


GRAND NATIONAL 1975

L'ESCARGOT



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	Grand National Chase (Handicap)
Distance	4 Miles 856 Yards
Ground	Good
	31 Ran

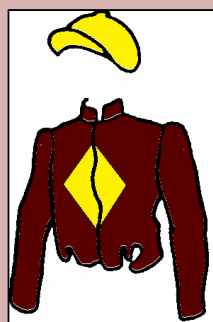
L'escargot
Chestnut Gelding
Breeding
Escari III - What A Daisy by
Grand Inquisitor
Bred by
Mrs B O'Neill

	Winner	£ 38'005.00
	Second	£ 11'690.00
	Third	£ 5'720.00
	Fourth	£ 2'785.00

As a result of his successes in the previous two Nationals, 10 year old Red Rum had now firmly become a household name and after the betting industry doubting he could win the race twice in a row when offering a generous 11/1 in 1974, this time they took no chances by making Rummy Favourite at just 7/2. The horse had capped a fine season the previous spring by going onto Ayr and winning the Scottish equivalent and looked sure to go well again, the only concern being the officially good ground described by many as dead on an overcast, but dry day.

With regards to challengers to Red Rum's dominance in the race, the main threat appeared to be from old adversary L'escargot at 13/2. Knocked over at the third in 1972, the horse had finished third and then second in the following two Nationals. This dual Gold Cup winner was now 12 years old, but dropping in the weights and, therefore, for the first time was receiving 11 lbs from Red Rum. No Irish horse had won the race since Mr What in 1958, but the horse with seven seasons under his belt had been specifically geared up for Aintree this year, by trainer Dan Moore, including a prep run at the Cheltenham Festival over an inadequate 2 miles. He was now also being regularly fitted with blinkers to galvanise a renewed concentration.

RUNNERS AND RIDERS



Horse No. **1 RED RUM**
 Jockey **B Fletcher**
 Trainer **D McCain**
 Owner **Mr N H Le Mare**

Age/St/lbs **10-12-0**
 Form **210314**
 SP **7/2**



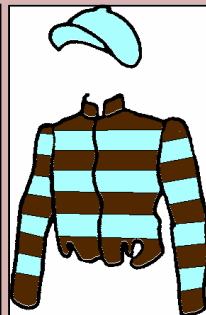
Horse No. **2 THE DIKLER**
 Jockey **R Barry**
 Trainer **F Walwyn**
 Owner **Mrs D August**

Age/St/lbs **12-11-13**
 Form **1-004P0**
 SP **20/1**



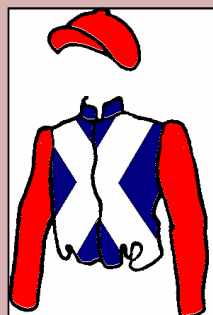
Horse No. **3 GLANFORD BRIGG**
 Jockey **M Blackshaw**
 Trainer **J Hardy**
 Owner **Mr P Harper**

Age/St/lbs **9-11-4**
 Form **01U134**
 SP **20/1**



Horse No. **4 L'ESCARGOT**
 Jockey **T Carberry**
 Trainer **D Moore (Ire)**
 Owner **Mr R R Guest**

Age/St/lbs **12-11-3**
 Form **22-3000**
 SP **13/2**



Horse No. **5 CLEAR CUT**
 Jockey **T Stack**
 Trainer **W Hall**
 Owner **Mr J Hemingway**

Age/St/lbs **11-11-1**
 Form **31-0302**
 SP **20/1**



Horse No. **6 HIGH KEN**
 Jockey **B Brogan**
 Trainer **J Edwards**
 Owner **Mr R Hickman**

Age/St/lbs **9-11-1**
 Form **030420**
 SP **28/1**



Horse No. **7 ROYAL RELIEF**
 Jockey **Lord Oaksey**
 Trainer **E Courage**
 Owner **Mr E R Courage**

Age/St/lbs **11-11-1**
 Form **F04222**
 SP **22/1**



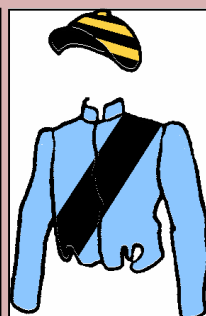
Horse No. **8 APRIL SEVENTH**
 Jockey **A Turnell**
 Trainer **R Turnell**
 Owner **Mrs B Meehan**

Age/St/lbs **9-11-0**
 Form **F-22P30**
 SP **28/1**



Horse No. **9 MONEY MARKET**
 Jockey **J King**
 Trainer **C Bewicke**
 Owner **Lord Chelsea**

Age/St/lbs **8-10-13**
 Form **314314**
 SP **14/1**



Horse No. **10 ROUGH HOUSE**
 Jockey **J Burke**
 Trainer **T F Rimell**
 Owner **Mrs W Brown**

Age/St/lbs **9-10-12**
 Form **21P110**
 SP **12/1**



Horse No. **11 BARONA**
 Jockey **P Kellaway**
 Trainer **R Armytage**
 Owner **Mr WH Whitbread**

Age/St/lbs **9-10-8**
 Form **3PPP04**
 SP **40/1**



Horse No. **12 SOUTHERN QUEST**
 Jockey **S Sheilds**
 Trainer **W Fletcher (Ire)**
 Owner **Mr W Fletcher**

Age/St/lbs **8-10-6**
 Form **P-001PF**
 SP **33/1**

RUNNERS AND RIDERS

	<p>Horse No. 13 SPANISH STEPS Jockey W Smith Trainer E Courage Owner Mr E R Courage</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 12-10-3 Form 4P2420 SP 20/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 14 EVEN DAWN Jockey D Mould Trainer S Wainwright Owner Mr S Wainwright</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 8-10-4 (2lbs ow) Form 10100P SP 50/1</p>
	<p>Horse No. 15 BALLYRICHARD AGAIN Jockey A Webber Trainer J Webber Owner Mr J Webber</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 10-10-1 Form 213003 SP 40/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 16 LAND LARK Jockey G Thorner Trainer T Pocock Owner Mr T Pocock</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 10-10-1 Form 12B332 SP 14/1</p>
	<p>Horse No. 17 CASTLERUDDERY Jockey Mr T Walsh Trainer P McCreery (Ire) Owner Mrs K Harper</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 9-10-4 (4lbs ow) Form 310343 SP 33/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 18 MANICOU BAY Jockey R Champion Trainer J Gifford Owner Mr D Bunn</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 9-10-7 (7lbs ow) Form 003200 SP 40/1</p>
	<p>Horse No. 19 SHANEMAN Jockey Mr P Greenhall Trainer Mrs M Greenhall Owner Mr P Greenhall</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 10-10-8 (8lbs ow) Form 3P3P-0P SP 100/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 21 SPITTIN IMAGE Jockey M Cummins Trainer P Woods (Ire) Owner Mrs J Welch (Jnr)</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 9-10-0 Form 031443 SP 50/1</p>
	<p>Horse No. 23 ZIMULATOR Jockey Captain D Swan Trainer D Swan (Ire) Owner Mrs N Swan</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 8-10-0 Form 4F000P SP 100/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 24 FEEL FREE Jockey M Salaman Trainer M James Owner Mr G Syvret</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 9-10-0 Form F0304P SP 66/1</p>
	<p>Horse No. 25 GLEN OWEN Jockey D Atkins Trainer N Crump Owner Lord Cadogan</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 8-10-0 Form 321221 SP 22/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 26 JUNIOR PARTNER Jockey K B White Trainer T F Rimell Owner Mrs F Wheatley</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 8-10-0 Form P-30012 SP 18/1</p>

RUNNERS AND RIDERS

	<p>Horse No. 25 RAG TRADE Jockey J Francome Trainer A Pitt Owner Mr P B Raymond</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 9-10-4 (4lbs ow) Form 321F1F SP 18/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 28 ROUGH SILK Jockey Mr L Urbano Trainer E O'Grady (Ire) Owner Brig General W P Gilbride</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 12-10-8 (8lbs ow) Form 433203 SP 28/1</p>
	<p>Horse No. 29 TUDOR VIEW Jockey G McNally Trainer P Upton Owner Mr P Upton</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 9-10-0 Form 210400 SP 100/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 30 BEAU BOB Jockey J Glover Trainer S Mellor Owner Mr WH Whitbread</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 12-10-1 (1lbs ow) Form 00FP-0P SP 100/1</p>
	<p>Horse No. 31 KILMORE BOY Jockey P Blacker Trainer A Jarvis Owner Mr A Grogan</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 9-10-2 (2lbs ow) Form 310214 SP 40/1</p>		<p>Horse No. 32 HALLY PERCY Jockey M C Gifford Trainer W A Stephenson Owner Mr D Badham</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 11-10-0 Form F3P00 SP 66/1</p>
	<p>Horse No. 33 BALLYATH Jockey J Bourke Trainer D McCain Owner Mr N H Le Mare</p> <p>Age/St/lbs 9-10-0 Form 0UF000 SP 100/1</p>	<p>www.grandnationalinsider.co.uk</p> 	

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Owner Raymond Guest was no stranger to success and had indeed won the Derby twice before with Larkspur in 1962 and Sir Ivor in 1968. Having bought his first horse in 1937, Guest had spent the past two decades trying to win the Aintree showpiece. He had originally wanted to christen the horse 'Lets go', being by Escari III, and related to Give it a go, but with the name gone Guest settled for the French similar sounding L'escargot, hardly inspiring as it is the French word for snail.

Other contenders of note in the small field of just 31 were another 12 year old Gold Cup winner The Dikler, trained by Fulke Walwyn and ridden by Ron Barry, along with fancied newcomers Land Lark (Graham Thorner), Money Market (Jeff King) and Fred Rimell's Rag Trade (John Francome), thought by many as a typical National type. Also back from previous years were the Edward Courage pairing of Royal Relief and Spanish Steps, the latter again a 12 year old and having

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also finished placed in the previous two Nationals was another slipping down the weights. Rough House and Junior Partner were two others high in the market and both also representing Fred Rimell, both of them coming off some recent decent efforts.

A quiet and relatively deserted Aintree waited in anticipation as the horses circled at the start for an age due to Junior Partner causing a 15 minute delay after spreading a plate. The low attendance was largely due to the huge hike in admission prices by owner Bill Davies whose own enthusiasm of the race was probably not assisted following the death of his own entry Wolverhampton on the eve of the race.

Eventually the race began with Southern Quest spinning round as the tape rose, Rag Trade and Manicou Bay, also starting slowly. Meanwhile upfront it was Junior Partner who showed up first with rank outsider Zimulator; then came Glen Owen, Rough House, Money Market and Glanford Brig all in close attendance. As they reached the first fence it was Zimulator who had gone clear from Feel Free and Glanford Brig. Here we lost Shaneman who fell while Red Rum, at the back of the field, jumped slowly seemingly already not enjoying conditions under foot. At the second, both the fancied Junior Partner and Clear Cut crashed out whilst more grief was to follow at fence four where the trailblazing Zimulator fell, when in the lead, along with Rough House.

Running down to Bechers for the first time it was now Feel Free and Glanford Brig in command and clear from The Dikler, Beau Bob, and L'escargot. The considerable drop obstacle put another three out of the race with Spittin Image and April Seventh both falling. In the process, April Seventh's jockey Andy Turnell instinctively reached out to save himself only to grab at Barona's jockey Paul Kelleway who unluckily slipped out of the saddle. More drama followed at the seventh with Tommy Carberry being shot up L'escargot's neck, which resulted in a fine recovery from the Irishman; meanwhile Royal Relief fell just behind the leaders.

Down the back straight Glanford Brig still led from Southern Quest who had now got to the front with Feel Free, Beau Bob, The Dikler, High Ken and L'escargot. Red Rum was also now just beginning to get into the race following his slow start. Heading back towards the stands, crashing falls at the thirteenth followed for both Tudor View and Feel Free, whilst Land Lark sadly also fatally departed at The Chair. Heading out on the second circuit Glanford Brig continued upfront from Beau Bob, Southern Quest, The Dikler, Manicou Bay, High Ken, L'escargot, Spanish Steps and Red Rum. The leader was out jumped at the nineteenth by notoriously bad jumper High Ken who put in an enormous leap at the ditch to lead, only to fall two fences later when reverting to type; L'escargot doing well to avoid stricken horse and jockey.

At Bechers second time, it was still Glanford Brig showing the way from Southern Quest with Red Rum now right up on the outside of The Dikler and L'escargot. It was here that sadly Aintree regular Beau Bob took a horrible and fatal fall on the inside when in rear. With just four fences to jump it was becoming

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Result

1st	4. L'ESCARGOT	15 Lengths	13/2
2nd	1. RED RUM	8 Lengths	7/2
3rd	13. SPANISH STEPS	12 Lengths	20/1
4th	9. MONEY MARKET	6 Lengths	14/1
5th	2. THE DIKLER	10 Lengths	20/1
6th	18. MANICOU BAY		40/1
7th	12. SOUTHERN QUEST		33/1
8th	3. GLANFORD BRIGG		20/1
9th	32. HALLY PERCY		66/1
10th	27. RAG TRADE		18/1

Off: 3.30pm

Race Time: 9 Minutes 31.1 Seconds

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clear that the two old rivals were going to once again fight out the finish and as they crossed the Anchor Bridge Road stride for stride, The Dikler, Spanish Steps and Money Market could only look on as they were playing for the place money. The two heroes touched down together at each of the last two obstacles, but with a combination of the weight concession and the dead ground, this time it was the Irish challenger who was visibly travelling the better. As L'escargot pulled clear up the run in, he became only the second horse to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National, the other being Golden Miller way back in 1934.

Tasting his first National defeat in second was the gallant Red Rum, whose trainer Ginger McCain was delighted with the performance and promptly declared his charge would be back for another crack in 1976, whilst third again was Spanish Steps with Money Market back in fourth. L'escargot was immediately given a well deserved retirement by his American owner and presented as a gift to trainer Dan Moore's wife.

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FENCE 1

19. SHANEMAN (Fell) (Remounted)

FENCE 2

5. CLEAR CUT (Fell) 20/1
26. JUNIOR PARTNER (Fell) 18/1

FENCE 4

10. ROUGH HOUSE (Fell) 12/1
23. ZIMULATOR (Fell) 100/1

FENCE 5

17. CASTLERUDDERY (Ref) 33/1

FENCE 6 (*Bechers*)

8. APRIL SEVENTH (BD) 28/1
11. BARONA (Fell) 40/1
21. SPITTIN IMAGE (Fell) 50/1

FENCE 7

7. ROYAL RELIEF (Fell) 22/1

FENCE 8 (*Canal Turn*)

15. BALLYRICHARD AGAIN (UR) 40/1

FENCE 13

24. FEEL FREE (Fell) 66/1
29. TUDOR VIEW (BD) 100/1

FENCE 15 (*The Chair*)

16. LAND LARK (Fell) 14/1

FENCE 21

6. HIGH KEN (Fell) 28/1

FENCE 22 (*Bechers*)

30. BEAU BOB (Fell) 100/1

FENCE 25

31. KILMORE BOY (Fell) 40/1

FENCE 26

25. GLEN OWEN (Fell) 22/1

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