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Gordon Elliott

Our 2019-20 series starts with a visit to the jumps powerhouse seeking a historic Grand National hat-trick with Tiger Roll



STABLE TOUR GORDON ELLIOTT

GORDON ELLIOTT says he's dealing with the best bunch of horses he has ever had.

He won 38 bumpers in Ireland last season, which goes some way in illustrating the amount of young talent he's got within his disposal for the season ahead. Two of those talented performers, Abacadabras and Daylight Katie, have already made a successful transition to jumping hurdles, while Champagne Classic and Bigbadandbeautiful are other classy performers who have managed to get on the scoresheet as Elliott started the jumps season proper in typically good form.

There are an exciting band of bumper horses to look forward to again, with Hamundarson and Pencilfulloflead picked out as particularly nice types.

The 41-year-old is also readying a star-studded team, which includes Envoi Allen, Malone Road, Samcro and Delta Work, at the two-day meeting at Down Royal next month, when he expects his campaign to crank up another notch or two.

The future looks bright with such strength in depth among the novice hurdle and chase ranks, but Elliott will do well to come across another horse like Tiger Roll, the star of the show at Cullentra House Stables.

A large part of Elliott's season will revolve around getting Tiger Roll back to Cheltenham, where he will bid to record his fifth festival success in the cross-country chase before trying to equal Red Rum's record of three Grand National successes.

INTERVIEW BY BRIAN SHEERIN

Abacadabras

5-year-old gelding Davidoff (sire) - Cadoubelle Des As (dam)
Owner: Gigginstown House Stud
Form figures: 1R04-21
Racing Post Rating: 132 (hurdles); Official rating -

He's one of our speedier novice hurdlers. He ran very well in the big Grade 1 bumpers at Cheltenham and Punchestown. I thought he was actually a little unlucky at Punchestown as he just got caught in a pocket at a crucial stage and they got first run on him on the day. He jumped a bit noisily when winning on his hurdling debut at Gowran Park but he's jumped very well at home since then. He'll go for the Grade 3 For Auction Novice Hurdle at Navan [November 10] next and we'll take things from there.

Alpha Des Obeaux

9g Saddler Maker - Omega Des Obeaux
Gigginstown House Stud
21422-2
RPR 168c OR 159c

He'll come on a lot for his comeback at Punchestown last week, where he ran a cracker to finish second in the Grade 3 chase. The Aintree National was the plan last year and he pulled a muscle ten days

Remarkable Tiger Roll heads stellar cast of stars out to grab the spotlight

before the race. All roads lead back to Aintree with him again but there are plenty of other nice races we can run him in throughout the winter.

Andy Dufresne

5g Doyen - Daytona Lily
JP McManus
1/1
RPR 129b

He didn't beat a whole lot in his bumper at Down Royal but he did it well and he's still not the finished article. He's a big chaser for further down the line and he goes novice hurdling this year. He should be ready to start soon and we're looking forward to him. We think plenty of him.

Ard Abhainn

5m Jeremy - Sheer Frustration
Maura Gittins
1(ptp)-14
RPR 108b

A nice mare, she'll rock on over hurdles and jumps very well. She got very strong over the summer and will have no trouble picking up black-type over hurdles. She ran on really well to finish fourth in the Listed mares' bumper at Gowran Park on her return but she's a mare who probably wants more of a trip.

Avanzi

4g Aizavoski - Royal Luso
R A Bartlett
3
RPR 96b

He was keen when third in a bumper at Ballinrobe but he gallops well at home and he should be up to winning his bumper.

Barra

8m Vendangeur - Oasaka
Gigginstown House Stud
-P26FOF
RPR 141c OR 136c

An unlucky mare, she fell in the Midlands National at Kilbeggan when it looked as though she was going to hose up and she got a fall in the Kerry National at Listowel as well. She could come back and run in some of those smaller-field mares' races over fences.

Batts Rock

6g Fastnet Rock - Be My Queen
Noel Moran/Valerie Moran
345-321
RPR 128h OR 124h

He has an engine but his jumping has let him down. He's well enough handicapped if he can put it all together and he can mix and match between hurdles and running on the Flat.

Battleoverdoyen

6g Doyen - Battle Over
Gigginstown House Stud
1/11P-
RPR 144h OR 144h

He schooled after racing at Punchestown last week and jumped very well. Nothing happened for him at Cheltenham last season - he didn't travel over well. He was never travelling in the race and thankfully Jack [Kennedy] pulled him up. He's massive, a real chaser in the making and we've few more exciting novice chase prospects than him in the yard.

Ben Dundee

7g Beneficial - Miss Dundee
Chris Jones
/1PF63-4
RPR 143c OR 138c

He showed good form over fences last season and was placed in the Close Brothers at Cheltenham. I think there could be a nice pot in him this year and he might start off in the Grade 2 second-season novice chase at Down Royal next month.

Bigbadandbeautiful

5g Big Bad Bob - Playing Around
Andrew Bedford
32-11
RPR 116b

She shows nothing at home but is obviously a very classy mare and only does what she has to. It's funny, Jamie Codd got off her after he won on her at Clonmel and said I won't have too many better mares than her this year. She'll go for the Listed mares' bumper at Navan [November 24]. She's the type of mare I wouldn't mind bringing back to the Flat next summer.

Bioverdia

4f Kalanisi - Thats The Lot
Alymer Stud Limited
1-6
RPR 109b

She won her bumper well at Ballinrobe before showing up nicely in a Listed bumper at Punchestown. We could aim her at that Listed bumper at Navan as I think she could be up to getting some black type before we go jumping hurdles with her. She's a nice staying type of mare.

Borice

8g Network - Justice
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
509-111
RPR 144c OR 146c

We gave him a bit of a break after he won the Galway Plate

and he's come back in great form. The plan will be either the Troystown Chase or the Ladbrokes Trophy at Newbury. We'll have to speak with his owners before making a decision. You'd have to think that, long-term, he could be a contender for the Irish or Aintree Grand National.

Braeside

5g Presenting - The Kids Dante
KTDA Racing
222224-
RPR 108b

Placed in three or four bumpers last year, he's really a horse to go chasing further down the line and he starts off in a maiden hurdle over the next few weeks. He jumps well.

Braid Blue

6g Gold Well - Outo'Theblue
P J McBurney
561-111
RPR 145h OR 145h

Been a great money-spinner and will go for a novice hurdle at Cheltenham this week before we give him a break. He doesn't want winter heavy ground.

Campeador

7g Gris De Gris - Royale Video
JP McManus
F1206-3
RPR 154h OR 144h; RPR 140c OR 140c

A horse with a massive engine, he's back cantering away and looks great. We'll mix and match between hurdles and fences with him.

Cartwright

6g High Chaparral - One So Marvellous
Reddytorun Syndicate
/56064-0
RPR 139h OR 134h

He lost his way a little bit for us last season but has schooled well over fences and the plan is to go novice chasing. He'll be effective between 2m to 2m4f.

Champagne Classic

8g Stowaway - Classical Rachel
Gigginstown House Stud
311/32-1
RPR 145c OR 146c

I was very impressed by how he won his beginners' chase at Fairyhouse. He jumped brilliant, was a real professional and Jack just let him coast home. We'll need to have a look at the Drinmore Novice Chase for him now but you'd have to keep an eye on those valuable handicap chases for him as well. He qualifies for the National Hunt Chase at

Cheltenham and that could be the long-term target.

Chosen Mate

6g Well Chosen - Norwich Star
The Northern Four Racing Partnership
1215-P6
RPR 145h OR 142h

I fancied him for the Galway Hurdle, where he clipped heels passing the stands and nearly came down. I ran him back at Listowel and he wasn't beaten far on bad ground. He didn't breathe great at Listowel so we've given him a wind operation. We'll look at some of those nice handicap hurdles with him and he might even make Down Royal next month.

Coko Beach

4g Cokoriko - Solana Beach
Gigginstown House Stud
1932-51
RPR 146h OR 135h

He showed good form last year, finishing second in the Boodles Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham, but he's a horse who grew a lot during the summer and I thought he might need the run a little bit last week. As it happened, the race fell into his lap a little bit, but he's a nice horse for the season and will come on plenty for that win.

Column Of Fire

5g Robin Des Champs - Ghillie's Bay
Gigginstown House Stud
2/13B2-
RPR 129b RPR 129h

He has good bumper form and has picked up experience in

STAR QUALITY

Apple's Jade

7m Saddler Maker - Apple's For Ever
Gigginstown House Stud
11163-5
RPR 168h, OR 162h

She's had a wind operation. Arguably, her form is much better up to and during Christmas than it is afterwards but she's won ten Grade 1s now and you can't take that away from her. The last couple of seasons, for whatever reason, she hasn't been as good after Christmas but if we can win one more Grade 1 with her this year we'd be delighted. Looking back at the Champion Hurdle, she was beaten going to the first hurdle. That wasn't the real Apple's Jade. Whether it's Cheltenham or travelling over to England that's the problem, I don't know. I know she ran a bit better when she was only narrowly beaten at Aintree but we still didn't see the real Apple's Jade there either - she'd have destroyed her Aintree rivals if she was on song. I know a lot was made about the work we did to get her hormones right, but I don't know if we did get them right when you think about how the second half of the season went for her. She's very well at the moment and we're going to go down the tried and tested route with her before worrying about what we do after Christmas, so it'll be the Lismullen Hurdle at Navan followed by the Hatton's Grace at Fairhouse and then maybe the Christmas Hurdle at Leopardstown, all being well.



Apple's Jade: has had a wind op after disappointing at Cheltenham and Aintree

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200 Number of horses



50 Number of staff



2006 Started Training



Total Prize-money 2018-19 **€3,246,894**

Winners in Ireland

2018-19	177
2017-18	210
2016-17	193
2015-16	123
2014-15	92

Profit/Loss to £1 stake

2018-19	-£383.13
2017-18	-£287.03
2016-17	-£285.47
2015-16	-£285.93
2014-15	-£126.35

hurdle races without winning one, which means he still has his novice status for this year. He's ready to start back soon and we rate him.

Coeur Sublime

4g Elusive Pimpernel - Love Knot
Chris Jones
12F423-
RPR 143h OR 145

Second in the Triumph last year, he disappointed us at Fairyhouse but he's a big horse and he just seemed to take a while to grow into himself. He's a classy horse who works very well and we're thinking of starting him back in the Grade 2 hurdle at Down Royal next month [November 1].

Conflated

5g Yeats - Saucy Present
Gigginstown House Stud
F(ptp)0/U241-
RPR 114b

Won a bumper, he jumps well and is ready to start off over hurdles soon.

Cracking Smart

7g Great Pretender - Maya Du Frene
Gigginstown House Stud
2/630-82
RPR 153h OR 148h; RPR 116c

I was disappointed with him at Limerick, where he was second on his chasing debut. I thought he was a bit cowardly at some of his fences if I'm being honest. I'll put headgear back on him now for the next day and I'm hoping we see a different horse as he had been working very well at home prior to Limerick. He's had a

few problems in the past and, whether he was just remembering them at Limerick, I don't know. We'll build his confidence back up as he was a horse we always thought a lot of.

Dallas Des Pictons

6g Spanish Moon - Nadia Des Pictons
Gigginstown House Stud
21120-1
RPR 149h OR 144h; RPR 119c

Second in the Martin Pipe last season, he came out and won his beginners' chase at Gowran Park in what was a very messy race. He'll be a better horse with a lead and he'll probably step up into graded company now.

Daylight Katie

6m Bonbon Rose - Sirani
Coldunell Limited
2313-21
RPR 134h

She jumped great when winning her maiden hurdle at Fairyhouse and the plan is to go for the Grade 3 mares' novice hurdle at Down Royal next month [November 1]. We've always had plenty of regard for her and she wasn't far off some of our best bumper horses last year.

Death Duty

8g Shantou - Midnight Gift
Gigginstown House Stud
U3/111F/
RPR 162c OR 155c

I think Down Royal is going to come a week or two too soon for him. He's a Grade 1-winning novice chaser and

was the apple of our eye before he got injured. We're still hopeful of getting him back but it could be just this side of Christmas before he's out. It's nothing serious that's delaying him, he just had a very small setback, but with a horse like him you can't take any chances so we'll give him all the time he needs.

Definite Plan

7g Definite Article - Miss Kilkeel
James Reilly
/3PPP(ptp)/P-1
RPR 118h

His point-to-point form was terrible but he won a low-grade maiden hurdle at Downpatrick for us first time up. He jumps and stays and, in his own class, he'll win plenty.

Dinons

6g Balko - Beni Abbes
Tim O'Driscoll
P-11431
RPR 148c OR 137c

I'm not sure whether he's a better horse in a smaller field. He doesn't need to make the running but has tended to win a lot of races from the front. He might go to Cheltenham this

week for a novice chase - he's won around there before. He could be a horse for something like the Galway Plate next year as he likes okay ground. He's won eight races and has been a great money-spinner.

Doctor Phoenix

11g Dr Massini - Lowroad Cross
Nick Bradley Racing Club
672P5-U0
RPR 166c OR 147c

A great servant, he's not the easiest horse to place these days but we should have plenty of fun with him again this season. He can be a bit fragile but we do loads of swimming with him and he seems to enjoy that.

Don Diabolo

4g Flemensfirth - Tonaphuca Girl
KTDA Racing
2-

We bought him after he finished second in his point for Colin Bowe. He worked well after racing at Tipperary recently and we're looking forward to running him in a bumper soon.

Dortmund Park

6g Great Pretender - Qena
Gigginstown House Stud
481/59-7
RPR 152h, OR 146h

He's had three wind operations in his career already. He's a Grade 1 winner and he'll be a lovely recruit to chasing but he's a hard horse to keep right.

Duca De Thaix

6g Voix Du Nord - Nouca De Thaix
Gigginstown House Stud
11433-5
RPR 153c OR 150c

He won the Dan Moore last season and he's a horse who bleeds on and off. If he didn't bleed, he'd definitely be a Grade 1 horse. He should pay his way between 2m to 2m4f over fences this season.

Easywork

5g Network - Rivabella De Saisy
Gigginstown House Stud
3
RPR 123b

He's a nice horse who was just a bit green when running a good race in a winners' bumper last season, the form of which has worked out well. He's working well now and we're looking forward to starting him in a bumper.

Eclair De Beaufeu

5g Monitor Closely - Tenebreuse Gemm
Gigginstown House Stud
114U6-2
RPR 138h OR 135h; RPR 134c

He got a terrible ride in the County Hurdle last season. Jack kicked four or five lengths

clear on him turning in and he'd nothing left coming down to the last, where he unseated. If Jack had his time back he'd have ridden him differently. We were happy with his chasing debut at Punchestown last week and he's one to look forward to this season. We haven't got too many two-mile novice chasers but he's one.

Edene D'Arc

5m Maresca Sorrento - Pretty Moon
Kenneth Alexander
23172-F
RPR 126h OR 120h

She fell when in the process of running a nice race behind Tintangle at Fairyhouse and, thankfully, she came out of that very well. We'll look at running her in another beginners' chase in three or four weeks' time.

Elwood

5g Martaline - Robble
Gigginstown House Stud
4/1FP2-2
RPR 139h OR 130h

We gave him a run over hurdles at Downpatrick the other day. The trip wasn't long enough and the ground wasn't soft enough but he didn't jump great. He stayed galloping to the line behind a decent horse who he had to give 7lb to. I think he'll win his share of races. I don't think he's as good as his brother Delta Work, but he has an engine. We could look at running him in a 3m handicap hurdle before going novice chasing.

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DAN SKELTON

'With confidence restored, Ch'tibello might prove up to the highest level'



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

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Colin Tizzard



Our 2019-20 series
continues with a visit
to the powerful
Dorset yard

STABLE TOUR COLIN TIZZARD

THE transition from Dorset dairy farmer to one of jump racing's most powerful trainers has been rapid, and heading into this season Colin Tizzard is armed with a formidable team, one he believes is the strongest he has ever had.

This season's Cheltenham Festival will mark ten years since Tizzard's first winner at the prestigious meeting when Cue Card took the Champion Bumper - his introduction as the flagship horse for a yard that has thrived since that 40-1 success.

Much has changed since that day in 2010. The jockey that afternoon, Joe Tizzard, has since retired and now plays an integral role in the training along with sister Kim, the cows and dairy business have disappeared, and Tizzard has a 120-strong string bursting with talent and potential.

While Cue Card is enjoying a deserved retirement, another star has taken his place in the box he once occupied, Lostintranslation. The Tizzards have dominated the three-mile chasing division in previous years with Thistlecrack and Native River, and his latest challenger has Tizzard purring with excitement.

And while Elegant Escape and Sizing Tennessee collected big staying handicap chases in the Welsh Grand National and Ladbrokes Trophy, the operation has strength across all divisions.

In Elixir De Nutz they have a top-class hurdler and Reserve Tank is one of the leading novice chasers this year. Meanwhile, at the end of last season the Tizzards purchased plenty of expensive point-to-pointers to form a smart group of novice hurdlers.

The early season results have been excellent in comparison to previous years, perhaps highlighting the boost of a new flat gallop built this summer. A big season surely awaits Team Tizzard.

INTERVIEW BY JAMES STEVENS

Ainchea

Six-year-old gelding Flemensfirth (sire) - Lady Petit (dam)
Owner: Ann & Alan Potts Ltd
Form figures: 212F
Racing Post Rating 136 (hurdles)
Official Rating 141h

We'll probably look for a nice handicap hurdle for him somewhere, but we have to go slow with him because he had a real bad injury last season. He's got a massive engine and he seems fine at the moment.

Bally Longford

11g Gold Well - Stay On Line
Ann & Alan Potts Ltd
15233U
RPR 142 (chases) 132h; OR 133c 121h

He had a really good summer, winning twice and been placed. He prefers better ground and this has been the making of him. He's been on the go for a while, so we'll give him a good winter break and come back again next spring. He had a great summer campaign apart from unseating on Sunday.

Powerful team headed by top chasers on the path to golden success

Beaufort West

5g Getaway - Blessingindisguise
Taylor and O'Dwyer
/9462P-0
RPR 126h OR 127h

We've had high expectations for him since he joined us and his form was good last season. He disappointed at Chepstow on his reappearance because we went there thinking he was on quite a workable mark. He is going to have his wind looked at and that could make a difference. But we still think he is well handicapped and hopefully he'll have a good year.

Bold Condoct

5g Stowaway - Vics Miller
John Romans and Terry Warner
Unraced
RPR - OR -

We bought him at the Open meeting at Cheltenham last November after he won a point-to-point - and that form looks quite strong. He has yet to run for us - he had a slight injury which meant we couldn't run him at the end of last season but that won't have done him any harm. He's back in and looks really well. He's a big horse who wants a bit of soft ground. We'll probably start in a novice hurdle in December.

Bramble Brook

9g Kayf Tara - Briery Ann
Brocade Racing
-232242
RPR 126c 115h; OR 122c 111h

He ran a solid race when second at Wincanton the last day and we'll probably head back there with him on November 9.

Butterwick Brook

4g Getaway - Sheriussa
The Butterwick Syndicate
Unraced
RPR - OR -

He's yet to race for us but we're going novice hurdling with him. He goes well in his work and we're looking forward to seeing what he can do on the racecourse.

Carrick Roads

5g Robin Des Champs - Jay Lo
Brocade Racing
0/8421-6
RPR 95c 120h; OR 118c 118h

He ran at Uttoxeter in a really competitive race but he's got that first run under his belt. He improved as the season went on last year and I would expect him to do the same this time as well. He jumped well and had a good blow the last day,

STAR QUALITY

Elixir De Nutz

5g Al Namix - Nutz
Terry Warner
F2111-
RPR 148h OR 153

He has grown and strengthened well during the summer, so we have high expectations for this season. He won the Tolworth last season but had a little injury a few days before Cheltenham, which means he's out until December. He is cantering at the moment and looks well. We plan on campaigning him for the Champion Hurdle, so we will run him in all of the trials just to see if he can move up another gear in that grade and hope he will be competitive. Last season was basically his first season racing and he won his last four races, including a Grade 1. He's one of the best hurdlers we've had, although he's big enough to go over fences. He gains a length nearly every hurdle he goes over - he is fast and fluent - and he's got real ability and class. He will need to carry on from where he left off and improve again - he might not be in that league but there is every chance he could be. Nobody knows where these horses are going to end up.

so I'm sure there's plenty of chases to be had with him.

Copperhead

5g Sulamani - How's Business
Mrs GC Pritchard
9/03811-
RPR 127h OR 125h

He finished off last season

RACE IN FOCUS

Ladbrokes Trophy

This is one of the big early season targets for us and we have a number of horses we plan on taking there. Robinsfirth would have a decent chance if the ground is right, while Mister Malarky (pictured) has the perfect profile for the race. We could also run Elegant Escape.

really well, winning his last two, and we'd like to think there's more to come. We'll look at novice handicaps over 3m for him and he should be running sometime soon. He jumps very well and he has summered great too - he's grown into a strong horse who should have a good year.

Darlac

6g Lucarno - Pail Mail
Mrs GC Pritchard
277P-2F
RPR 135c 135h; OR 134c 134h

He was the first runner of our winter horses when he was second at Fontwell and we were pleased with that run, but then he fell at Plumpton. He's fine following his fall, it was just a novicey mistake. He would've stayed on but he'll live to fight another day. He was placed at Grade 2 level last season, although he wasn't really himself in the second half of last season. We think he should be competitive enough in the novice chase division this season. He jumped well enough last season, too, so we're hopeful he'll have a good year.

Drinks Interval

7m King's Theatre - Dame Fonteyn
The Land Value Partnership
23PFP-P
RPR 144c 124h; OR 133c 125h

She had a bit of a busy campaign last year and sort of paid the price for it. She looked poised to win a Listed race at Market Rasen before falling and then finished second to Magic Of Light at Newbury. She was a bit disappointing on her return, she just chucked the towel in at Chepstow. There's a nice mares' programme so we have plenty of options throughout the year for her - she should be competitive in those races. She's a tough and game mare who goes well at home and is

suited to a sounder surface. What she doesn't have in size, she makes up for in heart.

Duc Kauto

6g Ballingarry - Kauto Lorette
Ann and Alan Potts Ltd
81P00-1
RPR 100c 94h; OR 96c 96h

He won at Wincanton on his return and it was a lovely performance. He did it nicely and travelled and jumped really well. He's had his wind op and I think there's been a bit of improvement from that, so he could go in another race. He looked good on that ground too.

Early Days

5m Stowaway - Inchiquin Cailin
Gale Force Seven
7
RPR - OR -

We were pleased enough with her first run. She over-jumped the second and made a little peck, but she might be the sort to get herself handicapped and we can move forward from there.

Eldorado Allen

5g Khalkevi - Hesmeralda
JP Romans and Terry Warner
1U-
RPR 133h OR 145h

He's a lovely horse with a bright future. His British debut at Sandown was eagerly awaited and he didn't disappoint - he jumped and travelled well and won easily. I don't think we've had a novice hurdler win like that for a long time, he bolted up. Then we went to Aintree and he was desperately unlucky, he just got knocked over and damaged his back leg. He's rated 145 on the basis of that debut performance so we will run in a handicap hurdle and work it out from there. He's back in now and cantering. He's a beautiful horse. I imagine he won't be ready until early December. He hasn't had masses of experience - he'll go chasing in time - but just for now we'll run in handicap hurdles. He's exciting and could be anything.

Elegant Escape

7g Dubai Destination - Graineuaile
JP Romans
/121266-
RPR 167c OR 160c

He's looking well following his summer break. We aren't sure whether to target the Gold Cup or Grand National with him, but we're going to

DARK HORSE

Faustinovick

5g Black Sam Bellamy - Cormorant Cove
Taylor & O'Dwyer
2-
RPR 113 OR -

We bought him at Aintree and he's a bit fragile. He had one run for us last season and finished second to McFabulous at Newbury. That was pleasing and highly encouraging as he had traffic problems. That looks great form - as does his point-to-point second - and it would've taught him a lot. He's nearly ready to go, we're thinking of starting him off somewhere in the first half of November. He's one of our nicest novice hurdlers this season. We've had to be patient with him, but we are beginning to reap the rewards because he has filled out and looks a big, strong boy. We think a lot of him so hopefully we can expect a big season from him.

start him off at Wetherby for the Charlie Hall on Saturday and that could tell us more. He is an out-and-out stayer but that's what you need to be to win either of those races. If we went the National route we might look at the Becher Chase [Aintree, December 7] to give him a trial there, but if he was a Gold Cup horse we'd go to Haydock [Betfair Chase, November 23]. He's only got to improve 10lb and he would be a real Gold Cup contender and he is the right age to do that so we are hoping he has, but his owner is quite keen to take him to Aintree. In theory we could even try both, but it's all going to hinge on what happens at Wetherby.

Empreinte Reonce

5m Voix Du Nord - Petite Fille
JP McManus
25-3112
RPR 123h OR 126

She's done well through the summer, winning twice, and she has improved from her wind op. She wasn't beaten far at Fontwell the last day, but she's up in the weights again which won't make things any easier for her. We'll stick to



Stable Profile



Yard
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Trainers

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Assistant trainer

Chris Wald

Head girl

Leia Crocker

Secretaries

Pauline Tizzard, Debbie White

Travelling head lad

Ritchie Young

Jockeys

Harry Cobden, Jonjo O'Neill jnr, Richard Johnson,
Tom O'Brien, Robbie Power and Tom Scudamore

Conditional jockeys

Harry Kimber



120 Number of horses



34 Number of staff



1995 Started training



Total prize-money 2018-19 **£1,888,757**

Winners in Britain

2018-19	77
2017-18	79
2016-17	57
2015-16	50

Profit/Loss to £1 stake

2018-19	-£127.89
2017-18	-£159.35
2016-17	+£8.75
2015-16	-£46.75

Robbie Power riding Lostintranslation at Aintree last season



small handicap hurdles this season before going novice chasing with her next year. Hopefully she can pick up another one.

Fiddlerontheroof

5g Stowaway - Inquisitive Look
Taylor, Burley & O'Dwyer
321-2
RPR 139 OR -

We chucked him in the deep end in the Persian War at Chepstow and we were delighted with him finishing second. He travelled really well and looked like he could win going towards the last two. Robbie [Power] got off him and said we could drop him to 2m. He is a gorgeous, big, strong horse and something like the Tolworth could be right up his street - especially with a bit of soft ground, which it usually does around Sandown. You'd have no worries about the trip because of the stiff track too. He likes galloping courses and can go either way around. I'd imagine we would look at a smaller race before looking at Sandown in the new year. He's a great horse to have and an exciting recruit to the novice hurdling team. He does everything asked of him easily at home and we're looking forward to the rest of the year with him.

Fly To Mars

5g Schiaparelli - Patsie Magern
Brocade Racing
62624F-
RPR 125h OR 127h

He didn't manage to win over hurdles last season, so he

remains a novice this season and we'll stay hurdling with him. His early season form was strong and he was in the lead before falling on his last start. He's had a tiny setback but he should be back mid-November. He shows plenty of ability and he's on a nice mark. We might aim him at the better novice hurdles this season.

Getaway Fred

5g Getaway - Cloch Anna
Victor & Celia Goaman
2
RPR 118h OR -

We bought him out of the Cheltenham sales and he's a good horse to go novice hurdling with. He put in a nice first run for us at Exeter where the right horse beat us, but he travelled and jumped well. You'd like to think he'd be winning a novice hurdle before too long - we were really pleased with his first run. He's showing us all the right signs at home and he's another of those nice young horses who could be anything this season.

Golden Sunrise

6g Stowaway - Fairy Dawn
Brocade Racing
2/P43-51
RPR 140c 128h; OR 125c 125h

He put in a nice performance the last day at Exeter. He was in too deep first time at Chepstow but he's a horse who tends to improve from his first run. The blinkers certainly helped him too. He travelled nicely and won the race well, he's grown into his body - he's only a six-year-old - so hopefully he'll keep

developing now. I'm sure he'll be put up to the 130 mark so we'd have to look at some decent races. He's a good horse for staying handicap chases who's big and strong and can carry a fair bit of weight. We'll aim at those sort of long-distance races on big galloping tracks like Exeter and Chepstow, which should play to his strengths.

Harry Senior

5g Oscar - Surf Like a Lady
Brocade Racing
Unraced
RPR 115h OR -

He's a beautiful, athletic individual with a real turn of foot. He had a first run for us when he was fourth in a decent-looking novice hurdle - that was 2m and I think he definitely wants stepping up in trip a little. We'll feel our way with him. He'll stay in that division and he looks like the sort of horse who will continue improving all season. He's a gorgeous individual with a very bright future.

Highest Sun

5g Sunday Break - Highest Price
Ashley Head
34210-3
RPR 138h OR 136h

He's had a good, long summer

break and looks a proper horse to go novice chasing with. We ran him in a handicap hurdle last time, he came there to win his race but just got a bit tired from two out. I thought it was a great effort and he had some great form over hurdles last season too. We'll look at going over fences with him now. He's grown into a big, strong horse and he'll go over 2m and 2m4f.

Jeremy Sunshine

5g Jeremy - Tarastar
RM Harvey Bailey
7
RPR - OR -

He's another we bought at the Cheltenham May sale after winning an Irish point-to-point. He finished seventh on his hurdling debut at Wincanton yesterday. He's a flashy-looking individual, not overly big but is quite athletic. He should be capable of winning races.

Kilbricken Storm

8g Oscar - Kilbricken Leader
A Selway & P Wavish
13/1600-
RPR 143c 154h; OR 150c 145h

He was disappointing last season but I think we're going to stick to hurdling with him this year. He won first time out but then he had a stress

fracture of his pelvis, but he's a Grade 1 Cheltenham Festival winner so he shouldn't be forgotten. Sometimes horses have that brilliant year then the following season they half pay for it in that campaign. He is back in now and looks fit and well, we will take him to those long-distance hurdles and hopefully end up in the Stayers' Hurdle. He's in full work now and we're looking to start him in the Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury on Ladbrokes Trophy weekend. He's in good form, we've ironed out a few little issues, so he certainly can't be written off this year.

Kings Walk

8g King's Theatre - Shuil Sionnach
Jean R Bishop
4/3P328-
RPR 124c 124h; OR 120c 120h

He's still a novice but he's a solid horse to take handicap chasing. He ran some decent races last season but he's been quite hard to train all of his life. He doesn't have that many miles on the clock and I'd like to think he's more than capable of winning off his handicap mark. He's had a hobbday procedure and he's built like a staying chaser. If we get a nice clear run with him then he definitely would be competitive. He deserves to win over fences soon.

L'Air Du Vent

5g Coastal Path - Bleu Perle
Brocade Racing
1-3
RPR - OR -

His bumper win at Bangor at

the end of the season was a cracking run. He looks a beautiful young horse and, at this stage, he could be anything. We only got him 12 months ago but he's really filled out and grown, he's a much stronger horse. There's everything to like about him, size, speed and a good attitude. He's one of our top novice hurdlers this season and that's what he'll do this year. He finished third at Cheltenham on Saturday and Robbie [Power] said he was a pretty green but it was only his third run. We're happy with him and he looks like a chaser in the making. He would have learnt a lot from that run and improve a fraction for it.

Lillington

7g Westerner - Kind Word
The Colin Tizzard Racing Club
8211P-6
RPR 135c 117h; OR 133c 103h

He's our racing club horse and has done them all proud winning five times last year. After the second one we thought the handicapper had got hold of him but he kept improving. He's made himself a Saturday horse now, so I'm sure the club are going to have some great fun with him. The ground was plenty quick enough the last day for him and he's handicapped off the back of that form. He'll probably have a bit more of a chance now and as the ground gets softer it will suit him. There's nothing to suggest he won't stop improving.

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TIZZARD ON . . .

Altior stepping up in trip

I think he should stay 3m no problem. They go flat out over 2m, so to win a Champion Chase you've got to stay well. He's one of the

best chasers we've seen for a long time and when you look at horses like Kauto Star and Desert Orchid, they're so good they can win over either trip.

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A photograph of Nicky Henderson, a prominent figure in horse racing, smiling and wearing a dark racing jacket with 'UNIBET' branding and a flat cap. He is standing in an open field under a clear sky.

Nicky Henderson

Your essential guide to the 2019-20 jumps season continues with a visit to the power-packed Seven Barrows yard

STABLE TOUR NICKY HENDERSON

THE season may revolve around how the mighty Altior – unbeaten in his last 19 – fares stepping up in trip, but Seven Barrows is no one-horse operation and Buveur D'Air is back on track for a third Unibet Champion Hurdle, while trainer Nicky Henderson has thrown the kitchen sink at revitalising Might Bite.

A customary clutch of promising youngsters could produce the next Sprinter Sacre or Altior and they could fire in bumpers as a host were ready in the spring, only to be held up by the dry weather, while the novice chase department has the 68-year-old purring.

"I've been at this for 41 years and still love it," Henderson said. "If you didn't enjoy training this bunch of horses there'd be something wrong with you."

INTERVIEW BY JAMES BURN

Adjali

Four-year-old gelding
Kamsin (sire) - Anabasis (dam)
Owner: Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
Form figures: 12374-6
Racing Post Rating: 139h Official rating 141h

Ran a good race at Ascot on Saturday and I think he'll come on for it, but he'll have his wind done this week. Good 2m handicap hurdles will then be on his agenda.

Allart

4g Shantou - The Adare Woman
R A Bartlett
3-F
RPR 112b

Fell at Ascot on Saturday but was unlucky as another horse jumped into his path and his feet went – it wasn't his fault. He'll run in another novice hurdle but went the whole way round at Ascot, which was annoying as if they pull up you can usually run them the following week, but he's sort of had a race.

Angels Breath

5g Shantou - Mystic Masie
Walters Plant Hire & Ronnie Bartlett
1273-
RPR 148h OR 146h

Impressive when winning a Grade 2 at Ascot but didn't enjoy a smooth run around the time of the equine flu outbreak. He's a lovely prospect for chasing and will start soon, probably over 2m4f.

Apple's Shakira

5m Saddler Maker - Apple's For Ever
JP McManus
1143/P6-
RPR 142h OR 141h

A good mare who enjoyed a fine juvenile campaign, but things didn't go her way last season and I hope she can get back on track.

Arcadian Pearl

4g Arcadio - Grangeclare Pearl
Biddestone Racing XVII
Unraced

Handsome sort who didn't make it to the track last term, but we liked what we saw and hopefully he can get going soon.

Appetite for the game as strong as ever ahead of an intriguing season

Arturus

4g Camelot - Scandisk
J Turner
Unraced

A half-brother to Hurricane Fly and you won't find a better-looking horse. Benefited enormously from being put away and I hope he's as good as he looks. Could start in a bumper but he's exciting whatever we decide.

At Poets Cross

3g Yeats - At The Pound Cross
HP Racing At Poets Cross
Unraced

An eye-catching and athletic youngster from the family of At Fishers Cross, he shouldn't take too long.

Baiser Interdit

4f No Risk At All - Kan Ah Loar
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
2-14
RPR 114h OR 120h

Form of her Sedgefield win looks solid but you can forget her last run at Ffos Las as she

came back sick. Has had a nice summer and should be one to note in mares' novice hurdles.

Balmuick

3g So You Think - Full Of Love
Thomas Barr
Unraced

A taking, big individual who has a Flat pedigree, but jumping will be his game and he has the size and scope for chasing one day.

Barbados Blue

5m Getaway - Buck's Blue
Crimbourne Bloodstock
122-1
RPR 125h OR 119h

May have found Taunton too sharp in April but an easy winner at Kempton the following month, which means she's a novice for this season and I'll be disappointed if she isn't up to Listed level.

Before Midnight

6g Midnight Legend - Lady Samantha
Walters Plant Hire & Potter Group
2U2102-
RPR 128h OR 128h

A dependable decent-ground performer, he disappointed in the EBF Final but returned to form with a second at Ayr and it won't be long before he's chasing.

Beware The Bear

9g Shantou - Native Bid
G B Barlow
4P/411P-
RPR 161c OR 158c

Hadn't fulfilled expectations, but made all at Cheltenham in January before landing the Ultima at the festival under a brilliant ride from Jerry McGrath. Missed the Scottish National because of quick ground and things didn't work out in the bet365 Gold Cup, but he'll be aimed at all the top staying handicap chases, including the Grand National. He's in the Ladbrokes Trophy too.

Beyondthestorm

6g Flemensfirth - Blue Gale
Cheveley Park Stud
6-
RPR 104h

Needs soft ground but I'm confident he can become a top-class staying novice chaser, although he might start over hurdles. He's going nicely.

Birchdale

5g Jeremy - Onewaytheother
JP McManus
11P-
RPR 147h OR 146h

A gorgeous and exciting type

who won a Grade 2 at Cheltenham, but I got things wrong at the festival moving him up to 3m in the Albert Bartlett where he didn't stay, although we had Champ for the Ballymore. He goes chasing and could easily scale the heights.

Blairgowrie

3g Yeats - Gaye Preskina
Thomas Barr
Unraced

An imposing individual who is a fluent mover and was great to break in. He's cantered beautifully and might take time, but is exciting.

Bold Record

5g Fame And Glory - Shop Dj
Robert Kirkland
3136P
RPR 119h OR 119h

An encouraging winner at Uttoxeter in June and I think he's better than a summer jumper.

Bond's Lover

5m Flemensfirth - Courageuse
Mrs Christopher Hanbury
4-
RPR 66 point-to-point

Closely related to Captain Conan, a good friend for us a few years ago whom Corky [Browne] loved, she's nice, so fingers crossed can uphold family honour.

Bothwell Bridge

4g Stowaway - Raise The Issue
Thomas Barr
Unraced

Big, so couldn't run in the spring, but we liked him and we're looking forward to the winter. May start over hurdles, but screams chaser.

Brain Power

8g Kalanisi - Blonde Ambition
Michael Buckley
F/41PP-1
RPR 162h OR 152h

Won the American Grand National – my first National of any sort although it was more of a heartbreaking what happened to Wicklow Brave and no-one wants to win like that. The gloss was taken off, but Brain Power ran well and will be out soon if it doesn't rain much. He'll go back to America at some stage but before then the Greatwood and International are options.

Brave Eagle

7g Yeats - Sinful Pleasure
Robert Kirkland
2113-11
RPR 162c OR 158c

Amazingly consistent and

genuine, he adores quick ground and produced a career-best winning Uttoxeter's Summer Cup, although that meant his mark was too high for any other summer heats so we'll look at grown-up races, probably the Ladbrokes Trophy at Newbury.

Burbank

7g Yeats - Spring Swoon
Trevor Hemmings
79/204-1
RPR 137c OR 136c

I've always thought a lot of him and he got off the mark over fences in May, leaving him a novice this term. I'm confident he can continue his upward curve as a staying chaser.

Burrows Edge

6g Martaline - La Vie De Boitron
Michael Buckley
1126/23-
RPR 133h OR 132h

Progressive as a novice hurdler, he ran two solid races at Kempton before we had to draw stumps with bone bruising when we anticipated

a productive spring. Should make a classy novice chaser.

Buttsbury Lady

4f Great Pretender - Ceilidh Royal
Rita Brown
Unraced

Promising arrival from a family I know better than the back of my hand, so hopefully she can follow her siblings.

Buzz

5g Motivator - Tiysha
Thurloe Thoroughbreds
52-7363
RPR 101f OR 96f

It's very nice Thurloe are back in the camp as we've had some great success together. This fella has gone to Henrietta Knight's to learn how to jump and is a nice horse who looks the part.

Call Me Lord

6g Slickly - Sosa
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
1321/73-
RPR 164h OR 160h

Possibly wasn't quite ready for the Long Walk last term, although he ran a big race when third in the Imperial Cup. He sustained an injury that day, but it wasn't severe and he's going well. Stays hurdling.

Captain Woodie

7g Presenting - Lasado
Middleham Park Racing LXXX
141/7-7
RPR 120h

I've always liked him but he's been injury prone. He ran at Huntingdon yesterday and it was a nice enough effort. Hopefully he can build on that to repay his enthusiastic owners.

Caribbean Boy

5g Myboycharlie - Caribena
Simon Munir & Isaac Souede
515692/
RPR 125h

Arrived with some decent French form last year, but had problems. Chasing is the plan as he's a big bruiser.

Casablanca Mix

7m Shirocco - Latitude
Evan-Robert Hanbury
2930-11
RPR 154c OR 143c

A star who won at Aintree before excelling in the Summer Plate at Market Rasen. Unsurprisingly, that propelled her rating into the stratosphere, so we're going to look further up the ladder. Loves fast ground and is in the BetVictor Gold Cup.

STAR QUALITY

Altior

9g High Chaparral - Monte Solaro
Patricia Pugh
1/11111-
RPR 183c OR 175c

There's not much more I can say, apart from I'm grateful he maintained his winning run, beating Big Buck's for the longest sequence. He wants further than 2m now – Nico and I think that – and the best route to the King George looks like Ascot's 1965 Chase this month. I'd love to go for the Tingle Creek but I'm sure it's wrong if we want to teach him to settle in the King George to start in that. We did recauterise his palate this summer but it was purely precautionary. He'll have to stay in the King George because there's no let-up around Kempton and no chance for a breather, but we'll see how he gets on at Ascot first.



STAR QUALITY

Buveur D'Air

8g Crillon - History
JP McManus
121F2-1
RPR 173h OR 167h

Started brilliantly last season with a second impressive win in the Fighting Fifth and lost little against Verdana Blue in what was a home fixture for her in Kempton's Christmas Hurdle. He fell in the Champion and was second to Supasundae at Aintree, but was back to his best at Punchestown and I'd like to think he's the one to beat in the Champion, which is the only race we're thinking about. He's in really good form, looks quite forward and goes back to Newcastle.



Stable Profile



Yard
Seven Barrows,
Lambourn,
Berkshire

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Unibet

148 Number of horses **56** Number of staff

1978 Started training

Total prize-money 2018-19 **£2,908,080**

Winners in Britain		Profit/Loss to £1 stake	
2018-19	141	2018-19	-£14.75
2017-18	141	2017-18	-£76.49
2016-17	154	2016-17	-£113.50
2015-16	81	2015-16	-£101.03

Second in command
Charlie Morlock

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Head lad
Juergen Werthenbach

Travelling head lads/lasses
Richard Nicholas, Sarah Shreeve, Jack Findlater

Jockeys
Nico de Boinville, Jerry McGrath, James Bowen

Conditional jockeys
Joe Anderson, Alfie Jordan

PA
Carolyn Harty

Accounts manager
Susanna Wyatt

Altior: being aimed at the King George



STAR QUALITY

Champ
7g King's Theatre - China Sky
JP McManus
111121-
RPR 153h OR 152h

Starting to live up to his name, including when winning the Challow, and the only time he was beaten last season was trainer error when he was a gallant second in the Ballymore at Cheltenham. Proved he stayed 3m at Aintree and has summered incredibly well, so we're looking forward to chasing. He schooled well at Chepstow on Tuesday and Barry [Geraghty] thought he was pretty forward so I'm going to start looking for a race over 2m4f.



Cascova
4g Casamento - Sina Cova
Chelsea Thoroughbreds
120-
RPR 110b

A very nice bumper horse for Martyn Meade last season and he's been jumping great - thanks to Henrietta Knight. We've high ambitions for novice hurdling.

Champagne Mystery
5g Shantou - Spanker
Trevor Hemmings
0222-
RPR 125h OR 129h

Too keen last season and remains a novice over hurdles, but jumps fences beautifully at home. I think 2m is his trip and he'll settle at that pace.

Champagne Platinum
5g Stowaway - Saffron Holly
JP McManus
11-5
RPR 132h OR 138h

Impressive in his first two starts for us, he looked our best Supreme chance but missed

out with a foot issue and his fifth in a Grade 1 at Punchestown is no reflection of his ability. A forward horse, he's a mouthwatering prospect for chasing.

Chantry House
5g Yeats - The Last Bank
JP McManus
1-
RPR 121b

Smart on debut at Warwick but had a problem so took an early bath. A big horse of the highest calibre, he excites me for hurdling and we love him.

Chasamax
4g Jeremy - Peratus
International Plywood (Importers) Ltd
3
RPR 101b

A pleasing third at Worcester, he could go far as a novice hurdler, although might want further than 2m.

Chemin De Fer
5g Yeats - Tinagoodnight
Mr & Mrs R Kelvin Hughes
Unraced

A lovely gelding who had a good education with Polly Gundry, he's big - like his half-brother Santini - so let's hope he's as good.

Chives
5g Sulamani - Ceilidh Royal
Rita Brown
Unraced

Backward in the spring but is much stronger and I hope this attractive youngster is ready for a run soon.

Claimantakinforan
7g Great Pretender - Taquine D'Estrees
Lady Dulverton
1352/13-
RPR 150c OR 151c

Was injured after finishing third to Lalor in a Grade 2 last year and has been off for 12 months. Hopefully he can build on his promise and I'm thrilled with how he's going.

Clarendon Street
6g Court Cave - Carrigeen Kalmia
Owners Group 028
4/215-
RPR 127h OR 129h

Second to Birchdale before an easy Wetherby win, he wasn't beaten far at Marken Rasen, but the track might not have suited. Had an issue so is not ready, but he's worth noting when he returns.

Colonial Dreams
7g Westener - Dochas Supreme
C N Barnes
1/26251-
RPR 138h OR 138h

A genuine sort who ran some crackers last season, he should make a chaser but hasn't found schooling easy so maybe we'll stay hurdling.

Corrany
5g Court Cave - Time For An Audit
Trevor Hemmings
37-39
RPR 92h

I was disappointed with his display at Aintree recently as he had schooled well at home. I couldn't believe how green he was but he does suffer with sore shins - although not that sore!

Countister
7m Smadoun - Tistairly
JP McManus
2115/30-
RPR 138h OR 141h

A fine third in the County Hurdle and had done enough when beaten at Fairyhouse, she looks spectacular after a summer at JP's Martinstown Stud and can hopefully go on.

Craignieche
5g FLEMENSFIRTH - Itsalark
Robert Kirkland
1
RPR 108b

A good-looking type, he won nicely at Market Rasen despite being green and could be an exciting novice hurdler; has bags of scope and is going great.

Dame De Compagnie
6m Lucarno - Programmee
JP McManus
22/1521/
RPR 130h OR 134h
Gorgeous and boasts some

useful novice hurdles form but missed last season. I'm delighted with how she's training and we've schooled her over fences, so she could switch, but I quite like her hurdle mark.

Daphne Du Clos
6m Spanish Moon - Katarina Du Clos
Sullivan Bloodstock Limited
121/5-
RPR 111h OR -

We thought she'd be one for the Champion Bumper in 2017 but problems have held her up. She's still a high-class mare if she'll stand up to everything.

Diablo De Rouhet
6g Great Pretender - Querelle D'Estuval
Business Moves Group And David White
0/32-121
RPR 145c OR 142c

Progressive and produced a good performance at Uttoxeter, so we're being forced to look at smarter races and he's in the Ladbrokes Trophy.
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Paul Nicholls

The master of Ditcheat
gives us the lowdown on
his ultra-talented squad



STABLE TOUR PAUL NICHOLLS

THE champion trainer is warming up nicely with a promise of much more to come.

With 11 winners in October you can't say it's been a slow start for Paul Nicholls, but neither has he raced out of the blocks like he did in 2016 and 2017.

"I've never known a start to a season quite like this one," says the 11-time title holder. "The horses have held on to their condition and never taken so long to get fit. Some of them have had racecourse gallops to bring them on, but there's only so much you can do at home and in the end you have to give them a run – and some of them have needed it."

Nicholls offers another reason for the quieter start: "Some of my younger rivals bring theirs to peak fitness from the word go nowadays, whereas I prefer to play the longer game. We have to remember, it's a long season and I'm in less of a hurry than I used to be at this time of year."

Ten winners in the last fortnight, including two at Wincanton's popular Badger Beers meeting on Saturday where he always excels, have signalled a marked change of tempo and the likes of Politologue, Getaway Trump and exciting French import Mick Pastor will spearhead a strong team at Cheltenham this weekend.

Nicholls looked out on his second yard at Highbridge Stables the other evening, complete with 11 new boxes put up in September, and said: "This is some ammo we've got here. I can't wait for the future!"

INTERVIEW BY BEN NEWTON

Adrien Du Pont

Pedigree: seven-year-old gelding Califet (sire) - Santariyka (dam)
Owner: Mrs Johnny de la Hay
Form: 47130-P
Racing Post Rating: 153 chase
Official Rating: 147 chase

I fancied him to be in the first four when he was pulled up at Ascot nine days ago. It's looking more like he wants an easy 3m nowadays, so we may even consider dropping him in trip next time. Has plenty of ability but is still inclined to be a bit keen. He needs to be dropped right out and come late – tactics that don't always work out. When he gets a bit of luck in running there's a decent handicap chase to be won with him.

As De Mee

9g Kapgarde - Koeur De Mee
Stewart family & Judi Dench
4/214U0/
RPR 153c OR 148c

He picked up a tendon injury in February last year and ended up missing the whole season. Andy [Stewart, owner] is sponsoring a 3m handicap hurdle at Cheltenham this week, so he'll have a run there, which he's bound to need, before going to Aintree next month for either the Becher or the Sefton. He loves it round there, having won the Grand

'Some of my rivals peak from the word go – I prefer the longer game'

Sefton in 2016 and completed three times in total over the big fences. Come the spring he'll be trained for the National.

Ashutor

5g Redoute's Choice - Ashalanda
Stewart family
22F3-
RPR 125h OR 119h

We realised last season his breathing was troubling him, so that was sorted in the summer and he could improve significantly for it. If he does then he'd look fairly treated off 119. Since he came back in mid-July his target has been the 0-125 novice handicap hurdle at Cheltenham on Friday. I just hope he doesn't turn out to be a morning glory, as last season he never produced on the track what he was showing us at home.

Ask For Glory

5g Fame And Glory - Ask Helen
Mr and Mrs Paul Barber & Calm Donlon
1(ptp)19-
RPR 125b

Gorgeous type of horse, very much a chaser of the future but well up to winning over hurdles first. He bolted up on soft ground in his bumper, and then he was never going to win a race like the Champion Bumper but nothing was lost by giving him further experience. He'll want some cut and we'll take him to Chepstow or Newbury in about a fortnight for a maiden hurdle.

Bathsheba Bay

4g Footstepsinthesand - Valamareha
Michael Geoghegan
32
RPR 104h OR 114h

Decent Flat horse for Richard Hannon and didn't run for us last winter. He's had the full works done: he couldn't breathe properly so we got that sorted, and then he was gelded and took some time to get over it. Has run a couple of tidy races over hurdles and was probably beaten by a smart horse [Scardura] at Taunton last time.

Birds Of Prey

5g Sir Prancealot - Cute
Kathy Stuart
22116-7
RPR 130h OR 127h

Decent fun horse. We gave him a good break as he'd been on the go on the Flat and over jumps, and it was a bit embarrassing as he was as fat as anything when reappearing

at Kempton last month. He needed it quite badly and he should go on and win a handicap hurdle.

Black Corton

8g Laverock - Pour Le Meilleur
The Brooks family & Jeremy Kyle
2221-23
RPR 168c OR 163c

He keeps on amazing us and his last three runs suggest he's still improving. I thought he had a really stiff task in the Galway Plate but he put up another career-best and would have finished closer still but for running into trouble off the

home bend. Then he comes back at Ascot the other day off another career-high mark and runs another blinder. Being 10lb shy of top class means he's not that easy to place, as his number of seconds suggests; I imagine we'll have to go back into Graded races now and the Peterborough Chase might suit. Whatever happens in the winter his Gold Cup could well turn out to be the Oaksey Chase again at Sandown in April. He's an absolute pleasure to train.

Blackjack Kentucky

6g Oscar - My Name's Not Bin
Owners Group 026
6/1(ptp)/833-
RPR 125h OR 128h

Showed promise in a couple of staying novice hurdles in the spring. He'll be ready in a fortnight and is capable of winning a 3m novice hurdle on soft ground before switching to fences, which is where his future lies.

Bob And Co

8g Dom Alco - Outre Mer
David Maxwell Racing
5345P3-
RPR 135c OR 150c

He's among our team of nine hunter chasers and one of the more interesting ones. A three-time winner over fences in France, he's contested many of the country's top races, over hurdles and fences. The others in the squad are Art Mauresque, Alcalá, Lough Derg Spirit (whom Andy Stewart has brought as a replacement for Pacha Du Polder), Bagad Bihoue, Braqueur D'Or, Wonderful Charm, Copain De Classe (who'll run in the Grand Military Gold Cup), and Southfield Vic. I still get some flak over the horses we run in hunter chases but I don't worry about it any more; as I see it we're giving horses a second career who have marks that don't allow them to win handicaps and, more important, we're giving valuable opportunities for a whole host of very promising young riders.

Bravemansgame

4g Brave Mansonnien - Genifique
John Dance & Bryan Drew
1 (ptp)-
RPR 95p

Big, scopey baby, a beautiful individual who cost plenty at the sales but was never going to come cheap having won his

only point-to-point very impressively. That performance meant he was the highest-rated four-year-old pointer in Ireland, whatever that amounts to. Has taken a while to get fit and is sure to improve for his debut, but everyone in the yard likes him, so do I. We took him to Wincanton for a racecourse gallop the other day and he's about a week off a run.

Brelan D'As

8g Crillon - Las De La Croix
JP McManus
15135-U
RPR 142c OR 138c

Ran third in last season's Grand Annual and those big handicaps at Cheltenham over 2m to 2m4f suit him. Ideally he wants a bit of cut and we'll take a look at Saturday's BetVictor Gold Cup. He's been a bit unlucky one way or another but should pop up in a good handicap chase somewhere.

Brewers Project

5g Aizavoski - Shaylee Wilde
The Hon Mrs Charlotte Townshend
1(ptp)/
RPR 92p

The horse he beat in his Irish point-to-point in March last year is now a 142-rated hurdler. He sustained a hairline fracture of the pelvis while schooling last autumn, so we had to leave off him. The time off won't be lost on him and he's about a fortnight off a run. Nice horse.

Calva D'Auge

4g Air Chief Marshal - Hill Ou Elle
Owners Group
26P22-1
RPR 122h OR 127h

Came here with some decent placed form in the French provinces. He didn't jump well to start with and we've worked hard on that, even so last week's Plumpton win was a welcome surprise and he had a bit in hand too. Should make up into a useful fun horse.

Cap Du Mathan

4g Kapgarde - Nouniya Du Mathan
Stewart family
42-6
RPR 113h OR 127h

Andy Stewart has reinvested heavily for this season, buying eight new ones, and this is a decent prospect. He showed promise on both his hurdling starts at Auteuil last year, and ran okay on his first run for us, although I should probably

have run him in a maiden hurdle at Chepstow, not Cheltenham. He looked as big as anything in the paddock beforehand, so there should be loads of improvement to come and he ought to go close next time provided I find the right race. I love him.

Capeland

7g Poliglote - Neiland
Kathy Stuart
12284-D
RPR 154c OR 143c

Poor old Capeland, that was extraordinary what happened the other day at Ascot. I feel a bit guilty because I told Kathy [Stuart, owner] I thought he'd go well and that our other runner, Diego Du Charmil, who ended up taking him out, was likely to need the run. She's such a sporting lady and took the whole thing so well. Bearing in mind they disqualified Capeland I was hoping the handicapper would play fair and leave him on the same mark, so I was bitterly disappointed when they rang me to say he had been raised 3lb. If they saw fit to disqualify him from any prize-money then the run shouldn't count for handicapping purposes. But I'm pleased to say following a few more phone calls they've had a re-think and dropped him back down 3lb, which is the right thing to do. Looking on the bright side, we have a horse who has clearly improved again despite

STAR QUALITY

Clan Des Obeaux

7g Kapgarde - Nausicaa Des Obeaux
Mr and Mrs Paul Barber, Ged Mason and Sir Alex Ferguson
41152-2
RPR 176c OR 169c

I was thrilled with his comeback at Down Royal behind Road To Respect, when he jumped superbly. He's made enormous improvement in the last 12 months and, being only seven, is entitled to progress further. I certainly feel that's the case after Down Royal because I know how much improvement he showed from his first run to his second last season. I came back from Ireland and backed him at 7-1 for the King George: to my mind last year's winner is the one they've all got to beat on Boxing Day. Later in the season he'll be entered for the Gold Cup again and we'll take a view on that later on. He was bang there at the last in the spring but didn't get home – as soon as the rain came on the morning of the race I suspected we might be in trouble. But with another year on his back and possibly on different ground, who knows?



RACE IN FOCUS

"To win the **Welsh National** you want a horse who jumps, stays all day and acts in the mud. **Truckers Lodge** only got off the mark over fences a fortnight ago but I have long held the view he has all the attributes needed for the Chepstow race."



Stable Profile



Yard

Manor Farm Stables,
Ditcheat, Somerset

Second yard

Highbridge Farm, Alhampton,
Somerset

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140 Number of horses 50 Number of staff

Started training **October 19, 1991**

Total prize-money 2018-19 **£3,307,172**

Winners in Britain	
2018-19	135
2017-18	127
2016-17	171
2015-16	122

Profit/Loss to £1 stake	
2018-19	-£52.21
2017-18	-£132.84
2016-17	-£78.39
2015-16	-£73.23

Head lad Clifford Baker	Assistant trainer Harry Derham
Assistant head lad David Rochester	
Pupil assistant trainers Natalie Parker, Charlie Davies	
Assistant head lass Kate McCormack, Rose Loxton	
Travelling head girl Kate Nutt	
Assistant travelling head girl Trudie Smith	Bryony Frost on Frodon
Jockeys Harry Cobden, Sam Twiston-Davies, Bryony Frost, Sean Bowen, Brendan Powell, Harry Skelton, Katie O'Farrell	
Conditionals Lorcan Williams, Bryan Carver	
Amateurs Will Biddick, Natalie Parker, Matt Hampton, Harriet Tucker, Angus Cheleda	
Personal assistants Hannah Roche, Sarah West	
Finance Lina Chadburn	Stable sponsor Morson Group



STAR QUALITY

Cyrname

7g Nickname - Narquille
Mrs Johnny de la Hey
14/3711-
RPR 181c OR 176c

He's in great shape and everything's going smoothly in the run-up to Ascot next weekend. We'll take him for a racecourse gallop somewhere between now and then and he'll be ready. It's in the back of my mind that he ran those two underwhelming races at the start of last season, but we're training him differently now, so it's up to him to come out and reproduce the level of form he showed with those two impressive victories at Ascot at the turn of the year. He stayed 2m5f so well when he won the Ascot Chase I can't believe he won't get 3m, so it will hopefully be next stop the King George and then we'll make a plan for Christmas onwards. It's no secret his best form is going right-handed, so I'm happy to keep him that way round in the first half of the season.

a busy old campaign last season. He's suited by a fast-run race so these big handicap chases suit him and there's another very valuable one back at Ascot on the 23rd of the month. Let's hope he can gain some consolation there.

Capitaine

7g Montmartre - Patte De Velour
Martin Broughton & Friends 2
4102-32
RPR 142h OR 135h

Still useful on his day, as he showed when winning at Taunton last season, but I was convinced his breathing was stopping him late on in his races, so we had his palate re-cauterised in the summer. Showed a similar level form in both runs this season, the latest over a longer trip for the first time. Is better going right-handed on a Flat track so he runs at Kempton (today).

Captain Cattistock

6g Black Sam Bellamy - Pearl Buttons
Mrs Angela Hart
F3131-7
RPR 147c OR 139c

Improved in his first season over fences and should develop into a decent staying handicap chaser. Loves cut in the ground and probably found it a bit too quick when running too fresh and with the choke out at Wincanton last month. Reappears at Fontwell on Sunday in the Sussex National and that should suit him. He'll get an entry for the Welsh National and those other good long-distance handicaps.

Cat Tiger

5g Diamond Boy - Miss Canon
David Maxwell Racing
1341-21
RPR 123h, OR -

Really promising addition to the team from France. He was

not far off the best four-year-old chasers over there last year, despite not being a typical chaser on looks. David Maxwell bought him at the Arqana Sale last November to ride over here and won a £100,000 chase at Auteuil on him a few days later. He was a maiden over hurdles so that's the route we've taken and he benefited from a step up in trip when making all at Exeter last week. He's up to defying a penalty and he's got a future.

Christopher Wood

4g Fast Company - Surf The Web
Sharon Kinsella
113-04
RPR 140h OR 140h

Took to hurdling really well; his third to Pentland Hills in the Aintree Grade 1 was good form and you can put a line through his run in the Swinton Hurdle as he was over the top. Had a breathing operation in

the summer and should progress in his second season. Considering he'd been a bit behind the others he ran okay at Wincanton on Saturday and we'll look now at the Gerry Feilden at Newbury, where the flat track will be ideal.

Cill Anna

4f Imperial Monarch - Technohead
Stewart family
1(ptp)-5
RPR 102b

Big strong filly whom we bought after she made most of the running to win her only point-to-point. Needed the run on her debut in a fillies' bumper at Aintree at the end of October; Bryony got off and said we should make more use of her on a stiffer track, so she'll go to Cheltenham this weekend for the Listed mares' bumper. She's very much in the mould of Posh Trish.

Cliffs Of Dover

6g Canford Cliffs - Basanti
Mr and Mrs John Cotton
11/P/831-
RPR 141h OR 141h

Has been off the track since the turn of the year; there's been nothing seriously wrong, he just kept getting little niggles, which was annoying. Should be back to run in handicap hurdles from Christmas onwards and I'm sure he'll have benefited from a nice long break.

Confirmation Bias

4g Presenting - Bonnie Parker
Colm Donlon
1
RPR 108b

One of the more forward youngsters, and he's a half-brother to our Persian War winner Ed Bandit. Made his bumper debut at Wincanton on Saturday and

won nicely despite being green; Harry [Cobden] had a job pulling him up afterwards.

Coup De Pinceau

7g Buck's Boum - Castagnette
Colm Donlon
11342-3
RPR 142c OR 137c

Sound, reliable jumper with a laid-back attitude; he struggled a bit in Graded company last season and is never going to be a star but is a decent enough performer at modest handicap level. Ran well enough on his return and should soon be winning round the Ludlows, Tauntons and Wincantons.

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Willie Mullins

Your essential guide to the 2019-20
jumps season continues with a visit
to the all-conquering Closutton yard

STABLE TOUR WILLIE MULLINS

IRELAND'S most powerful jumps yard is up and running as the season clicks into gear and, with strength in depth across all divisions, Willie Mullins, the most successful trainer in the history of the Cheltenham Festival and 13-time champion trainer in his home country, is understandably happy with his lot.

Last season proved a memorable one for the Mullins yard with Al Boum Photo providing the trainer with a first Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup win and a first BoyleSports Irish Grand National courtesy of Burrows Saint.

Other highlights included a hat-trick of Grade 1 chase wins for Kemboy, who rounded off his season by defeating Al Boum Photo in the Coral Punchestown Gold Cup.

The Cheltenham showpiece is again the target for Al Boum Photo and Kemboy, although plans for the latter are uncertain because of the rumpus over the Supreme Horse Racing Club, whose colours he has raced in, which has had its ownership cancelled by Horse Racing Ireland.

At the start of last season the name of Chacun Pour Soi meant nothing to anyone outside the Mullins yard. But by the end of the campaign it was a very different story. A 31-length win at Naas in March was followed by victory in the Grade 1 Ryanair Novice Chase at the Punchestown festival when he mastered Defi Du Seuil and Duc Des Genievres, both of whom had won at the Cheltenham Festival. Chacun Pour Soi's season is likely to be geared towards the Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham in March.

Douvan's successful return in the Clonmel Oil Chase on Thursday was the highlight of a Mullins four-timer at Clonmel, while another old favourite, Faugheen, made a successful start as a chaser at the age of 11 when scoring on another big day for the yard at Punchestown on Saturday.

Another veteran chaser on the team is ten-time Grade 1 winner Un De Sceaux, who has the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown next month as his first target.

Benie Des Dieux, who won the Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil in May, is one of the big-name hurdlers on the Mullins team and is due to start her campaign in the Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse on December 1.

The trainer will have multiple runners in many big races and that was the case on Saturday when Saldier upstaged Klassical Dream, a three-time Grade 1-winning novice last season, to give Mullins a ninth straight victory in the Grade 1 Unibet Morgiana Hurdle.

INTERVIEW BY
TONY O'HEHIR

Champion trainer eyeing another huge season with mighty powerhouse of talent

Acapella Bourgeois

Pedigree: nine-year-old gelding
Network (sire) - Jasmine (dam)
Cheveley Park Stud
2/413-2
Owner: Slaneyville Syndicate
Form figures: 2P/013-0
Racing Post Rating: 157 chase
Official Rating: 152 chase

He did quite well last season after returning from a long absence, winning over 2m4f at Clonmel before running a fine race to finish third in the Irish Grand National. Soft ground is probably the key to him and I think he might still have the spark to win a decent prize this season.

Allaho

5g No Risk At All - Idaho Falls
Cheveley Park Stud
2/413-2
RPR 148 hurdles OR 147 hurdles

He's one we've been looking forward to going chasing with. He did quite well as a staying novice hurdler last season, winning a Grade 3 and being placed in Grade 1s at the Cheltenham and Punchestown festivals. He's had a little hold-up - he tore off a shoe and jabbed a foot - but he should be running at some stage next month and we're hopeful of a good campaign in the top staying novice chases.

Annamix

6g Martaline - Tashtiyana
Mrs S Ricci
2/21-
RPR 122h OR -

He's eligible for novice hurdles for another few weeks, but I'm keen to send him over fences. He's been very lightly raced and we think he's better than his hurdle form would suggest.

Antey

6g Lord Of England - Achinora
Mrs S Ricci
36211/9
RPR 115c RPR 132h OR 134h

A fine big chasing type, he started off over fences at Punchestown on Saturday and made a few mistakes. He should improve for the run which was his first since he gave Katie Walsh her final win at the 2018 Punchestown festival. He had a setback which kept him off the track last season.

Aramon

6g Monsun - Aramina
Supreme Horse Racing Club & Michael Songer
31262-6
RPR 148h OR 148h

He won a Grade 1 novice by ten lengths at Leopardstown's Christmas festival and will probably stay hurdling rather than go over fences. He'll be running in Graded hurdles and I'd imagine he'll be in action at Leopardstown next month.

Bacardys

8g Coastal Path - Oasis
Shanakiel Racing Syndicate
0/7F6-21
RPR 162h OR 157h

We were delighted with his performance at Navan this month when he won the Lismullen Hurdle in good style. He's in the Hatton's Grace at Fairyhouse [December 1], but that might come a bit soon and we may wait for the 3m Grade 1 at Leopardstown over Christmas.

Bapaume

6g Turtle Bowl - Brouhaha
Mrs S Ricci
24-3427
RPR 160h 124c OR 158h

He started over fences at Fairyhouse last Tuesday and, while he jumped very well, he weakened quickly when headed. Maybe the 2m5f trip was a bit far for him - he wouldn't be the first good staying hurdler to need shorter trips over fences - and we're thinking of dropping him in trip. He's not big and hopefully his sound jumping can be used to good effect.

Bellshill

9g King's Theatre - Fairy Native
Andrea & Graham Wylie
51/41P-4
RPR 172c OR 167c

He had his big day last season in the Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown and we fancied him for the Cheltenham Gold Cup but he proved very disappointing. He didn't jump well and was pulled up. Ruby [Walsh] felt he was a bit jarred after racing on much quicker ground at Leopardstown. He'll have plenty of entries and I'm not sure where he'll start off. It could be in the Savills Chase at Leopardstown next month if the ground is suitable.

Berkshire Royal

4g Sir Percy - Forest Express
Mrs JM Mullins
412239- (Flat)

He won three races for Andrew Balding, a handicap at Chester and two on the all-weather, and was rated 86. We bought

him a year ago and he'll be running in novice hurdles. He's a bit behind in his work but should be appearing around Christmas.

Blackbow

6g Stowaway - Rinnc Moll
Roaringwater Syndicate
1152/2
RPR 142h OR -

A good bumper horse two seasons back, he had to miss last season and made a belated start over hurdles when a close second over 2m at Naas this month. He was quite keen and made a few mistakes, but with that experience behind him he should go on and do well. Going up in trip shouldn't be a problem.

Blazing Emily

5m Presenting - Blazing Tempo
Kenneth Alexander
-12133
RPR 122h OR -

She's been placed in a couple of Listed hurdles since winning a maiden over 2m4f at Listowel

in September. She was disappointing at Cork last time and Paul [Townend] said she felt lifeless. Mares' races over plenty of distance will be her job.

Blue Sari

4g Saddex - Blue Aster
JP McManus
12-1
RPR 122h

His bumper form was good last season when he ran Envoi Allen to three-quarters of a length in the Cheltenham Festival bumper after winning by 11 lengths on his debut at Gowran Park. We're looking forward to a novice hurdle campaign with him and he made a good start winning a maiden over 2m4f at Punchestown on Saturday. He was quite keen in the early stages and I think a strongly run two mile race will suit him well. I'd imagine he'll go to Leopardstown at Christmas.

Brahma Bull

8g Presenting - Oligarch Society
Mrs S Ricci
6/12161
RPR 148c OR -

A staying chaser who is improving all the time. His jumping technique was very good when Brian Hayes rode him to win at Cork this month. He's in the Drinmore at Fairyhouse on December 1 and might go there.

Buildmeupbuttercup

5m Sixties Icon - Eastern Paramour
J Turner
5/1500-P
RPR 129h OR 128h

She's been performing well on the Flat since she last ran over hurdles in April. She is one from five over hurdles and 128 looks a lovely handicap mark for her. I'm not sure about long-term plans, but she'll be running in mares' races.

Burrows Saint

6g Saint Des Saints - La Bombanera
Mrs S Ricci
3/4111-5
RPR 155c OR 156c

The Randox Health Grand

STAR QUALITY

Al Boum Photo

7g Buck's Boum - Al Gane
Mrs J Donnelly
F1RO/11-2
RPR 178c OR 175c

He wasn't the best fancied of our runners in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, but he gave us a day to remember with our first win in the race. Because of the dry ground for much of last winter he ran only once before the festival when winning at Tramore on New Year's Day. He'll have plenty of entries and the ground situation is thankfully different this year, so there should be plenty of races to choose from. However, it's quite possible we'll take the same route back to the Gold Cup by running him at Tramore again.



Stable profile



Yard

Closutton
Bagenalstown,
County Carlow,
Ireland

wpmullins.com

180 Number of horses **65** Number of staff

Started training **1987**

Total prize-money 2018-19 **€6,266,423**

Winners in Ireland	
2018-19	207
2017-18	212
2016-17	180
2015-16	185

Profit/Loss to €1 stake	
2018-19	-€169.99
2017-18	-€80.97
2016-17	-€27.58
2015-16	+€14.33

Assistant trainers

Patrick Mullins, David Casey,
Ruby Walsh (when media duties allow)

Yard managers

Dick Dowling, Rachael Robins, John Codd

Travelling head lad

Ben Delmer

Secretaries

Caitriona Murphy, Jo Sharp

Jockeys

Paul Townend, David Mullins,
Danny Mullins, Brian Hayes,
Rachael Blackmore

Conditionals

Liam Gilligan, Conor McNamara

Amateurs

Patrick Mullins, Jody Townend,
Richie Deegan, Ruth Dudfield,
Aubrey McMahon



STAR QUALITY

Chacun Pour Soi

7g Policy Maker - Kruscyna
Mrs S Ricci
1253/1-1
RPR 165c OR 167c

A really exciting horse who showed a lot last season when trouncing his rivals by 31 lengths on his debut at Naas in March before putting up an exceptional performance when beating two Grade 1 Cheltenham Festival winners in Defi Du Seuil and Duc Des Genievres in a 2m Grade 1 at the Punchestown festival. He came right too late to be a Cheltenham horse last season, but fingers crossed all will go well with him this season and if it does then he would look a worthy Champion Chase contender. I would have no problem stepping him up in trip and he is in the John Durkan over 2m4f at Punchestown and the King George at Kempton, but we'll probably keep him to 2m in the immediate future and consider the Hilly Way at Cork next month or the Grade 1 at Leopardstown's Christmas meeting.



National would look an obvious target for the horse who gave us our first Irish Grand National win, but I'm not sure we'll go that route. We'll see how much he can improve and whether he might get high enough up the ladder for some of the Grade 1 chases.

Cabaret Queen

7m King's Theatre - La Dame Brune
Syndicates Racing
P74/F21
RPR 146c OR 142c

We're aiming her at the Ladbrokes Trophy at Newbury and hoping she might emulate Total Recall, who won that race for us two years ago after landing the Munster National on his previous start. Like Total Recall, she will have a big hike in the weights to overcome if she is to achieve the double. The Munster National win was her first run for us and she

handled the testing ground well, winning by 13 lengths. She came out of the race well and we're very happy with her.

Cadmium

7g Early March - Mirquille
Supreme Horse Racing Club
& Kenneth Sharp
344121-
RPR 165c OR 162c

He was kept busy in 2018 and again in the first few months of this year. He produced an excellent performance to win the Topham Chase at Aintree where he jumped super and made all. He'll be running in races from 2m to around 2m6f.

Carefully Selected

7g Well Chosen - Knockamullen Girl
Miss MA Masterson
/1123/1-3
RPR 147h OR 146h

Because of the unusually dry spell last winter he ran only

twice, winning a 2m6f maiden hurdle at Limerick before running third in a Grade 1 over 3m at the Punchestown festival. Chasing was always going to be his game. He might start off in a 2m5f beginners' chase at Fairyhouse on November 30.

Cash Back

7g Linda's Lad - Holding
Watch This Space Syndicate
7/22/12-5
RPR 140h OR 141h

He won a maiden hurdle and ran second in a Grade 2 novice. He's fit and ready to start off over fences soon.

Castlebawn West

6g Westerner - Cooksgrove Lady
Mrs R Boyd, Mrs MJ Armstrong & JB Anderson
/21P4-65
RPR 137c RPR 136h, OR 135h

Danny Mullins rode him when

he was fifth on his chasing debut at Fairyhouse last Tuesday. He came back and said he would be very competitive next time. He won a bumper and a 2m4f maiden hurdle and will be one for novice chases over 2m4f-plus.

Ciel De Neige

4g Authorized - In Caso Di Neve
M L Bloodstock Ltd
44/53-
RPR 135h OR 134h

A maiden over hurdles, he ran a cracking race on his first start for us when third in the Fred Winter at Cheltenham in March. He looks a good prospect for novice hurdles.

Cilaos Emery

7g Califet - Queissa
Luke McMahon
51/42/1-1
RPR 155c

A Grade 1 winner as a novice

hurdler, he pulled a muscle when winning on his chasing debut at Gowran Park in January and missed the rest of the season. He came back with a good win in a Grade 3 at Naas this month on only his second start over fences. We'll consider sending him to Cork for the Hilly Way Chase or maybe wait until Leopardstown at Christmas. We'll probably stick to 2m with him.

Class Conti

7g Poliglote - Gazelle Lulu
Patrick Joubert
62UP/1-P
RPR 152c OR 147c

We might go the handicap chase route with him, although Patrick [Mullins] is keen that he goes for cross-country races, so we'll have to see who wins that argument. He won **Continues page 4**

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