

INDEX TO THE SIXTH 2010 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL MEDIA INFORMATION PACK

This media information pack was compiled by Racenews on Wednesday, February 3, and is embargoed until noon on Thursday, February 4. The pack contains the entries and related information for the 2010 Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle (Tuesday, March 16), the Neptune Investment Novices' Hurdle (Wednesday, March 17), the JCB Triumph Hurdle (Friday, March 19) and the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle (Friday, March 19).

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First race - 1.30pm each day

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EXCITING FESTIVAL NOVICE HURDLES IN PROSPECT

A host of aspiring and proven hurdling stars are among the entries revealed today for The Festival's four Grade One novice events.

As ever, The Festival - starting this year on Tuesday, March 16 - kicks off with the **SPINAL RESEARCH SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE**. There are 104 entries in this year's renewal of the two-mile contest with last year's runaway Weatherbys Champion Bumper hero **Dunguib** currently a red-hot antepost favourite.

Philip Fenton's stable star, who is set to run at Leopardstown on Sunday, is one of 36 entries trained in Ireland with the Dermot Weld-trained **Rite Of Passage**, last year's Weatherbys Champion Bumper third, another engaged.

The Philip Hobbs-trained **Menorah**, who beat **Bellvano** by 12 lengths in a Kempton novices' hurdle on Boxing Day, and the Nicky Henderson-trained **Oscar Whisky**, a dual bumper winner who made a sparkling start to his hurdling career at Newbury in December, are among the domestic entries.

The **NEPTUNE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT NOVICES' HURDLE** on Wednesday, March 17, is another race with a new sponsor this year and has attracted 112 entries of which 37 are trained in Ireland. Rite Of Passage has the option of this two mile and five furlong contest in which the Donald McCain-trained **Peddlers Cross**, another Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle entry, is also prominent in the antepost betting.

The unbeaten **Quantitativeasing**, trained by Nicky Henderson for J P McManus, looks set to be another leading fancy alongside the likes of **Reve De Sivola**, winner of the Grade One Challow Novices' Hurdle at Newbury on December 29, and **Quel Esprit**, one of 13 entries for trainer Willie Mullins.

Najaf, a Grade One winner in France, is an intriguing entry. He has yet to run in Britain but joined Paul Nicholls after being bought in November for 250,000 euros by the families of leading owners Andy Stewart and David Johnson.

Further international spice is added by the classy Australian-trained hurdler **Onajet**, trained by Anthony Cosgriff.

The **JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE** on Friday, March 19, is shaping into an ultra-competitive renewal. Betting is headed by the Alan King-trained **Mille Chief**, a 14-length winner at Huntingdon on January 27, although a gamble in recent days has seen the Nicky Henderson-trained **According** head to the front of the market. A three-time Flat winner for Freddie Head in France, the Dalakhani gelding has yet to run in Britain but has several entries in the coming days. He is in the same ownership as Zaynar, the winner of this race 12 months ago.

The Royal Ascot Racing Club have already enjoyed a Derby winner on the Flat in Motivator, and they look to have a leading chance of a Cheltenham Festival success with the Paul Nicholls-trained **Advisor**, who has won both his starts impressively

A 21-strong entry from Ireland includes the Gordon Elliott-trained **Carlito Brigante** and **Alaivan**, who filled the first two places in a Grade Two hurdle at Leopardstown on Boxing Day. **Pittoni**, who has won both his starts for Charles Byrnes, is another member of a powerful Irish team.

There are 91 engaged in the **ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE** on Friday, March 19 and a potential Irish challenge of 30 is headed by the Paul Nolan-trained **Shinrock Paddy**, who won a Listed bumper at Cheltenham in November, 2008, and recorded an impressive 15-length victory on his latest start in the Grade One Barry & Sandra Kelly Memorial Novice Hurdle at Navan on December 13.

Nolan reported: "Shinrock Paddy holds an entry in both the Neptune Investment Novices' Hurdle and the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle but he is more than likely to go for the three-mile option. He just got a bit of infection in one of his heels last month but he is 100 per cent now and we will head straight to The Festival with him. I don't want to rush him into running and he will have a gallop on the grass before heading to Cheltenham.

"He won a Grade One very easily and, while the runner-up has disappointed since, **The Hurl** (third) won well on his latest start. If our horse can reproduce that kind of form at Cheltenham, then he should have a nice chance.

"We have always been very fond of him and his debut win over hurdles (Punchestown, October 28) might have turned out to be a better race than people thought on the day. He has jumped very well on both his starts this season and he stayed on very well at Navan, which is a very stiff track when the going is heavy, so he looks to be a proper stayer. With the ground being that much better at The Festival, we think that he will travel that bit easier and sweeter over three miles."

Australian trainer Anthony Cosgriff plans to be represented by the eight-year-old **Gorge**, who finished fourth in the Grand National Hurdle at Sandown, Australia, in August.

A notable chaser with an entry is the David Pipe-trained **Madison Du Berlais**, runner-up to Kauto Star in this season's Grade One King George VI Chase, while Evan Williams has entered **Cappa Bleu**, victorious in the 2009 Christie's Foxhunter Chase at The Festival. Henry Daly has entered the John Smith's Grand National hope **Possol**.

Other interesting contenders include **Tell Massini**, trained locally by Tom George and the winner of Grade Two novices' hurdles at Cheltenham in both November and December. **Restless Harry** also has winning form at Prestbury Park having impressed on Saturday when landing the Grade Two Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle.

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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL 2010

ANALYSIS OF ENTRIES

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

SPINAL RESEARCH SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
2010	112	130	131	113	119	106	127	156
2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	139	122	130	122	106	87	75	78

NEPTUNE INVESTMENT NOVICES' HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
2010	125	156	137	138	147	113	128	169
2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	160	137	120	147	150	128	114	90

JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
2010	83	91	103	116	89	125	111	103
2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	123	89	95	100	108	107	99	91

ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	
2010	91	102	106	116	114	117
						<i>First run in 2005</i>

IRISH-TRAINED ENTRIES

SPINAL RESEARCH SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
2010	36	38	46	53	45	41	30	38
2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	44	28	24	31	31	29	26	24

NEPTUNE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT NOVICES' HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
2010	37	46	57	59	44	51	35	39
2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	38	34	23	29	31	26	25	17

JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
2010	21	20	32	34	34	21	38	20
2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	31	20	21	20	22	20	20	14

ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	
2010	30	37	38	40	36	40
						<i>First run in 2005</i>

FRENCH-TRAINED ENTRIES

SPINAL RESEARCH SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
2010	0	0	0	2	4	2	3
2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
	2	4	3	1	2	1	0

NEPTUNE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT NOVICES' HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
2010	0	2	0	0	3	2	4
2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
	2	4	2	1	3	1	0

JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
2010	0	2	4	5	8	4	7
2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
	4	5	3	2	0	1	0

ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	
2010	0	3	0	4	2	2
						<i>First run in 2005</i>

THE SPINAL RESEARCH SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE

Class 1, Grade 1, Total Prize Fund £100,000, 1.30pm Tuesday, March 16, 2010, two miles and about half a furlong, for novice four-year-olds and upwards. Weights 4-y-o 11st, 5-y-o and upwards 11st 7lb, fillies and mares allowance 7lb. Entries closed February 2, 2010, entries released, February 4 (104 entries), scratchings deadline February 23. Six-day confirmation stage, March 10, final declaration stage 10.00am, March 15. Form figures supplied by Weatherbys and are correct up to and including Monday, February 1. May not include some overseas form.

Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
6-23312	AATHER (IRE)	5	Andrew Wates	Alan Fleming
	ADELAR (GER)	5	B Dice, D Jinks & A Brooks	Venetia Williams
11	ADVISOR (FR)	4	The Royal Ascot Racing Club	Paul Nicholls
566-116	ALASI	6	Shully Liebermann	Paul Webber
1-111	ALEGRALIL	5	Tony Meehan	Donald McCain Jnr
112325	ANY GIVEN DAY (IRE)	5	Tim Leslie	Donald McCain Jnr
2-41	ARVIKA LIGEONNIERE (FR)	5	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
012	ASHFIELD'S DREAM	6	William & Angela Rucker	Evan Williams
301501	BAILY ROCK (IRE)	7	Adam Scott & Michael O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
1R1-12	BELLVANO (GER)	6	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
0166	BLACK COFFEE	5	H Spooner & I Weaver	Nicky Henderson
6120-11	BLACKSTAIRMOUNTAIN (IRE) 5	5	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
2510	CHAIN OF COMMAND (IRE)	7	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
053-	CHAMPUS (GER)	6	Out Of The West Syndicate	Noel Meade IRE
141	CHESHIRE PRINCE	6	Across The Pond Partnership	Neil King
5/-2	COOL TOUCH (IRE)	7	Seamus Murphy	Nigel Twiston-Davies
101035	COOTEHILL (IRE)	6	Felicity Griffin	Nigel Twiston-Davies
0-11	DAN BREEN (IRE)	5	Stuart Mercer	David Pipe
	DARK PROSPECT	5	Noel Meade Horse Trainer Ltd	Noel Meade IRE
F10651	DINARIUS	5	A S Helaissi	Alex Hales
11	DON'T TURN BACH (IRE)	6	Cathal McCarthy	Willie Mullins IRE
13	DR LIVINGSTONE (IRE)	5	Longmoor Holdings Ltd	Charlie Egerton
11	DR WHIZZ (IRE)	6	J P McManus	Tom Mullins IRE
1	DREAM ESTEEM	5	Roger Brookhouse	David Pipe
11-D111	DUNGUIB (IRE)	7	Daniel Harnett/Lily Lawlor	Philip Fenton IRE
013PU1	ELYSIAN ROCK	6	Michael O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
223	FAR AWAY SO CLOSE (IRE)	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Paul Nolan IRE
10F	ARLEIGH HOUSE (USA)	6	The Farleigh House Partnership	Neil King
1-1113	FIONNEGAS (IRE)	6	Eamonn Duignan	Willie Mullins IRE
0	FIULIN	5	Robin Geffen	Evan Williams
3211	FLAT OUT (FR)	5	M O'Riordan	Willie Mullins IRE
211-243	FRASCATI PARK (IRE)	6	Barry Connell	Nigel Twiston-Davies
3	FULLY FUNDED (USA)	5	More The Merrier Syndicate	Noel Meade IRE
11-12	GENERAL MILLER	5	Henry Ponsonby	Nicky Henderson
1111	GET ME OUT OF HERE (IRE)	6	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill
	GHIMAAR	5	Nicky Henderson	Nicky Henderson
1121	GHIZAO (GER)	6	The Johnson & Stewart Families	Paul Nicholls
641	GIFTED LEADER (USA)	5	Gifted Leader Partners	Ian Williams
22	GREY SOLDIER (IRE)	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
32-01	GUS MACRAE (IRE)	6	Quicksilver Racing Partnership	Rebecca Curtis
50/-32F2	HELLFIRE CLUB	7	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
10-2F	HENRY KING (IRE)	6	Mrs C Barber	Victor Dartnall
20/-31	HOLLINS	6	R D Bickenson	Micky Hammond
24-5114	HOLLO LADIES (IRE)	5	R Heaney	Noel Meade IRE
141	INVENTOR (IRE)	5	Jon Glews	Donald McCain Jnr
5	INVESTISSEMENT	4	Robin Geffen	Evan Williams
6	IOLITH (GER)	5	Favourites Racing	Alan King
431	JOHNNY MULLEN (IRE)	7	Paul Henderson	Paul Henderson
161	KILLULTAGH QUEEN (IRE)	6	Elizabeth Tumelty/Rose Boyd	Willie Mullins IRE
0-1	KING'S BASTION (IRE)	6	Luke Comer	Luke Comer IRE
5	LOCH LONG (IRE)	4	Thistle Bloodstock Limited	Tracey Collins IRE
11121	LOOSEN MY LOAD (IRE)	6	Ann & Alan Potts Partnership	Henry de Bromhead IRE
211620	LUCKY WILLIAM (IRE)	6	Garden Kingdom Syndicate	Thomas Cooper IRE
3014F1	LUSKA LAD (IRE)	6	Magestic Syndicate	John Hanlon IRE
1310	MANYRIVERSTOCROSS (IRE) 5	5	Mrs M C Sweeney	Alan King
1121	MENORAH (IRE)	5	Diana Whateley	Philip Hobbs
00-204	MEXICAN VENTURE	5	Miss Rita Shah	Oliver Brady IRE

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THE SPINAL RESEARCH SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE -

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Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
4226	MISALA (IRE)	6	Rachael O'Neill	John Hanlon IRE
1-0542	MISTER WALL STREET (FR)	5	Mrs C McKeane	Ferdy Murphy
0301	MOJITO ROYALE (IRE)	6	P Holden	Eoin Doyle IRE
134	MONASTRELL	5	Patricia Hunt	Noel Meade IRE
153-11	MORNING SUPREME (IRE)	7	Henry Murphy	Willie Mullins IRE
215	MY SHAMWARI (IRE)	6	Julie Phillips	Ben de Haan
43611	NOTUS DE LA TOUR (FR)	4	Racing For Change	David Pipe
42-3(2)2	OH NO NOT HARRY (FR)	5	Tony Eaves	Ian Williams
122121	ON BORROWED WINGS (IRE)	7	Andrew Wates	Alan Fleming
1-11	OSCAR WHISKY (IRE)	5	Walters Plant Hire Ltd	Nicky Henderson
1053	OSTLAND (GER)	5	Richard & Susan Perkins	Charlie Longsdon
321/F/-	OUTAOUAIS (FR)	8	Paul Beck	George Baker
42/-11	PAUL KRISTIAN	7	Derrick Mossop	Willie Mullins IRE
111	PEDDLERS CROSS (IRE)	5	Tim Leslie	Donald McCain Jnr
10-1115	PEPE SIMO (IRE)	6	Mrs Mette Campbell-Andenaes	Paul Nicholls
312	PISTOLET NOIR (FR)	4	The Roy & Stewart Families	Paul Nicholls
6-62221	PUYOL (IRE)	8	John Mulhern	John Mulhern IRE
412-123	RHYL ACCORD (IRE)	8	Rose Boyd	Willie Mullins IRE
113-41	RITE OF PASSAGE	6	Dr Ronan Lambe	Dermot Weld IRE
330-31	ROLLWITHTHEPUNCHES	5	Four Winds Racing	Charlie McBride
3-35	ROYAL COLLONGES (FR)	5	Ann & Alan Potts	Paul Nicholls
1	ROYAL MIX (FR)	4	Mark Tincknell	Paul Nicholls
11	SALDEN LICHT	6	Dai Griffiths	Alan King
3112	SANG BLEU (FR)	4	Simon Munir	Paul Nicholls
04F15	SHANE ROCK	5	Michael O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
2-12226	SOME PRESENT (IRE)	7	Mrs Paul Duffin/F N Doyle	Tom Mullins IRE
140	SOME SLAM (IRE)	5	Mrs Paul Duffin	Tom Mullins IRE
1F	SOVERIGN	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Tom Taaffe IRE
23	SPIRIT OF ADJISA (IRE)	6	Darr, Johnson, Weston & Whitaker	Alan King
15	SPRING JIM	9	Andrew & Julia Turner	James Fanshawe
200-	STEPTOE	5	Bridget Hanbury	Nicky Henderson
32	STRATIGALE (IRE)	6	A P Racing	Nicky Henderson
5361	SWIFT LORD (IRE)	5	Richard Green	Gary Moore
154556	TAKESTAN (IRE)	7	P J Woods	Oliver Brady IRE
52-15	THE GIANT BOLSTER	5	Simon Hunt	David Bridgwater
U11P	THEGREATJOHNBROWNE (IRE)	6	Martin Doran	Noel Meade IRE
4	THIS MASQUERADE	7	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
12	TILT	8	The Seaside	Brian Ellison
1511	TITO BUSTILLO (FR)	5	Angela Yeoman & Mrs S Larson	Paul Nicholls
1-31	TOCCA FERRO (FR)	5	Prior Syder	Emma Lavelle
	VIA GALILEI (IRE)	5	C E Stedman	Gary Moore
21-031	VINO GRIEGO (FR)	5	C E Stedman	Gary Moore
3510	WAR PARTY	6	J A Provan, C E Stedman, Prof D E Newland	Dr Richard Newland
12	WASHINGTON IRVING (IRE)	5	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
1226-	WHISTLEJACQUET	5	Mrs Peter Prowting	Alan King
10	YOU'RE SO VAIN	7	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
063-15	ZAFRANAGAR (IRE)	5	Paul Downing	Tony Carroll

104 Entries

36 Irish-trained

SPINAL RESEARCH SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE FACTS AND FIGURES

- 1.** The Supreme Novices' Hurdle was known as the Gloucestershire Hurdle until 1974. Capel Cure Sharp backed the contest in 2000 and the company, which became Gerrard Wealth Management, supported the race until 2003. Racecourse caterers Letheby & Christopher became the sixth sponsor since the initial backer Lloyds Bank in 1974 when supporting the contest in 2004 and 2005, while Anglo Irish Bank was the sponsor from 2006 to 2008. Bookmakers William Hill sponsored the race in 2009 and this year the backers are the Stewart Family, on behalf of the charity Spinal Research.
- 2.** The Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle is the only race at The Festival to have been divided. From 1946-1971 when known as the Gloucestershire Novices' Hurdle, it divided on no less than 25 occasions. In 1963 and 1946 there were even three divisions.
- 3.** The oldest horse to have won was 12-year-old Beau Caprice in 1966 (Div One). Three eight-year-olds have also been successful - Like-A-Butterfly in 2002, Sondrio in 1989 and Boys Hurrah in 1956 (Div One).
- 4.** The 1993 winner, Montelado, holds a unique position in the history of The Festival at Cheltenham. He is the only horse to have won consecutive Festival races, landing the Weatherbys Champion Bumper in 1992, the last race of that year's meeting, and returning to win the Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle in 1993, the first race 12 months later.
- 5.** The Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle has thrown up one winner of the totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup and three Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle heroes. L'Escargot won in 1968, before consecutive Gold Cup triumphs in 1970 and 1971. Bula scored in 1970, before Champion Hurdle victories in 1971 and 1972, the 2002 Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle winner Hors La Loi III took the race in 1999, and Brave Inca took the Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle in 2006 having landed the novice event two years earlier.
- 6.** The race has been won by Irish-trained raiders on no less than 38 occasions, and by the French once. Of the 16 divisions from 1952-59, Vincent O'Brien won an amazing 10. Ireland also kept a stranglehold on the race for seven years from 1977-83 and has won seven of the last nine runnings, most recently with Go Native in 2009.
- 7.** The smallest field was in 1950, with nine runners in Division 1, and the largest, 30 runners, for both Harry Hastings' win in 1985 and French Ballerina's success in 1998. The maximum field allowed is now 24.
- 8.** Since the race ceased to be divided, big-name jockeys have found the Supreme Novices' Hurdle difficult to win. Tony McCoy, successful on Hors La Loi III in 1999, is the only one of the last four champion jockeys to have scored in this particular contest, and only Charlie Swan (1993 and 2002), Tommy Carmody (1980 and 1983) and Niall Madden (1978 and 1981) have been successful twice.
- 9.** The longest-priced winner was Arctic Kinsman at 50/1 in 1994, while the 2007 victor Ebaziyar is one of only two 40/1 shots to have scored. The shortest-priced winners at 4/9 were Tsaoko in 1950 and Flyingbolt in 1964. Favourites have been successful eight times in the 37 runnings since 1972, with three of the last eight winning.
- 10.** The fastest time for the winning horse was achieved by Montelado in 1993 at 3m 50.6s. French Ballerina came close to that record in 1998 when her time was 3m 50.9s.

Breakdown of Entries by Trainer with Past Successes in the Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle

9 Entries

Willie Mullins IRE (2007 Ebaziyan, 1995 Tourist Attraction)

8 Entries

Paul Nicholls (2006 Noland)

7 Entries

Nicky Henderson (1992 Flown, 1986 River Ceirog)

6 Entries

Noel Meade IRE (2009 Go Native, 2000 Sausalito Bay)

5 Entries

Alan King

4 Entries

Warren Greatrex
Donald McCain Jnr

3 Entries

Gary Moore
Mouse Morris IRE (1983 Buck House)
Tom Mullins IRE
David Pipe
Nigel Twiston-Davies (1994 Arctic Kinsman)
Evan Williams

2 Entries

Oliver Brady IRE
John Hanlon IRE
Alan Fleming
Neil King
Ian Williams

1 Entry

George Baker
David Bridgwater
Tony Carroll
Tracey Collins IRE
Luke Comer IRE
Thomas Cooper IRE
Rebecca Curtis
Victor Dartnall
Eoin Doyle IRE
Charles Egerton (1997 Shadow Leader)
Gordon Elliott IRE
Henry de Bromhead IRE
Brian Ellison
James Fanshawe
Philip Fenton IRE
Ben de Haan
Alex Hales
Micky Hammond
Paul Henderson
Philip Hobbs
Howard Johnson (2005 Arcalis)
Emma Lavelle
Charlie Longsdon
Charlie McBride
John Mulhern IRE
Ferdie Murphy
Dr Richard Newland
Paul Nolan IRE
Jonjo O'Neill
Tom Taaffe IRE
Paul Webber
Dermot Weld IRE
Venetia Williams

Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle – Analysis

Irish-trained horses have carried off seven of the nine renewals of the Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle since 2000 (no race in 2001) and the Philip Fenton-trained **Dunguib** heads 36 Irish-based horses among the 104 entries for the extended two-mile contest.

The seven-year-old, winner of the Grade One Weatherbys Champion Bumper at The Festival in 2009, is unbeaten in three starts over hurdles. Most recently, he cruised to a seven-length triumph over the Tom Mullins-trained **Some Present** in the Grade One Royal Bond Hurdle at Fairyhouse in December. Mullins has also entered the unbeaten **Dr Whizz**.

The Dermot Weld-trained **Rite Of Passage** was third in the Weatherbys Champion Bumper last term and won on his hurdling debut at Leopardstown in January.

Willie Mullins has entered nine potential contenders. **Blackstairmountain** easily opened his account at the first attempt at Punchestown on January 31, while others include dual bumper winners **Flat Out**, **Paul Kristian** and **Don't Turn Bach**, the smart two-time hurdle winner **Morning Supreme**, Grade One paddypowerpoker.com Future Champion Novices' Hurdle third **Fionnegas** and **Rhyl Accord**, who was runner-up to Shinrock Paddy in a Navan Grade One in December.

The Noel Meade-trained **Hollo Ladies** was too good for Fionnegas in the aforementioned Grade One but was only fourth to the John Hanlon-trained **Luska Lad** in the Grade Two Moscow Flyer Novice Hurdle at Punchestown last month.

Meade, successful with **Go Native** (2009) and **Sausalito Bay** (2000) has six entries in total, including Navan winner **Thegreatjohnbrowne**.

The Henry de Bromhead-trained **Loosen My Load** won the Grade Two Sharp Novices' Hurdle over the course and distance at The Open in November.

Looking at the home defence, Nicky Henderson, twice successful with **River Ceiriog** (1986) and **Flown** (1992), has seven entries, including the unbeaten **Oscar Whisky**, **Bellvano** and **General Miller**, who landed a hat-trick when defeating the Paul Nicholls-trained **Ghizao** over the course and distance in December but was no match for **Restless Harry** in an extended two and a half-mile Grade Two at Cheltenham on January 30.

Paul Nicholls, successful with **Noland** in 2006, has engaged eight of his string in all, including Grade One Christmas Hurdle fifth **Pepe Simo** and the classy four-year-olds **Pistolet Noir**, **Sang Bleu**, **Royal Mix** and **Advisor**.

Salden Licht is two from two over hurdles for trainer Alan King, who also has Grade Two Winter Novices' Hurdle victor **Manyriverstocross** and Taunton winner **Whistlejacquet** among five entries.

The Philip Hobbs-trained **Menorah** was impressive when slamming **Bellvano** at Kempton in December, while the Donald McCain-trained **Peddlers Cross** is unbeaten in four starts and most recently stormed to victory in a Grade Two contest at Haydock.

Another entry with a perfect record of four wins is the Jonjo O'Neill-trained **Get Me Out Of Here**, while David Pipe has engaged dual bumper winner **Dan Breen**, **Dream Esteem** and the four-year-old **Notus De La Tour**.

Vino Griego, third behind **Manyriverstocross** at Sandown in December, easily landed the spoils at Wincanton in January for trainer Gary Moore, while Emma Lavelle and Ian Williams have engaged Southwell novices' hurdle victors **Tocca Ferro** and **Gifted Leader**, respectively.

Others of note include **Henry King**, **Frascati Park**, **On Borrowed Wings**, **Washington Irving**, **Inventor** and **Hollins**.

SPINAL RESEARCH SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE PREVIOUS RESULTS

2009-WINNER-GO NATIVE 6-11-07 Owner-Docado Syndicate; Trainer-Noel Meade IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-12/1
2ND-Medemit 5-11-07 Owner-The Dunkley & Reilly Partnership; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-12/1
3RD-Somersby 5-11-07 Owner-Camilla Radford; Trainer-Henrietta Knight; Jockey-Dominic Elsworth; SP-40/1
20 ran, Time-4m 1.00s; Dist-nk, 2¾ 9/4 Fav Cousin Vinny (5th)

2008-WINNER-CAPTAIN CEE BEE 7-11-07 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Edward Harty IRE; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-17/2
2ND-Binocular 4-10-13 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-8/1 Co Fav
3RD-Snap Tie 6-11-07 Owner-Diana Whateley; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-20/1
22 ran, Time-4m 6.45s; Dist-2, 4½ 8/1 Co Favs Pigeon Island (11th), Muirhead (12th)

2007-WINNER-EBAZIYAN 6-11-07 Owner-Peter Garvey; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Davy Condon; SP-40/1
2ND-Granit Jack 5-11-07 Owner-John Hales; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-15/2
3RD-Amaretto Rose 6-11-00 Owner-Weatherbys Racing Club; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-2/1 Fav
22 ran, Time-3m 56.1s; Dist-3, nk

2006-WINNER-NOLAND 5-11-07 Owner-John Hales; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-6/1
2ND-Straw Bear 5-11-07 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Nick Gifford; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-11/1
3RD-Buena Vista 5-11-07 Owner-Matt Archer & the late Jean Broadhurst; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Timmy Murphy; SP-14/1
20 ran, Time-3m 54.50s; Dist-nk, 1¼ 5/2 Fav Sweet Wake (5th)

2005-WINNER-ARCALIS 5-11-07 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Howard Johnson; Jockey-Graham Lee; SP-20/1
2ND-Wild Passion 5-11-07 Owner-Des Sharkey; Trainer-Noel Meade IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-10/1
3RD-Dusky Warbler 6-11-07 Owner-Mike Charlton & Rodger Sargent; Trainer-Gary Moore; Jockey-Jamie Moore; SP-20/1
20 ran, Time-3m 53.00s; Dist-6, ½ 13/2 Fav Marcel (13th)

2004-WINNER-BRAVE INCA 6-11-07 Owner-Novices Syndicate; Trainer-Colm Murphy IRE; Jockey-Barry Cash; SP-7/2 Fav
2ND-War Of Attrition 5-11-07 Owner-Gigginstown House Stud; Trainer-Mouse Morris IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-33/1
3RD-Fleet Street 5-11-07 Owner-Henry Ponsonby; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Andrew Tinkler; SP-20/1
19 ran, Time-3m 55.60s; Dist-nk, 7

2003-WINNER-BACK IN FRONT 6-11-08 Owner-Dermot Cox; Trainer-Edward O'Grady IRE; Jockey-Norman Williamson; SP-3/1 Fav
2ND-Kicking King 5-11-08 Owner-Conor Clarkson; Trainer-Tom Taaffe IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-13/2
3RD-Chauvinist 8-11-08 Owner-Bunny & Nick Roberts; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-20/1
19 ran, Time-3m 56.80s; Dist-10, 4

2002-WINNER-LIKE-A-BUTTERFLY 8-11-03 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Christy Roche IRE; Jockey-Charlie Swan; SP-7/4 Fav
2ND-Westender 6-11-08 Owner-Matt Archer and Jean Broadhurst; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-6/1
3RD-In Contrast 6-11-08 Owner-Peter Emery and A Staple; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-16/1
28 ran, Time-3m 54.25s; Dist-nk, 2½

2001 - Cancelled (Foot and Mouth Disease)

2000-WINNER-SAUSALITO BAY 6-11-08 Owner-The High Street Racing Syndicate; Trainer- Noel Meade IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-14/1
2ND-Best Mate 5-11-08 Owner-Jim Lewis; Trainer-Henrietta Knight; Jockey-Jim Culloty; SP-6/1
3RD-Youlneverwalkalone 6-11-08 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Christy Roche IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-5/4 Fav
15 ran, Time-3m 51.70s; Dist-¾, 1¼

1999-WINNER-HORS LA LOI III 4-11-00 Owner-Paul Green; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-9/2
2ND-Joe Mac 5-11-08 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Christy Roche IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-6/1
3RD-Arctic Fancy 6-11-08 Owner-The Cool Customers; Trainer-Julian Smyth-Osbourne; Jockey-Warren Marston; SP-66/1
20 ran, Time-3m 54.6s; Dist-17, 7 11/4 Fav Cardinal Hill (ur)

1998-WINNER-FRENCH BALLERINA 5-11-03 Owner-Sue Magnier; Trainer-Pat Flynn IRE; Jockey-Graham Bradley; SP-10/1
2ND-His Song 5-11-08 Owner-David Lloyd; Trainer-Mouse Morris IRE; Jockey-Richard Hughes; SP-4/1 Fav
3RD-Gatflax 6-11-08 Owner-Giles Clarke; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Carl Llewellyn; SP-16/1
30 ran, Time-3m 50.9s, Dist-7, 1

1997-WINNER-SHADOW LEADER 6-11-08 Owner-James Blackshaw; Trainer-Charles Egerton; Jockey-Jamie Osborne; SP-5/1
2ND-Princeful 6-11-08 Owner-Robert & Elizabeth Hitchins; Trainer-Jenny Pitman; Jockey-Rodney Farrant; SP-25/1
3RD-Nordic Breeze 5-11-08 Owner-Malcolm Jones; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-David Walsh; SP-100/1
16 ran, Time-3m 49.5s, Dist-10, ½ 2/1 Fav Finnegan's Hollow (f)

1996-WINNER-INDEFENCE 5-11-08 Owner-Indef Limited; Trainer-Jenny Pitman; Jockey-Warren Marston; SP-25/1
2ND-Kimanicky 6-11-08 Owner-Elaine Barnes; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-11/2
3RD-Castle Sweep 5-11-08 Owner-Lord Vestey; Trainer-David Nicholson; Jockey-Peter Niven; SP-7/2 Fav
27 ran, Time-4m 1.8s, Dist-8, hd

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(williamhill.com Supreme Novices' Hurdle 2009, Anglo Irish Bank Supreme Novices' Hurdle 2006-2008, Letheby & Christopher Supreme Novices' Hurdle 2004-2005, Gerrard Wealth Management Supreme Novices' Hurdle 2003, Gerrard Supreme Novices' Hurdle 2001-02, Capel Cure Sharp Supreme Novices' Hurdle 2000, Citroen Supreme Novices' Hurdle 1994-99, Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle 1991-93, Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle 1978-90, Lloyds Bank Champion Novice Hurdle 1974-1977, Gloucestershire Hurdle before 1974)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Age/Wt</u>	<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>Ran</u>
2009	Go Native	6-11-07	Paul Carberry	Noel Meade IRE	Docado Syndicate	12/1	20
2008	Captain Cee Bee	7-11-07	Robert Thornton	Edward Harty IRE	J P McManus	17/2	22
2007	Ebaziyan	6-11-07	Davy Condon	Willie Mullins IRE	Peter Garvey	40/1	22
2006	Noland	5-11-07	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	John Hales	6/1	20
2005	Arcalis	5-11-07	Graham Lee	Howard Johnson	Andrea & Graham Wylie	20/1	20
2004	Brave Inca	6-11-07	Barry Cash	Colm Murphy IRE	Novices Syndicate	7/2F	19
2003	Back In Front	6-11-08	Norman Williamson	Edward O'Grady IRE	Dermot Cox	3/1F	19
2002	Like-A-Butterfly	8-11-03	Charlie Swan	Christy Roche IRE	J P McManus	7/4F	28
2001	<i>No Race (Foot and Mouth Disease)</i>						
2000	Sausalito Bay	6-11-08	Paul Carberry	Noel Meade IRE	High Street Racing Syndicate	14/1	15
1999	Hors La Loi III	4-11-00	Tony McCoy	Martin Pipe	Paul Green	9/2	20
1998	French Ballerina	5-11-03	Graham Bradley	Pat Flynn IRE	Sue Magnier	10/1	30
1997	Shadow Leader	6-11-08	Jamie Osborne	Charles Egerton	James Blackshaw	5/1	16
1996	Indefence	5-11-08	Warren Marston	Jenny Pitman	Indef Ltd	25/1	27
1995	Tourist Attraction	6-11-03	Mark Dwyer	Willie Mullins IRE	North Kildare Racing Club	25/1	20
1994	Arcic Kinsman	6-11-08	Carl Llewellyn	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Rosie Hambro	50/1	18
1993	Montelado	6-11-08	Charlie Swan	Pat Flynn IRE	Ollie Hannon	5/1	15
1992	Flown	5-11-08	Jamie Osborne	Nicky Henderson	Edward Winfield	13/2	17
1991	Destriero	5-11-08	Pat McWilliams	Andy Geraghty IRE	Elizabeth Furlong	6/1	21
1990	Forest Sun	5-11-08	Jimmy Frost	Toby Balding	Salehurst Paper Co Ltd	7/4F	18
1989	Sondrio	8-11-08	Jonathon Lower	Martin Pipe	Mrs J M Ryan	25/1	21
1988	Vagador	5-11-08	Mark Perrett	Guy Harwood	Amanda Harwood	4/1F	26
1987	Tartan Tailor	6-11-08	Phil Tuck	Gordon Richards	Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd	14/1	20
1986	River Ceiriog	5-11-07	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Bobby McAlpine	40/1	29
1985	Harry Hastings	6-11-08	Chris Grant	John Wilson	Robert Leask	14/1	30
1984	Browne's Gazette	6-11-08	Mr Dermot Browne	Michael Dickinson	John Poynton	11/2	18
1983	Buck House	5-11-08	Tommy Carmody	Mouse Morris IRE	Mrs S Purcell	8/1	22
1982	Miller Hill	6-11-08	Tom Morgan	Dessie Hughes IRE	J Harvey	20/1	19
1981	Hartstown	6-11-08	Niall Madden	Mick O'Toole IRE	J McGowan	2/1F	16
1980	Slaney Idol	5-11-08	Tommy Carmody	Liam Browne IRE	Mrs M Hayes	9/1	27
1979	Stranfield	6-11-08	Tommy Kinane	Des McDonogh IRE	D Devlin	16/1	16
1978	Golden Cygnet	6-11-08	Mr Niall Madden	Edward O'Grady IRE	Raymond Rooney	4/5F	18
1977	Mac's Chariot	6-11-08	Dessie Hughes	Mick O'Toole IRE	Mrs A Jordan	7/1	16
1976	Beacon Light	5-11-08	Andy Turnell	Bob Turnell	Jim Joel	14/1	11
1975	Bannow Rambler	6-11-08	Frank Berry	Padge Berry IRE	Mrs K White	9/2	18
1974	Avec Moi	5-11-06	Roger Rowell	Auriol Sinclair	Lord Blackford	5/4F	16
1973	King Pele	4-10-10	David Nicholson	Gavin Pritchard-Gordon	J Richardson	13/2	20
1972	Noble Life	5-11-06	Stan Murphy	Christy Grassick IRE	M Gallagher	16/1	18
1971(I)	Persian Majesty	4-10-13	Terry Biddlecombe	Ryan Price	Ken Wheldon	13/2	10
1971 (II)	Barnard	7-12-00	Johnnie Haine	Fulke Walwyn	Mrs B Heath	4/1	13
1970 (I)	Ballywilliam Boy	5-12-00	Bobby Coonan	Paddy Sleator IRE	P Smyth	4/1	20
1970 (II)	Bula	5-12-00	Paul Kelleway	Fred Winter	Bill Edwards-Heathcote	3/1F	21
1969 (I)	Normandy	4-11-02	Terry Biddlecombe	Fred Rimell	Bryan Jenks	10/1	28
1969 (II)	Private Room	5-11-10	Willie Robinson	Fulke Walwyn	Mrs A L Hoare	10/1	20
1968 (I)	King Cutler	5-12-00	Brian Fletcher	Denys Smith	Joe Lisle	85/40	12
1968 (II)	L'Escargot	5-12-04	Tommy Carberry	Dan Moore IRE	Raymond Guest	13/2	11
1967 (I)	Chorus	6-11-12	Johnnie Haine	Tom Jones	Lord James Crichton-Stuart	15/2	20
1967 (II)	Early To Rise	7-11-12	Jeff King	Bob Turnell	Paul Mellon	11/2	14
1966 (I)	Beau Caprice	12-12-02	Tommy Jennings	Fulke Walwyn	Richard Head	6/1	14
1966 (II)	Fosco	5-11-06	David Moore	Mick Goswell	David Montagu	7/2	19

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Age/Wt</u>	<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>Ran</u>
1965 (I)	Red Tears	5-11-06	Stan Mellor	Tom Jones	Major Victor McCalmont	7/1	19
1965 (II)	Havago	6-12-04	Bobby Beasley	Paddy Sleator IRE	Clifford Nicholson	11/8	15
1964 (I)	Flyingbolt	5-12-02	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Mrs Jean Wilkinson	4/9F	11
1964 (II)	Elan	5-12-02	Dave Dick	John Sutcliffe	R Tucker	9/2	18
1963 (I)	Honour Bound	5-11-10	Terry Biddlecombe	Fred Rimell	Katie Gaze	3/1F	18
1963 (II)	Buona Notte	6-11-08	Johnnie Haine	Bob Turnell	Jim Joel	7/2	15
1963 (III)	Deetease	5-12-02	Clive Chapman	Basil Foster	Charles Chandler	9/1	18
1962 (I)	Tripacer	4-10-12	Tommy Carberry	Dan Moore IRE	Lady Honor Svejdar	20/1	18
1962 (II)	Clerical Grey	4-11-02	Willie Robinson	P Murphy IRE	Mrs R A Palfreyman	100/8	18
1961 (I)	Beau Normand	5-11-06	Bill Rees	Bob Turnell	Jim Joel	5/1	18
1961 (II)	Greektown	5-12-02	Michael Scudamore	Willie Stephenson	Lionel Ensten	100/8	15
1960 (I)	Blue Mountain	6-11-05	Dick Broadway	George Todd	Sidney Banks	5/1	20
1960 (II)	Bastille	5-10-13	Bill Woods	Tom Masson	Mrs V Cripps	33/1	18
1959 (I)	York Fair	5-11-10	Tommy Burns	Vincent O'Brien IRE	John McShain	4/5F	16
1959 (II)	Albergo	5-11-06	Doug Page	Clem Magnier IRE	Mrs Clem Magnier	9/1	19
1958 (I)	Admiral Stuart	7-11-12	Tommy Burns	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs T V Ryan	6/5F	19
1958 (II)	Prudent King	6-11-08	Tommy Burns	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Captain R Westmacott	3/1F	19
1957 (I)	Tokoroa	6-12-01	Dave Dick	Fred Rimell	David Deyong	5/4F	10
1957 (II)	Saffron Tartan	6-11-12	Tommy Burns	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Lady Cottenham	10/11F	12
1956 (I)	Boys Hurrah	8-11-08	Tommy Burns	Vincent O'Brien IRE	M J Sheehan	9/4F	17
1956 (II)	Pelargos	5-11-06	Tommy Burns	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Vincent O'Brien	6/4F	22
1955 (I)	Vindore	6-11-12	Mr Phonsie O'Brien	Vincent O'Brien IRE	J A Wood	Evs F	19
1955 (II)	Illyric	6-11-08	Tommy Burns	Vincent O'Brien IRE	R Mulrooney	3/1F	23
1954 (I)	Stroller	6-11-08	Pat Taaffe	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Joe Griffin	13/8F	18
1954 (II)	Tasmin	4-10-07	Rene Emery	Harry Count FR	Harry Count	5/1	18
1953 (I)	Assynt	5-11-01	Eddie Newman	Danny Morgan IRE	Lady Ursula Vernon	9/4F	18
1953 (II)	Dessin	7-11-08	Johnny Gilbert	Frank Hudson	H J Barlow	100/9	17
1952 (I)	Cockatoo	6-11-03	Mr Phonsie O'Brien	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Harry Keogh	4/1	13
1952 (II)	Evian	4-10-07	Fred Winter	George Archibald	M S Westwick	10/1	14
1951 (I)	Red Stranger	4-10-12	Denis Dillon	Ron Smyth	L Jarvis	100/8	20
1951 (II)	Oukileles II	4-10-12	Fred Winter	George Archibald	B Campbell	6/1	13
1950 (I)	Tsaoko	5-11-08	Martin Molony	Sam Armstrong	H E Habib I Rahimtoola	4/9F	9
1950 (II)	Sir Charles	4-10-04	Mr Michael Scudamore	Geoffrey Scudamore	S A Mailles	25/1	15
1949 (I)	French Wedding	4-10-07	Jimmy Brogan	Gerry Wilson	E L Gosling	11/2	14
1949 (II)	Tough Guy	4-10-00	Denis Dillon	Ivor Anthony	Jack Olding	4/1	18
1948 (I)	Vulgan	5-10-10	Rickie Black	John De Moraville	H Coriat	9/2	13
1948 (II)	Jean's Last	6-11-00	Bryan Marshall	Fulke Walwyn	Lady Throckmorton	7/4F	21
1947	No race						
1946 (I)	Prince Rupert	5-11-03	Ron Smyth	Ted Smyth	John J Astor	9/2	19
1946 (II)	Freetown	6-11-00	George Archibald	W Larkin	H Rogers	8/1	17
1946 (III)	Gremlin	5-10-10	Phil Canty	George Todd	Desmond Baring	5/1	16

THE 2009 SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE RESULT

£120,000 guaranteed, 2m 1/2f Old Course, 4yo+ Weights 4yo 10st 13lb; 5yo+ 11st 7lb Allowances fillies and mares 7lb Entries 112 pay £130 1st Forfeit Stage 68 pay £260 Confirmed 30 pay £130 Penalty Value 1st £68,412; 2nd £25,668; 3rd £12,852; 4th £6,408; 5th £3,216; 6th £1,608

- 1 GO NATIVE (IRE) (Docado Syndicate) Noel Meade IRE 6-11-7 Paul Carberry 12/1
- 2 MEDERMIT (FR) (The Dunkley & Reilly Partnership) Alan King 5-11-7 Robert Thornton 12/1
- 3 SOMERSBY (IRE) (Camille Radford) Henrietta Knight 5-11-7 Dominic Elsworth 40/1
- 4 COPPER BLEU (IRE) (Alan Peterson) Philip Hobbs 7-11-7 Richard Johnson 14/1
- 5 COUSIN VINNY (IRE) (Festival Syndicate) Willie Mullins IRE 6-11-7 Mr Patrick Mullins 9/4f
- 6 RED MOLONEY (USA) (Andrea & Graham Wylie) Howard Johnson 5-11-7 Denis O'Regan 11/1
- 7 SHOREACRES (IRE) (David Nash) Brendan Powell 6-11-7 Wilson Renwick 25/1
- 8 AINAMA (IRE) (J P McManus) Nicky Henderson 5-11-7 Tony McCoy 14/1
- 9 TORPHICHEN (Thomas Barr) David Pipe 4-10-13 Andrew Mcnamara 7/1
- 10 MICHEAL FLIPS (IRE) (M Tedham) Andrew Turnell 5-11-7 Mark Grant 9/1
- 11 GOLAN WAY (WRB Racing 58) Sheena West 5-11-7 Jamie Goldstein 28/1
- 12 KEMPES (IRE) (Three Cheers Syndicate) Willie Mullins IRE 6-11-7 Ruby Walsh 9/1
- 13 SHAMARI (FR) (Graham Roach) Paul Nicholls 5-11-7 Christian Williams 66/1
- 14 LEO'S LUCKY STAR (USA) (Sheila Brookhouse) David Pipe 7-11-7 Tom Scudamore 50/1
- 15 KANGAROO COURT (IRE) (Nick Mustoe) Emma Lavelle 5-11-7 Jack Doyle 25/1
- 16 GLOUCESTER (S Smith & Keith Hunter) Michael Scudamore 6-11-7 John Kington 150/1
- 17 BEE STING (D Goulding) Lisa Williamson 5-11-7 Derek Laverty 250/1
- 18 INTENSIFIER (IRE) (G Morgan) Dai Williams 5-11-7 Seamus Durack 200/1
- PU BEF 3 OUT ALARAZI (IRE) (Johnny Eddis) Terry Mills 5-11-7 Jamie Moore 100/1
- PU BEF 3 OUT LEAMINGTON LAD (IRE) (Three Off The Tree) Nigel Twiston-Davies 6-11-7b Paddy Brennan 150/1

20 ran

Non-runner: 1 Aachen (ground)

Distances: nk, 2 3/4, hd, 1 1/2, hd, 7, 3, 1, 1 1/4, 6, 4, 2 3/4, 6, 4, 16, 22, 29

Time: 4m 1.00s

Breeder: P Murphy

Breeding: br g Double Eclipse (IRE) - Native Idea (IRE)

Totes: Win: £11.80; Places: £3.40; £3.40; £16.70; Exacta: £108.80

Winning Trainer: NOEL MEADE **Born:** January 2, 1951 **Based:** Tu Va Castletown, Navan, Co Meath, Ireland **Cheltenham Festival Wins (3):** williamhill.com Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2000 Sausalito Bay, 2009 Go Native), Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle (2006 Nicanor) **Aintree Festival Wins (1):** John Smith's Extra Smooth Handicap Hurdle (2005 Definate Spectacle) **Date of First Trainer's Licence:** 1972 **Big Races Won:** Greenlands Stakes (1992 Street Rebel); Drinmore Novices' Chase (1995 Johnny Setaside, 2004 Watson Lake); Gain National Trial Chase (1996 Johnny Setaside); Ericsson Chase (1996 Johnny Setaside); Morgiana Hurdle (1996 and 1997 Cockney Lad, 1998 Nomadic, 2006 Iktitaf); Lismullen Hurdle (1992 & 1993 Novello Allegro, 1997 Cockney Lad, 2003 & 2006 Rosaker); AIG Europe Champion Hurdle (1997 Cockney Lad); Midlands Grand National (2002 The Bunny Boiler); Irish Grand National (2002 The Bunny Boiler); Royal Bond Novice Hurdle (2004 Wild Passion, 2007 Muirhead); vcbet.com Champion Novice Hurdle (2005 Wild Passion, 2008 Jered); Fighting Fifth Hurdle (2004 Harchibald, 2007 Harchibald), Stan James Christmas Hurdle (2004 & 2008 Harchibald, 2007 Jazz Messenger); John James McManus Memorial Hurdle (Harchibald 2005) totesport Bula Hurdle (2005 Harchibald); Robin Cook Memorial Gold Cup (2005 Sir Oj), Deloitte Novice Hurdle (2006 Mr Nosie, 2007 Aran Concerto); Red Mills Chase (2007 Watson Lake); Byrne Group plc Novice Hurdle (2007 Orbit O'Gold), Hatton's Grace Hurdle (2007 Aimatov); **Wins in Britain (2001/2-2007/08):** 1; 0; 0; 3; 3; 1; 1

Winning Jockey: Paul 'Alice' Carberry **Date of Birth:** 09/02/1974 **Background:** Paul Carberry has inherited a wealth of riding talent from his father Tommy, who won the 1975 Grand National on L'Escargot. He followed in his father's footsteps when partnering Bobbyjo, trained by Tommy, to a popular victory in the 1999 Grand National. His brother Philip is also a successful rider, while his sister Nina is a leading amateur. Carberry rides principally for Noel Meade in Ireland since ending a three-year retainer with leading British owner Sir Robert Ogden in May, 1998. **Cheltenham Festival Wins: (11)** Fred Winter Juvenile Novices' Handicap Hurdle (2008 Crack Away Jack), Weatherbys Champion Bumper (1993 Rhythm Section, 2006 Hairy Molly), William Hill Trophy Handicap Chase (1998 Unguided Missile, 2002 Frenchmans Creek), Royal & Sunalliance Novices' Chase (1999 Looks Like Trouble); Williamhill.com Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2000 Sausalito Bay, 2009 Go Native), Pertemps Final (2005 Oulart), Grand Annual (2005 Fota Island), Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle (2006 Nicanor) **Other Big Race Wins:** Grand National (Bobbyjo 1999); Bula Hurdle (2005 Harchibald); woodiesdiy.com Christmas Hurdle (2005 Rosaker); Evening Herald Champion Novice Hurdle (2005 Wild Passion); Fighting Fifth Hurdle (2004 Harchibald, 2007 Harchibald); Hatton's Grace Hurdle 2001 Limestone Lad); Kevin Mcmanus Bookmakers Champion Stayers' Hurdle (2002 Limestone Lad); Lexus Chase (1998 Dorans Pride, 2004 & 2005 Beef Or Salmon); Morgiana Hurdle (2006 Iktitaf); Paddy Power Dial-a-bet Chase (2004 Central House); Robin Cook Memorial Gold Cup (2005 Sir Oj); Sporting Index Cross Country Chase (1998 Linden's Lotto); Stan James Christmas Hurdle (2004 & 2008 Harchibald) **Wins In Britain (2001/02-2007/08):** 2; 1; 2; 7; 4; 0; 2

THE NEPTUNE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT NOVICES' HURDLE

Class 1, Grade 1, Total Prize Fund £100,000. 2.05pm, Cheltenham, Wednesday, March 17, 2010. Two miles and five furlongs. For novice four-year-olds and upwards. Weights: four-year-olds 10st 13lb; five-year-olds and upwards 11st 7lb. Allowances: fillies & mares 7lb. Entries closed Tuesday, February 2, 2009. Entries revealed Thursday, February 4 (**112 entries**).Scratchings deadline February 23. Six-day confirmation stage March 11. Final declaration stage 10am, Tuesday, March 16. Form figures supplied by Weatherbys and are correct up to and including the racing of Monday, February 1. May not include some overseas form.

Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
234-12	ABBEVILLIAN (IRE)	6	Ronald Brimacombe	Charles Egerton
2-221	ACAPULCO (IRE)	6	Joseph Higgins	Edward O'Grady IRE
162-	ALEXANDER SEAVIEW (IRE)	7	Maggie Findlay	Willie Mullins IRE
21-011	ALVARADO (IRE)	5	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
112325	ANY GIVEN DAY (IRE)	5	Tim Leslie	Donald McCain Jnr
2-41	ARVIKA LIGEONNIERE (FR)	5	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
012	ASHFIELD'S DREAM	6	William & Angela Rucker	Evan Williams
301501	BAILY ROCK (IRE)	7	Adam Scott & Michael O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
321-1	BARAFUNDLE (IRE)	6	Mrs Judith Ratcliff	Jennie Candlish
23-(1)	BENARTIC (IRE)	6	Sir Eric Parker & Mary Anne Parker	Nicky Henderson
5-31110	BERONI (IRE)	8	Margaret O'Rourke	Willie Mullins IRE
31(1)	BRACKLOON HIGH (IRE)	5	T Conway, Mrs Conway, T G Warren	Noel Chance
10-4151	BYGONES OF BRID (IRE)	7	James Callow	Karen McLintock
141-12	CANDY CREEK (IRE)	6	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin Hughes	Nicky Henderson
11	CHARTREUX (FR)	5	Roger Brookhouse	David Pipe
142213	CONSULATE (IRE)	6	Gordon Edwards	Gordon Edwards
14-3131	COOLE RIVER (IRE)	6	Queens Prices Syndicate	Jessica Harrington IRE
1	COTTAGE STAR (IRE)	6	J J Shaughnessy	Noel Meade IRE
3	COURT IN MOTION (IRE)	5	Nick Mustoe	Emma Lavelle
0443	CURLING (FR)	5	Da Southside Syndicate	Dessie Hughes IRE
146-022	DARING ORIGYN (FR)	5	Gavin MacEchern & Lord Daresbury	Richard Lee
211-42	DIVY (FR)	5	Hendan SD	George Baker
11	DON'T TURN BACH (IRE)	6	Cathal McCarthy	Willie Mullins IRE
113	DOUBLE EXPRESSO	6	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
13-2	DOUBLE PRIDE	6	Trevor Hemmings	Alan King
13	DR LIVINGSTONE (IRE)	5	Longmoor Holdings Ltd	Charles Egerton
11	DR WHIZZ (IRE)	6	J P McManus	Tom Mullins IRE
2110	DUKE OF LUCCA (IRE)	5	Mrs L Field	Philip Hobbs
013PU1	ELYSIAN ROCK	6	Michael O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
1-11	ENTERPRISE PARK (IRE)	6	Elizabeth Tumelty/Rose Boyd	Willie Mullins IRE
1-13	FINIAN'S RAINBOW (IRE)	7	Michael Buckley	Nicky Henderson
1-1113	FIONNEGAS (IRE)	6	Eamonn Duignan	Willie Mullins IRE
052	FIRM ORDER (IRE)	5	The Syndicators	Paul Webber
0	FIULIN	5	Robin Geffen	Evan Williams
3211	FLAT OUT (FR)	5	M O'Riordan	Willie Mullins IRE
211-243	FRASCATI PARK (IRE)	6	Barry Connell	Nigel Twiston-Davies
3	FULLY FUNDED (USA)	5	More The Merrier Syndicate	Noel Meade IRE
11-12	GENERAL MILLER	5	Henry Ponsonby	Nicky Henderson
1111	GET ME OUT OF HERE (IRE)	6	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill
	GHIMAAR	5	Nicky Henderson	Nicky Henderson
1121	GHIZAO (GER)	6	The Johnson & Stewart Families	Paul Nicholls
641	GIFTED LEADER (USA)	5	Gifted Leader Partners	Ian Williams
32-01	GUS MACRAE (IRE)	6	Quicksilver Racing Partnership	Rebecca Curtis
24-5114	HOLLO LADIES (IRE)	5	R Heaney	Noel Meade IRE
1301	HORSFORD (IRE)	6	Brian Kilpatrick	David Pipe
1250-11	KERADA (FR)	6	Turf Club 2008	Nicky Henderson
161	KILLULTAGH QUEEN (IRE)	6	Elizabeth Tumelty/Rose Boyd	Willie Mullins IRE
0P1	LLAMA FARMER	5	Mrs A Timpson	Paul Webber
11121	LOOSEN MY LOAD (IRE)	6	Ann & Alan Potts Partnership	Henry de Bromhead IRE
0540-14	LORD RAGNAR (IRE)	7	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin Hughes	Nicky Henderson
1-23	LUSH LIFE (IRE)	5	Michael Buckley	Nicky Henderson
3014F1	LUSKA LAD (IRE)	6	Magestic Syndicate	John Hanlon IRE
1310	MANYRIVERSTOCROSS (IRE)	5	Mrs M C Sweeney	Alan King
411	MASTER OF THE HALL (IRE)	6	Martin Landau & Jonathan Duffy	Nicky Henderson
10-021	MEATH ALL STAR (IRE)	7	Martin Lynch	Gordon Elliott IRE
203	MIDNIGHT TUESDAY (FR)	5	Tony Eaves	Nigel Twiston-Davies
4226	MISALA (IRE)	6	Rachael O'Neill	John Hanlon IRE
1-0542	MISTER WALL STREET (FR)	5	Mrs C McKeane	Ferdy Murphy

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Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
153-11	MORNING SUPREME (IRE)	7	Henry Murphy	Willie Mullins IRE
PP4F21	MR CRACKER (IRE)	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Michael Hourigan IRE
215	MY SHAMWARI (IRE)	6	Julie Phillips	Ben de Haan
43123	NAJAF (FR)	5	The Johnson & Stewart Families	Paul Nicholls
42-3(2)2	OH NO NOT HARRY (FR)	5	Tony Eaves	Ian Williams
122121	ON BORROWED WINGS (IRE)	7	Andrew Wates	Alan Fleming
6-F326F	ONAJET (AUS)	8	Mrs R N Cosgriff & D J Cosgriff	Anthony Cosgriff AUS
42/-11	PAUL KRISTIAN	7	Derrick Mossop	Willie Mullins
111	PEDDLERS CROSS (IRE)	5	Tim Leslie	Donald McCain Jnr
05-1	PERSIAN RUN (IRE)	6	Gale Force One	Colin Tizzard
312	PISTOLET NOIR (FR)	4	The Roy & Stewart Families	Paul Nicholls
12-016	QUADRILLON (FR)	6	Mrs M McMahon	Willie Mullins IRE
111	QUANTITATIVEASING (IRE)	5	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
3/2-116P	QUARTANO (GER)	7	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
14-1112	QUEL ESPRIT (FR)	6	Red Barn Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
20/6/-532	QUINTESSENTIALLY (IRE)	8	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
20121	RESTLESS HARRY	6	Richard Whitehead	Robin Dickin
326-121	REVE DE SIVOLA (FR)	5	Paul Duffy Diamond Partnership	Nick Williams
412-123	RHYL ACCORD (IRE)	8	Rose Boyd	Willie Mullins IRE
32-3331	RICK (FR)	6	J P Dunne	Dessie Hughes IRE
113-41	RITE OF PASSAGE	6	Dr Ronan Lambe	Dermot Weld IRE
4-510	RIVER D'OR (FR)	5	Clive Smith	Paul Nicholls
3-35	ROYAL COLLONGES (FR)	5	Ann & Alan Potts	Paul Nicholls
P1-2312	RUBI LIGHT (FR)	5	Bill Hennessy	Robbie Hennessy IRE
04F15	SHANE ROCK	5	Michael O'Flynn	Michael Morris IRE
12-15	SHERWANI WOLF (IRE)	6	Charles Davies	Nigel Twiston-Davies
110-11	SHINROCK PADDY (IRE)	6	Barry Connell	Paul Nolan IRE
633	SLEEPY HOLLOW	5	Lady Blyth	Hughie Morrison
3-20	SMOOTH CLASSIC (IRE)	6	Malcolm Denmark & Callum Denmark	Warren Greatrex
2-12226	SOME PRESENT (IRE)	7	Mrs Paul Duffin/F N Doyle	Tom Mullins IRE
23	SPIRIT OF ADJISA (IRE)	6	Darr, Johnson, Weston & Whitaker	Alan King
111253	START ME UP (IRE)	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Charlie Swan IRE
0521	STONEMASTER (IRE)	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Dessie Hughes IRE
2-611	STONE'S TREASURE	6	Fred & Sue Welch	Alan King
342114	SUMMIT MEETING	5	Howard Spooner	Jessica Harrington IRE
5-131B1	SURE JOSIE SURE (FR)	5	Mrs Jo Tracey	David Pipe
313-561	SWANSBROOK (IRE)	7	Favourites Racing & Andrew Gemmell	Alan King
111	TELL MASSINI (IRE)	6	Mr & Mrs R Cornock	Tom George
12	THE BETCHWORTH KID	5	Henry Ponsonby	Alan King
52-15	THE GIANT BOLSTER	5	Simon Hunt	David Bridgwater
212131	THE HURL (IRE)	7	J P McManus	Mouse Morris IRE
11	THE KNOXS (IRE)	7	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
U11P	THEGREATJOHNBROWNE (IRE)	6	Martin Doran	Noel Meade IRE
4	THIS MASQUERADE	7	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
12	TILT	8	The Seasiders	Brian Ellison
1-31	TOCCA FERRO (FR)	5	Prior Syder	Emma Lavelle
1-4442	TRUCKERS HALL (IRE)	7	Power Panels Electrical Systems Ltd	Tom George
11-01	TURBO ISLAND	5	C Davidson J Crichton L Burnett D Waugh	James Ewart
22-4	VERY EDGY (IRE)	6	Bailey-Carvill Equine	Charles Egerton
21-031	VINO GRIEGO (FR)	5	C E Stedman	Gary Moore
22	WAYWARD PRINCE	6	T J & Mrs H Parrott	Ian Williams
1226-	WHISTLEJACQUET	5	Mrs Peter Prowting	Alan King
2-11	WISHFULL THINKING	7	Diana Whateley	Philip Hobbs
10	YOU'RE SO VAIN	7	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex

112 Entries

37 Irish-trained

1 Australian-trained

THE NEPTUNE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT NOVICES' HURDLE **FACTS AND FIGURES**

- 1.** The Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle was introduced to The Festival in 1971 as the Aldsworth Hurdle. Sun Alliance, who merged with Royal Insurance in 1996, took it on in 1974, together with the Sun Alliance Chase, having previously sponsored the Foxhunter Chase. Ballymore Properties sponsored the contest between 2007 and 2009, while Neptune Investment Management will sponsor the race for the first time in 2010.
- 2.** The Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle, along with the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle and the RSA Chase, are acknowledged as championship races for the staying novice hurdler and chaser.
- 3.** Only one horse has won both the Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle and the RSA Chase. The West Awake took the hurdle race in 1987 and the chase event a year later.
- 4.** The smallest field for the Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle was 14 in both 2009 and 2000. There have been 15 runners on four occasions - 1973, 2004, 2007 and 2008. The largest field was 29, achieved in 1979, 1984 and 1991. The current safety limit is 24.
- 5.** The Irish-trained 1994 winner, Danoli, was the subject of a massive gamble and was sent off the 7/4 favourite. The shortest-priced winner was another Irish victor, Mr Kildare, at 8/11 in 1978. Favourites have been successful in 13 of the 37 runnings. The longest-priced winner was 40/1 chance Even Dawn in the second running in 1972.
- 6.** The Irish have an excellent record in the Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle with 15 wins, including six consecutive victories from 1973-78.
- 7.** Having sent out the winner in 2008 and 2009, Willie Mullins became the seventh trainer to win two Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdles, joining Aidan O'Brien, Martin Pipe, Oliver Sherwood, Mick O'Toole, Edward O'Grady and Nigel Twiston-Davies. Oliver Sherwood and Dessie Hughes are the two trainers to have also won the race as jockeys. Sherwood was in the saddle on Venture To Cognac in 1979, while his training wins were with The West Awake (1987) and Rebel Song (1988). Dessie Hughes was twice successful as a jockey with Davy Lad (1975) and Parkhill (1976) and sent out Hardy Eustace (2003) to victory as a trainer.
- 8.** The fastest time for the winning horse was 4m 52.0s set by Monsignor in 2000, beating the 4m 56.2s of Regal Ambition in 1990.
- 9.** Istabraq (1997) and Hardy Eustace (2003) both won this race en route to victory in the Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle, while Davy Lad (1975) went on to take the totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Breakdown of Entries per Trainer and Past Successes in the Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle

13 Entries

Willie Mullins IRE (2009 Mikael D'Haguenet, 2008 Fiveforthree)

10 Entries

Nicky Henderson

7 Entries

Alan King

5 Entries

Warren Greatrex

Paul Nicholls

4 Entries

Noel Meade IRE (2006 Nicanor)

Mouse Morris IRE

3 Entries

Charles Egerton

Dessie Hughes IRE (2003 Hardy Eustace)

Howard Johnson (2005 No Refuge)

David Pipe

Nigel Twiston-Davies (2004 Fundamentalist, 1993 Gaelstrom)

Ian Williams

2 Entries

Tom George (2002 Galileo)

John Hanlon IRE

Jessica Harrington IRE

Philip Hobbs (2007 Massini's Maguire)

Emma Lavelle

Donald McCain Jnr

Tom Mullins IRE

Paul Webber

Evan Williams

1 Entry

George Baker

David Bridgwater

Jennie Candlish

Noel Chance

Anthony Cosgriff AUS

Rebecca Curtis

Henry de Bromhead IRE

Robin Dickin

James Ewart

Ben de Haan

Gordon Edwards

Gordon Elliott IRE

Brian Ellison

Alan Fleming

Robbie Hennessy IRE

Michael Hourigan

Richard Lee

Karen McLintock

Gary Moore

Hughie Morrison

Ferdy Murphy (1998 French Holly)

Paul Nolan IRE

Edward O'Grady IRE (1982 Mister Donovan, 1980 Drumlargan)

Jonjo O'Neill

Charlie Swan IRE

Colin Tizzard

Dermot Weld IRE

Nick Williams

Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle - Analysis

The Grade One contest staged over two miles and five furlongs has attracted 112 entries, with 37 of those trained in Ireland.

The Dermot Weld-trained **Rite Of Passage** was third in last season's Grade One Weatherbys Champion Bumper and won a maiden hurdle at Leopardstown in January.

Willie Mullins saddled Mikael D'Haguenet (2009) and Fiveforthree (2008) to win the last two runnings and he has engaged Grade Three winners **Quel Esprit** and **Enterprise Park** among 13 entries that also include **Morning Supreme** and the Grade One-placed pair of **Fionnegas** and **Rhyl Accord**.

Paul Nolan has entered **Shinrock Paddy**, who defeated Rhyl Accord to win a Navan Grade One on December 13.

The Jessica Harrington-trained **Cooler River** defeated Quel Esprit to land a two and half-mile Leopardstown Grade Two hurdle in January, while the John Hanlon-trained **Luska Lad** won the Grade Two Moscow Flyer Hurdle at Punchestown, a race in which the Noel Meade-trained Grade One paddypowerpoker.com Future Champion Novices' Hurdle victor **Hollo Ladies** was fourth, one place behind the Charlie Swan-trained **Start Me Up**.

Loosen My Load won the Grade Two Sharp Novices' Hurdle at The Open in November for trainer Henry de Bromhead, while Tom Mullins has engaged the unbeaten **Dr Whizz**.

Edward O'Grady saddled Drumlargan (1980) and Mister Donovan (1982) to victory and the Irish handler has entered **Acapulco**, a classy performer on the Flat when with Aidan O'Brien and winner of a maiden hurdle at Navan on January 27.

The Nick Williams-trained **Reve De Sivola** landed the Grade One Challow Novices' Hurdle at Newbury in January from the Robin Dickin-trained **Restless Harry**, who franked the form with a fine victory over **General Miller** in the Grade Two Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham on Festival Trials Day.

Nicky Henderson has a powerful hand with 10 entries. Among them, **Quantitativeasing** is unbeaten in three starts, General Miller won at the course in December, **Kerada** and **Master Of The Hall** have won their last two starts and **Finian's Rainbow** was third in the Challow Hurdle.

Peddlers Cross landed the Grade Two Rossington Main Hurdle at Haydock in January for trainer Donald McCain, while the Howard Johnson-trained **The Knoxs** has won both his starts at Newcastle and the Karen McLintock-trained **Bygones Of Brid** saw off Washington Irving at that same venue.

The Tom George-trained **Tell Massini** defeated Reve De Sivola in a Grade Two at The Open and added the Grade Two Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle over three miles back at Cheltenham in December.

Paul Nicholls has entered Grade Two Prestbury Juvenile Hurdle victor **Pistolet Noir**, easy Taunton winner **Ghizao** and classy French import **Najaf** among five entries.

Alan King has seven entries including Grade Two Winter Novices' Hurdle winner **Manyriverstocross**, dual winner **Stoney's Treasure** and recent Taunton victor **Whistlejacquet**.

Chartreux easily landed a Fos Los maiden hurdle for trainer David Pipe on January 28, to go with previous wins in a bumper and a point-to-point, while the same trainer's **Sure Josie Sure** has won both of her completed starts over hurdles.

There is one Australian-trained entry in the shape of Anthony Cosgriff's **Onajet**.

NEPTUNE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT NOVICES' HURDLE

PREVIOUS RESULTS

2009-WINNER-MIKAEL D'HAGUENET 5-11-07 Owner-Susannah Ricci; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-5/2 Fav

2ND-Karabak 6-11-07 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-4/1

3RD-Diamond Harry 6-11-07 Owner-Paul Duffy Diamond Syndicate; Trainer-Nick Williams; Jockey-Timmy Murphy; SP-4/1
14 ran, Time-5m 17.10s Dist-1¼, ¾

2008-WINNER-FIVEFORTHREE 6-11-07 Owner-Olde Crowbars Syndicate; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-7/1

2ND-Venalmar 6-11-07 Owner-Michael O'Flynn; Trainer-Mouse Morris IRE; Jockey-Paddy Flood; SP-11/1

3RD-Trafford Lad 6-11-07 Owner-Butler Family Syndicate; Trainer-Eamon Sheehy IRE; Jockey-Tom Doyle; SP-9/1
15 ran, Time-5m 2.20s Dist-nk, 4; 4/1 Fav Aigle D'Or (13th)

2007-WINNER-MASSINI'S MAGUIRE 6-11-07 Owner-Alan Peterson; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-20/1

2ND-Tidal Bay 6-11-07 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Howard Johnson; Jockey-Paddy Brennan; SP-10/1

3RD-Catch Me 6-11-07 Owner-J P O'Shea; Trainer-Edward O'Grady IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-7/1
15 ran, Time-5m 5.40s; Dist: nk, 1½; 5/2 Fav Aran Concerto (5th)

2006-WINNER-NICANOR 5-11-07 Owner-Des Sharkey; Trainer-Noel Meade IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-17/2

2ND-Denman 6-11-07 Owner-Paul Barber & Maggie Findlay; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-11/10 Fav

3RD-Refinement 7-11-00 Owner-Michael Tabor; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-11/2
17 ran, Time-5m 1.00s Dist: 2½, 6

2005-WINNER-NO REFUGE 5-11-07 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Howard Johnson; Jockey-Graham Lee; SP-17/2

2ND-Racing Demon 5-11-07 Owner-Camilla Radford; Trainer-Henrietta Knight; Jockey-Jim Culloty; SP-14/1

3RD-Our Ben 6-11-07 Owner-Trevor Hemmings; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-33/1
20 ran, Time-5m 00.00s Dist: ¾, 2½ 9/2 Jt Favs Gold Medalist (5th) & Royal Paradise (7th)

2004-WINNER-FUNDAMENTALIST 6-11-07 Owner-Gripen; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Carl Llewellyn; SP-12/1

2ND-Inglis Drever 5-11-07 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Howard Johnson; Jockey-Graham Lee; SP-7/4 Fav

3RD-Grey Report 7-11-07 Owner-Anne La Trobe; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-25/1
15 ran, Time-5m 1.90s, Dist-.5, 4

2003-WINNER-HARDY EUSTACE 5-11-07 Owner-Laurence Byrne; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Kieran Kelly; SP-6/1

2ND-Pizarro 6-11-07 Owner-Edward Wallace; Trainer-Edward O'Grady IRE; Jockey-Norman Williamson; SP-2/1 Fav

3RD-Lord Sam 7-11-07 Owner-Plain Peeps; Trainer-Victor Dartnall; Jockey-Warren Marston; SP-10/1

Coolnagorna, finished 2nd, placed last for causing interference 19 ran, Time-5m 5.70s, Dist (as they passed the post)-1¼, 1

2002-WINNER-GALILEO 6-11-07 Owner-Sharon Nelson, Allan Stennett, Terry Warner; Trainer-Tom George; Jockey-Jason Maguire; SP-12/1

2ND-Over The Bar 6-11-07 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Edward O'Grady IRE; Jockey-Norman Williamson; SP-14/1

3RD-Lanzerac 5-11-07 Owner-Cleartherm Ltd; Trainer-John Harris; Jockey-Paul Flynn; SP-66/1

27 ran; Time-5m 19.70s, Dist-3½, sh; 5/1 Fav Classified (4th)

2001-Cancelled (Foot and Mouth Disease)

2000-WINNER-MONSIGNOR 6-11-07 Owner-Malcolm Denmark; Trainer-Mark Pitman; Jockey-Norman Williamson; SP-5/4 Fav

2ND-No Discount 6-11-06 Owner-Seamus Ross; Trainer-Charlie Swan IRE; Jockey-Charlie Swan; SP-20/1

3RD-Gentle Rivage 6-11-07 Owner-Geoffrey and Donna Keeys; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; SP-50/1

14 ran, Time-4m 52.0s, Dist-8,5

1999-WINNER-BARTON 6-11-07 Owner-Stan Clarke; Trainer-Tim Easterby; Jockey-Lorcan Wyer, SP-2/1 Fav

2ND-Artadoin Lad 6-11-07 Owner-Jim Shaw; Trainer-Jenny Pitman; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-28/1

3RD-Winston Run 7-11-07 Owner-Mr & Mrs John Poynton; Trainer-Ian Williams; Jockey-Glenn Tormey; SP-100/1

18 ran, Time-5m 5.6s, Dist-9, ½

1998-WINNER-FRENCH HOLLY 7-11-07 Owner-Kieran Flood; Trainer-Ferdy Murphy; Jockey-Andrew Thornton; SP-2/1 Fav

2ND-Torboy 8-11-07 Owner-Paul Green; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-8/1

3RD-Cloone Bridge 6-11-07 Owner-Kathleen Gillane; Trainer-Aidan O'Brien IRE; Jockey-Charlie Swan; SP-8/1

18 ran, Time-4m 59.7s, Dist-14, 2½

1997-WINNER-ISTABRAQ 5-11-07 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Aidan O'Brien IRE; Jockey-Charlie Swan; SP-6/5 Fav

2ND-Mighty Moss 6-11-07 Owner-Ken Hutsby; Trainer-David Nicholson; Jockey-Mr Fred Hutsby; SP-11/1

3RD-Daraydan 5-11-07 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Richard Hughes; SP-16/1

17 ran, Time-4m 58.2s, Dist-1, ¾

NEPTUNE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT NOVICES' HURDLE ROLL OF HONOUR

(Ballymore Novices' Hurdle 2009, Ballymore Properties Novices' Hurdle 2007-2008, Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle 1998-2006, Royal Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle 1997, Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle 1974-96, Aldsworth Hurdle 1971-73)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Age/Wt</u>	<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>Ran</u>
2009	Mikael D'Haguenet	5-11-07	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Susannah Ricci	5/2F	14
2008	Fiveforthree	6-11-07	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Olde Crowbars Syndicate	7/1	15
2007	Massini's Maguire	6-11-07	Richard Johnson	Philip Hobbs	Alan Peterson	20/1	15
2006	Nicanor	5-11-07	Paul Carberry	Noel Meade IRE	Des Sharkey	17/2	17
2005	No Refuge	5-11-07	Graham Lee	Howard Johnson	Andrea & Graham Wylie	17/2	20
2004	Fundamentalist	6-11-07	Carl Llewellyn	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Gripen	12/1	15
2003	Hardy Eustace	6-11-07	Kieran Kelly	Dessie Hughes IRE	Laurence Byrne	6/1	19
2002	Galileo	6-11-07	Jason Maguire	Tom George	Sharon Nelson, Allan Stennett, Terry Warner	12/1	27
2001	<i>No Race (Foot and Mouth)</i>						
2000	Monsignor	6-11-07	Norman Williamson	Mark Pitman	Malcolm Denmark	5/4F	14
1999	Barton	6-11-07	Lorcan Wyer	Tim Easterby	Stan Clarke	2/1F	18
1998	French Holly	7-11-07	Andrew Thornton	Ferdy Murphy	Kieran Flood	2/1F	18
1997	Istabraq	5-11-07	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	J P McManus	6/5F	17
1996	Urubande	6-11-07	Charlie Swan	Aidan O'Brien IRE	Martin St Quinton	8/1	24
1995	Putty Road	5-11-07	Norman Williamson	David Nicholson	Lady Harris	7/1	21
1994	Danoli	6-11-07	Charlie Swan	Tom Foley IRE	Dan O'Neill	7/4F	23
1993	Gaelstrom	6-11-02	Carl Llewellyn	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Jenny Powell	16/1	19
1992	Thetford Forest	5-11-07	Richard Dunwoody	David Nicholson	Saeed Manana	7/1	27
1991	Crystal Spirit	4-10-12	Jimmy Frost	Ian Balding	Paul Mellon	2/1F	29
1990	Regal Ambition	6-11-07	Peter Scudamore	Martin Pipe	Skeltools Ltd	3/1F	22
1989	Sayfar's Lad	5-11-07	Mark Perrett	Martin Pipe	Arthur Whiting	12/1	22
1988	Rebel Song	6-11-07	Simon Sherwood	Oliver Sherwood	Maggie Heath	14/1	25
1987	The West Awake	6-11-07	Simon Sherwood	Oliver Sherwood	Maggie Heath	16/1	28
1986	Ten Plus	6-11-07	Kevin Mooney	Fulke Walwyn	Basil Thwaites	5/2F	28
1985	Asir	5-11-07	Mr Ronnie Beggan	Paul Kelleway	HH Prince Yazid Saud	9/1	27
1984	Fealty	4-10-12	Seamus O'Neill	Peter Brookshaw	Peter Brookshaw	33/1	29
1983	Sabin Du Loir	4-10-08	Graham Bradley	Michael Dickinson	Brian Kilpatrick	16/1	27
1982	Mister Donovan	6-11-08	Tommy Ryan	Edward O'Grady IRE	J P McManus	9/2	21
1981	Gaye Chance	6-11-08	Sam Morshead	Fred Rimell	Mrs M Curtis	7/1	21
1980	Drumlargan	6-11-08	Tommy Ryan	Edward O'Grady IRE	Mary Cuddy	5/2F	27
1979	Venture To Cognac	6-11-08	Mr Oliver Sherwood	Fred Winter	Nat Sherwood	4/1	29
1978	Mr Kildare	5-11-07	Tommy Carmody	Liam Browne IRE	Owen Canty	8/11F	20
1977	Counsel Cottage	6-11-08	Sean Treacy	Paddy Mullins IRE	Lady Elizabeth Byng	6/1	26
1976	Parkhill	5-11-07	Dessie Hughes	Mick O'Toole IRE	Mrs J McGowan	4/1	21
1975	Davy Lad	5-11-07	Dessie Hughes	Mick O'Toole IRE	Mrs J McGowan	5/2F	20
1974	Brown Lad	8-11-08	Ron Barry	Paddy Osborne IRE	J Osborne	2/1F	25
1973	Willie Wumpkins	5-11-06	Pat Colville	Adrian Maxwell IRE	Jane Pilkington	11/1	15
1972	Even Dawn	5-11-06	Ron Hyett	Katie Gaze	Katie Gaze	40/1	17
1971	Midsprite	5-11-12	Macer Gifford	Tom Jones	Mrs Ogden Phipps	7/1	20

THE 2009 NEPTUNE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

NOVICES' HURDLE RESULT

£120,000 guaranteed, 2m 5f Old Course, For 4yo+ Weights 4yo 10st 12lb; 5yo+ 11st 7lb Allowances fillies and mares 7lb Entries 125 pay £130 1st Forfeit 77 pay £260 Confirmed 29 pay £130 Penalty Value 1st £68,412, 2nd £25,668, 3rd £12,852, 4th £6,408, 5th £3,216, 6th £1,608

- 1 MIKAEL D'HAGUENET (FR) (Mrs Susannah Ricci) Willie Mullins IRE 5-11-7 Ruby Walsh 5/2F
- 2 KARABAK (FR) (J P McManus) Alan King 6-11-7 Tony McCoy 4/1
- 3 DIAMOND HARRY (Paul Duffy Diamond Partnership) Nick Williams 6-11-7 Timmy Murphy 4/1
- 4 CHINA ROCK (IRE) (Michael O'Flynn) Mouse Morris IRE 6-11-7 Niall Madden 25/1
- 5 KNOCKARA BEAU (IRE) (W Trueman) George Charlton 6-11-7 Jan Faltejsek 14/1
- 6 THE NIGHTINGALE (FR) (Graham Roach) Paul Nicholls 6-11-7 Christian Williams 14/1
- 7 REALT DUBH (IRE) (D Sharkey) Noel Meade IRE 5-11-7 Paul Carberry 20/1
- 8 MAD MAX (IRE) (Carole Skipworth & Paul Murphy) Nicky Henderson 7-11-7 Barry Geraghty 6/1
- 9 RUTHENOISE (FR) (Galaxy Sports Management Ltd) David Pipe 4-10-5 Tom Scudamore 100/1
- 10 JUNIOR (Paul Green) Alan King 6-11-7 Robert Thornton 16/1
- 11 DORSET SQUARE (IRE) (Shanakiel Racing Syndicate) John Murphy 5-11-7 Andrew McNamara 200/1
- 12 QUWETWO (Andrea & Graham Wylie) Howard Johnson 6-11-7 Denis O'Regan 20/1
- 13 QUARTETTO (GER) (Amanda Torrens) Mervyn Torrens IRE 5-11-7 Andrew Thornton 100/1
- P BEF 4 OUT RICHARD THE THIRD (Vijay Kara) John Harris 5-11-7 Seamus Durack 250/1

14 ran Distances: 1 3/4, 3 3/4, nk, 3 3/4, 10, 6, 1 1/2, 10, 23, dist, 7, 29 **Time:** 5m 17.10s
Breeder: Mme Martine Lelong **Breeding:** b g Lavarco (Ger) - Fleur D'haguenet (FR)
Totes: Win: £3.60 Places: £1.70, £2.20, £1.90 Exacta: £10.80

Winning Trainer: WILLIE MULLINS **Date of Birth:** 15/9/56 **Based:** Closutton, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow **Background:** Born September 15, 1956, Willie Mullins was six-times amateur champion rider in Ireland and his major successes in the saddle included the 1983 John Smith's Fox Hunters' Chase at Aintree on Atha Cliath, before taking out a training licence in 1988. He hails from one of Ireland's most famous racing families, being a son of Paddy Mullins, the now retired outstanding all-round trainer, whose most famous star was Dawn Run, winner of the 1984 Champion Hurdle and Cheltenham Gold Cup two years later. Willie Mullins rode and trained Wither Or Which to win the 1996 Weatherbys Champion Bumper, the Cheltenham Festival race in which he has saddled six winners (also Florida Pearl 1997, Alexander Banquet 1998, Joe Cullen 2000, Missed That 2005 and Cousin Vinny 2008). Mullins saddled Rule Supreme to win the Royal & SunAlliance Chase at the 2004 Cheltenham Festival and sent out the same horse to win the Irish Hennessy in 2005. His best horse to date has been Florida Pearl, who was placed in two Cheltenham Gold Cups, won the 1998 Royal & SunAlliance Chase, the 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2004 Irish Hennessy Cognac Gold Cups in Ireland as well as the 2001 King George VI Chase and the 2002 totesport Bowl at Aintree. Mullins, who began training in 1988, has around 100 horses at his Closutton yard near Bagenalstown in Co Carlow. He was crowned both Champion and Leading Trainer in Ireland for the first time in the 2007/08 season. **Cheltenham Festival wins (14):** David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle (2009 Quevega), Ballymore Properties Novices' Hurdle (2008 Fivefourthree, 2009 Mikael D'Haguenet), Supreme Novices' Hurdle (1995 Tourist Attraction, 2007 Ebaziyan), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (1998 Florida Pearl, 2004 Rule Supreme), Weatherbys Champion Bumper (1996 Wither Or Which, 1997 Florida Pearl, 1998 Alexander Banquet, 2000 Joe Cullen, 2005 Missed That, 2008 Cousin Vinny), JCB Triumph Hurdle (2002 Scolardy) **Number of Winners in Britain (2001/02-2007/08):** 4; 1; 1; 2; 0; 1; 2; **Wins in Britain this season:** 3

Winning Jockey: Ruby Walsh **Born:** May 14, 1979 **Background:** Ruby (short for Rupert) is associated with the powerful stables of Paul Nicholls in Britain and Willie Mullins in Ireland. He is the son of 11-times Irish amateur champion jockey, Ted Walsh, now a trainer and television pundit. Ruby is the second of Walsh's four children and his younger sister Katie is a successful amateur. He in his father's footsteps when capturing the Irish amateur riders' championship (1996-97) at the age of 19 while still studying for his Leaving Certificate. He was crowned champion Irish National Hunt jockey in his first season as a professional (1998/99) and has taken the title a further five times (2000/2001, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/7 and 2007/08). Walsh has won the John Smith's Grand National twice - in 2000 aboard Papillon, trained by his father, and the Willie Mullins-trained Hedgehunter in 2005. He followed Papillon's Aintree triumph with an Irish Grand National victory aboard his father's Commanche Court but surpassed that achievement in the 2004/2005 season when his John Smith's Grand National success aboard Hedgehunter was augmented by wins in the Welsh National (Silver Birch) and Irish Grand National (Numbersixvalverde). He narrowly missed out in that season's Scottish Grand National when his mount, Cornish Rebel, finished a short-head second to Joes Edge. In the 2007/08 season he was leading rider at the Cheltenham Festival for a third time (he also took the accolade in 2003 and 2007) with three wins. **First Winner:** Siren Song, Gowran Park, July 25, 1995 **Cheltenham Festival Wins (19):** David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle (2009 Quevega), Ballymore Properties Novices' Hurdle (2008 Fivefourthree, 2009 Mikael D'Haguenet), JCB Triumph Hurdle (2008 Celestial Halo), Weatherbys Champion Bumper (1998 Alexander Banquet, 2005 Missed That), Mildmay Of Flete (2002 Blowing Wind), Irish Independent Arkle (2003 Azertyuiop), Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase (2004 Azertyuiop, 2008 Master Minded), Grand Annual (2004 St Pirran), County Hurdle (2004 Sporazene, 2006 Desert Quest), Ryanair Chase (2005 Thisthatandtother, 2007 Taranis) Anglo Irish Bank Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2006 Noland), William Hill Trophy (2006 Dun Doire), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (2007 Denman), totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (2007 Kauto Star) **1,000th Winner in Ireland:** Rare Article, Smirnoff (Mares) Maiden Hurdle, Thurles, May 4, 2008 (became only the second jockey to complete the feat after Charlie Swann) **Number of Wins in Britain (1998/99-2007/08):** 1; 1; 5; 13; 77; 62; 81; 69; 73; 69; **Wins in Britain This Season:** 58

THE JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE

Class 1, Grade 1, Total Prize Fund £100,000. 1.30pm, Cheltenham, Friday, March 19, 2010. Two miles, one furlong. For novice four-year-olds only. Weights: 11st each. Allowances: fillies 7lb. Entries closed Tuesday, February 2. Entries revealed Thursday, February 4 (**77 entries**). Scratchings deadline February 23, six-day confirmation stage Saturday, March 13. Final declaration stage 10am, Thursday, March 18. Form figures supplied by Weatherbys and are correct up to and including the racing of Monday, February 1. May not include some overseas form.

Form	Horse	Owner	Trainer
	ACCORDING	Men In Our Position	Nicky Henderson
	ADMIRABLE DUQUE (IRE)	Brian Taylor	Dominic French Davis
11	ADVISOR (FR)	The Royal Ascot Racing Club	Paul Nicholls
U2	AL QEDDAAF (IRE)	Tim Leslie	Donald McCain Jnr
12	ALAIVAN (IRE)	Thomas Barr	Edward O'Grady IRE
1F21	ANAK (IRE)	F W Golding & W Wallace	Jim Best
1	ASCENDANT	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
25	ASTRACAD (FR)	Raymond Mould	Nigel Twiston-Davies
061	BACCALAUREATE (FR)	The Yes No Wait Sorries	Nigel Twiston-Davies
311112	BARIZAN (IRE)	Peter Conway	Evan Williams
122	BARWELL BRIDGE	Mrs T Brown	Warren Greatrex
F4	BIG GAME HUNTER (IRE)	Gigginstown House Stud	Mouse Morris IRE
2P13P	BLAZING BUCK	Mill House Racing Syndicate	Tony Carroll
1	BLUE NYMPH	Maxilead Limited	John Quinn
(0)	BOB'S LEGEND (IRE)	K Quinn/C Benham/I Saunders	Linda Jewell
11	BOTHY	Dan Gilbert	Brian Ellison
	CALL IT ON (IRE)	The Wiggins Family	Mark Tompkins
02	CAPELLANUS (IRE)	Patrick Wilmott	Edward O'Grady IRE
011	CARLITO BRIGANTE (IRE)	Gigginstown House Stud	Gordon Elliott IRE
	CLASSICALLY (IRE)	Ben Arbib	Hughie Morrison
	CLERK'S CHOICE (IRE)	Michael Banks	Michael Banks
	CLUB TAHITI	Seasons Holidays	Tony Carroll
114	CROSS APPEAL (IRE)	John Corr	Noel Meade IRE
4	DEVIL TO PAY	Horace 5	Alan King
341	DIKTALINA	The Cartmel Syndicate	Alison Thorpe
2312	DOCTOR DEEJAY (IRE)	P Henessy/J Pollard/M Lanney/W O'Connor	Willie Mullins IRE
	DOUBLE HANDFUL (GER)	Simon Bold	Venetia Williams
2	FIN VIN DE LEU (GER)	R Curry, Cathy Leuchars & Bob Michaelson	Charlie Mann
	FINAL APPROACH	Douglas Taylor	Willie Mullins IRE
	GALLILEI (FR)	Ann & Alan Potts Partnership	Henry de Bromhead IRE
64	GILDED AGE	Stennett, Sweeney & Bunter	Alan King
241	HUNTERVIEW	Mrs Jo Tracey	David Pipe
5	INVESTISSEMENT	Robin Geffen	Evan Williams
00005	KHAN TENGRI (IRE)	Rita Shah	Oliver Brady IRE
5	LOCH LONG (IRE)	Thistle Bloodstock Limited	Tracey Collins IRE
021	ME VOICI (FR)	Jane Williams	Nick Williams
B11	MILLE CHIEF (FR)	McNeill Family	Alan King
	MONETARY FUND (USA)	Alan Spence	Nicky Henderson
362160	NICKY NUTJOB (GER)	Macniler Racing Partnership	Jeff Pearce
43611	NOTUS DE LA TOUR (FR)	Racing For Change	David Pipe
5131	OLOFI (FR)	R&L Channing S&F Roberts	McNeill Racing Tom George
	ONEMIX	S W Group Logistics Limited	Nicky Henderson
43B523	ORSIPPUS (USA)	Sandra Smith	Michael Smith
1	ORZARE (IRE)	Bryan Fry	Gary Moore
4	PEBBLE IN A POOL (IRE)	Andy Oliver	Andy Oliver IRE
13	PETER GRIMES (IRE)	Let's Live Racing	Alan King
312	PISTOLET NOIR (FR)	The Roy & Stewart Families	Paul Nicholls
11	PITTONI (IRE)	Patrick Wilmott/M G White	Charles Byrnes IRE
	POINT OF LIGHT	Gigginstown House Stud	Paul Nolan IRE
1	POLITEO (FR)	Gigginstown House Stud	Paul Nolan IRE
	POOL OF KNOWLEDGE (FR)	Martin Graham	Venetia Williams
1	PREMIER GRAND CRU (FR)	J D Gordon	James Ewart
0	PUZZLEMASTER	Mr & Mrs Rory Sweet	Hughie Morrison
	REMEMBER NOW (IRE)	J P McManus	Nicky Henderson
1	ROYAL MIX (FR)	Mark Tincknell	Paul Nicholls
11112	RUPESTRIAN	The Select Racing Club Limited	Tim Vaughan
3112	SANG BLEU (FR)	Simon Munir	Paul Nicholls

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THE JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE continued

Form	Horse	Owner	Trainer
	SANTO THOMAS (FR)	Mrs B Grainger	Venetia Williams
212	SCREAMING BRAVE	Tracey Walsom & Alex Woodger	Sheena West
1-F1	SECANT STAR (FR)	Eamonn Duignan	Willie Mullins IRE
	SHALAMBAR (IRE)	B J Millen	Tony Carroll
1	SHANROD (IRE)	Paul Rooney	Michael Halford IRE
421	SOLDATINO (FR)	Simon Munir	Nicky Henderson
123	SOLDIER BAY	Bill Hennessy	Robbie Hennessy IRE
12426	SON AMIX (FR)	Whitechurch Stud Syndicate	Thomas Cooper IRE
221	SOUNDS OF JUPITER (IRE)	Gigginstown House Stud	Charles Byrnes IRE
	SOUTER POINT (USA)	John & Angela Andrews	Nicky Henderson
210	STRIKEMASTER (IRE)	Dan Gilbert	Brian Ellison
0	SUFFREN (USA)	Patrick Wilmott	Edward O'Grady IRE
	SUNWISE (USA)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing – Sunwise Paul Nicholls	
	SUPER KENNY (IRE)	HighclereThoroughbred Racing-Super Kenny Nicky Henderson	
3	TOUBAB (FR)	Hills of Ledbury Ltd	Paul Nicholls
323232	TROUBLETIMESTWO (FR)	Mill House Racing Syndicate	Tony Carroll
	VALID POINT (IRE)	Wally Sturt	Jim Old
4	WATERGATE (IRE)	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
112	WESTLIN' WINDS (IRE)	A Allison J Allison P Daresbury W Vestey	Charles Egerton
F	WILLIAM WORDSWORTH (IRE)	A McAndrew	Sabrina Harty IRE

77 Entries

21 Irish-trained

Breakdown of Entries by Trainer and Past Successes in the JCB Triumph Hurdle

7 Entries

Nicky Henderson (2009 Zaynar, 1999 Katarino, 1987 Alone Success, 1985 First Bout)
Paul Nicholls (2008 Celestial Halo)

4 Entries

Tony Carroll
Alan King (2007 Katchit, 2005 Penzance)

3 Entries

Willie Mullins IRE (2002 Scolardy)
Edward O'Grady IRE (1984 Northern Game)
Venetia Williams

2 Entries

Charles Byrnes IRE
Brian Ellison
Hughie Morrison
Paul Nolan IRE
David Pipe
Nigel Twiston-Davies (1998 Upgrade)
Evan Williams

1 Entry

Michael Banks
Jim Best
Oliver Brady IRE
Tracey Collins IRE
Thomas Cooper IRE
Henry de Bromhead IRE
Charles Egerton
Gordon Elliott IRE
James Ewart
Dominic ffrench Davis
Tom George
Warren Greatrex
Michael Halford IRE
Sabrina Harty IRE
Robbie Hennessy IRE
Linda Jewell
Howard Johnson
Charlie Mann
Donald McCain
Noel Meade IRE
Gary Moore
Mouse Morris IRE
Jim Old
Andy Oliver IRE
Jeff Pearce
John Quinn
Michael Smith
Alison Thorpe
Mark Tompkins
Tim Vaughan
Sheena West
Nick Williams

JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE FACTS AND FIGURES

- 1.** The JCB Triumph Hurdle was formerly run at Hurst Park and transferred to Cheltenham in 1965 on the closure of the London course.
- 2.** JCB, which supports the contest for the ninth time this year, is only the race's third sponsor. The Elite Racing Club was due to back the race for a fifth time in 2001 when The Festival was cancelled, while the Daily Express sponsored from 1965 to 1996. The race was originally run at the April Meeting but was transferred to The Festival in 1968.
- 3.** The JCB Triumph Hurdle has been one of the most competitive races of The Festival. The 2008 field of 14 was by far the smallest since Connaught Ranger beat 13 rivals in 1978 - the recent introduction of the Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle has meant that the JCB Triumph Hurdle now attracts only the very best four-year-olds. The race regularly reached the safety factor, reduced from 28 to 24 in 2004. In fact, the 14 runners in Connaught Ranger's year probably had more to do with the transfer of the race to April following the abandonment of racing on Gold Cup day than any loss of its competitive nature. The smallest field was for its first running at Cheltenham in 1965, when seven runners took part. The largest field was 31 in 1970.
- 4.** Since the race has been at Cheltenham, there has only once been an odds-on winner of the Triumph Hurdle. This was Attivo, owned by former BBC TV commentator Sir Peter O'Sullivan, in 1973 at 4/5. The longest-priced winners were Baron Blakeney, Shiny Copper and Ikdam at 66/1 in 1981, 1982 and 1989.
- 5.** Three horses have gone on from winning the JCB Triumph Hurdle to victory in the Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle. Persian War won the Triumph in 1967, and reeled off three Champion Hurdles from 1968-70, Kribensis won the Triumph in 1988 and the Champion Hurdle in 1990, while in 2008 Katchit added a Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle victory to his success in the 2007 JCB Triumph Hurdle.
- 6.** The JCB Triumph Hurdle has a good record for home-trained winners. French-trained raiders won it on four consecutive occasions at Hurst Park from 1950-53, again in 1955 and with Snow Drop in 2000. There have only been six Irish successes (1977, 1984, 1990, 1993, 1997 and 2002). Nicky Henderson is the winning-most trainer, having triumphed with First Bout (1985), Alone Success (1987), Katarino (1999) and Zaynar (2009).
- 7.** Among jockeys, Jimmy Uttley was successful three times. Fred Winter, Steve Smith Eccles and Richard Dunwoody had two winners as have current riders Richard Johnson, Robert Thornton and Barry Geraghty, but perhaps the most interesting name is that of Lester Piggott, who won the race on King Charlemagne when run at Hurst Park in 1954.
- 8.** The fastest time for the winning horse is 3m 51.20s, recorded in 2006 by Detroit City. The previous best was 3m 52.90s, set by Snow Drop in 2000.
- 9.** It has a justifiable reputation for being one of the more unpredictable contests at The Festival - there have been three 66/1 winners and only eight successful favourites since 1965.
- 10.** Three fillies have been successful; Snow Drop in 2000, Mysilv in 1994 and Shawiya in 1993.

JCB Triumph Hurdle – Analysis

The four-year-old hurdling championship, staged over two miles and a furlong, is always a thrilling spectacle and has attracted 77 entries, headed by the Alan King-trained **Mille Chief**.

King has twice tasted victory in the Grade One contest with Penzance (2005) and subsequent Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle hero Katchit (2007), while Franchoek (2008) and Walkon (2009) both finished second for the trainer.

Mille Chief has won his last two starts in fine style, seeing off the Charles Egerton-trained **Westlin' Winds** at Kempton in December and then easily landing the spoils at Huntingdon last month. King's quartet of entries also includes **Peter Grimes**.

Nicky Henderson has four JCB Triumph Hurdle wins to his name, including last year when Zaynar scored. He has seven horses engaged, all of whom are yet to jump a hurdle in public, including **According**, a smart Flat recruit from France.

Advisor followed an easy win at Newbury in December with a defeat of the Warren Greatrex-trained **Barwell Bridge** and the gelding, owned by the Royal Ascot Racing Club, is one of seven Paul Nicholls-trained entries.

The British champion trainer's entry also includes **Sang Bleu**, **Royal Mix** and **Pistolet Noir**, a big money purchase out of Nick Williams' yard after defeating **Barizan** in the Grade Two Prestbury Juvenile Novices' Hurdle at The Open.

Pistolet Noir was subsequently runner-up to the Nigel Twiston-Davies-trained **Baccalaureate** in the Grade Two Betfair Finesse Juvenile Novices' Hurdle over the course and distance on Festival Trials Day. Royal Mix defeated the Nick Williams-trained **Me Voici** at Newbury in November but the latter slammed Sang Bleu to win the Grade One Coral Future Champions Finale Hurdle at Chepstow the following month.

David Pipe has entered **Notus De La Tour** and **Huntermview**, while John Quinn has engaged Doncaster winner **Blue Nymph**, Tom George could run **Olofi**, successful over the course and distance in December and Brian Ellison has entered the smart **Bothy**.

The Howard Johnson-trained **Ascendant** was an easy winner at Musselburgh on his hurdles bow, while the Gary Moore-trained **Orzare** saw off Huntermview at Newbury in December and the James Ewart-trained **Premier Grand Cru** won over hurdles at Pau that same month.

The last Irish-trained winner of the JCB Triumph Hurdle was the Willie Mullins-trained Scolardy (2002). Of the 21 Irish entries, Mullins has the easy Gowran winner **Secant Star**, **Final Approach** and **Doctor Deejay**, who was runner-up to the Charles Byrnes-trained **Pittoni** in a Punchestown Grade Three last month.

The Gordon Elliott-trained **Carlito Brigante** landed a Leopardstown Grade Two in December from the Edward O'Grady-trained **Alaivan**, with the Noel Meade-trained **Cross Appeal** in fourth. O'Grady won the JCB Triumph Hurdle in 1984 with Northern Game.

Henry de Bromhead has entered the smart Flat recruit **Gallilei**, while **Point Of Light**, a prolific winner on the level, is one of two Paul Nolan-trained entries alongside Thurles victor **Politeo**.

Shanrod won his only hurdles start at Navan in November for Mick Halford, while **Sounds Of Jupiter** scored at Limerick in January for the Byrnes stable.

Previous results - JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE

2009-WINNER-ZAYNAR 4-11-00 Owner-Men In Our Position; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-11/2
2ND-Walkon 4-11-00 Owner-McNeill Racing; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-4/1 Fav
3RD-Mourad 4-11-00 Owner-Teahon Consulting Limited; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-14/1
18 ran, Time-4m 3.90s; Dist-¾, 2¾

2008-WINNER-CELESTIAL HALO 4-11-00 Owner-The Stewart Family; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-5/1
2ND-Franchoek 4-11-00 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-Evens Fav
3RD-Won In The Dark 4-11-00 Owner- Gerard Crehan; Trainer-Sabrina Harty IRE; Jockey-Andrew McNamara; SP-16/1
14 ran, Time-4m 7.83s; Dist-2¼, 2¼

2007-WINNER-KATCHIT 4-11-00 Owner- DSJP Syndicate; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-11/2
2ND-Liberate 4-11-00 Owner-Diana Whateley; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-12/1
3RD-Mobaasher 4-11-00 Owner-Seasons Holidays; Trainer-Charlie Mann; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-33/1
23 ran, Time-3m 54.6s; Dist-9, 1 ¾ 7/2 Fav Lounaos (10th)

2006-WINNER-DETROIT CITY 4-11-00 Owner-Terry Warner; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-7/2 Fav
2ND-Fair Along 4-11-00 Owner-Alan Peterson; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Paddy Brennan; SP-25/1
3RD-Blazing Bailey 4-11-00 Owner-Three Line Whip; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-14/1
17 ran, Time-3m 51.20s; Dist-5, 1

2005-WINNER-PENZANCE 4-11-00 Owner-Elite Racing Club; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-9/1
2ND-Faasel 4-11-00 Owner-Jim Ennis; Trainer-Nicky Richards; Jockey-Tony Dobbin; SP-7/1
3RD-Akilak 4-11-00 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Howard Johnson; Jockey-Graham Lee; SP-7/2 Fav
23 ran, Time-4m 3.60s; Dist-hd, 8

2004-WINNER-MADE IN JAPAN 4-11-00 Owner-Terry Evans; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-20/1
2ND-Chief Yeoman 4-11-00 Owner-B Moore & E C Stephens; Trainer-Venetia Williams; Jockey-Tony Dobbin; SP- 40/1
3RD-Top Strategy 4-11-00 Owner-W J Kane; Trainer-Ted Walsh IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-33/1
23 ran, Time-4m 5.30s; Dist-2, nk 5/1 Fav Trouble At Bay (10th)

2003-WINNER-SPECTROSCOPE 4-11-00 Owner-Gay Smith; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-20/1
2ND-Well Chief 4-11-00 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-7/1
3RD-Golden Cross 4-11-00 Owner-Mrs H Johnson; Trainer-Mick Halford IRE; Jockey-Charlie Swan; SP-11/2 Fav
27 ran, Time-4m 0.30s; Dist-hd, 5

2002-WINNER-SCOLARDY 4-11-00 Owner-David Flynn; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Charlie Swan; SP-16/1
2ND-Newhall 4-10-09 Owner-Helen McParland; Trainer-Francis Flood IRE; Jockey-Fran Flood; SP-8/1
3RD-Diamond Joshua 4-11-00 Owner-Diamond Racing Ltd; Trainer-John Berry; Jockey-Jim Culloty; SP- 66/1
28 ran, Time-4m 7.80s; Dist-11, ¾ 7/1 Fav Giocomo (PU)

2001 Cancelled (Foot and Mouth Disease)

2000-WINNER-SNOW DROP 4-10-09 Owner-John D Martin; Trainer-Francois Doumen FR; Jockey-Thierry Doumen; SP-7/1
Fav
2ND-Regal Exit 4-11-00 Owner-Brian Buckley; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-20/1
3RD-General Cloney 4-11-00 Owner-John J Brennan; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-20/1
28 ran, Time-3m 52.90s, Dist-2, nk

1999-WINNER-KATARINO 4-11-00 Owner-Robert Waley-Cohen; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-11/4 Fav
2ND-Balla Sola 4-11-00 Owner-Top Cat Syndicate; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-16/1
3RD-Afarad 4-11-00 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Christy Roche IRE; Jockey-Charlie Swan; SP-8/1
23 ran, Time-4m 2.4s, Dist-8, 1½

1998-WINNER-UPGRADE 4-11-00 Owner-Matt Archer and Jean Broadhurst; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Carl Llewellyn; SP-14/1
2ND-City Hall 4-11-00 Owner-Rosemary Key & Val Ward; Trainer-Val Ward; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-12/1
3RD-Nomadic 4-11-00 Owner-Des Sharkey; Trainer-Noel Meade IRE; Jockey-Richard Dunwoody; SP-14/1
25 ran, Time-3m 57.1s, Dist-1¼, 1¾ 10/3 Fav Zafarabad (4th)

1997-WINNER-COMMANCHE COURT 4-11-00 Owner-Dermot Desmond; Trainer-Ted Walsh IRE; Jockey-Norman Williamson; SP-9/1
2ND-Circus Star 4-11-00 Owner-The Ringmasters; Trainer-David Nicholson; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-40/1
3RD-Shooting Light 4-11-00 Owner-John Brown; Trainer-Pat Murphy; Jockey-Richard Dunwoody; SP-7/1
28 ran, Time-4m 0.2s, Dist-1, 1¼ 9/2 Fav White Sea (9th)

1996-WINNER-PADDY'S RETURN 4-11-00 Owner-Paddy O'Donnell; Trainer-Ferdy Murphy; Jockey-Richard Dunwoody; SP-10/1
2ND-Mistinguett 4-10-09 Owner-John Duggan; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Carl Llewellyn; SP-14/1
3RD-Hatta Breeze 4-10-09 Owner-Jenny Mould; Trainer-David Nicholson; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-14/1
29 ran, Time-4m 1.4s, Dist originally 4, hd, 1¾
Magical Lady (2nd) disqualified 6/1 Fav Debutante Days (f)

JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE ROLL OF HONOUR

(JCB Triumph Hurdle since 2002, Elite Racing Club Triumph Hurdle from 1997-2000, Daily Express Triumph Hurdle 1965-1996, previously run at Hurst Park. Held at Cheltenham's April meeting from 1965-67)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Age/Wt</u>	<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>Ran</u>
2009	Zaynar	4-11-00	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	Men In Our Position	11/2	18
2008	Celestial Halo	4-11-00	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	The Stewart Family	5/1	14
2007	Katchit	4-11-00	Robert Thornton	Alan King	DSJP Syndicate	11/2	23
2006	Detroit City	4-11-00	Richard Johnson	Philip Hobbs	Terry Warner	7/2F	17
2005	Penzance	4-11-00	Robert Thornton	Alan King	Elite Racing Club	9/1	23
2004	Made In Japan	4-11-00	Richard Johnson	Philip Hobbs	Terry Evans	20/1	23
2003	Spectroscope	4-11-00	Barry Geraghty	Jonjo O'Neill	Gay Smith	20/1	27
2002	Scolardy	4-11-00	Charlie Swan	Willie Mullins IRE	David Flynn	16/1	28
2001	<i>No Race (Foot and Mouth)</i>						
2000	Snow Drop	4-10-09	Thierry Doumen	Francois Doumen FR	John Martin	7/1F	28
1999	Katarino	4-11-00	Mick Fitzgerald	Nicky Henderson	Robert Waley-Cohen	11/4F	23
1998	Upgrade	4-11-00	Carl Llewellyn	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Matt Archer & Jean Broadhurst	14/1	25
1997	Commanche Court	4-11-00	Norman Williamson	Ted Walsh IRE	Dermot Desmond	9/1	28
1996	Paddy's Return	4-11-00	Richard Dunwoody	Ferdie Murphy	Paddy O'Donnell	10/1	29
1995	Kissair	4-11-00	Jonathon Lower	Martin Pipe	Terry Benson	16/1	26
1994	Mysilv	4-10-09	Adrian Maguire	David Nicholson	Million In Mind Partnership (3)	2/1F	28
1993	Shawiya	4-10-09	Charlie Swan	Michael O'Brien IRE	Miss G Maher	12/1	25
1992	Duke Of Monmouth	4-11-00	Mark Richards	Simon Sherwood	Ali Saeed	33/1	30
1991	Oh So Risky	4-11-00	Paul Holley	David Elsworth	Oh So Risky Syndicate	14/1	27
1990	Rare Holiday	4-11-00	Brendan Sheridan	Dermot Weld IRE	Dr Michael Smurfit	25/1	30
1989	Ikdam	4-11-00	Nigel Coleman	Richard Holder	LBI Law (873) Ltd	66/1	27
1988	Kribensis	4-11-00	Richard Dunwoody	Michael Stoute	Sheikh Mohammed	6/1	26
1987	Alone Success	4-11-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Sheikh Amin Dahlawi	11/1	29
1986	Solar Cloud	4-11-00	Peter Scudamore	David Nicholson	Ann McEwen	40/1	28
1985	First Bout	4-11-00	Steve Smith Eccles	Nicky Henderson	Fahad Al Athel	5/1	27
1984	Northern Game	4-11-00	Tommy Ryan	Edward O'Grady IRE	Frank Conroy	20/1	30
1983	Saxon Farm	4-11-00	Mark Perrett	Stan Mellor	A Birchall	12/1	30
1982	Shiny Copper	4-11-00	Allen Webb	Dina Smith	Doug Tyler	66/1	29
1981	Baron Blakeney	4-11-00	Paul Leach	Martin Pipe	Wheatley Leisure Ltd	66/1	29
1980	Heighlin	4-11-00	Steve Jobar	David Elsworth	Woodside Engineers Ltd	40/1	26
1979	Pollardstown	4-11-00	Philip Blacker	Stan Mellor	Georgina Tulloch	12/1	28
1978	Connaught Ranger	4-11-00	John Burke	Fred Rimell	Jim McCaughey	25/1	14
1977	Meladon	4-11-00	Tommy Carberry	Adrian Maxwell IRE	Mrs N Flynn	6/1	30
1976	Peterhof	4-11-00	Jonjo O'Neill	Mick Easterby	H Gould	10/1	23
1975	Royal Epic	4-11-00	Fred McKenna	Vernon Cross	Robert Read	20/1	28
1974	Attivo	4-11-00	Robert Hughes	Cyril Mitchell	Peter O'Sullivan	4/5F	21
1973	Moonlight Bay	4-11-00	Johnnie Haine	Ryan Price	Meg Mullion	85/40F	18
1972	Zarib	4-11-00	Bill Smith	Fred Rimell	Mrs A Hornby	16/1	16
1971	Boxer	4-11-03	Jimmy Uttley	Ron Smyth	Lord Blakenham	100/30JF	18
1970	Varma	4-11-04	Brian Barker	Mick Masson	Charles Clore	100/7	31
1969	Coral Diver	4-11-04	Terry Biddlecombe	Fred Rimell	Bryan Jenks	3/1F	26
1968	England's Glory	4-11-00	Jimmy Uttley	Staff Ingham	Mrs M Sherman	9/2	16
1967	Persian War	4-11-08	Jimmy Uttley	Brian Swift	Henry Alper	4/1	13
1966	Black Ice	4-11-04	Bobby Beasley	Arthur Thomas	A Crowther	9/2	11
1965	Blarney Beacon	4-11-04	Geordie Ramshaw	Ron Smyth	Freddie Laker	8/1	7

THE 2009 JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE RESULT IN DETAIL

£120,000 guaranteed, 2m 1f New Course, For 4yo Weights 11st Allowances fillies 7lb Entries 83 pay £130 1st Forfeit 58 pay £260 Confirmed 35 pay £130 Penalty Value 1st £68,412, 2nd £25,668, 3rd £12,852, 4th £6,408, 5th £3,216, 6th £1,608

- 1 ZAYNAR (FR) (Men In Our Position) Nicky Henderson 4-11-0 Barry Geraghty 11/2
- 2 WALKON (FR) (McNeill Racing) Alan King 4-11-0 Robert Thornton 4/1F
- 3 MOURAD (IRE) (Teahon Consulting Ltd) Willie Mullins IRE 4-11-0 Ruby Walsh 14/1
- 4 STARLUCK (IRE) (Andrew Wates) Alan Fleming 4-11-0 Timmy Murphy 5/1
- 5 TRENCHANT (Peter Harding & Stephen Williams) Alan King 4-11-0 Wayne Hutchinson 28/1
- 6 REVE DE SIVOLA (FR) (Paul Duffy Diamond Partnership) Nick Williams 4-11-0 Daryl Jacob 20/1
- 7 SIMARIAN (IRE) (Peter Conway) Evan Williams 4-11-0 Donal Fahy 40/1
- 8 TYRRELLS WOOD (IRE) (P Ryan) Terry Mills 4-11-0 Jamie Moore 66/1
- 9 JUMBO RIO (IRE) (Patrick Wilmott) Edward O'Grady IRE 4-11-0 Andrew Mcnamara 11/1
- 10 THARAWAAT (IRE) (Gigginstown House Stud) Gordon Elliott IRE 4-11-0 Davy Russell 40/1
- 11 MASTER OF ARTS (USA) (Roger Brookhouse) David Pipe 4-11-0 Tom Scudamore 17/2
- 12 JUST ROB (Favourites Racing XXV) Ian Williams 4-11-0 David Dennis 150/1
- 13 SILK DRUM (IRE) (Andrea & Graham Wylie) Howard Johnson 4-11-0 Denis O'Regan 25/1
- 14 STOW (GSM Properties Ltd) Venetia Williams 4-11-0 Sam Thomas 50/1
- 15 MAIDSTONE MIXTURE (FR) (Judith Wilson) Paul Murphy 4-11-0 Richard McGrath 250/1
- 16 LETHAL WEAPON (IRE) (J P McManus) Christy Roche IRE 4-11-0 Tony McCoy 17/2
- 17 ART SLEUTH (USA) (P Purcell) Willie Mullins IRE 4-11-0t Paul Townend 66/1
- RAN OUT TWO OUT EBADIYAN (IRE) (Rita Shah) Oliver Brady IRE 4-11-0 John Cullen 8/1

18 ran Distances: 3/4, 2 3/4, 3 1/2, 3, 1 1/4, 13, 3 3/4, 3/4, 3 3/4, 3 3/4, 2 1/2, 1 1/4, 2 1/4, 23, 6, 19
Time: 4m 3.90s

Breeder: HH The Aga Khan's Studs SC

Breeding: gr g Daylami (IRE) - Zainta (IRE) Totes: Win: £6.30 Places: £2.00, £1.80, £3.20, £1.90 Exacta: £12.30

Winning Trainer: NICHOLAS (NICKY) JOHN HENDERSON **Based:** Seven Barrows, Lambourn, Hungerford, Berkshire **Date of birth:** 10/12/50 **Background:** The son of financier and amateur jockey Johnny Henderson MBE, Nicky attended Eton before working in the City for stockbrokers Cazenoves. Ended up in their Sydney office and rode out each morning prior to work before deciding to study farming at Cirencester. Also spent six years as an amateur, riding 78 winners including the Imperial Cup and the Foxhunters Chase at Liverpool. He was assistant to the legendary Fred Winter from 1974 to 1978. In July 1978 he first took out a trainer's licence and trained from Windsor House in Lambourn. He moved to Seven Barrows in 1990. **Cheltenham Festival wins (33):** County (1997 Barna Boy, 1993 Thumbs Up), Kim Muir (1990 Master Bob, 2002 The Bushkeeper, 2005 Juvigneur), Mildmay (1985,1986 The Tsarevich, 2005 Liberthine), Ladbrokes World Hurdle (1989 Rustle, 2000 Bacchanal), Cathcart (1994 Raymylette, 1990 Brown Windsor, 1999 and 2000 Stormyfairweather), Supreme Novices H (1986 River Ceiriog, 1992 Flown), Queen Mother (1992 Remittance Man), Arkle (1991 Remittance Man, 1993 Travado, 2000 Tiutchev), Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle (1985, 1986, 1987 See You Then, 2009 Punjabi), JCB Triumph (1985 First Bout, 1987 Alone Success, 1999 Katarino, 2009 Zaynar), William Hill National Hunt H'cap Chase (2000 Marlborough), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (2005 Trabolgan), Ryanair Chase (2006 Fondmort), Racing Post Plate (2006 Non So), Grand Annual Chase (2006 Greenhope) **Number of Winners (1982/83-2007/08):** 40, 43, 40, 46, 67, 40, 43, 41, 49, 52, 53, 48, 45, 47, 58, 54, 73, 67, 81, 92, 69, 79; 53; 85; 74; 83; **Wins this Season:** 86

Winning Jockey: Barry Geraghty **Born:** September 16, 1979 **Background:** Moscow Flyer gave Geraghty his first Cheltenham Festival victory in the 2002 Arkle Chase before adding the Queen Mother Champion Chase in 2003 and 2005. Geraghty is one of six children from a "horse-mad" family that hails from Drumree in Co Meath. His father 'Tucker' was a useful amateur and trains a few horses in addition to his riding school and livery yard while his brother Ross, who won the 2002 Irish National on The Bunny Boiler, and sister Jill, an amateur, are both jockeys. Geraghty rode in pony races before becoming apprenticed to Noel Meade and having his first ride in October, 1996. He has twice been champion jump jockey in Ireland in the seasons 1999/2000 and 2003/04. It was for Moscow Flyer's trainer Jessica Harrington that he first sprang to prominence, partnering her 1998 Midlands National winner Miss Orchestra. He crowned the 2002/03 season with victory in the John Smith's Grand National aboard Monty's Pass, and was duly voted RTE Sports Personality of the year. He captured the 2005 Cheltenham Gold Cup on the Tom Taaffe-trained Kicking King the day after Moscow Flyer's emotional second Queen Mother Champion Chase triumph. Took up the offer of becoming Nicky Henderson's number one jockey following the retirement of Mick Fitzgerald at the end of the 2007/08 season, and he now divides his time between Britain and Ireland. **Based:** Drumree, County Meath, Ireland **First Winner:** Stagalier (EBF Mares' Maiden Hurdle, Down Royal, January 29, 1997) **Achievements:** Champion jockey in Ireland in 1999/2000 and 2003/04 **Cheltenham Festival Wins (16):** Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle (2009 Punjabi), Jewson Novices' Handicap Chase (2008 Finger OnThe Pulse), Irish Independent Arkle Chase (2002 Moscow Flyer, 2009 Forpadydeplasterer), William Hill Trophy Chase (2003 Youlneverwalkalone), Pertemps Final (2003 Inching Closer), Queen Mother Champion Chase (2003, 2005 Moscow Flyer), JCB Triumph Hurdle (2003 Spectroscope, 2009 Zaynar), County Hurdle (2003 Spirit Leader), bonusprint.com Stayers' Hurdle (2004 Iris's Gift), totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (2005 Kicking King), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (2006 Star de Mohaison), Coral Cup (2006 Sky's The Limit), Weatherbys Champion Bumper (2007 Cork All Star) **Leading Rider at The Festival:** 2003 (5). **Wins in Britain (2001/02-2007/08):** 4; 26; 13; 10; 8; 1; 1; **Wins in Britain this Season:** 43

THE ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE

Class 1, Grade 1, Total Prize Fund £100,000, 2.40pm Friday, March 19, 2010, three miles, for novice four-year-olds and upwards. Weights 4-y-o 10st 12lb, 5-y-o and upwards 11st 7lb, fillies and mares allowance 7lb. Entries closed Tuesday, February 2. Entries revealed Thursday, February 4 (91 entries). Scratchings deadline February 23, six-day confirmation stage Saturday, March 13. Final declaration stage 10am, Thursday, March 18. Form figures supplied by Weatherbys and are correct up to and including the racing of Monday, February 1. May not include some overseas form.

Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
234-12	ABBEVILLIAN (IRE)	6	Ronald Brimacombe	Charles Egerton
2-221	ACAPULCO (IRE)	6	Joseph Higgins	Edward O'Grady IRE
11	ADAMS ISLAND (IRE)	6	Naughty Boys Partnership	Rebecca Curtis
162-	ALEXANDER SEAVIEW (IRE)	7	Maggie Findlay	Willie Mullins IRE
5133	AMERICAN JOB (IRE)	6	Timmy Nagle Jnr	Timmy Nagle Jnr IRE
	ARDKILLY REBEL (IRE)	6	Roger Brookhouse	David Pipe
2-41	ARVIKA LIGEONNIERE (FR)	5	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
012	ASHFIELD'S DREAM	6	William & Angela Rucker	Evan Williams
0/4-112	BADDAM	8	Noel Martin	Ian Williams
301501	BAILY ROCK (IRE)	7	Adam Scott & Michael O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
0220-30	BALLY SANDS (IRE)	6	Robin Mathew	Robin Mathew
	BALLYEGAN (IRE)	5	Bob Buckler	Bob Buckler
321-1	BARAFUNDLE (IRE)	6	Judith Ratcliff	Jennie Candlish
1	BE THERE IN FIVE (IRE)	6	Galaxy Sports Management Ltd	Nicky Henderson
5-31110	BERONI (IRE)	8	Margaret O'Rourke	Willie Mullins IRE
3112F3	BERTIES DREAM (IRE)	7	Half A Keg Syndicate	Paul Gilligan IRE
111F00	BILLIE MAGERN	6	Roger Nicholls	Nigel Twiston-Davies
4-111F5	BOB 'N' YOU (IRE)	7	T J & Mrs H Parrott	Ian Williams
1-01311	BOSTONS ANGEL (IRE)	6	E A P Scouller	Jessica Harrington IRE
2P2	CANNINGTON BROOK (IRE)	6	K S B Bloodstock	Colin Tizzard
5330-31	CAPAL DUBH ALAINN (IRE)	5	Sean Daly/Matty Boyle/Joseph Burke	Liam O'Brien IRE
1-3F	CAPPA BLEU (IRE)	8	William & Angela Rucker	Evan Williams
36/-2121	CHAMIREY (FR)	7	Sir Robert Ogden	Alan King
11	CHARTREUX (FR)	5	Roger Brookhouse	David Pipe
1	COTTAGE STAR (IRE)	6	J J Shaughnessy	Noel Meade IRE
3	COURT IN MOTION (IRE)	5	Nick Mustoe	Emma Lavelle
211-42	DIVY (FR)	5	Hendan SD	George Baker
11	DON'T TURN BACH (IRE)	6	Cathal McCarthy	Willie Mullins IRE
13-2	DOUBLE PRIDE	6	Trevor Hemmings	Alan King
013PU1	ELYSIAN ROCK	6	Michael O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
1-11	ENTERPRISE PARK (IRE)	6	Elizabeth Tumelty/Rose Boyd	Willie Mullins IRE
1-1113	FIONNEGAS (IRE)	6	Eamonn Duignan	Willie Mullins IRE
052	FIRM ORDER (IRE)	5	The Syndicators	Paul Webber
22144	GORGE (AUS)	8	D Borg, J Franklin, M Budden, W Ayres et al	Anthony Cosgriff AUS
0021	GRANDS CRUS (FR)	5	Roger Stanley & Yvonne Reynolds III	David Pipe
P32420	KENNEL HILL (IRE)	8	Peter & Lisa Hall	Keith Goldsworthy
161	KILLULTAGH QUEEN (IRE)	6	Elizabeth Tumelty/Rose Boyd	Willie Mullins IRE
0P1	LLAMA FARMER	5	Mrs A Timpson	Paul Webber
512122	LOVE OF TARA	8	North Park Farm Racing	Martin Keighley
101-324	MADISON DU BERLAIS (FR)	9	Roger Stanley & Yvonne Reynolds II	David Pipe
23123	MAGNANIMITY (IRE)	6	Gigginstown House Stud	Dessie Hughes IRE
203	MIDNIGHT TUESDAY (FR)	5	Tony Eaves	Nigel Twiston-Davies
1-0542	MISTER WALL STREET (FR)	5	Mrs C McKeane	Ferdy Murphy
PP4F21	MR CRACKER (IRE)	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Michael Hourigan IRE
43123	NAJAF (FR)	5	The Johnson & Stewart Families	Paul Nicholls
4-21	NO RULES	5	M P Bowring	Mark Tompkins
53//0060/-	ODIHAM	9	C E Stedman	Dr Richard Newland
42/-11	PAUL KRISTIAN	7	Derrick Mossop	Willie Mullins IRE
23-21B3	PAY THE BOUNTY	7	M Kelleher	Robert Tyner IRE
05-1	PERSIAN RUN (IRE)	6	Gale Force One	Colin Tizzard
3201-11	POSSOL (FR)	7	Neville Statham	Henry Daly
115211	PREMIER VICTORY (IRE)	6	Gerard Gavin	Tom Hogan IRE
12-016	QUADRILLON (FR)	6	Mrs M McMahan	Willie Mullins IRE
412-123	RHYL ACCORD (IRE)	8	Rose Boyd	Willie Mullins IRE
3/2-116P	QUARTANO (GER)	7	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
10-4012	QUEEN POLINE (FR)	6	Ron Davies	Lucy Wadham

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THE ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE - continued

Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
14-1112	QUEL ESPRIT (FR)	6	Red Barn Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
20/6/-532	QUINTESSENTIALLY (IRE)	8	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
20121	RESTLESS HARRY	6	Richard Whitehead	Robin Dickin
32-3331	RICK (FR)	6	J P Dunne	Dessie Hughes IRE
3	RIF (FR)	5	The Patient Partnership	Alex Hales
4-510	RIVER D'OR (FR)	5	Clive Smith	Paul Nicholls
123	SERETH (IRE)	7	Patsy Byrne	Barney Curley
04F15	SHANE ROCK	5	Michael O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
	SHINROCK HILL (IRE)	6	Roger Brookhouse	David Pipe
110-11	SHINROCK PADDY (IRE)	6	Barry Connell	Paul Nolan IRE
4	SILENT CLICHE (IRE)	6	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
4-51123	SILVER KATE (IRE)	7	David Richards	David Richards
12-2322	SKORCHER (IRE)	6	Sean O'Driscoll	Willie Mullins IRE
633	SLEEPY HOLLOW	5	Lady Blyth	Hughie Morrison
23	SOUTH LEINSTER (IRE)	5	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
0521	STONEMASTER (IRE)	5	Gigginstown House Stud	Dessie Hughes IRE
FF-3312	STRATEGIC APPROACH (IRE)	8	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
313-561	SWANSBROOK (IRE)	7	Favourites Racing & Andrew Gemmell	Alan King
111	TELL MASSINI (IRE)	6	Mr & Mrs R Cornock	Tom George
12	THE BETCHWORTH KID	5	Henry Ponsonby	Alan King
331-522	THE BOOK THIEF (IRE)	6	A M O'Grady	Eoghan O'Grady IRE
52-15	THE GIANT BOLSTER	5	Simon Hunt	David Bridgwater
212131	THE HURL (IRE)	7	J P McManus	Mouse Morris IRE
1-21	TOPSHAM BELLE (IRE)	6	Fortnum Racing	Nicky Henderson
016	TRIBE	8	Iain Russell Watters	Paul Webber
3/1-3124	TRIGGERMAN	8	Martin St Quinton	Philip Hobbs
1-4442	TRUCKERS HALL (IRE)	7	Power Panels Electrical Systems Ltd	Tom George
31	VALENTINE VIC (IRE)	6	Ann Fulton & Paul Barber	Paul Nicholls
22-4	VERY EDGY (IRE)	6	Bailey-Carvill Equine	Charles Egerton
2	VICO (IRE)	6	Mark Tincknell	Paul Nicholls
211	WATAMU BAY (IRE)	7	Jared Sullivan	Charlie Mann
22	WAYWARD PRINCE	6	T J & Mrs H Parrott	Ian Williams
1112-1P	WILL BE DONE (IRE)	9	Mr & Mrs R N C Hall	Donald McCain Jnr
114101	WOLF MOON (IRE)	7	Louise Jones	Martin Keighley
210-212	WYMOTT (IRE)	6	Trevor Hemmings	Donald McCain Jnr

91 Entries

30 Irish-trained

1 Australian-trained

FACTS AND FIGURES ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE

1. The Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle was added to The Festival in 2005 and provides a valuable opportunity for staying novice hurdlers as it is run over three miles. Initially sponsored by Brit Insurance, it was backed by Albert Bartlett for the first time in 2008, coinciding with its upgrade to Grade One status.

2. The inaugural running went to Moulin Riche, trained by Francois Doumen in France and partnered to success by Robert Thornton. Thornton enjoyed a second success aboard the Alan King-trained Nenuphar Collonges in 2008.

3. Trainer Jonjo O'Neill and jockey Tony McCoy combined to take the two of the last four runnings with impressive winners – Wichita Lineman, who scored by 12 lengths in 2007, and Black Jack Ketchum, a nine-length winner in 2006. Both started favourite.

4. Weapon's Amnesty became the first Irish-trained winner of the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle in 2009, taking the spoils for trainer Charles Byrnes and jockey Davy Russell.

Breakdown of Entries by Trainer with Past Successes in the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle

12 Entries

Willie Mullins IRE

5 Entries

David Pipe

4 Entries

Alan King (2008 Nenuphar Collonges)

Mouse Morris IRE

Paul Nicholls

3 Entries

Warren Greatrex

Dessie Hughes IRE

Ian Williams

Paul Webber

2 Entries

Charles Egerton

Tom George

Nicky Henderson

Howard Johnson

Martin Keighley

Donald McCain Jnr

Colin Tizzard

Nigel Twiston-Davies

Evan Williams

1 Entry

George Baker

David Bridgwater

Bob Buckler

Jennie Candlish

Anthony Cosgriff AUS

Barney Curley

Rebecca Curtis

Henry Daly

Robin Dickin

Paul Gilligan IRE

Keith Goldsworthy

Alex Hales

Jessica Harrington IRE

Philip Hobbs

Tom Hogan IRE

Michael Hourigan IRE

Emma Lavelle

Charlie Mann

Robin Mathew

Noel Meade IRE

Hughie Morrison

Ferdy Murphy

Timmy Nagle Jnr IRE

Dr Richard Newland

Paul Nolan IRE

Liam O'Brien IRE

Edward O'Grady IRE

Eoghan O'Grady IRE

David Richards

Mark Tompkins

Robert Tyner IRE

Lucy Wadham

Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle - Analysis

The staying novice hurdle championship is in its sixth year and the three-mile contest has attracted a classy 91-strong entry, 30 of whom are trained in Ireland, while one hails from Australia.

Tom George has a solid candidate for success in **Tell Massini**. The unbeaten six-year-old saw off subsequent Grade One winner Reve De Sivola when winning a Grade Two contest at The Open at Cheltenham in November and defied a penalty to defeat the Keith Goldsworthy-trained **Kennel Hill** in the Grade Two Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle over the course and distance in December.

Another exciting entry with course form is the Robin Dickin-trained **Restless Harry**. The six-year-old made all to win the Grade Two Neptune Investment Management Hurdle on January 30 by eight lengths.

Champion trainer Paul Nicholls has engaged four horses. **Najaf** is a Listed hurdle winner and Grade One placed in his native France, while **River D'Or** also has a French hurdle win under his belt.

Alan King took this race with Nenuphar Collonges in 2008 and he has entered four of his string, including Fontwell winner **Chamirey**, while Philip Hobbs has engaged the tough stayer **Triggerman** and Donald McCain has entered a smart pair in **Wymott** and **Will Be Done**, the latter a Grade Two novice chase winner.

Another notable chaser with an entry is the David Pipe-trained **Madison Du Berlais**, runner-up to Kauto Star in this season's Grade One King George VI Chase, while Evan Williams has entered **Cappa Bleu**, victorious in the 2009 Christie's Foxhunter Chase at The Festival. Henry Daly has entered the John Smith's Grand National hope **Possol**.

Pipe's five-strong entry also includes the unbeaten **Chartreux** as well as Irish point-to-point winners **Ardkilly Rebel** and **Shinrock Hill**.

Martin Keighley has engaged the dual Cheltenham winner **Wolf Moon**, while **Queen Poline** could represent trainer Lucy Wadham.

The Irish entry is headed by the Paul Nolan-trained **Shinrock Paddy** who defeated the Willie Mullins-trained **Rhyl Accord** to win the Grade One Barry & Sandra Kelly Memorial Novice Hurdle at Navan in December.

Mullins has entered 12 horses. **Quel Esprit** and **Enterprise Park** have Grade Three successes under their belts, while **Fionnegas** has a Grade One placing to his name and **Beroni** is smart over hurdles and fences.

The trainer has also engaged dual bumper winners **Flat Out**, **Paul Kristian** and **Don't Turn Bach**, as well as **Arvika Ligeonniere** and **Killultagh Queen**.

Tom Hogan has a classy entry in **Premier Victory** who has won Grade Three novice hurdles over two miles and three miles this term.

The Edward O'Grady-trained **Acapulco** is a top Flat recruit and defeated the Eoghan O'Grady-trained **The Book Thief** at Navan on January 27.

Berties Dream, trained by Paul Gilligan, was third to Tell Massini at The Open, while the Mouse Morris-trained **The Hurl** was third to Shinrock Paddy at Navan and then scored over three miles at Fairyhouse on January 17.

Australian trainer Anthony Cosgriff has entered **Gorge** who finished fourth in the Grand National Hurdle at Sandown, Australia, in August.

Previous results – ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE

2009-WINNER-WEAPON'S AMNESTY 6-11-07 Owner-Gigginstown House Stud; Trainer Charles Byrnes IRE; Jockey-Davy Russell; SP-8/1

2ND-Pride Of Dulcote 6-11-07 Owner-Angela Yeoman; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-3/1 Fav

3RD-The Midnight Club 8-11-07 Owner-C C R Racing Syndicate; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Emmet Mullins; SP-14/1

17 ran, Time-5m 59.90s; Dist-½, 2

2008-WINNER-NENUPHAR COLLONGES 7-11-07 Owner-Top Brass Partnership; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-9/1

2ND-Liskennett 5-11-00 Owner- Patrick Pierce; Trainer-Charles Byrnes IRE; Jockey-Niall Madden; SP-16/1

3RD-The Tother One 7-11-07 Owner-Graham Roach; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Sam Thomas; SP-9/2 Jt Fav

18 ran, Time-6m 0.20s; Dist-2¾, ½ 9/2 Jt Fav Carruthers (11th)

2007-WINNER-WICHITA LINEMAN 6-11-07 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-11/8 Fav

2ND-Air Force One 5-11-07 Owner-Brian Walsh (Co Kildare); Trainer-Charlie Mann; Jockey-Noel Fehily; SP-25/1

3RD-Itsa Legend 8-11-07 Owner-The We're A Legend Partnership; Trainer-The We're A Legend Partnership; SP-100/1

20 ran Time-5m 43.60s; Dist-12, 6

2006-WINNER-BLACK JACK KETCHUM 7-11-07 Owner-Gay Smith; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-Evs Fav

2ND-Powerstation 6-11-07 Owner-Fat Frog Syndicate; Trainer-Charles Byrnes IRE; Jockey-Davy Russell; SP-9/1

3RD-Travino 7-11-07 Owner-P Kilroy; Trainer-Mags Mullins IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty 6/1

19 ran Time-5m 38.30s; Dist-9, 3

2005-WINNER-MOULIN RICHE 5-11-07 Owner- J-C Seroul; Trainer- Francois Doumen FR; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-9/1

2ND-Over The Creek 4-11-00 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Timmy Murphy; SP-5/1

3RD-Brewster 8-11-07 Owner- Mr & Mrs John Poynton; Trainer-Ian Williams; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-9/4 Fav

18 ran. Time-5m 55.80s; Dist-2½, nk

ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE ROLL OF HONOUR

(Brit Insurance Novices' Hurdle 2005-2007)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Age/Wt</u>	<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>Ran</u>
2009	Weapon's Amnesty	6-11-07	Davy Russell	Charles Byrnes IRE	Gigginstown House Stud	8/1	17
2008	Nenuphar Collonges	7-11-07	Robert Thornton	Alan King	Top Brass Partnership	9/1	18
2007	Wichita Lineman	6-11-07	Tony McCoy	Jonjo O'Neill	J P McManus	11/8 Fav	20
2006	Black Jack Ketchum	7-11-07	Tony McCoy	Jonjo O'Neill	Gay Smith	Evs Fav	19
2005	Moulin Riche	4-11-00	Robert Thornton	Francois Doumen FR	J-C Seroul	9/1	18

THE 2009 ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE

RESULT IN DETAIL

£100,000 guaranteed, 3m New Course, 4yo+ weights 4yo 10st 11lb; 5yo+ 11st 7lb Allowances fillies and mares 7lb Entries 03 pay £120 1st Forfeit 70 pay £240 Confirmed 29 pay £120 Penalty Value 1st £57,010, 2nd £21,390, 3rd £10,710, 4th £5,340, 5th £2,680, 6th £1,340

1 WEAPON'S AMNESTY (IRE) (Gigginstown House Stud) Charles Byrnes IRE 6-11-7 Davy Russell 8/1

2 PRIDE OF DULCOTE (FR) (Angela Yeoman) Paul Nicholls 6-11-7 Ruby Walsh 3/1F

3 THE MIDNIGHT CLUB (IRE) (CCR Racing Syndicate) Willie Mullins IRE 8-11-7 Emmet Mullins 14/1

4 ON RAGLAN ROAD (IRE) (Andrea & Graham Wylie) Howard Johnson 6-11-7 Denis O'Regan 9/1

5 CAPE TRIBULATION (David Abell) Malcolm Jefferson 5-11-7 Phil Kinsella 4/1

6 MIDNIGHT SAIL (M2C Racing Partnership) Alan King 6-11-7 Wayne Hutchinson 100/1

7 BROWNS BAILY (IRE) (Adam Scott) Mouse Morris IRE 7-11-7 Niall Madden 11/1

8 THETWINCAMDRIFT (IRE) (Bensaranat Club) Alan King 7-11-7 Robert Thornton 16/1

9 ON THE WAY OUT (IRE) (C Lannen, G Curran, M Curran) John Kiely IRE 6-11-7 Tom Doyle 33/1

10 BALLY SANDS (IRE) (Robin Matthew) Robin Mathew 5-11-7 Matty Roe 100/1

11 TOBY BELCH (IRE) (Strachan, Griffin, Gabb, Lewis & Lawson) Henry Daly 6-11-7 Andrew Tinkler 80/1

12 CHARIOT CHARGER (IRE) (Emma Lavelle) Emma Lavelle 5-11-7 Jack Doyle 33/1

P BEF 2 OUT DEN OF INIQUITY (Malcolm Denmark) Carl Llewellyn 8-11-7 Paddy Brennan 25/1

P BEF 2 OUT PICTURE IN THE SKY (IRE) (Rupert Dubai Racing) Martin Keighley 8-11-7b1 Warren Marston 100/1

PEF 9 DIABLO (IRE) (Raymond Mould) Nigel Twiston-Davies 7-11-7t David England 66/1

P BEF LAST ALPHA RIDGE (IRE) (Jim Mernagh) Paul Nolan IRE 7-11-7 Alain Cawley 15/2

P BEF LAST WESTERN CHARMER (IRE) (G Burke) Dessie Hughes IRE 7-11-7 Paddy Flood 25/1

17 ran

Distances: 1/2, 2, 5, 3, 5, 10, 2 1/4, dist, 5, 27, 20 Time: 5m 59.90s

Breeder: Aaron Metcalfe

Breeding: ch g Presenting - Victoria Theatre (IRE)

Totes: Win: £10.20 Places: £3.30, £1.90, £2.90 Exacta: £45.80

Winning Trainer: CHARLES BYRNES **Based:** Ballygarry, Co Limerick **Cheltenham Festival Wins (1):** Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle (2009 Weapons Amnesty) **Big Race Wins Include:** Ballymore Properties Drinmore Novice Chase (2006 Cailin Alainn), Byrne Group Plc Novice Hurdle (2006 Mounthenry), Michael Purcell Memorial Novice Hurdle (2006 Mounthenry), Monksfield Novice Hurdle (2005 Powerstation), Pierser Hurdle (2004 Dromlease Express), Pierser Leopardstown Chase (2004 Cloudy Bays), Powers Whiskey Novice Chase (2006 Cailin Alainn), Troytown Chase (2003 Cloudy Bays) **Wins in Britain (2006/07-2007/08):** 1; 3; **Wins in Britain This Season:** 1

Winning Jockey: Davy Russell **Born:** June 27, 1979 **Background:** David Niall Russell hails - like fellow National jockey Denis O'Regan - from Youghal in Co. Cork and progressed from pony racing to become one of Ireland's leading point-to-point riders in recent years winning the championship in 2001 and 2002, when sharing the title with J T McNamara. The retirement of another one-time Irish point-to-point star, Adrian Maguire, saw him travel over to Britain in 2002 as stable jockey to Ferdie Murphy and he turned professional on November 12. He enjoyed his first big success when Truckers Tavern won the 2003 Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock and went on to be second to Best Mate in the totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup. Russell lost his job after 14 months as number one jockey to Murphy in January, 2004, as he also wanted to continue riding in Ireland at weekends. He returned to Ireland and had a first Cheltenham Festival success in 2006 when Native Jack won the BGC Handicap Chase and won the William Hill Trophy Handicap Chase at the 2007 Festival on 50/1 chance Joes Edge. Davy finished second to Ruby Walsh in the Irish jockeys' championship in both the 2006/07 and 2007/08 season. He has continued to have big race success on both sides of the Irish Sea, including a brace of winners at the 2008 Cheltenham Festival, Naiad Du Misselot in the Coral Cup and Tiger Cry in the Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Chase. **Cheltenham Festival Wins (5):** Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle (2009 Weapon's Amnesty), Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Chase (2008 Tiger Cry), Coral Cup (2008 Naiad Du Misselot), BGC Handicap Chase (2006 Native Jack), William Hill Trophy Handicap Chase (2007 Joe's Edge) **First Cheltenham Festival Ride:** Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir, Toni's Tip (6th), March 14, 2000 **Other Big Race Wins:** Ballymore Properties Drinmore Novice Chase (2006 Cailin Alainn), Bank Of Ireland EBF Mares Novice Chase (2006 American Jennie), Boyne Hurdle (2007 Sweet Kiln), Bula Hurdle (2004 Back In Front), Dr P J Moriarty Novice Chase (2006 The Railway Man), Paddy Fitzpatrick Memorial Novice Chase (2007 Hear The Echo) Powers Whiskey Novice Chase (2006 Cailin Alainn), Tote Exacta Monksfield Novice Hurdle (2005 Powerstation), Wilf Dooly Chase (2007 Cloudy Bays), Woodlands Park 100 Club Novice Chase (2007 Chelsea Harbour), Deloitte Novice Hurdle (2008 Forpadydeplasterer), Bewleys Hotels Irish Stallions European Breeders' Fund Mares Hurdle (2008 Oscar Rebel) Eventus Marquees Champion 4YO Hurdle (2008 Won In The Dark), Glenfarclas Cross Country Steeplechase (2008 Dix Villez) **Wins in Britain (2002/3-2007/08):** 22; 28; 2; 2; 2; 4; **Wins in Britain This Season:** 2