un De Sceaux**

9g Denham Red - Hotesse De Sceaux Edward O'Connell 161112-RPR 174c OR 167c

He had a great campaign last season, winning the Tingle Creek, the Clarence House and then the Ryanair when upped in distance at Cheltenham. He'll be having a similar campaign and here's hoping it will prove as successful. He could start off in

Creek or possibly the Hilly Way at

# the Tingle Cork.

#### Steel Wave

7g Craigsteel - Musical Waves Here For A Good Time Syndicate

RPR 119h OR 110h

He's a stayer who had his first run for us in a 3m handicap hurdle at Punchestown yesterday. It was his first run since he won over a slightly shorter trip at the same meeting two years ago and he did well to finish second considering how keenly he raced. He'll continue in similar races and should be able to win one if he learns to settle better.

#### Stratum

4g Dansili - Lunar Phase Anthony Bloom

RPR 132h OR -

He was second at Navan last weekend, beaten by what could be a very good horse in Mengli Khan. He finished a long way

clear of the rest and, on the evidence of his two hurdle runs, he should be well able to compete in good novice races.

## Suinda

5m Mahler - Supreme Matriarch Luke McMahon

RPR 86b OR -

She ran third at Listowel on her only start and should give her owner and his son Aubrey plenty of fun.

#### Sympa Des Flos

5g Tiger Groom - Je Te Donne Mrs S Ricci 2/22

RPR 124h OR -

He's very hard on himself and getting more experience will be the key. He should be up to winning a maiden hurdle before long.

#### Thomas Hobson

7g Halling - La Spezia Mrs S Ricci 39P017-RPR 158h OR 143h

He's had a busy year on the Flat and is having a break following his run in the Melbourne Cup in which he ran a cracker to finish sixth from a bad draw. He'll come back in the spring and we'll be looking at some staying hurdle races at some of the big festivals.

#### Timi Roli

5g Roli Abu - Tiana George Creighton 124792 RPR 130h OR 126h

He's having a mini-break before resuming in handicap hurdles. We think he has a preference for going left-

## **Tin Soldier**

handed.

6g Soldier Of Fortune - Everlast Philip J Reynolds 84/1183-RPR 150h OR 148h He's an out-and-out stayer

and has been pleasing us in

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Bachasson warms up under Donal Redmond before heading to the gallops at Closutton; (far left) steam rises as the string heads back to base; (centre) Kate Appleby Shoes peers out of her box

# **STABLE TOUR EXTRA** 'It's tailor-made for him with the soft ground right up his street'

Priceless nuggets in tomorrow's round-up

his preparation for going over fences. He jumps well and should be out soon. Staying novice chases will be his game.

#### **Total Recall**

8g Westerner - August Weekend Slaneyville Syndicate 4U105-1 RPR 146c OR 147c

He had his first run for us in the Munster National last month and it was a nice surprise to see him win so easily. He got an 18lb hike in the ratings for his seven-length win so we'll have to see how he fares off his new mark. Hopefully, there will be improvement to come. We're looking at running him in the Ladbrokes Trophy Chase at Newbury on December 2.

#### Townshend

6g Lord Of England - Trikolore Mrs S Ricci 21F-114 RPR 144c OR 146c

He's back in strong work after a break. All of his three chase wins have come over 2m and that, plus the way he jumps, makes him a bit of a surprise package. He acts more like a Flat horse at home but he's taken to fences like a duck to

# DARK HORSE

#### Voix Des Tiep

5g Voix Du Nord - Tiepataxe OMG II Syndicate

RPR 128b OR -

A very promising horse who ran second in a Leopardstown bumper in February on his only start. He was beaten half a length and the race has thrown up several subsequent winners. He had a setback but is back in full training and will be running in another bumper shortly.

#### True Self

4f Oscar - Good Thought Three Mile House Partnership 2-111

wouldn't know that when she goes to the track. After nicely on her hurdling debut at Thurles and the plan is to novice races.

#### Turcagua

Mrs S Ricci 4312PP-RPR 141h OR 139h

He looks made for chasing and that will be his game this season. I'd imagine he'll be one

6g Kallisto - Unavita Luke McMahon 543/1 RPR 119h OR -

He's been very lightly raced with only four runs over the past three years. He won a maiden hurdle at Listowel in June and will stay hurdling.

#### Voix Du Reve

Andrea & Graham Wylie 3112F2-

He's been off the track since of hurdle races in France and fallen at the last in the Fred Winter at Cheltenham when arriving with what looked like a winning run. He's back in training and will have a hurdles campaign.

#### **Vroum Vroum Mag**

8m Voix Du Nord - Naiade Mag Mrs S Ricci 121127-RPR 157h 151c OR 152h She suffered a pelvic injury

at Punchestown in April and

# STAR QUALITY

Breeze

1/41112-

Andrea & Graham Wylie

RPR 165c 158h OR 164c 156c

He's in great order and

has been working well.

I'm very happy with him

and looking forward to

getting him started. He's

been schooling well and,

the left last season, most

although he jumped to

notably in the Ryanair

Gold Cup at Fairyhouse

we're hoping he'll jump

the idea of going back

when it cost him the race,

straighter. We toyed with

over hurdles with him last

and, depending on how he

gets on, then hurdling will

needed plenty of rehabilitation.

She's made a good recovery

and has been pleasing us.

She'll have another mixed

campaign between hurdling

had to miss the Morgiana at

Hatton's Grace.

Whiskey Sour

4g Jeremy - Swizzle Tick Luke McMahon

He gave his owner and son a

huge day when winning the

big amateur riders' Flat race

at the Galway festival during

Punchestown yesterday. She

could go to Fairyhouse for the

and chasing. She was lame and

season but the thinking

is that we'll start off by

running him in a chase

always be an option.

**Yorkhill** 7g Presenting - Lightning

RPR 127h OR

She lacks a bit of size but you winning two bumpers, she won campaign her mainly in mares'

7g Turgeon - Acancagua

for the staying division.

#### Uradel

5g Voix Du Nord - Pommbelle RPR 144h OR 144h

finishing second at Sandown in April 2016. He'd won a couple before that Sandown run he'd

the summer. He had a break and will be back over hurdles around Christmas or shortly afterwards. He's not the biggest but we're hoping he'll be able to add to his maiden hurdle win.

RPR 120h

#### Wicklow Brave

8g Beat Hollow - Moraine Wicklow Bloodstock (Ire) Ltd 1/033/71-RPR 165h OR 164h

He didn't enjoy the best of runs in the Melbourne Cup and will be having a break before going back over hurdles in the second half of the season.

#### **BUMPER HORSES**

We have a nice team of bumper horses, some of them expointers, and they include Bang Bang Rosie (5m Stowaway - Restless Dreams). who was bought after finishing second at Tipperary in May, Aione (4g Coastal Path - La Horquela), Dorreus Pierji (4g Coastal Path - Playo Pierji) and Carefully Selected (5g Well Chosen - Knockamullen Girl), all of whom won a pointto-point, Colreevy (4f Flemensfirth - Poetics Girl), Draconien (4g Linda's Lad -Holding), Rio Rivas (5g Voix Du Nord - Rio Amata), who was placed in both of his points, and Westport Lady (4f Blue Bresil - Malandra).

#### **FRENCH IMPORTS**

Additions to the yard from France include Annamix (4g Martaline - Tashtiyana), a nice sort who finished second over hurdles on his only start, Chante Niege (3f Martaline -Russian Taiga), who was placed on her only hurdles start, Dalko Moriviere (4g Balko - Colline De Clermon), who had plenty of placed form over fences and who we might start off over hurdles, Salsaretta (4f Kingsalsa -Kendoretta), who was placed a couple of times over hurdles and Saglawy (3c Youmzain -Spasha), an all-weather winner

who competed at Group 3

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#### **JOCKEYS**

Totals

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		Per	£1 level
	W-R	cent	stake
R Walsh	689-2040	34	-208.72
Mr P W Mullins	409-1207	34	-20.00
Paul Townend	289-1062	27	-16.72
B J Cooper	46-119	39	+18.43
Davy Russell	27-82	33	-25.24
Danny Mullins	23-130	18	-18.59
Ms K Walsh	13-109	12	-15.62
A E Lynch	9-30	30	-6.33
Barry Geraghty	7-30	23	+10.32
David Mullins	6-50	12	-14.59
Jody McGarvey	4-4	100	+6.13
Niall Kelly	4-21	19	+4.57

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STABLE ANALYSIS 2008-17

FIRST TI	ME OUT		
	W-R		£1 level stake
Non-hcp Hdl	225-577	39	+6.07
Hcp Hdl	22-170	13	-25.43
Non-hcp Chs	55-227	24	-74.15
Hcp Chs	9-93	10	-36.50
NH Flat	183-519	35	+61.67
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#### MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

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	W-R	cent	stake
January	207-639	32	-27.14
February	184-580	32	+27.30
March	102-379	27	-39.27
April	179-793	23	+89.51
May	116-491	24	-127.87
June	46-183	25	-8.55
July	116-376	31	-12.79
August	108-386	28	-109.49
September	78-307	25	-42.61
October	78-300	26	-36.52
November	203-601	34	-48.42
December	243-777	31	-156.74

## **FAVOURITES**

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፥		W-R	cent	stake
:	Non-hcp Hdl	596-1178	51	-36.45
i	Hcp Hdl	52-166	31	+30.85
i	Non-hcp Chs	259-527	49	+2.79
i	Hcp Chs	16-86	19	-17.14
፥	NH Flat	279-640	44	-31.72

		Per	Non-hcp	Non-hcp	Нср	Нср	NH	£1 level
	W-R	cent	Hdl	Chs	Hdl	Chs	Flat	stake
Punchestown	254-1018	25	118-417	56-190	20-148	16-98	44-165	+24.05
Fairyhouse	167-630	27	82-276	36-115	11-91	4-48	34-100	-141.59
Leopardstown	131-511	26	63-209	38-125	10-84	3-44	17-49	-41.49
Thurles	108-366	30	60-171	34-122	2-13	2-13	10-47	-56.37
Navan	101-316	32	46-136	32-82	2-19	1-23	20-56	-28.66
Gowran Park	100-307	33	52-134	20-59	3-28	4-35	21-51	+21.93
Cork	95-290	33	47-137	21-39	7-38	1-15	19-61	-22.52
Limerick	92-266	35	46-132	25-66	4-11	1-13	16-44	-17.46
Clonmel	75-226	33	33-97	20-58	4-12	0-5	18-54	-0.47
Naas	67-237	28	31-99	15-55	3-23	2-13	16-47	-14.63
Tramore	53-152	35	26-67	12-36	2-12	0-6	13-31	-2.83
Galway	53-239	22	25-58	7-32	6-63	3-42	12-44	-47.40
Kilbeggan	51-143	36	23-57	7-22	1-9	1-9	19-46	+10.07
Listowel	44-186	24	13-48	7-19	10-49	0-26	14-44	-22.38
Tipperary	37-109	34	16-53	8-18	0-7	0-3	13-28	-2.04
Killarney	36-148	24	9-37	9-33	6-41	3-12	9-25	-16.76
Downpatrick	35-122	29	16-59	4-20	0-5	1-2	14-36	-24.24
Ballinrobe	33-124	27	18-54	3-21	0-14	1-8	11-27	-38.60
Sligo	32-69	46	19-38	0-2	2-9	0-0	11-20	-1.73
Wexford (rh)	25-98	26	14-44	3-8	0-4	0-4	8-38	-46.05
Down Royal	20-66	30	13-42	2-13	1-3	0-0	4-8	-14.25
Roscommon	20-74	27	6-24	4-13	1-6	0-3	9-28	-2.21
Bellewstown	16-55	29	11-29	0-0	1-17	0-0	4-9	-10.90
Wexford	10-38	26	4-15	3-10	0-1	2-4	1-8	+2.19
Curragh	4-8	50	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-8	+12.25
Dundalk (AW)	1-5	20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-5	-1.50
Tralee	0-9	0	0-5	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2	-9.00

Number of horses racing for the stable **804** Total winning prize-money **21,988,331.11** 



#### MARK AND SARA BRADSTOCK

Coneygree

10-year-old gelding by Karinga Bay (sire) out of Plaid Maid (dam) Owner: The Max Partnership Form figures: 11/1/23-P Racing Post Rating: 178c Official rating: 165c

It was a series of mishaps at Wetherby – he made a mistake because of the sun and then he overreached. Thank god Nico [De Boinville] pulled him up. He's sound now but whether he runs in the Ladbrokes Trophy is in the balance, otherwise there's an open handicap at Cheltenham on December 15, with a view to going back for the trials meeting in January. He's definitely still got it but we just have to run him when he's right.

#### Flintham

8g Kayf Tara - Plaid Maid The Rasher Partnership 010/42P-

RPR 144h 143c OR 144h 139c Won't run on anything faster than good to soft because that jars him. Would have a chance off a low weight in the Ladbrokes Trophy if it went heavy but would have to have a run first. Has some smart form on very soft ground and was the moral victor of the Reynoldstown as the jockey on the winner broke the whip rules.

#### **GAVIN CROMWELL**

#### Jer's Girl

5m Jeremy - African Scene JP McManus 125F-42 RPR 148h OR 146h

We were happy with her performance behind Apple's Jade, who is undoubtedly an exceptional horse. We have no major plan with our mare but we'll try to keep her to her own sex as far as we can, although there's actually nothing between now and Christmas confined to mares that she's qualified for as she's a Grade 1 winner. With that in mind she could go to Leopardstown for its Christmas meeting but it's unlikely she'll run before that. I actually think she'd appreciate a bit of better ground than she had at Navan – she was a little bit stuck in it

#### Espoir D'Allen

3g Voix Du Nord - Quadanse JP McManus 1-11 RPR 129h OR -He's been absolutely brilliant

- we can't fault him so far.

'Coneygree's definitely still got it'

He'll more than likely to head to Fairyhouse for the Graded juvenile hurdle next month. He's one we're looking forward to but we'll take things one step at a time, hoping he continues to progress.

#### Lady Ischia

5m Ğetaway - Summer Flight James O'Rourke & Mrs Mary O'Rourke 2-1

RPR 1136 OR -

I think she's well above average. She loves proper Irish winter ground and will probably go to the mares' Listed bumper at Navan in two weeks. She was good in winning her bumper at Naas last week and she should come on plenty for that run. She's a nice big scopey mare who jumps well. Hopefully she has a bright future.

#### Raz De Mare

12g Shaanmer - Diyala III James J Swan 2UPO-F2 RPR 153c OR 138c

He ran a great race in the Cork Grand National and just bumped into one who looked well handicapped. He'll be heading back to the Welsh National, a race in which he finished second last year to Native River. All his enthusiasm still seems to be there, he has such heart. He's only a small horse who is slow but willing.

#### KEITH DALGLEISH

#### Niceandeasy

4g Kalanisi - High Priestess Straightline Bloodstock 1-11

RPR 115h OR -

He's done nothing wrong – it was slightly different ground at Hexham last time and he probably wants it wetter but he still won. We'll probably enter him for the French Furze novice hurdle at Newcastle then see what happens after that. He'll get 3m eventually.

#### Mirsaale

7g Sir Percy - String Quartet J Fyffe 94-1314

RPR 140h OR 139h

jumps considering the heavy ground didn't really suit him. It never really happened for him in the November Handicap back on the Flat and I'll give him a month then pick a

Ran quite well last time over

back on the Flat and I'll give him a month then pick a handicap hurdle – when he gets his conditions, he delivers for you.

#### Senor Lombardy

4g Milan - Killoughey Babe Straightline Bloodstock

RPR 124h OR -

Quite a big horse and will get better with time. Did it quite nicely at Kelso recently – that was on good ground and he won his bumper on heavy so he's pretty versatile. His target will probably be the River Don Novices' Hurdle over 3m at Doncaster in January.

#### **DAVID DENNIS**

#### **Deauville Dancer**

6g Tamayuz - Mathool Favourites Racing (Syndication) Ltd 10442411

RPR 113h 134c OR 115h 130c Came back with a cut on his coronet band after winning his fourth handicap chase of the season at Fakenham but likely to go to Doncaster on December 2. A stayer on the Flat and could find a little improvement when stepping up in trip. Won on summer soft at Newton Abbot but wouldn't want the ground too testing.

#### Final Nudge

8g Kayf Tara - Another Shot Corbett Stud 311F6-2

RPR 151c OR 145c

Delighted me in the Badger Ales Chase at Wincanton – the winner had a prep run and that was probably the difference. Jumped very well – he was a little sticky and he's improved in that department – and ran on from the last like a true stayer. The plan is the Welsh Grand National. It's tailormade for him with the soft ground right up his street, and he'd go straight there as he goes well fresh.

#### Mister Washington

4g Vinnie Roe - Anna Bird Mrs J Dennis & Miss S Dennis 1 (point-to-point form) RPR -

Quite immature but won his only point-to-point in Cornwall last spring. Working well and being aimed at a bumper around Christmas time. I like his attitude and he has plenty of potential.

#### Roman Flight

9g Antonius Pius - Flight Sequence Favourites Racing Ltd 491410-

RPR 150c OR 142c

Was being aimed at Cheltenham last season until he had a slight tendon strain and is likely to be back in late spring. A decent horse with plenty of ability and I'm sure he'll come back all right. Aintree is a realistic target.

#### ROSE DOBBIN

#### Coole Hall

5g Flemensfirth - Coole Assembly Mr & Mrs Duncan Davidson

RPR 127h OR 135h

A deceptive type as he's very relaxed but he's pretty decent. Ran really well under a penalty at Kelso as the winner's pretty good and he'd prefer softer ground. Will run in the French Furze Novices' Hurdle >>> Continues page 2

#### STABLE TOUR XTRA

▶From front page at Newcastle on December 2 if it rains. He's run well on good but he's not the quickest and will be better on softer. Will make a nice chaser next season.

#### Jonniesofa

7g Well Made - Lucky Sarah R & Mrs A Houghton & A Houghton 21219/1

RPR 140h 139c OR 137h 138c
We're waiting for the Paris Pike
Novices' Chase for him at Kelso
next month as that's a good
target, then there's a handicap
chase for him at Haydock over
Christmas. We were delighted
he came back and won as he
did at Carlisle over just 2m, it
was brilliant. He's a stayer and
all his best form is on ground
that's soft or worse. We always
expected him to make a good
chaser and fingers crossed we
can keep him right.

#### **BRIAN ELLISON**

#### **Definitly Red**

8g Definite Article - The Red Wench PJ Martin 31U1P-3
RPR 148h 162c OR 147h 158c Didn't like the ground at Wetherby when third in the Charlie Hall as he's such a good-moving horse. But he's come out of it really well and goes to Aintree for the Many Clouds Chase on December 9 and we'll take it race by race with him.

#### Forest Bihan

6g Forestier - Katell Bihan P J Martin 1152-1P RPR 143h 163c OR 137h 158c

He's better than he showed in the Haldon Gold Cup at Exeter. He didn't perform round there, the ground was heavy and he didn't like it. He'll be out again around Boxing Day, possibly in the 2m chase at Kempton. He has so much speed. He's still a nice horse.

#### Ravenhill Road

6g Exit To Nowhere - Zafarella P J Martin 11-1 RPR 122h OR -

He's a proper horse, a machine. We're taking it steady with him and his forte is going to be when he goes over fences, but he's won two bumpers and a hurdle. We could be looking at Cheltenham or Aintree, or the Scottish National meeting at Ayr, in the longer term. He's got plenty of speed and he'll stay at 2m or 2m4f for the time being.

#### **JAMES EWART**

#### Aristo Du Plessis

7g Voix Du Nord - J'Aime Mrs J M Dodd 3584P-1 RPR 148h 80c OR 133h He's back and I hope we're where we should be with him. He's comes out of his

'Ravenhill Road is a proper horse, a machine'





him. He's a fair bit lower over fences than hurdles and things probably didn't go right for him last year, our string perhaps weren't in flying form but the horses seem to going well at the moment. Hopefully he can stay on the right road between now and Christmas.

#### Costard Watt

in 2016.

5g Domedriver - Roxane Du Bois *The Craig Farm Syndicate* 3 (point-to-point form) - He was third in a point-to-point in Ireland before we bought him and he's very classy. He'll run in a bumper then go straight over hurdles and he looks an exciting prospect.

win at Wetherby well and he's

shown a lot of va va voom on

the gallops since, which is

what he weren't seeing last

season. He'll either go back

to Wetherby or to Doncaster

to the Hogmanay Hurdle at

Musselburgh, which he won

but all roads probably lead

#### Jassas

5g Fuisse - Sylverina Mrs J M Dodd 7/42-1 RPR 108h OR -

He won a 2m Flat race in France and was second over hurdles at Compiegne before joining us then won at Newcastle on his first run for us. He has lots of scope and looks like a Saturday horse at home.

#### **ALAN FLEMING**

#### **Gwencily Berbas**

6g Nickname - Lesorial Barry Connell 6/426-21 RPR 137c OR 134c

He's going to run before the Paddy Power at Christmas, but that will be the main aim for him. We're absolutely delighted with this horse. He's had a little wind job since he won at Roscommon and we've been really thrilled with

#### Hurricane Darwin

7g Westerner - Poetics Girl Barry Connell 8F-4011 RPR 134h 134c OR 127h 133c He was good over hurdles Clonmel last time but I felt

He was good over hurdles at Clonmel last time but I felt he was better before that over fences. He runs in the Troytown Chase next.

#### Massey's Wood

5g Black Sam Bellamy - Reivers Moon Barry Connell 12 RPR 123h OR -

There were no excuses after Roscommon last time. He hacked around in a bumper at Listowel on his debut in a no-contest really, but I do believe he'll make a lovely 3m chaser. In time he'll make a really nice horse, he's very honest, stays really well and jumps brilliantly. He's going to win loads of races.

#### Suncroft

5g Flemensfirth - Mrs Masters Barry Connell 4-212 RPR 125h OR -

His bumper form looks all right but I'm hoping he can mature and grow into himself. He'll win a maiden hurdle and will probably go chasing after that – he's a very good jumper. He'll hold his own at that level for the time being.

#### Tully East

7g Shantou - Ghillie's Bay Barry Connell 621P-46 RPR 149c OR 144c He ran a really brave race in the BetVictor Gold Cup at Cheltenham but the rain just ruined our chances. We were hoping for goodish ground which is what he needs but it wasn't to be, although we were delighted with him. He'll definitely be going back there for something in March. In the meantime he could run in one of the big handicap chases but he has a nice mark over hurdles too and we could well mix his campaign.

#### SHARK HANLON

#### **Another Cyclone**

6g Stowaway - Hurricane Debbie Mrs A F Mee 4/2/ RPR 112b

He's Hidden Cyclone's brother and has been a long time off after two good runs in bumpers. We're hoping to have him back for a bumper somewhere over Christmas and we'll take if from there. He's had his problems but has plenty of ability.

#### **Mighty Stowaway**

6g Štowaway - The Mighty Matron Mrs A F Mee 2/2263-2 RPR 122h OR 121h

I thought he ran a cracker at Punchestown on Sunday – we were just touched off by a better horse on the day, and the horse who beat him [Dom Dolo] could be very good. I think we'll probably go chasing with our fellow now and I'm

really looking forward to him jumping a fence. I think he'll stay all day.

#### ANTHONY HONEYBALL

#### Fountains Windfall

7g Passing Glance - Fountain Crumble The Fountains Partnership 73111-5 RPR 149h OR 146h

Won on lovely spring ground at Aintree last April but it was tacky and slow at Wetherby in the West Yorkshire Hurdle. If he was a real Stayers' Hurdle horse he probably had to be bang there even on ground he didn't like so he's going chasing. We've schooled him over fences and he jumps superbly and he should take a lot of beating in a novice chase, at the end of this month or the beginning of December. He could be a horse for a big handicap in the spring or he might even make an RSA Chase horse.

#### Regal Encore

9g King's Theatre - Go On Eileen JP McManus PP1P8-0 RPR 153c OR 150c

Ran very well in the Grand National, coming from quite a long way back, and looked as though there's potential to be closer than he was so we want to get him back there for another go at it. We're letting him get over his comeback outing at Ascot and he could go for the Ladbrokes Trophy or he could wait a week and go back to Aintree for the Becher Chase.

#### Tacenda

5m Flemensfirth - Tordasia Return Ta Senda

33-1 RPR 129c OR 132c

Won at Fontwell and looks as though she'll sit up there with the best of the chasing mares. Could go for a Listed mares' novice chase at Warwick or another at Newbury next month. She'll want 3m and soft ground and she has no experience as she got an injury at the wrong time. She's bound to improve.

#### **NEIL KING**

#### Lil Rockerfeller

6g Hard Spun - Layounne Davies Smith Govier & Brown 22420-3

RPR 166h OR 160h

Goes to Ascot on Saturday for the Coral Hurdle, which he was second in last year, then for the Long Walk back there. Needed his first run to wake his mind up and he's back in good order. Best with an uphill finish and his obvious target is the Stayers' Hurdle again. It's hard to imagine he'll improve again this season but he's the third highest rated staying hurdler in the country.

#### Zeroeshadesofgrey

8g Portrait Gallery - Hazy Rose Mrs J K Buckle 2723P-5 RPR 142h 140c OR 130h 130c

RPR 142h 140c OR 130h 130c Ran well for a long way at Wetherby but the jockey said he's crying out for 3m. Will probably go to Uttoxeter or Ffos Las for a 3m hurdle before a return to fences at Doncaster in the second week of December. Has one or two Racing Post Tuesday, November 21, 2017







little issues that affected his jumping last season and my horses were wrong last year but we've been working on his jumping and it seems better at home than it was.

#### GRAEME McPHERSON

#### Ami Desbois

7g Dream Well - Baroya Epds Racing Partnership 12 & Partner 23151-1 RPR 145h OR 143h

Won on his first run over fences at Wetherby. We always thought he'd make as good a chaser – and he wasn't a bad hurdler. Quick enough to run well over 2m4f but 3m over fences will be his forte. There are a couple of races at Newbury that would suit and if he keeps running well we will think about the festival.

#### Norman Stanley

5g Flemensfirth - Ballerina Laura Graeme P McPherson Unraced

Nicknamed Fletch since he joined the yard, hence the name. Brother to Werenearlyoutofit, who I trained and was fragile but good, and this lad is even better – he's a bit bigger and stronger. Has the ability to win a bumper then will go straight over hurdles.

#### Skipthecuddles

6g Westerner - Autumn Sky TyroneForSam 42180-P RPR 139h OR 135h Stays hurdling this season. Disappointing first time out at Ayr but definitely needed it and has come on an absolute bundle – does everything so easily at home and he'd fooled me he was closer to 100 per cent than he was. Crying out for 3m and his only try over the trip came at the end of a long season. Could go for the Betfair Stayers' Handicap Hurdle at Haydock or to Sandown the week after.

#### JIMMY MOFFATT

#### Altruism

7g Authorized - Bold Assumption VR Vyner-Brooks, K Bowron 112-P81

RPR 145h 142c OR 140h 135c

Just coming back into full work and should be out in something like the Morebattle Hurdle at Kelso and then go for those big handicaps at the back-end. A more natural hurdler than he is chaser, although he broke the track record first time over fences at Cartmel. Won over 2m6f at Cartmel but got a very canny ride from Charlotte Jones and has plenty of speed.

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#### Boa Island

7g Trans Island - Eskimo Kiss David Thompson 661P-07 RPR 136c OR 130c

Came from Paul Nicholls, his last three runs weren't great but he was a three-time chase winner before that and I love horses like him, quality animals from bigger yards who want a bit of TLC. He's a big fish in a little pond now, rather than a little fish in a big pond. A 3m chaser who doesn't want extremes of going.

#### Highland Lodge

11g Flemensfirth - Supreme Von Pres David Thompson 721P/2P-RPR 150c OR 138c

He's 11 but has no miles on the clock - I don't mind having an 11-year-old Mercedes that's only done 30,000 miles! We're absolutely delighted with him and he'll go straight for the Becher Chase again. He's working every bit as well as he was last year. The race suits him and so does going there fresh - it's worked a treat the last two years. As for the Grand National, we were always up there last season and in hindsight we'd like to have dropped him out as he was going three strides too fast for

#### **Morning Royalty**

10 g King's Theatre - Portryan Native *Mrs Eileen M Milligan* 321-123

RPR 132h 142c OR 132h 138c An absolute star for us and will be out next month. Has no real target as he's won from 2m to 3m, over hurdles and fences but we're looking at 2m6f/3m handicap chases and he'll do

#### Strong Resemblance

6g Tikkanen - Shenamar Countrywide Vehicle Rentals Taxi Hire 52436 RPR 108h OR 107h

I can't wait for him to go over fences and that will be very soon. I was never a chase jockey but even I know he's a chaser, he's about 17 hands and once he goes over 3m and over fences he'll give us a lot

#### **MOUSE MORRIS**

#### Alpha Des Obeaux

RPR 162c, OR 157c

7g Saddler Maker - Omega Des Obeaux Gigginstown House Stud 486-241

He's come out of the Clonmel Oil Chase last Thursday well and it was good to see him do what we thought he was capable of. He's stuck a little bit in the middle now – there are no more similar races really until the Kinloch Brae at Thurles in January. He might go back into handicaps, his options are limited and we'll have to go wherever we can find races for him. If he improves enough, he might go back into a Grade 1.

#### **Baily Moon**

6g Milan - Givehertime
R A Scott
F-21419
RPR 131c OR 128c
He won a couple over the
summer and we'll start
off again with him around

Christmas time. He prefers better ground and the best of him may be seen in the summer months.

#### Pottsie

4g Robin Des Champs - Present Gesture Alan Potts

RPR 87, OR -

He could be one worth following. He cost €250,000 and is related to Rhinestone Cowboy and Wichita Lineman. We started him off in a bumper at the Punchestown festival, and although he was well beaten, he's one we're looking forward to.

#### Rogue Angel

9g Presenting - Carrigeen Kohleria Gigginstown House Stud 95PP-96 RPR 150c OR 135c

He didn't run too badly last time at Cork behind an impressive winner on bottomless ground. He's probably within the handicapper's grasp at the moment but he's been a great servant. We'll try again with him and he's one for the Nationals, whether that be Aintree or Fairyhouse.

#### Thunder And Roses

9g Presenting - Glen Empress Gigginstown House Stud 7226U4-RPR 150c OR 145c

He ran very well at Fairyhouse on his final start last season to finish fourth in the Irish Grand National – a race he won in 2015 – and we'll bring him across to Aintree for a crack at the big one this season.

Further success awaits (clockwise from top left): Lil Rockerfeller, Rogue Angel, Definitly Red, Audacious Plan, Tully East and Boa Island

#### **AMY MURPHY**

#### Kalashnikov

4g Kalanisi - Fairy Lane Paul Murphy 1-1

RPR 129h OR -

He's bounced out of Wetherby and is in really good order. He's still big and raw with plenty of learning to do before he steps up in grade in the new year, so he'll probably go to Doncaster on December 2 for a 2m novice hurdle. If he keeps going the way he has we'll be aiming at Cheltenham – he'll want further in time and, although he'll be entered in the Neptune and the Supreme, I'd be leaning towards the Neptune now.

#### **Mercian Prince**

6g Midnight Legend - Bongo Fury Paul Murphy 11F43-3 RPR 141c OR 135c

I hope he'll be one of my flagbearers this season. He always takes a run and having started off in a 0-140 chase at Stratford he'll probably go for the Grand Sefton at Aintree. He's jumped round Auteuil so I think he'll enjoy it.

#### RICHARD NEWLAND

#### **Audacious Plan**

8g Old Vic - North Star Poly ValueRacingClub.co.uk 0P9-211 RPR 129h 133c OR 122h 127c

Seems to be thriving. He's in good form after his Durham National win and will probably go to Ascot on Friday for a 0-140 £25,000 chase back over 3m. Well suited by good ground and doesn't want it too testing.

#### **Rock Gone** 9g Winged Love - Guillem

Chris Stedman & Mark Albon F/6137-2
RPR 128h 145c OR 135h 136c
Has always been talented but quite injury prone – leg issues mean he's been lightly raced.
Thrilled us with his run at Ascot, came out of that well and will go for the Rehearsal Chase at Newcastle, or the Silver Cup back at Ascot. Three miles and soft ground would be perfect – I'm not sure if he'll

#### Royale Knight

get further.

11g King's Theatre - Gardana CE Stedman & R J Corsan 4/5640-4
RPR 123h 148c OR 116h 136c
Missed the Durham National as the ground was too fast and could go for a 3m4f chase at Haydock. We need to find out if he's as good as he was but I

wouldn't write him off yet.

#### West Of The Edge

9g Westerner - Bermuda Bay ValueRacingClub.co.uk 11271-3 RPR 117h 132c OR 119h 128c Ran a very pleasing comeback race over hurdles on ground quicker than he wants at Sedgefield and goes for the

quicker than he wants at
Sedgefield and goes for the
Borders National at Kelso. That
ought to suit him, although his

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## STABLE TOUR XTRA

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owner claims that no horse by Westerner has ever won over 4m so we'll see – we've always thought it would suit him.

#### JEDD O'KEEFFE

#### **American Craftsman**

3g Mastercraftsman - Quiet Mouse The Fatalists

RPR 117h OR -

Has taken to hurdling really well and ran better than I'd expected in the Wensleydale at Wetherby. We'll keep it simple and try to win a novice hurdle with a penalty, then the longterm goal could be the Fred Winter.

#### Sam Spinner

5g Black Sam Bellamy - Dawn Spinner Caron & Paul Chapman 2/1211-2 RPR 141h OR 139h

We were thrilled with his comeback run in the Silver Trophy Hurdle at Chepstow. He's still a bit of a baby and he'd have gone close there if it hadn't been for greenness. There's more to come and he'll be fairly useful when he's the finished article. The plan is to go for the stayers' hurdle at Haydock on November 25.

#### JOHN QUINN

#### **Chebsey Beau** 7g Multiplex - Chebsey Belle

Kent, Greaves, Dawson RPR 129h 126c OR 124h 124c Not a deep-ground horse and he'll be back in the spring, when he'll certainly be one to keep on the right side. He's only had one run over fences and he won but he's a very good jumper and we'll be leaning towards novice handicaps at around 2m4f. He'll pay his way.

#### **Master Of Irony**

with him.

5g Makfi - Mother Of Pearl Highfield Racing 6121-31 RPR 134h OR 133h A grand horse who goes to Newbury for the Gerry Feilden Hurdle for secondseason novices on Ladbrokes Trophy day. The race he won at Wetherby had a solid look to it and we feel he's up to that and it will tell us where we are



Last week's cross-country winner Kingswell Theatre (orange) is likely to be heading back to Cheltenham next month

#### **Project Bluebook**

4g Sinndar - Apperella JP McManus 11341-68 RPR 138h OR 143h He's done well for us, winning a Grade 2 at Fairyhouse. Has been in all year and will need to have a break some time then come back in the spring. Not one for bottomless ground, as it was at Cheltenham for the Greatwood, but he's grand and we hope there will be a big one

in him somewhere down the

#### **MICHAEL SCUDAMORE**

#### **Kingswell Theatre**

8g King's Theatre - Cresswell Native John J Murray P0107-1 RPR 143c OR 136c He has taken to the crosscountry fences at Cheltenham nicely and we'll probably aim at the next cross-country in December. He's rated 136 and if he continues like this he could creep into the Grand National, which would be a dream. Even though he is not the biggest, we know he stays well and jumps well

#### Mysteree

Mme Lynne Maclennan 48/1P12 RPR 142c OR 138c Had a good season in 2016-17 and heads straight for the Welsh Grand National, We'll try and get a racecourse gallop in but he's won first time out the last three seasons. He showed in the Eider and the Midland National that he stays very well and he goes on heavy

ground – they are the two

things you need at Chepstow.

9g Gold Well - Hillside Native

The Grand National would be the dream if everything went

#### SANDY THOMSON

#### **Harry The Viking**

12g Sir Harry Lewis - Viking Flame Jim Beaumont & Quona Thomson 17449-1

RPR 149c OR 128c

In grand form after his win at Carlisle and heads for the Borders National again. He's gone up 7lb, which was what I expected, and the biggest concern is that the way Rachael McDonald is going she'll lose 2lb of her claim before we get there!

#### Mcgowan's Pass

6g Central Park - Function Dreamer Mrs A E Lee 21-

RPR 113b A nice bumper winner last season who's just about ready to start over hurdles. Not the biggest but has shown a lot of ability and has schooled well. We hope he'll be a nice novice hurdler and we're looking forward to him

#### Seeyouatmidnight

9g Midnight Legend - Morsky Baloo Mrs A M Thomson 173/1P2-RPR 157h 161c OR 149h 154c It wasn't a bad suspensory he had but we weren't taking any chances and we weren't going to rush him. He's back in work and we hope he'll run in February then possibly go for the Ivan Straker Chase at Kelso and then the Grand National. Aintree is the plan and you'd hope he's the right sort - recent winners have all won or been placed in one of the big staying chases and I'm happy that he'll stay and jump.

#### Seldom Inn

9g Double Trigger - Portland Row Seldom Inn Partnership 12F12P-RPR 129h 155c OR 135h 145c Did really well last season and goes to Haydock on Saturday for the £50,000 handicap chase on the end of the card. We'll learn a bit more there about whether he'll jump a bigger track. He stays well and though I used to think he was a good-ground horse he's won a lot of races on the soft.

#### IAN WILLIAMS

#### Ballyalton

10g Pierre - Almilto John Westwood 62F15/64 RPR 149h 153c OR 138h 143c Has done nothing but please since his comeback at Aintree. It's great to get horses like him back on track. Though he lacked the chase experience of one or two of his rivals at Cheltenham in the BetVictor Gold Cup, he ran a good race to be fourth on ground that didn't suit him.

#### **Byron Flyer**

6g Byron - Nursling Anchor Men 180155-RPR 137h OR 133h Having a winter break after a tough summer on the Flat, he prefers a sound surface and will probably come back in the spring to have a look at better-ground hurdle races. He improved enormously on the Flat and is probably quite nicely handicapped for something like the Coral Cup or even the Pertemps should he be qualified.

#### **Gas Line Boy**

11g Blueprint - Jervia The Three Graces 31445-F RPR 153c OR 142c

Unlucky at Aintree last month and we've left him alone since as he runs well fresh. Schooled well last week and likely to go back there for either the Becher Chase or possibly the Grand Sefton - some of his best form has been over shorter trips. Everything is geared round going back to the Grand National – he ran a great race for fifth place last season although I'm not sure whether he really stayed the trip.

#### **RICHARD** WOOLLACOTT

#### **Beer Goggles**

6g Oscar - Tynelucy Bradley Partnership 311-213 RPR 153h 106c OR 152h 127c Has been a wonderful horse for us, tiny but a real trier. Ran

quite well at Aintree and with his rating he's probably going to have to go for the Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot. Being small he's not suited to big weights in handicaps. Chasing is very much plan B because he's not as good – and he's up to 127 over fences and he couldn't win off 110 before.

### Lalor

5g It's Gino - Laviola D G Staddon 1211-2 RPR 114h OR -

A lovely horse who won the Grade 2 bumper at Aintree last April. Possibly didn't have the run of the race on his hurdling debut at Exeter but learned a lot and came out bucking and kicking, so we're looking forward to his next run.

#### **HARRY** WHITTINGTON

6g Montmartre - Oh La Miss P J Dixon 3/1860-1

RPR 134h 138c OR 132h 137c Thrilled us at Ludlow - you can't really expect them to do it that well first time out on their chasing debut. He's best fresh so he'll have four or five runs. spaced out, this season. He goes next for the 0-140 chase at Newbury that we won with Arzal a couple of years ago and something like the Kingmaker at Warwick could suit him well. He may just improve for going up in trip towards the end of the season.

#### Charlemar

5g Ballingarry - Passemare The Hennessy Six 11154P-RPR 131h OR 130h

Very promising. Had a suspensory niggle but should be back around mid-February. Aidan Coleman said last season he was on the weak side but he's done a lot of growing. Sticks to hurdling and could

be aimed at one of the festival

races but we'll be half-thinking

about chasing for next season.

#### **Emerging Force**

7g Milan - Danette Webb Holt Carpenter Tucker P1145-8

RPR 148h 152c OR 146h 138c Was having his first race since April at Ascot and taking on seasoned chasers who'd had a run, yet he might have sneaked into a place had he not made a mistake at the penultimate fence. Will come on a bundle and heads for the Becher Chase – we've always felt he's a National-type horse, he's an

excellent jumper and he shapes

#### **Simply The Betts**

like a proper stayer.

4g Arcadio - Crimson Flower Kate & Andrew Brooks

RPR 111h

A brother to Crimson Ark who shows plenty at home and won a bumper at Market Rasen that's working out very nicely. Has had a growing spurt but will start over hurdles next month. His work at home puts him in the same mould as Arzal - he's got a lot of class and hopefully he can display on the racecourse what he does at home.

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